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New Jersey state officials and horsemen are on the verge of a landmark agreement that would cut the number of 2010 racing dates in New Jersey to 71, including a boutique, 50-date summer meet that would feature \$1 million a day in purses. Under the agreement, racing would be conducted at Monmouth Park on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays during the summer, as well as on three



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Monday holidays. The fall meet at The Meadowlands would be scratched, replaced by a 21-day meet at Monmouth that would feature \$250,000-\$300,000 a day in purses.

"The entire focus of what we're doing is to produce a better product," Monmouth Vice President and General Manager Bob Kulina explained Tuesday morning. "We're looking at the Japanese, Hong Kong and Australian models, where you run only on weekends. We hope to provide an incredible entertainment value for the people in New Jersey, as well as the horse players across the country."

The previously agreed-to contract between the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority, which owns Monmouth and The Meadowlands, and the New Jersey Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, called for 141 dates for the 2010 season. The pending agreement is a one-year deal and is subject to approval from the New Jersey legislature.

"There's a lot of legislative approval that will be needed to get this done, but all the connected parties are aboard and the process will be starting immediately," said Kulina. **Cont. p2**



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'LOOKIN' AT VARIABLES IN REBEL

Champion two-year-old **Lookin at Lucky** (Smart Strike) will have the opportunity to answer a lot of questions when he makes his sophomore debut in Saturday's GII Rebel S. at Oaklawn. Winner of five of six starts while racing exclusively on synthetic surfaces in California, the bay will compete over conventional dirt and outside the Golden State for the first time in the Rebel. It will also be his first start wearing blinkers.



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"I was talking to [jockey] Garrett Gomez [after Lookin at Lucky won the Dec. 19 GI CashCall Futurity], and he had been wanting to tell me about putting blinkers on, but he wasn't sure," trainer Bob Baffert said during a teleconference yesterday. "He thought [Lookin at Lucky would be] a little more focused. When he makes the lead, he sort of shuts it down. He doesn't respond to the whip at all. If we're going to do an experiment, it's going to be in this race, not in the next one. The final prep is going to be important, and it's gotta be positive." Baffert said he hasn't decided where Lookin at Lucky will make his final start before the May 1 GI Kentucky Derby, should he come out of the Rebel in good order.

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NJ DEAL: AN INSIDER'S PERSPECTIVE

Shortly after announcing a prospective deal that would create an elite, 50-date summer meet at Monmouth Park, one that would feature some \$1 million a day in purses,



John Forbes (right)
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Monmouth Vice President and General Manager Bob Kulina and New Jersey Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association head John Forbes sat down for a national conference call with the NTRA. Kulina and Forbes, a leading trainer in New Jersey, have been involved in the past weeks and months with hammering out a deal between state lawmakers and local horsemen on the agreement, which slashes 2010 racing dates by nearly half, while greatly increasing average daily purse money. Below are highlights of the interview; for a more complete version, click [here](#).

Eric Wing, NTRA. This is a bold and dramatic move, and obviously didn't happen overnight. What was the genesis behind such a dramatic shift in course?

Bob Kulina: Well, right after the '07 Breeders' Cup [held at Monmouth], myself and the past president of the Horsemen's Association, Dennis Drazin, saw what works in New Jersey: the customer wants a better product.

This is about giving players what they want. We're in the entertainment business, and we need to build a better product. Everyone knows what the Mid-Atlantic region looks like the summertime, where we have so many venues running, and with the cooperation of the horsemen, who had faith in us, we [knew we] needed to go out and do something differently so we could secure future funding for purses. We think this was something that had to be tried, and we have great expectations for it. Hopefully, this is a look into the future of what racing in this country should look like.

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Wing: I know this plan calls for maiden special weight races to go for a purse level of about \$75,000, NW1X allowances to go for \$80,000. That's exciting, but you still have to sell the plan to the horsemen. I'm sure there's been some concern that perhaps the small horsemen might get crowded out. How have you been able to address such concerns?

John Forbes: We are very concerned about our smaller horsemen. That is probably why we've had to spend so much time deciding to make this move. But we have to look at the future. We're surrounded by five states that have casino gambling and slot revenue, and we sit in the middle of that. Our sense was that, over the next five years, we'd be dying, if you will, a slow death with a reduction of days to try and keep purse levels competitive.

We care deeply about our smaller horsemen, and we'd like to have seen this rolled out a little earlier so that they could prepare. But the vision that our past president Dennis Drazin has had, we think is really the future of racing. Bob Kulina and Dennis have done this not without a lot of thought and a lot of concern for the smaller horsemen. But we felt the bigger picture was more important than worrying about the provincial aspect of trying to keep the racing industry alive.



Jennie Rees, Louisville-Courier Journal: Could you comment on the economics of this? Is it strictly a reduction of dates, that you expect these numbers to work, or is there a subsidy from the casinos or state?

Kulina: Currently, we're in the last year of a three-year supplement plan from the casinos. We're kind of looking into a crystal ball trying to figure out what this is going to do to our handle. We've made some predictions, but everyone in racing knows we're going to need funding from one source or another. We want to go out there and prove that, properly funded and run over the proper amount of days, we can go out and lobby for funding in the future. This is about the future. This is a major industry in New Jersey, almost \$750 million. We have to go out there and put on a show that's worthy of the state of New Jersey's support.

Rees: How many stalls does Monmouth have now, and what do you expect stall demand to be?

Forbes: We expect demand to be high. We can put away 1,600 horses, and anyone who spends a summer in a racing office in the Mid-Atlantic knows that nobody's shy about putting a horse on a van. So we expect to see shippers. When Churchill closes, I expect to see outfits look to come over and race with us. Our stable area's always filled, and it's just a question of what you're going to have in the stalls.

Kulina: The one thing is that we will continue to take care of our Jersey people. Monmouth Park still has a great group of horsemen, and this is about our current horsemen as much as it is about our other horsemen. Todd Pletcher, Kieran McLaughlin, [Richard] Dutrow [Jr.], Bruce Levine--we have a lot of top outfits here. When you look at the people stabled in New Jersey, we have a solid group of horseman.

Van Cushny, Prime Media: John Forbes, isn't this plan really the death knell for most horsemen in New Jersey. Realistically, most horsemen in New Jersey just don't have the stock to compete with horses that will be shipping in for these types of purses.

Forbes: It's an interesting question. If it is the death knell for small horsemen, it's because the small horsemen doesn't really have the kind of horse that America wants to bet on. I don't think it is a death knell, I think it's an opportunity for our horsemen to recognize that to not upgrade, to not improve the product for the consumer, is really a prescription to eventually be eliminated from the mix here in the Mid-Atlantic.

We're very concerned about our smaller horsemen, but we also want them to step up to the plate. If they can't recognize that poor racing with horses that aren't competitive is in itself a death knell, than none of us is responding to what the industry wants.

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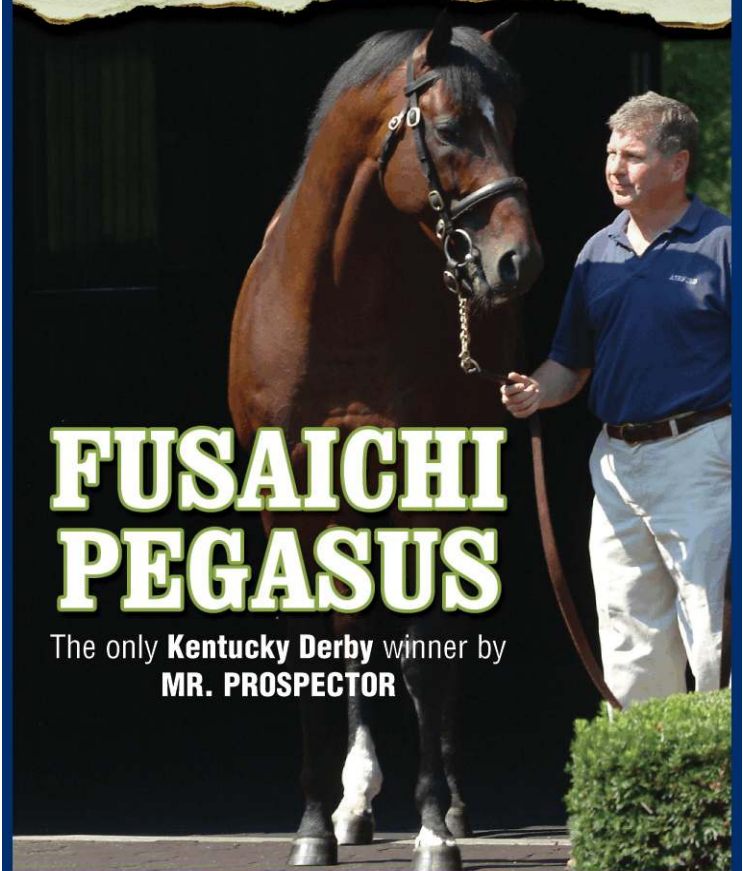
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Bob Summers, Buffalo News: I was wondering if you'd like to comment on the editorial in the *New Jersey Star-Ledger* that essentially argued that the sport is dying and the state should get out of the business.

Forbes: It's far from dying, [but] what we do have to face is competition from neighboring states who's purses are augmented by casino gaming. And we have a casino industry that wants us to disappear. So a lot of the publicity you hear, I'd refer to the Mark Twain quote: "Rumors of my recent death are greatly exaggerated."

That being said, we recognize that, with or without slot revenue, racing has to change. We've gone from a local sport to a national sport with full-card simulcasting, and the customer has spoken. It's hard for our horsemen to bite the bullet and be the first one to respond to what the customer wants.

We don't use any tax dollars to support our game. The casinos don't give us a handout--we have to sign an agreement with the casinos not to go after slots. They buy us off. It's a struggle, but we felt we needed to get the heart of the matter, which is, let's give the customer what he wants, and go from there.

Jerry Bossert, New York Daily News: It's a big move and I applaud the decision. Are you thinking about changing your slogan to "The Summer Place to Be"? I'm assuming you're going to take horses from Saratoga.

Kulina: Jerry, Saratoga, in my mind, is still the premier summertime meet on the East Coast. Saratoga's a great meet, and will continue to be a great meet. With that said, we think this is what the people in New Jersey want, and we think we can give the people the product they demand. We're in the entertainment business, and we have to go out there and entertain. I don't have the town of Saratoga, but I do have the Atlantic ocean. There's plenty of room for both Saratoga and Monmouth Park to be very successful.

Van Cushny, Prime Media: Thoroughbred racing derives its purses from handle. Setting aside the deal with the casinos, if you're cutting your dates by 50 percent, won't you have to increase handle by 50 percent?

Kulina: We're going to have to do that, and that's the gamble. We're adding two, maybe three races a day on the days we do race. We've made very soft projections. We've reduced the days that have been very weak for us--Wednesdays and Thursdays. That's especially true in the fall. At The Meadowlands, those days were extremely weak. If we go out and offer one of the best products on the market, we're hoping the consumer will respond to it.

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Responding to the announcement, Keeneland President & Chief Executive Officer Nick Nicholson told TDN,

"I love the sound of \$1 million a day in purses. That is just so imaginative. Kudos to the people at Monmouth and the leaders who dreamed it up. I think it works well for the fans and I think it works well for the breed. It is more exciting racing and I also think it is the incentive that we need for the breeding industry. These types of big purses and big days--you just know that Thoroughbred owners are going to flock to it. The most important of all our economic indicators is purses. So when you have a leading economic indicator make a move like this in purses, I think it's healthy. My philosophy is, higher purses just does good things.

Will this put extra pressure on Kentucky tracks?

That's good kind of pressure. That's the direction the industry needs to go in. I believe that, when something good happens anywhere, sooner or later, if it helps racing, it's going to help racing everywhere. We'll do the best we can, as always. But I think it's good news for racing and that's the most important thing.

Will this impact the sales industry?

I think it helps the sales industry. Because the key element for successful sales is happy owners and owners that are sportsmen want to compete at this level. So I think it's placing the incentives in the right place.




FROM THE DESK OF...
BILL OPPENHEIM
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SIRE LINE SNAPSHOT

According to the data supplied to us by TJCIS (The Jockey Club Information Systems) since the addition of Japanese results to our APEX data in 1995, the number of new A Runners each year has grown, from around 1,100 in the early days, to almost 1,700 new A Runners in 2009--1,694, to be precise. As my colleague Tony Morris has been pointing out for nigh on 40 years, each individual case--each mare, each sire--must be treated as just that, an individual case. But there are also those qualities so hard to measure, like class and dominance in pedigrees. That leads us, especially as an organizational tool, to the concept of 'sire lines.'

Then it gets somewhat subjective: once you start classifying, how far back can you go, how many removes from the actual individuals before you lose touch, and the names and numbers really have no impact? Don't know. But, again trying to be pragmatic and be able to bring the theory back down to individual cases, just about everybody who thinks about pedigrees has some sort of sire line classification. But how to measure the imponderables? Here's one possibility. There is a significant numerical difference in two ratios which should be equal: because 'A Runners' and 'B Runners' are both calculated against the annual earnings of two percent of runners (A Runners the top two percent, B Runners the next two percent), the percentages, or indexes, of the top sires in each category should be relatively equal. Yet the top A Runners index are at 4.00-plus (even these days), whereas the top B Runners rarely index above 3.00. One plausible (and in my opinion, likely) explanation for this difference is that the very top sires are dominant for class.

Anyways, we have a classification of sire lines, and applying these to the most current population of top two percent earners tells us something about which sire lines, or at least groupings of sires, are flourishing today. There are a couple of things which jump out, no matter which way you classify the sire lines. First, though in my classification there are over 40 lines and branches, just 12 of those lines supplied 1,361 new A Runners--over 80 percent of the total--in 2009. Moreover, of those 12 lines, all but one trace in tail-male to Phalaris (1913)--the Eclipse of the 20th Century. Only 7.4 percent (124) of the 1,694 new 2009 A Runners were by non-Phalaris line sires (we're talking Hyperion, Ribot, Princequillo, Teddy here). The Phalaris lines supplied 93.6 percent of new 2009 A Runners.

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As you can see from the attached Table (*see p9*), the issue is no longer creating diversity outside the Phalaris lines, but within them. There are four major Phalaris lines: Native Dancer, Northern Dancer, Nasrullah, and Royal Charger, plus there are a few minor lines, such as Pharamond, which came through Tom Fool to Buckpasser, and which did produce 19 new A Runners in 2009, primarily through Buckaroo's son, Montbrook (6), and his sons Chapel Royal (6) and Trust N Luck (4).

Nearly two of every three new 2009 A Runners (1,110, or 65.5 percent) were either by a Native Dancer-line sire (466) or a Nearctic/Northern Dancer-line sire (644), to give that line its more accurate title; that includes 15 A Runners by other Nearctic-line sires than Northern Dancer, notably Icecapade. As Northern Dancer (and Icecapade) are out of Native Dancer mares, that means Native Dancer's name appears at least once in the sire or damsire line of 65.5 percent of new A Runners. So, really, *he's* the Daddy--Native Dancer. Of course, both Native Dancer and Bold Ruler were out of mares by a pretty tough customer, in his time, called Discovery. But that's another story.

I've remarked before how striking I find it that these two principal sire lines--Native Dancer and Northern Dancer--seem to organize themselves so differently. I'm sure others have a different take on this, but I've just never been able to convince myself that Mr. Prospector has branched off into different lines, Fappiano excepted, whereas Northern Dancer branched off into nine different lines, by my assessment, of which three (Nijinsky, Lyphard and 'Nearctic,' as described above) already may be dying out as male lines. I think the standard for determining a branch has to do with whether you can accurately identify a given stallion as being more like the branch sire (say Danzig, or Storm Bird, really now Storm Cat) without having to go back a generation further to Northern Dancer as a reference point.

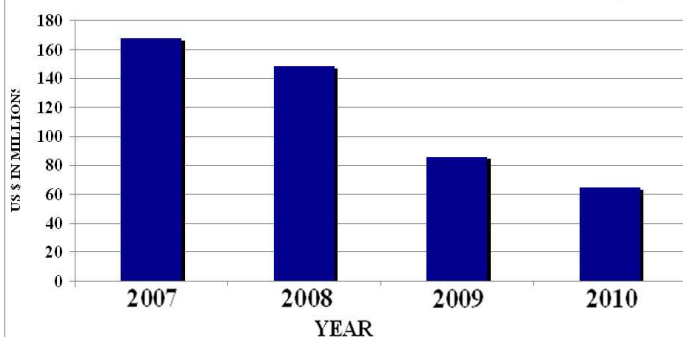
You can see Fappiano is a complete breakaway from Mr. Prospector by his distribution of new 2009 A Runners by region: 71 of the 74 Fappiano-line new A Runners (95.8 percent) were in North America, whereas Mr. Prospector--with 76 percent A Runners in North America--did still have 87 A Runners in Europe and Japan. Fappiano, like Seattle Slew (96.6 percent of new 2009 A Runners in North America, 111 of 115), is an all-American line; and it is of no little significance that these are really the two fastest-growing sire lines in North America right now--Fappiano and Seattle Slew (now, practically speaking, A.P. Indy). Fappiano is principally Unbridled, sire of Unbridled's Song (12 new 2009 A Runners), Broken Vow (8) and Empire Maker (7); but Fappiano's recently-deceased son Cryptoclearance had Victory Gallop (8, now in Turkey) and Candy Ride (3), who is by a son of Cryptoclearance named Ride the Rails. Candy Ride, of course, has just sired the winner of the GI Santa Anita H. in his first crop of four-year-olds. Quiet American (5) is by Fappiano himself, while Red Bullet (2) and Birdstone (2) come through Unbridled.

Weekly Sales Ticker by Bill Oppenheim

"Let's hope we're bumping across the bottom: for the North American and European sales so far this year (Australasia is looking much less weak), the number even catalogued is down 42 percent in three years, and the number sold down 47 percent. The gross for these sales has plummeted by 61 percent - over \$100-million just for the sales in the first nine weeks of the year (though from the peak of 2007) - while the average, for those which have sold, is off by 27 percent since 2007. The current two-year-old sales will continue to tell us about the immediate demand for racehorses."

- Bill Oppenheim

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2009	5,290	3,979	2,848	24.8%	71.6%	53.8%	\$85,941,513	\$30,176
2008	6,640	4,919	3,542	25.9%	72.0%	53.3%	\$147,745,609	\$41,712
2007	7,687	6,215	4,487	19.1%	72.2%	58.4%	\$167,623,245	\$37,358

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- March 10** - Goffs Breeze Up at Kempton
- March 16-17** - OBS Selected Sale of 2YOs
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- March 22** - Barretts March Sale of Selected 2YOs
- March 27** - SGA Horses In Training Sale
- March 30** - Fasig Tipton Texas 2YO Sale
- April 5** - Doncaster Lincoln Handicap Sales
- April 13-15** - Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up Sale
- April 19-21** - Doncaster Breeze Up Sales
- April 19-22** - OBS Spring Sale of 2YOs
- April 29-30** - Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up Sale

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Oppenheim cont.


Various other branches of Mr. Prospector threaten to break out into their own branch lines, most notably Gone West, but as yet I don't think we've detected them as really splitting off from the main sire line in the way Fappiano clearly has. Numerically, Gone West is producing the most A Runners within Mr. Prospector, including Elusive Quality (10 new 2009 A Runners), Grand Slam (8), Mr. Greeley (6), Proud Citizen (4) and Speightstown (11). The reason the distinction of separate line or not as important, in my book, is because when they do branch off, like Northern Dancer, you can successfully breed the lines to each other. When they don't branch off, but are still part of the same homogeneous line, sire-on-sire inbreeding is very unsuccessful: though there are exceptions (notably Distorted Humor and Street Cry, both with several good horses out of Mr. Prospector-line mares), according to my statistics, the cross of a Mr. Prospector-line sire over a Mr. Prospector-line mare is 0.36, where 1.00 is average.


But that has not stopped Mr. Prospector (not including Fappiano) from being the number one line in these classifications, with 360 new A Runners in 2009--21.3 percent of the total. Combined with his son Fappiano, they actually account for 93 percent of all new 2009 A Runners tracing in tail-male to Native Dancer--not good news for the survival of branches like Sharpen Up (13 new A Runners) or Alydar (4). Mr. Prospector (less Fappiano) alone is a huge line, though, as I've indicated, there are special circumstances. Besides Gone West, other sons such as Kingmambo (Lemon Drop Kid, 8; Japan's King Kamehameha, 4; and King's Best, 3), Machiavellian (Street Cry, 9; Medicean 3) and Carson City (City Zip 5; Cuvee 4) do have clusters of sire sons; plus there are the likes of Distorted Humor (13), Smart Strike (13), Northern Afleet (12), Fusaichi Pegasus (11), and E. Dubai (7). Distorted Humor is going to have enough sons at stud to break off if he becomes a sire of sires; Smart Strike has a chance, but to a lesser extent, with fewer sons; and Fusaichi Pegasus, of course, already has a very promising son in Roman Ruler, currently head of the North American list, by progeny earnings, of sires with their first three-year-olds. So Mr. Prospector is a still a super-successful sire line, the strongest numerically in North America, though, of course, if it were broken down like Northern Dancer is, it wouldn't be.

There were 644 new 2009 A Runners tracing in tail-male to Northern Dancer/Nearctic, which is 38 percent of all new A Runners. Of the nine branches of Northern Dancer/Nearctic, three, as I mentioned, appear to be fading as sire lines: Nearctic (15 new 2009 A Runners); Nijinsky (18) and Lyphard (12). One percent of the total of 1,694 A Runners would be 17. A fourth Northern Dancer line is classified as 'miscellaneous Northern Dancer,' and includes sires from this line which don't quite merit their own branch.

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The Minstrel was an important example historically; now Dixie Union (7 new 2009 A Runners) would be the most prominent sire included in this 'branch,' which also includes sires like Royal Applause (3) and his son Acclamation (3), as well as Unfuwain's son Alhaarth (2), and his son Haafhd (3).

The other five branches include five of the 12 lines or branches which together produced 80 percent of new 2009 A Runners. The biggest branch, in terms of new 2009 A Runners, is Storm Bird/ Storm Cat (184). No fewer than 13 different sires tracing to Storm Cat had five or more new 2009 A Runners, including Giant's Causeway (16) and his first-crop son, Shamardal (5); the deceased Forest Wildcat (5), and his surprisingly good son, D'wildcat (7); Hennessy's sons Johannesburg (7) and Cactus Ridge (7); as well as Stormy Atlantic (13), Bernstein (7), Forestry (6), Harlan's Holiday (6), Hold That Tiger (9), and Tale of the Cat (5) and his son, Lion Heart (7), now in Turkey. The vast majority (82 percent) of this line's new 2009 A Runners were in North America, but there were 27 in Europe (14.7 percent, roughly the same as the Mr. Prospector line's 14.2 percent).

The Danzig line produced 157 new A Runners, of which 92 (58.6 percent) were in Europe, and 61 (38.9 percent in North America). Eleven different Danzig-line sires had four or more new A Runners, but only two of those--Langfuhr (10) and War Chant (7)--stand in North America.



Five sons of Danehill made the list, including Coolmore's Danehill Dancer (14) and Rock of Gibraltar (8); Juddmonte's Dansili (7) and Darley's Exceed and Excel (6) and Tiger Hill (4). Four sons of Green Desert were included, though deceased Anabaa, Darley's Cape Cross, and the Irish National Stud's Invincible Spirit's four new A Runners each paled next to the count for Europe's hottest young sire, Juddmonte's Oasis Dream, who had 15 new A Runners in 2009, with his oldest crop just four!

The 95 A Runners for the Sadler's Wells line were 70 percent Europe (67), 25 percent North America (24), and less than five percent (four new A Runners) in Japan. In Europe, Sadler's Wells himself had 10 new A Runners. Galileo led all sires everywhere with 17 new 2009 A Runners, Montjeu had eight (all colts), and the up-and-coming High Chaparral had seven. These are all Coolmore stallions, of course; Darley's Singspiel (by In the Wings) also had seven new A Runners. In North America, deceased El Prado had eight new A Runners; his sensational son, Medaglia d'Oro (now Darley) had 10; and a promising 2009 freshman sire by El Prado, Kitten's Joy, had two.

Northern Dancer branches Nureyev and Deputy Minister/Vice Regent each had 59 new A Runners in 2009, but there's no assurance either of those will ultimately survive in tail-male. Nureyev may depend on whether Pivotal (10 new A Runners) becomes a sire of sires, as California sire sensation Unusual Heat (11) is unlikely to. Peintre Celebre (2) is another capable of siring a top-class sire son. Deputy Minister rather depends on Awesome Again (6), whose first sons at stud include Tocet (5, moved to Pennsylvania) and Ghostzapper. He also has Silver Deputy (5), who has several sons at stud, including the leading 2007 Freshman Sire, Posse (2, now in New York). This is the Northern Dancer branch which has done best in Japan, through French Deputy (7) and his son, Kurofune (6).

The Seattle Slew line, as mentioned above (and now primarily through A.P. Indy), sired 115 new 2009 A Runners, of which over 96 percent were in North America. The other Nasrullah line which had more than 50 new 2009 A Runners was Blushing Groom (62), though of the seven sires from this line with three or more new A Runners, two--Cherokee Run (6) and Rahy (6) are both retired; Cherokee Run's sons Kafwain (4) and Yonaguska (3) have both been exported from Kentucky; and Rahy's sons, Fantastic Light and Noverre, have both been exported from Europe. That just about makes Orientate (11 new A Runners 2009) the sire line's best hope for survival among sires from this line with runners..

The Hail to Reason line, which branches off from Turn-to, had 88 new 2009 A Runners, of which 68 (77 percent) were in Japan, and trace to Sunday Silence. This includes five of his sons with six or more new A Runners each: Manhattan Cafe (12); Agnes Tachyon and Special Week (8 each); Fuji Kiseki (7) and Dance in the Dark (6).

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The Roberto line, which branches off from Hail to Reason, had 62 new A Runners. It's also well represented in Japan, through Brian's Time, his son Tanino Gimlet (sire of the recently retired champion, Vodka), and Symboli Kris S. But the line's biggest name, still, is Dynaformer (14), the only one of Roberto's four big-gun sons still covering (the others: Silver Hawk, Lear Fan, Red Ransom). As mentioned, the only non-Phalaris line with more than even 20 new A Runners was In Reality, led by Tiznow (10) and Successful Appeal (5), tracing to In Reality's sons Relaunch and Valid Appeal, respectively.

Observations such as "the Phalaris lines supplied 93.6 percent of new 2009 A Runners" inevitably send the theorists into orbit. "We must outcross," they bleat, when in fact the opposite is probably what they should do--after all, the non-Phalaris line are supplying only seven percent of the A Runners. Any suggestion that there is such a thing as "too much Phalaris" is downright silly, and completely doomed to failure, as Phalaris is now so dominant that the challenge is not "how can we outcross," but "how can we best deploy these various branches of Phalaris?"

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Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
Wall Street Wonder	City Place	Toboggan S.-G3	107
Understatement	Distorted Humor	Stymie S.	106
Misremembered	Candy Ride (Arg)	Santa Anita H.-G1	103
Awesome Act	Awesome Again	Gotham S.-G3	102
Castaneda	Yonaguska	Fred "Cappy" Capossela S.	102
Win Willy	Monarchos	Razorback H.-G3	102
Bold Start	Jump Start	Challenger S.	101
Freedom Star	Street Cry (Ire)	Azeri S.-G3	101
Paddy O'Prado	El Prado (Ire)	Palm Beach S.-G3	98
Proviso (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Frank E. Kilroe Mile H.-G1	98
Sangaree	Awesome Again	Joe Hernandez S.	95
Alphie's Bet	Tribal Rule	Sham S.-G3	94
Make Music for Me	Bernstein	Pasadena S.	93
Rinterval (Ire)	Desert Prince (Ire)	Wintergreen S.	93
Tensas Cat	Cat Thief	Gentilly S.	89
Jim's Prospect	St Averil	Wide Country S.	88
Khancord Kid	Lemon Drop Kid	Herecomesthebride S.-G3	88
Crisp	El Corredor	Santa Anita Oaks-G1	87
Ladyzarbridge	Zarbyev	Sarah Lane's Oates S.	85

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NEW 2009 A RUNNERS by Sire Line (45+ New 2009 A's)

SIRE LINE	Number	Pct new 2009 A's	NA Number	NA Pct Line	EU Number	EU Pct Line	JP Number	JP Pct Line
Native Dancer lines:								
Mr. Prospector	360	21.3	273	75.8	51	14.2	36	10.0
Fappiano	74	4.3	71	95.8	1	1.4	2	2.8
Northern Dancer lines:								
Storm Bird	184	10.9	152	82.6	27	14.7	5	2.7
Danzig	157	9.3	61	38.9	92	58.6	4	2.5
Sadler's Wells	95	5.6	24	25.3	67	70.5	4	4.2
Nureyev	59	3.5	22	37.3	36	61.0	1	1.7
Deputy Minister	59	3.5	43	72.9	1	1.7	15	25.4
Nasrullah lines:								
Seattle Slew	115	6.8	111	96.6	2	1.7	2	1.7
Blushing Groom	62	3.7	46	74.2	16	25.8	0	0.0
Royal Charger lines:								
Hail to Reason	88	5.2	17	19.3	3	3.4	68	77.3
Roberto	63	3.7	27	42.8	18	28.6	18	28.6
Non-Phalaris lines:								
In Reality	45	2.7	38	84.4	7	15.6	0	0.0
ALL LINES	1694	100.0	1078	63.6	436	25.7	180	10.6



KEENELAND FORMAT: July comes to September, I guess we should consider it. A select, two-night sale with 200 catalogued, followed by four days with 325 catalogued a day, totaling 1,300, will make a total of 1,500 first-week yearlings (and a very big Book 2). Whether the two-night Book 1 will be as special as they hope will depend on whether the breeders and consignors of yearlings by the current top sires sign up; but why shouldn't they? The problem with Book 1 the last few years has been too many yearlings which do not have truly super-select pedigrees, so this format addresses that; and nobody doubts there will be 1,500 yearlings about, plus Saratoga, which fit into the previous Book 2/Book 3 (first day, at least) format. We'll all figure it out, but I suppose the logical response is, why shouldn't it work?



op/ed

by bill finley

IN NEW JERSEY, A BOLD IDEA THAT CAN CHANGE A SPORT

Horse racing's response to its myriad problems has too often been no response at all. There is too much racing, particularly too much bad racing, and not nearly enough betting dollars around to maintain the status quo, yet bold initiatives have been sorely lacking and the industry is led by individuals who have no true power and/or no good ideas. The situation has become so severe and so troubling that it was reasonable to fear that unless something dramatic happened, the very future of the sport was in jeopardy.

That something has happened.

Monmouth Park is going to be open for just 71 days this year, with the primary meet running in the heart of the summer, only on Monday holidays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, and with the best purses in the sport. This is not just a good idea, it is the best idea anyone has had in this industry in a long, long time and exactly what this game needs. Monmouth has written a blueprint for horse racing's future. They are about to lead the way. If others follow, maybe this sport's future isn't so bleak after all.

This probably never would have happened if New Jersey racing hadn't been teetering on the edge. A new governor, Chris Christie, came in this year couldn't understand why the state-owned racing operations were set to lose \$13 million this year. The state couldn't afford that and the Atlantic City casino lobby will not allow Jersey tracks to have slot machines.

Christie appointed a commission--headed by Jon Hanson and Bob Mulcahy--to fix the economic drain that racing had become on the state, and they embraced the less-but-higher-quality racing plan.

It wasn't hard to figure out why New Jersey racing was struggling, and the answer wasn't just that it didn't have slot machines. New Jersey had become just like most every place else. With 141 days of thoroughbred racing, there was way too much product and way too many races that people simply didn't want to bet on. Monmouth is a beautiful and classy place, but the Wednesday and Thursday afternoons with 800 or 900 people milling around the building betting on \$10,000 conditioned claiming races with six-horse fields had beaten much of the life out of the place.

Somewhere along the line, at its core, the sport had lost the magic it once had. Sure, we still have Saratoga and the Kentucky Derby, but sometimes it feels like that's not what horse racing is about any more. Not really, anyway. It's about churning out races; no matter how bad they are, no matter how empty the stands are and how depressing the sport had become. Just give them something, anything, to bet on. Monmouth was no different.

Monmouth Park's Vice President and General Manager Bob Kulina, more so than most in this business, has always understood what the fan wants and he knew it wasn't what New Jersey racing was putting out. A few minor changes wouldn't do, not when the place was bleeding red ink and a fiscally conservative governor said that was no longer acceptable. So, he knew he had to find a way to both cut down on expenses and dramatically increase the amount people were betting on Monmouth racing. The only way to do that, he figured, was to make New Jersey racing extraordinary special. And the only way to do that was to have a short meet with historically large purses.

"We saw what works in New Jersey," Kulina said. "The customers wanted a better product. This is about giving the players what they wanted. We are in the entertainment business and we needed to build a better product. We needed to go out and do something differently."

Monmouth will run an 'A' meet consisting of 50 days and a 'B' meet with 21 racing dates. There will not be a Thoroughbred meet at the Meadowlands this year, which no one will miss. The Thoroughbred game at the Meadowlands was dead, representing everything that is wrong with this sport.

It is the 'A' meet at Monmouth that has everyone excited. An average of \$1 million a day will be paid out, or nearly \$300,000 a day more than Saratoga, which was, in 2009, the track with the game's highest purses. A maiden special weight race will go for \$75,000 and first-level allowances will be worth as much as \$90,000. Those numbers guarantee great racing and full fields.



Just as importantly, a 50-day meet with three days of racing each week should invigorate on-track business. Rather than going on and on, racing will be limited at Monmouth. That works at Saratoga, Del Mar and Keeneland, where a day at the track is still something special and not one boring, meaningless afternoon in a long, long string of boring, meaningless afternoons.

The tricky part figured to be selling the concept to New Jersey horsemen, who could have insisted that New Jersey racing continue to conduct 141 days of live racing. More often than not, trainers and owners insist on having as much racing as possible. That's exactly the sort of thinking that has long persisted and has been so damaging to the sport. People always think of themselves and rarely about the overall good of the game. But, like Monmouth management, the New Jersey horsemen realized the very survival of racing in the state depended on making major changes. Not everyone is happy that there will be about half as many dates in New Jersey this year, but 71 dates sure beats zero. And zero was a distinct possibility in the near future.

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

"We had to look at the future," said New Jersey Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association Acting President John Forbes. "We're surrounded by five states that have casino gambling and slots revenue. Our sense was that over the next five years we were going to be dying a slow death. We had to suck it up and focus on what we thought the customer wanted. Our business is going to be putting on horse racing and not bringing in people to play slot machines. We felt unless we responded to what the customer was asking for, which was larger fields and better quality, then there wouldn't be any other way to save ourselves from extinction."

Coming up with the money to pay out \$1 million a day won't be easy, but it can work. Kulina expects that handle will increase dramatically, because the racing will be so good, and it's a safe bet that he will turn out to be right. Monmouth also gets a purse supplement from the casinos and takes in millions in revenue from simulcasting and its OTB network, revenue that isn't necessarily dependent upon live racing. It makes a lot more sense to spread that money around over 50 days rather than 130.

Every racing jurisdiction in the country, in particular New York and California--two places where there should be a lot less racing than there is--should look at this, study it and copy it. Even in this depressed economy, there is plenty of money being bet on horse racing. The real problem is that, with so many tracks racing, there are way too many slices to the pie.

New Jersey racing was in critical condition. Now it's got a future bright beyond belief. Racing has been searching for answers, and this one is a huge first step. **Comments? Click [here](#) to send your Op/Ed feedback to TDN management.**

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 **NORTH AMERICA** 

★ **EAST** ★

Lawrence the Roman Last in Comeback Effort:

Lawrence the Roman (Point Given), unraced since finishing fifth in the 2007 Whirlaway S., finished a distant last of six in an optional claimer at Philadelphia Park yesterday. An easy winner of his first three races, including the 2006 Damon Runyon S. for New York-breds, the six-year-old was off slowly here and trailed throughout the six-furlong event, finishing 19 3/4 lengths behind the winner.


★ **CENTRAL** ★

Yesterday's Results:

5th-HAW, \$26,500, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000-\$40,000), NW1X, 3yo, 6f, 1:11, ft.
ON THE SNEAK (g, 3, [Speightstown](#)--**Sacred Jewel**, by **Saint Ballado**) set all the fractions to post an eight-length debut victory at this venue Feb. 20, and was the 13-10 second choice to make it two straight here. The gelding ducked out at the start, but quickly recovered to set a pressured pace through an opening quarter of :22.52. Narrowly in front in midstretch, the bay dug in late to defeat **Prairie Breeze** (Castledale {Ire}) by a neck. Sales history: \$80,000 RNA yrl '08 KEESEP; \$40,000 2yo '09 OBSMAR. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$31,200.

 **TAYLOR MADE SALES AGENCY GRADUATE** 

O-Pedi Racing. B-BryLynn Farm (FL). T-Larry Rivelli.

<p>BLACK-TYPE STAKES CLOSINGS </p> <p>TOMORROW, THURSDAY, MARCH 11:</p> <p>03-20 \$150,000 San Luis Rey H.-II, SA, 4yo/up, 12fT (150)</p> <p>03-21 \$150,000 Santa Ana H.-II, SA, 4yo/up, f/m, 9fT (150)</p> <p>www.stakesdigestweekly.com</p>

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the 8th Race, \$48,000 Allowance, at Gulfstream Park. For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).

4th-HAW, \$25,500, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12 1/5, ft.
+ **ROYAL GAMBLE** (f, 3, **Chapel Royal--Gambler's Hope**, by **Bertrando**), a \$9,000 KEESEP yearling, served notice Friday with a :34 three-furlong blow out over this track. Off as the 16-10 second choice, the dark bay was quickest from the gate and traded punches with **Movehome** (Came Home), part of the favored coupled entry, up the backstretch. **Royal Gamble** began to sneak away from that rival approaching the quarter pole, and asserted her superiority under a drive report home a four-length winner over **A Shot Away** (Posse). **Movehome** was third. [Click for the brisnet.com chart or Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$15,300.

 **TAYLOR MADE SALES AGENCY GRADUATE** 

O-Laverne Daters & David McShane. B-Dutton Stables (CA). T-David D McShane.

Buck Pond Open House:

An open house at Buck Pond Farm in Versailles, Kentucky, will be held between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Friday, Mar. 12. Buck Pond stallions include **Niagara Causeway** (Giant's Causeway), **Seattle Fitz** (Arg) (Fitzcarraldo {Arg}), **Lost Soldier** (Danzig) and others. Lunch will be served. For more information, call 859.873.4081.

TODAY'S INSIGHTS

6:36pm 6th-SA, \$46K, Alw/Opt. Clm, 3yo, f, 6f (AWT)
HRTV **PINK BLOSSOM** ([Proud Citizen](#)), named a ★ "TDN Rising Star" ★ after posting a game half-length victory over seven furlongs on debut at Santa Anita Jan. 10, returned to finish second by 1 1/4 lengths in a 6 1/2-furlong optional claimer in Arcadia Feb 11. Trained by Bruce Headley, the bay worked five furlongs in a bullet :59 4/5 Feb. 28 and cuts back an additional sixteenth of a mile here. [Brisnet.com PPs](#)

Eastern Standard Time



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First/Second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, Feb. 10
Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2005 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs
Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

- EUROSILVER** (Unbridled's Song), Dromoland, \$13K, 244/26/0
 8-DED, Aoc, 5f, Robtadi, \$16K OBS OPN 2yo, 3-1
- 6-LRL, Msw, 1 1/16m, Chenoasilver, \$50K EAS MAY 2yo, 3-1
- LIMEHOUSE** (Grand Slam), Vinery, \$18K, 163/19/3
 6-SA, Aoc, 6f, Summer Games, \$47K BAR MAY 2yo
- ONE NICE CAT** (Storm Cat), Sequel FL, \$4K, 64/8/0
 7-HAW, Msw, 6f, One Slick Cat, \$12K FTK OCT yrl, 6-1
- SAINT LIAM** (Saint Ballado), Lane's End, \$50K, 98/22/1
 2-HAW, Msw, 1m, Sheltowee, 5-2
- SOUTHERN IMAGE** (Halo's Image), Taylor Made, \$15K, 154/19/0
 6-GP, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Nos Bailout, \$47K OBS APR 2yo, 10-1
- WILDCAT HEIR** (Forest Wildcat), Journeyman, \$7K, 222/48/4
 8-DED, Aoc, 5f, Secret Heiress, \$8K OBS AUG yrl, 7-2

• ON THE WORKTAB •

BELMONT

Digger (Yonaguska), 4f (tt), :49.11, 19/39
 Rule by Night (Malibu Moon), 5f, 1:02.02, 8/16

DELAWARE PARK

Pashito The Che (Flatter), 5f, 1:01.00, 2/2

FAIR GROUNDS

Dubious Miss (E Dubai), 4f, :49.60, 10/23
 Kensei (Mr. Greeley), 5f, 1:00.00, 2/13

GULFSTREAM

Le Grand Cru (Dynaformer), 5f, 1:01.80, 7/16

OAKLAWN

Decelerator (Dehere), 3f, :37.40, 3/5

PALM MEADOWS

Biofuel (Stormin Fever), 3f, :38.00, 12/15
 Jackson Bend (Hear No Evil), 6f, 1:15.00, 1/1
 Lentenor (Dynaformer), 4f, :52.00, 25/26
 Negligee (Northern Afleet), 5f, •1:02.00, 1/7
 Urban Flight (Castle Gandolfo), 4f, :49.70, 8/26

PAYSON PARK

Justwhistledixie (Dixie Union), 4f, :50.80, 11/22
 Lady Shakespeare (Theatrical {Ire}), 4f, :51.20, 15/22

SANTA ANITA

M One Rifle (One Man Army), 5f, :59.80, 3/48
 Richard's Kid (Lemon Drop Kid), 7f, 1:25.00, 1/2
 Witty (Distorted Humor), 5f, :59.60, 2/48



15.30 Lingfield, Mdn, £3,600, 3yo, 7f (AWT)
SAYYEDATI STORM (Storm Cat), out of Classic heroine and five-time Group 1 winner Sayyedati (GB) (Shadeed), makes her debut for the Barry Hills stable. Her seven rivals include the Marcus Tregoning trainee **Aetos (GB) (Royal Applause {GB})**, who is out of the multiple listed victress Hagwah (Dancing Brave), herself a half-sister to the 2002 GI Eddie Read H. hero Sarafan (Lear Fan).



HORSES IN TRAINING SALE TODAY The Emirates Racing Authority Horses in Training Sale has over 80 head set to go under the hammer this evening at 5 p.m. at Meydan Racecourse. Runners from Mike de Kock's draft include Group 3 winner **Silver Mist (SAf)** (Western Winter), and there are additional entrants from trainers Erwan Charpy and Doug Watson. "There is a nice balance among the horses on offer and plenty to appeal to the domestic market, as well as Carnival-rated horses to appeal to all," ERA Steward Gerard Bush said. "We have seen in the past that bargains can be found at the sale--just look at the exploits of Conroy in the past, for instance." For more information, go to emiratesracing.com.



STRATUM FILLY TOPS ADELAIDE OPENER A filly from the second crop of Stratum (Aus) topped Tuesday's opening session of the Magic Millions Adelaide Yearling Sale at Morphettville, South Australia. Catalogued as **lot 131** from Baramul Stud, the bay filly out of Show No Restraint (Aus) (Barathea {Ire}), was purchased by trainer Lloyd Kennewell for A\$150,000 (US\$137,344). "She was the best horse in the sale," Kennewell said. "And she's got a good pedigree. I knew she would be popular. She's a good mover--I thought she was a super athlete. She has plenty going for her." **Cont. p3**





Magic Millions Adelaide Yearling Sale cont.

A total of 131 youngsters sold Tuesday for a clearance rate of 73 percent. The aggregate for the pared-down catalogue was A\$3,602,500, down from from last year's A\$5,246,500, but the average rose to A\$27,500 from A\$20,102. "We had some lovely yearlings early in the session and they were well received by buyers," said Magic Millions Managing Director David Chester. "But, as a whole, the selling got stronger and the clearance rate lifted as the sale got into the swing of things later in the afternoon." Chester added, "It was great to see the average rise so well and the clearance hold from last year's figures." The sale's second session kicks off at 11 a.m. local time. Complete results are available on www.magicmillions.com.

**MAGIC MILLIONS ADELAIDE YEARLINGS
TUESDAY - TOP LOTS**

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
<u>131</u>	f	Stratum (Aus)	No Restraint (Aus)	150,000
		Consigned by Baramul Stud Purchased by Lloyd Kennewell		
<u>16</u>	c	Bel Esprit (Aus)	Concluding (Aus)	100,000
		Consigned by Inman Valley Stud, agent Purchased by Peter & Cheryl Sutcliffe		
<u>17</u>	f	Choisir (Aus)	Cubicle (Aus)	100,000
		Consigned by Balcrest Stud Purchased by Proven Thoroughbreds		



**MM ADELAIDE YEARLING SALE
Tuesday, March 9, 2010**

<u>SESSION TOTALS</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Catalogued	196	392
No. Offered	180	354
No. Sold	131	261
RNAs	49	92
% RNA	27.22%	26%
Highest Price	A\$150,000	A\$115,000
Gross	A\$3,602,500	A\$5,246,500
Average (% change)	A\$27,500 (-36.8%)	A\$20,102

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Grenville Hughes - Jockey

Horses

Grey Way (NZ) **Defaulter (NZ)**
Horlicks (NZ) **Eulogy (GB)**
Bonecrusher (NZ)

**BREEDERS' EDITION
AMERICA**

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

3rd-PEN, \$36,000, 3-6, NW1X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft.

BOOT THE BOSS (g, 4, Petionville--Boot Um Bertie, by Storm Boot) Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-2, \$52,220. O-Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC. B-Everest Stables Inc (KY). T-Todd M Beattie. *Full to Bad Boy, MSP, \$245,984.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Aly Weeping, c, 2, Weeping Willow--Elusive Abyssinia, by Western Fame.** SUN, 3-9, (S), 4 1/2f, :53 2/5. B-Hermenegilde Aldavaz (NM). *1/2 to Waymore's Blues (Precocity), SW, \$208,136. **First winner for freshman sire (by Horse Chestnut {SAf}).

Forthelonghaul, f, 3, Ben Bulben--Blue Iris (SP, \$121,737), by Black Tie Affair (Ire). HAW, 3-9, (S), 1m70y, 1:45 1/5. B-John F Haran (IL).

Fanny Chenal, f, 3, Popular--Condellone, by Avenue of Flags. SUN, 3-6, 6 1/2f, 1:15 4/5. B-Dr & Mrs William T Gray (CA).

Venture Capital, c, 4, Macho Uno--Enterprizing Cat, by Storm Cat. MNR, 3-8, 6f, 1:13 4/5. B-Adena Springs (FL). *\$19,000 yrl '07 KEESEP; \$250,000 2yo '08 OBSAPR.

**BREEDERS' EDITION
EUROPE**

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Nantes, 15.55, 3-9, €22,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT, 2:37.21, gd/sf.

LIBORE (FR) (m, 6, Starborough {GB}--Libellule {Fr}, by Highest Honor {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 42 starts, 9 wins, 18 places, €85,500. O/T-Claude Le Lay; B-Mme Evelyne Shalam.

MAIDEN WINNER:

Barakanda (Ire), c, 3, Barathea (Ire)--Anda (GB), by Selkirk. Nantes, France, 3-9, Cond, 3yo, 1mT. B-Ceka Ireland Ltd. *€38,000 wnlng '07 GOFNOV; €15,000 yrl '08 ARQAUG.

TDN Euro is:

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 Tom Frary (CAFE Racing)
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