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BOW TO THE MASTER

Ballydoyle hone tough campaigners to bring to the races, and **Mastercraftsman (Ire)** (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) drew on deep reserves of courage yesterday to outbattle **Delegator (GB)** (Dansili {GB}) and provide Aidan O'Brien with a sixth renewal of the G1 St James's Palace S. since 2000. In the trademark manner of the stable's millennium hero Giant's Causeway (Storm Cat), Derrick Smith,



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Susan Magnier and Michael Tabor's G1 Irish 2000 Guineas winner refused to lie down when headed by Delegator and Jimmy Fortune in the final furlong, and responded to Johnny Murtagh's urgings to prevail by a hard-fought neck margin. "He's courageous and--like all the great horses I ride at Ballydoyle--they never know when they are beaten. He's not short of speed and is a true champion--the way he did it today, he deserves a lot of credit," Murtagh said of the 5-6 pick. **Cont. p2**

BOY OH BOY!

While there was little doubt before yesterday's G1 Queen Anne S. that **Paco Boy (Ire)** (Desert Style {Ire}) has few peers over seven furlongs, the question surrounding his ability to see out a mile remained. His answer was emphatic, however, as rider Richard Hughes turned this red-hot renewal into a procession with the 10-3 second choice. Coming into this contest off a fourth in the G1 Juddmonte Lockinge S. at Newbury May 16, the Calvera Partnership's bay carried his motionless rider to the front approaching the eighth pole and onto a comfortable 1 1/2-length success from **Cesare (GB)** (Machiavellian). **Cont. p3**

BLASTED OUT OF THE WATER

Hammered into 11-4 favoritism for yesterday's G1 King's Stand S., **Scenic Blast (Aus)** (Scenic {Ire}) justified that confidence to provide Australia with a fourth success in this dash since 2003. Elio Anthony Galante's blaze-faced bay made a seemingly competitive affair look easy pickings under a confident Steven Arnold, and he could be called the winner a long way from the hallowed winning post before comfortably holding **Fleeting Spirit (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) by 3/4 of a length. "We knew we had a good horse, but we had all the traveling and things to get through to still compete, so luckily it all went to plan, and Steven gave him a perfect ride," trainer Daniel Morton said. **Cont. p4**

THE TARTAN ARMY

Ballymacoll Stud's legacy is interwoven with some of the feature races at Royal Ascot, and **Tartan Bearer (Ire)** (Spectrum {Ire}) bids to roll back the years for the County Meath operation in today's G1 Prince of Wales's S. Sir Michael Sobell, and later his grandson Simon Weinstock, enjoyed success in this race with *Admetus and Ela-Mana-Mou (Ire), but it has been 29 years since the pale blue silks were carried to victory. Enter last year's G1 Epsom Derby runner-up and G1 Irish Derby third, who returned with an impressive win in Sandown's G3 Gordon Richards S. last time Apr. 25. The Stud's Manager Peter Reynolds is hoping that the four-year-old can build on that comeback effort. "He's adaptable regarding trip, as he has finished second in the Derby and ran well enough at the Curragh with interference, but 10 furlongs is the trip the trainer wants to run him at, and we'll try that for the moment," Reynolds told *PA Sport*. "It looks a nice race with plenty of overseas involvement. Hopefully, we can get that first Group 1 on the board, and he has a favourite's chance of winning." **Cont. p8**



Tartan Bearer (left) at Epsom
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Tuesday, Royal Ascot, Britain

ST JAMES'S PALACE S.-G1, £250,000, Ascot, 6-16, 3yo, c, 1mT, 1:39.21, gd/fm.

1--**MASTERCRAFTSMAN (IRE), 126, c, 3, by Danehill Dancer (Ire)**

1st Dam: Starlight Dreams, by Black Tie Affair (Ire)

2nd Dam: Reves Celestes, by Lyphard

3rd Dam: Tobira Celeste, by Ribot (GB)

O-Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier & Michael Tabor; B-Lynch Bages Ltd; T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Johnny Murtagh; £141,925. Lifetime Record: MG1SW-Ire, 8-6-0-0, £722,291. *3/4 to Genuine Devotion (Ire) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), GSW-US, \$275,725. **Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Delegator (GB), 126, c, 3, Dansili (GB)--Indian Love Bird (GB), by Efisio (GB). O/B-Mrs Poilin Good; T-Brian Meehan; £53,800.**

3--**Lord Shanakill, 126, c, 3, Speightstown--Green Room, by Theatrical (Ire). (\$110,000 yrl '07 KEESEP). O-Mogeely Stud & Mark T Gittins; B-Vimal Khosla, Gillian Khosla & Templeton Stud; T-Karl Burke; £26,925. Margins: NK, 1HF, 1 3/4. Odds: 5-6, 4-1, 20-1.**

Also Ran: Evasive (GB), Intense Focus, Pure Poetry (Ire), Orizaba (Ire), Soul City (Ire), Born to Be King, Set Sail (Ire).

Battling qualities and a hardy nature had been in evidence when Mastercraftsman emulated his sire by completing the second part of the G1 Phoenix S.-G1 National S. double on The Curragh's deep ground in September. That was in contrast to his stylish win in the former contest and gave an early indication of his versatility and class, which was undimmed by a fruitless trip to Longchamp when only fourth in the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere on Arc day. After a return fifth in the G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket May 2, the chestnut's forward progression and work ethic helped him cope with desperate conditions again when recording a 4 1/2-length success in the Irish equivalent three weeks later.

Following the fast fractions set by his barnmate Set Sail (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) until taking over at the top of the stretch, Mastercraftsman warded off Lord Shanakill before looking likely to succumb to Delegator at the furlong pole. The distinctively marked colt dug in against the fence and regained the advantage in the final 50 yards for a rousing win. "It was going very well and there was a nice pace on, but I committed him early enough, as he was lazy in front and waiting on Jimmy [Fortune on Delegator]," said winning rider Johnny Murtagh.

"When he came to me, my horse really tried, put his head down and gave 110 percent."

Aidan O'Brien

added, "It was an unbelievably brave performance by horse and jockey. He is an amazing horse--he has courage, speed, and stamina, and soft ground and fast all comes alike to him. His most impressive performance came over six furlongs on good-to-firm ground. When everybody decides to step him up, I don't think he'll have a problem with a mile and a quarter, and he could be one of those special ones." As for the runner-up, trainer Brian Meehan offered, "Fifty yards out, it looked like he had his head in front, but the other horse came back strongly. It was a hell of a run, and it pours ice on all the people who knocked him in Ireland. I'll have to take him home and sleep on it before deciding where he goes next." Lord Shanakill's conditioner Karl Burke is looking at the G1 Prix Jean Prat at Chantilly July 5.

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7 first crop 2YO winners including 4 in the past 3 days...

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YESTERDAY **JEHU** justified favouritism to win his maiden at Thirsk for Mick Channon.

MONDAY **AILSA CARMEL**, also trained by Mick Channon, won her maiden by 4 lengths.

EXOTIC GIRL won for the second time at Rome.

SUNDAY **JEEVES** won on his first start in France.

ANTONIUS PIUS



Tuesday, Royal Ascot, Britain

QUEEN ANNE S.-G1, £250,000, Ascot, 6-16, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:39.31, gd/fm.

1--**PACO BOY (IRE)**, 126, c, 4, by **Desert Style (Ire)**
 1st Dam: **Tappen Zee (Ire)**, by **Sandhurst Prince (Ire)**
 2nd Dam: **Rossaldene (GB)**, by **Mummy's Pet (GB)**
 3rd Dam: **Palestra (GB)**, by **Palestine (GB)**
 (€18,000 wnlg '05 GOFNOV; €16,000 yrl '06 TATFLT; €21,000 RNA yrl '06 GOFORB; 30,000gns 2yo '07 DONAPR). O-The Calvera Partnership No 2; B-Joan Browne; T-Richard Hannon; J-R Hughes; £167,471. Lifetime Record: G1SW-Fr, 14-9-0-1, £560,057. **Werk Nick Rating: A.**

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

2--**Cesare (GB)**, 126, g, 8, Machiavellian--Tromond (GB), by Lomond. O/B-Cheveley Park Stud; T-James Fanshawe; £63,484.

3--**Aqlaam (GB)**, 126, c, 4, Oasis Dream (GB)--Bourbonella (GB), by Rainbow Quest. (260,000gns wnlg '05 TATDEC). O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Granham Farm; T-William Haggas; £31,771. Margins: 1HF, HF, HF. Odds: 10-3, 11-1, 10-1. Also Ran: Main Aim (GB), Dream Eater (Ire), Gladiatorus, Arabian Gleam (GB), Alexandros (GB), Mac Love (GB).

Paco Boy went into the May 16 G1 Juddmonte Lockinge S. as hot favorite and his subsequent fourth was seen as a disappointment, but he returned lame with a poisoned foot, and had a valid excuse. Unchallenged over a panel shorter last term when bringing up the treble of Goodwood's G2 Lennox S., Newbury's G2 Hungerford S. and Longchamp's G1 Prix de la Foret, his three tries at a mile had yielded only one win, in the Apr. 25 G2 Sandown Mile. Firing on all cylinders this time, he traveled with consummate ease behind the searing pace set by the 9-4 favorite Gladiatorus (Silic {Fr}). While that rival was five lengths clear after a quarter mile, rider Richard Hughes remained motionless aboard Paco Boy until going through a gap past the tiring front-runner approaching the quarter pole. Gliding between Aqlaam and Cesare soon after, he quickly asserted to seal the result and, despite drifting right in the closing stages, was firmly on top at the line. "I felt sorry for this horse after Newbury, as he had a good reason for his defeat, but everyone was there to slam him," jockey Richard Hughes said. "He is a child's ride when he's right, but at Newbury he pulled, was hanging and not happy. Today it was like a piece of work, and I just had to sit on him and ease up there between them. He was electric today--something else--and he did the talking, so we don't have to defend him anymore." Trainer Richard Hannon added, "That put to bed that he doesn't stay a mile. He wasn't quite right at Newbury and came home with an infection in his foot, but now we've had time to get him right again. This could be a good year for him."

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Hannon continued, "He's the sort of horse who could run in the G1 July Cup [at Newmarket July 10], and we were going to have a think about that if things didn't happen here. He has the G1 Sussex S. [at Goodwood July 29], G1 Prix Jacques le Marois [at Deauville Aug. 16] and G1 Prix de la Foret [at Longchamp Oct. 3] to aim for, but I will try and talk the owners out of the Breeders' Cup. Another three races will be enough for him." Gladiatorus proved a major disappointment and after his tame sixth-place finish, jockey Ahmed Ajtebi told *PA Sport*, "He was not half the horse he was in Dubai--he seemed a different horse."



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Tuesday, Royal Ascot, Britain

KING'S STAND S.-G1, £300,000, Ascot, 6-16, 3yo/up, 5fT, :59.54, gd/fm.

1--**SCENIC BLAST (AUS)**, 130, h, 5, by Scenic (Ire)

- 1st Dam: Daughter's Charm (Aus) (G1SP-Aus), by Delgado
- 2nd Dam: Romantic's Daughter, by Romantic (GB)
- 3rd Dam: Lorraine Lee (Aus), by Hawa (Ire)

O-Elio Anthony Galante & Partners; B-Durham Lodge Thoroughbred Stud; T-Daniel Morton; J-S Arnold; £170,310. Lifetime Record: MG1SW-Aus, 18-8-5-2, £870,569. *1/2 to Gilded Venom (Aus) (Golden Snake), G1SW-Aus. **Werk Nick Rating: A + +**.

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

2--**Fleeting Spirit (Ire)**, 127, f, 4, [Invincible Spirit \(Ire\)](#)--

Millennium Tale (Fr), by Distant Relative (Ire). (€35,000 yrl '06 GOFORB; 90,000gns 2yo '07 TATAPR). O-The Searchers; B-Bernadette Hayden; T-Jeremy Nosedá; £64,560.

3--**Anglezarke (Ire)**, 121, f, 3, Acclamation (GB)--Welsh

Mist (GB), by Damister. (38,000gns yrl '07 DONAUG). O-David W Armstrong; B-Mount Coote Stud; T-Tim Easterby; £32,310.

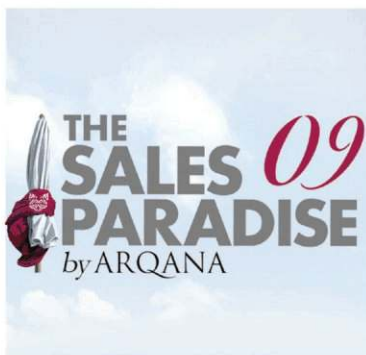
Margins: 3/4, 2 3/4, HF. Odds: 11-4, 7-2, 33-1.

Also Ran: Captain Gerrard (Ire), Borderlescott (GB), Cannonball, Dandy Man (Ire), Equiano (Fr), Wi Dud (GB), Amour Propre (GB), Mythical Flight (SAf), Spin Cycle (Ire), Hoh Hoh (GB), Tax Free (Ire), Rievaulx World (GB).

Like the initial Antipodean hero Choisir (Aus) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), Scenic Blast placed in the G1 Caulfield Guineas over a mile at three prior to his metamorphosis into a leading sprinter. He went one better than that stellar runner when following up his success in the Jan. 31 G1 Lightning S. at Flemington in the G1 Newmarket H. Mar 7, and there was never any danger of a repeat of the generous 25-1 on offer six years ago. The only serious issue for Ascot punters to consider was the long-distance haul involved to get to this venue, but his smooth progress from rear by halfway put to bed to any doubts about his well-being. After arriving at the front with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining, he only needed to be kept up to his work to hold the game Fleeting Spirit, whose proximity at the line may have flattered her. "It was a super effort," jockey Staven Arnold said. "He traveled really well and actually got there too soon, but watching races here I noticed they don't tend to make up a lot of ground in the final furlong and a half, so I was conscious of that. The result was I put paid to them a fair way out, but he produced a really good turn of foot and was quite explosive in the run. It was a dominant performance, and if he rests through the first part of the race, he builds momentum." Scenic Blast is likely to sidestep Saturday's G1 Golden Jubilee S. and wait for the G1 July Cup at Newmarket July 10. Click for the [Racing Post chart](#) or the [brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). [Video, courtesy of attheraces.](#)



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COVENTRY S.-G2, £100,000, Ascot, 6-16, 2yo, 6fT, 1:13.64, gd/fm.

1--**@#CANFORD CLIFFS (IRE)**, 127, c, 2, by Tagula (Ire)

1st Dam: Mrs Marsh (GB), by Marju (Ire)

2nd Dam: Drei, by Lyphard

3rd Dam: Triple Tipple, by Raise a Cup

(€46,000 wnlg '07 GOFNOV; £50,000 yrl '08 DONAUG).

O-The Heffer Syndicate; B-S & S Hubbard Rodwell;

T-Richard Hannon; J-Richard Hughes; £56,770.

Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, £61,627. **Werk Nick Rating:**

First SW for cross. Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#).

2--**Xtension (Ire)**, 127, c, 2, Xaar (GB)--Great Joy (Ire), by Grand Lodge. (€15,000 yrl '08 TATIRE).

O-Brighthelm Racing; B-Paul McCartan; T-Clive Cox; £21,520.

3--**Rakaan (Ire)**, 127, c, 2, Bahamian Bounty (GB)--Petite

Spectre (GB), by Spectrum (Ire). (45,000gns wnlg '07

TATDEC; 140,000gns yrl '08 TATOCT). O-Saleh Al

Homaizi & Imad Al Sagar; B-L Mulryan and M Fahy;

T-Brian Meehan; £10,770.

Margins: 6, 3/4, 1HF. Odds: 7-4, 20-1, 28-1.

Also Ran: Moran Gra, Treadwell (Ire), No Hubris, Red Jazz, Fremont (Ire), Alrasm (Ire), Flying Statesman, Air Chief Marshall (Ire), Raine's Cross (GB), Marsh Warbler (GB). Scratched: Walkingonthemoon (GB).

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Canford Cliffs, favored for this race following a seven-length demolition in a Newbury maiden on his racecourse bow May 15, was bidding to give Richard Hannon his first win in this contest since in 1989. Smartly away to take a narrow early lead, the bay raced a little freely, but was still going much the best two furlongs from home. He was hand-ridden to power clear soon after, and a couple of backhanders sealed a highly impressive success. The win provided the trainer-jockey combination with a notable double following the victory of Paco Boy (Ire) (Desert Style {Ire}) in the G1 Queen Anne S. "I love this horse--he's such a laidback character," Hannon said. "Richard [Hughes] rode him one day and said, 'This is a racehorse!' So we took him to Newbury and he proved it there. At home, he's a very relaxed boy and walks down to the canter like an old horse. It would be hard to find a two-year-old as good as him, and he may go for the G2 July S. [July 9 at Newmarket], but we'll have to think about it...he could be next year's horse." His jockey paid the ultimate tribute. "He's the best horse I've ridden by far--he's a freak," said Hughes. "I gave him a half-speed one morning, and I've never ridden anything like it in my life! I went 10 lengths clear--they couldn't lay up with him. This horse shouldn't have won today, as I've never known a horse to run away with me like that and win. He was a little bit lit up going to the start and the occasion got to him, as it's only his second start."

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Tuesday, Royal Ascot, Britain

WINDSOR CASTLE S.-Listed, £50,000, Ascot, 6-16, 2yo, 5fT, 1:01.28, gd/fm.

1--#**STRIKE THE TIGER, 129, g, 2, by Tiger Ridge**

1st Dam: R Lucky Strike, by In Excess (Ire)

2nd Dam: Osho Togo, by Strike Gold

3rd Dam: Miss Eris, by Moscow Ballet

O-Mitch Dutko & Ray Sainz; B-W Ward, M Dutko & R Sainz; T-Wesley Ward; J-John Velazquez; £28,385. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, £36,301.

2--**Fratellino (GB), 129, c, 2, Auction House--Vida (Ire), by Wolfhound. (£2,200 yrl '08 DONOCT). O-Sale Of The Century ; B-Llety Stud; T-A J McCabe; £10,760.**

3--**Di Stefano (GB), 129, c, 2, Bahamian Bounty (GB)--Marisa (Ger), by Desert Sun (GB). (£60,000 yrl '08 DONAUG). O-Jon & Julia Aisbitt; B-P V & Mrs J P Jackson; T-M R Channon; £5,385.**

Margins: NK, HF, 1 3/4. Odds: 33-1, 33-1, 25-1.

Also Ran: Little Scotland (GB), Hearts of Fire (GB), Star Rover (Ire), George Baker (Ire), Angel's Pursuit (Ire), Mister Manannan (Ire), Desert Auction (Ire), Little Perisher (GB), Russian Rock (Ire), The Hermitage (Ire), Stand and Fight (Ire), Clashnacree (Ire), Itsthursdayalready (GB), Azif (GB), Avonvalley (GB), Dancing Freddy (Ire), Antonius Moris (Ire), Red Avalanche (Ire), Kirsty's Boy (Ire).

Transatlantic shipper Strike the Tiger made his only previous racecourse appearance in a maiden claimer at Churchill Downs Apr. 28, where he led from post to wire in the slop. Bustled from his wide stall to race on the lead and near the stands-side rail, the gelding was punched along at the quarter pole and stuck on well when jockey John Velazquez drew his stick to hold the persistent Fratellino. In doing so, the dark bay was making his own piece of racing history as the first U.S.-trained horse to enter the winner's circle at this meeting. "I think this just proves if you get a horse right on the



Wesley Ward (right)
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day, it doesn't matter if they are running in Australia or China or anywhere, as the Australian horse proved earlier today," trainer and co-breeder Wesley Ward told *PA Sport*. Ward also saddled Cannonball (Catienus), an honorable sixth in the G1 King's Stand S. contested earlier on the card. "I would have preferred to have won a Group 1 race, but this is a great day for us and, hopefully, my better two-year-olds can be competitive later in the week," Ward continued. "I think Strike the Tiger can do something really special on turf."

Velazquez added, "You watch this meeting on television and you would love to be there, so to win is amazing. I walked the course this morning and I thought it was a little quicker out to the left side. So I moved him from right to left, and he kept finding a little more."

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Dr. K.K. Jayaraman



Jayaraman (left) and Summer Bird *Coglianesse*

Accomplishment: Along with his wife Devi, bred and owns GI Belmont S. hero Summer Bird (Birdstone).

Birthdate: 1941

Birthplace: Kerala State, India

Education: MD, Internal Medicine, Invasive & Interventional Cardiology

Principal business: Retired

Current residence: Ocala

When did you and your wife first come to the States? I came in 1964; we got married in 1966, when my wife joined me.

Before winning the Belmont, what was your biggest accomplishment in the business? Royal Spy won several stakes, Irish Actor won the Grade I Young America, and Comic Truth won the Oklahoma Derby.

How did you become a fan of horse racing? Just by being close to Oaklawn Park for 25 years. I never saw a race horse before going to Arkansas in 1975.

Who was your biggest idol growing up? I cannot think of anybody in particular. If any, they were in the field of cardiology in this country. I entered cardiology when it was in its infancy, and I had the good fortune to work with many of the pioneers in the field.

What is your favorite vacation spot? Las Vegas.

Favorite food or meal? Since I am more or less a vegetarian, my wife often cooks at home when we are in town.

What was your childhood ambition? I sure wanted to be doctor.

What's been your proudest moment? The win in the Belmont Stakes last week tops them. Getting certified by American Board of Cardiovascular diseases at the first attempt in 1972 was another moment.

What's your idea of the perfect day? Is there one like that?

What was your first job? Intern in a hospital in Chicago.

Last purchase? Apart from the mundane, I used to purchase small private jets, use them for a short time and then sell them...until the technology companies got into financial trouble.

Favorite sport besides racing? if you are asking about hobbies, I have logged a lot of hours flying all kinds of airplanes.

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Murtagh Ban Rules out Eclipse Ride...

Just days after learning he would miss the final two days of Royal Ascot, Johnny Murtagh was hit with another suspension that rules him out of the G1 Coral-Eclipse S. at Sandown July 4.

Coolmore's retained rider picked up separate suspensions totaling seven days at Royal Ascot yesterday, with a single-day ban being handed out for excessive use of the whip on the G1 St James's Palace S. winner Mastercraftsman (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) and an additional six days for careless riding and failing to ride out to the finish on sixth-placed Kayf Aramis (GB) (Kayf Tara {GB}) in the Ascot S. His suspension will run from June 30 to July 6, which means he will miss the ride on either Rip Van Winkle (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) or Mastercraftsman if either is the chosen Ballydoyle representative in the 10-furlong Eclipse.



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Crowd Figure Down...

Royal Ascot's opening attendance of 38,625 was down by eight percent on last year's figure, but the track's Head of Public Relations Nick Smith said, "It was in line with what we were expecting--the drop is due to the fall in corporate hospitality. It will be slightly similar tomorrow and Thursday, down a bit further on Friday, but up on Saturday, which should balance out to a fall of five to 10 percent over the course of the week."

EUROPEAN VIDEO LINKS



- [G1 St James's Palace S.](#) Mastercraftsman (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) proves tough as nails on the rail.
- [G1 King's Stand S.](#) Scenic Blast (Aus) (Scenic {Ire}) strikes for Australia.
- [Windsor Castle S.](#) Strike the Tiger (Tiger Ridge) becomes the first U.S.-trained winner at the Royal meeting.

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Top Weekly Stakes Races

Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
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Seattle Smooth	Quiet American	Ogden Phipps H.-G1	103
You Luckie Mann	Exchange Rate	Unbridled S.	102
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Catlaunch	Noble Cat	Sydney Gendelman Memorial H.	100
Macho Again	Macho Uno	Stephen Foster H.-G1	100
Miss Isella	Silver Charm	Fleur de Lis H.-G2	100
Presious Passion	Royal Anthem	Monmouth S.	100
Chirac	Sligo Bay (Ire)	Skip Away S.	99
Coco Belle	Storm Boot	Desert Stormer H.	99
Trusty Temper	Successful Appeal	Jostle S.	99
Mambo Meister	King Cugat	Blazing Sword S.	98
Olredigetcha	Limehouse	Victoria S.	98
Successful Dan	Successful Appeal	Northern Dancer S.-G3	98
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Fearless Leader	Suave Prospect	Blue Sparkler S.	96
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Date	Race	Track
June 20	GII New York H.	BEL
	GII Colonial Turf Cup	CNL
	GIII All Along BC S.	CNL
	GIII Affirmed H.	HOL
	GIII Obeah S.	DEL
June 21	GIII Cinema H.	HOL
	GIII Highlander S.	WO
	GIII Singpiel S.	WO
	Queen's Plate	WO
June 26	GIII Iowa Oaks	PRM
June 27	GI Mother Goose S.	BEL
	GI Vanity BC H.	HOL
	GII Prairie Meadows Cornhusker	PRM
	GII King Edward BC S.	WO
	GIII Debutante S.	CD
	GIII Boiling Springs S.	MTH
June 28	GII First Flight H.	BEL
	GII Beverly Hills H.	HOL
July 1	GIII Dominion Day S.	WO



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9:30a	Jersey S.-G3, ASC	(TVG.com PPs)	TVG
10:05a	Windsor Forest-G2, ASC	(TVG.com PPs)	TVG
10:45a	Prince of Wales's S.-G1, ASC	(TVG.com PPs)	TVG
11:55a	Queen Mary S.-G2, ASC	(TVG.com PPs)	TVG

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☆ **PREVIEWS** ☆

Wednesday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 3:45 p.m.
PRINCE OF WALES'S S.-G1, £450,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	6	Estejo (Ger)	Johan Cruyff (GB)	Rohne
2	5	Never on Sunday (Fr)	Sunday Break (Jpn)	Rouget
3	2	Tartan Bearer (Ire)	Spectrum (Ire)	Stoute
4	8	Tazeez	Silver Hawk	Gosden
5	4	Trincot (Fr)	Peintre Celebre	bin Suroor
6	1	Twice Over (GB)	Observatory	Cecil
7	3	Virtual (GB)	Pivotal (GB)	Gosden
8	7	Vision d'Etat (Fr)	Chichicastenango (Fr)	Libaud

All carry 126 pounds.

France has carried off only one renewal in recent times, but, in the 2007 hero Manduro (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}), the country boasts one of the very finest in the race's history. Jacques Detre and Eric Libaud's **Vision d'Etat** currently enjoys a slightly loftier status than his compatriot **Never on Sunday**. Last year's G1 Prix du Jockey-Club hero Vision d'Etat has been targeted at this contest since his comfortable win in the Apr. 26 G1 Prix Ganay at Longchamp, while the latter captured the May 17 G1 Prix d'Ispahan at that venue. Never on Sunday's trainer Jean-Claude Rouget and jockey Christophe-Patrice Lemaire, represent a combination that can currently do no wrong. "Never on Sunday was a baby as a two-year-old, but, after we took the blinkers off, he has really begun to understand what it is all about and has improved a lot," Lemaire said. "He finished very strongly in the d'Ispahan and, when the pace is fast, he has a tremendous kick." Royal Ascot has always been a happy hunting ground for Henry Cecil, who struck twice in the '70s and three times in the '90s when this was a Group 2.

Cecil's 12-year drought since Bosra Sham (Woodman) could be brought to an end by Khalid Abdullah's **Twice Over**, who shaped as if a return to this trip would be welcome when a latest third behind **Virtual** in the May 16 G1 Lockinge S. over Newbury's straight mile. The homebred filled the same position in the G1 St James's Palace S. 12 months ago, and was later runner-up in the

G1 Cham-
pion S. at
Newmarket.
"Twice Over
is in good
order and
will hope-
fully have a
chance in
the Prince of
Wales's,"
Cecil com-
mented.



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"Some rain would be beneficial to him." Virtual bids to provide John Gosden with a third renewal after Muhtarram registered back-to-back successes of this as a Group 2 in 1994-95. His nose defeat of Alexandros (GB) (Kingmambo) in the Lockinge was a first at this level, and he needs to prove he is as effective over this longer trip. "I think the trip will suit him, but I am a bit concerned about the ground," the Stud's Managing Director Chris Richardson told *PA Sport*. "It is a seriously hot race, but our horse is in good form, and it's great to give the owners another runner at Royal Ascot, as it's top-class racing."



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Wednesday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 3:05 p.m.

WINDSOR FOREST S.-G2, £125,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	3	Lush Lashes (GB)	Galileo (Ire)	Bolger
2	2	Chantilly Tiffany (GB)	Pivotal (GB)	E Dunlop
3	5	Eva's Request (Ire)	Soviet Star	Channon
4	7	Heaven Sent (GB)	Pivotal (GB)	Stoute
5	9	Proviso (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Fabre
6	1	Rosaleen (Ire)	Cadeaux Genereux (GB)	Meehan
7	8	Royal Confidence (GB)	Royal Applause (GB)	B Hills
8	4	She's Our Mark (GB)	Ishiguru	Flynn
9	6	Spacious (GB)	Nayef	Fanshawe

All carry 124 pounds bar Lush Lashes, 129.

Inaugurated in 2004, the first two editions of this contest were collected by Sir Michael Stoute, who relies on **Heaven Sent** this time. Cheveley Park Stud's homebred, beaten 3/4-lengths by Sabana Perdida (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}) when runner-up in last year's renewal, warmed up for her repeat bid with an easy second success in Newmarket's G3 Dahlia S. May 3. "Last year, she came to win her race and just got caught, but she's in good form and, hopefully, she can go one better," the Stud's Managing Director Chris Richardson told *PA Sport*. "We've been very happy with her since her seasonal debut at Newmarket and, obviously, the ground will suit her ideally as she loves to hear her hooves rattle." She faces a stiff task attempting to subdue **Lush Lashes**, who is burdened with a five-pound penalty as a result of last year's victories in the G1 Coronation S., G1 Yorkshire Oaks at Newmarket and G1 Matron S. at Leopardstown. She will be more at home on this faster surface than the heavy ground she encountered on her return when third in the G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup at The Curragh last time May 24. Mick Channon has a live contender in the progressive **Eva's Request**, who followed a smooth win in the May 2 Listed Conqueror S. at Goodwood with a hard-fought tally over Alnadana (Ire) (Danhill Dancer {Ire}) in the G3 Princess Elizabeth S. at Epsom last time June 6. "Since returning from Dubai in the early spring, all she's done is thrive and her form is there for all to see," Channon said. "If we happened to get a drop of rain I wouldn't be complaining, but that seems unlikely."

Wednesday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 4:55 p.m.

QUEEN MARY S.-G2, £90,000, 2yo, f, 5fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	11	Capercaillie	Elusive Quality	Johnston
2	3	Ceedwell (GB)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Smart
3	7	Chantilly Creme	Johannesburg	Gibson
4	9	Crown (Ire)	Royal Applause (GB)	Hannon
5	12	Don't Tell Mary (Ire)	Starcraft (NZ)	Dascombe
6	8	Grand Zafeen (GB)	Zafeen (Fr)	Channon
7	6	High Spice	Songandaprayer	Cowell
8	2	Itwasonlyakiss (Ire)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	J Hills
9	1	Jealous Again	Trippi	Ward
10	5	Lady of the Desert	Rahy	Meehan
11	13	Lady Royal Oak (Ire)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	M Botti
12	4	Misheer (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	C Brittain
13	10	Rose Blossom (GB)	Pastoral Pursuits (GB)	Fahey

All carry 124 pounds.

Don't Tell Mary bids to join an elite of unbeaten fillies such as Queen's Logic (Ire) (Grand Lodge), Attraction (GB) (Efisio {GB}), Damson (Ire) (Entrepreneur {GB}) and Flashy Wings (GB) (Zafonic) to emerge from this prestigious race with their perfect records intact. Her smart performance on debut May 13 at the tricky track at Bath presaged a four-length win in the Listed Hilary Needler Trophy at Beverley a fortnight later, and trainer Tom Dascombe is excited by the possibility of a first Royal success. "She's not a horse that shows you an awful lot at home and just does what she has to, so I was surprised the way she won first time out at Bath and at Beverley," Dascombe revealed. "She's clearly much better than she shows us at home and, fingers crossed, she'll run her race." **Lady of the Desert**, who earned **TDN Rising Star** status when recording an impressive winning debut at Leicester May 26, hails from the Brian Meehan stable successful with Romantic Liaison (GB) (Primo Dominie {GB}) seven years ago. "We have always thought very highly of Lady of the Desert and we have been looking forward to Royal Ascot ever since that debut win," Meehan said. "She is a very classy filly and does, in fact, remind me of our other Queen Mary winner Romantic Liason. There are some strong messages for other fillies in the race and it will be a tough race to win, but Lady of the Desert has pleased us since that maiden win and has been working very well." **Misheer**, another who has yet to taste defeat, showed she has a fighting attitude in York's Listed Marygate S., which has produced two of the last three winners of this race, on her latest outing May 15.

TDN Quote du Jour

Jeremy Nosedo, on Fleeting Spirit's second in the G1 King's Stand S. yesterday at Royal Ascot "I can't have any quibbles--we got beaten by a very, very good horse. She ran hard to the line. The key to this filly is that she seems to run her best races when she's fresh."



August 11, 1711
 The first race meeting ever held at Ascot took place. Her Majesty's Plate, worth 100 guineas and open to any horse, mare or gelding over the age of six, was the inaugural event.



Wednesday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 2:30 p.m.

JERSEY S.-G3, £80,000, 3yo, 7fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	9	Ashram (Ire)	Indian Haven (GB)	bin Suroor
2	12	Aranel (Ire)	Hawk Wing	Delcher-Sanchez
3	10	Awinnergame (Ire)	Kyllachy (GB)	Noseda
4	6	Deposer (Ire)	Kheleyf	Best
5	13	Donativum (GB)	Cadeaux Genereux (GB)	bin Suroor
6	8	Gallagher (GB)	Bahamian Bounty (GB)	Meehan
7	16	Infiraad (GB)	Haafhd (GB)	B Hills
8	11	Instalment (GB)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Hannon
9	1	Jobe	Johannesburg	K Ryan
10	7	Loch Linnhe	Elusive Quality	Gosden
11	14	Nasri (GB)	Kyllachy (GB)	Meehan
12	2	Ocean's Minstrel (GB)	Pivotal (GB)	J Ryan
13	3	Ouqba (GB)	Red Ransom	B Hills
14	5	Patrician's Glory	Proud Citizen	Tate
15	4	Saucy Brown (Ire)	Fasliyev	Hannon
16	15	Total Gallery (Ire)	Namid (GB)	S Moore

All carry 127 pounds bar Ashram, 130.

Godolphin field a strong duo in the race won by the operation's Kheleyf (Green Desert) in 2004, but it may be significant that Frankie Dettori has sided with the penalised **Ashram** over last year's Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf and Tattersalls Million winner **Donativum**. Last year's G3 Somerville Tattersall S. hero Ashram was runner-up in the Listed Heron S. at Sandown in his latest May 28, while his stable companion was only fourth in Newmarket's Listed King Charles II S. on his seasonal bow May 23. "I have been disappointed with Ashram this season," Saeed bin Suroor said. "He ran better when he was second at Sandown, but we are looking to win races with him. He seems sound and healthy at the moment. He has been working well and we are looking to see him run a decent race. Donativum was too fresh on his seasonal debut at Newmarket and he didn't settle. We knew beforehand that he would need the race, and we have been happy with his progress since. He has a big reputation, having been successful at the Breeders' Cup, and we are looking to see him run a better race on this occasion." **Gallagher** sets the standard on form, having finished runner-up to Bushranger (Ire) (Danetime {Ire}) in the G1 Prix Morny at Deauville in August, but has not been seen since finishing fourth in the G1 Middle Park S. at Newmarket in October. "We had to delay Gallagher's comeback this season, but he is in great form at the moment and it will be very interesting to see how he gets on," trainer Brian Meehan said.



Did You Know?
Jockeys at Ascot are called to mount by a bell in the parade ring and, unique to Ascot, a bell is also rung as the horses swing into the straight for races run on the round course.

Wednesday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 5:30 p.m.

SANDRINGHAM H.-Listed, £50,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	6	Beat Seven (GB)	Beat Hollow (GB)	Kelleway	133
2	16	Baileys Cacao (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Hannon	129
3	9	Moonlife (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	bin Suroor	128
4	8	Misdaqeya (GB)	Red Tansom	B Hills	128
5	18	Damanyat Girl	Elusive Quality	Haggas	127
6	7	Please Sing (GB)	Royal Applause (GB)	Channon	127
7	21	Rose Diamond (Ire)	Daylami (Ire)	Charlton	125
8	12	Lassarina (Ire)	Sakhee	B Hills	124
9	4	Moneycantbuymelove (Ire)	Pivotal (GB)	Bell	123
10	2	Good Again (GB)	Dubai Destination	Butler	122
11	11	First City (GB)	Diktat (GB)	Simcock	122
12	3	Golden Stream (Ire)	Sadler's Wells	Stoute	121
13	15	Photographic (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	B Hills	121
14	13	Wajaha (Ire)	Haafhd (GB)	Gosden	120
15	10	Arabian Mirage (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Meehan	120
16	1	Badiat Alzaman (Ire)	Zamindar	Simcock	119
17	20	Greenisland (Ire)	Fasliyev	Morrison	119
18	14	Say No Now (Ire)	Refuse to Bend (Ire)	Lanigan	119
19	19	Silver Games (Ire)	Verglas (Ire)	Channon	119
20	5	Qalahari (Ire)	Bahri	Coakley	119
21	17	King's Starlet (GB)	King's Best	Morrison	119

♣ **"TDN Rising Star"** ♣ **Golden Stream** bids to

rebound from a disappointing sixth in the Listed Pretty Polly S. at Newmarket on her seasonal bow May 3.

Moneycantbuymelove, whose trainer Michael Bell won this with subsequent Group 1 winner Red Evie (Ire) (Intikhab) three years ago, was third on that occasion, but got off the mark 18 days later in the Listed Height of Fashion S. at Goodwood.

Thursday, Royal Ascot, Britain

GOLD CUP-G1, £250,000, 4yo/up, 2 1/2mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	1	Eastern Anthem (Ire)	Singspiel (Ire)	Ajtebi	128
2	3	Geordieland (Fr)	Johann Quatz (Fr)	Kelly	128
3	5	Sagara	Sadler's Wells	Durcan	128
4	4	Veracity (GB)	Lomitas (GB)	Dettori	128
5	6	Yeats (Ire)	Sadler's Wells	Murtagh	128
6	9	Centennial (Ire)	Dalakhani (Ire)	Fortune	126
7	7	Hindu Kush (Ire)	Sadler's Wells	Crowley	126
8	8	Patkai (Ire)	Indian Ridge (Ire)	Moore	126
9	2	Washington Irving (Ire)	Montjeu (Ire)	Mulrennan	126

Thursday, Royal Ascot, Britain

RIBBLESDALE S.-G2, £125,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/2mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
1	4	Anice Stellato (Ire)	Dalakhani (Ire)	Callan
2	10	Flame of Gibraltar (Ire)	Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)	Queally
3	2	Flying Cloud (Ire)	Storming Home (GB)	Dettori
4	6	It's Dubai Dolly (GB)	Dubai Destination	d'Avila
5	3	July Jasmine	Empire Maker	Kinane
6	8	Leocorno (Ire)	Pivotal (GB)	Moore
7	5	Mooakada (Ire)	Montjeu (Ire)	R Hills
8	7	Take the Hint (GB)	Montjeu (Ire)	Fortune
9	1	Totally Devoted	Seeking the Gold	Murtagh
10	9	Uvinza (GB)	Bertolini	Spencer

All carry 124 pounds.



Thursday, Royal Ascot, Britain

NORFOLK S.-G2, £90,000, 2yo, 5fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
1	4	Diamond Johnny G	Omega Code	Drowne
2	9	Here Now and Why (Ire)	Pastoral Pursuits (GB)	Callan
3	1	Kingdom of Light (GB)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Mulrennan
4	2	Monsieur Chevalier (Ire)	Chevalier (Ire)	Hughes
5	8	Moran Gra	Rahy	Durcan
6	10	Nosedive (GB)	Observatory	Moore
7	6	Radiohead (GB)	Johannesburg	Spencer
8	5	Reignier (GB)	Kheleyf	Elliott
9	7	Running Mate (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Fortune
10	12	Star Rover (Ire)	Camacho (GB)	Egan
11	11	Tawaabb (GB)	Kyllachy (GB)	Dettori
12	3	Yogaroo	Bring the Heat	Velazquez

All carry 127 pounds.

Saturday, Colonial Downs

COLONIAL TURF CUP S.-GII, \$500,000, 3yo,

1 3/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	ML
1	Al Khali	Medaglia d'Oro	Desormeaux	20-1
2	Winning Vow	Broken Vow	Kaenel	30-1
3	Rescue Squad	Dynaformer	Prado	6-1
4	Straight Story	Giant's Causeway	Lopez	10-1
5	Take the Points	Even the Score	Gomez	3-1
6	Mark S the Cooler	Johar	Nakatani	10-1
7	Final Count	Smart Strike	Lanerie	12-1
8	Battle of Hastings (GB)	Royal Applause (GB)	T Baze	2-1
9	Dover Street Art (Ire)	Alhaarth (Ire)	Delgadillo	30-1
10	Lime Rickey	Lemon Drop Kid	Leparoux	7-2

All carry 117 pounds, bar Battle of Hastings, 119.

Saturday, Colonial Downs

ALL ALONG S.-GIII, \$150,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Sales Tax	High Yield	Homeister Jr	118
2	Kitty Cat Express	Cat Thief	Vail	118
3	Tejida	Rahy	Nakatani	118
4	I Lost My Choo	Western Expression	Lezcano	124
5	Icon Project	Empire Maker	Leparoux	118
6	Dyna's Lassie	Dynaformer	Fogelsonger	118
7	Indescribable	Pleasant Tap	Desormeaux	120
8	Precious Princess	Horse Chestnut (SAf)	Lanerie	118
9	Julia Tuttle	Giant's Causeway	Russell	118
10	Winter View	Thunder Gulch	Prado	124
11	First Ascent	Cherokee Run	Garcia	118
12	Astrologie (Fr)	Polish Precedent	Gomez	118



Henrythenavigator
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Raven's Pass (Elusive Quality)
in last year's G1 St. James's
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☆ NEWS TODAY ☆

THIRTEEN ELECTED TO BC BOARD OF MEMBERS AND TRUSTEES

Officials of Breeders' Cup Limited announced the election of 13 individuals to its Board of Members and Trustees Tuesday evening. The 13 members will each serve a three-year term, beginning July 9. They are:

Elected Member		Notes	Votes
Richard Santulli*	Jayeff "B" Stables		20,808
Clem Murphy*	Coolmore Stud		20,338
Oliver Tait	Darley USA		17,426
Dan Pride*	Fasig-Tipton		12,765
Jack Brothers	Hidden Brook Farm		12,747
Bill Casner	WinStar Farm		12,648
Tom Ludt*	Vinery LLC		12,322
Rob Whiteley	Liberation Farm		12,157
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John Amerman*	Amerman Racing LLC		10,262

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ROYAL ASCOT 2009

Thursday 18 June

2.30p	Norfolk S.-G2	5fT, 2yo
3.05p	Ribblesdale S.-G2	1 1/2mT, 3yo, f
3.45p	Gold Cup-G1	2 1/2mT, 4/up
4.20p	Britannia S. (hcp)	1mT, 3yo, c/g
4.55p	Hampton Court S.-L	1 1/4mT, 3yo
5.30p	King George V S. (hcp)	1 1/2mT, 3yo

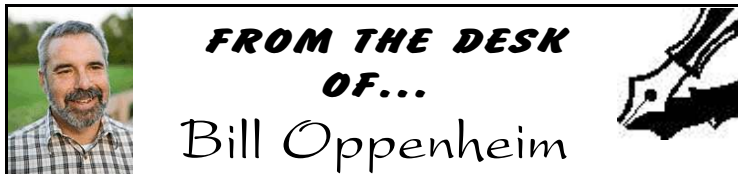
Friday 19 June

2.30p	Albany S.-G3	6fT, 2yo, f
3.05p	King Edward VII S-G2	1 1/2mT, 3yo, c/g
3.45p	Coronation S.-G1	1mT, 3yo, f
4.20p	Wolferton Rated S.-L	1 1/4mT, 3/up
4.55p	Queen's Vase-G3	2mT, 3yo
5.30p	Buckingham Palace S. (hcp)	7fT, 3yo/up

Saturday 20 June

2.30p	Chesham S.-L	7fT, 2yo
3.05p	Hardwicke S.-G2	1 1/2mT, 4/up
3.45p	Golden Jubilee S.-G1	6fT, 3/up
4.25p	Wokingham S. (hcp)	6fT, 3/up
5.00p	Duke of Edinburgh S. (hcp)	1 1/2mT, 3/up
5.35p	Queen Alexandra S. (cond)	2 3/4mT, 4/up

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ASCOT INTERNATIONAL

Yesterday was day one of five of the world's greatest week of racing, Royal Ascot. I missed last year due to chasing around Curtain Call on the Derby trail (who is fine, thank you, but Ascot's good-to-firm is not his ground), so it was interesting to judge the feel of the place, now in its fourth year of the 'new' Ascot. Ground conditions are an issue; the drainage is now so good that Royal Ascot is a meet for fast-ground horses. As long as you know that, it really is the world's best festival of top-class racing, period. I don't think the new, industrial-strength Royal Ascot does have the same feel as it used to, but that's not altogether a bad thing, and these days, it's the bottom line that ultimately determines if something works or not. As long as there is racing, there will be the greatest demand for the best racing, and there just can't be any argument that, day after day, race after race, the best horses than can be mustered assemble for Royal Ascot. For the racing public, that's what matters.

Though we learned a lot yesterday, the races where international invaders trumped the locals were the two five-furlong sprints, the G1 King's Stand S., won by the Australian favorite Scenic Blast, and the closing Listed Windsor Castle S., a five-furlong sprint for two-year-olds, won by the Wesley Ward-trained Strike the Tiger, coming off a win in a 4 1/2-furlong maiden claimer at Churchill Downs. He wasn't the favorite, in fact he defied odds of 45-1 on the Tote by leading all the way. It was huge vindication for Ward's decision to bring a team to Royal Ascot, and he has a few more bullets to fire, notably Aegean, a Northern Afleet filly who is two-for-two, including a win in the G3 Kentucky Juvenile S. on Apr. 30 at Churchill Downs. She runs in Friday's G3 Albany S. against Lillie Langtry, a Danehill Dancer filly who won the Coolmore Fillies' Sprint S. in Ireland on June 1. Strike the Tiger, incidentally, has even further international credentials, as he was sired by Tiger Ridge, a placed Storm Cat half-brother to A.P. Indy who did so well from his Florida crops (1.14 A Runner Index, 2.46 B, through the end of 2008) that he was headhunted for South Africa in 2006. Strike the Tiger is from his final American crop.

As significant as Strike the Tiger's win might have been for American trainers of two-year-olds, even more significant was Scenic Blast's win in the G1 King's Stand. American two-year-old sprinters may be competitive internationally at Listed level at five furlongs, but for pure out-and-out speed on the grass, the Australians rule the world.

This was their fourth win in the King's Stand since 2003, and Scenic Blast (by Scenic, a son of Sadler's Wells who has probably been the top sire in West Australia the last few years) is the third Australian winner, after Takeover Target (2006) and Miss Andretti (2007), to have completed the G1 Lightning S. (five furlongs)--G1 Newmarket S. (six furlongs) double at Flemington racecourse in Melbourne as a launching pad for their assault on the King's Stand. Since Scenic Blast came from off the pace to win the Newmarket (as he did yesterday in the King's Stand), it wouldn't be the biggest surprise in history to see him line up for Saturday's six-furlong G1 Golden Jubilee S. and try to emulate Choisir's history-making King's Stand/Golden Jubilee double in 2003.

Tuesday's most impressive winner, though, came in the G2 Coventry S., a six-furlong race for two-year-olds that is often won by a really good horse; Henrythenavigator won it in 2007, for example. This year's edition was a cakewalk for Canford Cliffs, who burned off the second- and third-favorites, No Hubris (Proud Citizen) and Red Jazz (Johannesburg), and then sailed clear for a six-length win over two longshots who closed to pick up the pieces. Canford Cliffs was a £50,000 Doncaster yearling by the late Tagula, winner of the 1995 G1 Prix Morny, and himself by Taufan. Taufan is perhaps the best horse sired by Stop the Music, a contemporary of Secretariat's who showed top-class form up to 10 furlongs, in two Irish crops before being returned to Kentucky, where he proved a pretty useful sire. Tagula couldn't really be called a good sire (most recent APEX A Runner Index: 0.57), but he was capable of getting very good horses up to a mile, and yesterday he was also represented by the seven-year-old Tax Free, unplaced in the King's Stand but already a Group 2 winner this year; and three-year-old Pure Poetry, unplaced in the G1 St. James's Palace S., but a Listed winner and group-placed at a mile earlier this year.

Trainer Richard Hannon initiated a double for the day with a first Group 1 win at a mile for the admirable Paco Boy, by Desert Style, another inconsistent sire who has sired top-class horses in the past, including the likes of Bachir, Next Desert, and Mandesha. Paco Boy won four seven-furlong group races last year as a three-year-old, including the G1 Prix de la Foret, and he won the G2 Sandown Mile this year, but yesterday's win in the G1 Queen Anne S. was his first Group 1 at a mile. He might have benefited from the eclipse of the highly touted G1 Dubai Duty Free winner Gladiatorus, who went off a tepid favorite, but went out like a light after cutting out the fractions for the first half-mile. The consensus around the place was this was a well-deserved win by Paco Boy, who has now won nine of his 14 starts and over £560,000 in prize money.

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The G1 St. James's Palace S., run at a mile around a turn (the Queen Anne is a straight mile) is often where the English, Irish, and French 2000 Guineas winners meet in what is essentially a climactic early-season championship decider, a sort of European 2000 Guineas. This year, the G1 English 2000 Guineas winner was Sea the Stars (Cape Cross), who went on to win the G1 Epsom Derby. In the Guineas, he defeated Delegator (Dansili), Gan Amhras (Galileo), an also-ran at Epsom, Rip Van Winkle (Galileo), also fourth at Epsom, and Mastercraftsman (Danehill Dancer). The G1 Poule d'essai des Poulains winner, Silver Frost, from Verglas's first Irish crop, contested the G1 Prix du Jockey-Club, in which he failed to stay and finished only sixth. Mastercraftsman, who had been a dual Group 1 winner in Ireland as a two-year-old, easily won the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas on very heavy ground, in which Delegator floundered and swam home in eighth. Mastercraftsman was odds-on for yesterday's St James's Palace, in spite of the very different ground conditions (one of his Group 1 wins at two was on good-to-firm), but Delegator gave him all he could handle in a great battle, in which Mastercraftsman prevailed. Lord Shanakill, from Speightstown's first crop and a Group 2 winner last year and second in the G1 Dewhurst, flopped in the English 2000 last month, but bounced back to form with a good third yesterday.

Today's feature is the G1 Prince of Wales's S. over 10 furlongs, in which last year's G1 Epsom Derby second, Tartan Bearer (a full brother to Golan, from Spectrum's last Irish crop before export to South Africa), is opposed by two recent French Group 1 winners, Vision d'Etat (by Chichicastenango, who was very successful from small crops and was bought by the Yoshidas and moved to Japan) and Never on Sunday (by Sunday Break, who moved to France from Kentucky this year--he's by Forty Niner out of a Sunday Silence mare), representing the triple French Classic-winning team of Jean-Claude Rouget and Christophe Lemaire. Wesley Ward fires Jealous Again (by Trippi, another successful sire in Florida bought by South Africa), who was second to stablemate Aegean in the GIII Kentucky Juvenile, in a competitive-looking edition of the G2 Queen Mary S. for two-year-old fillies over five furlongs, on tomorrow's undercard.

The card also features the Jim Bolger-trained triple 2008 Group 1 winner Lush Lashes (Galileo), attempting to concede five pounds to the opposition in the one-mile G2 Windsor Forest S. for four-year-olds and up, fillies and mares. In the Queen Mary, two fillies by first-crop sires are disputing favoritism: the once-raced Rose Blossom, by the speedball Pastoral Pursuits (by Bahamian Bounty, by Cadeaux Genereux, from the fading Hyperion line), broke :58 for five furlongs at an uphill track; while Don't Tell Mary, from the first crop by the New Zealand-bred Starcraft and trained by the up-and-coming Tom Dascombe, is two-for-two, including a listed win over five furlongs. Starcraft, a triple Group 1 winner in Australia from a New Zealand-sired crop by Soviet Star, was sent 'up north' by owner Paul Makin to Luca Cumani for the 2005 season, and rewarded their efforts with a Group 1 double at a mile in the G1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp and the G1 Queen Elizabeth S. He stood only the one season in Britain, at Cheveley Park Stud, and was due to come back, but an injury precluded his return. He might yet get back up north, if Don't Tell Mary is the G2 Queen Mary winner this time tomorrow.

Thursday features the great Yeats (Sadler's Wells) attempting to win the 2 1/2-mile G1 Gold Cup for a record fourth time. Friday is the G1 Coronation S. for three-year-old fillies, this one featuring the winners of the G1 English (Ghanaati, by Giant's Causeway), French (Elusive Wave, from Elusive City's first crop), and Irish (Again, by Danehill Dancer) 1000 Guineas. Saturday's feature is the ultra-competitive six-furlong G1 Golden Jubilee, including invaders from South Africa, Hong Kong and Australia--and Greece. The hits just keep on coming.

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CANADIAN ROYAL TRADITION

With the 150th renewal of the oldest continuously run stakes race in North America looming, a deep cast of potential stars are once again poised to join the ranks of a long list of Canadian champions in Sunday's Queen's Plate S. at Woodbine Racetrack in Toronto. Deep in history, the event was given the green light on Apr. 1, 1859, when the Toronto Turf Club, headed by President Sir Casimir Gzowski, was granted its petition to stage the inaugural Queen's Plate. The race--created in honor of the ruling monarch of the time, Queen

Victoria--was contested at Carleton racetrack in Toronto on Wednesday, June 27, 1860. The inaugural edition of the 'Gallop for the Guineas'--referring to the annual royal gift of fifty guineas presented to the winning connections--was taken by owner/trainer James White's Don Juan. Through the next 40 editions of the race, the winner's purse contained sovereigns, as minting guineas in England was discontinued by King George III. However, the presentation of the royal guineas was resumed following the death of Queen Victoria. Through 149 runnings of the Canadian Classic, Joseph E. Seagram--a prominent distiller from Waterloo--holds the distinction as having amassed the most wins as owner, having won the race on 20 occasions between 1891 and 1935. A pair of trainers have collected eight wins apiece: Harry Giddings, Jr. (1911, 1913-14, 1920, 1931-32, 1934 and 1942) and Roger Attfield (1976, 1987, 1989, 1990, 1992-93, 1995 and 2008). A trio of jockeys have garnered four victories: Avelino Gomez (1957, 1960, 1966, 1969); Sandy Hawley (1970-71, 1975, 1978); and Robin Platts (1972, 1974, 1977, 1984).



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Evolution of a Classic...

Ranging in distance from two to three miles (conducted in consecutive, one-mile heats from 1860 to 1867) to its present-day trip of 1 1/4 miles (run at that distance since 1957), the Queen's Plate had been contested at 11 different racetracks from 1864 through 1880.

Among the Ontario-area cities are Guelph, St Catherines, Whitby, Kingston, Barrie, Woodstock, Picton, London, Hamilton

and Ottawa. However, the race finally settled permanently--upon the approval of The Queen--in Toronto in 1883. In an attempt to retain its perpetuity during World War I, the event was staged during a Red Cross Horse Show in Toronto in 1918 and 1919, representing the only two races contested during those two racing seasons. After racing for years at 'Old' Woodbine (later renamed Greenwood), the Classic found a new home at New Woodbine Racetrack, which opened on June 12, 1956.



Return of the Queen...

Renamed the King's Plate in 1902 in honor of King Edward VII--the event was graced by its first ruling monarch when King George VII--accompanied by Queen



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Elizabeth (subsequently known as The Queen Mother)--presided over the event in 1939, the year Archworth galloped home a 10-length winner. Queen Elizabeth also attended in 1981 when Fiddle Dancer Boy scored for J.B.W Carmichael and James Bentley, and in 1989, the year Kinghaven Farms' With Approval

(Caro {Ire}) gave Roger Attfield his second of four wins for the Willmot Family operation. In 1952, the race--which was opened to all Canadian-bred three-year-olds in 1944--reverted to its former name following the ascension of Elizabeth II to the throne of England. Queen Elizabeth II, who was in attendance for the 100th running of the event in 1959, made her only other visit to the Plate in 1973, the year Royal Chocolate triumphed for Stafford Farms and trainer Gil Rowntree.

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THE QUEEN'S PLATE

Best of the Best...

Contested as the first jewel in the Canadian Triple Crown, the Queen's Plate been the launching pad for seven horses that have gone on to collect the final two jewels of the crown--the Prince of Wales S. and the Breeders' S. The only series of its kind in North America which is contested over two different surfaces (main track and turf), the Triple Crown was first conquered in 1959 by E.P. Taylor's New Providence, who was the fourth Plate winner--and the first of five in the ensuing six years--for Windfields Farm. Among those was Triple Crown winner Canebora, who took the Plate in 1963. Canadian racing would have to wait 25 years for the next Triple Crown winner, With Approval (1989), before anointing Izvestia (Icecapade) (1990), Dance Smartly (Danzig) (1991), Peteski (Affirmed) (1993) and Wando (Langfuhr) (2003). Arguably one of the best horses never to win the Canadian Triple Crown was Winfield Farm's Northern Dancer (Nearctic). Winner of the Kentucky Derby and Preakness S. in 1964, the stocky bay romped home an easy 7 1/2-length winner in the 105th edition of the race.



Northern Dancer

Fillies have performed exceptionally well in the Canadian sophomore Classic, having collected 33 editions for the fairer sex. The first to accomplish the feat was Brunette, who won two of three heats and was fourth in the other in the 1864 edition of the contest. In the 20th century, 16 fillies won the Plate, including Belle Mahone (1917), Queensway (1932), Canadiana (1953), Flaming Page (1962), Jammed Lovely (1967), La Lorgette (1985) and Dance Smartly (1991), who holds the distinction of being the lone filly to produce a Queen's Plate winner when Dancethruthedawn



Dance Smartly

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(Mr. Prospector) became the only filly this century to take the 1 1/4-mile Classic in 2001. Of the human persuasion, Josie Carroll became the first female trainer to saddle a Plate winner when Edenwold (Southern Halo) scored in 2006, while Emma-Jayne Wilson earned Plate honors in 2007 aboard Mike Fox (Giant's Causeway).

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 **NORTH AMERICA** 

OBS JUNE OFF TO SLUGGISH START Numbers at this spring's juvenile-in-training sales have been off roughly 30 percent, and yesterday's opening session of the OBS June Sale of Two-Year-Olds and Horses of Racing Age stayed true to form. At the OBS Complex in Ocala, Florida, the average was down 30 percent to \$14,603 and the median was down 30.8 percent to \$9,000. Last year's corresponding session enjoyed modest gains and saw seven juveniles sell for six figures, led by Driven by Fear, a Yonaguska three-parts brother to Recapturetheglory who was knocked down for \$210,000. This year, just two horses eclipsed the \$100,000 mark. The day's topper was hip 40, a grey filly by Maria's Mon who sold to SHIM Racing for \$130,000. Consigned by Ciaran Dunne's Wavertree Stable, the filly was produced by the stakes-winning Silver Hawk mare Merit Wings and was acquired as a Keeneland September yearling for \$130,000. Wavertree offered her at the Fasig-Tipton Calder Sale in March, where she failed to meet her reserve at \$80,000. In advance of the June Sale, she breezed an eighth in :10 1/5 ([video](#)) and was one of four to share the bullet at the first breeze show. Hip 40 was bred by Phillips Racing Partnership in Kentucky. The other horse to sell for six figures came toward the end of the day, from the draft of Harris Training Center LLC, Agent I. Hip 260, a filly by Fusaichi Pegasus--Wandel (Arg), by Fitzcarraldo (Arg), was secured by Christina Jelm, agent for Eamon Cleary, for \$122,000. Produced by a mare who was multiple group-placed in Argentina, the filly is a half-sister to champion filly Salt Champ (Arg) (Salt Lake) and to the group-placed Lucky Wish (Arg) (Lucky Roberto). Hip 260 was bred in Kentucky by Diamond A Racing Corp. and Arturo Vargas and had not previously been offered at auction. She worked an eighth in :10 3/5 at the under-tack show ([video](#)). The sale concludes today with a session beginning at 10:30 a.m.

OBS JUNE SALE OF TWO-YEAR-OLDS

SESSION TOTALS	2009	2008
Catalogued	270	296
No. Offered	208	228
No. Sold	146	192
RNAs	62	36
% RNA	29.8%	15.8%
No. Over \$100K	2	7
High Price	\$130,000	\$210,000
Gross	\$2,132,100	\$4,003,200
Average (% change)	\$14,603 (-30%)	\$20,850
Median (% change)	\$9,000 (-30.8%)	\$13,000

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JOCKEYS' GUILD SUPPORTS GAMING IN KENTUCKY

In a letter to the Kentucky General Assembly, the Jockeys' Guild--the organization which represents jockeys nationwide--urged Kentucky legislators to support expanded gaming to benefit Kentucky's racing and breeding industry. The group requested support for legislation to allow video lottery terminals at Kentucky racetracks. "Churchill Downs and Keeneland are two of the top tracks in the country, but we shouldn't underestimate the importance of Kentucky Downs, Ellis Park and Turfway Park," board member and jockey Jon Court said in the letter. "Together, these tracks provide a year-round racing circuit that keeps horses in Kentucky. Without access to racing, horses and the people that depend on this circuit for their livelihood will have no choice but to go where they can make a living. We need to make sure Kentucky's Thoroughbred industry stays ahead of the curve." Fellow board member and jockey Robby Albarado added, "The reduced spending in education and social services we have seen recently has severely undermined the opportunities made available for young people to break the cycle of poverty. I fear that unless we come up with a solution to the budget deficits we are currently facing, the problems I see on an everyday basis will worsen. Expanded gaming will not only help the horsemen and racetracks and provide jobs in the Louisville area, but it will also fund education programs and other services that are essential to ensuring that those who live below the poverty line are given every opportunity to rise above it."

★ **NEW YORK** ★

Quality Road Settles into Pletcher Barn:

GI Florida Derby winner **Quality Road** (Elusive Quality) had his first gallop at Belmont Park yesterday since transferring to Todd Pletcher's barn Monday. The Edward P. Evans homebred was formerly conditioned by Jimmy Jerkens. "He's a very good horse and we just hope we can do as well as Jimmy did with him," Pletcher said. "We're familiarizing ourselves with him and trying to get him into a work program. Mr. Evans had talked about the [GII] Jim Dandy [at Saratoga Aug. 1], and we'll see if we can try to have him ready for that. We know how talented he is--we've seen him run." Forced to miss the GI Kentucky Derby due to a quarter crack injury, the handsome bay returned to the worktab with a three-furlong move over the training track in :38 4/5 June 8.

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3:40p
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6th-BEL, \$50K, OC 75K/NW3X, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT
JUSTENUFFHUMOR ([Distorted Humor](#)) looks for his fourth straight win. The Darley colt, a \$550,000 KEESEP yearling, suffered his lone defeat when ninth over the Polytrack at Keeneland in his debut last October. Switched to the lawn, the four-year-old scored a pair of victories at Gulfstream before taking an Aqueduct allowance Apr. 25 last time out.

4:24p
HRTV

8th-DEL, \$39K, NW1X, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT
NICANOR ([Dynaformer](#)), a full brother to GI Kentucky Derby hero Barbaro, romped home by 15 1/4 lengths in his turf debut over this course May 13. The Lael homebred will look to make it two in a row for Michael Matz.

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KIDDARI (left) cruised to her second victory in a row by winning a \$50,200 allowance at Churchill Downs. That same day **I'LL SHOW THEM** debuted a winner in a classy maiden special, similar to two-year-old **BACKTALK's** win just days earlier. To get classy winners with tons of potential, call Three Chimneys for Smarty Jones.

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Yesterday's Results:

7th-PHA, \$44,430, Alw, NW1X, 3, f, 1m, 1:39 1/5, ft.
KEY LIME BABY (f, 3, [Champali](#)--[Cheeksandpeanuts](#) {MSW}, by [Pioneering](#)) romped home by 16 lengths in her maiden-breaking win over track and trip last time out May 2. The 6-5 favorite, six wide on the first turn, took the lead on the backstretch and set moderate fractions. She carried a two-length advantage into the lane and held sway to best Diva's Gold (Tenpins) by a half length. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, \$59,900. O/B-Gryphon Investments LLC (KY). T-Dee Curry.

BLACK-TYPE STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17:
6-27 \$250/50,000 **Vanity Breeders' Cup H.-I, Hol, 3yo/up, f/m, 9f (AWT) (250)**
6-28 \$150,000 **Beverly Hills H.-II, Hol, 3/up, f/m, 10fT (150)**



Monday Night Results:

3rd-MNR, \$19,600, Msw, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f, :52, ft.
BRONX CITY GIRL (f, 2, [Yankee Gentleman](#)--[Carsona](#) {GISP, \$174,862}, by [Carson City](#)), fourth on debut over the synthetic track at Presque Isle Downs May 29, was the 1-2 favorite in this second go. The bay filly broke outward, but recovered to speed up to the early lead. She quickly distanced herself from the field and romped home 12 lengths in front. The \$105,000 KEENOV weanling and \$100,000 KEESEP yearling is a half sister to Siphon City (Siphon {Brz}, MGSW, \$375,767). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$13,510. O-Bill Hayes. B-Brereton C Jones (KY). T-Thomas M Amoss.

★ INDUSTRY INFO ★

Diane Lane to Play Penny Chenery in Secretariat Movie:

Actress Diane Lane will play Penny Chenery in Disney's upcoming film, *Secretariat*. The movie focuses on the relationship between Chenery and the 1973 Triple Crown hero. "*Secretariat* is a golden opportunity for Thoroughbred racing to reach a global audience and bring more interest to the sport," said Chenery, *Secretariat's* owner. "All parties are excited about this project and look forward to working together to bring this incredible story to the big screen." Chenery continued, "Diane Lane is a lovely and talented actress who



Mark Ciardi, Randall Wallace, Secretariat's exercise rider Jimmy Gaffney and actress Diane Lane in the Belmont paddock
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makes each of her characters a real and sympathetic person. I am honored and delighted to be portrayed by such a skillful and perceptive actress in this project. Together Disney will retell our story with warmth and intelligence. This team will make a moving film about the power and the beauty of the

Thoroughbred horse and an old man's dream." The script was written by Mike Rich. Mark Ciardi and Gordon Gray of Mayhem will produce; Randall Wallace has been chosen to direct. "Young people today know *Secretariat's* name, but this film will show them why he was the greatest horse ever to compete in this sport," *Secretariat's* jockey Ron Turcotte said. "For years now, I've told stories about my time with *Secretariat*. He gave me some of the greatest moments of my life, and I loved him. Now they won't have to listen to me; they'll be able to see for themselves just how special he was." For more information, visit www.secretariat.com.



★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN BRITAIN:

Judgethemoment, c, 4, Judge T C. See "Britain."
Turjuman, g, 4, **Swain (Ire)**--Hachiyah (Ire), by Generous (Ire). Windsor, Britain, 6-15, Hcp, 4yo/up, 11f 135ydsT. B-Shadwell Farm LLC. *29,000gns HIT '08 TATAUT.
White Deer, g, 5, **Stravinsky**--Brookshield Baby (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. Thirsk, Britain, 6-16, Hcp, 3yo/up, 7fT. B-Fleetwood Bloodstock, B D Gibbs Farm LLC & Castle Park Farm LLC. *\$22,000 RNA wnlng '04 KEENOV; \$15,000 RNA yrl '05 DEAAUG; 16,500gns HIT '07 DONHIT.

IN FRANCE:

Sea Fight, c, 3, **Smart Strike**. See "Breeders' Edition, Europe."

IN ARGENTINA:

Star In Love, f, 3, **Arch**---Star Quality (Arg) (MGSW-Arg), by Southern Halo. Palermo, 6-15, 1000m, :55.20. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0. O-Stud Rubio B.; B-Grapestock LLC (KY); T-Juan Javier Etchechoury. *\$22,000 yrl '07 KEESEP.

IN BRAZIL:

Lady of War, f, 3, **War Chant**--Potra Fabulous (Arg) (G1SW-Arg & GSP-US, \$108,584-US), by Potrillon (Arg). Cidade Jardim, 6-15, 1400mT, 1:25.42. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1. O-Haras Louveira Ltda.; B-Ranco San Peasea S.A. (KY); T-Edemir Garcia. *\$7,000 wnl '06 KEENOV.

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LIMEHOUSE (Grand Slam), Vinery, \$18K, 99/4/1
 1-PID, Msw, 4 1/2f, Horrendous, \$9K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1
VALUE PLUS (Unbridled's Song), Taylor Made, \$10K, 98/1/0
 1-PID, Msw, 4 1/2f, Value Your Angel, 6-1

First/Second-crop starters to watch: Wed., June 17
Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2005 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs
Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

DOMESTIC DISPUTE (Unbridled's Song), Northview, \$5K, 156/21/0
 1-PID, Msw, 4 1/2f, +McKenzie Friend, \$19K EAS SEP yrl, 6-1



Observations

on today's European racing scene

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4.20 Royal Ascot, Hcp, £100,000, 3yo/up, 1mT
FORGOTTEN VOICE (IRE) (**Danehill Dancer (Ire)**) puts his unbeaten record on the line for owners Paul and Susan Roy in the ever-competitive Royal Hunt Cup. Lightly raced so far, the Jeremy Nosedo-trained four-year-old from the immediate family of Arcangues earned a trip here with a smooth success in a mile handicap on Kempton's Polytrack last month and could yet develop into a pattern-race performer.



★ ROYAL ASCOT ★

Yesterday's Results:

ASCOT S. (HCP), £50,000, Ascot, 6-16, 4yo/up, 2 1/2mT, 4:25.55, gd/fm.

- 1--**JUDGETHEMOMENT, 131, c, 4, Judge T C--Rachael Tennessee, by Matsadoon.** (\$12,000 RNA yrl '06 FTNAUG; 25,000gns RNA 2yo '07 TATAPR). O-Gordon Li; B-Todd & Michele Graves; T-Jane Chapple-Hyam; J-Richard Hughes; £31,155. Lifetime Record: 16-5-0-4, £57,577. *1/2 to Muharib (Far North), GSP-GB; and Olympic Express (GB) (Bishop of Cashel {GB}), G1SW-HK, \$3,558,739.
- 2--**Sesenta (Ire)**, 132, m, 5, King's Theatre (Ire)--Cinquenta (Ire), by Bob Back. £9,330.
- 3--**Royal Rationale (Ire)**, 125, g, 5, Desert Prince (Ire)--Logic (GB), by Slip Anchor (GB). (78,000gns HIT '07 TATAUT). £4,665.

Margins: HF, 3/4, 3 3/4. Odds: 13-2, 10-1, 20-1.

Judgethemoment enjoyed a textbook preparation for this marathon when staying on to win a two-mile handicap here May 9. Racing in the second rank after the early strides, he was niggled at to make up lost ground from midfield as he dodged back-pedaling traffic passing the half-mile pole. Coming under full pressure at the top of the lane, he hit the front 1 1/2 furlongs out and dug deep to repel Sesenta and complete a trio of wins for rider Richard Hughes. Trainer Jane Chapple-Hyam said, "He's done the job nicely. It's been a six-month plan and it's worked out. It's been very lucky for the Australians today! We knew he'd get the 2 1/2 miles and Hughesy put him down as his banker, which is quite impressive for the day he's had! I'm a bit against going to the G1 Melbourne Cup. He's in the Northumberland Plate H. [at Newcastle June 27], and we'll see how the weights are and how he comes out of the race." [Video, courtesy of attheraces.](#)



Horsephotos



★ BRITAIN ★

Yesterday's Results:

Yarmouth, 19.00, Mdn, £4,200, 2yo, 5f 43ydsT, 1:05.51, gd.
 + **DRIFT AND DREAM (GB) (f, 2, [Exceed and Excel {Aus}](#)--[Sea Drift {Fr}](#), by [Warning {GB}](#)), who RNA'd at 4,000gns as a TATOCT yearling, was niggled at towards the rear initially. Pushed up to challenge at the quarter pole, the 9-1 chance hit the front 100 yards from home and ran on well to overcome Ignatieff (Ire) (Fasliyev) by a head. [Video, courtesy of attheraces.](#)
 Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £2,720.
 O/B-Lady Juliet Tadgell; T-Chris Wall.**

Thirsk, 18.15, Mdn, £4,000, 3-4yo, 5fT, :58.68, gd/fm.
 + **CRIMEA (IRE) (c, 3, [Kheleyf](#)--[Russian Countess {MSP-Fr}](#), by [Nureyev](#)), a half-brother to Crown of Light (GB) (Mtoto {GB}), SW & MG1SP-GB, \$128,520; and Alboostan (GB) (Sabrehill), SW-GB & G1SP-Fr, soon raced close-up in second. Eased to the front at halfway, the heavily supported 11-10 pick was pushed out to score by 2 1/2 lengths from Cheyenne Red (Ire) (Namid {GB}). Crimea was a 120,000gns TATOCT yearling. [Video, courtesy Racing UK.](#) Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £2,590.
 O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Lodge Park Stud; T-Mark Johnston.**

★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday's Result:

Compiègne, 15.40, Cond, €24,000, 3yo, 1 1/8mT, 1:49.72, gd/sf.
CICERON (IRE) (c, 3, [Pivotal {GB}](#)--[Aiglone {GSW-Fr, GSP-US}](#), \$139,218), by [Silver Hawk](#)), seventh in a 14-furlong maiden at Maisons-Laffitte last time May 27, stalked the early pace in second. Pushed along at the quarter pole, the 100-30 second choice hit the front a furlong later and was ridden out to best Tucumano (Fr) (Anabaa Blue {GB}) by three lengths. Ciceron is a half-brother to Democrate (GB) (Dalakhani {Ire}), GSW-Fr, \$140,001. Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 1 win, 2 places, €19,300.
 O-Mrs Paul de Moussac and Ecurie Skymarc Farm; B-Haras du Mezeray & Ecurie Skymarc Farm; T-Alain de Royer-Dupre.

★ ITALY ★

Monday Night's Result:

Rome, 20.35, Cond, €22,500, 2yo, f, 6fT, 1:11.00, gd.
EXOTIC GIRL (IRE) (f, 2, [Antonius Pius](#)--[Burn {GB}](#), by [Selkirk](#)), fifth in the Listed Premio Alessandro Perrone here June 2, was never far off the pace in midfield here. Following traffic problems at the quarter pole, the €3,000 GOFSP yearling sprinted through a gap to hit the front 100 yards from home and score by a neck from Kaspirt (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) at 5-1. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, €17,850.
 O/T-A Peraino; B-K J Molloy.

★ SWEDEN ★

Yesterday's Results:

BLOOMERS' VASE-Listed, SKr300,000, Taby, 6-16, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:39.80, gd.
 1--**#THEATRICAL AWARD (NOR), 134, f, 4, [Academy Award](#)--[Theatre Antique](#), by [Theatrical \(Ire\)](#)**. O-Stall Bernadette; B-Johan Sohlberg; T-Marianne Tveter; J-Carlos Lopez; SKr150,000. Lifetime Record: 11-7-0-0, SKr1,644,053.
 2--**[Graphiella \(Swe\)](#), 124, f, 3, [Terroir \(Ire\)](#)--[Jade's Jewel \(Ire\)](#), by [Mukaddamah](#)**. SKr75,000.
 3--**[Gimme Gimme \(Swe\)](#), 134, f, 4, [Funambule](#)--[Imsoexcited \(Ire\)](#), by [Mujadil](#)**. SKr36,000.
 Margins: 3, HF, 2HF. Odds: 4.40, 24.90, 19.00.
 Also Ran: [Good Girl \(Den\)](#), [Ellicat \(Swe\)](#), [Dalmeny \(GB\)](#), [Double Up \(Swe\)](#), [Sweet Fox Fever](#), [Will Be \(Ire\)](#), [Grafitti \(GB\)](#), [Aneebiee \(Ire\)](#), [Fair Flair \(Ire\)](#), [Novasky \(Swe\)](#). Scratched: [Tebheagnaneilan \(Swe\)](#), [Distant Star \(Fr\)](#).



No Bird's catchin' this chick!" was the winning caption, penned by Renee Cook, in this month's Richland Hills Farm/Thoroughbred Daily News cartoon caption contest. Cook will receive \$100 and a framed original copy of the cartoon, by Remi Bellocq, with the winning caption. Honorable mentions included: Girls rule, boys drool!; Get used to the view, boys...; and How's the view from behind, boys? Look for future contests in the TDN or on www.richlandhillsfarm.com under the contests/features tab.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-PHA, \$50,580, NW16MX, 3yo/up, 5f (off turf), :56 3/5, ft.

CHEROKEE COUNTRY (h, 5, Yonaguska--Jetazelle, by Tri Jet) Lifetime Record: MSW, 18-8-4-2, \$266,540. O-Victory Thoroughbreds LLC. B-Clarkland Farm (KY). T-Ramon Preciado. *\$210,000 wlng '04 KEENOV. **1/2 to Runaway Jet (Runaway Groom), SW, \$149,946.

9th-PHA, \$45,496, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW4X, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f (off turf), :57 2/5, ft.

SHANANIES SONG (m, 5, Eltish--Shananie Presence, by Shananie) Lifetime Record: SW, 12-5-3-2, \$156,470. O/B-Charles T Matses (FL). T-Edward T Allard. *1/2 to Olivia's Notebook (Notebook), MSP-PR, \$187,365.

6th-IND, \$31,000, NW4L, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12 1/5, ft.

CLASSIC RAMONA (f, 4, Crown Ambassador--Ramona's Rose {SW, \$133,322}, by Lac Ouimet) Lifetime Record: SW, 16-4-2-1, \$79,900. O/B-Larry R Dean & David H Jones (IN). T-David E Paulus.

8th-PRM, \$28,650, 6-15, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:08 3/5, ft.

EZ DREAMER (c, 4, In Excess {Ire}--French Debutante, by French Deputy) Lifetime Record: MSW & GSP, 16-5-6-3, \$235,365. O/B-Triple AAA Ranch (AZ). T-R Kory Owens.

5th-IND, \$25,000, 6-15, Opt. Clm. (\$30,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, a7 1/2fT, 1:29, fm.

HARK (m, 5, Street Cry {Ire}--Bal Boree, by Seattle Slew) Lifetime Record: 6-3-2-0, \$74,298. O-Lynn Carlisle & Darlene Anderson. B-Lynn Carlisle (KY). T-John T Ward Jr. *\$32,000 RNA yrl '05 FTKOCT; \$65,000 RNA yrl '05 KEESEP.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Quick in Motion, f, 3, Medaglia d'Oro--Trisha Quick, by Deputy Minister. PRM, 6-15, 1m, 1:39 3/5. B-The Answer LLC (KY). *\$70,000 RNA yrl '07 KEESEP; \$42,000 RNA HRA '08 OBSMAR.

Homecroft, c, 3, Polish Miner--Sent Certified, by Strike Gold. DEL, 6-16, 6f, 1:10 4/5. B-Sooner Hope Farm (DE).

A # will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, 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.

✓ APPOINTMENTS

BRAD LOVELL

- Appointed to the position of Director of Information Technology at Keeneland.
- Formerly Managing Director of Information Technology for NASCAR, Inc.
- Responsible for working with management to establish the overall technology direction for Keeneland in both strategic and technical terms and for furthering Keeneland's mission to provide innovation and leadership in the horse industry.
- "Brad's experience with NASCAR--widely respected for its fan-friendly technology and promotional savvy--will help us expand opportunities for our clients, sponsors, media and, most importantly, our fans," said Keeneland President and CEO Nick Nicholson. "NASCAR is at the forefront in terms of cutting-edge technology, broadcast graphics display and database use to reach its audience. We are excited to apply Brad's skills to exploring new, innovative means for racing to better connect with its customers."

• ON THE WORKTAB •

- ARLINGTON
Poni Colada (Volponi), 5f, 1:01.00, 5/16
- BELMONT PARK
Dress Rehearsal (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), 6fT, 1:17.75, 2/2
- CHURCHILL DOWNS
Sir Whimsey (Jump Start), 4f, :50.80, 13/26
- FAIR HILL
Lantana Mob (Posse), 5f, 1:02.80, 8/10
Peace Town (Peace Rules), 5f, 1:01.80, 1/3
- HOLLYWOOD
Gato Go Win (City Place), 6f, 1:12.40, 1/2
- SANTA ANITA
Bahama Mama (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), 5f, 1:03.60, 20/21
Blame the Wine (Decarchy), 7f, 1:28.60, 2/2
Crown of Thorns (Repent), 5f, 1:02.00, 14/21
Valbenny (Ire) (Val Royal {Ire}), 5f, 1:01.40, 11/21
Witty (Distorted Humor), 7f, 1:26.60, 1/2
Za Za Zu (Dynaformer), 3f, :37.60, 9/17

SYNTHETIC SURFACES IN NORTH AMERICA

Track	All-Weather Surface
Arlington Park	Polytrack
Del Mar	Polytrack
Keeneland	Polytrack
Turfway Park	Polytrack
Woodbine	Polytrack
Hollywood	Cushion Track
Santa Anita	Pro-Ride
Golden Gate	Tapeta Footings
Presque Isle Downs	Tapeta Footings
OBS Training Center	Safetrack



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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Compiègne, 15.05, 6-16, €24,000, 3yo, 7fT, 1:25.14, gd/sf.

SEA FIGHT (c, 3, **Smart Strike**--Incredulous {Fr}, by **Indian Ridge** {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 2 wins, 2 places, €27,050. O/B-Dr Catherine Wills; T-N Clement. *3/4 to Sir Gerry (Carson City), GSW & G1SP-Eng, GSP-Fr, \$326,756.

FRANCE, Salon-de-Provence, 16.00, 6-15, €15,000, 3yo, 1 1/8mT, 1:51.31, gd.

CHALSA (FR) (c, 3, **Kingsalsa**--Karmichah {Fr} {MSW & MGSP-Fr}, by **Nice Havrais**) Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €15,200. O-Joseph Troggi; B-E Talvard, U Fricker & Miss M L Collet; T-P Khozian. *€14,000 HIT '08 STCHIT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Jehu (GB), c, 2, **Antonius Pius**--Chalosse (GB), by Doyoun (Ire). Thirsk, Britain, 6-16, Mdn, 2yo, 7fT. B-W P Churchward & Mrs C Hue-Williams. *24,000gns yrl '08 TATOCT. **Seventh winner for freshman sire (by Danzig).

Mambo Star (Fr), c, 2, **Okawango**--Saskya's Dream (Ire), by Ashkalani (Ire). Salon-de-Provence, France, 6-15, Mdn, 2yo, 5 1/2fT. B-Haras d'Etreham, Mrs R Ades & Mrs P Ades-Hazan. *€12,000 RNA yrl '08 ARQAUG.

American Bowl (Fr), g, 3, **American Post (GB)**--Lady Zorreghuetta (Fr), by Anabaa. Nort-sur-Erdre, France, 6-15, Mdn, 3yo, 1 9/16mT. B-B Van Dalfsen.

Alca Desert (Ire), c, 3, **Desert Prince (Ire)**--Absynthe (Ire), by Priolo. Rome, Italy, 6-15, Mdn, 3yo, 1 5/16m (AWT). B-Al Ca Torre di Canicarao.

Spirit of the King (Fr), c, 3, **Kingsalsa**--Lavayssierre (Fr), by Sicyos. Salon-de-Provence, France, 6-15, Cond, 3yo, 1 1/2mT. B-K Chehboub & B Chehboub. *Full to Salsalava (Fr), MSW-Fr, \$264,766; 1/2 to Spirit One (Fr) (Anabaa Blue {GB}), GISW-US, MGSW & G1SP-Fr, \$1,107,140; Salsalavie (Fr) (Fly to the Stars (GB)), GSP-Fr, \$135,607.

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GLASGOW'S GOLD, 13, Seeking the Gold--Gorgeous, by Slew o'Gold

Foal born Apr. 19, a filly by Vindication.

Will be bred back to Indian Charlie.

Owned by Byerpatch Farm & Serengeti Stable.

Boarded at Taylor Made.

Accomplishments: Dam of Croisiere (Capote), SW-US & Ger, SP-Fr; Swift Temper (Giant's Causeway), MGSW, \$390,799.

MOLTO VITA, 9, Carson City--Princess Polonia, by Danzig

Foal born May 2, a filly by Bernardini.

Will be bred back to Unbridled's Song.

Owned by John Gunther.

Boarded at Glennwood Farm.

Accomplishments: GSW & MGISP, \$576,997.

THEN SHE LAUGHS, 8, Distorted Humor--Dances With Quack, by Sovereign Dancer

Foal born May 2, a colt by Bluegrass Cat.

Will be bred back to Quiet American.

Owned by and boarded at Edition Farm.

Accomplishments: SW & GSP, \$151,200.

SALTY SAL, 15, Cox's Ridge--Salt Spring (Arg), by Salt Marsh

Foal born May 4, a filly by Songandaprayer.

Will be bred back to Malibu Moon.

Owned by Robert Trussell.

Boarded at Taylor Made.

Accomplishments: Dam of Puxa Saco (Dehere), GSW & GISP, \$400,575.

HOLY NOLA, 14, Silver Deputy--Shrewd Vixen, by Spectacular Bid

Foal born May 5, a colt by Danehill Dancer (Ire)

Will be bred back to Raven's Pass.

Owned by and boarded at Newsells Park Stud.

Accomplishments: SW of \$216,812. Dam of Preachinathebar (Silver Charm), MGSW, \$836,339; Nolas Lolly (Ire) (Lomitas {GB}), GSP-Ger.

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