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Rocket Man Completes His Homework...

Rocket Man (Aus) (Viscount {Aus}) turned in his final local work ahead of his title defense in the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen Mar. 31, cruising to a 3 1/4-length victory in a 1000-meter barrier trial over the Kranji all-weather track Tuesday ([video](#)).



Rocket Man (Aus)
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Straight to the front from the inside stall, Rocket Man was under a hard hold from Barend Vorster, drifted a touch wide into the stretch--as is his custom--but finished full of energy.

The final time was 1:00.07. "That was perfect," commented trainer Patrick Shaw. "He still wanted to jump that shadow at the winning post, but that's just him. I liked the way he was dancing around on pulling up. He looks like he could have run another lap. His body weight was around 479 kg on Saturday, and that is exactly where I want him to be." Rocket Man, who will be ridden in the Shaheen by Felix Coetzee, leaves Singapore this Saturday, with Shaw to follow later that evening. The 6-year-old is scheduled to breeze over the Meydan Tapeta next Tuesday with Coetzee in for the ride. In other news from the Shaw barn, **Ato (SAf)** (Royal Academy), who had received an invitation for the G1 Al Quoz Sprint, will not be making the trip following a runner-up effort to the Dubai-bound Better Than Ever (Aus) (French Deputy) in a domestic Group 3 last week.

Xtension Fails to Secure World Cup Bid...

With the news that GI Kentucky Derby hero Animal Kingdom (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}) would be forced to miss the G1 Dubai World Cup with an injury, trainer John Moore lobbied the Dubai Racing Club to grant G1 BMW Champions Mile winner **Xtension (Ire)** (Xaar {GB}) a spot in the race. In the end, the appeal was denied, and the 5-year-old, most recently runner-up to **Ambitious Dragon (NZ)** (Pins {Aus}) in the Hong Kong Gold Cup Feb. 26, will rematch with that rival and **California Memory** (Highest Honor {Fr}) in the G1 Dubai Duty Free S. at 1800 meters on the turf.

The three rivals made their final local appearance in a Tuesday barrier trial over 1000 meters of the Sha Tin turf, a heat won by former world champion Sacred Kingdom (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) in :59.13 ([video](#)). Ambitious Dragon hit the line second (:59.34) though was never asked to extend, while



Xtension (Ire)
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G1 Hong Kong Cup hero California Memory was another length or so back in fourth (:59.52) without being asked.

Xtension was a bit slow to leave the stalls, but picked up some ground late and finished seventh (:59.71). In a separate barrier trial, G1 Hong Kong Sprint victor **Lucky Nine (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) hinted that he could be a factor in the Golden Shaheen with a strong barrier trial over the Sha Tin all-weather. Drawn out in eight and equipped with a set of blinkers, he was under stout restraint throughout, but ran on strongly to finish fourth ([video](#)).
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An injury-free day at Aqueduct

Bill Finley examines the issue surrounding the fatalities that have been plaguing Aqueduct's inner track since late November and the decision by the New York Racing Association to switch to the main track two weeks ahead of schedule. Finley also speaks to the organization's President Charlie Hayward, Racing Secretary P.J. Campo and top veterinarian Dr. Larry Bramlage in hopes of shedding some light on to the troubling--and puzzling--situation.

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Advance Look at DWC Day Races

With the 2012 Dubai World Cup rapidly approaching, likely candidates for the nine-race card is beginning to solidify. Take a look at the list of possible for the five Group 1 tests slated for the Mar. 31 event. Among those slated for the World Cup are Game on Dude and Royal Delta, while The Factor, Sepoy and Rocket Man are included among those looking to contest the lucrative Shaheen. Looking for someone in particular? List of probables begins on page 7



Game On Dude

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Two-Pronged Attack for Pletcher

Looking for his third victory in the GIII Vinery Racing Spiral S., trainer Todd Pletcher sends out the uncoupled duo of **Heavy Breathing** (Giant's Causeway) and **Holiday Promise** (Harlan's Holiday) in Saturday's Triple Crown prep. The silver-haired trainer previously won the race in 2001 with Balto Star and in 2005 with Flower Alley.

Favored of the two will likely be the undefeated Heavy Breathing, who appeared to barely draw a breath when an emphatic 4 1/4-length winner in a nine-panel \$75,000 optional claimer at Gulfstream Mar. 3.

"We've been pleasantly surprised by how well he's run on the dirt in his first two starts," said Pletcher. "We felt like he was training as a horse that actually showed a bit more to us on the turf in the mornings. We entered him in a maiden turf race to begin with. That race was rained off onto the main track, and he performed well, so when he did that we entered him back in an allowance race on the dirt, and once again he handled it very well. That's part of the reason why we're trying the synthetic, because we've seen a lot of horses cross over from the turf to the synthetic well. We've also seen a lot of horses by Giant's Causeway do well on the synthetic."

Holiday Promise has hit the board in three of five start--all on conventional dirt--including a runner-up finish most recently in a \$40,000 optional claimer at Laurel Feb. 20. He makes his debut on an all-weather surface Saturday; however, Pletcher does not foresee that being an issue for the \$160,000 juvenile purchase.

"We purchased him last year at OBS [Ocala Breeders Sales] in the 2-year-olds in training sale, so he performed there on the synthetic and worked well," said Pletcher. "Then they got back to WinStar and they thought he handled that [all-weather] surface well also, so that's sort of the angle there, and we think that the mile and an eighth should help him out also."

Javier Castellano will partner Heavy Breathing, while Junior Alvarado is slated to ride Holiday Promise. Holiday Promise will arrive by van from New York this morning and Heavy Breathing--in addition to Pletcher's two fillies running in the GIII Bourbonette Oaks---Dancing Solo (Giant's Causeway) and In Lingerie (Empire Maker)--are also expected to arrive to following a flight from Florida.

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OPTIMIZER, 3yo c.
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3/17
SKYRING, 3yo c.
MSW WIN AT OAKLAWN



3/10
SEANCHAI, 3yo f.
MSW WIN AT TAMPA



3/7
ENGLISH MAJOR, 3yo g.
MSW WIN AT GP



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MSW WIN AT GP

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Wood Schedule Set for Gemologist...

WinStar Farm's undefeated **Gemologist** (Tiznow), set to contest Aqueduct's Apr. 7 GI Resorts World Casino New York City Wood Memorial, is expected to work one more time in Florida before leaving for New York Apr. 4, according to trainer Todd Pletcher. Based at Palm Meadows, the WinStar runner was a seven length winner of his 2012 debut in a Gulfstream allowance Mar. 16.

"I thought it was a terrific comeback race, just what we hoped for, and he came out of it in excellent shape," Pletcher said of the handsome bay's win in one-mile event. "We felt that 22 days between the allowance and the Wood and then four weeks to the Kentucky Derby was preferable to waiting until Apr. 14 and running in the [GI] Arkansas Derby or the [GI] Blue Grass [S.]"

Gemologist, who graduated at first asking at Turfway Park last September, rounded out his juvenile campaign with a pair of victories at Churchill Downs: an allowance optional claimer in October followed by the Nov. 26 GII Kentucky Jockey Club S.

RACETRACK ROUND-UP

Jackson Bend Confirmed For Carter...

Trainer Nick Zito has confirmed that Bob LaPenta's **Jackson Bend** (Hear No Evil) will join head to Aqueduct for the Apr. 7 GI Carter H. Winner of last year's



Jim Lisa Photo

GI Forego S., the 5-year-old launched his 2012 campaign with a score in the GIII Hal's Hope S. at Gulfstream Jan. 14 before finishing third in the GII Gulfstream Park H. Mar. 10. "He stumbled leaving

the gate and was outside the entire race," Zito said. "We really can't take much from that race, but he came out of it really well. He's a terrific at seven furlongs and the Carter makes perfect sense." The only other time Jackson Bend ran at the Ozone Park oval, he finished 9 3/4-lengths back in second behind Eskendereya (Giant's Causeway) in the 2010 GI Wood Memorial.

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Hymn Book Breezes For Oaklawn Return

Stuart Janney's **Hymn Book** (Arch), winner of the Feb. 11 Donn H., breezed at Payson Park Wednesday morning in advance of a start in the GII Oaklawn H. Apr. 14. In his second breeze since his nose win at Gulfstream, the dark bay covered a half-mile in :49 2/5. "So far, so good after today," said trainer Shug McGaughey. We're planning on nominating and coming. He's the kind of horse who puts a lot into his races and does well with some spacing between them."

Hymn Book has never finished worse than third on dirt, including and win in the Firethorn S. and runner-up finishes in the GII Suburban H. and GI Cigar Mile H. "Other than the grass race [sixth in the Aug. 26 GII Bernard Baruch H.], all of his starts last year were very good," said McGaughey. "Once he finished second in the Cigar Mile, the main thing became just getting to the Donn. He's the kind of horse that when he's fresh he does good, and we knew we could take him over there and he would run hard. If they beat us, they beat us, but if they didn't, well, good for us. Regarding Hymn Book's versatility, McGaughey added, "He's a hard-trying horse that seems to do well over several distances and over different tracks, so shipping shouldn't be a problem. He's very adaptable and as long as he's doing well, it takes quite a bit to beat him." McGaughey also confirmed that jockey John Velazquez would be back to ride Hymn Book in the nine-furlong contest on the Arkansas Derby undercard.



PREVIEWS

Friday, Moonee Valley, Australia, post time: 6:15 a.m. EDT
POWER TRACKER WILLIAM REID S.-G1, A\$400,000 (\$418,018),

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	4	Hay List (Aus)	Statue of Liberty	Schofield	McNair	129
2	3	Buffering (Aus)	Mossman (Aus)	Rodd	Heathcote	129
3	8	Woorim (Aus)	Show a Heart (Aus)	Browne	Heathcote	129
4	6	Rekndld Intrst (Aus)	Redte's Chce (Aus)	Dunn	Conlan	129
5	2	Beaded (Aus)	Lonhro (Aus)	McEvoy	Snowden	125
6	5	Lone Rock (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Williams	Smerdon	125
7	7	Mid Summer Music (Aus)	Oamaru Force (Aus)	Nolen	Moody	125
8	1	Foxwedge (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Rawiller	O'Shea	123

Friday night, Rosehill, Australia, post time: 10:30 p.m. EDT
JACOBS CREEK REISLING S.-G2, A\$300,000 (\$313,299), 2yo, f,

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	5	Samaready (Aus)	More Than Ready	Newitt	Price
2	4	Snitzerland (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Brown	Ryan
3	3	Hussousa (Aus)	Husson (Arg)	Shinn	Thompson
4	1	Meidung (Aus)	Bernardini	McEvoy	Snowden
5	9	Catkins (Aus)	Dubawi (Ire)	Schofield	Waller
6	7	The Broken Shore (Aus)	Hussonet	N Rawiller	Wtrhouse
7	2	Diamond Player (Aus)	Casino Prince (Aus)	Robl	A Cumngs
8	6	Benedictus (Aus)	Commands (Aus)	Parr	Snowden
9	8	Ciao (Aus)	Not a Sgl Dbt (Aus)	Bowman	Connors

All carry 122 pounds.

Friday night, Rosehill, Australia, post time: 9:10 p.m. EDT
SPOTLESS TODMAN S.-G2, A\$300,000 (\$313,299), 2yo, c/g, 1200mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	2	Epaulette (Aus)	Commands (Aus)	McEvoy	Snowden
2	3	Pierro (Aus)	Lonhro (Aus)	N Rawiller	Wtrhouse
3	6	Faustus (Aus)	More Than Ready	Cassidy	O'Shea
4	7	Amorino (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Brown	Ryan
5	5	Red Excitement (Aus)	Excites (Aus)	Berry	Layt
6	1	Shelford (Aus)	Redoute's Chce (Aus)	Williams	O'Shea
7	4	Trophies (Aus)	Casino Prince (Aus)	Shinn	Thompson

Saturday, Rosehill, Australia, post time: 1:10 a.m. EDT
COOLMORE CLASSIC-G1, A\$600,000 (\$626,786), 3yo/up, 1500mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	6	Secret Admirer (Aus)	Dubawi (Ire)	Avdulla	Begg	128
2	5	King's Rose (NZ)	Redte's Chce (Aus)	Nolen	Moody	127
3	8	Red Tracer (Aus)	Dane Shadow (Aus)	Schofield	Waller	122
4	10	Yosei (Aus)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Payne	Webb	122
5	9	Streama (Aus)	Stratum (Aus)	Bowman	Walter	121
6	12	Steps In Time (Aus)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Cassidy	O'Shea	121
7	13	Absolutely (Aus)	Redte's Chce (Aus)	B Rawiller	Kent	119
8	7	Ofcourseican (Aus)	Mossman (Aus)	O'Hara	Quinton	118
9	11	Ladys Angel (Aus)	Arena (Aus)	Reith	Pride	115
10	4	Bliss Street (Aus)	Flying Spur (Aus)	Newitt	Morton	115
11	2	Foxstar (Aus)	Galileo (Ire)	Brown	Walter	115
12	3	Alberton Park (NZ)	Thorn Park (Aus)	Berry	O'Shea	115
13	14	Do Ra Mi (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Robl	Moody	115
14	1	Tomboy (Aus)	Murphy's Blu (Aus)	Williams	Heathcote	115

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Saturday, Rosehill, Australia, post time: 12:30 a.m. EDT

RANVET S.-G1, A\$400,000 (\$418,018), 3yo/up, 2000mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	7	Rangirangdo (NZ)	Pentire (GB)	Brown	Waller
2	8	Shoot Out (Aus)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Bowman	Waller
3	2	Trusting (Aus)	Tale of the Cat	Shinn	Thompson
4	4	Manighar (Fr)	Linamix (Fr)	Nolen	Moody
5	12	Scenic Shot (Aus)	Scenic (Ire)	Newitt	Morton
6	6	Wall Street (NZ)	Montjeu (Ire)	Oliver	Moroney
7	5	Zavite (NZ)	Zabeel (NZ)	Robl	A Cumngs
8	10	Illo (Ger)	Tertullian	Arnold	B Cumngs
9	13	Hawk Island (Ire)	Hawk Wing	Schofield	Waller
10	9	Niwot (Aus)	Galileo (Ire)	Dunn	Hawkses
11	11	Precedence (NZ)	Zabeel (NZ)	Rodd	B Cumngs
12	14	Tullamore (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	N Rawiller	Wterhouse
13	3	Southern Speed (Aus)	Southern Image	Williams	McD/Glys
14	1	Scarlett Lady (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	McDonald	Rogersons

All carry 130 pounds, bar Southern Speed & Scarlett Lady, 126.

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 5:35 p.m. EDT

PAN AMERICAN S.-GII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Newsdad (K)	Arch	Leparoux	Mott	117
2	Simmard (K)	Dixieland Band	Husbands	Attfield	123
3	Harrods Creek	Langfuhr	Lezcano	Mott	117
4	Hailstone K	City Zip	Rocco Jr.	Ribaud	117
5	Cause of Freedom	Alphabet Soup	Prado	McGaughey	117
6	Center Divider (K)	Giant's Causeway	Bravo	Brown	117

Saturday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 7:07 p.m. EDT

TOKYO CITY CUP S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Twice the Appeal (K)	Successful Appeal	Gomez	Bonde	120
2	Graeme Crackerjack	Graeme Hall	Vergara	Bonde	118
3	Skipshot (K)	Skip Away	Krigger	Hollendorfer	118
4	Highway Bandit	Roman Ruler	Talamo	Sherman	118
5	Dhaamer (Ire)	Dubai Destination	Bejarano	Mitchell	118
6	Eldafer	A.P. Indy	Blanc	Koriner	118
7	Coluda	Pure Prize	Flores	Mitchell	118
8	Dynamic Host	Dynaformer	Flores	Sherman	118

Sunday, Sunland Park, post time: 7:45 p.m. EDT

SUNLAND DERBY-GIII, \$800,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Castaway (K)	Street Sense	Bejarano	Baffert	122
2	Ender Knievel	Distorted Humor	Velazquez	Pletcher	122
3	Stirred Up (K)	Lemon Drop Kid	Garcia	Baffert	122
4	Isn't He Clever (K)	Smarty Jones	Contreras	Dominguez	122
5	No Spin (K)	Johannesburg	Hill	Ice	122
6	Daddy Nose Best (K)	Scat Daddy	Leparoux	Asmussen	122
7	Tequila Factor (K)	Pure Prize	Hernandez	Wilson	122
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DUBAI WORLD CUP-G1, \$10,000,000, 2000m (AWT)

HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
Capponi (Ire)	Medicean (GB)	Al Zarooni
Eishin Flash (Jpn)	King's Best	Fujiwara
Game On Dude	Awesome Again	Baffert
Gitano Hernando (GB)	Hernando (Fr)	Brown
Master of Hounds	Kingmambo	de Kock
Mendip	Harlan's Holiday	bin Suroor
Monterosso (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Al Zarooni
Prince Bishop (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	bin Suroor
Royal Delta	Empire Maker	Mott
Silver Pond (Fr)	Act One (GB)	Watson
Smart Falcon (Jpn)	Gold Allure (Jpn)	Kozaki
So You Think (NZ)	High Chaparral (Ire)	O'Brien
Transcend (Jpn)	Wild Rush	Takayuki
Zazou (Ger)	Shamardal	Hickst

DUBAI SHEEMA CLASSIC-G1, \$5,000,000, 2410mT

HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
Beaten Up (GB)	Beat Hollow (GB)	Haggas
Bold Silvano (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	de Kock
Cavalryman (GB)	Halling	bin Suroor
Chinchon (Ire)	Marju (Ire)	Laffon-Parias
Cirrus des Aigles (Fr)	Even Top (Ire)	Barande-Barne
Grand Vent (Ire)	Shirocco (Ger)	bin Suroor
Green Destiny (Ire)	Marju (Ire)	Brown
Jakkalberry (Ire)	Storming Home (GB)	Botti
Mahbooba (Aus)	Galileo (Ire)	de Kock
Shimraan (Fr)	Rainbow Quest	Al Zarooni
Simon de Montfort (Ire)	King's Best	Al Zarooni
Songcraft (Ire)	Singspiel (Ire)	bin Suroor
St Nicholas Abbey (Ire)	Montjeu (Ire)	O'Brien
Treasure Beach (GB)	Galileo (Ire)	O'Brien
Zanzamar (SAf)	Fort Wood	de Kock

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HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
Ambitious Dragon (NZ)	Pins (Aus)	Millard
Await the Dawn	Giant's Causeway	O'Brien
California Memory	Highest Honor (Fr)	Cruz
City Style	City Zip	Al Zarooni
Cityscape (GB)	Selkirk	Charlton
Dark Shadow (Jpn)	Dance in the Dark (Jpn)	Hori
Delegator (GB)	Dansili (GB)	bin Suroor
Dubawi Gold (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Hannon
Musir (Aus)	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	de Kock
Mutahadee (Ire)	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	de Kock
Planteur (Ire)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Botti
Presvis (GB)	Sakhee	Cumani
Rajsaman (Fr)	Linamix (Fr)	Al Raihe
Rio de la Plata	Rahy	bin Suroor
Wigmore Hall (Ire)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Bell
Xtension (Ire)	Xaar (GB)	Moore

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Race 2	5:10pm	Godolphin Mile, sponsored by Etisalat
Race 3	5:45pm	Dubai Gold Cup, sponsored by Al Tayer Motors
Race 4	6:25pm	UAE Derby, sponsored by The Saeed & Mohammed Al Naboodah Group
Race 5	7:00pm	Al Quoz Sprint, sponsored by Emirates NBD
Race 6	7:35pm	Dubai Golden Shaheen, sponsored by Gulf News
Race 7	8:25pm	Dubai Duty Free, sponsored by Dubai Duty Free
Race 8	9:00pm	Dubai Sheema Classic, sponsored by Longines
Race 9	9:40pm	Dubai World Cup, sponsored by Emirates Airline

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DUBAI GOLDEN SHAHEEN-G1, \$2,000,000, 1200m (AWT)

HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
August Rush (SAf)	Var	Herman Brown
Giant Ryan	Freud	Parboo
Happy Dubai (Ire)	Indian Ridge (Ire)	Al Raihe
Hitchens (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Barron
Inxile (Ire)	Fayruz (GB)	Nicholls
Iver Bridge Lad (GB)	Avonbridge (GB)	Ryan
Krypton Factor (GB)	Kyllachy (GB)	Nass
Lucky Nine (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Fownes
Rocket Man (Aus)	Viscount (Aus)	Shaw
Russian Rock (Ire)	Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)	Al Muhairi
Sepoy (Aus)	Elusive Quality	Snowden
Soul (Aus)	Commands (Aus)	bin Suroor
The Factor	War Front	Baffert

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HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
A Shin Virgo (Jpn)	Falbrav (Ire)	Kozaki
Addictive Dream (Ire)	Kheleyf	Nicholls
Better Be the One (Aus)	More Than Ready	Freedman
Eagle Regiment (Aus)	El Moxie	Man Ka Leung
Invincible Ash (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Halford
Joy and Fun (NZ)	Cullen (Aus)	Cruz
Margot Did (GB)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Bell
Monsieur Joe (Ire)	Choisir (Aus)	Cowell
Nocturnal Affair (SAf)	Victory Moon (SAf)	Marnane
Ortensia (Aus)	Testa Rossa (Aus)	Messara
Prohibit (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Cowell
Regally Ready	More Than Ready	Asmussen
Secret Asset (Ire)	Clodovil (Ire)	J Chapple-Hyam
Sole Power (GB)	Kyllachy (GB)	Lynam
War Artist (Aus)	Orpen	de Kock



In today:

What does it take to win the Derby?

WinStar Farm Bloodstock Analyst Brian Ludwick takes a look at what Beyer Speed Figure it might take to win this year's Kentucky Derby.

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NTRA REPORT FROM CAPITOL HILL



SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING ADDRESSES H-2B PROGRAM

A Senate Appropriations Subcommittee recently held a hearing on the fiscal year 2013 Department of Labor (DOL) budget request. One of several topics discussed was the new program rule changes for the H-2B visa temporary worker program that are effective as of April 23, 2012. The new rule could present challenges for those businesses employing H-2B workers, including owners and trainers in the Thoroughbred industry.

[Click here](#) to read more about the H-2B visa program changes.

Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis testified at the hearing and several Senators voiced their concerns to her over the proposed H-2B visa program changes. Ranking Member Richard Shelby (R-AL), Full Committee Ranking Member Thad Cochran (R-MS) and Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC) identified potential burdens on employers and questioned whether the H-2B program could continue under the new program rule. Read the complete hearing report [here](#).

The last of three scheduled DOL webinars for employers to become more familiar with the new requirements and have their questions answered by Department officials is Tuesday, March 27 from 1:30 p.m. EDT to 4:00 p.m. EDT. To access the webinar, [visit this Web site](#) and dial 1-888-810-9161 to participate (enter access code 739731 when prompted).



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NEWS TODAY

OAKLAWN ANNOUNCES MORE INCREASES

Oaklawn Park increased the purses of the Apr. 14 GII Oaklawn H. and GIII Count Fleet Sprint H. by \$50,000, bringing them to \$400,000 and \$250,000, respectively. Additionally, the track will offer a participation bonus for the fourth consecutive year on all non-stakes races that attract more than eight wagering interests for the final three weeks of the season (Mar. 29-Apr. 14). For horsemen who continue to race at the track through closing day, Oaklawn will add \$1,000 to the purse for every horse that provides a race more than eight separate wagering interests. The minimum purse level for claiming races would be at least \$18,000 for a nine-horse field and a 12-horse maiden special weight race could be worth as much as \$55,000. "When we close the books on the 2012 meet, Oaklawn will have offered the highest amount of purses in track history," said Racing Secretary Pat Pope. "It's exciting to be able to bolster the Arkansas Derby Day card by bumping the purses for the Oaklawn Handicap and Count Fleet and we are confident that horsemen will respond. We fully expect that the positive business trends we saw earlier in the meet thanks to the good weather will continue over the remaining few weeks of the meet."



SHA TIN GROUP IS ATTRACT WORLD'S BEST

An outstanding group of the world's top turf runners have been nominated to Group 1 events to be held at Hong Kong's Sha Tin Racecourse in late April and early May. A total of 95 horses were nominated to the Apr. 29 HK\$14 million (*US\$1.8 million*) G1 Audemars Piguet Queen Elizabeth II Cup, contested over the metric mile and a quarter, and the list is headed by reigning Hong Kong Horse of the Year **Ambitious Dragon (NZ)** (Pins {Aus}), the race's defending champion. The 5-year-old is slated to make his next start in the G1 Dubai Duty Free S. Mar. 31, the same night **So You Think (NZ)** (High Chaparral {Ire}), another QE II possible, makes his seasonal debut in the G1 Dubai World Cup. **Cirrus des Aigles (Fr)** (Even Top {Ire}), no stranger to Hong Kong racing fans, took down the colors of So You Think in the G1 Qipco Champion S. last October, and was fifth as the favorite behind **California Memory** (Highest Honor {Fr}) in December's G1 Hong Kong Cup over the course and distance. Trainer Mike de Kock, who saddled **Irridescence (SAf)** (Caesour) to victory in 2006 and **Archipenko (Kingmambo)** two years later, has a half-dozen from which to choose, including **Master of Hounds (Kingmambo)**, recent winner of the G1 Jebel Hatta at Meydan. Also among the QE II nominees are **Fay Fay (NZ)** (Falkirk {NZ}), **Same World (GB)** (Hawk Wing) and **Sweet Orange (War Front)**, the first three home in last weekend's Hong Kong Derby; as well as 2009 champion **Presvis (GB)** (Sakhee). Sweet Orange has been penciled in by trainer David Ferraris for a run in the HK\$12 million (*US\$1.54 million*) G1 BMW Champions Mile May 6, which has also attracted its defending champion, the locally based **Xtension (Ire)** (Xaar {GB}). **Immortal Verse (Ire)** (Pivotal {GB}), conqueror of Goldikova (Ire) (Anabaa) at Deauville last summer, and **Excelebration (GB)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), are among the top international entrants. **Willyconker (Ire)** (Pyrus), the GI F.E. Kilroe Mile H. hero, heads a compact list of four from the U.S., which also includes recent GIII Canadian Turf S. hero **Doubles Partner** (Rock Hard Ten). "The caliber of entries this year is exceptional with international superstars like So You Think, Cirrus Des Aigles, Immortal Verse and Hong Kong's brilliant champion Ambitious Dragon among 36 Group 1 winners entered for our two spring highlights," commented Bill Nader, executive director of racing for the Hong Kong Jockey Club. "With a further 74 entries placed at that level or successful in Group company, we can look forward to two fantastic Group 1 races."



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RESULTS

Sunday, Abu Dhabi, UAE

ABU DHABI CHAMPIONSHIP-G3, AED370,000 (*US\$100,730*), Abu Dhabi, 3-18, 3yo/up, 2200mT, 2:15.36, gd/fm.

- 1--**AL SHEMALI (GB)**, 123, h, 8, by **Medicean (GB)**
1st Dam: Bathilde (Ire) (SP-Eng), by **Generous (Ire)**
2nd Dam: Bex, by **Explodent**
3rd Dam: Bay Street (GB), by **Grundy (Ire)**
 (110,000gns yrl '05 TATOCT). O-Sh Hamdan bin Mohd Al Maktoum; B-Minster Stud; T-Ali Rashid Al Raihe; J-S De Sousa. Lifetime Record: Hwt. Older Horse-UAE at 7-9.5f, G1SW-UAE, GSP-Eng, G1SP-Mal, 32-5-2-7, \$3,558,422. *1/2 to Tungsten Strike (Smart Strike), MGSW-Eng, \$538,587. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++**. *Triple Plus*.
[Click for eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.](#)
- 2--**Yaseer (Ire)**, 122, g, 4, **Dansili (GB)**--Tadris, by Red Ransom. O-Sh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Estate Co Ltd; T-Erwan Charpy.
- 3--**Too Much Trouble (GB)**, 123, g, 6, Baratheia (Ire)--Tentpole, by Rainbow Quest. (80,000gns yrl '07 TATOCT). O-Jaber Abdulla; B-Fittocks Stud; T-Musabah Al Muhairi.
- Margins: NO, 1HF, SHD.
 Also Ran: Submariner, Topclas (Fr), Treble Jib, Trois Rois (Fr), Concordat (GB), Nanton, Black Eagle (Ire), Anaerobio (Arg), Eddie Jock (Ire), Stabilized (Fr). Scratched: Maali (Ire). [Click for Racing Post chart.](#)



G3 Abu Dhabi Championship cont.

Al Shemali, winner of the 2010 G1 Dubai Duty Free, began the season with a pair of third-place efforts over the Meydan turf before travelling to Qatar for a sixth-place finish in the Mar. 1 H.H. the Emir's Trophy. He was looking to rebound from a ninth-place effort Mar. 10 over Meydan's Tapeta surface on this return to turf. Never far from the lead, Al Shemali was asked for his run with 2 1/2 furlongs to run and overtook Yaseer in the dying strides for a narrow victory. The win gave trainer Ali Rashid Al Raihe his sixth consecutive Thoroughbred race triumph after winning five races at Meydan Saturday. His assistant trainer, Jilani Siddiqui, said, "It has been an amazing season and a very good weekend indeed. Al Shemali has always been a real favourite in the yard, and it is great to see him win another big race after some good runs in defeat."

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FANTASIZE (GB), 12, Groom Dancer--Belle et Deluree, by The Minstrel
Foal born Feb. 25, a colt by Dutch Art (GB).
Will be bred back to Invincible Spirit (Ire).
Owned by and boarded at Chevely Park Stud.
Accomplishments: SW-Eng. Dam of Illusion (GB) (Anabaa), MSP-Eng.


PEPPERS PRIDE, 9, Desert God--Lady Pepper, by Chili Pepper Pie
Foal born Feb. 25, a colt by Distorted Humor.
Will be bred back to Malibu Moon.
Owned by Joe Allen & Michael Stinson.
Boarded at Taylor Made.
Accomplishments: MSW of \$1,066,085.

CAPOTE'S CROWN, 9, Capote--Majesty's Crown, by Magesterial
Foal born Feb. 26, a filly by Medaglia d'Oro.
Will be bred back to Giant's Causeway.
Owned by Whisper Hill Farm.
Boarded at Taylor Made.
Accomplishments: SW & GSP, \$132,467.


SCOTTISH BUBBLY, 14, Cherokee Run--British Bubbly, by Stop the Music
Foal born Feb. 27, a colt by Posse.
Will be bred back to Freud.
Owned by Windhorse Thoroughbreds LLC.
Boarded at Cotton Hill Farm.
Accomplishments: SW, \$154,380. Dam of Sentimental Lass (Freud), SW, \$137,025.

A.P. INTEREST, 13, A.P. Indy--Shared Interest, by Pleasant Colony
Foal born Feb. 29, a colt by Quality Road.
Will be bred back to Smart Strike.
Owned by Robert S. Evans.
Boarded at Taylor Made.
Accomplishments: Dam of Golden Spikes (Seeking the Gold), GSW, \$390,750; Al Muhtasib (Distorted Humor), SW, \$250,738.

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United States Trotting Assoc.

Looking for answers to horse deaths at Aqueduct
"Most of the fatalities have come in low-level claiming races, prompting a theory that richer purses for cheaper horses has caused horsemen to be more aggressive in dropping those horses in class."
Michael Veitch, The Saratogian

'Luck': It was a mistake to euthanize HBO's show about horse racing
"As a result, much more than a TV series died; throw in damage to the regional economy and a venerable horse racing venue and the loss of a new melding of art, sport and life that rarely is depicted with so much insight and introspection."
Richard Nemec, Los Angeles Times

NEW YORK



BIG A MAIN TRACK PASSES TEST ON INJURY-FREE DAY BUT QUESTIONS REMAIN

By Bill Finley

The main track at Aqueduct was not supposed to be up and running until Apr. 4, but it came out of its winter hibernation yesterday. The early opening came in response to a rash of breakdowns over the inner track that had been plaguing New York since late November. While it remains to be seen if the switch to the main track will solve the problem, the surface produced nine incident-free races yesterday, which no doubt had the New York Racing Association team breathing a sigh of relief.

The inner dirt track was in use from Nov. 30 through last Sunday, Mar. 18, a period during which 18 horses died as the result of injuries sustained during races. The problems intensified as the meet went on with nine occurring over the final 17 days.

The consensus among New York trainers and jockeys was that the inner track was safe, yet getting off the surface as soon as possible seemed like a sensible thing to do.

But even if the move to the main track reduces the number of fatalities, numerous questions will remain. What caused such an inordinate number of breakdowns? The track? A freakish run of bad luck? Slots enriched purses that may lead trainers to take chances they shouldn't take with unsound horses? No one is quite sure.

"It's mind boggling to a lot of us," said *NYRA* Racing Secretary P.J. Campo. "It's very frustrating. There's a lot going on here and I don't know what the answer is. It's probably not just one thing."

The one certainty is that the breakdowns have been a public relations problem for *NYRA* and the sport in general, which is also having to deal with negative publicity over the fatalities suffered on the set on the HBO drama *LUCK*. The news stories about the Aqueduct problems landed on the desk of Governor Andrew Cuomo, who asked *NYRA* to hire an independent team to look into the causes of the breakdowns and how they can be prevented in the future.

"If this is going to be any good and meaningful, they should come and look at everything," *NYRA* President Charlie Hayward said of the investigation. "I think this is an opportunity to look at a number of things."

NYRA is obviously taking the problem seriously, which may be why 18 horses were scratched off yesterday's card, though it was not immediately clear how many were scratched by their trainers and how many failed to get by the vet.

The investigators will no doubt take a look at *NYRA*'s system of checks and balances when it comes to the health of the horses, and they will also likely want to pay particularly close attention to the bottom level races. Thirteen of the 18 fatalities have occurred in races with claiming tags of \$15,000 or less.

While cheaper horses may always be less sound than classier horse, the numbers are disproportionate and indicate that the real problem may revolve around the way the claiming game is played in the slots era. Since the casino opened at Aqueduct last fall, even the worst horses in New York are racing for huge dollars. When a horse named Big Polk a Dot broke down and had to be euthanized in a \$7,500 claiming race on Mar. 4, the purse of the race was \$40,000.

When there's that much money on the line it's easy to imagine trainers throwing caution to wind when racing inexpensive horses who they know may or may not make it around the racetrack.

"This is a very big concern for the industry, because unless you give the horse proper credit in their claiming price for their earnings potential, they become commodities and people are tempted to treat them that way," noted equine veterinarian Dr. Larry Bramlage said. "This system doesn't make any economic sense. I don't see the need to devalue the horse to that level. It's a precarious scenario when you can just trade in one horse for another horse. When that happens, you're tempted to not pay much attention to the health of the horse. We are encouraging people to dredge horses up out of the backyard and put them in there and take a shot when the horse doesn't really have any."

Bramlage suggests that the claiming price should be set to the amount a horse earns for winning a race. For instance, if the purse of the race is \$40,000 and \$24,000 goes to the winner then the claiming price should be \$24,000 and not \$7,500.

Bramlage's point hasn't escaped *NYRA* officials. They have announced that beginning Apr. 4, purses will be cut for the lowest-level races, some of which will be reduced by as much as \$9,000. They also announced that the minimum claiming price will go from \$7,500 to \$10,000.

"When you give a lot of money to cheap horses those cheap horses continually change hands and everybody is doing everything they can to win that purse," trainer Gary Contessa said. "It's a recipe for disaster. I applaud the move that *NYRA* made dropping the purses at the bottom and trying to raise the level of competition higher. Anybody can play at \$7,500. As we raise the bottom, you'll separate out a lot of people."

Just as the move to the main track may make all the difference or no difference at all, *NYRA* is merely hoping that adjusting purse levels and minimum claiming prices will do the trick. They're trying everything they can and keeping their fingers crossed.



New York Report cont.

Dominguez Might Be Back in Two Weeks:

Jockey Ramon Dominguez may return in two weeks after receiving a positive result from an MRI performed earlier this week, according to his agent Steve Rushing.

“Ramon had an MRI on Tuesday, spoke to his doctor today, and they are confident that he can be back within two weeks,” Rushing said. An early return to competition would mean Dominguez would be able to ride defending juvenile champion Hansen (Tapit) in the Apr. 7 GI Resorts World Casino New York City Wood Memorial at Aqueduct. Scheduled to be at Madison Square Garden to watch the New York Rangers host the Buffalo Sabres Friday evening, Dominguez will sit down for a television interview with analyst Al Trautwig to discuss Wood Memorial Day. The interview will air during the second intermission on MSG2

Yesterday's Results:

- LYNCLAR S.**, \$71,250, AQU, 3-21, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft.
 - 1--**#AQUITANIA**, 120, f, 4, [Leroidesanimaux \(Brz\)](#)--**A Touch of Larceny**, by Iron. O/B-Mrs Arturo Peralta-Ramos (KY); T-Hamilton A Smith; J-Junior Alvarado; \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 11-6-0-2, \$151,797.
 - 2--**Honchis'n Ponchis**, 118, m, 6, City Zip--Kelli's Song, by Dixieland Band. (\$35,000 yrl '07 KEEJAN; \$50,000 yrl '07 FTMOCT). O-Dale L Romans. \$15,000.
 - 3--**Strike the Moon**, 118, f, 4, Malibu Moon--Star Kell, by Star de Naskra. O-R Larry Johnson. \$7,500.
- Margins: 1, 2HF, 3/4. Odds: 1.15, 3.70, 1.75.

Aquitania took a conditioned \$25,000 claimer sprinting over the Laurel turf Sept. 22, then rattled off allowance scores on that main track Oct. 14, Nov. 3 and Dec. 1. A solid third to the classy Nicole H (Mr. Greeley) in the Jan. 1 Interborough H. over the inner track, the grey was far from a disgrace when splitting the field in fourth in the GII Barbara Fritchie H. at Laurel Feb. 18. Switched off in fourth through the opening exchanges here, Aquitania was almost on level terms while three wide at the half-mile before dropping back a bit. Still under a long hold approaching the stretch, she shifted out four wide, felt Junior Alvarado's whip once she made the lead at the eighth pole and was never menaced from there. Honchis' n Ponchis was second for the 13th time in her 31 career starts and for the third consecutive time in stakes competition. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales](#).**



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3rd-AQU, \$63,700, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38 3/5, ft. **FASHION'S FLIGHT** (f, 3, Dixie Union--General Jeanne, by Honour and Glory) opened her career with a pair of unplaced efforts at Newmarket for trainer Brian Meehan. Runner-up over the lawn in her Sept. 18 stateside debut at Belmont, the dark bay filly moved to the main track for runner-up efforts at Belmont Oct. 19 and Aqueduct Nov. 13. Adding blinkers for this start, the 4-1 shot was taken in hand soon after the break and stalked pacesetting favorite Riboletti (Distorted Humor) through moderate splits before surging to the lead at midstretch en route to a one-length victory. Riboletti was second. Queen of Mambo (Elusive Quality) was scratched. A \$390,000 KEESEP yearling, Fashion's Flight is a half-sister to Chace City (Carson City, GSW, \$219,783); and a full to Justwhistledixie (MGSW, \$449,427). **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales](#).** Lifetime Record: 6-1-3-0, \$69,749. O-Andrew Rosen. B-Hermitage Farm LLC (KY). T-Claude R McGaughey III.



Yesterday's Results:

- 7th-TAM, \$17,500, Msw**, 3yo/up, a5fT, :58 4/5, fm. **SUPREME LIGHT** (g, 3, Werblin--Ketshup, by Supremo) had the lead in the stretch but failed to hold on when second in his debut over a sloppy Tampa surface Feb. 17. Sent off at 3-1 in this move to the lawn, the chestnut gelding pressed the pace through an opening quarter in :21.68 and bounded to the lead midway on the turn for home before reporting home a confident two-length victor. Mr Exclusive (Exclusive Quality) was second. The winner is a half-brother to Mister Supremo (Mister Jolie, SP, \$295,300). **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales](#).** Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$13,730. O-Sheraine A Ralph. B-Betty King (FL). T-Steven Dye.

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Lynclar S. (AQU) Aquitania (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}) earns her first black-type success.
3rd-AQU (Msw) Fashion's Flight (Dixie Union) surges to maiden-breaking score.



Florida report cont.

8th-TAM, \$17,500, Msw, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:24 1/5, ft.
SIMPATICAT (f, 3, [Tale of the Cat](#)--Tantrum, by Pleasant Colony) outran debut odds of 23-1 to finish a distant third behind the impressive Crespano (Mineshaft) in a 6 1/2-furlong maiden Mar. 3 and was sent off the 6-1 third choice here to odds-on Final Escrow (Bernardini). Settled in fourth early off a three-way speed battle ahead of her, Simpaticat rallied to lead three wide approaching the stretch. Wide into the lane, she boxed on gamely and went on to a 1 3/4-length victory over the debuting Unwrapped Package (Value Plus). Fellow firster Assyria (Empire Maker) outfinished Final Escrow for third. Sales history: \$16,000 yrl '10 KEESEP; \$32,000 RNA 2yo '11 OBSAPR; \$27,000 RNA 2yo '11 OBSJUN. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$12,540. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales](#). O-Hector H Barajas. B-IEAH (KY). T-Juan Camilo.

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TODAY'S INSIGHTS

3:05p 5th-GPX, \$60K, Msw, 3yo, 7f

HRTV Marylou Whitney's homebred **PRESCOTT BROWN** ([Awesome Again](#)) debuts for trainer Nick Zito with a strong series of works, including a best-of-71 four-furlong drill in :48 at Palm Meadows Mar. 13. The bay colt is a son of champion and GI Kentucky Oaks winner Bird Town (Cape Town). Also debuting is Twin Creeks Racing Stables' **Graydar** ([Unbridled's Song](#)). The Todd Pletcher trainee was a \$260,000 FTFEB juvenile and is a half-brother to MGSP Union Course (Dixie Union) and MGSP Star of David (Bernstein). [brisnet.com pps](#)

3:35p 6th-GPX, \$60K, Msw, 3yo, 1 1/16mT

HRTV Juddmonte homebred **NIGHT SITE** ([Giant's Causeway](#)), a son of MGISW Sightseek (Distant View), moves to the turf and stretches out after running sixth in his seven-furlong debut Feb. 26. Trainer Jose Garoffalo sends out firster **Act of War** ([Ire](#)) ([Galileo](#) [Ire](#)), the first foal of MGSW La Chunga (More Than Ready), for Peras International. [brisnet.com pps](#)

5:33p 4th-SAX, \$56K, Msw, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f

HRTV **MISS MALIBU** ([Malibu Moon](#)), purchased by Shel Evans from the Keeneland November dispersal of his brother's Spring Hill Farm for \$125,000, makes his debut for trainer Neil Drysdale. The filly is out of SW Grand Prayer (Grand Slam) and is full-sister to GISW Malibu Prayer. Trainer Eric Guillot sends out Southern Equine's first-time starter **Out for Revenge** ([Bernardini](#)), a \$325,000 KEESEP yearling. [brisnet.com pps](#)

6:35p 6th-SAX, \$60K, NW2X, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f

HRTV **ANTHONY'S CROSS** ([Indian Charlie](#)), winner of last year's GI Robert B Lewis Memorial S., makes his first start since running fifth in last year's GI Santa Anita Derby. [brisnet.com pps](#)

CENTRAL U.S.

Fair Grounds Joins Forces With SG Komen Foundation:
Edited Press Release

Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots will partner with the Susan G. Komen Foundation to host Fair Grounds Oaks Day, Mar. 31. Racing action will include four stakes restricted to fillies and mares, highlighted by the GI Fair Grounds Oaks Presented by Susan G. Komen. One dollar from each Fair Grounds Oaks Day admission will go to Susan G. Komen for the Cure, with the majority staying in-state for breast cancer outreach in Southeast Louisiana, while the rest will go to the national Susan G. Komen Foundation for breast cancer research. "Fair Grounds is proud to help raise funds for such an important cause," said Fair Grounds President Tim Bryant. "I'm especially glad we were able to partner with the local affiliate so the proceeds will help save lives right here in Louisiana." Included among events featured on Oaks day will be a silent auction offering a pair of tickets to the GI Kentucky Derby and a variety of collectible items, including pink horseshoes custom-decorated by New Orleans-based celebrities and racing memorabilia, as well as spa certificates from The Ritz-Carlton, gift certificates to Acme Oyster House and Creole Cuisine, a hotel stay at The Bienville House, a House of Blues Foundation Room Membership and much more. First post on Fair Grounds Oaks Day, March 31, is 12:10 p.m. The Survivors Parade will be at 3:30 p.m. General admission on Fair Grounds Oaks Day is \$5 and Clubhouse admission is \$10. General admission is unlimited and can be purchased at the door. For Clubhouse reservations, call (504) 943-2200.

Yesterday's Results:

5th-HAW, \$34,000, Alw, NW1X, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m,
 1:47 3/5, ft.

SALTY JURIST (g, 3, [Lawyer Ron](#)--[Pass Me the Salt](#) {SW}, by [Salt Lake](#)) remained perfect in a couple of starts at two turns and led home yet another 1-2 finish for his owner. A well-beaten seventh in a six-furlong affair at this venue Nov. 16, the chestnut was nevertheless bet in his first try at a route Dec. 29 and led virtually throughout to score by a half-length over a next-out winner. Ridden from speed from the inside stall, Salty Jurist turned back a mild bid at the three-eighths pole and remained on his left lead in the stretch, but reported home 3 1/2 lengths clear of entymate Annette's Guy (Friends Lake). The duo comprised the 9-10 chalk. Sales history \$5,000 yrl '10 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$39,728. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales](#).

O-Midwest Thoroughbreds Inc. B-Stonewall Farm Stallions LLC (KY). T-Roger A Brueggemann.

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INDUSTRY INFO

Deadline Looms for Triple Crown Late Noms:

The late nomination period for the 2012 Triple Crown series--the GI Kentucky Derby, GI Preakness S. and GI Belmont S.--will end Mar. 24. A payment of \$6,000 must accompany each nomination made during the late phase of Triple Crown nominations, which will close on Saturday at 11:59 p.m. (EST). This year's early nomination period, during which each nomination was accompanied by a \$600 fee, closed Jan. 21, with 397 horses made eligible to the three-race series. All nominations made by traditional mail during the late nomination phase must be postmarked on or before Mar. 24. Triple Crown nominations can also be made online at www.TheTripleCrown.com, or via telephone with a designated representative from one of the three Triple Crown host tracks. Online and telephone nominations must be made prior to the 11:59 p.m. deadline on Saturday.



First/Second-crop starters to watch: Thursday, Mar. 22

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2008 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

ANY GIVEN SATURDAY (Distorted Humor), Darley, \$40K, 193/13/1

1-PEN, Msw, 6f, +Dauphin, 9-2

BOB AND JOHN (Seeking the Gold), Pin Oak, \$13K, 135/25/1

9-OP, Msw, 6f, +John Galt, \$40K EAS MAY 2yo

CORINTHIAN (Pulpit), Gainesway, \$40K, 241/28/2

3-GP, Aoc, 1 1/16m, Cheimon, \$52K KEE SEP yrl, 5-1

DISCREET CAT (Forestry), Darley, \$30K, 215/33/1

1-PEN, Msw, 6f, Blue Mountain Cat, 7-2

ENGLISH CHANNEL (Smart Strike), Lane's End, \$25K, 161/20/0

9-OP, Msw, 6f, Sark

LATENT HEAT (Maria's Mon), Woods Edge, \$15K, 157/20/1

5-GP, Msw, 7f, Unbridled Fire, \$230K KEE SEP yrl, 4-1

9-OP, Msw, 6f, +Heated, \$28K EAS MAY 2yo

POLITICAL FORCE (Unbridled's Song), Claiborne, \$15K, 122/22/0

3-GP, Aoc, 1 1/16m, Goldrush Girl, \$60K FTK JUL yrl, 3-1

3-GP, Aoc, 1 1/16m, French Politics, \$30K OBS APR 2yo, 8-1

PRIMARY SUSPECT (Hennessy), McDowell, \$2K, 56/5/1

8-FG, Aoc, 6f, Primary Soldier, 5-1

SAINT ANDDAN (A.P. Indy), Journeyman, \$5K, 79/20/1

5-GP, Msw, 7f, Saint of Saints, 2-1

SCAT DADDY (Johannesburg), Ashford, \$30K, 180/39/6

9-OP, Msw, 6f, +Deadly Card, \$54K KEE SEP yrl

SILENT NAME (JPN) (Sunday Silence), Adena KY, \$8K, 116/11/0

8-FG, Aoc, 6f, Silent Legacy, 12-1

SORCERER'S STONE (Gulch), Judice, \$2K, 54/5/0

8-FG, Aoc, 6f, Sorcerer's Urge, \$25K RNA BSC YRL yrl, 12-1

STREET SENSE (Street Cry (IRE)), Darley, \$75K, 210/24/3

6-GP, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Sensor, 8-1



AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS

IN MEXICO:

+ **Scare Face**, c, 2, **Western Expression**--Class of Fifty Six, by Belong to Me. Las Americas, 3-20, Maiden, 500m, :28 2/5. B-Flying Zee Stables. *\$1,500 yrl '11 FTKZEE.

B Hidden Brook sold for Flying Zee Stables B

EUROPE



SERIES BOOSTED BY TIME INITIATIVE

Sectional timing will be rolled out across the majority of the races making up the QIPCO British Champions Series in 2012, it was announced yesterday. In a joint initiative between the Series organizers and Newmarket, Ascot, Goodwood and York, TurfTrax data will be employed in 22 of the 35 races. As a result, the season's highlights such as the QIPCO 2000 and 1000 Guineas, the King George and all the major contests of Royal Ascot week--as well as Newmarket's Future Champions' Day--will be under scrutiny from a time perspective for the first time. Rod Street, Chief Executive of the QIPCO British Champions Series, said, "As well as providing invaluable data to enrich broadcasts and post-race reporting, we hope that it will prove another step along the road towards even more extensive use of this excellent TurfTrax product in the future. All sports need to embrace technology and, although installing sectional timing at British racecourses is challenging and costly given the unique layout of many of our tracks, it is something which we believe can play an increasingly important role in the appreciation and analysis of our sport." Michael Prosser, Director of Racing at Newmarket Racecourses, added, "We are great advocates of sectional timing, having trialed and subsequently utilized the TurfTrax system on the Rowley Mile racecourse in the past. We are delighted that sectional timing will be in place for the QIPCO Guineas Festival and believe that it will especially add to the post-race analysis of the QIPCO 2000 and 1000 Guineas--the prestigious Classics which will launch the 2012 QIPCO British Champions Series. We are also looking forward to having the TurfTrax system at Dubai Future Champions Day."

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the
7th Race, \$32,000 Fair Grounds Alw/OC
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BRITAIN



OFFSHORE BETTING FIRMS TARGETED

Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne yesterday revealed a crackdown on betting organizations who have moved their operations overseas to avoid taxation. In the annual budget, it was announced that gambling taxes would be levied according to player rather than game operator location. "The current duty regime for remote gambling introduced by the last Government was levied on a place-of-supply basis," Osborne explained. "This allowed overseas operators to largely avoid it--and much of the industry has, as result, moved offshore. Ninety percent of online gambling consumed by our citizens is now supplied from outside the UK. And the remaining UK operations are under pressure to leave. This is clearly not fair--and not a sensible way to support jobs in Britain. So we intend to introduce a tax regime based on the place of consumption: where the customer is based, not the company. And from this April, we will also introduce double taxation relief for remote gambling. These changes will create a more level playing field, and protect jobs here."

SUIT SET FOR NEWBURY TEST

Qatar Bloodstock's **Strong Suit** (Rahy) is likely to be aimed at the G1 Lockinge S. at Newbury, connections revealed yesterday. Last year's G2 Lennox S. and G2 Challenge S. winner was last seen trailing in the BC Mile in November, and he may stay at that trip for the May 19 showdown with Frankel (GB) (Galileo {Ire}). "The main priority with Strong Suit is to win a Group 1," Richard Hannon junior commented. "He has got his Group 2s and needs to aim for the stars now, so we might have a crack at the Lockinge S. at Newbury. It has been such a lucky race for us with the likes of Paco Boy and Canford Cliffs both winning, but this year we might have a certain Frankel standing in our way. However, we know that Strong Suit has so much speed and it is in the back of our minds to go back sprinting and aim at something like the July Cup at Newmarket. He travels so well in his races that you could see him swooping off a fast pace at HQ, but we will keep our options open and see which way the cards fall."

TERMS PLEASES IN EARLY WORK

Robert Barnett's **Best Terms** (GB) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) has come through her initial serious work of 2012 with flying colors, connections reported yesterday. Last year's G2 Queen Mary S. and G2 Lowther S. heroine was partnered in her seven-furlong gallop by Richard Hughes on Tuesday and Richard Hannon jnr commented, "That was the first piece of fast work that Best Terms has done this year and we could not have been happier. You had to be impressed and it is always a relief when they look to have trained on." Will Edmeades, racing manager to the owners, added, "Obviously, the fact that she is so exuberant in her races throws up concerns as to how long her stamina will last, but she settled better this morning and if she does switch-off there must be a chance. We will see how she progresses over the next three weeks, but I would not be averse in going straight for the [1000] Guineas. Eight of the last 11 winners have gone to Newmarket without a prep-race and I would not be fussed about taking in the Fred Darling route. It is a case of so far, so good and the dream is still very much alive and we have nothing to lose by testing Best Terms' stamina early on as there are very few opportunities for three-year-old sprinters in the first half of the season. You would not be wanting to take on the older speedballs in the Palace House S. at the Guineas meeting, so we might as well go the Classic route and if that fails, we can come back in distance at Royal Ascot and take on the mighty Black Caviar in the Golden Jubilee."

FRANCE



Yesterday's Results:

Le Croise-Laroche, 19.45, Mdn, €16,000, 3yo,
1 9/16mT, time: n/a, sf.

VENEZIANO (FR) (c, 3, Peintre Celebre--Venetian Beauty, by Lear Fan), sixth on his sole outing behind the smart Beauvoir (Ire) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}) at Deauville in August, was settled in rear early hung out wide on this tight left-handed track. Making smooth progress to lead passing the winning post the first time round, the 18-5 second choice was in control thereafter and needed only to be shaken up late to beat Green Fees (Ire) (Clodovil {Ire}) by 1 1/2 lengths. The winner is out of a full sister to French highweight Verveine, making Veneziano a very close relative to the outstanding turf mare Vallee Enchantee (Fr) (Peintre Celebre). Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 0 places, €8,000.
O-Ecurie Wildenstein; B-Dayton Investments Ltd; T-Elie Lellouche.



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AUSTRALASIA

GROUP WINNER BY EUROPEAN SIRE:

#@He's Remarkable (NZ), c, 4, Pentire (GB)--Axiom (NZ), by Zabeel (NZ). Newcastle (New South Wales), 3-21, Newmarket H.-G3, 3yo/up, 7fT, A\$75,000 to winner. B-Rich Hill Ltd; T-Roger James. *G1SP-Aus & NZ.

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-AQU, \$57,000, NW1X, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38 3/5, ft.

HONEY MOU (f, 4, Eddington--Honey Sorbet, by Housebuster) Lifetime Record: 16-3-4-3, \$96,023. O/T-Juan Carlos Guerrero. B-Netherbloom Farm LLC (NY).

2nd-AQU, \$54,000, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:17 3/5, ft.

HAYA'S BOY (c, 4, Langfuhr--Lady Manolo, by Meadowlake) Lifetime Record: 25-4-5-5, \$128,899. O-Eugene Hauman & E Dahlman. B-Jeffrey Tucker (NY). T-Jeremiah C Englehart. *\$15,000 yrl '09 FTNAUG.

4th-HAW, \$37,000, NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12, ft.

ALGONQUIN POSSE (f, 4, Posse--Lasqueti Island, by Cure the Blues) Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-2, \$87,069. O-William Stiritz. B-Lee Rattray (IL). T-Scott Becker. *\$18,000 yrl '09 OBSAUG.

8th-LRL, \$35,000, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04 3/5, ft.

EXCLUSIVE WARRIOR (f, 4, A. P. Warrior--Elusive Sara {SW}, by Elusive Quality) Lifetime Record: 12-3-4-1, \$71,140. O-Gideon Racing Stable LLC. B-WinStar Farm LLC (KY). T-Juan C Vazquez. *\$5,000 yrl '09 KEEJAN; \$10,000 yrl '09 FTKJUL.

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- Maiden Special Weight Races** - purses of \$18,000/up
- Maiden Claiming Races** - purses of \$18,000/up and a minimum claiming price of \$40,000

9th-SUN, \$30,000, 3-20, NW1X, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:37 3/5, ft.

DUAL FORECAST (g, 5, Woke Up Dreamin--Sniffy {MSP, \$247,570}, by Repriced) Lifetime Record: 38-4-6-7, \$82,314. O-Richard & Karen Boyer. B-Lextex LLC (KY). T-Joyce Salisbury. *\$16,000 wing '07 OBSOCT; \$42,000 yrl '08 FTKJUL.

8th-CTX, \$26,100, 3-20, NW2LX, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:26 4/5, ft.

IN PLACE (g, 4, Out of Place--Miss Alex, by Wild Again) Lifetime Record: 12-2-1-1, \$43,122. O-Anne S McDonald. B-Donna M Hayes (VA). T-Timothy L Wright.

6th-CTX, \$26,100, 3-20, NW2LX, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:28 3/5, ft.

SISTER STEPHANIE (f, 4, Chapel Royal--Ms Agatha, by Deputy Commander) Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-0, \$42,260. O/T-Ricardo A Murillo. B-Delia Nash (KY). *\$9,000 RNA wing '08 KEENOV.

9th-MNR, \$20,200, 3-20, NW2L, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12 4/5, ft.

ALY'S REWARD (g, 4, Grand Reward--Aliann's Playmate, by West by West) Lifetime Record: 10-2-0-1, \$25,897. O/T-Jose L Lopez. B-Bobby Ray Rankin (KY).

9th-TAM, \$17,700, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, a1 1/16mT, 1:43 2/5, fm.

CATCH THAT KITTEN (f, 4, Kitten's Joy--Caught in a Pinch, by Stormy Atlantic) Lifetime Record: 21-4-7-2, \$88,235. O-Cairoli Racing Stable. B-Kenneth L & Sarah K Ramsey (IL). T-Antonio Sano.

• ON THE WORKTAB •

FAIR HILL

Aruna (Mr. Greeley), 5f, 1:02.00, 1/1

HOLLYWOOD PARK

Eblouissante (Bernardini), 5f, 1:01.80, 20/32
 Gun Boat (Congrats), 6f, 1:12.40, 3/9
 I'll Have Another (Flower Alley), 7f, 1:26.20, 1/1
 Morning Line (Tiznow), 6f, 1:12.20, 2/9
 Mr Gruff (Mr. Greeley), 4f, :48.00, 4/21
 Paynter (Awesome Again), 6f, 1:12.00, 1/9
 Unzip Me (City Zip), 4f, :50.20, 20/21

PAYSON PARK

Lady Cohiba (Broken Vow), 6f, 1:15.10, 1/1
 Summer Front (War Front), 5f, 1:03.40, 1/2

SANTA ANITA

Awesome Gem (Awesome Again), 6f, 1:14.00, 13/17
 Brother Francis (Lion Heart), 6f, 1:12.00, 5/17
 Castaway (Street Sense), 4f, :50.00, 29/36
 Drill (Lawyer Ron), 6f, 1:13.00, 8/17
 Princess Arabella (Any Given Saturday), 4f, :47.40, 6/36

TAMPA BAY DOWNS

Marketing Mix (Medaglia d'Oro), 5f, 1:00.00, 1/5



Breeders' Edition cont.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Yankee Boss, c, 3, **English Channel**--Jenny Joy, by Acceptable. GPX, 3-21, (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:43 1/5. B-Kinsman Farm (FL).

Across the Track, f, 3, **Istan**--Down the Street, by Ghazi. LRL, 3-21, 1m, 1:40. B-Brereton C Jones (KY).

Speeding On By, f, 3, **Officer**--Six Tales, by Tale of the Cat. CTX, 3-20, 4 1/2f, :53 3/5. B-Thomas-Narlinger LLC & Anthony Grey (NY). *\$5,500 2yo '11 OBSJUN. **1/2 to Eminent Tale (Read the Footnotes), MSW, \$173,659.

+ **Distorted Gold**, f, 3, **Quinton's Gold**--Pretty Bonnie, by Distorted Humor. SUN, 3-20, (S), 6f, 1:12 1/5. B-Save Prather (NM). *1/2 to Pretty Danseur (Le Grande Danseur), MSP, \$166,050.

Elusive Story, r, 3, **Tale of the Cat**--Elusive Honey, by Elusive Quality. GPX, 3-21, (C), 6 1/2f, 1:16 2/5. B-Mr & Mrs David Garner (KY).

Sorry No Refunds, c, 4, **Aragorn (Ire)**--Approve, by Deputy Minister. CTX, 3-20, 6 1/2f, 1:21. B-Green Willow Farms (MD). *\$20,000 yrl '09 FTMOCT; \$60,000 RNA yrl '09 KEEJAN.



Browneyed Bachelor, g, 4, **Saarland**--Alone At the Alter, by Runaway Groom. HAW, 3-21, 6f, 1:12 1/5. B-Gregory Szymanski.

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Dellbuoy (GB)**, c, 3, **Acclamation (GB)**--Ruthie (GB), by Pursuit of Love (GB). Kempton Park, Britain, 3-21, Mdn, 3-5yo, 7f (AWT). B-Ermyrn Lodge Stud Limited. *4,200gns RNA yrl '10 TATOCT.

Nicketommaso (GB), c, 3, **King's Best**--Kunda (Ire) (GSP-Eng), by Intikhab. Rome, Italy, 3-20, Mdn, 3yo, 1mT. B-London Thoroughbred Services Ltd. *16,000gns yrl '10 TATOCT.

Golconde (Ire), f, 3, **Modigliani**--Star of Siligo, by Saratoga Six. Le Croise-Laroche, France, 3-21, Mdn, 3yo, 5 1/2fT. B-J O'Connor. *30,000gns yrl '10 TATOCT. **Full to Magritte (Ity), Hwt. 2yo Filly-Ity, GSW-Ity, GSP-Fr, \$190,916.

Night Wave (Fr), c, 3, **Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)**--Aldeburgh Music (Ire), by In the Wings (GB). Le Croise-Laroche, France, 3-21, Mdn, 3yo, 1 1/8mT. B-GB Bloodstock Ltd. *€45,000 RNA yrl '10 ARQAUG.

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