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CHAMPIONS WEEKEND ANNOUNCED

Next year's Dubai Future Champions Day will be moved to the Friday before Ascot's QIPCO Champions Day to create a new £4.5 million "Champions Weekend," it was revealed yesterday. Newmarket's Future Champions Day, which will precede the recently-established Ascot centrepiece by 24 hours, will see the G1 Dubai Dewhurst S. run alongside the G1 Middle Park S. and the G1 Fillies' Mile. With the European Pattern Committee also announcing that from this year, the British Champions Fillies & Mares S. will be upgraded from its previous Group 2 status, the weekend in 2014 will feature a total of six top-level contests. This year's Champions Day has received a £350,000 increase in prize money, with the British Champions Fillies & Mares S. doubled in value to £500,000. Newmarket's £450,000-fixture on the preceding Saturday will include the Cesarewitch H. and the G3 Cornwallis S., which has moved from Ascot. With the Abernant S. staged in April also upgraded to Group 3 status, Newmarket will now stage the highest number of pattern races in Britain. Other EPC amendments announced yesterday include the upgrading of Haydock's Superior Mile in September from listed to Group 3 status, while the Lingfield Derby Trial has been downgraded from Group 3 to listed level. Amy Starkey, East Regional Director for Jockey Club Racecourses, responsible for the running of Newmarket Racecourses, said, "I'm very pleased that Dubai Future Champions Day will increase its status as Europe's 2-year-old championship day by featuring three Group 1 races for the first time in 2014 and as part of a superb two-day climax to the premier Flat racing season. We have made this move in the best interests of British racing, working with multiple interested parties and listening to feedback from trainers who asked us to help resolve the outstanding issues with the two-year-old pattern. Staging an additional fixture in the Saturday slot will see a further significant injection of prize money at Newmarket, and we are very grateful for Dubai's continued and highly valued support on Dubai Future Champions Day." Rod Street, Chief Executive of British Champions Limited, said, "One of the main underlying reasons for creating British Champions Day was to maintain and protect Britain's status as a world-leading Flat racing nation and the upgrade to the QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares S. and the injection of another £350,00 in prize money to the day this October represent fantastic progress in only year three. We aspire to make ours the best Flat raceday in the world and the alignment with Dubai Future Champions Day in 2014 presents the perfect opportunity to build something even bigger than that."

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DeBerdt Enjoys Banner Day at Barretts...

Bruno DeBerdt's Excel Bloodstock sent just three juveniles through the Barretts March sales ring, but what they lacked in numbers, they made up for in quality. Leading the consignment was [hip 67](#), a colt by Dunkirk, who sold for \$575,000 to the bid of Demi O'Byrne. The gray 2-year-old blitzed a furlong in :09 3/5 during last Friday's under tack show. DeBerdt purchased the youngster for \$50,000 out of the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky October sale last fall.

"It's a thrill," DeBerdt told reporters as his cell phone beeped repeatedly with congratulatory texts. "We bought the colt with the idea of bringing him to this sale, and David [Scanlon] did a super job--he is the one who got him ready for us. I told David we were going to prepare him for March, but that he would tell us if he was ready or not. And he did. He just progressed for us. We never had a problem with him. When we brought him here, he galloped like a good horse, he prepped like a good horse. Everything just came together." Cont. p3



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Kentucky Oaks Early Noms Announced



Beholder
Benoit Photo

Champion 2-year-old filly and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies heroine **Beholder** (Henny Hughes), unbeaten GIII Rachel Alexandra S. heroine **Unlimited Budget** (Street Sense) and GI Hollywood Starlet S. victress **Pure Fun** (Pure Prize) top the list of 120 early nominations for the 139th running of the GI Kentucky Oaks.

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Premier Sale Session One Wrap Up

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Champions Weekend cont.

Street continued, “We are grateful for the efforts of BHA and others in securing this outcome, and very much look forward to working with Newmarket, Ascot and the other British Champions Series courses and shareholders to co-promote a sensational ‘Champions Weekend’ next year.” Ruth Quinn, Director of Racing for the British Horseracing Authority, added, “Today’s announcement represents a significant boost for British Racing, and is also a positive development for the sport across Europe. Our end of season Flat programme has taken another major step forward, and we are delighted that the European Pattern Committee supports Britain’s further ambitions in this regard. Enhancing the quality of our racing wherever possible and ensuring the integrity of our Pattern is a key responsibility of the BHA, but this of course requires a collaborative approach. We are at our strongest when we work together, and it is important that we all continue to do so.”

DeBerdt Enjoys Banner Day cont.

Savoring a career-high pinhooking score, DeBerdt added, “These horses just don’t come around all that often. I feel very humble. You put a lot of work and time into these horses and it doesn’t always work out, but it did, and Angelo Ferro, who is my partner on the horse, he has been with me through good and bad, so I have got to be thankful to him.”

Excel Bloodstock’s evening got off to a quick start Monday when it sold a daughter of Henrythenavigator ([hip 12](#)) for \$310,000. California owner Gary Broad made the winning bid. The filly, who worked a furlong last week in :09 4/5, cost \$50,000 as a Keeneland September yearling. DeBerdt gave credit for picking the filly out as a yearling to his wife Rachel.

“I almost didn’t buy her because Henrythenavigators were more fashionable in Europe,” DeBerdt explained. “And so I didn’t know how well-received she would be here. She is a big, really beautiful bodied horse. She is a nice-type horse and, truth be known, my wife picked her out. I loved the filly when I saw her when we were doing our short list and I said, ‘You know, Rachel, I am just not sure of the pedigree. Subsequently, we’ve had quite a few horses by Henrythenavigator do more.”

The Coolmore stallion has been represented this season by Amerigo Vespucci, third in the GIII Jerome S., and last year by GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Turf winner George Vancouver.

Excel Bloodstock’s trio was completed by [hip 86](#), a daughter of Tapit, who sold for \$320,000 to West Point Thoroughbreds. She is out of multiple stakes winner Punch Appeal (Successful Appeal). DeBerdt purchased the bay filly for \$140,000 at Keeneland last September.

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Hui Steps Up For War Front Colt...

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Patrick Biancone
Horsephotos

"He is a very good horse and we are happy to have him," Hui said. "When I looked at him, I just thought he was beautiful. We are looking forward to the Derby," he added laughingly.

Hui was co-owner of Grade I stakes placed Pulsion (Include) and owned and bred stakes winner Patriotic Viva (Whywhywhy). He currently has eight horses in training and is looking to increase the quality of his stock.

"Mr. Hui has a few horses with me and we decided to go to the next step, to try to buy better horses," Biancone explained.

The War Front colt is the first foal out of multiple stakes placed Seasoned (Pulpit) and is from the family of GI Breeders' Cup Classic winner Raven's Pass (Elusive Quality). He worked a furlong at the sale's under tack preview in :10.

"He worked extremely well," Biancone commented. "He galloped out very good. He is sound as a bell and he is a very well-bred horse."



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|--|------------|------------|
| OBS Selected | Mar. 12-13 | Mar. 7-8 |
| Fasig-Tipton Florida | Mar. 25 | Mar. 22 |
| Fasig-Tipton Texas | Apr. 3 | Apr. 1 |
| Keeneland April | Apr. 8 | Apr. 4 |
| OBS Spring | Apr. 22-25 | Apr. 16-19 |
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Consigned by Checkmate Thoroughbreds
(Adrian Gonzalez), agent

Purchased by Mulligan Maui Racing

Adrian Gonzalez paid \$38,000 for this colt out of last year's Fasig-Tipton Kentucky July sale. Consigned by his California-based Checkmate Thoroughbreds, the juvenile proved worth the gamble Monday at Barretts.

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|------------|------|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 019 | colt | Closing Argument | Dixie Dawn | 180,000 |
|------------|------|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------|

Consigned by SGV Thoroughbreds (Steven Venosa), agent
Purchased by Broken Wallet Farm

Steve Venosa's SGV Thoroughbreds signed the ticket at \$40,000 for this colt out of last year's Fasig-Tipton Kentucky July sale. With a stylish :10 flat breeze last Friday, the youngster was in demand at Barretts.

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|------------|------|----------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 039 | colt | Midnight Lute | In Secure | 230,000 |
|------------|------|----------------------|------------------|----------------|

Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent II
Purchased by Apple Delight Stable

Pony Trail Stable acquired this colt for \$65,000 out of last year's Keeneland September sale and enjoyed an attractive return on investment Monday in Pomona.

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|------------|------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| 084 | colt | Exchange Rate | Perfect Paula | 250,000 |
|------------|------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------|

Consigned by Wavertree Stables, Inc.
(Ciaran Dunne), Agent X

Purchased by McCalmont Bloodstock

Atlantic Investments secured this colt for \$60,000 out of last year's Fasig-Tipton July sale. Helped by a co-bullet :09 3/5 breeze last Friday and his sire's European hot streak, he proved popular at Barretts Monday. Although, Ciaran Dunne pointed out the colt might want to consider a new travel agent. "He was bought for David Redvers to go to England," Dunne said. "So he's gone from Kentucky to Florida to California, to go back to Florida before going to Europe. He's probably thinking, 'There must have been a direct flight.'"

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| 090 | colt | Any Given Saturday | Rahy Connection | 125,000 |
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Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent IX
Purchased by Nasuno Farm

Pete Bradley's Bradley Thoroughbreds purchased this colt for \$32,000 at Keeneland last September and watched as the youngster got the group's pinhooking venture off to a strong start in 2013.

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BEHOLDER HEADS EARLY OAKS NOMS

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SALES NEWS

PREMIER SALE SESSION ONE CONCLUDES

By Rob Burnet Thoroughbrednews.com.au

The third and final day of Session One of the Inglis Melbourne Premier Yearling Sale concluded Tuesday at the company's Oaklands complex and featured a broad base of international competition for the top offerings.



Lot 365
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76%.

A pair of colts, each of whom ended up in the hands of overseas buyers, shared the day's top price at A\$300,000. Lot 365, a bay colt by Not A Single Doubt (Aus) out of Euchre (Aus) (Final Card {Aus}) from the draft of Fairhill Farm was bought for Hong Kong interests. The colt is a half-brother to a pair of Singapore gallopers in World Airlines (Aus) (Umatilla {NZ}), winner of 10 races including the EW Barker Trophy, and that one's full-brother Alacarte (Aus), himself and eight-time winner. **Cont. p7**

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Inglis Sale cont.

Singapore also featured in the purchase of lot 405, a colt by Redoute's Choice (Aus) out of Glimmers (Aus) (Success Express) from the draft of Lauriston Thoroughbred Farm. A final bid of A\$20,000 decided things in the favor of Derek Brugman, who said that the colt would go to Patrick Shaw in Singapore, who has orchestrated the career of international performer Rocket Man (Aus) (Viscount {Aus}). The colt will race for international owners Marcus Jooste, Bernard Kantor and Marsh Shirtliff.

"There was nothing not to like about him," said Brugman. "He was an absolute standout, a fantastic family and the mare has already produced a champion, and for us he was on a par with two or three of the other best colts of the sale. We really, really liked him."

A two-time winner at the races, Glimmers is already the dam of Gold Edition (Aus) (Lion Hunter {Aus}), the top filly on the 2006-7 Australasian 3YO Classification. Gold Edition won 17 times including the G1 Ascot Vale S. and G1 Manikato S.

"Im happy with the sale results," said Mark Webster, managing director of Inglis. "We have seen excellent competition through the sale for the better types. The feedback from the buyers who are here is that they are buying quality and they have been able to buy nice horses that they like. They would have liked to have bought more and I think there is still scope for this sale to grow with better quality yearlings added to the sale. We will certainly have a look if we need to tighten the main session. The positives are that the average for the sale is \$78,627, about 10% up on last year. We are sitting at 76% pass out which I think is pretty good knowing the numbers we had in the sale. Probably the other key message is the diversity of the buying bench. Local buyers supported the sale, there were a lot of West Australians, a lot of Kiwis and South Africans, and the Japanese were very active. From Hong Kong, Ricky Yiu and George Moore purchased, so there is a lot to be positive about when you break it down," he said.



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**INGLIS PREMIER YEARLING SALE
TUESDAY'S TOP 5 LOTS**

| Lot | Sex | Sire | Dam | Price (A\$) |
|---------------------|-------|--------------------------|---|-------------|
| 365 | colt | Not a Single Doubt (Aus) | Euchre (Aus) <i>B-R Pietrykowski</i> Consigned by Fairhill Farm Purchased by William Inglis, agent | 300,000 |
| 405 | colt | Redoute's Choice (Aus) | Glimmers (Aus) <i>B-P G & Mrs P Moran</i> Consigned by Lauriston Thoroughbred Farm Purchased by Nordic Racing & Breeding | 300,000 |
| 547 | colt | Bel Esprit (Aus) | Murray Mary (NZ) <i>B-B Grayling</i> Consigned by Supreme Thoroughbreds Purchased by George Moore Bloodstock | 280,000 |
| 450 | colt | Northern Meteor (Aus) | Jollity (GB) <i>B-Gilgai Farm</i> Consigned by Three Bridges Thoroughbreds Purchased by S Morinaka | 240,000 |
| 498 | filly | Testa Rossa (Aus) | Lykanna (Aus) <i>B-G & K Hammond</i> Consigned by Millford Thoroughbreds Purchased by Spicer Thoroughbreds | 230,000 |

The Rise of Snitzel...

The ascent of Arrowfield Stud sire Snitzel (Aus) continued at the Inglis Premier Yearling Sale at Oaklands, with the son of Redoute's Choice averaging \$159,000 for the five yearlings sold over the three sale sessions.

Last Saturday, Sweet Idea (Aus) won the G2 Silver Slipper S. over 1100 meters at Rosehill for trainer Gai Waterhouse to become the eighth 2-year-old Group winner for the sire, and 11th stakes winner overall. With 23 other stakes performers, 14.9% of his runners, it is not surprising that the sire's progeny are in demand during the 2013 yearling series.

At the Magic Millions Yearling Sale at the Gold Coast in January, Snitzel averaged \$179,737 for 19 yearlings sold. Trained by Gerald Ryan, Snitzel won the G1 Oakleigh Plate at Caulfield defeating Virage de Fortune (Aus) and international star Takeover Target (Aus), after which he went to stud.

Hot Snitzel (Aus) flew the flag for the sire in the 2010/11 season winning the G2 BRC Sires' Produce S. The 2011/12 season saw six stakes winners, including Sizzling in the G1 TJ Smith S. along with Group 3 winners Snitzerland (Aus), Flying Snitzel (Aus) and Dances On Stars (Aus). He ended the season as Australia's champion third-crop sire.

"He has kept improving every season with every year better than the previous one," said Jon Freyer, bloodstock manager for Arrowfield Stud. "Last season was a breakout year in many respects, with the likes of Flying Snitzel and Snitzerland just getting beaten in the Golden Slipper, and this year he has done it again. He had a lovely crop of yearlings last year, and he has come up with Sweet Idea, who was a \$240,000 yearling at Magic Millions, and now she is a Silver Slipper winner and just got pipped in the Magic Millions 2YO Classic."

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Freyer continued, "He has a few other nice horses ready to emerge. In our view he is ready to take the next step up and possibly join that upper echelon of Redoute's Choice, Fastnet Rock, and Lonhro. He's achieved that off a relatively low base in terms of mare quality, some way below what his competitors have had."

The top price for a Snitzel yearling at the Premier Sale was A\$300,000 for lot 165, a daughter of Acceleration (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}), from draft of Lauriston Thoroughbreds.

Victorian syndicator Brad Spicer signed for the filly and he echoed Freyer's view of the sire from a buyer's point of view.

"I thought she was the filly of the sale and I knew I would have to go to a fair amount to secure her," said Spicer. "I think people are just starting to warm to Snitzel and I think he is going to be a sire in the next couple of years who is going to make his mark."



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NEWS TODAY

EPC Start Quality Crackdown...

Several European races are in danger of downgraded status after the European Pattern Committee (EPC) revealed that it is ready to tighten its standards for black-type races. Aside from the usual raft of upgrades headed by this year's running of the QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares S. as a Group 1 at Ascot Oct. 19, the Committee issued a series of downgrades including Munich's Europa Meile and The Curragh's Royal Whip--which drop to Group 3 level--and took listed status off races at Deauville and Pisa. A press release from the operation yesterday revealed that a total of 15 races, including four Group 1 races, were identified as being at risk of downgrading in 2014 if their ratings fail to reach the required parameter this term. They include the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains (French 2000 Guineas), the G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud and G1 Grosser Preis von Bayern, while under more immediate threat are the G1 Gran Criterium and G2 Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial and Royal Ascot's G3 Queens Vase.

The EPC have also stated their intention to apply the same quality control to listed races as they currently do to group races across Europe, while they will also seek to reduce the number of new pattern and listed races that can be created in any year and set higher rating thresholds for admission into the Pattern. In a new move, the EPC has recommended to the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA) and the Society of International Thoroughbred Auctioneers (SITA) that five races in Spain and one race in Switzerland should be included as listed races within the IFHA's International Cataloguing Standards Book and be accorded that status for the first time.

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Kilboy Estate Upgraded...

Horse Racing Ireland yesterday learned that The Curragh's Kilboy Estate S. for fillies and mares has been promoted to Group 2 status. The nine-furlong July 21 contest was one of two upgrades agreed upon by the European Pattern Committee alongside Leopardstown's Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Trial, which will be staged as a Group 3 race rather than listed Sept. 7. Two races to be downgraded are The Curragh's Royal Whip, which is now a Group 3, and Leopardstown's 2000 Guineas Trial, which has dropped a level to Listed status. Curragh Manager Paul Hensey said, "The support and commitment by our sponsors Mr. and Mrs. Shane Ryan since the inaugural running of the Kilboy Estate S. in 2004 has ensured we have been able to attract quality runners, and we are delighted this has been recognised by the European Pattern Committee. The newly upgraded Group 2 contest will now take centre stage as the feature race on day two of the Darley Irish Oaks weekend on Sunday July 21, with the Darley Irish Oaks moving to a Saturday late afternoon/early evening card on 20th July for the first time." Pat Keogh, Leopardstown's chief executive, commented, "The promotion of the Breeders Cup Juvenile Turf Trial (registered as the Golden Fleece S.) is a fantastic boost for Irish Champions Day at Leopardstown on Saturday Sept. 7. The top quality card will now feature two Group 1 races and two Group 3 races, with two of these contests Breeders' Cup-affiliated races.

The race's promotion is fully justified on the basis of the quality of the runners, with the 2012 renewal featuring two horses, Battle of Marengo and Trading Leather, which are prominent in this year's Derby betting." HRI also announced that the fillies' allowance will rise from three pounds to five pounds in listed races and the organisation's Director of Racing Jason Morris said, "HRI is committed to encouraging the greater participation and retention of mares for racing and then breeding in Ireland, with a prime focus always on trying to improve quality. The move to increase the fillies' allowance by two pounds in listed races should further this objective. Following on from the many initiatives already being undertaken in the National Hunt sphere, this change will provide a significant boost to the Flat breeding industry and will hopefully encourage more owners, both domestically and internationally, to put fillies in training in Ireland."



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Verrazano, Dynamic Sky Ready for Tampa Bay Derby

Saturday's \$350,000 GIII Tampa Bay Derby is sure to draw a strong field, with many of the East Coast's top 3-year-olds planning on making a start, amongst them



Verrazano
Courtney Heeney

★ **"TDN Rising Star"** ★
Verrazano (More Than Ready). The impressive colt has been surrounded by Derby buzz since his 16 1/4-length allowance romp at Gulfstream Park Feb. 2. The Todd Pletcher trainee looks to make another step forward against graded competition and earn points towards the Kentucky Derby in Saturday's contest.

In preparation for the start, Verrazano fired a five-panel bullet in :59.21 at Palm Meadows Feb. 25 and breezed four furlongs in :48.37 in his most recent work Mar. 3. "We're hoping to keep moving forward because what he's been doing in the mornings have been pretty special," said Bryan Sullivan, managing partner of Let's Go Stable. "We need to take that next step with tougher company and maybe a slightly bigger field and two turns, so we're looking forward to getting that going," Sullivan commented. "There's a number of good horses. You could make the argument that while you don't have the top few horses in this race, it's a pretty deep race. We're just looking for a good post, a good trip and hopefully the horse will do all the talking."

John Oxley's **Dynamic Sky** (Sky Mesa) will attempt to foil Verrazano's weekend. The Mark Casse trained colt took the Pasco S. over this track two races back and was runner-up last out in the GIII Sam F. Davis S. here Feb. 2.

"I think [racing at Tampa] is a huge advantage," said his conditioner. "Verrazano is a tough horse. I think that right now he's coming to play at our house. We've already established ourself there and he still has yet to do it. He has to run two turns. He's got to be able to get over Tampa's race track, which a lot of horses don't like. If Verrazano can carry his speed around two turns, he's going to be tough. I ran against him with Gunderman (Birdstone) [in the allowance race] and we went head-to-head with him for about five-eighths of a mile. [Jockey] Patrick Husbands told me that [Verrazano's pilot] Johnny Velazquez just smiled at him and off they went. We have our work cut out for us, that's for sure."

BRIS Speed Ratings
Top Weekly Stakes Races

| Horse | Sire | Race | BRIS Speed |
|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|------------|
| Game on Dude | Awesome Again | Santa Anita H.-G1 | 110 |
| Unstoppable U | Exchange Rate | Maxxam Gold Cup H. | 101 |
| Comma to the Top | Bwana Charlie | Tom Fool H.-G3 | 100 |
| Flashpoint | Pomeroy | Sam Houston Sprint Cup S. | 99 |
| Summer Applause | Harlan's Holiday | Top Flight H.-G2 | 99 |
| Vyjack | Into Mischief | Gotham S.-G3 | 99 |
| Clearly Now | Horse Greeley | Swale S.-G3 | 98 |
| Suggestive Boy (ARG) | Easing Along | Frank E. Kilroe Mile S.-G1 | 97 |
| Walkwithapurpose | Candy Ride (ARG) | Caesar's Wish S. | 97 |
| Departing | War Front | Texas Heritage S. | 96 |
| Flatter This | Flatter | Challenger S. | 96 |
| Fusaichiswonderful | Fusaichi Pegasus | Primal Force S. | 96 |
| Beholder | Henny Hughes | Las Virgenes S.-G1 | 95 |
| Up With the Birds | Stormy Atlantic | Black Gold S. | 95 |
| General Election | Harlan's Holiday | John Battaglia Memorial S. | 94 |
| Hit the Road Lee | Leestown | Fremont S. | 91 |
| Rosengold | Stormello | Baffle S. | 90 |
| Gator Zone | Sharp Humor | Allen LaCombe Memorial S. | 89 |
| Let Me Entertain U | Nobiz Like Shobiz | Beru S. | 89 |
| Rydliluc | Medaglia d'Oro | Palm Beach S.-G3 | 89 |
| Artemus Kitten | Kitten's Joy | Jersey Lilly S. | 88 |
| King Henry | Henny Hughes | Gazebo S. | 87 |
| Kitten's Point | Kitten's Joy | Herecomesthebride S.-G3 | 78 |

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"I think we've only been seeing 75 or 80% of what he can do," Casse said of Dynamic Sky. "Now, he may give 100% and may not be good enough to beat Verrazano. But I think he's getting better, he's peaking right now and I couldn't be more pleased of where he's at and where he's headed. Do I think we can beat Verrazano on Saturday? I think if Verrazano breaks clean and goes around it, probably not. I just hope to come running at him and build on that and then we'll try to meet him at the first Saturday in May."

IN OTHER NEWS...
A Daily Roundup of Racing Articles in Other Media

Gov. Christie Analyzes Path Ahead for Sports Betting in NJ
New Jersey Governor Chris Christie said at an event in Jersey City that he "wholly expected" a federal judge last week to uphold the 21-year-old Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act. Then the former U.S. Attorney and prosecutor explained how he expects things to play out in the courts."
John Brennan, NorthJersey.com

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SUPER SATURDAY PREVIEWS

Saturday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 11:00 a.m. EST

AL MAKTOU CHALLENGE-R3-G1, \$400,000, NH4yo/up, SH3yo/up, 2000m (AWT)

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER |
|----|----------------------|---------------------|-----------|------------|
| 1 | Little Mike | Spanish Steps | Fallon | Romans |
| 2 | Prince Bishop (Ire) | Dubawi (Ire) | Moore | bin Suroor |
| 3 | Trailblazer (Jpn) | Zenno Rob Roy (Jpn) | Take | Ikee |
| 4 | Hunter's Light (Ire) | Dubawi (Ire) | de Sousa | bin Suroor |
| 5 | Monterosso (GB) | Dubawi (Ire) | Ajtebi | al Zarooni |
| 6 | Surfer | Distorted Humor | Mullen | Seemar |
| 7 | Saint Baudolino (GB) | Pivotal (GB) | Barzalona | al Zarooni |
| 8 | Daddy Long Legs | Scat Daddy | Soumillon | de Kock |
| 9 | Treasure Beach (GB) | Galileo (Ire) | Spencer | de Kock |
| 10 | Jamr (GB) | Singspiel (Ire) | Cosgrave | bin Shafya |
| 11 | Mendip | Harlan's Holiday | Murtagh | bin Suroor |
| 12 | Haatheq | Seeking the Gold | Hanagan | al Raihe |
| 13 | Kassiano (Ger) | Soldier Hollow (GB) | Buick | bin Suroor |

All carry 126 pounds.

Saturday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 11:35 a.m. EST

JEBEL HATTA S.-G1, \$300,000, NH4yo/up, SH3yo/up, 1800mT

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER |
|----|----------------------|---------------------|-----------|------------|
| 1 | Zain Shamardal (Ire) | Shamardal | Ffrench | al Raihe |
| 2 | Master of Hounds | Kingmambo | Cosgrave | de Kock |
| 3 | Sajjhaa | King's Best | Buick | bin Suroor |
| 4 | City Style | City Zip | Barzalona | al Zarooni |
| 5 | Igugu (Aus) | Galileo (Ire) | Delpech | de Kock |
| 6 | So Beautiful (Fr) | Zamindar | Hanagan | Watson |
| 7 | Sharestan (Ire) | Shamardal | de Sousa | bin Suroor |
| 8 | Side Glance (GB) | Passing Glance (GB) | Spencer | Balding |
| 9 | Iguazu Falls | Pivotal (GB) | Murtagh | bin Shafya |
| 10 | The Apache (SAf) | Mogok | Soumillon | de Kock |

All carry 126 pounds, bar Sajjhaa & Igugu, 121.

Saturday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 9:50 a.m. EST

DUBAI CITY OF GOLD S.-G2, \$250,000, NH4yo/up, SH3yo/up, 2410mT

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER |
|----|-------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|
| 1 | Burano (Ire) | Dalakhani (Ire) | Fallon | Meehan |
| 2 | Await the Dawn | King's Causeway | Cosgrave | de Kock |
| 3 | Silvaner (Ger) | Lomitas (GB) | Durcan | Schiergen |
| 4 | Cavalryman (GB) | Halling | de Sousa | bin Suroor |
| 5 | Masterstroke | Monsun (Ger) | Barzalona | al Zarooni |
| 6 | Jakkalberry (Ire) | Storming Home (GB) | Moore | Botti |
| 7 | Treble Jig | Gone West | Smith | al Muhairi |
| 8 | Laajooj (Ire) | Azamour (Ire) | Ajtebi | al Zarooni |
| 9 | Plantagenet (Spa) | Trade Fair (GB) | Buick | Petersen |

All carry 126 pounds, bar Burano & Masterstroke, 123.

Saturday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 10:25 a.m. EST

BURJ NAHAAR S.-G3, \$200,000, NH4yo/up, SH3yo/up, 1600m (AWT)

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER |
|----|------------------------|------------------|-----------|------------|
| 1 | Royal Ridge (SAf) | Tiger Ridge | Hanagan | de Kock |
| 2 | Dullahan | Even the Score | Fallon | Romans |
| 3 | Nawwaar | Distorted Humor | Ffrench | al Raihe |
| 4 | Moonwalk In Paris (Fr) | Oratorio (Ire) | Ajtebi | al Zarooni |
| 5 | African Story (GB) | Pivotal (GB) | Barzalona | bin Suroor |
| 6 | Disa Leader (SAf) | Parade Leader | Geroudis | de Kock |
| 7 | Unbridled Ocean | Unbridled's Song | Mullen | Seemar |
| 8 | Aesop's Fables | Distorted Humor | de Sousa | bin Suroor |
| 9 | Fanunalter (GB) | Falbrav (Ire) | Dobbs | Hussain |
| 10 | Zafeen Speed (GB) | Zafeen (Fr) | Smith | al Muhairi |
| 11 | Barbecue Eddie | Stormy Atlantic | O'Neill | Watson |
| 12 | Capital Attraction | Speightstown | O'Shea | Oertel |
| 13 | Red Jazz | Johannesburg | Moore | C Hills |
| 14 | Saamidd (GB) | Street Cry (Ire) | Buick | bin Suroor |

All carry 126 pounds.

Super Saturday Previews cont.

Saturday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 9:15 a.m. EST

MAHAB AL SHIMAAL S.-G3, \$200,000, NH4yo/up, SH3yo/up, 1200m (AWT)

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER |
|----|---------------------|------------------|-----------|------------|
| 1 | Alazeyab | El Prado (Ire) | Hanagan | al Raihe |
| 2 | Krypton Factor (GB) | Kyllachy (GB) | Fallon | Nass |
| 3 | Jaasoo (Ire) | Noverre | Doyle | D Slvrtnm |
| 4 | Hitchens (Ire) | Acclamation (GB) | de Sousa | Barron |
| 5 | Ganas (Ire) | Oasis Dream (GB) | O'Shea | Oertel |
| 6 | Time Prisoner | Elusive Quality | Barzalona | al Zarooni |
| 7 | Reynaldtothewizard | Speightstown | Muller | Seemar |
| 8 | August Rush (SAf) | Var | Moore | Benzel |
| 9 | Faridat | Kingmambo | Take | Matsumoto |
| 10 | Balmont Mast (Ire) | Balmont | Murtagh | Lynam |

All carry 126 pounds.

Saturday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 8:05 a.m. EST

AL BASTAKIYA S.-Listed, \$250,000, NH/SH3yo, 1950m (AWT)

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER |
|----|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------|------------|
| 1 | I'm Back (Ire) | Exceed and Excel (Aus) | de Sousa | bin Suroor |
| 2 | Zahee (NZ) | Dylan Thomas (Ire) | Soumillon | de Kock |
| 3 | Emotif (Arg) | Giant's Causeway | Delpech | de Kock |
| 4 | Snowboarder | Raven's Pass | Barzalona | al Zarooni |
| 5 | Deauville Prince (Fr) | Hly Rmn Empr (Ire) | Kingscote | Dascombe |
| 6 | Stasio | Street Boss | Buick | Simcock |
| 7 | Fortify | Distorted Humor | Ajtebi | al Zarooni |
| 8 | Darkening (Ire) | Shamardal | O'Shea | Mohammed |
| 9 | Tarbawi (Ire) | Anabaa | Smith | bin Shafya |
| 10 | Elleval (Ire) | Kodiak (GB) | Lynch | Marnane |
| 11 | Secret Number (GB) | Raven's Pass | Fallon | bin Suroor |

All carry 120 pounds, bar Zahee, 130; and Emotif, 126.

Saturday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 11:00 a.m. EST

MEYDAN SPRINT S.-Listed, \$175,000, NH/SH3yo/up, 1000mT

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER |
|----|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------|------------|
| 1 | Dandy Boy (Ity) | Danetime (Ire) | Dobbs | Marnane |
| 2 | Medicean Man (GB) | Medicean (GB) | Bentley | Gask |
| 3 | Monsieur Joe (Ire) | Choisir (Aus) | Buick | Cowell |
| 4 | Spirit Quartz (Ire) | Invincible Spirit (Ire) | Spencer | Cowell |
| 5 | Red Dubawi (Ire) | Dubawi (Ire) | Hanagan | Marnane |
| 6 | Sole Power (GB) | Kyllachy (GB) | Murtagh | Lynam |
| 7 | Secret Asset (Ire) | Clodovil (Ire) | Murgia | J Ch-Hym |
| 8 | Russian Soul (Ire) | Invincible Spirit (Ire) | Moore | Halford |
| 9 | Russian Rock (Ire) | Rock of Gibraltar (Ire) | Smith | al Muhairi |
| 10 | Seachantach | Elusive Quality | Monaghan | Seemar |
| 11 | Ballista (Ire) | Majestic Missile (Ire) | Kingscote | Dascombe |
| 12 | Silaah (GB) | Mind Games (GB) | de Sousa | Ramadan |
| 13 | Invincible Ash (Ire) | Invincible Spirit (Ire) | Fallon | Halford |
| 14 | Shea Shea (SAf) | National Emblem (SAf) | Soumillon | de Kock |
| 15 | Vocational | Excd & Excl (Aus) | Ffrench | al Raihe |
| 16 | My Special J's | Harlan's Holiday | O'Shea | Shanahan |

All carry 130 pounds, bar Invincible Ash, Vocational, 126; and My Special J's, 118.

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Letters TO THE EDITOR

ROB WHITELEY:

Speculation after Rydilluc's dominating win in the GIII Palm Beach H. creates intriguing mystery and suspense related to his Derby potential at a time when our fever is rising.

No one has a crystal ball to fathom the unknown, but Andrew Caulfield's speculation that Rydilluc will probably perform well on dirt is well-founded. In another brilliant analysis, Andrew thoroughly examines Rydilluc's pedigree and reveals a propensity for dirt at every layer ([click](#)).

When Medaglia d'Oro stood at Stonewall Farm, I purchased Swift and Classy to breed to Medaglia d'Oro in a co-ownership arrangement with Stonewall. Grass never entered my mind. We sold Rydilluc in utero to close out the arrangement, and I doubt if grass entered the minds of the clever purchasers either.

As Andrew writes, "there is little in his pedigree to suggest that he will lack the necessary versatility." Medaglia d'Oro has clearly revealed his own versatility and was himself an elite performer on dirt. And as Andrew points out, the female family has consistently distinguished itself on dirt at the highest level.

No horse has been better named than Rydilluc's dam, Swift and Classy. She was fast and beautiful and all of her victories were impressive and on dirt. The same is true of Icecapade. I cashed a ticket in person on Icecapade the day he blazed to a Monmouth Park track record on dirt and looked 'swift and classy' posing for his picture. (It should also be noted that his momma Shenanigans gave us a dirt legacy for the ages in Ruffian.) In short, the female family is dirt dirt dirt, with what Andrew calls an added dimension of "versatility" thrown in.

When I was starting out in the breeding world and purchased Sociable Duck while directing Carl Icahn's Foxfield, I walked through the Keeneland "round room" and heard several critics of me and her sire making quacking noises to ridicule her and the new kid on the block. Yet, despite Quack having little commercial sales appeal, my goal was always to produce a racehorse, and Quack has been a tremendous source of quality in that regard. Not known for their "sales appearance," the Quacks have a way of looking a lot more beautiful in the winner's circle. And Sociable Duck may get the last quack on the first Saturday in May.

The gene pool is deep and exceptions are always possible, and we know full well that a horse can get beat in more than a thousand ways in the Derby, but it would be quite surprising if the surface is an issue for Rydilluc.

He has already confirmed my oft-expressed opinion of "nicking" programs by debunking his "F" Werk rating, and I believe he will also handle any challenges of dirt and distance with the same affinity and aplomb.

Rob Whiteley, Liberation Farm

SANDRA WILLWERTH:

To the Editor:

As I completely support Olly Tait and vehemently disagree with Michael Bronzino, whose opinion I find inaccurate, I wanted to offer support to the anti-drug stand of so many important involved persons. We will breed and gain a more sound and marketable product when all horses race with NO medication at all. In short order, the elimination of drugs would gain all involved a better and more useful product.

Trainers are scared and want an edge, many of them at any cost to the owners, and often to the detriment of the race horse.

Veterinarians' motivation are one of their own financial gain. Veterinarians cannot offer an unbiased opinion since their survival and sometimes, excessive billing practices, are tied to the medication process.

No drugs is what the American public wants. Our industry is in trouble, the United States people have lost a lot of their interest in racing. We need to present to our fans a clean drug free sport, monitored aggressively and effectively, and candidly, less of it. (If NASCAR raced every day in 20 states, they would damage their sport as well). Until the drugs are stopped we are not going to be able to market our sport back to the general public.

I am constantly disappointed, stunned and often incredulous how gutless our governing agencies are when it comes to establishing a no drug policy. With no drugs, all trainers and horses are on a level playing field and that is where we should go.

Look at all the negative publicity our industry continues to generate; is the front page of the New York *Times* blasting our industry not enough to wake people up to our problems?

I also want to suggest or agree with the suggestion if a horse tests positive, one should not suspend the trainer. Everyone knows the assistant trainer just stands in and all continues as usual. Instead, we need to suspend the horse, then the owners will be upset and angry and get involved in stopping the trainers from using drugs as the owners ultimately pay the bills.

Thank you for the visit to your soap box.

Sincerely,
Sandra Willwerth

GUNNAR NORDQVIST:

Dear Sirs,

Recent reports that Breeders' Cup Ltd have decided to renege on their previous statement of non medication. It does make Breeders' Cup Lt and its members a laughingstock.

Unfortunately, the balance of power is strongly in the hands of a few and common sense has left everyone. No wonder racing is fading fast in the USA. The old adage is that competition is good for the sport, provided that it is on an level playing field.

No, I would advise anyone in Europe and the world to boycott the Breeders' Cup until they come to their senses.

Yours Sincerely,
Gunnar Nordqvist
Breeder, France

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TOBA to Hold Clinic at Palm Meadows:

Edited Press Release

The Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association will hold a Thoroughbred Pedigree and Conformation Clinic at Palm Meadows Training Center in Boynton Beach, Sunday, Mar. 24. The clinic will feature conformation presentations and live evaluations as well as pedigree discussions that will include nicking, dosage, outcrossing and inbreeding. Clinic speakers will include Davant Latham, Dr. Jeffrey Berk, VMD, Eddie Woods, Rick Violette, Tom McGreevy, Joe Seitz, Ciaran Dunne and Debbie Easter. The clinic will begin at 7:45 a.m. in the Trainers' Lounge at Palm Meadows. The registration fee for the clinic is \$125 for TOBA members and \$175 for non-members and includes all support materials, breakfast and lunch. Visit www.toba.org for more information or contact Erin Crady at 859-276-2291.

INDUSTRY INFO

Aftercare Alliance Accepting Accreditation Apps:

Edited Press Release

The Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance has announced that Thoroughbred aftercare organizations may now apply for TAA accreditation. Passing the TAA's on-site accreditation inspection will make a facility eligible to receive financial support for the ongoing care of retired Thoroughbreds. Applications for accreditation must be submitted by June 1 for organizations to be eligible for consideration for grants in 2013 and 2014. The complete TAA Code of Standards for aftercare facilities and the accreditation application are available at <http://www.thoroughbredaftercare.org/>. "The Code of Standards and application materials are products of a great deal of input from all around the Thoroughbred community, including the American Association of Equine Practitioners and the American Humane Association," said TAA Executive Director Mike Ziegler. "Our guiding principle in the creation of all of these documents was to make the welfare of retired Thoroughbreds our top priority." AAEP President Ann Dwyer added, "The American Association of Equine Practitioners strongly supports the efforts of the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance. The AAEP has worked in partnership with the TAA on the development of its Code of Standards, best practices, and application and site inspector documents and supports its efforts to improve the care of Thoroughbreds at rescue and retirement facilities throughout North America."

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8th-GPX, \$52K, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f

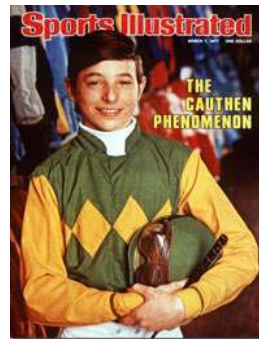
RESOLUTE BABE (Big Brown) is a product of horses that carried the silks of IEAH Stables with great success in the last several years. From the first crop of Kentucky Derby winner Big Brown, this May foal is the first to make the races out of Shaggy Mane (Bertrando), a private purchase by IEAH who won the Sunshine Millions Sprint at this venue and missed by a nose in the GI Princess Rooney H. in 2007. Trainer Bill Mott is having a career year, even by his standards, and saddles **Charity Ball (Indian Charlie)** for Don Adam's Courtlandt Farms. Drawn on the fence for this debut, she is out of a half-sister to 2003 GI Kentucky Oaks runner-up Santa Catarina. Brisnet.com PPs

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Cauthen, Day Headline Derby Experience:

Edited Press Release

Two of the most accomplished jockeys in GI Kentucky Derby history--Steve Cauthen and Pat Day--headline the list of attractions for the 2013 edition of "Derby Experiences," the Churchill Downs travel experience program that brings fans closer to the excitement of "The Most Exciting Two Minutes in Sports." Cauthen will be returning to Churchill on the 35th anniversary of his historic Triple Crown run aboard Affirmed in 1978. Owner of a Thoroughbred breeding farm in north central Kentucky, the Hall of Famer is an accomplished handicapper who will be interacting with "Derby Experiences" guests on Saturday, May 4 for the 139th running of the Kentucky Derby. Day, the winning jockey in nine Triple Crown races, scored his pinnacle triumph aboard longshot Lil E. Tee in the 1992 Derby. The all-time winning jockey at Churchill Downs, Day will be on hand Friday, May 3, for the Kentucky Oaks providing insights at all of the "Derby Experiences" venues at Churchill Downs. "These are the icons of the sport, both dynamic ambassadors who will give "Derby Experiences" participants that once-in-a-lifetime feeling that is part of the phenomenon of the Kentucky Derby," said Brian Learst, C.E.O. of QuintEvents, Churchill Downs' Official Experience Package Provider for Derby Week. Cauthen and Day will visit multiple clubhouse and grandstand hospitality party venues for autograph signings and meet and greet opportunities with "Derby Experiences" clients, part of customizable packages of travel, hotel accommodations, tickets and amenities for fans, groups and businesses looking to experience the Kentucky Derby in a special way. For more on the packages, including specifics on hotels and on-site hospitality, visit www.DerbyExperiences.com or call (888) 384-7088.



*Derby Legends/
Steve Cauthen*



ROOKIES

First-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, March 6

Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2009 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

BIG BROWN (Boundary), Three Chimneys, \$65K, 151/20/1
8-GP, Msw, 6f, +Resolute Babe, \$22K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 6-1
8-GP, Msw, 6f, +Maracuya, \$130K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1

CURLIN (Smart Strike), Lanes End, \$75K, 218/19/1
9-FG, Msw, 5 1/2fT, Lord of the Realm, 8-1

FAIRBANKS (Giant's Causeway), Northview PA, \$8K, 113/7/0
4-PEN, Msw, 5 1/2f, Air Alaska, \$45K EAS SEP yrl, 6-1

J BE K (Silver Deputy), 35/10/0

7-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Apache Thunder, 3-1

KEYED ENTRY (Honour and Glory), Bridlewood, \$4K, 91/10/0
6-DED, Alw, 5f, Rosesintherain, 9-5

ROAD RULER (Unbridled's Song), 51/4/0

6-HAW, Msw, 6f, Hey I Know You, 15-1

SIGHTSEEING (Pulpit), Richland Hills, \$8K, 79/12/1
9-FG, Msw, 5 1/2fT, +Nick's Vision, 12-1

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Mira Vos, m, 5, **Afleet Alex**--Dame d'Loc, by Mt.
Livermore. La Plata, 3-3, Cond., 5yo/up, 1200m,
1:13.97. B-Princess Racing Corp (KY).

IN FRANCE:

Sefri, g, 3, **Jazil**. See "France."

Ireland

Equisoft to Sponsor Series at the Curragh:

Equisoft, a Newbridge-based horse and bloodstock management company, will sponsor three races at the Curragh this year. "We are delighted to support our local track and it will coincide with the introduction of major new features to EquisoftLive," said Robbie Byrne Managing Director of Equisoft. "Our team will be on-hand each race-day to demonstrate the new product." Equisoft will reward the leading trainer of the series, comprised of handicaps Apr. 7 and July 21 and a maiden May 25, with a free three-year subscription. "We are delighted to add Equisoft to our list of sponsors for 2013 and look forward to working with Robbie Byrne and his team to help maximize their association with the racecourse," commented Evan Arkwright, Commercial Manager of the Curragh Racecourse.

France

Yesterday's Results:

Chantilly, 14.50, Cond, €50,000, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT),
1:11.50, stn.

MYASUN (FR) (g, 6, **Panis--Spain {Fr}**, by **Bering {GB}**), who signed off in 2012 with success in the G3 Prix de Seine-et-Oise at Maisons-Laffitte in November, stalked the leader Onlyyouknowme (Ire) (Martino Alonso {Ire}) in second throughout the early exchanges. Challenging up the inside with over a furlong remaining, the 7-5 pick gained the edge and was game when pressed by that rival late on to prevail by a nose. The winner is a half to Matwan (Fr) (Indian Rocket {GB}), GSW-Fr, \$106,559. Lifetime Record: GSW-Fr, 27 starts, 11 wins, 10 places, €277,500. [Click for Equidia VIDEO](#). O/B-Ecurie Jarlan; T-Christian Baillet.

Chantilly, 14.20, Cond, €34,000, 3yo, 1 3/16m (AWT), 2:00.90, stn.

SEFRI (g, 3, **Jazil--Taseel**, by **Danzig**), looking to complete three-timer after forays at Cagnes-sur-Mer Jan. 24 and Feb. 9, was sent off the 2-5 favorite and assumed command on the front early. Kicking clear of overmatched rivals in the straight, the homebred win by three lengths from Lykastos (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 3 wins, €43,500. [Click for Equidia VIDEO](#).

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Farm; T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

Nantes, 13.30, Cond, €22,000, 4yo/up, 1 3/8mT, 2:29.12, sf.

MELEAGROS (IRE) (c, 4, **King's Best--Viola Royale {Ire}** {**SP-Ire**}, by **Royal Academy**), last seen winning the Listed Derby de l'Ouest over 12 furlongs here in July, stalked the early pace. Committed at the top of the stretch, the 17-10 favorite quickly asserted his superiority and had four lengths to spare over Opera Vert (Fr) (Green Tune) at the line. The winner is a half to St. Andrews (Ire) (Celtic Swing {GB}), SW & GSP-Eng, \$249,714. Sales history: 14,500gns wnlng '09 TATDEC. Lifetime Record: SW-Fr, 10 starts, 4 wins, 4 places, €76,300. [Click for Equidia VIDEO](#).

O-Ecurie Cerdeval & Alain Couetil; B-Oak Hill Stud; T-Alain Couetil.

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South America

LODE EUTHANIZED

Lode (Mr. Prospector--Grand Luxe, by Sir Ivor), an Argentinian leading sire, was euthanized Monday at the age of 26 due to infirmities of old age at Haras Santa Maria de Araras, near Mar del Plata, Buenos Aires. Lode was a multiple graded stakes placed runner and produced 20 crops through his stud career, best known as the sire of two-time GI Hollywood Turf Cup winner Lazy Lode (Arg). He retired from the breeding shed after the 2010 season and was pensioned at Santa Maria de Araras. "Everybody was sad here at the farm," said farm manager Ignacio Pavlovsky. "He was a phenomenal sire and horse, but, you know, that's life."



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BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-SUN, \$28,200, NW3L, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:35 4/5, ft. GREGOR (g, 5, Marino Marini--Street Corner Jive, by Dixieland Band) Lifetime Record: 18-3-3-2, \$87,492. O-J Kirk & Judy Robison & Solitaire Stable. B-Marshall Rose (CA). T-Henry Dominguez.

8th-MNR, \$22,200, 3-4, NW2L, 3/up, 5f, 1:00 3/5, gd. CASTLE CLOWN (g, 4, Mr. Jester--Can't Stop Lynne, by Notebook) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1, \$38,751. O/B-Colebrook Farms (ON). T-Douglas E Shanyfelt.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Lady Dupree, f, 3, Belong to Me--De Rose Colony, by Dehere. PRX, 3-5, (C), 1m, 1:42 1/5. B-Timber Bay Farm (KY). *\$18,000 yrl '11 FTMOCT.

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GULFSTREAM PARK

Trinniberg (Teuflesberg), 4f, 47.86, 2/21

OAKLAWN PARK

Broken Spell (Broken Vow), 4f, :50.20, 6/12
 Laurie's Rocket (Bluegrass Cat), 4f, :50.60, 11/12
 Optimizer (English Channel), 4f, :48.20, 1/12
 Oxbow (Awesome Again), 6f, 1:13.80, 2/2
 Will Take Charge (Unbridled's Song), 6f, 1:13.60, 1/2

SANTA ANITA

Castaway (Street Sense), 4f, :46.40, 2/46
 Code West (Lemon Drop Kid), 4f, :48.60, 23/45
 Drill (Lawyer Ron), 4f, 46.00, 1/46
 Paynter (Awesome Again), 4f, :50.20, 38/46

TAMPA BAY DOWNS

Pataky Kid (Rockport Harbor), 5f, 1:02.40, 1/5

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