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VASE TIME FOR MICKDAAM

Mickdaam (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) lined up as the most battle-hardened of the quintet in yesterday's G3 Chester Vase, and it was his experience as well as natural grit that counted at the end of the mile-and-a-half Derby trial. With his current trainer last term, the



Mickdaam (blue cap) just up in the Chester Vase *Racing Post/Edward Whitaker*

bay was sent to Mike de Kock for the Meydan carnival, and he was second in the Feb. 9 G3 UAE 2000 Guineas before winning the Mar. 10 Listed Al Bastakiya over 1800 meters on Tapeta. Fourth behind Daddy Long Legs (Scat Daddy) in the G2 UAE Derby

three weeks later, he returned to Fahey and was runner-up by a half-length in Newmarket's £250,000 Tattersalls Millions 3-Y-O Trophy over 10 grassy furlongs time Apr. 19. He had stamina to prove here, especially at a meeting that has been marred by rain, and which has featured a series of flag starts. **Cont. p3**

Thursday, Chester, Britain
MBNA CHESTER VASE-G3, £55,000, Chester, 5-10, 3yo, c/g, 12f 66ydsT, 2:50.01, sf.
 1--**@MICKDAAM (IRE)**, 124, c, 3, by Dubawi (Ire)
 1st Dam: Ribot's Guest (Ire), by Be My Guest
 2nd Dam: Raysiya (Ire), by Cure the Blues
 3rd Dam: Rilasa (Fr), by St. Paddy (GB)
 (72,000gns wnlg '09 TATDEC; 360,000gns yrl '10 TATOCT). O-Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum; B-Victor Stud Bloodstock Ltd; T-Richard Fahey; J-Tony Hamilton; £31,191. Lifetime Record: SW & GSP-UAE, 9-3-2-1, £289,136. *1/2 to Kinnaird (Ire) (Dr Devious {Ire}), G1SW-Fr, GSW-GB & MGSP-Ire, \$414,305. **Werk Nick Rating: B. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

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2--**Model Pupil (GB)**, 124, c, 3, Sinndar (Ire)--Modesta (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms; T-Charles Hills; £11,825.
 3--**Call to Battle (Ire)**, 124, c, 3, King's Best--Dance the Classics (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. O-Neil Jones; B-Abergwaun Farms; T-John Oxx; £5,918.
 Margins: NO, 1HF, 4HF. Odds: 8-1, 6-1, 2-1.
 Also Ran: David Livingston (Ire), Minimise Risk (GB).
**Click for the [Racing Post chart](#) or the [brisnet.com PPs](#).
[Video, courtesy Racing UK.](#)**

ALL ABLAZE

Derby dreams will either be kept alive or hopes burnt out at Chester today, as **Bonfire (GB)** (Manduro {Ger}) attempts to justify his connections' beliefs in today's G3 Dee S. Highclere Thoroughbred Racing's colt was an unlucky third behind French Fifteen (Fr) (Turtle Bowl {Ire}) in the G1 Criterium International at Saint-Cloud in October, and all winter the vibes have been strong. Ruled out of his intended reintroduction in a Newmarket Sales race when his blood was wrong, the apple of Andrew Balding's eye faces a stiff test here on testing ground.



Harry Herbert *Racing Post/E Whitaker*

Highclere's Harry Herbert is optimistic he will handle the mud. "Andrew's horses appear to be in great form, which is encouraging, and he is very happy with Bonfire, so it's time to get him started and see where we are heading," Herbert said yesterday. "We just have to hope he handles the very soft ground, which, on his first run of the season, is a bit of a worry as he is taking on race-fit opponents." **Dee S. cont. p4**

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'Black' Jack

Black Caviar (Aus) (Bel Esprit {Aus}) tunes up for Royal Ascot in Saturday's G1 Goodwood S. at Morphettville as she looks for her 21st victory from as many career starts. Another 30,000 of her adoring South Australian fans are expected to pack the house.

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Black Caviar Bronwen Healy

Went the Day Well Thriving

Trainer Graham Motion got his feet wet on the Triple Crown trail in 2011 with Kentucky Derby hero Animal Kingdom (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}). Team Valor's Went the Day Well (Proud Citizen) is an unfinished product, but is getting there, the conditioner insists.

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Graham Motion
Reed Palmer

Dans Make Fink Successful, Wise

Chicagoan Morton Fink has 40 years in the business as an owner and breeder and has been taken to new heights by a pair of 'Dans.' TDN's Marie Kizenko gets the scoop. Coverage page 10

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Chester Vase cont.

The Chester Vase was one of a few run from the stalls, and that appeared to be a problem for Mickdaam, as he was awkward at the break and lost ground. Due to the sensible pace set by Joseph O'Brien on the 6-4 favorite **David Livingston (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), he was able to catch up quickly and, despite racing wide



Racing Post/E Whitaker

throughout, had moved up to third with a half-mile remaining. Taking the measure of the long-time leader and Call To Battle rounding the final turn, he soon had a clear advantage, and looked likely to be reeled in as **Model Pupil (GB)** (Sinndar {Ire}) emerged with a flourish, but held sway late. "He's a brave horse and quite lazy, so I knew he'd stay well," winning jockey Tony Hamilton said. "I wasn't sure about the ground, but I took it up a long way down and I knew he'd keep galloping." Model Pupil's trainer Charlie Hills told *PA Sport*, "I'm really

pleased with that. It was a big ask stepping up to group class from a maiden, but he achieved it. I think he's a mile-and-three-quarter horse, and we will make the [G1] St Leger [in September] his main target and aim him at races like the G2 King Edward VII S. [Royal Ascot June 22] and the G2 Great Voltigeur S. [at York Aug. 22] along the way."

Thursday, Chester, Britain

BETFAIR HUXLEY S. (FOR THE TRADESMAN'S CUP)-G3, £55,000, Chester, 5-10, 4yo/up, 10f 75ydsT, 2:18.48, sf.

1--#**@MARCRET (ITY)**, 126, h, 5, by **Martino Alonso (Ire)**

1st Dam: **Love Secret (SW & GSP-Ity, \$189,985)**, by **Secreto**

2nd Dam: **Lady Asterisk**, by **J. O. Tobin**

3rd Dam: **Patty's Fault**, by **St. Paddy (GB)**

O-Dr Marwan Koukash; B-Azienda Agricola Antezzate SRL; T-Marco Botti; J-Ryan Moore; £31,191. Lifetime Record: MGSP-Ity & GSP-UAE, 27-11-2-8, £200,904.

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

Nick Rating: C + .

2--**Myplacelater (GB)**, 123, m, 5, Where or When (Ire)--Star Welcome (GB), by Most Welcome (GB).

(1,800gns wnlg '07 TATDEC; 100,000gns HIT '11 TATDEC). O-Dr Marwan Koukash; B-Mrs N A Ward;

T-Richard Fahey; £11,825.

3--**Wigmore Hall (Ire)**, 133, g, 5, [High Chaparral \(Ire\)](#)--

Love and Laughter (Ire), by Theatrical (Ire). (€38,000 wnlg '07 GOFNOV; 60,000gns yrl '08 TATOCT).

O-M B Hawtin; B-Kevin & Meta Cullen; T-Michael Bell; £5,918.

Margins: HF, 1 1/4, SHD. Odds: 13-2, 20-1, 15-2.

Also Ran: Questioning (Ire), Glen's Diamond (GB), Hunter's Light (Ire), Prince Siegfried (Fr). Scratched: Junoob (GB), St Moritz (Ire).

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Huxley S. cont.

Marcret's 23-race Italian career culminated with consecutive personal highs when hitting the board in Milan's Oct. 16 G3 Premio del Piazzale and Rome's Nov. 5 G2 Premio Ribot. Sent to Dubai for an early-season campaign this year, he ran third in the Jan. 26 G2 Al Rashidiya at Meydan, but slipped to sixth in the Feb. 16 G2 Al Fahidi Fort back there next time. He came here off a fifth in a Mar. 3 handicap, again at Meydan, and led home a surprise exacta for owner and confirmed Roodeyephile Marwan Koukash.



Marcret *Racing Post/E Whitaker*

Positioned in a close second throughout, the bay

responded to pressure inside the final quarter mile to lead at the eighth pole, and was driven out to register a belated first pattern-race triumph as Myplacelater ran on strongly from rear. "Doctor Koukash only bought the horse last week, and I suspect he is over the moon with this result," commented trainer Marco Botti. "He's been a consistent horse, but I was concerned about the [soft] ground, as he'd been running on a firmer surface in Dubai. He seemed to handle it and went through it well. It was a slow pace, but he picked up well and Ryan [Moore] gave him a wicked ride."



Dee S. cont.

To Stay or Not to Stay?...

For Herbert and Highclere, the underfoot conditions really is the question, and he takes a pragmatic approach in addressing it. "In regards to the Investec Derby, we have to be realistic about the trip," he explained. "Although you can never be confident about that going into the Investec Derby with any horse, on pedigree that would be the one question mark against Bonfire. However, that is something we will be trying to get more of a gauge on at Chester on Friday as, at the moment, we are all in the dark. There is always the French Derby, but our intention has always been to go to Epsom, and that is in everybody's dream as well. He is not a big, robust horse like a Harbinger--he is a much finer type of horse--but he is very eye-catching and you would pick him out of the string any day." As usual, Aidan O'Brien is represented, and Derrick Smith's **Astrology (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) was a smart juvenile for the stable when third in both the G2 Futurity S. at The Curragh and G3 Autumn S. at Newmarket in October. Sir Michael Stoute saddled the last winner of this to go on to Epsom Derby glory in Kris Kin (Kris S.) nine years ago, and it may be significant that the master of Freemason Lodge runs the maiden **Uriah Heep (Fr)** (Danehill Dancer {Ire}). Owned jointly by Sir Robert Ogden and Coolmore, he was a head runner-up to Minimise Risk (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) in a Newbury maiden over 11 furlongs last time Apr. 21.

Friday, Chester, Britain, post time: 2:05 p.m.

STOBART BARRISTERS DEE S.-G3, £55,000, 3yo, c/g, 10f 75ydsT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	4	Astrology (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	J O'Brien	A O'Brien
2	2	Bonfire (GB)	Manduro (Ger)	Fortune	Balding
3	6	Kingsdesire (Ire)	King's Best	Spencer	M Botti
4	3	Oxford Charley (K)	Lemon Drop Kid	Fallon	Magnusson
5	1	Prince Alzain (K)	Street Sense	Dettori	Butler
6	5	Uriah Heep (Fr)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	R Moore	Stoute

All carry 124 pounds.


ON THE PROWL

Yesterday's scratching of Sea Moon (GB) (Beat Hollow {GB}) leaves today's G3 Ormonde S. at the mercy of Michael Owen's pride and joy **Brown Panther (GB)** (Shirocco {Ger}). Successful in a handicap at this meeting 12 months ago, the homebred went from strength to strength thereafter and was having his last start in that sphere when winning Royal Ascot's King George V S. in June. Fifth in the G1 Deutsches Derby and runner-up in the G3 Geoffrey Freer S.



Michael Owen and Brown Panther
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at Newbury, he was runner-up in the G1 St Leger on his final start of 2011 and will be primed for his comeback on his owner/breeder's beloved Roodeye.

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"Sea Moon's a non-runner and that will make things a little easier, but I'm not dismissing the others," trainer Tom Dascombe told *PA Sport*. "The horse is well, and I'm happy with him. We don't really want a tactical affair, obviously. He's won round the track before, so that's okay." Aidan O'Brien, who saddled St Nicholas Abbey (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) to win 12 months ago, relies on **Memphis Tennessee (Ire)** (Hurricane Run {Ire}), who was last seen finishing third in the G1 Irish Derby at The Curragh in June after filling the fourth spot at Epsom.

Friday, Chester, Britain, post time: 2:35 p.m.

BOODLES DIAMOND ORMONDE S.-G3, £70,000, 4yo/up, 13f 89ydsT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	5	Brown Panther (GB)	Shirocco (Ger)	Fallon	Dascombe
2	4	Calico Cat (GB)	Tiger Hill (Ire)	Scallan	Lidderdale
3	2	Memphis Tennessee (Ire)	Hurricane Run (Ire)	J O'Brien	A O'Brien
4	1	Sea Moon (GB)	Beat Hollow (GB)	Scratched	SCR
5	3	Vivacious Vivienne (Ire)	Dubai Destination	Spencer	Kinsella

All carry 126 pounds, bar Vivacious Vivienne, 123.

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Black-Type Previews cont.

THE CLASSIC FAST TRACK

Since the shortening of the G1 Prix du Jockey-Club to 1 5/16 miles, the G3 Prix de Guiche has taken on the role of a prep for that Classic, and today's renewal offers some important clues. The Wertheimers' **Sofast (Fr)** (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}) holds the strongest form claims, having finished runner-up in the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere at Longchamp on Arc day after winning that track's G3 Prix la Rochette in September. Third in the G3 Prix de Fontainebleau over a mile back there Apr. 15, he forgoes a tilt at Sunday's G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains to tackle this extra furlong. Ecurie Haras de Quetieville's **American Devil (Fr)** (American Post {GB}) trailed Sofast when third in the Rochette and fifth in the Lagardere, and may not be open to as much improvement as Princess Zahra Aga Khan's **Mandour** (Smart Strike). Out of the owner/breeder's star performer Mandesha (Fr) (Desert Style {Ire}), he was runner-up to Kesampour (Fr) (King's Best) in a mile debutantes contest at Saint-Cloud in October before getting off the mark on his return over 10 furlongs at Maisons-Laffitte Apr. 5.

Friday, Chantilly, France, post time: 3:55 p.m.

PRIX DE GUICHE-G3, €80,000, 3yo, c, 1 1/8mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	4	Mandour	Smart Strike	Lemaire	de Royer-Dupre
2	2	Saint Baudolino (Ire)	Pivotal (GB)	Guyon	Fabre
3	3	American Devil (Fr)	American Post (GB)	Pasquier	van Handenhove
4	5	Silver Northern (Fr)	Voix du Nord (Fr)	Badel	Chenu
5	6	Xanadou (Ire)	Peintre Celebre	Soumillon	Rouget
6	2	Sofast (Fr)	Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)	Peslier	F Head

Saturday, Lingfield, Britain, post time: 3:10 p.m.

BETFRED DERBY TRIAL S.-G3, £60,000, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/2m (AWT)

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	3	Cavaleiro (Ire)	Sir Percy (GB)	Mullen	Tregoning
2	7	Ed De Gas (GB)	Peintre Celebre	Catlin	Guest
3	8	Goldoni (Ire)	Dylan Thomas (Ire)	Probert	Balding
4	5	Halling's Quest (GB)	Halling	Fallon	Morrison
5	1	Hazaz (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Callan	C Brittain
6	4	Main Sequence	Aldebaran	Durcan	Lanigan
7	6	Rougemont (Ire)	Montjeu (Ire)	Dobbs	Hannon
8	2	Shantaram (GB)	Galileo (Ire)	Buick	Gosden

Saturday, Lingfield, Britain, post time: 2:10 p.m.

BETFRED MOBILE CHARTWELL FILLIES' S.-G3, £55,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f (AWT)

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	5	Chachamaidee (Ire)	Footstepsinthesand (GB)	Queally	Cecil	129
2	13	Dysphonia (Aus)	Lonhro (Aus)	Dettori	bin Suroor	129
3	4	Libys Dream (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Kingscote	Dascombe	129
4	2	Marvada (Ire)	Elusive City	Foley	Condon	129
5	10	Mortitia (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Barzalona	Meehan	129
6	8	Night Lily (Ire)	Night Shift	Crowley	d'Arcy	129
7	9	Perfect Tribute (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Kirby	Cox	129
8	12	TheLadyinquestion (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Probert	Balding	129
9	1	Best Terms (GB)	Exceed & Excel (Aus)	K O'Neill	Hannon	117
10	7	Fallen For You (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Buick	Gosden	117
11	3	Fillionaire (GB)	Kyllachy (GB)	Catlin	Hannon	117
12	11	My Propeller (Ire)	Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)	M Dwyer	P Chpple-Hym	117
13	6	Villeneuve (GB)	Zamindar	No Rider	Muir	117

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Sunday, Woodbine, post time: 3:45 p.m. EDT

SELENE S.-GIII, C\$250,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m (AWT)

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Wait Til Dawn	Giant's Causeway	Contreras	Pletcher	117
2	Tu Endie Wei	Johar	McAleney	Baker	117
3	Dixie Strike	Dixie Union	Husbands	Casse	117
4	Katie Get Excited (K)	Stevie Wonderboy	Stein	Griffith	115
5	Indyniable (K)	A.P. Indy	Pizarro	Clement	115
6	Hilda's Legacy	Istan	Fraser	Coryat	115

AUSTRALIAN PREVIEWS

CAVIAR GETS FINAL ASCOT PREP

Black Caviar (Aus) (Bel Esprit {Aus}) is expected to be about four cents on the dollar to run her record to 21 wins from as many starts when she faces an overmatched bunch in Saturday's G1 Goodwood S. at Morphettville in South Australia. The 1200-meter event,



Black Caviar *Bronwen Healy*

over the same course and distance as her first-up win in the G1 Robert Sangster S. Apr. 28, will be the mare's final start at home prior to her first overseas venture to the Royal Ascot meeting next month. Black Caviar

drew a packed house of 30,000 flag-waving, salmon-wearing fans to Morphettville two weeks back and they went home happy. Jockey Luke Nolen anticipates nothing less this time around. "I said to Peter after I worked her on Tuesday that it was amazing how much just one run can bring this mare on," Nolen told Australian Radio Sport National. "The work was first class and anyone who goes to Morphettville on Saturday won't be disappointed."

Saturday, Morphettville, Australia, post time: 2:50 a.m. EDT

DISTINCTIVE HOMES GOODWOOD S.-G1, A\$500,000 (\$505,338),

3yo/up, 1200mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	8	Black Caviar (Aus)	Bel Esprit (Aus)	Nolen	Moody	126
2	2	Catapulted (Aus)	Catbird (Aus)	Boss	Kavanagh	125
3	7	Outlandish Lad (Aus)	Fantastic Light	Oliver	O'Leary	123
4	6	We're Gonna Rock (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Rodd	Kavanagh	123
5	9	Streetcar Magic (Aus)	Blevic (Aus)	Potter	Jolly	123
6	3	Go the Knuckle (Aus)	Elvstroem (Aus)	Cahill	Minervini	122
7	4	Stirling Grove (Aus)	Mossman (Aus)	Gatt	Jolly	120
8	5	Stanzout (Aus)	Gallo di Ferro	Dunn	Davies	120
9	1	Weholdtheace (Aus)	Clangalang (Aus)	Bowditch	Stewart	120

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'GREEN' ADDED TO POULAINS FIELD

Aidan O'Brien has supplemented **Furner's Green (Ire)** (Dylan Thomas {Ire}) for Sunday's G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains at Longchamp, making a trio to represent Ballydoyle. Successful in the G3 Leopardstown 2000 Guineas Trial Apr. 15, Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier and Michael Tabor's colt joins last year's G3 Killavullan S. winner **Nephrite (GB)** (Pivotal {GB}), who was third in the Listed Loughbrown S. over seven furlongs at The Curragh on his return Apr. 22; and **Vault (Ire)** (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), who set the pace for Furner's Green before fading to third in the 2000 Guineas Trial. Aidan O'Brien is chasing a fourth renewal since Landseer (GB) (Danehill) opened the scoring for the current Ballydoyle incumbent in 2002.

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Dick Jerardi, *Daily Racing Form*

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Triple Threats

Motion Still Learning the Second Time Around...

Trainer Graham Motion's experiences saddling Team Valor's Animal Kingdom (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}) to victory in last year's GI Kentucky Derby and coming a close fourth with some trip trouble in this year's renewal with the **Went the Day Well** (Proud Citizen) have led to some interesting revelations by the veteran horseman.



Graham Motion
Reed Palmer

"To be honest, I always considered the Derby to be an extremely grueling race, and I was amazed how Animal Kingdom came out of it and handled the two-week turnover getting back to the [GI Preakness S.]," revealed Motion during an NTRA "Road to the Triple Crown" media teleconference Thursday. "[Animal Kingdom] handled it so well, and I'm really surprised how well [Went the Day

Well] has handled it. He bounced out of the Derby in great shape. I gave him a little gallop at Fair Hill [Thursday] morning and I couldn't be happier with him. So, I guess we underestimate the heartiness of these horses."

Animal Kingdom failed to end a 33-year Triple Crown drought when he came just a half-length short of Shackleford (Forestry) in the 2011 Preakness before an infamously rough trip in the GI Belmont S., but Motion doesn't believe the Triple Crown should be altered in any way.

"I feel very strongly that the reason there hasn't been a Triple Crown winner [in so long] is the field size, having experienced it now myself firsthand," said Motion. "I think in days gone by, we didn't have a full field come back in the Preakness and Belmont. And now there's so much luck that goes into it. When you run in the Derby, there's always going to be 20 horses in there. So, to me, that's what's changed the complexion of the Triple Crown. I don't think it needs to be changed. It'll happen one of these days. It's a remarkable thing to accomplish, and I don't think we need to make it any easier."

While Motion would certainly prefer to be in position for another crack at the Triple Crown with Went the Day Well, playing the potential spoiler also has its advantages.

"It's been somewhat of a pleasure not feeling that you're being kind of watched as to what you do with this horse for these two weeks as closely as I was watched with Animal Kingdom," Motion admitted. "It certainly takes some of the pressure off how you go about his training."

But Went the Day Well caught the eyes of many with his late rally in the Derby, and if he keeps it up, he may not stay off the radar for much longer. While Motion was hesitant to compare his current sophomore star to last year's, he's confident that Went the Day Well isn't finished getting better.

"Went the Day Well is a horse who still hasn't been completely exposed," Motion said. "He just seems to improve every time I run him. So, could he reach the potential of Animal Kingdom? Yes, I think he could. Animal Kingdom was a brilliant horse, and was a brilliant horse in the morning. Went the Day Well has never been that way in the morning, but I'm so impressed with how he handled everything on Derby day. From the crowd, to the way he ran to the way he came out of the race. So, who's not to say he couldn't get there for sure?"



Went the Day Well at Fair Hill
Megan Jones/Team Valor

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Cigar Street Injured...

Jake Ballis and NBA star Rashard Lewis's **Cigar Street** (Street Sense), a last-out fourth in the GII Louisiana Derby Apr. 1 and a candidate for Saturday's GII Peter Pan S. at Belmont Park, will miss that race and most of the summer after being diagnosed with a fracture of his left hind cannon bone, *Daily Racing Form* reports. "We caught it early," Margolis told the publication. "They'll put a screw in and we'll give it time to heal. They usually come back stronger. He's a very nice colt, hopefully, we'll have him for the fall and as a 4-year-old next year." A well-backed, but troubled fifth behind Bourbon Courage (Lion Heart) in a Feb. 3 maiden at the Fair Grounds, Cigar Street demolished a field of two-turn maidens by 13 3/4 lengths Mar. 10, earning the ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ distinction. Sent off a 7-2 chance in the Louisiana Derby, the dark bay was bumped around at the break, raced wide on the turns and was fourth, beaten just two lengths.

Musical Romance Back in Her Stall...

After a two-race visit to the state of Kentucky, Eclipse Award winner **Musical Romance** (Concorde's Tune) is back in her stall at Calder Race Course. "It's great to have her back home," trainer and co-owner Bill Kaplan said. "Just being around her, to have her in our presence, is an honor. She's the classiest horse I've been around. To make 37 starts and to win on all surfaces at all distances, I call her the 'Iron Horse of the Century' for what she has done." Upset winner of last year's GI Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint at Churchill, Musical Romance got back to the winner's circle in the GII Inside Information S. at Gulfstream Mar. 17. She had the misfortune of running into Groupie Doll (Bowman's Band) in her two most recent efforts, finishing an even fourth in the GI Vinery Madison S. at Keeneland Apr. 12 before being left 7 1/2 lengths behind a track record-setting performance in last Saturday's GI Humana Distaff S. in Louisville. "That race might have been one of the best performances of her career," Kaplan said of Musical Romance's effort in the Humana Distaff. "The winner was amazing." While Groupie Doll is getting a well-deserved rest, Musical Romance is set for a summer campaign centered around the GI Princess Rooney H. at Calder July 7. She was runner-up to Sassy Image (Broken Vow) in that race in 2011.



Musical Romance Horsephotos

RACETRACK ROUND-UP

On to Met Mile for Shackleford...

Mike Lauffer and Bill Cubbedge's **Shackleford** (Forestry), who outgamed champion Amazombie (Northern Afleet) in last Saturday's GII Churchill Downs S., will return to New York for the GI Metropolitan H. at Belmont Park May 28.



Shackleford Horsephotos

The chesnut upset Animal Kingdom (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}) to land the 2011 GI Preakness S., but lost his next seven starts. He was having his third run of the year in the Churchill Downs following a seventh as the favorite in the

GI Donn H. Feb. 11 ahead of a game third-place effort behind Jackson Bend (Hear No Evil) in the GI Carter H. Apr. 7. He is expected to meet that rival, as well as Carter runner-up Caleb's Posse (Posse), in what is shaping as an outstanding renewal of the Met. "It's going to be a war," Lauffer said. "But that's OK. It's supposed to be that way and if we're going to go up against those types of horses then I'm glad we're doing it while the horse is doing so well."



Guest Post: A Hard Way to Own a Racehorse
by Mark Cramer





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SUCCESSFUL DAN (Successful Appeal)

Friday, Churchill Downs

ALYSHEBA S.-GII, \$337,800, CDX, 5-4, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:41 (NTR), ft.

1--**SUCCESSFUL DAN**, 118, g, 6, by [Successful Appeal](#)

1st Dam: Lisa Danielle, by Wolf Power (SAf)

2nd Dam: Askmysecretary, by Secretariat

3rd Dam: Laquiola (Fr), by Lyphard

O/B-Morton Fink (KY); T-Charles Lopresti; J-Julien R Leparoux; \$203,153. Lifetime Record: GISP, 10-7-1-1, \$596,608. * 1/2 to Our Royal Dancer (Roy), SW, \$195,070; and Wise Dan (Wiseman's Ferry), GISW, \$919,601. **Werk Nick Rating: A + .**

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It's always noteworthy when a mare has two exceptional runners in a single season, but when those two performers are homebreds and part of a three-horse stable, that makes it even more of an achievement. And when the mare is the only one in the barn, it means fortune has indeed smiled.

Morton Fink's homebred Successful Dan was sidelined with a suspensory problem after being disqualified from first in the 2010 GI Clark H. and made a successful return in a Keeneland allowance last month. He battled his way to victory last Friday in the GII Alysheba S. on the Kentucky Oaks undercard, earning a 110 Beyer Speed Figure. That's the third best figure over a route thus far in 2012, and topping the list with a 117 is his younger half-brother Wise Dan (Wiseman's Ferry), who set a track record in capturing Keeneland's GIII Ben Ali S. in April.

"Well, after being in the business for about 40 years, it's great to get one like this, let alone two," Fink said yesterday.

"It was disappointment after disappointment for a while. I retired--well, I thought I was retired--a few years ago. So now I've got one broodmare, these two horses, and one other one."

Born in Chicago, Fink owned several movie theaters, and now resides in Northbrook, Illinois. He described his introduction to the racing game as "typical."

"I liked to go to Arlington on Saturdays with friends, and one of them suggested, 'Why don't we get a group together and buy a horse?'" Fink recalled. "That was in 1971. We had 10 guys that each put up \$1,000 and bought an Illinois-bred [named Mighty Titan], who bucked shins four times and never beat anybody."

Despite that less-than-promising start, Fink was undeterred.

"One of the guys from that group and I bought another horse, and we had Lou Goldfine as our trainer," Fink continued. "Another guy came in later and suggested we go to Keeneland to buy some horses. We put together a group, formed Carelaine Farm, and that's how it all started."

With Roy Gottlieb as his main partner, Fink achieved major success with the Nureyev filly Annoconnor. Bred by Carelaine and campaigned by Fink and Gottlieb, the bay was one of the best distaffers on the West Coast in the mid-1980s.

"She was the best horse I had up to now," Fink

offered. "She earned a million dollars and was trained by John Gosden in California. She won on the grass and the dirt--a super filly."

The partners dispersed Carelaine in 1993, and Annoconnor sold that fall at Keeneland for \$700,000. In all, the 21-head dispersal brought \$3,917,500.

Fink later managed the partnership that raced Guided Tour (Hansel), a \$102,000

KEESEP yearling who wound up amassing over \$1.9 million and captured five graded stakes races. Fink and Gottlieb also bred the ill-fated Buddy's Saint (Saint Liam) and sold him for \$100,000 at Keeneland in 2008. He captured the GII Remsen S. and GIII Nashua S. at two for Eli Lomita.

Though Fink has significantly reduced his bloodstock holding in recent years, a sentimental decision has led to what might be his biggest success. Lisa Danielle (Wolf Power {SAf}) was a \$29,000 yearling that won once in seven starts for Fink, a maiden special weight at Arlington in 1997. **Cont. p11**



Morton Fink (center) in the winner's circle after Wise Dan's GIII Ben Ali victory
Coady Photography



She has outdone herself in the breeding shed, however, with the Dans and an additional stakes winner in Our Royal Dancer (Roy).

"She had bad ankles and she won one race," Fink chuckled. "And why did I make a broodmare out of her? This is unbelievable, because we had some really well-bred broodmares that never did anything. My daughter Bonnie--we've always been very close--she has two daughters, and one of them is named Lisa Danielle. I named this filly Lisa Danielle, and that was the only reason I kept her. It's absolutely a miracle that this happened. She's had about 10 foals and four of them have earned over \$100,000. The one horse that didn't run was born crippled, and we sold [him] for next to nothing."

Another runner that represented Fink was Wiseman's Ferry (Hennessy), who won the GIII West Virginia Derby and GIII Lone Star Derby in 2002.

"Having faith in him as a stud is really hard to do," Fink offered. "He himself was a really good runner. I thought since I owned a share in him, I thought I'd breed her to him. It seems that whoever you breed Lisa to--as you see by her pedigree--it doesn't make a difference, so it must be her!

"So I gave her the acid test and bred her to Wiseman's Ferry and she comes through with this horse--he is so strong," Fink added. "She just foaled an Afleet Alex filly."

Now 18, Lisa Danielle won't be bred this spring.

"It's late, and I think she's earned a year off," Fink said. "We'll let her graze for a year and see what she's like. She's getting pretty old, and we'll see."

This patient approach is typified by the Successful Dan saga.

"We thought that he would probably retire himself," Fink joked. "But thanks to Dr. Bramlage and my trainer Charlie Lopresti, they brought him back 100%. He was out for 16 months before he came back, so we'll go very easy with him. We'll wait about two weeks, look at our options and then decide. But he seems fine now."


Fink used to have a relatively far-flung stable before looking for someone based closer to home.

"Charlie and his wife have broken all my horses for the last 20-odd years," he explained. "I raced primarily in New York with Bruce Levine...I thought I was through with the business--I'm going to be 83 at the end of the year. I decided that I only wanted to race in Chicago or Kentucky. That's only an hour plane ride, and I'm going to the next race, which for Wise Dan looks to be the Stephen Foster [at Churchill June 16]."

Asked if persistence paid off, Fink simply laughed.

"Not very often in the horse business, but in this case yes," he said. "We've been very lucky in breeding and, all in all, we've had a very good career. After 40 years, that it should end up like this, it's incredible." --MK

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MAJOR VICTORY IN PA SLOTS FIGHT

By Bill Finley

The Pennsylvania Senate has passed a budget that includes only a \$3 million cut from racing, a far cry from the \$72 million Gov. Tom Corbett had proposed taking from the state's harness and Thoroughbred industries. While the state's racing leaders said they would be disappointed if any money is taken from racing, there was widespread relief that it now appears that the hit racing may take will be a minimal one.

"This is very encouraging news," said Todd Mostoller, the head of the Thoroughbred horsemen's group at Penn National. "We worked hard to educate a lot of individuals. A lot of the legislators who weren't there when the Race Horse Development Act passed in 2004 weren't that knowledgeable of our business. We've worked hard and the fruits of our labor are starting to pay off."

The House and Corbett must still agree on the budget, but it doesn't appear any radical changes are in the offing. With all three branches of the state's government controlled by the Republican Party, it stands to reason that the House and the governor's office will fall in line with the Senate's budget.

Still, horsemen's representatives cautioned that now is not the time to declare victory.

"At this point, we've gone over one hurdle," said Meadows Standardbred Owners Association Executive Director Kim Hankins. "We have two more hurdles to go and, politically, we need to keep up the pressure. My message to my members and to everyone else in Pennsylvania racing is this is just one small step. We've got a long way to go before there is a signature on a budget."

Hankins added that some members of the House have been lobbying to increase the take from racing to \$8 million.

If the budget including the \$3 million cut goes through, it will mean a \$1.575 million reduction in Thoroughbred purses with the remaining amount coming from harness purses. The \$3 million will be used to subsidize the annual Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg.

Though a \$3 million cut is far more acceptable than a \$72 million cut, horsemen's groups will continue to argue that any cut is unacceptable. One fear is that if the state's politicians are allowed to raid the Race Horse Development Fund this one time they will be encouraged to do so again.

"I wouldn't be at all happy if \$3 million were taken from us," said Pennsylvania Harness Horsemen's Association President Sam Beegle. "We don't like the message that would send. A deal was made years ago and we had it legislated. As far as we were concerned, that should have been the end of it."

Said Mostoller: "We are going to continue to try to get the \$3 million removed. It's not so much the dollar amount, it's the message that will be sent that they hit us again. And we don't think that's in the best interest of the Pennsylvania equine industry. This act was passed to encourage investment in Pennsylvania, and if that message is sent, the message is actually worse than the financial hit."

With the \$72-million cut spelling sure disaster for Pennsylvania racing, horsemen's groups worked tirelessly to educate lawmakers about the realities of their industry and the unfairness of essentially renegeing on the legislation and the promises made when racetrack slots were legalized in Pennsylvania. Racing leaders were able to get their message across. Their fight was also made easier when it turned out that the state had underestimated its incoming revenues by about \$400 million, failing to take into account an improving economy and a windfall from taxes on online purchases.

"We are very happy with this development because one third of the job has been successfully completed," Hankins said. "We have a long way to go. When the governor signs a budget that is acceptable to us, that will be the time to celebrate."

• ON THE WORKTAB •

CHURCHILL DOWNS

Beat The Blues (Great Pyramid {Ire}), 4f, :49.40, 5/17
 Bourbon Courage (Lion Heart), 4f, :50.60, 15/17
 Distorted Love (Distorted Humor), 5f, 1:00.00, 1/21
 Judy The Beauty (Ghostzapper), 4fT, :49.80, 2/2
 Silver Rock (El Prado {Ire}), 5f, 1:00.80, 3/21
 Snow Top Mountain (Najran), 4fT, :49.60, 1/2

KEENLAND

Ariana D (Rock Slide), 6f, 1:13.60, 1/4

SANTA ANITA

Ellafitz (Tiznow), 6f, 1:11.00, 1/6
 Riveting Reason (Fusaichi Pegasus), 6f, 1:15.40, 1/1
 Take Control (A.P. Indy), 6f, 1:16.4, 8/8

SARATOGA

Aubby K (Street Sense), 6f, 1:15.25, 1/1

WOODBINE

Eternal Rule (Tribal Rule), 5f, 59.20, 1/42

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Yesterday's Results:

DIABLO S., \$83,300, BEL, 5-10, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:08 2/5, ft.
 1--**ROYAL CURRIER, 121, g, 4, Red Bullet--Top of the League, by Lite the Fuse.** (\$5,500 2yo '10 ADNAPR).
 O-MAT Stables, LLC; B-Adena Springs (FL); T-Patricia Farro; J-Rajiv Maragh; \$51,000. Lifetime Record: 23-10-6-2, \$569,550.

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2--**This Ones for Phil, 121, g, 6, Untutttable--Heaven's Gate, by Septieme Ciel.** (\$7,000 RNA wlng '06 OBSOCT). O-Paul P Pompa Jr, Jack Mandato and Cast of Characters. \$17,000.

3--**Que Posse, 121, g, 5, Posse--Lavender Baby, by Rubiano.** (\$40,000 wlng '07 KEENOV; \$110,000 yrl '08 FTKJUL; \$115,000 2yo '09 OBSFEB). O-NYKY Thoroughbred Stable. \$8,500.

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A one-time \$20,000 claimer, Royal Currier earned a pair of stakes victories during his juvenile season and added three more last term, including Monmouth's grassy Anderson Fowler S. last September and the Valley Forge S. at Parx Dec. 20. A bang-up third after setting the pace in the state-bred Sunshine Millions Sprint at Gulfstream Jan. 28, the gelding tired late to ve fifth in the GIII Tom Fool H. at the Big A Mar. 3. Most recently a winner of a Mar. 28 Aqueduct handicap, the bay went off at tasty odds against this salty bunch. Comedero zipped to the front as Royal Currier loomed a menacing presence through an opening quarter in :22.68. Royal Currier overtook that rival heading approaching the final turn and drew increasingly clear en route to a comfortable win over favored This Ones For Phil. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales.](#)

5th-BEL, \$77,000, Alw, NW1X, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:42 2/5, ft.

E. H. INDY (r, 5, A.P.Indy--Auntie Mame {GISW, \$961,480}, by Theatrical {Ire}) has been on a two-month hiatus following a third going nine panels at Gulfstream Park Mar. 8. Set off at 5-1 here, he nestled in along the rail and stalked the pace-setting EZ Effort (In Excess {Ire}) through opening fractions of :23.76 and :48.30. E. H. Indy ran to the inside of EZ Effort in the stretch and finished 1 1/4-lengths ahead of the late-closing Majestic Hope (Cherokee Run) at the wire. Unbridled Kimanchi (Unbridled's Song) rounded out the trifecta. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales.](#) Lifetime Record: 10-2-2-2, \$106,465.

O-Lazy F Ranch. B-Martha F Gerry (KY). T-Angel J Penna Jr.

6th-BEL, \$77,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$35,000), NW1X, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m (off turf), 1:50 3/5, ft.

BOMBAGUIA (g, 4, Borrego--Wishful Legacy {SP, \$117,976}, by Lyphard's Wish {Fr}), who had been on a losing streak since his graduation last April, was sixth last time out at Gulfstream Park Mar. 8. Sent off at 8-1 here, the gelding grabbed the rail early and pressed Writingonthewall (E Dubai) along the backstretch. Alongside Midnite Silver (Silver Deputy) and Writingonthewall in the stretch, the gelding was able to beat out Midnite Silver by a head on the line. The winner is a half to Legally Blanca (Northern Afleet), SW, \$172,690. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales.](#) Lifetime Record: 13-2-0-3, \$96,702. Sales history: \$175,000 wlng '08 KEENOV; \$200,000 yrl '09 FTSAUG. O-Gold Mark Farm LLC. B-Mueller Farms Inc (KY). T-John C Kimmel.

4th-BEL, \$59,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 3/5, gd.

SACRED SUCCESS (f, 3, Officer--Val's Diablo {SW & GSP, \$197,620}, by Diablo) added this allowance race to her collection off dominant wins at Aqueduct, including a 4 1/2 length win Jan. 25 and a 10-length victory Feb. 26. The 2-5 favorite quickly broke from the four hole, getting to the front and setting the pace along the rail with Dyna Vision (City Zip) and Easy Ending (Chief Seattle) in hot pursuit. She pulled away from the field down the stretch and loped to the wire, besting Dyna Vision by 6 1/4 lengths. The winner is a half to Out Of Respect (Read The Footnotes), SW & GSP, \$197,620. Sales history: \$100,000 2yo '11 OBSAPR. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales.](#) Lifetime Record: 5-3-2-0, \$119,000.

O-Dennis Narlinger. B-Thomas-Narlinger LLC & A R Properties (NY). T-Richard E Dutrow Jr.

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3rd-BEL, \$73,500, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 9f (off turf), 1:51, gd.
THISIZSPARTA (f, 3, Corinthian--Deputy Sue {MSW, \$231,226}, by Silver Deputy), runner-up going a mile in the slop at Gulfstream Jan. 29, filled the same position while trying that distance over the Aqueduct turf Apr. 5. Fitted with blinkers for the first time routing, the 6-5 choice jumped out to take an early lead, was comfortably clear through fractions of :23.46 and :47.66, was three lengths clear at the head of the stretch and had enough left to hold off Party of Interest (Bernardini) by 1 1/2 lengths at the wire. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales.](#) Sales history: \$70,000 wlng '09 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 5-1-3-0, \$76,910.

O-Nick Mamatas. B-John D Gunther (KY). T-James A Jerkens.



EASTERN U.S.



Presious Passion to Return in Elkwood:

Presious Passion (Royal Anthem), one of the most popular horses in the past several years at Monmouth Park, is expected to return to the races as a 9-year-old in the \$75,000 Elkwood S. at the Jersey Shore oval May 19. A two-time winner of the GI United Nations S. who gained a following with his brash front-running style, Presious Passion has not faced the starter in over 15 months. "He had a breathing problem that contributed to his attitude problem," trainer Mary Hartmann said. "He spent most of last year on the farm, and then I picked him up to take him down to Florida with me in the fall. He was training, and his throat problem finally came to the point where it could be treated. He had throat surgery to correct the breathing problem, and the surgery was successful. He looks good, he's training well, and his attitude is good," Hartmann said.

Collmus to Guest Star at Suffolk Opener:

Suffolk Downs in East Boston, MA, will kick off its 2012 meeting Saturday, June 2, with a guest appearance by Larry Collmus, the voice of the Triple Crown and track announcer at Suffolk from 1992 to 2008. Collmus will call a few races on the opening-day program and will be available for a meet-and-greet with fans. Suffolk will conduct three live days (Monday, Wednesday and Saturday) of racing per week for the few weeks following opening day, then will add Tuesdays and will race four days per week through September. The track will revert to three-day weeks from Oct. 1 through the end of the meet Oct. 29. Officials at Suffolk Downs reached an agreement earlier this month with the New England HBPA to maintain overnight purses at \$8.25 million, meaning daily overnight purses will average \$103,125, the same as 2011.

Yesterday's Results:

5th-PIM, \$31,000, Msw, 3yo/up, 8.5 (off turf), 1:47 4/5, ft. MARIMBA MAN (c, 3, [Ghostzapper](#)--Marimba Rhythm {SW & GSP, \$104,240}, by Golden Missile) was sixth--beaten by 21 1/2 lengths--in his career debut Jan. 28. His first time on lasix and coming off a three-month rest here, the colt broke cleanly and headed to the front where he pressed Win Tigar Win (Harry The Hat) down the backstretch. Soon after overtaking the tiring frontrunner, he was challenged in the stretch by the late-closing Whatdoyousee (Tapit) and ran neck-and-neck with that rival before nipping the closer at the wire by a nose. Indian Moon (Malibu Moon) finished third. Sales history: \$60,000 RNA yrl '10 KESEP. [Click for the brisnet.com chart or Video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales.](#) Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$18,104. O-Stonach Stbles. B-Adena Springs (ON). T-J Corrales.

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KENTUCKY



Yesterday's Results:

8th-CDX, \$54,335, Alw, NW1X, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:43 2/5, ft.

NECK 'N NECK (c, 3, [Flower Alley](#)--Bootery, by Storm Boot), runner up behind Discreet Dancer (Discreet Cat) going a mile at Gulfstream Jan. 7, closed to be a respectable fifth--beaten 2 3/4 lengths--in the Gill Sam F. Davis S. Feb. 4. Fourth behind Union Rags (Dixie Union) after an unsteady start in the Feb. 26 Gil Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S., the dark bay was fifth most recently in the Mar. 31 GI Florida Derby. Sent off the hot 1-5 choice here, Neck 'N Neck broke well and settled behind Big Town (Speightstown), who reeled off splits of :24.24 and :48.57. Taking closer order with three eighths to go, the colt assumed a slight advantage over Big Town and drove clear late to score by 6 1/2 lengths. [Click for the brisnet.com chart or Video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales.](#) Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-0, \$130,370. O/B-A Stevens Miles Jr (KY). T-Ian R Wilkes.

3rd-CDX, \$44,814, Msw, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f, :53, ft.

FANTACIOUS (f, 2, [Dehere](#)--Chris's Princess, by Rubiano) was a distant third in her debut over the Keeneland Polytrack Apr. 13 and was installed the 5-2 choice to get off the mark here. Up to prompt the pace set by Ti Silvia (Consolidator), Fantacious bided her time before creeping up the rail to be on even terms with her rival at the head of the stretch. Holding a narrow lead as the early pacesetter soon faded, Fantacious was tackled by a new challenger--Fierce (Harlan's Holiday)--who inched up from the outside to take a narrow advantage midstretch, but the bay proved game and battled back to eke out a neck victory. The winner is a half to Man Of Strife (Leestown), MSW, \$132,204. Sales history: \$25,000 yrl '11 TEXAUG. [Click for the brisnet.com chart or Video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales.](#)

Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$30,440.

O-Carl R Moore Management LLC. B-Lon M Baronne (LA). T-W Bret Calhoun.

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Yesterday's Results:

7th-LAD, \$26,000, Msw, (S), 3yo, 6f, 1:12 1/5, ft.
 + **TENSAS COLD FRONT (g, 3, [War Front](#)--Kaileysgal, by Unbridled's Song)**, given a 4-1 chance, settled off the pace in fifth after a rough start, improved his position down the backstretch, was four wide turning for home and got up in time to graduate by a head over All About Interest (Interest Rate). Sales history: \$40,000 yrl '10 TEXAUG. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales](#).
 Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$15,600.
 O-Cherry Valley Farm LLC. B-Curt Leake (LA). T-Albert M Stall Jr.

CALIFORNIA

Yesterday's Results:

5th-BHP, \$55,050, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$80,000), NW1\$X, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:35, fm.
 1--**TROIS AUREOLE, 118, f, 3, [English Channel](#)--Two Halos, by Saint Ballado.** (\$17,000 RNA yrl '10 FTKOCT; \$37,000 RNA yrl '10 FTKJUL).
 O-JW Singer LLC; B-Keene Ridge Racing LLC (KY); T-John W Sadler. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$61,296.
 2--**Island Paradise (Ire), 120, f, 3, Trans Island (GB)--Athlumney Dancer (GB), by Shareef Dancer.** (€24,000 yrl '10 GOFSP).
 3--**Starship Flare, 118, f, 3, Stevie Wonderboy--Go to the Ink, by Crafty Prospector.** (\$25,000 2yo '11 OBSMAR; \$45,000 RNA yrl '10 KEESEP).
 Margins: 2 1/4, 2 1/4, NK. Odds: 3.80, 3.10, 15.30.
 Runner up in her sole start for trainer David Carroll when pitted against \$30,000 maidens sprinting over the main track at the Fair Grounds Dec. 29, Trois Aureole was fourth when switched to the sod for a 6 1/2-furlong test at Santa Anita Mar. 9. Favored for her latest, she came home a two-length winner against \$75,000 maidens when stretched to a mile at the Arcadia oval Mar. 22. Content to settle off the early pace in fourth here, Trois Aureole came out for the stretch drive, took over midstretch and was clear at the wire. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales](#).


7th-BHP, \$54,000, Alw, NW1\$X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:44 1/5, ft.
 1--**ROCK AND GLORY, 124, f, 4, [Rock Hard Ten](#)--Brooke's Halo (GSW, \$250,455), by Southern Halo.** O/B-Mercedes Stables LLC (KY); T-Tim Yakteen. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$73,840.
 2--**Heidi Maria, 119, f, 4, Rockport Harbor--Third Street,** by Salt Lake. (\$125,000 yrl '09 KEESEP; \$225,000 RNA 2yo '10 OBSFEB).
 3--**Slane Castle, 124, f, 4, Castledale (Ire)--Clean Up Kris, by Kris S.**
 Margins: 11 1/4, 4 1/4, 2 1/4. Odds: 1.00, 4.20, 39.30.
 Rock and Glory, third in her career bow in a 6 1/2 furlong turf sprint at Santa Anita Feb. 23, was a well beaten fifth when trying the dirt at that venue Mar. 29. Asked to go a mile in the slop there Apr. 13, the bay romped by 8 1/4 lengths and went off favored to repeat this time. One the engine soon after the start, Rock and Glory was comfortably in front through sectional splits of :23.56 and :46.90, extended her lead through the stretch and crossed the wire a much-the-best winner. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales](#).

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5th-BHP (\$55K Alw) TROIS AUREOLE (English Channel) makes it two straight.
8th-CDX (\$54K Alw) NECK 'N NECK (Flower Alley) scores by 6 1/2 lengths.
7th-BHP (\$54K Alw) ROCK AND GLORY (Rock Hard Ten) steam rolls field in gaudy display.

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INDUSTRY INFO

TJC, TOBA Launch Advocacy Website:

Edited Press Release

The Jockey Club and the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (TOBA) today announced the launch of a website, www.cleanhorseracing.org, that is dedicated to the reform of medication rules. Features of the new educational website include news, videos, scientific studies and commentary in support of medication-free racing, as well as several action-oriented sections that enable industry participants to pledge their support for clean racing by contacting state racing commissions and signing petitions regarding medication reform. The site will also maintain a substantial social media presence, including Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. "As the momentum continues to grow for a ban on the use of race-day medication in this country, we want to keep all industry stakeholders properly informed," said James L. Gagliano, president and chief operating officer of The Jockey Club. "This website provides a platform for advocates of medication reform to receive the latest updates and take action. It should also prove to be an invaluable information resource for regulators as they reconsider current medication rules in their respective jurisdictions." "More than 75% of TOBA members support a measured phase-out of race-day medication," said Dan Metzger, president of TOBA. "Those members, as well as sales companies, prospective buyers and sellers, fans and international organizations, all want to see a true representation of quality that is based solely on a horse's natural athletic ability." Additional information about cleanhorseracing.org can be obtained by contacting info@cleanhorseracing.org.



AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS

IN MEXICO:

Horizonte, c, 4, [Quiet American](#)--Sweeten, by Cherokee Run. Hipodromo de las Americas, 5-6, XIII Handicap Loma de Setelo, 1800m, 1:58.30. B-Mike G Rutherford. * \$40,000 yrl '09 KEESEP.

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BRITAIN

Yesterday's Results:

Chester, 15.40, Mdn, £12,000, 2yo, 5f 16ydsT, 1:06.94, sf.

FAT GARY (GB) (c, 2, Dutch Art {GB}--Suzuki {Ire}, by Barathea {Ire}) only beat one home on debut at Pontefract May 2, but was rated far better than that form by connections, and started better here to race prominently. In the lead with a furlong remaining, the 12-1 shot ran around in front, but held on to beat Mandy Lexi (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) by a short head. Sales history: 5,000gns wnlg '10 TATDEC; €34,000 yrl '11 GOFSP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £7,763. [Video](#), [courtesy Racing UK](#).

O-Fat Gary Sports; B-J M Beaver; T-Tom Dascombe.



Yarmouth, 17.20, Mdn, £5,500, 3yo, f, 9f 101ydsT, 2:41.48, hy.

GREAT HEAVENS (GB) (f, 3, Galileo {Ire}--Magnificent Style {GSW-GB}, by Silver Hawk), fifth on debut over a mile at Haydock in September, raced prominently throughout the early stages. Leading with a half mile to race, the even-money favorite needed only a shake of the reins to beat Monshak (Ire) (Monsun {Ger}) by three lengths. "The family get better with age; I rode her last year and she's obviously strengthened up," jockey Robert Havlin said. "She's a sister to Nathaniel and, like him, loves that ground. She's going the right way and did that nicely." In addition to being a full-sister to last year's G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. hero Nathaniel (GB), Hwt. 3yo Colt-GB at 9.5-11f & 11-14f, G1SW-GB, \$1,220,143, Great Heavens is also a sibling to Styleistick (Storm Cat), MSW & GSP-US, \$234,788; Echoes in Eternity (Ire) (Spinning World), MGSW-GB, \$241,555; Playful Act (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), Co-Hwt. 2yo Filly-GB, G1SW-GB & G1SP-Ire, \$485,838; Petara Bay (Ire) (Peintre Celebre), SW & GSP-GB, \$173,867; and Changing Skies (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), MGSW & GISP-US, GSP-Fr & SP-GB, \$438,993. Magnificent Style has a yearling Oasis Dream (GB) colt named Throne Room (GB). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £3,558.

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O-Lady Rothschild; B-Kincorth Investments Inc; T-John Gosden.



FRANCE



Yesterday's Results:

Maisons-Laffitte, 18.55, Cond, €34,000, 3yo, c/g, 1 5/16mT, 2:12.30, gd.

BOLINGBROKE (IRE) (c, 3, King's Best--Noble Rose {Ire} {GSW-GB & GSP-Fr}, by Caerleon), who beat subsequent G2 Prix Greffulhe third Eldandy (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) over 1700 meters here last time Apr. 16, was forced to race wide in third early. Taking time to wind up on the final turn, the 9-5 second favorite hit top gear to inhale Amarcord (Fr) (Peintre Celebre) with a furlong remaining and score snugly by a half-length. The homebred winner is a full to Notability (Ire), Hwt. Older Horse-Ger at 7-9.5f, GSW-Ger, G1SP-Ity, MGSP-GB, \$308,449; and Simon de Montfort (Ire), GSW-Fr & GSP-GB \$319,685. Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €35,100. O-Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Darley; T-Andre Fabre.

ASIA



XTENSION RULED OUT OF SAI CUP

Xtension (Ire) (Xaar {GB}), who registered a 16-1 upset of the G1 BMW Champions Mile at Sha Tin this past Sunday, has been ruled out of a trip to Singapore for the G1 Singapore Airlines International Cup May 20. "He is a little bit light and this race has just come around too soon for him," George Moore, the son of trainer John Moore, told South China *Morning Post*. "He has only been on soft feed for the last few days and you expect some weight loss, but we've decided against a trip and there are still more options with him." The Moore stable will be represented in the 2000-meter event by **Zaidan (Street Cry {Ire}),** winner of the Hong Kong Classic Cup in February and most recently about five lengths fourth in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup at Sha Tin Apr. 29. New Zealand-based James McDonald, who was to ride Xtension, will replace Olivier Doleuze aboard Zaidan.



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BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

1st-BEL, \$74,400, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:44 3/5, gd.

WILLY BEAMIN (g, 3, Suave--Big Tease {SW, \$197,308}, by Gold Token) Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-0, \$106,145. O-James A Riccio. B-Patricia Staskowski Purdy (NY). T-Richard E Dutrow, Jr. *\$16,000 yrl '10 FTKOCT; \$3,000 yrl '10 KEEJAN.

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5th-WOX, \$54,574, 5-9, NW2L, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:45 3/5, ft.

CLEVER PEAKS (m, 5, Peaks and Valleys--Too Clever, by Clever Trick) Lifetime Record: 11-2-3-4, \$104,067. O/B-UnStable (ON). T-Lorna M Perkins.

7th-PIM, \$34,300, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000-\$20,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:48, ft.

DELICATE GENIUS (f, 4, Bwana Charlie--Book Smart, by Rizzi) Lifetime Record: 17-5-5-2, \$89,650. O-Joseph Hamilton Hale. B-Hannahill Farm Inc (FL). T-Katherine Sancuk.

9th-EVD, \$31,000, 5-9, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, a1 1/16mT, 1:45, fm.

I DAZZLE (f, 4, Hold That Tiger--Miss Cheers {SW, \$149,009}, by Carson City) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$49,451. O-A C Hebert. B-Terry Adcock (LA). T-Jeff A Hebert. *1/2 to Make Music For Me (Bernstein), SW & MGISP, \$471,520.

8th-LAD, \$28,000, Opt. Clm. (\$12,500), NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, 7 1/2fT, 1:31 1/5, fm.

WELL'S GOLD (g, 4, Gold Tribute--Lucky Buck's Baby, by Spend a Buck) Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-0, \$42,072. O-Knights Prairie Racing. B-J Weldon Granger (LA). T-Ralph R Irwin.

6th-LAD, \$27,000, Opt. Clm. (\$17,500), NW2X, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:37 2/5, fm.

BLACKNTANSATLARRYS (c, 4, Brahms--Cracker Night, by Ogygian) Lifetime Record: SP, 12-4-4-2, \$113,044. O- Bob Brooks Jr, Jeffery T Larson and Anthony W Fakouri. B-Farfar Away Farm (LA). T-Morris G Nicks. *\$7,500 yrl '09 TEXAUG.

8th-CTX, \$26,000, 5-9, C, 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :52 1/5, sy.

SHINE FOR ME (f, 4, Great Notion--Gonna Shine, by Baederwood) Lifetime Record: 12-2-4-4, \$61,820. O-James F Lewis. B-Lewisfield Farm (MD). T-Jeff C Runco.

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										Yearling Average	Chief Earner/Earnings	Earnings
1	Ready's Image More Than Ready, 2005	\$5,000 Walmac Farm, Kentucky	39	3	1	-	-	-	-	\$35,802	Leinan (\$30,000)	\$30,250
2	Salute the Sarge Forest Wildcat, 2005	\$2,500 Red River Farms, Louisiana	51	3	-	-	-	-	-	\$18,816	Confederate Recon (\$17,400)	\$23,600

2012 Pennsylvania Leading Second-Crop Sires

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1	Ecclesiastic Pulpit, 2001	\$3,500 Diamond B Stables, Pennsylvania	13	3	-	-	Doctor Danger (\$35,190)	\$105,340

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2nd-LAD, \$23,000, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft.

BLESS MY HALO (f, 3, Songandaprayer--Hide the Halo, by Halo's Image) Lifetime Record: 11-2-1-2, \$40,877. O-Northpointe Thoroughbreds. B-Majestic Farms LLC (KY). T-Steven Duke.

7th-FLX, \$20,000, NW1BX, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 5f, :59 2/5, ft.

C. T. PHONE HOME (m, 7, Crafty C. T.--Hidden Desire, by Valid Appeal) Lifetime Record: 27-7-4-5, \$117,283. O-Sheila J Englehart. B-Gus Schoenborn Jr (NY). T-Chris J Englehart. *\$15,000 wlng '05 NYBSEP.

8th-FLX, \$20,000, NW1BX, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12 3/5, ft.

CLEAN JEAN (f, 4, Ecton Park--Easter Buddy, by Buddy) Lifetime Record: 13-5-1-0, \$64,819. O-Mark Valentine. B-Frances Ubbink (NY). T-Sal Iorio Jr.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Leslieann, f, 3, Bandini--Fico, by Silver Deputy. EVD, 5-10, a5fT, :56 4/5. B-Christina Latimer & Richard Taufman (KY). *\$3,700 yrl '10 KEESEP.

D'princess, f, 3, D'wildcat--Italian Slew, by Ocala Slew. BHP, 5-10, (C), 6f (AWT), 1:11 2/5. B-Lucy Graf Le May (FL). *\$75,000 2yo '11 OBSMAR. **1/2 to Romin Robin (Pure Precision), GSP, \$264,148.

Monster Sleeping, f, 3, Oratory--Bold Questor, by Norquestor. PIM, 5-10, 6f, 1:14. B-Mr & Mrs Kenneth C Holt & Mr & Mrs Mark Vogel (MD).



+ Indy Crown, f, 3, Shaniko--Gathering Sky, by Storm Creek. CRC, 5-10, (C), 5f (off turf), :59 3/5. B-J D Farms (KY).

Royalty Red Cat, g, 4, Royal Strand (Ire)--Enchanted Cat, by Goodbye Doeny. EVD, 5-9, a5fT, :57. B-Ray Stewart (LA).

**BREEDERS' EDITION
EUROPE**

HANDICAP RESULTS:

BRITAIN, Chester, 13.35, £22,500, 4yo/up, 10f 75ydsT, 2:19.09, sf.

ABSINTHE (IRE) (g, 6, King's Best--Triple Try {Ire}, by Sadler's Wells) Lifetime Record: 16-3-5-4, £33,405. O-Mr & Mrs Paul Rooney; B-Moyglare Stud Farm Ltd; T-Donald McCain. *€40,000 yrl '07 GOFMIL; £24,000 HIT '11 DONOCT. **1/2 to Unwritten Rule (Ire) (Dalakhani {Ire}), GSP-Ire.

BRITAIN, Chester, 15.05, £22,500, 3yo, 7f 122ydsT, 1:40.14, sf.

ARNOLD LANE (IRE) (c, 3, Footstepsinthesand {GB}--Capriole {GB}, by Noverre) Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-0, £22,489. O-Nick & Olga Dhandsa & John & Zoe Webster; B-Lynn Lodge Stud; T-Mick Channon. *€60,000 yrl '10 GOFSP.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Maisons-Laffitte, 17.20, €34,000, 3yo, f, 1 5/16mT, 2:14.20, gd.

FORCES OF DARKNESS (IRE) (f, 3, Lawman {Fr}--Miss Childrey {Ire} {SW & GSP-Ire}, by Dr Fong) Lifetime Record: 7 starts, 3 wins, €39,550, O-Gerard Augustin-Normand; B-Keatly Overseas Ltd; T-Fabrice Vermeulen. *€11,000 wnlg '09 GOFNOV; €17,000 yrl '10 GOFSP; 20,000gns HIT '11 TATHIT.

FRANCE, Maisons-Laffitte, 20.25, €28,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT, 2:33.60, gd.

VICTORINNA (FR) (f, 4, Gentlewave {Ire}--Marcela Howard {Ire}, by Fasliyev) Lifetime Record: 15 starts, 3 wins, 7 places, €78,020. O-Leonidas Marinopoulos; B-B F & R Leclere & V Voisin; T-Carlos Laffon-Parias. *€14,000 wnlg '08 ARQDEC.

MAIDEN WINNER:

Barbayam (GB), f, 3, Stormy River (Fr)--Senkaya (Fr), by Valanour (Ire). Maisons-Laffitte, France, 5-10, Cond, 3yo, 5 1/2fT. B-Wertheimer et Frere. *GSP-Fr. **1/2 to Kayaba (GB) (Anabaa), SW-Fr, \$100,046.

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BY THE LIGHT, 7, Malibu Moon--Dixie Tempo, by Major Impact

Foal born Mar. 28, a filly by Indian Charlie.

Will be bred back to Tiznow.

Owned by Samantha Siegel.

Boarded at Taylor Made Sales Agency.

Accomplishments: MSW & GISP, \$885,632.

DESIRE TO EXCEL, 8, Mt. Livermore--Ayrial Delight, by Quick Dip

Foal born Mar. 28, a filly by Giant's Causeway.

Will be bred back to Bernardini.

Owned by JMJ Racing Stables, Jeffrey & Michael Narlinger.

Boarded at Taylor Made Sales Agency.

Accomplishments: MSW & GSP, \$175,543.

