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## MR. FANTASY TO MET MILE

West Point Thoroughbreds President Terry Finley revealed yesterday that **Mr. Fantasy** (E Dubai) will likely make his next start against older horses in the GI Shadwell Metropolitan H. May 25 at Belmont Park. Trained by Kieran McLaughlin, the half-brother to GSW Tin Cup Chalice (Crusader Sword) recently ran his career record to three-for-four with a win in the Gill Withers S. at Aqueduct Apr. 25, and had been under consideration for the GI Preakness S. May 16. "Kieran and I both feel he's a true miler, and, because he's a three-year-old, he'll get a break in the weights in the Met Mile," said Finley. "There was obviously a



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lot of temptation to go to the Preakness, but with his temperament, we think this race is the right spot for him."

## MINE THAT BIRD BRO TO SELL AT FTMMAY

Fasig-Tipton has announced that a half-brother to GI Kentucky Derby winner Mine That Bird (Birdstone) will be offered as hip [107](#) at the company's upcoming Midlantic Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale May 18-19 at Timonium. Consignor Cary Frommer contacted Fasig-Tipton Chairman Walt Robertson Monday to add the Yonaguska--Mining My Own colt to her draft. "We are delighted to be



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able to offer this Yonaguska colt as a supplementary entry at Timonium," said Robertson. "After the Kentucky Derby, one of Cary's long-standing clients decided to make hay while the sun was shining by offering the colt at Timonium. You don't get a better pedigree update than a Kentucky Derby-winning half-brother!" Frommer purchased the dark bay colt for \$72,000 at KEESEP from Needham/Betz, and later sold him for \$100,000 at OBSMAR to agent Craig Wheeler. Under-tack shows for the two-day sale will be held May 13-14. For more information, go to [www.fasigtipton.com](http://www.fasigtipton.com).

## 'REVENGE' EXAM SHOWS SERIOUS INJURY

**I Want Revenge** (Stephen Got Even), scratched on the morning of the GI Kentucky Derby with an issue in his left front ankle, is facing a major layoff after a magnetic resonance angiogram (MRA) scan at Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky, revealed ligament damage, *Louisville Courier Journal* reported yesterday. Dr. Foster Northrop told the publication that the injury is "moderate in severity, and it is too early to predict the effect on I Want Revenge's career." He continued, "Part of the prognosis is determined by the horse's response to therapy. But this is a serious injury, and depending on his progress, could be career-threatening...he'll have three months off just to figure out where we're at." At the time that the three-year-old was withdrawn, the injury did not appear to be too serious, but Northrop indicated that ultrasounds performed Sunday and Monday showed that damage was progressing. "It was at that active, deteriorating stage," Northrop added. The California-based colt emerged as a favorite for the Kentucky Derby following impressive victories at Aqueduct in the Gill Gotham S. in March and the GI Wood Memorial S. Apr. 4 in his most recent start.



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Two days after **AEGEAN** won the Kentucky Juvenile S. (G3) at Churchill, **AFLEET DECEIT** became another new Stakes winner with a victory in the Double Delta S. at Arlington, defeating Ashland S. (G1) winner Hooh Why.

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**FANTASIA HEADS POULICHES FOURTEEN**

George Strawbridge's **Fantasia (GB)** (Sadler's Wells) heads a field of 14 remaining in Sunday's G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches at Longchamp. Trainer Luca Cumani will have no need to resort to a substitute for Frankie Dettori on the G3 Nell Gwyn S. winner after Godolphin scratched their sole entry Moonlife (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) at yesterday's forfeit stage. The likely favorite will face a stern home defense, including Khalid Abdullah's G1 Prix Marcel Boussac heroine **Proportional (GB)** (Beat Hollow {GB}), who pleased trainer Criquelette Head-Maarek with her latest exercise yesterday. "She did an easy piece of work over a mile with a lead horse on 'Les Aigles' this morning, as she did her last piece of serious work last week," Head-Maarek



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said. "This was only maintenance work today, but she is in great form and was definitely very rusty when third in the [Apr. 12] G3 Prix de la Grotte against two horses who had already run this year. That was a major factor, and I'm sure she has improved a lot since. Her target has always been to be ready for this race, and I expect her to run a good

race on Sunday. The draw is always important, but it doesn't look like a large field, so it shouldn't be as big a factor as usual." Jockey Stephane Pasquier, who partnered the Juddmonte homebred in her work, added, "She impressed me last week and has shown in her work again today that she is in top form. I am hopeful she will run a great race on Sunday." Also in the list is Martin Schwartz's recent G3 Prix Imprudence scorer **Elusive Wave (Ire)** (Elusive City), one of two from the Jean-Claude Rouget stable alongside Ecurie la Vallee Martigny and Lydia Rabineau's **Tamazirte (Ire)** (Daneshill Dancer {Ire}). She had Arno Curty's **Soneva** (Cherokee Run) and Proportional back in second and third, respectively, in the Prix de la Grotte and represents the Yves de Nicolay stable. Jim Bolger has left in June Judd's G3 Park Express S. heroine **Oh Goodness Me (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}) and **Blas Ceoil** (Mr. Greeley). According to *Racing Post*, trainer David Lanigan is expected to scratch his entry **Say No Now (Ire)** (Refuse to Bend {Ire}), while the current going at the track is good-to-soft.

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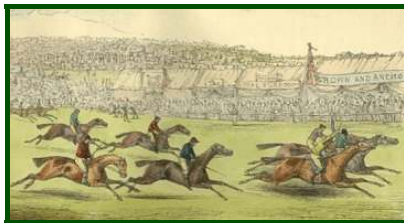
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**UPCOMING EUROPEAN GROUP 1 RACES**

Date	Race	Track
May 10	Poule d'Essai des Poulains	Longchamp
	Poule d'Essai des Pouliches	Longchamp
May 16	Lockinge S.	Newbury
May 17	Prix d'Ispahan	Longchamp
	Prix Saint-Alary	Longchamp
	Premio Pres. della Repubblica	Capannelle
May 23	Irish 2000 Guineas	The Curragh
May 24	Irish 1000 Guineas	The Curragh
	Gold Cup	The Curragh
June 5	Oaks S.	Epsom
	Coronation Cup	Epsom
June 6	Derby S.	Epsom
June 7	Prix du Jockey-Club	Chantilly
June 14	Prix de Diane	Chantilly
	Gran Premio di Milano	San Siro
June 16	Queen Anne S.	Royal Ascot
	St. James's Palace S.	Royal Ascot
	King's Stand S.	Royal Ascot
June 17	Prince of Wales's S.	Royal Ascot
June 18	Ascot Gold Cup	Royal Ascot
June 19	Coronation S.	Royal Ascot
June 20	Golden Jubilee S.	Royal Ascot



# Classic Corner

## Manning Looks Ahead...

Jockey Kevin Manning is expecting big things from his weekend Guineas mounts **Gan Amhras (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) and **Cuis Ghaire (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}). Third and second, respectively, in the G1 2000 and 1000 Guineas, the Jim Bolger-trained pair will tackle the June 6 G1 Epsom Derby and G1 Irish 1000 Guineas at The Curragh May 24. "I was very pleased with both of them--the colt ran a very good race and he'll be at his best when he steps up to a mile and a half," Manning said. "He was always just out on his head a little bit and ran a little bit green in the race, so there is a lot of improvement in him, and I think we've got a really nice horse. Cuis Ghaire is a filly we didn't really get to take away, with the ground being so soft, and again I think she'll improve from the run, and there is plenty more to come from her. She's handled quick ground very well and is very light on her feet, with plenty of pace, and I think the next stop is the Irish Guineas."

## Naaqoos Satisfies Ahead of Poulains...

Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum's G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere winner **Naaqoos (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}) remains on course for Sunday's G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains at Longchamp, for which 14 remained at yesterday's forfeit stage. Trainer Freddy Head issued an upbeat bulletin on the colt, who was only second in the Listed Prix Djebel at Maisons-Laffitte on his seasonal bow Apr. 10. "It was not a bad trial and he needed the race in the Djebel," Head told *Racing Post*. "I think the straight course was a bit of a surprise for him. He had a little spin this morning and I am very happy with the colt. I would prefer the ground to be on the fast side."



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## Channon Looks to the Curragh...

Trainer Mick Channon is pointing **Lahaleeb (Ire)** (Redback {GB}) toward the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas at The Curragh May 24, he announced yesterday. Unable to land a blow in Sunday's G1 1000 Guineas at Newmarket, last year's G2 Rockfel S. scorer will bid for recompense in the Irish equivalent. "It just didn't happen and, although I won't totally put it down to the ground, that certainly didn't help," Channon commented. "She'll probably go for the Irish Guineas, and we'll hope for better ground at the Curragh."

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3<sup>rd</sup> Kentucky Oaks-Gr.1, Churchill Downs

## WHAT A WEEKEND!

The Barry Hills trained Ghanaati powers clear in the 1,000 Guineas-Gr.1 on Sunday. She is the newest star by Giant's Causeway and is out of a Mr. Prospector mare.



"... GHANAATI deserves enormous credit for an emphatic win on just her third start and her first on turf... she took it up two furlongs out and was already clear at the furlong marker. ... there could still be plenty more to come, and she ought to take some beating at Royal Ascot. In the long-term [Barry] Hills sees her as a Champion Stakes type, as he expects significant improvement for the extra two furlongs."


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**FROM THE DESK  
OF...**

**Bill Oppenheim**



**THE IMPOSSIBLE RESULT**

Once I Want Revenge (Stephen Got Even) joined Quality Road (Elusive Quality) and The Pamplemousse (Kafwain) etc., on the sidelines, I--like a lot of other handicappers--concluded there were four horses I could throw out as having completely no chance in last Saturday's G1 Kentucky Derby. Mine That Bird (Birdstone), of course, was one. The only possible way I could have had him was if I had wheeled the field in a Pick 3 or Pick 4. I once did that successfully, when I reckoned favorite Bertrando was not going to get 10 furlongs in the 1993 GI Breeders' Cup Classic, couldn't figure out who else I liked, and wheeled the field, which included 99-1 shot Arcangues, in a Pick 3. I can't think why I didn't employ similar tactics on Saturday, especially as I did have a ticket that singled Informed Decision and Einstein.

Until I woke up the morning after and got out the calculator and the pencil, I thought this was the biggest, most improbable upset I had ever seen in the Kentucky Derby. It probably still is, but with the benefit of hindsight, I think there are two pretty logical reasons why Mine The Bird won the race. The first is, actually, a pedigree observation: his sire, Birdstone, who was trained by Nick Zito for owner/breeder Marylou Whitney, won the one-mile GI Champagne S. as a two-year-old, and came back at three to win two more Grade Is, the Belmont S. (at 36-1, derailing Smarty Jones's Triple Crown bid) at 12 furlongs, and the Travers S. at 10 panels. He'd also broken his maiden as a two-year-old on a muddy track at Saratoga, running a Beyer 99 when winning off by more than 12 lengths over six furlongs. But he also threw in some memorable clunkers, notably when over 15-lengths eighth to Smarty Jones in the Kentucky Derby (on a sloppy track), and when finishing over 12 lengths behind Ghostzapper when seventh in the 2004 Breeders' Cup Classic. His best Beyer figure was a 108 when winning the Travers.

The second reason Mine That Bird won was Calvin Borel's ride, and it does sort of relate to the rule: 'you have to get the trip to win the Kentucky Derby.' We've all seen innumerable three-year-olds whose nine-furlong form made them the winner, only to discover that the Kentucky Derby isn't a nine-furlong race. It's a 10-furlong race, and if a horse doesn't really get 10 furlongs, he must have such superior class to his rivals that he wins anyway. I suspect that's happened plenty of times, but it certainly didn't happen Saturday. That horse got the trip all right, as you'd think a Birdstone could.

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Borel was the regular rider of Street Sense, the 2007 Kentucky Derby winner, and it was Street Sense's trainer, Carl Nafzger, who Borel, interviewed by NBC while he was still on the horse after Saturday's win, credited with "teaching me how to ride three-year-olds." If I understood Borel correctly (debatable, as he was talking about 50 miles an hour), he said "Mr. Carl" told him three-year-olds are still too weak, compared to older horses, to 'ask' too many times in a race; they need to make just one (hopefully) sustained run. That's exactly what Borel did. Though the chart only has him around 20 lengths back at each of the first three 'points of call,' I'm sure there was an early shot, on the clubhouse turn, that showed him 20 lengths behind the next-to-last horse. But say it was a mere 20 lengths behind the leader. Join in the Dance (Sky Mesa) and Regal Ransom (Distorted Humor) were first and second after the first half-mile in :47 1/5 seconds, with Pioneerof the Nile (Empire Maker) two lengths back in third, in :47 3/5. Mine That Bird must have run the first half in about :51 1/5. After three-quarters, Join in the Dance led in 1:12 flat, with Pioneerof the Nile 1 1/2 lengths back, in 1:12 2/5. Mine The Bird was still 18 lengths behind in last, in 1:15 3/5. From that point, Mine That Bird accelerated like a European, running the fifth quarter in :23 4/5, and his final quarter in :23 1/5, for a :47 flat final half. Meanwhile, Pioneer of the Nile staggered home in :25 flat and :26 2/5, for a final half of :51 2/5. Cont. p5



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Whether the conditions affected some of the other 18 horses' ability to get the trip, and under other circumstances they might, time will tell. On Saturday, only one horse was really finishing. Some observers made a lot of his rail trip, and I'm sure that didn't hurt, but I don't care how much faster the rail might have been than the middle of the track, he would have won on the stands rail. Given a come-from-the-clouds, exaggerated European-style ride, Mine That Bird got the trip as spectacularly as the other 18 didn't.

Sunday's *TDN* reminded us that Mine That Bird is the fourth Kentucky Derby winner from its sire's first crop in the last eight years; so it becomes pretty relevant to look take a regular look at the table of current second-crop sires. Mine That Bird's win, combined with Stone Legacy's 20-length second to Rachel Alexandra (Medgalia d'Oro) in Friday's GI Kentucky Oaks, propelled Birdstone ahead of even Rachel Alexandra's white-hot sire in second-crop 2009 progeny earnings (according to *bloodhorse.com*), with over \$1,998,000 in 2009 progeny earnings for Birdstone, and over \$1,945,000 for Medaglia d'Oro (see *Table, p.*). Tapit (Pulpit) had over a \$1.15-million margin over Lion Heart (Tale of the Cat) as 2008's Leading Freshman Sire, and with over \$1,070,000 in 2009 earnings, including last Friday's Edgewood S. winner Laragh, Tapit is still the leading second-crop sire by cumulative earnings, according to figures provides us by The Jockey Club Information Systems (TJCIS). He is still over a \$500,000 in front of Medaglia d'Oro. Candy Ride (Ride the Rails) was third on last year's Freshman Sire List and is third on this year's second-crop list, with 2009 earners of over \$1.5 million, and ranks third cumulatively, with total progeny earnings over \$2.9 million to date. Birdstone has moved into fourth, with Lion Hear (Tale of the Cat)t, Speightstown (Gone West) and Chapel Royal (Montbrook) all over \$2 million in cumulative progeny earnings (and all right around \$1 million so far this year) filling the next three slots. Chapel Royal, in seventh place overall now, is over \$450,000 ahead of eighth-placed Even the Score (Unbridled's Song).

My final comment about this year's Kentucky Derby is this: I did say I thought it could be a Fappiano-line exacta. I just failed to take into account that declaration should have implied an exacta box including all the Fappiano-line sired runners. There were five in all: Pioneerof the Nile; Dunkirk (Unbridled's Song); Chocolate Candy (Candy Ride); and two Birdstones, the other being Summer Bird, who, like Dunkirk, was making just his fourth career start. Coming off a third behind Saturday's fourth, Papa Clem (Smart Strike) in the GII Arkansas Derby, Summer Bird finished sixth himself on Saturday. As Chocolate Candy was fifth, it meant four of the top six finishers came from what I think I have to call the "rapidly emerging" Fappiano sire line.

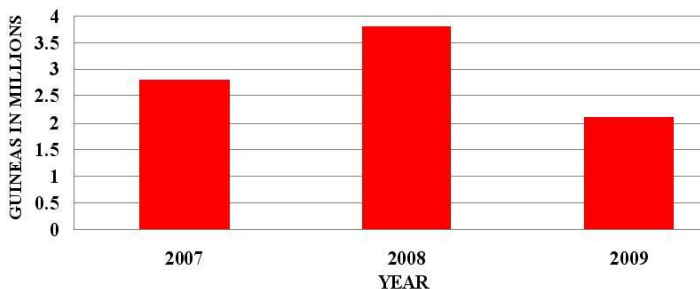
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# Weekly Sales Ticker

by Bill Oppenheim

"The pattern of this year's Two-Year-Old sales is well set: Tattersall's Guineas Sale last Friday was down 26 percent in gross, 20 percent in average. Of the 1,760 two-year-olds so far this year, the European sales have accounted for about 20 percent of the total number sold. The European sales so far are down 30 percent in gross, 22 percent in average. Overall, for all 1,760 sold, including North America as well, the gross is down by 30 percent, the average by 26 percent. It could have been worse."  
 — Bill Oppenheim

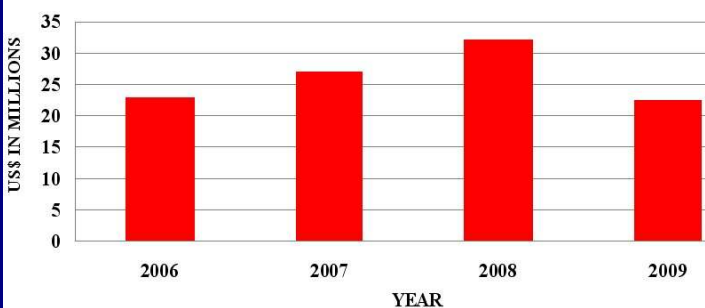
**TATTERSALLS GUINEAS 2YO SALE**



**TATTERSALLS GUINEAS BREEZE UP SALES (IN GUINEAS)**

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%S/C	GROSS	AVE
2009	167	138	74	44.3%	2,819,200	34,097
2008	163	132	80	49.1%	3,833,000	47,913
2007	164	125	76	46.3%	2,129,000	28,013

**TOTAL EUROPEAN 2YO SALES**



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YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%S/C	GROSS	AVE
2009	570	492	337	59.1%	\$22,498,107	\$66,760
2008	628	516	375	59.7%	\$32,099,157	\$85,598
2007	698	588	414	59.3%	\$26,852,464	\$64,861
2006	456	389	320	70.2%	\$22,918,859	\$71,621

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley



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**ACROSS THE POND**

Though it was early in the season, and largely based on all-weather form, there was an unfamiliar name at the top of the 2009 GB/Ire Leading Sire list published in *Racing Post* Apr. 27: not a Coolmore stallion, but Darley's Cape Cross, who stands at their Kildangan Stud in Ireland. Andrew Caulfield covered Cape Cross in detail in his column Tuesday ([click here](#)); suffice to say in the list published in this Monday's *Racing Post*, Cape Cross is still in front. There was always a chance he would improve further when he got the better mares, and he's sure not going backwards. He might now rate as one of Europe's top six sires, along with Coolmore's Galileo, Montjeu, and Danehill Dancer; Cheveley Park's Pivotal; and Juddmonte's Dansili. The G1 English 1000 Guineas, won by 2009 Leading Owner Sheikh Hamdan's Ghanaati (Giant's Causeway), was significant on the sire front, as she became her sire's second European Group 1 winner from his 2006 crop, following last year's G1 Dewhurst winner and this weekend's G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains contender Intense Focus. Last year's champion two-year-old filly, previously unbeaten Rainbow View (Dynaformer) was never really in contention, staying on into fifth. Trainer John Gosden blamed the ground, which was, by all accounts, very fast. Her owner/breeder, George Strawbridge, has G3 Nell Gwyn S. winner Fantasia (Sadler's Wells) in this weekend's matching French Classic for fillies, the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulaches. Dangerously, on the form book I regard a win for this Luca Cumani trainee, who showed a devastating turn of foot to win the Nell Gwyn by seven lengths, as a 'formality.'

☆ NEWS TODAY ☆

**ZENYATTA TO MILADY** Champion **Zenyatta** (Street Cry {Ire}), scratched out of last Friday's GII Louisville



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Distaff S. at Churchill Downs, will likely make her 2009 bow in the GII Milady H. at Hollywood Park May 23, according to *Daily Racing Form*. Trainer John Shirreffs opted not to run the unbeaten mare under the Twin Spires due to the track conditions. "When they floated the track rather than harrow it, that's when I decided to scratch," Shirreffs told *DRF*.

"The Milady is still the race." He indicated that the five-year-old would breeze Thursday at Hollywood. Shirreffs has embraced the YouTube generation, posting a series of Zenyatta's workouts, including a six-furlong breeze from the perspective of jockey Mike Smith's helmet cam; check it out [here](#).

**GROUP 3  
1-3**

**Prix d'Hedouville-Gr.3,**  
Longchamp on Monday

1st **MAGADAN**  
3rd **WINKLE**



**High Chaparral a fertile source of Classic prospects**

One of the talking points from a breeding perspective so far this season has been the recent success of Coolmore's **High Chaparral**, in particular with progeny trained by Barry Hills.

High Chaparral's run of success started just over two weeks ago when the Elie Lellouche-trained four-year-old **Magadan**, a member of his first crop, launched himself on the Group 1 trail with a listed win at Longchamp.

Three days later, **Redwood** entered Derby calculations with a fluent success in the Feilden Stakes for Hills, who has two more classic prospects by High Chaparral in the Oaks-bound **High Heeled** and [Group 3] Sandown Classic Trial winner **Above Average**.

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**HIGH CHAPARRAL**

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Rank	Stallion	YOB	Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings	SWs	SHs	LOC
1	Tapit	2001	Pulpit	67	32	48	\$3,843,753	5	8	KY
2	Medaglia d'Oro	1999	El Prado (Ire)	82	35	58	\$3,274,914	7	11	KY
3	Candy Ride (Arg)	1999	Ride the Rails	65	37	69	\$2,910,022	5	8	KY
4	Birdstone	2001	Grindstone	35	21	32	\$2,782,062	3	5	KY
5	Lion Heart	2001	Tale of the Cat	111	54	70	\$2,674,718	5	11	KY
6	Speightstown	1998	Gone West	68	38	55	\$2,228,710	5	10	KY
7	Chapel Royal	2001	Montbrook	101	55	73	\$2,006,027	2	4	FL
8	Even the Score	1998	Unbridled's Song	52	26	42	\$1,547,748	3	8	KY
9	Congaree	1998	Arazi	60	27	36	\$1,354,147	3	8	KY
10	Peace Rules	2000	Jules	72	37	57	\$1,289,197	2	2	FL
11	Cuvee	2001	Carson City	71	36	54	\$1,159,792	2	7	KY
12	Toccet	2000	Awesome Again	60	31	41	\$1,016,101	1	6	KY
13	Friends Lake	2001	A.P. Indy	51	26	34	\$1,003,092	3	5	KY
14	Omega Code	2000	Elusive Quality	57	30	45	\$892,601	2	2	FL
15	Alke	2000	Grand Slam	40	25	39	\$841,548	0	0	FL
16	Olmodavor	1999	A.P. Indy	44	21	30	\$796,922	2	4	FL
17	Stroll	2000	Pulpit	22	12	22	\$776,334	4	5	ITY
18	Pleasantly Perfect	1998	Pleasant Colony	36	16	22	\$774,599	1	5	KY
19	Read the Footnotes	2001	Smoke Glacken	29	17	24	\$765,557	1	4	NY
20	The Cliff's Edge	2001	Gulch	44	19	24	\$763,259	1	3	KY
21	Roar of the Tiger	1999	Storm Cat	46	23	35	\$727,942	0	2	FL
22	Tomahawk	2000	Seattle Slew	27	11	12	\$702,004	1	2	ON
23	Saarland	1999	Unbridled	45	15	24	\$668,805	1	3	Dead
24	Scrimshaw	2000	Gulch	46	22	28	\$667,167	1	3	KY
25	Smarty Jones	2001	Elusive Quality	38	17	21	\$635,490	1	3	KY
26	Black Mambo	1999	Kingmambo	48	17	27	\$609,869	0	3	FL
27	Johar	1999	Gone West	42	15	20	\$603,945	0	1	KY
28	Where's the Ring	1999	Seeking the Gold	33	8	13	\$577,657	1	1	ON
29	Tenpins	1998	Smart Strike	37	16	23	\$566,362	2	4	KY
30	Gimmeawink	2000	Elusive Quality	41	20	26	\$541,942	0	0	FL

Cumulative, lifetime statistics for sires supplied by TJCS; earnings are from the Northern Hemisphere and do not include Japan.

# WEEKEND STAKES HIGHLIGHTS...

1000 Guineas-Gr.1	1st Ghanaati	Giant's Causeway
	2nd Cuis Ghaire	Galileo
Woodford Reserve Turf Classic S.-Gr.1	2nd Cowboy Cal	Giant's Causeway
2000 Guineas-Gr.1	3rd Gan Amhras	Galileo
Kentucky Oaks-Gr.1	3rd Flying Spur	Giant's Causeway
Prix Hocquart-Gr.2	1st Wajir	Danehill Dancer
	2nd Telluride	Montjeu
Prix d'Hedouville-Gr.3	1st Magadan	High Chaparral
	3rd Winkle	High Chaparral
Mooresbridge Stakes-Gr.3	1st Curtain Call	Sadler's Wells
Pretty Polly Stakes-L.R.	1st Take The Hint	Montjeu
	2nd Three Moons	Montjeu
Premio Coppa d'Oro di Milano-L.R.	1st Storm Mountain	Montjeu
	2nd Montalegre	Montjeu
Newmarket Stakes-L.R.	1st Your Old Pal	Rock of Gibraltar
	2nd Palavicini	Giant's Causeway
	3rd Spring of Fame	Grand Slam
Snurb Stakes-L.R.	1st First Passage	Giant's Causeway
Suzaku Stakes-L.R.	1st Suzuku Causeway	Giant's Causeway



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**Terrain on the Preakness Fence...**

A decision on where Adele Dilschneider's **Terrain** (Sky Mesa) makes his next start will be made today. The chestnut had been slated for Saturday's GIII Lone Star Derby, but trainer Al Stall Jr. indicated that the prospect of the May 16 GI Preakness S. was looming. "We've got a decision to make," Stall said yesterday morning.



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"The plane for Texas leaves at 7 o'clock in the morning. We are not 100 percent for the Preakness. He is at Keeneland and is coming over here [Churchill Downs] this afternoon. If he does not go to Texas, he will work here this weekend and fly to Baltimore next Wednesday." Winner via disqualification of the GIII Arlington-Washington Futurity last fall, the gelding most recently finished fourth in the GI Toyota Blue Grass S. Apr. 11 on Keeneland's Polytrack.

**Flying Private Preakness Bound...**

Trainer D. Wayne Lukas confirmed that **Flying Private** (Fusaichi Pegasus) will run in the Preakness S.; the bay colt finished last of 19 in the GI Kentucky Derby this past Saturday. "We didn't get what we expected to get in the Derby," Lukas said. "It wasn't him, but we were optimistic about getting it done in the Derby, so we are hopeful the real Flying Private will show up in the Preakness." Previously second in the GII Lane's End



*Horsephotos*

S. in March, the \$700,000 KESEEP purchase finished fifth in the GII Arkansas Derby Apr. 11. Lukas has had 32 starters in the Preakness, winning five times with Codex (1980), Tank's Prospect (1985), Tabasco Cat (1994), Timber Country (1995) and Charismatic (1999). "We have been successful at Pimlico and the hospitality is second to none," added Lukas. "The Derby has a niche in our industry, but so does the Preakness. Pimlico is the place to be in the middle of May. Not only do the owners and trainers get treated well, but the help is also taken care of in a first-class manner. We enjoy the experience."

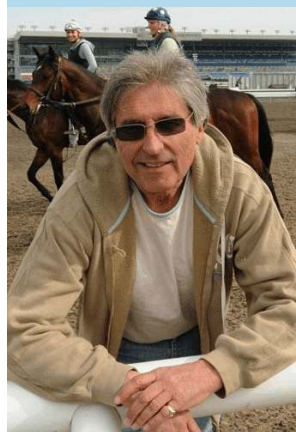
**BRIS Speed Ratings**  
**Top Weekly Stakes Races**

Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
Rachel Alexandra	Medaglia D'Oro	Kentucky Oaks-G1	111
Mine That Bird	Birdstone	Kentucky Derby-G1	110
Miss Isella	Silver Charm	Louisville Distaff S.-G2	108
Bribon (Fr)	Mark of Esteem (Ire)	Westchester S.-G3	104
Call Me Collect	Wire Me Collect	Need For Speed S.	104
Einstein (Brz)	Spend a Buck	Woodford ReserveTurf Classic S.-G1	104
Accredit	E Dubai	Churchill Downs S.-G2	101
Coragil Cat	Forest Wildcat	Timeless Native S.	101
Sapphire Sky	Sky Mesa	Bouwerie S.	101
Bullsbay	Tiznow	Alysheba S.-G3	100
Aegean	Northern Afleet	Kentucky Juvenile S.-G3	99
Chamberlain Bridge	War Chant	Aegon Turf Sprint S.-G3	99
Cosmonaut	Lemon Drop Kid	Fort Marcy S.-G3	99
Dinner in Odem	Quaker Ridge	Chris Thomas Turf Classic S.	99
Prince Joshua	First Tour	Naked Greed S.	99
Seminole Brave	Exchange Rate	George Royal S.	99
Informed Decision	Monarchos	Humana Distaff S.-G1	98
Trust Or Bust	Trust N Luck	Panhandle H.	98
Flawless Gold	Gold Tribute	Tellike S.	97
Hesa Big Star	Hesabull	Tony Gatto Dream Big S.	97
Mrs Kipling (Ire)	Exceed and Excel	Senorita S.-G3	97
Gorgeous Goose	Mongoose	Wilshire H.-G3	96
Laragh	Tapit	Edgewood S.	96
Miner's Escape	Mineshaft	Federico Tesio S.	96
Tizaqueena	Tiznow	Churchill Distaff Turf Mile S.-G2	96

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Date	Race	Track	
May 9	GII Peter Pan S.	BEL	
	GII Mervyn LeRoy H.	HOL	
	GIII Lone Star Derby	LS	
May 10	GIII Railbird S.	HOL	
	GIII Hendrie S.	WO	
May 15	GII Black-Eyed Susan BC S.	PIM	
	GIII Miss Preakness S.	PIM	
May 16	GI Preakness S.	PIM	
	GII Dixie S.	PIM	
	GII Allaire duPont Distaff S.	PIM	
	GII Shuvee H.	BEL	
	GIII Gallorette H.	PIM	
	GIII Hirsch Jacobs S.	PIM	
	GIII W.D. Schaefer H.	PIM	
	GIII Los Angeles H.	HOL	
	May 18	GIII Vigil S.	WO
	May 23	GII Sheepshead Bay H.	BEL
GII Milady H.		HOL	
GIII Louisville H.		CD	
GIII Arlington Matron S.		AP	
GIII Hanshin Cup		AP	
May 24	GII Vagrancy H.	BEL	
	GIII Laz Barrera Memorial S.	HOL	
	GIII Connaught Cup	WO	



## David Cotey

**Accomplishment:** Cotey's Dominion Bloodstock purchased the eventual GI Kentucky Derby winner Mine That Bird (Birdstone) for \$9,500 at the 2007 FTKOCT sale. Cotey, who owned Mine That Bird in partnership with Hugh Galbraith and Derek Ball, trained the gelding to three stakes victories at Woodbine. The partnership subsequently sold Mine That Bird to Double Eagle Ranch & Buena Suerte Equine following his victory in the Gill Grey S.

**Birthdate:** Feb. 18, 1948.

**Birthplace:** Born in Newmarket, ON;

lived in Aurora, ON.

**Family:** Wife, Alida; son, Christopher; daughter, Julia.

**Current Residence:** Mississauga, ON.

**How did you become interested in horse racing?** I used to love going to the races. [I bought my first horse] back in 1972. I was a sales rep for Sterling Drugs at the time. Every year after that I had one or two horses. I got more and more horses and I started a partnership with Hugh Galbraith, a lawyer up here. We were partners for a number of years. Then Derek Ball, another lawyer, came into the fray. He had won a big bet one day--a Pick Six or something--for over \$100,000. He said "I want to get in on a few, too." Our partnership started off with three horses, and just over the last eight or nine years we've built it up to about 50 horses.

**What inspired you to leave your job and devote yourself completely to racing?** When I opened Dominion Bloodstock, I was still working for Sterling and I was making more money working part-time with Dominion Bloodstock. My wife finally said to me, "You know what? If you can do this at night and make that [much money], why are you working for Sterling Drugs? Just imagine if you got into it full-time and focused all of your attention on Dominion Bloodstock."

**In 2001, you took out your trainer's license. Why did you decide to train your own stock?** I'd be [at the track] every morning, pretty much calling the shots on what we'd do. We were still paying day rate and the trainer was getting 10 percent. I decided I might as well do it myself. Once I started, I absolutely loved doing it.

**What sales do you attend?** I always go to Fasig-Tipton in October; that's my favorite. I also go to Keeneland in January. We don't pay a lot for our horses--we're involved in bargain hunting. By the end of the year, most people have made their acquisitions and you can always pick up a decent buy at those sales and have a lot of horses to run the following year.

**What did you like about Mine That Bird?** He was from the first crop of Birdstone, who won the [GI] Belmont S., and the mare's side had some Canadian content. Josie Carroll had [his dam] in training up in Toronto. She never got to the races, but she told me she had potential and had been working good. The second dam was a mare who had ran second in the Canadian Oaks, which is a 1 1/8-mile race. He seemed like a horse who would certainly get the distance in longer races, and he was a nice-moving horse. He toed-out a little bit, but he was well-balanced and he had a great, great walk. Walking through the sales area, he was a very confident horse. Nothing bothered him and he walked around like he owned the place. And the price was right.

**What made you confident he could handle the jump from a maiden claimer to stakes competition?** The first race he ran was a maiden special weight and we really didn't have him tightened up; we were just giving him a race to show him what it was all about. We were pleased with the race there. There was a \$62,500 maiden a few weeks later and nobody was claiming horses, so we knew we could get away with it. He did it really easily, and the Silver Deputy S. was coming up. With these two-year-old winners, if you win early, you have to go in a stake or you don't get to run.

**When were you asked about possibly selling him?** If he was a Canadian-bred, I never would have sold him in a 100 years. Never. But he's not and he's a gelding, too, so if he took a bad step, he's a pet. After the Grade III, we were getting a lot of interest in him. The economy was starting to go down the tubes in the United States and we hadn't picked up any horses for the following year yet. I thought "This might be the time to capitalize on his value," and we were able to get \$400,000 for him.

**Do you regret having sold the eventual Kentucky Derby winner?** Not at all! It worked out for everybody. Chip [Woolley, Mine That Bird's current trainer] is a very, very nice fellow. He's a cowboy from New Mexico and he's just a quiet gentleman. He's a real good guy. I really liked him. I was yelling and screaming for him at Woodbine that day. We watched [the Derby] at the Finish Line bar and the whole place was in an uproar. I hope [Mine That Bird] goes on and wins the Triple Crown and runs for five or six years and [his new connections] make a ton of money. It's good for racing when you see a horse that sold for \$9,500 come up and win the Kentucky Derby, because it shows that the small guy can get into racing.

**Favorite racetrack?** Woodbine. I think it's the most beautiful track in North America. They have the greatest turf course and training facilities.

**Childhood ambition?** To be a professional hockey player. I was drafted by the Toronto Maple Leafs when I was 15, and I played junior hockey.

**What do the Maple Leafs have to do to turn around the franchise?**

I think they're in the process of [turning the team around] now. I think they'll start to pick it up with [President & General Manager] Brian Burke and the coach they have now, Ron Wilson. They gotta get some young players. They used to trade away their drafts and go after these older players instead of starting at the bottom. It's like putting together a racing stable: You have to have young horses. And if you're putting together a hockey team, you need young players.

**Favorite vacation spot?** I liked Mexico a lot, but I also enjoyed Costa Rica.

**First concert you've attended?** I've never gone to a concert. If I went to one, I'd go to a comedy concert. I'd see Ron White. Actually, if I could go to a music concert, I'd see Toby Keith. He owns Thoroughbreds and owns Cactus Ridge [who stands at Walmac Farm]. I bought a couple of Cactus Ridges and I love his music.

**If you could have dinner with one historical figure, who would it be and why?** Bobby Orr. I played hockey against him in a midget series when I was a young lad. I'd like to talk to him for a bit.

**What would you do if you weren't in horse racing?** I wouldn't want to think about doing anything besides horse racing. When I look back over the years, I'm disappointed that I wasted 17 years selling for Sterling Drugs. [Horse racing] isn't even work for me; it's been a 35-year vacation.

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 **NORTH AMERICA** 

**CLAY CAMP DIES** Breeder Leon Clay Camp died Sunday at his home in Charlottesville, Virginia, according to published reports. He was 78. Born in South Carolina, Camp showed hunters in his youth and later became an accomplished carriage driver. Together with his wife, Barbara Pease Camp, Camp established Glenmore Farm and, in 1984, consigned a \$4.6-million Northern Dancer--Bubbling Over colt at Fasig-Tipton's Saratoga Sale. Stakes winners bred by Glenmore Farm include the half-siblings Our Gatsby (Strike Gold) and Smilin' N Blushing (Blushing John), produced by Smilin' Sera (Explodent). Camp served on the board of the Virginia Thoroughbred Association, and was the organization's president on two occasions. He was also active with the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation, Kentucky Horse Park and Virginia Horse Center, and founded the Virginia Horse Council. His survivors include sons Jefferson and L. Clay Camp Jr., daughters Carrie and June, and his brother William M. Camp Jr. A graveside service at Poplar Springs Cemetery in Franklin, Virginia, is planned for Friday at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the TRF or the Virginia Horse Center.

**TWILIGHT METEOR RETIRED** Recent GIII Canadian Turf H. winner **Twilight Meteor** (Smart Strike--One Over Prime, by With Approval) has been retired by Peachtree Stable. Stud plans for the five-year-old have not been finalized. "Twilight Meteor is one of the most beautiful yearlings I have ever purchased, and he developed into an extremely high-class racehorse who was both precocious and durable," said Peachtree's John Fort. "Smart Strike is one of the world's great stallions, and I think Twilight Meteor will prove to be popular with breeders both here and abroad." Purchased by Fort for \$150,000, Twilight Meteor was a stakes winner in three of the four seasons at the track. At two, he won Keeneland's Woodford Reserve Bourbon S. before a three-year-old campaign that saw him hit the board in six of nine starts. In addition to a victory in the Hallandale Beach S. that year, he was second in the GIII Kent Breeders' Cup S., GIII Hawthorne Derby and Woodbine's Breeders' S. His biggest victory came earlier this year, when he beat Buddy's Humor (Distorted Humor) and Buffalo Man (El Prado {Ire}) in the Canadian Turf. Twilight Meteor was produced by a half-sister to Canadian juvenile champions Poetically (Silver Deputy) and Primally (Alydeed), graded winner Whiskey Wisdom (Wild Again) and the recently deceased Grade I winner Citronnade (Lemon Drop Kid). Twilight Meteor retires with a record of 17-4-4-3, \$575,291.

 **TODAY'S INSIGHTS**  
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2:04p **3rd-BEL, \$50K Opt. Clm., \$47K, 3yo, 6f**  
HR/TVG **DESERT KEY (E Dubai)** won by five lengths in allowance company over this track and trip last June before failing to hold off Kodiak Kowboy (Posse) in the GII Amsterdam S. at Saratoga in July. Runner-up to Visionaire (Grand Slam) in the GI King's Bishop S. Aug. 23, the dark bay filled the same spot in the mud in his most recent start in the Gallant Bob H. Sept. 27. [brisnet.com](http://brisnet.com) PPs.

4:12p **7th-BEL, Elizabeth Bay S., 3yo/up, f/m, 7f**  
HR/TVG **CAPTAIN'S LOVER (SAf) (Captain AI {SAf})**, victorious in the one-mile G1 Cape Fillies Guineas in December 2007, closed out her South African campaign with a third in the nine-furlong G3 Paddock S. in January 2008. In a pair of starts for trainer Andre Fabre at Longchamp, the dark bay scored in the G3 Prix du Pin in September and was fourth in G1 Prix de la Foret the following month. Stud TNT's **Love Tune (Brz) (Our Emblem)**, a Group 1 winner last time out in her native Brazil, debuts for trainer Paulo Lobo. [brisnet.com](http://brisnet.com) PPs.

*Eastern Daylight Time*

**STAKES CLOSINGS**

**TODAY, WEDNESDAY, MAY 6:**  
05-24 \$150,000 **Connaught Cup-III, Wo,**  
4yo/up, 8.5fT (150)

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**Canadian Hall of Fame Announces 2009 Nominations:**

The Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame nominating committee announced 21 new nominees--15 equine



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and six human--who are vying for induction into the Canada's Hall of Fame. Nominees are led by Canadian Triple Crown winners **Wando** (Langfuhr) and **Peteski** (Affirmed), while the veterans category is headed by Sovereign Award winners **Play the King** (King of Spain {GB}), **La**

**Voyageuse** (Tentam) and **Rainbow Connection** (Halo). Also among this year's nominees are; GI Belmont S. hero and Eclipse Award champion older horse **Victory Gallop** (Cryptoclearance); 1994 Canadian Horse of the Year **Alywow** (Alysheba); Eclipse award champion sprint mare **Maryfield** (Elusive Quality) and Canadian champion sprinter in 1993, **Apelia** (Cool Victor). Nominated in the Persons category are leading owner/breeders Gustav Shickendanz and Tammy Samuel-Balaz, and jockey Mickey Walls. The 20-person panel will declare the winners in the respective categories Tuesday, May 19, and the gala induction ceremonies will be held at the Mississauga Convention Centre Thursday, Aug. 27. Guest speaker of the event will be Canadian comedian Gerry Dee.

★ EAST ★

**Dutrow Jr. to Judge 75th Yearling Show:**

Rick Dutrow Jr. will be among the high-profile trainers who will serve as judges at the Grand Champion Maryland-bred Yearling at the 75th renewal of the event, which will be held Sunday, June 28, 2009 at the Maryland State Fairgrounds. In the past, the event, which will offer \$40,000 in premium and awards to owners this year, has drawn such standouts as Eclipse Award winner Declan's Moon (Malibu Moon), GSW Ready's Echo (More Than Ready) and Grand Champion (Two Punch). For more information, go to [www.marylandthoroughbred.com](http://www.marylandthoroughbred.com).

Career Victory	Who: Trainer Kate DeMasi
	When: Tuesday, May 5
#800	Where: 7th race, Philadelphia Park
	With: Emily's Hope (Woodman)

★ INDUSTRY INFO ★

**NJ Riders to Receive Health Care:**

A new trust fund established to provide health care to New Jersey jockeys has taken effect, officials at Monmouth Park announced Tuesday. Riders who meet the criteria set forth under the terms of the trust will be eligible for health, dental and vision insurance. The fund, known as the New Jersey State Jockey Health and Welfare Trust, was endowed by money generated from handle at New Jersey OTBs. Since the opening of the first OTB in 2007, money has been held in escrow by the New Jersey Racing Commission, with the first release of funds taking place two weeks ago. "This plan will revolutionize health care in the racing industry," said Angelo Chinnici, medical director for the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority. "The steps taken in creating this trust for New Jersey riders is a prime example of how Monmouth Park takes care of its own and remains committed to the health, safety and welfare of our riders." In addition to funds generated by OTB handle, the trust will receive funds from riders who are members of the group. Jockeys will give \$15 per New Jersey mount, up to 300 races per year, to the trust in order to pay the premium for the insurance policy, which is written by United Healthcare. New Jersey becomes the fourth state to provide health care for its jockeys, following California, Delaware and Pennsylvania.

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

**IN FRANCE:**

**Portus Blendium**, c, 3, **Highest Honor (Fr)**. See "France."

**IN URUGUAY:**

**Air Scale**, c, 3, **Richter Scale**--Secret Romance, by Forest Wildcat. Maronas, 5-3, Mdn, 5.5f, 1:05.27. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, P97,875. O-Stud Cima; B-Gelso Luis Cima (KY); T-Ricardo Colombo.

• ON THE WORKTAB •

CHURCHILL DOWNS

Commentator (Distorted Humor), 4f, :47.60, 4/66  
Mr. Nightlinger (Indian Charlie), 4fT, :49.40, 1/1  
Capt. Candyman Can (Candy Ride {Arg}), 5f, 1:00.20, 1/25  
Pure Clan (Pure Prize), 5f, 1:00.40, 2/25  
Boss Lafitte (Dynaformer), 7fT, 1:31.80, 1/1

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Despite the Odds (Speightstown), 4f, :48.00, 1/9

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Gatorette (Distorted Humor), 4f, :47.00, 1/23

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*Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2006 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW  
Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

**FOREST DANGER** (Forestry), Taylor Made, \$20K, 84/0/0  
2-CD, Msw, 4 1/2f, He's Dangerous, \$14K KEE SEP yrl

**First/Second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, May 6**

*Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2005 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW  
Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

**CHAPEL ROYAL** (Montbrook), Ashford, \$10K, 279/57/2  
8-BEL, Stk, 6 1/2f, That's Rich, 15-1

**DURING** (Cherokee Run), Claiborne, \$5K, 112/16/0  
2-CD, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Criminal Offense, \$14K KEE SEP yrl

**HIGH CASCADE** (Woodman), 70/4/0  
3-EVD, Msw, 5fT, +High Exchange, 30-1



★ BRITAIN ★

**Wednesday, Chester, post time: 2:15 p.m.**

**WEATHERBYS BANK CHESHIRE OAKS (FOR THE ROBERT SANGSTER MEMORIAL CUP)-Listed, £40,000,**  
3yo, f, 11f 79ydsT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	1	Hazy Dancer (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Tregoning
2	3	Hidden Brief (GB)	Barathea (Ire)	M Jarvis
3	4	Mystical Spirit (Ire)	Xaar (GB)	Weymes
4	2	Perfect Truth (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	A O'Brien
5	6	Phillipina (GB)	Medicean (GB)	Stoute
6	5	Roses for the Lady (Ire)	Sadler's Wells	Oxx
7	7	Simple Solution	Dynaformer	B Hills

All carry 124 pounds.

Sir Michael Stoute saddled Dance a Dream (GB) (Sadler's Wells) to win this for Cheveley Park in 1995 and puts forward an interesting candidate for that establishment in **Phillipina**. A maiden who has yet to make the placings, she caught the eye when staying on in a 10-furlong maiden at Newbury last time Apr. 17, and should relish the step up in trip. **Hazy Dancer** is a daughter of the 2002 Cheshire Oaks heroine Shadow Dancing (GB) (Unfuwain), and represents the same connections as she bids to build on a first-time win in a mile maiden on Lingfield's Polytrack in October.

**RON SHEATHER DIES**

Former trainer Ron Sheather, famed for his handling of the champion sprinter Chief Singer (Ire) (Ballad Rock {Ire}), died Sunday at 76 following a lengthy illness. His success at Park Lodge Stables in Newmarket was measured by the fact that he failed to send out a group winner in only one season from 1976 and 1989. During that period, the one-time jockey masterminded the career of Jeff Smith's Chief Singer, who remarkably won Royal Ascot's Coventry S. on his debut in 1993 before finishing runner-up to El Gran Senor (Northern Dancer) in the following year's 2000 Guineas. He also won the July Cup, St James's Palace S. and Sussex S. After handing in his training licence in 1989, Sheather acted as racing manager to Smith, who told the *Racing Post*, "He was a great confidant, a great friend, and I'll miss him desperately."

**OVERDOSE FACES RACE AGAINST TIME**

S C H Racing Team's Hungarian phenomenon **Overdose (GB)** (Starborough {GB}) may be forced to sidestep the G2 Temple S. at Haydock after suffering a setback. Trainer Sandor Ribarszski revealed that last year's G2 Goldene Pietsche scorer, who was famously first past the post after the false start in the G1 Prix de l'Abbaye on Arc day, had a foot problem as he nears the May 23 five-furlong contest. "We are hoping to get Overdose ready for the Temple S., but he has suffered a problem with his shoes which is causing him pain," Ribarszski explained. "[The vet] will return on Thursday and there will, hopefully, be no more pus left in his foot, and we can get him back working again. If not, then we have to make other plans for Overdose, but I am hopeful of taking him to Haydock at the moment. I know we are going to come up against some very good sprinters in the Temple S. but, if we can get Overdose 100 percent ready and he makes the journey over in good shape, I think he will be very hard to beat."

**Yesterday's Results:**

**Southwell, 16.30, Mdn, £7,500, 3yo, 1 3/8m (AWT), 2:26.94, stn.**

**OSTAADI (GB) (c, 3, Nayef--Blodwen, by Mister Baileys {GB})**, seventh on debut in a 10-furlong maiden at Newmarket's Craven meeting Apr. 15, was sent off at 3-1 and stalked the early pace before taking over approaching the quarter pole. In no late danger, the 280,000gns TATOCT yearling was eased to a 3/4-of-a-length success from Horsley Warrior (GB) (Alhaarth {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £4,857. [Video, courtesy of attheraces.com.](#)

O-Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Snailwell Stud Co Ltd; T-Michael Jarvis.



★ FRANCE ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

**Chantilly, 15.00, Cond, €34,000, 3yo, 1mT, 1:38.90, gd.**

**PORTUS BLENDIUM (c, 3, Highest Honor {Fr}--Kalpita, by Spinning World)** took a mile conditions event by four lengths at Nantes last time Apr. 9, and was sent off at 13-2. Settled in the slipstream of ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ **Russiana (Ire) (Red Ransom)** in fourth early, the \$65,000 KEESEP yearling allowed her first run in the straight, but proved the stronger from a furlong down en route to a 3/4-length success. Lifetime Record: 6 starts, 3 wins, 3 places, €54,000.

O-Georgiana Cabrero; B-Fred Seitz; T-Carlos Laffon-Parias.

**Chantilly, 15.35, Debutantes, €24,000, 3yo, c/g, 1mT, 1:42.30, gd.**

+ **MARTIN ALONSO (IRE) (c, 3, Green Tune--Badaayer {MSP-Eng}, by Silver Hawk)**, sent off at 13-2, was settled close to the early pace before sweeping to the front with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining. Tackled by Vaziristan (Fr) (Dansili {GB}), the homebred dug in to hold on and score by a half-length. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €12,000.

O-Felipe Hinojosa; B-Loughtown Stud Ltd; T-Carlos Laffon-Parias.

**Chantilly, 16.10, Debutantes, €24,000, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:42.60, gd.**

+ **REGGANE (GB) (f, 3, Red Ransom--Reine Zao {Fr} {GSP-Fr}, by Alzao)**, sent off the 9-5 favorite, was forced to race wide early without cover halfway down the field. Traveling strongly in the stretch, the homebred quickened to lead with a furlong remaining before drawing away to beat Vallee Celebre (Swi) (Peintre Celebre) by two lengths. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €12,000.

O/B-Haras de la Perelle; T-Alain de Royer-Dupre.



**GROUP WINNER BY U.S. SIRE:  
IN BRAZIL:**

**@Right Line (Brz), f, 4, Put It Back--Haute Fidelite (Brz), by Tokatee.** Gavea, 5-3, Grande Premio Antonio Carlos Amarin-G3, f/m, 3yo/up, 1400mT, 1:22.08. Lifetime Record: 11-6-2-1. O-Stud Quintella; B-Haras Santa Maria de Araras; T-L G F Ulloa.

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**BREEDERS' EDITION  
AMERICA**

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**3rd-PRM, \$35,503, 5-4, NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10, ft.**

**SPIRIT OF WINTER (g, 4, Winter Glitter--Lively Spirit, by Storm Boot)** Lifetime Record: SP, 9-3-4-1, \$97,455. O-Bogash Racing Stables LLC. B-Gene Bogash (IA). T-David R Elmgreen.

**8th-PRM, \$35,503, 5-4, NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10, ft.**

**TIGER WOULD (g, 4, Sir Cat--Super Deb, by Superbity)** Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-2, \$71,088. O-Larry Bain. B-Bill Hutchins Jr (IA). T-Billy Landers. \*\$1,200 yrl '06 IOWAUG.

**6th-IND, \$25,000, 5-4, NW2L, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12 4/5, ft.**

**LIFE'S A WITCH (m, 5, Unloosened--Whitstone Ridge, by Danzig Connection)** Lifetime Record: 16-2-2-2, \$41,278. O-Mary Lackey. B-Nanci Thomas & Lisa Yankow (IN). T-Kim Hammond.

**9th-IND, \$25,000, 5-4, NW2L, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13 1/5, ft.**

**SHARMONA (f, 3, Arromanches--Jeanie's Prospect, by Prospective Star)** Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, \$36,000. O/B-Doug and Mona Wilson (IN). T-Sergio Baez.

**9th-MNR, \$22,400, 5-4, NW2L, (S), 3yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:05 2/5, ft.**

**MY SISTER MARGARET (f, 3, Bop--Rite of Spring {SP}, by Feel the Power)** Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$26,924. O-Sydney Racing LLC. B-O'Sullivan Farms (WV). T-Wayne D Mogge.

**8th-IND, \$21,000, 5-4, NW2L, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10, ft.**

**ALL ON THE LION (h, 7, Lion Cavern--Your Call {SW}, by Wild Again)** Lifetime Record: 32-2-6-4, \$75,669. O-Bonnie Arnett & John H Spurlock. B-Verne H Winchell (KY). T-John H Spurlock. \*\$9,500 yrl '03 KEESEP.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Dancerama, f, 3, Dance Master--Glamorama, by Unbridled.** DEL, 5-5, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:06 2/5. B-Mr & Mrs Leverett S Miller (FL).

**Equally, f, 4, Cherokee Run--Equilibrate, by Gone West.** PRM, 5-4, 1m70y, 1:43 1/5. B-Pin Oak Stud LLC (KY). \*1/2 to Equality (Mt. Livermore), GSW, \$252,150; Equal Opportunity (Rahy), SW, \$102,530; Equitable (A.P. Indy), GISP, \$248,126.



★ WINNERS BY U.S. SIRE ★

**IN ARGENTINA:**

**Evident (Arg)**, h, 5, **Acceptable**--Evidente (Arg), by Liloy (Fr). Palermo, 5-3, Cond, 6f, 1:11.08. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0. O-Stud El Mono; B-Haras Abolengo; T-Miguel Diaz.

**L'Ecole (Arg)**, h, 5, **Mutakddim**--La Sorbornne (Arg), by Southern Halo. Palermo, 5-3, Cond, 7f, 1:22.16. Lifetime Record: 16-6-5-3. O-Stud Cheche; B-Haras La Quebrada; T-Elvio R Bortule.

**IN BRAZIL:**

**Ripa Na Xulipa (Brz)**, f, 2, **Redattore (Brz)**--Seventies (Brz), by Tokatee. Cidade Jardim, 5-3, Mdn, 6.5fT, 1:19.54. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1. O-Haras Tango; B-Haras Ponta Pora; T-J Henrique.

+ **Meu Amorzinho (Brz)**, f, 2, **Thunder Gulch**--Vacilacao (Brz), by Roy. Gavea, 5-3, Mdn, 7fT, 1:24.83. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0. O-Stud CED; B-Haras Old Friends; T-V Nahid.

✓ **APPOINTMENTS**

**STEVE BRAUNER**

- Appointed to the position of Calder Director of Sales & Service.
- He will head group sales, sponsorship and various revenue-generating initiatives for racing and future casino operations.
- Formerly served as the Corporate Development Director for the Florida Panthers and Director of Season and Group Sales and Project Sales for the NFL's Miami Dolphins and Dolphin Stadium.

**THIS MONTH IN HISTORY...**

**May 4, 1996...**Trainer **D. Wayne Lukas** saddled his record sixth consecutive Triple Crown winner when he won the Kentucky Derby with Grindstone.

**May 6, 1971...**Calder Racecourse opens for the first time.

**May 14, 1978...****Seattle Slew** won his first start as a four-year-old in an allowance race at Aqueduct.

**May 14, 1989...****E.P. Taylor**, owner of Windfields Farms and breeder of Northern Dancer, died at age 88.

**BREEDERS' EDITION  
EUROPE**

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**FRANCE, Bordeaux-le-Bouscat, 14.40**, 5-5, €33,000, 3yo, 1 1/2mT, 2:35.50, sf.

**GRANITIK (GB) (c, 3, Intikhab--Grosgrain, by Diesis {GB})** Lifetime Record: 10 starts, 3 wins, 6 places, €72,950. O-Gerard Mestrallet, Ecurie la Vallee Martigny Earl, Rouget (S) & Lydia Rabineau; B-Mme A Fabre; T-Jean-Claude Rouget. \*€115,000 yrl '07 DEAAUG.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Duchess Dora (Ire)**, f, 2, **Tagula (Ire)**--Teodora (Ire), by Fairy King. Catterick, Britain, 5-5, Mdn, 2yo, 5fT. B-Glending Bloodstock. \*€17,000 wnlg '07 GOFNOV; 15,500gns yrl '08 DONAUG.

**Made to Ransom (GB)**, g, 4, **Red Ransom**--Maid for the Hills (GB) (SW-Eng), by Indian Ridge (Ire). Chepstow, Britain, 5-5, Mdn, 3yo/up, 10f 36ydsT. B-Normandie Stud Ltd.

★ WINNERS BY EURO SIRE ★

**IN JAPAN:**

**Swan (Jpn)**, f, 4, **High Chaparral (Ire)**--Consistency (Ire), by Polar Falcon. Kyoto, 5-3, Hcp, 6fT. Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-2, \$391,100. O-Hokusei Murata Farm; B-Hokusei Murata Farm; T-Akihiro Iida.

**Rock Balloon (Jpn)**, c, 4, **Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)**--Al Saqiya, by Woodman. Tokyo, 5-3, Plate Race, 9fT. Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-0, \$174,900. O-Tokyo Horse Racing; B-Lynch Bages Ltd; T-Kazuo Fujisawa.

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