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## TIAGO OUT OF BIG 'CAP

Expected to be favored for Saturday's GI Santa Anita H., Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Moss's **Tiago** (Pleasant Tap) was not entered yesterday because of a loss of appetite. "He backed off his feed a little and, for a race like this, we wouldn't run him if he's not 1000 percent," said Dottie Shirreffs, wife of trainer John Shirreffs and his stable manager. "Hopefully, he'll be back at 1000 percent very soon and continue training for whatever race might be next." Third in the Oct. 25 GI Breeders' Cup Classic to cap off 2008, the five-year-old returned to fill the show spot once again in the Feb. 8 GII San Antonio H. His record stands at 18-5-3-5 with earnings of \$2,358,270. The morning-line favorite for the \$1-million even is now **Colonel John** (Tiznow) at 9-2.

## Saturday, Santa Anita

**SANTA ANITA H.-GI, \$1,000,000, 4/up, 1 1/4m (AWT)**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Matto Mondo (Chi)	Sir Cat	Bejarano	116
2	Cowboy Cal	Giant's Causeway	Velazquez	120
3	Heroi Do Bafra (Brz)	Royal Academy	M Baze	111
4	Monba	Maria's Mon	Prado	114
5	Colonel John	Tiznow	Gomez	119
6	Magnum (Arg)	El Compinche (Arg)	Rosario	116
7	Blue Exit	Pulpit	Albarado	115
8	Einstein (Brz)	Spend a Buck	Leparoux	121
9	Dansant (GB)	Dansili (GB)	T Baze	116
10	Cause	Giant's Causeway	Court	110
11	Court Vision	Gulch	Dominguez	119
12	Zambezi Sun (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Espinoza	116
13	Champs Elysees (GB)	Danehill	Valdivia Jr	118
14	Stream Cat	Black Minnaloushe	Solis	114

## MULLIGAN HOSPITALIZED

Consignor Mike Mulligan, who sold the second highest-priced two-year-old at the Fasig Tipton Calder Selected Two-Year-Olds In Training sale Tuesday, is in the intensive care unit at Memorial Regional Hospital in Hollywood, Florida, as a result of head injuries suffered in a fall Tuesday night after the sale, according to Fasig-Tipton's Director of Marketing Terence Collier. Mulligan underwent surgery Tuesday night to reduce the pressure in his skull, Collier said. "His wife, Britt, is with him in the intensive care unit, and a group of friends and fellow consignors are there as a support group, but right now the news is



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more optimistic," he continued. "He is in stable condition and the CAT Scan shows what they expected it to show, but there is no indication as to what caused the original blackout incident." Collier said that Mulligan passed out while waiting for a table at a restaurant after the sale, but that indications from the hospital team were positive. "They're fairly happy with what they've done to date and are keeping him fairly calm and sedated," Collier remarked. Mulligan is the president of the National Association of Two-Year-Old Consignors and operates Leprechaun Racing with his wife. Leprechaun consigned hip 75 in Tuesday's sale, an Unbridled's Song-Amazing Buy colt which brought a bid of \$1.1 million from John Ferguson, as well a Friends Lake--Miss Cox's Hat colt which brought a final bid of \$625,000 from Padua and Zayat Stables.

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Thursday, Nad al Sheba, Dubai, post time: 10:15 p.m.

**AL MAKTOUM CHALLENGE R3-INVASOR-G2,**

\$300,000, NH/SH4yo/up, 2000m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	Art of War (SAf)	Kahal (GB)	de Kock
2	Lucky Ray (Arg)	Halo Sunshine	Watson
3	Tiz Now Tiz Then	Tiznow	Seemar
4	Jonquil (Ire)	Machiavellian	Nass
5	Happy Boy (Brz)	Ski Champ	bin Shafya
6	Kirklees (Ire)	Jade Robbery	bin Suroor
7	Arqaam (GB)	Machiavellian	Watson
8	Varsity (GB)	Lomitas (GB)	Swan
9	Merchant Marine	Tiznow	Watson
10	Dynamic Saint	Sweetsouthernsaint	Watson
11	Hearthstead Maison (Ire)	Peintre Celebre	Johnston
12	Jet Express (SAf)	Jet Master (SAf)	al Raihe
13	Team Victory (Brz)	Public Purse	Seemar
14	Glen Nevis	Gulch	al Raihe
15	Asiatic Boy (Arg)	Not for Sale (Arg)	de Kock
16	Muhannak (Ire)	Chester House	Beckett
Reserves:			
17	Pearly King	Kingmambo	al Muhairi
18	Bruges (Ire)	Marju (Ire)	al Raihe
19	Monte Alto (Ire)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	al Raihe
20	Trust N Dustan	Trust N Luck	Watson

All carry 126 pounds except Varsity, 122.

The consistent **Kirklees**, on the board in 11 of his 12 career appearances, captured the G1 Gran Criterium at two and a listed stakes during an abbreviated two-start season at three. The bay only made it to the post twice last year as well, running third in the G3 Darley S. in October and second in a Newmarket handicap in November. Now five, he opened 2009 with a third in the G3 Jan. 29 G3 Al Rashidya and a solid victory in a conditions race Feb. 12, and should be tough here. **Tiz Now Tiz Then** makes his second start in Dubai. The winner of the Iowa Derby and third in the GII Jim Dandy S. last year, the four-year-old opened his overseas campaign with a runner-up finish in a conditions race going a flat mile Feb. 19. That start was his first in four months, and he should be tighter in his second outing off the layoff. **Happy Boy** took the first round of the 2008 edition of the G3 Challenge by an impressive nine lengths, but was off the board in his next six tries, including four in Britain and one in Turkey. Eleventh in the first round this season, the six-year-old finally got back on track in Round 2, closing to be three-quarters of a length back in second in that Feb. 5 test.



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12:45p Dubai City of Gold S.-G2, Nad	<a href="http://brisnet.com">brisnet.com</a> PPs	HRTV/G
1:15p Maktoum Challenge-R3-G2, Nad	<a href="http://brisnet.com">brisnet.com</a> PPs	HRTV/G
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Thursday, Nad al Sheba, Dubai, post time: 10:45 p.m.  
**JEBEL HATTA S.-DAAHER-G2**, \$250,000,  
 NH/SH4yo/up, 1777mT

PP HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1 Blue Ksar (Fr)	Anabaa	Charpy
2 Third Set (Ire)	Royal Applause (GB)	bin Shafya
3 Jay Peg (SAf)	Camden Park	Brown
4 Imbongi (SAf)	Russian Revival	de Kock
5 Strategic News (Aus)	Strategic (Aus)	Brown
6 World Ruler (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Watson
7 Vodka (Jpn)	Tanino Gimlet (Jpn)	Sumii
8 Balius (Ire)	Mujahid	bin Huzaim
9 Pallodio (Ire)	Medicis (GB)	Watson
10 Russian Sage (SAf)	Jallad	de Kock
11 Tam Lin (GB)	Selkirk	bin Suroor
12 Valedictum (Aus)	Umatilla (NZ)	D O'Brien
13 Vertigineux (Fr)	Nombre Premier	Dufreche
14 Biarritz (SAf)	Count Dubois (GB)	de Kock
15 Seihali (Ire)	Alzao	D Selvaratnam
16 Mashaahed (GB)	In the Wings (GB)	Charpy
Reserves:		
17 Swop (Ire)	Shinko Forest (Ire)	Cumani
18 Furnace (Ire)	Green Desert	bin Shafya
19 Kachgai (Ire)	Kaldounevees (Fr)	Grajales
20 Hello Morning (Fr)	Poliglote (GB)	Charpy

Runner-up in this event last season, **Jay Peg** battled back inside the final furlong to best Darjina (Fr) and Archipenko in the G1 Dubai Duty Free S. just over three weeks later. He successfully took his show on the road with an easy score in the G1 Singapore Airlines International Cup in May, but has just one start since, a fourth in a Jan. 22 handicap over 1500 meters. "He is coming along well and we know he improves with his racing," commented trainer Herman Brown. "It is a tough field and he has a penalty, but he is in good form at home." In absence of the recently retired Daiwa Scarlet (Jpn), **Vodka** carries the hopes of the Land of the Rising Sun. Fourth, less than two lengths behind Jay Peg in last year's Duty Free, the five-year-old mare makes her first appearance since a third in the G1 Japan Cup at Tokyo Nov. 30.



Jay Peg DRC Photo

**Balius** kept company with some of the world's best in 2008, and performed admirably. Second to Archipenko (Kingmambo) in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup in Hong Kong in April, he was third to Jay Peg in Singapore and was most recently runner-up to the Mike de Kock-trained Eagle Mountain (GB) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}) in the G1 Hong Kong Cup Dec. 14.

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Thursday, Nad al Sheba, Dubai, post time: 9:45 p.m.  
**DUBAI CITY OF GOLD S.-SWAIN-G2**, \$250,000,  
 NH/SH4yo/up, 2400mT

PP HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1 Lion Sands (GB)	Montjeu (Ire)	bin Huzaim
2 Kings Gambit (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	Brown
3 Fiery Lad (Ire)	Mull of Kintyre	Lyons
4 Mourilyan (Ire)	Desert Prince (Ire)	Brown
5 Purple Moon (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Cumani
6 Macarthur (GB)	Montjeu (Ire)	de Kock
7 Happy Spirit (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	Brown
8 Crime Scene (Ire)	Royal Applause (GB)	bin Shafya
9 Quijano (Ger)	Acatenango (Ger)	Schiergen
10 Classic Punch (Ire)	Mozart (Ire)	Elsworth
11 King of Rome (Ire)	Montjeu (Ire)	de Kock
12 Drill Sergeant (GB)	Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)	Johnston
13 Young Mick (GB)	King's Theatre (Ire)	Margarson
14 Hattan (Ire)	Halling	bin Shafya
15 Yahrab (Ire)	Dalakhani (Ire)	bin Shafya
16 Front House (Ire)	Sadler's Wells	de Kock
Reserves:		
17 Pompeyano (Ire)	Rainbow Quest	Seemar
18 Razkalla	Caerleon	Boursely
19 Love Galore (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Johnston
20 Pearly King	Kingmambo	al Muhairi

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Dubai City of Gold S. cont.

Purple Moon kicks off his six-year-old season in this prep for the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic in a little more than three weeks. A confirmed stayer, the chestnut was beaten a half-length into second in the 2007 G1 Melbourne Cup, and had a four-race campaign last season. After missing by a neck in the G2 Prix du Conseil de Paris in October, he was ninth in the G1 Japan Cup at the end of November, then returned two weeks later in the G1 Hong Kong Cup and was tagged on the money by Doctor Dino (Fr) (Muhtathir {GB}). **Front House**, the selection of stable jockey Kevin Shea, bids to improve off second-place efforts versus her own sex in the G3 Cape Verdi S. Feb. 5 and the G3 Balanchine S. Feb. 20. She will appreciate the added real estate of this event. Ryan Moore takes the ride on **Mourilyan** for trainer Herman Brown. Runner-up in last year's City of Gold, the bay backs up in trip off a tough beat when second to Godolphin's Veracity in a two-mile handicap last Thursday night.

Thursday, Nad al Sheba, Dubai, post time: 8:45 p.m.  
**MAHAB AL SHIMAAL S.-DAYJUR-G3**, \$200,000,  
 NH/SH3yo/up, 1200m

PP HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1 Diana's Choice (SAf)	Windrush	de Kock
2 New Freedom (Brz)	Burooj (GB)	al Muhairi
3 Barbecue Eddie	Stormy Atlantic	Watson
4 Diabolical	Artax	bin Suroor
5 Big City Man	Northern Afleet	Barton
6 Change Alley	Elusive Quality	al Raihe
7 Gayego	Gilded Time	bin Suroor
8 Crooner (Ire)	Titus Livius (Fr)	al Raihe
9 Redding Colliery	Mineshaft	Brown
10 Artimino (GB)	Medicean (GB)	Mohammed
11 Halkin	Chester House	Nass
12 Hunting Tower (SAf)	B rt Wood	de Kock
13 Sea Hunter	Lend a Hand (GB)	al Raihe
14 Saalam Dubai (Aus)	Secret Savings	A Selvaratnam

Godolphin looks to have this race surrounded, with defending champion **Diabolical** and **Gayego**, who makes his first start in the familiar blue silks. Following his



**Diabolical** Equi-Photo

stint in the desert last winter, Diabolical took in some of Europe's top grass sprints, then returned to the U.S. for the inaugural Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint Oct. 25. He appeared on his way to victory when well clear past midstretch, but was caught late by Desert Code (E Dubai) and settled for second. Gayego

was purchased privately late last year and makes his first start since taking a 6 1/2-furlong Hollywood allowance in 1:13 1/5 Nov. 30. Frankie Dettori guides Diabolical, while Ted Durcan gets a leg up on Gayego.

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Thursday, Nad al Sheba, Dubai, post time: 9:15 p.m.

**BURJ NAHAAR S.-INTIDAB-G3**, \$200,000,

NH/SH4yo/up, 1600m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	Honour Devil (Arg)	Honour and Glory	de Kock
2	Jet (Brz)	Yagli	Brown
3	Stubbs Art (Ire)	Hawk Wing	de Kock
4	Summer Doldrums	Street Cry (Ire)	Watson
5	Pascal	Meniffee	Charpy
6	Amarna	Danzig	bin Shafya
7	Racecar Rhapsody	Tale of the Cat	Brown
8	Fares (Ire)	Mark of Esteem (Ire)	Watson
9	Snaafy	Kingmambo	al Muhairi
10	Grand Hombre	Grand Slam	Boursely
11	Don Renato (Chi)	Edgy Diplomat	Barton
12	Jalil	Storm Cat	bin Shafya
13	Lucky Find (SAF)	Rich Man's Gold	de Kock
14	Echoes Rock (Ger)	Tiger Hill (Ire)	Erichsen
15	Gold Sovereign (Ire)	King's Best	Mohammed
16	Green Coast (Ire)	Green Desert	Watson

Reserves:

17	Esquire (GB)	Dubai Millennium (GB)	al Raihe
18	Estihdaaf	Distant View	al Raihe

All carry 126 pounds.

**Honour Devil** rolled home a convincing winner of last year's G2 UAE Derby, but disappointed when third in his first-up run Feb. 19. Trainer Mike de Kock is hopeful that there is better to come in what could be a prep for the G1 Dubai World Cup. "The [Dubai] World Cup has been the plan but we have had a race against time with him--but at least he has a good draw on this occasion," the South African commented. Other notables in the field are **Racecar Rhapsody**, fourth to Big Brown in last year's G1 Preakness S.; and **Jalil**, victorious in last year's Maktoum Challenge race on Super Thursday whose stock has since plummeted.

Thursday, Nad al Sheba, Dubai, post time: 7:40 p.m.

**AL BASTAKIYA S.-Listed**, \$250,000, NH/SH3yo,

1800m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	Jose Adan	Crypto Star	bin Suroor	119
2	Paso de Gloria (Arg)	Honour and Glory	bin Shafya	130
3	So Shiny (Arg)	Indygo Shiner	Barton	126
4	Medici (Chi)	Sir Cat	Barton	137
5	Soy Libriano (Arg)	Ride the Rails	bin Shafya	130
6	Muy Ponderado (Arg)	Mutakddim	bin Shafya	130
7	I Am the Best (GB)	King's Best	al Raihe	119

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### Saturday, Santa Anita

**SANTA ANITA OAKS-GI**, \$300,000, 3yo, f, 8.5f (AWT)

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Stardom Bound	Tapit	Smith	122
2	Burg Berg	Johannesburg	T Baze	122
3	Miss Silver Brook	Cozzene	Solis	122
4	Hooch Why	Cloud Hopping	Albarado	122
5	Stormy Slew	Hennessy	Velazquez	122
6	Nan	High Yield	Nakatani	122
7	Will O Way	Broken Vow	R Baze	122
8	Beltene	Unusual Heat	Rosario	122
9	Third Dawn	Sky Mesa	Bejarano	122
10	Acronym	Empire Maker	Flores	122

### Saturday, Santa Anita

**FRANK E. KILROE MILE H.-GI**, \$300,000, 4yo/up, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Ventura	Chester House	Gomez	118
2	Mast Track	Mizzen Mast	Leparoux	117
3	Monterey Jazz	Thunderello	no rider	116
4	Hewitts	Concerto	Flores	114
5	Wise River	Belong to Me	Albarado	116
6	Artiste Royal (Ire)	Danehill	Bejarano	119
7	Dixie Chatter	Dixie Union	T Baze	115
8	Mr Napper Tandy (GB)	Bahamian Bounty (GB)	Rosario	113
9	Global Hunter (Arg)	Jade Hunter	Valdivia	116
10	Becrux (Ity)	Glen Jordan (GB)	Prado	115
11	Gio Ponti	Tale of the Cat	Dominguez	118
12	Victory Pete	Five Star Day	Smith	113



**Saturday, Aqueduct**

**GOTHAM S.-GIII**, \$250,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Naos	Lion Heart	Luzzi	116
2	Russell Road	Wheaton	Dunkelberger	116
3	Masala	Lion Heart	Coa	116
4	Axel Foley	Officer	Migliore	116
5	Mr. Fantasy	E Dubai	Garcia	116
6	Haynesfield	Speightstown	Lopez	120
7	Imperial Council	Empire Maker	Maragh	116
8	I Want Revenge	Stephen Got Even	Talamo	116
9	Giant Ryan	Freud	Sanchez	116

**Saturday, Gulfstream Park**

**HONEY FOX S.-GIII**, \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	I Lost My Choo	Western Expression	Lezcano	122
2	Wild Promises	Wild Again	Gryder	122
3	Cocktail Attire	Distorted Humor	Cruz	120
4	Audacious Chloe	More Than Ready	Decarlo	120
5	Love Cove	Not For Love	Desormeaux	120
6	Lemonlime	Lemon Drop Kid	Martinez	120
7	Scolara	Quiet American	Douglas	120
8	Ashley River	Deputy Wild Cat	Lopez	120
9	Flibberjibit	Arch	Castellano	118
10	Fancy Fusaichi	Fusaichi Pegasus	Baird	120
11	Social Queen	Dynaformer	Marquez Jr	122
12	Dattts Our Girl	Thunder Gulch	Bridgmohan	114
13	Tejida	Rahy	Bravo	116
14	Waquoit's Love	Not For Love	Trujillo	120
AE	Rustic Flame (Ire)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Bravo	114


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**Saturday, Flemington, Australia**

**DARLEY AUSTRALIAN CUP-G1**, A\$1,000,000, 3yo/up, 2000mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
1	10	Niconero (Aus)	Danzero (Aus)	Williams
2	11	Master O'Reilly (NZ)	O'Reilly (NZ)	Duric
3	9	Blutigeroo (Aus)	Encounter (Aus)	Nolen
4	1	Theseo (Aus)	Danewin (Aus)	N Rawiller
5	5	Fiumicino (NZ)	Zabeel (NZ)	King
6	8	Scenic Shot (Aus)	Scenic (Ire)	J Brown
7	7	Baughurst (Aus)	Tayasu Tsuyoshi (Jpn)	Oliver
8	4	Road to Rock (Aus)	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Shinn
9	3	Zagreb (Aus)	Zabeel (NZ)	McEvoy
10	2	Zarita (Aus)	Pentire (GB)	Dunn
11	12	Arapho Miss (Aus)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Boss
12	7	Pre Eminence (Aus)	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Newitt

All carry 130 pounds, except Zarita & Arapaho Miss, 126; and Pre Eminence, 120.

**Saturday, Flemington, Australia**

**CROWN NEWMARKET H.-G1**, A\$1,000,000, 3yo/up, 1200mt

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	2	Scenic Blast (Aus)	Scenic (Ire)	Arnold	126
2	4	Swick (NZ)	O'Reilly (NZ)	Duric	126
3	17	Typhoon Zed (Aus)	Zeditave (Aus)	Nolen	126
4	20	Triple Honour (NZ)	Honours List (Ire)	N Rawiller	125
5	8	Orange County (NZ)	Volksraad (GB)	Williams	123
6	21	Undue (Aus)	Commands (Aus)	Martens	123
7	14	Swiss Ace (Aus)	Secret Savings	Pope	122
8	19	Grand Duels (Aus)	Marechal (Aus)	B Rawiller	120
9	1	Stanzout (Aus)	Gallo di Fiero	King	120
10	22	Absolut Glam (Aus)	Snowland (Aus)	Oliver	119
11	10	Burdekin Blues (Aus)	Sequalo (Aus)	Cassidy	118
12	5	Fighting Fund (Aus)	Secret Savings	McEvoy	118
13	15	King Hoaks (Aus)	King Charlemagne	Gauci	116
14	16	Largo Lad (Aus)	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Symons	116
15	12	Northern Meteor (Aus)	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Shinn	116
16	23	Red Element (Aus)	Red Ransom	Holland	116
17	18	Secret Flyer (Aus)	Secret Savings	Dunn	116
18	9	Seventh Rock (Aus)	Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)	No Rider	116
19	13	Tramuntana (Aus)	Singspiel (Ire)	Moor	116
20	6	Duport (Aus)	Red Ransom	Gakk	114
21	11	Time Thief (Aus)	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	No Rider	114
22	3	Aichi (Aus)	Strategic (Aus)	Newitt	113
23	7	Fist of Fury (Aus)	Hussonet	Boss	112

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**Saturday, Flemington, Australia**

**CADBURY GUINEAS-G1**, A\$750,000, 3yo, 1600mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
1	11	Von Costa de Hero (Aus)	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Williams
2	7	Fravashi (Aus)	Falbrav (Ire)	McEvoy
3	3	Dr Doute's (Aus)	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Nolen
4	12	Nicconi (Aus)	Bianconi	B Rawiller
5	2	Heart of Dreams (Aus)	Show a Heart (Aus)	Newitt
6	6	Gold In Dubai (Aus)	Desert Sun (GB)	N Rawiller
7	5	Lucky Thunder (Aus)	Lucky Owners (NZ)	No Rider
8	4	Centennial Park (NZ)	Thorn Park (Aus)	No Rider
9	1	Trustus (NZ)	Bertolini	Brereton
10	10	Eagle Falls (Aus)	Hussonet	Oliver
11	4	Bartholdi (Aus)	Statue of Liberty	King
12	9	Huxssen (Aus)	Hussonet	Shinn

All carry 122 pounds.

**Saturday, Randwick, Australia**

**PATINACK CHIPPING NORTON S.-G1**, A\$300,000, 3yo/up, 1600mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
1	3	Viewed (Aus)	Scenic (Ire)	Buckley
2	6	Nom du Jeu (NZ)	Montjeu (Ire)	Schofield
3	10	Red Ruler (NZ)	Viking Ruler (Aus)	Clark
4	11	Newport (Aus)	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Ford
5	4	Moatize (Aus)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Payne
6	7	Mentality (Aus)	Flying Spur (Aus)	Quinn
7	9	Get Up Jude (Aus)	Res Judicata (GB)	O'Hara
8	5	Vision and Power (NZ)	Carnegie (Ire)	Cassidy
9	2	Raheeb (Aus)	Royal Academy	Robl
10	8	Tuesday Joy (NZ)	Carnegie (Ire)	C Brown
11	12	Gallant Tess (Aus)	Galileo (Ire)	Nikolic
12	1	Hurried Choice (Aus)	Choisir (Aus)	Pengelly

All carry 130 pounds, except Tuesday Joy, Gallant Tess and Hurried Choice, 126.

☆ RESULTS ☆

**Wednesday, Ellerslie, New Zealand**

**AUCKLAND CUP-G1**, NZ\$1,000,000, Ellerslie (Auckland), 3-4, 3yo/up, 2mT, 3:23.61, gd.  
 1--**SPIN AROUND (AUS)**, 122, g, 8, by [Spinning World](#)  
 1st Dam: **Be Yourself**, by **Noalcoholic (Fr)**  
 2nd Dam: **Welsh Garden (Ire)**, by **Welsh Saint (GB)**  
 3rd Dam: **Garden of Eden (Ire)**, by **Exbury (Fr)**  
 O-Brookby Stables Ltd; B-P Gunter; T-Steven Cooper; J-Vinny Colgan; NZ\$625,000. \*1/2 to Bird Dancer (Aus) (Hennessy), G1SP-Aus. **Werk Nick Rating: A.**  
 Click for the [eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree](#).  
 2--**Mr Topsy (NZ)**, 115, g, 4, [Montjeu \(Ire\)](#)--Fairy Topsy (NZ), by Casual Lies. O-Scott Richardson Bloodstock Ltd; B-Windsor Park Stud Ltd; T-Murray & Bjorn Baker; NZ\$200,000.  
 3--**Mandela (NZ)**, 127, g, 7, Ebony Grosve (NZ)--Wairongoa Belle (NZ), by Sea Anchor (Ire). O-D E & Mrs E M Olsen; B-J R Smith; T-R Yuill; NZ\$100,000. Margins: 2, 1 1/4. Winner's Odds: 56.90.

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Date	Race	Track
Mar. 7	G1 Santa Anita H.	SA
	G1 Frank E. Kilroe Mile H.	SA
	G1 Santa Anita Oaks	SA
	GIII Gotham S.	AQU
	GIII Toboggan H.	AQU
	GIII Honey Fox H.	GP
	GIII Razorback H.	OP
Mar. 8	GIII Azeri S.	OP
Mar. 14	G1 Santa Margarita Invitational	SA
	GII San Felipe S.	SA
	GII Gulfstream Park H.	GP
	GII Louisiana Derby	FG
	GII Fair Grounds Oaks	FG
	GII Muniz Memorial H.	FG
	GII New Orleans H.	FG
	GII Rebel S.	OP
	GIII Cicada S.	AQU
	GIII Florida Oaks	TAM
Mar. 15	GIII Hillsborough S.	TAM
	GIII Tampa Bay Derby	TAM
	GIII Palm Beach S.	GP
	GII Inside Information S.	GP
	GIII Herecomesthebride S.	GP
	GIII Honeybee S.	OP

**FROM THE DESK  
OF...**

**Bill Oppenheim**



**GOOD NEWS: SALES ONLY DOWN A THIRD**

It may be a slim reed to lean on, as we used to say when lots of people knew what reeds were and what would happen if you tried to lean on one, but the business can take more than a little consolation that Fasig-Tipton's Calder figures essentially mirrored those registered by OBS two weeks ago in Ocala--down a little under a third from 2008. Though it's little or no consolation to consignors who got hammered, of which there will have been plenty, considering the two sales' combined 'official' figures (I'll get to that in a minute) showed only 44 percent of those catalogued were sold. The consolation for those that did sell, as it is for just about everybody who actually gets something 'done' these days, is that it could have been worse, possibly much worse.

In the corresponding two sales in 2008, their combined gross dropped 13 percent from the previous year, though the catalogues were smaller. The number sold also dropped, while the average stayed virtually the same (\$257,225 for the two sales combined). With slightly more sold this year, the combined gross of \$36,076,700 was 27 percent lower than in '08, while the combined average was \$175,130, down 32 percent from last year. Calder had a 25-percent drop in gross, and the same 32-percent drop in average. It looks very significant that both sales had nearly identical declines. Most importantly, it suggests that the two-year-old-in-training market (and, by inference, probably the race-horse market) has not been affected as much by the international economic collapse as have other sectors of the Thoroughbred market--namely, breeding stock. Do the results of these sales therefore suggest that values in the racing sector are holding up better than value in the breeding sector? I think they do.

I must enter a footnote here about the comparative figures, and I can see Boyd Browning grinning already, because he knows exactly what I'm going to say. Fortunately, the unilateral decision Fasig-Tipton made to include what are called 'private' sales in the sales totals (there were nine of them and, like not-solds usually do, actually lowered the average when included) does not make a material difference to our ability to discuss meaningful numbers. In a nutshell, here's my understanding of it: if a horse goes through the ring as a no-sale, but is sold 'out back' afterwards, and the ticket is changed in the sales office before the end of the sale (in other words, the sales company bills the agreed buyer, and that's how it goes through their books), then instead of showing the horse as a no-sale on the sales results, they instead show what had happened by the end of sale.

While it reflects a different reality than what we've been used to (although the French sales company, Arqana, and its predecessor, Agence Francaise, have used this method for as long as I can remember; we just never counted it because they were the only ones that did it), there's a perfectly good case for saying it's a more accurate reality. But, from the point of view not just of us few scribes who actually try and keep up with this sort of thing (sad, I know), but also of anybody in the outside world we'd actually like to try to convince that they care about the horse business, this is one of those agenda items where it sure would be a whole lot better if all the sales companies did it the same way. This is why I use the word 'unilaterally' in describing how Fasig suddenly changed the reporting rules.

There is an organization called SITA--the Society of International Thoroughbred Auctioneers--to which I'm pretty sure all the major sales companies belong. Most of them have adopted cataloguing standards as developed by what's known as the ICSC-- International Cataloguing Standards Committee. The industry now needs for SITA to decide a standard way of reporting sales results. It's much more important than you might think. Here's why: there are two groups of London-based strategic planning consultants employed by important industry bodies this year.



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One is called Harrison Fraser, which did a study for the British Horseracing Authority; they reported their findings at that body's conference in London late last month. The other group is called Value Partners, which is the group employed by the Breeders' Cup to advise their Strategic Planning Committee. Both groups have (or will have) similar messages on many points, one of which is: horse racing is very confusing. Mostly people are talking about making it more accessible to prospective gamblers; I'm talking about doing the same for potential investors.

I don't think I'm off base when I say it's absolutely imperative that we, as a business, are able to say to prospective investors: "the major Northern Hemisphere auction markets grossed X billion..." If all major sales companies do not agree to standard reporting conventions, it will be just one more confusion that we have to sort out when we're trying to convince real business people that this game makes any sense. So, while it probably is a step forward for Fasig to report the sales this way, please, can all you major sales companies realize it actually could make a huge difference to our business for results to be reported using the same standards? Personally, I don't mind which way it is, but just not both ways, please! That would actively retard the ability of this business to sell itself to the outside world. It's a small point, but an important one; I guarantee you if you asked Harrison Fraser or Value Partners what their answer would be, they would unhesitatingly say: one standard--for your own good.

**How Hot Is this Horse?**

You know who I mean: Unbridled's Song. No sooner does Midshipman fall by the wayside than another impressive maiden winner jumps into the frame. This was Affirmatif, who broke his maiden on the lawn at Gulfstream in marginally faster time than older horses ran the GIII Canadian Turf H. the same day. This keeps Unbridled's Song's count of potential top-class three-year-old colts on the Derby trail at five: GIII Southwest S. one-two Old Fashioned and Silver City; GI Florida Derby prospect Dunkirk, Coolmore's \$3.7-million sales-topping yearling buy; and the impressive California (six-furlong) maiden winner Zensational. Old Fashioned now probably shares Derby favoritism with last Saturday's impressive GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S. winner Quality Road. His sire, Elusive Quality, could be fixing to get on a little roll, too: besides last year's GI Breeders' Cup Classic winner Raven's Pass, Quality Road's Beyer 113 last Saturday suggests Elusive Quality has a live chance to sire his second Kentucky Derby winner, in the first crop of foals he sired after he had his first winner, Smarty Jones.

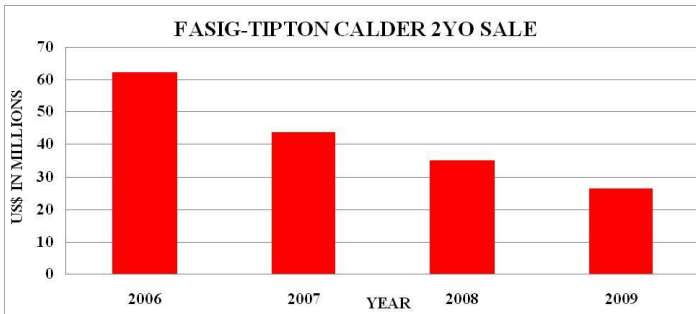
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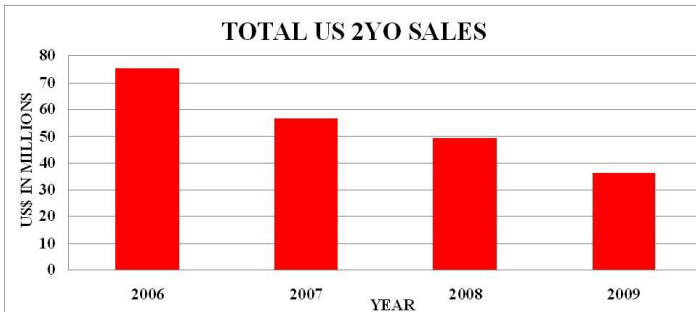
by Bill Oppenheim

"Through the Calder clearance rate looks marginally better than last year, it was in fact almost the same (102 sold), except that Fasig added back in nine RNA's in the ring which were sold afterwards (see column). Given that the Dow-Jones and just about everything else is worth just about half of what it was last year (or at their highs), you'd have to say the Ocala and Calder Two-Year-Old sales have outperformed the rest of the horse market, and the world at large, by being down just under a third. The 2006 figures, by the way, included the complete 'outlier,' The Green Monkey; without him, the drop from 2006 to 2007 would have been much less pronounced."

—Bill Oppenheim



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% S/C	GROSS	AVG
2009	272	172	111	40.8%	\$26,151,000	\$235,595
2008	270	171	102	37.8%	\$35,100,000	\$344,118
2007	301	209	124	41.2%	\$43,622,000	\$351,790
2006	308	229	154	50.0%	\$62,187,000	\$403,812



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% S/C	GROSS	AVG
2009	472	326	206	43.6%	\$36,076,700	\$175,130
2008	442	295	191	43.2%	\$49,130,000	\$257,225
2007	493	346	220	44.6%	\$56,453,000	\$256,605
2006	515	387	247	48.0%	\$75,154,000	\$304,267

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley



**Oppenheim cont.**

There were four Unbridled's Songs sold at Calder yesterday, and they averaged \$750,000, putting him on top of all sires by average price at the two Florida two-year-old sales so far. These included two seven-figure colts (\$1.1 million and \$1 million), which were among the six bought by Darley's John Ferguson yesterday. In light of a Dubai company's purchase of Fasig-Tipton, it would have been a surprise if Ferguson hadn't been an active buyer, especially as he always has been in the past. He bought six in all, spending



**John Ferguson**  
*Horsephotos*

\$5,195,000--20 percent of the gross, not out of line with his purchases in at least some previous years. One name not on the scoresheet, though: Demi O'Byrne.

Medaglia d'Oro has been the hottest sire (both sales combined) whose first crop are now three-year-olds, including, of course, the \$1.6-million Calder sales topper, which also went to Ferguson. His other six averaged \$162,500, not bad in their own right, but the sales topper shot his overall average up to \$367,857. Speightstown was second among 'second-crop' sires, with seven averaging \$237,857.

Of the sires with their first two-year-olds, Ghostzapper (\$400,000) and Afleet Alex (\$220,000) each had just one sell. Of those that had more sell, impressive numbers were posted by Unbridled's Song's barnmate at Taylor Made, Forest Danger (six averaged \$202,500); and Vinery's Purge (five averaged \$151,000). For those who like making these types of bets, both Forest Danger and Purge are listed at \$12,500 this year, both down from their original \$20,000.

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- ✓ Multiple G1 winner of over \$2,000,000

\* through Book 5

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2009 Stud Fee: \$7,500

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- ✓ Won or placed in five consecutive graded stakes on dirt, Poly and Cushion and a stakes winner on Tapeta

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*Carson City - Reggie V*



2009 Stud Fee: \$5,000

- ✓ Two-year-olds and yearlings have sold for \$725,000, \$600,000, \$400,000, \$400,000, \$370,000, \$350,000, \$300,000, \$260,000 etc.

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1	Unbridled's Song	F98	Ky	150,000	6	4	750,000	850,000	1,100,000	700,000
2	Indian Charlie	F90	Ky	25,000	3	1	725,000	725,000	725,000	-----
3	A.P. Indy	F94	Ky	300,000	2	1	560,000	560,000	560,000	-----
4	Distorted Humor	F00	Ky	150,000	4	3	486,667	560,000	625,000	560,000
5	Ghostzapper	F07	Ky	200,000	1	1	400,000	400,000	-----	400,000
6	Pulpit	F99	Ky	80,000	2	2	382,500	382,500	190,000	575,000
7	Harlan's Holiday	F05	Ky	17,500	4	1	375,000	375,000	375,000	-----
8	Medaglia d'Oro	F06	Ky	40,000	7	7	367,857	120,000	1,600,000	250,000
9	Mineshaft	F05	Ky	100,000	1	1	350,000	350,000	350,000	-----
10	Friends Lake	Unk	Ky	15,000	3	2	335,000	335,000	625,000	-----
11	Giant's Causeway	F02	Ky	300,000	4	3	333,333	300,000	300,000	600,000
12	Mr. Greeley	F97	Ky	35,000	3	2	280,000	280,000	-----	300,000
13	Trippi	F03	SAf	7,500	4	2	252,500	252,500	425,000	-----
14	Sky Mesa	F05	Ky	30,000	4	3	251,667	155,000	500,000	-----
15	City Zip	F03	Ky	15,000	2	1	250,000	250,000	250,000	-----
15	Dehere	F96	Ky	20,000	1	1	250,000	250,000	-----	250,000
15	Rahy	F91	Ky	75,000	1	1	250,000	250,000	-----	250,000
18	Speightstown	F06	Ky	40,000	8	7	237,857	235,000	70,000	350,000
19	Forest Camp	F03	S.Ko	25,000	1	1	225,000	225,000	225,000	-----
20	Afleet Alex	F07	Ky	40,000	3	1	220,000	220,000	-----	220,000
20	Graeme Hall	F04	Fl	7,500	2	2	220,000	220,000	100,000	340,000
20	Yankee Gentleman	F05	Ky	10,000	1	1	220,000	220,000	-----	220,000
23	Elusive Quality	F00	Ky	100,000	3	2	217,500	217,500	300,000	135,000
24	Forest Danger	F07	Ky	20,000	8	6	202,500	160,000	500,000	240,000
25	Seeking the Gold	F91	Pens	125,000	4	3	200,667	150,000	150,000	425,000
26	Empire Maker	F05	Ky	100,000	2	1	190,000	190,000	-----	190,000
26	Maria's Mon	F98	Dead	25,000	5	1	190,000	190,000	190,000	-----
28	Fusaichi Pegasus	F02	Ky	125,000	3	3	181,667	150,000	300,000	150,000
29	Aldebaran	F05	Jpn	40,000	2	1	180,000	180,000	180,000	-----
30	Forest Wildcat	F98	Dead	35,000	4	3	175,000	150,000	245,000	150,000
31	Dixie Union	F02	Ky	40,000	4	3	165,500	60,000	60,000	435,000
32	Successful Appeal	F01	Ky	25,000	4	2	165,000	165,000	180,000	-----
32	Yes It's True	F02	Ky	35,000	4	3	165,000	145,000	225,000	125,000
34	Concorde's Tune	F96	Fl	3,000	2	2	160,000	160,000	95,000	225,000
34	Stormin Fever	F01	Ca	15,000	1	1	160,000	160,000	160,000	-----
36	Broken Vow	F03	Ky	15,000	3	2	156,000	156,000	300,000	12,000
37	Malibu Moon	F01	Ky	30,000	8	5	155,000	190,000	235,000	110,000
38	Forestry	F01	Ky	100,000	6	4	153,750	145,000	190,000	235,000
39	Purge	F07	Ky	20,000	7	5	151,000	130,000	225,000	175,000
40	Congaree	F06	Ky	15,000	1	1	150,000	150,000	150,000	-----
40	Gone West	F89	Ky	125,000	1	1	150,000	150,000	-----	150,000
40	Langfuhr	F99	Ky	20,000	3	1	150,000	150,000	-----	150,000
40	Limehouse	F07	Ky	17,500	3	1	150,000	150,000	150,000	-----
40	More Than Ready	F02	Ky	30,000	6	3	150,000	120,000	260,000	-----
40	Two Punch	F88	Md	25,000	2	1	150,000	150,000	150,000	-----
46	Tapit	F06	Ky	15,000	9	7	143,429	127,000	300,000	235,000
47	Exchange Rate	F03	Ky	10,000	1	1	140,000	140,000	-----	140,000
47	Johannesburg	F04	Ky	25,000	1	1	140,000	140,000	140,000	-----
49	Alke	F06	Fl	4,000	1	1	130,000	130,000	130,000	-----
50	Rock Hard Ten	F07	Ky	50,000	3	2	127,500	127,500	130,000	-----

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51	El Corredor	F03	Ky	30,000	3	2	125,000	125,000	150,000	-----
51	Grand Slam	F00	Ky	50,000	3	1	125,000	125,000	125,000	-----
51	Kitten's Joy	F07	Ky	25,000	1	1	125,000	125,000	125,000	-----
51	Lion Heart	F06	Ky	30,000	4	2	125,000	125,000	150,000	-----
51	Stormy Atlantic	F00	Ky	20,000	4	3	125,000	100,000	200,000	75,000
56	Songandaprayer	F03	Ky	35,000	11	6	119,500	102,500	240,000	160,000
57	Touch Gold	F00	Ky	40,000	3	1	115,000	115,000	115,000	-----
58	Cherokee Run	F97	Ky	40,000	5	5	110,000	45,000	125,000	325,000
58	Closing Argument	F07	Ky	10,000	6	1	110,000	110,000	-----	110,000
60	Posse	F05	Ky	10,000	6	4	106,250	122,500	150,000	30,000
61	D'wildcat	F05	Fl	6,500	6	4	103,750	82,500	200,000	100,000
62	Roman Ruler	F07	Ky	30,000	6	6	100,283	87,500	190,000	75,000
63	Chapel Royal	F06	Fl	10,000	2	1	100,000	100,000	-----	100,000
63	Milwaukee Brew	F05	Fl	15,000	1	1	100,000	100,000	-----	100,000
63	Orientate	F04	Ky	20,000	1	1	100,000	100,000	100,000	-----
66	Macho Uno	F05	Ky	15,000	4	3	98,333	85,000	165,000	45,000
67	Hennessy	F98	Dead	60,000	3	1	95,000	95,000	95,000	-----
68	Eddington	F07	Ky	20,000	2	1	90,000	90,000	-----	90,000
68	Reformer Rally	F06	N/A	N/A	1	1	90,000	90,000	90,000	-----
70	Consolidator	F07	Ky	20,000	5	5	88,000	70,000	40,000	180,000
71	Burning Roma	F06	Fl	7,500	1	1	85,000	85,000	85,000	-----
72	Holy Bull	F96	Ky	15,000	2	2	83,500	83,500	-----	135,000
73	Read the Footnotes	F06	Ny	8,500	1	1	82,000	82,000	82,000	-----
74	Vindication	F05	Ky	60,000	4	3	81,667	75,000	120,000	50,000
75	Tiznow	F03	Ky	35,000	3	2	80,000	80,000	-----	100,000
76	Bernstein	F02	Ky	25,000	2	1	75,000	75,000	-----	75,000
76	Dixieland Band	F86	Pens	50,000	1	1	75,000	75,000	75,000	-----
76	Smarty Jones	F06	Ky	100,000	2	1	75,000	75,000	75,000	-----
79	Not for Love	F97	Md	25,000	1	1	70,000	70,000	70,000	-----
80	Value Plus	F07	Ky	10,000	6	4	68,000	61,000	72,000	100,000
81	Montbrook	F96	Fl	20,000	2	2	65,000	65,000	80,000	50,000
82	Wildcat Heir	F07	Fl	8,000	6	4	63,750	50,000	50,000	125,000
83	Stephen Got Even	F02	Ky	25,000	2	1	62,000	62,000	62,000	-----
84	Action This Day	F06	Ky	10,000	1	1	60,000	60,000	60,000	-----
85	Heckle	F07	Tx	5,000	2	2	57,500	57,500	-----	60,000
86	Proud Accolade	F07	Fl	5,000	3	2	55,000	55,000	90,000	-----
87	Hook and Ladder	F05	NY	5,000	1	1	52,000	52,000	52,000	-----
88	Thunder Gulch	F97	Ky	25,000	1	1	50,000	50,000	-----	50,000
89	Werblin	F06	Fl	5,000	1	1	45,000	45,000	-----	45,000
90	Where's the Ring	F06	On	3,500	1	1	42,000	42,000	42,000	-----
91	Eurosilver	F07	Ky	12,500	5	3	38,167	7,000	2,500	105,000
92	Put It Back	F03	Fl	5,000	1	1	37,000	37,000	37,000	-----
93	Cuvee	F06	Ky	10,000	1	1	35,000	35,000	-----	35,000
94	Act of Duty	F07	Fl	5,000	1	1	30,000	30,000	30,000	-----
95	Include	F04	Ky	12,500	1	1	25,000	25,000	-----	25,000
96	Omega Code	F06	Fl	7,500	3	1	10,000	10,000	10,000	-----

*Includes OBS February and Fasig-Tipton Calder Two-Year-Old Sales.*

 **NORTH AMERICA** 

**NYRA NOW DEBUTS SATURDAY ON SIRIUS**  
NYRA Now, a 30-minute Sirius Satellite Radio show dedicated exclusively to racing at Aqueduct, Belmont Park and Saratoga Race Course, will debut this Saturday, March 7 from 12:30 p.m.–1 p.m. ET. Hosted by Dave Johnson and Bill Finley, NYRA Now will air on Sirius Channel 122 and XM Channel 143 and will be available to 20 million Sirius XM subscribers. It will offer race handicapping analysis, interviews with owners, trainers and jockeys, and more. There will also be a number of live races aired during the afternoon, beginning with New York's final major prep for the Kentucky Derby, the GI \$750,000 Wood Memorial for three-year-olds at nine furlongs Saturday, Apr. 4. NYRA Now will follow Sirius's regular horse racing program, Down the Stretch, which airs from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

  
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**TODAY'S INSIGHTS**



1:15p 1st-GP, \$40K, Msw, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f  
HRTV **MATTIEANDMORGAN** ([Smart Strike](#)) makes her belated debut for owner/breeder Dell Ridge Farm. The half-sister to MGISW Shakespeare (Theatrical {Ire}) and SW & MGSP Fantastic Shirl (Fantastic Light) drilled a bullet half Feb. 25 at Palm Meadows for trainer Kiaran McLaughlin. [brisnet.com PPs](#)

6:36p 6th-SA, \$48K, Alw, 3yo, f, 7f (AWT)  
HRTV **PINKARELLA** ([Malibu Moon](#)) created a stirring impression when winning her first start Dec. 21, a 6 1/2-furlong contest at Hollywood, but faded to eighth when stretched out to two turns in the GI Las Virgenes S. Feb. 7. While the bay should fare better in this shorter spot, she meets several up-and-coming fillies here. **Gabby's Golden Gal** ([Medaglia d'Oro](#)) came back from an eight-month hiatus to score by two lengths Feb. 6 over this surface. Bob Baffert trains the Arnold Zetcher homebred. **Music Magic** ([Bernstein](#)), a 4 1/4-length debut winner at Keeneland Oct. 25, returned to run a solid second Feb. 11 in her first outing for Paddy Gallagher. [brisnet.com PPs](#)

*Eastern Standard Time*

**CHRB CALLS SPECIAL MEETING REGARDING MAGNA FOR FRIDAY** The California Horse Racing Board issued a release yesterday announcing they would hold a special meeting to discuss the recent financial troubles at Magna Entertainment Corp--and how they could affect business at Santa Anita and Golden Gate Fields, as well as the advance deposit wagering company XpressBet. The meeting is set for the Baldwin Terrace Room at Santa Anita Friday, Mar. 6 at 10:30 a.m. PST. According to the statement, the goal will be to "verify that funds held for the public and the horse-racing industry are fully protected." For those who cannot attend, there will be a webcast available at [www.chrb.ca.gov](http://www.chrb.ca.gov).

★ **NEW YORK** ★

**Yesterday's Results:**  
**8th-AQU, \$47,000, Alw, Opt. Clm.** (\$50,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft.  
**NOBLE SOUND** (c, 4, [Vindication](#)--Serena's Tune {MSW, \$337,260}, by Mr. Prospector), a \$2.8-million KEESOP yearling, was tabbed as a  **"TDN Rising Star"**  following a 4 3/4-length success in his belated bow on the Aqueduct main track Nov. 5. The half-brother to Serena's Cat (Storm Cat), SW, \$131,391, came back Dec. 26 to notch a narrow score on the inner track and was bet down to 4-5 to maintain his perfect record here. Off alertly under Jeffrey Sanchez, the handsome colt pressed the pace from third, engaged Southern Missile (Devil His Due) turning for him and, after a sustained battle, forged ahead late by 3/4 of a length. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#). [Video](#), [sponsored by Taylor Made](#).** Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$81,000.  
O-Darley Stable. B-Hill 'n' Dale Farm & Edward McGhee (KY). T-Thomas Albertrani.

**THOROUGHBRED RACING ECONOMIC INDICATORS FOR FEBRUARY 2009**

Indicator	U.S. Wagering*	U.S. Purses
February 2009	\$999,815,818	\$65,796,177
February 2008	\$1,131,333,323	\$70,566,050
% Change	-11.63%	-6.76%
YTD 2009	\$2,042,342,114	\$136,449,823
YTD 2008	\$2,190,340,741	\$138,857,203
% Change	-6.76%	-1.73%

**Stats provided by Equibase Company**  
*\*Includes worldwide commingled wagering on U.S. races.*



★ EAST ★

Yesterday's Results:

★ **NEW "TDN Rising Star"** ★

7th-LRL, \$28,000, Msw, 3yo, 6f, 1:09 3/5, ft.

+ **DESPITE THE ODDS**, c, 3, by **Speightstown**

1st Dam: Lady Aloma (MSW, \$110,359), by Cozzene

2nd Dam: Rosedon, by Vice Regent

3rd Dam: Dobbinee, by Ruritania

Despite the Odds, a \$300,000 FTMMAY juvenile purchase, had good bottom to him after training at Fair Hill before posting a local five-furlong gate work in 1:02 1/5 Feb. 24. Breaking alertly, the 3-2 chalk held a narrow advantage after a :22.31 first quarter, but that was as close as they got to him. The grey cornered neatly into the stretch, found another gear when jockey Jeremy Rose showed him the stick and strode home an impressive 10 3/4-length winner. Despite the Odds is a half-brother to Karra Kul (Strawberry Road {Aus}), SW & GSP, \$286,205; and Chopinina (Lear Fan), Ch. Turf Mare-Can, GSW & GISP, \$613,696. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or the [brisnet.com pedigree](#). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$15,960.

O-R Larry Johnson, Michael J Ryan & Jerry Dilger.

B-Walton Breeders (KY). T-Michael J Trombetta.

in sharper focus.

You might not see him on the Triple Crown trail, but **Despite the Odds** (Speightstown) will be a three-year-old to keep an eye on this season. Unfortunately, bloodstock agent Mike Ryan, who bred the colt with Jerry Dilger [both still own a small share], missed his debut. Ryan was looking at horses at Vinery in Lexington at post time, and had to watch the replay on the computer. But the performance lost nothing on videotape.

"He couldn't have done it much better," Ryan said. "Visually, it was breathtaking. I couldn't believe the fractions--he went the last quarter in :23 3/5 and the last eighth in :11 4/5 and he was never really set down. That's serious racehorse time. And [trainer Mike Trombetta] told me he was hardly blowing after the race."

Connections had high hopes for the grey all along, but were in no hurry to get him to the races.

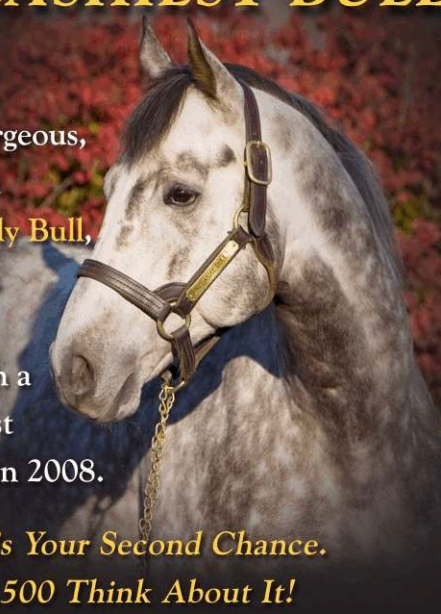
"He's a late foal, a May foal, so we gave him all the time in the world," Ryan said. "We didn't want to be in a hurry with him--there was no pressure. [Majority owner] Larry Johnson is a very patient guy."

But, the Irish horseman added, "Mike [Trombetta] has been very impressed with this horse for a long time."

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"Jeremy Rose has breezed this horse four times, and every time he breezed him, he wanted to be on him the next time," Ryan remarked. "Last time, he drove all the way from Philadelphia to Laurel to work him, just because he likes him so much."

Those in the paddock at Laurel yesterday also liked what they saw.

"Mike said that when he pulled the rug off in the paddock, trainer Dove Houghton, who had two horses in the race, said, 'Oh my God, I can't believe what I'm looking at,'" Ryan said. "He turned a lot of heads. You don't typically see horses like this at Laurel."

Trombetta toyed with the idea of sending **Despite the Odds** north for his career opener, but opted against it.

"Mike felt he could win anywhere first time out--he could have gone to New York--but he decided to keep him at home," Ryan continued. "The track at Laurel is very, very good, and the inner track at Aqueduct has that inside speed bias. Some horses handle it, and some don't. He'd also have to go in the detention barn first time out, so it was decided not to ship. Mike said if he wins well [at Laurel], we can go wherever we want."

**In Sharper Focus cont. p3**



**In Sharper Focus/Despite the Odds cont.**

The sophomore may just get his chance at the Big Apple next time out.

"In fact, there has been talk about the Bay Shore [GIII, Apr. 4, Aqueduct]," Ryan said. "If it doesn't come up ridiculously tough, it will certainly be under consideration."

It is uncertain if the colt will have Kentucky Derby aspirations, but Ryan believes he will go farther than the six furlongs he negotiated yesterday.

"He's out of a Cozzene mare, so a one-turn mile is well within his grasp, and I don't see any reason why he won't get a mile and a sixteenth," he offered. "He's a very relaxed horse; he does everything very easy."

Ryan and Dilger, who sold *Despite the Odds* to Johnson for \$300,000 at the 2008 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic sale in May, will be back at that venue again this year.

"We have a full sister, and she'll be going to Maryland," Ryan said. "She's not big, but she's very, very nice."

**TODAY'S VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS**

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- 1st-SA (Msw) Witty** (Distorted Humor) proves a clever winner at first asking.
- 7th-LRL (Msw) Despite the Odds** (Speightstown) lives up to his 3-2 favored status.
- 8th-AQU (Alw) Noble Sound** (Vindication) runs his winning streak to three.

**STAKES CLOSINGS**

**TODAY, THURSDAY, MARCH 5:**

03-14 \$200,000 **San Felipe-II, SA, 3yo, 8.5f**  
(AWT) (200)

**TOMORROW, FRIDAY, MARCH 6:**

03-14 \$300,000 **Rebel-II, OP, 3yo, 8.5f** (200)

03-15 \$100,000 **Honeybee-III, OP, 3yo, f, 8.5f** (0)

04-26 \$1,800,000 **Audemars Piguet Queen Elizabeth II Cup-G1, ST, 3yo/up, 2000mT** (0)

04-26 \$1,543,000 **Champions' Mile-G1, ST, 3yo/up, 1600mT** (0)

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## NTRA REPORT FROM CAPITOL HILL



### INTERNET GAMING LAWS ELIGIBLE FOR REVIEW

A recent PricewaterhouseCoopers study estimates that the United States government could realize nearly \$52 billion in new revenue over the next decade by ending a three-year-old ban on Internet gambling and taxing the activity instead.

Forecasting increased demand for online wagering, the estimate is 22 percent higher than the \$40 billion projected in a 2007 study. Congress could re-open the issue of Internet gambling as early as this year as it seeks to close the deficit gap and identify new revenue streams.

In 2006, Congress passed the Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act (UIGEA), outlawing the use of credit for illegal online gaming but protecting horse racing's authority to offer it under the Interstate Horseracing Act (IHA).

Outside gaming interests, the banking industry and Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA), chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, all have reason to overturn UIGEA and its associated regulations. The NTRA's lobbying team continues to work to ensure that horse racing's \$1.5 billion market for online wagering is protected.



For more information contact Joe Bacigalupo, director of membership development, (800) 792-6872, ext. 677 or visit [www.SupportHorseRacing.org](http://www.SupportHorseRacing.org)

## ★ GULFSTREAM ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

**8th-GPX, \$37,000, Alw, NW1\$X, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:36 2/5, ft.**

**EA (g, 5, Dynaformer--Enthused {MGSW-GB, \$142,820}, by Seeking the Gold)** had blinkers added when switched to dirt for the first time in his latest Jan. 10 over track and trip, and came up a head short. Drawing in off the also-eligibles here, the dark bay broke from the far outside and settled in the four path as stablemate Unbridled's Heart (Unbridled's Song) set out in front. Ea engaged his 4-5 entry mate entering the stretch and the two put on a show in the maroon and white Darley colors, with the elder finally besting the other by a neck. The winner is a half-brother to Norman Invader (War Chant), GSW-Ire & GSP-Fr, \$155,009.

**Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.** Lifetime Record: 12-2-3-0, \$89,507.

O-Darley Stable. B-Flaxman Holdings Ltd (KY).

T-Thomas Albertrani.



## ★ CENTRAL ★

### Churchill Reports Results for 2008:

Churchill Downs Inc. yesterday reported its fourth-quarter and year-end results for 2008. Net revenues from continuing operations for the year increased 5 percent, to \$430.6 million, despite a 3-percent drop in the final quarter. A press release credited the fact that CDI's On-Line Business and Gaming Business were in operation for a full year for the first time in 2008, and brisk business at the '08 Kentucky Derby, for the gains. But profits were hurt by the decline in revenue at Calder Race Course, which was caused by a dispute with the Florida horsemen over fees for the simulcast signal and the division of revenue from slots that resulted in the signal being withheld for a majority of the year. "Despite a challenging economy in 2008, we continued to grow revenues and manage our cost structure proactively, which led to strong full-year results for the Company," said CDI President and CEO Robert L. Evans, adding, "We ended the year with a strong balance sheet that, we believe, positions us well for the expected tough economy in 2009 and to pursue growth opportunities." Plans for the future include the construction of a slots parlor at Calder. "We continue to work through the design, planning, permitting and licensing processes for the construction of an up-to-2,000 slot machine facility at Calder," Evans remarked. "We currently plan to build a stand-alone, approximately 100,000 square-foot facility that we hope to open prior to the holidays in 2009, if all goes according to schedule. Including machine acquisition, we plan to invest approximately \$85 million in this project. We will adjust and finalize our plan and timeline in light of the ongoing discussions in Tallahassee regarding a competitive tax structure for the South Florida pari-mutuels." He added, "We also continue to pursue expanded gaming in Kentucky and Illinois in an effort to remain competitive with surrounding states and with other gaming opportunities available to our customers."

### Mill Ridge to Offer Breeding Incentives to Johar:

Mill Ridge Farm announced yesterday that they will offer an incentive to breeders to book to their 10-year-old stallion **Johar** (Gone West--Windsharp, by Lear Fan) in 2009. "We are introducing an innovative way to stimulate Johar's book," said Mill Ridge Sales and Stallion Director Mike Recio. "Mill Ridge is offering a special campaign for breeders who have bred to Johar in the past or are sending multiple mares by offering them seasons at \$5,000 each. We are also encouraging new breeders by letting them breed for \$6,500, as well as implementing a selected state breeders program, where we are offering a one-time complimentary, no-guarantee season to approved mares foaling in approved state-bred programs in return to be listed as co-breeder. We feel this makes for stimulating incentives for a sire on the rise." Johar, winner of the GI Breeders' Cup Turf and GI Hollywood Derby, was advertised at a fee of \$10,000 this year.

## ★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

### Yesterday's Results:

**2nd-SAX, \$52,000, Alw, Opt. Clm.** (\$40,000), NW1X, 4yo/up, 1 1/4m (AWT), 2:02, ft.

**KIZZY'S CHAOS (c, 4, Evansville Slew--Willow Woodman, by Woodman)**, a half-brother to Willow O Wisp (Misnomer), MGSW & GISP, \$703,16, graduated at Hollywood Nov. 14 in his fifth try, then added a starter allowance victory at Golden Gate Jan. 8. Stretched out in his most recent appearance over track and trip, the Florida-bred tried to wire the field, but weakened late to be third. The 7-2 shot assumed command at the outset once more and kept on going this time, hitting the wire 1 1/2 lengths in front of Isipingo (Horse Chestnut {SAf}). Kizzy's Chaos is also a half to Will O Way (Broken Vow), MSW & GISP. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-1, \$84,440. O-Robert A Alexander. B-Fred W Pace (FL). T-Vladimir Cerin.

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**SoCalifornia report cont.**

**1st-SAX, \$45,800, Msw, 3yo, f, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:02 3/5, ft.**  
 + **WITTY (f, 3, Distorted Humor--Well Dressed {SW, \$103,961}, by Notebook)**, a half-sister to Well Armed (Tiznow), GISW-US & G1SP-UAE, \$1,579,805, drew the rail for her career opener and was let go at 7-1. After breaking a bit slowly, the dark bay came up the fence to race in third as Elle a Gent (Gulch) showed the way. Witty set her sights on that filly in the lane, put her away inside the final sixteenth and went on to hand her a 3 1/2-length defeat. The winner, a \$400,000 KEESEP yearling, is also a full sister to Helsinki, GISP, \$194,789. [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#) [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$27,000.

O-Ramona Bass & Adele Dilschneider. B-WinStar Farm LLC (KY). T-Richard E Mandella.

★ WEST ★

**Tuesday Night's Results:**

**7th-SUN, \$26,000, Msw, 3yo, 5 1/2f, 1:04 1/5, ft.**  
 + **NO WALKIN' JOE (c, 3, Sligo Bay {Ire}--Golden Made {MSW, \$372,225}, by Allen's Prospect)**, a \$4,200 KEENOV weanling and \$7,000 FTKOCT yearling, made a four-wide move and surged late to deny Lumpy's Ace (Avanzado {Arg}) by a neck at odds of 6-1. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$15,600.  
 O-Paul C Bunn. B-Adena Springs (KY). T-Bart G Hone.

• ON THE WORKTAB •

FAIR GROUNDS

DIAMOND TYCOON (Johannesburg), 5f, 1:01.20, 2/12

GULFSTREAM PARK

ARSON SQUAD (Brahms), 5f, 1:01.60, 5/8

HOLLYWOOD

PRUSSIAN (Danzig), 5f, :59.20, 1/21

OAKLAWN PARK

BE FAIR (Exchange Rate), 5f, :59.80, 1/37  
 HAMAZING DESTINY (Salt Lake), 6f, 1:12.80, 1/6

PALM MEADOWS

COMMUNIQUE (Smart Strike), 4f, :51.45, 30/31  
 GENUINE DEVOTION (Ire) (Danhill Dancer {Ire}), 3ft, :37.40, 1/2  
 GINGER BREW (Milwaukee Brew), 4f, :50.45, 25/31  
 TOMCITO (Street Cry {Ire}), 5f, 1:02.65, 14/16

SANTA ANITA

EVITA ARGENTINA (Candy Ride {Arg}), 4f, :46.60, 1/22



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

- [BIRDSTONE](#) (Grindstone), Gainesway, \$10K, 114/17/4
- 8-CT, Alw, 4 1/2f, Tbilisi, \$28K CAN SEP yrl, 20-1
- [CANDY RIDE \(ARG\)](#) (Ride the Rails), Hill 'n' Dale, \$10K, 215/27/4
- 6-AQU, Msw, 5 1/2f, Snipe, 3-1
- [CHAPEL ROYAL](#) (Montbrook), Ashford, \$1000, 279/44/1
- 7-LRL, Msw, 1 1/16m, The Black One, \$80K ESM AY 2yo, 2-1
- [CONGAREE](#) (Arazi), Adena Springs KY, \$15K, 142/24/3
- 7-GG, Aoc, 1 1/16m, Congo Kaye, \$50K BAR MAY 2yo
- DOMESTIC DISPUTE** (Unbridled's Song), Northview, \$5K, 156/11/0
- 6-SA, Alw, 7f, Life by R R, \$150K OBS MAR 2yo
- [LION HEART](#) (Tale of the Cat), Ashford, \$30K, 288/41/4
- 8-OP, Msw, 1m, Nala's Pride, \$95K KEE SEP yrl
- 6-SA, Alw, 7f, Heartless Vixen, \$65K KEE APR 2yo
- [MEDAGLIA D'ORO](#) (El Prado {Ire}), Stonewall, \$35K, 251/30/4
- 8-OP, Msw, 1m, Sue's Update
- 1-AQU, Alw, 6f, Glory Gold, \$150K EAS SEP yrl, 5-1
- 6-SA, Alw, 7f, Gabby's Golden Gal, \$120K FTK JUL yrl
- [OMEGA CODE](#) (Elusive Quality), Hartley, 175/23/1
- 5-DED, Msw, 5f, +Appealingtome, 9-2
- [PEACE RULES](#) (Jules), Vinery, \$15K, 187/29/2
- 8-CT, Alw, 4 1/2f, Sweet Kristen, \$50K OBS APR 2yo, 10-1
- READ THE FOOTNOTES** (Smoke Glacken), Sequel NY, \$9K, 108/16/1
- 1-AQU, Alw, 6f, Rightly So, \$220K OBS FEB 2yo, 8-5
- 6-AQU, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Baby Gorilla, \$37K NEW OCT wnl, 20-1
- SAARLAND** (Unbridled), Darby Dan, \$10K, 148/11/0
- 5-DED, Msw, 5f, +Saarbricken, \$30K FTK JUL yrl, 10-1
- 8-OP, Msw, 1m, Indemand, \$90K KEE SEP yrl
- [SCRIMSHAW](#) (Gulch), Millennium, \$7K, 94/16/1
- 3-GP, Msw, 1 1/8m, Audeamus, \$4K EAS DEC wnl, 6-1
- SPANISH STEPS** (Unbridled), Martin Stables, \$5K, 103/10/0
- 5-DED, Msw, 5f, Senorita Elena, \$4K KEE SEP yrl, 12-1
- [SPEIGHTSTOWN](#) (Gone West), WinStar, \$40K, 195/24/4
- 8-CT, Alw, 4 1/2f, Prosecca, 15-1
- STANISLAVSKY** (Dehere), Highcliff, \$2K, 23/1/0
- 6-AQU, Msw, 5 1/2f, Empty Wallet, 5-1
- [STRONG HOPE](#) (Grand Slam), Claiborne, \$30K, 176/9/0
- 8-OP, Msw, 1m, Turtledove
- [TAPIT](#) (Pulpit), Gainesway, \$15K, 171/30/4
- 6-AQU, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Big Grey, \$46K ESM AY 2yo, 10-1
- TEN MOST WANTED** (Deputy Commander), Gainesway, \$13K, 118/9/0
- 1-OP, Msw, 1m, Luv Gov
- [THE CLIFF'S EDGE](#) (Gulch), Vinery, \$2K, 125/18/0
- 6-SA, Alw, 7f, Dave's Revenge, \$45K KEE SEP yrl



★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

**IN BRITAIN:**

**Fantastic Dubai**, c, 3, [Storm Cat](#). See "Britain."

**IN PERU:**

**Imperialista**, f, 3, **Deputy Commander**--Easy Number, by Easy Goer. Hipodromo de Monterrico, 3-1, Cond, 5f, 57:40. Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-0, \$4,600. O-Stud The Fathers; B-Manor House Farm & Brenda Stewart (KY); T-Camilo Traverso. \*\$7,200 yrl '07 KEESEP.

**Bobo Celia**, f, 4, **Captain Bodgit**--Majak Girl, by Sir Richard Lewis. Hipodromo de Monterrico, 3-1, Cond, 6f, 1:11.80. Lifetime Record: 10-4-2-0, \$2,800. O-Stud Polo Norte; B-Douglas S Arnold (KY); T-Jorge Salas.

**Queen Beli**, f, 3, [Saarland](#)--Good Time Frolic, by Premiership. Hipodromo de Monterrico, 3-3, Mdn, 7.5fT, 1:29:80. Lifetime record: 7-1-0-0, \$4,400. O-Stud Polo Norte; B-Jim Robinson & Pam Robinson (KY); T-Jorge Salas. \*\$2,500 HRA '07 KEEJAN.

**IN ARGENTINA:**

**Miss Ling**, f, 4, [E Dubai](#)--Lady Ling (Arg) (G1SW-Arg, MSP-US), by Egg Toss. La Plata, 3-3, Cond, 1500m, 1:30.60. Lifetime Record: 12-3-1-2. O-Stud San Maluc; B-Homan Hodawi (KY); T-Rosana M San Millan. \*\$17,000 wnl '06 KEENOV. \*\*Won by seven lengths.



EUROPE

**GUINEAS ENTRIES ANNOUNCED** Entries for Britain's first two Classics of the year, the Stan James-sponsored G1 2000 Guineas and G1 1000 Guineas, were announced yesterday with 88 nominations for the former and 65 for the latter. All leading juveniles, with the exception of Juddmonte Farms' **Zacinto (GB)** (Dansili {GB}), remain engaged in the May 2 2000 Guineas, and the bumper crop of possibles has pleased Newmarket's Director of Racing Michael Prosser. "We are thrilled with both the quality and number of entries for this year's 2000 Guineas which has record prize money of £400,000. The race has attracted last year's top two-year-old **Mastercraftsman (Ire)** (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), our latest G1 Dewhurst S. winner **Intense Focus** (Giant's Causweay) and also the G1 Middle Park S. victor **Bushranger (Ire)** (Danetime {Ire}) among many others. There is significant depth to the entry which includes any amount of horses with untapped potential and conjecture about them is always one of the most intriguing aspects of the Guineas build-up." International flavor is further enhanced by the presence of Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum's leading freshman **Naaqoos (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}), who is an intended runner at this stage. "We have given Naaqoos an entry and the plan at the moment is for him to go to Newmarket," trainer Freddy Head remarked of last term's G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere hero. "He's done very well over the winter and I am very happy with him. He was already a big horse last year with a long stride, but he has grown since then, and he's beautiful at the moment. I think that we will give him a trial in France at the end of March or the beginning of April and the [Listed] Prix Djebel at Maisons-Laffitte Apr. 10 is my preferred race as things stand. We will see how he gets on before making a final decision between Newmarket and the French alternative." Jim Bolger, trainer of last term's runner-up New Approach (Ire), has five hopefuls and commented: "Intense Focus has done very well since his Dewhurst success and is currently taking everything in his stride. He seems to be on target and a decision will be made later as to whether he will have a trial or not." Zacinto, runner-up in the G2 Champagne S. at Doncaster last September, will miss the Classic, trainer Sir Michael Stoute confirmed. "Zacinto will not be ready for the 2000 Guineas," he said. The Brian Meehan-trained **Crowded House (GB)** (Rainbow Quest), impressive winner of the G1 Racing Post Trophy, is still on target for the Rowley Mile event. "We are open-minded about Crowded House, but you've definitely got to think about the 2000 Guineas," Meehan declared.

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**PARADISE RIVER**, 15, Irish River (Fr) – North of Eden (Ire), by Northfields  
Foal born Feb. 23, a filly by Stormy Atlantic.  
Will be bred back to Stormy Atlantic.  
Owned by Bridlewood Farm, Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Riverstown Bloodstock Ltd.  
Boarded at Hill 'n' Dale Farms, Ky.  
Accomplishments: Dam of David Junior (Pleasant Tap), Hwt at 3-Eng 9.5-11f, Hwt Older Horse-Eng 7-9.5f, Hwt Older Horse-Eng 9.5-11f, Hwt Older Horse-UAE 7-9.5f, MG1SW-Eng, G1SW-UAE, \$4,116,795.



**Guineas Entries cont.**

The May 3 G1 1000 Guineas has attracted 65 contenders, and is headed by George Strawbridge's unbeaten G1 Fillies' Mile victress **Rainbow View** (Dynaformer) and unbeaten G1 Cheveley Park S. heroine **Serious Attitude (Ire)** (Mtoto {GB}). The former is likely to point straight to the one-mile contest without a prep run as trainer John Gosden explained, "Rainbow View has wintered well. The plan is to have a racecourse gallop during the Craven meeting, and then go straight to the 1000 Guineas." Trainer Rae Guest indicated a similar path might be charted by his stable star and added, "We are optimistic and believe Serious Attitude has got a great chance in the Guineas, but we are not planning to go for a trial. The Guineas is early enough, so we might give her a racecourse gallop on Craven day. If she was flying and the trial was there we might go for it, but it's not a plan. She'd get a penalty in a trial so the likelihood is we'll go straight to the Guineas. Jimmy Fortune is not available to ride because of Rainbow View, but we are not going to think about that until we see what's going to be running. It could be any one of 10 jockeys, but it will be one of the top ones. I think she'll stay a mile as she likes to get on and do her work, but she is not a buzzy filly." Commenting on the distaffers' entry, Newmarket's Michael Prosser said, "All the main players are included in the initial entry for the 1000 Guineas. The exceptional and unbeaten Group 1 winners Rainbow View and Serious Attitude are in, as are two exciting and also unexposed fillies in **Apple Charlotte (GB)** (Royal Applause {GB}) and **Sariska (GB)** (Pivotal {GB}) who both won at our final 2008 meeting last November."

★ BRITAIN ★

**Yesterday's Result:**

**Lingfield, 15.40, Mdn, £4,000, 3yo, 7f (AWT), 1:27.47, stn.**

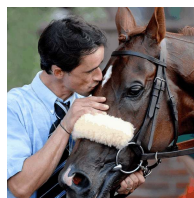
**FANTASTIC DUBAI (c, 3, Storm Cat--Shy Lady {Fr} {SW-Ger}, by Kaldoun {Fr})** went postward as the 8-13 pick coming back off a debut fifth at Newbury Oct. 9 and took a keen hold through the early stages here. Settling into a rhythm before halfway, the \$400,000 KEESEP yearling made smooth headway to lead off the home turn and kept on well under a drive to hold the late rush of Super Academy (Royal Academy) by a short head. The winner is a half to Ya Hajar (GB) (Lycius), GSW-Fr; and Zafeen (Fr) (Zafonic), Hwt. 3yo Colt-Eng at 7-9.5f, G1SW-Eng, G1SP-Fr, \$557,860. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £2,730. O-Jaber Abdullah; B-Gainsborough Farm LLC; T-Mick Channon.

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**DESORMEAUX TAKES JOCKEY CHALLENGE IN PERU**

Hall of Fame jockey Kent Desormeaux showcased 12 his race riding skills tallying two wins and a third-place finish in four races to win the fourth annual Campeonato Internacional de Jockeys 2009-Robalca Copa LARC, an international jockey championship celebrated Tuesday at Peru's flagship racecourse Hipodromo de Monterrico in Lima. Desormeaux, who currently tops the very competitive jockey standings at Gulfstream Park in Florida, earned 23 points, which was five more than the 18 points earned by Peru's leading rider Carlos Trujillo, who posted a win and two third-place finishes in the four race competition that reunited some of the United States and South America's top riders. Desormeaux's two wins came aboard longshot **Katharina (Per)** (Alpha Plus), who inhaled the leaders in the stretch en route to posting a comfortable victory in the 1300-meter dirt race, which kicked off the challenge, and favorite **Pacasmayo (Per)** (Dwarf) in the final race ran on the grass over 1900 meters. Desormeaux's third-place finish came aboard longshot and U.S.-bred **Kumran** (Horse Chestnut {SAf}) in the second race. "Boy, I tell you, this is a whole new culture. This was my first time in Peru and I enjoyed the trip and the competition," said Desormeaux. "My horse made a gallant effort to win that last race and all the races were great." Peruvian jockey Benjamin Padilla, winner of the 2007 championship, won one race and finished third on one occasion to place third with 13 points. Eclipse Award finalist Rafael Bejarano, finished fourth with five points, one more than Racing Hall of Fame and 2006 Eclipse Award-winning rider Edgar Prado and world-record holder Jorge Ricardo. Gulfstream Park's co-leading jockey through March 3, Julien Leparoux, earned three points, one more than Florida-based Manoel Cruz, Eibar Coa, Southern California's Jose Valdivia Jr and Uruguayan native Pablo Falero. Former nine-time Peruvian leading jockey and Argentine-based Edwin Talaverano, failed to earn a point with his four mounts to round off the standings. The championship was sponsored by LARC, the Latin American Racing Channel, who presented Desormeaux with a \$8,000 prize. Past winners of the championship include U.S.-based Valdivia Jr and Joe Bravo, who won the inaugural and last year's event, respectively. Retired Racing Hall of Fame jockey Laffit Pincay Jr, served as this year's guest of honor.



**WORTH 1,000 WORDS**

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# AUSTRALASIA



**PREMIER SALE CONCLUDES** The Inglis Premier Yearling Sale wrapped Wednesday afternoon, with nearly A\$2 million trading during the single-session finale. Seven of every 10 horses found new homes. Statue of Liberty, whose son Mic Mac (Aus) remained unbeaten with a victory in last Saturday's G2 Hobartville S., accounted for the top price of the day when hip [732](#), a filly out of Golden Prayer (Aus) (Amen Brother) was hammered down to C. Parry of Victoria for A\$70,000. The average of A\$18,943 represented a decline of 12.5 percent, a result more than satisfactory to sales officials. "That's a really good result today and considerably better than anticipated," Inglis Director Peter Heagney said. "The good-quality horses sold very well and the fact it was down only 12.5 percent is indicative of how strong the market was today. Those vendors who were realistic with their expectations were suitably rewarded."

## BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**7th-SAX, \$48,800**, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW1X, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:09 4/5, ft.

**UNWORLDLY HEAT (f, 4, Unusual Heat--Worldly Excess, by In Excess {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 7-2-4-0, \$89,360. O-Hitbound Stable. B-Russ Thyret (CA). T-Denise E Breuer.

**5th-AQU, \$45,000**, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW2X, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39 4/5, ft.

**BEAM OF LOVE (f, 4, Prime Timber--Love Destiny, by Silver Deputy)** Lifetime Record: MSP, 11-3-1-3, \$137,032. O-Darlene Bilinski & Edward T McGettigan Jr. B-Sez Who Thoroughbreds (NY). T-Gary C Contessa. \*\$50,000 2yo '07 OBSMAR. \*\*1/2 to Accurate (Precise End), MSW, \$184,788; and Ahvee's Destiny (Rizzi), SW, \$265,990.

**11th-SUN, \$38,500**, 3-3, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW1YX, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:03 4/5, ft.

**POCKETFULLACHIME (f, 4, Chimes Band--Pocketfullapozzies {SW}, by Full Choke)** Lifetime Record: SW, 12-3-0-2, \$108,560. O/B-Jean Pierre & Leslie Amestoy (NM). T-Jose R Gonzalez Jr.

**10th-SUN, \$35,000**, 3-3, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW1YX, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37 1/5, ft.

**TRICKY CAUSEWAY (h, 6, Giant's Causeway--Commodities, by Private Account)** Lifetime Record: SW, 17-5-2-4, \$251,239. O-Frontier Stables LLC. B-G Watts Humphrey Jr (KY). T-Chris A Hartman. \*\$350,000 yrl '04 KEESEP; \$80,000 HRA '07 KEENOV. \*\*1/2 to Rey de Cafe (Kingmambo), MGSW, \$302,638.

**8th-LRL, \$31,360**, NW3L, 4yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:02 4/5, ft. **HALTON (c, 4, Carson City--Turner's Hall {GISP, \$205,268}, by Forest Wildcat)** Lifetime Record: 11-3-1-1, \$54,692. O-Robert L Cole Jr. B-Eugene Melynk (KY). T-Howard E Wolfendale.

**4th-TPX, \$22,965**, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW1X, 3yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:12 2/5, ft.

**DEFINITIVE WHIM (f, 3, Cat Thief--Franziska {Ire}, by Sadler's Wells)** Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-1, \$35,116. O-Hayley Sumner. B-Nikolaus Bock (KY). T-S Joe Cain.

**8th-TPX, \$22,850**, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:06, ft.

**DREAM SESSION (f, 4, Orientate--Golden Mirage {Ire} {SW-US & Ire, \$100,596}, by Green Desert)** Lifetime Record: 9-4-2-1, \$52,792. O-Robert Trussell. B-Gaineway Thoroughbreds Ltd (KY). T-Wayne D Mogge. \*\$50,000 wlng '05 KEENOV; \$17,000 HRA '08 KEENOV; \$15,000 HRA '09 FTKFEB. \*\*1/2 to Willow Bunch (Affirmed), MSW, \$288,483; and full to Natural Speed, SW, \$151,199.

**8th-WRD, \$20,500**, 3-3, NW2L, 3&4yo, 5 1/2f, 1:04 2/5, ft.

**ZAVATA FLASH (g, 4, Zavata--Flashy Edge, by Rahy)** Lifetime Record: 14-2-2-3, \$49,178. O-Jeanne Ann Hanson. B-Ronnie Fitz (OK). T-Veronica Griggs.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Black Magic Mauker, c, 3, Include--Witness Post**, by Gone West. TPX, 3-4, 1m (AWT), 1:41.

B-Brereton C Jones (KY). \*\$140,000 wlng '06 KEENOV; \$3,500 yrl '07 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to Hello Liberty (Forest Camp), GSW & GISP, \$284,239.

**Rivie, f, 3, Petionville--Miss Riverton**, by Fred Astaire. MNR, 3-3, 6f, 1:12 2/5. B-Michael & Penny S Lauer (KY). \*1/2 to Kwik as a Wink (De Niro), SW; Gottabeachboy (Mister Baileys {GB}), GSP; and Snack (Afternoon Deelites), MSW.

+ **Rocks A'rollin, c, 3, Rock--Diamond Mae**, by Level Sands. WRD, 3-3, (S), 6f, 1:13. B-John T L Jones Jr. (OK). \*Second winner from two named foals for sire (by Nureyev).

**Vindicat, c, 3, Vindication--Honorable Cat** (GSP, \$199,307), by Honor Grades. GPX, 3-4, (C), 1 1/8m, 1:51 3/5. B-McKee Stables Inc (KY). \*\$170,000 yrl '07 KEESEP.



**Maiden Winners cont.**

**Birdie's Ghost**, f, 4, **Ghostly Moves**--Bird On the Rise, by Birdonthewire. SUN, 3-3, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:03 4/5. B-Byron Ritchie (NM).

**Suddenly Famous**, m, 6, **Bonus Time Cat**--My Feather Pillow, by Really Awesome. WRD, 3-4, 6f, 1:13 2/5. B-Audrey J Hallaba (MO).

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**IN CHILE:**

**Caracala (Chi)**, f, 4, **Doneraile Court**--Quiet Roar, by Thunder Gulch. Club Hipico de Concepcion, 3-3, Hcp., 1300m. O-Stud Mam Sander; B-Haras Sumaya; T-Manuel Norambuena.

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**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**FRANCE, Fontainebleau, 14.05**, €34,000, 3yo, 5 1/2fT, 1:06.20, vsf.

**GOOD BYE MY FRIEND (FR)** (c, 3, **Kendor {Fr}**--**The Wise Lady {Fr} {MGSP-Fr}**, by **Ganges**) Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 15 starts, 3 wins, 9 places, €100,850. O-Gerard Augustin-Normand; B-Pierre Lepeudry; T-Nicolas Clement. \*€25,000 yrl '07 DEAAUG.

**FRANCE, Fontainebleau, 15.35**, €26,000, 4yo, 1 1/4mT, 2:10.60, vsf.

**KADABI (IRE)** (c, 4, **Dalakhani {Ire}**--**Kadaka {Ire} {Hwt. Older Mare-Ity at 14f+, SW-Ity, GSP-Eng}**, by **Sadler's Wells**) Lifetime Record: 8 starts, 2 wins, 6 places, \$50,050. O-Gerard Augustin-Normand; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC; T-Jehan Bertran de Balanda.

**ITALY, Rome, 16.25**, 3-3, €22,500, 3yo, 1 3/8mT, time: n/a, hy.

**RAMITELLI (ITY)** (c, 3, **Dr Devious {Ire}**--**Capriccioli {Fr}**, by **Jeune Homme**) Lifetime Record: 8-4-1-0, €28,407. O/B-Francesco di Lena; T-Fabrizio & Luigi Camici.

**ITALY, Rome, 15.50**, 3-3, €22,500, 4yo/up, 7 1/2fT, 1:34.80, hy.

**ROMANAE MEMENTO (ITY)** (h, 6, **Diktat {GB}**--**Talikota {Ity}**, by **Fire of Life**) Lifetime Record: 43-5-7-8, €97,563. O/T-Fabrizio & Luigi Camici; B-Cesare Giulio Frascatani.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Capo Malfatano (Ire)**, c, 3, **High Chaparral (Ire)**--Toy Show (Ire), by Danehill. Rome, Italy, 3-3, Mdn, 3yo, 1 3/16mT. B-Churchtown House Stud. \*18,000gns yrl '07 TATOCT.

**Circle Dance (Ire)**, g, 4, **Namid (GB)**--Rivana (GB), by Green Desert. Wolverhampton, Britain, 3-4, Mdn, 3yo/up, 5f 20yds (AWT). B-Newberry Stud Company. \*9,000gns HIT '08 DONHIT

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**IN BRAZIL:**

**Do Mix Wiorth (Brz)**, c, 4, **Sagamix (Fr)**--Hayworth (Brz), by Minstrel Glory. Cidade Jardim, 2-28, Cond, 8f, 1:37.29. Lifetime Record: 10-4-0-2. O/B-Gianni Franco Samaja; T-O Jeronimo.



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**ESWARAH (GB)**, 7, Unfuwain--Midway Lady, by Alleged

Foal born Feb. 26, a filly by Mr. Greeley.

Will be bred back to Street Cry (Ire).

Owned by/boarded at Shadwell Farm, Ky.

Accomplishments: G1SW-Eng, \$470,539.

**LA CUCARACHA (GB)**, 8, Piccolo (GB)--Peggy Spencer (GB), by Formidable

Foal born Feb. 18, a filly by Distorted Humor.

Will be bred back to Elusive Quality.

Owned by Colts Neck Stable.

Boarded at Denali Stud.

Accomplishments: Hwt. Older Mare-Eng at 5-7f,

G1SW-Eng & GSW-Ire, \$586,594.

**ICY WARNING**, 19, Caveat--Northern Sting, by Northern Jove

Foal born Feb. 10, a colt by High Fly.

Will be bred back to Strategic Mission.

Owned by and boarded at Live Oak Stud.

Accomplishments: MSW & MGSP, \$516,202. Dam of Devotion Unbridled (Unbridled), SW & GSP, \$163,500; Snow Cone (Cryptoclearance), MSW, \$353,110.