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DISTANCE TEST IN SAN RAFAEL

As the adage goes, all five entrants in today's GIII Santa Rafael S. will be able to get the one-mile distance; we just don't know how long they'll need to cover it. Set to be contested over Santa Anita's Pro-Ride surface, the San Rafael features a quintet of sophomores, none of whom have won at a distance over 6 1/2 furlongs. Expected to set the pace is recent Zabeel Racing acquisition **Conveyance** (Indian Charlie). "He has a lot of speed and looks like one of those horses who go to the lead and dare you to catch



Conveyance Benoit Photo

them," trainer Bob Baffert said. The gray was a 1 1/2-length debut winner Oct. 31, and was named a **"TDN Rising Star"** after taking a Hollywood Park allowance by seven lengths Nov. 25. **Cont. p2**

'FUN' IN THE WARM CALIFORNIA SUN

She's Funomenal (Fusaichi Pegasus) has been overshadowed by stablemate and Eclipse finalist **Blind Luck** (Pollard's Vision), but has the chance to step into the spotlight today in the GII Santa Ynez S. A 5 1/2-length debut winner at Hollywood Park Nov. 15, the bay dug in to post a 3/4-length victory over three opponents in the non-black-type



She's Funomenal Benoit Photo

Ifyoucouldseemenow S. in Inglewood Dec. 13. The bay came from just off the pace last time, and connections believe she can sit a good trip from her outside post. "No matter where she is, the key is as long as she's comfortable," said Dan Ward, assistant to trainer Jerry Hollendorfer. "That might be on the lead or relaxed." **Cont. p3**

ZABEEL RACING ACQUIRES RICHARD'S KID

One day after it was announced that Sheikh Rashid al Maktoum's Zabeel Racing had bought today's GIII San Rafael morning-line favorite **Conveyance** (Indian Charlie), *Daily Racing Form* reported the owner has acquired last year's GI Pacific Classic winner **Richard's Kid** (Lemon Drop Kid) from Arnold Zetcher. The deal was brokered by bloodstock agent Omar Trevino, who told the publication that the deal was completed "in the last couple of weeks." Sixth in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic, the five-year-old will be pointed toward the G1 Dubai World Cup Mar. 27 and will remain in the barn of Bob Baffert. "Baffert will map out the strategy for the horse," Trevino told *DRF*. "Our target is the Dubai World Cup. He's a horse that can run 10 furlongs; he's proven that. We wanted a horse for that particular race. We were able to come to an agreement." **Richard's Kid** has won six of 21 starts and has earned \$801,370.



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San Rafael cont.

Trainer John Sadler is hopeful the extra real estate will help his entrant **Domonation** (Maria's Mon). After breaking his maiden by a nose over six furlongs at Hollywood Park Nov. 29, the gray chased home Tiz Chrome (Tiznow), another three-year-old prospect in the deep Baffert barn, to be runner-up by four lengths in the 6 1/2-furlong non-black-type Stuka S. in Inglewood Dec. 19. "I think he's going to like it," Sadler said of the stretch-out. "He's a good finisher in all his races. We're looking forward to it. I got a nice seven-furlong work in him, so it's time to find out."

Lucky Rave (GB) (Lucky Story), a five-length winner in an all-weather Lingfield handicap Aug. 27, beat one home to be 10th in the GI Norfolk S., but rebounded to be a closing third in the one-mile Nov. 28 GIII Generous S. over the Hollywood turf last time. **Via Verde** (Cherokee Run), a three-parts brother to last year's GII Illinois Derby winner and GI Kentucky Derby and GI Preakness S. third Musket Man (Yonaguska), is the only other horse to have tried a route of ground, having finished fourth in the one-mile Eddie Logan S. over the Santa Anita spinach Dec. 28.

Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 4:31 p.m. EST
SAN RAFAEL S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, 1m (AWT)

PP	HORSE	OWNER	BREEDER	TRAINER/JOCKEY	ML
1	Cardiff Giant <i>(g, Yankee Gentleman--Stop the Croquet, by Stop the Music)</i>	M Racing	Kim & Rodney Nardelli-KY	Periban Espinoza	6-1
2	Domonation <i>(c, Maria's Mon--Snickeez, by Mr. Greeley)</i>	Joy Ride Racing/La Cresta Farm	B & B T'breeds/ MountainStates Stbls/M Hugh-KY	Sadler Rosario	5-2
3	Conveyance <i>(c, Indian Charlie--Emptythetill, by Holy Bull)</i>	Zabeel Racing Int Corp	Gulf Coast Farms LLC-KY	Baffert Gomez	3-5
4	Lucky Rave (GB) <i>(c, Lucky Story--Rave On {lty}, by Baratheia {lre})</i>	Mr & Mrs Marc C Ferrell	Cothi Bloodstock-GB	Eurton Solis	8-1
5	Via Verde <i>(r, Cherokee Run--Fortuesque, by Fortunate Prospect)</i>	Ike & Dawn Thrash	Jim E Nelson/Sergio de Sousa/Darley-KY	Sadler Bejarano	8-1

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Saturday, Santa Anita

SANTA YNEZ S.-GII, \$150,000, 3yo, f, 7f (AWT)

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Seriously	Gulch	Espinoza	Baffert	10-1
2	Franny Freud	Freud	Gomez	Terranova	5-2
3	Whispering Hush	El Corredor	Smith	Kruljac	8-1
4	Amen Hallelujah	Montbrook	Sutherland	Dutrow Jr	3-1
5	She's Funomenal	Fusaichi Pegasus	Rosario	Hollendorfer	9-5
6	Switch	Quiet American	Bejarano	Sadler	9-2

She's Funomenal enters the Santa Ynez undefeated in two starts, but that didn't dissuade trainer Eric Kruljac from taking a shot against the 9-5 morning-line choice with his own entrant **Whispering Hush**. "That last race was pretty counterfeit," Kruljac said of the favorite's 3/4-length victory against three opponents in the non-black-type Ifyoucouldseemenow S. at Hollywood Park Dec. 13. "That doesn't mean she might not be something special, but she's going to have to prove it. She might prove it here. We'll see." Whispering Hush was second in the Generous Portion S. at Del Mar and third in the Cal Cup Juvenile Fillies as a maiden before she earned her first victory over the Santa Anita turf Oct. 31. She returns to the main track here off a fifth in the Nov. 29 GIII Generous S. **Franny Freud** is set to make her first start in California. The New York-bred was a five-length heroine of the Nov. 15 New York Stallion Fifth Avenue S. most recently.

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Saturday, Santa Anita

SAN FERNANDO S.-GII, \$150,000, 4yo, 1 1/16m

(AWT)

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Smart Bid	Smart Strike	Smith	Motion	9-2
2 Viscount	Oriente	Gomez	Baffert	6-1
3 Rendezvous	Victory Gallop	Bejarano	Hollendorfer	9-2
4 Papa Clem	Smart Strike	T Baze	G Stute	3-1
5 Mr. Hot Stuff	Tiznow	Talamo	Harty	8-1
6 Mythical Power	Congaree	Rosario	Baffert	4-1
7 Gallant Son	Malabar Gold	Solis	Lucarelli	8-1
8 Quindici Man	Came Home	Espinoza	Lewis	10-1


Papa Clem was third in the seven-furlong GI Malibu S. Dec. 26, and returns to his best game here around two turns. The 2009 GII Arkansas Derby winner has fired three successive bullet works since that effort, including a :47 drill Jan. 13. "He's working better than he was late last year," trainer Gary Stute said. "The last two works were good, but the first one after the Malibu seemed to wake him up. That was really good. Seven furlongs isn't a bad distance for him, but I think he probably was a little short." Stute isn't scared by the seven opponents who have lined up to face Papa Clem. "This race looks awful easy on paper," he said. "There's more pressure when you're 8-5 than 10-1." According to *Daily Racing Form*, a victory in the San Fernando or his next expected start, the Feb. 6 GII Strub S., would put Papa Clem on track for a tilt at the GI Santa Anita H. Mar. 6 or G1 Dubai World Cup Mar. 27. **Rendezvous**, who posted a career high when he upset last year's GII Del Mar Derby on turf, will make his first start over a synthetic surface in 11 months here. The chestnut was third in the GIII El Camino Real Derby the last time he competed over the all-weather, and enters this spot off a fifth in the GI Clement Hirsch S. Oct. 11 and an eighth in the GII Oak Tree Derby Nov. 7.



Piscitelli, Aikenite Confirmed for Holy Bull...

William Schettine's **Piscitelli** (Victory Gallop), a close fourth in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Nov. 7 after setting the pace, worked five furlongs in 1:01 1/5 at Palm Meadows yesterday in preparation for the Jan. 23 GIII Holy Bull S. "He went very well and galloped out six furlongs in 1:12.70," said trainer Rick Sacco. "We wanted Kent [Desormeaux] to get a feel of where he is at this point, and the Holy Bull looks like the right place to get him started." Dogwood Stable's **Aikenite** (Yes It's True), fifth in the Breeders' Cup juvenile, has also been pointed toward the Holy Bull, *Daily Racing Form* reports. "He shipped right to Palm Meadows after the Breeders' Cup and has been training well since coming down here," trainer Todd Pletcher told *DRF*. "I thought he ran a good race in the Breeders' Cup. In retrospect, if I had to do it over again, I might have had him lay a little closer to the pace that day. He left the gate with run on his mind, but the way the track was playing, favoring come-from-behind horses, we decided to take him back." According to *DRF*, the Holy Bull also is expected include GI Champagne S. winner **Homeboykris** (Roman Ruler), Calder sensation **Jackson Bend** (Hear No Evil) and ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ **Winslow Homer** (Unbridled's Song).

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Pletcher's Plans for Other Classic Contenders...

Speaking to *Daily Racing Form*, Pletcher outlined the plans for his other top three-year-old colts. The trainer is pondering multiple options for **Discreetly Mine** (Mineshaft), fourth in the Spectacular Bid S. last Saturday. "We're thinking of one of three races for him next," Pletcher told the trade daily. Under consideration are the GIII Sam F. Davis at Tampa Bay Downs Feb. 13, the GII Hutcheson S. at Gulfstream Feb. 20 or the GIII Risen Star S. at the Fair Grounds, also Feb. 20. **Three Day Rush** (Harlan's Holiday), winner of a Gulfstream allowance a week ago, is likely for the Whirlaway S. at Aqueduct Feb. 6, while runner-up and stablemate **Mission Impazible** (Unbridled's Song) is probable for the GIII Southwest S. at Oaklawn Feb. 15. **Toboggan Slide** (Rock Slide) is possible for the Hutcheson. Plans are open for Pilgrim S. winner Eskendreya (Giant's Causeway), who took a Gulfstream allowance Jan. 7.



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NEWS TODAY

FORT LAUDERDALE GRADED STATUS

RESTORED The American Graded Stakes Committee has restored the Grade III status of Sunday's Fort Lauderdale S. As a result, **Duke of Mischief** (Graeme Hall) will be credited with a Grade III victory, while **Kiss the Kid** (Lemon Drop Kid) and **Mambo Meister** (King Cugat) will be credited with Grade III placings. All graded turf races transferred to the main track are automatically downgraded before they are reviewed by the Committee.

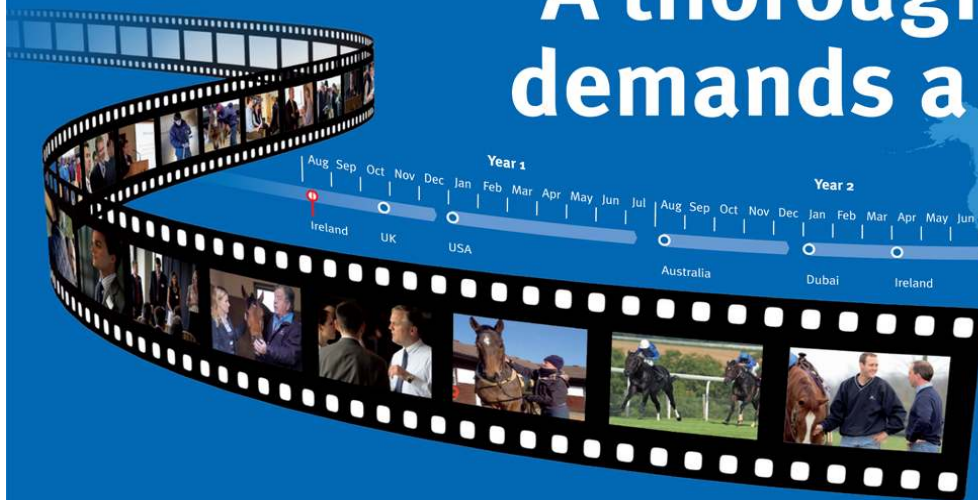
FIRST FOAL FOR CURLIN Curlin (Smart Strike) had his first known foal arrive Jan.

12, Lane's End announced. A filly, out of Grade I producer Zophie (Hawkster), was foaled at Burleson Farms near Midway, Kentucky. Owned by Don and Beccie Ming, Zophie is the dam of the 2006 GI Spinaway S. winner Appealing Sophie (Successful Appeal).



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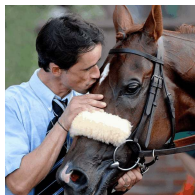
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KEENELAND JANUARY CONCLUDES The 2010 Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale, held over five days in Lexington, concluded yesterday with marked decreases across the board. Compared to the first five sessions of last year's six-session event, Keeneland January saw the average drop 11.7 percent to \$24,333, and the median drop 20 percent to \$8,000. Still, sales officials were not unduly alarmed by the results. "The January sale strongly underscores the market re-set that is taking place, both within our industry and the larger global economy," said Keeneland Director of Sales Geoffrey Russell in a release. "Buyers are understandably discriminating in their purchases, and that's been reflected in the results throughout the week. Quality continues to sell, as demonstrated in a seven-figure sale and several high six figures. However, as others have pointed out, in this economy where credit continues to be significantly constricted, buyers are being extremely careful as they make decisions about how much or whether to spend dollars. I think that's to be expected, and is simply a reflection of continued anxiety over the state of the larger economy, and the adjustment taking place to a new market reality within our industry." Russell added, "Whether our marketplace--or the larger economy--has completely re-set is difficult to determine at this point." The topper on the final day of the sale was [hip 1489](#), the three-year-old racing/broodmare prospect **Unbridled Empire** (Empire Maker--Cindazanno, by Alleged). The Tom Baxter homebred was consigned by Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, agent, and purchased by Chromedome Partners (John Penn) for \$55,000. Unplaced in one start at two, she is a half-sister to Grade I winners Fourty Niners Son (Distorted Humor) and Cindy's Hero (Sea Hero). For the complete results, go to www.keeneland.com.



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Catalogued	322	408
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No. Sold	166	244
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% RNA	33%	15.5%
High Price	\$55,000	\$60,000
Gross	\$1,095,900	\$2,050,200
Average (% change)	\$6,602 (-21.4%)	\$8,402
Median (% change)	\$3,000 (-33.3%)	\$4,500
CUMULATIVE	2010	2009*
Catalogued	1753	1972
No. Offered	1345	1430
No. Sold	982	1125
RNAs	363	305
% RNA	27%	21.3%
No. \$300K+	8	6
High Price	\$1,085,000	\$950,000
Gross	\$23,895,100	\$31,028,000
Average (% change)	\$24,333 (-11.7%)	\$27,581
Median (% change)	\$8,000 (-20%)	\$10,000

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Richard Eng, Las Vegas Review-Journal

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- won Blue Wind Stakes-G3
- won Park Express Stakes-G3, 2nd Irish 1,000 Guineas-G1
- won Coronation Stakes-G1, dam of SW Galactic Star
- won Prix Saint-Alary-G1, half-sister to 3 Group winners
- dam of Group winning 2-y-o Distinctive
- dam of Group winner Im Spartacus
- dam of SW Danehill Destiny, half-sister to G1 winner Where Or When
- dam of dual G1 winner Voix du Nord
- won Phoenix Stakes-G1 & Queen Mary Stakes-G2
- 2nd Fillies' Mile Stakes-G1, dam of G3 winner Cheshire & SW Bankable
- dual G1 winner, dam of G1 winner Scintillo & G3 winner Jumbajukiba
- dam of dual G3 winner Profound Beauty, half-sister to G2 winner Irresistible Jewel
- dam of Group winning 2-y-o Tournedos
- dam of G3 winner Doc Holiday
- dam of G2 winner Fairly Ransom, full-sister to G1 winner Fair Mix
- SW, dam of SW Under The Rainbow, full-sister to G1 winners Alpine Rose & Fragrant Mix
- won Prix de la Foret-G1, dam of SW Field of Dream & G1 pl Olympian Odyssey
- dam of G2 winning 2-y-o Lillie Langtry
- won E.P. Taylor Stakes-G1, sister to G1 winners Dolphin Street & Saffron Walden
- dam of G3 winner Bonus & SW's Georgebernardshaw & Third Set
- dam of Group winning 2-y-o Gracefully & SW Lady Grace
- G3 winner, dam of Hong Kong Derby-G1 winner Collection
- dual G1 placed, dam of SW Contest, half-sister to G1 winner Tarascon
- won Greenlands Stakes-G3
- grandam of dual G1 winning miler Rip Van Winkle
- G2 winner, dam of G3 winner Charm The Giant
- dam of Irish Oaks-G1 winner Vintage Tipple
- dam of G2 winner Girl Warrior
- won Moyglare Stud Stakes-G1, dam of G1 pl You'll Be Mine, sister to G1 winner Yesterday
- won Schwarzgold Rennen-G2
- won Fillies' Mile Stakes-G1 and Blandford Stakes-G2 twice
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- dam of E.P. Taylor Stakes-G1 winner Folk Opera
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2:38p HRTV 3rd-FG, \$45K, Alw, 3yo, 6f
BRAVO WHISKEY (Smart Strike), bred on the same Smart Strike/Deputy Minister cross as Curlin, splashed home a six-length winner over the Fair Grounds slop in his Dec. 14 debut ([video](#)) for trainer Neil Howard and owner Bluegrass Hall. The chestnut has three solid drills since that initial success. Also in the field are **North of Alaska (Northern Afleet)** and **Instant Message (Mr. Greeley)**, who ran fourth and sixth, respectively, in the Dec. 19 Sugar Bowl S. [brisnet.com PPs](#)

5:08p HRTV 9th-GP, \$48K, Alw, 4yo/up, 6f
OBLINGLY (Officer) looked to have a bright future when he drilled Calder maidens by 11 1/2 lengths in his second start in December 2008 ([video](#)). The \$300K FTFEB juvenile then ran third behind Theregoesjojo (Brahms) and Quality Road (Elusive Quality) in a hot Gulfstream heat last January, but hasn't faced the starter since. Todd Pletcher trains for WinStar Farm. [brisnet.com PPs](#)

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Yesterday's Results:
8th-GPX, \$37,000, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09 2/5, ft.
QUALIA (f, 4, Saarland--Amalake {MSW, \$203,732}, by Meadowlake), a \$160,000 FTKJUL yearling, scored by 4 1/4 lengths in her career bow at Belmont Oct. 18. She then missed by a neck to Sheikh's Serenade (Unbridled's Song) in a Nov. 25 allowance at Aqueduct, and was 4-5 in this five-horse affair. Up close in third early while racing on the rail, the bay attempted to scoot through inside 13-1 pacesetter French Dip (Speightstown), but rider Rajiv Maragh rethought the situation and opted for an outside challenge instead. The favorite shifted gears in deep stretch and devoured French Dip for a half-length success. Royal Ballade (Elusive Quality), making her first start since October 2008, cabooseed the field throughout. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)**
Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$57,600.
O-Marc Keller. B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY). T-Robert Ribaudo.
Gulfstream report cont. p2



★ **"TDN Rising Star"** ★

7th-GPX, \$35,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:21 3/5, ft.

CHRISTINE DAAE, f, 3, by [Giant's Causeway](#)

1st Dam: Descapate (SW & GSP, \$196,105), by Dehere

2nd Dam: Scapegoat, by Forty Niner

3rd Dam: Old Goat, by Olden Times

Christine Daae finished a non-threatening fourth at 38-1 in her July 9 debut at Hollywood, a maiden in which subsequent Grade I winner Mi Sueno (Pulpit)



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finished second ([video](#)). The blaze-faced chestnut missed some time thereafter, but reappeared on the worktab at Gulfstream in early December and posted three bullet drills. Getting Lasix for this return to action, the 7-2

third choice came away quickly before settling in third on the outside as Sarah and Me (Strong Hope) set the pace. Jockey Joe Brave said "go" on the turn and Christine Daae hit the high note, drawing off impressively by 8 3/4 lengths. Exiled Princess (Purge) rallied from seventh to claim second from Muhawaara (Unbridled's Song--Habibti), while Sarah and Me faded to fifth. Sales history: \$175,000 RNA wlng '07 KEENOV; \$100,000 yrl '08 KEESEP. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or the [brisnet.com pedigree](#). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$23,760.

O-Michael Imperio & Kona Stables LLC. B-WinStar Farm LLC (KY). T-Patrick L Biancone.

in sharper focus.

CHRISTINE DAAE (Giant's Causeway)

You couldn't see it as she romped away from the field, but there is a good reason why Christine Daae was named for the young woman who became the obsession of the Phantom of the Opera.

Trainer Patrick Biancone explained.

"Let me tell you why," Biancone said. "She is a chestnut, OK? But on the left side of her face, she has a big white mark, like a mask. I called my owners and I said, 'Listen, she has a mask, like the Phantom. We cannot call her Phantom, because that's not right for a filly, but Christine Daae is a beautiful girl from the Phantom of the Opera, so we should try that.'"

The three-year-old will have plenty of followers of her own after her eye-catching maiden score. Fourth in her career opener back in July, she was sidelined after that effort.

"I ran her too early," Biancone admitted. "She was showing a lot of quality quite young, but she wasn't mature enough yet in her mind. And she was in against a very tough field the first time any way.

"From there, we gave her a chance to grow up. At the time, she was 15.3, and now she is 16 hands."

Christine Daae looked like a big horse in the making at Gulfstream yesterday, a fact that came as no surprise to her connections.

"You never know until you run them, but she trained extremely well," Biancone said. "She worked three-quarters 10 days ago here in 1:13 and change, which was a bullet work. We were very anxious to run her and very confident she would run well, and she just galloped, you know. She's a very very talented filly."

Talent is in her blood. On the board in all seven career starts, her dam, Descapate (Dehere), captured the Chou Croute S. at Fair Grounds in 2002 by seven lengths, and her sire needs no introduction.

"With the Giant's Causeways, when they are good, they are really good--like him," Biancone remarked. "She got everything from the father, and the mother was a good horse, too. She's well-bred."

Pinhooker Don Graham acquired Christine Daae for \$100,000 as a Keeneland September yearling in 2008. He opted against sending her back through the ring, however.

"Don Graham is a good friend of mine, and he called me and said, 'I think I have a filly that is really special,'" Biancone recalled. "So I went to see her in Ocala in January last year, and we bought her for \$400,000.

"She might have made more if she had been through the sale, but, for [Graham], he would have had to wait two more months, and you never know," he added.

As for what's next, the French-born horseman believes the filly is ready for center stage.

"Our plan now is to give her a little bit of time to digest and, if everything goes right, she's going to run in the [GII] Davona Dale [Feb. 27]," Biancone said.

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[7th-GP \(Msw\)](#) Christine Daae (Giant's Causeway) gives an operatic performance as a ★ **"TDN Rising Star"** ★.

[9th-GP \(Msw\)](#) Saint Eligius (Saint Liam) returns a winner in his turf debut.



Gulfstream report cont.

5th-GPX, \$35,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:42, fm. ULTIMATE CLASS (f, 3, During--Ecstatic Girls, by Mr. Greeley) showed some speed when unveiled in the slop at Philly Park Nov. 1, but backed out of it and wound up a distant fifth. Treated with Lasix while stretching out on the grass this time, the bay filly assumed command at the outset. She rolled along on the lead, then kicked away in the lane to graduate by a length from Pearly Blue (Empire Maker). Sales history: \$9,500 yrl '08 KEEJAN; \$20,000 yrl '08 OBSAUG; \$70,000 RNA 2yo '09 OBSJUN. [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#)

[Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$22,320. O-Smart Choice Stable. B-South Gate (KY). T-George Weaver.

9th-GPX, \$35,000, Msw, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:42 2/5, fm. SAINT ELIGIUS (c, 3, Saint Liam--Great Connection, by Dayjur) made two starts on the dirt last summer, fading to fifth going five panels at Belmont Park July 16 and running sixth after pressing the pace in a one-mile test over a sloppy Monmouth strip Aug. 22. The dark was a 3-1 chance trying the turf for the first time following a five-month absence. Bouncing out of the gate on top, he settled back in second as they approached the first turn. Saint Eligius dropped into third at the end of the backstretch, but was put to a drive midway on the final bend, collared the leader inside the eighth pole and pulled away under a vigorous hand ride to score by 1 3/4 lengths. Saint Jude (Eurosilver) completed the sanctified exacta. Firster Indy Scent (A.P. Indy--Escena) was off to a slow start and raced evenly to be sixth. The winner is a half-brother to Guana (Fr) (Sillery), SW & GSP-US, SP-Fr, \$137,418; and Great News (Fr) (Bering {GB}), SW-Fr. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$22,670. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

O-Mr & Mrs William K Warren Jr. B-Patricia Morange (KY). T-Kiaran P McLaughlin.

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 3:36 p.m. EST

DANIA BEACH S., \$100,000, 3yo, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	City Trooper	City Zip	Santiago	Weaver	8-1
2	Guys Reward	Grand Reward	Maragh	Romans	12-1
3	Bernie the Maestro	Bernstein	Rose	Mi Wolfson	20-1
4	Nordic Truce	Yes It's True	Leparoux	Clement	10-1
5	Mr. Vegas	Freud	Prado	Hushion	12-1
6	Lucas Brady	Trippi	Penalba	Azpuruva	20-1
7	Bim Bam	Deputy Wild Cat	Coa	Brownlee	5-1
8	Thunder Brew	Milwaukee Brew	Castanon	Pecoraro	15-1
9	Our Champion	Value Plus	Castro	Braddy	12-1
10	Call Shot	Tale of the Cat	Lezcano	Catalano	12-1
11	Raging Wit	Distorted Humor	D'meaux	Mott	10-1
12	Strike the Tiger	Tiger Ridge	Velazquez	Ward	7-2
13	Trippo	Trippi	Velasquez	Alexander	20-1
14	Hellen's Choice	American Spirit	Nunez	O'Connell	6-1
MTO	Citrus Kid	Lemon Drop Kid	Prado	Terranova	6-1

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★ EAST ★

Saturday, Tampa Bay, post time: 3:43 p.m. EST

GASPARILLA S., \$75,000, 3yo, f, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Dattt Echo	Stormy Atlantic	Centeno	Hennig	5-2
2	Champagne Lady	Empire Maker	Goncalves	Arnold	8-1
3	Diva Delite	Repent	Homeister Jr	Vivian	3-1
4	Deposit Only	Put It Back	P Lopez	Pinchin	9-2
5	Comic Marvel	Distorted Humor	J Lopez	Mott	6-1
6	Mallory Square	Southern Image	Lydon	Gatis	6-1
7	Miss Aristocrat	Closing Argument	Ramgeet	DaCosta	12-1
8	Yournotthebossofme	Johannesburg	Gonzalez	C Stewart	12-1

All carry 116 pounds except Dattt Echo, 122. [Click for brisnet.com PPs.](#)

Saturday, Tampa Bay, post time: 4:10 p.m. EST

PASCO S., \$75,000, 3yo, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Gesu	Proud Accolade	P Lopez	Calascibetta	4-1
2	Black Diamond Cat	Wildcat Heir	Montalvo	Bates	10-1
3	Silver Craft	Value Plus	J Lopez	Reinstedler	9-2
4	Benestar	Yankee Gentleman	Goncalves	Catalano	8-1
5	Place Value	Purge	Morales	Salzman	15-1
6	Uptowncharlybrown	Limehouse	Centeno	Seewald	2-1
7	Big Looie	Military	Homeister Jr	Janks	5-1
8	Hellen's Choice	American Spirit	Allen Jr	O'Connell	6-1

All carry 116 pounds except Gesu, 122. [Click for the brisnet.com PPs.](#)



★ CENTRAL ★

Yesterday's Results:

DIXIE BELLE S., \$50,000, OPX, 1-15, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:13 1/5, ft.

1--**SHOTGUN GULCH**, 122, f, 3, by [Thunder Gulch](#)

1st Dam: **Rosieville**, by Boston Harbor

2nd Dam: **Shotgun Romance**, by Smile

3rd Dam: **Shotgun Bride**, by Foolish Pleasure

O/B-C R Trout (OK); T-Kim S Ewing; J-L S Quinonez; \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 5-4-0-0, \$122,448.

2--**Decelerator**, 119, f, 3, [Dehere](#)--Paris Rose, by Accelerator. (\$35,000 yrl '08 FTKJUL; \$250,000 2yo '09 OBSFEB). O-Westrock Stables LLC. \$10,000.

3--**Cosmo Girl**, 117, f, 3, [City Zip](#)--Ever Imelda, by Personal Hope. (\$45,000 yrl '08 KEESEP). O-Baccari Racing Stable LLC. \$5,000.

Margins: NO, HF, 5. Odds: 3.20, 1.20, 16.20.

Also Ran: Vertical Vision, Enticing Girl, Rapid Racer, Crossfirehurricane.

Shotgun Gulch beat up on fellow Okie-breds in her career opener at Remington Park Sept. 7, then scored a narrow decision in the E.L. Gaylord Memorial S. Oct. 10 at the same track. Sent to Retama Park for a turf test in the La Seniorita S. Oct. 24, the chestnut finished fourth, but got back to her winning ways in the Oklahoma Classic Lassie S. Nov. 22. The second choice was wide throughout in this opening day affair, but closed strongly to deny favored Decelerator in the shadow of the wire. [Click for the brisnet.com chart. Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)



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• ON THE WORKTAB •

SANTA ANITA

BLIND LUCK (Pollard's Vision), 5f, 1:01.40, 21/44

GOLDEN BALLS (IRE) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), 5f, 1:05.80, 44/44

KETTLE RIVER (Congaree), 4f, :48.20, 7/30

WITTY (Distorted Humor), 6f, 1:15.20, 16/23

★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

Yesterday's Results:

7th-SAX, \$51,216, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW1X, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:42 4/5, ft.

DIFERENTKINDAGREAT (g, 4, [Canadian Frontier--Timely Quarrel](#), by Time for a Change), a half to Proscio (Siphon {Brz}), SP, \$170,751; and Mr. Nightlinger (Indian Charlie), MGSW, \$644,355, drew off by four lengths when debuting for a \$32,000 tag at Del Mar Sept. 4 and was haltered by his current connections. After a starter allowance score at Santa Anita Oct. 11, the bay finished fifth in a hillside test when switched to the turf on Halloween, and came into this contest off a runner-up effort on the local synthetic Dec. 13. He was dismissed at 9-1 here, but belied those odds by leading every step, and digging in gamely to secure a neck decision from Never (Vindication). Sales history: \$32,000 yrl '07 KEESEP. [Click for the brisnet.com chart. Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, \$63,560..

O-John Pagano, K B Sareen & Larry Smith. B-Breton C Jones (KY). T-Dan L Hendricks.

1st-SAX, \$45,400, Msw, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:48 2/5, fm.

HUGHESY (g, 5, [Unbridled's Song--Lovely Sage {GSP}](#), by Gentlemen {Arg}), a \$400,000 KEESEP yearling, didn't make it to the races until Dec. 9, when he ran sixth in a sprint on the Hollywood sod. Sent off as the 5-2 second choice while stretching out here, the nearly white gelding bided his time in second, moved past pacesetter Milyone (Maria's Mon) in front of the stands and went on to post a 2 1/4-length success. Stable-mate Champ Pegasus (Fusaichi Pegasus) rallied to complete the exacta for trainer Richard Mandella, while Milyone tired to fifth. [Click for the brisnet.com chart. Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$27,400.

O-Spendthrift Farm LLC. B-Eagles Nest Farm (KY). T-Richard E Mandella.

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SoCalifornia report cont.

Santa Anita to Host Haiti Relief Efforts:

Red Cross representatives will be at Santa Anita Sunday to accept donations on behalf of the victims of Tuesday's 7.3 earthquake in Haiti, which may have caused as many as 50,000 deaths. Volunteers, dressed in red coats, will be positioned at both main admission gates and will have five-gallon collection buckets to take donations. "We initiated plans to try and help with this on Wednesday," said Santa Anita President Ron Charles. "Alex Solis then contacted me on Thursday and said that a number of jockeys would be interested in donating mount fees or a percentage of their winnings from a designated race day, in order to try and help. We, of course, welcomed their support, and we contacted the Arcadia chapter of the American Red Cross, and they have agreed to coordinate this effort for us. This is a great gesture on the part of these jockeys and we are more than happy to partner with them in trying to help as many people as possible. As we all know, the current situation in Haiti is desperate." Those who cannot attend can donate to the American Red Cross International Response Fund at www.redcross.org, or by calling 1-800-REDCROSS (733-2767). Mobile donors can text "Haiti" to 90999 to send a \$10 donation to the Red Cross.

Stevens to Disband Stable:

Hall of Fame jockey Gary Stevens has decided to end his brief foray in training to focus on television work, *Daily Racing Form* reports. Stevens will disband his 14-horse stable this month and plans to run as many as seven horses through January. His last expected starter is **Diamondrella (GB)** (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}) in the Jan. 31 GI Santa Monica H. Stevens will be part of NBC's telecasts of GI Kentucky Derby prep races and has a theatrical role in a racing-themed series that will begin later this year. "It's all too much--and a new baby," Stevens told *DRF*. Stevens, who launched his stable last spring, has one winner from 21 starts.

Santa Anita May Reduce Number of Races:

Officials at Santa Anita are considering running fewer races per day or one fewer day per week in response to a horse shortage, *Daily Racing Form* reports. The track averaged 6.5 horses per race Wednesday, and 6.1 starters per race Thursday. "We'll have a better grasp of it next week," Santa Anita President Ron Charles said. "Everyone is concerned about field size and how that will play out. We'll know what fields are with the six-day week this week. I'd like to get through this week before we make any decisions." According to *DRF*, the track has averaged 7.8 starters per race so far this meet, compared to 8.4 starters per race over a similar period a year ago.

★ WEST ★

Saturday, Golden Gate, post time: 7:15 p.m. EST

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1 Our Minesweeper	Cause Ur Mine	Alvarado	Lenzini
2 Connemara	Giant's Causeway	R Baze	Pletcher
3 Thomas Baines	Johannesburg	M Baze	O'Neill
4 Cahill Country	Cahill Road	Beato	Bonde
5 Ranger Heartley	Lost Soldier	J Garcia	Sadler
6 Shudacudawudya	Marino Marini	Duran	Mason

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• ON THE WORKTAB •

CALDER

SWEET REPENT (Repent), 6f, 1:16.80, 1/1

FAIR GROUNDS

CASH REFUND (Petionville), 5f, 1:04.40, 34/46

FOUR GIFTS (Even the Score), 3f, :38.60, 9/14

WALKING THE BEACH (Medaglia d'Oro), 4f, :52.80, 61/73

GULFSTREAM

COURT VISION (Gulch), 6f, 1:12.60, 1/2

THE MAILET (Rock Hard Ten), 4f, :48.00, 4/18

OAKLAWN

JONESBORO (Sefapiano), 3f, :37.20, 9/28

PALM MEADOWS

BITTEL ROAD (Stormy Atlantic), 5f, 1:02.40, 7/19

MAMBO IN SEATTLE (Kingmambo), 5f, 1:04.30, 6/16

SARATOGA SINNER (Harlan's Holiday), 4f, :49.40, 7/37

WARRIOR'S REWARD (Medaglia d'Oro), 4f, :50.00, 23/37

PAYSON PARK

CHIEF COUNSEL (Officer), 5f, 1:01.40, 1/9

DROSSELMAYER (Distorted Humor), 5f, 1:01.40, 1/9

GONE ASTRAY (Dixie Union), 4f, :50.40, 9/15

HOLD ME BACK (Giant's Causeway), 4f, :49.60, 3/15

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN BRITAIN:

Fivefold, c, 3, Hennessy. See "Breeders' Edition Europe."

Bishopbriggs, g, 5, Victory Gallop--Inny River, by Seattle Slew. Wolverhampton, 1-15, Mdn, 4yo/up, 5f 216yds (AWT). B-Sycamore Hall Farm LLC. * \$15,000 yrl '06 KEESEP; 38,000gns 2yo '07 DON. ** 1/2 to Montgomery's Arch (Arch), GSW & G1SP-GB, \$228,323; and Welcome Inn (Orientate), SW-US, \$137,656.



First-crop starters to watch: Saturday, Jan. 16

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

CAUSE UR MINE (Giant's Causeway), Hi Horse, 47/3/1
8-GG, Stk, 1 1/16m, Our Minesweeper
CLOSING ARGUMENT (Successful Appeal), Sequel FL, \$10K, 190/21/1
8-LRL, Aoc, 6f, The Last Bird, \$50K OBS MAR 2yo, 10-1
8-TAM, Stk, 7f, Miss Aristocrat, \$24K OBS APR 2yo, 12-1
DANCE WITH RAVENS (A.P. Indy), Northview, \$8K, 159/8/0
8-PHA, Alw, 1m, Universal Language, 12-1
EUGENE'S THIRD SON (Indian Charlie), Red River, \$2K, 29/5/0
5-FG, Aoc, 6f, Geniesthrewishes, \$20K LOU OCT yrl, 6-1
EUROSILVER (Unbridled's Song), Dromoland, \$13K, 244/17/0
8-CT, Alw, 6 1/2f, Chief Silverhills, \$7K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1
8-LRL, Aoc, 6f, Daddy's Gabs, \$50K EAS SEP yrl, 8-1
GHOSTZAPPER (Awesome Again), Adena Springs, \$200K, 174/8/0
9-TP, Msw, 6f, Entranced, \$240K EAS MAY 2yo
GRAND REWARD (Storm Cat), Hill 'n' Dale, \$13K, 201/24/0
6-GP, Stk, 1mT, Guys Reward, \$27K KEE SEP yrl, 12-1
KITTEN'S JOY (El Prado {Ire}), Ramsey, \$25K, 206/21/5
9-TP, Msw, 6f, Native Kitten
LIMEHOUSE (Grand Slam), Vinery, \$18K, 163/17/2
1-SA, Msw, 6f, Imperial Pride, \$30K KEE SEP yrl
9-TAM, Stk, 7f, Uptowncharlybrown, \$57K OBS APR 2yo, 2-1
MINGUN (A.P. Indy), Lane's End, \$8K, 133/7/0
4-FG, Msw, 5 1/2fT, Rio Neches, 10-1
NORTH LIGHT (IRE) (Danehill), Adena Springs, \$50K, 137/5/1
6-TAM, Aoc, 7f, Celtic New Year, \$19K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1
OFFLEE WILD (Wild Again), Darley, \$15K, 126/17/2
9-TP, Msw, 6f, Jettin Black
POLLARD'S VISION (Carson City), Wintergreen, \$10K, 165/20/4
7-OP, Msw, 6f, Larry's Vision, \$42K KEE SEP yrl
PROUD ACCOLADE (Yes It's True), Bridlewood, \$4K, 85/15/2
9-TAM, Stk, 7f, Gesu, 4-1
PURGE (Pulpit), Vinery, \$20K, 249/15/1
9-TAM, Stk, 7f, Place Value, 15-1
QUEST (Seeking the Gold), Stone Farm, 42/5/0
8-PHA, Alw, 1m, Courbet, KEE SEP yrl, 15-1
ROMAN RULER (Fusaichi Pegasus), Hill 'n' Dale, \$30K, 238/33/3
6-TAM, Aoc, 7f, Rickyontherun, \$2K OBS FEB 2yo, 5-1
SERAZZO (Kris S.), 5/1/0
5-OP, Aoc, 1m, Dandy's Legacy
SOUTHERN IMAGE (Halo's Image), Taylor Made, \$15K, 154/16/0
8-TAM, Stk, 7f, Mallory Square, \$7K OBS APR 2yo, 6-1
SUPAH BLITZ (Mecke), Rising Hill, \$5K, 19/1/0
6-TAM, Aoc, 7f, You Already Know, 15-1
TASTE OF PARADISE (Conquistador Cielo), Crestwood, \$6K, 72/3/0
1-SA, Msw, 6f, Paradise Found, \$100K KEE NOV wnl

TRAPPER (Iron Cat), 14/3/0

3-GG, Aoc, 6f, Trapper's Bounty

VALUE PLUS (Unbridled's Song), Stonewall, \$10K, 174/18/0

6-GP, Stk, 1mT, Our Champion, \$73K FTK OCT yrl, 12-1

9-TAM, Stk, 7f, Silver Craft, 9-2

WILDCAT HEIR (Forest Wildcat), Journeyman, \$7K, 222/41/3

3-FG, Aoc, 6f, Miles Heir, \$57K OBS APR 2yo, 3-1

9-TAM, Stk, 7f, Black Diamond Cat, \$8K OBS AUG yrl, 10-1

6-TAM, Aoc, 7f, Took It From Him, \$23K EVA MAR 2yo, 10-1

WILDCAT SHOES (Forest Wildcat), Elite T'breeds, \$3K, 63/3/0

4-FG, Msw, 5 1/2fT, Wild Reece, \$20K LOU OCT yrl, 6-1

WIMBLEDON (Wild Rush), Valor, \$4K, 63/8/0

5-OP, Aoc, 1m, Prince of April, \$6K LOU OCT yrl



★ BRITAIN ★

POST TO SPONSOR BONUS SCHEME

Racing Post yesterday announced it is to sponsor the Breeze Up Bonus Scheme in 2010. The £500,000 bonus fund will be available to a possible 100 owners. The initiative, which was launched last year, saw 52 juveniles each earn connections a £10,000 windfall. "We are delighted to have *Racing Post* on board as our sponsor," the Scheme's Jim McCartan told the trade daily. "The Scheme has proved a very important incentive for owners, especially at a time of economic difficulty, and there's no doubt it had a positive impact on trade at last year's breeze-up auctions. *Racing Post* will play a key role in helping us promote the Bonus Scheme, both in the newspaper and its website. Important entry dates and deadlines will be fully flagged up and, as the season progresses, both ourselves and *Racing Post* will highlight the success stories that arise from the scheme." McCartan added, "Owners are the lifeblood of racing, and we want to recognise their input and highlight their achievements. Breeze-up auctions are an incredibly significant part of the sales calendar--you only have to look at the achievements of horses like Zafisio, Paco Boy and Grand Couturier last season, not to mention a Breeders' Cup winner in Vale of York, to realise the quality of horse that's on offer." The paper's bloodstock editor Richard Griffiths remarked, "We are delighted to sponsor the Breeze Up Bonus, which is proving to be a wonderful example of what can be achieved in terms of promoting the sport in a unified manner. In this respect, the bloodstock world is leading the way. We look forward to giving the Scheme the type of commitment and coverage that it undoubtedly deserves across all our media platforms. The Scheme will no doubt prove a significant incentive for new and existing owners to buy at the sales. We can't wait to tell the stories behind the successes."



ST NICHOLAS ABBEY IS TATTS' HORSE OF THE YEAR

Europe's champion juvenile of last term, the unbeaten **St Nicholas Abbey (Ire)** (Montjeu {Ire}), has earned the accolade of Tattersalls' Horse of the Year, it was revealed yesterday. The Aidan O'Brien-trained bay surged to the head of the ante-post betting for both the G1 2000 Guineas and the G1 Epsom Derby in the wake of an impressive 3 3/4-length score in last October's G1 Racing Post Trophy at Doncaster. He was purchased by Demi O'Byrne for 200,000gns from Book 1 of the sales company's 2008 October Yearling Sale.

★ EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN UAE:

- Landowner (GB)**, c, 3, [Shamardal](#)--Rentless (GB) (SP-Ity), by Zafonic. Jebel Ali, 1-15, Cond, 3yo, 1400m. B-Compagnia Generale SRL. *€280,000 yrl '08 ITYSEP.
- Belpasso (Ire)**, g, 7, [Danehill Dancer \(Ire\)](#)--Beltisaal (Fr), by Belmez. Jebel Ali, 1-15, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1000m. B-Ann Marie O'Brien. *1/2 to Belle Artiste (Ire) (Namid {GB}), GSW-Ire, \$134,701; and Sweeter Still (Ire) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), GSW-US, \$276,460. **€23,000 wnl '03 GOFNOV; €26,000 yrl '04 GOFORB; 42,000gns 2yo '05 DONAPR.
- Celtic King (GB)**, g, 7, [King's Best](#)--Elfin Laughter (GB), by Alzao. Jebel Ali, 1-15, Hcp, 4yo/up, 1400m. B-Highclere Stud Ltd. *1/2 to Smirk (GB) (Selkirk), SW & GSP-GB, \$243,888; and Stetchworth Prince (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}), SP-GB, \$139,953. **210,000gns wnl '03 TATDEC.
- Montpellier (Ire)**, g, 7, [Montjeu \(Ire\)](#)--Ring of Esteem (GB), by Mark Of Esteem (Ire). Jebel Ali, 1-15, Hcp, 4yo/up, 1200m. B-M H Ings. *SP-UAE. **65,000gns wnl '03 TATDEC; \$130,000gns yrl '04 TATOCT.



MIDDLE EAST



Yesterday's Results:

- JEBEL ALI S.-Listed**, AED500,000, Jebel Ali, 1-15, 4yo/up, a1 1/4m, 1:58.30, ft.
 - 1--**MASHAAHED (GB)**, 125, h, 7, **In the Wings (GB)**--**Patacake Patacake**, by Bahri. (88,000gns wnl '03 TATDEC; 150,000gns yrl '04 TATOCT). O-Sh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Lightbody Celebration Cakes; T-Erwan Charpy; J-R Hills. Lifetime Record: MSW & MGSP-GB, 22-4-3-5. *1/2 to Freemantle (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), GSP-GB, \$119,359.
 - 2--**Meeriss (Ire)**, 125, g, 5, Dubai Destination--Bless the Bride (Ire), by Darshaan (GB).
 - 3--**Noisy Silence (Ire)**, 125, h, 6, Giant's Causeway--Golightly, by Take Me Out.
- Margins: HF, HD, 3 1/4.

**BREEDERS' EDITION
AMERICA**

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

- 3rd-SAX, \$46,000**, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW1\$X, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16, ft.
- HEAVENLY N' FREE (m, 5, Free House--Heavenly Lady, by Danzatore)** Lifetime Record: 23-3-1-1, \$68,372. O-William L Hedrick & Kango Racing. B-Gus Rodriguez Sr & Suzanne Rodriguez (CA). T-Suzanne Kane Rodriguez. *3/4 to Watch Over Me (Smokester), SP, \$333,459.
- 8th-AQU, \$41,000**, NW1X, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m70y, 1:46, ft.
- MANHATTAN MISS (f, 4, Kafwain--All At Once, by Touch Gold)** Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-2, \$57,250. O-Mark Valentine. B-Empire Equines LLC (NY). T-Gary C Contessa. *\$82,000 yrl '07 FTKJUL; \$100,000 2yo '08 KEEAPR.
- 5th-OPX, \$37,000**, NW1X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:13 1/5, ft.
- HIDDEN BAY (g, 5, Seeking the Gold --Oyster Bay, by Saint Ballado)** Lifetime Record: 14-4-0-1, \$64,667. O/B-Overbrook Farm (KY). T-Brad H Cox.
- 5th-PEN, \$36,000**, 1-14, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11, ft.
- PERPETUITY (f, 4, Successful Appeal--Pleasant Music {MSW & GSP, \$255,325}, by Pleasant Tap)** Lifetime Record: 11-5-0-2, \$73,200. O-James Wolf. B-Heiligbrodt Racing Stable (KY). T-Timothy C Kreiser. *1/2 to Fee Fi Fo Fum (Giant's Causeway), GSP; and Galvan (Fusaichi Pegasus), SW-PR, \$186,559.
- 8th-CTX, \$33,200**, 1-14, Opt. Clm. (\$16,000), NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:27 4/5, ft.
- AWESOME FEAT (m, 6, Awesome Again--Bold Feat {MSP, \$136,515}, by Capote)** Lifetime Record: 21-4-7-1, \$120,480. O-Magenta Racing Inc. B-Diamond A Racing Corporation (KY). T-Jeff C Runco.
- 8th-LRL, \$30,000**, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000-\$35,000), NW1X, 3yo, a1 1/16m, 1:46, ft.
- REGAL WARRIOR (g, 3, Louis Quatorze--Gallaslass, by Gallapiat)** Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-1, \$43,190. O-Morris Stable LLC. B-Wayne & Juanita Morris (MD). T-Michael J Trombetta.
- 6th-CTX, \$29,400**, 1-14, NW3L, (S), 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:20 4/5, ft.
- PLANTATION (g, 3, Luftikus--Stalda, by Chenin Blanc)** Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$33,360. O-Nellie Mae Cox. B-Nellie M Cox & Rose Retreat (WV). T-Rodney Jenkins.



2nd-DED, \$28,500, 1-14, NW1X, 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:21 2/5, gd.

SOUTHERN TIGER (g, 3, Hold That Tiger--Art Form, by Avenue of Flags) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$29,372.
O-Southern Okie Boys LLC. B-Garvan Kelly (OK). T-Karl Broberg.

8th-TAM, \$20,200, NW1X, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:37, fm.

LADY ACES (f, 3, Johannesburg--Fumar, by Sword Dance {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, \$23,490. O-CMS Stables. B-Peter Fuller & William F & Annabel Murphy (FL). T-Gregory A Griffith. *\$4,000 RNA yrl '08 OBSAUG; \$9,000 2yo '09 OBSJUN.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Foreign Argument, c, 3, Closing Argument--Beaming Belle, by Alwuhush. PEN, 1-15, 5 1/2f, 1:05 1/5.
B-Terrapin Stables Inc & Phillip & Marcia Cohen (PA). *\$30,000 yrl '08 FTMOCT.

Bell's Shoes, f, 3, Mineshaft--Isabell's Shoes (SW), by King of Kings (Ire). OPX, 1-15, 6f, 1:14. B-Patricia B Blass (KY).

Cookie Rules, c, 3, Roman Ruler--Liberada (MSW, \$258,876), by Spend a Buck. SAX, 1-15, (C), 1m (AWT), 1:38 4/5. B-Hardy Thoroughbreds (KY). *\$85,000 yrl '08 KEEJAN; \$17,000 yrl '08 KEESEP; \$7,000 2yo '09 BESMAY. **1/2 to Silver Squire (Silver Ghost), GSP.

Bernadette's Song, f, 3, Strong Hope--Aesthete, by Nijinsky II. LRL, 1-15, (C), 7f, 1:25 4/5. B-Hinkle Farms (KY). *\$27,000 RNA yrl '08 KEESEP; \$35,000 2yo '09 KEEAPR. **1/2 to Aesthete Approval (With Approval), SW, \$164,988; and Electric Light (Silver Ghost), SW, \$159,732.

Winsomeforme, f, 3, Ten Most Wanted--Let's Get Risky, by Cryptoclearance. TAM, 1-15, 6f, 1:12 3/5. B-Winsome Farm Inc (KY).

Alphie's Bet, c, 3, Tribal Rule--Miss Alphie, by Candi's Gold. SAX, 1-15, (S), 1mT, 1:38 1/5. B-Teresa McWilliams (CA). *SP.

Little Polka Dot, f, 4, Orientate--Silky Oaks (SW, \$264,776), by Regal Intention. FGX, 1-15, (S), 1m40y (off turf), 1:44 4/5. B-Southern Equine Stables LLC (LA).

★ WINNERS BY U. S. S I R E S ★

IN CHILE:

Tikka (Chi), f, 3, Tumblebrutus--Brashia, by Barkerville. Hipodromo Chile, 1-14, Mdn, 1000m, :58.77.
Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0. O/B-Haras Mocito Guapo; T-Alejandro Padovani.

**BREEDERS' EDITION
EUROPE**

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Marseille Pont de Vivaux, 16.25, 1-15, €16,000, 4yo, 1 5/8m (AWT), 2:47.93, stn.

QUATRE TOURS (FR) (g, 4, Key of Luck--Heaven Honor {Fr}, by Highest Honor {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 7 starts, 3 wins, 1 place, €21,250. O/B-Jean-Claude Seroul; T-Frederic Rossi.

ITALY, Naples, 17.55, 1-14, €13,500, 4yo/up, 5fT, 1:00.20, hy.

TONY DOUGLAS (IRE) (g, 6, Elnadim--Zilwaki, by Miswaki) Lifetime Record: 18-7-1-2, €54,715. O/B/T-Antonio di Dio.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Fivefold, c, 3, Hennessy--Calming, by Wild Again. Lingfield, Britain, 1-15, Mdn, 3yo, 7f (AWT).
B-Calming Syndicate. *\$80,000 wnlg '07 KEENOV; 24,000gns yrl '08 TATOCT.

Paintball (Ire), c, 3, Le Vie Dei Colori (GB)--Camassina (Ire), by Taufan. Southwell, Britain, 1-15, Mdn, 3-5yo, 7f (AWT). B-James Waldron. *€20,000 yrl '08 GOFMIL.

Spectacle du Mars (Fr), g, 3, Martillo (Ger)--Spectacular Groove, by Tremolino. Marseille Pont de Vivaux, France, 1-15, Mdn, 3yo, 7 1/2f (AWT). B-Hermes Vigna.

+ Touch Belles (GB), f, 3, Touch of The Blues (Fr)--Forty Belles, by Forty Niner. Naples, Italy, 1-14, Mdn, unraced 3yo, 1 1/16mT. B-Allevamento Ca Torre di Canicarao. *1/2 to Party (Ire) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}), SW-GB, SP-Fr.

Venture Capitalist (GB), c, 4, Diktat (GB)--Ventura Highway (GB), by Machiavellian. Southwell, Britain, 1-15, Mdn, 4yo/up, 2m (AWT). B-Meon Valley Stud. *45,000gns yrl '07 TATOCT; 11,000gns HIT '09 TATAUT. **1/2 to Alessandro Volta (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}), GSW-GB, SW-Ire, \$234,689.

Buxted (Ire), c, 4, Dynaformer--Bintalreef, by Diesis (GB). Lingfield, Britain, 1-15, Mdn, 4yo/up, 1 1/2m (AWT). B-Ronan Burns. *37,000gns yrl '07 TATOCT; 48,000gns 2yo '08 TATAPR.

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