



OUT WITH A BANG AT OBS APRIL

The fourth and final session of the OBS April Spring Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training proved the best yet, capping a hugely successful week of trading in Ocala that saw big gains in median and average. The ultimate sale topper came early in day when bloodstock agent Donato Lanni, sitting on a stool along the back wall, outlasted Whisper Hill Farm's Mandy Pope and her advisor Chris Brothers for a filly by First Samurai that went for \$650,000. Lanni was acting on behalf of Mike Pegram, Karl Watson and Paul Weitman, the ownership group that campaigns OBS grad Secret Circle (Eddington) and who raced the dual champion Lookin At Lucky (Smart Strike). Like those horses, she'll be trained Bob



Lanni signs winning slip LM

Baffert. Consigned by Eddie Woods as [hip 929](#), the filly is a daughter of graded stakes-placed Refugee (Unaccounted For), also the dam of SP Profit (Not For Love), and worked a quarter in [:21 flat](#) at the under-tack preview. Woods admitted to being surprised by the price. "Outrageous," he said. "She's by a cool-ish stallion, but she's a magnificent filly, and fortunately we had two people that really wanted her." Lanni agreed the price was north of his estimate, but also agreed with Woods's assessment of her abilities. "I didn't think she'd bring that, but we really liked her and really wanted her," said Lanni. "She did everything right and is a classy filly, and she looks like she'll go two turns. That's what we're looking for. Eddie's always been honest and straightforward with me, and he liked her. And we've been lucky here [at OBS]. Last year, we bought Secret Circle here [for \$165,000 at March]." Lanni also came away from April with Wednesday's session topper, the \$450,000 Orientate--Mir Cat colt. "I'm very happy with the market," said Lanni. "There's good strength at every level and a lot of energy among the buyers. It's good to see the market back." **OBS cont. p3**



\$650,000 First Samurai filly

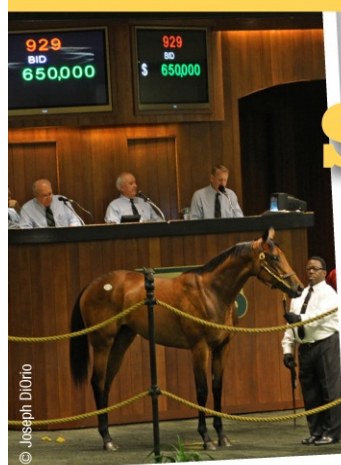
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ACCLAMATION RETURNS IN INGLEWOOD

Last year's champion older male **Acclamation** (Unusual Heat) kicks off his 6-year-old campaign in tonight's Gill Inglewood H. at Betfair Hollywood Park. Regular rider Pat Valenzuela, who recently announced he was coming out of retirement, will be in the irons. Boasting a record of 8-5-0-2 over this turf course, Acclamation makes his first start since a mysterious foot injury kept him out of last year's Breeders' Cup. He strung together five victories to complete his 2011 campaign, including Grade I tallies in the Charles Whittingham Memorial H., Eddie Read S. and TVG Pacific Classic, and finished his season with victory in the Oct. 2 Gil Clement L. Hirsch S. at Santa Anita. Trainer William Warren just recently figured out what went wrong with his stable star last fall after finding an old bruise while Acclamation was being shod. "It wasn't bothering him any more, but we cleaned it out and at least we know now what it was," he explained. "It's a shame that we weren't able to compete in the Breeders' Cup because he was really at the top of his game. We sure would like to get another shot at it this year because this time they're bringing it to us." Warren said that while he hopes rain in the forecast will not force the Inglewood off the turf, he would consider running anyway because he likes the spacing as a prep for the June 9 Whittingham. **Field p9**



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Hip 929, by FIRST SAMURAI out of GSP Refugee

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Went the Day Well
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Big Weekend Down Under

It figures to be a huge Saturday of racing in Australia, topped by the return of supermare **Black Caviar (Aus)** (Bel Esprit {Aus}) in the G1 Sportingbet Classic at Morphettville... **Pierro (Aus)** (Lonhro {Aus}) goes for the 2-year-old Triple Crown in Randwick's G1 Champagne S. We preview the big races.

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First and Foremost...

Prior to topping the OBS April Sale at \$650,000, the First Samurai--Refugee filly was an overlooked yearling at Keeneland September. That's according to bloodstock agent Hubert Guy, who discovered her in



Hubert Guy (left) & Eddie Woods

Bill Betz's consignment and purchased her for just \$23,000 on behalf of an undisclosed partnership. "I was short-listing for Mr. Woods and saw her, and she was a beautiful filly," said Guy. "The First Samurai was turning off people, but Bill Betz recommended the filly, and said no one was really on her. She wasn't perfect--she toed in a

little bit--but she looked exactly like a filly who won the French Guineas a few years ago that toed in the same way. But it doesn't stop them from running, and I always try to buy a horse who's going to be a racehorse. If you do that and you can't sell one and have to race, you don't feel so bad." Guy typically pinhooks between two and five horses each year. He bought two yearlings in 2011; the other sells at Fasig-Tipton's Midlantic Sale in May. "With pinhooking, you need to get lucky," he said. "So many things need to go right--a beautiful breeze, the conformation, the x-rays...I think this sale has been unbelievable."

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Benchmark - Miss Soft Sell

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\$270,000 Zayat Stables purchase from Eisaman Equine

*Thoroughbred Times (4/25/12)

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Catalogued	297	344
No. Offered	213	263
No. Sold	165	199
RNAs	48	64
% RNA	22.5%	24.3%
No. Over \$200K	5	5
High Price	\$650,000	\$825,000
Gross	\$8,468,700	\$6,982,700
Average (% change)	\$51,325 (+46.3%)	\$35,089
Median (% change)	\$25,000 (+47.1%)	\$17,000

<u>CUMULATIVE</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Catalogued	1,196	1,377
No. Offered	922	1,084
No. Sold	760	830
RNAs	162	254
% RNA	17.6%	23.4%
No. Over \$200K	21	10
High Price	\$650,000	\$825,000
Gross	\$33,706,400	\$25,980,200
Average (% change)	\$44,351 (+41.7%)	\$31,301
Median (% change)	\$27,000 (+35%)	\$20,000

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If It Ain't Broken...

A colt by Broken Vow became the April Sale's top-priced male after trainer Mark Casse secured the handsome bay for \$475,000.

Casse, who did his bidding from just under the sales ring sitting next to his brother Justin, declined to say who he was buying for, but often represents John Oxley at public auction. The colt, a son of stakes-placed Runaway in Love (Runaway Groom) and from the immediate family of multiple graded stakes winner Sir Shackleton, was consigned by Halcyon Hammock. He was purchased by Halcyon's Hal Hatch for \$32,000 at Keeneland September and resold here as [hip 967](#). Hatch sent the colt out to a co-bullet [:9 4/5](#) breeze.



\$475,000 Broken Vow colt

"We've had luck at this sale here, and we've actually also had luck with Hal," said Casse. "We bought Northern Passion (First Samurai) off him last year and she ran in the Breeders' Cup, and runs again this weekend [in the Fury S. at Woodbine Sunday]. Hal does a great job, and you always feel a little more comfortable buying from someone you've had success with in the past." **Cont. p4**



Hip 967 cont.

A \$220,000 OBSMAR juvenile, Northern Passion won last year's GIII Natalma S. at Woodbine before running seventh in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies for Oxley.

Earlier in the day, Casse was shut out on the sale-topping First Samurai filly--he offered up an "I'm not worthy" bow to Lanni just after that one sold--but came away from April with four of the five horses on his wishlist, he said. The group included a \$240,000 Street Sense filly, a \$225,000 Tiznow colt, and a \$135,000 Sky Mesa colt. Casse said he thought the Broken Vow was the standout of the males. "Of what we're looking for, he was my favorite colt," said Casse. "We're always looking for a horse that can get two turns, and I thought he was very athletic. We're excited."

Hatch said he originally planned to send the colt to OBS March, but decided to wait and target April instead. "He did the most maturing and changing of any horse I had this year," said Hatch. "He was accepted to March, but because he was developing at such a high rate I kept him back for April. And he really did well and blossomed between those two sales."



Hal Hatch

The Broken Vow has a decidedly two-turn pedigree, but Hatch said he wasn't surprised when his charge posted the co-bullet for an eighth. "He always showed that he was going to let loose with a fast work," said Hatch.



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SPRING SALE OF 2-YEAR-OLDS
- Thursday's Top Lots -**

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
<u>929</u>	f	First Samurai	Refugee	650,000
			(\$23,000 yrl '11 KEESEP)	
			B-Betz/DJ Stable/Kidder/Robenalt (KY)	
			Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent XCVIII	
			Purchased by The Three Amigos	

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<u>967</u>	c	Broken Vow	Runaway in Love	475,000
			(\$32,000 yrl '11 KEESEP)	
			B-Sheltowee Farm & Pin Oak Stud (KY)	
			Consigned by Halcyon Hammock Farm, Agent I	
			Purchased by Mark Casse, agent	
<u>1171</u>	c	After Market	Travelator	275,000
			(\$20,000 yrl '11 KEESEP)	
			B-Cloverleaf Farms II (KY)	
			Consigned by Harris Training Center, LLC	
			Purchased by Narvick Int'l	
<u>1089</u>	c	Malibu Moon	Stormy Monday	250,000
			(\$67,000 wnl '10 KEENOV; \$50,000 yrl '11 KEESEP)	
			B-Two Hearts Farm (KY)	
			Consigned by Paul Sharp, Agent XII	
			Purchased by Zayat Stables	
<u>1022</u>	c	Harlan's Holiday	Shoreline	220,000
			B-Saratoga Glen Farm & Kenneth Ackerman (NY)	
			Consigned by Pick View Sales Agent II	
			Purchased by The Three Amigos	
<u>961</u>	f	Curlin	Royal Tigress	195,000
			(\$60,000 wnl '10 KEENOV; \$85,000 RNA yrl '11 KEESEP)	
			B-Dixiana Stables (KY)	
			Consigned by Mayberry Farm Agent III	
			Purchased by Nick Sallusto, agent for Newtown Anner Stud	
<u>941</u>	c	Majestic Warrior	Riptide	170,000
			(\$12,000 yrl '11 OBSAUG)	
			B-Kinsman Farm (FL)	
			Consigned by Blas Perez, agent for Blue Top Holdings Stables	
			Purchased by Brad Grady	
<u>1074</u>	c	Street Hero	Star of Atticus	160,000
			(\$19,000 yrl '11 KEESEP)	
			B-Doris E Tummillo (KY)	
			Consigned by Price Thoroughbreds	
			Purchased by Mike House	
<u>1000</u>	f	Put It Back	Seemoin Seattle	150,000
			B-Circle S Ranch (FL)	
			Consigned by Blue River Bloodstock Agent VIII	
			Purchased by Klaravich Stables	
<u>1161</u>	c	Congrats	Toasttofriendship	150,000
			(\$100,000 yrl '11 OBSWIN)	
			B-Paul and Barbie Rothfuss (FL)	
			Consigned by McKathan Bros., Agent II	
			Purchased by Zayat Stables	

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\$700,000

(George Bolton & Stonestreet Stables)

\$400,000

(Hill 'n' Dale Bloodstock)

\$400,000

(Narvick International)

\$350,000

(Fox Hill Farm, Tom McGreevy Agent)

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Another Big Pinhook for Sharp...

OBS has been good to consignor Paul Sharp this year. At March, the Florida-based horseman sold a Tiz Wonderful colt for \$525,000--that after paying \$82,000 for him as a yearling--and notched another impressive score yesterday with a Malibu Moon colt who sold to Zayat Stables for \$250,000. Sharp acquired the colt, a full-sibling to SW & GSP Pinkarella and selling at OBS as [hip 1089](#), for \$50,000 at Keeneland September. "He sold in an early book at Keeneland, and I think he might have been a little out of his element at that point--he was a little small," said Sharp. "But he grew up to be a nice horse, and he's a very, very solid, precocious type with a lot of ability. And you can't ignore the pedigree." At the under-tack show, the colt breezed an eighth [:10 1/5](#), and while Sharp knew some sharp judges of horseflesh were on the chestnut, he didn't have a figure in mind heading into yesterday's session. "After a certain point, you don't know what to expect," he said. "I try to keep things in perspective and hope to make a good profit, and anything that feels like a bonus, well, we'll take it."



\$250,000 Malibu Moon

\$20,000 to \$275,000 for Harris's After Market Colt...

Robert and Mary Harris's Harris Training Center, which sold the \$800,000 War Front colt that topped OBS March, turned a \$20,000 investment into a \$275,000 transaction yesterday at April. The Harrises purchased [hip 1171](#), a colt by After Market out of the tough New York-bred mare Travelator (A. P Jet), for the former price at Keeneland September, and resold him during April's final session to Emmanuel de Seroux's Narvick International. De Seroux and a Japanese associate did their bidding from the back row of the sales pavilion. "He was a pretty horse and we liked him as a yearling," said Robert Harris. "At the breeze show, he went really good [in a co-bullet [:9 4/5](#)] and galloped out great, and he withstood all the rigors of people looking at him and all that. He's just a fast horse. I had an After Market the year before that I really liked, so I was kind of looking for one." Like most, Harris gave positive reviews of the April sale. "It's not just that the median and average are up--though that's great--it's that the RNA's are something like 17%," he said. "That's terrific. Guys are coming shopping here and buying in every range, and it's very encouraging."

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Stormy Atlantic - One West filly sold for \$300,000 at the OBS Spring Sale

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Maxwell Casse Off the Mark as Pinhooker...

The Casse dynasty has extended to yet another generation. The popular racing family added its newest pinhooker yesterday when the 22-month-old Maxwell Casse, son of Justin Casse, officially registered his first sale. It was Maxwell's name on the ticket last year for a Harlan's Holiday--Star of Glory filly at Fasig-Tipton's October Sale, where the filly sold for a mere \$10,000. Sent back through the ring yesterday as [hip 1075](#), the bay brought 12 times that figure, going to Hill 'n' Dale Bloodstock's Donato Lanni for \$120,000. "Maxwell recognized she was bred on the same cross as [GSW] Denis of Cork, being by Harlan's Holiday out of an Unbridled mare," said Justin Casse, who, along with his wife Beth, handled publicity duties for his press-averse son.



Justin, Maxwell & Beth Casse

Up, Over and Out...

The OBS April Sale concluded yesterday as an unqualified success. Bolstered by a deep buying bench that included domestic horsemen, as well as representatives from Korea and Japan, the sale saw big gains in both average and median. When the dust settled, the cumulative average sat at a sale-record \$44,351, a 41.7% jump from the corresponding 2011 figure of \$31,301. Similarly, the \$27,000 cumulative median was up 35%, from \$20,000 a year ago, and was another sale record. The sale's final session produced the top two prices of the auction--a \$650,000 First Samurai filly and a \$475,000 Broken Vow colt. For the second straight year, Hill 'n' Dale's Donato Lanni purchased the sale topper for a client of trainer Bob Baffert. "What a great end to a fun week," said OBS Director of Sales Tod Wojciechowski. "It's gratifying that consignors have the confidence in this sale to bring the quality of horses they brought, and that helps bring good buyers. The buyers are happy they can buy horses they can go right on with and perform at the racetrack, and I think that's what makes April such a great sale. Even with the numbers as strong as they were, we heard over and over again that buyers felt they were getting value."

By all accounts, the number of horses in the sale (1,196 were catalogued) helped attract plenty of buyers, and they made the most of their opportunities. "In the earlier sales, the high-end horses do really well, but this sale is the meat-and-potatoes sale," said trainer Mark Casse, who sits on the OBS board. "It doesn't matter if you have \$10,000 or \$500,000, there's a horse here for you. The select sales have really lost some of their numbers, and we had to cut our numbers here because we didn't want to do the portable tents [to stable horses]. And in my opinion, you can't have too many horses. We went to all the sales this year and I think we got one at Keeneland, and maybe bought a couple in South Florida, and when the dust cleared here, we had five that we liked, and were able to get four." Consignor Paul Sharp, who sold a Malibu Moon colt yesterday for \$250,000, said he felt the market was solid. "But you can't get lulled into feeling like people are going to buy a bad horse for a lot of money," he said. "You need to have the real deal, and if you do, the sophisticated buyers will find them."



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912 c Cowtown Cat Radyla \$105,000

*B-Michael & Judy Crowe (FI)
Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent I
Purchased by Bear Stables, Ltd*

Inlander Stable was able to acquire this colt for \$19,000 at OBS last August and recognized a nifty profit when the youngster was returned to the OBS sales ring Thursday.

927 c Street Boss Reflect and Dream \$115,000

*B-Denali Stud, Steve & Diane Holland (Ky)
Consigned by Wavertree Stables (Ciaran Dunne), agent
Purchased by Narvick Int'l*

Pinhooker Ciaran Dunne signed the ticket at \$30,000 for this colt at last year's Keeneland September sale. The juvenile proved the investment was a shrewd one Thursday.

941 c Majestic Warrior Riptide \$170,000

*B-Kinsman Farm (FI)
Consigned by Blas Perez, agent for Blue Top Holdings Stable
Purchased by Brad Grady*

Blue Top Holdings found this colt at OBS last August and brought him home for just \$12,000, then watched as, buoyed by the popularity of his freshman sire, he blossomed into a six-figure juvenile.



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1074 c Street Hero Star of Atticus \$160,000
B-Doris E Tummillo (Ky)
 Consigned by Price Thoroughbreds
 Purchase by Mike House

The Mar. 31 foal was secured by agent Frederico Barberini for \$19,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale and returned a nice return on the original investment at OBS yesterday.

1084 f Not for Love Sticky \$130,000
B-Fitzhugh (Md)
 Consigned by Bo Hunt, agent
 Purchased by Tim Kegel, agent

Ocala horseman Bo Hunt was able to acquire this filly for \$28,000 as a Keeneland September yearling and saw her popularity soar Thursday.

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BYRNE HAPPY WITH TAKE CHARGE INDY

GI Florida Derby winner **Take Charge Indy** (A.P. Indy) pleased trainer Pat Byrne with a five-furlong work in 1:00 2/5 at Palm Meadows Thursday. The colt, working in company and with exercise rider Susie Bricker in the irons, posted fractions of :11 3/5, :23 3/5, :35 3/5 and :47 3/5 and galloped out six furlongs in 1:14 3/5. "To sum it up in a word--magnificent," Byrne said of the drill. "It was a super work. He couldn't be doing any better. He's ready to go. He was just stretching his legs this morning. Visually, it was very impressive. I'm delighted."

Byrne added that Take Charge Indy will now gallop up to the Kentucky Derby. "He may two-minute lick a little, but he likes the [Churchill] track," Byrne explained. "He worked a bullet prior to [last year's GI Breeders' Cup] Juvenile. He doesn't need to do any more than what he's done today. He's really mentally sharp and ready to go."

Second in the GIII Arlington-Washington Futurity last September, Take Charge Indy was fifth in the Juvenile. He finished second behind El Padrino (Pulpit) in an optional claimer at Gulfstream Jan. 29 before winning the Florida Derby. "He's had a nice rest since the Florida Derby," Byrne added. "Things couldn't have gone better since the Florida Derby. It's been perfect, and a mile and a quarter with his pedigree is right up the street."

RESULTS

Thursday, Keeneland

GREY GOOSE BEWITCH S.-GIII, \$150,000, KEE, 4-26, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/2mT, 2:33 1/5, fm.

1--**UPPERLINE**, 119, m, 5, by **Maria's Mon**

1st Dam: **Snowflake (Ire)** (G1SP-Eng, MSP-US, \$229,487), by **Caerleon**

2nd Dam: **Ivyanna**, by **Reference Point**

3rd Dam: **Ivy**, by **Sir Ivor**

O-Stone Farm, John H Adger, Oakcrest Farm & Michael Stidham; B-Stonerside Stable (KY); T-Michael Stidham; J-James Graham; \$90,000. Lifetime Record: 19-7-4-2, \$497,108. *1/2 to Snow Fall (War Front), SW. **Werk Nick Rating: B. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Woodford Belle**, 119, m, 5, **Arch**--Tis Me, by Notebook. O-Catesby W Clay; B-Runnymede Farm Inc, Johnson Camden Clay & James E Clay II (KY); T-Michelle Nihei; \$30,000.

3--**Senada**, 121, m, 5, **Pulpit**--Owsley, by Harlan. (\$800,000 yrl '08 KESEP). O-Lael Stables; B-Stone Farm (KY); T-Barclay Tagg; \$15,000.

Margins: 1HF, 3/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 2.00, 4.80, 6.50.

Also Ran: Here to Win (Brz), Thislilsoulofmine, Shimmering Moment, Distorted Alice, Hemera.

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Utilizing some somewhat unconventional tactics, Upperline kicked home late for an ultimately comfortable score here. A three-time listed winner last term, the bay was second in the course-and-distance Dowager S. last October. She kicked off 2012 with a runner-up finish in the Mar. 31 Bayou H. at Fair Grounds and relished this stretch back out to a marathon distance. Off the blocks quickest of all to set the pace through a glacial opening quarter in :26.96, Upperline offered little resistance when Shimmering Moment (Afleet Alex) put a head in front in the first run through the stretch. She then assumed a stalking spot from the pocket in third and remained there, calling out for running room as the field turned for home. James Graham remained patient on Upperline into the lane, but when a seam opened up in mid-stretch, he forced his mount through and to the front to cap off his impressive display of patience and level-headedness. "She's better with a little bit of a target," explained Graham. "Because she broke so sharp I just let her run the first quarter of a mile. [Shimmering Moment] came around me and put her on the lead. I just tracked her and picked it up when she came home. She finished really well. She's so good right now; she's happy. Great job by everyone involved. I'm delighted; she finished the way she was supposed to."

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PREVIEWS

MUSKETIER SEEKS THIRD ELKHORN

Stella Perdomo's **Musketier (Ger)** (Acatenango {Ger}) will seek his third straight win in the GII Elkhorn S. at Keeneland today. The 10-year-old veteran, trained by Roger Attfield, was a three-time graded stakes winner last year, ending his 2011 campaign with a half-length tally in the Nov. 26 GII W.L. McKnight H. In his lone start this term, he closed to be third in the Feb. 26 GII Mac Diarmida S. Attfield also saddles the 7-year-old **Simnard** (Dixieland Band). The chestnut nosed out **Newsdad** (Arch) to win the Mac Diarmida, but tired to third as that foe won the Mar. 24 GII Pan American H. last time out. A relative youngster at four, James Karp's **Newsdad** is two-for-two at the Elkhorn's 1 1/2-mile distance and looks for his second straight after a two-length victory in the Pan American.

Friday, Keeneland, post time: 5:13 p.m. EDT

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

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Musketier (Ger)	Acatenango (Ger)	Lezcano	Attfield	4-1
2	Point Of Entry	Dynaformer	Velazquez	McGaughey III	6-1
3	Wilkinson	Lemon Drop Kid	Gomez	Howard	15-1
4	Newsdad (K)	Arch	Leparoux	Mott	9-5
5	Simnard (K)	Dixieland Band	Castellano	Attfield	3-1
6	Skipshot (K)	Skip Away	Pedroza	Dorochenko	30-1
7	Tahoe Lake (Brz)	Know Heights (Ire)	Cruz	McPeck	15-1
8	Suntracer	Kitten's Joy	Bridgmohan	Pessin	20-1
9	Center Divider (K)	Giant's Causeway	Albarado	Brown	6-1

A FAMOUS PRESENCE

Today's G2 Bet365 Mile at Sandown represents an ideal opportunity for **Famous Name (GB)** (Dansili {GB}) to extend his pattern-race winning tally to nine. Although the Juddmonte evergreen has yet to win on a foray overseas, he has admirable form abroad, including runner-up finishes in the 2008 G1 Prix du Jockey Club at Chantilly, 2009 G1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp and last year's G1 Grosser Dallmayr-Preis at Munich. He comes here on the back of a return success in Leopardstown's Listed Heritage S. Apr. 15, and jockey Pat Smullen is hoping he can add another feather to his cap here. "He's obviously in good form, having won his first run of the season at Leopardstown the other day," Smullen told *PA Sport*. "I know he's a 7-year-old, but he seems as good as ever fitness-wise, and I'd say he'll improve for the run in what looks a very competitive race." Trainer Richard Hannon, who has won this six times in the last eight years, saddles a duo in last year's G1 English and Irish 2000 Guineas runner-up and G2 Celebration Mile winner **Dubawi Gold (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) and the 2011 G3 Criterion S. and G3 Supreme S. scorer **Libranno (GB)** (Librettist).

"Libranno seems better than ever," Hannon said. "He is so versatile and was only beaten three lengths in the July Cup, and he looked to enjoy the ease in the ground when he won the Criterion S. at Newmarket over seven furlongs. However, this will be proper soft ground and he also needs to get the mile, so we are going into the unknown. We know that Dubawi Gold stays the mile as he was runner-up in two Guineas last year, but he needs to bounce back from an unpleasant experience in Dubai, where he lashed out in the stalls and caught his hind legs. It could have been a lot worse, but he has come back fine, and we hope that he will get back on track." John Gosden asks Princess Haya of Jordan's **Questioning (Ire)** (Elusive Quality) to back up just eight days after upsetting Twice Over (GB) (Observatory) in Newmarket's G3 Earl of Sefton S. over a furlong further, and he needs to prove he can handle such testing conditions.

Friday, Sandown, Britain, post time: 2:20 p.m.

BET365 MILE-G2, £80,000, 4yo/up, 1m 14ydsT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	5	Dubawi Gold (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Murtagh	Hannon
2	6	Famous Name (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Smullen	Weld
3	7	Libranno (GB)	Librettist	R Moore	Hannon
4	1	Penitent (GB)	Kyllachy (GB)	Tudhope	O'Meara
5	3	Questioning (Ire)	Elusive Quality	Buick	Gosden
6	4	Side Glance (GB)	Passing Glance (GB)	Fortune	Balding
7	2	Cochabamba (Ire)	Hurricane Run (Ire)	Sanders	Teal

All carry 126 pounds bar Cochabamba, 123.

Friday, Belfair Hollywood Park, post time: 10:59 p.m. EDT

INGLEWOOD H.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Haimish Hy	Ecton Park	Talamo	Sherman	114
2	Utopian (K)	Rock Hard Ten	Smith	Shirreffs	115
3	Smug	El Prado (Ire)	Rosario	Drysdale	112
4	Acclamation	Unusual Heat	Valenzuela	Warren	124
5	Holladay Road	Street Cry (Ire)	Bejarano	Canani	114

Saturday, Sandown, Britain, post time: 4:20 p.m.

BET365 CLASSIC TRIAL-G3, £55,000, 3yo, 10f 7ydsT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	1	Imperial Monarch (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	J O'Brien	A O'Brien
2	4	Rougemont (Ire)	Montjeu (Ire)	R Moore	Hannon
3	3	Stipulate (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Queally	Cecil
4	2	Thought Worthy	Dynaformer	Buick	Gosden

All carry 126 pounds.

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Saturday, Sandown, Britain, post time: 3:45 p.m.

BET365 GORDON RICHARDS S.-G3, £55,000, 4yo/up, 10f 7ydsT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	8	Al Kazeem (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Baker	Charlton
2	2	Colombian (Ire)	Azamour (Ire)	Buick	Gosden
3	10	Hunter's Light (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Dettori	bin Suroor
4	1	Lyssio (Ger)	Motivator (GB)	Guillambert	Attwater
5	4	Poet (GB)	Pivotal (GB)	R Moore	Cox
6	9	Retrieve (Aus)	Rahy	Barzalona	bin Suroor
7	3	Sri Putra (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Fortune	Varian
8	5	Twice Over (GB)	Observatory	Queally	Cecil
9	7	World Domination	Empire Maker	Spencer	Cecil
10	6	Sos Brillante (Chi)	Dance Brightly	Coumbe	Clement

All carry 126 pounds, bar Sos Brillante, 123.

Sunday, Betfair Hollywood Park, post time: 7:40 p.m. EDT

WILSHIRE H.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Briecat	Adcat	Talamo	Cerin	118
2	Antares World	Decarchy	Krigger	Specht	115
3	Nereid	Rock Hard Ten	Smith	Shirreffs	121
4	Quiet Oasis (Ire)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Blanc	Cecil	114
5	Wild Mia	Wildcat Heir	Flores	Fanning	117
6	Imperialistic Diva (Ire)	Haafhd (GB)	Flores	Callaghan	112
7	Up In Time (GB)	Noverre	Rosario	Callaghan	119
8	Go Forth North	North Light (Ire)	Espinoza	Avila	118

AUSTRALIAN PREVIEWS

BLACK CAVIAR BEGINS RUN TOWARDS ASCOT

Undefeated **Black Caviar (Aus)** (Bel Esprit {Aus}) makes the first of two possible starts over the coming weeks in Saturday's G1 Sportingbet Classic in Adelaide as she eyes a start in the G1 Diamond Jubilee S. at Royal Ascot June 23. The wondermare had arguably the biggest test of her career when last she faced the starter, as Hay List (Aus) (Statue of Liberty {Aus}) raced alongside into the final furlong of the Feb. 18 G1 Coolmore Lightning S. before yielding late. She'll face her own sex this time around, and the underfoot conditions--perhaps easier than trainer Peter Moody may have liked earlier in the week--have firmed into a 'dead' track over which she has nine of her 19 career victories. "She's fit enough to win if she's good enough," Moody told *AAP*. Following Saturday's test, Black Caviar will be assessed and a determination made as to whether she will make another appearance in the G1 Goodwood S. back at Morphettville May 12.

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Saturday, Morphettville, Australia, post time: 2:53 a.m. EDT

SPORTINGBET CLASSIC-G1, A\$400,000 (\$415,597), 3yo/up, f/m, 1200mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	3	Black Caviar (Aus)	Bel Esprit (Aus)	Nolen	Moody
2	5	Lone Rock (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Zahra	Smerdon
3	6	Power Princess (Aus)	Marwina (Aus)	Gatt	Miller
4	9	Just Sybil (Aus)	Alannan	Stojakovic	Mueller
5	1	Sistine Angel (Aus)	Testa Rossa (Aus)	Payne	Nolet
6	7	Valentine Miss (Aus)	Danetime (Aus)	Pegus	Kavanagh
7	8	All Friared Up (Aus)	Blackfriars (Aus)	Arnold	Bates
8	2	Shekinaar (Aus)	Foxhound	Potter	Jolly
9	10	Spurific (Aus)	Flying Spur (Aus)	Boss	Griffiths
10	4	Tabulated (Aus)	Exceed & Excl (Aus)	Rose	O'Connor

All carry 125 pounds.

BUSY PIERRO READY FOR BUBBLY

Two down, one to go. Unbeaten **Pierro (Aus)** (Lonhro {Aus}) will attempt to complete Australia's Triple



Pierro & Waterhouse after the Slipper
Liesl King photo

Crown for 2-year-olds in Saturday's G1 Moet & Chandon Champagne S. at Randwick. After taking the 1200-meter G1 AAMI Golden Slipper S. Apr. 7 at Rosehill, the dark bay added the G1 Inglis Sires Produce S. going seven panels at Randwick a week later, and bids to keep the sequence alive

here. "He is just the superior colt and has thrived since his last win," trainer Gai Waterhouse told *The Age*. "He will have no trouble with the mile in the Champagne S."

Friday Night, Randwick, Australia, post time: 11:40 p.m.

MOET & CHANDON CHAMPAGNE S.-G1, A\$400,000 (\$415,597), 2yo, 1600mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	6	Pierro (Aus)	Lonhro (Aus)	Rawiller	Waterhouse
2	3	Raceway (Aus)	More Than Ready	Bowman	Waterhouse
3	5	Limes (Aus)	Commands (Aus)	McEvoy	Snowden
4	7	Tatra (Aus)	Hussonet	Berry	Snowden
5	8	Trophies (Aus)	Casino Prince (Aus)	Cassidy	Thompson
6	4	Rowie (Aus)	Flying Spur (Aus)	Reith	Messara
7	2	Strength (Aus)	Casino Prince (Aus)	Rodd	Thompson
8	1	Flying Snitzel (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Schofield	Ryan
9	9	Dear Demi (Aus)	Dehere	McDonald	Connors

All carry 125 pounds, except Flying Snitzel & Dear Demi, 120.

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Zenyatta	Street Cry (IRE)	Machiavellian	Mr. Prospector
Dark Bay or Brown Mare		Helen Street (GB)	Cousin De Foie
Foaled 2004	Vertigineux	Kris S.	Troy (GB)
	(1965)	For The Flag	Waterway (FR)
			Roberto
			Sharp Queen
			"Fort"
			In The Offing

By STREET CRY (IRE) (1998), Black type winner, \$943,674. Sire of 5 crops, 428 foals, 287 starters, 41 black type winners, 150 winners, \$27,852,011. Sire of 8 producing daughters, 10 foals, 1 winner, including Tynny Song (b. 2, 2010, \$20,228).
 Het Dam
 VERTIGINEUX, by Kris S. Broodmare Of The Year. 2 wins at 4, \$60,480, in NAUS. Dam of 5 foals to race, 4 winners.
 ZENYATTA (f. by Street Cry (IRE)), Champion, one records.
 BALANCE (f. by Thunder Gulch), 6 wins, 2 to 4, \$1,049,491, in US. Won Santa Anita Oaks (G1), Santa Margarita Invitational Hcp (G1), Las Virgenes S. (G1), La Canada S. (G2), Sharp Cat S. (L) (HOL, \$50,000), 2nd Hollywood Starlet S. (G1), Vanity Invitational Handicap (G1), 3rd Ashland S. (G1), La Brea S. (G1), Clement L. Hirsch Handicap (G2), Milroy Sweepers' Cup Handicap (G2), Hidden Light S. (OR) (OSA, \$8,000).



Saturday, Randwick, Australia, post time: 1:35 a.m.
SCHWEPPE SYDNEY CUP-G1, A\$500,000 (\$519,476), 3yo/up, 3200mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	9	Efficient (NZ)	Zabeel (NZ)	Rodd	Hickmott
2	6	Drunken Sailor (Ire)	Tendulkar	Oliver	Moroney
3	2	Niwot (Aus)	Galileo (Ire)	Dunn	Wayne/Hawkes
4	13	Precedence (NZ)	Zabeel (NZ)	Williams	B Cummings
5	11	Once Were Wild(Aus)	Johannesburg	Cassidy	Waterhouse
6	12	Hawk Island (Ire)	Hawk Wing	Schofield	Waller
7	7	Stand To Gain (Ire)	Hawk Wing	Quinn	Waller
8	3	Permit (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Mc Evoy	Waller
9	14	Older Than Time(Aus)	Don Eduardo (NZ)	Berry	Waterhouse
10	15	Hanks(Aus)	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Mcdonald	Moody
11	4	Solid Billing(Aus)	Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)	Lammas	Ritchie
12	10	Anudjawun (NZ)	Yamanin Vital (NZ)	Avdulla	Dwyer
13	8	Nextanix(Aus)	Domesday (Aus)	Robl	Parker
14	16	Our Serena(Aus)	Fantastic Light	Reith	Payne
15	1	Peal Of Bells(Aus)	Clangalang (Aus)	Wells	Markwell
16	5	Planet Purple(Aus)	Universal Prince (Aus)	Ford	Parker

Saturday, Randwick, Australia, post time: 2:15 a.m.
TABCORP QUEEN ELIZABETH S.-G1, A\$500,000 (\$519,476), 3yo/up, 2000mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	8	Americain	Dynaformer	Williams	Hayes
2	2	Manighar (Fr)	Linamix (Fr)	Oliver	Moody
3	4	Jimmy Choux (NZ)	Thorn Park (Aus)	Riddell	Bary
4	3	Rangirangdoo (NZ)	Pentire (GB)	Bowman	Waller
5	6	Rekindled Interest(Aus)	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Dunn	Conlan
6	1	Speediness (Aus)	Testa Rossa (Aus)	O'Hara	Scott
7	7	More Joyous (NZ)	More Than Ready	Rawiller	Waterhouse
8	5	Secret Admirer (Aus)	Dubawi (Ire)	Avdulla	Begg

All carry 130 pounds, except More Joyous and Secret Admirer, 126.

Saturday, Randwick, Australia, post time: 12:55 a.m.
TICKETEK ALL AGED S.-G1, A\$400,000 (\$415,597), 3yo/up, 1400mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	5	King Mufhasa (NZ)	Pentire (GB)	Rawiller	McKee
2	3	Albert The Fat(Aus)	Magic Albert (Aus)	Bowman	Waller
3	7	Rain Affair(Aus)	Commands (Aus)	Reith	Pride
4	2	Happy Zero(Aus)	Danzero (Aus)	McDonald	Wayne/Hawkes
5	6	Centennial Park (NZ)	Thorn Park (Aus)	Shinn	Payne
6	4	Ocourseican(Aus)	Mossman (Aus)	O'Hara	Quinton
7	1	Atlantic Jewel (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Rodd	Kavanagh

All carry 130 pounds, except Ocourseican, 126; and Atlantic Jewel, 120.

Saturday, Morphettville, Australia, post time: 1:35 a.m. EDT
SCHWEPPE OAKS-G1, A\$400,000 (\$415,597), 3yo, f, 2000mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	9	Empress Rock (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Arnold	B Cumngs
2	10	Crucial (Aus)	Nadeem (Aus)	Duric	A Freedman
3	15	Rahveel (Aus)	Zabeel (NZ)	Winks	Corstens
4	11	Secret Liaison (Aus)	Artie Schiller	Zahra	Zhra/Elrtn
5	7	Sharnee Rose (Aus)	Nadeem (Aus)	Payne	Zhra/Elrtn
6	4	Temper Tantrum (Aus)	Hold That Tiger	McLeod	Macpherson
7	18	Rock Culture (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Pegus	Kavanagh
8	1	Invest (Aus)	Dehere	Mertens	Connors
9	16	Red Typhoon (Aus)	Hold That Tiger	Boss	Smerdon
10	2	Our Miss Jones (NZ)	Darci Brahma (NZ)	Nolen	Kent
11	3	Kasumi (NZ)	Shinko King (Ire)	Browne	Sargent
12	19	Spelldancer (Aus)	Churchill Dns (Aus)	Patterson	Zhra/Elrtn
13	6	Gioe (Aus)	Hussonet	B Rawiller	Kent
14	13	Princess Rock (Aus)	Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)	Walker	Weir
15	20	Crimson Lady (NZ)	Volksraad (GB)	Lyon	Moroney
16	5	Essence (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Lindop	Stokes

Also Eligible

17	12	Quick Retort (Aus)	Elvstroem (Aus)	Robertson	Theodore
18	14	Eldami (Aus)	Al Samer (Aus)	Tourneur	Stokes
19	8	Pentimento (Aus)	Elusive Quality	No Rider	Kent
20	17	Crystallised (Aus)	Zabeel (NZ)	Moor	Freedman

All carry 123 pounds.

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ASIAN PREVIEWS

SWEET DRAW FOR ORANGE IN QE II CUP

Sweet Orange (War Front) has been one of the most consistent 4-year-olds in Hong Kong this season and looks to make the transition to the International Group 1 level in Sunday's Audemars Piguet Queen Elizabeth II Cup at Sha Tin. The bay took advantage of an inside draw to best **Fay Fay (NZ)** (Falkirk {NZ}) at odds of 13-1 in the Hong Kong Classic Mile Jan. 25, but couldn't quite overcome wide alleys when narrowly missing to **Zaidan** (Street Cry {Ire}) in the Hong Kong Classic Cup Feb. 19 and when third to Fay Fay in the Mar. 18 Hong Kong Derby. It was good fortune for Sweet Orange yesterday, as they drew the two hole for Sunday's 2000-meter test. "I'm very happy," said big-race pilot Weichong Marwing. "He was due for a change of luck at the gates. He's certainly got the gate speed to race much handier and, for a change, he won't be doing it so hard. [Trainer] David [Ferraris] has got him spot on, so let's just hope we have some luck on Sunday as well." Of the foreign raiders, **Treasure Beach (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) seems to have gotten the short end of the stick and will break from the outside in the field of 13. "You draw what you draw," commented trainer Aidan O'Brien's representative James Kinane. "Aidan will decide what the horse does from there."

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 4:35 a.m.
AUDEMARS PIGUET QUEEN ELIZABETH II CUP-G1, HK\$14,000,000
 (\$1,804,233), 3yo/up, 2000mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	10	California Memory	Highest Honor (Fr)	Chadwick	A Cruz
2	13	Treasure Beach (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Spencer	O'Brien
3	6	Irian (Ger)	Tertullian	Clark	J Moore
4	8	Rulership (Jpn)	King Kamehameha (Jpn)	U Rispoli	Sumii
5	9	Pure Champion (Ire)	Ftstpsinthesand (GB)	Suborics	A Cruz
6	11	Thumbs Up (NZ)	Shinko King (Ire)	Prebble	Fownes
7	1	Chinchon (Ire)	Marju (Ire)	R Moore	Lffn-Prias
8	3	Mr Medici (Ire)	Medicean (GB)	Purton	Ho
9	4	Viscount Nelson	Giant's Causeway	Shea	de Kock
10	12	Fay Fay (NZ)	Falkirk (NZ)	Whyte	Size
11	2	Sweet Orange	War Front	Marwing	Ferraris
12	7	Collection (Ire)	Peintre Celebre	Smith	D Cruz
13	5	Zaidan	Street Cry (Ire)	Doleuze	J Moore

All carry 126 pounds.

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GANAY GAGNANTS

Inaugurated in 1889, the race now known as the Prix Ganay was named in honor of the industry leader and owner/breeder Jean de Ganay in 1949. Since earning immediate Group 1 status at the installation of the European Pattern in 1971, the race has played host to some of the sport's legendary figures. Chief among those was the 1972 scorer Mill Reef, and his 10-length success on his penultimate start remains the benchmark for the contest. Over the following three years, jockey Yves Saint-Martin registered three of his record six wins on the subsequent Arc hero Rheingold (Ire) and the unforgettable dual heroine Allez France. The latter's initial victory, by upwards of five lengths from a field featuring the similarly high-class Dahlia, was another outstanding display to be etched on the memories of all present on the Bois de Boulogne. Another mare to triumph was Trillion under an enterprising ride from Lester Piggott in 1978, and she went on to produce the 1987 victress Triptych. Alan Clore's "Iron Lady" demonstrated her killer turn of acceleration with Tony Cruz on auto-pilot, but she was only third the following year behind Saint Andrews (Fr), who went on to double up 12 months later.

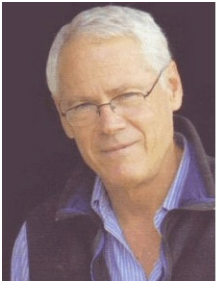
While the '90s lacked overall strength in depth, Helissio (Fr) injected some quality in 1997 for the enigmatic Enrique Sarasola, scoring by six lengths which represented the longest winning margin since Mill Reef. His trainer Elie Lellouche also saddled the 2002 heroine Aquarelliste (Fr) (Danehill), who along with the 1991 winner Kartajana (Ire) proved strong enough to best the colts.

In recent times, the race has acted as the stage for some of the leading players on the European scene. In 2005, the Niarchos Family's magnificent Bago (Fr) (Nashwan) prevailed, while Aidan O'Brien sent across the Danehill luminaries Dylan Thomas (Ire) and Duke of Marmalade (Ire) to come out on top in 2007 and 2008. The last three runnings have been kept in France, with another success for the Wildenstein-Lellouche combination 12 months ago courtesy of Planteur (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}). His defeat of Sarafina (Fr) (Refuse To Bend {Ire}), this year's favorite Cirrus des Aigles (Fr) (Even Top {Ire}) and Cape Blanco (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) stands up to the closest inspection and proves the race still has the potential to wow.

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AU CURRANT

I learned yesterday that a nine-year-old daughter of Horse of the Year Point Given out of Belmont graded stakes winner Inquisitive Look was ticketed for an imminent trip to slaughter in Canada. Her name is Au Currant and I was co-breeder. She was last seen in a sales ring at Keeneland in 2006 when sold for \$35,000 in foal to graded stakes winner Sharp Humor.

The good news is that her young and useful life has been saved at the last minute by the individual efforts of a small band of earth angels. Au Currant has been spared a death trip that would make most readers cringe if they could watch from beginning to end, up close and in person.

The bad news is that Au Currant's saga, and thousands like it, painfully expose that we still do not have an established, comprehensive safety net in place for our equine athletes and bloodstock. We use them for our gain and pleasure and then frequently objectify them as 'tools' or 'pieces' to be discarded in an often inhumane process.

We drug them, we whip them, and then we often neglect or turn away from them when we are finished using them for our enjoyment. And by not making the welfare of our horses our #1 industry priority, we sadly earn a majority of the general public's scornful perception that we are callous and uncaring.

A recent initiative in the form of the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance brings with it a glimmer of hope. The TAA has been established to provide accreditation for aftercare facilities and to raise funds to support approved facilities. To this point, the initiative has received initial lip service support and seed money from several industry groups; however, the TAA's impact will come down to one thing...real money.

Developing a safety net for the Au Currants of the world requires millions of dollars, annually, not 50K here or 200K there. We need every industry segment systematically chipping in significant monies at each stage of a horse's life cycle to a Super Fund for equine welfare.

Breeders need to pay into a Super Fund at time of registration. Breeders' Cup and state-bred programs need to kick-back a percentage of nominating fees to that Super Fund and breeders who receive award money need to do the same. Every time a horse is sold (including claims), the buyer, seller, and sales company or agent should be required to pay something to the Fund. Similarly, every individual or entity receiving revenue from a horse's racing performance should be charged a proportionally fair amount from any monies earned from each race (including owners, trainers, jockeys, race tracks, OTBs and other recipients of simulcast revenue, etc.). Bettors who make the game and the revenue possible and who are already "taxed" unfairly in the form of stifling take-out are the only group that should be exempt.

Of course, this kind of systematic effort requires our power-addicts to cooperate with one another for the good of the industry (and the horses). As with any 12-step program for addicts, however, progress starts with raising awareness to the point where we admit to ourselves and others that change is necessary and what we need to change must become our #1 priority. If we as an industry wish to grow and be healthy, we need to overcome our selfish insensitivities and join together in making horse welfare our clear-cut #1 priority.

We also need to think outside the box and approach this problem from many angles and with new thinking. For example, only the oligarchic breed registry known to us as The Jockey Club has the power to establish rules at time of registration that could follow a horse through its lifetime. Perhaps the JC could explore the possibility of placing stipulations on a foal's papers at time of issue which would require the holder of the papers at each stage to make "use" payments to a centralized Super Fund. Otherwise, the horse would not be eligible to compete in races or have subsequent produce registered.

Whether or not rescindable foal papers are feasible and no matter what ideas are created through community brain-storming, it is clearly way past time for our industry to make horse welfare THE #1 industry priority in America.

Rob Whiteley is owner of the commercial breeding operation known as Liberation Farm.

(Editor's Note: The head 'angel' in this collective effort was Robert and Case Clay's team at Three Chimneys, whose marketing director, Jen Roytz, brought our attention to Au Currant's situation, and organized for her transportation and quarantine. Three Chimneys' 'Protecting Our Own Program' is a model everyone in the industry should emulate. The industry owes them a debt of gratitude. For more on the program, click here: <http://www.threechimneys.com/protecting/> .--Sue Finley)



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DR. TONY RYAN BOOK AWARD

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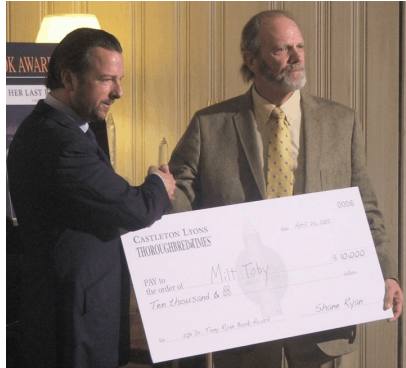
A true story from racing's past took home the sixth annual Dr. Tony Ryan book award Wednesday night at Castleton Lyons. The Lexington-area farm and *Thoroughbred Times* teamed together to present Milton Toby with the \$10,000 grand prize for his novel *Dancer's Image: The Forgotten Story of the 1968 Kentucky Derby* (The History Press).

Toby's work, the only non-fiction book among the three finalists, delves into the story of *Dancer's Image*, the only winner of the Kentucky Derby to ever be disqualified.

"Every now and then a really good story manages to outlive the interest that it creates," said Toby. "The story just sort of vanishes. It falls off the radar, but it doesn't really die. And that's what happened with *Dancer's Image*. It was a watershed year in our history. Martin Luther King Jr. had been assassinated a few weeks before the Derby, and Robert Kennedy was assassinated a few weeks afterward. There were Black Power protests at the Olympics. We were escalating the war in Vietnam. Chicago became a battleground during the Democratic National Convention. There was just more to write about than an ongoing drug dispute over a Derby winner."

Toby, a lawyer as well as an author and racing journalist, poured over 4,000 pages of legal testimony taken over the course of the 5-year conflict that resulted in Forward Pass being made the official winner of the '68 Run for the Roses. His aim in writing about *Dancer's Image* was to make a "complicated subject understandable without destroying the subject matter."

Shane Ryan, the head of Castleton Lyons, crowned the winner of the book award, which was founded by his late father. Upon being named the victor, Toby drew appreciation from the crowd by saying, "It is really difficult to be humble and I am not going to try. I am really excited about this."



Shane Ryan (left) and Milton Toby
Amanda Duckworth

Before the big announcement, each of the finalists gave speeches about their books and the inspirations behind them. There was plenty of laughter coming from the second floor of the Castleton Lyons' stallion complex when the crowd was treated to a story by finalist Kim Schaumburg about a memorable ride during her days as a jockey. An incident at the start of a race at Hollywood Park almost caused her to become unseated. Although she stayed on her mount, her pants came undone, and she rode the majority of the race terrified of an impending wardrobe malfunction.

"The next thing I know, I have the most handsome outrider and he pulled me up and he is trying not to laugh at me," Schaumburg said of the experience. "I said, 'Could you hold my horse so I can button my pants?' I finally went back to the [jocks'] room, and it was the last race, and it was probably the first time in history that every jock in that room was watching the last race replay."

She tweaked real-life experiences like that and used them throughout her book *Her Last Race*, which is her first novel. The work features a female jockey, and in one of the chapters, she eats too much at Christmas time and her pants come unbuttoned leaving the starting gate of a race.

The third finalist, Andrew Plattner, received recognition for his collection of short stories, *A Marriage of Convenience*. He was also a finalist for the book award in 2009 for *Kentucky Derby Vault*.

"With so many different genres, it was a very interesting process, and at times kind of a difficult process, because it is almost like deciding which you like better, Chinese food or Italian food," said award-winning broadcaster Caton Bredar, who served as one of the judges. "But all three of the finalists were certainly five-star restaurants, so to speak, in their particular areas."

Bredar's fellow judges were *Washington Post*-Bloomberg News Service Managing Editor Kay Coyte and last year's book award winner Jaimy Gordon.

A good crowd from the horse racing world was on hand for Toby's victory, including Ned Bonnie, Runnymede Farm's Martin O'Dowd and Michael Blowen of Old Friends. -*Amanda Duckworth*

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KENTUCKY

Yesterday's Results:

6th-KEE, \$53,480, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:50 1/5, fm.

MELODY DAWN (f, 4, [Tale of the Cat](#)--Muskoka Dawn, by Miswaki), a maiden winner in four French juvenile starts for Carlos Laffon-Parias, was sixth in an off-turf allowance during last year's spring meet before going missing. Gone 11 months, the bay resurfaced in a first-level Gulfstream allowance Mar. 18, coming home generously to finish second by a head. Janicellaine (Ire) (Beat Hollow {GB}) cleared the field from the outside stall and had an easy time of it up front as Melody Dawn, the 2-1 chalk, waited for the right time to pounce from second. Push came to shove in upper stretch, and Melody Dawn drove past and sprinted home 3 1/2 lengths best. Sex Appeal (Dynaformer) stayed on into second. The winner is a half to Bala (With Approval), GSP, \$230,105; and 3/4 to Mousse au Chocolat (Hennessy), SW & MGSP-Fr, SP-US, \$190,897. Sales history: \$170,000 wIng '08 KEENOV; €145,000 yrl '09 ARQAUG. Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-1, \$67,009. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales.](#)**

O-R & B International. B-Paget Bloodstock (KY).

T-H Graham Motion.

Blandford Stud Sales Graduate

1st-KEE, \$49,815, Msw, 2yo, 4 1/2f (AWT), :50 3/5, ft.

+ UNDRAFTED (g, 2, [Purim](#)--French Jeannette, by French Deputy) displayed a concise, yet promising worktab, capped by a solid three-furlong breeze over this synthetic track in :35 2/5 Apr. 20. The chestnut, owner by footballer Wes Welker's King 9 Stable, was pegged at morning-line odds of 7-2, but took surprisingly little play given the barn's stats and was allowed to drift up to an inviting 6-1 at the off. Sent up the inside to argue the pace underneath fellow firster Peteizum (Safe in the U S A), Undrafted put that one away leaving the quarter pole, opened an insurmountable advantage into the final furlong and was three lengths clear of Good Tickled (Flatter) at the wire. Odds-on Joha (Johar) was another head back in third. Sales history: \$50,000 yrl '11 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$30,000. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales.](#)**

O-King 9 Stable LLC. B-Catesby W Clay Investment LLC (KY). T-Wesley A Ward.

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4th-KEE, \$47,088, Msw, 3yo, f, 9.5fT, 1:57 3/5, fm. IRISH MISSION (f, 3, [Giant's Causeway](#)--Misty Mission {SW, \$194,320}, by Miswaki) was off the board in four starts as a juvenile, though she gave a decent account of herself when fifth, beaten three lengths, in the valuable Princess Elizabeth S. on the Woodbine Poly Oct. 29. The chestnut raced prominently before weakening to a midpack sixth in her Feb. 12 return to action over the Gulfstream turf course, and led deep into the final furlong of a similar tilt Mar. 29 before dropping a neck decision. Widest of a wall of five horses crossing under the line the first time, Irish Mission cleared a bit of traffic to be three deep into the turn and on the backstretch. She tugged her way into second approaching the half-mile marker, went after pacesetter Francisca (Mizzen Mast) at the eighth pole and went on to score by 1 1/4 lengths. Summer Flirt (Bernardini), a half-sister to MGSW Honey Ryder, was a good second after covering ground throughout. The \$375,000 FTSAUG yearling is a half to French Beret (Broad Brush), MGSW, \$659,434. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-0, \$46,568. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales.](#)**

O-Robert S Evans. B-Sam-Son Farm (ON). T-M Frostad.

Registered Ontario-Bred 

Starlight Names Donna Barton Brothers COO:

Edited Press Release

Starlight Racing announced yesterday Donna Barton Brothers will assume the post of Chief Operating Officer. Barton Brothers, based out of Louisville, Kentucky, will work closely with managing partners Jack Wolf and Donnie Lucarelli, the existing partners and the newly formed partnership of 2012 in racing operations, marketing and business development.

"We are thrilled to have Donna join our team," said Wolf. "I've known Donna for years and respect her immense knowledge in all aspects of the racing industry. Donna's husband, Frank, has been our Bloodstock agent for years and is a big part of our success. I feel fortunate to have one of the best teams in racing."

Barton Brothers, a former jockey has served as a racing analyst for ESPN, TVG and NBC Sports since retiring from race riding in 1998. She will continue to work with NBC Sports and TVG while working with Starlight Racing.

"I am so excited to be working with one of the most successful racing partnerships in the industry," said Barton Brothers. "Starlight's tremendous success and track record speaks for itself on what a great operation they've established. Jack, Laurie, Donnie and Barb are wonderful people who have created a remarkably successful business model. I've enjoyed the time I've spent with all of them and look forward to working more closely with them and all of the Starlight Racing partners." For more on Starlight racing visit <http://starlightracing.com/>



NEW YORK



Aqueduct Winter/Spring: by the Numbers:

Edited Press Release

The New York Racing Association closed out the 2012 Winter/Spring meeting with double-digit gains in on-track handle, total handle and NYRA Rewards account wagering during the recently concluded meet. After 78 live racing days--from Jan. 1 through Apr. 22--total handle on Aqueduct's races totaled \$514 million, up 22.6% from \$419 million wagered for 73 days in 2011. Daily average all-sources handle was \$6.6 million, up 14.7% from \$5.7 million last year and on-track wagering also rose during the 2012 winter/spring meet, up 19.2% to \$70 million from \$58.7 million last term. Daily average on-track handle on Aqueduct's races was \$897,613, up 11.5% from \$804,677 in 2011.

Additionally, total account wagering handle was \$69 million, up 27.6% from last year's \$54 million, phone wagering was up 35.3% (\$18.5 million compared to \$13.7 million), and internet wagering was up 36.7% (\$29 million compared to \$21 million). Handle at the Belmont Cafe simulcast center also increased, with \$24 million wagered on Aqueduct's races and simulcast races, a 45.6% increase over the \$16.4 million wagered at the Belmont Cafe during last year's meet. Attendance for the 2012 Aqueduct winter/spring meet was down 1.7% from the previous season, with 316,707 attending the live races this year as compared with 322,165. There were 717 live races conducted during the 2012 Aqueduct winter/spring meet, up 8.1% from the 663 last year, while 27 more turf races were contested this year (50 vs. 23). Average betting interests per race rose 6.4% to 7.48 from 7.03.

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BELMONT PARK- Elmont, NY

Opens: Friday, April 27

Closes: Sunday, July 15

Racing Days: Wednesday through Sunday except May 29 & 30

Post Time: 12:50 p.m.; 11:35 a.m.-June 9, 3 p.m.-June 29, July 6, and July 13

Highlights: \$750,000 GI Met Mile-May 28 •

\$400,000 GI Ogden Phipps H.-May 28 •

\$300,000 GI Acorn S.-May 28 • \$200,000 GII

Brooklyn H.-June 8 • \$1,000,000 GI Belmont

S.-June 9 • \$500,000 GI Woodford Reserve

Manhattan H.-June 9 • \$500,000 GI

Foxwoods Just a Game S.-June 9 • \$400,000

GII Woody Stephens-June 9 • \$300,000 GI

Mother Goose S.-June 23 • \$350,000 GII

Suburban H.-July 7 • \$600,000 GI Man O'War-July 14

Website: www.nyra.com

EASTERN U.S.



Yesterday's Results:

9th-PIM, \$39,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000-\$28,000), NW3X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:46 2/5, ft.

PLUM (f, 3, [Pure Prize](#)--[Bamba {MSP}](#), by [Not For Love](#)) was a distant second on her debut last September, but embarked on a three-race winning streak thereafter, capped by a head success in the Maryland Juvenile Fillies S. at Laurel Dec. 17. She had one start under her belt this term, a sixth in the Feb. 25 Busher S. at Aqueduct. A 6-1 chance in a field featuring GSW Acting Happy (Empire Maker), the homebred raced three wide around the clubhouse turn before creeping into contention approaching the stretch. She brushed with Zesty Brew (Milwaukee Brew) when zeroing in on that rival at the eighth pole and edged away to score by a half-length. Acting Happy could do no better than third. Sales history: \$35,000 RNA yr1 '10 FTMOCT. Lifetime Record: SW, 6-4-1-0, \$109,800. [Click for the \[brisnet.com chart\]\(#\) or \[Video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales.\]\(#\)](#)

O/B-Dark Hollow Farm (MD). T-Rodney Jenkins.



DARK HOLLOW Bred, Raised & Sold



2nd-PIM, \$33,000, Msw, 3/up, 1 1/16m, 1:47 3/5, ft.

FAST TEMPO (c, 3, [Include](#)--[Dynamic Deputy {SW & GSP, \\$344,020}](#), by [Deputy Minister](#)) seemed out of his element in a five-furlong turf maiden Apr. 6 and never landed a blow, finishing 11th. Getting a shot to go long and on the dirt, the homebred was a stalking second for the opening six furlongs, pressed to the front at the head of the lane and outslugged Bigleagueprospect (Master Command) to score by a half-length at 30-1. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$18,810. [Click for the \[brisnet.com chart\]\(#\) or \[Video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales.\]\(#\)](#)

O/B-Fitzhugh LLC (MD). T-Richard W Small.



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1st-KEE (Msw) Undrafted (Purim) returns an un-Wesley like mutuel.

Harry Henson S. (BHP) American Act (Quiet American) stops for a hot dog.



Breen to Throw Out First Pitch at Minor League Game:

Edited Press Release

New Jersey native and Monmouth Park fixture Kelly Breen, who saddled Ruler On Ice (Roman Ruler) to win the 2011 GI Belmont S., will throw out the ceremonial first pitch on Monday Apr. 30 as the Lakewood BlueClaws host their Kentucky Derby celebration presented by Monmouth Park. In addition to Breen's ceremonial first pitch, the festivities for Monday's 6:35 p.m. game against the Greenville Drive include a "preview" of the Kentucky Derby called by Monmouth Park track announcer and voice of the Triple Crown, Larry Collmus, as well as a raffle for a Monmouth Park prize package. A Monmouth Park table will be set up directly behind home plate for Monday's game distributing daily passes and more. Tickets for Monday's game are available by logging on to Lakewood BlueClaws website.

Meadowlands to Offer Two Days of Turf:

Edited Press Release

As a prelude to the May 12 opening of the 2012 racing season at Monmouth Park, two days of Thoroughbred turf racing will be conducted at the Meadowlands Friday, May 4, and Saturday, May 5. Four races on the Meadowlands grass course will be run each day, with the first race going off at 3:30 p.m. The second event will be run at 4 p.m., the third at 4:30 and the fourth and final race each day will go at 5 p.m. The fields for the turf races will be drawn at the Monmouth racing office on Tuesday, May 1 and Wednesday, May 2.

HARRY HENSON S. cont.

Also Ran: Chickie Charms, Sir Allison, Diamond of Blue.
Scratched: Passing Game, Koast.

American Act did his best to make it hard on himself, but got his nose on the wire when it counted for a first black-type score. The bay bested probable GI Kentucky Derby favorite Bodemeister (Empire Maker) to earn his diploma sprinting at Santa Anita in January, and came up just a nose short behind Drill (Lawyer Ron) and ahead of Creative Cause (Giant's Causeway) in the GII San Vicente S. the following month. He was turning back off a disappointing seventh-place finish in the GII San Felipe S. Mar. 10. Back in last of the bunched-up field early, American Act blew the turn, and seemed to have knocked himself out of the race. The favorite kept plugging away near the outer rail, however, and got there just in time to grab the improbable victory. "He never showed signs of doing anything like that before," said winning trainer Jack Carava. "Luckily he's the kind of horse who could overcome it. I kind of gave up hope. In the middle of the stretch, I thought he could be second. He's a great minded horse, but he doesn't train here and he never has trained here, except for warming up for a stakes race." [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales.](#)



Benoit Photo

8th-BHP, \$53,400, Msw, (S), 2yo, f, 4 1/2f (AWT), :53, ft.

+ **AWE GOLLY MOLLY (f, 2, Awesome Gambler--Molly's Gone {SP}, by All Gone)** showed a steady and sometimes quick worktab over this strip, and proved an overlay at 6-1. The bay saved ground throughout after breaking from the rail, getting through late on the inside to best favored O Happy Gray (Cee's Tizzy) by 3/4 of a length. Sales history: \$20,000 yrl '11 BESOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$31,200. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales.](#) O-B Dolan, P London, J Winters, T Lovingier & Templeton Horses LLC. B-Terry C Lovingier (CA). T-Walther Solis.

CALIFORNIA 

Yesterday's Results:

HARRY HENSON S., \$72,350, BHP, 4-26, 3yo, 6f (off turf), 1:11, ft.

1--**#AMERICAN ACT, 117, g, 3, [Quiet American](#)--**

1st Dam: **Revolutionary Act (MSW, \$146,861), by Boston Harbor**

2nd Dam: **Miswila, by Miswaki**

3rd Dam: **Par Three, by Alleged**

(\$45,000 yrl '10 KEESEP). O-Howard & Janet Siegel; B-Camelia Casby (KY); T-Jack Carava; J-Rafael Bejarano; \$43,410. Lifetime Record: GSP, 6-2-2-0, \$116,360.

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2--**Senor Rain, 117, g, 3, El Nino--Make My Marq, by Marquetry.** (\$38,000 2yo '11 OBSAPR). O-Gary & Cecil Barber. \$14,470.

 **ANOTHER NBS GRADUATE** 

3--**Consulado, 118, g, 3, [More Than Ready](#)--Goodbye Stranger, by Broad Brush.** (\$40,000 yrl '10 KEESEP). O-Cubanacan Stables. \$8,682.

Margins: NO, 1 1/4, HF. Odds: 1.00, 4.70, 3.00.

Milady to Be Renamed for Everett:

Edited Press Release

Betfair Hollywood Park will pay tribute to former Hollywood Park chairman, president and chief operating officer Marjorie Everett Saturday May 19. To honor the memory of Everett, who passed away Mar. 23 at 90, Betfair Hollywood Park will rename the GII Milady H. the Marjorie L. Everett H. A gathering will be held in the Gold Cup Room immediately after the last race, which will be the Marjorie Everett. Those wishing to share their memories of Everett, who was part of track management from 1972-1991, will have the opportunity to do so.



INDUSTRY INFO

RTIP Symposium Dates Announced:

Edited Press Release

The Race Track Industry Program today announced the dates of Dec. 3-6 as those for the 2012 renewal of the annual Global Symposium on Racing & Gaming. The Westin La Paloma Resort in Tucson, Arizona will again serve as the host hotel for the event. As in years past, Symposium topics will cover cutting-edge issues facing the world of racing and continue the expansion of international topics and attendance.



AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS

IN BRITAIN:

Madam Mojito, f, 2, [Smart Strike](#). See "Britain."

Mon Ami Jolie, c, 4, [Maria's Mon](#)--Lasting Pleasure, by Theatrical (Ire). Kempton Park, 4-25, Hcp, 4yo/up, 6f (AWT). B-Haras la Madrugada S A. *\$15,000 wnl9 '08 KEENOV; 5,500gns yrl '09 TATOCT; 35,000gns 2yo '10 TATAPR.

Hidden Brook foaled, raised and sold

IN FRANCE:

Dark Orchid, f, 3, [Dansili \(GB\)](#). See "France."



First-crop starters to watch: Friday, April 27

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

MAJESTIC WARRIOR (A.P. Indy), Ashford, \$20K, 113/0/0
8-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Kansas, 7-2

READY'S IMAGE (More Than Ready), Walmac, \$13K, 39/0/0
8-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Leinan, \$150K RNA OBS MAR 2yo, 12-1

First/Second-crop starters to watch: Friday, April 27

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2007 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

JAZIL (Seeking the Gold), Shadwell, \$13K, 71/7/0
8-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Love Me Good, \$25K KEE SEP yrl, 5-1

LATENT HEAT (Maria's Mon), Woods Edge, \$15K, 157/23/1
9-TAM, Msw, 6f, +Smurfette, \$20K OBS AUG yrl, 15-1

SUNRIVER (Saint Ballado), Empire Stud, \$15K, 114/8/1
7-BEL, Msw, 6f, +Sunlake, \$10K SAR AUG yrl, 30-1

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BRITAIN



Yesterday's Results:

Wolverhampton, 13.50, Mdn, £3,500, 2yo, 5f 20yds (AWT), 1:04.59, stn.

+ **MADAM MOJITO** (f, 2, [Smart Strike](#)--[Asuncion](#), by [Powerscourt {GB}](#)), sent off the 5-2 second favorite, raced prominently throughout the early stages before running greenly and needing encouragement by halfway. Getting the hang of matters in the final quarter, the \$25,000 KEESEP yearling reeled in [Annaley My Darling](#) (Ire) ([Shamardal](#)) in the final strides to score by a neck. The winner's granddam is [Magic of Life](#) ([Seattle Slew](#)), who established a record of \$2.5 million for a weanling when selling as part of the [Newstead Farm](#) dispersal in 1985. She captured the 1988 G1 [Coronation S](#). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £2,264.

[Video, courtesy attheraces.com.](#)

O-Ross Harmon; B-John T L Jones III & W S Farish; T-John Quinn.

FRANCE



Friday, Toulouse, post time: 12:30 p.m.

PRIX CARAVELLE - HARAS DES GRANGES-Listed, €55,000, 3yo, f, 1 5/16mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	4	La Peinture (Fr)	Muhtathir (GB)	Blondel	F Rossi
2	5	Fiesolana (Ire)	Aussie Rules	Soumillon	Rouget
3	3	Aigue Marine (GB)	Galileo (Ire)	Thulliez	Clement
4	1	Grimillier (Ire)	Dylan Thomas (Ire)	Montenegro	Thomas-Demeille
5	2	Omana (Fr)	Speedmaster (Ger)	Mosse	Pantall
6	6	Bassamba (Fr)	American Post (GB)	Bertras	Rohaut

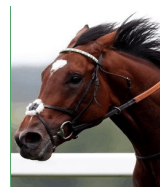
All carry 123 pounds bar La Peinture, 127.

Friday, Toulouse, post time: 1:00 p.m.

PRIX FBA - AYMERI DE MAULEON-Listed, €55,000, 3yo, 1mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	4	Murano (Ire)	Whipper	Desoutter	de Montzey	128
2	8	Qizween (Fr)	Muhtathir (GB)	Bertras	D de Watrigant	123
3	10	Cabido chop (Fr)	Indian Rocket (GB)	Soumillon	A de Watrigant	123
4	1	Ice Stone (GB)	Oratorio (Ire)	Hamel	Guillemin	123
5	6	Lucayan (Fr)	Turtle Bowl (Ire)	Pasquier	Rohaut	123
6	7	Spoil the Fun (Fr)	Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)	Sogorb	Ferland	123
7	3	Gogarty (Fr)	Footstepsinthesand (GB)	Blondel	F Rossi	123
8	9	Urjooha (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	Mendizabal	Rouget	120
9	2	Azeville (Ger)	Shamardal	Lemaire	Rohaut	120
10	5	Influence (Fr)	Dansili (GB)	Prat	Henrot	120

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FRANKEL (GB) (Galileo {Ire})
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French Report cont.

Yesterday's Results:

Longchamp, 14.20, Cond, €29,000, 3yo, f, 9f 165ydsT, 2:15.66, vsf.

DARK ORCHID (f, 3, [Dansili {GB}](#)--[Pleione {Fr}](#), by [Sadler's Wells](#)), beaten a head going one mile at Saint-Cloud on debut Apr. 9, settled in second as Vazarina (Fr) (Muhtathir {GB}) established a clear lead at a steady pace in this one. Taking closer order into the straight, the 6-4 favorite grabbed the lead inside the two pole, but required late urging to hold on by a short head as that pacesetter rival rallied nearing the line. Dark Orchid's dam is a sibling to top-class performers Johann Quatz (Fr) (Sadler's Wells) and Hernando (Fr) (Niniski). Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €19,300.

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Longchamp, 14.50, Cond, €29,000, 3yo, c/g, 9f 165ydsT, 2:13.61, vsf.

SAINT BAUDOLINO (IRE) (c, 3, [Pivotal {GB}](#)--[Alessandria {GB}](#), by [Sunday Silence](#)), coming off a runner-up effort going 10 furlongs here Apr. 12, was steadied off the pace in sixth for most of this one. Taking closer order turning for home, the 4-5 pick quickened into second approaching the final eighth, and ran on strongly under whipless coaxing in the latter stages to comfortably best the pacesetter Francastel (Fr) (Gold Away {Ire}) by 2 1/2 lengths. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €19,300.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-KEE, \$61,760, Opt. Clm. (\$80,000), NW3\$X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:45, ft.

BK'S SIS' BIRTHDAY (m, 7, [Devil His Due--Ocean Isle](#), by [Dynaformer](#)) Lifetime Record: 31-4-5-3, \$152,640. O-Estate of Robert Boerner. B-Robert M Boerner (KY). T-Michael R Thompson.

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5th-BHP, \$54,700, NW1\$X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:45, ft.

CAELIS (GB) (f, 4, [Avonbridge {GB}](#)--[Shona](#), by [Lyphard](#)) Lifetime Record: 17-4-5-3, \$86,864. O-Altamira Racing Stable, Bersen, David and Charles, Ronald L; B-S J and Mrs Pembroke (GB); T-Peter Miller. *1,800gns RNA wIng '08 TATDEC; 18,000gns HRA '11 TATHIT.

6th-PEN, \$40,000, 4-25, NW1X, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft.

I'M WANTED (f, 4, [Posse--Delizia](#), by [Distant View](#)) Lifetime Record: 24-6-4-5, \$167,234. O-Marcia Cohen & Steve Klesaris. B-Derry Meeting Farm (PA). T-Steve Klesaris. *\$3,500 yrl '09 FTMOCT.

7th-PIM, \$33,000, NW1X, 3yo/up, 5fT, :59 3/5, fm. [AGONISTIC \(g, 4, \[Stormin Fever--Christmas Strike\]\(#\), by \[Smart Strike\]\(#\)\)](#) Lifetime Record: 12-2-1-2, \$62,940. O-Ivy Dell Stud. B-Mr & Mrs Rick Abbott (PA). T-Patrick J Graham. *\$65,000 yrl '09 FTMOCT. **1/2 to No Passing Zone (Pleasant Tap), MSP, \$185,526; and Double Down Vinman (Out of Place), SW, \$493,788.

1st-GGX, \$31,020, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000), NW1\$X, 3yo, 1m (off turf), 1:38 3/5, ft.

THE ROAN RANGER (c, 3, [Exchange Rate--Crafty Marian](#), by [Crafty Prospector](#)) Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-1, \$57,220. O-Blinkers On Racing Stable, Wayne Barker, Robert Butler et al. B-Nick Cimino (KY). T-John F Martin. *\$100,000 2yo '11 FTMMAY. **1/2 to Coli Bear (Formal Dinner), MSW & GSP, \$474,362.

8th-CTX, \$27,200, 4-25, NW3L, (S), 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:19 3/5, ft.

WAVES AND TIDES (g, 4, [Cape Town--Heater](#), by [Dixieland Heat](#)) Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-0, \$60,750. O/B-Coleswood Farm Inc (WV). T-Jeff C Runco. *1/2 to Sea Rescue (Brahms), SW, \$345,796.

7th-CRC, \$25,900, Opt. Clm. (\$16,000), NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m70y, 1:47, ft.

CANAIMA (f, 4, [Orientate--Sealed in Gold](#), by [Carson City](#)) Lifetime Record: 22-4-8-2, \$88,952. O-Caroni Stable. B-Pegasus Stud LLC & Foxhills Farm LLC (KY). T-Rodolfo Garcia. *\$9,000 yrl '09 KEEJAN; \$12,000 yrl '09 OBSAUG. **Won by six lengths.

8th-CRC, \$25,900, NW1X, 3yo, 1mT, 1:36 2/5, fm.

PUREST FORM (c, 3, [Purim--Michellemybelle](#), by [Irish Tower](#)) Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-1, \$33,350. O-John Kuehl, Rick Broth, James & Mary Durlacher & Richland Hills Stable. B-Richland Hills (Nathan Fox) & Frank Jones (KY). T-David Fawkes. *\$40,000 RNA yrl '10 KEESEP.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Coach Fridge, c, 3, [Love of Money--Sweet-southernness](#) (MSP), by [Sweet-southern-saint](#). PIM, 4-26, 6f, 1:12 1/5. B-Fred A Greene Jr Rev Trust (MD). *SP.

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Siberian Laughter, g, 4, [Siberian Summer--Lots of Laughs](#), by [Skywalker](#). GGX, 4-26, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:46 3/5. B-Al Keshisian & Mr & Mrs Dick Probert (CA).

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Longchamp, 15.50, €28,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:55.62, vsf.

PAIN PERDU (FR) (g, 5, Vespone {Ire}--Coastline {GB}, by Night Shift) Lifetime Record: G1SP-Fr, 17 starts, 4 wins, 11 places, €258,200. O-Stall Salzburg; B-H Honore & T Schweizer; T-Wolfgang Figge. *€27,000 yrl '08 ARQOCT.

FRANCE, Longchamp, 15.20, €28,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT, 2:48.58, vsf.

WINTER DREAM (IRE) (g, 8, Act One {GB}--Settler {GB}, by Darshaan {GB}) Lifetime Record: SW & G1SP-Fr, 35 starts, 7 wins, 11 places, €223,170. O-Mlle Micheline Vidal; B-Kilfrush Stud Farm; T-Robert Collet. *1/2 to Great Pretender (Ire) (King's Theatre {Ire}), SW & GSP-Fr, \$141,546.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **All On Red (Ire)**, f, 2, **Red Clubs (Ire)**--Champion Tipster (GB), by Pursuit of Love (GB). Brighton, Britain, 4-26, Mdn, 2yo, 5f 59ydsT. B-Thomas Cahalan & Sophie Hayley. *€5,000 RNA wnlg '10 GOFNOV.

Ercole (GB), c, 3, **Iceman (GB)**--Dance Sequel (GB), by Selkirk. Rome, Italy, 4-25, Mdn, 3yo, c/g, 1mT. B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd. *3,700gns wnlg '09 TATDEC.

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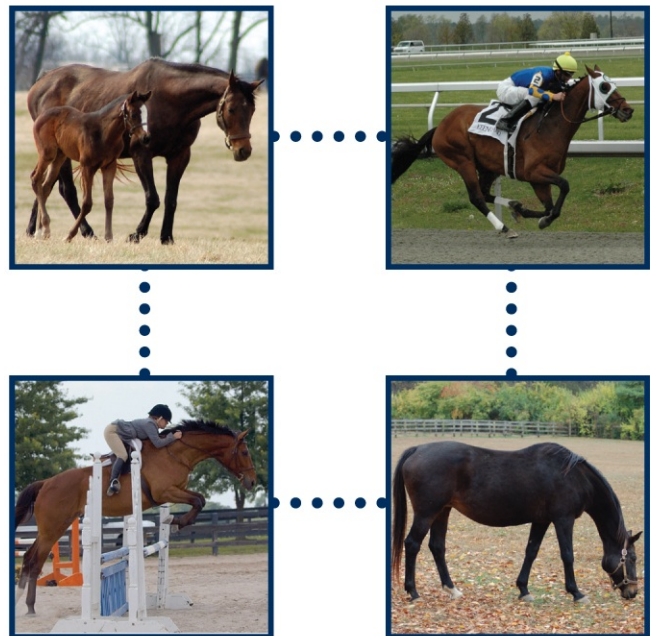


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