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### SWEET REVENGE

He got left at the start, ran into traffic on the backstretch and had nowhere to run in the lane, but 1-2 chalk **I Want Revenge** (Stephen Got Even) overcame it all to take the GI Wood Memorial S. by a widening 1 1/2 lengths yesterday. Trainer Jeff Mullins almost gave up hope when he saw his colt walk out of the gate. "I was already heading back to the barn at that point," Mullins quipped. "But Joe [Talamo] was patient...he saved his horse and waited for the right time to let him go." **Cont. p2**



Horsephotos

### Saturday, Aqueduct

**WOOD MEMORIAL S.-GI**, \$750,000, AQU, 4-4, 3yo, 1 1/8m, 1:49 2/5, ft.

- 1--▲ **I WANT REVENGE**, 123, c, 3, by [Stephen Got Even](#)  
1st Dam: Meguial (Arg) (SW & MG1SP-Arg, MSP-US), by Roy  
2nd Dam: Starry Night (Arg), by Fitzcarraldo (Arg)  
3rd Dam: Very Dark (Arg), by Vervain (GB)  
O-IEAH Stables, David J Lanzman, Puglisi Racing, Charles N Winner; B-David J Lanzman Racing Inc (KY); T-Jeff Mullins; J-Joseph Talamo; \$450,000.  
Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-4, \$816,000. **Werk Nick Rating: A+.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)
- 2--**West Side Bernie**, 123, c, 3, [Bernstein](#)--Time Honored, by Gilded Time. (\$62,000 yrl '07 KEEJAN; \$50,000 yrl '07 KEESEP). O-George & Lori Hall; B-Polo Green Stable & Andrew Savas (KY); T-Kelly J Breen; \$150,000.
- 3--**Just a Coincidence**, 123, c, 3, [Forestry](#)--Scads, by Forty Niner. (\$200,000 yrl '07 KEESEP). O-Robert V LaPenta; B-Claiborne Farm (KY); T-Nicholas P Zito; \$75,000.

Margins: 1HF, 1 1/4, 2. Odds: 0.50, 9.90, 15.40.  
Also Ran: Atomic Rain, Imperial Council, Cellar Dweller, Lord Justice, Lime Rickey.

### HE'S NOT JUST A RIVER IN EGYPT

Sent off the 4-5 chalk after **The Pamplemousse** (Kafwain) was scratched earlier in the day, **Pioneer of the Nile** (Empire Maker) put in a workmanlike effort to take the GI Santa Anita Derby yesterday. The dark bay, who became Zayat Stables' first homebred Grade I winner when he took the GI CashCall Futurity last December, will now try to give his owner a first Classic score. How does it feel to be both owner and breeder of a leading GI Kentucky Derby candidate? "Words cannot describe it," owner Ahmed Zayat said. "This is what it's all about." The Pamplemousse was scratched when track veterinarian Dr. Jill Bailey found a problem with his tendon during a pre-race exam, and brought it to the attention of trainer Julio Canani. The grey is scheduled to have an ultrasound today. If he were to make a very quick recovery, connections said that the Apr. 11 GI Blue Grass S., or even training up to the Kentucky Derby, are still options. **SA Derby cont. p3**

### STARDOM BOUND UPSET IN ASHLAND

As had befallen Proud Spell, Ashado and Summerly before her, **Stardom Bound** (Tapit) went down to defeat in the GI Ashland S. at Keeneland yesterday. Allowed to trail the field down the backstretch, the 7-10 chalk had too much to do when they straightened for home, and could only close enough ground to be third, about three lengths behind 24-1 **Hooh Why** (Cloud Hopping). **Cont. p4**

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**Down and Dirty...**

I Want Revenge made the first six starts of his career on synthetic tracks, and had a Hollywood maiden win



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Oct. 29 to his credit. The dark bay was also second by a nose behind Pioneerof the Nile (Empire Maker) in the Dec. 20 GI CashCall Futurity, and third to that rival in the Feb. 7 GII Robert B. Lewis S. at Santa Anita. Jeff Mullins then decided it was

time for his charge to try his luck on conventional dirt, and I Want Revenge was on a plane for the Big Apple. More than up to the test, he romped to an 8 1/2-length victory in the Mar. 7 GIII Gotham S. A late change in plans had the colt back in the air, and he returned to California between starts, but it wasn't those extra frequent flyer miles that nearly cost him the win yesterday. The crowd's odds-on choice, he reared and missed the break, and had to steady behind horses as they raced down the backstretch. I Want Revenge made an eye-catching move to reach contention on the turn, but was again caught behind horses as they raced down the lane. Fortunately, the horse to his inside came out and bumped him slightly, forcing him to change lanes, and an opening suddenly appeared in front of him. The favorite shot right through and went about his business, winning in a manner that promised he would be up to the task should he run into traffic on the first Saturday in May. Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#), the [brisnet.com PPs](#) or the [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

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**GI Wood Memorial S.** I Want Revenge (Stephen Got Even) shakes off a nightmare trip to win impressively.

**GI Santa Anita Derby** Pioneerof the Nile (Empire Maker) gets the job done as the odds-on chalk.

**GI Carter H.** Kodiak Kowboy (Posse) runs down Fabulous Strike (Smart Strike) in the last jump.

**GI Apple Blossom H.** Seventh Street (Street Cry {Ire}) romps in her Grade I bow.

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**On to Louisville...**

I Want Revenge's remarkable effort in the Wood easily punched his ticket to the May 3 GI Kentucky Derby. "What he did today is pretty special," Mullins said. "He had every trouble you could have in a race and still overcome it. It tells me he's a pretty nice horse. That's as good as it gets right there--we've got one more show to go to; if he can win that one he's a pretty special animal." Added jockey Joe Talamo, "I thought today was a fairly easy race for him. To be honest, he only ran the last eighth of a mile, so I don't think it took too much out of him. He just keeps getting better and better. That was the first time he got real dirt in his face, and he took it like he's had it before 100 times. He's such a smart animal and he's real mature for his age." Mullins added has already mapped out travel arrangements for Kentucky. "The plan try is to try and ship to Churchill Downs Monday," he said. Meguiar (Arg) (Roy), the dam of I Want Revenge, has a two-year-old colt by Thunder Gulch that RNA'd at Barretts March for \$60,000. She has a yearling filly by Tale of the Cat, and was bred back to Chapel Royal. Runner-up **West Side Bernie** will also head to the first leg in the Triple Crown. "If this horse comes out of the race good, then we're all systems go," trainer Kelly Breen remarked.



**Saturday, Santa Anita**

**SANTA ANITA DERBY-GI**, \$750,000, SAX, 4-4, 3yo, 1 1/8m (AWT), 1:49, ft.

1--**PIONEEROF THE NILE**, 122, c, 3, by [Empire Maker](#)

1st Dam: Star of Goshen (SW, \$146,030), by Lord At War (Arg)

2nd Dam: Castle Eight, by Key to the Kingdom

3rd Dam: Her Native, by Kanumera

(\$290,000 yrl '07 KEESEP). O/B-Zayat Stables LLC (KY); T-Bob Baffert; J-Garrett K Gomez; \$450,000.

Lifetime Record: 8-5-0-1, \$1,234,200. \*1/2 to Forefathers (Gone West), MGSP, \$198,782. **Werk**

**Nick Rating: A + + (1 SW). Click for the**

[eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Chocolate Candy**, 122, c, 3, [Candy Ride \(Arg\)](#)--

Crownette, by Seattle Slew. O-Sid & Jenny Craig Trust; B-Sid Craig & Jenny Craig (KY); T-Jerry Hollendorfer; \$150,000.

3--**Mr. Hot Stuff**, 122, c, 3, [Tiznow](#)--Sweet Damsel, by Turkoman. (\$200,000 yrl '07 KEESEP). O/B-WinStar Farm LLC (KY); T-Eoin G Harty; \$90,000.

Margins: 1, 1, 3/4. Odds: 0.80, 2.90, 10.00.

Also Ran: Take the Points, Feisty Suances, Unbridled Roman, Gallant Son. Scratched: Cape Truth, Z Day, The Pamplemousse.

Pioneerof the Nile picked up his fourth straight victory as the odds-on choice here. Third in the GI Lane's End Breeders' Futurity at Keeneland and fifth, beaten just 2 3/4 lengths in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile at Santa Anita last fall, the dark bay started his streak with a nose win over I Want Revenge (Stephen Got Even) in the Dec. 20 GI CashCall Futurity at Hollywood Park. He opened 2009 with a half-length tally in the Feb. 7 GII Robert B. Lewis S., and was off at 3-10 in the Mar. 14 GII San Felipe S. Taken out of his game by a slow opening half in :48 3/5, the Zayat colorbearer dragged jockey Garrett Gomez up to press the pace. The duo grabbed the lead in the stretch and went on to win it by 1 1/4 lengths. Pioneerof the Nile ran a similar race in the Santa Anita Derby. Fourth through a quarter in :24.04, he pulled his way to the front after a half in :48.65. Feisty Suances (Suances {GB}) regained the advantage as they headed into the turn, but the heavy favorite took control at the top of the lane and was not threatened as Chocolate Candy closed late. Gomez was pleased with the win, but not by how it came about. "It wasn't the way we were really trying to get it done today," he said. "I feel it was a carbon copy of his last race, and we weren't trying to do that. We wanted to try...to make one solid run with him. But with all the scratches, it just jeopardized the pace for us. You're always happy to win the Santa Anita Derby, but I was trying to get a little more preparation for the next step, and I wasn't able to accomplish that." **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#), the [brisnet.com PPs](#) or the [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#).**




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**Triple Threats?**

Trainer Bob Baffert celebrated a record fifth Santa Anita Derby score, and will bid for a fourth win in the GI Kentucky Derby, but he will have to overcome a negative trend. It has been 20 years since the last Santa Anita Derby winner repeated on the first Saturday in May; and the last to do it was Sunday Silence. Baffert did use the race as a prep for Derby heroes Silver Charm and Real Quiet, but both were beaten in their final starts before the trip to Churchill. Still, the conditioner is confident about Pioneerof the Nile's chances four weeks hence. "He's learning how to run, but the thing is, he's very competitive, and I felt really good about him," Baffert said. "I knew he was going to win the Santa Anita Derby, and once he came out of the gate clean, I felt real good about him. I'll just keep him happy and healthy now. He's ready to go." Trainer Jerry Hollendorfer said runner-up Chocolate Candy is also a possibility for the Kentucky Derby. "I think we ran well enough to try the Derby if Mrs. [Jenny] Craig wants to, and I think I would want to," Hollendorfer said.



**Horsephotos**



**Saturday, Keeneland Race Course**

**ASHLAND S.-GI**, \$400,000, KEE, 4-4, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:43 4/5, ft.

1--#**▲HOOH WHY**, 121, f, 3, by Cloud Hopping

1st Dam: Magic Merger, by Corporate Report

2nd Dam: Wicked Ways, by Devil's Bag

3rd Dam: Lien, by Never Bend

O-Derby Daze Farm Inc & Mark Hoffman; B-Gail Gee (FL); T-Donna L Dupuy; J-Corey J Lanerie; \$248,000.

Lifetime Record: 10-3-3-3, \$441,335. \*Full to Rumbling Cloud, SW, \$224,057. \*\*First GSW for sire (by Mr. Prospector). **Werk Nick Rating: A.** **Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)**

2--**Gozzip Girl**, 121, f, 3, [Dynaformer](#)--Temperence Gift, by Kingmambo. (\$60,000 yrl '07 KEESEP).

O-Farnsworth Stables; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Thomas Albertrani; \$80,000.

3--**Stardom Bound**, 121, f, 3, [Tapit](#)--My White Corvette, by Tarr Road. (\$50,000 yrl '07 KEESEP; \$375,000 2yo '08 OBSMAR; \$5,700,000 2yo '08 FTKNOV).

O-IEAH Stables, Pompa Jr, Lanzman, Dubb & Tolchin; B-Fletcher & Carolyn Gray & John Youngblood (KY); T-Richard E Dutrow, Jr; \$40,000.

Margins: NK, 2 3/4, 3/4. Odds: 24.00, 9.30, 0.70.

Also Ran: Be Fair, Nan, Boleyn, Dream Empress, Third Dawn, What a Pear.

So who was it hitting the wire in front in the Ashland? The consistent Hooch Why, who had finished just a head behind Stardom Bound when third in the Santa Anita Oaks, but was ignored at 24-1. On the board in eight of her nine previous starts, the Florida-bred hadn't visited the winner's circle since taking a Woodbine allowance test last October, but she was second by a head to Patena (Seeking the Gold) when facing the colts in the Display S. Dec. 6, then headed south and, just three weeks later, was third in the Sandpiper S. at Tampa Bay. The chestnut was on the road again after that, shipping to Santa Anita to run second by a head in the Sunshine Millions Oaks. She was 12-1 when trying Grade I company for the first time in the Santa Anita Oaks, but outran her odds to fill out the triple. Trying her sixth different surface in her 10th career start, the versatile Hooch Why was quickly into stride in the Ashland. She led them along through moderate splits of :48.58 and 1:12.78 and had something left when set down for the drive, holding off GIII Herecomesthebride S. winner Gozzip Girl in the photo. Jockey Corey Lanerie picked up the winning mount from Rene Douglas late in the day. He credited Robby Albarado, who rode the filly last time out, with aiding in his success. "I'm good friends with Robby Albarado and he told me a little bit about her," said Lanerie. "Once Rene took off her, [Albarado] told me to get on the phone and try to pick the mount up. I did, and ended up on her." **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#), the [brisnet.com PPs](#) or the [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)** **[Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)**

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**Wiping Away the Streak...**

Stardom Bound was looking to match the feat of Invasor (Arg), who collected six straight Grade I trophies, but it was not to be. The late-running grey started her elite streak in the Del Mar Debutante, and added wins in the Oak Leaf S. and Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies during her championship season. Things were a little tougher this term, but she managed to get to the wire first despite



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eventful trips in the Feb. 7 Las Virgenes S. and Mar. 7 Santa Anita Oaks, but her luck ran out yesterday. Caboosing the field down the backstretch in her first appearance outside the Golden State, she gained some ground on the far turn, but lacked her usually relentless turn of foot and could get no closer than third. "I'm at a loss for words, really; it certainly wasn't her A game," said jockey Mike Smith. "She got away slow, but she always does. Actually [the pace] was good for her. They were going slow, but she's closed on a slow pace before."



**Saturday, Oaklawn Park**

**APPLE BLOSSOM H.-GI**, \$490,000, OPX, 4-4, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:43, ft.

1--#▲**SEVENTH STREET**, 115, f, 4, by [Street Cry \(Ire\)](#)

1st Dam: Holiday Runner (MSW & GSP, \$232,073), by Meadowlake

2nd Dam: Dixie Holiday, by Dixieland Band

3rd Dam: Really Fancy, by In Reality

(\$100,000 yrl '06 KEESEP; \$1,000,000 2yo '07 FTFFEB). O-Darley Stable; B-Steve Barberino (KY); T-Kiaran P McLaughlin; J-Rajiv Maragh; \$300,000. Lifetime Record: 6-4-1-1, \$416,000.

**Werk Nick Rating: B+**. [Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Superior Storm**, 116, f, 4, [Stormy Atlantic](#)--

Allittlebitsuperior, by Total Departure. O-Jac Mac Stable LLC; B-Jack Dickerson (LA); T-Richard D Jackson; \$100,000.

3--**Acoma**, 120, f, 4, [Empire Maker](#)--Aurora, by Danzig.

O-Helen C Alexander; B-Alexander-Groves Thoroughbreds (KY); T-David M Carroll; \$50,000.

Margins: 5 3/4, 5 3/4, NK. Odds: 2.00, 9.10, 0.40.

Also Ran: French Kiss, Color Me Up.

Seventh Street, third in her Gulfstream debut last January, returned from the bench to win three straight



*Coady Photography*

at the Big A by a combined 16 3/4 lengths. The chestnut earned her diploma Nov. 6, added a \$75,000 optional claimer Nov. 30, then successfully stretched to a mile over the inner in a \$50,000 optional claimer Jan. 8. Heavily favored at 4-5 in the seven-furlong GII Barbara

Fritichie H. at Laurel Feb. 14, the front-runner blew the break, but was never rattled, rallying from 12 lengths back to finish a game second. Away alertly this time, Seventh Street set an uncontested pace through fractions of :24.18 and :48.15, and drew away in the stretch to win for fun. [Click for the brisnet.com chart, the brisnet.com PPs or the free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree. Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)



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**Saturday, Aqueduct**

**CARTER H.-GI**, \$300,000, AQU, 4-4, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:22 2/5, ft.

1--▲**KODIAK KOWBOY**, 118, c, 4, by [Posse](#)

1st Dam: Kokadrie, by Coronado's Quest

2nd Dam: West Turn, by Cox's Ridge

3rd Dam: Win Nona, by Jacinto

(\$40,000 wlng '05 KEENOV; \$70,000 yrl '06 OBSAUG). O-Vinery Stables and Fox Hill Farm; B-Hartwell Farm (KY); T-J Larry Jones; J-John R Velazquez; \$180,000. Lifetime Record: Ch. 2yo-Can, 17-8-3-2, \$1,035,558. **Werk Nick Rating: A++**.

[Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Fabulous Strike**, 123, g, 6, [Smart Strike](#)--Fabulous

Find, by Lost Code. O-Walter Downey; B-Tea Party Stable Inc (PA); T-Todd M Beattie; \$60,000.

3--**Driven by Success**, 114, g, 4, Precise End--Afleet

Closer, by Afleet. (\$95,000 2yo '07 OBSAPR). O-Repole Stable; B-New Dawn Stud LLC (NY); T-Bruce N Levine; \$30,000.

Margins: HD, 2, 1 1/4. Odds: 1.90, 2.40, 18.30.

Also Ran: Biker Boy, True Quality, Ah Day, Understatement, Tale of Ekati.

Fabulous Strike was softened up after getting pressed throughout, and Canadian champion Kodiak Kowboy took full advantage. Winner of last summer's GII Amsterdam S. at Saratoga, he finished a good third against older horses--including Fabulous Strike--in a sloppy renewal of the GI Vosburgh S. Sept. 27. Kodiak Kowboy rallied to victory in the GIII Sport Page H. at Belmont Oct. 25 and closed out his sophomore campaign with a respectable fifth in the GI Hill 'N' Dale Cigar Mile H. Nov. 29. Given the winter off, the Vinery and Fox Hill colorbearer resurfaced with a runner-up effort in the six-furlong Duncan F. Kenner S. at Fair Grounds Mar. 14. Content to race in seventh as Fabulous Strike was kept company by Driven For Success through fractions of :22.23 and :44.52, Kodiak Kowboy came charging down the center of the track to post a narrow score. "He makes you work for it, but he runs," jockey John Velazquez said. "At the eighth pole, I was very confident, and when I got to the sixteenth pole, he started to slow down a little bit. I said, 'Oh no buddy, you got to keep going.' Then, he jumped a footprint near the wire, and I said, 'My gosh!' He gave me the impression that he was going to pass [the leaders]. Once he got rolling on the turn, I knew I had a pretty good shot to win it." [Click for the brisnet.com chart, the brisnet.com PPs or the free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree. Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

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**Saturday, Hawthorne**

**ILLINOIS DERBY-GII**, \$500,000, HAW, 4-4, 3yo, 1 1/8m, 1:49 4/5, ft.

1--**MUSKET MAN**, 122, c, 3, by Yonaguska  
 1st Dam: Fortuesque (SP, \$116,915), by Fortunate Prospect  
 2nd Dam: Flambeau, by Dixieland Band  
 3rd Dam: Moment's Prayer, by For the Moment (\$15,000 yrl '07 KEESSEP). O-Eric Fein & Vic Carlson; B-Jim E Nelson & Sergio De Sousa (KY); T-Derek S Ryan; J-Eibar Coa; \$285,000. Lifetime Record: 6-5-0-1, \$572,600. **Werk Nick Rating: A +**. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Giant Oak**, 122, c, 3, [Giant's Causeway](#)--Crafty Oak, by Crafty Prospector. O/B-Virginia H Tarra Trust (IL); T-Chris M Block; \$95,000.

3--**His Greatness**, 122, c, 3, Honour and Glory--Klair Alley, by Well Decorated. (\$11,000 yrl '07 KEESSEP). O-In His Favor Stable; B-Mereworth Farm (KY); T-Marco P Salazar; \$52,250.

Margins: 2, 5, 4 1/4. Odds: 2.80, 2.80, 51.30.

Also Ran: Nowhere to Hide, Il Postino, Free Country, Perfect Song, Al Khali, Toccet Rocket, Knight Shot. Scratched: Lord Justice.

Musket Man opened his career with three straight scores, capping the streak with a one-length victory in the seven-furlong Pasco H. Jan. 17. Making his two-turn debut in Tampa's 1 1/16-mile Sam F. Davis S. Feb. 14, the dark bay retreated to finish third by 6 1/2 lengths. His connections were undeterred, however, and entered the colt in the GIII Tampa Bay Derby over the same course and distance Mar. 14. Shuffled back entering the first turn and forced to close five wide, Musket Man fired in the lane to get up by a neck. His journey would be much less eventful here. Reserved in sixth between horses up the backstretch, the mild favorite circled the field nearing the quarter pole. He shifted in slightly at the top of the lane and leveled out to prevail under a drive. [Click for the brisnet.com chart, the brisnet.com PPs or the free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#) [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

**Saturday, Santa Anita**

**ARCADIA H.-GII**, \$150,000, SAX, 4-4, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:34, fm.

1--**DIXIE CHATTER**, 116, c, 4, by [Dixie Union](#)  
 1st Dam: Mini Chat, by Deputy Minister  
 2nd Dam: Phone Chatter, by Phone Trick  
 3rd Dam: Passing My Way, by Pass the Glass  
 O-Herman Sarkowsky & Pam & Martin Wygod; B-Herman Sarkowsky (KY); T-Richard E Mandella; J-Tyler Baze; \$90,000. Lifetime Record: GISW, 12-4-0-4, \$458,196. **Werk Nick Rating: A + +**. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Mr Napper Tandy (GB)**, 114, h, 5, Bahamian Bounty (GB)--Starfleet (GB), by Inchinor (GB). (22,000gns wlng '04 TATDEC; 60,000gns yrl '05 TATOCT). O-La Canada Stables LLC; B-Mrs N F M Sampson (GB); T-Jack Carava; \$30,000.

3--**Madeo**, 119, c, 4, [Mizzen Mast](#)--Passion Flower, by Deputy Minister. O/B-Mr & Mrs Jerome Moss (KY); T-John A Shirreffs; \$18,000.

Margins: 3/4, NK, 3/4. Odds: 3.90, 18.50, 1.70.

Also Ran: Sky Cape, Global Hunter (Arg), Holy Thunder, Booyah, Desert Code. Scratched: Becrux (ITY).

Dixie Chatter, hero of the GI Norfolk S. at two, finished third to Two Step Salsa (Petionville) in a pair of graded events last spring before switching to grass. After capturing Del Mar's Oceanside S. in his turf bow, the bay came up 3/4 of a length short when third in the GII Oak Tree Derby Oct. 25, then was a close-up fourth in the GI Hollywood Derby Nov. 30. He kicked off 2009 with another solid fourth on the main track in the Feb. 7 GII Strub S. at Santa Anita, and came here off 3/4-length loss in the GI Frank E. Kilroe Mile over course and distance Mar. 7. After breaking from the outside, Dixie Chatter was able to drop in and save ground by the time they hit the first turn. He snuck through an opening on the rail entering the stretch and outfinished his rivals for a well-deserved success. "It's just nice to win one with him," admitted winning trainer Richard Mandella. "He's been trying so hard for so long." [Click for the brisnet.com chart, the brisnet.com PPs or the free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#) [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)



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**Saturday, Santa Anita**

**POTRERO GRANDE H.-GII**, \$126,000, SAX, 4-4, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:14 3/5, ft.

1--#**@SOUL CITY SLEW**, 113, g, 6, by [Slew City Slew](#)

1st Dam: Sweet Soul, by Lord Avie  
2nd Dam: Not Too Proper, by Proper Reality  
3rd Dam: Suspicious Toosome, by Secretariat

O-La Canada Stables LLC; B-Chris Young & Elizabeth A DiBella (KY); T-Jack Carava; J-Michael C Baze; \$90,000. Lifetime Record: 36-9-4-7, \$450,002.

\* 1/2 to Silent Soul (Afternoon Deelites), GSP, \$209,940. **Werk Nick Rating: F.**

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2--**Halo Najib**, 114, c, 4, Halo's Image--Najibe's Wish, by Sword Dance (Ire). (\$32,000 yrl '06 OBSJAN; \$190,000 yrl '06 FTKJUL). O-Zayat Stables LLC; B-John S Scott (FL); T-Mike R Mitchell; \$15,000.

3--**Paul's Hope**, 115, g, 5, Lake Austin--Fondest Hope, by Personal Hope. (\$26,000 2yo '06 BESJUN).

O-Jerry Hollendorfer & George Todaro; B-Sunrise Stable South (FL); T-Jerry Hollendorfer; \$9,000.

Margins: HF, HD, 2HF. Odds: 11.50, 1.50, 8.90.

Also Ran: Davos, Six Pack Abs, Trumpet Player Jay, Sea of Pleasure.

Soul City Slew, claimed by his current connections for \$50,000 in a 1 1/16-mile seller at Santa Anita Feb. 6, was ninth of 12 when contesting that distance in an \$62,500 optional claimer Mar. 7 in his first start for the Carava barn. Shortened up Mar. 22 in a \$50,000 claimer originally scheduled for the downhill turf course, the gelding stalked the pace in third, waited along the rail on the far turn and kicked strongly after angling to the outside for 1 3/4-length score. The bay, kept at the same distance here, was content to lag sixth of seven up the backstretch, then was scrubbed on as they raced into the far turn. Provided ample room along the inside, the former claimer made a steady run to post the upset. "He's a fun horse to be around--easy to train," said conditioner Jack Carava. "I'm more happy for him than I am for myself." Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#), the [brisnet.com PPs](#) or the [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).  
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**Saturday, Santa Anita**

**PROVIDENCIA S.-GII**, \$150,000, SAX, 4-4, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:34 1/5, fm.

1--#**@ACTING LADY**, 115, f, 3, by [Theatrical \(Ire\)](#)

1st Dam: Lady Fairfax (GB) (SW-GB), by Sharrood  
2nd Dam: Rathvindon (Ire), by Realm (GB)  
3rd Dam: Alice Kyteler (Ire), by Crepello (GB)

(\$35,000 yrl '07 KEESEP). O-Stephen Russell & Andy Bell; B-Sanford R Robertson (KY); T-Doug F O'Neill; J-Victor Espinoza; \$90,000. Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-1, \$141,320. **Werk Nick Rating: B +.**

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2--**Mrs Kipling (Ire)**, 116, f, 3, [Exceed and Excel \(Aus\)](#)--Quinzey (Jpn), by Carnegie (Ire). (€21,000 wlng '06 GOFNOV; 55,000gns yrl '07 TATOCT; 165,000gns 2yo '08 TATDEC). O-Bobby Flay; B-J Osborne (IRE); T-Neil D Drysdale; \$30,000.

3--**Pasar Silbano (Ire)**, 115, f, 3, Elnadim--Give A Whistle (Ire), by Mujadil. (€25,000 yrl '07 GOFMIL).

O-Three Chimneys Racing LLC; B-Denis J Reddan (IRE); T-James M Cassidy; \$18,000.

Margins: HF, 1 3/4, 3/4. Odds: 20.80, 16.40, 3.90.

Also Ran: Burg Berg, Rosy Mantle (GB), Air Fair, African Skies (GB), Oui Say Oui (Ire), Will O Way, Fastongrass, Pride Dancer (Ire).

Acting Lady failed to get off the mark for trainer John Best, running sixth in her only start in the U.K., and she didn't fare much better when 10th in her U.S. bow while negotiating 8 1/2 furlongs over Keeneland's Polytrack Oct. 8. After graduating going a mile on the Hollywood lawn Nov. 23, the dark bay was a good third in over this course and trip in the Dec. 28 Blue Northerner S. Fifth in her next two starts, Acting Lady was an even second last time out in this track's China Dolls S. Mar. 8. Content to stalk the pace in fourth through early splits of :22.69, :46.19 and 1:10.21, the filly swung out in the lane, drove through between rivals to take control midstretch and inched clear to hand Mrs Kipling a half-length defeat. Early pacesetter Pasar Silbano held on to be third. Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#), the [brisnet.com PPs](#) or the [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).  
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**Saturday, Oaklawn**

**OAKLAWN H.-GII**, \$500,000, OPX, 4-4, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:48 4/5, ft.

1--**IT'S A BIRD**, 119, h, 6, by Birdonthewire  
 1st Dam: Faithful City (SW), by Hooched  
 2nd Dam: Prissy Gold Digger, by Red Ryder  
 3rd Dam: La Deception, by Smarten  
 O-Edmund A Gann; B-White Cross Farm (FL);  
 T-Martin D Wolfson; J-Julien R Leparoux; \$300,000.  
 Lifetime Record: 29-10-4-2, \$1,172,885.  
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 Werk Nick Rating: B.

2--**Runforthedoe** (Brz), 113, c, 4, Our Emblem--Court Lady (Brz), by Locris (Fr). O/B-Stud TNT (BRZ); T-Paulo H Lobo; \$100,000.

3--**Jonesboro**, 116, h, 7, Sefapiano--Mom's Command, by Top Command. (\$27,000 yrl '03 KEESEP). O-Michael Langford; B-Jayeff "B" Stables (KY); T-Randy L Morse; \$50,000.

Margins: 6, NK, 2 3/4. Odds: 2.00, 7.80, 15.10.  
 Also Ran: Secret Getaway, Prom Shoes, Honest Man, Catmantoo.

It's a Bird has thrived since switching to the barn of Marty Wolfson. The dark bay reeled off his first three



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starts for the conditioner last term, including Calder's GIII Spend a Buck H. in October. He kicked off 2009 with a sixth-place finish in the GIII Hal's Hope S. Jan. 3, but followed with a career-best, annexing the \$1-million OBS Sunshine Millions Classic S. at Gulfstream Jan. 24. Freshened

following that 5 1/4-length upset, It's a Bird resurfaced with a decent third-place finish in the GII New Orleans H. Mar. 14. Placed in a pressing second by Julien Leparoux this time, the second choice took over from Jonesboro on the turn for home and ran away and hid from them in the stretch. Favored Honest Man (Unbridled's Song) tired to finish a well-beaten sixth. Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#), the [brisnet.com PPs](#) or the [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#).

**Saturday, Aqueduct**

**EXCELSIOR H.-GIII**, \$199,334, AQU, 4-4, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:50 4/5, ft.

1--**@GIANT MOON**, 118, c, 4, by [Giant's Causeway](#)  
 1st Dam: Moonlightandbeauty (SW, \$228,053), by Capote

2nd Dam: Stolen Beauty, by Deputy Minister  
 3rd Dam: Finally Found, by Lord Durham

O/B-Albert Fried Jr (NY); T-Richard E Schosberg; J-Edgar S Prado; \$120,000. Lifetime Record: 10-6-1-0, \$397,385. Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the [eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree](#).

2--**Cool Coal Man**, 118, c, 4, [Mineshaft](#)--Coral Sea, by Rubiano. (\$200,000 yrl '06 KEESEP). O-Robert V LaPenta; B-W S Farish, EJ Hudson Jr Irrevocable Trust, et al (KY); T-Nicholas P Zito; \$40,000.

3--**Barrier Reef**, 120, c, 4, [Mizzen Mast](#)--Partyship, by Premiership. (\$90,000 yrl '06 KEESEP; \$350,000 2yo '07 BESMAR). O-Darley Stable; B-Matthew R Herbener (KY); T-Thomas Albertrani; \$20,000.

Margins: HF, 2, 1HF. Odds: 13.70, 3.25, 1.25.  
 Also Ran: Atoned, Alaazo, Real Merchant (Chi), True Resurgence, Kurbat (Chi).

New York-bred Giant Moon rolled through the first four starts of his career, beating fellow state-bred stakes company twice before making it four in a row in the Count Fleet S. last January. The bay was ambitiously placed after that effort and did not fare as well, sandwiching a close-up fourth in the GI Wood Memorial S. between lackluster performances in both the GIII Gotham S. in March and the GI Preakness S. in May. he was through for the year after that start. Sidelined by foot problems for nearly nine months, the Al Fried Jr. homebred returned to be second in the Feb. 6 Rough Rogue S. at Aqueduct and most recently wired the field in the Mar. 6 Mr. GJG S. Changing tactics this time, Giant Moon sat just off the pace as Cool Coal Man set a pressured pace. He moved to challenge on the turn and, on even terms when they hit the lane, outfinished the frontrunner for his first graded score. "It's so gratifying," trainer Rick Schosberg said. "I'm so happy for Mr. Fried. We've had all the patience in the world with this horse. This was a real team effort--from the crew on the farm to the crew at Belmont. He had a phenomenal winter, healed up so nicely. The main thing is his feet right now look like the way God put them on originally. Last year, after the Preakness, his feet got away from him. It was a great comeback." Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or the [brisnet.com PPs](#). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#).

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**Saturday, Gulfstream Park**

**SKIP AWAY S.-GIII**, \$100,000, GPX, 4-4, 4yo/up, 1 3/16m, 1:56 3/5, ft.

1--**FINALLYMADEIT**, 122, h, 5, by **Concerto**  
1st Dam: **Gold for My Gal (MSW & MGSP, \$332,989)**, by **Gold Alert**

2nd Dam: **Nat's My Gal**, by **Gold Crest**

3rd Dam: **Hello Nat**, by **Valid Appeal**

O-Rolbea Thoroughbred Racing LLC; B-Rolando Rodriguez & Rolbea Stables (FL); T-Javier Negrete; J-Eduardo O Nunez; \$60,000. Lifetime Record: GISP, 42-15-7-4, \$931,265. **Werk Nick Rating: A +**.

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2--**Tizbig**, 114, c, 4, **Tiznow**--Lovington, by **Afleet**. (\$130,000 yrl '06 KEESEP). O-Long Bay Stable LLC; B-Runnymede Farm Inc & Catesby W Clay (KY); T-H Allen Jerkens; \$20,000.

3--**Cool Gator**, 116, c, 4, **Macho Uno**--Its a Ruby, by **Rubiano**. O/B-Garland E Williamson (ON); T-Joseph F Orseno; \$10,000.

Margins: 8 1/4, 1 1/4, 2 1/4. Odds: 1.70, 12.90, 22.90. Also Ran: **Fierce Wind**, **Imawildandcrazyguy**, **Nistle's Crunch**, **Tomcito**.

Finallymadeit wired the field in the GIII Fred W.



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Hooper H. Dec. 13 at Calder, but failed to hit the board in each of his next two starts, finishing eighth in the GIII Hal's Hope H. Jan. 3 and fifth in the Sunshine Millions Classic Jan. 24. He came back Jan. 31 to finish second by a half-length to Albertus Maximus (Albert the Great) in the nine-furlong GI Donn H. over this track. A turf experiment didn't go as well, however, as the chestnut packed

it in to finish a distant ninth in the GII Mac Diarmida H. Feb. 21, and he came into this contest off a solid second in the GII Gulfstream Park H. going a mile Mar. 14. Favored here, the Florida-bred had things his own way through a :48.76 opening half and opened up in the stretch to win by 8 1/4 lengths. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or the [brisnet.com PPs](#). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)**

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**Saturday, Aqueduct**

**BAY SHORE S.-GIII**, \$200,000, AQU, 4-4, 3yo, 7f, 1:22 4/5, ft.

1--**CAPT. CANDYMAN CAN**, 123, g, 3, by **Candy Ride (Arg)**  
1st Dam: **Stormy Way (SW, \$278,083)**, by **Storm Creek**

2nd Dam: **Sabal Way**, by **Proud Appeal**

3rd Dam: **Virgin Reef**, by **Unconscious**

(\$25,000 yrl '07 KEESEP). O-Joseph Rauch & David Zell; B-Lantern Hill Farm LLC, Joseph Rauch & David Zell (KY); T-Ian R Wilkes; J-Javier Castellano; \$120,000. Lifetime Record: 7-4-0-1, \$344,145. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.** **Werk Nick Rating: A + +**.

2--**Taqarub**, 120, c, 3, **Aldebaran**--Honor Bestowed, by **Honor Grades**. (\$300,000 yrl '07 FTSAUG). O-Shadwell Stable; B-Hank & Lynn Snowden & John Phillips (KY); T-Kiaran P McLaughlin; \$40,000.

3--**Yano**, 116, g, 3, **Yonaguska**--Sabreen, by **Foolish Pleasure**. (\$9,000 yrl '07 KEEJAN; \$23,000 2yo '08 FTMMAY). O-Roland Reeley; B-Kingswood Farm (KY); T-Valora A Testerman; \$20,000.

Margins: 3 3/4, 1HF, NK. Odds: 1.20, 3.45, 49.00.

Also Ran: **Hatfield**, **Not for Silver**, **Rocketing Returns**, **King Puma**, **Lyin' Heart**, **Counter Move**.

Scratched: **Gato Go Win**.

Capt. Candy Man has made a habit of winning every other start, and he kept to his pattern here. The bay earned **TDN Rising Star** status with his 7 1/4-length score in his career opener at Saratoga Aug. 13, but ran into trouble when sixth as the 5-2 chalk in the GIII Arlington-Washington Futurity a month later. Rebounding with a three-length tally in the Nov. 1 GIII Iroquois S. at Churchill, he closed out his juvenile campaign with a third in the Nov. 29 GII Kentucky Jockey Club S., just a half-length adrift of Beethoven (Sky Mesa). Capt. Candyman Can opened his sophomore campaign with a win in the Jan. 30 GII Hutcheson S., and his connections dreamed briefly of the Triple Crown, but awoke after his distant fourth-place showing in the Feb. 28 GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S. The gelding was returned to sprinting here, and demonstrated the wisdom of the choice with a decisive score. On the bridle while rating just off a half in :45.19, he drove past the leaders from the outside in the stretch and held sway under jockey Javier Castellano's steady right-handed encouragement. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or the [brisnet.com PPs](#). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)**

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Saturday, Rosehill, Australia

**GOLDEN SLIPPER S.-G1**, A\$3,500,000, Rosehill (Sydney), 4-4, 2yo, 6fT, 1:11.78, hy.

1--▲**PHELAN READY (AUS)**, 125, g, 2, by [More than Ready](#)

1st Dam: Nancy Eleanor (Aus) (GSW-Aus), by Blevic (Aus)

2nd Dam: Mrs. Parnell (Aus), by At Talaq

3rd Dam: Mrs. O'Shea (Ire), by Artaius

O-B J McLachlan, Rembrandts Racing Syndicate & Harvard Synd; B-C E Holt; T-Bruce & Jason McLachlan; J-Brad Rawiller; A\$2,000,000.

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Werk Nick Rating: **A**.

2--**Headway (Aus)**, 120, f, 2, Charge Forward (Aus)--Chatelaine (Aus), by Flying Spur (Aus). O-Makybe Racing & Breeding P/L Syndicate; B-Ramsey Pastoral Co Pty Ltd; T-Peter Moody; A\$620,000.

3--**Manhattan Rain (Aus)**, 125, c, 2, Encosta de Lago (Aus)--Shantha's Choice (Aus), by Canny Lad (Aus). O-Teeley Assets Ltd Synd; B-Teeley Assets Ltd; T-Gai Waterhouse; A\$310,000.

Margins: 2 1/4, SHD. Odds: 25-1, 25-1, 7-1.

Also Ran: Real Saga (Aus), So Anyway (Aus), Marquardt (NZ), Reward For Effort (Aus), Melito (Aus), Delago Bolt (Aus), Wanted (Aus), Rostova (Aus), Horizons (Aus), Indian Ocean (Aus), Our Joan of Arc (Aus), More Joyous (NZ), Zikmann (Aus). Scratched: Sunday Rose (Aus), Stryker (Aus).

Breaking from a wide draw, Phelan Ready dropped to the back of the pack, settling along the rail in the early going as Horizons (Choisir {Aus}) set the pace. The field fanned out at the top of the straight, and jockey Brad Rawiller stealthily moved Phelan Ready out three wide as the leaders wilted. The A\$150,000 Magic Millions yearling purchase loomed at the 200-meter pole--flanked by Headway (Aus) (Charge Forward {Aus}) and Manhattan Rain (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus})--and showed no aversion to sodden ground as he surged clear en route to the easy victory. Rawiller, who was injured from a fall he sustained last week, had barely been able to walk for three days prior to this assignment, but appeared to be back at the top of his game for Saturday's Slipper. "On the home turn, I sensed Real Saga [Tale of the Cat] was under pressure, so I cut the corner and saved about four length," said Rawiller. "[Phelan Ready] was doing trackwork, and I thought I had got to the front too soon. I was worried that we were starting to have a too big look around and would have some bloke come back at us late. It was a tremendous win, and onwards and upward from here." The victory was made even more special in that veteran Queensland horseman Bruce McLachlan trains the gelding in partnership with his son, Jason. "I bought him as a yearling, and it is strange story," explained "I had a look at 50 [horses] at the Magic Millions, and I had a feeling about him."

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Phelan Ready, who scraped into the Golden Slipper field after finishing runner-up to top juvenile Real Saga in Rosehill's Mar. 21 G2 Todman S., earned A\$1,140,000 while annexing the Magic Millions Conrad Jupiters 2yo Classic Jan. 10, but the prizemoney did not count toward a Slipper berth. "He got into the Magic Millions by the skin of his teeth and won it, and now he got into the Slipper by the skin of his teeth and won that too!" said a jubilant McLachlan. "This horse has really just bloomed since he's arrived in Sydney." The McLachlans became Queensland's first father and son training partnership when they joined forces three months before their Magic Millions triumph. The younger McLachlan, 38, had his own string for four years after getting his early education in the business from his father at Thornhill Park. Jason returned to his father's side after the elder McLachlan moved to Caloundra and cut back on his large team. Phelan Ready is the second horse to claim the Magic Millions-Golden Slipper double after Dance Hero (Aus) in 2004. Vinery stallion More Than Ready, who has 14 catalogued yearlings for the Inglis Easter yearling sale, has already accounted for a prior Golden Slipper winner in Sebring (Aus). [Click for the Racing Post chart.](#)



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**Saturday, Rosehill, Australia**

**THE BMW H E TANCRED S.-G1**, A\$2,250,000, Rosehill (Sydney), 4-4, 3yo/up, 1 1/2mT, 2:34.25, hy.

1--**FIUMICINO (NZ)**, 130, g, 5, by Zabeel (NZ)

1st Dam: Latte (NZ), by Marroof

2nd Dam: Horlicks (NZ), by Three Legs (GB)

3rd Dam: Malt (NZ), by Moss Trooper

O-N Moraitis; B-G W De Gruchy & Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan; T-Michael, Wayne & John Hawkes; J-Darren

Beadman; A\$1,230,000. **Werk Nick Rating: A.**

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2--**Theseo (Aus)**, 130, g, 5, Danewin (Aus)--Ozone

Sand, by L'Enjoleur. O-M Townsend, P Evans, Mrs A Wilberforce, C Thompson, Mrs S Hardie, R Stanwell, G Sobels, G Menzies, Mrs J Nathans & Mrs M Rusk; B-Emirates Park Pty Ltd; T-Gai Waterhouse; A\$400,000.

3--**Viewed (Aus)**, 130, h, 5, Scenic (Ire)--Lovers Knot (NZ), by Khozaam. O-Dato Tan Chin Nam;

B-I Johnson; T-Bart Cummings; A\$200,000.

Margins: 3/4, 2. Odds: 30-1, 9-2, 10-9.

Also Ran: Master O'Reilly (NZ), Mr Topsy (NZ), Newport (Aus), Road to Rock (Aus), Zagreb (Aus), Zarita (NZ), Zavite (NZ).

The white, grey and pink colours made famous by Might and Power (NZ) came to the fore again when 30-1 outsider Fiumicino scored a last stride victory over well-fancied Theseo in The BMW. The Nick Moraitis-owned gelding took the G1 AJC Derby on heavy going two years ago, but has been off the board in several attempts at racing's elite level since, with his four-year-old season ruined by the Equine Influenza outbreak. Trained by John, Michael and Wayne Hawkes, the newly formed outfit that celebrated its first Group 1 win here, the bay beat only one runner home in his 2009 bow in the G1 C F Orr S. Feb. 8. He was among the tail-enders in three subsequent starts, including his lastest, when he finished nine lengths in arrears of Theseo in the G1 Ranvet S. at this track Mar. 21. Fiumicino revelled in the rain-affected going this time, sitting within firing range of the anticipated leader Theseo, who enjoyed a two-length break, before the pair settled down to battle out the finish from the 250-meter marker. MG1SW Theseo fought tooth-and-nail, only to have Fiumicino prevail by three-quarters of a length. "He was sort of down and out going a mile and a half today on a bog track, so this is pretty special," said trainer Michael Hawkes. "Ever since El, he hit a bit of a soft patch. At his last start, [jockey] Darren [Beadman] said that he really did not handle the slippery conditions, but today it is genuinely heavy and he just outstayed them." Hawkes confirmed Fiumicino would target the G1 Sydney Cup at Randwick Apr. 25. G1 Melbourne Cup winner Viewed, sent off the even-money favourite, was eased off the fence and out wide, sprinting late to snare third.

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**VINERY STORM QUEEN S.-G1**, A\$400,000, Rosehill (Sydney), 4-4, 3yo, f, 1 1/4mT, 2:07.03, hy.

1--**PURPLE (AUS)**, 123, f, 3, by **Commands (Aus)**

1st Dam: **Lady Viola (NZ)**, by **Zabeel (NZ)**

2nd Dam: **Scarlet Robin (NZ)**, by **First Consul**

3rd Dam: **Taiona (NZ)**, by **Sovereign Edition (Ire)**

O-Sheikh Mohammed; B-Woodlands Stud; T-Peter Snowden; J-Kerrin McEvoy; A\$260,000. **Click for the [eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree](#)**. **Werk Nick Rating: A+**.

2--**Gold Water (Aus)**, 123, f, 3, **Choisir (Aus)**--Float, by Devil's Bag. O-E Cojuangco; B-H Cojuangco; T-Gai Waterhouse; A\$80,000.

3--**Gallica (Aus)**, 123, f, 3, **Redoute's Choice (Aus)**--Swing Queen, by **Kingmambo**. O-R Harding & Mrs J Harding; B-Wood Nook Farm Pty Ltd; T-Mick Price; A\$36,000.

Margins: 3/4, 3. Odds: 8-1, 6-1, 13-4.

Also Ran: **Ivory Pegasus (Aus)**, **Il Quello Veloce (NZ)**, **Love and Kisses (Aus)**, **Think Money (Aus)**, **Glowlamp (Aus)**, **Disco Dancer (Aus)**, **Palacio De Crystal (Aus)**, **Allez Wonder (Aus)**, **Bauble (Aus)**, **Cool Dreamer (Aus)**, **Offthepeg (Aus)**, **Surfer Rosa (Aus)**, **Northern Dynasty (Aus)**.

Purple was tepidly backed at 8-1 here after finishing far back in two previous outings. The filly, who gave Sheikh Mohammed's Darley operation the first leg of a memorable Group 1 double at Rosehill yesterday, was 12th of 16 in the Canberra Guineas Mar. 8, and more than five lengths behind the winner in the Listed Keith Nolan S. over 1600 meters at provincial track Kembla Grange Mar. 22. Her previous three victories had come over heavy or slow tracks, and the Peter Snowden trainee appeared to appreciate the heavy going and additional distance here. "I've had horses go to the races thinking they are good chances, but they've struck wet tracks and gone from a 6-4 chance to a 100-1 chance," Snowden said. "She's the exact opposite." After breaking smartly, the sophomore found herself on an easy lead, which allowed jockey Kerrin McEvoy to dictate terms. She held sway in the home straight to give her sire his third Group 1 winner, with runner-up Gold Water holding off the fast-finishing favorite Gallica. Snowden confirmed he will point Purple towards the G1 AJC Oaks at Randwick Apr. 18. "I thought [Purple] was going a bit too solid at the 1000 meters, but [McEvoy] knew what he was doing," the trainer said. "[He] rated her perfectly and turned [in a] great ride. I would like to think she is a good chance in the Oaks." **Click for the [Racing Post chart](#)**.

**Saturday, Rosehill, Australia**

**QUEEN OF THE TURF S.-G1**, A\$400,000, Rosehill (Sydney), 4-4, 3yo/up, f/m, 7 1/2fT, 1:31.20, hy.

1--**NEROLI (AUS)**, 126, m, 5, by **Viscount (Aus)**

1st Dam: **Dalquarren (Aus)**, by **Canny Lad (Aus)**

2nd Dam: **Ivy Cottage (NZ)**, by **Star Way (GB)**

3rd Dam: **Country Charm (Ire)**, by **Northfields**

O-Sheikh Mohammed; B-Woodlands Stud; T-Peter Snowden; J-Darren Beadman; A\$260,000.

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**Werk Nick Rating: B**.

2--**Hot Danish (Aus)**, 126, m, 5, **Nothin' Leica Dane (Aus)**--Hot 'N' Breezy (Aus), by **Zephyr Zip (NZ)**.

O-A E N Curtis, A J Duke, T J Hore, A J Nelson,

R R Hazel, J C McFadden, W Durkowsyak,

B G Gowing, M Oxenbould & J H Wright; B-D Parker;

T-Les Bridge; A\$80,000.

3--**Imananabaa (Aus)**, 126, m, 5, **Anabaa--Iman (Aus)**, by **Zemindar (NZ)**. O-Sir Patrick Hogan, A J Sutherland & P Walker; B-Rodmor Stud; T-D Payne; A\$36,000.

Margins: 3/4, 1HF. Odds: 6-1, 7-4, 80-1.

Also Ran: **Chinchilla Rose (Aus)**, **Forensics (Aus)**, **Culminate (NZ)**, **Gallant Tess (Aus)**, **Portillo (Aus)**, **Ready To Lift (Aus)**, **Vietnam (Aus)**, **Champagne Harmony (Aus)**. Scratched: **Judged (Aus)**, **Absolutelyfabulous (Aus)**, **Danehill Smile (Aus)**.

Less than an hour after G1 Vinery Storm Queen S. victor Purple (Aus) gave a large contingent from Darley Australia plenty to cheer about, stablemate Neroli duly saluted in the G1 Queen of the Turf S. The Darley homebred opened her winning account at Canterbury in April 2007, but, after two more outings--a first and second-place finish--she went to the sidelines for almost 18 months. She reappeared to pick up a cheque in three subsequent starts before being freshened in advance of a win in the Listed Angst S. Oct. 4. The five-year-old began this campaign annexing the G3 Millie Fox S. at this track Feb. 28, and was an unlucky fifth when blocked for a run in the G1 Coolmore Classic Mar. 21. Settled in fifth on the rails as favourite Hot Danish (Aus) took the early lead here, Neroli surged through a momentary opening as the leader struggled to find her trademark turn of foot and inched clear late en route to her first Group 1 victory. "I thought Neroli was in the right spot," trainer Peter Snowden said. "I saw Darren [jockey Beadman] being kind to her to the furlong and, when he gave her a squeeze, she found a half length quickly. I thought, 'she is going to give this mare a run for her money,' and she did." **Click for the [Racing Post chart](#)**.



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**Saturday, Rosehill, Sydney**

**GEORGE RYDER S.-G1**, A\$400,000, Rosehill (Sydney), 4-4, 3yo/up, 7 1/2fT, 1:31.57, hy.

1--**▲VISION AND POWER (NZ)**, 130, g, 6, by Carnegie (Ire)

1st Dam: Escada (NZ) (GSP-Aus), by Centaine (Aus)

2nd Dam: Celia Leigh (NZ), by Sound Reason

3rd Dam: Georgina Belle (NZ), by Pakistan II (GB)

O-N Moraitis; B-G J Chittick; T-Joseph Pride; J-Jim

Cassidy; A\$260,000. \*1/2 to Rare Insight (NZ)

(O'Reilly {NZ}), GSW-Aus, Glamour Pruss (NZ) (Tale of the Cat), MG1SW-Aus. **Werk Nick Rating: A + + .**

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2--**Black Piranha (Aus)**, 130, g, 5, Clang (Aus)--

Jazztrack (Aus), by Distinctly North. O-J Karakatsanis,

F Kazzi, J Kazzi, G Kazzi, C Wood, S Alexander,

C Kourpanidis, Miss C Latif, Miss E Smith &

Mrs G Karakatsanis; B-D S R Trading Pty Ltd;

T-Con Karakatsanis; A\$80,000.

3--**Mufhasa (NZ)**, 130, g, 4, Pentire (GB)--Sheila Cheval

(NZ), by Mi Preferido. O-D L, Ms N N & S C Archer &

Mrs D J Wright; B-C C E & J W Thompson;

T-Stephen McKee; A\$36,000.

Margins: HD, 3/4. Odds: 10-1, 40-1, 12-1.

Also Ran: All Silent (Aus), Triple Honour (NZ), Largo

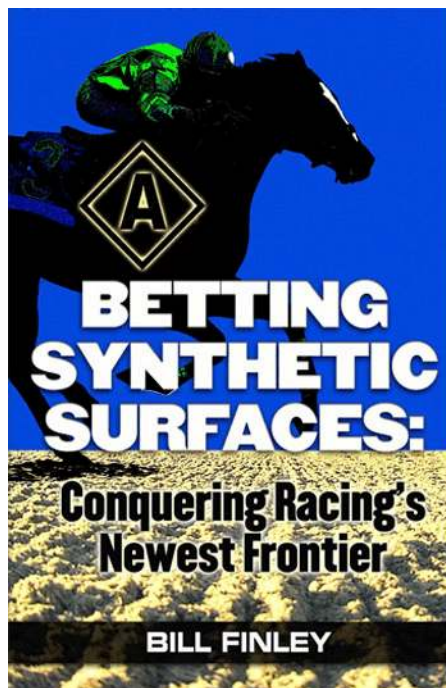
Lad (Aus), Northern Meteor (Aus), Pompeii Ruler (Aus),

Whobegotyou (Aus), Light Fantastic (Aus), Fravashi

(Aus), Sarrera (Aus), Alamosa (NZ), Littorio (Aus).

Scratched: Mentality (Aus).

Vision and Power lived up to his name and veteran jockey Jim Cassidy notched a milestone 100th Group 1 win when the pair combined to give owner Nick Moraitis the second leg of a Group 1 double at Rosehill. The six-year-old already had four wins on heavy going and added a fifth, his first at racing's elite level. He won the Listed Parramatta Cup Feb. 21 before finishing less than a length second behind Tuesday Joy (NZ) (Carnegie {Ire}) in the G1 Chipping Norton S. Mar 7. In his latest, the gelding was on the pace throughout, but run off his feet when fourth--1 3/4 lengths behind winner Theseo (Aus) (Danewin {Aus})--in the G1 Ranvet S. at this track Mar. 21. Cassidy opted for a ground-saving sixth along the rails early here, but vigorous riding down the lane ensured his mount's head victory. Runner-up Black Piranha made a late charge and looked the winner until the shadows of the post, but failed to get up in time. "It is just amazing, it looked like he was battling along the inside, then all of a sudden he's hit top gear and run them down," trainer Joseph Pride said. "He's a sensational wet tracker; I wasn't going to run him today unless it was going to be wet, and we got the rain, so here we are." According to Pride, the six-year-old is likely to make his next start in the G1 Doncaster H. at Randwick Apr. 18. **Click for the [Racing Post chart](#).**



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**Saturday, Te Aroha, New Zealand**

**THOROUGHbred BREEDERS S.-G1**, NZ\$200,000,

Te Aroha, 4-4, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:34.30, gd.

1--**▲DANE JULIA (SAF)**, 126, m, 5, by Caesour

1st Dam: Precious Julia (Aus), by Danehill

2nd Dam: Aspired (Aus), by River Rough (NZ)

3rd Dam: Screen Test (Aus), by Sir Dane (NZ)

O-P S Buckley & S Sukrin; B-F M Ratner &

L M Salzman; T-Lee Freedman; J-Michael Walker;

NZ\$125,000. **Werk Nick Rating: B + .**

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

2--**Shanzero (NZ)**, 120, f, 3, Danzero (Aus)--Arising

(Aus), by Marauding (NZ). O-O-B I & G A Shand;

B-G Coull; T-Richard Collett; NZ\$200,000.

3--**Veloce Bella (NZ)**, 126, m, 5, Volksraad (GB)--

Wave to Lottie (NZ), by Crested Wave. O-Case Lot

Syndicate; B-Mrs M A Hardy; T-Mark Brosnan;

NZ\$100,000.

Margins: LNK, 1. Winner's Odds: 4.60.

Also Ran: Loaded Command (Aus), Ebony Babe (NZ),

Overkaast (NZ), Bella Renza (NZ), Attalla (NZ), Taatyana

(NZ), Spirits Bay (NZ), Material Girl (NZ), Dashing

Donna (NZ), Keepa Cruisin (NZ), Princess Annaliese

(NZ), Bacchanal Woman (Aus), Snipza Gold (NZ), Anca

(NZ), Zoe Quin (NZ). Scratched: Gin Dartre (NZ), Shinko

Bay (NZ), Capacia (NZ), Santangelo (NZ).



Saturday, Turffontein, South Africa

**H F OPPENHEIMER HORSE CHESTNUT S.-G1**,  
R1,000,000, Turffontein, 4-4, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:37.30,  
gd.

1--▲**SMART BANKER (SAF)**, 132, g, 4, by Strike Smartly  
1st Dam: Larapinta (SAf), by Al Mufti  
2nd Dam: Lorehana (SAf), by \*Lord Henham  
3rd Dam: Loredana (Fr), by Pantheon (GB)  
O-L J Lindsay, N Isaacs, M J Jooste & J C von  
Solms; B-Ascot Stud (Pty) Ltd; T-Charles Laird;  
J-Brian Nyawo; R625,000. Lifetime Record:  
12 starts, 6 wins, 3 places, R1,440,875. \*1/2 to  
Banker's Gold (SAf) (Fort Wood), GSW-SAf; National  
Banker (SAf) (Fort Wood), GSW-SAf. **Click for the**  
[eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree](#). Werk Nick  
Rating: B.

2--**Our Giant (Aus)**, 132, g, 5, [Giant's Causeway](#)--  
Macrosa (NZ), by Mr. McGinty (NZ). O-M J & Mrs I  
Jooste; B-D R Fleming; T-Charles Laird; R200,000.

3--**Likeithot (SAf)**, 132, g, 6, Rakeen--Hot Weather  
(SAf), by Fair Season (GB). O-F E J Lewis & M J  
Jooste; B-Lammerskraal Stud (Nom: M L P Rattray);  
T-Charles Laird; R100,000.

Margins: NK, 1 3/4, HF. Odds: 18-1, 13-20, 22-1.  
Also Ran: Buscador (SAf), Forest Path (SAf), Gliding  
High (SAf), Gilded Minaret (SAf), Drayton (Ire), the Big  
Ask (SAf), Singing Sword (SAf), Aluminium (Arg), Win-  
ter Wizard (SAf).

Fifth in the G1 Gold Circle Derby at Clairwood in July,  
Smart Banker came here to take the G2 Victory Moon  
S. off a layoff in early November before running second  
in the G1 Summer Cup later that month. Eighth behind  
Our Giant in the Feb. 28 G2 Hawaii S. here on his latest  
outing, the bay pulled off a shock by reversing the form  
with that barnmate, leading home a one-two-three for  
the Charles Laird stable. Smartly away under jockey  
Brian Nyawo, who deputised for the injured Andrew  
Fortune, he raced prominently early, launched his chal-  
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ing finale.

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Sunday, Oaklawn Park, post time: 6:11 p.m. EDT

**FANTASY S.-GII**, \$250,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Rachel Alexandra	Medaglia d'Oro	Wiggins	4-5
2	Afleet Deceit	Northern Afleet	Gestes	8-1
3	Just Jenda	Menifee	Jones	9-5
4	Bon Jovi Girl	Malibu Moon	Ritchey	7-2
5	Cats	Storm Cat	Lukas	20-1

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**Rachel Alexandra** closed her two-year-old account with a 4 3/4-length gate-to-wire victory in the GII Golden Rod S. at Churchill Downs Nov. 29 before she was sent south for the winter. The bay aired by eight lengths in Oaklawn's Martha Washington S. Feb. 15, then was under wraps when she took the GII Fair Grounds Oaks by 1 3/4 lengths in the slop Mar. 14. **Just Jenda**, a two-time stakes winner as a juvenile, pressed the pace to capture the GIII Honeybee S. over this track and trip Mar. 15. most recently.

**Afleet Deceit** chased home the top duo in her last two starts, passing tiring foes to be second in the Martha Washington and making a steady run to complete the exacta in the Honeybee.

**Sunday, Longchamp, France, post time: 3:25 p.m.**

**PRIX D'HARCOURT-G2, €130,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	4	Vision d'Etat (Fr)	Chichicastenango (Fr)	Libaud	130
2	6	Trincot (Fr)	Peintre Celebre	Demercastel	127
3	1	Loup Breton (Ire)	Anabaa	Lellouche	127
4	7	Prospect Wells (Fr)	Sadler's Wells	Fabre	127
5	5	The Bogberry (GB)	Hawk Wing	de Royer-Dupre	123
6	3	Court Canibal (GB)	Montjeu (Ire)	Delzangles	123
7	2	Never On Sunday (Fr)	Sunday Break (Jpn)	Rouget	123
8	8	Diyakalanie (Fr)	Ashkalani (Ire)	de Nicolay	120
9	9	La Boum (Ger)	Monsun (Ger)	Rob Collet	120

This sees the return of last year's G1 Prix du Jockey-Club hero **Vision d'Etat**, who signed off 2008 with a fifth in the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe over two furlongs further here in October. That was his first taste of defeat, and connections are expecting him to improve with age and experience. Standing in the way of a successful return are several smart opponents in receipt of weight including the G1 Grand Prix de Paris runner-up **Prospect Wells**, who is blinkered for the first time by Andre Fabre following a disappointing end to his three-year-old campaign. Jean-Claude Rouget saddles the progressive **Never on Sunday**, who rounded off his previous season with a defeat of the smart Russian Cross (Ire), and **Trincot** in the G3 Prix du Prince d'Orange here in September.

**Sunday, Longchamp, France, post time: 3:55 p.m.**

**PRIX NOAILLES-G2, €130,000, 3yo, c/f, 1 5/16mT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	1	Crowfoot (Ire)	Sadler's Wells	A O'Brien
2	3	Wajir (Fr)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Lellouche
3	6	Guest Ville (Fr)	Highest Honor (Fr)	Tarrou
4	5	Golden Sword (GB)	High Chaparral (Ire)	A O'Brien
5	4	Validor (Fr)	American Post (GB)	Pantall
6	7	Calvados Blues (Fr)	Lando (Ger)	Demercastel
7	2	Grandcamp (Fr)	Platini (Ger)	Rouget

All carry 128 pounds.

This Prix du Jockey-Club prep, which has been won in recent times by Helissio (Fr), Slickly (Fr), Anabaa Blue (GB) and Soldier of Fortune, features **Wajir**, who recorded a first stakes success in Saint-Cloud's Listed Prix Maurice Caillault Mar. 14. He hails from the Elie Lellouche barn responsible for four winners since 1991, and meets last year's G3 Prix des Chenes scorer **Calvados Blues**, who filled third spot on his return behind Silver Frost (Ire) and Milanais (Fr) in the Mar. 23 Listed Prix Omnium II at Saint-Cloud. Aidan O'Brien, who brought Ballingarry (Ire) over to score in 2002 before doubling his tally with Soldier of Fortune 12 months ago, relies on the maiden **Crowfoot** and Fairyhouse winner **Golden Sword**. Both showed up well in the recent gallops after racing at The Curragh and warrant respect despite their relatively modest form.

**Sunday, Santa Anita, post time: 7:07 p.m. EDT**

**LAS FLORES H.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, f&m,**

6 1/2 (AWT)

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	High Resolve	Put It Back	Gilchrist	2-1
2	Sweet August Moon	Malibu Moon	Koriner	7-2
3	Petite Cherie (Ire)	Fasliyev	Cecil	8-1
4	<del>Ashley's Kitty</del>	<del>Tale of the Cat</del>	<del>T H West</del>	<del>SCR</del>
5	Foxy Danseur	Mr. Greeley	Paasch	3-1
6	Coco Belle	Storm Boot	Sadler	9-2
7	Starry Pursuit	Van Nistelrooy	Hollendorfer	5-1

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🌟 **"TDN Rising Star"** 🌟 **High Resolve**, winner of five stakes at five different tracks, seeks her first victory over the all-weather and first graded success. The gray had her most lucrative score last out when she took the restricted \$300,000 Sunshine Millions Filly & Mare Sprint S. at Gulfstream Jan. 24. Breaking from post one, the four-year-old set all the fractions to win by 2 1/2 lengths. She'll most likely employ similar tactics in this spot as she has drawn the rail once again.

**Sunday, Curragh, Ireland, post time: 3:45 p.m.**  
**BRUCE BETTING NEWBRIDGE GLADNESS S.-G3,**  
 €65,000, 4yo/up, 7fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	9	Lovelace (GB)	Royal Applause (GB)	Johnston	132
2	4	Express Wish (GB)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Nosedad	129
3	3	Jumbajukiba (GB)	Barathea (Ire)	Harrington	129
4	5	Summit Surge (Ire)	Noverre	Lyons	129
5	7	Dohasa (Ire)	Bold Fact	Lyons	126
6	8	Duff (Ire)	Spinning World	Lynam	126
7	10	Georgebernardshaw (Ire)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	A O'Brien	126
8	2	Kargali (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Oxx	126
9	6	Tian Shan (Ire)	Barathea (Ire)	Weld	126
10	1	Mad About You (Ire)	Indian Ridge (Ire)	Weld	123

**Sunday, Cologne, Germany, post time: 5:20 p.m.**  
**BUCHMACHER ALBERS-GRAND PRIX AUF GALOPP-G3,**  
 €50,000, 4yo/up, 1 3/8mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	3	Zaungast (Ire)	Alkalde (Ger)	Hickst	128
2	6	Akiem (Ire)	Kutub (Ire)	Lowe	126
3	8	Duellant (Ire)	Dashing Blade (GB)	Schiergen	126
4	9	Dwilano (Ger)	Silvano (Ger)	P Remmert	126
5	1	Ostland (Ger)	Lando (Ger)	Schiergen	126
6	7	Ambassador (Ger)	Acatenango (Ger)	Mundry	123
7	2	Simonas (Ire)	Sternkonig (Ire)	Wohler	123
8	5	Solapur (Ger)	Ekraar	Wohler	123
9	4	Stella di Quattro (GB)	Best of the Bests (Ire)	Ostmann	122

**Wednesday, Keeneland Race Course**  
**BEAUMONT S.-GII, \$150,000, 3yo, f, a7f (AWT)**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Evita Argentina	Candy Ride (Arg)	Gomez	121
2	Consequence	El Prado (Ire)	Velazquez	117
3	Selva	Forest Wildcat	Albarado	117
4	No Speed Limit	Malibu Moon	Douglas	117
5	War Kill	War Chant	Leparoux	117
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**Getting Over the Terrain...**

Adele Dilschneider's **Terrain** (Sky Mesa) tuned up for Saturday's GI Toyota Blue Grass S. with a five-furlong drill in 1:01 yesterday at Keeneland ([video](#)). The chest-



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nut worked in company with GSW Sky Mom (Maria's Mon), breaking off two lengths behind that four-year-old filly before finishing on even terms. "I got him in 1:00.87," said trainer Al Stall Jr. "I thought it was visually impressive. It looked like he hit all of his marks." Put up to first in the GIII Arlington-Washington

Futurity last September, Terrain finished second in the GI Lane's End Breeders' Futurity over this surface Oct. 4 prior to a fourth-place effort in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Oct. 25. He closed out 2008 with a distant fifth in the GIII Delta Jackpot, and kicked off this campaign with a third in the GII Louisiana Derby at Fair Grounds Mar. 14. "He got a little sick on me before the [GIII] Risen Star [S. Feb. 7] and we had to miss that race," Stall said. "It might turn out to be a blessing in disguise." Among Terrain's possible rivals in the Blue Grass is **Hold Me Back** (Giant's Causeway), a rousing winner of the Mar. 22 GII Lane's End S. at Turfway. Trainer Bill Mott indicated the dark bay would breeze either today or tomorrow over the Keeneland Polytrack.

**'General' Ready to Charge...**

**General Quarters** (Sky Mesa), surprise hero of the GIII Sam F. Davis S. at Tampa Bay Feb. 14, earned a bullet for working five-eighths in :58.20 under the Twin Spires yesterday morning. Owner/trainer Thomas McCarthy will saddle the grey in the Blue Grass. "I really wanted a 1:01 or right in that vicinity," McCarthy admitted, "but he did it on his own, and [exercise rider Julie Sheets] just sat on him." After his rousing win in the Sam F. Davis, General Quarters was a troubled fifth in the GIII Tampa Bay Derby Mar. 14. "He got in a lot of trouble and he got cut up pretty bad, but he's doing fine now and he loves it here," said McCarthy. "I'm just hoping he holds his condition and he'll do good in the Blue Grass. He likes Polytrack." As for the Run for the Roses, McCarthy stated, "He's got to hit the board in the Blue Grass--if he hits the board, we'll go on to the Derby. When you've seen as many Derbies and Blue Grasses as I have, every single year, it's just fantastic to think that I would have a horse in it. I've tried for so many years and failed, but now I'm just lucky."



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**EASTER SALE BEGINS THREE- DAY RUN**

Australasia's flagship three-day Inglis Easter Yearling Sale kicks off at 1:00 p.m. today with a stellar catalogue peppered with the progeny of the Southern Hemisphere's most notable matrons and a liberal sprinkling of first foals by outstanding racetrack performers. In a climate of economic uncertainty, vendors are naturally anxious, but nevertheless positive that buyers will recognize the inherent value of quality. But Inglis & Son Deputy Chairman Arthur Inglis agreed that a 30-percent decline on last year's record figures would not be out of order. "That has been the trend, from January onwards, and this is the major sale, but that is about what most people are expecting," Inglis commented. "But there is amazing interest in this sale; if you can gauge interest by the number of attendees and people inspecting horses, it is as good as ever. The economic crisis is global, it has affected horse prices all around the world, but we are talking about investing in great horses. It is a fairly rare opportunity to buy horses of this calibre, and the major buyers from around their world and their representatives are here." Inglis added that the first foal from "household name" Makybe Diva (GB) (Desert King {Ire}), [hip 90](#), has attracted widespread interest in the sale. "We sold Musket (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}--Tugela {GB}) from that family for A\$2.5 million, and even allowing for prices to be down, you have got to frame this colt's value in that range," he said.

Inglis Director Jonathan D'Arcy was similarly optimistic. "While the market is certainly depressed, Easter 2009 represents an opportunity to buy some of the best racetrack prospects in Australia at prices that have not been seen for many years," he said. According to D'Arcy, buyers would be able to invest in top-class bloodlines for a fraction of what they have been spending over the last few years. "The economic crisis is something we, as an industry, must live with," he explained. "What it means for Easter is, in my opinion, a drop of around 30 percent on 2008 values, which will open the way for buyers who may have been scared off in the past four-to-six years due to the strength of the market and the difficulty purchasing at the top end." D'Arcy was quick to add that the decline in the Australian dollar would not necessarily translate to the boon many anticipated. "In theory, it helps the sale, [but] the reality is that markets like Europe, America, Japan, Hong Kong and South Africa are suffering as much, if not more, than we are in the current economic conditions," he said. "So, while we would like to think that our trade missions to those countries will bear fruit, it is likely that these buyers will be under the same constraints as the local market." For the complete catalogue, go to [www.inglis.com.au](http://www.inglis.com.au).

**What They're Saying At The Sales...**

**Trainer Gai Waterhouse**

"One needs a safety helmet, an instruction manual and several strong bodied security people for protection at this year's Easter sale. It will be an interesting sale, as everyone is anxious to get top dollar in a market which is most unpredictable."

**Harry Mitchell, Yarraman Park**

"The sale will be down--it has to be given the economy. But in saying that, there are always buyers for good horses, so you have to keep that in mind as a vendor and present the very best quality draft you can."

**John Messara, Arrowfield Stud**

"The atmosphere is steady and professional; at this point, I would have to say it is better than I thought it might have been."

**ALPRIDE (IRE), 18, Alzao--Roberts Pride (Ire), by Roberto**  
Foal born Mar. 4, a filly by Candy Ride (Arg).  
Will be bred back to After Market.

Owned by Jenny Craig.  
Boarded at Hill 'n' Dale Farms.  
Accomplishments: Hwt. 2yo Filly-Ity, MGISW-US,  
MGSW-Ity, \$985,455.

**CHIPETA SPRINGS, 20, Alydar--Salt Spring (Arg), by Salt Marsh**

Foal born Mar. 4, a filly by Bernstein.  
Will be bred back to Unbridled's Song.  
Owned by Castleton Lyons & Kilboy Estate.  
Boarded at Castleton Lyons.  
Accomplishments: SP. Dam of Fisher Pond (A.P. Ind),  
SW & MGSP, \$251,490; Gio Ponti (Tale of the Cat),  
GISW, \$1,005,800; Bon Jovi Girl (Malibu Moon), MSW  
& GSP, \$199,420.

**HARMONY LODGE, 11, by Hennessy--Win Crafty Lady,  
by Crafty Prospector**

Foal born Mar. 4, a colt by A.P. Ind.  
Will be bred back to A.P. Ind.  
Owned by Eugene & Laura Melnyk.  
Boarded at Winding Oaks Farm.  
Accomplishments: GISW of \$851,120.

25 STAKES WINNERS IN 2008

25 Stakes Winners in 2008

12 (48%) Graded Stakes Winners

3 Grade I Winners

3 Grade II Winners

6 Grade III Winners

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\$8,327,861 Total Earnings

**THORN SONG** (\$160,000 KeeSep yrlg)  
Shadwell Turf Mile (GI), \$600,000, KEE  
Firecracker H. (GII), \$200,000, CD

**MANI BHAVAN** (\$30,000 KeeSep yrlg)  
Spinaway S. (GI) \$250,000, SAR  
Adirondack S. (GII), \$150,000, SAR

**LARAGH** (Homebred & Sold by Mike Ryan)  
Hollywood Starlet S. (GI) \$438,500, HOL  
Jessamine S., \$150,000, KEE

**STRIKE A DEAL** (\$350,000 KeeSep yrlg)  
Red Smith H. (GII) \$150,000, AQU

**ROSHANI** (\$190,000 KeeSep yrlg)  
Las Palmas H. (GII) \$250,000, SA  
Gallorette H. (GIII), \$100,000, PIM

**CHARITABLE MAN** (\$200,000 KeeSep yrlg)  
Futurity S. (GII) \$250,000, BEL

**NOTIONAL (G2SW)** (\$77,000 KeeSep yrlg)  
Salvator Mile H. (GIII), \$300,000, MTH

**DENIS OF CORK** (\$250,000 Barretts 2yo)  
Southwest S. (GIII) \$250,000, OP  
2nd, Belmont S. (GI), \$1,000,000, BEL  
3rd, Kentucky Derby (GI), \$2,000,000, CD

**NOONMARK** (\$275,000 FT July yrlg)  
Mr. Prospector H. (GIII) \$100,000, GP

**SOCIAL QUEEN** (\$275,000 KeeSep yrlg)  
Eatontown H. (GIII), \$150,000, MTH  
Politely S., \$70,000, MTH

**CAROLYN'S CAT** (\$650,000 FT Sar yrlg)  
Cicada S. (GIII) \$100,000, AQU  
T Storm Stakes, \$65,950, AQU

**SARA LOUISE** (\$180,000 FT July yrlg)  
Pocahontas S. (GIII) \$100,000, CD

**DESERT CODE (G3SW)** (\$150,000 KeeSep yrlg)  
Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint, \$1,000,000, SA  
Joe Hernandez S., \$75,000, SA

**FORT DRUM** (\$135,000 FT July yrlg)  
NY Times Square Stallion S., \$100,000, AQU

**BARRIER REEF** (\$90,000 KeeSep yrlg)  
Whirlaway S., \$100,000, AQU

**PAMONA BALL** (\$120,000 KeeSep yrlg)  
Sharp Cat S., \$100,000, HOL

**INDEPENDENT GEORGE** (\$65,000 KeeSep yrlg)  
Sussex S., \$75,000, DEL

**NATIONAL PRIDE** (\$75,000 FT July yrlg)  
Pass the Tab S., \$75,000, AQU

**KILDERRY** (\$50,000 KeeSep yrlg)  
Oceanside S., \$75,000, DMR

**MISS CHALLENGE** (\$150,000 KeeSep yrlg)  
Statuette S., \$75,000, BEL

**STORM TREASURE** (\$170,000 KeeSep yrlg)  
Allen LaCombe Memorial H., \$60,000, FG

**SPRITELY** (\$480,000 KeeSep yrlg)  
Honey Bee S., \$60,000, MED

**DUBAI DISTINCTION** (\$175,000 KeeSep yrlg)  
Eillo S., \$50,000, CRC

**KADIRA** (\$250,000 KeeSep yrlg)  
Dixie Belle S., \$50,000, OP

**SARATOGA TANGO** (\$115,000 KeeSep yrlg)  
Barb's Dancer S., \$50,000, CRC



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# KEENELAND APRIL

Two-Year-Olds In Training Sale  
Monday & Tuesday, April 6-7 • 7 p.m.



Keeneland April Graduate Big Brown *Horsephotos*

## THE DREAM BEGINS AT KEENELAND APRIL

"One of the greatest dreams in the horse business is to win the Kentucky Derby," said Keeneland Director of Sales Geoffrey Russell. "We're fortunate enough to have sold the last Derby winner out of the April sale. When we go around talking to people, that's something that we're able to say to them, and then they start thinking about how they want to be one of those 20 [owners with Derby starters]."

For those dreaming about roses, Keeneland's April Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training, which produced last year's Derby hero Big Brown, begins Monday at 7 p.m. and concludes with a second session Tuesday evening.

Established in 1993, the April sale has already produced two Kentucky Derby winners. Thunder Gulch RNA'd for \$120,000 at the 1994 auction before going on to claim the roses in 1995 for Michael Tabor.

Big Brown was purchased by Hidden Brook on behalf of Paul Pompa, Jr. for \$190,000 at the 2007 renewal of the sale. In addition to the Derby, he captured last year's GI Preakness S., GI Florida Derby and GI Haskell Invitational and was named champion three-year-old colt.

Graduates of the April sale also include champion filly Beautiful Pleasure, GI Kentucky Oaks winners Gal in a Ruckus and Keeper Hill, and Grade I winners Stream Cat, Borrego, Elloluv, Panty Raid, Point Ashley and Lady Tak.

During last year's sale, 77 two-year-olds sold for \$16,299,000--an average of \$211,675 and a median of \$150,000. Top price of \$800,000 was paid for **Don Gato** (Storm Cat), currently in training with Ian Wilkes.

## SHAH LOOKING FOR THE BIG HORSE

Kaleem Shah has owned racehorses since the early 1990s, but he kicked his participation up a notch this year with a flashy buying spree at the Florida two-year-old sales. Shah, founder and president of the technology and intelligence analysis company CALNET, currently has 18



Bob Baffert & Kaleem Shah *PhotosbyZ*

horses in his racing stable, but he expects that number to grow to 30 with the addition of his two-year-old purchases this year. And he plans to be busy at Keeneland April.

"I've been involved in racing for quite a while, since 1994, maybe," Shah said. "I started tiptoeing in and only recently have I stepped up to the plate."

Now that he has decided to get more involved in racing, Shah has definite goals.

"We want to buy quality horses to race at the highest level," Shah confirmed. "We're just looking for some good ones who can run, no matter how they're bred or where they came from. That's the goal."

His stable is split between East Coast trainer Dale Capuano and West Coaster Bob Baffert.

"I only recently hooked up with Bob Baffert and, before long, he'll have at least nine horses of mine, not including the ones I plan to buy at Keeneland," Shah said. "Hopefully, with two exciting trainers in Bob Baffert and Dale Capuano, we'll get to the highest level soon."

Shah purchased three horses at the Fasig-Tipton Calder sale and an additional five from the OBS March sale. With input from Baffert, Shah paid \$725,000 for a son of Indian Charlie at Fasig-Tipton. He also purchased a filly by Ghostzapper for \$400,000 and a Rahy filly for \$250,000. The highlight of his shopping at OBS was a \$300,000 son of Tapit.

The prevailing feeling seems to be that it's a buyers' market, but Shah has found plenty of competition for the horses on his list.

"All the good ones seem to be getting everyone's attention," he explained. "And certainly everyone seems to be on them."

In his quest to find the horses to take his racing stable to the next level, Shah is listening to his advisors.

"I'm looking for mostly Classic horses who can get a distance," Shah said. "I let the trainers choose; whatever Dale and Bob recommend, I go with them. At the end of the day, they've got to live with them. Certainly both of them have demonstrated a very keen eye; certainly Bob Baffert is a Hall of Famer, and Dale is, hopefully, a future Hall of Famer. Hopefully, with these two, we can get there."

Shah, a native of India, came to the U.S. in the 1980s and founded the Virginia-based CALNET in 1989. He inherited his love of horse racing from his father, who was a trainer in India. **Cont. p2**



**Shah cont.**

“My father was a racehorse trainer, and I’ve been around horses all my life,” Shah said.

Shah admitted there was a time in his life he considered following in his father’s footsteps.

“At one point, I thought about being a trainer,” he recalled. “But then my dad kicked my butt and made sure that I kept up with my studies. He thought that being educated was a better choice, and I certainly don’t blame him for it. I would thank him for the choices he helped me make.”

Shah’s stable could have its first star. Tweebie (Lion Heart), a \$190,000 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic May juvenile purchase last year, won his debut at Gulfstream Wednesday for Capuano.

***Unwavering in the Face of the Storm...***

Despite a rocky economy and an uncertain market, Ciaran Dunne’s Wavertree Stables has enjoyed a banner selling season. Wavertree consigned the \$1.6-million sales topper by Medaglia d’Oro at Fasig-Tipton Calder, and followed up with the sale-topping \$650,000 colt by Tiznow at Barretts March.

One of the keys to Wavertree’s success seems to be an awareness of a new trend and a new approach to selling horses.

“There is no question that the economy has really affected what we do and how we sell,” Dunne admitted. “I think early on in the year, the one big change that we noticed was that there were a lot of people at the first two sales vetting horses and acting like they were very interested. In years past when that happened, you were expecting a big sale. But what we found this year is those guys were lining up to pick up the pieces. They were setting a value on the horses and saying, ‘If they’re going to let him go for this, I’m going to take him.’ With the doom and gloom that was forecast, I think a lot of people thought, ‘If they’re going to be giving them away, I’m going to be ready to pick them up.’”

Early in the season, the change in buyers’ mindset meant a lot of unsold horses.

“I think at the beginning of the year, we probably got caught setting reserves a little higher based on the action we had,” Dunne explained, “when really, the guys were just there to make a bottom for those horses. We got caught in a couple of spots in the first sales and, ever since then, we’ve been a lot easier to buy off of.”

Dunne also sees a lot of business being transacted outside of the sales ring.

“There is a very good trade after the fact,” Dunne said. “In OBS March there were a lot of horses sold after the sale. A lot of RNAs got done. It was almost like you were taking them up to the ring to get appraised and then people would buy them. There were a number of people out there who were happy to let them go through the ring. If they sell, well and good. If they don’t, they want to come back and talk to you.”

Two-year-old sales used to be all about the speed, but Dunne has noticed a change there, too.

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**Ciaran Dunne** EquiSport

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<u>Stallion</u>	<u>Sire</u>	<u>Hip (s)</u>
<a href="#"><u>Afleet Alex</u></a>	Northern Afleet	Colts: <a href="#"><u>104, 136, 156, 165, 187</u></a> Fillies: <a href="#"><u>2, 85, 96, 175</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Closing Argument</u></a>	Successful Appeal	Colt: <a href="#"><u>42</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Consolidator</u></a>	Storm Cat	Colt: <a href="#"><u>55, 171</u></a> Fillies: <a href="#"><u>188</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Eddington</u></a>	Unbridled	Colts: <a href="#"><u>34, 53, 115, 158, 176</u></a> Fillies: <a href="#"><u>28, 72, 211</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Eurosilver</u></a>	Unbridled’s Song	Colts: <a href="#"><u>38, 119, 121</u></a> Fillies: <a href="#"><u>70</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Forest Danger</u></a>	Forestry	Colts: <a href="#"><u>104</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Ghostzapper</u></a>	Awesome Again	Colt: <a href="#"><u>87</u></a> Fillies: <a href="#"><u>139, 143</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Kitten’s Joy</u></a>	El Prado (Ire)	Colts: <a href="#"><u>94</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Leroidesanimaux (Brz)</u></a>	Candy Stripes	Colts: <a href="#"><u>181</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Limehouse</u></a>	Grand Slam	Colts: <a href="#"><u>25, 132</u></a> Fillies: <a href="#"><u>102</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Offlee Wild</u></a>	Wild Again	Colts: <a href="#"><u>18</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Purge</u></a>	Pulpit	Colts: <a href="#"><u>13, 36</u></a> Fillies: <a href="#"><u>15, 142, 104</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Rock Hard Ten</u></a>	Kris S.	Colts: <a href="#"><u>69, 168</u></a> Fillies: <a href="#"><u>3, 135</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Roman Ruler</u></a>	Fusaichi Pegasus	Colts: <a href="#"><u>31, 93, 194</u></a> Fillies: <a href="#"><u>146</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Saint Liam</u></a>	Saint Ballado	Colts: <a href="#"><u>124, 137, 174</u></a> Fillies: <a href="#"><u>57, 79</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Value Plus</u></a>	Unbridled’s Song	Fillies: <a href="#"><u>205</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Woke Up Dreamin</u></a>	Holy Bull	Fillies: <a href="#"><u>201</u></a>

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**KEENELAND APRIL PREVIEW...**  
by Jessica Martini & Andy Belfiore



**Wavertree cont.**

"[Buyers] are not going to let a fast time be the be all and end all," Dunne said. "A few years ago, that seemed to be all that mattered. There seems to be a greater degree of horsemanship going into the whole thing now. They'll buy horses that aren't the bullet on the day, but if they move good and show themselves good at the barn and they have a bit of pedigree, they're the horses that they want."

To prove his point, Dunne used the different sales fates of two Wavertree-consigned horses. A More Than Ready colt consigned by Wavertree to the OBS March sale turned in a bullet furlong drill in :9 3/5, but was led out of the ring unsold at \$290,000. The Tiznow colt who topped the Barretts sale, meanwhile, worked the same distance in a less flashy :10 3/5.

"We had the fastest one in OBS March and we couldn't get him sold, and then we had the Tiznow colt at Barretts," Dunne said. "So it works both ways."

The two-year-old sales circuit can make for a grueling schedule, but Dunne admits his team's success this year has made the trek easier to handle.

"The only thing that keeps you motivated is selling good horses," the Irishman commented. "The trip to California was very easy after the Medaglia d'Oro, and coming back from California after the Tiznow didn't seem like that big a deal. We kind of got the wind knocked out of our sails after OBS. We loved the More Than Ready colt and it just didn't happen for us. But it's like any business--you just have to pick it up and move onto the next one."

**KEENELAND APRIL 2008 - TOP CONSIGNORS**

Consignor	#	Average (\$)	Gross (\$)
Niall Brennan Stables	13	276,538	3,595,000
Eddie Woods	9	229,444	2,065,000
Kirkwood Stables	13	154,692	2,011,000
Wavertree Stables, Inc.	9	218,333	1,965,000
Leprechaun Racing	7	183,285	1,283,000
Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds	3	351,666	1,055,000
Scanlon Training Center	5	207,000	1,035,000
Jerry Bailey Sales Agency	4	228,750	915,000
Stephens Thoroughbreds	4	193,750	775,000
Parrish Farms	1	350,000	350,000

**KEENELAND APRIL 2008 - TOP BUYERS**

Buyers	#	Average (\$)	Gross (\$)
B. Wayne Hughes	2	625,000	1,250,000
Stonestreet Stables	3	325,000	975,000
Stonestreet Stable	2	460,000	920,000
H. Albina, Agent for M Gusseyonov	2	437,500	875,000
Todd A. Pletcher, Agent	3	273,333	820,000
John Ferguson	1	625,000	625,000
Alex Solis Bloodstock	1	600,000	600,000
Centennial Farms	3	191,666	575,000
Dogwood Stable Inc.	4	127,500	510,000
Zayat Stables LLC	1	500,000	500,000

**A Fishing Expedition...**

Art Fisher is back in the Bluegrass. Born and raised in Louisville, the 49-year-old horseman pulled up stakes 20 years ago and headed south. He has called Ocala, Florida, home ever since, but Fisher returned to Kentucky this week, bringing a one-horse consignment to Keeneland April.



**Art Fisher** *EquiSport*

Working with horses "since I got old enough to walk," Fisher was introduced to racing by his uncle, Ed Cooper, who worked for Dan Lasater, the Eclipse Award-winning owner from 1974-76. Also working for Lasater was trainer William "Blackie" Huffman. In charge of the owner's stallion and broodmare operation at the time, Huffman helped Fisher get his start in the business.

Sadly, Huffman, a popular figure on the Kentucky backstretch for many years, passed away in December after a brief illness. But he is still the first person Fisher thinks of when talking about his first foray into horse racing.

"Two people have been very instrumental in my career," Fisher remarked. "Blackie Huffman--he had some good horses around Churchill for a lot of years--and Dr. Gary Lavin--him and both of his sons, Allan and Kevin. They've done a lot by me."

Fisher has made the most of the opportunities he has been given. He trained a string of horses in Kentucky when he was in his 20s, but in 1987, decided to make a change.

"I was working for an outfit in Louisville that wanted to take some horses to Ocala and they didn't have anybody to go, so I raised my hand," Fisher recalled. "I said, 'I'm going.' I had never been down there, but I wanted to give it a try with the young horses."

It was a heady call.

"I was on my own when I went to Ocala," Fisher said. "It was a pretty big move--I was just a kid. I rented a farm and went down there and hired help and went to work."

"I wound up with about 90 head the first year, and it was the first time, I think, that I'd ever made any money in the horse business," he added. "So I told my wife, I said, 'Man, I'm staying--I like it down here.' I've been in Ocala ever since."

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**Fishing Expedition cont.**

Handling the young horses for top outfits such as John Ed Anthony's Loblolly Stable and for owner Peter Willmott, Fisher has had a slew of good horses go through his barn, including Loblolly's champion and GI Preakness S. winner Prairie Bayou. But his favorite has been GISW Eddington (Unbridled), himself a freshman sire this year.

"I liked Eddington," Fisher said. "I had him on the farm for a long time; I trained him for about a year before I sent him out. He was a big, beautiful horse, and he had a lot of class. He looked like he was going to be a nice one, so I took a lot of time with him and brought him along slowly. He was fun to be around."



**Eddington** *Horsephotos*

Fisher did some consigning when he first made the move to Ocala, but then put that aside to concentrate on working with the young horses on the farm.

"When I first went to Ocala I did sell some, but we got a little too popular," he explained.

"That sounds crazy, but I got to where I was taking too many. So I slowed down and we stayed under the radar and I just took horses for very select people who had a lot of good horses, a lot of good pedigrees, and stopped doing the selling.

"Then, this past year, some guys approached me and asked if I would take some to sell, and I had kind of cut back to where we only had about 80 head, so I said sure."

All he needed was a name for the new venture.

"I have two sons, and we love to do a lot of deep sea fishing in the summer time," Fisher said. "Have you ever seen a flying fish? They fly about six inches off the top of the ocean--they can fly 200-300 yards, and we just love to watch them. I told my son one afternoon, 'we need to make a little sign for this sale company I'm starting back up.' He said, 'I've got it already--Flying Fish.'"

Fisher's Flying Fish made its sales debut at OBS March.

"I took four and sold all of them--sold them really well," he said. "We had a horse that a guy bought back from the August sale for \$20,000, and took him over there and sold him for \$140,000. We had a good sale."

Just like the fish for which his operation is named, Fisher likes to fly under the radar. But it's hard to keep a low profile when the only horse in your consignment is half to a champion, out of a mare that RNA'd for \$2 million, from the first crop by a Horse of the Year and who herself RNA'd for \$470,000 at Keeneland September last fall.

That is the back story of [hip 143](#), the lone two-year-old Flying Fish will send to the ring at Keeneland April.

The chestnut filly is by freshman sire Ghostzapper out of Belva (Theatrical {Ire}), the dam of 2007 turf champion English Channel (Smart Strike).



**Hip 143** *EquiSport*

"She's a lovely little mare," Fisher said of his sole KEEAPR offering. "She has a great attitude--she has a racing-type attitude, very aggressive. She loves what she does. She goes out there and trains and gives it her all. She's very generous to you in the morning."

Hip 143 worked an eighth in :10 3/5 at the preview ([video](#)).

"She had a lovely breeze," Fisher remarked. "I was tickled to death with it. She's a May foal, and I really didn't drill her down as tight as a lot of these horses are. I just didn't want to get to the bottom of her, so I kind of let her do it on her own--all that was her. I just wanted her to be fit enough to go in :10 and change, and go down though there and show the people how she moved and what she looks like. She came out of that with flying colors--she looks like a million dollars."

Flying Fish has 14 ready to go through the ring at OBS April, but Fisher is not sure of plans beyond that.

"We're going to see how it goes, then I'll decide if I'm going to do it again next year," he said.

***The Belva of the Ball...***

Ann McBrayer of Keene Ridge Farm is not afraid to take a gamble. The president of Kentucky Eagle Beer, a company owned by her family since 1948, McBrayer purchased Keene Ridge, a 170-acre property not far from the gates of Keeneland, in 1994. Breeding for both the sales ring and the racetrack, the operation struck gold when acquiring the mare Belva (Theatrical {Ire}--Committed, by Hagley), in foal to Smart Strike, soon after she had RNA'd for \$100,000 at the 2001 Keeneland November sale.

The resulting foal brought just \$50,000 as a KEESEP yearling, but that colt turned out to be English Channel, who won five Grade I races, more than \$5.3 million in purses and the 2007 Eclipse Award as champion grass horse.

In addition, a 2004 colt by Smart Strike, GSP Sedgefield, brought \$100,000 as a KEENOV weanling; and a Street Cry (Ire) filly was hammered down to Darley for \$725,000 as KEESEP 2006.

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**Belva cont.**

Keene Ridge opted to send Belva, then in foal to Ghostzapper, back to the ring for the 2006 Fasig-Tipton November sale, but English Channel's best season was still ahead of him, and McBrayer took another shot. The mare RNA'd at \$2 million.

"English Channel wasn't quite a champion yet, so we decided to hold on to her just on the chance that he would do what he did on the racetrack," explained Keene Ridge Manager Charlie McKinley.

Was she close to getting sold?

"She was semi-close," McKinley said with a chuckle. "The reserve changed from the morning to the afternoon. [Ann McBrayer] kind of changed her mind."

That may yet prove to be the right call. The following year, Belva's filly by Aldebaran sold for \$350,000 at Keeneland September. Her Ghostzapper foal, a filly, also found herself at that venue, but Keene Ridge rolled the dice one more time, and bought her back for \$470,000. They very nearly let her go.

"She was close--she was very close," McKinley revealed.

They will find out Tuesday whether that decision will pay off. The Ghostzapper filly goes through the ring as [hip 143](#) at Keeneland April Tuesday. McKinley compared her to her celebrated older brother.

"[English Channel] was always small, but I guess you'd say he had little man's disease--he was always tough, always a fighter, always tough to be around," he reminisced. "He always had a ton of heart, which he showed on the racetrack, too."

As for the KEEAPR offering, he said, "She's a lot like him, in a lot of ways. She's a lot easier to be around in the stall than he was, but she's got a lot of heart and a lot of go to her."

But, physically, the filly has a bit of an edge.

"She has a little more substance to her, a little more hip to her," McKinley said. "I'd say she's a little bigger than he was at this point, and, you know, she's a May foal. I think she's still got a little more growing to do."

Unfortunately, the economy took a nose dive in September, and figures have been off at the juvenile sales this year. Keene Ridge took that into account when setting her reserve for Keeneland April.

"We are very realistic in our expectations," McKinley said. "We are very focused on selling her. We hope the pedigree carries her a good ways."

**Keeneland April Outs**

**Monday, April 6**

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**A Ghostzapper of a Chance...**

He set a record when RNA'ing at \$7.7 million at the 2008 Keeneland September sale, and his dam, Horse of the Year Azeri (Jade Hunter), was bought back for \$4.4 million at Keeneland January this year. But Michael Paulson will give it another try with **Vallenzeri** (A.P.

Indy) at Keeneland April. The imposing chestnut goes through the ring as [hip 22](#) this evening.

Consignor Eddie Woods, who brought you Big Brown (Boundary) at this sale two years ago, has been impressed by what he has seen in Vallenzeri. What makes him special?



**Hip 22** *EquiSport*

"It's the whole picture--it's quality and class of the horse, and it's enhanced by his pedigree," Woods said. "He has the charisma that belongs with good horses. He's certainly at the top end of the horses that have come through my barn. I'd love to have another one of these some day."

The Feb. 14 foal looked solid at the preview, drilling an eighth in :10 1/5 Thursday ([video](#)).

"I was very very pleased with his breeze--with a horse that'll be at his best going a mile and a quarter, for him to work in :10 1/5, I was just thrilled," Woods enthused.

Despite the glowing reports, it's hard to gauge just what Vallenzeri might bring this trip into the pavilion. Not only is the economy a factor, but, as Woods explained, buyers tend to be a whole lot more down to earth when it comes to the two-year-old market.

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**KEENELAND APRIL STATISTICS**

**2007-2008**

<u>SESSION TOTALS</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Catalogued	227	191
No. Offered	155	125
No. Sold	82	77
RNAs	73	48
% RNA	47.1%	38.4%
No. \$500K+	4	7
High Price	\$1,750,000	\$800,000
Gross	\$16,637,000	\$16,299,000
Average	\$202,890	\$211,675
Median	\$155,000	\$150,000

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**Vallenzeri cont.**

“In the yearling sales, you're inclined to sell a little bit in a dream world with a horse of this caliber,” the Irish horseman said. “When we go to a two-year-old sale, we're selling in the real world. We've got to put them out on the track and they have to perform. We'll supply a lot more information on a horse at a two-year-old sale than you'd ever get at a yearling sale, purely due to the fact that they're on the grounds for two weeks, training every day, and then we go up and do an official breeze. It's more the real world than the 50-foot walk that you get at the yearling sale.”

But that's not to say that Vallenzeri won't light up the board.

“Yearlings of this quality, historically, have brought more money than they normally do at two-year-old sales, but it's so rare for a horse like this to show up at a two-year-old sale,” Woods said. “It's virtually unheard of--normally, when you'd get a horse with a really high-profile pedigree at a two-year-old sale, he'd lack a little bit in quality or physical appearance or veterinary quality, where in this horses here we have the whole package.”

Still, connections are realistic about what it will take to get the colt sold.

“[Setting the reserve] is a whole different deal in this economic time,” Woods said. “Expectations, I'm sure, are high, but they won't be as high as they were at the yearling sale.”

**Keeneland April Live on HRTV...**

HRTV will be providing live coverage of the Keeneland April sale. HRTV will also air a 90-minute broadcast showing highlights of the under tack show. Keeneland will offer live streaming of the complete sale on its website, [www.keeneland.com](http://www.keeneland.com). The website also offers video replays of all workouts from the Apr. 2 under tack preview.

**PINHOOK PROSPECTS - TOP 3 BY PRICE**

*(Outs not included)*

Hip	Price (\$)	Sale
<b>214</b>	<b>\$450,000</b>	<b>KEESEP</b>
c, <i>Distorted Humor</i> --Storm Minstrel, by Storm Cat Purchased by RBTS, agent for Sequoia Racing '09 Consignor: Stephens Thoroughbreds, agent		
<b>187</b>	<b>\$350,000</b>	<b>KEESEP</b>
c, <i>Afleet Alex</i> --Love You Madly, by Partner's Hero Purchased by Coleton Stables '09 Consignor: Eddie Woods, Agent XXX		
<b>165</b>	<b>\$245,000</b>	<b>KEEJAN</b>
c, <i>Afleet Alex</i> --Expansive, by Distant View Purchased by Two Brothers Stable '09 Consignor: Niall Brennan Stables, Agent X		

**What They're Saying At The Sales...**

**Consignor Niall Brennan, on horses selling early in the sale:**

“It's a disadvantage to be early in any catalogue, especially the two-year-old sales because it's so polarized. That early in the first evening, people are just feeling their way, wondering what it's going to be like. I think there is no doubt being in the first 15 hips is always difficult. The sale hasn't found its momentum, people are waiting to figure it out for the first 15-20 hips.”



**Keeneland Director of Sales Geoffrey Russell, on the large number of outs:**

“There does seem to be a few more outs this year. We're a traveling sale. Most of these horses are raised out of town, so when the final preparation work is done they have to, to quote John Ferguson, ‘tick all the boxes,’ because the preview show is their Kentucky Derby. So if they aren't going to be 100-percent fit to preview, there is no use bringing them up. Talking to most of the consignors, the outs were mostly typical two-year-old growth issues of sore shins or respiratory viruses, things like that that happen to young horses. If the horses aren't 100 percent, there is no use taking them up here because of the cost. And there were some end users that, I'm sure, scratched them because they just decided to race them.”



**KEENELAND APRIL TWO-YEAR-OLDS IN TRAINING SALE**  
Under-tack preview--Apr. 2

Time	Hip#	Sex	1/8-mile works Sire	Dam
:09.4	<u>023</u>	colt	<u>Songandaprayer</u>	Beach Bunny
:10.0	<u>064</u>	colt	<u>Tiznow</u>	Jenny Lake
	<u>103</u>	filly	<u>Posse</u>	Rare Executive
	<u>117</u>	filly	<u>Forestry</u>	Stirring
	<u>181</u>	colt	<u>Leroidesanimaux (Brz)</u>	Java Drums
	<u>203</u>	colt	<u>Smart Strike</u>	Private Feeling
			1/4-mile works	
:20.4	<u>065</u>	colt	<u>Forestry</u>	Juke
:21.0	<u>054</u>	colt	<u>Five Star Day</u>	Golden Trevally
	<u>098</u>	filly	Cozzene	Play School
	<u>182</u>	colt	<u>Elusive Quality</u>	Kim's Blues
	<u>201</u>	filly	<u>Woke Up Dreamin</u>	Peyvon

 **NORTH AMERICA** 

★ **KEENELAND** ★

**SAARLAND DEAD** Ten-year-old **Saarland** (Unbridled--Versailles Treaty, by Danzig), winner of the 2001 GI Remsen S., died last month after injuring himself at owner Jess Jackson's California ranch, according to *Daily Racing Form*. From two crops, Saarland was represented by his first stakes winner when Saarlite annexed Laurel's Wide Country S. Mar. 7. The 2003 GI Met Mile runner-up was pensioned from stud duty at Darby Dan in January due to declining fertility. "He was frolicking and playing on a field in front of Jess and some other members of the team when he ran into a feeder, flipped over, and injured his spine," Jackson's spokesman Kevin McGee told *DRF*. The publication also reported that 2002 GI La Brea S. heroine **Got Koko** (Signal Tap--Baby North, by Northern Baby), acquired by Jackson for \$1.5 million at the 2004 Keeneland November sale, died last month after foaling a Bernardini colt at Jackson's Stonestreet Stable in Lexington, Kentucky. The 10-year-old has produced three other foals, including a two-year-old colt by A.P. Indy and a Ghostzapper yearling colt.

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**TODAY'S  
INSIGHTS**

**4:35p** **8th-Kee, \$54K, Alw, N1X, 3yo, 1 1/16mT**  
**TVG** Wertheimer and Frere homebred **AFFIRMATIF** (**Unbridled's Song**) takes on winners following his nine-length tour-de-force debut victory at Gulfstream Feb. 28. The Triple Crown nominee stopped the clock in 1:34 1/5 that day, .04 of a second faster than stablemate Twilight Meteor (Smart Strike) recorded two races earlier in the GIII Canadian Turf H. Team Valor and Gary Barber's **Golden Mexico (Ire) (Daggers Drawn)** makes his first start since winning at first asking at Italy's Capannelle Sept. 2. [brisnet.com](http://brisnet.com) PPs

*Eastern Daylight Time*

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the **8th Race, \$54,000 Allowance, at Keeneland.** For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).

**Yesterday's Results:**

**8th-KEE, \$60,600, Alw, NW2\$RT9MX, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:44 3/5, fm.**  
**1--SOCIETY'S CHAIRMAN, 118, h, 6, Not Impossible (Ire)--Athena's Smile, by Olympio.** (C\$40,000 yrl '04 ONTSEP). O-Charles E Fipke; B-Errol Bailey (ON); T-Roger L Attfield. Lifetime Record: SW & GSP, 12-5-3-1, \$275,054.  
**2--Parading, 118, h, 6, Pulpit--On Parade, by Storm Cat.**  
**3--Embossed (Ire), 118, r, 7, Mark of Esteem (Ire)--L-Way First (Ire), by Vision.** (€11,000 yrl '03 GOFEB; 20,000gns yrl '03 TATOCT; 250,000gns 2yo '04 TATHIT).  
Margins: NO, 1 1/4, NK. Odds: 7.10, 3.00, 58.80.

Society's Chairman, 12th in last term's GI Shadwell Turf Mile S. at Keeneland, was defeated by a neck in his last two attempts against stakes company--second in Gulfstream's Ft. Lauderdale S. Jan. 10 and third in the Tampa Bay S. Feb. 21. Ninth through a half mile in :50.09, Society's Chairman rallied in the stretch to narrowly reel in the favorite.

**6th-KEE, \$53,675, Alw, NW2L, 3yo, f, 7f (AWT), 1:23, ft.**  
**LADY'S LAUGHTER (f, 3, Distorted Humor--Lady Tap {SW, \$231,198}, by Pleasant Tap), a \$450,000 KEESEP yearling purchase, graduated going a mile beneath the Twin Spires Nov. 20, then placed second in Turfway's Gowell S. Dec. 20. Given a 6-1 chance here, she waited patiently in fourth with the red-hot Kent Desormeaux aboard. Swung to the outside in the stretch, Lady's Laughter re-altered course to the inside late to ride the rails to a 1 1/2-length decision over Luster (Touch Gold). Lifetime Record: SP, 5-2-1-0, \$73,266. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) O-Robert B & Beverly J Lewis Trust. B-Paul F Gardner (KY). T-Charles Lopresti.**

**4th-KEE, \$53,450, Alw, NW2X, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT, 2:33 2/5, fm.**  
**SUDDEN WAR (ARG) (c, 4, Sunray Spirit--Swiftly War {Arg}, by Lord At War {Arg}), a half-brother to Swift Shift (Arg) (Ride the Rails), GSW-Arg, debuted victoriously at Gulfstream going 8 1/2 furlongs Feb. 7, then stretched out successfully in a 12-furlong test over the same course Mar. 6. Sent off as the 2-1 second choice here, the chestnut was content to race in second through soft fractions of :50.91 and 1:17.44 before moving to take the lead on the final turn. Favored Expansion (Maria's Mon) took a run at him in the lane, but Sudden War kept digging in and prevailed by a nose on the line. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$74,820.  
O-Magdalena Racing, Bruce Frazier & Bill Hughes. B-San Francisco De Pilar (ARG); T-Kenneth G McPeck.**



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**3rd-KEE, \$50,000, Msw, 3yo, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:44 4/5, ft.**

**OREE (c, 3, [Pulpit](#)--Adam's Time {SW, \$342,374}, by Gilded Time)** debuted on the Gulfstream lawn Feb. 28, finishing fifth, 12 3/4 lengths behind the highly regarded Affirmatif (Unbridled's Song). Dismissed at 17-1 for this switch to synthetic, the dark bay lingered near back of the pack for the opening half-mile. He launched a five-wide move on the far turn, poked his head in front approaching the eighth pole and went on record a 2 1/4-length triumph over Seeking the Sluice (Seeking the Gold), who had been third in the Feb. 28 Gulfstream maiden. Oree was a \$50,000 KEESep yearling. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$31,530. O-Dixiana Stables Inc. B-Dixiana Farm (KY). T-George R Arnold II.

**5th-KEE, \$49,100, Msw, 3yo, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:44 2/5, ft.**

**MIRO (c, 3, [Fusaichi Pegasus](#)--Sluice {SW, \$202,453}, by Seeking the Gold)** came in second in his Nov. 22 debut at Aqueduct, finishing 14 1/4 lengths behind Well Positioned (Awesome Again). The dark bay lost the lead late when third in a nine-furlong maiden at Gulfstream Jan. 7 and, after missing some time, recorded a pair of bullet drills at Payson Park in recent weeks. Favored at 2-1 in his Polytack bow, Miro jumped out alertly, but took back and settled in third. Kent Desormeaux guided the colt to the outside on the far turn and the crowd's choice ranged up to challenge Luv Gov (Ten Most Wanted) before putting him away for a one-length decision. A \$450,000 KEESep yearling, the winner is a half-brother to Mushka (Empire Maker), GSW, \$258,323, who captured the 2007 GII Demoiselle S. for Zayat before selling for \$2.4 million to Brushwood Stable at KEENOV. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$43,130. O-Zayat Stables LLC, Michael B Tabor & Derrick Smith. B-Diane Snowden (KY). T-William I Mott.

**1st-KEE, \$44,600, Msw, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f (AWT), :50 3/5, ft.**

**+ AEGEAN (f, 2, [Northern Fleet](#)--Apt to Star, by Aptitude)**, a \$70,000 OBSAUG yearling purchase, showed a pair gate works at Gulfstream and went postward as the 2-1 choice for trainer Wesley Ward, who saddled a pair of baby winners on Friday. The bay outbroke her rivals, turned back a bid from Midst (Closing Argument) in midstretch and set sail for a 3 1/2-length success over that filly. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$27,280. O-Steven Michael Bell. B-Vegso Racing Stable (FL). T-Wesley A Ward.

★ NEW YORK ★

Yesterday's Results:

**6th-AQU, \$53,000, Alw, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16 4/5, ft.**

**MONTECORE (c, 3, Hold That Tiger--French Factor, by Gulch)** recorded an 8 1/4-length maiden win at Fair Grounds Jan. 29 before finishing third behind Captain Cherokee (Sir Cherokee) when stretched to two turns in the Bayou Feb. 14. Facing Empire-breds for the first time here, the cleverly named 4-5 chalk mauled his opponents with a 6 3/4-length victory after stalking the early pace. Montecore was a \$75,000 FTNAUG yearling and \$400,000 OBSFEB juvenile. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-2, \$66,460. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). O-Puglisi Racing LLC. B-David Knisely & Bradley B Browne (NY). T-Steve Klesaris.

**3rd-AQU, \$53,900, Alw, NW1X, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:23 3/5, ft.**

**GONE ASTRAY (c, 3, [Dixie Union](#)--Illicit, by Mr. Prospector)**, a half-brother to Contentious (Giant's Causeway), GSP-Ger & MSP-GB, graduated in his second try at Saratoga before heading into stakes company at Belmont. The Phipps homebred ran fifth in the GII Futurity S. Sept. 13 and fourth in the GI Champagne S. Oct. 4, then was shipped to Florida. He came back with a solid second in a one-mile Gulfstream allowance Mar. 11 and was bet down to 2-5 here. Squeezed slightly at the start, the dark bay forced the issue after moving over to the rail. He turned for home with a narrow advantage and responded when jockey Edgar Prado asked for a bit more, drawing off by 5 1/4 lengths under a hand ride. No Questions (Whywhywhy) came up the rail to complete the exacta. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$118,040. O/B-Phipps Stable (KY). T-Claude R McGaughey III.

**4th-AQU, \$53,000, Msw, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:23 3/5, ft.**

**FLAT BOLD (c, 3, [Flutter](#)--Be a Quiet Honey, by Quiet American)**, a \$150,000 FTKJUL yearling purchase, finished off the board in a pair of attempts for Craig Dollase in South California last term, including a fourth-place finish at Hollywood Dec. 20. Stretched to a mile in his seasonal debut at the Big A Mar. 7, he completed the exacta as the 4-5 favorite. Sent off as the 2-1 choice to get it right here, Flat Bold stayed within striking distance while racing along the inside. With Ramon Dominguez aboard, the dark bay awaited racing room on the turn for home, found a seam between rivals in midstretch and drew off impressively to score by 3 3/4 lengths. Brook Dance (Montbrook) completed the exacta. Bimini (Seeking the Gold) was scratched. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$45,160. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). O-West Point Thoroughbreds. B-Mohammed Jawad Abdul Mohsin Al-Jamali (KY). T-Kiaran P McLaughlin.



## ★ GULFSTREAM ★

### Yesterday's Results:

**10th-GPX, \$35,000, Msw, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:34 2/5, fm.**

**FOREST BELL (c, 3, [Forestry](#)--Mambo Bell, by Kingmambo)** never got involved in his career opener Aug. 25, finishing seventh in a Saratoga maiden won by Regal Ransom (Distorted Humor), and was benched. With a good turf work at Palm Meadows Mar. 30, the Virginia-bred went postward as the 9-2 second choice. He broke from the rail and worked out a ground-saving trip several lengths from the front. Tipped out approaching the stretch, the chestnut collared 2-1 Dr. Smarty Jack (Smarty Jones) inside the eighth pole and forged ahead late to graduate by a length. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$21,620.

O/B-Edward P Evans (VA). T-Todd A Pletcher.

## ★ EAST ★

### Yesterday's Results:

**PRIMONETTA S., \$50,000, LRL, 4-4, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09 3/5, ft.**

(DH-1--**CAMMY'S CHOICE**, 118, m, 5, Take Me Out--Truth, by Smart Strike. O-Charles A Murray; B-Charles Murray (NY); T-Edward Lehman; J-Julian Pimentel; \$20,000. Lifetime Record: 14-6-6-2, \$233,168.

(DH)-1--**ACCESS FEE**, 120, f, 4, Menifee--Denied Access (SW), by Cryptoclearance. O-Sondra D Bender; B-Sondra & Howard M Bender (MD); T-Lawrence E Murray; J-Luis Garcia; \$20,000. Lifetime Record: 8-5-1-0, \$115,050. \*1/2 to Access Agenda (Twilight Agenda), SP, \$259,985; and Access Approved (With Approval), SP, \$186,880.

3--**All Giving**, 118, m, 5, Allen's Prospect--Slew the Dragoness, by Slew City Slew. (\$19,000 yrl '05 FTMOCT; \$75,000 2yo '06 FTMMAY). O-Concepts Unlimited Stable & Catherine J Smith. \$5,500.

Margins: 1 1/4, 7. Odds: 2.50, 1.10, 3.40.

Access Fee wired the field in Laurel's What a Summer S. Jan. 10, but gave way against the big girls next time in the seven-furlong GII Barbara Fritchie H. on Valentine's Day, finishing sixth. Favored to get back on track here, the dark bay sat in second after a :21.76 opening quarter, but was soon in front. Cammy's Choice breathed down her neck through a :44.73 half and the distaffers put on a show in the lane as they flashed under the wire together.

**STONEHEDGE FARM SOUTH SOPHOMORE FILLIES S., \$85,000, TAM, 4-4, (S), 3yo, f, 7f, 1:23 3/5, ft.**

1--**#SNOW LASS, 116, f, 3, [Stormy Atlantic](#)--Keri's Snowman, by Frosty the Snowman.** O-Bridlewood Farm; B-Arthur I Appleton (FL); T-Lynne M Scace; J-Rosemary B Homeister Jr; \$51,000. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$77,320. \*Full to Atlantic Frost, MSW, \$201,930.

2--**Sweet Yulianna**, 116, f, 3, Sweetsouthernstaint--Unique Charm, by Pentelicus. (\$60,000 2yo '08 OBSAPR). \$17,000.

3--**Brinca**, 116, f, 3, [Macho Uno](#)--Bailarina, by Lord Avie. \$8,500.

Margins: 3 1/4, 1, 2 1/4. Odds: 3.10, 10.10, 12.00.

Snow Lass remained unbeaten in three starts at Tampa. After wiring local maidens Jan. 10, the homebred defeated allowance foes by 3 1/2 lengths Mar. 13, and was sent off as the third choice while stepping up in class here. The dark bay set out in front and never looked back en route to recording her first stakes success. "I was very, very confident coming into the race," said Ray Stefano, assistant to winning trainer Lynn Scace. "She was training unbelievably coming up to the race; she just gets better and better. She does everything right. Who knows where we go now? I'll be interested to see if there are any offers; we've had some, but I think that she may be worth a little more now! She's one of the more talented horses in the stable right now."

**TODAY'S VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS**

**SPEIGHTSTOWN**

Sires Another New Stakes Winner  
**MULLINS BEACH**

Wires the field by 3 3/4 lengths in the  
**\$100,000 La Voyageuse Stakes at Woodbine**

2009 Fee: \$35,000 S & N

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**[SANTANA MILE \(4th-SAX, \\$87K\)](#) RAIL TRIP** (Jump Start) remains a perfect five for five.

**[1st-KEE \(\\$44K, Msw\)](#) AEGEAN** (Northern Afleet) wins by 3 1/2 lengths in career bow.

**[3rd-AQU \(\\$54K, Alw\)](#) GONE ASTRAY** (Dixie Union) wins under a hand ride.

**[5th-SAX \(\\$63K, Msw\)](#) CANONIZE** (Aldebaran) graduates by three lengths.



## ★ CANADA ★

### Yesterday's Results:

**LA VOYAGEUSE S.**, \$81,930, WOX, 4-4, (S), 3yo, f, 5f (AWT), :58 2/5, ft.

1--**#MULLINS BEACH, 118, f, 3, Speightstown--**

**Treasure Beach, by Silver Deputy.** O-Melnyk Racing Stables Inc; B-Eugene Melnyk (ON); T-Malcolm Pierce; J-Patrick Husbands; \$48,768. Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-1, \$127,369. \*Fifth SW for sophomore sire (by Gone West).

2--**Sans Sousi, 116, f, 3, Bold Executive--Ada Dancer,** by Dance Brightly. O-Eaton Hall Farm & M J Doyle Racing Stable Ltd. \$16,256.

3--**High Mist, 120, f, 3, Olmodavor--High Humidity,** by Petionville. (\$22,000 2yo '08 ADNMAR). O-N C Stables, Wendy Anderson, Bradley Weisbord, Jerry Frankel & Robert Masterson. \$8,941.

Margins: 3 3/4, NO, NK. Odds: 6.95, 5.65, 1.45.

Mullins Beach, eighth in last term's Gill Mazarine S. Oct. 5, closed out her juvenile campaign with an allowance win over the Polytrack Oct. 30. The Eugene Melnyk homebred kicked off the new year with a seventh-place finish in the grassy Mardi Gras S. at Fair Grounds Feb. 24. Sent to the front by Patrick Husbands here, Mullins Beach dueled clear to take it in style.

[Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

## ★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

### Yesterday's Results:

**SANTANA MILE H.**, \$86,877, SAX, 4-4, 4yo/up, 1m (AWT), 1:35 3/5, ft.

1--**#RAIL TRIP, 116, g, 4, Jump Start--Sweet Trip, by Carson City.** (\$200,000 yrl '06 FTKJUL). O-Jay Em Ess Stable; B-Donarra Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Ronald W Ellis; J-Jose Valdivia, Jr; \$53,190. Lifetime Record: 5-5-0-0, \$167,790.

2--**Dakota Phone, 119, g, 4, Zavata--World of Gold,** by Spinning World. (\$67,000 2yo '07 BESMAY). O-Halo Farms & Jerry Hollendorfer. \$17,730.

3--**Dixie Meister, 118, g, 7, Holzmeister--Dixity Do Dah,** by Dixieland Band. (\$4,600 yrl '03 TEXAUG). O-Johanna Louise Glen-Teven. \$10,638.

Margins: NO, 2, 3. Odds: 0.20, 4.30, 10.40.

Jose Valdivia Jr. fell asleep at the wheel late, but Rail Trip remains undefeated. Tabbed as a 🌟 **"TDN Rising Star"** 🌟 following his Hollywood debut last November, the Jay Em Ess colorbearer reeled off his next three with devastating ease, including a Santa Anita allowance most recently Feb. 20. Heavily favored facing only three rivals here, he set an uncontested pace through fractions of :24.28 and :48.31. After opening a clear lead without being asked in the stretch, Valdivia prematurely wrapped up on the son of Sweet Trip (Carson), and came within a nose of getting defeated by the fast finishing Dakota Phone.

### Santana Mile cont.

"He [Valdivia] was just trying to take it as easy as he could, and he said he didn't think that horse was coming that fast, so, luckily, it worked out," said winning trainer Ron Ellis. "[Rail Trip] doesn't handle this track as well as he does at Hollywood. He was trying to make it as easy as possible on him, but that's cutting it close, and even [Valdivia] said when he came back, 'Sorry about that.'" Rafael Bejarano, who rode Dakota Phone, said, "When I see a jockey like that holding his horse, I don't want to scream too much and let him know I'm coming. So, I just kept riding my horse. My horse was trying and almost passed him, but he was a better horse." [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

**10th-SAX, \$72,944, Alw, Opt. Clm.** (\$40,000), NW1X, 4yo/up, 7f (AWT), 1:22 1/5, ft.

**HARD BILL (CHI) (h, 5, Hardy--Vilinsky {Chi} {G1SP-Chi}, by Nijinsky Model)** went seven-for-eight in his native country, and closed out his Chilean campaign in style, capping a four-race winning streak with a listed score at Hipodromo Chile in September. The dark bay ran well in his U.S. debut off the layoff, completing the exacta in a first-level allowance at Santa Anita Mar. 7. The lukewarm favorite at 2-1 here, Hard Bill rallied from 10th beneath Garrett Gomez to eke out a nose decision over 13-1 A Lil Dumaani (Dumaani). The victor is 3/4 to La Tour (Chi) (Hussonet), MG1SP-Chi & GISP-US and Gran Latour (Chi) (Hussonet), GSW & G1SP-Chi. Lifetime Record: SW-Chi, 10-8-2-0, \$84,515. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

O-Paul S Chacon & Little Red Feather Racing. B-Haras de Pirque (CHI). T-Mike Puype.

**3rd-SAX, \$63,400, Msw, 3yo, f, a6 1/2fT, 1:14, fm. HAMEILDAEME (GB) (f, 3, Storming Home {GB}--Sweet Cando {Ire}, by Royal Applause {GB}),** a 5,000gns DONOCT yearling, made the frame in five of eight starts for trainer Stuart Williams last year in Britain. She concluded her tenure with a seventh in Leicester handicap Oct. 27 and, three days later, sold for 10,000gns at TATAUT. Ignored at the windows in this Stateside bow, the 44-1 shot found herself at the back of the pack as they raced down the hill, but began to move closer after crossing the main track. The dark bay found a higher gear in deep stretch and kicked in to surprise Dextera (Ger) (Royal Dragon) by a head, with favored Magic Roberta (Elusive Quality) the same margin back in third. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 9-1-3-2, \$43,625.

O-Newmarket Thoroughbred Racing LLC. B-Mrs Lucille Bone (GB). T-James Lloyd.



**SoCalifornia report cont.**

**5th-SAX, \$63,400, Msw, 3yo, 6f (AWT), 1:09 1/5, ft. + CANONIZE (g, 3, Aldebaran--Comanche Star, by Saint Ballado),** a \$90,000 FTKNOV weanling who blossomed into a \$320,000 KEESEP yearling, was let go at 23-1. After breaking alertly, the dark bay dropped back to race in fifth along the inside. He advanced on the turn and loomed boldly on the stands side turning for home. Jockey Jose Valdivia, having learned his lesson when nearly getting stablemate Rail Trip beaten in the fourth race, kept riding Canonize to the wire for a three-length success. Favored Raymorrison (Smart Strike) was second best. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$36,600. O-Jay Em Ess Stable. B-Four Roses (KY). T-Ronald W Ellis.

**SOTO** (Dehere), Walmac, \$8K, 68/9/2  
6-GG, Msw, 6f, Kaweah Princess  
**TAPIT** (Pulpit), Gainesway, \$15K, 171/34/4  
6-KEE, Msw, 6f, Careless Jewel, \$40K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1  
**TOMAHAWK** (Seattle Slew), Park Stud, \$9K, 94/10/1  
3-WO, Alw, 5f, Long Pants, 4-1  
3-WO, Alw, 5f, Hawkey Star, 2-1

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

**IN BRITAIN:**

+ Soccer, c, 2, [Van Nistelrooy](#). See "Britain."  
Rafaan, c, 3, [Gulch](#). See "Britain."



★ BRITAIN ★

**MON MOME WINS THE NATIONAL**

Liverpool was in shock yesterday after nine-year-old **Mon Mome (Fr)** (Passing Sale {Fr}) took the Grand National at odds of 100-1 in the hands of Liam Treadwell. Vida Bingham's bay took over from last year's hero Comply or Die (Ire) (Old Vic {GB}) at the final fence and bounded away for a 12-length success. Trainer Venetia Williams was just as surprised as the massed crowd. "It was just unbelievable and this is beyond dreaming," said Williams. "He put up a career-best in the autumn when he won at Cheltenham, but he hadn't run so well on his last few runs, and this is such a unique race that anything could happen." Treadwell added, "I had the perfect run through the race and he jumped brilliant for me. It hasn't sunk in yet, all I can say at this moment in time is it is unbelievable." Comply or Die's owner David Johnson said of the runner-up, "We are delighted to be second and, maybe, he'll go down as one of the all-time great horses of Aintree."

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**ROOKIES**

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*Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2005 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW  
Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

- ACTION THIS DAY** (Kris S.), Spendthrift, \$10K, 148/16/1  
8-KEE, Alw, 1 1/16mT, Rapid Release, \$106K GOF ORB yrl, 12-1
- CANDY RIDE (ARG)** (Ride the Rails), Hill 'n' Dale, \$10K, 215/29/4  
6-SA, Msw, 6 1/2f, Indy Ride
- FRIENDS LAKE** (A.P. Indy), Airdrie, \$15K, 154/24/3  
6-KEE, Msw, 6f, +My Fast Friend, 15-1
- LION HEART** (Tale of the Cat), Ashford, \$30K, 288/50/5  
6-TAM, Msw, 1 1/16mT, +Copper Hearted, \$37K ESM AY 2yo, 12-1
- MEDAGLIA D'ORO** (El Prado {Ire}), Stonewall, \$35K, 251/34/6  
8-SUN, Msw, 6f, Quick in Motion, \$42K OBS MAR 2yo, 7-2
- 6-OP, Msw, 6f, Doo Woppa Do, \$240K KEE SEP yrl
- 9-OP, Stk, 1 1/16m, Rachel Alexandra
- OCEAN TERRACE** (Saint Ballado), Mighty Acres, \$5K, 33/4/0  
8-KEE, Alw, 1 1/16mT, Ocean Ace, 50-1
- OMEGA CODE** (Elusive Quality), Hartley, 175/27/1  
6-OP, Msw, 6f, Green Glory, \$18K OBS OCT wnl
- PEACE RULES** (Jules), Vinery, \$15K, 187/33/2  
8-CT, Aoc, 4 1/2f, Passum Pattie, \$5K EAS SEP yrl, 12-1
- PERFECT SOUL (IRE)** (Sadler's Wells), Darby Dan, \$15K, 158/7/0  
6-KEE, Msw, 6f, Flo Wells, \$70K KEE SEP yrl, 15-1
- QUINTON'S GOLD** (Carson City), Doubletree, \$3K, 14/3/1  
10-SUN, Alw, 5 1/2f, Quinton's First, 6-1
- SCRIMSHAW** (Gulch), Millennium, \$7K, 94/18/1  
6-OP, Msw, 6f, Belle Noelle, \$435K KEE APR 2yo
- SEATTLE FITZ (ARG)** (Fitzcarraldo {Arg}), Buck Pond, \$7K, 68/7/1  
6-KEE, Msw, 6f, Commadore Kate, 15-1

UPCOMING GROUP 1 RACES - GREAT BRITAIN

Date	Race	Track
May 2	2000 Guineas	Newmarket
May 3	1000 Guineas	Newmarket
May 16	Lockinge S.	Newbury
June 5	Oaks S.	Epsom
	Coronation Cup	Epsom
June 6	Derby S.	Epsom
June 16	Queen Anne S.	Royal Ascot
	St. James's Palace S.	Royal Ascot
	King's Stand S.	Royal Ascot



**Yesterday's Results:**

**INTERNATIONAL TRIAL S.-Listed**, £40,000, Lingfield, 4-4, 3yo, 1m (AWT), 1:36.04, stn.

1--**#OCEAN'S MINSTREL (GB)**, 126, c, 3, by Pivotal (GB)

1st Dam: Minstrel's Dance, by Pleasant Colony

2nd Dam: Minstrelsy, by The Minstrel

3rd Dam: Mrs. Peterkin, by Tom Fool

(5,500gns wnlg '06 TATDEC; 18,000gns yrl '07 TATOCT; 21,000gns 2yo '08 TATAPR). O-Ocean Trailers Ltd; B-Black Horse Farm; T-John Ryan; J-Jerry O'Dwyer; £22,708. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, £26,234.

2--**Deposer (Ire)**, 126, c, 3, [Kheleyf](#)--Bezant (Ire), by Zamindar. (13,000gns wnlg '06 TATDEC; 19,000gns yrl '07 DONAUG). £8,608.

3--**Icsolator (Ire)**, 126, g, 3, [One Cool Cat](#)--Zinnia (GB), by Zilzal. (€65,000 yrl '07 GOFMIL). £4,308.

Margins: 2 1/4, NK, HF. Odds: 25-1, 7-2, 7-1.

Also Ran: Agente Parmigiano (Ire), Cry of Freedom, Canwinn (Ire), Jobe, Midnight Cruiser (Ire).

Stepping up off a success in a lowly Kempton maiden in December, Ocean's Minstrel did have the ideal credentials to take on a host of smart and more experienced rivals, but tore up the script with an authoritative display here. Slowly away, the bay was rushed up to lead and, after being allowed to dictate, quickened away from the pack on the final turn and beyond recall.

[Video, courtesy of attheraces.](#)

**Newcastle, 15.45, Cond**, £7,750, 2yo, 5fT, 1:04.68, gd/fm.

**ARCHERS ROAD (IRE)** (c, 2, Titus Livius {Fr}--Somoushe {Ire}, by Black Minnaloushe), runner-up in Saturday's Brocklesby Conditions S. at Doncaster before getting off the mark at Leicester two days ago, started best to lead against the fence. Under pressure when veering left and letting Lees Anthem (GB) (Mujahid) in with a chance, the even-money crowd's choice was gifted the race when that rival went through the running rail and had three lengths to spare over Trade Secret (GB) (Trade Fair {GB}) at the line.

Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, £10,981. [Video, courtesy of attheraces.](#)

O-John Webster; B-John Fielding; T-Mick Channon.

**Newcastle, 16.30, Mdn**, £4,250, 3yo/up, 10f 32ydsT, 2:13.88, gd/fm.

**RAFAAN** (c, 3, [Gulch](#)--Reem Al Barari, by Storm Cat), third in a Yarmouth maiden on his last start in September, was soon in front and had rivals queuing up behind at the top of the stretch. Game despite the strong headwind, the homebred drew away late on to record a convincing three-length success from Ruler of All (Ire) (Sadler's Wells). Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, £4,423.

[Video, courtesy of attheraces.](#)

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Farm LLC; T-Mark Johnston.

**Lingfield, 15.55, Mdn**, £4,000, 2yo, 5f (AWT), :59.22, stn.

+ **SOCCER** (c, 2, [Van Nistelrooy](#)--Bonita Gail, by Geiger Counter), sent off at 10-3, broke well and raced close to the early pace before kicking into the lead before the furlong marker. Always holding Shark Man (Ire) (Arakan) in the run to the line, the chestnut held a half-length call there. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £2,730.

[Video, courtesy of attheraces.](#)

O-Findlay & Bloom; B-Asiel Stables LLC; T-Tom Dascombe.

**Lingfield, 16.40, Mdn**, £4,000, 3yo, 6f (AWT), 1:11.75, stn.

**ANACREON (IRE)** (c, 3, Dansili {GB}--Anbella {Fr} {SW-Fr}, by Common Grounds {GB}), only second when favorite over seven furlongs here last time Mar. 18, was hammered into 4-11 to make amends here. The bay broke best before accepting a lead after a furlong. Back in front before the final quarter, the 140,000gns TATDEC weanling and 220,000gns TATOCT yearling asserted to easily beat Vamos (Ire) (Royal Applause {GB}) by 3 3/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, £3,536. [Video, courtesy of attheraces.](#)

O-H R H Princess Haya of Jordan; B-S P Tindall; T-John Gosden.



**EUROPEAN VIDEO LINKS**

[International Trial S.-Listed OCEAN'S MINSTREL \(GB\)](#)

(Pivotal {GB}) gets first stakes win.

[15.45 Newcastle \(Cond.\) ARCHERS ROAD \(IRE\)](#) (Titus

Livius {Fr}) wins second start in three days.

[16.30 Newcastle \(Mdn\) RAFAAN \(Gulch\)](#) graduates in

third start.

[15.55 Lingfield \(Mdn\) SOCCER](#) (Van Nistelrooy) wins at

first asking.

[16.40 Lingfield \(Mdn\) ANACREON \(IRE\)](#) (Dansili {GB})

gets the job done as the 4-11 favorite.

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## ★ FRANCE ★

Sunday, Longchamp, post time: 4:25 p.m.

**PRIX FINLANDE-Listed**, €55,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	1	Gainful	Gone West	Smaga
2	4	Ana Americana (Fr)	American Post	Demercastel
3	3	Wadjeka	Oasis Dream (GB)	de Nicolay
4	2	Denomination	Smart Strike	Head-Maarek
5	6	Bufera (Ire)	King's Best	Rob Collet
6	5	Ciel Rouge (Fr)	Red Ransom	Rouget

All carry 123 pounds.

## ★ IRELAND ★

Sunday, Curragh, post time: 2:45 p.m.

**NEWBRIDGE CREDIT UNION LOUGHBROWN S.-Listed**,

€45,000, 3yo, 7fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	4	Douze Points (Ire)	Redback (GB)	J G Murphy	127
2	9	Gluteus Maximus (Ire)	Statue of Liberty	A O'Brien	127
3	5	Liebermann (Ger)	Big Shuffle	Weld	127
4	2	Three Way Stretch (Ire)	Intikhab	Gorman	127
5	6	Vocalised	Vindication	Bolger	127
6	7	Chorus of Angels (GB)	Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)	Wachman	124
7	8	Marquesa	Kingmambo	Wachman	124
8	1	Ohiyesa (Ire)	Noverre	Lyons	124
9	3	What's Up Pussycat (Ire)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Wachman	124

## ★ ITALY ★

Sunday, Rome, post time: 4:35 p.m.

**PREMIO DAUMIER-Listed**, €50,400, 3yo, c/g, 7 1/2fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	2	Braccio di Ferro (GB)	Medicean (GB)	Gasparini
2	1	Corioliss (Ire)	Verglas (Ire)	Onofrio
3	10	Libano (Ire)	Indian Ridge (Ire)	Polito
4	8	Mibar	Refuse to Bend (Ire)	Bietolini
5	9	Miroslav (Ire)	Fasliyev	F & L Camici
6	7	Mountain Excel (Ire)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	R Brogi
7	4	Relco Italy (Ire)	Dansili (GB)	B Grizzetti
8	11	Spirit of Sport (Ire)	Marju (Ire)	Candi
9	6	Tuliangreen (Ity)	Tertullian	A & G Botti
10	3	Varese (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	B Grizzetti
11	5	Wood White	Aljabr	Menichetti

All carry 123 pounds bar Mibar & Varese, 128.

### GOFFS IRELAND - 2009 SALES

Flat Breeze-Up (Dundalk)	May 12
Million/Sportsman's Yearling	Sept. 28-Oct. 1
Horses in Training Sale	Oct. 30
November Sale	Nov. 16-22
December Flat Sale	Dec. 12-13

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Yesterday's Result:

**PREMIO GARDONE-Listed**, €50,400, Milan, 4-4, 3yo, c/g, 1mT, 1:42.80, hy.

1--**APRO LUNARE (IRE)**, 128, c, 3, by Orpen

1st Dam: My Filly (Fr), by Last Tycoon (Ire)

2nd Dam: Sombre Lady (GB), by Sharpen Up (GB)

3rd Dam: Musique Royale, by Northern Dancer

(€9,000 yrl '07 TATIRE). O-Scuderia Glena; B-Lime Hill Stud; T-Laura Grizzetti; J-Claudio Colombi; €20,000. Lifetime Record: 4-3-1-0, €59,280.

2--**Osservatorio (Ity)**, 123, c, 3, Colossus (Ire)--Oropa (Ire), by Indian Ridge (Ire). €12,320.

3--**Anonimo Veneziano (GB)**, 123, c, 3, Compton Place (GB)--Supercharger (GB), by Zamindar. €6,720.

Margins: SNK, 3, 1HF. Odds: 5.20, 3.00, 0.95.

Also Ran: Effetto Speciale (Ire), King Luck (Ire), Frank Stella (Ire), Jacksonville.

Aprò Lunare has raced exclusively over this course and distance in three prior starts and backed up a Sept. 17 maiden win with victory in the Sept. 27 Listed Premio Vittorio Riva. Most recently, he lost his unbeaten tag in a conditions event on seasonal bow last time Mar. 22. Settled fourth after an alert break here, he came under pressure approaching the final quarter mile and kept on resolutely under continued urging to inhale Osservatorio in the dying strides.

## ★ GERMANY ★

**BADEN-BADEN IN THE MIRE**

The Baden-Baden International Race Club has announced its bankruptcy following a period of financial dire straits. While it remains on the look-out for new investors to help clear the debt and pay the purses for its races, it is understood that the upcoming feature Spring Meeting May 16-24 is not affected with funds already secured.



AUSTRALASIA



**GROUP WINNER BY U.S. SIRE:**

@**Cassandra Shadow (NZ)**, f, 3, **Johannesburg--** Pentamerous (NZ), by Pentire (GB). Ascot (Perth), 4-4, West Australian Oaks-G3, 3yo, f, 1 1/2mT, A\$152,300 to winner. B-Astrik Pty Ltd; T-Shane Edwards.

**GROUP WINNER BY EUROPEAN SIRE:**

**Harris Tweed (NZ)**, c, 3, **Montjeu (Ire)**--Sally (NZ), by Prized. Rosehill (Sydney), 4-4, Tulloch S.-G2, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/4mT, A\$97,500 to winner. B-P H P Bayly; T-Murray & Bjorn Baker.



Australasian report cont.

**‘DUKE’ AND ‘NAVIGATOR’ TO SHUTTLE**

Coolmore stallions **Duke of Marmalade (Ire)** (Danehill--Love Me True, by Kingmambo) and **Henrythenavigator** (Kingmambo--Sequoyah {Ire}, by Sadler's Wells) will shuttle to Australia this spring with Coolmore Australia announcing that the Group 1 winners will be joining its 2009 stallion roster. Duke of Marmalade and Henrythenavigator were dominant figures throughout Europe in 2008, winning nine Group 1 between them.



**Duke of Marmalade**  
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“Coolmore Australia is delighted to present two stallions of this magnitude to breeders from Australia and New Zealand,” said

Michael Kirwan, Coolmore Australia's General Manager. “Duke of Marmalade is a five-time Group 1 winner, his immediate family includes no less than nine stallions that have sired Group 1 winners. He is also by Danehill, the most significant sire in Australian history.” Campaigned from ages two through four, Duke of Marmalade won the G1 Prix Ganay, G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup, G1 Prince of Wales S., G1 King George and Queen Elizabeth S. and G1 Juddmonte International. Henrythenavigator accounted for the G1 English and Irish Two Thousand Guineas, G1 St. James's Palace S. and G1 Sussex S. Kirwan added, “Henrythenavigator was a brilliant juvenile who at three developed into one of the most acclaimed milers we have seen in some time. Not only did he win four Group 1's, he broke two course records, and only truly outstanding horses can do that. He is also by champion sire Kingmambo and is a perfect outcross to Danehill-line mares.” Service fees for Duke of Marmalade and Henrythenavigator will be announced in the coming weeks.

**BREEDERS' EDITION**  
**AMERICA**

**STAKES RESULTS:**

**HILTON GARDEN INN SPRINT S.**, \$85,000, TAM, 4-4, (S), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09 2/5, ft.

- 1--**ON THE VINEYARD**, 120, h, 5, **Lite the Fuse--Princess Aloha**, by Aloha Prospector. O/B/T-Lynne M Scace (FL); J-Willie Martinez; \$51,000. Lifetime Record: 12-5-1-0, \$130,447. \*1/2 to Vineyard Haven (Lido Palace {Chi}), MGISW, \$431,500.
  - 2--**How's Your Halo**, 122, h, 6, Halo's Image--Say How You Feel, by Little Current. \$17,000.
  - 3--**Ruby's Red Socks**, 116, g, 7, Reparations--Red Ruby, by Dr. Adagio. \$8,500.
- Margins: 1 3/4, NK, 3/4. Odds: 30.50, 6.50, 8.90.

**OCALA BREEDERS' SALES SOPHOMORE S.**, \$85,000, TAM, 4-4, (S), 3yo, 7f, 1:22 4/5, ft.

- 1--**BEE CEE CEE**, 122, c, 3, **Songandaprayer--Mighty Rose {SW, \$125,451}**, by **Mighty Appealing**. (\$100,000 wing '06 OBSOCT; \$200,000 2yo '08 OBSFEB). O-J Robert Harris Jr; B-Marion G Montanari (FL); T-Edward Plesa, Jr; J-Daniel Centeno; \$51,000. Lifetime Record: GSP, 10-3-1-2, \$159,900. \*1/2 to **Mighty David** (End Sweep), MSP, \$317,513.
  - 2--**Biblionico**, 116, g, 3, Concerto--Biblionico, by Notebook. (\$17,000 2yo '08 OBSJUN). \$17,000.
  - 3--**Golf Pal**, 116, c, 3, Max's Pal--Marla Sue, by You and I. \$8,500.
- Margins: 3, 11, 3 1/4. Odds: 2.30, 21.60, 4.30.

**KINSMAN TURF CLASSIC S.**, \$85,000, TAM, 4-4, (S), 4yo/up, a1 1/8mT, 1:48, fm.

- 1--**FEARLESS EAGLE**, 116, h, 5, **Invisible Ink--Proud Royale**, by **Proud Birdie**. O/B-Isaac Muhtar (FL); T-Edward Plesa Jr; J-Elvis Trujillo; \$51,000. Lifetime Record: 18-6-2-2, \$253,870.
  - 2--**Marquet Cat**, 118, g, 4, Cat Thief--To Marquet, by Marquetry. \$17,000.
  - 3--**Ruff and Ready**, 116, h, 7, More Than Ready--Cricket Box, by Notebook. \$8,500.
- Margins: NK, 1 1/4, NK. Odds: 4.40, 10.30, 2.60.

**DAYTON ANDREWS DODGE SOPHOMORE TURF S.**, \$85,000, TAM, 4-4, (S), 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:43, fm.

- 1--**TAMBORIM**, 122, c, 3, **Belong to Me--Miu Miu**, by **Kris S.** O/B-Haras Santa Maria de Araras SA (FL); T-William I Mott; J-Daniel Centeno; \$51,000. Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-1, \$138,976.
  - 2--**Duke of Mischief**, 117, c, 3, Graeme Hall--My Lady Amelia, by Real Courage. \$17,000.
  - 3--**Cheeks Malone**, 116, c, 3, Spanish Steps--Far and Above, by Abstract. \$8,500.
- Margins: 3/4, NK, 1HF. Odds: 1.40, 11.50, 6.60.

**L AND D FARM TURF DISTAFF S.**, \$85,000, TAM, 4-4, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:42 1/5, fm.

- 1--**#QUIET MEADOW**, 120, f, 4, **El Prado (Ire)--Quiet Down (SP)**, by **Quiet American**. (\$100,000 2yo '07 FTMMAY; \$77,000 HRA '08 KEENOV). O-Hidden Brook; B-Arthur I Appleton (FL); T-Chad C Brown; J-Elvis Trujillo; \$51,000. Lifetime Record: 11-3-1-3, \$135,008.
  - 2--**Scolara**, 122, f, 4, Quiet American--Millie's Delight, by El Gran Senor. \$17,000.
  - 3--**Azura**, 118, f, 4, Came Home--Proud Fillie (Fr), by Linamix (Fr). \$8,500.
- Margins: HF, 4 3/4, NK. Odds: 5.60, 0.50, 18.30.



**YERBA BUENA S.**, \$75,000, GGX, 4-4, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 3/8mT, 2:20 2/5, fm.

1--#**RESTLESS SOUL (GB)**, 122, m, 5, **Singspiel (Ire)**--**Seasonal Splendour (Ire) (SP-Eng)**, by **Prince Rupert (Fr)**. (20,000gns HRA '07 TATDEC). O-Ben Cecil, James McCalmont, Anthony Rogers & Karl Webster; B-C A Cyzer (GB); T-Ben D A Cecil; J-Chad Phillip Schvaneveldt; \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 22-3-4-1, \$145,717. \*1/2 to **When In Rome (GB) (Saddlers' Hall {Ire})**, MGSP-GB; and **Strength 'n Honour (GB) (Hernando {Fr})**, GSP-GB.

2--**You Lift Me Up**, 122, f, 4, Lord Carson--Up On Her Toes, by Green Dancer. \$15,000.

3--**Caprice (Ger)**, 122, m, 6, Monsun (Ger)--**Catella (Ger)**, by **Generous (Ire)**. (€145,000 HRA '06 DEADDEC). \$9,000.

Margins: 3/4, 2, 5HF. Odds: 2.80, 1.70, 1.40.

**ARIZONA STALLION S.**, \$51,939, TUP, 4-4, (R), 3yo, 7 1/2fT, 1:30 1/5, fm.

1--#**FRISKY RICKY**, 120, g, 3, **Rocky Bar--Blane Heathen**, by **Devil's Bag**. O-Arrowhead Racing; B-Arrowhead Equine (AZ); T-W R Whitehouse; J-Akifumi Kato; \$28,855. Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-0, \$43,123.

2--**French Hit**, 120, g, 3, Top Hit--French Debutante, by French Deputy. \$11,542.

3--**Who's Ralph**, 120, g, 3, Rocky Bar--Hugafool, by Fool the Experts. \$5,771.

Margins: 2 3/4, 3/4, 5 3/4. Odds: 2.30, 1.70, 5.60.

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**9th-WOX**, \$58,603, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500-\$60,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, 5f (AWT), :57 4/5, ft.

**TRUE VINDICATION (g, 4, Vindication--Tres Coronas {SW & GSP, \$242,684}, by Chief's Crown)** Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-0, \$94,164. O-Live Oak Plantation. B-Swettenham Stud (KY). T-Malcolm Pierce. \*\$135,000 wlng '05 KEENOV; \$425,000 yrl '06 KEESEP.

**10th-WOX**, \$54,159, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f (AWT), :57 4/5, ft.

**GRENADE (f, 4, Lite the Fuse--Another Day, by Silver Deputy)** Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-1, \$104,867. O-Norseman Racing Stable. B-Adena Springs (FL). T-Tony Mattine. \*\$8,500 yrl '06 OBSJAN.

**10th-KEE**, \$52,375, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:37 2/5, fm.

**MEADOW SAFFRON (f, 4, Military--Gigi Gear, by Golden Gear)** Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-1, \$52,008. O/T-Frederick J Seitz. B-Bradyleigh Farms Inc (KY). \*\$8,000 yrl '06 FTKOCT; \$180,000 2yo '07 OBSAPR.

**8th-PHA**, \$52,080, NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft.

**MARIE SOLEIL (f, 4, Louis Quatorze--Lullaby's Melody, by Ziggy's Boy)** Lifetime Record: 23-4-7-2, \$161,632. O-Willow Rock Stable LLC. B-Patricia Leigh Wood & Moss Creek Farm (PA). T-Scott A Lake. \*\$25,000 yrl '06 FTMOCT.

**6th-PHA**, \$41,000, NW1X, 3yo, f, 1m70y, 1:45 1/5, ft.

**STAGE TRICK (f, 3, Distorted Humor--Engaging, by Private Account)** Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$49,957. O-Jayeff B Stables. B-Overbrook Farm (KY). T-Alan E Goldberg. \*\$190,000 yrl '07 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to **Fiery Pursuit (Carson City)**, GSW, \$336,322; **Space Cruise (Cape Canaveral)**, MSP, \$184,605.

**5th-GGX**, \$38,160, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW1X, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:44, fm.

**SURF TOWN (g, 5, Siberian Summer--Recklesswarrant, by Candi's Gold)** Lifetime Record: 28-8-8-1, \$173,740. O-Jerry Hollendorfer & George Todaro. B-Andy Mathis (CA). T-Jerry Hollendorfer.

**5th-OPX**, \$38,000, Opt. Clm. (\$35,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45 1/5, ft.

**NUMISMATIST (g, 4, Yankee Gentleman--Near Mint, by Dehere)** Lifetime Record: MSP, 17-4-2-6, \$144,181. O-Kindred Thoroughbreds LLC. B-Brereton C Jones (KY). T-Donnie K Von Hemel. \*\$72,000 wlng '05 KEENOV.

**8th-GGX**, \$32,520, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:46 2/5, fm.

**DYNAMATIC (m, 6, Dynaformer--Valid Trade, by Valid Appeal)** Lifetime Record: 11-2-2-0, \$67,500. O-George Krikorian. B-Elk Manor Farm (MD). T-Steve M Sherman. \*\$180,000 yrl '04 KEESEP.

**4th-LRL**, \$30,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04 4/5, ft.

**HASTA LA PASTA (f, 4, B L's Appeal--Dray Dray, by Wheaton)** Lifetime Record: 18-4-4-3, \$75,782. O-Top Shelf Racing. B-Frank Bertolino (FL). T-Scott A Lake.

**2nd-HAW**, \$30,000, NW2X, (S), 3/up, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft.

**PUBLISH (g, 4, Vision and Verse--Hopeful Prospect, by Crafty Prospector)** Lifetime Record: 11-3-0-0, \$60,060. O/B-S D Brilie Ltd Partnership (IL). T-Christine K Janks. \*1/2 to **High Expectations (Peaks and Valleys)**, MSW, \$615,975.

**7th-CTX**, \$29,100, 4-3, NW3L, (S), 3yo/up, 4 1/2f, :51 3/5, gd.

**OBSCURITY (g, 4, Medford--Ha Pa Da, by Wekiva Springs)** Lifetime Record: 10-2-3-1, \$61,319. O-Mark B Lapidus LLC. B-Hi-Rock Stable (WV). T-Damon R Dilodovico. \*\$9,500 yrl '06 FTMOCT; \$52,000 2yo '07 OBSAPR.



**8th-HAW, \$26,000, NW1X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10, ft.**  
**MORALIST (g, 4, Talk Is Money--Vita Eterna, by Risen Star)** Lifetime Record: 20-4-5-1, \$53,920. O-Miracle Logistics Inc. B-John Severance & Jill Baker (KY). T-Tammy Domenosky. \*\$7,500 wlng '05 KEENOV.

**6th-WRD, \$23,500, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38, ft.**  
**REEL DEDICATED (f, 4, Reel On Reel--Queen's Affair, by Black Tie Affair {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$30,544. O-Marie L Nelson. B-Frank & Peter Hladky (OK). T-Randy Oberlander.

**8th-WRD, \$23,500, NW2L, (S), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:03, ft.**  
**PASSWITHCAUTION (g, 3, Indy Thunder--A Star Named Slew, by Vanlandingham)** Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$25,212. O-Justforfun Stables. B-Jody & Deborah Pruitt (OK). T-Jody Pruitt. \*Won by 4 1/4 lengths.

**3rd-TAM, \$20,200, NW1X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09 3/5, ft.**  
**SAUCY'S GOT IT (g, 4, Halo's Image--Saucy's Smokin, by Fast Ferdie)** Lifetime Record: 11-3-2-1, \$48,879. O/B-Circle S Ranch (FL). T-Lori A Smock. \*\$20,000 yrl '06 OBSAUG.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Devil's Apprentice, c, 3, Devil His Due--**  
 Princessonewest (SW), by West by West. MNR, 4-3, 1m, 1:40 4/5. B-Margaux Farm LLC & Jeff Danford (KY).

**Ramblingambinman, c, 3, Drewman--Glorious Grace** (SW, \$176,484), by Saint Ballado. OPX, 4-4, (C), 6f, 1:10. B-Williams Family Racing LLC (FL).

**The Real Chas, g, 3, Eavesdropper--Twill** (SP), by Binalong. HAW, 4-4, (S), 6f, 1:12. B-Terry L Morgan DVM (IL). \*\$10,000 yrl '07 FTKOCT.

**Score One More, f, 3, Even the Score--Snap to It,** by Honour and Glory. CTX, 4-4, 4 1/2f, :52 2/5. B-Millennium Farms (TX). \*\$32,000 wlng '06 KEENOV; \$75,000 yrl '07 FTKJUL; \$50,000 2yo '08 OBSMAR. \*\*SP.

**Agnostic, c, 3, Home At Last--A Real Sweetheart,** by Our Emblem. HAW, 4-4, (S), 6f, 1:11 4/5. B-Nuckols Farm Inc (IL).

**Super Wood, g, 3, Super Quercus (Fr)--Sea Sis,** by Al Mamoon. SUN, 4-4, (S), 1m, 1:39 4/5. B-Miguel L Gallegos (NM).

**Mr Richmond Sir, g, 4, Donthelumbertrader--**  
 Mysweetlass, by Rare Brick. TAM, 4-4, 6f, 1:12 1/5. B-W John Bourke & Robert Guciardo (PA).

+ **Miss Barfite, f, 4, Fistfite--Barzana,** by Icecapade. WRD, 4-4, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:04 2/5. B-Center Hills Farm (OK). \*1/2 to Gray Not Bay (Procida), SW, \$105,706.

**Wild Hunter, g, 4, Jade Hunter--Wild Pitch,** by Wild Again. WRD, 4-4, 1m, 1:37 2/5. B-Gary Owens (OK). \*\$6,000 2yo '07 TEXMAR.

**Milwaukee Action, f, 4, Milwaukee Brew--**  
 l'mbackinaction (SW), by Proud and True. PHA, 4-4, (C), 1m, 1:43 3/5. B-Brandywine Bloodstock (PA). \*\$20,000 yrl '06 FTMOCT.

**Liberty Bridge, c, 4, Mr. Greeley--Gray Cashmere** (MGSW & MGISP, \$516,123), by Relaunch. LRL, 4-4, 7f, 1:25 3/5. B-Liberation Farm & CHO LLC (KY). \*\$40,000 yrl '06 KEESEP; 20,000gns 2yo '07 DONAPR.

**Reign of Tears, f, 4, Salt Lake--Frozen Crown,** by It's Freezing. CTX, 4-4, 6 1/2f, 1:21 3/5. B-Bob Johnson (KY).

★ WINNERS BY U.S. SIRE ★

**IN CHILE:**

**Pampa Oceanica (Chi), f, 2, Ocean Terrace--Pampa de la** Sal (Chi), by Sadlers Congress (Ire). 4-3, Club Hipico de Santiago, Mdn, 1400m, 1:23.08. Race Record: 4 starts, 1 win. O-Stud La Estrella. B-Haras el Sheik. T-Patricio Baeza.

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**HANDICAP RESULTS:**

**IRELAND, Dundalk, 20.30, 4-3, €23,000, 3yo, 10f** 150yds (AWT), 2:16.48, stn.

**MARIYDI (IRE) (c, 3, Kalanisi {Ire}--Mariyba {Ire}, by Be My Guest)** Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, €25,010. O-His Highness the Aga Khan; B-H H the Aga Khan's Studs SC; T-Mick Halford.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Full of Love (Ire), f, 3, Hawk Wing--Charmingly,** by King of Kings (Ire). Newcastle, Britain, 4-4, Mdn, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 3ydsT. B-Raymond P Doyle. \*€19,000 wlng '06 GOFNOV; 15,000gns 2yo '08 TATGNS.

**Puzzlemaster (GB), c, 3, Lomitas (GB)--Norcroft Joy** (GB), by Rock Hopper (GB). Wolverhampton, Britain, 4-4, Mdn, 3yo, 1m 141yds (AWT). B-Norcroft Park Stud.

**Seek the Fair Land (GB), g, 3, Noverre--Duchcov** (GB) (SP-Eng), by Caerleon. Wolverhampton, Britain, 4-3, Mdn, 3yo, 7f 32yds (AWT). B-Raimon Bloodstock. \*38,000gns wlng '06 TATDEC; €36,000 yrl '07 GOFMIL.

**Sapphire Spray (Ire), f, 3, Viking Ruler (Aus)--Rainbow** Melody (Ire), by Rainbows for Life. Dundalk, Ireland, 4-3, Mdn, 3-4yo, f/m, 1m (AWT). B-Miss A Prendergast.