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The rumor mill hit high gear Saturday afternoon at Churchill Downs regarding the status of likely GI Kentucky Derby favorite **Eskendereya** (Giant's Causeway), and yesterday, during a hastily called 9:30 a.m. press conference, trainer Todd Pletcher confirmed what many had been speculating: the Zayat Stables colorbearer had suffered a leg injury and would not compete in the "Run for the Roses." It marks the second straight year the favorite has been scratched from the



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Derby, following the defection of I Want Revenge (Stephen Got Even) in 2009.

"Obviously, on behalf of Mr. Zayat and myself, we are extremely disappointed," said Pletcher. "[Saturday] morning, I noticed a little bit of filling in his left front leg. We looked at it, worked on it overnight, and we haven't seen any improvement. It was a little bit [Saturday], and more this morning. His left leg is filled from the ankle up to the knee.

"He's not uncomfortable," the conditioner added. "We got him out early this morning on the asphalt and jogged him, and he was slightly off."

But, Pletcher continued, "He's too special a horse to take any chances with. I spoke to Mr. Zayat earlier this morning, and we decided to stop here. I really can't give you a lot of specifics about the injury. The horse is not lame. He's slightly off, is how I'd describe it. I felt like his last couple of gallops haven't been up to what we'd normally see. I was hoping that maybe we could attribute it to the sloppy track. We'll do some more diagnostics later in the week, when the swelling goes out of his leg. Hopefully, it's nothing that will be career-threatening, but it would be premature to speculate on exactly what we're dealing with."

Eskendereya was originally supposed to put in his final serious work Saturday morning at Churchill. Overnight rains turned the track sloppy, however, and Pletcher said he would not work the GI Wood Memorial S. winner over such conditions and instead galloped him. Pletcher did send out several other Derby workers Saturday, fueling speculation that something was amiss with Eskendereya.

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Eight-year-old **Viva Pataca (GB)** (Marju {Ire}) turned back the clock Sunday at Sha Tin Racecourse, pouncing from just off the speed to land a second G1 Audemars Piguet Queen Elizabeth II Cup from G1 Dubai World Cup runner-up **Lizard's Desire (SAf)** (Lizard Island {Aus}). Following on his victory in 2007, the veteran took his earnings to over HK\$81 million (US\$10.4 million), supplanting Vengeance of Rain (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}) as the top money earner in Hong Kong history. "It means more that this horse has done it because he has been the greatest servant a trainer could ever ask for," said John Moore. "There will always be a soft spot for him. He'll be back next season, because I have never put too much mileage into him." **QE II Cup cont. p5**



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Eskendereya cont.

At 8:15 a.m. yesterday, the Todd Pletcher-trained trio of **Interactif** (Broken Vow), **Super Saver** (Maria's Mon) and **Rule** (Roman Ruler) headed to the track, with no signs of Eskendereya emerging from the Pletcher barn. At that point, the trainer, on his way to his SUV, quietly told an HRTV producer that he'd be making an announcement at 9:30 a.m. at the media building on Churchill's backstretch.

Asked at the press conference if he saw the injury coming, Pletcher said, "No, not until [Saturday]. I didn't like the way he looked [before he galloped], and I didn't like the way he looked after. He didn't train like he normally does. I was trying to be the optimist and hoping it was the sloppy track."

Pletcher said an announcement could have been made Saturday, but because Zayat is Jewish and strictly observes the Sabbath, he was unable to speak with the owner by phone. "When I spoke to him Friday afternoon, everything was good," said Pletcher. "I was not able to speak with him for 24 hours because of the Sabbath. I felt badly I couldn't tell you guys about that, but my priority is always to have the owner know first. It made for a tricky 24 hours, and we were still hoping for a miracle overnight. We didn't get it."

Winner of the Pilgrim S. at two, Eskendereya shot to the head of the sophomore class this winter and early spring, recording dazzling open-lengths victories in the GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S. and the GI Wood Memorial S. His dominance in his last two left some considering the big chestnut a legitimate Triple Crown candidate.

"He is, without a doubt, the best horse we ever brought to this stage," Pletcher said. "We've been fortunate enough to have some really good horses over the years, but I don't think we've had one who, at this stage of his development, is this good. I think his last two races were as good as any three-year-old has ever run."

"The thing that's so disappointing is that I know a mile and a quarter is within his range, and I really believe a mile and a half is within his range."

"He's the kind of horse who physically, with the exception of the injury we're dealing with...I felt could handle the three-race series. I know how hard this race is to win, much less all three of them. But I felt the mile and a half [the distance of the GI Belmont S.] is something he would have excelled at."

Fueled by Zayat Stables' financial troubles, there was talk through much of the spring that Eskendereya would, in part or in whole, be sold privately, though a deal was never reached. Pletcher was asked if any veterinary issues had been raised by potential buyers.

"We did have some people come look at the horse, but no veterinarian came to examine him," Pletcher said. "It's my understanding that negotiations never got to the point where the horse was vetted."

Pletcher confirmed that Jess Jackson was among those who expressed interest in purchasing Eskendereya this spring. Pletcher was also asked about the front wraps Eskendereya wore in the Wood. It was the first time the colt had worn front bandages, but Pletcher said just after the Apr. 3 event that he put them on because another of his runners had run down in a previous race on the card. Pletcher trainee Munnings (Speightstown), third in the GI Carter H. on the Wood Memorial undercard, also sported front wraps.

Pletcher dismissed the idea that something was wrong prior to the race, and said, "I think his Wood performance speaks for itself."

Despite the tough circumstances, Zayat handled the news as well as could be expected.

"Professionally, it was the toughest call I ever had to make to an owner," Pletcher said. "Mr. Zayat has been a terrific owner and has been very supportive, and he took it better than I would have thought. He's a very emotional guy, but he said the horse comes first. He loves Eskendereya, and he's not going to take any chances."



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What the Defection Means...

With Eskendereya out of the Derby, last year's GI Champagne S. hero **Homeboykris** (Roman Ruler), previously 21st on the graded earnings rankings, will now be assured a spot in the starting gate. It also means that the Todd Pletcher-trained filly **Devil May Care** (Malibu Moon), owned by the Greathouse family's Glencrest Farm and 14th on the earnings list, could face the boys in the Derby. "The biggest impact could potentially be for the filly," said Pletcher. "It opens up [jockey] John Velazquez [who was booked on Eskendereya], which was one of our concerns. Mr. [John] Greathouse will come over today and we'll look at it. It probably swings the pendulum toward her running, but I can't say that before talking with Mr. Greathouse." Devil May Care, winner of last year's GI Frizette S., was fifth at 4-5 odds in the GIII Silverbulletday S. at Fair Grounds in her seasonal debut Feb. 20, but rebounded with a big win in the nine-furlong GII Bonnie Miss S. at Gulfstream Mar. 20.

Not including Devil May Care, Pletcher still has four Derby candidates. They are: **Discreetly Mine** (Mineshaft) (15th on the earnings list), **Mission Impazible** (Unbridled's Song) (sixth), Super Saver (13th) and Rule (third). But WinStar principal Bill Casner told HRTV Sunday that connections were disappointed with Rule's last two works, and his status would be determined Monday or Tuesday. Interactif, 17th on the earnings list, is also possible. "I was hoping to work him this morning," Pletcher said. "But the track was still drying out and...he'll breeze [Monday]."

Still outside looking in for the Derby are **Jackson Bend** (Hear No Evil) (21st on the earnings list), **Backtalk** (Smarty Jones) (22nd), **Make Music for Me** (Bernstein) (23rd), and **Pleasant Prince** (Indy King) (24th).

• TRIPLE THREATS WORKTAB •

CHURCHILL DOWNS

Dublin (Afleet Alex), 5f, 1:02.80, 13/20 (my)
 Make Music for Me (Bernstein), 5f, 1:02.40, 11/20 (gd)

KEENELAND

Backtalk (Smarty Jones), 5f, 1:01.60, 5/12

Eskendereya's defection also significantly muddles how handicappers will bet the Derby. Favoritism will probably shift to last year's champion juvenile **Lookin at Lucky** (Smart Strike), who will be Churchill oddsmaker Mike Battaglia's morning-line choice. "I'm thinking he'll be right around 3-1," said Battaglia. "Not as solid as Eskendereya, but still pretty solid. Then I'll probably have **Sidney's Candy** [Candy Ride {Arg}] at right around 6-1 or 8-1, and then **Awesome Act** [Awesome Again] at right around the same odds. After the top three, the next horses could be those who work the best." -LM

Backtalk Works at Keeneland...

Trainer Tom Amoss, in hopes that Gold Mark Farm's **Backtalk** (Smarty Jones) will sneak his way into the Kentucky Derby field, shipped the colt to Keeneland Sunday morning for a work over the Polytrack. The chestnut, working in company under jockey Miguel Mena, was clocked going five panels in 1:01.60. The splits were :12.20, :25, :37.80 and :50.40, and he galloped out six furlongs in 1:14.40. "It was exactly what we wanted," said Todd Quast, Gold Mark Farm's general manager of racing. "It was a nice, even work. He finished strong, full of run. It was a beautiful work. I'm glad we were over there on that surface today." Quast added, "We've had some works leading up to this where he worked a little fast or a little slow, but this one was perfect. When he came back he wasn't blowing hard and his heart rate recovery was about 10 minutes, which is outstanding." Last year's GII Sanford S. winner was a distant third in the Apr. 3 GIII Illinois Derby last time out.

Dublin, Make Music for Me Breeze in Churchill Mud...

GI Arkansas Derby third **Dublin** (Afleet Alex) breezed under the lights at Churchill yesterday morning, going five furlongs in 1:02.80. The blinkered chestnut went the final eighth in :12.40, and went out three-quarters in 1:17.80. "It was a good maintenance work," said jockey Terry Thompson, who was in the irons. "The track was sealed and pretty hard. He easily could have gone :59, but we didn't want to do that."



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Dublin cont.

Dublin, who went for the gap to the barn area while galloping Saturday, was trying to bear out on the turn during his workout, but Thompson again attributed the misbehavior to the marathon runners who made their way through the Churchill infield Saturday. "He was looking for the runners from yesterday--he remembered that," Thompson claimed. "Once he saw that there was nobody there everything was fine."

Trainer D. Wayne Lukas made a last-minute decision to work the Robert Baker and William Mack colorbearer before dawn. "I agonized a little bit about it last night, thinking was it better to go right away if we had rain overnight, which we did, or was it better to take a chance on the breeze and sunshine cleaning it up," Lukas said. "I think I made the right decision. I was the first one on the track when it opened, and I had walked it at 4:30 and it was even and smooth. That's all that counts. It wasn't exactly perfect, but the track was smooth; that's all you count."

Make Music for Me (Bernstein), on the Derby AEs, went his five-eighths in 1:02.40 under exercise rider Andy Durnin.

Day Off for Endorsement...

Gill Sunland Derby hero **Endorsement** (Distorted Humor) was given Sunday off by trainer Shannon Ritter. "We missed our work day, plus I like to give my horses one day off a week," Ritter said. "I am not big on working on a muddy surface." The horsewoman opined that the schedule change would not be a detriment on Derby Day. "I am confident in his fitness, and I want a fresh horse coming in to the race," she said. "He galloped out a mile last week at Keeneland in 1:42 [after a five-eighths work in 1:01.40]." Looking ahead, Ritter added, "He will go out early [Monday], probably around 6 o'clock after the first wave has gone out. I want to see how the track is. I might just jog him if he is too keen when we go out. Later in the week, he may go an easy half-mile. It won't be a big work."



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Pletcher's Class On Display...

If a man's true character can be judged by how he handles himself in the face of disappointment, Todd Pletcher gave a glimpse of the stuff of which he's made yesterday morning. Sometimes chided by critics for an 0-for-24 record in the "Run for the Roses," Pletcher came to edition 136 with a horse who many rated as the most legitimate Derby favorite in years. There simply weren't many chinks in Eskendereya's armor: pedigree, race record, experience, timing between races, etc., all seemed to add up to a great shot for Pletcher to finally capture racing's Holy Grail. If Eskendereya had lined up Saturday, there's ever chance he would have gone postward at sub-2-1 odds.



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So it would have been understandable if Pletcher was a bit sour yesterday morning, if he ducked a formal press conference and shunned questions from reporters, or if he was terse or unpleasant. That simply wasn't the case. Pletcher took a full 10 minutes with the press and graciously answered all questions. He went through the chronology of Eskendereya's weekend, and talked about how Mr. Ahmed Zayat himself handled the disappointing news. In fact, it wasn't until Churchill's John Asher jumped in that the press conference was wrapped up at all. Before its conclusion, however, Pletcher showed that he hadn't lost his sense of humor, either.

In the penultimate question posed to Pletcher, a reporter asked, "Do you take any solace at all thinking about, in '57, when Gen. Duke came out, but Ben Jones still won with Iron Liege?"

Pletcher dryly quipped, "That was the first thing that came into my mind this morning."

Weird Weather...

Kentucky's schizophrenic weather continued yesterday. Impressive thunderstorms rolled through the region Saturday night, but by Sunday morning, the sun was shining and a steady breeze helped dry the track so much so that by the day's first post, the track was rated fast. The nice weather didn't last long. Low clouds rolled in again and a steady, misting rain took hold of the track by the day's sixth race.

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RESULTS

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

AUDEMARS PIGUET QUEEN ELIZABETH II CUP-G1, HK\$14,000,000, Sha Tin, 4-25, 3yo/up, 2000mT, 2:04.97, gd.

1--**VIVA PATACA (GB)**, 126, g, 8, by Marju (Ire)
 1st Dam: Comic (Ire), by Be My Chief
 2nd Dam: Circus Act (GB), by Shirley Heights (GB)
 3rd Dam: Circus Ring (Ire), by High Top (Ire)
 (26,000gns yrl '03 TATOCT). O-Stanley Ho Hung Sun; B-Floors Farming & Side Hill Stud; T-John Moore; J-Weichong Marwing; HK\$8,000,000. Life-time Record: Ch. Older Horse-HK, Ch. Stayer-HK, SW-Eng, 43-18-5-8, HK\$81,059,790. *Formerly Comic Strip (GB). **Werk Nick Rating: B. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

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2--**Lizard's Desire (SAf)**, 126, g, 4, Lizard Island (Aus)--Annsfield (SAf), by Northfields. O-Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa al Maktoum; B-A J Boshoff; T-Michael F de Kock; HK\$3,000,000.

3--**Super Satin (NZ)**, 126, g, 4, [Danehill Dancer \(Ire\)](#)--Mantles Princess (GB), by Rock City (Ire). O-Ranjam Tikam Mahtani; B-G Harvey; T-Caspar Fownes; HK\$1,500,000.

Margins: NK, NO, 1 1/4. Odds: 15-1, 11-1, 12-1. Also Ran: Never Bouchon (Jpn), Presvis (GB), Collection (Ire), Super Pistachio (Ire), Mr Medici (Ire), Unique Jewellery (NZ).

In addition to his score in 2007, Viva Pataca had made two other appearances in this spring centerpiece,



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12 months ago. Two of those defeats came at the hands of Mike de Kock-trained horses, and Lizard's Desire carried the hopes of that barn this time around. Jumping from an outside stall, Viva Pataca was ridden closer to the speed than was his custom and raced in fourth outside a rival as Japan's Never Bouchon (Jpn) (Marvelous Sunday {Jpn}) set a very sedate tempo. Lizard's Desire travelled in midpack, while Presvis was set a tall task from last with little pace to run at.

finishing sixth in 2006 on the heels of his Hong Kong Derby win, third in 2008, and runner-up to Presvis (GB) (Sakhee)

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Never Bouchon carried the field into the stretch, but the perfectly positioned Viva Pataca pounced four off the fence, led inside the final furlong and held off Lizard's Desire, who found a gap one off the rail, but could not outstay the local. Super Satin, last-out winner of the Hong Kong Derby, won the photo for third.

"With the pace not true, I guess that left it open for an upset result," said winning rider



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Weichong Marwing. "He never let me down in the straight. He has a very big heart, and ran all the way to the line." Odds-on Collection (Ire) (Peintre Celebre) was fired up at the back of the pack early and could do no better than sixth. "He was in the foulest of moods," his jockey Darren Beadman offered. "He wasn't happy going to the start, he was kicking out at the stalls and didn't settle early on." The connections of Presvis could only shrug their shoulders post-race. "He is always going to be hostage to the pace," commented trainer Luca Cumani. **Click for the [HKJC.com chart](#), a [video replay](#), the [HKJC.com PPs](#) and the [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).**



Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

CHAMPIONS MILE-G1, HK\$12,000,000, Sha Tin, 4-25, 3yo/up, 1600mT, 1:33.66, gd.

1-▲ **ABLE ONE (NZ)**, 126, g, 7, by [Cape Cross \(Ire\)](#)

1st Dam: **Gardenia (NZ)**, by **Danehill**

2nd Dam: **Cladagh (Aus)**, by ***Sir Tristram**

3rd Dam: **A Little Love**, by **J. O. Tobin**

O-Dr & Mrs Cornel Li Fook Kwan; B-Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan; T-John Moore; J-Darren Beadman; HK\$6,840,000. Lifetime Record: 30-8-2-1, HK\$21,402,160. *Full to Florilegium (NZ), SW & GSP-NZ. **Werk Nick Rating: A + .** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Fellowship (NZ)**, 126, g, 7, O'Reilly (NZ)--Mystical Flight (NZ), by Danzalion. O-David Sin Wai Kin; B-G & Mrs L M Hodel; T-Paul O'Sullivan; HK\$2,640,000.

3--**Beauty Flash (NZ)**, 126, g, 4, Golan (Ire)--Wychwood Rose (NZ), by Volksraad (GB). O-Kwok Siu Ming; B-Windsor Park Stud; T-Tony Cruz; HK\$1,200,000.

Margins: 3/4, 3/4, 1. Odds: 10-1, 2-1, 6-1.

Also Ran: Sight Winner (NZ), Sunny King (Ire), Egyptian Ra (NZ), Imbongi (SAf), Good Ba Ba, Thumbs Up (NZ), Brave Kid (Aus), Fair Trade (Aus), Dao Dao (Aus).

The recipient of a masterful pacesetting ride from Mick Kinane when he won the 2007 Champions Mile, Able One settled slightly off the speed for Darren Beadman this time around and got home best to register a mild upset from favored Fellowship. Runner-up to Good Ba Ba (Lear Fan) in the 2008 G1 Hong Kong Mile, he was only eighth to that rival this past December, and finished sixth to Fellowship in the Stewards' Cup in January. The 2000 meters of the Hong Kong Gold Cup Feb. 28 proved more than he could handle, as he was last of 11, but he bounced back to his best form with a narrow success in the Apr. 4 Chairman's Trophy over course and distance. Always sharp from the stalls, Able One could have led them off, but came to hand for his rider and drifted back to fourth through an opening half-mile in :47. The seven-year-old was switched out at the 400-meter marker, raced to the front approaching the eighth pole and won comfortably. "His last run was very good, and I felt he was fitter today than when he last won," stated winning trainer John Moore. "The race panned out exactly as we wanted, and he ran a great time again. He always seems to race best at this time of year." The top four finishers are under consideration for the G1 Yasuda Kinen in Tokyo June 6.

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1--**@RAJSAMAN (FR)**, 128, c, 3, by **Linamix (Fr)**

1st Dam: **Rose Quartz (GB)**, by **Lammtarra**

2nd Dam: **Graphite**, by **Mr. Prospector**

3rd Dam: **Stellarette**, by **Tentam**

O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC; T-Alain de Royer-Dupre; J-Thierry Jarnet; €40,000. Lifetime Record: 7 starts, 3 wins, 4 places, €97,600. **Werk Nick Rating: A + +**. **Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#).**

2--**Siyouni (Fr)**, 128, c, 3, **Pivotal (GB)**--**Sichilla (Ire)**, by **Danehill**. O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC; T-Alain de Royer-Dupre; €16,000.

3--**Lope de Vega (Ire)**, 128, c, 3, **Shamardal**--**Lady Vettori (GB)**, by **Vettori (Ire)**. O/B-Gestut Ammerland; T-Andre Fabre; €12,000.

Margins: HF, SHD, 4. Odds: 15.00, 1.00, 3.60.

Also Ran: **Makani (Ger)**, **Too Nice Name (Fr)**, **Shamalgan (Fr)**, **Arasin (Ire)**.

Rajsaman broke through at fourth asking in a Clairefontaine maiden Aug. 3, and upped his game to garner the Sept. 18 Listed Criterium de Lyon at Lyon Parilly next time. He closed his juvenile campaign with a fourth in the Oct. 9 G3 Prix Thomas Byron at Saint-Cloud, and stunned the opposition in this seasonal return. Rajsaman was running here as a rabbit for champion French two-year-old Siyouni, and was soon leading at a decent clip. Five lengths clear and going well on the home turn, the homebred was asked to stretch soon after, and hand-riding was largely sufficient for the grey to keep his head in front on the line. Racing keenly in midfield initially, Siyouni flew home despite meeting with minor traffic trouble at the quarter pole, but he ran out of real estate as his stablemate hung on in defiant style. "Rajsaman is a good horse in his own right and was certainly capable of winning such a race, especially if the opposition lets him have his own way as they did today," explained trainer Alain de Royer-Dupre. "Siyouni has run well too, but needed more cover and had a little trouble getting a clear run when it mattered. They'll both run in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains [here May 16], and maybe Rajsaman will be given more respect next time. That, in turn, will benefit Siyouni." **Click for the [Racing Post chart](#).**

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PRIX DE LA GROTTÉ-G3, €80,000, Longchamp, 4-25, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:38.33, gd.

1-#@ANNA SALAI, 126, f, 3, by [Dubawi \(Ire\)](#)

1st Dam: Anna Palariva (Ire) (GSW-Fr), by Caerleon

2nd Dam: Anna of Saxony (GB), by Ela-Mana-Mou (Ire)

3rd Dam: Anna Matrushka (GB), by Mill Reef

O-Godolphin SNC; B-Darley; T-Andre Fabre; J-Maxime Guyon; €40,000. Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 1 win, 2 places, €51,600. *1/2 to Advice (GB) (Seeking the Gold), MSW & GSP-Fr, \$257,925; and Iguazu Falls (Pivotal {GB}), SW & MGSP-Eng, \$106,684. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#). **Werk Nick Rating: B+.**

2--**Gotlandia (Fr)**, 126, f, 3, Anabaa--Grenade (Fr), by Bering (GB). (€45,000 yrl '08 ARQAUG). O-Olivier Carli; B-Haras du Quesnay; T-Yves de Nicolay; €16,000.

3--**Rosanara (Fr)**, 126, f, 3, Sinndar (Ire)--Rosawa (Fr), by Linamix (Fr). O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC; T-Alain de Royer-Dupre; €12,000. Margins: 1HF, 3/4, 1. Odds: 8.60, 68.00, 1.20.

Also Ran: Aruna, Via Medici (Ire), Kartica (GB), Barouda (Fr), Irish Cat (Ire), Dolled Up (Ire), Evaporation (Fr), Givine (Fr). Scratched: Wonderfilly (Fr).

Runner-up in a newcomers' event at Deauville in her only juvenile outing Aug. 7, Anna Salai occupied the same berth in a conditions race over this track and trip on her seasonal return last time Apr. 5, and shed maiden status with aplomb in this trial. Dropped into the rear of the field on leaving her wide stall, she was shaken up on the home turn and cut through the field under hand-riding to hit the front with 100 yards remaining. "I was very pleased with the performance, and I would expect her to go to the Poule d'Essai des Pouliches [G1 French 1000 Guineas]," said Godolphin's Racing Manager Simon Crisford. "The victory is also great news for Dubawi." Hot favorite and G1 Prix Marcel Boussac winner Rosanara, who raced in fourth for most of the contest, took the lead at the furlong marker before fading late into third. Anna Salai is likely to renew rivalry with Rosanara in the Pouliches back over this course and distance May 16, and the latter's trainer, Alain de Royer-Dupre, offered hope for a reversal of fortune in three weeks' time. "I'm very happy with Rosanara's performance," de Royer-Dupre said. "She ran really well considering she definitely needed the run. The target is the Pouliches and she will come on a lot for this."

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Sunday, Longchamp, France

PRIX LA FORCE-G3, €80,000, Longchamp, 4-25, 3yo, 1 1/4mT, 2:07.12, gd.

1--**SIMON DE MONTFORT (IRE)**, 128, c, 3, by [King's Best](#)

1st Dam: Noble Rose (Ire) (GSW-Eng, GSP-Fr, \$103,116), by Caerleon

2nd Dam: Noble Lily, by Vaguely Noble (Ire)

3rd Dam: Water Lily (Fr), by Riverman

O-Godolphin SNC; B-Darley; T-Andre Fabre; J-Mickael Barzalona; €40,000. Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 4 wins, 0 places, €96,500. *Full to Notability (Ire), Hwt. Older Horse-Ger at 7-9.5f, GSW-Ger, G1SP-Ity, MGSP-Eng, \$308,449. **Werk Nick Rating: A + + .**

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2--**Pain Perdu (Fr)**, 128, c, 3, Vespone (Ire)--Coastline (GB), by Night Shift. (€27,000 yrl '08 ARQOCT).

O-Mlle Margaret Ferguson; B-Hubert Honore; T-Nicolas Clement; €16,000.

3--**Circumvent (GB)**, 128, g, 3, Tobougg (Ire)--Seren Devious (GB), by Dr Devious (Ire). O-The Fairy Story Partnership; B-Deepwood Farm Stud; T-Paul Cole; €12,000.

Margins: NK, 3/4, HD. Odds: 4.20, 9.00, 5.90.

Also Ran: Celtic Celeb (Ire), War Monger (Ire), Darizi (Fr), Gomez Adams (Ire), Speartooth (GB).

Simon de Montfort garnered a one-mile maiden at this track on debut Oct. 6, and doubled his tally when stepped up to nine furlongs back here Oct. 25. Relinquishing his unbeaten record when eighth in the Nov. 14 G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud in his final juvenile outing, he picked up the winning thread once more in the Listed Prix Francois Mathet at Saint-Cloud on his seasonal return Apr. 4. Held up at the tail of the field initially here, he was asked to take closer order upon turning for home and finished with a strong run on the outside when driven to pick up old foe Pain Perdu right on the line. "Simon de Montfort deserves to go to the [G1] Prix du Jockey Club [French Derby at Chantilly June 6] after that excellent performance," opined Racing Manager Simon Crisford. "I will talk over plans with [trainer] Andre [Fabre] and we will decide what to do." Winning rider Mickael Barzalona added, "He is a horse who needs relaxing in a race, but he has a very good turn of foot." Click for the [Racing Post chart](#).



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Sunday, Calder Race Course

MIAMI MILE H.-GIII, \$100,000, CRC, 4-25, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:35, fm.

1--**MAMBO MEISTER**, 118, g, 5, by King Cugat

1st Dam: **Bleu'slittlesecret**, by Desert Secret (Ire)

2nd Dam: **Bleu Turquoise** (Ire), by Cure the Blues

3rd Dam: **Nantahala**, by Nantallah

O-Quantum Racing Team #1 LLC; B-J R Cavanaugh (KY); T-Philip A Gleaves; J-Manoel R Cruz; \$60,140.

Lifetime Record: 27-8-4-5, \$421,645. *1/2 to Captain Canaveral (Cape Canaveral), MSP, \$161,967.

Werk Nick Rating: A + + + . *Triple Plus*.

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2--**Pinckney Hill**, 115, r, 4, [A.P. Indy](#)--Jemima (GB), by

O-Lazy F Ranch & William S Farish;

B-W S Farish & Martha F Gerry (KY); T-Angel J

Penna Jr; \$19,400.

3--**Pleasant Strike**, 116, h, 6, [Smart Strike](#)--Colonella,

by Pleasant Colony. O/B-Edward P Evans (VA);

T-Todd A Pletcher; \$9,700.

Margins: HD, 3/4, HF. Odds: 5.80, 1.60, 5.30.

Also Ran: March to Victory, Fearless Eagle, Storm Caller, Stones River, Jet Propulsion. Scratched: Dream Maestro, Gentleman James, Motovato.

Mambo Meister had been on the board in each of his five prior appearances on the Calder spinach, and he continued his string of success at the track with this

late-surge victory. The winner of the Blazing Sword S. over the course last June, he then moved into graded company and ran second in the Aug. 2 GII Fourstardave H. at Saratoga. The bay was off the board in his next two tries, then switched to the dirt and captured the GIII Spend A Buck H.



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at Calder Oct. 17. Trying a synthetic for the first time in the Nov. 7 GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile, he was not disgraced when beaten just two lengths in fifth. Mambo Meister opened 2010 with a third in the off-the-turf Jan. 10 GIII Ft. Lauderdale S. at Gulfstream and a distant fourth in the Feb. 6 GI Donn H., and was freshened after beating one under the wire in the Feb. 20 GIII Canadian Turf S. Rated just off the leaders in his return after the two-month break, he closed ground on the turn and set sail for leader Pinckney Hill when they hit the lane, getting to the front in the final strides. "We've given him breaks before, but this time we sent him to Plumley Farm [in Ocala] for 30 days and I think it did him a world of good," trainer Phil Gleaves said, adding, "We've already talked it over and decided that he'll stay here for the [May 31 GIII Memorial Day H.] on the main track next. He loves it here." [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or the [brisnet.com PPs](#). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

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Sunday, Hollywood Park

INGLEWOOD H.-GIII, \$100,000, HOL, 4-25, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:39 3/5, fm.

1--**@GALLANT SON**, 116, c, 4, by Malabar Gold

1st Dam: **Explicitly**, by Exploit

2nd Dam: **Slabovia**, by Cool Victor

3rd Dam: **Arbela**, by Conquistador Cielo

(\$9,000 yrl '07 KEESEP). O-Chris & Diane Randall; B-Tony Holmes & Highclere (KY); T-Frank Lucarelli; J-Mike E Smith; \$60,000. Lifetime Record: GSP, 16-6-2-0, \$262,898. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++.**

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

2--**Quindici Man**, 115, c, 4, Came Home--Humble, by Valiant Nature. (\$12,000 yrl '07 KEESEP). O-G R D Two; B-NATO (KY); T-C A Lewis; \$20,000.

3--**Glowing Praise** (GB), 116, g, 4, Fantastic Light--Beading (GB), by Polish Precedent. (14,000gns yrl '07 DONAUG). O-John C Fretwell; B-Wyck Hall Stud Ltd (GB); T-Eoin G Harty; \$12,000.

Margins: 1 3/4, HF, HF. Odds: 3.10, 29.20, 21.90.

Also Ran: Acclamation, Lease of Life, Great Siege (Ire), Dark Islander (Ire), Red Alert Day (GB), Rummysecret War. Scratched: Monterey Jazz, Compari.

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Inglewood cont.

Gallant Son was looking for his first win since taking the Pasadena S. on the turf at Santa Anita more than 13 months ago. The dark bay disappeared after running seventh in the 2009 GI Santa Anita Derby, returning to be second in the GIII Sir Beaufort S. on the turf in Arcadia Dec. 26. Out of the frame in the GII San Fernando S. and GII Strub S., he improved to be second after a hard-fought finish in the off-the-grass Mar. 7 Joe Hernandez S., and prepped for this with a fourth in the Apr. 3 GII Potrero Grande S. going 6 1/2 furlongs on the Pro-Ride. The crowd's second choice was taken back to sit just off the leaders for six furlongs. He drove to the front on the far turn and, despite wavering some in final furlong, held off Quindici Man for his first graded success. "This race probably confirmed that he's a notch above on turf what he is on the dirt," trainer Frank Lucarelli remarked. "We really weren't considering anything but I guess the [May 31 GI Shoemaker Mile S. at Hollywood] is a possibility now." [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or the [brisnet.com PPs](#). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

Sunday, Krefeld, Germany

GROSSER PREIS DER KREFELDER WIRTSCHAFT - DR BUSCH-MEMORIAL-G3, €50,000, Krefeld, 4-25, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.09, gd.

1-#[@ZAZOU \(GER\)](#), 128, c, 3, by [Shamardal](#)

1st Dam: Zaza Top (Ger) (SW-Ger, GSP-Ity), by Lomitas (GB)

2nd Dam: Zorina (GB), by Shirley Heights (GB)

3rd Dam: Nadia Nerina, by Northern Dancer (€38,000 yrl '08 BBASEP). O-WH Sport International; B-Stiftung Gestut Fahrhof; T-Mario Hofer; J-Terry Hellier; €32,000. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Fr, 6 starts, 3 wins, 2 places, €188,575. **Werk Nick Rating: D.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--[Kite Hunter \(Ire\)](#), 128, c, 3, Muhtathir (GB)--Miss Chryss (Ire), by Indian Ridge (Ire). O-Stall Steigenberger; B-Azienda Agricola Loreto Luciani; T-Mario Hofer; €10,000.

3--[Wuhan \(Ger\)](#), 128, c, 3, One Cool Cat--Winterthur (Ger), by Alkalde (Ger). (€10,000 RNA yrl '08 BBASEP; €13,000 RNA 2yo '09 BBAMAY). O-Stall Ramon; B-Gestut Ebbesloh; T-Sascha Smrczek; €5,000.

Margins: 3, 2HF, 1HF. Odds: 0.50, 7.40, 4.40.

Also Ran: Go Country (Fr), Opera Moon (Ger), Touchmeifyoucan (Ger). Scratched: Russian Tango (Ger).

Zazou improved on a debut third at Cologne July 12 by breaking through in a sales race at the Rhinestadt track next time Aug. 16, but dropped to fourth in the Sept. 4 G3 Zukunfts-Rennen at Baden-Baden. He returned to the winner's circle in a valuable sales race back at the Iffezheim venue Oct. 23, then ran third in the Nov. 11 G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud. Following the exploits of Simon de Montfort (Ire) (King's Best) across the border in France earlier in the afternoon, Zazou gave a further boost to the form of the latter race with an impressive victory in this contest. Restrained in third after an alert getaway, he exhibited a smart turn of acceleration to lead with 300 meters remaining and surged clear under coaxing to score in dominant fashion. [Click for the Racing Post chart.](#)



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Sunday, Tokyo, Japan

SANKEI SPORTS SHO FLORA S.-G2, ¥100,680,000, Tokyo, 4-25, 3yo, f, 2000mT, 2:00.20, fm.

1--**#@SAINT EMILLION (JPN)**, 119, f, 3, by Zenno Rob Roy (Jpn)
 1st Dam: Moteck (Fr) (GSW-Fr, \$138,260), by Last Tycoon (Ire)
 2nd Dam: Sudaka (Fr), by Garde Royale (Ire)
 3rd Dam: Didia Clara (Fr), by Sea Break (Ire)
 O-Teruya Yoshida; B-Shadai Farm; T-Masaaki Koga; J-Norihiko Yokoyama; ¥53,176,000. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-1. **Werk Nick Rating: B.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Agnes Waltz (Jpn)**, 119, f, 3, Zenno Rob Roy (Jpn)--Merlot Sweet (Jpn), by Hector Protector. (¥20,000,000 fl '07 JPNJUL). O-Takao Watanabe; B-Shadai Farm; ¥21,336,000.

3--**Blooming Alley (Jpn)**, 119, f, 3, Symboli Kris S--Princess Olivia, by Lycius. O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shadai Farm; ¥13,168,000.

Margins: 1, 1 3/4, HD. Odds: 0.90, 8.50, 4.40.

Sunday, Kyoto, Japan

ANTARES S.-G3, ¥72,870,000, Kyoto, 4-25, 4yo/up, 1800m, 1:49.70, gd.

1--**#@DAISHIN ORANGE(JPN)**, 123, h, 5, by Agnes Digital
 1st Dam: Ashiya Madam (Jpn), by Russian Roubles
 2nd Dam: Cat Longchamp (Jpn), by Chateaugay
 3rd Dam: Mejiro Hiei (Jpn), by Moutiers (Fr)
 O-Nobuyuki Oyagi; B-Togawa Farm; T-Yasushi Shono; J-Yuga Kawada; ¥38,609,000. Lifetime Record: 17-6-2-2. *1/2 to V Rocky (Jpn) (Genuine {Jpn}), MSP-Jpn, \$818,013. **Werk Nick Rating: C+.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Naniwa Tomoare (Jpn)**, 123, c, 4, Black Hawk (GB)--Per Favore (Jpn), by Afleet. O-Grand Prix Inc; B-Meguro Farm; ¥15,174,000.

3--**Fusaichi Seven (Jpn)**, 128, c, 4, [Fusaichi Pegasus](#)--Divorce Testimony, by Vice Regent. (¥100,000,000 fl '06 JPNJUL). O-Susumu Hayashi; B-Chiyoda Farm; ¥9,587,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 1 1/4, HF. Odds: 13.50, 23.30, 4.50.



RACING Round-Up

Zenyatta Possible for Vanity...

Champion **Zenyatta** (Street Cry {Ire}) could stay at home and make her next start in the June 13 GI Vanity H. at Hollywood Park, the *Daily Racing Form* reported. "It's a logical choice," trainer John Shirreffs told *DRF*, adding, "Why put her on a plane to run in another handicap?" Perfect in 16 career starts, six-year-old Zenyatta would be bidding for her third straight edition of the nine-panel Vanity. She picked up her 16th victory in the Apr. 9 GI Apple Blossom H. on Oaklawn's conventional dirt track.

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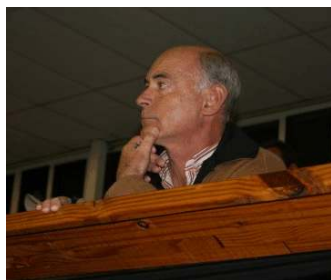




SALES NEWS

MORE RECORDS BROKEN AT NATIONAL YEARLING SALE

The record for a yearling sold in South Africa, set just this past Friday, was broken when a handsome colt by Jet Master (SAf) was knocked down to leading Gauteng trainer Geoff Woodruff for R4 million (\$539,000). Woodruff bought the sales topper on behalf of an unnamed international client. The colt, cleverly named Devine's Jet (SAf), is out of G1SP Divine Nymph (SAf) (Al Mufti), already the dam of the ill-fated G1SW Divine Jury (SAf) (Jallad), who won the Zabeel Mile in Dubai, but sadly broke down. The R4-million price tag exceeded Friday's session-topping Sing-spiel (Ire) colt by R400,000.



Geoff Woodruff

Jet Master, the champion stallion in South Africa for the last three years, is best known as the sire of three-time South African Horse of the Year Pocket Power (SAf), but has sired a string of champions including Pocket Power's full sister River Jetez, winner of this year's J&B Met, as well as champion sprinters J J The Jet Plane (SAf) and Mythical Flight (SAf). Bloodstock South Africa's Marketing Manager Eamonn Cullen was thrilled by the success of South Africa's biggest yearling sale, stating, "To break the record price on the first day and break it again today is an amazing feat and would be the envy of any sales company in the world. South Africa is such an exciting place to have a horse in training, and the standard of the trainers, the jockeys and the facilities are world class. South African breeders should be very proud of the product that they produce. There has been a great buzz around the sales ring today, and we look forward to tomorrow's lots."

A Var-y Good Sale...

Former champion European sprinter Var (Forest Wildcat) was responsible for the top-priced filly of the first two sessions. Consigned by Highlands Farm, she is a half-sister to the ill-fated champion sprinter National Currency (SAf) (National Assembly), who ran second to champion Silent Witness (Aus) in the Hong Kong Sprint. She was sold for R1.9 million, and was purchased by top Cape trainer Mike Bass.

Eastern Cape on the Rise...

The Eastern Cape is a region that is, of late, coming to the fore in South Africa and international racing. In the last two years, two horses previously based in the Eastern Cape have been placed in the Dubai World Cup. Paris Perfect (SAf) (Muhtafal) was third to Well Armed (Tiznow) in the 2009 World Cup, whilst erstwhile East Cape Derby winner Lizard's Desire (SAf) (Lizard Island {Aus}) was just touched off in the Cup this year, and nearly got it done in yesterday's G1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup in Hong Kong. The Eastern Cape is also the home of Ascot Stud, one of the most successful stud farms in the country. Ascot has enjoyed a wonderful 2010 National Yearling Sale. Home to former champion sire Al Mufti (Roberto), as well as the superbly bred Sail To Seattle (Gone West), Ascot was responsible for three yearlings to sell for R1-million plus during the first two days of the sale. The Ascot draft of 2010 included Auto Pilot (SAf), a Jet Master colt purchased by Charles Laird for R1.9 million, and Fort Benton (SAf), a Fort Wood colt picked up by Shadwell Stud for R1.7 million. "It is a great sale; I really appreciate the support of the owners and trainers," commented Ascot Stud's Dr. Ashley Parker. "We recently moved to a new farm, and this is the second crop off this farm; the first crop produced two stakes-winning two-year-olds."



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Trainer Mike de Kock

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9th-CDX, \$47,740, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$80,000), NW3\$X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft.

1--EMMY DARLING, 120, f, 4, Graeme Hall--Dance Delight (SP), by Colonial Affair. (\$100,000 RNA yrl '07 OBSAUG; \$260,000 2yo '08 OBSMAR). O-Ike & Dawn Thrash; B-Helen Marie Napolitano (FL); T-John W Sadler. Lifetime Record: SW & GSP, 17-4-1-3, \$229,824.

2--She's Extreme, 120, f, 4, Unbridled's Song--Classic Threat, by Regal Classic. (\$90,000 RNA yrl '07 KEESEP; \$160,000 RNA 2yo '08 KEEAPR).

3--More of the Best, 120, f, 4, Langfuhr--Skye Castles, by Sky Classic.

Margins: 3 3/4, 2HF, 6 3/4. Odds: 0.80, 10.10, 12.10. Emy Darling, an allowance winner over Santa Anita's all-weather surface Feb. 24, was coming off a troubled fifth over the turf in the Mar. 14 Clocker's Corner H. Making her first start on conventional dirt, the chestnut filly chased the early leaders through fractions of :21.56 and :45.06, took command in upper stretch and strode clear with authority to continue a strong weekend for owners Ike and Dawn Thrash and trainer John Sadler. [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#) [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

3rd-CDX, \$47,424, Msw, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16 3/5, ft. SAFE TRIP (c, 3, Tale of the Cat--Teruko, by Coronado's Quest) was away slowly and was never a factor while ninth over a sloppy Churchill strip in his debut last July 4. He prepped for his return with a bullet five furlongs in :59 a week ago and was sent off at 5-2. The chestnut colt, under a snug hold while chasing the pacesetters, pounced to the lead in upper stretch and drew away despite racing greenly to win by 7 1/2 lengths. Advantage Menifee (Menifee) was second. Safe Trip was a \$180,000 KEENOV weanling. [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#) [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$28,997. O-Gary & Mary West. B-Robert L Quinichett (KY). T-Eddie Kenneally.

<p>BLACK-TYPE STAKES CLOSINGS </p> <p>TOMORROW, TUESDAY, APRIL 27:</p> <p>04-30 \$500,000a Kentucky Oaks-I, CD, 3yo, f, 9f (25000s)</p> <p>www.stakesdigestweekly.com</p>
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★ **NEW YORK** ★

Yesterday's Results:

8th-AQU, \$39,900, Alw, NW1X, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:24, sy. EMMA'S POSSE (g, 4, Posse--Just Emma {SW, \$128,753}, by Nasty and Bold), winner of a starter allowance over the inner track Feb. 15, was coming off a fourth-place effort at this level over track and trip Apr. 3. Sent off at 5-2 against just three rivals, the dark bay gelding tarried at the back of the field, angled to the outside for the drive and reeled in the leaders to take charge with a furlong to run and forged clear to win by 2 1/4 lengths over Monte Carlo (Smoke Glacken). The winner RNA'd for \$120,000 as a FTKJUL yearling. [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#) Lifetime Record: 17-4-1-3, \$115,017. O-Mark J Lewis. B-Lewis Lakin (KY). T-Dominic G Galluscio.

2nd-AQU, \$39,200, Msw, 3/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 4/5, sy. VERY SWEET (f, 3, Congaree--Sweet Charity, by A.P. Indy) missed by a neck when second in her debut over this track Nov. 15 and returned with a distant third-place effort over the sloppy inner track Mar. 14. Sent off at 2-1, the chestnut filly stalked frontrunning Splitting Heirs (Wildcat Heir) through fractions of :22.48 and :45.92. She forged to the lead in upper stretch and pulled clear to best the pacesetter by four lengths. Very Sweet is a half-sister to Spicer Boy (Lemon Drop Kid, G1SP-Per) and Charity Belle (Empire Maker, GSW-Fr). [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#) [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$36,600. O-Darley Stable. B-Stonerside Stable (KY). T-Kiaran P McLaughlin.

★ **EAST** ★

Yesterday's Results:

7th-PIM, \$28,000, Msw, 3yo, 6f, 1:12 1/5, ft. MY CUZ C J (g, 3, Orientate--L'Abidjanaise, by Dixieland Band), narrowly beaten for a \$40,000 tag in his Mar. 4 bow, was second again last time out at Laurel Mar. 25. The 6-5 favorite went right to the lead and set all the fractions en route to a 9 1/4-length victory. The winner, who RNA'd for \$19,000 as a KEESEP yearling, is a half-brother to Thou Swell (Aptitude, GSP, \$116,099). [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#) [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$26,040. O-Dale Long. B-Robert B Trussell Jr (KY). T-K Cox.

★ **AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS** ★

IN IRELAND:

+ So Stylish, f, 2, Johannesburg. See "Ireland." Lingapour, c, 3, Gulch. See "Ireland."



★ CANADA ★

Yesterday's Results:

WOODSTOCK S., \$174,939, WOX, 4-25, 3yo, 6f (AWT), 1:08 3/5, ft.

1--**#ESSENCE HIT MAN**, 117, g, 3, by [Speightstown](#)
1st Dam: El Prado Essence (MGSW, \$890,280), by El Prado (Ire)

2nd Dam: **Quadrahope**, by **Quadratic**
3rd Dam: **Hope She's Bold**, by **Bold Forbes**

O-Audre & Gordon Cappuccitti (ON); T-Audre Cappuccitti; J-Chantal Sutherland; \$108,086.
Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-0, \$202,023.

2--**D's Wando**, 117, c, 3, [Wando](#)--Silver Taler, by Bold Ruckus. (C\$32,000 yrl '08 CANSEP). O-D's Stable, Riviera Racing Stable & Yorktech Racing Stable. \$36,029.

3--**Bear's Hard Ten**, 119, c, 3, [Rock Hard Ten](#)--Playforme, by Gone West. (\$47,000 yrl '08 FTKOCT; \$1,000 yrl '08 KEEJAN; \$15,000 yrl '08 TEXAUG; \$85,000 2yo '09 OBSAPR). O-Bear Stables Ltd. \$16,513.

Margins: 3/4, HF, 1 1/4. Odds: 7.05, 23.40, 3.65.

Essence Hit Man had not been out since posting a front-running victory in an allowance contest over this track last October. The chestnut gelding zipped to the lead, setting fractions of :22.33, :44.91 and :56.55 and just held on late for his first stakes victory. "This horse has a huge heart and he showed it today," said winning rider Chantal Sutherland. "He tried the whole way. He was



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tired at the end, but he gave everything he had." **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#).**

6th-WOX, \$58,645, Msw, 3yo, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:02 4/5, ft.

HAILSTONE (c, 3, [City Zip](#)--Weekend Storm, by Storm Bird) was second, beaten just 3/4 lengths after a troubled trip, in his debut over this track Apr. 3. A close-up fourth through fractions of :22.62 and :45.56, the 7-5 favorite struck the front with a furlong to run and surged clear to win by 3 1/4 lengths over Trelawny (Three Wonders). The \$100,000 KEESEP yearling is a half-brother to Garcia Marquez (Gulch, MSW-HK); Lord Snowdon (Seeking the Gold, MSW & GISP, \$511,730); Smart Surprise (Smart Strike, GSW, \$508,709); Court Vision (Gulch, MGISW, \$1,597,430) and a three-quarter brother to City Weekend (Carson City, SW, \$270,273). **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#).** Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$45,505.

O-Woodford Racing LLC & Westrock Stables LLC. B-W S Farish & Kilroy Thoroughbred Partnership (KY). T-Mark E Casse.

1st-WOX, \$57,729, Msw, 2yo, 2f (AWT), :21 1/5, ft. **AROYALSWEET** (f, 2, Chapel Royal--Zamsweet, by Zamindar) set the pace but was past last when second in her debut at Keeneland Apr. 9. The prohibitive 1-5 favorite took the lead crossing the gap and held sway by a half-length over Mimi's Missy (Forest Wildcat). The winner was a \$22,000 OBSJAN yearling. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#).** Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$42,727. O/T-Wesley A Ward. B-Arlene M Powell (FL).

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2nd-AQU (Msw) Very Sweet (Congaree) draws off to win by four lengths.

3rd-CDX (Msw) Safe Trip (Tale of the Cat) powers clear.

6th-WOX (Msw) Hailstone (City Zip) storms to maiden victory.

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<u>CALDER</u>
Duke of Mischief (Graeme Hall), 4f, :49.00, 2/24
<u>CHURCHILL DOWNS</u>
Arson Squad (Brahms), 5f, 1:01.80, 7/20
Be Fair (Exchange Rate), 5f, 1:01.60, 5/20
Court Vision (Gulch), 5f, 1:01.20, 4/20
Thiskyhasnolimit (Sky Mesa), 6f, 1:14.60, 3/4
Ventana (Tocet), 5f, 1:00.80, 3/20
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Cardiff Giant (Yankee Gentleman), 4f, :50.40, 14/21
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★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

Special Post for Hollywood Park:

Hollywood Park will have special post times for this coming weekend's Kentucky Oaks and Derby. On Oaks Day Friday, first post at Hollywood will be 1 p.m. On Derby Day Saturday, the first race will go off at 11 a.m. Gates open both days at 7 a.m.

Yesterday's Results:

7th-HOL, \$43,400, Alw, NW1\$X, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:10, ft.

BEST MON (g, 4, [Maria's Mon](#)--Runnymede Bride, by Dehere), a maiden winner over track and trip last May, went to the sidelines after a third-place finish behind Zensational (Unbridled's Song) in a May 29 allowance in his final outing for trainer Eoin Harty. The gray gelding set the pace before tiring to seventh in his return to the races May 28 at Santa Anita. The tepid 2-1 favorite set a pressured pace through fractions of :23.07, :46.03. Headed by Dark and Deep (Wiseman's Ferry) in upper stretch, Best Mon battled back to eke out a nose victory. The winner was a \$240,000 KEESOP yearling and a \$390,000 BESMAR juvenile. [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$59,960.

O-Sundance Racing Stable, Peter Accardy, Mike Pancer, et al. B-Runnymede Farm Inc & Catesby W Clay (KY). T-Paul G Aguirre.

2nd-HOL, \$43,400, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$80,000), NW1\$X, 3yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:09 3/5, ft.

PINCELADA (f, 3, [Wildcat Heir](#)--Flo's Z Fury {SW, \$266,431}, by Ocala Slew), second on debut at Santa Anita Mar. 7, graduated by 3 1/4 lengths in Arcadia Apr. 3. Making her first start for trainer Salvador Mora and with a bullet five-furlong move in :59 4/5 Apr. 17 under her belt, the 7-2 shot was with the pace early before taking up a stalking position. She darted to the lead in deep stretch and just got a nose in front of Seriously (Gulch) on the line. It was a neck back to Sister Dawn (Indian Charlie) in third. Pincelada was a \$31,000 OBSOCT weanling, who RNA'd for \$30,000 as an OBSAUG yearling before selling for \$120,000 as an OBSMAR juvenile. [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#) Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$61,000.

O-M Racing. B-Devil Eleven Stable Inc, A Francis & Barbara Vanlangendonck (FL). T-Salvador Mora III.

1st-HOL, \$44,906, Msw, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f (AWT), :52, ft. + FOLLOW MY TAIL (f, 2, [Indian Charlie](#)--Freefouracing {SW & GSP-US, GSW-Eng, \$223,762}, by French Deputy) pressed favored Spark City (State City) through an opening quarter in :22.73, took charge after a half in :46.09 and powered clear to win by 1 1/2 lengths as a 2-1 shot. Swiss Wild Cat (Ministers Wild Cat) was second. Follow My Tail, a \$13,000 KEESOP yearling, is a half-sister to Speedway (Forest Wildcat, MSW, \$168,457). [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#) Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,600.

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O-Robert Gramer, Mike Nicolarsen, Jerry Raskey & Walther Solis. B-Stonerside Stable (KY). T-Walther Solis.

6th-HOL, \$42,600, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16 3/5, ft.

THERE IS NO LIMIT (f, 3, [Johannesburg](#)--Silent Request, by Smarten) ran fifth on the Santa Anita Pro-Ride in her Mar. 7 debut, but improved to be second going down the hill in Arcadia Mar. 24. The bay was a 6-1 chance testing out the Cushion in her third attempt. Up to press the pace from second, she grabbed a short lead at midstretch and edged clear late to best Honey Bunch (Cherokee Run) by 1 3/4 lengths. [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#) Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$34,280. O/B-Dr Andries Botha (KY). T-Doug F O'Neill.

★ WEST ★

Yesterday's Results:

7th-GGX, \$27,250, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:10 4/5, ft.

+ I'M GOING PLACES (f, 3, [Out of Place](#)--Stevies Lil'wonder, by Smart Strike), a 5-1 shot in her unveiling, rallied four wide into the lane, took over at midstretch and drove clear to a 1 1/2-length tally over Angi's Wild Cat (Minister's Wild Cat). [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#) Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$15,000. O/B-Jack R & Ivor Jones (KY). T-Frank Lucarelli.

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Total Handle: \$550,917,350 (+4.18%)

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Leading Trainer: Todd Pletcher

Leading Jockey: Paco Lopez

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★ IRELAND ★

Yesterday's Results:

IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF SALSABIL S.-Listed, €62,500, Navan, 4-25, 3yo, f, 1 1/4mT, 2:05.61, gd.
 1--**#AKDARENA (GB)**, 126, f, 3, by [Hernando \(Fr\)](#)

1st Dam: Akdariya (Ire) (GSP-Eng), by Shirley Heights (GB)

2nd Dam: Akishka (Ire), by Nishapour (Fr)

3rd Dam: Akiyda (GB), by Labus (Fr)

O/B-Kirsten Rausing; T-Jim Bolger; J-David Moran; €40,625. Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-3, €70,252.

2--**Unity (Ire)**, 126, f, 3, [Sadler's Wells](#)--Moments of Joy (GB), by Darshaan (GB). €12,500.

*3--**Dazzling Day (GB)**, 126, f, 3, [Hernando \(Fr\)](#)--

Dazzling Dancer (GB), by Nashwan. €6,250.

Margins: 2HF, SHD, 3. Odds: 7-1, 8-1, 25-1.

Also Ran: What a Charm (Ire), Hazarafa (Ire), Sense of Purpose (Ire), Lady Lupus (Ire), Hen Night (Ire), Pirans Rock (Ire), Alamanda (Ire). *Dazzling Day finished second, but was demoted to third.

Akdarena hit the board in both the Sept. 13 Listed Flame of Tara S. and the Oct. 11 Listed Lanwades & Staffordstown Studs S. at The Curragh, and was last seen finishing fourth in the G3 Park Express S. back at the Co. Kildare track Mar 21. Finding this step back to listed company more to her liking, she secured the lead straight from the gate. The bay homebred never looked back, increasing the tempo entering the final furlong, and was driven out under maximum urging to land the prize in good style as her challengers struggled to make headway. "She's a good filly, she stays well and appreciated racing on faster ground," commented Jim Bolger's traveling head lad Ger Flynn. "We'll see how she comes out of this race before deciding on where she goes next," he added. [Video, courtesy attheraces.com](#).

VINTAGE CROP S.-Listed, €42,500, Navan, 4-25, 4yo/up, 1 5/8 mT, 2:46.82, gd.

1--**#ROSES FOR THE LADY (IRE)**, 124, f, 4, [Sadler's Wells](#)--Head in the Clouds (Ire), by Rainbow Quest. O-Neil Jones; B-Abergwaun Farm; T-John Oxx; J-Fran Berry; €27,625. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Ire, SP-Eng, 7-2-1-1, €152,183.

2--**Merchant of Dubai (GB)**, 128, g, 5, Dubai Destination--Chameleon (GB), by Green Desert. (135,000gns wnlg '05 TATDEC; 28,000gns RNA yrl '06 TATOCT; 21,000gns 2yo '07 TATAPR). €8,500.

3--**Grace O'Malley (Ire)**, 129, f, 4, Refuse to Bend (Ire)--Lionne (GB), by Darshaan (GB). (140,000gns yrl '07 TATOCT). €4,250.

Margins: 3, 5HF, 6. Odds: 6-4, 15-8, 10-1.

Also Ran: Mid Mon Lady (Ire), Zaralabad (Ire), Celtic Soprano (Ire), End of the Affair (Ire).

VINTAGE CROP S.-Listed result cont.

Backing up a Leopardstown maiden score last March, Roses for the Lady ran third in the Listed Cheshire Oaks at Chester May 6 before dropping to fifth in the June 14 G3 Noblesse S. at Cork. She was last seen chasing home Sariska (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) in last year's G1 Irish Oaks at The Curragh July 12, and duly obliged here. Stepping back to listed level on this seasonal bow, she was quick from the gate and made every yard of the running, holding off the persistent challenge of Merchant of Dubai en route to registering a first black-type success. "It was a suitable race for her, but I was terrified of the ground, so it was a relief to win," trainer John Oxx told irishracing.com. "It was her first time on it this year and she got away with it. She's sound enough, but doesn't like it much because she needs soft to be at her best. She's been second in an Irish Oaks and won a stakes race now, so that's great. She's in the [May 14 G2] Yorkshire Cup and, if it was forecasted for a wet week she could go there, but I wouldn't bring her [to England] unless it was soft. She stays well and will get two miles." [Video, courtesy attheraces.com](#).

Gowran Park, 14.15, Cond, €21,500, 3yo, 7fT, 1:29.13, gd.

LINGAPOUR (c, 3, Gulch--Lidakiya {Ire}, by Kahyasi {Ire}) earned a hard-fought victory in a Dundalk maiden last time Apr. 9 and was hustled into a clear early lead stepping down a panel. Ridden with 2 1/2 furlongs remaining, the 4-1 second favorite was all out to repel Baglioni (Ire) (Le Vie Dei Colori {GB}) by a neck. He is a half-brother to Linngari (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}), Hwt. Older Horse-Ger at 5-7f, Hwt. Older Horse-Ger at 9.5-11f, G1SW-Ger & Ity, SW & G1SP-Eng, GSW-UAE, G1SP-Fr & HK, SP-Tur, \$2,756,878. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, €21,962. [Video, courtesy attheraces.com](#). O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC; T-John Oxx.

Navan, 17.10, Mdn, €10,500, 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 2:07.73, gd.

RAIN FOREST (GB) (c, 3, Sadler's Wells--Gryada {GB}, by Shirley Heights {GB}) made an eye-catching debut when eighth over a mile at this course Oct. 21, and the 200,000gns TATOCT yearling got off the mark in impressive style here. Travelling in the slipstream of the leading trio until urged closer with a quarter mile to run, the 13-8 favorite eased to the front at the furlong pole and was driven out in the closing stages to claim an ultimately cozy 2 1/2-length success over Minsky Mine (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}). Rain Forest is a 3/4-brother to Fame and Glory (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}), G1SW-Ire & Fr, G1SP-Eng, \$2,263,819. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €7,245. [Video, courtesy attheraces.com](#).

O-Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier & Michael Tabor; B-Coln Valley Stud; T-Aidan O'Brien.



Navan, 15.00, Mdn, €13,500, 2yo, f, 5fT, 1:01.03, gd.
 + **SO STYLISH (f, 2, Johannesburg--Tacha, by Mr. Prospector)** raced in isolation against the rail from the onset of this racecourse bow. Always traveling in the front rank, the 6-1 pick hit the front a furlong from the wire and was ridden out to record a comfortable 1 1/2-length success over stablemate Catherineofaragon (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}). So Stylish is closely related to One Cool Cat (Storm Cat), Ch. 2yo Colt-Eur, Hwt. 3yo-Eng & Ire at 5-7f, MG1SW-Ire, G1SP-Eng, \$564,798. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €9,315. [Video, courtesy attheraces.com.](#)
 O-Michael Tabor & Susan Magnier; B-Orpendale; T-Aidan O'Brien.

Gowran Park, 15.20, Mdn, €10,500, 3yo, c/g, 1mT, 1:39.30, gd.
 + **AZNAVOUR (IRE) (c, 3, Azamour {Ire}--Cadence {GB}, by Cadeaux Genereux {GB})** tracked the early speed in third. Punched to the front with 1 1/2 furlongs to race, the 9-1 shot was ridden clear to win by 4 1/2 comfortable lengths from Hot Sand (Ire) (Desert Style {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €7,245. [Video, courtesy attheraces.com.](#)
 O-Mrs J M Oxx; B-CDA Bloodstock; T-John Oxx.

★ BRITAIN ★

Yesterday's Results:

EBF LANSDOWN FILLIES' S.-Listed, £40,000, Bath, 4-25, 3yo/up, f, 5f 11ydsT, 1:01.07, fm.
 1-#**GILT EDGE GIRL (GB), 126, f, 4, Monsieur Bond (Ire)--Tahara (Ire), by Caerleon.** (17,000gns yrl '07 DONAUG; 22,000gns RNA HIT '09 TATDEC).
 O-Wood Street Syndicate & V & C J Harper; B-Whitsbury Manor Stud; T-Clive Cox; J-Luke Morris; £22,708. Lifetime Record: 12-4-3-4, £42,771. *1/2 to Godfrey Street (GB) (Compton Place {GB}), GSW-Eng, \$170,894.
 2--**Golden Destiny (Ire), 126, f, 4, Captain Rio (GB)--Dear Catch (Ire), by Bluebird.** (5,000gns RNA yrl '07 TATOCT). £8,608.
 3--**Anglezarke (Ire), 126, f, 4, Acclamation (GB)--Welsh Mist (GB), by Damister.** (38,000gns yrl '07 DONAUG). £4,308.

Margins: 3/4, 1HF, 4HF. Odds: 13-2, 9-2, 6-4.
 Also Ran: Tomintoul Singer (Ire), Atlantic Cycle (Ire), Angus Newz (GB), Ramamara (Ire), Impressible (GB).
 Successful in a Wolverhampton handicap in her final sophomore start Nov. 16, Gilt Edge Girl was beaten only a short head against the boys in a similar contest back there on her seasonal return Mar. 26. Settled towards the rear of the pack pitched back against her own sex on black-type bow here, she was forced to switch outside when encountering traffic problems entering the final quarter-mile, but managed to wear down the leaders in the final 50 yards to land a personal-best win. [Video, courtesy attheraces.com.](#)

First Winner for Freshman Sire

Bath, 14.10, Mdn, £6,000, 2yo, 5f 11ydsT, 1:03.07, fm.
ROSINA GREY (GB) (f, 2, Proclamation {Ire}--Rosina May {Ire}, by Danehill Dancer {Ire}), a well-beaten seventh on debut over five furlongs at Ffos Las Apr. 6, settled just off the leaders throughout the early exchanges. Threading between opponents entering the final 1 1/2 furlongs, the 14-1 shot hit the front in the last 100 yards and held off the challenge of the fast-finishing Alfraamsey (GB) (Fraam {GB}) to win by 1 1/4 lengths. She is the first winner for her freshman sire (by King's Best). Sales history: £900 RNA yrl '09 BRTNOV. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £3,886. [Video, courtesy attheraces.com.](#)
 O-P Gibbins & M Daly; B-The Three Point Partnership; T-Rod Millman.

Bath, 14.40, Mdn, £3,850, 3&4yo, 1m 5ydsT, 1:41.61, fm.
 + **SEAFARER (IRE) (c, 3, Footstepsinthesand {GB}--Innocence {GB}, by Unfuwain)** broke well and settled in a stalking position in the early stages of his debut. As the leaders quickened in the final two furlongs, the 20,000gns TATOCT yearling and 175,000gns TATAPR two-year-old kept on well under pressure to gain the advantage deep in the final furlong, holding on by a neck from High Importance (Arch). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £2,493. [Video, courtesy attheraces.com.](#)
 O-Michael Tabor & Susan Magnier; B-Mrs Emily Henry; T-Brian Meehan.

Saturday's Late Results:

Wolverhampton, 20.50, Mdn, £3,600, 3yo/up, f/m, 9f 103yds (AWT), 2:04.62, stn.
BAKONGO (IRE) (f, 3, Cape Cross {Ire}--Badawi {MSP-Eng}, by Diesis {GB}), fourth in a Newbury maiden Apr. 16, was held up in midfield. Readily taking the lead after the furlong marker, the 11-10 crowd's choice won by a cozy 1 1/4-length margin from Indian Valley (Cherokee Run). She is a half-sister to Cala (Fr) (Desert Prince {Ire}), GSP-Eng; and to Badminton (GB) (Zieten), SW & G1SP-Eng. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £2,817.
 O-Sheikh Marwan Al Maktoum; B-Darley; T-M Bell.

SYNTHETIC SURFACES IN NORTH AMERICA

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



★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday's Results:

Longchamp, 13.35, Mdn, €24,000, unraced 3yo, f, 1 3/8mT, 2:19.36, gd.
 + **MARIA ROYAL (IRE) (f, 3, Montjeu {Ire}--Notable {GB}, by Zafonic),** a €50,000 ARQAUG yearling, raced under cover along the rail at the back of midfield from the break in this first go. Asked for her bid passing the two pole, the 8-1 chance closed into third at the distance and ran on strongly under whipless encouragement in the closing stages to overhaul Galaxidi (GB) (High Chaparral {Ire}) by a length nearing the line. Peacoat (GB) (Doyen {Ire}), a daughter of Innuendo (Ire) (Caerleon), occupied a prominent role after an indifferent start and kept on under urging in the straight to finish third. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €12,000. O-Jean-Pierre Deroubaix; B-Lynch-Bages Ltd; T-Alain de Royer-Dupre.

Longchamp, 14.05, Mdn, €24,000, unraced 3yo, c/g, 1 3/8mT, 2:17.43, gd.
 + **PLENTY POCKET (FR) (c, 3, Super Celebre {Fr}--Almadina {Fr}, by Pistolet Bleu {Ire})** was reserved 10 lengths behind the clear leader in fifth for much of this opening show. Coming under pressure off the home turn, the 13-1 chance quickened smartly in the closing stages and swooped late under continued urging to deny Le Larron (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}) by a half-length in the shades of the post. Deux Etoiles (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}), a three-parts brother to Fidelite (Ire) (In the Wings {GB}), raced in rear throughout, but was unable to make any impression and finished 13th. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €12,000. O-Sauveur Lellouche; B-Elie Lellouche & Sylvain Lellouche; T-Elie Lellouche.

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Saturday's Late Results:

Hoppegarten, 16.00, Cond, €5,100, 3yo, 1mT, time: n/a, gd.
AUJIANG (GER) (f, 3, Royal Dragon--Anna Maria {Ger}, by Night Shift), the winner of a similar event on debut here Apr. 4, sat just behind the lead initially. Pushed to the front inside the quarter pole, one backhander saw the 7-4 pick come right away to score by an impressive six lengths from Tee Off (Ger) (Kalatos {Ger}). The winner is a half to Aubonne (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}), GSW-Fr, SW-US, GSP-Ity, MSP-Ger, \$302,301. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 2 wins, €6,000. O/B-Gestut Ebbesloh; T-Peter Schiergen.

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GROSSER PREIS DER VGH-VERSICHERUNGEN-Listed, €20,000, Hannover, 4-25, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:38.24, gd.

- 1--**ROCK MY SOUL (IRE), 130, f, 4, Clodovil (Ire)--Rondinay (Fr), by Cadeaux Genereux (GB).** O-Gunter Merkel; B-Gerhard Kredel; T-Uwe Ostmann; J-Daniele Porcu; €12,000. Lifetime Record: 7 starts, 4 wins, 1 place, €45,400.
- 2--**Rubiana (Ger), 123, m, 5, Sholokhov (Ire)--River Pearl (Ger), by Turfkönig (Ger).** (€11,000 RNA HIT '08 BBAMAY). €4,400.
- 3--**Masquenada (Fr), 130, m, 5, Muhtathir (GB)--Macarena (Ger), by Platini (Ger).** (€6,000 yrl '06 BBAOCT). €2,400.

Margins: HF, 3, 1 3/4. Odds: 1.50, 5.30, 5.00.
 Also Ran: Irini (Ger), Prema (Ger), Bella Platina (Ger), Classic Summer (Ger), Samara Valley (Ire), Margie's World (Ger), A Million Dollars (Ger).

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BLACK-TYPE RESULTS:

- GOLDEN CIRCLE S., \$60,000, PRM, 4-24, 3yo, 6f, 1:10 4/5, sy.**
- 1--**#CHICKS A FLYIN, 117, g, 3, Wimbledon--Pipe Creek, by Hadif.** O-Steve Prather & Dwayne Taylor; B-Steve Prather (TX); T-H Ray Ashford, Jr; J-Glen Murphy; \$36,000. Lifetime Record: 8-3-4-0, \$91,091.
 - 2--**Backtrack, 119, g, 3, Grand Slam--Wander Storm, by Storm Bird.** (\$60,000 wing '07 KEENOV). \$12,000.
 - 3--**Overthehump, 112, c, 3, Cactus Ridge--Cheyenne Sister, by Favorite Trick.** \$6,000.
- Margins: 1 3/4, 1HF, 4 1/4. Odds: 5.10, 0.80, 4.20.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

- 4th-WOX, \$69,675, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f (AWT), 1:23 2/5, ft.**
IMPOSSIBLE TIME (m, 5, Not Impossible {Ire}--Classiest Carat, by Pleasant Colony) Lifetime Record: 9-4-1-1, \$169,168. O/B-Charles E Fipke (ON). T-Roger Attfield.
- 9th-WOX, \$65,551, NW3L, (S), 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:09 3/5, ft.**
BOB'S RING (g, 4, Where's the Ring--Trouble Trio, by Tethra) Lifetime Record: 9-3-4-2, \$162,738. O-Big Win Racing. B-Tom Pendleton (ON). T-Laurie Silvera.
 *C\$7,500 yrl '07 CANOCT.
- 7th-PRM, \$50,104, 4-24, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 4/5, sy.**
FROZEN ANGEL (g, 5, Devil His Due--Eighty Below Eve {MSW, \$191,356}, by Now Listen) Lifetime Record: SP, 15-3-0-5, \$95,295. O/B-River Ridge Ranch (IA). T-Michael Natale. *\$42,000 RNA 2yo '07 IOWAPR.



8th-CDX, \$49,400, NW1X, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:38, gd.
BARYSHNIKOV (c, 4, [Empire Maker](#)--Ski Dancer {MGSW & MGISW, \$578,344}, by Baldski) Lifetime Record: 19-2-4-3, \$84,718. O-Jeffrey Columbro & Connie Apostelos. B-Summer Wind Farm (KY). T-Kerny B Hancock. *\$90,000 RNA yrl '07 KEESEP.

9th-PHA, \$42,150, NW1X, 3yo, 6f, 1:09 3/5, sy.
BOJAN (c, 3, [Wildcat Heir](#)--Light Line {MSW & GSP, \$193,138}, by Line In The Sand) Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$67,800. O-Maggi Moss. B-J&J Equine Investment (FL). T-Steven M Asmussen. *\$107,000 yrl '08 FTKOCT; \$30,000 yrl '08 OBSJAN; \$80,000 RNA yrl '08 FTKJUL. **1/2 to Fitz Just Right (Seattle Fitz {Arg}), SW & GSP, \$142,051.

6th-AQU, \$41,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (off turf), 1:39 3/5, sy.
GREAT GRACIE DANE (f, 3, [Royal Academy](#)--Pumpkin's Pride, by Louis Quatorze) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-2, \$59,934. O-Eric Fein. B-Scott Fein (NY). T-Derek S Ryan.

8th-PIM, \$30,000, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:48 1/5, ft.
SUMMER SHADE (f, 3, [Stephen Got Even](#)--Summer Delight {SP}, by Quiet American) Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, \$43,860. O/B-Lazy Lane Farms Inc (VA). T-Rodney Jenkins. *1/2 to Southwest (Cozzene), MSP, \$193,556.

8th-CTX, \$30,000, 4-24, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:26 1/5, ft.
SEÑOR FUEGO (c, 4, [Speightstown](#)--Vasquez, by Coronado's Quest) Lifetime Record: 7-4-0-0, \$88,740. O-Premier Stables Unlimited. B-Charles H Deters (KY). T-Mark Shuman. *\$130,000 yrl '07 FTSAUG.

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6th-CTX, \$28,200, 4-24, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:26 3/5, ft.
TIZ NEXT (m, 7, Cee's Tizzy--She's Distinctive, by Groovy) Lifetime Record: 36-9-6-6, \$154,575. O/T-Stephanie S Beattie. B-Burns & Sisemore (CA).

4th-IND, \$28,000, 4-24, NW3L, (S), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05 4/5, sy.
TOPPER TIME (g, 4, Crown Ambassador--Fluorescent Poppy, by General Assembly) Lifetime Record: 12-3-0-2, \$45,050. O-Hunt and Smith Ventures. B-Dale Smith & Mike Hunt (IN). T-Richard B Kohnhorst.

8th-HST, \$27,101, 4-24, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000-\$45,000), NW1\$3M, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11 1/5, wf.
ALMOST TIME (g, 4, Finality--Vainglorious {MSP, \$121,351}, by Cutlass Reality) Lifetime Record: MSW, 10-5-4-0, \$174,742. O-Swift Thoroughbreds Inc. B-S Anderson & D Deyagher (BC). T-Dino K Condilenios.

9th-SRP, \$26,676, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :50 3/5, ft.
FACIL CATANA (f, 3, Untuttable--Brad's Sweet Girl, by Hennessy) Lifetime Record: SP, 7-3-1-2, \$54,490. O-Lathrop G Hoffman. B-Gilbert G Campbell (FL). T-Henry Dominguez. *\$35,000 2yo '09 OBSAPR. **Full to Soberano (Untuttable), MSP-PR.

6th-PRM, \$26,500, 4-24, NW1X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 1/5, sy.
MAMBO DANCER (g, 4, Black Mambo--Dawsons Danzig, by Lucky North) Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-3, \$38,490. O-Idlewood Farm LLC. B-Gerald F Colwell (FL). T-Gene Jacquot.

8th-HAW, \$26,000, NW1X, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45 4/5, my.
MACHO TORO (c, 4, [Macho Uno](#)--Evening Hush {SW}, by Saint Ballado) Lifetime Record: 15-2-5-2, \$80,045. O-Matthew Kosco. B-Adena Springs (FL). T-Charles L Bettis. *\$40,000 yrl '07 KEESEP. **1/2 to Night Sky (Gold Case), SW, \$230,856.

8th-HST, \$25,383, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000-\$45,000), NW1\$3M, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 2/5, gd.
CONCERT MUSIC (f, 4, Concerto--Soclassie, by Capote) Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$33,400. O-McLeod & Fiorvento. B-Harold J Plumley (FL). T-John Snow. *\$12,000 yrl '07 OBSAUG.

5th-CRC, \$25,000, Opt. Clm. (\$16,000), NW1X, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:48 2/5, fm.
ESPINOSA (GB) (c, 4, [Danhill Dancer {Ire}](#)--Dance Lesson {GB}, by In the Wings {GB}) Lifetime Record: 9-3-0-0, \$40,903. O-Earle I Mack. B-C R Mason and Redmyre Bloodstock (GB). T-Dennis J Manning. *100,000gns HRA '06 TATDEC.

9th-MNR, \$22,400, 4-24, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05, gd.
CHASE EM (f, 4, [Posse](#)--Jadedumde, by Jade Hunter) Lifetime Record: 15-7-2-2, \$67,130. O-Brach Schmidt. B-Fred Bradley & Carl Hurst (KY). T-Douglas E Shanyfelt.

4th-HST, \$22,333, NW3L, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12 2/5, gd.
B. C. CAT (f, 4, Storm Victory--Diamonds for U B, by Diamond Sword) Lifetime Record: 11-3-3-0, \$60,428. O-A L Valair. B-James Barry Doud (BC). T-Garry Saitz. *C\$3,000 yrl '07 BRCSEP.

9th-TAM, \$20,200, Opt. Clm. (\$16,000), NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:16, ft.
BOROBETA (m, 6, Slew Gin Fizz--Cryptophyllis, by Cryptoclearance) Lifetime Record: 50-11-6-4, \$133,061. O-Midwest Thoroughbreds. B-Jack D Wall (FL). T-Jamie Ness.



ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Come Undone, c, 3, **Catienus**--Thunderously, by Wild Again. AQU, 4-25, (S), 1m (off turf), 1:40. B-Flying Zee Stables (NY). *1/2 to Thunderestimate (Western Expression), SW, \$182,400.

Lil Erma Jean, f, 3, **Champali**--Polish the Cup (MSP, \$171,415), by Polish Numbers. MNR, 4-25, 6f, 1:12 1/5. B-Oak-Land (KY). *\$5,000 wlng '07 KEENOV.

Let's Do It, c, 3, **El Prado (Ire)**--Nephele, by Deputy Commander. PIM, 4-25, 1 1/16mT, 1:45. B-Brereton C Jones (KY). *\$40,000 RNA yrl '08 KESEEP.

Smoking the Field, c, 3, **Freefourinternet**--Margin Note, by Notebook. CRC, 4-25, 5 1/2f, 1:07 4/5. B-K Davis & S Mansfield (FL). \$17,000 RNA 2yo '09 OBSJUN.

Belle's Notion, c, 3, **Great Notion**--Belle's Miss, by Press Card. PEN, 4-24, (S), 6f, 1:09 4/5. B-Salvatore Giuffrida (PA). *\$1,700 wlng '07 FTMDEC; \$60,000 2yo '09 FTMMAY.

O'Shea, g, 3, **Irish Road**--Bethastan, by Local Talent. TAM, 4-25, 1mT, 1:37 4/5. B-Teresa Pierpont (FL). *\$3,500 yrl '08 OBSJAN.

Cat o' Nine Tails, f, 3, **Prized**--Early Cat, by Afternoon Deelites. CTX, 4-24, (S), 7f, 1:28 3/5. B-Mr & Mrs Laurence O Stoney Jr (SC).

Rock Picker, c, 3, **Rock Slide**--Shes a Caper Too (SW, \$291,089), by Feel the Power. CTX, 4-24, (S), 7f, 1:30 2/5. B-Tex J Mullins (WV).

On the Level, f, 3, **Stephen Got Even**--Wedgfield, by Pentelicus. CDX, 4-25, (C), 6f, 1:11 3/5. B-Windwoods Farm (KY). *\$27,000 yrl '08 KESEEP. **1/2 to John Hennessy (Mazel Trick), SP, \$163,265.

Another WARRENDALE Winner

Stormin River, g, 3, **Stormin Fever**--Amanda Rules, by Mr. Greeley. PRM, 4-24, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05 3/5. B-Twin Hopes Farm Inc. (IA).

Sweet N Sour, f, 3, **Vying Victor**--Sweet Lady Lass, by Son of Briartic. HST, 4-25, 6f, 1:13. B-Wanda Pooli (BC). *C\$21,000 yrl '08 BRCSEP. **1/2 to Avenging Kat (Katahuala County), MSW, \$164,835.

Park Boys, g, 4, **Posse**--Grand Crossing, by Lord Avie. HAW, 4-25, (S), 6f, 1:11 3/5. B-Fortino Inc (IL).

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Deauville Post (Fr), c, 3, **American Post (GB)**--Loyola (Fr), by Sicyos. Haydock Park, Britain, 4-24, Mdn, 3yo, 11f 200ydsT. B-Haras d'Etream. *€25,000 yrl '08 ARQAUG.

Bellini Bliss (Ire), f, 3, **Big Bad Bob (Ire)**--Soviet Belle (Ire), by Soviet Star. Gowran Park, Ireland, 4-25, Mdn, 3yo, f, 1mT. B-Anamoine Ltd. *€2,000 yrl '08 TATFLT.

Ovambo Queen (Ger), f, 3, **Kalatos (Ger)**--Oxalaguna (Ger), by Lagunas (GB). Hoppegarten, Germany, 4-24, Cond, 3yo, 1 1/4mT. B-Gestut Rietberg.

Airspace (Ire), g, 4, **Kheleyf**--Peace in the Park (Ire), by Ahonoora (GB). Navan, Ireland, 4-25, Mdn, 3yo/up, 5fT. B-John Dwan & Tony Lewis. *€12,000 wlng '06 GOFNOV; €9,500 RNA yrl '07 TATIRE. **1/2 to Morena Park (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), MSW-Ity, SP-US, \$189,009.

Ceanline (Ire), f, 4, **Lil's Boy**--Scarpetta, by Seattle Dancer. Gowran Park, Ireland, 4-25, Mdn, 4yo/up, 1mT. B-Jim Bolger.

SUMMER WIND DANCER, 10, Siberian Summer--Native Wind Dancer, by Incinderator
Foal born Feb. 15, a filly by Stormy Atlantic.
Will be bred back to Showing Up.
Owned by Mr & Mrs Roy Jackson.
Boarded at Mill Ridge.
Accomplishments: MGSW & GISP, \$898,762.

PREDICTRESS, 8, Vicar--Mintecy, by Key to the Mint
Foal born Feb. 16, a colt by Flashy Bull.
Will be bred back to Stevie Wonderboy.
Owned by Brereton Jones.
Boarded at Airdrie Stud.
Accomplishments: Dam of Three Day Rush (Harlan's Holiday), SW, \$172,468.

MISS EMMA (IRE), 10, Key of Luck--Disregard That, by Don't Forget Me
Foal born Feb. 20, a filly by Mr. Greeley.
Will be bred back to Henrythenavigator.
Owned by Takahiro Wada.
Boarded at Mill Ridge.
Accomplishments: Hwt. 3yo-Ire at 5-7f, GSW-Ire & Fr, \$333,051.

THESKY'STHELIMIT, 17, Northern Prospect--Portio, by Riva Ridge
Foal born Feb. 22, a colt by Badge of Silver.
Will be bred back to Istan.
Owned by Brereton Jones.
Boarded at Airdrie Stud.
Accomplishments: Dam of Siphonizer (Siphon {Brz}), GSW, \$313,357; Sky Jedi (Yankee Victor), MSP.