



THOROUGHBRED DAILY NEWS™ ☆ INTERNATIONAL ☆

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APPEALING SPECTACULAR BID SCORE

After winging home by eight lengths in his second start, **B L's Appeal** (Valid Appeal) finished second to Snuck In in the Affirmed division of the Florida Stallion S. at Calder Sept. 4 and fourth in the Foolish Pleasure S. over a sloppy track Sept. 25. He was second two back in the Gilded Time S. over this surface Nov. 5, then outkicked **Rich Celebration** (Rizzi) in the Inaugural S. at Tampa Bay Downs in his most recent start Dec. 18. Away well from the two hole, he rated just off the pace cut out by **Z Cool** (Unreal Zeal) and **Dance Master**, angling outside that pair after a half in :45 2/5. Gaining command at the eighth pole, the dark bay drew clear and was all out to hold off late-charging **American Bullet** (Jolie's Halo). "The game plan worked out," said winning jockey Mike Smith. "Larry (trainer Pilotti), told me to get him out of the gate, sit in the pocket and make one run. That's just what happened. I saw the other horse (American Bullet) coming, but I was confident we could hold him off. It's six furlongs, not six furlongs and two jumps." B L's Appeal is automatically nominated to the Florida Derby with his victory, but hasn't caught Derby Fever yet. "Like I said the other day, our two major goals were this race and the Hutcheson (GII, 1-29, \$150,000, 7f), so that's what we'll shoot for now," said Pilotti.

Wednesday, Gulfstream Park

SPECTACULAR BID S.-GIII, \$75,000, GPX, 1-5, 3yo, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft.

1--**@B L'S APPEAL**, 114, c, 3, by Valid Appeal

1st Dam: **B L's Girl** (SP), by Master Derby

2nd Dam: **T Joe's Girl**, by Pia Star

3rd Dam: **Fee Fee Girl**, by Johns Chic

(\$75,000 2yo '99 OBSMAR). O-Monarch Stables; B-Harry T Mangurian Jr (FL); T-Larry Pilotti; J-M E Smith; \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 9-4-3-0, \$157,960.

2--**American Bullet**, 114, c, 3, Jolie's Halo--Dazzling

Affair, by Sezyou. (\$57,000 yrl '98 OBSAUG;

\$135,000 2yo '99 OBSFEB). O-Jill E Robinson;

B-Releib Stable & Scott Dudley (FL); \$15,000.

3--**Tour the Hive**, 112, c, 3, Tour D'Or--Queen of the

Hive, by Drone. O-Pyrite Stables; B-Dr D W Frazier

(FL); \$8,250.

Margins: HD, 2HF, HF. Odds: 1.80, 11.80, 92.40.

Also Ran: **Dance Master**, **Z Cool**, **Entrepreneur**, **Rich Celebration**, **Dont Tell the Kids**.

BIANCONE JOINS STRONACH STABLE Trainer Patrick Biancone, who was handed a nine-month suspension in Hong Kong after having several horses test positive for banned substances, is back at work as the manager as Frank Stronach's Ocala, Florida farm. The French-born horseman, who denied administering any illegal substances to his horses, had planned to apply for a trainer's license in New York last October, but withdrew that application. Biancone, a top conditioner in Europe before moving to Hong Kong, guided the filly **All Along** to the U.S. Horse of the Year title in 1983.



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THOROUGHBRED DAILY NEWS

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CHURCHILL RELEASES STAKES SCHEDULE

The 126th running of the Kentucky Derby highlights the stakes schedule for 2000 released yesterday by Churchill Downs. The first leg of this year's Triple Crown is slated for Saturday, May 6 at the Louisville oval. The Kentucky Oaks will also be renewed for the 126th time and runs Friday, May 4. Churchill's 53-day spring meet will run from April 29 through July 9 and features 28 added-money events, 21 of those graded, including the newly-named GI Woodford Reserve Turf Classic on Derby Day. The 1 1/8-mile turf feature was formerly known as the Early Times Turf Classic. The spring meet also features the first major stakes events for juveniles, with the GIII Debutante for two-year-old fillies July 8 and the GII Bashford Manor July 9. Older horses have their turn in the spotlight in the GII Stephen Foster H. June 17, a race won last year by Victory Gallop. The fall meet runs from Oct. 29 through Nov. 25 with 11 stakes events, highlighted by the GII Clark H. Nov. 24. "Horses that compete in the stakes program at Churchill Downs have distinguished themselves in major races at tracks across the U.S. and abroad and we expect our stakes races to continue to attract the brightest stars in racing in 2000," said Don Richardson, Churchill Senior Vice President of Racing.

FIRST FOAL FOR SKIP AWAY Five-year-old mare Electorate (Ire) (Caerleon) dropped the first foal, a filly, from the first crop of 1998 Horse of the Year Skip Away this past Tuesday at Doninga Farm near Lexington, Kentucky, according to *Blood-Horse Online*. It is the first foal for the mare, who herself is a half sister to GSW Aquaba. Skip Away stands at Hopewell Farm near Midway, Kentucky.

In Memory of Shirley Morris

The TDN says goodbye to a member of our family and a great friend of racing, Shirley Morris, 69, who passed away January 5 after a lengthy illness. She is survived by husband Richard Morris, son Andy Morris, daughter Susan Finley, son-in-law William Finley and grandson Ryan Finley. Arrangements for a memorial service are pending. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to: Special Occasion Giving—Lung Cancer Research, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, 1275 York Avenue, New York, New York 10021.

☆ NEW YORK ☆

Yesterday's Results:

6th-AQU, \$48,000, Alw, 4yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:42, ft.
 1--DOC MARTIN, 116, g, 5, Woodman--Diane Suzanne, by Compliance. O/B-Richard M Bomze (KY); T-Leo O'Brien. Lifetime Record: GSP, 26-4-3-4, \$210,720.
 2--Tickle Me Red, 118, g, 4, Chief Honcho--Buck's Lady, by Alleged.
 3--Sixth Man, 116, c, 4, Dehere--Gabfest, by Tom Rolfe.
 Margins: 3/4, 1 1/4, 3/4. Odds: 1.15, 5.30, 6.10.

Doc Martin spent most of 1999 racing on the turf, but returned from a two-month layoff to finish second in the GIII Queens County H. over this surface Dec. 11. Favored here against a deep field of six rivals, the chestnut rated along in the early stages, moved three wide on the turn and prevailed narrowly after a long drive.

8th-AQU, \$47,000, Alw, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10, ft.

1--FALKENBURG, 122, g, 5, Storm Bird--Bridal Wings, by Private Account. O-Stronach Stable; B-Frank Stronach (KY); T-Joseph Orseno. Lifetime Record: 5-4-0-0, \$103,800. *1/2 to Road Rush (Broad Brush), GSW, \$185,946.
 2--Greek Tycoon, 117, c, 4, Olympio--T. V. Jingles, by Stop the Music.
 3--Medford, 115, h, 5, Meadowlake--Really Quick, by In Reality.
 Margins: HD, 8, 3/4. Odds: 0.65, 3.45, 7.10.

Falkenburg flashed his speed yet again for his fourth victory in five career starts. The bay gelding captured his belated debut last March over the inner track, then resurfaced in October with an allowance score at Belmont. Shipped to Gulfstream for the Eillo S. Breeders' Cup weekend, the homebred suffered his first defeat when seventh after a wide trip. Back in the Big Apple, he led every step, romping home by six lengths, in an Aqueduct allowance Dec. 5. Heavily favored to continue that form, he broke sharply from his outside post, put a head in front after a half in :46 and gamely fought off Greek Tycoon for a narrow score.

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New York Report cont.

3rd-AQU, \$44,000, Alw, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:45 2/5, ft. CENTURIAN MAN (c, 3, Cryptoclearance--Lost Love, by Lost Code) graduated for a \$40,000 tag going a mile at Aqueduct Nov. 11, then came back with a second over six furlongs on the inner track Dec. 12. Narrowly favored at 6-5 over the Rene Araya-trained entry of Button Raise (Crafty Prospector) and Newyorknights (Black Tie Affair {Ire}), the dark bay rated near the rail, shifted out four wide heading into the stretch and powered home by 4 1/2 lengths. Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-1, \$51,360.

O-Stronach Stable. B-Hargus & Sandra Sexton (KY). T-Joseph Orseno.

☆ FLORIDA ☆

Yesterday's Results:

3rd-GPX, \$32,000, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 5f, :58 3/5, ft. FRANKLIN'S ACCOUNT (f, 4, Franklin Me--Foxy's Finest, by Private Account) was claimed for \$32,000 when breaking her maiden in her second start as a two-year-old at Calder. Shipped to Canada, the dark bay finished second in her most recent outing, a \$32,000 claimer at Woodbine July 30. Bet down to even-money here, she showed no signs of rustiness as she raced three wide through the turn before drawing clear in the stretch for a 2 3/4-length score. Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-2, \$43,492.

O-T V Dillon. B-Alfred Eldredge Jr (FL). T-N McKnight.

5th-GPX, \$32,000, Alw, 4/up, a1 1/8mT, 1:52 1/5, fm. ETTRICK (GB) (c, 4, Selkirk--Lucia Tarditi {Fr} {SW-Ity}, by Crystal Glitters) won once in six starts in his native England. Shipped stateside, he broke slowly when seventh in an Aqueduct allowance Oct. 30. Getting Lasix here, the 3-1 shot raced forwardly, angled outside the leaders entering the straight and drove clear late by 2 1/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-0, \$30,996.

O-Lord Hartington. B-Side Hill Stud (GB). T-Christophe Clement.

A # will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, a @ will indicate first-time graded stakes-winners, a ▲ will denote a first-time Grade/Group 1 winner, a + will denote winners who are first-time starters, an (S) will be used for state-bred races, a (C) will be used for maiden-claiming races and an (R) will be used for other restricted races. Purses for Canadian races are in Canadian dollars.

8th-GPX, \$32,000, Alw, 3yo, f, a1 1/16mT, 1:44 4/5, fm.

ANNATOGA (f, 3, Concorde's Tune--Saratogianna, by Saratoga Six) had finished seventh in her only start on the turf, and ran third in her previous outing, a \$50,000 claimer over the Calder main Dec. 9. Back on the lawn here, the 5-1 shot rallied along the inside and edged away late for a 1 3/4-length success. Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-1, \$41,190.

O-Elaine J Meltzer. B-Elaine Meltzer (FL). T-Edward Plesa Jr.

1st-GPX, \$30,000, Msw, 4yo, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft.

LUNAR SHADOW (c, 4, Silver Ghost--Rafael Luna, by Idle Minds), a full to Lunar Spook, GISW, \$419,368, flashed some speed before tiring to eighth in his debut last February at Gulfstream. Not seen again until Nov. 20, the gray colt contested the early pace once again, but faded to seventh in the stretch. Dismissed at 57-1 for his return, he rated just off the pace, rallied to contention in midstretch and outfinished pacesetter Old Lodge (Lure) by a half-length. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$18,475.

O-Sandbar Farm. B-Barry T & Sandra Buchholz (KY). T-J Bert Sonnier.

7th-GPX, \$30,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:25 2/5, ft.

WICHITAZ (f, 3, Affirmed--Ruby Slippers, by Nijinsky II) never got untracked when sixth in her Oct. 23 debut at Keeneland, but improved with the addition of Lasix when second in her next outing at Churchill Nov. 16. Sent off as the 3-1 second choice, the 1/2 to Rubiano (Fappiano), Ch. Sprinter, MGISW, \$1,273,457, quickly made the lead, set the pace and kept herself clear under a hand ride by two lengths over favored Hemline (Boundary). Jazz Cat, a full sister to Tabasco Cat (Storm Cat), stopped after a quarter and finished 11th in her debut. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$24,920.

O-W G Lyster & Green Lantern Stable. B-Orpendale (KY). T-Carl A Nafzger.

Mac Diarmida for Buck's Boy:

Buck's Boy (Bucksplasher), hero of the 1998 Breeders' Cup Turf and third in that same event this past November, will make his first start of the new year in Saturday's 11-furlong GIII Mac Diarmida H. at Gulfstream Park. Garrett Gomez, who piloted Buck's Boy in the Breeders' Cup, will fly in from the West Coast for the ride. The Noel Hickey trainee has had success at Gulfstream Park in the past, having accounted for the GII Pan American H. in 1998.

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Mixed Results for Tropical Meeting:

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☆ MIDWEST ☆

Improvements to Lone Star Park:

Lone Star Park will add 1,500 cubic yards of pine bark to its main track ahead of its 2000 racing season which begins April 13. The project triples the amount of the same substance added to the track in 1999 and is intended to add more bounce and resiliency to the racing surface. "The addition of bark to the main track at this time of year should allow the additive to become more effective by the start of the season," said track superintendent Ron Moore.

Status Quo at Houston:

Handle and attendance figures for the 1999 fall Thoroughbred meeting at Sam Houston Park remained substantially the same as compared to 1998. Average attendance at the track was up by two percent, though live handle was off by roughly two percent. Money wagered on races from Sam Houston from racetracks and simulcasting facilities around the country increased by two percent as well.

TTA Board of Directors Adds New Members:

Four new members have been added to the Texas Thoroughbred Association Board of Directors at elections held this past Dec. 27. These include Leland Ackerley of Ackerley Brothers' Farm; James Helzer, owner of JEH Stallion Station; John T.L. Jones III, son of Walmac International's John T.L. Jones Jr ; and Bill Tracy, manager of Oak Tree Ranch near Bandera.

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☆ S O. CALIFORNIA ☆

Yesterday's Result:

7th-SAX, \$58,000, Alw, 4yo/up, a6 1/2fT, 1:13, fm.
 1--**EL CIELO, 118, g, 6, El Prado (Ire)--Only Above, by Great Above.** O-Carr Miller Trust D & P Webber Trust et al; B-J D Farm (FL); T-Craig Dollase. Lifetime Record: 10-6-1-0, \$171,210.
 2--**Son's Corona, 118, h, 5, Son of Briartic--Warna Corna, by Fappiano.**
 3--**Cozar, 118, h, 6, Cozzene--Mischief Brewing, by Naska.**
 Margins: 2, 3, NK. Odds: 1.40, 14.10, 8.00.

The sky is the limit for El Cielo when he makes it to the races. The gelding, three for five at this trip, took a down-the-hill event last Jan. 14 and returned 16 days later to finish second by a head at the same distance. The bay returned in a Mar. 21 allowance heat, only to unseat his jockey at the start and in his last racetrack appearance was a four-length winner down the hill Apr. 11. The favorite despite the long layoff, El Cielo jumped a bit at the start before settling on the outside. He came five wide into the stretch, hit the front at midstretch and held sway while drifting in a bit towards the finish.

Surfside Eyes Santa Ysabel:

Surfside (Seattle Slew), smashing winner of the GI Hollywood Starlet S. Dec. 19, will make her seasonal bow in Sunday's GIII Santa Ysabel S. at Santa Anita. Originally scheduled to return in the GI Las Virgenes Feb. 12, the bay filly has trained forwardly since her seven-length Starlet romp. "The Starlet was a breeze for her," said assistant trainer Randy Bradshaw. "And this filly just looks so good, even since a month ago. She's always been kind of tall and willowy, very elegant. Now she's really coming into herself." Nominations for the Santa Ysabel came up a bit light, with possibly only four runners. Starlet runner-up She's Classy (Boundary) is expected to take on Surfside once again.

☆ INDUSTRY INFO ☆

Fortune Farm Announces New Breeding Program:

Fortune Farm in Kentucky has announced a website through which horse owners who board at the Bourbon County, Kentucky farm can monitor the progress of mare pregnancy and foal development. "The Internet offers a way for our clients to be more involved in the care of their horses," said co-manager Brian Malloy. The farm's website can be accessed at www.fortunefarm.com.

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☆ FOREIGN ☆

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN ITALY:

Sweet Ilma, f, 3, **Golden Act--Fairways Girl** (GB) (SP-US & GB), by Young Generation (Ire). Naples, 1-5, Premio Le Baron (Cond.), 3yo, f, 1 1/4mT, \$6,722 to winner. O-I Boi; B-Stoneriggs Farms; T-G Ligas.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN BRITAIN:

Fusul, c, 4, **Miswaki--Silent Turn** (MGSW, \$527,649), by Silent Cal. Lingfield, 1-5, Racegoers Club Maiden S., 4yo/up, 1 1/2m (AWT), \$4,371 to winner. O-Dave Allen, Barry Prichard, Wayne Russell; B-Maple Leaf Farm; T-Gary Moore. *\$180,000 yrl '97 KEESEP.

BREEDERS' EDITION

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-AQU, \$46,000, (S), 4yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:51 4/5, ft. **GOOD MAN SAM** (g, 5, **Sunshine Forever--Force o' Habit**, by *Habitony) Lifetime Record: 22-3-5-3, \$146,180. O-W J Royal Stable. B-Mrs Henry D Paxson (NY). T-John O Hertler. *1/2 to Silver Force (Silver Ghost), SW, \$107,114.

7th-GGX, \$33,206, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft. **PURGATORY** (f, 3, **Devil's Bag--Bridge to Cross**, by Phone Trick) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$47,790. O-Paulson, Tanklage & Ward. B-Crown Colony Farm (KY). T-Dennis Ward.

7th-LRL, \$28,000, Opt. Clm. (\$25-20,000), 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:43 2/5, ft. **SPARTAN MISSION** (h, 5, **Missionary Ridge {GB}--Ionian Bride**, by Icecapade) Lifetime Record: 26-6-6-4, \$145,925. O-DLS Thoroughbreds Inc. B-Geret Farm Corp (NY). T-Allen A Ferris III. *1/2 to Phil the Grip (Crafty Prospector), GSW, \$351,388.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Wichitoz, f, 3, **Affirmed--Ruby Slippers**, by Nijinsky II. GPX, 1-5, 7f, 1:25 2/5. B-Orpendale (Ky). *1/2 to Rubiano (Fappiano), Ch. Sprinter, MGISW, \$1,273,457.
Sarcastic Cart, g, 3, **Cartwright--Sarcastic Manner**, by Marfa. TPX, 1-5, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:05 4/5. B-JB Stables, Inc (IL).

Cherokee Float, f, 3, **Cherokee Run--Float Upstream** (MSW), by Nile Delta. LRL, 1-5, 1 1/16m, 1:46 1/5. B-Sondra & Howard M Bender (Md). *3/4 to Runaway Stream (Runaway Groom), MGSW & GISP, \$402,693.

+ **Nine East**, f, 3, **Exemplary Leader--Iva Lea**, by Sailing Along. SAX, 1-5, (S), (C), 6 1/2f, 1:18 3/5. B-Southern Nevada Racing Stable (Ca).

Alicia D., f, 3, **Formal Dinner--Critical Angle**, by Angle Light. GPX, 1-5, (C), 6f, 1:12 1/5. B-Tim Ahearn & Dr D W Frazier (Fl). *1/2 to Sunshine Machine (Hilal {Ire}), SW & GSP, \$114,640.

Distant Future, c, 3, **Future Storm--Distinctly Red** (MSP), by Distinctive. AQU, 1-5, (C), 6f, 1:14. B-Joseph & Helen Barbazon (Fl). *\$12,500 wlng '97 OBSOCT.

One Twist, f, 4, **Gorky Park (Fr)--Second Notice**, by Apalachee. LRL, 1-5, 1 1/16m, 1:47 3/5. B-Dresden Farm (Va).

See Eye, f, 4, **In Excess (Ire)--Cachondina (Ire)** (SW-GB), by Runnett (GB). SAX, 1-5, (C), 1 1/16m, 1:46 2/5. B-John F Swift (Ky). *1/2 to Kicken It (Pencil Point {Ire}), SW, \$128,950; Hundred Dollarkiss (Strawberry Road {Aus}), MSP, \$246,712.

Dancing Nancies, f, 4, **Leo Castelli--Alleged Saron**, by Alleged. TPX, 1-5, 6f, 1:13 1/5. B-Fares Farms, Inc (Ky). *\$25,000 wlng '96 KEENOV.

Lunar Shadow, c, 4, **Silver Ghost--Rafael Luna**, by Idle Minds. GPX, 1-5, 6f, 1:11 2/5. B-Barry T & Sandra Buchholz (Ky). *Full to Lunar Spook, GISW, \$419,368.

Chocolate Tango, f, 4, **Tactical Advantage--Raven** (SP), by Duns Scotus. SUF, 1-5, 6f, 1:16 4/5. B-Paul R & Mary Anne Denes (Fl).

+ **Wild Concept**, c, 4, **Wild Again--Streamer** (SW, \$172,306), by Meadowlake. SAX, 1-5, (C), 6f, 1:10. B-Frances B Jelks (Ky). *\$150,000 yrl '97 KEESEP.

U.S. THOROUGHBRED RACING LEADERS

(through Jan. 2, 2000)

Horse	Starts/Wins	Earnings
Brave Act (GB)	1/1	\$97,470
Freespool	1/1	\$64,200
Could Be	1/1	\$60,000
Go Lib Go	1/1	\$60,000
Solvig	1/1	\$60,000
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★ BRITAIN ★

SIS Chairman Resigns:

Chairman Denis Cassidy has announced his resignation from the board of SIS (Holdings) Limited, which broadcasts live racing to Britain's 8,000 betting shops and owns the Racing Channel. He took over in January last year after a long search for a replacement to John Morgan, who left after 16 months for the same reason as Cassidy has given. Cassidy said yesterday, "I have resigned, with regret, because I have been unable to reach a consensus with the Board on fulfilling the terms of the agreement reached prior to my acceptance of the chairman's role. I have, however, been able to restructure SIS in a way appropriate for the future and I wish the company well." The present contract that SIS has with Britain's 59 racecourses runs out in 2002 and there are signs that it will not secure a new contract with its various interests split over strategy, especially as racecourses want a huge uplift in the contract price. Bookmakers hold a significant SIS shareholding as do media companies with the Racecourse Association having 10 percent.

★ GERMANY ★

Gestut Erlenhof Ends German Run:

Gestut Erlenhof, one of the country's most successful studs of the last 50 years, has closed its German operations. The stud now keeps all its broodmares at Audley Farm in Virginia. Founded by the Countess Batthyany, the farm bred and raised outstanding sires Ticino (Ger) and his sons Neckar (Ger) and Orsini II (Ger) and top runner Nebos (Ger). In the 1990s, the group winners Twen (Ger) and Ladoni (GB) were its leading performers.

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★ UNITED ARAB EMIRATES ★

Countdown to World Cup Begins Saturday:

The inaugural running of the Al Shindagha Sprint and the listed Jebel Ali S. highlight a packed program of racing in the United Arab Emirates this weekend, officially launching the countdown to the G1 Dubai World Cup in March. The Sprint, run over the Nad al Sheba turf, was added to the Dubai Racing Club's calendar to provide trainers with a guide to how their sprinters are preparing for the listed Dubai Golden Shaheen over the same course and six-furlong distance on Mar. 25. Among the field of 11 are the Godolphin runner **Sicnee (USA)** (Rubiano) and National Day Cup S. winner **Cornish Snow (USA)** (Storm Cat {USA}). Also in the race are **Caballero (GB)** (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}) and **Lionhearted (Ire)** (Catrail {USA}), the first runners for Dubai's latest racing stable, Grandstand Stables and new trainer Nick Robb. The Jebel Ali S., Saturday's feature at 9 3/4-miles over the dirt track at Jebel Ali marks the return of last year's Maktoum Challenge champion **Spindrift (Ire)** (Muaddamah).

★ ITALY ★

Yesterday's Results:

3.05 Naples, Premio Le Baron (Cond.), L22,950,000, 1-5, 3yo, f, 1 1/4mT, time: n/a, sf.

SWEET ILMA (USA) (f, 3, Golden Act {USA})--Fairways Girl {GB} {SP-US & GB}, by Young Generation {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 1 place, L18,360,000. O-I Boi; B-Stoneriggs Farm; T-G Ligas; J-A Corniani.

4.15 Naples, Premio Leo Vigildo (Cond.), L19,125,000, 1-5, 4yo/up, 10f 60ydsT, time: n/a, sf.
MASSIPAPIA (GB) (h, 5, Tibullo {USA})--Gaby Palazzolo {Ire}, by Classic Secret {USA}) Lifetime Record: 31 starts, 9 wins, 12 places, L149,080,000. O-Scuderia Chimax; B-Scuderia Italia SRL; T-I Bugattella; J-A Corniani.

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Grand Anchor (Aus), c, 3, **Grand Lodge (USA)**--Marinella (Aus) (MGSW-Aus), by Red Anchor (NZ). Yarra Glen (Victoria), 1-5, Southcorp Wines Maiden, 3yo/up, 6fT, A\$6,500 to winner. B-Wood Nook Farm Pty Ltd; T-Lee Freedman.

The Net (Aus), g, 3, **Mukaddamah (USA)**--El Rello (Aus), by Cerreto (Ire). Gosford (New South Wales), 1-5, NBN Television H., 3yo/up, 5fT, A\$6,200 to winner. B-Mr M Hawcroft; T-Paul Perry.

Ura Star (Aus), f, 4, **Royal Academy (USA)**--Diorama (Aus)--Zeditave (Aus). Port Macquarie (New South Wales), 1-4, Old Bar Tavern H., 3yo/up, 5fT, A\$3,500 to winner. B-Mr R Cvitkovic; T-Paul Perry

Iliad (Aus), g, 5, **Bluebird (USA)**--Trojana (GB), by Troy (GB). Port Macquarie (New South Wales), 1-4, Old Bar Beach Bowling Club Cup, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, A\$3,500 to winner. B-Hunter Valley Thoroughbreds; T-George Woodward.

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Today's Debuts:

5th-GPX, \$32,000, Alw, 1-6, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT
FIRST NIGHT (IRE) (f, 4, **Sadler's Wells {USA}**--**Morning Devotion {USA}**), by **Affirmed {USA}**), previously trained by Peter Chapple-Hyam, won her second start this past June at Salisbury before running second in the Aug. 5 listed Prix de la Calonne in her most recent start. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$13,536.
 O-Robert Sangster. B-Swettenham Stud (Ire). T-Patrick Byrne.

6th-GPX, \$30,000, Msw, 1-6, 4yo, f, 6f
TOUCH OF TRUTH (USA) (f, 4, **Storm Cat {USA}**--**Grenzen {USA}**), by **Grenfall {USA}**) had been unable to hit the board in three starts in Ireland, most recently running fifth in a July 27 race at Galway for trainer Dermot Weld. She tries the dirt for the first time here. Lifetime Record: 3-0-0-0, \$0.
 O/B-Moyglare Stud Farm Ltd (Ky). T-Christophe Clement.

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★ MAIDEN WINNERS ★

Thats All Folks (GB), c, 3, **Alhijaz (GB)**--So It Goes (GB), by Free State (GB). Lingfield, England, 1-5, Happy New Year Maiden S. (Div.1) (Class D), 3yo/up, 1m (AWT), £2,470 to winner. B-R G Percival and Miss S M Rhodes. *8,000gns yrl '98 TAOCT.

Buggy Ride (Ire), c, 3, **Blues Traveller (Ire)**--Tambora (Ire), by Darshaan (GB). Lingfield, England, 1-5, Happy New Year Maiden S. (Div.2) (Class D), 3yo/up, 1m (AWT), £2,457 to winner. B-Noel O'Callaghan. *11,000gns yrl '98 TADEY.

Sweet Ilma (USA), f, 3, **Golden Act (USA)**--Fairways Girl (GB) (SP-US & GB), by Young Generation (Ire). Naples, Italy, 1-5, Premio Le Baron (Cond.), 3yo, f, 1 1/4mT, L12,750,000 to winner. B-Stoneriggs Farms.

Fusul (USA), c, 4, **Miswaki (USA)**--Silent Turn (USA) (MGSW, \$527,649), by Silent Cal. Lingfield, England, 1-5, Racegoers Club Maiden S. (Class D), 4yo/up, 1 1/2m (AWT), £2,795 to winner. B-Maple Leaf Farm. *\$180,000 yrl '97 KEESEP.

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