

HEADLINE NEWS

For information about TDN, call 732-747-8060.
www.thoroughbreddailynews.com



COUP D'ETAT

Jacques Detre and Eric Libaud's **Vision d'Etat (Fr)** (Chichicastenango {Fr}) swooped late to add France to the list of successful international raiders at the Royal meeting in Wednesday's G1 Prince of Wales's S. Last year's G1 Prix du Jockey-Club hero added the G1 Prix Ganay to his tally with a strong finishing rally at Longchamp Apr. 26, and that final kick was in evidence again yesterday as Olivier Peslier threaded him through to score by a half-length. Languishing in rear at the top of the stretch, the



Horsephotos

4-1 shot stayed toward the inner and, after switching out, quickened best of all to overhaul eventual fourth **Twice Over (GB)** (Observatory) with 75 yards remaining. Despite the attentions of **Tartan Bearer (Ire)** (Spectrum {Ire}) and **Never on Sunday (Fr)** (Sunday Break {Jpn}) out wide, the bay's acceleration proved key. Trainer and co-owner Eric Libaud was glowing with pride afterward. "Of all the winners I have had, this is the best and although I knew it would be difficult when I saw him behind at the top of the straight, I was quietly confident as I could see he was going well," Libaud said. **cont. p2**

Wednesday, Royal Ascot, Britain

PRINCE OF WALES'S S.-G1, £450,000, Ascot, 6-17, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 2:06.90, gd/fm.

- 1--**VISION D'ETAT (FR)**, 126, c, 4, by Chichicastenango (Fr)
 1st Dam: Uberaba (Fr), by Garde Royale (Ire)
 2nd Dam: Ile d'Amour (Fr), by Montevideo (Fr)
 3rd Dam: Old England (Fr), by Wild Risk (Fr)
 (€39,000 yrl '06 DEADEC). O-Jacques Detre & Mme E Libaud; B-Gaetan Gilles; T-Eric Libaud; J-O Peslier; £255,465. Lifetime Record: 10-8-0-1, £1,254,594.
Werk Nick Rating: A++. Click for [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#).
- 2--**Tartan Bearer (Ire)**, 126, c, 4, Spectrum (Ire)-- Highland Gift (Ire), by Generous (Ire). O/B-Ballymacoll Stud; T-Sir Michael Stoute; £96,840.
- 3--**Never on Sunday (Fr)**, 126, c, 4, Sunday Break (Jpn)--Hexane (Fr), by Kendor (Fr). O-Daniel-Yves Treves; B-SCEA des Prairies; T-J-C Rouget; £48,465. Margins: HF, HD, NK. Odds: 4-1, 6-4, 7-2.
 Also Ran: Twice Over (GB), Tazeez, Virtual (GB), Trincot (Fr), Estejo (Ger).

THE FOURTH DIMENSION

Twelve months ago, **Yeats (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells) stepped into history, equaling the feat of Sagaro (GB) by winning three renewals of the G1 Gold Cup. This time, Susan Magnier and Diane Nagle's goliath is bidding to create his own legacy, and nearly all of Ascot will be holding its breath as he swings off that final turn once again. Having made this arena his own since stepping out under Kieren Fallon for the first of those triumphs in 2006, the pride of Ballydoyle has to defy advancing years after he dropped tamely away to a distant sixth in his traditional prep, the Apr. 26 Listed Vintage Crop S. at Navan. Like all his fans, Aidan O'Brien is just hoping the magic resurfaces. "He's a year older and wiser than last year, so he minds himself and is clever," O'Brien said. "He's a marvelous horse and one of those unique horses you just sit back and look at each morning. His first run was disappointing, but that was a steadily run race in bad ground and he was still very relaxed in himself. To have him in top gear at that time of the year, it would be very hard to get him to peak again after, so I wouldn't read that much into it. We think he's come forward again since then and hopefully, he'll leave that behind."



After last year's Gold Cup Horsephotos

Jealous Again Gives Ward 2nd Ascot Win.p3
'Rachel' to Mother Goose.....p9
Sailor's Cap Dead.....p10
Queen's Plate.....Eye of the Leopard.....p10

TDN **twitter**
 Follow the TDN on Twitter at www.twitter.com/thetdn

STORMY ATLANTIC
 2009 Stud Fee - \$45,000 LF

HILL 'N' DALE
 (859) 255-8290
www.hillndalefarms.com

BACK-TO-BACK STAKES WINNERS FOR CHAMPION JUVENILE SIRE STORMY ATLANTIC

Multiple Stakes winner **SASKAWEA** (\$648,810) becomes Stormy Atlantic's **5TH STAKES WINNER IN 2009** with her game victory in the \$100,000 Zadracarta S. at Woodbine. The previous day, **HOTLANTIC** posted her second Stakes victory of the year in the Top Corsage S.



cont. from p1

Sharing His Vision...

Keeping his unbeaten record intact on his first serious test in the Jockey-Club at Chantilly last June, Vision d'Etat enjoyed the archetypal French preparation for the



Horsephotos

G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe when going on holiday and returning to annex the G2 Prix Niel in September. In the main feature itself, he was far from disgraced when fifth behind Zarkava (Ire) (Zamindar), but Eric Libaud was quick to

point out that he would return a stronger horse at four. After a fine third under a penalty in the G2 Prix d'Harcourt at Longchamp on his seasonal return Apr. 5, he returned there for the Ganay three weeks later and was back in his customary spot in the winner's circle when handing Loup Breton (Ire) (Anabaa) a comfortable 3/4-length beating. Restrained early as Tazeez (Silver Hawk) set the pace, he needed luck in the straight as Twice Over was sent to the front by Tom Queally and looked likely to hold off the determined effort of Tartan Bearer and Ryan Moore. When the gaps came, Vision d'Etat went through decisively, and Olivier Peslier was typically unflustered as he produced him at the right moment. "I wasn't panicking at the back, as I wasn't far from the lead and the horse outside me was moving well," Peslier explained. "I didn't have the chance to get out then, but, although my horse isn't lazy, he takes a bit of time to pick up, so I left it to chance. Eric had told me it was best to come late as he stops a bit when he hits the front, but he fought well and finished very strongly and is a typical French horse with a good turn-of-foot." Sir Michael Stoute was not too disappointed by the effort of runner-up Tartan Bearer. Stoute told *PA Sport*, "He ran well and I'm making no excuses for him. I think a better pace would have suited all of them. He's pretty widely entered up, but let's wait and see." Never on Sunday's conditioner Jean-Claude Rouget added, "I was not surprised to see him run that well, although perhaps he is a little bit tender for this competition at Group 1 level." Twice Over's jockey Tom Queally said, "I'm disappointed, but he ran a hell of a race and quickened up to go and win, and might have got outstayed by the others." [Click for the Racing Post chart](#), the [TVG PPs](#) or the [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). [Video, courtesy of attheraces.](#)

LANE'S END IS THE LEADING CONSIGNOR OF 2009 GRADE 1 WINNERS:



G1W QUALITY ROAD



G1W DIAMONDRELLA (GB)



G1W MR. SIDNEY

Watch for our Consignments at FTK July, Saratoga, and Keeneland



Box 626, Versailles, KY 40383 • (859) 873-7300 • FAX: (859) 873-3746
E-MAIL: lanesend@lanesend.com • WEB SITE: lanesend.com • Photos: Adam Coglianese, Matt Goins



Wednesday, Royal Ascot, Britain
WINDSOR FOREST S.-G2, £125,000, Ascot, 6-17, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:41.07, gd/fm.
 1--**SPACIOUS (GB)**, 124, f, 4, by **Nayef**
 1st Dam: Palatial (GB), by **Green Desert**
 2nd Dam: White Palace (GB), by **Shirley Heights (GB)**
 3rd Dam: Blonde Prospect, by **Mr. Prospector**
 O/B-Cheveley Park Stud; T-James Fanshawe; J-Johnny Murtagh; £70,963. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Eng, 9-4-1-1, £249,794. **Werk Nick Rating: A.**
Click for eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.
 2--**Heaven Sent (GB)**, 124, m, 6, Pivotal (GB)--Heavenly Ray, by Rahy. O/B-Cheveley Park Stud; T-Sir Michael Stoute; £26,900.
 3--**Eva's Request (Ire)**, 124, f, 4, Soviet Star--Ingabelle (Ire), by Taufan. (€150,000 yrl '06 GOFORB). O-Liam Mulryan; B-Ballylinch Stud; T-Mick Channon; £13,463.
 Margins: 1, 3, 3/4. Odds: 10-1, 5-2, 8-1.
 Also Ran: Chantilly Tiffany (GB), She's Our Mark (GB), Lush Lashes (GB), Rosaleen (Ire), Proviso (GB), Royal Confidence (GB).

TDN TODAY
Headline News..... 11 pages



Windsor Forest S.

Spacious climbed into the upper echelon of the juvenile class of 2007 with victory in the G2 May Hill S. at Doncaster, and fulfilled that early promise with a third place finish in last term's G1 1000 Guineas at Newmarket, and a fourth in the G1 Coronation S. at this meet last year. She was forced to work for a Sept. 12 Doncaster conditions win next time, but failed to hit the board in the Oct. 4 G1 Sun Chariot



Spacious Horsephotos

S. at Newmarket and the Listed Severals S. back there Oct. 17. The bay homebred lined up for this coming back from a third in the June 6 G3 Princess Elizabeth S. at Epsom and was sent straight to the lead. Joined by fellow Cheveley Park Stud homebred Heaven Sent inside the final quarter mile, she dug deep under a forceful Johnny Murtagh drive to repel that rival in game fashion and register a second Group 2 success. "Johnny told me after Epsom he'd really like to ride her here and, as there didn't seem to be an obvious frontrunner, he felt that he'd go and make it [the running]," explained trainer James Fanshawe. "He had a nice lead and it was a hell of a battle, but I don't think my ex-boss [Sir Michael Stoute] will be very happy. It's a big relief for us, because she's been a little bit disappointing since the Guineas. She's got her strength now, so hopefully she will go on from here." [Click for the Racing Post chart](#), the [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#), or [TVG PPs](#). [Video, courtesy of attheraces](#).

EUROPEAN VIDEO LINKS



- [G1 Prince of Wales's S.](#) Vision d'Etat (Fr) (Chichicastenango {Fr}) forges to late lead.
- [G2 Windsor Forest S.](#) Spacious (GB) (Nayef) game in victory.
- [G2 Queen Mary S.](#) Jealous Again (Trippi) flashes home first.
- [G3 Jersey S.](#) Ouqba (Red Ransom) weaves his way to victory.
- [Sandringham H.-Listed](#) Moneycantbuymelove (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}) goes from last to first.

Tattersalls
Source of Grade 1 winners



Tattersalls July Sale purchase MONZANTE, winner of the 2008 Grade 1 Eddie Read Handicap at Del Mar

Tattersalls July Sale 7th - 9th July

More than 700 lots including Fillies/Horses in Training and Broodmares from the world's leading owner/breeders.

Air fare assistance available subject to purchase



Tattersalls

Tel: +44 1638 665931 | Fax: +44 1638 660850
sales@tattersalls.com | www.tattersalls.com

Wednesday, Royal Ascot, Britain

QUEEN MARY S.-G2, £90,000, Ascot, 6-17, 2yo, f, 5ft, 1:00.53, gd/fm.

1--**JEALOUS AGAIN**, 124, f, 2, by Trippi

1st Dam: Chi Sa, by Bold Ruckus

2nd Dam: Sinister Spinster, by Sinister Purpose

3rd Dam: Spin to Win, by Right Combination

(\$30,000 yrl '08 OBSAUG). O-R Abrams, R Brewer, M Dutko & W Ward; B-Harold J Plumley; T-Wesley Ward; J-John Velazquez; £51,093. Lifetime Record: GSP-US, 3-2-1-0, £85,223. **Werk Nick Rating: B +**.

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

2--**Misheer (GB)**, 124, f, 2, Oasis Dream (GB)--All for Laura (GB), by Cadeaux Genereux (GB). (70,000gns yrl '08 TATOCT). O-Saeed Manana; B-New England Stud & Partners; T-Clive Brittain; £19,368.

3--**Ceedwell (GB)**, 124, f, 2, [Exceed and Excel \(Aus\)](#)--Muja Farewell (GB), by Mujtahid. (£65,000 yrl '08 DONAUG). O-Prime Equestrian; B-Minster Stud and Bickerton Racing; T-Bryan Smart; £9,693.

Margins: 5, 2, NO. Odds: 13-2, 9-1, 12-1.

Also Ran: Capercaillie, Chantilly Creme, Lady of the Desert, Rose Blossom (GB), Crown (Ire), High Spice, Don't Tell Mary (Ire), Grand Zafeen (GB), Itwasonlyakiss (Ire), Lady Royal Oak (Ire).



cont. p4



G2 Queen Mary S. cont.

While the success of Wesley Ward's Strike the Tiger (Tiger Ridge) in Tuesday's Listed Windsor Castle S. came as a surprise, Ascot was more prepared for Jealous Again here despite the presence of several well-touted rivals. Even so, the style in which the blinkered bay tore apart a seemingly vintage renewal of this speed test left more than a few open mouths. America's first Royal winner was yesterday's news by the time the powerful front-runner got to the quarter pole with her only serious rival



Horsephotos

➤ **"TDN Rising Star"** ➤ Lady of the Desert (Rahy) cracking under the pressure. John Velazquez asked for more effort soon after, and the response was dramatic as she opened up clear daylight on the Berkshire grass. Jealous Again had enjoyed the most unorthodox preparation for the Royal meeting when recording an 11 1/4-length debut win in a Keeneland maiden special weight Apr. 3 on Polytrack and running second to stable companion and G3 Albany S.-bound Aegean (Northern Afleet) in the GIII Kentucky Juvenile at Churchill Apr. 30. For trainer and co-owner Ward, the end result was the realisation of his masterplan.

➤ **"TDN Rising Star"** ➤ Lady of the Desert (Rahy) cracking under the pressure. John Velazquez asked for more effort soon after, and the response was dramatic as she opened up clear daylight on the Berkshire grass. Jealous Again had enjoyed the most unorthodox preparation for the Royal meeting when recording an 11 1/4-length debut win in a Keeneland maiden special weight Apr. 3 on Polytrack and running second to stable companion and G3 Albany S.-bound Aegean (Northern Afleet) in the GIII Kentucky Juvenile at Churchill Apr. 30. For trainer and co-owner Ward, the end result was the realisation of his masterplan.

"She ran brilliantly and everything went just like we thought," Ward commented. "One of the reasons I came over here is that we train for speed, and some of my competitors here are training for next year and to go further. I thought I could get a jump on the other horses by taking advantage of the earlier races, and it worked out." Velazquez added, "I knew she was going to be very fast and it was very easy. It was an easy job for me and she was ready to go at Keeneland, so I was not surprised she was the same here." [Click for the Racing Post chart](#), the [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#), or [TVG PPs](#). [Video, courtesy of attheraces.](#)

In Other News...

A Daily Roundup of
Racing Articles in Other Media

[Uncouple the Couplings](#)

Bill Finley, [espn.com](#)

[Slots to rescue Jersey tracks?](#)

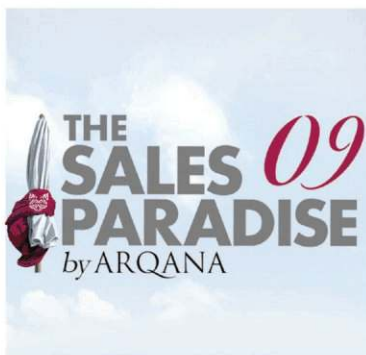
Phil Hevener, [Gaming Today](#)

[Hialeah Park still a high-stakes bet](#)

Op/Ed page, [Miami Herald](#)



LE HAVRE
Prix du Jockey-Club, Gr.1



August 14-17



SILVER FROST
Poule d'Essai des Poulains, Gr.1



COLLECTION
Hong Kong Derby, Gr.1

3 Classic winners in 2009

more than any other yearling sale in Europe!

August Sale catalogue online: June 25



ARQANA

www.arqana.com
info@arqana.com



Wednesday, Royal Ascot, Britain

JERSEY S.-G3, £80,000, Ascot, 6-17, 3yo, 7fT, 1:27.65, gd/fm.

1--**@OUQBA (GB)**, 127, c, 3, by [Red Ransom](#)

1st Dam: **Dancing Mirage (Ire)**, by Machiavellian

2nd Dam: **Kraemer**, by Lyphard

3rd Dam: **Rich and Riotous**, by Empery

(140,000gns yrl '07 DONAUG). O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Highclere Stud; T-Barry Hills; J-Tadhg O'Shea; £45,416. Lifetime Record: 10-4-1-1, £106,959. * 1/2 to Foxhaven (GB) (Unfuwain), MSW-Eng, \$245,888. **Werk Nick Rating: B. Click for [eNick reports & 5-cross pedigree](#).**

2--**Deposer (Ire)**, 127, c, 3, [Kheleyf](#)--Bezant (Ire), by Zamindar. (13,000gns wnlg '06 TATDEC; 19,000gns yrl '07 DONAUG). O-Kent Bloodstock; B-Mrs G P Booth & J Porteous; T-John Best; £17,216.

3--**Ashram (Ire)**, 130, c, 3, [Indian Haven \(GB\)](#)--Tara's Girl (Ire), by Fayruz (GB). (€83,000 wnlg '06 GOFNOV; 70,000gns yrl '07 TATOCT). O-Godolphin; B-Waterford Hall Stud; T-Saeed bin Suroor; £8,616.

Margins: HF, 3 1/4, HD. Odds: 12-1, 16-1, 8-1.

Also Ran: Gallagher (GB), Donativum (GB), Patrician's Glory, Loch Linnhe, Aranel (Ire), Awinnersgame (Ire), Jobe, Saucy Brown (Ire), Nasri (GB), Instalment (GB), Total Gallery (Ire), Ocean's Minstrel (GB), Infiraad (GB).

Ninth in last term's G1 Dewhurst S. at Newmarket in October, Ouqba failed to build upon a decisive success in the Apr. 15 Listed European Free H. back at the Rowley Mile track. He finished a lackluster ninth in the May 2 G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket, but bounced back in game fashion to register a career high here. Racing off the pace after a sluggish start, he weaved his way through the pack under continued urging from halfway and swooped late to deny the brave pacesetter Deposer. "We were delighted with his work leading up to the Free Handicap and he won convincingly there," said assistant trainer Charlie Hills. "The [2000] Guineas probably came a little bit too quick for him. He didn't run a bad race, but just ran a little bit flat. We've been very happy with him since, and he's tough and genuine. He raced lazily today, but knuckled down well."

Click for the [Racing Post chart](#) or [TVG PPs](#). [Video](#), [courtesy of attheraces](#).

NOW
www.thoroughbreddailynews.com
=
www.thetdn.com
2 Easy Solutions

Wednesday, Royal Ascot, Britain

SANDRINGHAM H.-Listed, £50,000, Ascot, 6-17, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:41.81, gd/fm.

1--**MONEYCANTBUYMELOVE (IRE)**, 123, f, 3, by Pivotal (GB)

1st Dam: **Sabreun (GB)**, by Caerleon

2nd Dam: **Sabria**, by Miswaki

3rd Dam: **Flood**, by Riverman

(75,000gns RNA yrl '07 TATOCT). O-Wright, Stanley, Marsh, Lascelles & Harris; B-Eurostrait Ltd; T-Michael Bell; J-Jamie Spencer; £28,385. Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-2, £97,977.

2--**Golden Stream (Ire)**, 120, f, 3, [Sadler's Wells](#)--Phantom Gold (GB), by Machiavellian. O/B-The Queen; T-Sir Michael Stoute; £10,760.

3--**Please Sing (GB)**, 127, f, 3, Royal Applause (GB)--Persian Song (GB), by Persian Bold (Ire). (70,000gns yrl '07 TATOCT). O-Ann C Black; B-Mrs R D Peacock; T-M R Channon; £5,385.

Margins: 2, 3, 6. Odds: 9-2, 8-1, 14-1.

Also Ran: Silver Games (Ire), First City (GB), Good Again (GB), Beat Seven (GB), Say No Now (Ire), Daminiyat Girl, Misdageya (GB), King's Scarlet (GB), Qalahari (Ire), Rose Diamond (Ire), Photographic (GB), Badiat Alzaman (Ire), Arabian Mirage (GB), Greenisland (Ire), Wajaha (Ire), Moonlife (Ire).

Scratched: Lassarina (Ire), Baileys Cacao (Ire).

Listed Sandringham H. cont. p6



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, and a + will indicate first-time starters.



First and foremost

Seattle Smooth notched her 5th straight Stakes Win and FIRST G1 Victory in the \$300,000 Ogden Phipps H. at Belmont on 6-13.



Fasig-Tipton Buying and selling horses. It begins and ends with F.T.

2006 Fasig-Tipton July Graduate
Owner: Mercedes Stables LLC
Consignor: Montesacro Farm, Agent
Congratulations to her connections!

The July Sale July 20-21 10 am
859.255.1555 www.fasigtipton.com



Listed Sandringham H. cont.

Having taken third in the Listed Pretty Polly S. at Newmarket May 3, Moneycantbuymelove opened her account in the Listed Height of Fashion S. at Goodwood last time May 21. Settled at the tail of the field, she still travelled well in rear as the field approached the two-furlong marker. Picking her way through the runners to get within hailing distance of new leader Golden Stream outside the eighth pole, the bay picked that rival up under a strong ride with 100 yards remaining and ran on well to the line. "I knew she was well handicapped as she was rated 96 and, after winning the Height of Fashion S. at Goodwood, I couldn't believe the handicapper didn't put her [rating] up," trainer Michael Bell told *PA Sport*. "She's pretty smart, this filly, and Jamie rode her beautifully." Spencer added, "This place is so hard, so it is great to have a winner, and hopefully, I can kick on." **Click for the [Racing Post chart](#). [Video, courtesy of attheraces](#).**

Scenic Blast Skipping Jubilee...

Tuesday's G1 King's Stand S. hero **Scenic Blast (Aus)** (Scenic {Ire}) will sidestep Saturday's G1 Golden Jubilee S. and wait for the G1 July Cup, connections confirmed yesterday. Elio Anthony Galante's five-year-old beat Fleeting Spirit (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) by 3/4 of a length in the five-furlong contest, and will tackle an extra furlong in the July 10 feature at Newmarket. "Scenic Blast has come out of yesterday's race really good," trainer Dan Morton said. "He won't run on Saturday. I had the Golden Jubilee S. as a back-stop, just in case, but he will now head to Newmarket for the Darley July Cup next month."

July Aim for Canford...

Trainer Richard Hannon yesterday pointed at the G2 July S. as the likely next target for Tuesday's impressive G2 Coventry S. winner **Canford Cliffs (Ire)** (Tagula {Ire}). Following the unbeaten juvenile's six-length success in the six-furlong affair, his conditioner is looking at the July 9 Newmarket contest. "I have not had one like him since Rock City (Ire), who won this race 20 years ago," Hannon said. "Canford Cliffs is a machine and I have loved him from day one. He is a real good-looker and such a character. I suppose the July S. would be the next target--Rock City took that route--and who knows, he might be our fourth Guineas winner." Jockey Richard Hughes added of the colt, in whom British Horseracing Authority Chairman Paul Roy purchased a half share on Monday night, "He's big enough and has got the scope to improve--he's by no means an early two-year-old. He's the best that I have ridden by a country mile--he's a freak and he'll get the Guineas mile standing on his head."

All horses in the *TDN* are bred in North America, unless otherwise indicated

NTRA REPORT FROM CAPITOL HILL



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE NTRA'S LEGISLATIVE ACTION CAMPAIGN (LAC)

- LAC is an NTRA program that empowers industry members to support Federal lobbying in Washington, D.C. to benefit the racing and breeding industries
- Legislative information and updates appear here every Thursday
- Thoroughbred buyers, sellers and consignors and their clients may participate by contributing ¼% of the price of a horse sold at participating public auction houses
- Horseplayers may participate by contributing to or joining the Horseplayers' Coalition
- 100% of contributions are earmarked to support Federal lobbying and legislative programs
- Contributions may be tax deductible as an ordinary business expense
- Open to participation by individuals and corporate entities, such as partnerships and farms
- Participants automatically become NTRA members who may then receive preferred pricing from NTRA Advantage partners like John Deere and UPS



For more information contact Joe Bacigalupo, director of membership development, (800) 792-6872, ext. 677 or visit www.SupportHorseRacing.org.

Gladiatorus Flop a Mystery...

Godolphin were left scratching their heads yesterday after finding no problems with Tuesday's G1 Queen Anne S. disappointment **Gladiatorus** (Silic {Fr}). Only sixth after fading from the lead with a quarter mile remaining, the G1 Dubai Duty Free winner was fine after the race, while stable companion **Alexandros (GB)** (Kingmambo) was reported to be lame. "We were very disappointed with Gladiatorus, there is no problem with him," trainer Saeed bin Suroor told *PA Sport*. "But Alexandros was seen after the race and he wasn't sound; he's lame. We've got plenty of options for Gladiatorus, but we'll see how he is and it will be a few days before we decide about him. We'll keep our options open."

SALES COMPANY

Arqana
 Barretts
 Doncaster Bloodstock
 Fasig-Tipton
 Goffs Ireland
 Keeneland
 OBS Sales
 Tattersalls
 Tattersalls (Ireland)

WEB SITE

www.arqana.com
www.barretts.com
www.dbsauctions.com
www.fasigtipton.com
www.goffs.com
www.keeneland.com
www.obssales.com
www.tattersalls.com
www.tattersalls.ie



Today's Graded Stakes
brought to you by



		Click for	TV
9:30a	Norfolk S.-G2, ASC	(TVG.com PPs)	TVG
9:55a	Prix La Coupe S.-G3, LCP
10:05a	Ribblesdale-G2, ASC	(TVG.com PPs)	TVG
10:45a	Gold Cup S.-G1, ASC	(TVG.com PPs)	TVG
11:55a	Hampton Court S.-Listed, ASC	(TVG.com PPs)	TVG

[Click for TVG PPs for complete Royal Ascot card](#)

Eastern Daylight Time

Weekend Update: June 13 - 14
OLREDLGETCHA (LIMEHOUSE) wins the Victoria S.
AUTHENTICAT (D'WILDCAT) wins the Ballade S.
HOOSIER KINGDOM (REPENT) wins the Snack S.
Plus three more black-type horses by Vinery Stallions

[Click here for more...](#)



PREVIEWS



Thursday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 3:45 p.m.

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

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	1	Eastern Anthem (Ire)	Singspiel (Ire)	bin Suroor	128
2	3	Geordieland (Fr)	Johann Quatz (Fr)	J Osborne	128
3	5	Sagara	Sadler's Wells	bin Suroor	128
4	4	Veracity (GB)	Lomitas (GB)	bin Suroor	128
5	6	Yeats (Ire)	Sadler's Wells	A O'Brien	128
6	9	Centennial (Ire)	Dalakhani (Ire)	Gosden	126
7	7	Hindu Kush (Ire)	Sadler's Wells	Nicholls	126
8	8	Patkai (Ire)	Indian Ridge (Ire)	Stoute	126
9	2	Washington Irving (Ire)	Montjeu (Ire)	Johnson	126

One horse who has been firmly in the shadow of Yeats is fellow veteran **Geordieland**, who bids to shed his bridesmaid status after succumbing to his foe in the past two renewals. Always a strong traveller, the grey has looked tame in the finish in the past, but looked a different animal when surging past **Patkai** in Sandown's G2 Henry II S. on his seasonal bow last time May 28. There has always been a feeling that he has squandered chances in the past, despite boasting wins in the G2 Grand Prix de Chantilly and G2 Yorkshire Cup.

G1 Gold Cup cont.

Trainer Jamie Osborne thinks both the recent signs at home and at Sandown suggest he has belatedly turned a corner. "It's going to be a fantastic race and it is great to be a part of it," Osborne told *PA Sport*. "They are great horses and it would be great to see them fight out the finish again--but obviously with a different result. For the last two years, we've come away from Ascot feeling that we've got the second best Gold Cup horse around, and maybe a part of me felt that would always be the case. I firmly believe that we might not be the second-best around." Sir Michael Stoute has not added to his initial success here with Shangamuzo (GB) 31 years ago, but has a live contender in Ballymacoll Stud's Patkai. Highly impressive on his two visits here in last year's G3 Queen's Vase and the G3 Sagaro S. Apr. 29, he appeared to be beaten fair and square in the Henry II. "He got to the front a little early and just hung a bit [at Sandown], but at least he does have the advantage of liking Ascot," the Stud's Manager Peter Reynolds told *PA Sport*. "He's not guaranteed to get the trip and we'll have to wait and see on that, but Yeats is going to lose the crown at some stage in his career." Godolphin boast four wins since 1996 and rely on a trio including Frankie's pick **Veracity (GB)**, who warmed up with a third behind the subsequent G1 Coronation Cup hero Ask (GB) (Sadler's Wells) in the May 15 G2 Yorkshire Cup. "Veracity ran a sound race at York and the distance was perhaps a little on the short side for him," Saeed bin Suroor commented. "He has come out of that race in fine shape, and I have been pleased with him since."

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

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

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	4	Anice Stellato (Ire)	Dalakhani (Ire)	Beckett
2	10	Flame of Gibraltar (Ire)	Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)	Cecil
3	2	Flying Cloud (Ire)	Storming Home (GB)	bin Suroor
4	6	It's Dubai Dolly (GB)	Dubai Destination	Lidderdale
5	3	July Jasmine	Empire Maker	Stoute
6	8	Leocorno (Ire)	Pivotal (GB)	Stoute
7	5	Mooakada (Ire)	Montjeu (Ire)	Gosden
8	7	Take the Hint (GB)	Montjeu (Ire)	Gosden
9	1	Totally Devoted	Seeking the Gold	A O'Brien
10	9	Uvinza (GB)	Bertolini	Knight

All carry 124 pounds.

cont. p8

Stakes closings at your fingertips! Now on the web at

stakesdigestweekly.com



G2 Ribblesdale S. cont.

★ **"TDN Rising Star"** ✪ **Leocorno**, who takes a step in class following comfortable wins in a Doncaster maiden in October and nine-furlong handicap on her return at Sandown May 21, bids to add a fourth edition to Sir Michael Stoute's resume. Only a setback prevented her from stepping into the fray for the G1 Epsom Oaks, and she looks primed for a huge effort. "The Ribblesdale is a lovely race which we think will suit her, but she is seriously lacking in experience and is stepping up a number of grades," Ballymacoll Stud's Manager Peter Reynolds told *PA Sport*. "The trainer's decision was always not to rush her and it wasn't so much we were bypassing the Oaks, but he didn't feel she was ready for that. There is no guarantee she will stay the trip, as she is a half-sister to Tartan Bearer (Ire) (Spectrum {Ire}), and he may be best suited by a mile and a quarter. But at least after Michael Bell's filly [Sariska] won the Oaks, we know some of those Pivotal can stay okay." Godolphin collected with Bahr (GB) (Generous {Ire}) and Fairy Queen (Ire) (Fairy King) in 1998 and 1999, respectively, and have supplemented **Flying Cloud** this time. She took the May 1 G3 Prix Cleopatre at Saint-Cloud for the Andre Fabre stable prior to her switch to Newmarket, and new trainer Saeed bin Suroor is hoping she can maintain her unbeaten record. "Flying Cloud is a nice filly and she has settled in well," bin Suroor said. "She has been doing some good work and I have been pleased with her preparation for this race. She is taking another step up in class and it will be a tough race to win, but she is an improving filly, and I am hoping to see her run well." John Gosden is looking for back-to-back renewals following the exploits of Michita (Dynaformer), and relies on a duo headed by the May 3 Listed Pretty Polly S. winner **Take the Hint**.

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

NORFOLK S.-G2, £90,000, 2yo, 5fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	4	Diamond Johnny G	Omega Code	Best
2	9	Here Now and Why (Ire)	Pastoral Pursuits (GB)	K Ryan
3	1	Kingdom of Light (GB)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Johnson
4	2	Monsieur Chevalier (Ire)	Chevalier (Ire)	Hannon
5	8	Moran Gra	Rahy	Morgan
6	10	Nosedive (GB)	Observatory	Haggas
7	6	Radiohead (GB)	Johannesburg	Meehan
8	5	Reignier (GB)	Kheleyf	Burke
9	7	Running Mate (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Gosden
10	12	Star Rover (Ire)	Camacho (GB)	Evans
11	11	Tawaabb (GB)	Kyllachy (GB)	Channon
12	3	Yogaroo	Bring the Heat	Ward

All carry 127 pounds.

Monsieur Chevalier puts his perfect record on the line for the in-form Richard Hannon stable successful with Niche (GB) (Risk Me {Fr}) in 1992, Lucky Lionel (Mt. Livermore) three years later and Baron's Pit (GB) (Night Shift) in 2002. Coming into this off the back of a 3 1/4-length success in the Listed National S. at Sandown May 28, he bids to follow on from where barnmate Canford Cliffs (Ire) (Tagula {Ire}) left off on Tuesday.

"The better the competition, the better the Monsieur looks and he can't go there with a better record than an unbeaten one," Hannon said. Jockey Richard Hughes added, "He impressed me when he won at Sandown--he is tough and he stays, and I can't ask for more than that." Howard Johnson has collected two of the last four renewals with Masta Plasta (Ire) (Mujadil) and South Central (Forest Camp), and relies on **Kingdom of Light**, who beat the subsequent winner Step in Time (Ire) (Giant's Causeway) in a six-furlong maiden at Haydock last time May 9. "He's a nice little two year old, but I don't think he's as good as South Central was, to be honest," Johnson told *PA Sport*. "He's trained well since his last run and he's a hardy little horse." Having broken new ground with Strike the Tiger (Tiger Ridge) in Tuesday's Listed Windsor Castle S. and Jealous Again (Trippi) in yesterday's G2 Queen Mary S., Wesley Ward saddles the impressive Apr. 23 Keeneland maiden special weight scorer **Yogaroo**, while Mick Channon is looking for a first renewal with the May 19 Leicester maiden scorer **Tawaabb**. "He's always shown a lot of speed and has a good disposition," Channon said. "This is a step up, but I think he's ready for it."

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

HAMPTON COURT S.-Listed, £50,000, 3yo, 1 1/4mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	1	Palavicini	Giant's Causeway	J Dunlop	133
2	10	Cashelgar (Ire)	Anabaa	de Royer-Dupre	131
3	2	On Our Way (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Cecil	131
4	9	Big Bound	Grand Slam	Gosden	128
5	13	Four Winds (GB)	Red Ransom	Bell	128
6	4	Freemantle (GB)	Galileo (Ire)	A O'Brien	128
7	11	Glass Harmonium (Ire)	Verglas (Ire)	Stoute	128
8	6	Kaolak	Action This Day	J Ryan	128
9	7	Monitor Closely (Ire)	Oasis Dream (GB)	P Chapple-Hyam	128
10	8	Ra Junior	Rahy	Meehan	128
11	3	Spring of Fame	Grand Slam	bin Suroor	128
12	5	Too Much Trouble (GB)	Barathea (Ire)	Channon	128
13	12	Satwa Ruby (Fr)	Verglas (Ire)	de Roualle	123

York's G2 Dante S. could be the key to this contest and Freemantle sets the standard on the form of that May 14 contest. Runner-up by a head to stable companion Black Bear Island (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), he holds the fourth **Monitor Closely** and sixth **Glass Harmonium** and bids to triple trainer Aidan O'Brien's tally after Moscow Ballet (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) and Indigo Cat (Storm Cat) scored in 2004 and 2005, respectively. Peter Chapple-Hyam is hoping that Monitor Closely, who is a half-brother to last year's G1 Eclipse winner Mount Nelson (GB) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), can progress again and reverse that form. "He has been working nicely and he goes there with a solid chance," Chapple-Hyam commented. "He looks likely to have the fast ground that he enjoys and while he has got to turn around the form with Freemantle, he does seem to have improved."

Previews cont. p9



Thursday, Longchamp, France, post time: 3:55 p.m.

LA COUPE-G3, €80,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	9	Bon Grain (Fr)	Muhtathir (GB)	Napoli
2	1	Torrid Hell (Fr)	Vettori (Ire)	Wattel
3	2	Willywell (Fr)	Jimble (Fr)	Gauvin
4	8	Stotsfold (GB)	Barathea (Ire)	Swinburn
5	4	Starlish (Ire)	Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)	Lellouche
6	3	Runaway (GB)	King's Best	Pritchard-Gordon
7	5	Mr Brock (SAf)	Fort Wood	Head-Maarek
8	7	Goose Bay (Ger)	Groom Dancer	F Head
9	6	Sans Chichi (Fr)	Chichicastenango (Fr)	Barberot

All carry 123 pounds bar Goose Bay & Sans Chichi, 120.

Friday, Royal Ascot, Britain

CORONATION S.-G1, £250,000, 3yo, f, 1mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
1	10	Again (Ire)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Moore
2	2	Baliyana (Ire)	Dalakhani (Ire)	Kinane
3	8	Chintz (Ire)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Heffernan
4	1	Elusive Wave (Ire)	Elusive City	Lemaire
5	6	Ghanaati	Giant's Causeway	R Hills
6	9	Heart Shaped	Storm Cat	Hughes
7	5	Lahaleeb (Ire)	Redback (GB)	Holland
8	4	Nashmiah (Ire)	Elusive City	Callan
9	3	Rainbow View	Dynaformer	Fortune
10	7	Reggane (GB)	Red Ransom	Mosse

All carry 126 pounds.

Friday, Royal Ascot, Britain

KING EDWARD VII S.-G2, £150,000, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/2mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
1	9	Black Bear Island (Ire)	Sadler's Wells	O'Donoghue
2	8	Aqwaal (Ire)	Red Ransom	R Hills
3	5	Beauchamp Xerxes (GB)	Compton Admiral (GB)	O'Neill
4	2	Debussy (Ire)	Diesis (GB)	Fortune
5	11	Father Time (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Ahern
6	4	Free Agent (GB)	Dr Fong	Hughes
7	3	Hail Caesar (Ire)	Montjeu (Ire)	Heffernan
8	6	Montaff (GB)	Montjeu (Ire)	Holland
9	1	Native Ruler (GB)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Queally
10	7	Nehaam (GB)	Nayef	O'Shea
11	12	South Easter (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Callan
12	10	Your Old Pal (GB)	Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)	Moore

All carry 124 pounds bar Black Bear Island, 127.

Saturday, Belmont Park

NEW YORK S.-GII, \$250,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/4mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Belle Allure (Ire)	Numerous	Dominguez	116
2	Criticism (GB)	Machiavellian	Castellano	123
3a	Colina Verde (Brz)	Know Heights (Ire)	Garcia	118
4	Dress Rehearsal (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Maragh	120
5	Backseat Rhythm	El Corredor	Velasquez	120
6	Dynaforce	Dynaformer	Velasquez	118
7	Icon Project	Empire Maker	Valdivia Jr	116
8	I Lost My Choo	Western Expression	Lezcano	120
MT0	Borrowing Base	Personal Flag	No rider	116
MT0a	Winning Point	Point Given	No rider	116

Saturday, Hollywood Park

AFFIRMED H.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m (AWT)

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Misremembered	Candy Ride (Arg)	Espinoza	114
2	Grazen	Benchmark	Bejarano	114
3	Cape Truth	Cape Town	Quinonez	114
4	Quindici Man	Came Home	Rosario	114
5	Scorewithcater	Even the Score	Talamo	116
6	Fiddlers Afleet	Northern Afleet	M Garcia	113

Saturday, Delaware Park

OBEAH S.-GIII, \$125,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Tell It as It Is	Chester House	Rose	117
2	Striking Tomisue	Smart Strike	Cohen	117
3	All Night Labor	Double Honor	Potts	117
4	You Asked	Yes It's True	Castellano Jr	117
5	Morena (Per)	Privately Held	Napravnik	117
6	All Smiles	Awesome Again	Shepherd	117
7	Unbridled Belle	Broken Vow	Migliore	117
8	Skylighter	Sky Mesa	Smith	123



RACING Round-Up

RACHEL ALEXANDRA TO MOTHER GOOSE

Stonestreet Stables's and Harold McCormick's **Rachel**

Alexandra (Medaglia d'Oro), last seen defeating colts in the GI Preakness S. May 16, will take on sophomore fillies next in Belmont's GI Mother Goose S. June 27, it was announced. The GI Kentucky Oaks heroine has worked four times since her historic victory at Pimlico, including a six-furlong move in 1:12 at Churchill June 15. "Rachel is rested, healthy and ready to run," co-owner Jess Jackson commented.



Horsephotos

"On Monday, she turned in a very strong six furlong work galloping out seven furlongs around the clubhouse turn in 1:24.80."



27 Monmouth St.
2nd Floor
Red Bank, NJ 07701
Fax (732) 747-8955
Phone (732) 747-8060
mediavista@aol.com



☆ NEWS TODAY ☆

SAILOR'S CAP DEAD Team Valor's **Sailor's Cap** (Distant View--Wave On, by Caveat), who upset Kip Deville (Kipling) in Sunday's GIII Poker S. at Belmont



Adam Coglianese

Park Sunday, collapsed and died in his stall this morning, according to a Team Valor press release. The cause of death is unknown. "He spiked a temperature during the day on Tuesday and simply collapsed early in the morning," trainer Jimmy Toner said. "We are all in complete shock over this turn of events." Hero of

last term's GIII Colonial Turf Cup S., the four-year-old won four of 10 starts and \$616,970 in earnings. He also placed second in the 2008 GIII American Turf S. at Churchill and third in the GII Virginia Derby. He was bred in Kentucky by Wave On LLC, a Team Valor partnership. "He was just coming into his own," Team Valor head Barry Irwin said. "This shows the highs and lows of this game. It is a tough nut to swallow."

THOROUGHBRED DAILY NEWS IS:

- | | |
|----------------------|---|
| Barry Weisbord | President/Co-Publisher |
| Sue Finley | Vice President/Co-Publisher |
| Andy Belfiore | Editor-in-Chief |
| Alycia Borer | Director of Advertising |
| Jessica Martini | Senior Editor |
| Alan Carasso | Associate Editor |
| Marie Kizenko | Associate Editor |
| Christina Bossinakis | Associate Editor |
| Lucas Marquardt | Writer/Reporter |
| Steve Sherack | Writer/Reporter |
| Jon Forbes | Writer/Reporter |
| Vicki Forbes | Director of Customer Services |
| Lia Kusch | Advertising Assistant |
| Sarah K. Andrew | Advertising Assistant |
| Lisa Bihuniak | Advertising Assistant |
| Robert Williams | Director of IT/Webmaster |
| Gregg Casillo | Database Analyst/Programming Specialist |
| Bradley Weisbord | Analyst |

CORRECTION: It was reported in Wednesday's *TDN* that The Queen & Prince Phillip were in attendance at the Queen's Plate in 1959 and 1973. In fact, the Royal couple was also present in 1997 when Awesome Again took the Canadian Classic for Stronach Stables.

Also, the photo of Queen's Plate heroine Dancethruthedawn, out of Plate winner Dance Smartly, should have been credited to Cindy Pierson Dulay (horseracing.about.com).

TDN Feature Presentation
THE QUEEN'S PLATE

brought to you by
LANE'S END

TDN "RISING STAR" IS A 2YO DIXIE UNION FILLY!
HOT DIXIE CHICK TAKES CHURCHILL MAIDEN BY 5 3/4 IN TRACK RECORD TIME. From Mike Ryan, "You don't see many 2yos win that easy. I don't care where they are--what country, what racetrack. That's as good as you can get it done."

'LEOPARD' EYES PLATE VICTORY

Sam-Son Farm, which has reeled in the prized Queen's Plate trophy on four prior occasions, will try to add win number five with **Eye of the Leopard** (A.P. Indy) in the 150th installment of the 1 1/4-mile Canadian Classic Sunday. Headed by industrialist Ernie Samuel, Sam-Son is represented by Plate winners Regal Intention (Vice Regent) (1988), Dance Smartly (Danzig) (1991), Scatter the Gold (Mr. Prospector) (2000) and Dancethruthedawn (Mr. Prospector) (2001). Sent off at 5-1 in the May 31 Plate Trial S., the homebred got up in time for a neck victory over Southdale (Street Cry {Ire}) in the 1 1/8-mile event ([video](#)). "He ran a big race and I think the Plate distance will suit him very well," offered trainer Mark Frostad. "In the Plate Trial, he really got rolling, but he was wide on both turns. I knew we got there [at the wire]. I figured that race would bode well for him in the future." The three-year-old colt is the first foal is out of 2004 Canadian champion sophomore filly Eye of the Sphynx (Smart Strike), who took the Woodbine Oaks during her sophomore season. "[Eye of the Leopard] was just over 100 pounds when he was born," said Dave Whitford, farm manager for Sam-Son. "He was a very nice-looking foal, a lot of leg. He was a little long in the pastern, but at the 30-day stage, he looked like a million dollars. He went through his gangly stages, but he had to go through that to get where he is. Now, he stands about 17 hands. He's a big horse." A flat eighth in his debut going seven panels at Keeneland Apr. 15, the bay was a equipped with blinkers for his next start in a 1 1/16-mile maiden test at Woodbine May 10, and responded with a 2 3/4-length victory. Listed at 40-1 in the Queen's Plate winter book, he now has his eyes on Woodbine's prize. "We know we have a big shot going into the race," added Frostad. "He's just continued to develop and understand what he's doing more and more. He trains well and he's really coming into his own." Frostad, who has three Plate wins with Victor Cooley (Cool Victor) (1996), Scatter The Gold and Dancethruthedawn, is hoping to add another Plate trophy to his collection. "He reminds me of Scatter The Gold," said Frostad of this year's contestant. "But with more tactical speed."--CB



op/ed

by bill finley

RETHINKING THE CLAIMING GAME

It was a while back that Hall of Fame trainer Richard Mandella came up with an idea to help protect the horse and reduce the number of catastrophic on-track injuries. Mandella suggested that North American racing should do away with claiming races as we know them and adopt the European system in which some horses are sold or claimed after, and not before, they race. That, he contended, would remove any temptation a trainer might have to run an unsound horse in a claiming race in hopes that someone might be duped into taking them of his or her hands. If the horses are sold after the race, no one is going to buy an unsound or injured horse who may not have made it around the track in one piece.

It was a terrific idea. But, this is horse racing. Nothing ever happened.

It's that sort of inertia that has the public so frustrated when it comes to racing and the welfare of the animal. People want substantive changes and they also want more than what has been offered thus far by the industry, which includes the NTRA and a timid Safety and Integrity Alliance that won't touch tough subjects like Lasix, come out in vehement opposition to horse slaughter, or mandate minimum contributions for retirement from their certified tracks.

Mandella may not have come up with a perfect solution to the problem of unsound horses breaking down in claiming races, but he was on the right track. If the industry were truly serious about horse welfare, it would scrap a system that encourages people to run unsound horses in claimers. The easiest way to do that is to void any claims that are made on horses that break down during a race or exit the race with a substantial injury.

John Sabini is the chairman of the New York State Racing and Wagering Board, and he's also an outsider. From Queens, he occasionally visited the New York racetracks, but he spent most of his professional life in politics and was elected to the New York State Senate in 2002. When Sabini was named to head the New York racing board last August, he might have been an easy target. Here, surely, was just another political hack who knew nothing about racing and just wanted to cash a fat paycheck. That Sabini didn't have much of a background in racing turned out to be something he used to his advantage. He brought a fresh perspective to the job and refused to accept the status quo. Instead, he set out to make New York the safest racing state in the nation.

When asked recently by my co-host Dave Johnson on our "Down the Stretch" program on Sirius XM radio what he'd most like to accomplish as the chairman of the New York board, he replied: "To change the thinking of an industry that has been very slow to change on horse health. The fact of the matter is that some in this industry view the horse as a commodity. While it is something that people own and try to make money off of, the rest of the world views the horse as a living, breathing thing, and not something you should abuse to make money off of. The industry as a whole is coming along little by little, but some segments are not."

After taking a closer look at how claiming races worked, Sabini couldn't believe it when told that if an owner or trainer entered a horse and it broke down on the track, then the horse was still the property of the poor sucker who claimed it. He quickly figured out that is not only unfair, but might motivate people to run unsound horses in claimers.

"One of the things we've noticed is that the great majority of the catastrophic breakdowns in the Thoroughbred racing world come in claiming races," Sabini said. "There could be a lot of reasons for that. For instance, many of the claiming races are run at Finger Lakes or Aqueduct in the winter, when the track and racing conditions aren't at their best. But the fact of the matter is that it's hard to believe it's coincidental that there are so many breakdowns in claimers. In claiming races, if a horse doesn't finish, the person who made the claim is stuck with a horse who is injured or worse. We're looking to change that, to change the dynamic of claiming races."

Of the 19 catastrophic injuries that have occurred at the NYRA tracks this year, 12 of them have been in claimers.

What's the perfect system? In England, most races in which horses are allowed to go from one barn to another are selling races. After the race has been run, the winner is auctioned off to the highest bidder. That might work or maybe the answer is to void any claim in which a horse breaks down on the racetrack. The point is, there has to be a better way to do this, but most in the industry have been content to do nothing. That's all too typical for a sport that is still taking only the smallest steps to improve the safety and welfare of its competitors, both during and after their racing careers. Perhaps a former politician from Queens can start to change that.

Comments for publication? Please email TDN management at suefinley@thoroughbreddailynews.com.

★ Watch Out for "TDN Rising Stars" ★
Stars of tomorrow grabbing the spotlight today...



NORTH AMERICA

1000 TURN OUT FOR KEEP RALLY Approximately 1000 people turned out in Frankfurt yesterday in a rally supporting additional casino gaming at Kentucky race-tracks, which would ultimately boost the Kentucky horse racing industry. A special session is currently underway, which if passed, would allow video lottery terminals at Kentucky tracks. "If we wait to act a year from now [to pass the bill], there will not only be a number of our tracks closing, but there will be many thousands of jobs at the farms that will be gone," said former Kentucky Governor Brereton Jones, chairman of KEEP and owner of Airdrie Stud. Also, offering their thoughts on VLTs were Governor Beshear and his wife, Jane. "All these people contribute to the common-wealth through their money in how they live, where they work, the homes they have, and the taxes they pay," said the First Lady. "Do we want to lose that? The trickle-down effect [of this bill] is huge." Also in attendance were Rep. Susan Westrom; Keeneland President Nick Nicholson and jockey Jon Court.

HOLY BULL COLT TOPS OBS FINALE A two-year-old colt by Holy Bull brought a bid of \$150,000 yesterday to top the OBS June Sale of Two-Year-Olds and Horses of Racing Age, which concluded its two-day stand in Ocala, Florida. Frank Fletcher Racing Operations purchased the colt, catalogued as hip [366](#) and named Holy Creator, from the draft of SGV Thoroughbreds (Steven Venosa), agent. Holy Creator was purchased by Stedham Stud for \$60,000 as a yearling at Keeneland September. The chestnut was produced by the 11-year-old stakes-winning Notebook mare Creativity. At the second under-tack breeze show Sunday, he worked a quarter in :22 2/5 ([video](#)). The second-highest-priced lot of the day, and of the sale, was hip [492](#), a colt by Yes It's True. Consigned by Eisaman Equine, agent, the gray colt was knocked down to Garland E. Rice III for \$140,000. Eisaman Equine had acquired the colt for \$85,000 at September. The unnamed juvenile is a son of the nine-year-old stakes winner Impolite (Two Punch). Monday's topper was a Maria's Mon--Merit Wings filly who went for \$130,000. In all, seven horses eclipsed the six-figure mark at the 2009 June Sale, compared with the 14 which hit that level a year ago. Numbers for the June Sale were down from 2008. For the session, 140 horses sold for an average of \$18,637 (down 19.8 percent) and a median of \$9,000 (down 30.8 percent). For the sale, 286 horses sold for an average of \$16,578 (down 24.4 percent) and a median of \$9,000 (which like the session was down 30.8 percent). For complete results, visit www.obssales.com.

**OBS JUNE
WEDNESDAY - TOP 4 LOTS**

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
366	c	Holy Bull	Creativity	150,000
(\$60,000 yrl '08 KEESEP) video replay <i>B-Miller Thoroughbred Farm LLC (KY)</i> Consigned by SGV Thoroughbreds (Steven Venosa), agent Purchased by Frank Fletcher Racing Operations				
492	c	Yes It's True	Impolite	140,000
(\$85,000 yrl '08 KEESEP) video replay <i>B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY)</i> Consigned by Eisaman Equine, agent Purchased by Garland E Rice III				
347	f	Closing Argument	Chelsea Rose	115,000
video replay <i>B-Alan Pesch & Second Wind Racing LLC (FL)</i> Consigned by Wavertree Stables (Ciaran Dunne), Agent III Purchased by Richard Ravin				
481	c	Chapel Royal	Honour Marianne	110,000
(\$100,000 yrl '08 FTKJUL; \$115,000 RNA '09 FTFFEB) video replay <i>B-Frank & John R Penn (KY)</i> Consigned by Crupi's New Castle Farm, agent Purchased by Frank Fletcher Racing Operations				

OBS JUNE SALE OF TWO-YEAR-OLDS

SESSION TOTALS*	2009	2008
Catalogued	269	269
No. Offered	183	202
No. Sold	140	160
RNAs	43	42
% RNA	23.5%	20.8%
No. Over \$100K	4	7
High Price	\$150,000	\$250,000
Gross	\$2,609,200	\$3,717,500
Average (% change)	\$18,637 (-19.8%)	\$23,234
Median (% change)	\$9,000 (30.8%)	\$13,000
CUMULATIVE	2009	2008
Catalogued	540	563
No. Offered	391	430
No. Sold	286	352
RNAs	105	78
% RNA	26.9%	18.1%
No. Over \$100K	6	14
High Price	\$150,000	\$250,000
Gross	\$4,741,300	\$7,720,700
Average (% change)	\$16,578 (-24.4%)	\$21,934
Median (% change)	\$9,000 (-30.8%)	\$13,000

*Stats do not include the 15 older horses that sold yesterday for \$58,900, an average of \$3,927.

www.obssales.com




PROUD ACCOLADE EUTHANIZED Bridlewood Farm announced that freshman sire **Proud Accolade** (Yes It's True--Proud Ciel, by Septieme Ciel) was euthanized Tuesday due to "a severe neurological condition."



Proud Accolade (2002-2007)
Louise Reinagel/Bridlewood Farm

The seven-year-old had been standing at the Ocala, Florida, farm for a \$4,000 fee. "He began to show some mild signs of neurological problems in recent weeks, but his condition deteriorated rapidly early Tuesday morning to the point that we were left with no other alternative," said George G. Isaacs, general manager at Bridlewood.

"It's heartbreaking. A plan was in place for upcoming surgery to try to alleviate the problems." A \$450,000 OBSMAR purchase by Padua Stables, the dark bay captured the 2004 GI Champagne S. at two and added the GII Hutcheson S. in 2005. The Todd Pletcher trainee also finished third in the GII Dwyer S., and retired with a record of 10-4-0-1 and earnings of \$476,630. "Having raced Proud Accolade and his sire Yes It's True, my family and I are deeply saddened by his passing" said Satish Sanan, co-owner of Padua Stables. "We had been so excited by his progeny, and were looking forward to a successful future for Proud Accolade."



THREE CHIMNEYS
The Idea is Excellence.

TODAY'S
INSIGHTS

3:25p HR/TVG 6th-CDX, \$48K, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m
Peter Blum homebred **PLATINUM (Mineshaft)** was given a 9-2 shot at first asking and ran with credit, rallying for second in a six-furlong Churchill dash May 29. The three-parts sibling to GISW A.P. Adventure (A.P. Indy) should appreciate the added ground here. Whisper Hill Farm's **Weekend Fantasy (Pleasantly Perfect)** debuts. As a \$490K KEESEP grad, the filly was the highest-priced yearling from her sire's first crop. The Bob Hess Jr.-trained dark bay is from the immediate family of A.P. Indy, et al. brisnet.com pps

4:00p TVG 1st-HOL, \$46K, Msw, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f
MAGIC YODELER (Swiss Yodeler) was fourth in a maiden won by ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ Necessary Evil (Harlan's Holiday) in track-record time here May 4, while **Ballistic Sue (City Zip)** also exits a quickly run maiden event May 14. The Bobby Flay firster **Triple Cream (Tapit)** has been working well for trainer David Hofmans. brisnet.com pps

★ NEW YORK ★

McCarron To Deliver Hall of Fame Address:

Jockey Chris McCarron will be the guest speaker at the 2009 Hall of Fame induction ceremony, scheduled to be held Friday, Aug. 14. McCarron, who entered the Hall of Fame in 1989, retired from his 28-year racing career in the saddle with 7,141 victories. "I'm incredibly flattered and excited about it," McCarron said. "To be able to stand up in front of a group of esteemed individuals, people who have been involved in the racing industry for decades, as well as the fans who have supported the game for a long period of time, is a true honor. The founder and executive director of the North American Racing Academy in Lexington, McCarron is the third Hall of Fame member--following John Nerud in 1994 and D. Wayne Lukas in 2004--to accept an invitation to speak at the ceremony.

Yesterday's Results:

6th-BEL, \$50,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$75,000), NW3X, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:43 4/5, gd.

1--**JUSTENUFFHUMOR, 123, c, 4, Distorted Humor--Justenuffheart (MSW & GSP, \$373,229), by Broad Brush.** (\$550,000 yrl '06 KEESEP). O-Darley Stable; B-Mt Brilliant Farm LLC (KY); T-Kiaran P McLaughlin. Lifetime Record: 5-4-0-0, \$102,000.

2--**Pick Six, 120, h, 5, Dynaformer--Oh What a Windfall,** by Seeking the Gold.

3--**Ballast (Ire), 120, g, 8, Desert Prince (Ire)--Suedoise (GB),** by Kris (GB). (€100,000 yrl '02 DEAAUG; 67,000gns HRA '04 TATHIT).

Margins: 3/4, 3HF, 3/4. Odds: 0.80, 2.60, 3.60.

The nicely bred Justenuffhumor kept his record on the spinach perfect while winning his fourth straight here. The half to Dreaming of Anna (Rahy), Ch. 2yo Filly, GISW, \$2,024,550; and Lewis Michael (Rahy), GSW, \$811,714, didn't debut until fall of his sophomore year, running a well-beaten ninth in a main-track effort at Keeneland last October. Moved to the sod, he graduated in a one-mile Gulfstream test Jan. 14, came from well back to win by two in a first-level allowance in Hallendale Mar. 28, then made up 12 lengths to romp in an Aqueduct optional claimer Apr. 25. The bay was freshened for this and returned as the public's odds-on pick. Content to take back off the leaders, he tracked about four lengths from the front before advancing along the hedge on the far turn. Jockey Alan Garcia opted to wait for room along the inside instead of going wide, and, once daylight appeared, the pair shot through in midstretch and asserted for the win. Pick Six rallied gamely, but was never a threat to the winner. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](http://brisnet.com chart) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)



New York Report cont.

8th-BEL, \$47,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:08, ft.

ROLLERS (c, 4, **Stormy Atlantic**--Elise', by **Distinctive Pro**) provided Lael Stables a daily double of sorts when, five minutes after Nicanor won at Delaware, he rolled him a clear-cut winner in New York. The colt, third to Ikigai (Whywhywhy) in the GIII Mr. Prospector S. in January, more recently was fifth in the restricted Dedicated Rullah S. at Belmont May 25 in what was his turf debut. Returning to the main track as the even-money choice, the dark bay jumped out and set a pressured half in :45 flat. Jockey Ramon Dominguez offered a crack of the whip in upper stretch and Rollers did the rest, cruising home seven lengths clear. Digger (Yonaguska) was second. Rollers was a \$60,000 FTNAUG yearling and a \$500,000 OBSFEB juvenile. Lifetime Record: GSP, 14-5-4-1, \$372,766. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) O-Lael Stables. B-Mrs Gerald A Nielsen (NY). T-Barclay Tagg.

2nd-BEL, \$40,850, Msw, 2yo, f, 5f, :58 4/5, ft.
+ KEEP IT A SECRET (f, 2, **Thunder Gulch**--**Don'tellmichelle**, by **Regal Classic**), a half to Hightap (Tapit), GSW, \$126,365, debuted here for a barn hitting with 18 percent of its firsters. Owned and trained by Frank Alexander, the 9-2 chance stalked just off the odds-on firster Always a Party (Forest Wildcat) through a half in :22 flat. Exchanging bumps at the furlong grounds, the pair got to the half in :45 2/5 before Keep it a Secret asserted late for the 1 3/4-length score. That's How I Roll (Speightstown) was scratched after acting up in the gate, which dwindled the field to just four. Keep it a Secret was a \$30,000 KEESEP yearling and \$50,000 OBSFEB juvenile. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$25,800. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) O/T-Frank A Alexander. B-Springland Farm (KY).

• ON THE WORKTAB •

BELMONT PARK

In Summation (Put It Back), 4f, •:47.26, 1/38
 Pinckney Hill (A.P. Indy), 5f, 1:02.46, 15/24

HOLLYWOOD

Dawn After Dawn (Successful Appeal), 4f, :49.20, 16/26
 S. S. Stone (Birdstone), 5f, 1:00.60, 9/18

SANTA ANITA

Patricia's Gem (Mineshaft), 4f, :49.80, 12/28
 Dawn Before Dawn (High Yield), 5f, 1:01.60, 25/42
 Mast Track (Mizzen Mast), 5f, 1:01.40, 22/42

★ EAST ★

Yesterday's Results:

8th-DEL, \$40,050, Alw, NW1X, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:52 4/5, fm.

NICANOR (c, 3, **Dynaformer**--La Ville Rouge {MGSP, \$262,594}, by **Carson City**), little brother of GI Kentucky Derby hero Barbaro, remained unbeaten on the grass with another gate-to-wire effort here. The bay trailed home in his debut over Gulfstream's main track Jan. 31, but ran a much-improved second in his next go Mar. 7. Nicanor was again second in a one-mile test in Hallendale Mar. 28, and the decision was made to try the green stuff. In his first turf effort, Nicanor dazzled with a 15 1/4-length winning performance that earned him a 104 Beyer at Delaware May 13, and he was looking to make it two straight at 2-5 odds. Eager early under Rosie Napravnik, the colt was up to lead by daylight through splits of :24, :48 2/5 and 1:13 3/5. Asked for his best at the top of the lane, he kicked clear by four lengths and, despite tiring a bit late, had enough to hold the rallying White Holiday (Harlan's Holiday) safe by two lengths. Barbaro was a two-time Grade I winner of \$2,302,200. Nicanor is also a half-brother to stakes winner Holy Ground (Saint Ballado). Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, \$60,900. [Click for the brisnet.com chart or Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) O-Lael Stables. B-Mr & Mrs M Roy Jackson (KY). T-Michael R Matz.

1st-PID, \$36,500, Msw, 2yo, 4 1/2f (AWT), :52 1/5, ft.

CHEQUE APPEAL (c, 2, **Successful Appeal**--**Big Cheque** {SP, \$363,690}, by **Regal Classic**), a \$20,000 KEENOV weanling RNA, was an 11-1 shot when he was well-beaten by **★ "TDN Rising Star" ★** Mission Impazible (Unbridled's Song) at Keeneland Apr. 16. Returning two months later on the Tapeta as a 9-2 shot, Cheque Appeal battled to the inside of Value Your Angel (Value Plus) through a quarter in :22 2/5 and outslugged that foe to the line to win by 3/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$21,000. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) O-Guy Mogge, John T Jones Jr & Dream Walkin Farm. B-John T L Jones Jr, Dream Walkin Farm & La Ciega (KY). T-Wayne D Mogge.

Tuesday Night Results:

4th-MNR, \$19,600, Msw, 2yo, 4 1/2f, :54 2/5, ft.
+ TUFFY COTTRELL (c, 2, **Prime Timber**--**Hope Chest, by Honor Grades**), let go at 9-1, was never far back, put a head in front in midstretch and dug in to post the head victory over Marlin Pass (Maria's Mon) in a four-horse blanket finish. The winner, a \$1,000 FTNYRG RNA, is a half to High Priced (Expensive Decision), SP, \$187,451. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$11,564. O/T-Gary R Welsh. B-Jennifer Contessa (NY).

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the **8th Race, \$52,700 Allowance, at Churchill.** For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).



★ CENTRAL ★

Tuesday Night Results:

3rd-PRM, \$24,929, Msw, 2yo, 4 1/2f, :53, my.
 + **DON'TLETJEFFNAME** (g, 2, **Mutakddim--Tiz Magic, by Tiznow**) rallied from a stalking position and won by 2 1/4 lengths. The gelding was a \$14,000 KEENOV RNA and a \$14,000 KEESEP yearling. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$14,700.
 O-Jeff Lafoy. B-Nursery Place & Partners (KY). T-David D McShane.

★ INDUSTRY INFO ★

Five Elected to NETWA Hall of Fame:

The New England Turf Writers Association announced yesterday the Hall of Fame class of 2009, which will be honored, along with the 2008 NETWA award winners, at the organization's 67th Annual Awards Dinner Thursday, July 16 at the Danversport Yacht Club in Danvers, Massachusetts. Slated to be inducted in 2009 are champion Seabiscuit, jockey Chris McCarron, trainer Edward "Ned" Allard, owner/breeder Gil Campbell and reporter and handicapper Dave Wilson in the New England Hall of Fame in 2009. The Hall of Fame was founded in 2005. The names of this year's inductees will be added to a plaque that is on permanent display in the New England Thoroughbred racing exhibit at the Sports Museum located in the TD Banknorth Garden. The panel of voters consisted of current active NETWA members. A two-thirds majority among the voters was required for election. Tickets for the awards dinner are \$60 each and tables of 10 are available for \$600. To purchase tickets, call 617-568-3220.

TODAY'S VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS

Wildcat Heir

Is not only this year's
LEADING FRESHMAN SIRE,
 He is this year's
LEADING TWO-YEAR-OLD SIRE.

Look for yearlings by Wildcat Heir at Fasig-Tipton July
#110, #156, #158, #163
2009 Stud Fee: \$6,500 S & N

A TAYLOR MADE / WINSTAR VENTURE and NEW FARM
 STANDING AT BRENT FERNUNG'S JOURNEYMAN STUD IN FLORIDA • (352) 629-1200

8th-DEL (Alw) Nicanor (c, 3, Dynaformer) makes it two straight on the grass.

2nd-BEL (Msw) Keep it a Secret (f, 2, Thunder Gulch) debuts a winner.

6th-BEL (Alw) Justenuffhumor (c, 4, Distorted Humor) awaits room, then shoots through for his fourth straight win.

AAEP Issues Recommendations For Exams at Auctions:

The Public Auction Task Force of the American Association of Equine Practitioners has developed recommendations regarding the use of radiographic reports as part of the pre-purchase exams that are conducted on horses for sale at public auctions. The goal of the task force is to promote ethical practices during the sales process, particularly at Thoroughbred auctions. "We view our recommendations as a 'best practices' approach that is applicable to veterinarians as well as buyers and sellers," said Harry W Werner, VMD, AAEP president. "It is our hope that everyone involved in the buying and selling of horses will embrace the highest standards of professional behavior." The AAEP's complete recommendations can be found by clicking [here](#).

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN IRELAND:

Lady Look, f, 3, **Diesis (GB)--Anja**, by Gulch. Fairyhouse, Ireland, 6-17, Hcp, 3yo, 6fT. B-Joan Murphy-Leopoldsberger. *\$90,000 wnlq '06 KEENOV; 14,000gns RNA yrl '07 TATOCT.

ROOKIES
 sponsored by
WILL HE SHINE
 Won Belmont's G2 True North H. in 1:08.3, defeating Bordonaro and Keyed Entry
 MILLENNIUM FARMS
 (859) 294-5439
 www.MILLENNIUMFARMS.com

First-crop starters to watch: Thursday, June 18

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

GHOSTZAPPER (Awesome Again), Adena Springs, \$200K, 80/0/0
 1-HOL, Msw, 5 1/2f, Ghost Shadow, \$30K KEE SEP yrl

HERO'S PLEASURE (Sea Hero), 4/0/0
 2-CBY, Msw, 5f, +Cinder Ellie, \$5K MNS AUG yrl, 6-1

First/Second-crop starters to watch: Thursday, June 18

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

CHAPEL ROYAL (Montbrook), Ashford, \$10K, 279/65/2
 1-HOL, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Imperatriz, \$27K BAR MAR 2yo

PLEASANTLY PERFECT (Pleasant Colony), Lane's End, \$40K, 116/24/2

6-CD, Msw, 1m, +Weekend Fantasy, \$490K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1
STANISLAVSKY (Dehere), Highcliff, \$2K, 23/2/0

3-PEN, Msw, 6f, +Pent Up, \$100K SAR AUG yrl, 8-1

TAPIT (Pulpit), Gainesway, \$15K, 171/45/7

1-HOL, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Triple Cream, \$65K BAR MAR 2yo

TENPINS (Smart Strike), Walmac, \$7K, 126/23/2

7-AP, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Happy Hours Away, 6-1



★ ROYAL ASCOT ★

Yesterday's Results:

ROYAL HUNT CUP H., £100,000, Ascot, 6-17, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:40.41, gd/fm.

1--**FORGOTTEN VOICE (IRE)**, 127, c, 4, **Danehill Dancer (Ire)--Ansnieres, by Spend a Buck.** (230,000gns yrl '06 TATOCT). O-Susan Roy; B-Swettenham Stud & Ben Sangster; T-Jeremy Nosedá; J-Johnny Murtagh; £62,310. Lifetime Record: 4-4-0-0, £77,365. *1/2 to Australie (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), GSW-Fr & SP-Eng, \$125,334.

2--**Huzzah (Ire)**, 122, c, 4, Acclamation (GB)--Borders Belle (Ire), by Pursuit of Love (GB). (32,000gns wnlg '05 TATDEC; 36,000gns yrl '06 DONSEP). £18,660.

3--**Mia's Boy (GB)**, 129, h, 5, Pivotal (GB)--Bint Zamayem (Ire), by Rainbow Quest. (180,000gns yrl '05 TATOCT; 90,000gns 2yo '06 TATAPR). £9,330. Margins: 2 1/4, 3/4, 1HF. Odds: 4-1, 25-1, 9-1.

Forgotten Voice looked like a group horse in the making when returning from a long layoff to take a brace of handicaps on the Kempton Polytrack Apr. 11 and May 4, so it was no surprise that the bookmakers made him favorite when betting opened on this prestigious handicap. Settled on the fence in the midst of the stands-side group initially, he was pushed to the front at the quarter pole. Jockey Johnny Murtagh had driven him three lengths clear a furlong later and could coast home late as he landed this big pot with something to spare. "We liked him as a two-year-old and he won at the backend, but he unfortunately got injured in March last year," revealed trainer Jeremy Nosedá. "My right-hand man saw a problem on his leg and we stopped him at the right time. We decided to be patient with him and bring him back. We hatched this plan sitting on a plane going to Keenland last September and realized that he was a well-handicapped horse who could win a Royal Hunt Cup. My idea was to win two races and be rated 95, but he was too impressive and ended up rated 101. It's a great job by all my team at home as he's been a tough horse to bring back. He's not had a lot of racing and it's not often that plans you have in mind come to fruition, but today it has." Murtagh added, "He's a bit better than a handicapper. It's a long time since I've ridden in a handicap and been so confident at the start, because he went down [to post] like a really, really nice horse. He's well-balanced and a real big galloper. I was travelling well on the inside and I could see [jockey] Philip Robinson [on Huzzah] drift off the rail, so I got a nice run before he straightened up. He was hot favorite today and I wanted to give everyone a run for their money and see how good he is. He hit the front a bit soon, but that race will stand him in good stead. He's fresh and a big playboy and there's still a lot of improvement left in him." [Video, courtesy of attheraces.](#)

5.55 Leopardstown, Mdn, €17,500, 2yo, 6fT

FINEST ARTISAN (IRE) ([Storm Cat](#)) is a newcomer to shout about, as a half-brother to the 2005 G1 Moyglare Stud S. and G1 Prix Marcel Boussac heroine Rumpelstiltskin (Ire) (Danehill). Like that talented performer, he starts out for Ballydoyle and Michael Tabor's colorbearer encounters a host of fillies, including Ballylinch Stud's homebred **Majestic Dancer (Ire)** ([Danehill Dancer \(Ire\)](#)), a close relative of the 2002 G1 Cheveley Park S. third Danaskaya (Ire) (Danehill).

6.40 Leicester, Mdn, £7,000, 2yo, 7f 9ydsT

COMEDY ACT (GB) ([Motivator {GB}](#)) is one of very few progeny of the 2005 G1 Epsom Derby hero to race this early and is one of the most fascinating on breeding, as a half-brother to Viva Pataca (GB) (Marju {Ire}). Sir Mark Prescott takes responsibility for Neil Greig's newcomer, as he did at the start of that top-class Hong Kong performer's career when known as Comic Strip and scoring at the first time of asking at Southwell five years ago.



GOLDIKOVA FOR FALMOUTH TEST The Wertheimers' **Goldikova (Ire)** (Anabaa) is on course for the July 8 G1 Falmouth S. at Newmarket, trainer Freddy Head confirmed yesterday. Featuring among the 28 fillies and mares remaining in Newmarket's mile contest at the latest stage revealed yesterday, last year's G1 Prix Rothschild, G1 Prix du Moulin and GI Breeders' Cup Mile heroine will bid to rebound from a disappointing comeback seventh in the G1 Prix d'Ispahan at Longchamp May 17. "We have entered Goldikova in the Falmouth S. and she will definitely make the trip across to Newmarket if she is fit and well," Head commented. "I can't really understand why she ran so badly in the Prix d'Ispahan, but the going was very soft. That run was very disappointing--too bad to be true--and I think that there must have been something wrong with her. We gave her a rest afterwards and she is fine at the moment, so we will hopefully take her to Newmarket."

TDN TODAY

Around the World. 8 pages



★ BRITAIN ★

Yesterday's Results:

Hamilton Park, 14.20, Mdn, £6,000, 2yo, 6f 5yT, 1:14.61, gd.

+ **AWZAAN (GB) (c, 2, Alhaarth {Ire}--Nufos {GB} {SW & MGSP-Eng, \$133,745}, by Zafonic)** tracked the early leader in a close-up third. Taking a narrow lead at halfway, the 11-4 second choice held on under pressure to best Paradise Spectre (GB) (Firebreak {GB}) by a length following a bitter final-quarter tussle. [Video, courtesy Racing UK](#). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £3,886. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd; T-Mark Johnston.

Kempton Park, 19.40, Mdn, £6,000, 2yo, f, 7f (AWT), 1:27.98, stn.

SILVER SYMPHONY (IRE) (f, 2, Pastoral Pursuits {GB}--Streak of Silver, by Dynaformer) finished second in a six-furlong Newbury maiden last time May 30, was sent off as the 4-6 crowd's choice and went straight to the front. Bounding clear under hand riding outside the two-furlong marker, the 11,000gns TATDEC foal and 12,000gns TATOCT yearling was ridden out late as Brunette (Ire) (Camacho {GB}) closed the margin to 2 3/4 lengths at the post. She is the eighth winner for her freshman sire (by Bahamian Bounty {GB}). Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, £5,427. O-Manley, Meyrick & Sullivan; B-J Jamgotchian; T-Paul Cole.

Kempton Park, 18.40, Mdn, £4,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/4m (AWT), 2:08.40, stn.

QUEEN OF PENTACLES (IRE) (f, 3, Selkirk--Maid to Perfection {GB} {SP-Ity}, by Sadler's Wells), an eye-catching fourth in a Newbury maiden on debut May 16, soon took a pitch in the second rank. Shaken up on the home turn, the 8-11 pick hit the front under a drive before the eighth pole and drew away to notch a seven-length score from Zeyadah (Ire) (Red Ransom). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £3,071. O/B-Normandie Stud Ltd; T-Jeremy Nosedá.

TDN Euro is:

England:	Sean Cronin (CAFE Racing) Tom Frary (CAFE Racing)
France:	Claude Beniada
Germany:	Christa Riebel
Ireland:	Dave Keena
Italy:	Giorgio Barsotti

★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday's Results:

PRIX LA FLECHE-Listed, €55,000, Maisons-Laffitte, 6-17, 2yo, 5fT, 1:00.10, gd.

1--**#SIYOUNI (FR), 126, c, 2, by Pivotal (GB)**
1st Dam: Sichilla (Ire) (SW-Fr), by Danehill
2nd Dam: Slipstream Queen, by Conquistador Cielo
3rd Dam: Country Queen, by Explodent
 O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC; T-Alain de Royer-Dupre; J-Christophe Soumillon; €27,500. Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 3 wins, €58,000.

2--**Ladoga (GB), 122, f, 2, Exceed and Excel (Aus)--Lamballe, by Woodman.** (€160,000 yrl '08 ARQAUG). €11,000.

3--**Ascot Glory (Ire), 122, f, 2, Kheleyf--Lake Victoria (Ire), by Lake Coniston (Ire).** (€3,000 wnlg '07 GOFNOV; €20,000 yrl '08 GOFSP). €8,250. Margins: 3, NK, SHD. Odds: 0.70, 8.40, 13.00. Also Ran: Kolokol (Ire), Paschmina (Fr), Molesne Bay (Fr), Mon Nono (Ire), Too Nice Name (Fr), Dancing Doreen (Fr), Rumeur des Aigles (Fr).

Having earned his **"TDN Rising Star"** badge at Longchamp on debut May 4, Siyouni continued on the upgrade with a conditions win at this track May 27 and came back to claim this black-type bow in impressive style. Recovering from early scrimmaging to sit in mid-division, the 7-10 favorite cruised past rivals to lead with 300 meters remaining and was ridden clear in the closing stages to easily account for Ladoga, who fared best in a three-way blanket finish for the minor honors. "Our overall aim is the G2 Prix Robert Papin [back here July 26] and I am not sure whether he will go for the G3 Prix du Bois [at Chantilly July 5] beforehand," trainer Alain de Royer-Dupre told *Racing Post*. "He is a very easy horse who doesn't pull and you can do anything you want with him." [Click for Racing Post chart.](#)

Maisons-Laffitte, 14.05, Cond, €34,000, 3yo, 1mT, 1:45.90, gd.

ROCK OF NASSAU (FR) (c, 3, Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}--Solosole, by Gulch), fifth at Longchamp last time May 17, led after the initial strides of this third go. Stoked up when pressed in early stretch, the 13-5 second choice was pushed out inside the final quarter mile to comfortably best Massicotier (Fr) (Verglas {Ire}) by 2 1/2 lengths. The winner was an 11,000gns TATDEC foal and a €50,000 DEAAUG yearling. Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 1 win, 2 places, €23,000. O-Cyril Morange; B-Marc de Chambure, Eric Puerari, Horse France (Ireland) Ltd & Oceanic Bloodstock; T-Freddy Head.



★ IRELAND ★

Thursday, Leopardstown, post time: 7:55 p.m.

NIJINSKY S.-Listed, €42,500, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	3	Famous Name (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Weld	138
2	2	Fiery Lad (Ire)	Mull of Kintyre	Lyons	138
3	7	Celtic Dane (Ire)	Danetime (Ire)	Prendergast	135
4	5	Deauville Vision (Ire)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Halford	135
5	11	Finicius	Officer	Griffin	135
6	8	Monteriggioni (Ire)	Blue Ocean	Geoghegan	135
7	6	Shreyas (Ire)	Dalakhani (Ire)	Bolger	135
8	10	Festival Princess (Ire)	Barathea (Ire)	Harrington	132
9	4	Glowing (Ire)	Dansili (GB)	C O'Brien	132
10	9	Always Be True (Ire)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Wachman	121
11	1	Marquesa	Kingmambo	Wachman	121

Last year's G1 Prix du Jockey-Club runner-up **Famous Name** drops in class and trip following a second to Casual Conquest (Ire) (Hernando {Fr}) in the G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup at The Curragh May 24. He meets the June 4 Listed Glencairn S. scorer **Shreyas**, which should ensure he has something to think about here. Trainer Dermot Weld told the *Racing Post*, "This is his first time over a mile and a furlong which could well prove to be his optimum trip. As long as they don't get any more rain and I'm expecting him to run a big race."

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

BLACK-TYPE RESULTS:

GOLDEN SYLVIA H., \$75,000, MNR, 6-16, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38 4/5, my.

1--**VALLEY LOOT, 117, m, 5, Demaloot Demashoot--In the Valley, by In Reality.** O-Felicia Campbell;

B-Marilyn McMaster (MI); T-Ronald D Allen Sr; J-Federico Mata; \$45,750. Lifetime Record: 20-12-2-3, \$468,985.

2--**Donna D, 107, f, 3, Dixie Union--Creativity, by Notebook.** (\$19,000 RNA yrl '07 KEESEP). \$15,000.

3--**Sky Mom, 122, f, 4, Maria's Mon--Swiftly Classic, by Sky Classic.** (\$27,000 yrl '06 KEEJAN; \$480,000 HRA '08 FTKNOV). \$7,500.

Margins: 3/4, 1HF, 3. Odds: 6.30, 12.60, 0.90.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-MTH, \$45,000, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW3X, 3yo/up, 1m70y, 1:41 1/5, ft.

GLAMOUR GUY (h, 5, E Dubai--Dancer's Glamour, by Danzig Connection) Lifetime Record: 23-5-3-5, \$164,193. O-David E Garner. B-Gem Racing Inc (FL). T-Ralph E Nicks. *\$70,000 yrl '05 KEESEP.

1st-BEL, \$45,000, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:15 1/5, ft.

THE TRUFFLE MAN (g, 4, Precise End--Double Doubleville {SP}, by Mt. Livermore) Lifetime Record: 18-6-4-0, \$209,537. O-Jacobson Racing Stable. B-Cheryl Maronic (NY). T-David Jacobson. *\$19,000 yrl '06 FTNYRG; \$25,000 2yo '07 OBSAPR.

8th-MTH, \$42,000, NW2X, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:40 1/5, fm.

LIQUID AMBER (g, 5, Dance Brightly--Consort Miss {MSW, \$160,316}, by Tarr Road) Lifetime Record: 32-10-4-3, \$187,720. O-John Hayek. B-Peter Kirwan (KY). T-Bruce F Alexander. *\$8,000 RNA wlng '04 KEENOV; \$3,700 yrl '05 FTKOCT; \$3,000 2yo '06 FTKFEB.

7th-DEL, \$41,700, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, 1m70y, 1:41, wf.

DOC'S FRIEND (c, 3, Friends Lake--Copelans Mist, by Copelan) Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-2, \$88,600. O-Cottonwood Stables LLC. B-Brereton C Jones (KY). T-J Larry Jones. *\$27,000 RNA yrl '07 KEESEP.

7th-CNL, \$35,000, 6-16, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT, 1:04 4/5, gd.

A REEL BUSTER (g, 6, Housebuster--Defer to Her, by Silver Deputy) Lifetime Record: SW, 14-3-3-0, \$103,285. O-Laure A Connelly & Robert P Levy. B-Muirfield Ventures & Laure Connelly (MD). T-Laure A Connelly.

6th-IND, \$31,000, 6-16, NW4L, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11 3/5, sy.

BROTHER JAMIE (g, 4, Arromanches--Flint Creek, by Marfa) Lifetime Record: 11-4-2-1, \$72,850. O/B/T-Ronald G Brown (IN).

9th-PRM, \$27,500, 6-16, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09 4/5, my.

DANA'S BELL (f, 4, Explicit--Donttreatmewrong, by Fast Play) Lifetime Record: 18-6-4-0, \$100,315. O/T-John Good. B-Alice Sparks (KY).

5th-IND, \$25,000, 6-16, Opt. Clm. (\$30,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, 1m70y (off turf), 1:42 2/5, sy.

IRON ID (c, 4, Victory Gallop--See Moon, by Deputy Minister) Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-2, \$47,410. O-Fortune Racing LLC. B-T F VanMeter (KY). T-Joan Scott. *\$38,000 wlng '05 KEENOV.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Judge Sonya, f, 2, Delaware Township--Lost Judgement** (SW, \$266,159), by Judge Smells. MTH, 6-17, (C), 5f, 1:00. B-Rustlewood Farm Inc. (FL). *\$11,000 wlng '07 OBSOCT.

All horses in the *TDN* are bred in North America, unless otherwise indicated

Breeders' Edition cont. p8



One That Got Away, f, 3, **Kafwain**--Lanai City (SP), by Carson City. MNR, 6-16, 6f, 1:11 3/5. B-Kenneth Roberts (KY). *\$45,000 yrl '07 FTKJUL; \$22,000 2yo '08 OBSJUN.

+ **Go Luv**, f, 3, **Snuck In**--Exclusively Happy, by Ecliptical. MTH, 6-17, (C), 6f, 1:10 1/5. B-Ken Call (FL). *Won by 5 1/2 lengths at 5-1 odds.

Ice Cream Cutie, f, 4, **Cactus Ridge**--September Saint, by Saint Ballado. PRM, 6-16, 6f, 1:10 1/5. B-Dream Walkin Farm Inc. (KY). *\$40,000 yrl '06 KEESEP.

Dancer for Love, f, 4, **Not For Love**--Karaoke Dancer (SP, \$345,843), by Wall Street Dancer. CNL, 6-16, (S), 1mT, 1:40 1/5. B-R Larry Johnson (VA). *\$35,000 RNA yrl '06 FTMOCT.

★ WINNERS BY U.S. SIRE ★

IN CHILE:

El Siete Mete (Chi), c, 3, **Muqtarib**--Salsa Latina, by The Great Shark. Club Hipico de Concepcion, 6-16, Hcp, 1300m, 1.17.70. Lifetime Record: 18-7-1-1. O-Haras Los Acacios; B-Haras Porta Pia; T-Luis Machulas.

NTRA SAFETY & INTEGRITY ALLIANCE

Track Accredited: DELAWARE PARK

- "I am happy to report that Delaware Park, one of the nation's most picturesque racetracks and home to the \$1-million Delaware H. this summer, has been accredited by the NTRA Safety and Integrity Alliance," said Alex Waldrop, President and CEO of the NTRA. "Delaware Park is to be commended for its commitment to the human and equine athletes who compete there."
- "We are delighted that the NTRA has recognized the commitment that Delaware Park has made to the safety and integrity of Thoroughbred racing," said William Fasy, Chief Operating Officer of Delaware Park. "In cooperation with the Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission, our horsemen and our jockeys, we have been on the forefront of industry efforts to get steroids out of racing and to make racing safer for all involved. Just as important, we also have implemented a racehorse retirement program, endorsed by our horsemen, that provides a way for former racehorses to move into second careers. All of these efforts allow us to present racing that is as safe, fair and humane as possible."
- Tracks previously accredited by the Alliance are Belmont, Churchill and Keeneland; Pimlico received provisional approval.
- Next up for inspection by the Alliance are Aqueduct, Arlington Park, Calder Race Course, Emerald Downs, Monmouth Park and Saratoga Race Course.

www.ntraalliance.com

BREEDERS' EDITION
EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Maisons-Laffitte, 15.40, 6-17, €22,000, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:43.80, gd.

MAREK (GER) (g, 6, Kallisto {Ger})--Marquesa Island {Ger}, by Hondo Mondo {Ire} Lifetime Record: 27 starts, 8 wins, 5 places, €95,850. O-Stall Europa; B-Gestut Rottgen; T-Manfred Weber.

IRELAND, Fairyhouse, 19.00, 6-17, €16,500, 3yo/up, 7fT, 1:35.14, sf.

MONIVEA (IRE) (f, 3, Fasliyev--Night Rhapsody {Ire}, by Mujtahid) Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-1, €27,895. O/B-Mary Halligan; T-Brian Nolan.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Farmer Giles (Ire), c, 2, **Danroad (Aus)**--Demeter, by Diesis (GB). Ripon, Britain, 6-17, Mdn, 2yo, 5fT. B-Hong Kong Breeders Club. *€19,500 yrl '08 GOFFEB; £46,000 yrl '08 DONAUG.

Dandy Boy (Ity), c, 3, **Danetime (Ire)**--Fleet of Light (GB), by Spectrum (Ire). Fairyhouse, Ireland, 6-17, Mdn, 3-4yo, 6fT. B-Azienda Agricola Razza Emiliana Srl. *€22,000 yrl '07 ITYSEP; 20,000gns 2yo '08 TATAPR.

+ **Whispering Gallery (GB)**, g, 3, **Daylami (Ire)**--Echoes in Eternity (Ire) (MGSW-Eng, \$241,555), by Spinning World. Hamilton Park, Britain, 6-17, Mdn, 3-5yo, 9f 36ydsT. B-Darley.

Jack Cool (Ire), c, 3, **One Cool Cat**--Rachrush (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. Yarmouth, Britain, 6-17, Mdn, 3yo, 7f 3ydsT. B-Angus McDonnell.

FOALING NEWS

Sponsored by

JAZIL

Seeking the Gold – Better Than Honour,
by Deputy Minister



Belmont S.-G1 Winner from sire family

1st Foals this year

STALLION INQUIRIES: (859) 224-4585 WWW.SHADWELLFARM.COM/JAZIL



TACTICAL INFO, 13, Tactical Advantage--Prosperous Info, by Northern Prospect

Foal born May 5, a colt by Lion Tamer.

Will be bred back to Posse.

Owned by Sugarland Thoroughbreds.

Boarded at Clear Creek Stud.

Accomplishments: Dam of Country Diva (Songandaprayer), MSW, \$328,727.