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## TDN Feature Presentation GRADE 1 PREAKNESS STAKES



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9 STAKES WINNERS TO DATE THIS YEAR!

### PREAKNESS COLTS WORK AT CHURCHILL

It was a busy morning for GI Preakness S. hopefuls as no fewer than four contenders for the race worked



Mine That Bird at Churchill *Reed Palmer*

Monday. The action wasn't centered at Pimlico, however. Instead, Churchill was the place to be five days before the second leg of the Triple Crown. GI Kentucky Derby hero **Mine That Bird** (Birdstone), runner-up **Pioneerof the Nile** (Empire Maker), and also-

rans **General Quarters** (Sky Mesa) and **Flying Private** (Fusaichi Pegasus) all worked under the Twin Spires.

Heading to the track just after the renovation break was trainer Chip Woolley Jr.'s Mine That Bird. According to Woolley, the colt's exercise wasn't meant to be an official work. "I'm just going to let him stretch his legs for a half-mile and let him finish the last eighth with Calvin [Borel] on him," he said prior to the move. However, Churchill clockers caught the little bay going four furlongs in :49.20, 17th fastest of 48 at the distance. The internal fractions were :12.80, :25.20 and :37 flat, with a gallop-out time of 1:02.80 for five panels. "That was no work for him," Woolley said. "He didn't flare a nostril coming back. Calvin did a great job." **Cont. p2**

### 'Bird' Crew Won't Enter Maiden...

Sunday afternoon, it looked as if Zayat Stables' Ahmed Zayat and the connections of Mine That Bird would join together to try to fill the Preakness field and thus prevent Rachel Alexandra from competing in the race. By evening, though, Zayat's Sobhy Sonbol told the *TDN* that the stable had reversed its decision and would only enter Pioneerof the Nile.

That was followed by the announcement by Mine That Bird's connections that they, too, would enter only one horse--the Derby winner--and would not go ahead with the plan to enter the maiden **Indy Express** (A.P. Indy) in the Preakness. Mark Allen, co-owner of Mine That Bird and Indy Express, said in a statement



Mark Allen *Sarah Andrew*

that he was delivered a message to contact another owner--presumably Zayat--Sunday morning. "Our conversation consisted of [him] congratulating me on our win in the Derby and talking about a rematch, wanting a chance to hook us on a fast surface," said Allen. "We laughed and joked about what a race that would be. When it comes to Rachel Alexandra, I personally don't think any filly should be in a race against colts at this stage of their careers. I don't believe in running fillies against the colts. But Rachel Alexandra is a superior filly and could be the exception. Mr. Jackson [co-owner Jess] has a great trainer in Steve Asmussen, and I'm sure they will make the right decision. Lord help us all if she does get in.

"Additionally, my decision to enter Indy Express in the Preakness was strictly business, but after consulting with my Dad and Doc Blach, I have decided to withdraw Indy Express to prevent any further misunderstandings. They're advice to me was just to do what's right, because arrogance and greed isn't right. Indy Express is a good colt and showing a lot of potential. I'll just have to look forward to running him later on down the road. The bottom line for me is that we came here to race and enjoy our win here in Louisville. So, we'll meet everyone in Baltimore, ready to run."

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## FAMILY MATTERS

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**TDN Feature Presentation... Continued**  
**GRADE 1 PREAKNESS S.**

**Smith Confirmed on Mine That Bird...**

With it looking more and more likely that Rachel Alexandra will be assured a spot in the starting gate should her connections chose to run, trainer Chip Woolley confirmed that Mike Smith would ride Mine That Bird in the Preakness. Calvin Borel has said that he will ride Rachel Alexandra in the Preakness if she runs.

Mine That Bird's co-owner Mark Allen commented on the situation in a press release Sunday evening.

"Yes, it's true that I would like to have my jockey back," he said after announcing he was abandoning plans to enter a second horse in the Preakness. "Calvin Borel is great and did a great job for us. I also respect him, and I completely understand his love for Rachel Alexandra. If the filly gets in, we have a commitment from Mike Smith. We have a lot of confidence in Mike. He's from our part of the country, and he's got some cowboy in him, too--I've seen his boots."

Woolley added Monday, "Mike watched the Derby. He saw how the horse ran and knows the kind of running style he has. We're confident that he'd do his job well."

Mine That Bird is scheduled to leave for Pimlico this morning at 9.

**No CO2 Overages in Derby, Oaks...**

In a press release, officials said Monday that the results were back and that testing for TCO2--which would indicate if a horse had been "milkshaked"--came back negative for all runners in both the GI Kentucky Oaks and GI Kentucky Derby.

The release stated: "All Derby and Oaks horses were sampled and tested for TCO2; all test results were within normal physiologic limits."

**Flying Private Breezes; Lukas on Luv Gov...**

**Flying Private** (Fusaichi Pegasus) turned in a four-furlong breeze in :48.20 at Churchill yesterday in advance of Saturday's Preakness. Working in company with stablemate Sea Admiral, the colt, last of 19 in the Derby, clicked off fractions of :12.80, :24.80 and :36.20 under jockey Jamie Theriot. He finished the work about seven lengths in front of his workmate, much to the delight of trainer D. Wayne Lukas, who said any number of superlatives could be used to describe his reaction to the breeze. Alan Garcia will have the mount aboard Flying Private Saturday.

Lukas also talked about the on-going situation regarding Rachel Alexandra. On Sunday, Ahmed Zayat said that he'd been contact by members of the Marylou Whitney stable, who said they were planning to run the maiden winner **Luv Gov** (Ten Most Wanted) in the hopes of excluding Rachel Alexandra from the race and perhaps giving Mine That Bird, a son of the Whitney-owned Birdstone, a better shot in the Classic. Whitney's husband John Hendrickson said Sunday night, however, that neither he nor Marylou had any contact with Zayat and said that Luv Gov would not be entered if it meant excluding Rachel Alexandra.

Yesterday, Lukas said Luv Gov is still on course for the Preakness, but reiterated he would not be entered if it impacted Rachel Alexandra's participation. Lukas added it was never his intention to enter a second horse to block the filly from being in the field.

"Let me make this crystal clear, there is no controversy," Lukas said. "We entered, and I told Coley Blind, the stakes coordinator, that we would enter only if there was no controversy with the filly and we did not exclude her. If in any way, shape or form she is excluded because of our entry, then we will not enter. We are not trying to keep the filly out. We're only entering if there is a hole open in the 14th gate. We are not trying to keep the filly from running. If she is excluded by Luv Gov, he will not run. Marylou Whitney, with her status in racing and what she has meant to the industry, has no interest in causing a controversy in the Preakness."



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### ***Pioneerof the Nile Zips Four Panels at Churchill...***

Zayat Stables' **Pioneerof the Nile** (Empire Maker) gave every indication he bounced out of his runner-up effort in the GI Kentucky Derby in fine fettle when he ripped through four furlongs in :47.60 at Churchill yesterday. Joe Steiner was aboard for the move, which was the fourth-fastest of 48 at the distance. Clockers caught the two-time Grade I winner through fractions of :12.20, :24.20 and :36.20, and for the gallop out, 1:00.20 and 1:14.40. The clocking of Pioneerof the Nile's five-furlong gallop out would have tied as the fastest work of the day at that distance. "I liked what I saw," said Baffert, who watched the work from the Churchill Downs clubhouse with owner Ahmed Zayat. "He bounced out of that race well. He was full of himself and he really wanted to work...He looked great. I look for him to come back and run another big race." Baffert said he is looking forward to the potential clash with super filly Rachel Alexandra. "I think it's going to be a really exciting race," Baffert said. "She's a great filly, but I think we have a great horse. There's some other horses in there that are pretty good--Musket Man, Papa Clem and the Derby winner. There are going to be a lot of questions answered in the Preakness, and that's what it's all about. We'll just see what happens, but we looked great today. I really liked what I saw."

Asked about Sunday's controversy regarding the move to keep Rachel Alexandra from making the race, Baffert was dismissive. "That's no issue--that was something that was just being mulled around and never really got any legs," he said. "I think it stems from Calvin Borel--I've never seen a jockey take off a Derby winner. So that's where it all started. But it's dead--it's a dead issue, so we won't even talk about it."

Baffert, incidently, is the last trainer to saddle a filly in the Preakness. He saddled Golden Eagle Farm's Excellent Meeting (General Meeting) to a fifth-place finish behind Charismatic in the 1999 GI Kentucky Derby. The filly came back in the Preakness, but was pulled up on the turn and didn't finish. He also sent out GI Kentucky Oaks winner Silverbulletday (Silver Deputy) to a seventh-place finish in the GI Belmont in the same year. "I was mad at myself for doing that," Baffert said. "It just takes a lot out of them. The Classics are so tempting. That's probably why they [former owner Dolphus Morrison and trainer Hal Wiggins] never nominated Rachel Alexandra. [But] with her style of running, she probably has a better chance, because she's out there away from the action. If she was a come-from-behind type, I think it's harder on them. I think the Belmont S. would probably suit her. She'd get out there with that long stride and cruise around there. But [Rachel Alexandra's presence in the Preakness] brings a lot to the race. It's gonna be exciting, it's gonna be big."

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**Easy Breeze for Big Drama...**

Getting ready for his first start since the end of March, **Big Drama** (Montbrook) worked a half-mile in an easy :50 at Pimlico yesterday, galloping out five furlongs in 1:02.60.



Jim McCue/MJC Photo

Jockey John Velazquez, who has the mount in the GI Preakness S., was aboard for the move. "He did everything very, very easy," Velazquez said. "I just wanted to get a little feel for him. He was going to the pole a little bit strong, so I wanted to be a little

cautious with him. The race is pretty close right now." He added, "The reason I started slow was because he was going strong to the pole. I didn't want him to do too much. If I let him go too fast the first part, I'd have no control of him. I wanted to have control of him to have him do what I wanted him to do, not him controlling me." Trainer David Fawkes was satisfied with the effort. "I'd rather have [:50] than go out there and go :46 and get sick to your stomach," Fawkes said. "He galloped out good. He's fit. It was just maintenance."

**To "Hull" With It...**

Team Valor International's **Hull** (Holy Bull) has been withdrawn from the Preakness field, and will instead await the seven-furlong GII Woody Stephens S. at Belmont Park June 6, it was announced yesterday.

The undefeated ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ captured the GIII Derby Trial in his latest Apr. 25. "When I committed to run in the [Preakness], I liked the way it was setting up," said Team Valor International principal Barry Irwin, but added he has changed his opinion on that. "I think the pace is going to be too hot," Irwin remarked. "I don't like the way it's shaping up for our horse. It's going to be our horse's first time around two turns, and I just think there's too much speed in there, and I'm not comfortable. He's only run three times, so I don't want to mess him up."



Horsephotos

- 1st **WALKINGONTHEMOON**  
won readily on debut at Newbury on April 17.

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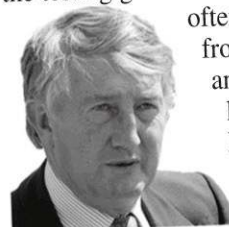
- 2nd **ATACAMA CROSSING**  
was runner-up on debut at Haydock on Saturday for Barry Hills.  
**"stayed on inside final furlong to take close 2nd near finish" RACING POST, 10/05/09**

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- 2nd **CLASHNACREE**  
was second on debut at The Curragh on May 4 for Tommy Stack.

**Clashnacree**  
Tommy Stack

2nd, Curragh, May 4  
Well backed before this promising debut, in which he was just touched off by Jim Bolger's Atasari. Looked like winning when hitting the front a furlong out but possibly got tired on the testing ground. Stable newcomers often improve markedly from first career start and he could be heading to Royal Ascot.



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**General Quarters Works...**

GI Toyota Blue Grass S. winner **General Quarters** (Sky Mesa) put in his final tune-up for Saturday's GI Preakness S. with a half-mile work in :50.20. With exercise rider Justin Court in the irons, he galloped out five furlongs in 1:04.60. "Perfect," trainer Tom McCarthy said of the work. "He started off a little slow, but he finished up better than he started. That was pretty much what we wanted." Court added, "It was the first time I had worked the horse and I was impressed with him. I had a lot of horse and I think he will do well over there [at Pimlico]." General Quarters, 10th in the May 2 GI Kentucky Derby, is expected to ship out of Louisville for Pimlico early Tuesday morning.



**General Quarters winning the Blue Grass**  
*EquiSport photo*



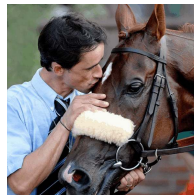
**Classic Corner**

**DIANE TARGET FOR FANTASIA**

Trainer Luca Cumani yesterday offered no excuses for the defeat of **Fantasia (GB)** (Sadler's Wells) in Sunday's G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches and is plotting a return to France for the June 14 G1 Prix de Diane. Third behind Elusive Wave (Ire) (Elusive City) as the 6-5 favorite in Longchamp's mile Classic, George Strawbridge's G3 Nell Gwyn S. winner is set to step up in trip for Chantilly's 1 5/16-mile Classic. "Analysing yesterday's race, she couldn't have won it whatever she did," Cumani commented. "The most important thing to say is that the filly that won is very good and was given an excellent ride from the front. The sectionals show they went very slow early on and then sprinted three furlongs out. Given the way the race was run, it was impossible to come from the back even if you have to come from just a length behind. Horses have a speed limit and can't go faster than that and she won the Nell Gwyn without being extended against fillies which were not of the same calibre as those she met yesterday. Frankie [Dettori] said he knew they were going too slow in front, but there wasn't much he could do. I think we are going to have to go back to France for the Diane, as Chantilly has a longer straight and is a stiffer track. I'm pretty sure the winner won't be there, so it will be a different bunch of fillies and hopefully be run a different way."



**Pioneerof the Nile working yesterday at Churchill** *Reed Palmer*



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**CHANTILLY LIKELY FOR FROST**

John Dawson-Cotton's G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains hero **Silver Frost (Ire)** (Verglas {Ire}) looks set to contest the G1 Prix du Jockey Club at Chantilly, trainer Yves de Nicolay told the *Racing Post* yesterday. Favoring a step up in trip rather than staying at a mile for the G1 St James's Palace S., his trainer has his target set on the 1 5/16-mile June 7 Classic. "The colt seems in good shape after his race and has had a little walk and a pick of grass," Nicolay told the daily. "I have talked a little with Christophe Soumillon since the race and it is now more likely that Silver Frost will be next seen out in the Prix du Jockey-Club and not the St. James's Palace."

**UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES**

| Date   | Race                          | Track |
|--------|-------------------------------|-------|
| May 15 | GII Black-Eyed Susan BC S.    | PIM   |
|        | GIII Miss Preakness S.        | PIM   |
| May 16 | G1 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    |
| May 25 | G1 Shadwell Met Mile          | BEL   |
|        | G1 Shoemaker BC Mile S.       | HOL   |
|        | GIII Memorial Day H.          | CRC   |
|        | GIII Winning Colors S.        | CD    |
|        | GIII Berkeley H.              | GG    |
|        | GIII Lone Star Park H.        | LS    |
|        | GIII Dallas Turf Cup          | LS    |
|        | GIII Ouija Board Distaff H.   | LS    |

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**Tuesday, Saint-Cloud, France, post time: 3:20 p.m.**

**PRIX GREFFULHE-G2, €130,000, 3yo, c/f, 1 1/4mT**

| SC | PP | HORSE                | SIRE               | TRAINER       |
|----|----|----------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 1  | 6  | Cavalryman (GB)      | Halling            | Fabre         |
| 2  | 7  | Cutlass Bay (UAE)    | Halling            | Fabre         |
| 3  | 5  | Topclas (Fr)         | Kutub (Ire)        | Demercastel   |
| 4  | 1  | Wind of Victory (Fr) | Marchand de Sable  | Hammond       |
| 5  | 4  | Validor (Fr)         | American Post (GB) | Pantall       |
| 6  | 2  | Rolling Bag (Fr)     | Rashbag (GB)       | Roussel       |
| 7  | 3  | Sokar (Fr)           | Slickly (Fr)       | Boisnard      |
| 8  | 8  | Allybar (Ire)        | King's Best        | Laffon-Parias |

All carry 128 pounds.

**PRIX GREFFULHE-G2 cont. p7**

**CORRECTION:** Yesterday's *TDN* incorrectly listed the lifetime record of **Elusive Wave (Ire)** (Elusive City), winner of Sunday's G1 Poule d'essai des Poulaches. The filly has now made six starts, with five wins and one placing for earnings of €409,497.

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impressive debut winners from his first 2YO crop!

**ANTONIUS MORIS** won his maiden on debut at Warwick on Saturday for Tom Dascombe.

**METAL SOLDIER** won his maiden on debut at Chester on Thursday for John Quinn, defeating the 4/7 favourite Swilly Ferry trained by Barry Hills who won the race 2 years ago with subsequent Middle Park Stakes-Gr.1 winner Dark Angel.

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**PRIX GREFFULHE-G2 cont.**

Andre Fabre has collected the last three renewals of this trial for the G1 Prix du Jockey Club and eight in total, and has supplemented **Cutlass Bay**, who defied a four-pound penalty in a Fontainebleau conditions event last time Mar. 30. He will be aided by **Cavalryman**, who was fourth in the Listed Prix Francois Mathet at Saint-Cloud last time Mar. 29. That contest was won by the fellow supplementary **Allybar**, whose short-neck defeat of On est Bien (Ire) (Enrique {GB}) was made to look all the better after that rival went on to beat **Topclas** in the Apr. 12 G3 Prix la Force here. The admirably consistent Topclas was also runner-up to Feels All Right (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) in the Listed Prix de Suresnes at Chantilly 11 days later and is a solid yardstick.

**Wednesday, York, Britain**

**DUKE OF YORK BLUE SQUARE S.-G2, £100,000, 3yo/up, 6fT**

| SC | PP | HORSE                 | SIRE                    | JOCKEY   |
|----|----|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| 1  | 11 | King's Apostle (Ire)  | King's Best             | Jones    |
| 2  | 12 | Arganil               | Langfuhr                | Callan   |
| 3  | 10 | Captain Gerrard (Ire) | Oasis Dream (GB)        | Eaves    |
| 4  | 8  | Dohasa (Ire)          | Bold Fact               | Latham   |
| 5  | 14 | Duff (Ire)            | Spinning World          | Durcan   |
| 6  | 9  | Edge Closer (GB)      | Bold Edge (GB)          | Hughes   |
| 7  | 1  | Equiano (Fr)          | Acclamation (GB)        | M Hills  |
| 8  | 16 | Hatta Fort (GB)       | Cape Cross (Ire)        | Dettori  |
| 9  | 5  | Hitchens (Ire)        | Acclamation (GB)        | Makin    |
| 10 | 13 | Intrepid Jack (GB)    | Compton Place (GB)      | Baker    |
| 11 | 2  | Knot in Wood (Ire)    | Shinko Forest (Ire)     | Moriarty |
| 12 | 4  | Rock Of Rochelle      | Rock of Gibraltar (Ire) | Foley    |
| 13 | 15 | Sir Gerry             | Carson City             | Spencer  |
| 14 | 7  | Strike the Deal       | Van Nistelrooy          | Moore    |
| 15 | 6  | Tax Free (Ire)        | Tagula (Ire)            | Nicholls |
| 16 | 3  | Utmost Respect (GB)   | Danetime (Ire)          | Hanagan  |

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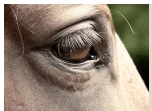
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A Daily Roundup of Racing Articles in Other Media

[Calvin Borel: Why Persistence Matters](#)  
*Seattle Post-Intelligencer*

**TATTERSALLS - 2009 SALES DATES**

|                         |                |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| July Sale               | July 6-10      |
| October Yearlings - 1   | Oct. 6-9       |
| October Yearlings - 2   | Oct. 12-14     |
| October Yearlings - 3   | Oct. 15-16     |
| Autumn HIT              | Oct. 26-29     |
| October Yearlings - 4   | Oct. 30        |
| December Yearlings      | Nov. 23        |
| December Foals          | Nov. 24-28     |
| December Breeding Stock | Nov. 30-Dec. 4 |



## PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

BY ANDREW CAULFIELD

**POULE D'ESSAI DES POULICHES-G1**, €400,000, Longchamp, 5-10, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:36.87, gd.

1--▲**ELUSIVE WAVE (IRE)**, 126, f, 3, by [Elusive City](#)

**1st Dam: Multicolour Wave (Ire)**, by Rainbow Quest

**2nd Dam: Echoes (Fr)**, by Niniski

**3rd Dam: Equal Honor**, by Round Table

(€20,000 yrl '07 GOFMIL; €660,000 HIT '08 ARQARC). O-Martin S Schwartz; B-Pier House Stud; T-Jean-Claude Rouget; J-Christophe-Patrice Lemaire; €228,560. Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 4 wins, 1 place, €404,640. **Werk Nick Rating: A.** [Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.](#)

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Although the feel-good factor has been noticeably absent over the last year or so, one establishment which has generally escaped the gloomy atmosphere has been the Irish National Stud. For a start, the Stud can take credit for the 2000 Guineas winner Sea the Stars, whose dam Urban Sea was boarded at the Irish National Stud for the last eight years of her life. And now this historic establishment can proudly claim that the winners of both of



**Elusive City**

*Irish Nat'l Stud*

France's Guineas races two days ago were sired by stallions now resident at the Tully-based stud.

And that's not all the good news. The blow of losing Indian Ridge, the stud's main standardbearer, in October 2006 was softened by the emergence of Invincible Spirit as a ready-made replacement. Then, in 2008, the first Irish crop by Verglas rapidly underlined the wisdom of recruiting this stallion from France in 2004. Last year also saw Indian Ridge's Classic-winning son Indian Haven take high rank among the leading first-crop sires of 2008, thanks to group successes by two of the foals he sired at a fee of only €6,000.

This year has continued the good run, with Verglas siring the excellent Silver Frost, Celtic Swing again doing well with his Australian sprinter Takeover Target and Invincible Spirit keeping up a healthy flow of stakes winners from crops sired at only €10,000. This track record suggests breeders should keep a close eye on the stud's unproven stallions Amadeus Wolf and Jeremy, whose first foals are arriving this year.

Although the Prix Morny winner Elusive City has made a tremendous impact with his first runners, the Irish National Stud can't take the credit in this instance. This highly talented son of Elusive Quality stood his first two seasons at Huma Park Stud, but was transferred in the fall of 2006, together with his stud companion Rakti (who was recently represented by his first winner from his first few runners).

Huma Park was established in 2002 by Hubie de Burgh and Marc de Chambure. Unfortunately, they felt it necessary to cease operations in 2006, the reason given being the difficulty they experienced in recruiting top-class performers to its stallion team. The Huma Park partners can at least take huge satisfaction from Elusive City's excellent results with his first runners. Although sired at a fee of only €8,000, they earned him the title of champion first-crop sire. **Cont. p9**

# G2SW

**BALL FOUR** won **Mervyn Leroy Handicap-Gr.2** at Hollywood Park on Saturday, from the previously unbeaten **Rail Trip**, bringing his lifetime earnings to over **\$700,000**.

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The biggest money-spinner was Soul City, who followed up a win in the G3 Prix La Rochette with a victory over the high-class colts Gan Amhras and Intense Focus in the Goffs Million. Elusive City's daughter Elusive Wave has also proved a tremendous advertisement for her young sire, and she was winning for the fifth time in six starts when she took Sunday's Poule d'Essai des Pouliches.

Marc de Chambure's name crops up again in Elusive Wave's story. After this €20,000 yearling had made an eye-catching winning debut for trainer Richard Hannon at Goodwood in the May of her juvenile season, de Chambure stepped in to buy her. He must have been delighted when she carried his colors to victory in a listed race named in honor of his father, Roland de Chambure. After the filly had added to her reputation by winning the G3 Prix du Calvados, de Chambure decided to cash in his chips and Elusive Wave's next public appearance came at Arqana's Arc Sale, when she was sold to Martin Schwartz for €660,000. Schwartz received an instant dividend the next day when Elusive Wave accounted for all bar Proportional in the G1 Prix Marcel Bousac and now she is unbeaten in two Group races this year.

Apparently Elusive Wave's connections will now have to decide whether to keep her to a mile in the Coronation S. or whether to try her over 1 5/16 miles in the Prix de Diane. It isn't easy to guess how far she will stay, as Elusive City had distinct stamina limitations (partly because of his pedigree--by Elusive Quality out of a Dayjur mare--and partly because of his hot temperament). Although Elusive Wave had led throughout in both of her starts this year, she doesn't appear to have inherited her sire's headstrong tendencies. There is also plenty of stamina in the bottom half of her pedigree, her first three dams being daughters of Rainbow Quest, Niniski and Round Table.

Her dam Multicolour Wave came on the market a couple of years before Rainbow Quest achieved consecutive titles as champion sire of broodmares in 2003 and 2004. Those were the years when his daughters were responsible for the Derby winners Kris Kin and North Light, plus the likes of Rakti, Powerscourt, Polish Summer and a young Footstepsinthesand. The latter went on to land the 2005 2000 Guineas, and last year's Oaks winner Look Here is also out of a Rainbow Quest mare, so Elusive Wave is far from the first Classic winner for daughters of this excellent broodmare sire.

Rainbow Quest's daughters also achieved a Classic double (of sorts) two days ago, the other leg coming from Irian, the unbeaten winner of the G2 German 2000 Guineas.

When Multicolour Wave was consigned by the Niarchos Family to Tattersalls' 2001 December Sales, the bidding rose no higher than 11,500gns. The explanation is that she had shown only a modicum of ability in two races at around a mile and a quarter in the French provinces.

There was no denying, though, that she was a well-bred filly. Although would-be buyers weren't to know it, Multicolour Wave is bred along very similar lines to several other successful broodmares. With Rainbow Quest as her sire and a granddaughter of Nijinsky as her dam, she is bred to the same pattern as the dams of the Group 1 winners Footstepsinthesand and Marotta, the Group 2 winners Irian, Spanish Sun, Tam Lin and Quest For Honor and the Group 3 winners Mahler and Coral Salute.

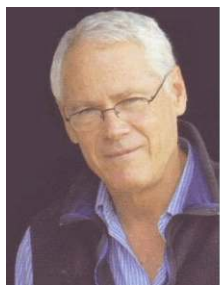
Multicolour Wave's dam, Echoes, was smart and durable, as she showed by racing 19 times at the ages of three and four, when she won the G3 Prix Corrida. She stayed a mile and a half very well, as might be expected of a daughter of Niniski, but another of her non-winning daughters, Temple Street, produced the speedy Langs Lash, winner of the G2 Queen Mary S., to Noverre. Perhaps it's not just coincidence that Langs Lash's grandsire Rahy is bred to a similar pattern to Rainbow Quest, with both these Blushing Groom horses having Herbager blood.

**ELUSIVE WAVE (IRE), f, 2006**

|  |   |                           |                    |
|--|---|---------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Elusive City</b>  | Elusive Quality   | Gone West                 | Mr. Prospector     |
|  |   | Touch of Greatness        | Secrettame         |
|  | Star of Paris   | Dayjur                    | Hero's Honor       |
|  |   | Liturgism                 | Ivory Wand         |
| <b>Multicolour Wave (Ire)</b><br>2-0-0-0, \$722<br>5Fls, 1G1SW,<br>1SP | Rainbow Quest   | Blushing Groom (Fr)       | Danzig             |
|  |   | I Will Follow             | Gold Beauty        |
|  | Echoes (Fr)<br>GSW, 20-2-3-5,<br>\$129,582<br>6Fls, 3wnrs | Niniski                   | Native Charger     |
|  |   | Equal Honor<br>7Fls, 1GSW | Cult               |
|  |   |                           | Red God            |
|  |   |                           | Runaway Bride (GB) |
|  |   | *Herbager                 |                    |
|  |   | Where You Lead            |                    |
|  |   | Nijinsky II               |                    |
|  |   | Virginia Hills            |                    |
|  |   | Round Table               |                    |
|  |   | Bold Honor                |                    |

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# op/ed

by rob whiteley

## LET'S HEAR IT FOR MAY FOALS!

As a populist horseman, it makes me smile when a relatively obscure horse comes out of the hinterlands and beats up on a bunch of fashionably bred horses who are sired by generally over-priced, over-hyped, and over-bred stallions. And it turns my smile into a broad grin to observe that *Mine That Bird is a mid-May foal*.

To be fair, the valiant runner-up, Pioneerof the Nile, is regally bred and fully deserving of his cost of production. His bloodlines and hefty stud fee came through in a brave display of talent and determination, and those who played him unsuccessfully in the exotics only have themselves to blame for not taking home a big piece of the track. Like the item we look past in the front of the refrigerator, it was right there to see. *Pioneerof the Nile is also a May foal*, and if you had played a May foal exacta, you would have received \$2,074.80 for a \$2 exacta box.

*(Ed. Note: A \$2 exacta box with all of the May foals in the Derby would've cost \$40. Atomic Rain (Smart Strike), Regal Ransom (Distorted Humor) and third-place finisher Musket Man (Yonaguska) are all May foals as well. A \$1 triple box on the quintet would've set you back just \$60, and returned \$20,750.30)*

In light of the continuous racing success achieved by May foals year after year, I am at a loss to rationally understand how that success fails to translate into the sales scene where May foals, as a group, bring approximately 35 percent less than their counterparts. For some in-grained reason, rooted in hearsay and perpetuated by the typical word of mouth momentum that spreads other horse industry falsehoods and myths, May foals get a bad rap at the sales, and are often discounted accordingly in the ring. This is such nonsense. The stigma on May foals that floats around on the winds of ignorance has no basis in fact.

It can even be persuasively argued that May foals actually have a slight advantage over other foals, as May foals are born according to a horse's innate and natural spring-time predispositions, and with the most favorable environmental conditions.

Savvy buyers who keep up with the details of racing know that May foals, as a group, race as successfully as foals born in other months, and better than foals born in January. And the sharpest horsemen and pinhookers know that a few days or even weeks generally make little difference in a horse's early development.

The most important factors in a horse's ability to perform early involve genetically based precocity, balance, athleticism, and mental maturity, not date of birth. Each horse has its own genetically wound clock, and horses have wide-ranging differences in the rate that they develop, no matter which month they might be born in. Like foals born in January or February or any month, some May foals may be forward enough to zip along at two-year-old sales, while others may not be mature enough to race effectively until the middle of their three-year-old years, or later. Horses, like humans and other mammals, follow their own genetic blueprint.

When it is their time to perform, however, May foals truly hold their own, even as two-year-olds.

Except for the month of January, the fewest number of foals are born in May, yet they account for 10 percent of Breeders' Cup Juvenile colt and filly champions. Furthermore, as May foals mature, their success rate in certain top level venues can be jaw-dropping. May foals have won a stunning 50 percent of the last 10 Breeders' Cup Distaffs (including, Azeri, Round Pond, Spain, and Escena). And May foals have won over 25 percent of all Breeders' Cup Mile races.

Despite the impressive frequency with which May foals find the winner's circle in big races, however, a May foal may not win the Preakness this year. Instead, a magnificent January foal named Rachel Alexandra may be brilliant enough to outrun the boys, no matter when they were born (if she can adjust to a new groom, a new trainer, and new routines). But the Belmont, please take note, is entirely a different matter because of the extraordinary potency of *the May foal factor*.

*The May foal factor* is the strongest available predictor of Belmont success--far stronger than the most sophisticated figs or Beyer numbers--because *May foals, incredibly, have won nearly 40 percent of the last 15 runnings of the Belmont* (including, Afleet Alex, Lemon Drop Kid, Thunder Gulch, Touch Gold, Victory Gallop, and Mine That Bird's own daddy, Birdstone). Therefore, given the historical dominance by May foals in this mile-and-a-half event, and given the Bird's paternal family connection and the probable presence of steadfast Pioneerof the Nile, we could even be looking at the same May foal quinella we witnessed in the Derby. In any event, it is time we give May foals the respect they deserve, at the sales and on the track.

For more on May foals (and other sales myths and useful information), please read the "Plain and Simple" educational booklets available through the CBA, by going to [www.consignorsandbreeders.com](http://www.consignorsandbreeders.com).

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 **NORTH AMERICA** 

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**FOUR-DAY RACE WEEK FOR CHURCHILL?**

According to *Daily Racing Form*, Churchill Downs is having trouble filling the entry box, and will request a switch to a four-day race week at today's Kentucky Horse Racing Commission meeting in Lexington. Kentucky Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association President Rick Hiles told *DRF* that his group would support the plan, adding, "We've talked with management, and if we don't agree to cut the days, they'd have to cut purses about 20 percent anyway. You can't expect people to keep coming out and supporting your business if all you're giving them is four- and five-horse fields. You've got to do what you've got to do." The Churchill meet continues through July 5.

**TIZNOW COLT HEADS EARLY RETURNS AT BARRETT'S**

A colt by Tiznow was purchased by Gary and Wendy Broad for \$300,000 to be the top-priced horse midway through yesterday's Barretts May Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training in Pomona, California. Stephens Thoroughbreds LLC, agent for Vision Racing (2009), consigned the Apr. 21-foaled colt as [hip 40](#). A full-brother to the California stakes horse Tizthen, the colt was produced by the 12-year-old, stakes-winning Jebbar mare Jera. He is also a half to this year's GII San Felipe S. third Jeranimo (Congaree), who most recently was sixth, beaten only four lengths, in the GII Coolmore Lexington S. at Keeneland. It is the extended family of Grade I winner First Samurai (Giant's Causeway). Hip 40 has visited the ring twice before, including just two months ago. He was sent through last year at Keeneland September, but failed to meet his reserve and was bought back for \$210,000. Ciaran Dunne's Wavertree Stables then consigned the colt to the OBS March Sale, where Vision Racing 2009 signed the ticket at \$110,000. Brylynn Farm bred the dark bay in Florida. Full results will appear in tomorrow's *TDN*.

**STAKES CLOSINGS**

**TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, MAY 13:**

- 05-16 \$1,000,000 *Preakness-I, Pim*, 3yo, 9.5f (100000s)
- 05-23 \$150,000 *Milady Breeders' Cup H.-II, Hol*, 3yo/up, f/m, 8.5f (AWT) (150)
- 05-23 \$150,000 *Arlington Matron-III, AP*, 3yo/up, f/m, 9f (AWT) (150)
- 05-23 \$100,000a *Lazaro Barrera Memorial-III, Hol*, 3yo, 7f (AWT) (100)
- 05-23 \$100,000 *Hanshin Cup-III, AP*, 3yo/up, 8f (100)
- 05-23 \$200,000 *American 1000 Guineas, AP*, 3yo, f, 8fT (200)
- 05-23 \$100,000 *Arlington Classic, AP*, 3yo, 8.5fT (500)
- 05-30 \$300,000 *Nassau-II, Wo*, 3yo/up, 8.5fT (300)



**Yesterday's Results:**

**8th-PHA**, \$42,150, Alw, NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft.

**MISSUNITEDNATIONS** (f, 3, [Peace Rules--Sister Greeley, by Mr. Greeley](#)), fifth in the Busanda S. over Aqueduct's inner track Jan. 10 last time, was given a 4-5 chance to rebound off the layoff. The chestnut tracked the dueling leaders before pulling to the front with a quarter mile left. Kept to a drive, she drew off to a 6 1/2-length victory over Cute Boots (Storm Boot). The winner was a \$9,000 FTMOCT graduate. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). Lifetime Record: 6-3-2-0, \$97,761.

O-Wellesley Stable. B-Scott Lackey (FL). T-R Reid Jr.

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the 9th Race, \$41,000 Allowance, at Philadelphia Park. For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).

• **ON THE WORKTAB** •

BELMONT PARK

- Chocolate Candy (Candy Ride {Arg}), 4f, :47.24, 6/68
- Consequence (El Prado {Ire}), 4f, :50.24, 56/68
- Dynaforce (Dynaformer), 4f, :48.43, 26/68
- Ea (Dynaformer), 5f, 1:02.24, 15/26
- Mr. Sidney (Storm Cat), 4f, :47.84, 14/68
- Mushka (Empire Maker), :50.43, 59/68
- Pinckney Hill (A.P. Indy), 5f, 1:01.24, 10/26
- Raw Silk (Malibu Moon), 5f, 1:02.43, 16/26
- Songster (Songandaprayer), :48.43, 26/68

CHURCHILL DOWNS

- Acoma (Empire Maker), :50.40, 31/28
- Capt. Candyman Can (Candy Ride {Arg}), 5f, 1:00.60, 2/19
- General Quarters (Sky Mesa), 4f, :50.20, 28/48
- Mine That Bird (Birdstone), 4f, :49.20, 17/48
- Pioneerof the Nile (Empire Maker), 4f, :47.60,
- Sok Sok (Trippi), 4f, :51.80, 45/48

DELAWARE PARK

- On the Menu (Canadian Frontier), 5f, 1:00.20, •1/12

FAIR HILL

- Despite the Odds (Speightstown), 3f, :35.20,

HOLLYWOOD

- Becrux (lty), (Glen Jordan {GB}), 4f, :48.20, 5/20
- S. S. Stone (Birdstone), 3f, :37.00, 5/12

KEENELAND

- Ocean Colors (Orientate), 5f, 1:02.20, 8/13

SANTA ANITA

- Fiesty Suances (Suances {GB}), :36.20 (H), 1/2
- Stream Cat (Black Minnaloushe), 1:04.20, 20/22




East report cont.

**9th-DEL, \$42,050**, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38 2/5, ft.

**IT HAPPENED AGAIN** (c, 3, [Proud Citizen](#)--Quiet Lucky, by Quiet American) a two-length winner of the Triple Sec S. at Delta Downs Jan. 16, faded to tenth after setting the pace in the Gill Risen Star S. Feb. 7. Sent to Oaklawn for the Apr. 11 Northern Spur S., the chestnut raced evenly to report home fourth. He was favored at 3-2 here on the drop in class. The market leader saved ground on the first turn and fell back while searching for running room up the backstretch. After finding a seam, the colt made a quick bid for supremacy and was driven to a three-length score over Encanto (Awesome Again). The winner is a three-parts sibling to Lucky Sam (Pembroke), SW, \$205,115; and Murch (Mr. Greeley), GSP, \$190,171. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: SW, 7-3-1-0, \$95,550. O-Brereton C Jones. B-Dede McGehee DVM (KY). T-J Larry Jones.

**1st-CRC, \$27,000, Msw, 2yo, f, 2f, :22 3/5, ft.**  
**+ BWANA EXPRESS** (f, 2, [Bwana Charlie](#)--Penny Express, by Pentelicus), \$10,500 OBSAPR juvenile, went off as the highest price on the board here at 22-1. The chestnut broke quickly and proceeded to duel with the 4-5 favorite Givonna Alyssa (B L's Appeal). The longshot was up to the task, getting her nose down to win by the slimmest of margins. Bwana Express becomes the second winner for her freshman sire (by Indian Charlie). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,200. O-Manuel & Ernesto Sarmiento. B-Carl H & Martha A Johnson (FL). T-Braulio Lopez Jr.

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*Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*  
**TENPINS** (Smart Strike), Walmac, \$7K, 126/20/2  
 1-PRM, Msw, 6f, +Ruff Stuff, 6-1

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**IN JAPAN:**

**A Shin G Line**, c, 4, [Giant's Causeway](#)--Lady Danz, by Danzig. Kyoto, 5-10, Shirakawa Tokubetsu, 12fT. Lifetime Record: 21-3-3-2, \$543,333. O-Hirotsugu Hirai; B-Winchester Farm; T-Inao Okada.

**IN BRITAIN:**

**Ithbaat**, c, 3, [Arch](#). See "Britain."

**IN GERMANY:**

**Mambo Light**, f, 3, [Kingmambo](#). See "Breeders' Ed. Eur."



EUROPE



**ON TO DUNDALK** With Kempton, Doncaster, Newmarket and Saint-Cloud having staged their Breeze-Ups, it is Dundalk's turn today as Goffs hosts its one-day Flat Sale. Last year, a son of War Chant topped the inaugural edition of the auction when selling for €67,000, and the clearance rate of 65 percent stood up encouragingly against the traditional two-year-old sales. Initially trimmed from 110 lots to just 59 with the publication of the catalogue, the sale is now boosted by a supplementary entry of 13, including one of the last sons of Indian Ridge (Ire) to come under the hammer. Consigned by Knockanglass Stables, hip [64](#) was led out unsold at Tattersalls last month. He is a half to the graded-stakes placegetter Rapadash (Ire) (Boundary), out of a half to the classy Shaanxi (Zilzal) and Kraemer (Lyphard), who is herself the second dam of the recent Listed European Free H. winner Ouqba (GB) (Red Ransom). In the printed catalogue, there has been a significant update as Castlelyons Stables's hip [39](#) is now a half-sister to a stakes winner. By Namid (GB), her sibling is the Golden Poppy S. scorer Maid for Music (Ire) (Dubai Destination). Other eye-catching lots include Ballycullen Stables's hip [4](#), a son of Elusive City out of the listed-placed and multiple winner-producing mare Saraposa (Ire) (Ahoonora {GB}); Castlelyons Stables's hip [27](#), a daughter of Verglas (Ire) from the family of Northern Afleet (Afleet); and Kellerk Stables's hip [29](#), a filly by High Chaparral (Ire) from the immediate family of the listed winner Bedara (GB) (Barathea {Ire}), who is herself the dam of the smart Mutajjarred (GB) (Alhaarth {Ire}) and Arm Candy (Ire) (Nashwan). Goffs Chief Executive Henry Beeby commented, "We are confident that our catalogue contains a host of future winners, making it an absolute must for trainers, agents and owners looking for their next success." Breezing begins at 11 a.m., with selling getting underway at 1:30 p.m. Catalogue and updates are available on [www.goffs.com](http://www.goffs.com).

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### Yesterday's Results:

**SPORTINGBET.COM ROYAL WINDSOR S.-Listed**, £40,000, Windsor, 5-11, 3yo/up, 1m 67ydsT, 1:42.72, gd/fm.

1--**ORDNANCE ROW (GB), 128, g, 6, Mark of Esteem (Ire)--Language of Love (GB), by Rock City (Ire)**. (110,000gns HIT '07 TATAUT). O/B-Mrs Poilin Good; T-Richard Hannon; J-Richard Hughes; £22,708. Lifetime Record: GSW-Eng, 30-7-6-5, £247,542.

2--**Pinpoint (Ire), 128, g, 7, Pivotal (GB)--Alessia (Ger)**, by Warning (GB). (€40,000 yrl '03 GOFORB). £8,608.

3--**Icesolator (Ire), 115, g, 3, One Cool Cat--Zinnia (GB)**, by Zilzal. (€65,000 yrl '07 GOFMIL). £4,308.

Margins: 2, NK, 2. Odds: 15-8, 9-2, 16-1.

Also Ran: Abbondanza (Ire), Dijeer, Laa Rayb, Manassas (Ire). Scratched: Ocean's Minstrel (GB).

The winner of this heat last year, Ordnance Row had prepped for this renewal by running second in the Listed Spring Trophy S. at Haydock two days earlier and was content to race mid-division initially. Going conspicuously well three furlongs from home, he enjoyed a dream run up the rail to lead outside the eighth pole and was driven clear to achieve the double in comfortable fashion. He may now point to the G1 Eclipse S. at Sandown Park July 4. "He ran a very good race at Haydock, but seven furlongs is not his trip," explained trainer Richard Hannon. "We've made an entry for him in the Eclipse and, if you rode a race on him, he could run very well. He's a good horse this fellow, a real battler."

**Windsor, 17.50, Cond**, £7,500, 2yo, 5f 10ydsT, 1:01.94, gd/fm.

**CROWN (IRE) (f, 2, Royal Applause {GB}--Bolivia, by Distant View)** took a maiden over track and trip May 4, and the 2-1 second choice raced in the rear of this small field on settling down. Shaken up at halfway, the 50,000gns TATDEC foal ran on under pressure to head Red Avalanche (Ire) (Verglas {Ire}) at the furlong pole and prevailed by 1 1/4 lengths from that rival. Crown is now a possible for the G2 Queen Mary S. at Royal Ascot June 17. Winning trainer Richard Hannon opined, "I think she deserves to take her chance [in the Queen Mary] after tonight." Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, £7,587. O-Mrs J Wood; B-Shortgrove Manor Stud; T-Richard Hannon.

#### TDN Euro is:

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|-----------------|--|
| <b>England:</b> | Sean Cronin ( <i>CAFE Racing</i> )<br>Tom Frary ( <i>CAFE Racing</i> ) |
| <b>France:</b>  | Claude Beniada   |
| <b>Germany:</b> | Christa Riebel   |
| <b>Ireland:</b> | Dave Keena   |
| <b>Italy:</b>   | Giorgio Barsotti   |

**Wolverhampton, 14.10, Mdn**, £6,500, 2yo, f, 5f 20yds (AWT), 1:02.12, stn.

**DIAMOND LAURA (GB) (f, 2, Lucky Story--Erracht {GB}, by Emarati)** took the silver medal in a similar event at Windsor on her last trip to the track Apr. 27. The 9-4 joint favorite broke well to grab the rail and the lead. Pushed along on the home turn, the £4,000 DONOCT yearling was ridden out to best Avonvalley (GB) (Avonbridge {GB}) by a neck. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, £5,821. O-Diamond Racing Ltd; B-Paul Sweeting; T-David Evans.

**Yarmouth, 15.30, Mdn**, £6,000, 3yo/up, 1m 3ydsT, 1:38.48, gd/fm.

**ITHBAAT (c, 3, Arch--Annul, by Conquistador Cielo)**, took second in a maiden over course and distance last time Apr. 30, took an early pitch in the second rank. Eased to the front at the two-furlong marker, the \$160,000 KEESEP yearling and 300,000gns TATAPR two-year-old was ridden out to assert by two lengths from Luc Jordan (GB) (Intikhab) as at the 4-9 chalk. The winner is a half-brother to Brief Bliss (Navarone, GSP-US). Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, £4,724. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Catherine J Parke & Oakbrook Farm; T-John Gosden.

**Redcar, 15.20, Mdn**, £4,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6fT, 1:12.10, fm.

+ **LAURA'S LADY (IRE) (f, 3, Namid {GB}--Catapila, by Tactical Cat)**, an €8,500 GOFNOV foal, raced in rear following a tardy break. Pushed into contention at the quarter pole, the 7-2 chance hit the front at the furlong marker and was driven to notch a half-length score from Who's Shirl (GB) (Shinko Forest {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £2,590. O-R H Hall; B-Joe Dolan; T-Alan Swinbank.

## ★ FRANCE ★

### Yesterday's Results:

**Maisons-Laffitte, 15.20, Cond**, €34,000, 3yo, 1 5/8mT, 2:56.90, sf.

+ **BEHESHTAM (FR) (c, 3, Peintre Celebre--Behkara {Ire} {GSW & MG1SP-Fr, \$237,456}, by Kris {GB})** raced off the pace in last position in the six-runner field for the first half of this racecourse bow. Shaken up passing the two pole, the 5-2 second choice cruised to the front at the distance and coasted to the wire in hand to register an impressive 2 1/2-length success from Sayaab (Fr) (Monsun {Ger}). Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €17,000. O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC; T-Alain de Royer-Dupre.

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**Maisons-Laffitte, 14.50, Mdn, €24,000, 2yo, 5 1/2fT, 1:09.40, sf.**

**MISS SHANGHAI (FR) (f, 2, Country Reel--Miss Breezy {Fr}, by Sicyos), a €2,500 DEADEC foal, went off as the 11-5 pick coming back from an Apr. 11 debut second at Bordeaux-le-Bouscat. Racing prominently from the outset, she was pushed into an outright lead with 350 meters to go and was kept on well in the closing stages to score by 1 1/2 lengths from Gooseley Chope (Fr) (Indian Rocket {GB}). Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €14,800.**

O-Mlle Geraldine Ivoula & Dominique Marchand;  
B-Simon Cocozza; T-Thierry Lemer.

★ ITALY ★

Sunday's Result:

**Milan, 15.05, Mdn, €18,000, 2yo, 5fT, 1:01.20, gd.**  
+ **FIELD OF DREAM (GB) (c, 2, Oasis Dream {GB}--Field of Hope {Ire} {G1SW-Fr, SW & GSP-Ity, GSP-HK, \$490,647}, by Selkirk)** broke smartly to take a narrow lead. He was nudged along at halfway and minimal encouragement saw the 1-4 pick score by five lengths from Bionda Vera (Ity) (Della Scala {Ire}). The winner is a half-brother to Olympian Odyssey (GB) (Sadler's Wells, G1SP-Eng, \$171,023). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €8,500.

O-Allevamento Dei Sette SRL; B-Grundy Bloodstock;  
T-Bruno Grizzetti.

★ GERMANY ★

Sunday's Results:

**Cologne, 14.15, Cond, €5,100, 3yo, 1 1/2mT, 2:32.48, sf.**

+ **FRANTIC STORM (GER) (c, 3, Nayef--Flamingo Road {Ger} {MGSW & MG1SP-Ger}, by Acatenango {Ger})** was a little keen towards the rear through the early strides. Pushed along on the home turn, the 5-2 second favorite stayed on to grind down Toughness Danon (GB) (Tiger Hill {Ire}) 50 yards from home and prevail by a half-length. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €3,000.

O/B-Gestut Park Wiedingen; T-Waldemar Hickst.

**Cologne, 15.00, Cond, €5,100, 3yo, 1 3/8mT, 2:20.31, sf.**

+ **SUESTADO (GER) (c, 3, Monsun {Ger}--Suivi {Ger}, by Darshaan {GB}),** sent off at 5-1, raced prominently throughout the early stages before cruising to the fore leaving the final turn. After looking to have settled matters halfway down the stretch, the homebred was forced to knuckle down by Eliot (Ger) (Tiger Hill {Ire}) inside the final furlong, but stayed on to record a head success, with Oriental Lion (GB) (Seattle Dancer), the half-brother to Oriental Tiger (Ger) (Tiger Hill {Ire}) a further 1 3/4 lengths back in third under a seven-pound penalty. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €3,000.  
O/B-Baron Georg von Ullmann; T-Jens Hirschberger.

**Hannover, 15.15, Mdn, €5,100, 3yo, f, 1 1/4mT, 2:08.03, gd.**

**WILDFahrTE (GER) (f, 3, Mark of Esteem {Ire}--Wurfspiel {Ger} {SP-Ger}, by Lomitas {GB})** ran third in the G3 Preis der Winterkonigin at Baden-Baden in October on her last juvenile outing and was second in a maiden at Cologne on her only subsequent start Apr. 13. Stalking the early pace in second, the 1-3 chalk was pushed along at the top of the lane and hit the front at the furlong pole to score in straightforward fashion by 1 1/4 lengths from Wenchita (Ire) (Big Shuffle). Lifetime Record: GSP-Ger, 4 starts, 1 win, 3 places, €16,400.

O/B-Gestut Ravensberg; T-Torsten Mundry.

★ EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN JAPAN:

**Live Concert (Ire), g, 5, [Singspiel \(Ire\)](#)--Dance Lively, by Kingmambo. Kyoto, 5-10, Miyakooji S., 8fT. Lifetime Record: 21-7-4-3, \$1,278,485. O-Green Fields Inc; B-Mrs J Chandris; T-Toshiaki Shirai. \*120,000gns yrl '05 TATOCT.**

✓ **APPOINTMENTS**

**STUART BOMAN**

- Appointed associate for English bloodstock consultancy Blandford Bloodstock Ltd.
- Responsible for Australasian markets and horses in training.
- Born in Sydney and now based in Newmarket, England, Boman was head of marketing in Europe for Sheikh Mohammed's Darley Stud. He also spent two years working for John Messara's Arrowfield Stud in New South Wales.

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## AUSTRALASIA



### STRAVINSKY TO RETURN TO CAMBRIDGE

**Stravinsky** (Nureyev--Fire the Groom, by Blushing



Groom {Fr}) will resume shuttling to Cambridge Stud in New Zealand after a two-year hiatus. The 13-year-old stallion did not return to New Zealand in 2007 due to the Equine Influenza outbreak in Australia, and quarantine protocols prevented his return from Japan last year. Highweighted

three-year-old in England and Ireland in 1999, Stravinsky won that year's G1 July Cup and G1 Nunthorpe S. He is the sire of 55 black-type winners, including seven Group 1 winners. He has been represented this season by Australian group winners Bird of Fire (NZ) and Miss Marren (NZ). "Stravinsky will travel via both America and Australia and quarantine in both places before arriving in New Zealand," Cambridge Stud's Sir Patrick Hogan told NZTM. "There has been huge enquiry for the horse, and I expect his book to be full within a short period of time." Stravinsky will stand for NZ\$35,000 +gst, and his book will be limited to 110 mares.

### PRINCESS COUP TO SELL AT MAGIC MILLIONS

Four-time Group 1 winner **Princess Coup** (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}--Stoneyfell Road {Aus}, by Sovereign Red {NZ}) has been added to the June Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale at the Gold Coast. The champion racemare is expected to sell at 2 p.m. on June 4 from the consignment of Willow Park Stud. Princess Coup was withdrawn from last week's New Zealand Bloodstock National Weanling, Broodmare and Mixed Bloodstock Sale in Karaka following the outcome of court proceedings in Hamilton between owners Ray Coupland and John Bromley. The five-year-old mare sold for A\$260,000 at the National Yearling Sale. "We have fond memories of presenting and selling Princess Coup as a yearling here on the Gold Coast," Magic Millions Managing Director David Chester said. "And I'm delighted she will be coming back to grace the same ring after a career I followed closely. Princess Coup proved herself one of the great modern day racemares to race in New Zealand and her performances at the elite level in Australia were first class."

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

## BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**7th-CRC**, \$26,000, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :56 1/5, fm.

**FLY EXPRESS** (f, 4, **Concorde's Tune--Law N Order**, by **Valid Appeal**) Lifetime Record: 12-3-6-0, \$75,090. O-White Cross Stable. B-White Cross Farm (FL). T-Luke E Poulos.

**5th-FLX**, \$21,700, NW1BX, (S), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05 4/5, ft.

**RULE SEVENTY SIX** (g, 4, **Hook and Ladder--Screen Happy**, by **Brunswick**) Lifetime Record: 27-5-4-2, \$86,942. O-Joseph E Besecker. B-Chester & Mary R Broman (NY). T-Jeremiah C Englehart. \*\$75,000 2yo '07 OBSMAR.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**First Crack**, f, 3, **Artax--First Crack At It**, by **Crack Shot**. FLX, 5-11, 5f, 1:00 3/5. B-Dutchess Views Farm Inc (NY).

+ **First Reaction**, c, 3, **Intidab--Darling Aly** (SP), by **Alyfoe**. FLX, 5-11, 5f, 1:00 1/5. B-Bruce D Anderson (NY).

**Girl Has Rhythm**, f, 3, **Officer--Rhythm's Love**, by **Rhythm**. DEL, 5-11, 6f, 1:13. B-Mr. & Mrs Jerry Thurston (PA).

**Seeking Trouble**, f, 3, **Seeking a Home--She'saholyterror**, by **Grand Jewel**. MNR, 5-10, 6f, 1:12 2/5. B-Paul Jordan (TX).

**She's a Wow**, f, 3, **Speightstown--Venetian Glass**, by **Deputy Minister**. DEL, 5-11, 6f, 1:11 1/5. B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY). \*\$290,000 yrl '07 KEESEP.

**Our Stormy Girl**, f, 4, **Stormy Atlantic--Dolphin's Queen**, by **Gentle King**. MNR, 5-10, 5 1/2f, 1:07. B-Candow Farm Inc (FL). \*1/2 to Maddie's Promise (Dehere), SW, \$241,257.

## BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

### CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**FRANCE**, **Maisons-Laffitte**, 14.20, 5-11, €29,000, 3yo, 6fT, 1:14.40, sf.

**ALTA LUNA** (FR) (f, 3, **Fasliyev--Lunatoria** {Ire}, by **Vettori** {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 8 starts, 4 wins, 2 places, €58,300. O/B-Francois Bayrou & Frank McNulty; T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

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Conditions Results cont.

**ITALY, Milan, 14.30**, 5-10, €19,800, 3yo, 1 1/2mT, 2:33.90, gd.

**EMOTIONNER (IRE) (c, 3, Kris Kin--Night Home {Ity}, by Night Shift)** Lifetime Record: 11-4-0-3, €27,353. O-Scuderia Due C SRL; B-Finanza Locale Consulting SRL; T-Alduino & Giuseppe Botti. \*€20,000 yrl '07 SGASEP.

**FRANCE, Bordeaux-le-Bouscat, 14.50**, 5-10, €17,000, 2yo, f, 5fT, 1:03.58, sf.

**FORESTA (FR) (f, 2, Forestier {Fr}--Milanaise {Fr}, by Marignan)** Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €21,300. O-Jean Guillemin; B-SCEA Plessis; T-Bruno de Montzey. \*1/2 to Milanais (Fr) (Dyhim Diamond {Ire}), SW & G1SP-Fr, \$248,754.

**ITALY, Florence, 15.30**, 5-10, €10,800, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT, 2:32.00, gd.

**LIBERO MERCATO (IRE) (c, 4, Golan {Ire}--Afto, by Relaunch)** Lifetime Record: 10-4-2-0, €52,343. O-Vittorio Feltri; B-Scuderia San Pancrazio SAS; T-Alduino & Giuseppe Botti.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Sugarland (Ity), c, 2, France (GB)--Donnatta (GB)**, by Cadeaux Genereux (GB). Florence, Italy, 5-10, Mdn, 2yo, 5 1/2fT. B-Allevamento Della Berardenga SRL.  
 + **Dream Cafe (Ire), c, 2, Hawk Wing--Canaan (Ire)**, by Alhaarth (Ire). Bordeaux-le-Bouscat, France, 5-10, Cond, 2yo, c/g, 5fT. B-J Connolly. \*€16,000 yrl '08 TATIRE.

**Kaspirit (Ire), f, 2, Invincible Spirit (Ire)--Kathy Kab (Ire)**, by Intikhab. Yarmouth, Britain, 5-11, Mdn, 2yo, 5f 43ydsT. B-Giuseppe Riccioni. \*Earned £10,000 bonus courtesy of the Breeze-Up Bonus Scheme.

+ **Heaven King (Fr), g, 2, Kingsalsa--Heaven Giant**, by Giant's Causeway. Lyon-Parilly, France, 5-10, Mdn, 2yo, 5fT. B-Jean-Pierre-Joseph Dubois.

**Whozthecat (Ire), c, 2, One Cool Cat--Intaglia (Ger)**, by Lomitas (GB). Redcar, Britain, 5-11, Mdn, 2yo, 5fT. B-Liam Queally. \*€33,000 wnlg '07 GOFNOV; €15,000 2yo '09 DONAPR.

**Blue Hollywood (Ity), f, 3, Anabaa Blue (GB)--Hoolywoodjaana**, by Woodman. Milan, Italy, 5-10, Mdn, 3yo, 1 1/2mT. B-Azienda Agricola Antezzate SRL.

+ **Indomito (Ger), c, 3, Areion (Ger)--Insola (Ger)**, by Royal Solo (Ire). Hannover, Germany, 5-10, Mdn, 3yo, 7fT. B-Wilfried Witte. \*€38,000 2yo '08 BBAMAY.

**Featherweight (Ire), f, 3, Fantastic Light--Dancing Feather (GB)**, by Suave Dancer. Windsor, Britain, 5-11, Mdn, 3-5yo, 10f 7ydsT. B-Jeremy Gompertz. \*27,000gns yrl '07 TATOCT. \*\*1/2 to Wagtail (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}), SW-Eng.

**Mambo Light, f, 3, Kingmambo--Piquetnol (G1SP-Fr)**, by Private Account. Cologne, Germany, 5-10, Cond, 3yo, f, 1mT. B-Flaxman Holdings Ltd. \*€325,000 yrl '07 GOFMIL. \*\*1/2 to Dietrich (Storm Cat), GSW-Ire & Eng. \*\*\*GSP-Ger.

**Finlandia (GB), f, 3, Singspiel (Ire)--Truly Special (Ire)** (GSW-Fr), by Caerleon. Royan La Palmyre, France, 5-10, Mdn, 3yo, 1 7/16mT. B-Darley. \*1/2 to Truly a Dream (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}), GSW-Can & Fr, \$322,206; Wareed (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), MGSW-Fr & G1SP-Eng, \$157,584.

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