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ABOVE THE LAW

Noble Court (Doneraile Court) had to dig down deep, but had enough left in the tank to hold off a fast-closing **Law Breaker** (Silver Deputy) by a neck in yesterday's GII San Vicente S. at Santa Anita. "He was running a little green, but I was just patient and was able to slide through on the inside and was able to find a seam coming around the turn," winning jockey Corey Nakatani said. "When you're on much the best horse, I'd rather save ground and win the race than ask the horse to do



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too much and not win the race." Placed along the inside in a stalking fourth through :22 2/5 and :45 2/5 fractions, Noble Court rallied smartly to take over on the turn for home and was saved by the wire. The Joy Ride Racing colorbearer closed out his juvenile campaign with a four-length maiden tally at Hollywood Dec. 9 and entered the San Vicente off a third-place finish behind E Z Warrior in the San Miguel S. Jan. 7. According to trainer John Sadler, Noble Court is likely to start next in the Mar. 17 GII San Felipe S.

Sunday, Santa Anita

SAN VICENTE S.-GII, \$150,000, SAX, 2-11, 3yo, 7f, 1:23, wf.

1--#**@NOBLE COURT**, 118, c, 3, by [Doneraile Court](#)

1st Dam: Grey Dawn Grey, by Grindstone

2nd Dam: Magnificent Dawn, by *Grey Dawn II

3rd Dam: Nevada Lark, by T. V. Lark

(\$35,000 yrl '05 KEESEP; \$190,000 2yo '06 OBSMAR). O-Joy Ride Racing; B-Brereton C Jones (KY); T-John W Sadler; J-Corey S Nakatani; \$90,000. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, \$131,600.

2--**Law Breaker**, 115, c, 3, Silver Deputy--Such Flair, by Kingmambo. (\$120,000 2yo '06 FTFEB; \$85,000 yrl '05 KEESEP). O-Patti & Hal J Earnhardt, III; B-Carolin Von Rosenberg DVM (FL); T-Bob Baffert; \$30,000.

3--**Half Famous**, 118, c, 3, Tribal Rule--Love Token, by Cox's Ridge. (\$7,000 yrl '05 ARZOCT). O-York Equine II LLC; B-Mr & Mrs Martin J Wygod (CA); T-Dan L McFarlane; \$18,000.

Margins: NK, 1 3/4, 4HF. Odds: 0.80, 2.30, 16.80.

Also Ran: Vaunt (GB), Spanish Influence.

Scratches: Major Pleasure, Hurry Up Austin.

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MEDITATIONS RETIRED; SURGERY ON TAP

Lucy Bassett's homebred **Meditations** (Out of Place--Thoughtful, by Mining) suffered a fracture to her left front cannon bone in Saturday's GII Davona Dale S. and has been shipped to Ocala for surgery. "Three veterinarians examined her and agreed that her injury is not life-threatening," trainer Ralph Ziadie said. "The prognosis for recovery is good. Dr. [John] Madison is going to operate and insert screws in the leg at his clinic in Ocala, where they have a recovery pool." Meditations, the 4-5 favorite in the Davona Dale, was pulled up on the far turn and was vanned off. According to Ziadie, last season's runaway Three Ring S. winner will be retired. "Even if she could come back to the races, after discussing the situation with Mrs. Bassett, we decided it was best to retire her," Ziadie continued. "She was a very special filly and showed what she could do. This is one of the tougher losses I've ever had." Meditations won two of four career starts and posted \$78,630 in earnings.

PLETCHER DUO FINE AFTER FG EFFORTS

Master Command (A.P. Indy), a sharp six-length winner of the GIII Mineshaft H., and GIII Risen Star S. tough-luck fifth-place finisher **Circular Quay** (Thunder Gulch) have emerged from their Saturday efforts at Fair Grounds no worse for the wear. "Both horses walked [Sunday]," assistant trainer Ginny DePasquale said. "I went over both of them this morning after they returned to their stalls and they're both doing great."

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Sunday, Santa Anita

LA CANADA S.-GII, \$200,000, SAX, 2-11, 4yo, f, 1 1/8m, 1:49 2/5, wf.

1--**BALANCE**, 123, f, 4, by **Thunder Gulch**

1st Dam: Vertigineux, by Kris S.

2nd Dam: For the Flag, by *Forli

3rd Dam: In the Offing, by Hoist the Flag

(\$260,000 yrl '04 KEESEP). O-Amerman Racing Stables LLC; B-Maverick Production Limited (KY); T-David E Hofmans; J-Victor Espinoza; \$120,000. Lifetime Record: MGISW, 10-5-1-3, \$720,159. *1/2 to Where's Bailey (Aljabr), SW, \$116,313.

2--**Bai and Bai**, 118, f, 4, Falstaff--Bai Shun, by Fappiano. (\$3,200 yrl '04 NCASEP). O-George V Vinson & Harry Wilson; B-Mares' Nest (CA); T-William Delia; \$40,000.

3--**Les Ry Leigh**, 118, f, 4, Broken Vow--Azusa, by Flying Paster. (\$12,000 yrl '04 KEESEP). O-Michael Pressley, et al; B-Bittersweet Farm (MD); T-James M Cassidy; \$24,000.

Margins: 4 1/4, 3/4, 2 1/4. Odds: 1.20, 5.50, 10.50.

Also Ran: Witch Woman, Sweet Belle, Kris' Sis.

Scratches: Sugar Shake.

Balance began her sophomore season with consecutive tallies in the Feb. 11 GI Las Virgenes S. and the Mar. 12 GI Santa Anita Oaks, but went winless in her next three starts. She placed a well-beaten third as the 1-2 chalk in Keeneland's GI Ashland S. Apr. 8, then finished 11th in the May 5 GI Kentucky Oaks. Freshened up following that effort, the bay resurfaced with a third-place finish in the GI La Brea S. last time Dec. 30. Favored in this one, she stalked the early leaders, rallied on the far turn and drew away impressively in the stretch to win convincingly. "I expected her to run really hard today because she's been wanting to do something for about a week," trainer David Hofmans said. "It's great to have her back. I think she's stronger and bigger. You can see it. Victor [Espinoza] said she has a whole better way of going. He rode her great."

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Sunday, Kyoto, Japan

KISARAGI SHO-G3-JRA (Listed), ¥81,010,000, Kyoto, 2-11, 3yo, 1800mT, 1:48.80, fm.

1--**#ASAKUSA KINGS (JPN)**, 123, c, 3, by White Muzzle (GB)

1st Dam: Croupier Star (Jpn), by Sunday Silence

2nd Dam: Croupier Lady, by What Luck

3rd Dam: Question d'Argent, by Tentam

O-Keiko Tahara; B-Shadai Farm; T-Ryuji Okubo; J-Koshiro Take; ¥42,357,000. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0.

2--**Namura Mars (Jpn)**, 126, c, 3, Chief Bearhart--Bistro de Paris (Jpn), by French Glory (Ire). O-Nobushige Namura; B-Hatta Farm; ¥17,102,000.

3--**Samurai Tigers**, 123, c, 3, Indian Charlie--Pear Shape, by Red Ransom. (\$250,000 yrl '05 KEESEP; \$1,200,000 2yo '06 FTFEB). O-Hidetoshi Yamamoto; B-Gaines-Gentry Thoroughbreds; ¥11,051,000.

Margins: 1 3/4, HD, 1 3/4. Odds: 8.10, 3.00, 23.50.

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TODAY'S VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS



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'SECRET' TOPS FASIG WINTER MIXED SALE

Her Secret (Mining), an 11-year-old broodmare in foal to Walmac stallion Successful Appeal, topped day one of yesterday's Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Winter Mixed Sale, selling to AGS Thoroughbreds Ltd. for \$295,000. Consigned by James M. Herbener, Jr., Agent VIII, as hip 165, the chestnut is the dam of Carmandia (Wild Rush), GSW, \$264,073. Out of the mare Rare Review, Her Secret is a half sister to Mrs. Greeley, who produced 2005 GI Kentucky Derby runner-up Closing Argument. Leading the way for the yearlings was hip 34, a colt by Grand Slam. Consigned by Legacy Bloodstock, Agent CVI, the bay was purchased by Lowell Stevens, agent, for \$110,000. The Kentucky-bred's second dam is Double Sunrise, who produced champion sprinter Kona Gold. For the session, 195 horses sold for \$2,689,300, for an average of \$13,791. The sale concludes today with a 10 a.m. session. For complete results visit www.fasigtipton.com.



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<u>Session Totals</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
No. Offered	258	310
No. Sold	195	207
RNAs	63	103
% RNAs	24.4%	33.2%
Gross	\$2,689,300	\$2,336,700
Average	\$13,791	\$11,288
Median	\$6,000	\$4,500

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FASIG-TIPTON WINTER MIXED SALE TOP YEARLING

<u>Hip</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Sire</u>	<u>Dam</u>	<u>Price (\$)</u>
<u>34</u>	<u>colt</u>	<u>Grand Slam</u>	Kona Kat	110,000

Consigned by Legacy Bloodstock, Agent CVI
Purchased by Lowell Stevens, agent

TOP BROODMARES

<u>Hip</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Covering Sire</u>	<u>Price (\$)</u>
<u>165</u>	<u>Her Secret</u>	<u>Successful Appeal</u>	295,000

(11, Mining--Rare Review, by Groovy)

Consigned by James M. Herbener, Jr., Agent VIII
Purchased by AGS Thoroughbreds Ltd.

<u>259</u>	<u>Road to the Ball</u>	<u>Silver Deputy</u>	100,000
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(14, Cahill Road--Ms. Charity Ball, by Talc)

Consigned by Paramount Sales, Agent XXIV
Purchased by Brereton C. Jones

<u>283</u>	<u>Special Brush</u>	<u>Stormy Atlantic</u>	100,000
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(14, Broad Brush--Special Mistress, by Deputy Minister)

Consigned by Paramount Sales, Agent XXIV
Purchased by Clarkland Farm

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Florida 2yos in Training	Mar. 6
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4:50p HRTV 8th-GPX, \$49,500, OC75k/N3X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m
MO CUIHLE (Saint Ballado) opened her career with three straight victories, culminating with a 7 1/4-length victory in the Aug. 13 GIII Monmouth Breeders' Cup Oaks. The Todd Pletcher trainee suffered her first loss when a troubled sixth in the Nov. 24 GII Top Flight H. and has not been out since. John Velazquez has the mount.

4:54p TVG 8th-FGX, \$46,500, Msw, 3yo, 1m
Wertheimer homebred EL INDY (A.P. Indy) makes his debut here for trainer Mike Stidham. The gelding, out of Grade I winner Corrazona, is a full brother to MGSW Olmodavor. Also making his first start is **Alltogethernow (Orientate)**. Out of O.K. Mom, the Steve Flint trainee is a half to GSW Could Be.
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Yesterday's Results:

9th-GPX, \$50,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$150,000), NW2\$R6MX, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:35, ft.

1--LAWYER RON, 122, c, 4, Langfuhr--Donation, by Lord Avie. O-Stonewall Farms Stallions Racing Division 1, LLC & James T Hines Estate; B-James T Hines Jr (KY); T-Todd A Pletcher. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 19-9-2-3, \$1,500,008.

2--Istan, 118, h, 5, Gone West--Ronda (GB), by Bluebird.

3--Ecclesiastic, 118, h, 6, Pulpit--Starry Dreamer, by Rubiano. (\$500,000 yrl '02 KEESEP; \$775,000 HRA '04 KEEAPR).

Margins: 3 1/4, 1 3/4, HF. Odds: 0.40, 4.70, 15.10.

Lawyer Ron dominated the southwestern Triple Crown trail with wins in last year's GIII Risen Star S., GIII Rebel S. and GII Arkansas Derby. He was sidelined for four months after a 12th-place effort in the Kentucky Derby, returning to win the Aug. 26 St. Louis Derby and finish second in the Sept. 23 GII Super Derby in his final starts for trainer Bob Holthus. The chestnut was last seen running ninth for new trainer Todd



Equi-Photo

Pletcher in the GI Breeders' Classic last November. A prohibitive 2-5 favorite in his four-year-old bow, Lawyer Ron sat just behind the early leaders. Forced to steady in tight on the backstretch and again in upper stretch, jockey John Velazquez switched the colt to the outside for the drive and Lawyer Ron kicked on impressively to win going away. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

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5th-GPX, \$46,000, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :55 2/5, fm.

BRUSHED BAYOU (f, 4, Broad Brush--Omi {GSW, \$319,718}, by Wild Again) returned from a two-month freshening to finish sixth racing one mile over this course Jan. 25. With blinkers on for this effort, the 4-5 favorite was never far back. She was forced to steady and waited for racing room on the turn, but shot through an opening in upper stretch and extended her advantage on the field before holding off the late-closing Happy Honoree (Double Honor) by 1 1/4 lengths. Brushed Bayou was a \$400,000 FTSAUG yearling. Lifetime Record: 11-2-4-2, \$106,619. O-Rayzin the Barn Stables. B-Donald R Dizney (FL). T-Christophe Clement.

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7th-GPX, \$46,000, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, 1m, 1:36 3/5, ft.
DELIGHTFUL KISS (g, 3, **Kissin Kris--Deputy's Delight, by French Deputy**) had tried the main track twice before, finishing second in his career opener at Calder in September and rallying from the back of the pack to be a 3/4-length runner-up in an off-the-turf allowance in the Calder slop in December. The gray gelding was back on the grass for the Jan. 1 GIII Tropical Park Derby, but tired late to be fifth. He found himself on the dirt again after a fourth-place effort in Gulfstream allowance company Jan. 26. Let go at odds of 23-1, he lollygagged at the back of the pack as the frontrunners dashed off a half in :45.60. Delightful Kiss edged to the outside on the far turn and put in a run down the lane that carried him to a 1 1/2-length upset victory. Favored Sightseeing (Pulpit) nosed out Chelokee (Cherokee Run) for second, with Cherokee Spirit (Cherokee Run) another head back in fourth. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-1, \$65,049. O/B-Hobeau Farm Ltd (FL). T-Pete D Anderson.

6th-GPX, \$38,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft.
QUALITY AFFAIR (f, 3, **Elusive Quality--Affair With Aflair {MSW}, by Well Decorated**) set the pace before tiring to fourth in her return from a nearly four-month layoff over track and trip Jan. 21. After drawing in from the also-eligible list, the bay filly was sent off at 5-1. The \$285,000 KEENOV weanling contested the pace through fractions of :22.24, :44.91 and :57.35, struck out on her own at the quarter pole and came home a 3 1/2-length winner. Siberian Rose (Red Bullet) was second. Favored Unenchantevening (Unbridled's Song) was forced to steady while in tight quarters early and never got on track, running sixth. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-1, \$27,139. O-Marge & Irving Cowan. B-Castleton Group (KY). T-H Allen Jerkens.

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★ NEW YORK ★

Yesterday's Results:

CORRECTION H., \$68,575, AQU, 2-11, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10, ft.

1--**MAGNOLIA JACKSON, 120, m, 5, Cape Canaveral--Just a Bullet (SP), by Jolie's Halo.** (\$25,000 yrl '03 OBSAUG; \$51,000 2yo '04 FTMMAY). O-Ted Taylor; B-Sez Who Thoroughbreds (NY); T-Gary C Contessa; J-Alan Garcia; \$41,925. Lifetime Record: GSW, 16-10-2-2, \$482,663.

2--**Yolanda B. Too, 115, m, 5, Two Punch--Avie's Lady,** by Lord Avie. (\$40,000 yrl '03 FTMSEP; \$70,000 2yo '04 OBSMAR). O-West Point Stable. \$13,975.

3--**Towering Escape, 116, f, 4, Giant's Causeway--Rapunzell,** by Miswaki. O-Albert Fried, Jr. \$7,037. Margins: 1 3/4, NK, 3 3/4. Odds: 0.80, 2.95, 6.90.

Magnolia Jackson, winner of last year's GII Bed o' Roses Breeders' Cup H. and four-for-six over this track, ended 2006 with wins in the Nov. 11 Montclair State University S. at the Meadowlands and in the Dec. 2 Garland of Roses H. at Aqueduct. She was a well-



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beaten third over a sloppy track in the Interborough H. on New Year's Day. Heavily favored here, Magnolia Jackson stumbled at the break and was ridden to the front. She set the pace through fractions of :22.24, :45.24 and :57.32 and drew clear down the lane. "I thought she stumbled really bad coming out of the gate, which would have been enough to get a normal horse beat," said an impressed winning trainer Gary Contessa. "She's such a war horse. She has 16 starts, 10 wins, two seconds and two thirds. She's a great mare to be around. I'm thrilled to have her." As for what is next for Magnolia Jackson, Contessa said, "I plan on pointing to the [Mar. 4] Broadway, with the [Mar. 24 GII] Distaff Breeders' Cup the ultimate goal." [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#).

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1--**#BECKY'S FLUTE, 120, f, 3, Parade Ground--Seattle Cielo, by Conquistador Cielo.** O-Hardwicke Stable; B-Elisabeth R Jerkens (NY); T-Bernardo Callejas; J-Jesus Ponce; \$40,050. Lifetime Record: 10-3-0-0, \$100,493.

2--**Cordilleran Ice, 118, f, 3, Silver Ghost--Classy Con,** by Fast Play. O-Camelia J Casby. \$13,350.

3--**Love Cove, 118, f, 3, Not For Love--Sand Pirate,** by Desert Wine. (\$75,000 yrl '05 FTNAUG). O-Laue Ranch. \$6,675.

Margins: HD, NO, NO. Odds: 10.80, 7.00, 2.15.

Becky's Flute was thrown right into the July 26 Gill Schuylerville S. after a 6 1/4-length debut win against state-bred foes at Belmont last June and was a well-beaten seventh. She failed to hit the board in six subsequent starts before securing a narrow win in New York-bred allowance company over track and trip Feb. 1. Allowed to settle off the pace, the dark bay filly moved to the outside for the drive and finished with determination to just best Cordilleran Ice and Love Cove in the final stride. "She ran the same way when she won 10 days ago," said winning trainer Bernardo Callejas. "I wasn't worried about bringing her back quick because she was doing well after her last race. I want to see how she comes back before making a decision on her next race."

5th-AQU, \$45,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$75,000), NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11, ft.

WAYTOTHELEFT (m, 5, Abaginone--Waywayanda, by Belong to Me) was claimed for \$30,000 from a fourth-place effort over this track last time out Jan. 28. The 7-1 shot moved up along the rail turning for home, then swung to the outside in upper stretch and powered clear to score by 4 3/4 lengths. Out of the Loop (Evening Kris) was second. Lifetime Record: SP, 23-4-3-3, \$165,167.

O-Winning Move Stable. B-Questroyal Stables Inc (NY). T-Gary C Contessa.

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9th-AQU, \$43,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11 4/5, ft.

ESTIMABLE (f, 3, Came Home--Ethel Anna, by Storm Cat), a \$250,000 KEESEP yearling, raced greenly when fifth in her debut sprinting 5 1/2 furlongs at this track Jan. 7. The 4-1 second choice was ridden to the lead, set fractions of :22.28, :45.55 and :58.33 and opened up down the stretch to win by four lengths. Favored Jordans Lane (Montbrook) was second. **Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.** Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$27,090.

O-James J Barry. B-Reiko & Michael Baum (KY). T-Kieran P McLaughlin.

4th-AQU, \$41,000, Msw, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13 3/5, ft.

+ **MISS DEE BEE TEE (f, 4, Take Me Out--Misty Amour {MSP}, by Cormorant),** dismissed at 53-1, was a distant third in the early going, but swept to the lead at midstretch and pulled clear to a 1 1/4-length victory over favored Karakorum Knockout (Good and Tough). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,600.

O-My Preflight Stable. B-E Nester (NY). T-Leo O'Brien.

TODAY'S VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS



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Correction H. Magnolia Jackson (Cape Canaveral) flies clear.

9th-AQU (Msw) Estimable (Came Home) scores an easy front-running victory.

6th-GPX (Msw) More than eligible, **Quality Affair** (Elusive Quality) crashes the party.

7th-GPX (N1X) Delightful Kiss (Kissin Kris) comes running late.

9th-GPX (Opt Clm) Lawyer Ron (Langfuhr) returns an impressive winner.

2nd-SAX (N1X) Grand Point (Point Given) makes it two-in-a-row.

3rd-SAX (Msw) Augment (Aptitude) closes gamely for 3/4-length win.

4th-SAX (Msw) Southern Invasion (Langfuhr) battles back for determined victory.

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Yesterday's Results:

6th-TAM, \$16,000, Msw, 3yo, a1 1/16mT, 1:47, gd.
+ **IN JEST** (c, 3, [Dynaformer](#)--Pleasure Center, by Diesis {GB}), favored at 9-5 in his bow, chased the pacesetters for six furlongs before moving to the front with a three-wide move into the lane. The bay colt drew off to a 6 1/4-length victory over Mont Juleps (Montbrook). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$9,600.
O-Augustin Stable. B-George Strawbridge Jr (PA). T-Jonathan E Sheppard.

★ CENTRAL ★

Yesterday's Results:

10th-TPX, \$21,665, Msw, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:19, ft.
ELITIST (f, 3, [Honour and Glory](#)--Subtle Wave {MSW}, by [Wavering Monarch](#)) missed by just a nose in her debut at this track Jan. 1. Sent off the even-money choice, the bay filly set the pace, turned back a challenge turning for home and sailed under the wire 3 1/4 lengths the best. Saint Pegasus (Fusaichi Pegasus) was second. The winner was a \$110,000 KEESEP yearling. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$17,335.
O-Jay Em Ess Stable. B-Joseph J Perrotta (KY). T-Paul J McGee.

★ WEST ★

Yesterday's Results:

1st-GGX, \$32,100, Msw, 3yo, 1m, 1:37 2/5, my.
INDY TRAFFIC (c, 3, [A.P. Indy](#)--Stop Traffic {MGISW, \$864,519}, by [Cure the Blues](#)) looked overmatched in three Southern California outings last winter, most recently running 10th in a Dec. 30 Santa Anita special weight. The 8-5 favorite chased the pacesetters, was asked for run turning for home and was hard-ridden to overtake Blue Midnight (Rainbow Blues {Ire}) late for a 3/4-length triumph. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$17,700.
O/B-Diamond A Racing Corporation (KY). T-R Mandella.

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San Carlos Taking Shape:

Proud Tower Too (Proud Irish) and **Latent Heat** (Maria's Mon) are expected to square off in Saturday's GII San Carlos H. at Santa Anita. The former was last seen finishing second behind Smokey Stover in the Sunshine Millions Sprint Jan. 27, while Latent Heat returns from a victory in the Dec. 26 GI Malibu S. Proud Tower Too, who worked seven furlongs at Hollywood in 1:27.40 Saturday, has also been nominated to next Saturday's Sensational Star S. on the grass. "The only way he would run in the Sensational Star would be if it rained and it came off the turf," trainer Sal Gonzalez commented. Sunshine Millions Sprint third-place finisher **Bordonaro** (Memo {Chi}) is also possible for the San Carlos. He worked four furlongs at Santa Anita in :48.40 Saturday. "We have all our options," trainer Bill Spawr said. "Right now on a scale of one to 10, 10 being the greatest chance of running, I'd say we're a four."

Yesterday's Results:

2nd-SAX, \$58,300, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m (off turf), 1:48 4/5, wf.
GRAND POINT (c, 4, [Point Given](#)--Pretty Eyes, by [Lord At War](#) {Arg}), off the board in a pair of outings last December, graduated when stretched out to 1 1/16 miles at this track Jan. 24. Sent off at 2-1 when this came off the turf, the chestnut colt chased the pacesetter before taking charge leaving the backstretch. He romped home six lengths to the good of the late-closing Lil Mitch (Lil Tyler). Grand Point was a \$130,000 KEENOV weanling and a \$475,000 FTKJUL yearling. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$64,600.
O-Fog City Stable. B-Thoroughbred Corp (KY). T-B Baffert.

3rd-SAX, \$48,800, Msw, 3yo, 1m, 1:36 2/5, wf.
AUGMENT (g, 3, [Aptitude](#)--Spree, by [Conquistador Cielo](#)) closed some ground late to be sixth in his lone start last year, a maiden sprint on the Hollywood all-weather Nov. 26. The \$80,000 KEENOV weanling came back to be fourth going seven panels at Santa Anita Jan. 21 and was the 9-5 chalk to improve with the added real estate here. On the bit while rated off the early pace, he circled the leaders at the top of the lane and outfinished Fortunate Victory (Victory Gallop) for a 3/4-length score. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$31,960.
O-Glen Hill Farm. B-George Brunacini & Bona Terra Farm (KY). T-Patrick Gallagher.



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4th-SAX, \$48,000, Msw, 4yo/up, 1m (off turf), 1:36 4/5, wf.
 + **SOUTHERN INVASION** (g, 4, [Langfuhr](#)--Heaven's Affair, by Black Tie Affair {Ire}), a lightly regarded 16-1 outsider, contested the early pace and took a slim lead leaving the backstretch. He was headed by Purely Wild (Wild Again) in upper stretch and outbattled that foe to the wire to win by a head. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$28,800.
 O/B-Southern Equine Stable LLC (LA). T-Eric J Guillot.

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN BRITAIN:

Rosa de Mi Corazon, f, 3, [Cozzene](#). See "European Breeders' Edition."

Beldon Hill, f, 4, [Rahy](#)--Bevel, by Mr. Prospector. Southwell, Britain, 2-11, Hcp, 4yo/up, 1 3/4m (AWT). B-Darley. *30,000gns HIT '06 TATDEC.

IN FRANCE:

Merlerault, g, 4, [Royal Academy](#). See "France."

★ ON THE WORKTAB ★

BELMONT

Great Intentions (Cat Thief), 5f (tr), 1:01.90, 3/22

GULFSTREAM PARK

Boca Grande (A.P. Indy), 3f, :36.00, 2/3

Park Avenue Ball (Citidancer), 5f, 1:00.80, 2/10

HOLLYWOOD PARK

Flip Flop (Fr) (Zieten), 7f, 1:26.60, 1/1

Greater Good (Intidab), 5f, 1:02.80, 29/34

Mr. Sekiguchi (Storm Cat), 5f, 1:02.40, 27/34

Sarafan (Lear Fan), 6f, 1:15.40, 7/13

Union Avenue (Gone West), 6f, 1:15.40, 7/13

OAKLAWN

U D Ghetto (Honour and Glory), 4f, :51.80, 33/48

PALM MEADOWS

Hemingway's Key (Notebook), 4f, :47.90, 5/31

Indian Vale (A.P. Indy), 6f, 1:15.40, 2/4

Oonagh McCool (Ire) (Giant's Causeway), 5f, 1:01.20, 5/17



EUROPE



GOFFS FEBRUARY BEGINS County Kildare plays host to the next installment of the 2007 European sale calendar as the four-day Goffs February auction gets underway today. This year's edition will be split into two sections. The first part, a catalogue of 692 yearlings, two-year-olds and older horses, will be offered over the next three days, while Thursday's and Friday's sessions feature breeding stock. Adding extra flavor to this renewal is the presence in the ring of the sire **Modigliani** (Danzig--Hot Princess {GB}, by Hot Spark {Ire}). Sent up by John Bourke's Hyde Park Stud as hip [252](#), the nine-year-old will have his first crop of juveniles on the track this season. "I have a small partner in the horse who has been hard to work with, and so all parties have decided to dissolve the partnership," Bourke told the *Racing Post*. "Hopefully, all going well, Modigliani will return to Hyde Park Stud to continue his 2007 stud season. He has been a pleasure of a horse to work with over the last few years." Modigliani, a three-parts brother to Rodrigo de Triano, raced for Susan Magnier, Robert Sangster and Diane Nagle, and achieved success for the Ballydoyle operation in the 2001 G3 Tetrarch S. at The Curragh. He currently stands at a fee of €4,500.

Horses to Watch...

As usual, there are the highly sought-after drafts from His Highness the Aga Khan's Studs, Ballymacoll Stud Farm, the Irish National Stud and Moyglare Stud Farm. The latter consigns an eye-catching yearling as hip [525](#), a Daylami (Ire) filly out of a sister to the high-class Dress to Thrill (Ire). Other lots to note include Castlebridge Consignment's hip [33](#), three-year-old **Spirit of Pearl (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), a winning filly from the family of Shirocco (Ger) who was runner-up in the Listed Tipperary S. last term; the Aga Khan's 2005 G3 Chester Vase fourth **Kalamkar (Ire)** (Daylami {Ire}), a half-brother to Kalanisi (Ire) and Kalaman (Ire) offered as hip [15](#); and hip [709](#), the 2005 G1 Oaks d'Italia heroine **Gyreka (Ger)** (Kallisto {Ger}) consigned by Rachel Bennett. *Cont. p7*

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Goffs February Begins (cont. from p6)

Portree Stables's three-year-old filly **Leavingonajetplane (Ire)** (Danehill), who cost €660,000 at the Orby Sale two years ago, will be offered here as hip **775**. She is out of a sister to the smart stakes scorer **Briolette (Ire)** and a half to **Pilsudski (Ire)** and **Fine Motion (Ire)**.

Top Sires on Parade...

Sires represented by the yearlings on offer include **Danehill Dancer (Ire)**, **Dubai Destination**, **Galileo (Ire)**, **Hawk Wing**, **Indian Ridge (Ire)**, **Invincible Spirit (Ire)**, **Marju (Ire)**, **Noverre**, **One Cool Cat** and **Refuse to Bend (Ire)**. There is also hip **438**, a **Fasliyev** half-sister to 2005 G1 Prix de l'Opera scorer **Kinnaird (Ire)** from **Tom and Cathy Burns's Victor Stud**. Covering sires include **Azamour (Ire)**, **Danehill Dancer**, **Dubai Destination**, **Galileo (Ire)**, **Indian Ridge**, **Invincible Spirit**, **Monsun (Ger)**, **Montjeu (Ire)** and **Mr. Greeley**. There is no shortage of broodmare material, including **Castlebridge Consignment's** hip **838**. The 19-year-old **Naziriya (Fr)** (Darshaan {GB}), from a proven Aga Khan family that has also produced a stakes winner, is in foal to **Galileo**. **Pat O'Kelly's Kilcarn Stud** enjoys almost legendary status at this venue and they consign hip **846**, the 10-year-old mare **Nuts in May** (A. P. Indy), a half to **Pleasantly Perfect** who is in foal to **Hawk Wing**. **Moyglare's** hip **1007**, the 10-year-old **Well Designed (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells), is a sister to the champion **Dance Design (Ire)** and is in foal to **Dalakhani (Ire)**. Selling begins daily at 10 a.m.

★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday's Results:

PRIX DE LA CALIFORNIE-Listed, €52,000, Cagnes sur Mer, 2-11, 3yo, 7½fT, 1:33.85, gd/sf.

1--**#GRIS DE GRIS (IRE)**, 123, c, 3, by **Slickly (Fr)**

1st Dam: **Deesse Grise (Fr)**, by **Lead on Time**

2nd Dam: **Grey Goddess (Ire)**, by **Godswalk**

3rd Dam: **Thiella (GB)**, by **Busted (GB)**

O/B-Jean-Claude Seroul; T-Jean-Marc Capitte;

J-Thierry Thulliez; €26,000. Lifetime Record:

6 starts, 2 wins, 4 places, €42,950.

2--**Limerence**, 120, f, 3, Seeking the Gold--Nijinsky's Lover, by Nijinsky. €10,400.

3--**Air Bag (Fr)**, 120, f, 3, Poliglote (GB)--Avrilana (Fr), by Deep Roots (Ire). €7,800.

Margins: 3/4, 3, HF. Odds: 9.00, 10.00, 4.30.

Also Ran: **Tatsuya (Fr)**, **Daly Daly (Fr)**, **Alcime (Fr)**,

Desert Ocean (Ire), **Pertinence (Ire)**, **Sweeney (Ire)**.

PRIX DE LA CALIFORNIE-Listed result cont.

Gris de Gris was fourth in the Listed Criterium du Languedoc at Toulouse in November and returned with a fifth placing in a conditions event at this track Jan. 15. Quickly in front here, he was threatened by **Limerence** up the straight, but dug in to prevail and open his stakes account.

GRAND PRIX DE LA RIVIERA COTE D'AZUR-Listed,

€60,000, Cagnes sur Mer, 2-11, 4yo/up,

1 1/4m (AWT), 2:02.57, st.

1--**#MERLERAULT, 121, g, 4, Royal Academy--Jungle Rhythm, by Rhythm**. (\$20,000 yrl '04 KEESEP).

O-Malcolm Parrish; B-Simpson Enterprises, Inc.;

T-Philippe Demercastel; J-Stephane Pasquier;

€30,000. Lifetime Record: 16 starts, 4 wins,

6 places, €98,380.

2--**Laredo Sound (Ire)**, 121, g, 5, Singspiel (Ire)--Lanelly (Ger), by Shining Steel (GB). (11,000gns yrl '03 TATOCT). €12,000.

3--**Mount Eliza (Ire)**, 118, m, 5, Danehill--Siamoise (GB), by Caerleon. €9,000.

Margins: 4, NK, 3. Odds: 5.60, 15.00, 16.00.

Also Ran: **Giorgiolito (GB)**, **Millville (GB)**, **Salsalava (Fr)**,

Neander (Ger), **Gold Sound (Fr)**, **Shahdawar (Fr)**,

Chopastair (Fr). Also Ran (not classified): **Nice Applause**

(Ire), **Lips Lion (Ire)**, **Kalken (Fr)**, **Howard le Canard (Fr)**,

Montparno (Fr). Scratched: **Colca (Ire)**.

Merlerault kicked off the 2007 All-Weather Series in style with an emphatic success that suggests that the €250,000 jackpot available is within his grasp. After warming up with a win at this venue Jan. 19, he arrived from rear with a deadly turn of acceleration to take control at the quarter pole and win unchallenged. With the first in the five-race series in the satchel, the gelding can chase the bonus by winning the remaining events at Neuss, Lingfield, Rome and Jagersro, with €100,000 on offer for taking any four of the contests.

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AUSTRALASIA



CAN'T TOUCH THIS Rain showers throughout the afternoon failed to dampen the high spirits at the second session of the Inglis Classic Yearling Sale in Newmarket. Darley's freshman sire Untouchable (Aus) (Danehill) assumed the starring role in Sydney yesterday. The group-placed Untouchable, a half to G1SW Camarena (NZ), had yearlings sell up to A\$320,000 at Magic Millions, and he supplied a record-setting top price at Classic Sunday. Peter Ford, acting on behalf of astute trainer Robbie Griffiths, went to A\$240,000 and saw off underbidders Paul Perry and Tim Martin to secure Lot 212, an attractive chestnut colt from the Ministerial mare Vote for Venus (Aus). The colt was offered by Boomerang Berrima Stud, on behalf of first-time seller Darryl Austin. Boomerang spokesman Ken Rose revealed the strapping youngster had a reserve of only A\$30,000. "He had a terrific week of inspections and he is a lovely, big, strong athletic animal, so I thought he might make \$60,000 or \$70,000," Rose said. "Robbie was convinced he was the best yearling he had seen all year at any sale...and he wanted him right or wrong. We went A\$90,000 over budget, and Paul Perry told me he went A\$80,000 over his as underbidder." Ford added, "He had a very relaxed attitude and would be an ideal horse to have in a racing stable. He will run as a two-year-old and, hopefully, go on to be a black-type performer." The price eclipsed the previous Classic record of A\$220,000 for Group 1 winner God's Own (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), who sold in 2004.

Underbidders Come Out on Top...

Newcastle trainer Paul Perry went to A\$210,000 for the day's second-best seller, a daughter of Street Cry (Ire) from Bit Tiddly (Aus) (Canny Lad {Aus}). "She was certainly a lovely filly, really well put-together and had great balance. It's a good family too," Perry said. The filly is from the immediate family of last term's boom two-year-old I Got Chills (Aus) (General Nediym {Aus}).

Tim Martin also missed out on the sales topper, but he had his sights set on a pair of Untouchable yearlings later in the day. Martin bought Lot 244, a filly from the stakes-placed Alohi (NZ) (College Chapel {GB}), for A\$140,000, and Lot 275, a colt out of Bental Sharen (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}), for A\$175,000. The colt was consigned by Barador Stud, and the filly by Brooklyn Lodge at Aberdeen. "Untouchable was second to Exceed and Excel (Aus) in the {G2} Todman Slipper Trial," said Martin, who purchased and prepared Exceed and Excel. "He was an outstanding horse, but injury prevented him from fulfilling his potential. I have no doubt he would have been a Group 1 horse. I've sent mares to him and treat him as though he was a Group 1 winner. His yearlings are great types and I am a big fan of the stallion." Untouchable, a A\$950,000 yearling, joined the Darley roster at the bargain fee of A\$7,700, and reportedly was among the first to post the "full house" sign. Camarilla (Aus), out of Untouchable's full sister Camarena, is pointing for the Feb. 24 G1 Blue Diamond S. She was purchased for A\$900,000 by the Ingham family's Woodlands Stud at the 2006 Inglis Easter Sale.

Also in Demand...

Demand seen this year for yearlings by Hussonet continued at Classic, with jockey Craig Carmody purchasing a colt by the Arrowfield inmate for A\$170,000. [Lot 235](#), out of the winning Lure mare Absolute Lure, counts High Yield among his relatives. Agent Anton Koolman went to A\$130,000 for a colt by Commands (Aus) from Quest For Fame (GB) mare Traumatic (Aus). Sold as [lot 186](#), his second dam Casualty (Aus) (Cerreto {Ire}) is a sister to elite producer Beach Gown (Aus). The colt was offered by Queensland-based Lyndhurst Farm. "Commands is doing the job as a son of Danehill whose horses all run," said Koolman. "They are all good, athletic types and this colt will go to Hong Kong." **Cont. p9**

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All Smiles at Inglis...

Inglis acting Managing Director Jamie Inglis was pleased with the first two sessions of the Classic sale. "Overall it is a good sale, horses are reasonably priced and the market is solid," Inglis said. "We made a concerted push to get interstate trainers here and they have been active, which is great--we had 14 horses fetch more than A\$100,000 last year and we are well over that number now. I am really tickled about the fact we have an 81.5 percent clearance today, because reaching over 80 percent at this sale is a good result, and we have a very healthy average increase." The third and final session of the sale starts at 11 a.m. today.

INGLIS CLASSIC SALE SUNDAY - TOP 5 LOTS

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
<u>212</u>	c	Untouchable (Aus)	Vote For Venus (Aus)	240,000
Consigned by Boomerang Berrima Stud Purchased by R Griffiths				
<u>279</u>	f	Street Cry (Ire)	Bit Tiddly (Aus)	210,000
Consigned by Boomerang Berrima Stud Purchased by Paul Perry				
<u>275</u>	c	Untouchable (Aus)	Bental Sharen (NZ)	175,000
Consigned by Barador Stud Purchased by Tim Martin Bloodstock				
<u>234</u>	c	Hussonet	Absolute Lure (Aus)	170,000
Consigned by Kitchwin Hills Purchased by Craig Carmody				
<u>244</u>	f	Untouchable (Aus)	Alohi (NZ)	140,000
Consigned by Brooklyn Lodge Purchased by Tim Martin Bloodstock				

☆ HIP HAPPENINGS ☆

Hip 392, c, Catbird--Fabled (NZ), by Seattle Dancer
Consigned by Yarraman Park, agent

The progeny of Golden Slipper-winning sire Catbird are the subject of consistent demand; the young stallion notched his 11th stakes winner in New Zealand when Pencarrow Stud homebred Vercors (NZ) captured the Listed Breeders' S. This is the seventh foal from SP Fabled, the dam of three winners, from the family of GII Diana H. winner Lake Country.

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Hip 414, f, Johannesburg--Frantoio (Aus), by Danehill
Consigned by Edinglassie Stud

Johannesburg's record in North America and Europe has not gone unnoticed, and he has four winners from his first runners in Australia. This is the first foal from a winning half-sister to MG1SW Miss Margaret (Aus), the dam of G2 Karrakatta Plate winner Confront, who now races in Hong Kong as Ambitious Leader. This is the family of G1 Australian Oaks winner Starzaan (Aus) and MG1SW Lotteria (Aus).

hip 509, c, Choisir (Aus)--Life's a Rainbow (Aus),
by Rainbows for Life

Consigned by Southern Cross Breeders

This is the fourth foal from a prolific winning sister to SW Nessuno (Aus) and G1SP Re Rinka (Aus). Choisir has enjoyed a solid beginning, with stakes winner Hurred Choice and three stakes performers from his first crop of two-year-olds.

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

STAKES RESULTS:

JERSEY VILLAGE S., \$45,000, HOU, 2-10, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:46 3/5, fm.

1--**WILD ENCOUNTER**, 123, f, 4, **Burbank--Gentle Encounter**, by **Vaguely Noble**. (\$15,000 2yo '05 TEXMAR). O-Lucas Downs, Ltd and Agave Racing Stable; B-Anthony Brian Wallis (TX); T-Michelle Lovell; J-Roimes Chirinos; \$27,000. Lifetime Record: 17-7-0-3, \$104,500. *1/2 Elusive (Elmaamul), MGSP, \$181,181.

2--**Sweet Idea**, 123, f, 4, Langfuhr--Concept Statement, by Quack. (\$20,000 yrl '04 TEXAUG; \$30,000 2yo '05 TEXMAR). \$9,000.

3--**La Raine of Terror**, 118, f, 4, Gen Stormin'norman--Sweet Young Thing, by Horatius. (\$67,000 yrl '04 TEXAUG; \$50,000 2yo '05 OBSMAR). \$4,950. Margins: 2 1/4, HF, 3/4. Odds: 1.80, 2.70, 5.10.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-FGX, \$48,000, Opt. Clm. (\$35,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m40y, 1:41 2/5, ft.

DYNA SLAM (f, 4, Grand Slam--Dyna Performer, by Dynaformer) Lifetime Record: SW, 10-5-1-1, \$159,235. O-Markpoint Stable. B-Lee Rattray (IL). T-Steven M Asmussen. *\$90,000 yrl '04 KEEJAN; \$80,000 yrl '04 KEESEP.

8th-FGX, \$47,250, NW1X, 3yo, a1 1/16mT, 1:45 1/5, fm.

POSCHNER (c, 3, Trippi--Genuine Goer, by Great Above) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-1, \$61,355. O-Dogwood Stable. B-Ronald & Lybby F Gay (FL). T-David M Carroll. *\$87,000 wlng '04 OBSOCT; \$135,000 yrl '05 FTKJUL.

7th-AQU, \$44,000, NW1X, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m70y, 1:44 3/5, ft.

MY AIKEN CAT (f, 4, Tomorrows Cat--Carmina's Girls, by Distinctive Pro) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$41,472. O/B-Louis P Solferino (NY). T-Robert Ribaud.

8th-GGX, \$41,800, 2-10, NW1X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 1/5, sy.

MCNASTY (g, 6, Bertrando--Tiny Kristin, by Steelinctive {GB}) Lifetime Record: 13-3-3-1, \$120,739. O-Jack and Florence Arnold. B-Arnold Family Trust (CA). T-Tim Yakteen. *1/2 to Kinky Kinky (Prized), MSP, \$261,858; Full to Stormy Jack, MSW & GSP, \$596,673.

4th-GGX, \$39,108, NW1X, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:37 3/5, my.
SHINING DAY (g, 4, Comet Shine--Dolly's Day, by Wait Till Monday {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 19-3-4-5, \$98,005. O-Jerry Hollendorfer and George Todaro. B-Ellen Lee Jackson (CA). T-Jerry Hollendorfer.

3rd-GGX, \$39,205, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:03, my.

CASCADE RAIN (f, 4, Cascadian--Feather'd Rain, by Seattle Sleet) Lifetime Record: 10-3-0-0, \$84,954. O/B-Rod & Lorraine Rodriguez (CA). T-Greg C James.

8th-PHA, \$38,440, NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m70y, 1:43 3/5, ft.

JET AWAY JANE (f, 4, Unbridled Jet--Mints First Star, by Beyond the Mint) Lifetime Record: SP, 13-3-6-2, \$107,533. O-Golden Oak Farm LLC. B-Theodore T & Robin R Stepanoff (PA). T-Thomas R Miller.

9th-PHA, \$37,200, NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft.

DEFIANT MAID (f, 4, Lion Hearted--Magical Maid, by Clever Trick) Lifetime Record: SP, 7-3-1-1, \$65,371. O-Alex R Levengood. B-Equine Horse Shoe Valley (PA). T-Todd M Beattie.

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8th-OPX, \$34,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft.

LIFE'S LESSONS (c, 4, Tale of the Cat--Lifeinthefastlane, by Unbridled's Song) Lifetime Record: 15-2-1-3, \$52,214. O-Wexler Racing Stables, Inc. B-A Lakin & Sons and James Kintz (KY). T-Michael Campbell.

9th-SUN, \$33,600, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW16MX, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16, ft.

DUCKY DRAKE (g, 5, Benchmark--Alice May, by Pleasant Colony) Lifetime Record: 14-4-5-2, \$102,316. O/B-Ralph & Aury Todd (CA). T-Bart G Hone.

9th-CTX, \$31,000, 2-10, NW16MX, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:20, ft.

GREAT SENECA (g, 4, Allen's Prospect--Icy Island, by North Pole) Lifetime Record: SW, 10-4-1-1, \$120,210. O/B-Carey K Miller (MD). T-Gary Capuano.

8th-DED, \$28,600, 2-10, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:27, ft.

STORMY AMBER (f, 4, A. P Jet--Windcat, by Iroquois Park) Lifetime Record: SW, 11-6-2-0, \$131,382. O-Casa Farms I, LLC. B-Hidden Point Farm Inc (FL). T-Thomas M Amoss. *\$15,000 yrl '04 FTMOCT. **1/2 to Windinthevalley (Peaks and Valleys), SW, \$209,747.



8th-CTX, \$28,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :52 4/5, ft.

MY SISTER SUE (f, 4, [Broken Vow](#)--Irondequoit, by Waquoit) Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-1, \$41,140.

O-Aracrest Racing Stables. B-Stephen G & Debbie Jackson (KY). T-Flint W Stites. *Full to Kimmy Potter, SW.

8th-MNR, \$27,800, 2-10, NW1X, 3yo/up, 1m70y, 1:45 2/5, gd.

DECOY DAN (c, 4, Deputy Commander--Francoa, by Gone West) Lifetime Record: 19-5-4-3, \$71,544.

O-Dennis R Weigel. B-Ro Parra (KY). T-Dino Guerrieri. *\$40,000 yrl '04 KEEJAN.

8th-CTX, \$27,000, 2-10, NW3L, 4yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :54, ft.

CHARGE ME (f, 4, Storm Creek--Dance for Free, by Fly So Free) Lifetime Record: 11-2-4-2, \$42,953. O-Ray M Pennington, III. B-Tom Evans, Macon Wilmil Equines & Marjac Farms (KY). T-P Jenkins. *\$60,000 yrl '04 KEESEP.

9th-TPX, \$24,175, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), C, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:18 3/5, ft.

MOCHA QUEEN (m, 6, [Cozzene](#)--Cappucino Queen, by Java Gold) Lifetime Record: MSW, 41-7-9-6, \$392,108. O-Penny S Lauer, Terry and Barry Ward and J Danehy. B-M Lauer, J Danehy, B & T Ward, C Visse & D Walchirk (KY). T-Michael E Lauer. *1/2 to Ghost Queen (Silver Ghost), SW, \$178,323.

8th-TPX, \$22,810, NW1\$X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:19 4/5, ft.

GRAN NIETA (f, 4, Formal Gold--Elegant Future {SP}, by Future Storm) Lifetime Record: 9-3-0-1, \$50,911. O-Button Down Racing. B-Perry Bruno & John D Murphy (KY). T-William R Connelly. *\$25,000 yrl '04 FTKOCT; \$55,000 2yo '05 FTMMAY.

7th-TPX, \$22,700, NW1X, 3yo, 1m, 1:41 4/5, ft.

BUBBER (g, 3, [Brahms](#)--St Clair Ridge {Ire} {MSW & GSP-US, GSW-Ire, \$243,592}, by Indian Ridge {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-2, \$31,567. O/B-Thomas Van Meter, II, Douglas Hendrickson and Mike Lowenbaum (KY). T-Byron G Hughes. *\$17,000 yrl '05 KEESEP.

7th-TAM, \$16,900, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:23 2/5, ft.

PROSICO (c, 4, [Siphon](#) {Brz}--Timely Quarrel, by Time for a Change) Lifetime Record: 6-3-2-0, \$56,410. O-M Goldish and Savoy Stable. B-B Jones (KY). T-D Bennett. *\$40,000 yrl '04 KEESEP; \$110,000 2yo '05 OBSJUN.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Lefthandedgun, g, 3, Adcat--Vany's Gold, by Goldwater. CTX, 2-10, 6 1/2f, 1:23. B-Wes Carter (SC). *\$8,000 2yo '06 FTMMAY.

Our Top Cat, g, 3, [Cat Thief](#)--Lightbeam, by Rubiano. AQU, 2-11, (S), 6f, 1:10 4/5. B-Eaton & Thorne, Inc. (NY). *\$90,000 yrl '05 FTNAUG.

Cigar Sam, c, 3, Cohiba--Coolassam, by Hazaam. DED, 2-10, 5f, 1:00. B-Susan Gannon (FL). *\$6,500 2yo '06 OBSAPR.

Rich Mountain, c, 3, [Dixie Union](#)--Tussle, by Kris S. AQU, 2-11, (C), 1m70y, 1:44 2/5. B-Twin Hopes Farm, Inc. (KY). *\$110,000 yrl '05 KEESEP.

Flowers for Elle, f, 3, Leestown--Gathering Flowers, by Procida. FGX, 2-11, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05 4/5.

B-J. Adcock (LA). *\$37,000 yrl '05 LOUOCT. **1/2 to Ponopaan (Mr. Shawklit), SW, \$259,078; Sanctuary's Omooni (Sanctuary), SW, \$178,377.

Bourne First, f, 3, [Pleasant Tap](#)--Ex Libris, by Exbourne. GPX, 2-11, (C), 6 1/2f, 1:18 3/5. B-H Queen (FL).

Purely Surprized, f, 3, [Pure Prize](#)--Raise the Prize (SW, \$204,360), by Prized. SUN, 2-11, 1m, 1:39 2/5. B-Diamond G Ranch, Inc. (OK). *\$2,500 yrl '05 TEXAUG; \$8,000 2yo '06 TEXMAR.

Kittie Kutie, f, 3, Safe Prospect--Cute Wildcat, by Forest Wildcat. FGX, 2-11, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05 3/5. B-I L Lange & J T Bellow (LA).

Alleged Prince, g, 3, [Salt Lake](#)--Playful Princess, by Meadowlake. CTX, 2-11, 4 1/2f, :54 1/5. B-Padua Stables (FL).

Trisha's Silver, f, 3, [Silver Deputy](#)--Trisha Runs (SW, \$226,913), by Sharkey. OPX, 2-11, 6f, 1:13. B-Woodsfield Farm (KY).

Starvinsky, c, 3, Stravinsky--Societe Royale (Ire), by Milford (GB). TAM, 2-11, a1 1/16mT, 1:49. B-Catleton Group (KY). *\$18,000 wlng '04 KEENOV. **1/2 to Long Green (Ire) (Royal Academy), SP-HK.

Game N Laughin', f, 4, [Distorted Humor](#)--Salomay, by Rouse the Louse. FGX, 2-11, a5 1/2fT, 1:04 4/5. B-Plane Tree Farm (MD). *\$22,000 wlng '03 FTMDEC; \$45,000 yrl '04 KEESEP; \$4,000 2yo '05 FTMMAY.

Celestial Princess, f, 4, High Yield--Celestial Crown, by Holy Bull. CTX, 2-10, 7f, 1:28 4/5. B-Dell Ridge Farm (KY).

Swift N Sudden, f, 4, Petionville--Hot Little Dish (SP, \$127,743), by Turkey Shoot. PHA, 2-11, 6f, 1:12 4/5. B-Ron Glorioso & Mark Roson (PA).

True to Tradition, g, 5, [Rahy](#)--Successful Dancer, by Fortunate Prospect. TAM, 2-11, 7f, 1:23 3/5. B-Live Oak Stud (KY). *1/2 to Successful Appeal (Valid Appeal), MGSW & GISP, \$654,681.

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Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

GRAEME HALL (Dehere), Winding Oaks, \$8K, 115/19/2

2-OTC, Stk, 6f, Dream America, \$37K OBS AUG yrl

OFFICER (Bertrando), Taylor Made Farm, \$15K, 177/26/5

8-FG, Msw, 1m, Field Commander, \$200K KEE APR 2yo, 4-1

ORIENTATE (Mt. Livermore), Gainwsay, \$20K, 205/25/3

8-FG, Msw, 1m, Alltogethernow, 12-1

RED BULLET (Unbridled), Adena Springs South, \$30K, 102/8/1

3-OTC, Stk, 5f, +Bullet From Abroad, \$15K OBS APR 2yo

SNOW RIDGE (Tabasco Cat), Padua, \$5K, 116/17/1

6-OTC, Stk, 1 1/16m, Bello Pappa, \$32K OBS MAR 2yo

TEXAS GLITTER (Glitterman), Signature Stallions, \$4K, 115/7/0

2-OTC, Stk, 6f, Mardi Grau Glitter, \$25K OBS JUN 2yo

THREE WONDERS (Storm Cat), Hidden Point, \$5K, 138/18/1

6-OTC, Stk, 1 1/16m, Wonderous Glory, \$160K OBS FEB 2yo

5-OTC, Stk, 1 1/16m, Wonder Time, \$65K OBS APR 2yo

1-OTC, Stk, 6f, Gotta Luv Carrots, \$38K OBS APR 2yo

2-OTC, Stk, 6f, Pete's Wonder, \$57K OBS WIN yrl

UNBRIDLED TIME (Unbridled's Song), Signature Stallions, \$5K, 107/9/1

6-OTC, Stk, 1 1/16m, Notice Me Now, \$47K OBS MAR 2yo

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WRITERS UP

STRONACH: BIG OPERATION. BIGGER HEART

By Bill Finley

Special to ESPN

Frank Stronach is known for being a demanding, profit-driven businessman, which doesn't exactly conjure images of compassion or warmth. But there's obviously a soft side to the owner, breeder and racetrack operator buried somewhere beneath the tough veneer. He is someone who cares about the animal and is determined to do the right thing by his horses once they are done racing. To be owned by Frank Stronach all but guarantees a horse a safe, happy and healthy retirement.

"Taking care of their retirees is a major priority for the Stronach family," said Mike Rogers, the business manager for Stronach's Adena Springs breeding operation. "This is something that is not financially beneficial to anyone. It is all about the love of the animal, caring for the animal and believing that you have a responsibility to them."

The Stronachs have always been interested in the welfare of their retirees, which includes hundreds of horses who have either been gelded or have not done well enough on the racetrack to become sires or broodmares. But, over the last 18 months, they have taken extraordinary strides to see that no Stronach-owned horse is neglected or sent to slaughter once their racing careers are over. The Stronachs have set up two facilities, one in Florida and another in Ontario, to care for and rehabilitate their retired horses.

Stronach races some of the most talented and best-bred horses in the world, but not every one of his horses is a success story. Those who have injuries that preclude them from racing or those who simply aren't cutting it on the racetrack won't be allowed to slip through the cracks or slide down a slippery slope that too often leads to the slaughterhouse.

Rather, they will be sent to one of the retirement farms, where they will be evaluated. If they are reasonably sound, they will eventually wind up at the farm in Aurora, Ontario, which is part of Stronach's Adena Springs North operation. There, Stacie Clark, a former jockey, retrains the horses so that they can be adopted as show or pleasure horses. **Cont. p13**



Stronach: big operation. Bigger heart (cont. from p12)

"We've had a retirement area at our Adena South operation for about four years," Rogers said. "What happened is that, because of the sheer numbers, we knew we had to take things to the next level. We can't just put all these horses in a paddock and let them hang out. We knew we had to do more, which is why we started the retirement and rehabilitation facility at Adena North and looked to adopt out these horses."

Those who are not suitable for adoption may remain in Florida, but they will be given a permanent home.

Since the fall of 2005, Clark, who is Rogers's wife, has found homes for 42 retirees. Stronach's wife, Frieda, is heavily involved with the retirement program and no one is given a Stronach horse without her going over and approving the adoption application. She makes sure that none of their horses fall into the wrong hands.

As is the case with most high-profile owners, some of the Stronach horses will end up in claiming races and wind up in someone else's stable. Once that happens, there is no guarantee that the horse will be given a proper retirement, but the Stronach family tries to keep tabs on as many of its former runners as possible. That's what happened with All Firmed Up. A stakes winner for Stronach, he was later claimed away and wound up running in mid-level claimers. After he was pulled up and returned lame in a 1999 claimer for new connections, the Stronachs bought him back and retired him. For him, life is now good.

"He's never had a saddle on him since that last race," Clark said.

Some might argue that Stronach can afford to do this. But so can a lot of others in horse racing and few do. Horses who wind up in the slaughterhouses may come directly from some of the sport's lower-tier tracks, but a lot of them once raced at places like Santa Anita, Saratoga and Belmont and were bred and/or owned at one time by some of the wealthiest and most prominent people in the sport. Why can't more feel the way Stronach does, that owners and breeders have a responsibility to care for the horses who ran their hearts out for them?

"I remember seeing an ad one time for a New York Racing Association adoption foundation and it said, 'We look after our own and wouldn't it be nice if everyone else did too,'" Clark said. "I think that's exactly it: it's good to set an example and it's important to remember that we're all in this industry because we love horses. To desert these horses when they no longer have any monetary value just isn't right."

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FOALING NEWS

HALORY LEIGH, 7, Halory Hunter--Graceful Leigh, by Clever Trick

Foal born Jan. 30, a filly by Elusive Quality.

Will be bred back to Distorted Humor.

Owned by Ocala Horses, LLC.

Boarded at Darby Dan Farm, Ky.

Accomplishments: MGSW of \$672,872.

MERTENSIA, 18, Green Forest--Chaleur, by Rouge Sang

Foal born Jan. 30, a colt by Pleasant Tap.

Will be bred back to Pleasant Tap.

Owned by and boarded at Alex Neuman's Xalapa Farm, LLC

Accomplishments: Dam of Masada (Pleasant Tap),

MSW, \$267,139.

BROADWAY HOOVER, 8, Belong to Me--Broadway

Star, by Broadway Forli

Foal born Feb. 1, a colt by Rock Hard Ten.

Will be bred back to Rock Hard Ten.

Owned by Mercedes Stables LLC.

Boarded at Diamond A, Ky.

Accomplishments: Dam of Cinderella's Dream (Prime Timber), SW & GSP, \$133,600.

JIBE, 12, Danzig--Slightly Dangerous, by Roberto

Foal born Feb. 2, a filly by Empire Maker.

Will be bred back to Storm Cat.

Owned by Juddmonte Farms.

Boarded at Juddmonte, Ky.

Accomplishments: SW & G1SP-GB.

DIRTY DIANA, 6, Flying Continental--Chelsea Fields (NZ), by Bataan (Aus)

Foal born Feb. 3, a colt by Point Given.

Owned by Karl Watson & Weitma Performance LLC.

Boarded at Hill 'n' Dale Farms, Ky.

Accomplishments: SW & GSP, \$154,197.

DELTA PRINCESS, 8, A.P. Indy--Lyphard's Delta, by Lyphard

Foal born Feb. 3, a colt by Seeking the Gold.

Will be bred back to Empire Maker.

Owned by Palides Investments NV Inc.

Boarded at Chanteclair Farm, Ky.

Accomplishments: MGSW, \$740,918.

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WHERE THE HEART IS

With Miami's Dolphin Stadium scheduled to host Super Bowl XLI on the day of its first under-tack show, Ocala Breeders' Sales Company officials opted to move the 2007 edition of its February Selected Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale from Calder Race Course, just a short distance from the stadium, to the OBS complex in Ocala, Florida. The sale gets underway tomorrow at noon. While the move north might have been unfortunate for horsemen who are football fans, the change of venue has been well-received in general, especially by consignors, many of whom call Ocala home.



OBS cover girl and '05 grad

Wait a While

Adam Coglianese

"We made the decision based on the Super Bowl, and factors like hotel availability and the cost of accommodations," said OBS General Manager and Director of Sales Tom Ventura. "But the feedback has been very positive; a lot of the consignors have been very happy to have the sale conducted in their backyard."

Consignor Eddie Woods, who has a farm in Ocala, agreed with that sentiment and added that he didn't see any sort of downturn in attendance at the first breeze show, perhaps an indicator that owners and trainers had no problem making the trip to Ocala.

"All the right people appeared at the show, which was a pleasant surprise," said Woods. "And we had all the right lookers there [last] Monday and Tuesday at the barns. I don't think there are any negatives [to having the sale in Ocala]."

The move even prompted some consignors, like CloverLeaf Farms II and Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds, to take part in the sale. Hartley/De Renzo typically skips OBS February, but has brought three this year to the OBS complex due to its close proximity to Randy Hartley and Dean De Renzo's Ocala operation.

"We don't usually consign to this sale, because we don't want to leave our horses for the next February sale, the Fasig-Tipton sale, home alone," explained De Renzo. "Now, we can run back and forth from here to the sales grounds two or three times a day, no problem. You can't do that in Miami." **Story cont. p2**

OBS FEBRUARY PREVIEW – SUNDAY, FEB. 11

Hip #	Sex	Sire	Distance	Time
<u>167</u>	c	<u>Johannesburg</u>	1/8m	:10
<u>32</u>	c	<u>Yes It's True</u>	1/8m	:10 1/5
<u>170</u>	c	<u>Tiznow</u>	1/8m	:10 1/5
<u>90</u>	c	Carson City	1/4 m	:21 1/5
<u>180</u>	c	Trippi	1/4 m	:21 1/5
<u>12</u>	c	<u>Wiseman's Ferry</u>	1/4 m	:21 2/5
<u>15</u>	c	Repent	1/4 m	:21 2/5
<u>83</u>	c	Officer	1/4 m	:21 2/5

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Five-Leaf Clover...

CloverLeaf, which operates a full-scale breeding farm in addition to its training facilities in Reddick, near Ocala, sends over a five-horse consignment. CloverLeaf General Manager Brent Fernung said that, in addition to being good for consignors, staging the February sale in Ocala allowed owners to take care of business they might have in the area. "With the nature of the business today, I would say that 95 percent of the people that buy two-year-olds probably have two-year-olds in training in Ocala, anyway," said Fernung. "This gives them an opportunity to come up here and attend the sale, plus see their other two-year-olds train out on the farms."

Some consignors would even be happy to make Ocala the permanent home of the February sale. "I sure would," said De Renzo. "I'm really happy with it here, being that we can be close to our horses. Plus, for us, it's the start of the breeding season [Hartley/De Renzo stands nine stallions at its Ocala farm]. We've got almost 1,100 mares we have to breed this season, so it's good to be home. I would love to see it stay."

Fernung agreed.

"From a purely selfish standpoint, it's nice to be able to spread some of my horses around so I don't have to go to [OBS] March with all of them," he said. "I think most of the consignors like the idea of being close to home."

Ventura, however, said any decision on the future of the February sale would be made after this year's edition was complete and OBS officials had a chance to talk to consignors and buyers alike.

"We'll see how we do, get opinions and then try to do what's best for everybody," said Ventura.

OBS FEBRUARY Sunday, Feb. 4 Under-Tack Preview

1/4-mile works

Time	Hip#	Sex	Sire	Dam
:21.0	045	colt	Yes It's True	Cocktail
:21.0	065	colt	Lightnin Thunder	Far Sighted Sal
:21.0	176	filly	Forest Wildcat	Texas Robbery

1/8-mile works

Time	Hip#	Sex	Sire	Dam
:10.0	001	filly	Gibson County	Young American



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5, 18, 26, 27, 29, 31, 33, 37, 40, 51, 52, 62, 66, 69, 70,
92, 95, 100, 101, 104, 106, 108, 109, 113, 124, 128,
129, 131, 132, 134, 135, 138, 141, 154, 165

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1/10/06 TBH MarketWatch



Freshman Sires Look to Make Their Mark...

It's that time again. Though February may seem entirely too early to be talking about freshman sires, tomorrow's OBS sale indeed offers buyers their first chance of the year to land juveniles from what looks to be a solid group of young stallions. Some 19 sires are represented by members of their first crops at OBS, led by the six catalogued by **Hold That Tiger**. The Storm Cat stallion, a Group 1 winner in Europe at two, stands at Coolmore. Additional



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freshman sires here that won at the highest level include **Harlan's Holiday** (Harlan), winner of the GI Blue Grass S. and GI Donn H.; **Macho Uno** (Holy Bull), hero of the 2000 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile; **Sky Mesa** (Pulpit), winner of the GI Hopeful S.; and **Whywhywhy** (Mr. Greeley), whose victories included the GI Futurity S.



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See page 4 for Freshman Sire Stats

OBS FEBRUARY FRESHMAN SIRES

Drewman	<u>116</u> , <u>127</u> , <u>157</u>
Essence of Dubai	<u>17</u> , <u>110</u>
Full Mandate	<u>114</u> , <u>128</u> , <u>137</u> , <u>144</u>
Greatness	<u>27</u> , <u>143</u>
Harlan's Holiday	<u>25</u> , <u>48</u>
Hold That Tiger	<u>20</u> , <u>78</u> , <u>96</u> , <u>120</u> , <u>179</u> , <u>181</u>
Hook and Ladder	<u>71</u>
Lightnin N Thunder	<u>65</u>
Macho Uno	<u>75</u>
Posse	<u>73</u> , <u>123</u> , <u>172</u>
Proud Citizen	<u>21</u> , <u>76</u> , <u>154</u>
Pure Precision	<u>191</u>
Repent	<u>13</u> , <u>15</u> , <u>133</u>
Sky Mesa	<u>11</u> , <u>111</u>
Sunday Break (Jpn)	<u>52</u> , <u>130</u> , <u>177</u>
Van Nistelrooy	<u>87</u> , <u>136</u>
Whywhywhy	<u>80</u>
Wiseman's Ferry	<u>12</u>
Zavata	<u>135</u>

Hip numbers with lines through them have been scratched.

#1 in his crop by Graded Stakes Winners—4

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#1 by percentage of SWs—10.9%

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<u>Sire (Sire's Sire)</u>	<u>'04 Fee</u>	<u>Sold</u>	<u>Average</u>
Drewman (Unbridled)	\$2,500	9	\$9,133
Essence of Dubai (Pulpit)	\$7,500	21	\$26,912
Full Mandate (A.P. Indy)	\$5,000	33	\$26,606
Greatness (Mr. Prospector)	\$5,000	12	\$22,025
Harlan's Holiday (Harlan)	\$17,500	58	\$96,699
Hold That Tiger (Storm Cat)	\$15,000	79	\$55,389
Hook and Ladder (Dixieland Band)	\$3,500	24	\$52,379
Lightnin N Thunder (Storm Cat)	\$4,000	4	\$48,000
Macho Uno (Holy Bull)	\$15,000	28	\$44,150
Posse (Rahy)	\$10,000	36	\$68,488
Proud Citizen (Gone West)	\$12,500	52	\$54,918
Pure Precision (Montbrook)	\$4,000	6	\$7,116
Repent (Louis Quatorze)	\$5,000	24	\$27,083
Sky Mesa (Pulpit)	\$30,000	57	\$130,368
Sunday Break (Jpn) (Forty Niner)	\$8,500	47	\$36,800
Van Nistelrooy (Storm Cat)	\$7,500	59	\$32,475
Whywhywhy (Mr. Greeley)	\$7,500	29	\$79,489
Wiseman's Ferry (Hennessy)	\$5,000	23	\$27,280
Zavata (Phone Trick)	\$7,500	28	\$34,074

TOP 4 AT OBS - 2006

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Sire</u>	<u>Dam</u>	<u>Price</u>
Media City	c	Forest Camp	Holy Love	\$650,000
B-Clarkland Farm & Mr & Mrs Lyn Burleson (KY) (<i>\$140,000 wnl '04 KEENOV</i>) Consigned by Wavertree Stables, Agent I Purchased by John Ferguson Bloodstock				
Prodical Extreme	c	Pulpit	Queens Wild	\$525,000
B-Elk Manor Farm (MD) (<i>\$90,000 yrl '05 KEESEP</i>) Consigned by O & H Bloodstock (Terry Oliver & Bo Hunt), Agent II Purchased by Bowling & Associates				
Velvet Charm	f	Montbrook	Velvet Choaker	\$460,000
B-J M O'Farrell Jr & E Wiest (FL) Consigned by Ocala Stud Farms Purchased by Mrs. E P Robsham				
Monty Socks	c	Montbrook	Unbridled Bliss	\$435,000
B-Ocala Stud Farm (FL) Consigned by Ocala Stud Farms Purchased by Mrs. E P Robsham				

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COMING UP ROSES

Ask consignors what attracts them to pinhooking prospects, and you'll hear what you might expect: good conformation, a nice, big walk, the right temperament. But many conclude by saying the deciding factor more often than not comes down to the intangible *it*. Some horses have *it*--a certain presence--and some don't.



Danzel Brendemuehl
Lucas Marquardt

When Classic Bloodstock's Danzel Brendemuehl saw a strapping son of Devil His Due in the walking ring at Keeneland September in 2001, she saw something in the nearly black colt that many others had missed. He had

it. She followed him up into the pavilion, and a few minutes later, purchased hip 2962 for just \$19,000. The horse was Roses in May. At the OBS April sale the following spring, she re-sold him for \$115,000 to Ken and Sarah Ramsey, who optimistically named him with one eye on the Twin Spires of Churchill Downs.

A tendon injury kept Roses in May from even making his debut before that first Saturday in May in 2003--the roses were draped over Funny Cide--but he made a name for himself as a top handicap performer. Wearing the Ramsey's red and white colors, Roses in May proved to be one of the better members of his generation, winning the GI Whitney H. in 2004 and finishing second to Ghostzapper in that year's GI Breeders' Cup Classic. In 2005, he secured the biggest win of his career, annexing the \$6-million G1 Dubai World Cup. Roses in May retired to stud in Japan with career earnings over over \$5.4 million.

Rightfully so, Roses in May's accomplishment are a source of pride for Brendemuehl. After all, it's not every \$19,000 purchase that goes on to win the most lucrative race on the planet. But the flaxen-haired pinhooker can take a bemused look back to a time when Roses in May was generating more headaches than heroics.

"He turned into a monster when it came time to break him," she remembered with a laugh. "He would terrorize the riders and the ponies. We had boards over his stall because he would literally try to climb over the walls like a spider, just having fun. He was just so full of himself he didn't know when to quit. When he finally channeled it into doing right, it was a thing of beauty. He didn't breeze all that fast at the [OBS] sale--I think he went in :22 1/5--but it was really pretty."

2006 Sale Averages off the Charts

Juveniles	\$227,474
Yearlings	\$130,651
Weanlings	\$ 97,200

from \$10,000 stud fee

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'Roses' cont.

Born in Massachusetts and raised near Malibu, California, Brendemuehl rode hunters and jumpers in high school in the early 1970s. As fate would have it, a massive wildfire forced the evacuation of some of her horses to nearby Santa Anita racetrack. The morning after the evacuation, Brendemuehl galloped her first horse on the racetrack, "and that was the end of it," she said. "I was hooked."

"I even went to the University of Hawaii, because my parents didn't want me to be involved with racehorses, but I found polo ponies *there*," she laughed.

Brendemuehl returned to the Thoroughbred business, however, and eventually landed in Ocala in the early 1980s, breaking yearlings and learning what she could from several different outfits.

Her first big break came around eight years ago when the late Mike Riley Sr. of Lorraine Horse Transport offered her seven yearlings to break and train for the juvenile sales. Classic Bloodstock was born.

"He said, 'No charity--you've got to do this. You get them ready and sell them, and we'll split the money,'" said Brendemuehl. "He was a great, great guy, and gave me my first break. But it was tough. I had to go to work at another job in the mornings to be able to feed the horses."

It wasn't long before her hard work started to pay off.

In 1999, Brendemuehl acquired a yearling by Smart Strike for \$22,000 out of the Keeneland September sale. She later sold the colt privately and the dark bay, named Fleetstreet Dancer, went on to capture the 2003 G1 Japan Cup Dirt, place in a half dozen graded events in the U.S. and bank over \$1.7 million.

Then came Roses in May, who helped further Brendemuehl's reputation as a horsewoman with a keen eye.

Other stars that were either pinhooked by Classic Bloodstock or who emerged from its training program include Wonder Lady Anne L, an \$8,000 yearling buy who won last year's GI Coaching Club American Oaks; Gimmeawink, a stakes-winning and graded-stakes-placed brother of Showing Up; Summer Book, second in this year's Sunshine Millions Classic; and Pretty Image, a two-time stakes winner in Puerto Rico last term who won seven of her 10 starts.

Last weekend, What A Pleasure S. winner Drums of Thunder ran second to Nobiz Like Showbiz in the GIII Holy Bull S. at Gulfstream Park. Brendemuehl bought the colt for client Sixto Figueroa as a \$13,000 OBSAUG graduate and resold him at the 2006 OBSAPR sale for \$47,000.

#1 Ranked by 2006 Yearling Median of any sire standing for \$50,000 or less in 2007

Also Tops the Chart against these sires

SONGANDAPRAYER			
Mr. Greeley	\$ 100,000	Harlan's Holiday	\$ 72,000
Sky Mesa	\$ 100,000	Johannesburg	\$ 70,000
Forest Wildcat	\$ 95,000	Street Cry	\$ 66,320
Tale of the Cat	\$ 90,000	Cherokee Run	\$ 65,000
Dixie Union	\$ 80,000	Indian Charlie	\$ 65,000
Forest Camp	\$ 75,000	War Chant	\$ 65,000
Fusaichi Pegasus	\$ 74,899	Officer	\$ 61,243
Maria's Mon	\$ 74,500	More Than Ready	\$ 60,000
Smart Strike	\$ 73,500	Silver Deputy	\$ 60,000
		Yes It's True	\$ 52,000

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'Roses' cont.

"To be honest, I didn't think he was that kind of horse," said Brendemuehl. "He seems to be getting better and better. I thought he'd be a really solid Florida Stallion Stakes kind of horse; a horse you could have a lot of fun with, but not necessarily a graded-stakes horse. It was a real eye-opener how he ran."

Not surprisingly, the success of runners like Roses in May and Fleetstreet Dancer equated to a big spike in business for Brendemuehl, who leases two barns at Nick de Meric's Eclipse Training Center in Ocala. What had been a small operation of 20 to 25 horses blossomed into a 125-strong unit over the last three years, the majority of which were yearlings to be broken for outside clients. But the large number of horses left Brendemuehl slightly overwhelmed and, feeling that the hands-on care she was able to provide was suffering, she cut back to 60 head this year (about 25 of which are headed to juvenile sales).

"Next year, I'll be back down to 25 or so again," she said. "I'm going to concentrate on a small, boutique consignment, take a few horses from established clients, and that's it."

With three horses entered for the OBS February sale (another three scratched), Brendemuehl is currently planning to skip the Fasig-Tipton Calder sale, bring eight to the Barretts March sale, 12 to the OBS April sale and another 12 to the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic sale in May.

Who knows? There may be another Roses in May in one of those consignments. At the very least, there are sure to be a number with that intangible *it*.

"I've never been one for what flavor of the month they are [in terms of pedigree]," said Brendemuehl about her method. "One of my contemporaries who has been successful is Murray Smith. She found one of the only Exploits in the world that could run his eyeballs out [E Z Warrior, winner of the GIII Hollywood Juvenile Championship S.], and she's good at doing that--looking for really good horses. I'm from the same school. I'm looking for the horse that speaks to me somehow. I don't know what it is, but some of them just tell you."

OBS Day of Champions Moved, as Well...

When OBS officials shifted the February sale from Miami to Ocala, they also decided to move up the OBS



Buffalo Man

Equi-Photo

Day of Champions, typically held just prior to the March sale. The annual event, comprised of six stakes races, four of which are restricted to horses that passed through the ring at an OBS sale, this year acts as a lead in for the February sale and gets underway today with a first post of 1:30

p.m. The highlight of the day figures to be the match-up between **Buffalo Man** (El Prado {Ire}) and What A Pleasure runner-up **Green Vegas** (Trippi) in the \$100,000 Championship S. for three-year-old colts and geldings on the dirt. The former won the Spectacular Bid S. at Gulfstream in his most recent Jan. 7, with Green Vegas, a two-time stakes winner, back in third. Jockey Edgar Prado travels to Ocala to take the mount aboard Buffalo Man. The OBS Day of Champions is a non-wagering event.

Monday, Ocala Training Center, post time: 4:00 p.m.
OCALA BREEDERS' SALE CHAMPIONSHIP S.,
\$100,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
1	Honor America	Honour and Glory	Eramia
2	Steelix	Pine Bluff	Lezcano
3	Greycliff Exchange	Exchange Rate	Pompell
4	Wonderous Glory	Three Wonders	Trujillo
5	Buffalo Man	El Prado (Ire)	Prado
6	Slam My Heart	Grand Slam	Bravo
7	Point Gold	Point Given	no rider
8	Ididn'tdoanything	Trippi	Leparoux
9	No Reply	Deputy Commander	Jara
10	Red Line	Impeachment	Cox
11	Skip Code	Skip Away	Husbands
12	Notice Me Now	Unbridled Time	Centeno
13	Green Vegas	Trippi	Coa
14	Bello Pappa	Snow Ridge	Gonzalez

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OBS Championship Stakes cont.

Monday, Ocala Training Center, post time: 3:30 p.m.
OCALA BREEDERS' SALE CHAMPIONSHIP S.,
 \$100,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
1	Suaveness	Suave Prospect	Forrest
2	Wonder Time	Three Wonders	Dos Ramos
3	Synergy	Sweetsouthernsaint	Lezcano
4	Cara Bonita	Sweetsouthernsaint	no rider
5	More Than Anything	More Than Ready	Montalvo
6	Maria's Kitty	Maria's Mon	Trujillo
7	Start A Revolution	Cozzene	Leparoux
8	Dinner Break	Tale of the Cat	Coa
9	Sophisticatedevent	Wild Event	Centeno
10	Gretchmiester	Successful Appeal	Cotto Jr.
11	A Beautiful Dream	Silver Deputy	Eramia

All carry 120 pounds.

Monday, Ocala Training Center, post time: 3:00 p.m.
FLORIDA BREEDERS' DISTAFF S., \$45,000, 3yo/up,
 f/m, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Nijinsky Bullet	Silver Charm	Rosario	113
2	Howaboutrightnow	Montbrook	Wilson	122
3	Aerocat	Tale of the Cat	Cotto Jr.	116
4	Top Notch Lady	Sultry Song	Leparoux	113
5	Love Boot	Storm Boot	Forrest	113
6	Running Lass	Running Stag	Trujillo	122

Monday, Ocala Training Center, post time: 2:30 p.m.
FLORIDA THOROUGHBRED CHARITIES S., \$45,000,
 3yo/up, 5f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Song Song Blue	Songandaprayer	Coa	113
2	Bullet From Abroad	Red Bullet	Medina Jr.	108
3	Far West	Way West (Fr)	Lezcano	119
4	Put Back The Shu	Put it Back	Cotto Jr.	116
5	Wild 'n' Waki Guy	Wild Event	Laiz	116
6	One's Not Enough	Northern Afleet	Bravo	116

Monday, Ocala Training Center, post time: 2:00 p.m.
OCALA BREEDERS' SALE SPRINT S., \$50,000, 3yo, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
1	Frosty Secret	Put it Back	Trujillo
2	Pete's Wonder	Three Wonders	Dos Ramos
3	Bye Yawl	El Corredor	Centeno
4	Dream America	Graeme Hall	Eramia
5	Stormim Charmer	Stormin Fever	Cotto Jr.
6	Full Blast	Richter Scale	Vail
7	Ok Deputy	Deputy Minister	Montalvo
8	Jodi's Star	Salt Lake	Coa
9	Mardi Grau Glitter	Texas Glitter	Prado
10	Red Line	Impeachment	Cox
11	B. B. Mancini	Mancini	Leparoux

All carry 122 pounds.

Monday, Ocala Training Center, post time: 1:30 p.m.
OCALA BREEDERS' SALE SPRINT S., \$50,000, 3yo, f,
 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
1	Gotta Luv Carrots	Three Wonders	Centeno
2	Bettabe Fast	B L's Appeal	Montalvo
3	Forever Together	Belong to Me	Trujillo
4	Lia's Luck	Smoke Glacken	Bravo
5	Taletobetold	Tale of the Cat	Leparoux
6	Synergy	Sweetsouthernsaint	Lezcano
7	Sweet Yamila	Quaker Ridge	Coa
8	Dinner Break	Tale of the Cat	Coa
9	Miss Music Maker	Mancini	Garcia
10	Do It In Dixie	Dixie Union	Laiz
11	Lemon Drop Girl	Lemon Drop Kid	Winnett Jr.

All carry 120 pounds.

OBS FEBRUARY FORECAST

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