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FIELD OF 14 SET FOR WORLD CUP

An international field of 14 has been entered for Saturday's \$10-million G1 Dubai World Cup at Meydan. Champion **Royal Delta** (Empire Maker), heroine of last



Royal Delta
Andrew Watkins

term's G1 Breeders' Cup Ladies' Classic, will exit from post seven. She kicked off her 4-year-old campaign with a well-beaten second in Gulfstream's GIII Sabin S. Feb. 25. "It's the middle of the field," trainer Bill Mott said of the Besilu Stables colorbearer's draw. "She'll get a good look at the field from there and number seven has been our lucky number. We'd love for her to win. The reason we're really here is to see if we can win. I can't predict the outcome, but she is doing really well--well

enough to win a race like this." Fellow American raider **Game On Dude** (Awesome Again), a dominant winner of the GII San Antonio S. Feb. 5, has been drawn widest of all. "Perfect position," co-owner Bernie Schiappa offered. "[J. Terrence] Lanni [part owner of Game on Dude who passed away last year] was born on Mar. 14, so 14 is a special number for us. It's perfect. The outside is fine with me. I can't repeat what [trainer] Bob [Baffert] said on the phone." The globe-trotting **So You Think (NZ)** (High Chaparral {Ire}), a close sixth in the G1 Breeders' Cup Classic Nov. 5, will exit from post four in his first run of the year. **Cont. p3**

'RAGS' DRAWS SIX-HOLE IN FLORIDA DERBY

Phyllis Wyeth's homebred **Union Rags** (Dixie Union), a four-length winner of the Feb. 26 GII Fountain of Youth S., was installed as the 6-5 morning-line favorite in a field of nine entered for Saturday's G1 Florida Derby at Gulfstream Park. Conditioned by Michael Matz, the bay drew the the six-hole at



Union Rags
Adam Coglianese

Wednesday's Florida Derby post position draw in Hallandale. New England Patriots four-time Pro Bowl tackle and graduate of the University of Miami Vince Wilfork assisted Gulfstream racing secretary Dan Bork with the selection process. Matz, who has already won the G1 Kentucky Derby prep with 1996 hero Barbaro (Dynaformer), was satisfied with his colt's position in the gate this time around.

"I don't think it makes any difference," Matz said. "It's fine. Last time, he started from 7, so 6 shouldn't be a problem, unless they starting bumping around..but he's a big horse."

Second choice on the morning-line is Let's Go Stable's **El Padrino** (Pulpit), winner of the Feb. 25 G1 Risen Star S. The chestnut will break from post eight.

Javier Castellano, who was Union Rags regular rider last year, partnered with El Padrino for the first time for a Jan. 29 allowance score at Gulfstream and will be back on board Saturday.

"I'm very comfortable with the post," Castellano said. "I'd rather have Union Rags inside me than outside me."

Added Kevin Scatuorchio of Let's Go Stable, "Union Rags is considered by many to be the best 3-year-old in the country, and rightly so. He's obviously a very talented horse. But, I think after our race in the Risen Star, it gave us the opportunity to be flexible with our schedule. We're confident in our horse and feel like we are in the position not to dodge anyone." **Cont. p5**

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Union Rags Tops KDFW Pool #3

Union Rags (Dixie Union) gets top billing at 3-1 on the third and final Kentucky Derby Future Wager. Beginning Friday, Mar. 30, the future wager comes to a conclusion Sunday.

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Op/Ed Feedback...

Assistant trainer Richard Giannini weighs in on this week's burning topic, the state of the Thoroughbred racing game.

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Gulfstream/Santa Anita Fields Draw



Offering strong support to this weekend's marquee event for sophomores at Gulfstream, the Hallandale oval draws for the GII Gulfstream Park Oaks, GIII Rampart S, GIII Orchid S., GIII Skip Away S. and GIII Appleton S. Out west, Eden's Moon (Malibu Moon) heads a field of five for the GI Santa Anita Oaks. Take a look at who is in it to

win it, and who may have been left watching from the sidelines.

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Saturday, Meydan, post time: 1:40 p.m. EDT

DUBAI WORLD CUP-G1, \$10,000,000, NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up,
2000m (AWT)

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Master of Hounds	Kingmambo	Soumillon	de Kock
2	Eishen Flash (Jpn)	King's Best	Lemaire	Fujiwara
3	Zazou (Ger)	Shamardal	Peslier	Hickst
4	So You Think (NZ)	High Chaparral (Ire)	J O'Brien	O'Brien
5	Smart Falcon (Jpn)	Gold Allure (Jpn)	Take	Kozaki
6	Planteur (Ire)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Moore	Botti
7	Royal Delta	Empire Maker	Lezcano	Mott
8	Monterosso (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Barzalona	Al Zarooni
9	Silver Pond (Fr)	Act One (GB)	Murtagh	Watson
10	Transcend (Jpn)	Wild Rush	Fujita	Yasuda
11	Capponi (Ire)	Medicean (GB)	Ajtebi	Al Zarooni
12	Prince Bishop (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Dettori	bin Suroor
13	Mendip	Harlan's Holiday	De Sousa	bin Suroor
14	Game On Dude	Awesome Again	Sutherland	Baffert

All carry 125 pounds, bar Royal Delta, 121.

Giant Ryan Kicks Off Season in Shaheen...

Shivananda Parbhoo's **Giant Ryan** (Freud), a disappointing eighth in the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint at Churchill Downs Nov. 5, begins his 6-year-old campaign



Giant Ryan
Andrew Watkins

in the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen. The New York-bred went on a six-race winning streak last term, including Calder's GII Smile Sprint H. July 9 and Belmont's GI Vosburgh Invitational S. Oct. 1. Giant Ryan is trained by the owner's father, Bisnath Parboo. He fired a best-of-81 four-furlong move in :47 3/5 at Calder Mar. 17. "I really

expected him to run a lot better than that," Parbhoo said of his charge's effort beneath the Twin Spires. "After the race, we had him scoped and we saw that he had a respiratory infection. He wasn't showing any signs of distress before the race. He didn't stop eating, but he clearly had already had the infection." The \$27,000 OBSJUN 2-year-old graduate makes his first start over the all-weather in Saturday's \$2-million dash. "He's 100% fit and happy," Parboo, a 72-year-old native of Trinidad, said. "He couldn't be doing any better." As for the different spelling of the duo's last name, the 'h' was accidentally left off while the elder was renewing his visa some time ago. The father-and-son team are also responsible for impressive GIII Swale S. hero Trinniberg (Teuflesberg).

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Lucky Nine on the Mend...

Lucky Nine (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), hero of Sha Tin's Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup Mar. 4, remains on target for the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen after suffering a minor foot injury earlier this week. The 5-year-old has



Lucky Nine
Neville Hopwood

been drawn widest of all in post 12 in Saturday's \$2-million affair. "He's really well in himself--his coat is nice, he's eating, he's drinking and no doubt he will run his race on Saturday, he has that much heart," trainer Caspar Fownes commented. Lucky Nine has trained forwardly since twisting off a shoe and puncturing a hoof in

Dubai. "He's one out of 10 lame, but once you warm him up and the adrenalin gets going, you wouldn't even notice," Fownes continued. "Draw 12 is not ideal, but there's plenty of speed in the race, so if we can tuck in sixth or seventh with cover, we're in there with a shout; it's a long straight and he'll keep on coming. He was the best he's ever been for me after that last run."

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ANNASAN, 18, Corporate Report--Amber Ryder, by Red Ryder

Foal born Mar. 2, a colt by Distorted Humor. Will be bred back to Mineshaft.

Owned by R. Glenn Sikura/Hill 'N' Dale Farms. Boarded at Hill 'N' Dale Farms, ON.

Accomplishments: Dam of A Bit O' Gold (Gold Fever), Horse of the Year-Can, Ch. 3yo Male-Can, Ch. Older Horse-Can, Ch. Turf Horse-Can, MGSW, \$1,788,256; Arco's Gold (Gold Fever), SW & GSP, \$388,678; and Adjalah (Gold Fever), SP, \$388,485.



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9:45 a.m.	G3 Dubai Gold Cup Sponsored by Al Tayer Motors
10:25 a.m.	G2 UAE Derby Sponsored by The Saeed & Mohammed Al Naboodah Group
11:00 a.m.	G1 Al Quoz Sprint Sponsored by Emirates NBD
11:35 a.m.	G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen Sponsored by Gulf News
12:25 p.m.	G1 Dubai Duty Free Sponsored by Dubai Duty Free
1:00 p.m.	G1 Dubai Sheema Classic Presented by Longines
1:40 p.m.	G1 Dubai World Cup Sponsored by Emirates Airline

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Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 5:40 p.m. EDT

FLORIDA DERBY-GI, \$1,000,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Fort Loudon	Awesome of Course	Jurado	Gold	122
2	News Pending	Harlan's Holiday	Maragh	Romans	122
3	Take Charge Indy	A.P. Indy	Borel	Byrne	122
4	Neck 'n Neck	Flower Alley	Prado	Wilkes	122
5	Z Camelot	Smart Strike	Bravo	Romans	122
6	Union Rags	Dixie Union	Leparoux	Matz	122
7	Bartolome	Tocchet	Castanon	Garoffalo	122
8	El Padrino	Pulpit	Castellano	Pletcher	122
9	Reveron	Songandaprayer	Trujillo	Bezara	122

Union Rag/El Padrino Tops Choices in Fla Derby...

With Saturday's race quickly approaching, the trainers of the two early favorites--Matz and El Padrino's



El Padrino
L. Hodges Photo

conditioner Todd Pletcher--acknowledged their respect for the opposition.

"It's a daunting task running against Union Rags, who looked awesome the other day, but

we feel like the Florida Derby is the right spot for our horse," said Pletcher, who opted to keep the colt locally as opposed to shipping back to Louisiana for Sunday's GII Louisiana Derby. "We certainly could have gone other places where it probably would have been a little easier, but we felt it was more a case of managing our horse the way we want to as opposed to handicapping the race."

Matz also offered high praise for his rival.

"He's never run against Todd's horse, El Padrino," said Matz. "I think [El Padrino]'s an awfully nice horse. Actually, I tried to get somebody to buy him as a yearling [for \$210,000 at the 2010 KEESEP sale]. They never returned my phone call. I think he's quite a nice horse."

The Florida Derby, which will be televised on NBC Sports between 5 and 6 p.m. as well as HRTV, will highlight a 13-race program with seven stakes worth \$1.9 million. First post time is 12:30 p.m., with the Florida Derby scheduled for approximately 5:40 p.m.

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Saturday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 5:03 p.m. EDT

SANTA ANITA OAKS-GI, \$300,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16 mile

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1 Eden's Moon	Malibu Moo	Garcia	Baffert
2 Reneesgotzip	City Zip	Gomez	Miller
3 Willa B Awesome	Awesome Gambler	Pedroza	Solis
4 Bella's Fantasy (K)	Hard Spun	Smith	Baffert
5 Conjure the Spirit (K)	Lawyer Ron	Rosario	Barba

All carry 122lbs

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 5:03 p.m. EDT

GULFSTREAM PARK OAKS-GII, \$300,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8m

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Yara	Put It Back	Castanon	Garaffalo	122
2 Zo Impressive	Hard Spun	Maragh	Albertrani	116
3 Hearts of Red (K)	Lion Heart	Prado	Nicks	116
4 Captivating Lass	A.P. Indy	Velazquez	McLghlin	116
5 Grace Hall (K)	Empire Maker	Castellano	Dutrow	116
6 The Cat's All That (K)	Discreet Cat	Trujillo	Peery	116
7 And Why Not	Street Cry (Ire)	Leparoux	Matz	116
8 Emma's Encore (K)	Congrats	Bravo	A Jerkens	116

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 1:26 p.m. EDT

RAMPART S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Beloveda (K)	Ghostzapper	Castellano	Wolfson	117
2 Go Unbridled	Unbridled Jet	Leparoux	A Jerkens	117
3 Lacie Slew (K)	Mineshaft	Rocco Jr	Walder	117
4 Canadian Mistress	Canadian Frontier	Trujillo	Wolfson	117
5 Awesome Maria	Maria's Mon	Velazquez	Pletcher	123
6 My Pal Chrissy	Alex's Pal	Panici	Lutchman	117

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 1:26 p.m. EDT

ORCHID S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/2mT

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Zapparation	Ghostzapper	Trujillo	Romans	117
2 Aqsaam (K)	Dynaformer	Maragh	McLghlin	117
3 Clarinet	Giant's Causeway	Velazquez	Motion	117
4 Woodford Belle	Arch	Castanon	Nihei	117
5 Shimmering Moment (K)	Afleet Alex	Rocco Jr	Abbott	117
6 Happy Clapper	Awesome Again	Saez	Wolfson	117
7 Senada (K)	Pulpit	Prado	Tagg	119
8 Hit It Rich	Smart Strike	Castellano	McGghy	121
9 Keertana	Johar	Leparoux	Proctor	117



Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 2:23 p.m. EDT

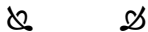
SKIP AWAY S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 1 3/16m

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Where's Sterling (K)	Northern Afleet	Rocco Jr	Canani	123
2 Uptowncharlybrown (K)	Limehouse	Trujillo	Coletti	117
3 Numb Lips	Olmodavor	Jurado	Bezara	117
4 Alma d'Oro (K)	Medaglia d'Oro	Castellano	Pletcher	117
5 Praetereo (K)	Giant's Causeway	Prado	Domino	117
6 Dixie Emperor (K)	Purge	Saez	Wolfson	123
7 Fort Larned	E Dubai	Leparoux	Wilkes	117
8 Self Control	Lemon Drop Kid	Bravo	Brown	117
9 Malibu Glow (K)	Malibu Moon	Velazquez	Weaver	117

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 3:55 p.m. EDT

APPLETON S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 1mT

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Monument Hill	Royal Academy	Maragh	Weaver	117
2 Corporate Jungle (K)	Giant's Causeway	Castellano	Brown	117
3 Street Game	Street Cry (Ire)	Curatolo	Serpe	117
4 Brilliant Speed	Dynaformer	Velazquez	Albertrani	117
5 El Commodore	El Prado (Ire)	D Coa	Griffith	117
6 Decisive Moment	With Distinction	Madrid	Arias	117
7 Beau Choix	Elusive Quality	Prado	Tagg	117
8 Trend	Sligo Bay (Ire)	Leparoux	Frostad	117



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1	Alpha	Bernardini	McLaughlin	20-1
2	Bodemeister	Empire Maker	Baffert	12-1
3	Creative Cause	Giant's Causeway	Harrington	20-1
4	Daddy Nose Best*	Scat Daddy	Asmussen	15-1
5	Dullahan	Even the Score	Romans	30-1
6	El Padrino	Pulpit	Pletcher	12-1
7	Gemologist	Tiznow	Pletcher	20-1
8	Hansen	Tapit	Maker	6-1
9	Howe Great*	Hat Trick (Jpn)	Graham Motion	30-1
10	I'll Have Another	Flower Alley	O'Neill	20-1
11	Liaison	Indian Charlie	Baffert	30-1
12	Mark Valeski	Proud Citizen	Jones	30-1
13	Midnight Transfer	Hard Spun	Gaines	50-1
14	My Adonis	Pleasantly Perfect	Breen	50-1
15	News Pending	Harlan's Holiday	Romans	50-1
16	On Fire Baby (f)*	Smoke Glacken	Hartlage	50-1
17	Optimizer*	English Channel	Lukas	50-1
18	Prospective*	Malibu Moon	Casse	50-1
19	Sabercat	Bluegrass Cat	Asmussen	50-1
20	Secret Circle	Eddington	Baffert	15-1
21	Take Charge Indy	A.P. Indy	Byrne	50-1
22	Union Rags	Dixie Union	Matz	3-1
23	Went the Day Well*	Proud Citizen	Motion	30-1
24	All Other 3YOs			6-1

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CULINARY, 10, El Amante--Volunteer (Arg), by Ski Champ

Foal born Mar. 3, a colt by Sky Mesa.

Will be bred back to Flatter.

Owned by Dattt Farm.

Boarded at Denali Stud.

Accomplishments: GSW, \$271,680.

ROARING TWENTIES, 16, Dixieland Band--Questelavie, by Conquistador Cielo

Foal born Mar. 3, a filly by Latent Heat.

Will be bred back to Colonel John.

Owned by Sergio de Sousa and Castle Park Stud.

Accomplishments: GISW of \$375,710. Dam of Salomea (Milwaukee Brew), SP, \$178,270.

POOL LAND, 10, Silver Deputy--Slew City Slicker, by Slew City Slew

Foal born Mar. 4, a filly by Speightstown.

Will be bred back to Smart Strike.

Owned by Eugene Melnyk.

Boarded at Taylor Made.

Accomplishments: GISW of \$529,776.

BAMBERA (VEN), 6, Water Poet (Ire)--Bella Fabiana (Ven), by Le Voyageur

Foal born Mar. 5, a colt by Curlin.

Will be bred back to Impervious.

Owned by St George Stables.

Boarded at Montesacro Farm, KY.

Accomplishments: Horse of the Year-Ven, Ch. 2yo & 3yo Filly-Ven, MSW-Ven & SP-US.

GEMSWICK PARK, 6, Speightstown--Queen's Park, by Relaunch

Foal born Mar. 5, a filly by Tiznow.

Will be bred back to Tiznow.

Owned by Eugene Melnyk.

Boarded at Taylor Made.

Accomplishments: GSW & GISP, \$238,032.



GAL OF MINE, 16, Mining--Dansait Dame, by Dance Bid
Foal born Mar. 7, a colt by Warrior's Reward.
Will be bred back to Archarcharch.
Owned by and boarded at Hidden Brook Farm.
Accomplishments: Dam of America America (Mister Baileys {GB}), MSW & MGSP-US, MSP-Eng & Ger, \$403,093.

SATULAGI, 8, Officer--Shawgatny,
by Danzig Connection
Foal born Mar. 5, a filly by Fastnet Rock (Aus).
Owned by/boarded at Parrish Hill Farm, KY.
Accomplishments: SW & GSP-GB.

BONNIE BLUE FLAG, 5, Mineshaft--Tap Your Feet, by Dixieland Band
Foal born Mar. 7, a colt by Medaglia d'Oro.
Will be bred back to Distorted Humor.
Owned by Aaron and Marie Jones.
Boarded at Taylor Made.
Accomplishments: SW & MGISP, \$259,270.

RACETRACK ROUND-UP

Optimizer Progresses toward Arkansas Derby...

Optimizer (English Channel), a fast-closing second behind Secret Circle (Eddington) in the Mar. 17 GII Rebel S., continued preparations for the Apr. 14 GI Arkansas Derby Monday morning. Owned by Brad Kelley's Bluegrass Hall, Optimizer worked a half-mile in :49 at Oaklawn Park.

"When we talk about maintenance drills, it's like when you drill and drill fundamentals with college basketball players but never let them scrimmage," said trainer D. Wayne Lukas Wednesday morning. "You want to keep them focused, so you give them a chance to feel the flow of a game. Even with a slow work like [yesterday], you'll usually see them come back much more focused in their regular day-to-day galloping and training."

Currently the bay has hit the board in three graded starts--including last fall's GI Breeders' Futurity--and has amassed graded earnings of \$181,375.

"I think the cutoff is probably going to go north of \$200,000," admitted Lukas. "Fortunately, we have a big payday still out there. In fact, I think he has a really big payday waiting for him."

Lukas will also send Bluegrass Hall's maiden **Colonial Empress** (Empire Maker) to Saturday's GII Fair Grounds Oaks. The dark bay had a three-furlong blowout work Tuesday in :36 3/5. Fourth in the Feb. 11 Martha Washington S. over a mile, the filly finished third most recently in the GIII Honeybee S. April 10.

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Arkansas Derby Among Options For On Fire Baby...

On Fire Baby (Smoke Glacken), winner of her latest start in the Mar. 10 GIII Honeybee S. at Oaklawn, may take on the boys in the Apr. 14 GI Arkansas Derby, according to trainer Gary Hartlage yesterday. Also a possibility for the Apr. 11 GII Fantasy S., the Anita Cauley-owned filly worked seven furlongs in 1:27 4/5 over Oaklawn's main track Tuesday morning.

"Everything is going according to plan and if you don't like how she worked [Tuesday], you don't like apple pie," said Hartlage Wednesday morning. "It was just like we drew it on the board."

During the work, the grey was accompanied by Joe Johnson, who has been aboard for all six of her starts.

"I didn't know Joe could get her to go that slow, but he did it," said Hartlage. "We wanted her to relax and finish strong, and she did just that. Now we are ready for both of them [Fantasy and Arkansas Derby]. I might not even have to breeze her again before her next race. I wouldn't have to change a thing to get there now."

On Fire Baby, victorious in the GII Pocahontas S. and GII Golden Rod S. at two, finished third against males in the Smarty Jones S. Jan. 16.

According to Hartlage, a final decision as to the grey's next start will be made by Cauley.

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LASIX/SURFACE ARE NOT THE PROBLEMS

I have been following the Lasix discussion very closely through *TDN*, *DRF*, and through my practicing veterinarian, and I am, to say the least very perturbed about the whole thing. I am an assistant trainer for a very well known and respected trainer in the Thoroughbred industry. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Animal Science, and I have been in the racing industry for about 20 years. Although I am fairly young compared to many of my colleagues, I feel as though through my education and experience, I have a very good grasp on our industry, its medication policies, and its problems.

The most recent opinion article by Bill Finley ([So Why Did We Dismiss the Synthetic Solution?](#), *TDN*, 3/26/12) regarding the synthetic tracks is an absurd portrayal of what our biggest problem is today in the industry. Although supported by cold hard facts regarding the breakdowns during races, it fails to grasp the big picture surrounding breakdowns in regard to track surfaces and medications. Yes, the gathered figures do weigh favorably for safety in the afternoons during the races; however, there is no evidence backing up how many horses were injured in the mornings during training that never made it to the races while training over synthetic surfaces.

Our stable was based at Keeneland during the race meets beginning October of 2006 when the Polytrack was first installed. We made that decision because we felt that it would be the best for the horses to train over the surface in which they would be racing on. We did not have any major problems that first race meet, other than a few bruised feet and some upper suspensory problems that could happen anywhere and do every day at most racetracks across the country. We won one race that meet, several seconds and thirds, which is expected because Keeneland has always been a tough race meet. Many trainers win zero races for the meet, and our number of starters was about the same as it would have been any other meet.

The next three race meets, spring and fall 2007, and spring 2008 we won a combined one race and had much fewer starts, not because we didn't have the number of horses, but because many of the horses were coming up with many more problems. We had one severe breakdown in which the horse was saved by 13 screws in a cannon bone. We had many more bruised feet, many more soft tissue problems, whorl bone problems which is extremely rare in Thoroughbreds.

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And one horse had jammed its vertebrae together in a manner that was pinching a nerve to make it lame, something I had never even experienced while training and racing on a traditional dirt surface. Our first year not stabling at Keeneland, October 2008, we were back at our home base of Churchill Downs. We won three races with about the same number of starters as our initial Keeneland synthetic meet. We had many fewer physical problems in the morning while training our horses, allowing us to run those horses in the afternoon, on whatever surface we chose. These are just our 25-horse outfit's problems, and I know for a fact that if you polled most of the other trainers training on this surface and veterinarians practicing at these tracks they will echo these facts. It is for this reason why, many well-known and well-regarded trainers who initially stabled at Keeneland before and when the synthetic surface was installed no longer do. These, to name a few, would be Todd Pletcher, Nick Zito, Kieran McClaughlin, Bob Baffert, Chad Brown, John Kimmel, and Neil Howard. The population utilizing Keeneland has been more than cut in half due to the synthetic surface and the physical abnormalities, if you will, it caused to their horses.

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As far as the California tracks and Arlington Park, they have dirt training tracks that are in use more now than ever, and perhaps this is why there are less breakdowns on the synthetic surface. I am not saying synthetic tracks are not good for racing, but I know for a fact that they are not safer for horses to train on 365 days a year than dirt tracks. Synthetic tracks are a mixture of at least four different products that I know of, thus making it very inconsistent. Dirt is dirt made up of dirt, granted there are different kinds of dirt, i.e.: clay, sand, and loam, they are consistent products; and as long as they are managed to be consistent there is no guess in the surface. With Keeneland's Polytrack, you get a little bit of carpet fiber there, some shredded tires there, a little extra wax in that spot and not so much over there, I am sure you can visualize the picture by now. Inconsistency.

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"People in the Thoroughbred racing industry woke up on Sunday morning to find their sport under siege."
Andrew Beyer, Daily Racing Form

Scott Column: New York Times Takes on Horse Racing

"On Sunday the New York Times began its rumored series on horse racing, and of course it didn't paint a pretty picture. How could it?"
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And that's only if some lawyer/horse owner from Iowa doesn't hold up the infraction in court because there is some clerical error in how the paperwork for the positive test was conducted. That doesn't change the fact that the trainer abused the drug policy. We need policies such as those that are in professional sports, first strike 60 games, second strike one year, third strike suspended for life. I think this would tighten a lot of trainers up on the amount of medications they use. Also responsible are the veterinarians; 95% of these medications given first have to be produced by a veterinarian, who has knowledge that they may very well be abused. Sometimes even abused by the veterinarian, they know a horse has a chip in its ankle because they X-rayed, so let's inject it with some depo-medrol, a little bit of hyaluronic acid and run him for \$5,000 claiming. Some one will claim him, and then it will become that trainer and owner's problem, if the horse survives the race. It isn't totally the veterinarian's fault; they were just doing what the trainer told them to do, because they are the ones paying the bill. These sort of penalties should be instated for the veterinarians too when they knowingly enhance a horses ability to race outside of standard guidelines.

This is the solution to the black-eye that has been put on horse racing. Stricter penalties for drugs being abused by trainers and veterinarians. Also, one way to set a national standard is to come up with a national drug policy so that trainers that ship around from state to state can be confident that they are following the guidelines. It is as if when the Chicago Cubs go to Houston to play, you get four strikes and five balls per at bat, and then when they go to Florida it is two strikes and three balls per at bat. It just doesn't make sense! We need consistency! So stop blaming track surfaces and stop blaming Lasix, blame those that abuse the drug policies and uphold stricter penalties on these abusers or else our industry will cease to exist over time due to government takeover.

Sincerely,
Richard Giannini, Assistant Trainer

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GILDED GOLD, 11, Gilded Time--Gran Seniorita, by El Gran Senor
 Foal born Mar. 5, a colt by Elusive Quality.
 Will be bred back to Elusive Quality
 Owned by B Flay Thoroughbreds, Robert & Joan Masterson.
 Boarded at Denali Stud, KY.
 Accomplishments: MSW & GSP, \$410,182.

SLEEPYTIME (IRE), 18, Royal Academy--Alidiva (Ire), by Chief Singer (Ire)
 Foal born Mar. 5, a colt by Speightstown.
 Will be bred back to Malibu Moon.
 Owned by Tenth Street Stables.
 Boarded at Taylor Made.
 Accomplishments: G1SW-Eng, \$240,036. Dam of Gentleman's Deal (Ire) (Danehill), GSW-Eng, \$276,429; Spanish Harlem (Ire) (Danehill), GSP-Ire, \$113,245; Dame Ellen (Elusive Quality), SW-US.

TIME'S MISTRESS, 8, Mr. Greeley--Doyenne, by Deputy Minister
 Foal born Mar. 5, a colt by Unbridled's Song.
 Will be bred back to Giant's Causeway.
 Owned by Alpha Delta Stable.
 Boarded at Mill Ridge.
 Accomplishments: GSW, \$260,581.

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8th-AQU, \$57,000, Alw, NW1X, (S), 3yo, f, 1m, 1:38, ft. NEWBIE (f, 3, [Bernardini--Changeisgonnacome {SW & GSP, \\$172,171}](#), by Cherokee Run) won her maiden at second asking off the turf at Belmont Oct. 2, but ballooned to 11th in the Oct. 22 Joseph A. Gimma S. and went missing. The homebred resurfaced with a close fifth in an open first-level allowance at Gulfstream Feb. 1 and was last seen finishing second in a state-bred test over the inner track Mar. 4. The 11-10 selection to go one better here, Newbie made the lead from the outside stall, covered six furlongs in a moderate 1:11.23 and was 5 1/4 lengths clear of Hot Splash (Sunriver) at the wire. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, \$86,075. [Click for the brisnet.com chart or Video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales.](#)

O/B-Chester Sr & Mary R Broman (NY). T-John Kimmel.

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7th-AQU, \$54,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft.

SING DIXIE SING (f, 3, Dixie Union--Canaryinacage, by Mineshaft), a debut third behind the subsequently SP Peggy Jane (Kafwain) over the inner track Dec. 8, rounded out the exacta Jan. 25 and Feb. 12. The bay romped home by 10 1/4 lengths to graduate Mar. 3 and repeated the dose with similar ease here. In front after three strides, Sing Dixie Sing cruised along on the lead, repulsed a bid turning for home and streaked clear to take it by 5 3/4 lengths as the 1-4 chalk. Bailzee (Grand Slam) made stealthy late progress into second. Sales history: \$17,000 RNA wIng '09 NYBOCT. Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-1, \$92,400. [Click for the brisnet.com chart or Video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales.](#)

O-Thomas N Mina. B-Mina Equivest LLC (NY). T-James A Jerkens.

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6th-AQU, \$50,000, Msw, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12 1/5, ft.

+ BIGSHOTINTHENNEWS (g, 4, Read the Footnotes--Mrs Bigshot, by Anjiz) did the bulk of his morning work down at Tampa, with a bullet drill in late February, and was bet into 7-1 from a morning line of 12-1. Under a hustling ride and four wide down the backstretch, the bay looked to be going the wrong way and was already getting right-handed reminders three furlongs from the wire. He floated himself out five wide at the quarter pole, but kept to his task and was along late to register a 3/4-length victory from Say Mr. Sandman (Say Florida Sandy). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$30,000. [Click for the brisnet.com chart or Video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales.](#)

O-Blue Star Stable. B-Carapan Farm LLC & M Gibson (NY). T-Jeremiah C Englehart.

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FLORIDA



Yesterday's Results:

4th-GPX, \$49,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$75,000), NW1X, 3yo, 5fT, :56 2/5, fm.

RICHMOND COUNTY (c, 3, [First Samurai--Pay Lady, by Seeking the Gold](#)) failed to the Belmont main track in a July 8 maiden rained onto a sloppy strip, but bounced back to graduate in front-running fashion at odds of 23-1 in Elmont Sept. 11. A no-excuses sixth in the one-mile King Cugat S. at Aqueduct Nov. 6, he was shelved and resumed with a solid runner-up effort going this course and trip Mar. 7. Last away from the stalls, Richmond County caboosed the field and still had plenty of work to do entering the final quarter mile. Steered out widest for the drive, he hooked up with odds-on Faretti (Tale of the Cat) at the eighth pole and outfinished that one to score by a half-length as the 4-1 second choice. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$71,400. [Click for the brisnet.com chart or Video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales.](#)

O-Richlyn Farms. B-Richlyn Stables (KY). T-George Weaver.

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TODAY'S INSIGHTS

6:04p HRTV 5th-SAX, \$56k, Msw, 3yo, f, a 6 1/2fT
 Jerry and Ann Moss unveil their interestingly bred **VERDULA (Mizzen Mast)** in this down-the-hiller. The homebred is the first foal out of Uzume (Unbridled's Song), whose dam Passion Flower (Deputy Minister) produced Madeo to the cover of Mizzen Mast in 2005. Carrying the silks of the Mosses, Madeo was a leading turf horse of his generation in 2008, winning the GII Del Mar Derby before finishing runner-up in the GII Oak Tree Derby. He added a victory in the GIII Inglewood H. the following May. www.brisnet.com pps

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Florida Report cont.

7th-GPX, \$46,600, Msw, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:24 1/5, ft. ICE CREAM SILENCE (f, 3, [Street Sense](#)--Double Scoop {SW & GSP, \$257,494}, by Seeking the Gold) was away last in a 6 1/2-furlong maiden over the Keeneland Polytrack Oct. 23, but ran on very well late to round out the exacta. She caught a sloppy Churchill main track going a flat mile Nov. 27 and turned in an even sixth-place effort last time she was seen Nov. 27. Ridden along to hold the fence as favored Coral Glade (Unbridled's Song) crossed over and led at the half-mile marker, Ice Cream Silence got a rails run into the stretch when the pacesetter vacated the inside. She spurted through and drew off to score by 4 1/2 lengths over the debuting Joya Real (Eddington) at odds of 9-2. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$38,180. **Click for the [brisnet.com](#) chart or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales](#).**

O/B-G Watts Humphrey Jr & Louise Ireland Humphrey Revocable Trust 2008 (KY). T-George R Arnold II.

7th-TAM, \$20,500, Msw, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:24 1/5, ft. APPEALING STELLA (f, 4, Closing Argument--Rucielo, by Rubiano) was a well-bet 4-1 for her Jan. 21 debut over this track and distance and showed good speed before weakening late to be second. She was outfooted to the front while facing tougher in a Gulfstream maiden Mar. 2, but got to within a length at the eighth pole before drifting back to a midpack fourth. Allowed to sit just off the speed this time around, the 4-5 chalk surged to the front at the three-eighths marker, turned back a mild bid from Sanadaat (Unbridled's Song) in upper stretch and went on to score by three lengths. The winner is a half-sister to Car Thief (Cat Thief), SP, \$167,960. Sales history: \$7,000 RNA yrl '09 OBSAUG. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$18,755. **Click for the [brisnet.com](#) chart or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales](#).**

O-Cindy Nassal. B-Stonecliff Farm (FL). T-Jane Cibelli.

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Keeneland Introduces the Kids Club & Mascot:

Edited Press Release

Keeneland announced the launch of its Kids Club for fans 12 and under, and the debut of the newest member of the Keeneland family--Buckles, the Kids Club mascot. Membership to the club is free and it comes with a complete package of membership-only items and benefits. Included with a 2012 membership to the Keeneland Kids Club is a personalized membership pass, birthday card from Buckles, Keeneland coloring book and crayons, discounts, invitations to exclusive Kids Club events. "Keeneland takes pride in providing a family atmosphere for fans of all ages," said Vince Gabbert, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. "So many children in our area love anything and everything related to horses, and the Kids Club provides them with a fun and rewarding environment to share that excitement." Fans can register online on Keeneland's [website](#) or during the race meet on Saturdays at Breakfast with the Works from 7 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. and Sundays from 12 p.m. until 2 p.m. in the North Terrace. On Saturdays, a special Kids Club Zone will provide a number of free children's activities like face painting, pin the tail on the horse, photos in jockey silks, fun and educational paddock demonstrations and more.



AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS

IN IRELAND:

Princess Highway, f, 3, [Street Cry \(Ire\)](#). See "Ireland."

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HOLLYWOOD PARK

Creative Cause (Giant's Causeway), 6f, 1:12.80, 2/9
 Eblouissante (Bernardini), 5f, 1:01.00, 12/36
 Jaycito (Victory Gallop), 4f, :48.60, 6/29
 Morning Line (Tiznow), 5f, 1:03.60, 36/36
 Ultimate Eagle (Mizzen Mast), 5f, :58.60, 1/36

KEENELAND

Successful Dan (Successful Appeal), 5f, 1:00.80, 4/24

PALM MEADOWS

Get Stormy (Stormy Atlantic), 5f (T), :59.80, 1/7
 Ruthenia (Pulpit), 5f, 1:03.20, 3/3

SANTA ANITA

Awesome Gem (Awesome Again), 6f, 1:12.00, 3/21
 Go Forth North (North Light {Ire}), 1m, 1:42.20, 1/2

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ROOKIES

First-crop starters to watch: Thursday, March 29
*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2008 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

- COMMANDER'S SHOES** (Deputy Commander), 20/2/0
2-OP, Msw, 1 1/16m, Kelly's Light
- FIBER SONDE** (Unbridled's Song), 26/5/0
7-CT, Alw, 6 1/2f, Just Fuhr Real, 8-1
- HALF OURS** (Unbridled's Song), Taylor Made, \$15K, 121/28/2
8-OP, Alw, 6f, Half Pleasant, \$35K KEE SEP yrl
- HARD SPUN** (Danzig), Darley, \$50K, 244/39/7
3-GP, Msw, 5fT, +Momentum Investor, \$85K F '12 OBS WIN, 8-1
- 8-GP, Msw, 1 1/8mT, Cerce Cay, \$75K RNA FTK OCT yrl, 6-1
- LATENT HEAT** (Maria's Mon), Woods Edge, \$15K, 157/21/1
5-SA, Msw, 6 1/2f, Nihilist, \$95K OBS MAR 2yo, 5-2
- LAWYER RON** (Langfuhr), Stonewall, \$30K, 144/23/4
8-GP, Msw, 1 1/8mT, Certainty, \$55K KEE APR 2yo, 4-1
- MORE SMOKE** (Smoke Glacken), 36/1/0
3-PEN, Alw, 6f, Incendio, 3-1
- PRIMARY SUSPECT** (Hennessy), McDowell, \$2K, 56/5/1
2-OP, Msw, 1 1/16m, Primetime Kiss
- SILENT NAME (JPN)** (Sunday Silence), Adena KY, \$8K, 116/12/0
5-SA, Msw, 6 1/2f, Sisheba, 6-1
- 6-CT, Msw, 7f, +Controlled Neglect, \$5K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 8-1
- STONESIDER** (Giant's Causeway), Highcliff, \$3K, 86/3/0
9-AQU, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Stock Fund, \$35K EAS DEC 2yo, 7-2
- STREET SENSE** (Street Cry {Ire}), Darley, \$75K, 210/25/3
1-GG, Aoc, 1m, Night Dance, \$150K KEE SEP yrl, 4-1
- WILD DESERT** (Wild Rush), McMahon, \$8K, 68/3/0
9-AQU, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Rum Till I Die, 12-1

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HUGHES BAN UPHELD BY BHA

Richard Hughes faces a lengthy spell on the sidelines after the British Horseracing Authority reciprocated his riding suspension handed out by the Indian authorities last month. Although hopes had been high that the 50-day ban for not riding to instructions could be overturned as the offence is not punishable under British rules, they were dashed yesterday. "I'm a bit disappointed, but I don't have any reasons for the decision yet," the leading rider told the *Racing Post*. "I won't be going back [to India]."

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 Stars of tomorrow grabbing the spotlight today...

IRELAND

Yesterday's Results:

Leopardstown, 18.55, Hcp, €20,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 2:09.27, gd.

ROBIN HOOD (IRE) (c, 4, [Galileo {Ire}](#)--[Banquise {Ire}](#), by [Last Tycoon {Ire}](#)) had been off the track since finishing third in the 2010 G2 Beresford S., but showed no signs of rustiness when grabbing the early lead in blinkers for the first time. Keeping up the gallop in the home straight, the 10-3 favorite crossed the line with a three-length margin to spare over [Rising Wind \(Ire\)](#) ([Shirocco {Ger}](#)). The victor is a half-brother to [Cold Cold Woman \(GB\)](#) ([Machiavellian](#)), SW-US, \$116,690. Lifetime Record: GSP-Ire & SP-Eng, 7-2-1-2, €42,548. [Video, courtesy attheraces.com.](#)

O-Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith; B-Lynch Bages Ltd; T-Aidan O'Brien.

Leopardstown, 17.25, Cond, €20,000, 3yo, 1mT, 1:41.09, gd.

LIGHT HEAVY (IRE) (c, 3, [Teofilo {Ire}](#)--[Siamsa](#), by [Quest For Fame {GB}](#)), runner-up to [Ballydoyle's Frontier \(Ger\)](#) ([Galileo {Ire}](#)) in a mile maiden at Navan on his sole start in October, was tried in cheekpieces and a tongue-tie for the first time and raced off the early pace. Scrubbed along in early stretch, the homebred gamely battled past last year's G1 National S. fourth [Furner's Green \(Ire\)](#) ([Dylan Thomas {Ire}](#)) in the final 100 yards to score by a half length. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €13,000. [Video, courtesy attheraces.com.](#)

O-Mrs J S Bolger; B/T-Jim Bolger.

Leopardstown, 16.25, Mdn, €15,500, 3yo, f, 1 1/4mT, 2:08.56, gd.

PRINCESS HIGHWAY (f, 3, [Street Cry {Ire}](#)--[Irresistible Jewel {Ire}](#) {[GSW-Eng & Ire](#), [G1SP-Fr](#), \$275,167}, by [Danehill](#)), eighth when well-supported on debut over seven furlongs here in October, attracted money again and started as the 2-1 favorite. Second throughout the early stages tracking [Betterbetterbetter \(Ire\)](#) ([Galileo {Ire}](#)), the homebred passed that rival at the quarter pole and gradually asserted to score by 1 3/4 lengths. The winner is a half-sister to [Mad About You \(Ire\)](#) ([Indian Ridge {Ire}](#)), GSW & MG1SP-Ire, G1SP-Fr, \$520,993. "I'd say that was a pretty good maiden--they went a true pace and she quickened up nicely," trainer [Dermot Weld](#) told *Irish Racing Online*. "We'll probably go for the G3 [Blue Wind S.](#) at Naas now--that would be the logical progression and we'll go from there. She's a top-of-the-ground filly and she's a lovely individual." Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €10,695. [Video, courtesy attheraces.com.](#)

O/B-Moyglare Stud; T-Dermot Weld.



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Irish Report cont.

Leopardstown, 16.55, Mdn, €12,000, 3yo, c/g,
1 1/4mT, 2:08.56, gd.

AZAMATA (IRE) (c, 3, Azamour {Ire}--Brave Madam {Ire}, by Invincible Spirit {re}), third when last seen in the Tattersalls Ireland Super Auction Sale S. over seven furlongs at Fairyhouse in September, raced in fourth early and was pushed along at the top of the straight. Grinding down Dynamite Dixie (Ire) (Dylan Thomas {Ire}) in the final yards, the 7-4 favorite asserted for a neck success. Sales history: €40,000 yrl '10 TATIRE. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, €30,830. [Video, courtesy attheraces.com.](#)

O-M G McAuley; B-Mrs Clody Elizabeth Norton; T-Kevin Prendergast.

 **EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS**

IN HONG KONG:

Helene Spirit (Ire), g, 5, [Footstepsinthesand \(GB\)](#)-- Arazena, by Woodman. Happy Valley, 3-28, Hcp. (\$203k), 1800mT, 1:50.01. B-Darpat SL & C Laffon-Parias. *Formerly Arasin (Ire). **MGSP-Fr. ***€100,000 yrl '08 ARQAUG. ****Runner-up to Bekhabad (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}) in the G3 Prix des Chenes at two and on the board in the 2010 G3 Prix Quincey while under the care of Pascal Bary, Helene Spirit hit the board in four consecutive starts at Sha Tin in December and January, but was last seen finishing fourth after setting the pace in a Class 2 handicap over the Sha Tin all-weather last Wednesday. Back to the turf for his Valley debut, Helene Spirit raced handy to the pace for Gerald Mosse and was just off the leaders' heels turning for home. He punched though one off the fence with a bit less than a furlong to race and went on to a one-length victory at odds of 4-1. [Click for a video replay.](#)

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[4th-GPX \(Alw\) Richmond County](#) (First Samurai) gets up in the final strides.

[7th-GPX \(Alw\) Ice Cream Silence](#) (Street Sense) slips through at the fence to win.


BREEDERS' EDITION
AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

5th-HAW, \$35,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft.
DUSTINCASE (g, 4, [Indy Snow {GB}](#)--[Marian Francis, by Twining](#)) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, \$51,611. O/B-Frederick Kuen (IL). T-Donna L Dupuy.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Big Creek, c, 3, [Indian Charlie](#)--Major Idea (MSW & GSP, \$206,920), by Cherokee Run. PEN, 3-28, 1m, 1:39. B-Christine Hayden (ON). *\$300,000 2yo '11 FTFFEB; \$70,000 RNA yrl '10 KEESEP.

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Turfmonster, g, 4, [Pana Brass](#)--Paulabelle, by Eskimo. CTX, 3-27, (S), 7f, 1:28 1/5. B-Brenda M Godfrey (WV).

Smart Humor, c, 4, [Sharp Humor](#)--Accusation, by Royal Academy. PEN, 3-28, 5 1/2f, 1:05. B-Hunter Valley Farm (KY). *\$2,500 yrl '09 KEESEP; \$20,000 2yo '10 FTMMAY.

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Plea Agreement, c, 4, [Successful Appeal](#)--Kizka, by Danzig. SUN, 3-27, 1m, 1:38 1/5. B-R D Hubbard (KY). *\$27,000 RNA yrl '09 KEESEP.

BREEDERS' EDITION
EUROPE

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Anaconda (Fr), c, 3, [Anabaa](#)--Porretta (Ire), by Indian Ridge (Ire). Lingfield, Britain, 3-28, Mdn, 3yo, 7f (AWT). B-Haras du Quesnay. *€55,000 yrl '10 ARQAUG.

Van Bom (GB), c, 3, [Iffraaj \(GB\)](#)--Tuppenny (GB), by Salse. Rome, Italy, 3-27, Mdn, 3yo, c/g, 7fT. B-Genesis Green Stud Ltd. *5,000gns RNA wnlg '09 TATDEC; 5,000gns yrl '10 TATOCT.

San Aurora (Ire), f, 3, [Oasis Dream \(GB\)](#)--In the Limelight (Ire) (SW-Ire), by Sadler's Wells. Rome, Italy, 3-27, Mdn, 3yo, f, 7fT. B-Marston Stud and Fleming Thoroughbreds. *37,000gns yrl '10 TATOCT.

Red Senor (Ire), c, 3, [Red Clubs \(Ire\)](#)--Belsay (GB), by Belmez. Lingfield, Britain, 3-28, Mdn, 3yo, 5f (AWT). B-E O'Leary. *€130,000 yrl '10 GOFSP. **1/2 to Killybegs (Ire) (Orpen), GSW-Eng, \$226,336.

Splendid Light (GB), g, 4, [Selkirk](#)--Light of Morn (GB) (SP-Eng), by Daylami (Ire). Kempton Park, Britain, 3-28, Mdn, 3yo/up, 1 3/8m (AWT). B-George Strawbridge.