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FULL FIELD FOR AL FAHIDI FORT

Group 1 winner **Court Masterpiece (GB)** (Polish Precedent), who will headline tonight's G2 Al Fahidi Fort at Nad al Sheba, will face last year's winner **Linngari (Ire)** (Indian Ridge {Ire}) as well as Grade II winner and Grade I-placed **Vanderlin (GB)** (Halling). Under the tutelage of trainer Ed Dunlop, Court Masterpiece won last year's G1 Sussex S. and was second in the G1 Queen Anne S. The seven-year-old is now trained by DRC leading trainer Ismail Mohammed. "We have had him since December, and he has been very straightforward and easy to train," Mohammed said. "He is obviously a classy horse and, judging by the way he's been training, we expect him to run well." In addition to his win in last year's Al Fahidi Fort, Linngari also won the 2006 G2 Golden Peitsche and was a narrowly beaten second in the G1 Prix de la Foret. The well-traveled Vanderlin, second in the 2005 G1 Shadwell Turf Mile, makes his 49th trip to the post today. The eight-year-old has been off since running 12th in the G1 Woodbine Mile last September. **Killybegs (Ire)** (Orpen), winner of last year's G3 Craven S., makes his debut for Godolphin here. **Cont. p2**



**Court Masterpiece
in 2006**

Andrew Watkins photo

HARD SPUN OK AFTER SOUTHWEST

A wide trip and a tricky track combined to cause the first career defeat for **Hard Spun** (Danzig) in Monday's Southwest S., trainer Larry Jones told *Daily Racing Form*. It was the first time the bay colt never saw the lead in a race; he had been perfect in four prior starts. "He got away from the gate a little crooked, and I think that was one reason he wasn't right up on the front," Jones told *DRF*. "I knew at the five-eighths pole we were in trouble, because [jockey] Mario [Pino] wasn't asking him to go, but he wasn't discouraging him to go, and he wasn't picking up horses real fast. You could tell he was struggling." He added, "He probably would appreciate a little tighter track. I'm not saying the track was bad, it just wasn't for Hard Spun [Monday]." Rick Porter's colt wound up fourth at the finish.

ENGLISH CHANNEL RETURNS

Eclipse Award-finalist **English Channel** (Smart Strike) will make a surprise reappearance in today's seventh race at Gulfstream, a nine-furlong money allowance (see *ATW, p3 for pps*). Trainer Todd Pletcher had originally hoped the chestnut would make either the GIII Canadian Turf H. Feb. 3 or the GIII Fair Grounds BC H. Feb. 10, but it didn't work out that way. "I just wasn't completely satisfied he was ready to run in either race," Pletcher told *Daily Racing Form*. "He's nominated this weekend for the [GI] Gulfstream Park Breeders' Cup, but I didn't want to start him back going a mile and three-eighths." The five-year-old is slated to head to Dubai Mar. 31 for either the nine-furlong G1 Dubai Duty Free or the 12-furlong G1 Dubai Sheema Classic. "Hopefully, this race will help clarify where we'll ultimately decide to place him in Dubai," Pletcher added.



English Channel
Adam Coglianese photo

CASHCALL MILE BOOSTED TO \$1-MILLION

The purse of the newly upgraded GII CashCall Mile Invitational S. has been increased to \$1 million. The race for distaff turf performers, which will be contested during the evening of July 6, will be the richest race run during Hollywood's spring/summer meeting. "I am absolutely thrilled that we will have another million-dollar race in Southern California," said J. Paul Reddam, founder of CashCall and a prominent horse owner. "Hopefully, it will be a big night, and we will get some exposure to a sector of the public that doesn't usually see horse racing." The race, worth \$750,000 in 2006, was won by Japanese-based **Dance in the Mood** (Jpn). Hollywood's Vice President of Racing, Martin Panza, added, "Dance in the Mood's victory was a highlight of the 2006 meeting. We've always believed in promoting Friday night racing at Hollywood, and for the first time, we will have a major racing event on a night program." Previously known as the Royal Heroine, the CashCall will be the second-richest turf race for females in North America, second only to the G1 Breeders' Cup F/M Turf.



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Thursday, Nad al Sheba, Dubai, post time: 9:35 p.m.

AL FAHIDI FORT-G2, \$250,000, 3yo/up, 1600mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY
1	King Jock	Ghazi	Osborne	Shanahan
2	Vanderlin (GB)	Halling	A Balding	Dwyer
3	Seihali (Ire)	Alzao	Selvaratnam	Murtagh
4	Linngari (Ire)	Indian Ridge (Ire)	Brown	Shea
5	Killybegs (Ire)	Orpen	bin Suroor	Dettori
6	Court Masterpiece (GB)	Polish Precedent	Mohammed	McEvoy
7	Kapil (SAf)	Jallad	de Kock	Marwing
8	Lord Admiral	El Prado (Ire)	C O'Brien	Kinane
9	Nayyir	Indian Ridge (Ire)	Butler	Ahern
10	Vortex (GB)	Danehill	Kelleway	J Quinn
11	Celtic Silence (GB)	Celtic Swing (GB)	Bouresly	no rider

Also Eligible

12	Lucky Dance (Brz)	Mutakddim	Wolfson	no rider
13	Red Racketeer	Red Ransom	Al Raihe	no rider
14	Desert Anger (GB)	Cadeaux Genereux	Charpy	no rider

All carry 125 pounds.

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FOALING NEWS

NIGHTSTORM, 13, Storm Cat--Halo's Daughter, by Halo
Foal born Feb. 12, a filly by Eurosilver.

Will be bred back to Bernardini.

Owned by Elizabeth Jones Valando.

Boarded at Three Chimneys Farm, Ky.

Accomplishments: Dam of Nobiz Like Shobiz (Albert the Great), MGSW & GISP, \$316,400.

MARKET BOOSTER, 18, Green Dancer--Final Figure, by
Super Concorde

Foal born Feb. 15, a filly by Leroidesanimaux (Brz)

Will be bred back to Giant's Causeway.

Owned by Brushwood Stable.

Boarded at Brushwood Stable, Pa. & Fares Farm, Ky.

Accomplishments: Hwt. Older Mare-Ger & Ire at 9 1/2-
11f, G1SW-Ger, MGSW-US & Ire, MG1SP-Ire,
\$667,975. Dam of Mustaneer (Gone West), SP-Eng.

UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track
Feb. 24	G1 Gulfstream Park BC Turf	Gulfstream
	GIII Bayou BC H.	Fair Grounds
	GIII Las Flores H.	Santa Anita
Feb. 25	GII San Luis Obispo H.	Santa Anita
	GIII The Very One H.	Gulfstream
Mar. 3	G1 Santa Anita H.	Santa Anita
	G1 Frank E. Kilroe Mile	Santa Anita
	GII Fountain of Youth S.	Gulfstream
	GII Gulfstream Park H.	Gulfstream
	GII Hutcheson S.	Gulfstream
	GII Richter Scale BC H.	Gulfstream
	GII Robert B. Lewis S.	Santa Anita
Mar. 4	GIII Appleton H.	Gulfstream
	GIII Honey Fox H.	Gulfstream



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EHV-1 INVESTIGATION IN MARYLAND, VIRGINIA

The Maryland Department of Agriculture is conducting an investigation of equine herpesvirus in six locations in Maryland, according to a press release. Five horses now in Maryland had possible indirect exposure to the disease when they were at the Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center in Leesburg, Virginia. The Maryland-based horses were discharged before a horse at the clinic began showing clinical signs of EHV-1. A sixth Maryland horse has remained under treatment in Leesburg. The six Maryland locations are currently under "investigative hold orders" for a week, preventing horses from moving onto or off the farms, pending completion of test results. Meanwhile, Virginia has imposed a quarantine on the Leesburg hospital due to the suspected infection. No new patients will be admitted during the quarantine period, which could last from 14-28 days. A horse brought into the hospital Feb. 7 for an unrelated emergency developed a fever and began showing neurological symptoms; that horse was immediately put into an isolation unit at the hospital. Initial testing indicated a positive for EHV-1. Since then, two additional horses developed fevers and also displayed neurological symptoms of the disease, prompting Virginia officials to impose a quarantine on the hospital.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22:

03-03 \$200,000 **Robert B Lewis-II, SA**, 3yo,
8.5f (200)

03-03 \$100,000 **Honey Fox H.-III, GP**, 4yo/up, f/m,
8.5fT (100)

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2:56p HRTV **5th-GPX, \$44K, Msw, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT**
Emory Hamilton sends out her homebred **CORRENTINA (Dynaformer)**, who has drawn the rail for this racetrack debut. The dark bay, a half-sister to SW Anegada, was produced by Panthera (Storm Cat), herself kin to GISW Brahms and GSW La Reina. **Warming Up (Cozzene)** is a granddaughter of Jacky Max (Ire), making the grey filly a three-parts sister to the millionaire turf mare Maxzene. **Ardnagh (Fr) (Anabaa Blue {GB})**, twice second in conditions events in France last season, interesting in her U.S. bow. brisnet.com pps

3:48p TVG **8th-AQU, \$65K Stormy Krissy S., 4yo/up, f/m, 6f**
LIVERMORE VALLEY (Mt. Livermore), third in last year's GI Prioress Breeders' Cup S. last July, reportedly came down with an infection following her victory in the Seton Hall S. at the Meadowlands last November and was slated to get the winter off. A return to training proved the perfect remedy and the dark bay looms the class of this field on her return. **Hallie's Girl (Lucky North)** makes her third start off a layoff and ships in from Philly Park off a Jan. 21 allowance victory. brisnet.com pps

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News Today cont.

NEW YORK FRANCHISE: NO RE-BID, BUT NO DECISION

by Tom Precious

courtesy www.bloodhorse.com

New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer will not seek to re-bid the state's Thoroughbred racing franchise but does not feel obligated to follow the recommendations of a screening panel that last September released its final report urging that Excelsior Racing Associates replace the New York Racing Association. The new governor, who already has raised concerns about the process used last year by a screening panel to narrow down the list of franchise finalists, will announce his plans in the coming days for how the bidders should be evaluated. But administration officials said it is not the governor's plan to re-start the entire process, as some prospective bidders may have been hoping. "It is not his intention to re-bid the entire proposal," said Paul Larabee, a spokesman for the Democratic governor. Spitzer has not yet received the final report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Future of Racing, which voted unanimously Feb. 21 to release its final recommendation report--three months to the day after tapped Excelsior Racing over Empire Racing Associates and NYRA. The committee's recommendation is not binding on the governor and legislature.

"He does not feel bound by it," Larabee said of Spitzer's view towards the committee's recommendation. Spitzer last fall noted several shortcomings to the franchise-award process. He questioned the logic behind a scoring range for a bidder's integrity, saying bidders either had integrity or did not. He also raised concerns about the 20-year length of the next franchise, with no period to re-negotiate during that time span or for a formal review of the franchisee's performance. Members of the screening panel hope their work will be the blueprint for Spitzer and the legislature to use in selecting a new franchise holder to run Aqueduct, Belmont Park, and Saratoga.

The full report was not initially released at the panel's Feb. 21 meeting in Albany; it was to be made available later in the day on the New York State Racing and Wagering Board Web site. "We have done our job," said Valerie Keehn, mayor of Saratoga Springs and a member of the screening panel. While some officials in Albany have floated the idea of starting the bidding process over, Keehn and other members of the panel urged them to use the committee's work. "I think the results would ultimately be the same," Keehn said of the panel's recommendation of Excelsior.

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★ GULFSTREAM ★

Yesterday's Results:

6th-GPX, \$41,500, Alw, NW2X, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:22 4/5, ft.

CHANGEISGONNACOME (f, 3, [Cherokee Run](#)--**Top Tip, by Lost Code**), winner of the P.G. Johnson S. at Saratoga last summer, was runner-up in the Nov. 25 Selima S. over the Laurel turf, then was seventh to subsequent GSW Christmas Kid in the Jan. 1 Tropical Park Oaks at Calder. Returned to the main for her latest, the \$32,000 FTMOCT yearling was a distant sixth in a six-furlong optional claimer Jan. 20. Off a bit slowly here, the half to Little Miss Pamela (El Prado {Ire}), MSW, \$127,036, gained the advantage along the inside approaching the far turn and led past every pole en route to a three-length success at 3-1. Bianco (Yes It's True) was second, 9 3/4 ahead of favored Ticket to Seattle (Capote). Lifetime Record: SW, 9-3-2-0, \$123,165. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) O-R Larry Johnson. B-Audley Farm (VA). T-Michael J Trombetta.

TODAY'S VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS

FOREST DANGER

Winner of the Carter H. (GI) in 1:20 2/5 earning a 118 Beyer, only Ghostzapper (GI) & Commentator (GI) earned a greater Beyer up to a mile that year. His first foals arrive in '07

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6th-GPX (Alw \$41K) Changeisgonnacome (Cherokee Run) posts a mild upset.

5th-GPX (Msw \$38K) Duveen (Horse Chestnut {SAf}) has found a new home on the turf.

5th-GPX, \$38,000, Msw, 3yo, 1 1/8mT, 1:47 2/5, fm. DUVEEN (c, 3, Horse Chestnut {SAf}--**Casanova Storm {GSP}, by Storm Cat**) never lifted a hoof in three starts over the main track in 2006, losing those events by a combined 54 1/2 lengths. His fortunes changed noticeably in his first start of the new season going 8 1/2 panels over the local sod Jan. 3, when the dark bay stalked from close range and was beaten a neck into second. Forwardly placed throughout here, he was roused to the front on the far turn and sprinted home 4 1/4 lengths to the good of Joppa Flat's (Broken Vow) as the tepid 3-1 favorite. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, \$32,494. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) O-Andrew Farm. B-Richard Brodie, Robert Scanlon & James Buckley (KY). T-Dale L Romans.

★ NEW YORK ★

New York-Bred Champs Balloting Contest:

The New York Breeding & Racing Program has announced an on-line balloting contest for selecting the 2006 New York-bred divisional champions at www.nybreds.com. The contest will run through Mar. 10; the champions will be determined by the New York Turf Writers. Winners of the contest, which will require voting for 10 championship divisions, will receive four free clubhouse passes to either Belmont Park or Saratoga Race Course. The New York-bred champions will be announced May 14.

★ EAST ★

Yesterday's Results:

2nd-TAM, \$16,000, Msw, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12 1/5, ft.

+ **LYDIA'S LOVE** (f, 4, [Langfuhr](#)--**Cherry Laurel, by Vanlandingham**), the lone first-time starter in a field of five, was dispatched the 2-1 second choice to open her account. Boxed in while racing along the inside to the lane, the Iowa-bred filly was able to split rivals at the eighth pole and went on to win by three lengths from Cuzshescozy (Cozar). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$9,600. O/B-Woodfield Farm (IA). T-Judi A Hicklin.

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the 7th Race \$57,500 Allowance at Gulfstream Park. For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).

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East Report cont.

Maryland Grants Franklin Exercise Rider's License:

by Sandra McKee *courtesy www.bloodhorse.com*

Veteran jockey Ron Franklin, whose career has been ruined by drug abuse, asked the Maryland Racing Commission Feb. 20 to re-instate his license to ride. At the end of the day, he got part of what he asked for, plus an injection of hope for the future. A five-member committee, who heard the case after the racing commission's regular monthly meeting at Laurel Park, restored Franklin's exercise license it had revoked in November 2005 and told him it will entertain an application to restore his jockey's license in six months--if he follows their directives. Franklin must attend counseling with Dr. Reginald Gerstein at Fair Grounds three times a week. Gerstein and Franklin must maintain communication with Bill Borchardt, director of the Horsemen's Counseling Program in Maryland. And Franklin must take two random drug tests each month. "It's positive, very positive," said Franklin, his voice breaking. "They didn't have to give me anything. I really thank the (commission) and everyone who has worked with me to be able to be here." Franklin, 47, must regain his Maryland jockey's license in order to obtain a license in Louisiana, where he resides and is working to regain his career. [Click here](#) to continue.

★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

No Synthetic Decision Yet for Santa Anita:

Magna Entertainment Corp. announced yesterday that it is committed to installing a synthetic surface in time for the opening of the 2007 Oak Tree meeting this September, but the exact surface has yet to be determined. All California tracks must have a synthetic surface by 2008; Hollywood has already conducted a successful meeting with Cushion Track, while Del Mar is in the process of installing Polytrack, and Golden Gate Fields will have Tapeta. "Frank Stronach and I understand and share the concerns of horsemen regarding the importance of racing surface safety and agree that installing a synthetic surface at Santa Anita is the right thing to do for our industry," said Santa Anita President Ron Charles. "We feel that it's important that horsemen in California and across the country are aware that we are going to install the new surface during the upcoming Del Mar meeting." MEC track consultants have visited Australia, Dubai and England to observe various synthetic surfaces in action. "We've been trying to ensure that any surface we install can stand up to the extreme heat that we can experience here at Santa Anita during the Oak Tree race meeting," Charles added. "Few tracks experience the kind of heat that we routinely do at Oak Tree, where we can have consecutive days with temperatures in excess of 100 degrees."

★ WEST ★

Tuesday Night's Results:

11th-SUN, \$40,900, Alw, NW23MX, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39, ft.

PEPPERS PRIDE (f, 4, Desert God--Lady Pepper {SP}, by Chili Pepper Pie) capped her 2006 campaign with victories in the New Mexico Cup Championship Fillies S. at Zia Nov. 12 and this track's La Coneja H. Dec. 23. The 9-10 chalk to emerge unscathed rated in fourth for the opening six panels and came calling late for a 1 1/2-length success. Lifetime Record: 8-8-0-0, \$416,645. O-H Joseph Allen. B-Joe Allen (NM). T-Joel H Marr.

★ INDUSTRY INFO ★

First KBIF Checks Disbursed:

Kentucky Governor Ernie Fletcher passed out the first Kentucky Breeders' Incentive Fund checks yesterday afternoon during ceremonies held in Frankfort, much to the delight of representatives of the Kentucky Equine Education Project (KEEP), who engaged in heavy lobbying to get the legislation passed in 2005. "We're proud to have been a part of getting this important legislation adopted," said Patrick Neely, executive director for KEEP. "We demonstrated to everyone how important the equine industry is to the state and stood together as a unified front representing all breeds. That had never been done before. Today, we see the tangible fruits of that labor and we owe a deep debt of gratitude to Senator Damon Thayer and other legislators who supported us and, of course, the Governor who signed it into law." The legislation served to shift the sales tax on stud fees into the breeder incentive fund. Prior to 2005, Kentucky was the only major Thoroughbred breeding center without such a fund. "Horses mean jobs and economic prosperity to our state," added Neely. "As a result of this legislation, we're already getting inquiries from out-of-state breeders who are considering moving their operations to the state. We should see some tangible results with even more jobs soon."

Committee Supports CA Toe Grab Rule:

A special committee that was formed out of the Welfare and Racehorse Summit is calling for a ban of toe grabs with a height in excess of four millimeters. The committee, chaired by TOBA President Bill Casner and also includes trainers Richard Mandella and Todd Pletcher, began meeting in January to discuss the issue of toe grabs and to discuss a recommendation to ban certain shoes which have been shown to be detrimental to the soundness and safety of the racehorses. A committee on shoeing and hoof care is also calling for tracks to ban the use of toe grabs on all front horse-shoes used on synthetic racing surfaces. A toe grab rule passed in California in February 2006 will be proposed for nationwide adoption at the Association of Racing Commissioners International Model Rules Committee meeting in April.



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

BUDDHA (Unbridled's Song), Hill 'N' Dale, \$18K, 274/13/1

8-OP, Msw, 6f, +Viracocha, \$175K FTK JUL yrl

10-OP, Msw, 6f, +Buddha's Mirage, \$50K FTF FEB 2yo

FESTIVAL OF LIGHT (A.P. Indy), Valor, \$4K, 57/15/0

2-DED, Alw, 7f, Party of One, 7-2

JUMP START (A.P. Indy), Overbrook, \$10K, 179/26/2

2-DED, Alw, 7f, Susan Jane, \$12K TEX AUG yrl, 2-1

MIZZEN MAST (Cozzene), Juddmonte, \$15K, 192/16/1

4-SA, Msw, 1m, The Supply Program, \$15K OBS APR 2yo

OFFICER (Bertrando), Taylor Made Farm, \$15K, 177/28/6

10-OP, Msw, 6f, +Sgt Friday, \$40K EAS SEP yrl

ORIENTATE (Mt. Livermore), Gainsway, \$20K, 205/27/3

6-AQU, Msw, 1m, Raven H, \$65K SAR AUG yrl

6-LRL, Alw, 5 1/2f, Emishi Warrior, \$400K FTS AUG yrl, 9-2

10-OP, Msw, 6f, Natural Speed, \$75K KEE SEP yrl

SCORPION (Seattle Slew), Pinecrest Stables, \$, 41/3/0

7-TP, Msw, 1m, Scorpion Go North

SILKY SWEEP (End Sweep), Duetowin Thoroughbreds, \$3K, 33/4/0

7-DED, Alw, 5f, Silky Dreams, 5-1

STORM DAY (Storm Cat), Clear Creek Stud, \$3K, 126/9/1

7-DED, Alw, 5f, Bates Storm, 12-1

STREET CRY (IRE) (Machiavellian), Darley, \$30K, 174/22/4

7-TP, Msw, 1m, Summerlucky, \$175K KEE APR 2yo

TOP VENTURE (Storm Cat) 35/2/0

7-DED, Alw, 5f, Salti Colton, 3-1

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AQUEDUCT

Slew Motion (Slew City Slew), 3f, :35.18, 1/1

Take the Bluff (Pine Bluff), 4f, :49.31, 2/11

GULFSTREAM PARK

Lisa M (Banker's Gold), 4f, :48.00, 10/28

HOLLYWOOD PARK

El Roblar (War Chant), 7f, •1:25.20, 1/3

Runaway Dancer (Runaway Groom), 5f, 1:02.80, 33/39

Time Squared (Fusaichi Pegasus), 5f, 1:00.80, 7/39

PALM MEADOWS

Bright One (Dance Brightly), 5f, •58.20, 1/19

Dreaming of Anna (Rahy), 5f (T), 1:02.20, 5/17

Kelly's Landing (Patton), 4f, •:46.80, 1/31

Last Romance (Wild Rush), 4f, :48.80, 9/31

Mandurah (A.P. Indy), 4f, :48.00, 3/31

Sir Greeley (Mr. Greeley), 5f, 1:00.20, 5/19

SANTA ANITA

Fourty Niners Son (Distorted Humor), 7f (T), 1:30.60, 1/2

Point Determined (Point Given), 6f, 1:12.80, 4/26

Sailors Sunset (Petionville), 3f, :38.00, 21/26



WINSTON TO ACCEPT ONE-YEAR BAN Jockey Robert Winston will not appeal the one-year ban imposed by Britain's Horseracing Regulatory Authority (HRA), in respect of various rule breaches, according to *Racing Post*. Winston was one of four jockeys found guilty of providing or passing information that was used for corrupt gain in relation to 37 races between June 2003 and February 2004 and his ban is due to commence Feb. 27. Citing escalating legal fees and the length of time an appeal is likely to take to be heard, the jockey's agent Richard Hale told the daily, "Robert has told me he will not be appealing, he says an appeal is just not worth bothering with." Fellow jockeys Luke Fletcher and Robbie Fitzpatrick have until Monday to decide whether or not to appeal their three-year bans, while Fran Ferris has been given special dispensation until Mar. 5 to appeal his two-year ban. All bans handed down at last week's disciplinary hearing are to be reciprocated in Ireland according to the Turf Club's Denis Egan. The Irish racing authority's chief executive told *Racing Post*, "The Turf Club received a fax from the HRA asking us to reciprocate the ban imposed on all the riders banned last week, which we will be doing."

★ FRANCE

Yesterday's Result:

Cagnes-Sur-Mer, 2.55, Cond,
€25,000, 3yo, 1 1/4m (AWT),
2:06.40, stn.

L'IMPRESSIONISTE (FR) (c, 3, Peintre Celebre--La Panthere, by Pine Bluff), a €28,000

DEAAUG yearling, went postward as the crowd's choice coming back from a course-and-distance win Jan. 22. Moving up from sixth to go second at halfway here, the 2-5 pick cruised to the front at the quarter-mile marker and was coaxed clear inside the final eighth to best Beauty Mill (GB) (Keltos {Fr}) by an easy three lengths. The winner is a half brother to Tritonix (Ire) (Linamix {Fr}, MSP). Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €23,850.

O-Jean-Claude Seroul; B-Petra Bloodstock Agency Ltd; T-Fabrice Chappet.

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-John McCormack

★ HONG KONG ★

SOUR SOUMILLON WANTS OUT

Belgian phenom Christophe Soumillon was the toast of Sha Tin in the 2005/2006 racing season, racking up 29 wins--including the Hong Kong Derby--and being voted Hong Kong's most popular jockey. But times have changed this campaign as he has managed just five wins, and the number one rider for the John Moore stable has informed the conditioner that he wants an early end to his retainership following the Mar. 4 meeting at Sha Tin. He is scheduled to pilot **Viva Patata (GB)** (Marju {Ire}), the reigning Derby hero, in the Hong Kong Gold Cup that afternoon. "This has been so frustrating for me," Soumillon told the

South China Morning Post. "I don't mind working hard, but I don't like working for nothing. On reflection, it was probably a mistake for me to come as retained rider for one stable, because when that stable is having a lean time, then I too must have a lean time." The charismatic jockey added that the winter in France--where he retained by the Aga Khan--has been mild, and he wants to return to guide those horses through their early-season paces. Soumillon will return to Hong Kong to pilot **Viva Macau (Fr)** (Sendawar {Ire}), a horse exported to Hong Kong on Soumillon's advice, in this year's Hong Kong Derby Mar. 18.

FOALING NEWS

DIDINA (GB), 15, Nashwan--Didicoy, by Danzig
Foal born Feb. 5, a colt by Empire Maker.
Will be bred back to Mizzen Mast.

Owned by and boarded at Juddmonte Farms, Ky.
Accomplishments: GSW & GISP-US, SW-Eng,
\$201,368. Dam of Trekking (Gone West), GSP,
\$104,769; Tantina (Distant View), MSW & GSP-Eng.

DEDICATION (FR), 8, Highest Honor (Fr)--Dissertation (Fr), by Sillery

Foal born Feb. 15, a colt by Malibu Moon.

Will be bred back to Anabaa.

Accomplishments: G1SW-Fr, GSW & GISP-US,
\$456,565.



BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

10th-PHA, \$31,204, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft.

LEI DIAVALO (m, 5, Abaginone--Rulina, by Ruhlmann) Lifetime Record: 25-4-5-2, \$81,772. O-Rossi Racing. B-Barry R Ostrager (NY). T-Juan Carlos Guerrero. *\$5,000 wlng '02 FTMDEC.

9th-PHA, \$31,000, NW3L, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:36 1/5, ft. **SHMOOO** (g, 5, Real Quiet--Flying in the Lane {MSW & GISP, \$481,831}, by Flying Victor) Lifetime Record: SP, 6-3-0-1, \$84,388. O-Stuart Grant. B-Ornella Cozzi Carlini (KY). T-Anthony W Dutrow. *1/2 to Feisty Bull (Holy Bull), MSW, \$234,872.

7th-TAM, \$20,200, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW2\$6MX, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:23 1/5, ft. **(DH)--ANGLERS REEF** (c, 4, Suave Prospect--Sonata Sonata {SP}, by Shamgo) Lifetime Record: 25-6-7-4, \$140,033. O-John Carlesimo. B-Pat Sengupta (FL). T-Gerald S Bennett. *\$35,000 2yo '05 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Matty's Song (Matty G.), SP, \$222,416. **(DH)--DEMAGOGUERY** (g, 5, Demaloot Demashoot--Vanline, by Pass the Line) Lifetime Record: MSW, 25-10-2-6, \$253,861. O-Mary A Mazur. B-Marilyn McMaster (MI). T-Gerald S Bennett. *\$8,500 yrl '03 MICSEP.

9th-TAM, \$17,300, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW3X, 4yo/up, a1 1/8mT, 1:50 4/5, fm. **MIDWAY MAN** (g, 4, [Awesome Again](#)--Family Silver, by Silver Hawk) Lifetime Record: 14-5-0-1, \$91,075. O-Montesano Racing LLC. B-Brereton C Jones (KY). T-Thomas F Proctor.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Hunters Wine, g, 3, Festival of Light--Hunter's Gal, by Afternoon Deelites. SUN, 2-20, 6f, 1:12 3/5. B-Paul D Prather (NM).

On the Vineyard, c, 3, Lite the Fuse--Princess Aloha, by Aloha Prospector. TAM, 2-21, 6 1/2f, 1:17. B-Lynne M Scafe (FL).

Marrouche, c, 4, Deputy Minister--I'm Splendid (MGISW, \$627,013), by Our Native. GPX, 2-21, (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:42. B-Caesar P Kimmel. *1/2 to Indy Vidual (A.P. Indy), GISP, \$333,732.



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BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Cagnes-Sur-Mer, 1.55, €18,000, 4yo, 1 1/2m (AWT), 2:34.13, stn.

RINGBOW (IRE) (c, 4, Rainbow Quest--Ring Beaune, by Bering {GB}) Lifetime Record: 14 starts, 3 wins, 5 places, €42,350. O-Mme J Porachio; B-Wertheimer & Frere; T-A Spanu. *1/2 to Highest Dream (Ire) (Highest Honor {Fr}), SP-US, \$102,300; Special Ring (Nureyev), MSW & GSP-Fr, MGISW-US, \$915,279.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Real Spain (Fr), c, 3, Bering (GB)--Texarika, by Chimes Band. Cagnes-Sur-Mer, France, 2-21, Mdn, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/4m (AWT). B-Haras de Manneville. *€10,000 yrl '05 DEAOCT.

Drifting Gold (GB), f, 3, Bold Edge (GB)--Driftholme (GB), by Safawan (Ire). Wolverhampton, Britain, 2-21, Mdn, 3yo/up, 5f 20yds (AWT). B-Witney & Warren Enterprises Ltd. *1,600gns wnlng '04 TATDEC; 2,700gns yrl '05 TATOCT.

Pershing (Ity), c, 3, Dane Friendly (GB)--Peccatrice (Ire), by Fumo di Londra (Ire). Rome, Italy, 2-20, Mdn, 3yo, c/g, 1m (AWT). B-Angela Ghio Rossella.

Cicladì (Ity), f, 3, Rob's Spirit--Sighisca (Ire) (SW-Ity), by Polish Patriot. Rome, Italy, 2-20, Mdn, 3yo, f, 1 5/16m (AWT). B-Scuderia Ri.Ma. SRL.



FOALING NEWS

WILLOW RUSH, 6, Wild Rush--Reet Petite, by Maudlin Foal born Jan. 24, a filly by Consolidator. Will be bred back to Stormy Atlantic. Owned by Gulf Coast Farms. Boarded at Taylor Made, Ky. Accomplishments: SW of \$145,120.

MARWOOD, 7, Marlin--Jadewood, by Jade Hunter Foal born Jan. 28, a filly by Elusive Quality. Will be bred back to Mr. Greeley. Owned by Gulf Coast Farms. Boarded at Taylor Made, Ky. Accomplishments: MSW of \$354,355.

TWO PUNCH GAL, 6, Two Punch--Cranberry Muffin, by Shelter Half Foal born Jan. 29, a filly by Afleet Alex. Will be bred back to More Than Ready. Owned by Gulf Coast Farms. Boarded at Taylor Made, Ky. Accomplishments: SW of \$141,583.



WRITERS UP

LOVE...THOROUGHBRED STYLE by Tina Bartel

This has already been a busy year. I recently acquired three broodmares and, with February here, my life is



suddenly filled with dating issues. Mine, and theirs. And before you laugh, there are more similarities than you might think.

My girls are reasonably marketable. They're stakes-placed and have managed to avoid womanly weight concerns (they're more than nine months pregnant, so some things are a given), but they still need to meet nearly impossible standards to be "introduced" to the right boys. The girls need to be accomplished and young; have pretty heads,

great chests and hips and nice legs; and come from good families.

Good figures are always important--luckily, one of my girls earned a triple-digit Beyer (the human equivalent of 36-24-36) and that gets her the occasional whistle. Oh, and did I mention, their biological clocks are running faster than Breeders' Cup contenders? I have to find the right mates quickly or they'll be left behind next year. The clock ticks, the pressure is on.

With the help of a pedigree specialist, I worked through the stallion registers. Let me tell you, Match.com has nothing on these listings for creativity. I try to read between the lines, to make sure a "preco-cious two-year-old" isn't just another way to say tragically lame before age three. In height measurements, it seems every horse is listed at 16 hands, but while they might look huge when led by a four-foot tall groom, a few of these stallions are, shall we say, height challenged? Of course, I have heard that some men are taller when standing on their wallets, so perhaps stallions are taller when standing on graded-stakes records.

In the world of on-line dating, it's expected that everyone will put their best foot forward with professional photos, so I suppose it's no surprise that there are almost no front or rear shots of the stallions. Frankly, I know of a couple who were lightning fast on the track, but might just tip over if you tried to stand them up squarely. And why are there only racing shots of the 2007 latest crop of million-dollar stallions? Give them beers, put caps on their heads and take still photos.

But perhaps it's all about what we want them to look like instead of what they really are--a reminder to look with a cool head and get a trusted second opinion before committing in any relationship.

In the final analysis, how will my girls fare in this big game of "pick the best boyfriend?" Like women everywhere, we want it all: looks, family, money and an excellent track record. What we'll end up with is a cute boy from a respectable family who managed well in spite of the challenges of life. And we'll love him and defend him before, during, and especially after our decision is made...and hope we're not disappointed.

But for one brief, shining moment, we can bask in the wonderful hope and belief that perhaps this incredible and exciting choice truly is "the one." Ah, the joys of love.

*Editor's Note: Tina Bartel of Aldona Farms has three broodmares in Kentucky: MSP **Quanah** (12, Lord At War {Arg}--Pecan Bayou, by Gone West), with a City Zip foal due in February and booked to Eurosilver for 2007; SP **Dee's Justice** (6, Lit de Justice--Shady Willow, by Dom Alaric {Fr}), with an Alphabet Soup foal due in March and booked to Giacomo for 2007; and SP **Usual Lies** (11, World Appeal--Miss Mississippi, by Cormorant), with a Buddha foal due in March and booked to Value Plus for 2007.*

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