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“HIGH” HOPES FOR FLORIDA DERBY

The winner of the Feb. 19 GI Fountain of Youth S., Triple Crown hopeful **High Yield** (Storm Cat) breaks from the rail as the favorite in today's GI Florida Derby at Gulfstream Park. The chestnut schooled in the paddock during the sixth race Thursday. "I wanted him to get familiar again with the paddock and some of the crowd noise that he can expect on Saturday," trainer D. Wayne Lukas said. Worse than third only once over his 10-race career, High Yield teamed with jockey Pat Day for the first time in the Fountain of Youth and led every step en route to a 3 1/4-length score. It was his second start with blinkers on, and his trainer said, "He seems to be more focused." With the inside post position, you might expect him to try to take this field from gate to wire as well, but Lukas cautioned, "He's the kind of horse that can either go to the lead or come from off the pace." **Hal's Hope** (Jolie's Halo) chased High Yield around the track last time out before finishing second, and adds Lasix for the Florida Derby. **Bare Outline** (Broad Brush), who subs for the injured Greenwood Lake, also has solid speed, setting all the pace on his way to a 1 1/4-length victory in the Unbridled allowance purse on the Fountain of Youth undercard. "[Jockey] Corey Nakatani has gotten a lot of run out of him," trainer Nick Zito said. "He's two-for-two on the horse. I can't compare anything I have at this time with Greenwood Lake. He was fabulous. But you always have hope. The main thing I would love to see [today] is a real solid effort." Nakatani suffered a minor injury to his hand at Santa Anita Friday and took off all his mounts; he was having precautionary X-rays taken. **Postponed** (Summer Squall) also comes off a Gulfstream allowance victory, rallying to win by a half length Feb. 12. The bay ended his two-year-old season with a sixth-place finish in the Rhythm S. at Gulfstream over Breeders' Cup weekend. Trainer Scotty Schulhofer said, "He had trained well going into that race and I was surprised at his dull effort, so I backed off on him a little. But this is a nice colt and I knew he was going to run well in his first start this year. I would have preferred an easier spot [than the Florida Derby], but he's ready to run. My ultimate goal with him is the Kentucky Derby." Ten Florida Derby winners have gone on to take the Kentucky Derby. Thunder Gulch, trained by Lukas, was the latest to accomplish the feat, scoring the double in 1995. (*Florida Derby field, p2*)

CAPTAIN LEADS LOUISIANA DERBY CHARGE

Captain Steve (Fly So Free) has been installed as the 2-1 favorite facing nine rivals in Sunday's \$750,000 GI Louisiana Derby at the Fair Grounds. The Bob Baffert trainee disappointed in last year's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, finishing 11th, but bounced back to end the campaign with a 5 3/4-length tally in the GI Kentucky Jockey Club S. at Churchill Downs and a four-length victory in the GI Hollywood Futurity. He has started just once this year, running third behind The Deputy (Ire) and Florida Derby favorite High Yield in the Jan. 30 GI Santa Catalina S. Jockey Robby Albarado, currently the leading rider at the Fair Grounds, was aboard for Captain Steve's last two wins and will be back in the saddle tomorrow. Why did Baffert ship his colt in from California for this race? "I think Bob's main reasoning was the wet weather they have had in California," assistant April Mayberry said. "Plus, this track is great. He has worked well here." Jerry Bailey, who was aboard Captain Steve last time out, will ride **Tribunal** (Deputy Minister) for Baffert this time. Unplaced in his lone start at two, the chestnut broke his maiden by five lengths at Santa Anita Jan. 23 and ran second behind the highly touted Fusaichi Pegasus in an allowance over that track Feb. 19. Risen Star S. winner **Exchange Rate** (Danzig) is the second favorite on the morning line at 7-2, while **More Than Ready** (Southern Halo), making his two-turn debut, is the third choice at 5-1. The winner of the Louisiana Derby will be eligible for the "Great Post Challenge," a \$500,000 bonus if he can go on and win the GI Kentucky Derby on the first Saturday in May.

Sunday, Fair Grounds

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|---|--------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| LOUISIANA DERBY-GII, \$750,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m | | | |
| PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY |
| 1 | Captain Steve | Fly So Free | Albarado |
| 2 | Oro Negra | Septieme Ciel | Martinez |
| 3 | Mighty | Lord At War (Arg) | Sellers |
| 4 | More Than Ready | Southern Halo | Velazquez |
| 5 | Exchange Rate | Danzig | Nakatani |
| 6 | Peninsula | Meadowlake | Meche |
| 7 | Country Only | Carson City | Castillo |
| 8 | Tribunal | Deputy Minister | Bailey |
| 9 | Ifitstobeitsuptome | Dehere | D'Amico |
| 10 | Mortal Cinch | Miswaki | Lanerie |
| All runners carry 122 pounds | | | |

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Friday, Gulfstream Park

GULFSTREAM PARK BREEDERS' CUP SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP H.-GII, \$200,000, GPX, 3-10, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:23 1/5, ft.

1--**RICHTER SCALE**, 118, h, 6, by *Habitony

1st Dam: Devine Pet, by Bel Bolide

2nd Dam: Ubetido, by Sir Wiggle

3rd Dam: Udontmeanit, by Gray Phantom

(\$15,500 yrl '95 CALAUG). O-N & R Kaster & N Fox; B-C Boots (CA); T-Mary Jo Lohmeier; J-R Migliore; \$120,000. Lifetime Record: 21-10-2-0, \$831,122.

2--**Forty One Carats**, 116, c, 4, Tactical Advantage--Aly's Jul, by Alysheba. O-J T Hammer & Walter L New; B-Paul R & Mary Anne Denes (FL); \$40,000.

3--**Kelly Kip**, 120, h, 6, Kipper Kelly--Marianne Theresa, by John's Gold. O-Hobeau Farm; B-Hobeau Farm Ltd (FL); \$22,000.

Margins: 1, 4, HF. Odds: 6.90, 2.20, 6.60.

Also Ran: Sir Bear, Young At Heart, Deep Gold, Powerful Goer, Salty Sea, Mountain Top, Mac's Rule.

Scratched: Honorifico (Arg).

Richter Scale was expected to start his stud career at Wafare Farm in Midway, Kentucky this season, but trainer Mary Jo Lohmeier explained, "We...were close to retiring him last year, but he ran so well in the fall that we decided to try him again this year." Tried on the turf for the first five starts of 1999, the bay was off the board in three straight, then took a two-month breather. He came back to win the Oct. 16 Phoenix Breeders' Cup S. and the Nov. 25 GII Fall Highweight H. Making his first appearance since that impressive 5 3/4-length score, the six-year-old went right to the front, sped through a half in :44 4/5 and six furlongs in 1:09 4/5 and had enough left to hold on for the victory. "He's got bad feet and a bad back and sometimes he's bothered by both of them," Lohmeier said, but added, "When he's right, he's a real tough horse and he was right today." As for the future, she said, "We'd like to get a Grade I win and we're looking to run him in the Carter H. [GI, May 7 at Aqueduct]...but we're also looking at the Commonwealth [Breeders' Cup H., GII, Apr. 16] at Keeneland. He'll run in one of them, if his feet and back let him." Favored Forty One Carats chased the winner from the start, but couldn't get past him in the stretch and had to settle for second. "Every time [Forty One Carats] came close, he seemed to let out another notch," winning jockey Richie Migliore said. "I can't take a lot of credit other than being able to cross reins and hang on to the mane."

☆ PREVIEW ☆

Today, Gulfstream Park, post time 5:42 p.m. EST

FLORIDA DERBY-GI, \$750,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | ODDS |
|----|----------------|-------------------|-----------|------|
| 1 | High Yield | Storm Cat | Day | 8-5 |
| 2 | Scottish Halo | Jolie's Halo | Chavez | 6-1 |
| 3 | Postponed | Summer Squall | Santos | 15-1 |
| 4 | Hal's Hope | Jolie's Halo | Velez | 6-1 |
| 5 | Elite Mercedes | Mercedes Won | Bailey | 4-1 |
| 6 | Bare Outline | Broad Brush | Nakatani | 8-1 |
| 7 | Hades | Saint Ballado | Migliore | 12-1 |
| 8 | Settlement | Kris S. | Velazquez | 20-1 |
| 9 | Deputy Warlock | Silver Deputy | Smith | 20-1 |
| 10 | Tahkodha Hills | Prospector's Halo | Coa | 10-1 |

All runners carry 122 pounds.

Today, Fair Grounds, post time: 2:49 p.m. CST

FAIR GROUNDS OAKS-GIII, \$350,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | TRAINER |
|----|-----------------|---------------|----------|
| 1 | Zoftig | Cozzene | Doyle |
| 2 | November Slew | Seattle Slew | Lukas |
| 3 | Eden Lodge | Numerous | Pletcher |
| 4 | Shawnee Country | Chief's Crown | Lukas |
| 5 | Frankly My Dear | Scarlet Ibis | Stidham |
| 6 | Gold For My Gal | Gold Alert | Estevez |
| 7 | Jostle | Brocco | Servis |
| 8 | Chilukki | Cherokee Run | Baffert |

All runners carry 121 pounds.

Today, Bay Meadows, post time: 4:22 p.m. PST

EL CAMINO REAL DERBY-GIII, \$200,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | TRAINER | WT |
|----|------------------|---------------------|--------------|-----|
| 1 | Brushedbythebest | Broad Brush | Oliver | 115 |
| 2 | Country Coast | Country Pine | Sumja | 115 |
| 3 | Hidefromthebride | Runaway Groom | O'Neill | 115 |
| 4 | Major Pallet | Major Impact | Peterson | 115 |
| 5 | Jokerman | Septieme Ciel | Drysdale | 120 |
| 6 | Havlicek | Lively One | Knight | 115 |
| 7 | Globalize | Summer Squall | Hollendorfer | 117 |
| 8 | Fight For Silver | Fit to Fight | Costa | 115 |
| 9 | Nurdlinger | Order | Sadler | 115 |
| 10 | I've Decided | Bertrando | Shirreffs | 115 |
| 11 | Gilty Moment | Gilded Time | Mandella | 117 |
| 12 | Remember Sheikh | Sheikh Albadou (GB) | Arterburn | 117 |
| 13 | True Confidence | Storm Cat | Lukas | 115 |
| 14 | Sideburn (Ire) | Catrail | Bonde | 115 |

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Today, Gulfstream Park, post time: 1:52 p.m. EST

SWALE S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, 7f

| PP HORSE | SIRE | TRAINER | WT |
|---------------------|---------------------|-----------|-----|
| 1 Bulling | Holy Bull | H Jerkens | 114 |
| 2 Sun Cat | Tabasco Cat | Lukas | 114 |
| 3 Personal First | Personal Hope | Paulus | 119 |
| 4 Darwin | Two Punch | Badgett | 119 |
| 5 Trippi | End Sweep | Pletcher | 112 |
| 6 Number One Sheikh | Sheikh Albadou (GB) | Nobles | 112 |
| 7 Harlan Traveler | Harlan | Lawrence | 114 |
| 8 Ultimate Warrior | Iroquois Park | Flint | 117 |

Today, Gulfstream Park, post time: 3:26 p.m. EST

FORT LAUDERDALE H.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT

| PP HORSE | SIRE | TRAINER | WT |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------|-----|
| 1 Thrillin Discovery | Alaskan Frost | Olivares | 112 |
| 2 Beckon the King | Ghazi | Mott | 114 |
| 3 French Envoy | Deputy Minister | Tesher | 112 |
| 4 Kettle Won | Colonial Affair | Pletcher | 112 |
| 5 Karra Kul | Strawberry Road (Aus) | England | 111 |
| 6 Missionary | Deputy Minister | Howard | 114 |
| 7 Hibernian Rhapsody (Ire) | Darshaan (GB) | Clement | 114 |
| 8 Atiba | Relaunch | MacKaben | 112 |

Today, Gulfstream Park, post time: 5:02 p.m. EST

CREME FRAICHE H.-GIII, \$75,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m

| PP HORSE | SIRE | TRAINER | WT |
|----------------------|---------------|----------|-----|
| 1 Millions | Dehere | Zito | 111 |
| 2 Dancing Guy | Robyn Dancer | Green | 120 |
| 3 K One King | Apalachee | Gothard | 116 |
| 4 Groomstick Stock's | Groomstick | Brettler | 110 |
| 5 Midway Magistrate | Magesterial | Hiles | 117 |
| 6 Grits'n Hard Toast | Bates Motel | Smith | 113 |
| 7 Dance the Ballado | Saint Ballado | White | 111 |
| 8 Early Warning | Summer Squall | Pletcher | 120 |
| 9 Yankee Victor | Saint Ballado | Morales | 113 |

Today, Oaklawn Park, post time: 5:02 p.m. CST

HONEYBEE S.-GIII, \$75,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

| PP HORSE | SIRE | TRAINER | WT |
|-------------------|----------------|----------|-----|
| 1 Fiesty Countess | Count the Time | Asmussen | 114 |
| 2 Wild Ride | Wild Again | Murphy | 112 |
| 3 Asher | Mountain Cat | Moquett | 114 |
| 4a Lady's Gone | All Gone | Barnett | 112 |
| 5 Prairie Pioneer | Star de Naskra | Jacobs | 112 |
| 6 Pulpit Harbor | Nicholas | Hardin | 114 |
| 7 Angry Nurse | Sky Classic | Wren | 112 |
| 8a Gone Charging | All Gone | Cart | 112 |

Today, Saint-Cloud, France, post time: 3:15 p.m.

PRIX EXBURY-G3, \$53,205, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT

| SC (PP) HORSE | SIRE | TRAINER | WT |
|-----------------------------|------------------|----------|-----|
| 1 (11) Amilynx (Fr) | Linamix (Fr) | Fabre | 132 |
| 2 (2) Caitano (GB) | Niniski | Schutz | 130 |
| 3 (6) First Magnitude (Ire) | Arazi | Fabre | 130 |
| 4 (5) Chelsea Manor (GB) | Grand Lodge | Bary | 128 |
| 5 (8) Egyptoman (GB) | Antheus | M Boutin | 121 |
| 6 (1) Plan De Paix (Fr) | Panoramic (GB) | M Boutin | 121 |
| 7 (9) Mawasko (Fr) | Lesotho | C Boutin | 121 |
| 8 (10) Double Heart (Fr) | Akarad (Fr) | Dissaux | 121 |
| 9 (7) Mayaro (Fr) | Saumarez (GB) | Gillet | 121 |
| 10 (4) Russian Hope (Ire) | Rock Hopper (GB) | Pantall | 121 |
| 11 (3) Amalia (Ire) | Danehill | Harris | 118 |

The first European group race of the season boasts 11 runners with some high-class individuals among them. Dubai-bound Group 1 winner **Caitano** makes the trip from Germany and has the necessary credentials to figure prominently. He was successful in two of his three starts last year, winning both the G2 Idee Hansa-Preis at Hamburg in June and the G2 Grosser Preis der Baden-Airpark at Baden-Baden, beating Tiger Hill (Ire), earlier the same month. **Amilynx** is the only other Group 1 winner in the field, having won last season's G1 Prix Royal Oak over 1 15/16 miles at Longchamp. He had previously garnered the 1 7/8 mile G2 Prix Hubert de Chaudenay, but this 10-furlong trip could be too sharp. **First Magnitude**, a stablemate of Amilynx, may prove to be the yard's number-one hope and confirmed the promise of a third place to Montjeu (Ire) in the G2 Prix Niel by winning the G2 Prix du Conseil de Paris last October. He finished last in the GI Breeders' Cup Turf at Gulfstream Park, but can be forgiven that fruitless endeavour.

Sunday, Santa Anita

SANTA ANITA OAKS-GI, \$300,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

| PP HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY |
|--------------------|-----------------|------------|
| 1 Spain | Thunder Gulch | Desormeaux |
| 2 Classy Cara | General Meeting | Puglisi |
| 3 Surfside | Seattle Slew | Day |
| 4 Rings A Chime | Metfield | McCarron |
| 5 Kumari Continent | Kris S. | Flores |

All runners carry 117 pounds. **Kumari Continent** worked three furlongs in :36 2/5 over a "good" track Friday morning.

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Yesterday's Results:

JEANO S., \$54,650, GPX, 3-10, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft.

1--**SWEPT AWAY**, 121, f, 3, **Mystery Storm--Queen Ambra**, by **Alhambra**. (\$35,000 wlng '97 FTKNOV; \$35,000 yrl '98 OBSAUG; \$55,000 2yo '99 OBSFEB).

O-Richard, Bertram & Elaine Klein; B-Hart Farm Inc (FL); T-Bernard S Flint; J-P Day; \$32,790. Lifetime Record: GSP, 5-4-1-0, \$128,110. *1/2 to Ambra Ridge (Cox's Ridge), SW & GSP, \$154,885.

2--**Finder's Fee**, 121, f, 3, **Storm Cat--Fantastic Find**, by Mr. Prospector. O-Ogden Phipps. \$10,930.

3--**Premier Peak**, 114, f, 3, **Mt. Livermore--Supreme Order**, by **Sovereign Dancer**. O-Humphrey G W Jr. \$6,012.

Margins: 3 3/4, 5 1/4, 4HF. Odds: 0.30, 3.30, 15.60.

Swept Away bid farewell to the field at the quarter pole for her second stakes victory. Victorious in her first three starts by daylight margins, including a five-length triumph in the Jan. 8 Old Hat S., she missed by just a neck in the seven-furlong Jan. 30 Gill Forward Gal S. Cutting back here, the crowd's choice prompted Watchfull (Notebook) through a half in :45 1/5, kicked on for home and was unchallenged through the stretch.

CHIP H., \$54,050, GPX, 3-10, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:25 2/5, ft.

1--**#WEST'S SECRET**, 113, f, 4, **West By West--Half Secret**, by **Upper Nile**. (\$75,000 wlng '96 FTKNOV). O/B-John Peace (KY); T-G R Arnold II; J-S J Sellers; \$32,430. Lifetime Record: 10-5-1-1, \$142,990. *1/2 to Top Secret (Afleet), MGSW & MGISP, \$997,647; and Tate (Afleet), MSW & GSP, \$199,787.

2--**Class On Class**, 113, m, 5, **Jolie's Halo--Classic Value**, by Copelan. O-Fred W Hooper. \$10,810.

3--**Miss Medallion**, 111, m, 5, **Honor Grades--Alarm Too Loud**, by Darn That Alarm. (\$1,700 2yo 97 OBSJAN). O-Stud Morayma Inc. \$5,946.

Margins: HF, 4, 1HF. Odds: 3.30, 1.50, 114.30.

West's Secret rallied from just off the pace to become the third stakes winner for her dam. Off four months, the bay filly weakened late when fourth in her Jan. 22 return at Gulfstream, then rebounded with a game effort in a Feb. 11 allowance victory. The second choice sat off the early pace, drew even after advancing four wide on the turn and prevailed over favored Class On Class in a stretch-long duel.

9th-GPX, \$42,000, Alw, 4yo/up, a1 1/16mT, 1:42 4/5, fm.

GALIC BOY (h, 5, **Irish River {Fr}--Milaoshu**, by **Fappiano**), unplaced in three 1999 starts on the main track, won for fun in a \$45,000 claimer Jan. 28 on the Gulfstream lawn. The 2-1 choice tucked in behind the leaders, swung out in the straight and powered away by 1 3/4 lengths over Honored Gator (Honor Grades). Lifetime Record: SP, 19-5-3-3, \$121,320.

O/B-Arthur I Appleton (FL). T-Lou M Goldfine.

5th-GPX, \$37,000, Alw, 3yo, f, a1 1/16mT, 1:44 2/5, fm.

TIS YOUR COUNTRY (f, 3, **Country Pine--Her Honorship {SP}**, by **King of the North**), a 1/2 to **Dance the Ballado** (Saint Ballado), SW, \$140,627, won at first asking for a \$32,000 tag and was not disgraced when fourth behind Darling My Darling in a Gulfstream allowance Feb. 20. The 10-1 shot assumed command at the start, opened up in midstretch and held sway by 1 1/2 lengths over favored Leading Role (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}). Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$32,300.

O/B-Robert Bakerman (FL). T-William P White.

8th-GPX, \$37,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), 3yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:06 1/5, ft.

FREE OF CHARGE (f, 3, **Tour d'Or--Patajet {SP}**, by **Tri Jet**), never out of the money, got some time off after a second in a Calder allowance Jan. 2. At the back of the pack early, the 8-1 shot moved up along the rail on the turn, angled out for room and came running for a three-quarter length tally over Hongkong Charley (Tour d'Or). Lifetime Record: SP, 11-5-4-2, \$85,084.

O-Patricia Pavlish. B-F W Hooper (FL). T-Martin D Wolfson.

STAKES CLOSINGS

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11th-GPX, \$37,000, Alw, 3yo, f, a1 1/16mT, 1:44, fm. **LADY CRYSTAL** (f, 3, Sky Classic--Through the Door {MGSP, \$223,010}, by At the Threshold) broke her maiden in her turf debut, but had yet to revisit the winner's circle in four subsequent starts, including a head loss over the Gulfstream lawn Feb. 16. Favored at 8-5 to go one better here, the chestnut filly was checked on the far turn, but rallied strongly up the inside and drew clear by 1 3/4 lengths over Southern Ivy (Majestic Light). Lifetime Record: 9-2-3-1, \$52,795. O/B-Zaven Minassian (KY). T-Reynaldo H Nobles.

Greenwood Lake Okay After Surgery:

Greenwood Lake (Meadowlake) underwent successful surgery at Rood and Riddle equine clinic in Lexington Wednesday. The colt suffered a condylar fracture of his left front ankle during a workout at Hialeah Monday. "I talked to [Dr. Larry Bramlage]...he said he put two screws in," trainer Nick Zito said. "That's not a lot for him. Everything is fine. [Greenwood Lake] is doing great."

OBS March Sale Preview Starts Monday:

The Under Tack Video Preview for the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's March Sale of Selected Two-Year-Olds in Training will be held Monday and Tuesday, Mar. 13-14. Both sessions begin at 9 a.m. at the OBS training track. A total of 472 juveniles have been catalogued for the two-day auction, which is set for Mar. 21-22.

☆ **NEW YORK** ☆

Yesterday's Results:

6th-AQU, \$54,000, Alw, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10, ft.

1--**BALANCETHEBUDGET**, 118, h, 7, Rare Performer--Sunny Princess, by Sunny Clime. O-Richard A Englander; B-Michael T Sutherland (MD); T-Richard Schosberg. Lifetime Record: MSP, 43-8-11-7, \$259,805.

2--**Iron Punch**, 113, h, 6, Iron--Fast Breakfast, by Medieval Man.

3--**King Ruckus**, 118, h, 10, Bold Ruckus--Baby Grace (Arg), by Cipayo.

Margins: 2HF, NK, HF. Odds: 1.00, 14.20, 8.30.

Balancethebudget romped by 10 when claimed for \$70,000 two back, then came back to run an honest second to Unreal Madness in an Aqueduct money allowance Feb. 13. The heavy favorite quickly opened a clear lead on his rivals and never looked back in the stretch.

8th-AQU, \$45,000, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft. **GREENDA** (m, 5, Uprising--Sasha's Joi, by Caro {Ire}) captured an allowance at the Big A three back, but finished off the board in her next try and was dropped in for a tag Feb. 21, getting claimed for \$30,000 after a fifth-place showing. Making her first start for her new connections, the 6-1 shot rallied four wide on the turn and drove clear for a 2 1/4-length tally. Lifetime Record: 27-5-6-4, \$143,279.

O-Bruno Schickedanz. B-Alice Heffernan (CA). T-John Alec Fehr.

5th-AQU, \$41,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11 4/5, ft.

FOR MONEY (f, 3, Not for Love--Sweet Sweetness, by Oh Say), a \$30,000 FTMMAY juvenile purchase, chased the pace when second in her 2000 bow at Aqueduct Feb. 25. Bet down to 1-5, the bay filly made all the running and sailed home a four-length winner. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$35,260.

O-Connie Scherr & Ben W Perkins Sr. B-Sharon Maloney (MD). T-Ben W Perkins Jr.

☆ **MIDWEST** ☆

Thursday's Late Results:

9th-TPX, \$31,655, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:19 1/5, ft.


WAVE ME HOME (f, 4, Ogygian--Costly Wave {Fr} {MSW & MGSP-Fr, GSW-lty}, by Caro {Ire}) returned successfully from a six-month hiatus. Sent to the sidelines following a five-length Turfway allowance score in September, the 3-1 shot pressed the pace, angled out three wide and outkicked Naughty Crown (Chief's Crown) by three-quarters of a length. She is a 1/2 to Severn Bore (Ire) (Corvaro), SW-GB; Swept Away (Ire) (Kris {GB}), GSW-Fr; Great Lakes (GB) (Lomond), GSW-Ire & MSW-Ger; and Inishdalla (Ire) (Green Desert), SW & G1SP-Ire, \$106,837. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0, \$54,251.

O-Oratis Thoroughbreds. B-Foxfield (KY). T-W Bradley.

8th-TPX, \$26,880, Alw, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12 2/5, ft.

LIL BIT OF COUNTRY (f, 3, Dodge--Country Bound, by Bounding Basque), victorious in her first two starts against claimers, finished second in an allowance at Turfway Feb. 25. Favored at 9-5 off that effort, she vied for the lead, shook free in the stretch and came home two lengths clear of Secret of Front (Saint Ballado). Lifetime Record: 4-3-1-0, \$36,660.

O/B-Mary Ann Phelps (KY). T-Peter W Salmen Jr.



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Yesterday's Results:

9th-FGX, \$38,000, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft. TEMPESTINA (f, 4, Storm Cat--Magari, by Quack) captured a pair of allowances over the Fair Grounds main before trying the lawn Feb. 21, where she finished fifth in the only unplaced effort of her career. Back on the dirt here, the 6-5 second choice went straight to the front and scored by a measured length. She is a 1/2 to Afto (Relaunch), GSW, \$133,386. Lifetime Record: 6-4-1-0, \$90,530. O/B-Ramona S Bass & Arthur A Seelingson Jr (KY). T-Thomas Amoss.

8th-FGX, \$36,000, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, a5 1/2fT, 1:04 2/5, fm.

FRESHBROOM (f, 4, Lord At War {Arg}--Sweepings, by Mr. Prospector), a full to Under the Rug, SW, \$133,350, took to the turf for the first time with aplomb. A winner at first asking last April, she captured a Keeneland allowance by four lengths in October, but went to the sidelines following a sixth at Keeneland Oct. 30. Favored at 2-1 for her return, the dark bay launched her bid in the stretch and just prevailed by a head over Elaines Reason (Sky Classic). Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-1, \$95,607. O/B-Christiana Stables (KY). T-Frank L Brothers.

☆ EAST ☆

Yesterday's Result:

6th-PHA, \$20,818, Msw, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:12, gd. WITH CONVICTION (c, 4, Broad Brush--Fran's Valentine {MGISW, \$1,375,465}, by Saros {GB}), fifth in his Feb. 23 debut at Philadelphia, rallied strongly in the stretch for a three-quarter length success as the 2-1 favorite. He is a 1/2 to With Fascination (Dayjur), GSW & MG1SP-Fr, \$174,978; With Fire (Gulch), GSP-Fr; and With Anticipation (Relaunch), GISP, \$188,091. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$14,890. O-Augustin Stable. B-George Strawbridge Jr (PA). T-Jonathan E Sheppard.

☆ FOREIGN ☆

AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN HONG KONG:

Touchwood, g, 7, Woodman--Sugar Walls, by Lyphard. Sha-Tin, 3-8, Ma Tau Wai H., 9f (AWT). O-Larry Parmanand; B-Buckram Oak Farm (KY); T-A.S. Cruz. *Formerly named Turkish Ruler.

☆ SO. CALIFORNIA ☆

Yesterday's Result:

4th-SAX, \$49,585, Msw, 4/up, f/m, a6.5fT, 1:15, gd. DEVIL OR ANGEL (f, 4, St. Jovite--Medinah Miss, by Halo) was sidelined following a fourth over the Hollywood lawn last June. Back after nine months off, the 4-1 shot tracked the leaders as they raced down the hill, came four wide for the drive and got up for a half-length score over Apollo's Music (Apollo). She was a \$17,000 KEESEP yearling. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$43,984. O-Carole & Don Chaiken & Mr & Mrs Barton D Heller. B-Thomas P Tatham (KY). T-William J Morey Jr.

☆ INDUSTRY INFO ☆

NTRA Marketing Summit Starts Sunday:

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association begins its second annual Marketing Summit tomorrow at the Orleans Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. The three-day conference will feature presentations on advertising, marketing, promotions, public relations and new media. There will also be workshops covering such topics as e-commerce, co-op advertising, the 2000 National Handicapping Championship and TVG. The highlight of the event will be the unveiling of the NTRA's 2000 ad campaign, and the results of consumer research. More than 220 representatives from about 100 tracks and racing organizations are expected to attend.

BREEDERS' EDITION

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

5th-SAX, \$53,000, (S), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11 3/5, gd. EMERALD PENDANT (f, 3, Emerald Jig--Pin Account, by Private Account) Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-1, \$82,380. O/B-Tricar Stables Inc (CA). T-Jose L Silva.

4th-AQU, \$44,000, (S), 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:44, ft. HOMESIDE (c, 3, Buckhar--Melissa's Sunshine, by Personal Flag) Lifetime Record: 12-2-0-1, \$62,860. O-A DiPrima. B-Howard Kaskel (NY). T-G Sciacca.

7th-AQU, \$44,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:44 4/5, ft. DANDY ANDY (m, 5, Avies Copy--Sinister Gold {SW}, by Sinister Purpose) Lifetime Record: 26-4-2-8, \$134,697. O/T-Kevin J Joy. B-William Gaspero (ON).



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9th-OPX, \$35,200, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:37 4/5, sy.
TOLL BOOTH WILLIE (h, 6, Here We Come--No No Danielle, by Agitate) Lifetime Record: SW & GSP, 30-9-6-6, \$313,833. O-Claim to Fame Stable. B-Stan Wilson (OK). T-David R Vance. *1/2 to Gregg's Command (Maribeau), SW, \$145,439.

1st-FGX, \$34,920, 4yo/up, a1m40yd, 1:40, ft.
MIDNIGHT KLUGH (h, 5, Known Fact--Cruisie, by Asert {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 23-8-2-4, \$127,150. O-A Pitalo Sr. B-Dr Steve Kramer (KY). T-Wesley Hawley.

8th-LRL, \$34,000, Opt. Clm. (\$50-45,000), 4yo/up, 1 3/16m, 1:56 4/5, ft.
OVER TO YOU (g, 6, Rubiano--Overnight, by Mr. Leader) Lifetime Record: 34-7-3-3, \$102,825. O-DLS Thoroughbreds Inc. B-Charles Nuckols Jr. & Sons (KY). T-A A Ferris III.

7th-SPT, \$29,848, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:13, ft.
QUICKSAND KENTUCKY (g, 6, Irish Tower--Chief's Dame, by Fit to Fight) Lifetime Record: 38-6-6-4, \$126,497. O-T Burek, R Bernacki & M R Scherer. B-Sa'Long Farm & Dennis Swartz (KY). T-R R Scherer.

7th-OPX, \$27,200, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 2/5, sy.
GOODGOLLYMISSPOLLY (f, 4, Lil E. Tee--Polly's Rumor {MSW, \$121,540}, by Spread the Rumor) Lifetime Record: 12-3-5-1, \$64,780. O-Cresran LLC. B-Ricks Ran (OK). T-Steve Hobby.

1st-OPX, \$25,200, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39 1/5, sy.
PRADO'S MYSTIQUE (f, 3, El Prado {Ire}--Eleni {SW, \$173,869}, by Mythical Ruler) Lifetime Record: SP, 10-2-0-5, \$41,535. O-Charles Webber. B-Frank Stronach (KY). T-Joey Ruhsam.

9th-PHA, \$20,516, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:24 1/5, ft.
ROYAL JADE (m, 6, Gallapiat--Regal Kiss {Ire}, by Royal and Regal) Lifetime Record: 50-5-9-12, \$134,198. O-Carlo d'Amato. B-Myles I Neff (FL). T-Shelley E Fitzgerald.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

A Storm Is Brewing, c, 3, Blush Rambler--Private Dish, by Private Account. TAM, 3-10, 1 1/16m, 1:48 1/5. B-Brereton C Jones (Ky). *\$30,000 yrl '98 KEESEP; \$17,500 2yo '99 OBSMAR. **1/2 to Clifty Falls (Naevus), SP, \$232,471; and Lolabell (Phone Trick), SW, \$130,416.

Catfit, f, 3, Cee's Tizzy--Pussy Cat, by *Cougar II. SAX, 3-10, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:06. B-Richard Brown (Ca).

Delectable, f, 3, Dignitas--Respectable (SP), by Northrop. SPT, 3-10, 6f, 1:14 2/5. B-Hoss Inman Estate (Ky).

Amir, c, 3, Exemplary Leader--J. B. Water, by Be a Native. SAX, 3-10, (C), 6 1/2f, 1:18 4/5. B-Southern Nevada Racing Stables Inc (Ca).

+ Not Happening, c, 3, Future Storm--Rose Marie Di (SW, \$209,037), by What a Gent. SPT, 3-10, (S), 6f, 1:14 3/5. B-Crown's Way Farm, et al (Ill).

Blaze and Blues, c, 3, Hansel--Backwater Blues, by Dixieland Band. LRL, 3-10, 6f, 1:10. B-Lazy Lane Stables Inc (Ky).

Western Honors, c, 3, Honor Grades--Let's Go West, by Gone West. GPX, 3-10, (C), 7f, 1:26 3/5. B-Superior Stable (Fl). *\$25,000 yrl '98 OBSAUG.

My Monad, c, 3, Irish Open--Nasty and Gold, by Nasty and Bold. LRL, 3-10, (C), 1 1/16m, 1:46 2/5. B-Catherine Brett Cain (Ky).

Grape Leaves, c, 3, L'Enjoleur--Gray Grape, by l'ma Hell Raiser. TDN, 3-10, (S), 5f, 1:00 3/5. B-Dr Jacques Politi (Oh). *1/2 to Top Grape (Arts and Letters), SW, \$156,177; full to Grape Juice, SW, \$187,379.

For Money, f, 3, Not for Love--Sweet Sweetness, by Oh Say. AQU, 3-10, 6f, 1:11 4/5. B-Sharon Maloney (Md). *\$30,000 2yo '99 FTMMAY.

+ With Alacrity, f, 3, Perfecting--Two Yellow Ribbons, by Caveat. CTX, 3-10, 4 1/2f, :55 3/5. B-M Steven & Page A Kell (Md).

New Music, f, 3, Prospector's Music--New Tycoon (Ire), by Last Tycoon (Ire). AQU, 3-10, (C), 6f, 1:14 3/5. B-Edward P Evans (Ky).

Eastern Delta, f, 3, Robin Des Pins--Delta West, by Tank's Prospect. AQU, 3-10, (S), 1 1/16m, 1:47 1/5. B-Goldspur Racing Stable (NY).

Begadoon, c, 3, Slewledo--Doonbeg, by Knights Choice. OPX, 3-10, 1 1/16m, 1:46. B-Paulson Bros (Wa).

With Conviction, c, 4, Broad Brush--Fran's Valentine (MGISW, \$1,375,465), by Saros (GB). PHA, 3-10, 6f, 1:12. B-George Strawbridge Jr (Pa). *1/2 to With Fascination (Dayjur), GSW & MG1SP-Fr, \$174,978; With Fire (Gulch), GSP-Fr; and With Anticipation (Relaunch), GISP, \$188,091.

Sharp Apple, f, 4, Diesis (GB)--Top Apple (Fr) (MSP-Fr), by Top Ville. FGX, 3-10, a8fT, 1:37 3/5. B-D Arnold (Ky).

Additional Maidens in tomorrow's TDN.

RACING ON TV THIS WEEKEND:

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★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday's Results:

2.10 Maisons-Laffitte, Prix Caius (Class C) (Cond.), 3-10, FF160,000, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/4mT, 2:18.80, hy. **SCHOTIS (IRE)** (c, 3, Freedom Cry {GB}--Villa Blanca {Spa} {G1SW-Spa}, by Rheffissimo {Fr}), a 6-1 chance, took a keen hold in fourth as Deferlant (Fr) (Bering {GB}) led, but turned into the straight in third. He was ridden into the lead approaching the final furlong and ran on resolutely to hold the late rally of Young Tune (Ire) (Green Tune {USA}) by three parts of a length. Lifetime Record: 7 starts, 1 win, 5 places, FF192,000. O-Werner Heimberg; B-Cuadra Asturias SA; T-Elie Lellouche; J-Davy Bonilla.

2.10 Maisons-Laffitte, Prix Polly Girl (Class C) (Cond.), 3-10, FF160,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/4mT, 2:21.60, hy. **ORO BERING (FR)** (f, 3, Bering {GB}--Baddi Bird {GB}, by Storm Bird {Can}), was steadied in fourth on the inside as Aurea Du Verger (Fr) (Ambroise {Fr}) set a steady gallop, but had to be ridden as the field entered the final quarter mile. She challenged Fine Honor (Fr) (Highest Honor {Fr}) for the lead at the distance and asserted inside the final furlong for a safe one-length win at odds of nearly 4-1. Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 1 win, 2 places, FF103,000. O-Werner Heimberg; B-SCEA Haras de Manneville; T-Elie Lellouche; J-Christophe Soumillon.

Today, Saint-Cloud, post time: 2.45. p.m.

PRIX RONDE DE NUIT-Listed, FF260,000, 3yo, f, 1mT.

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★ UNITED ARAB EMIRATES ★

DUBAI NEXT STOP FOR BRITS

It is a case of no frontiers for the Singapore Airlines International Cup duo **Monsajem (USA)** (Woodman {USA}) and **Showboat (GB)** (Warning {GB}), as they arrived yesterday in Nad Al Sheba, Dubai. Although both finished down the field in Singapore, they will hope to do better in the G3 Dubai Sheema Classic on the Dubai World Cup card. The Sheema Classic is shaping up as a hot race, with the 1998 Epsom Derby winner **High-Rise (Ire)** (High Estate {Ire}) in opposition as well as Sir Michael Stoute's **Fantastic Light (USA)** (Rahy {USA}), who has been in Dubai for a while and is acclimatising well. They were joined by Ed Dunlop's **Night Style (Fr)** (Night Shift {USA}), set for the UAE Derby, where he may oppose local Godolphin talents **Broche (USA)** (Summer Squall {USA}) and **Bachir (Ire)** (Desert Style {Ire}).

TRAINERS RACE HEATS UP IN THE DUBAI DESERT

With the Emirates' Trainers Championship decided on prizemoney, Zabeel Stables trainer Satish Seemar capitalised on an absence of Saeed bin Suroor-trained runners at Nad Al Sheba last Thursday night. Seemar is clear in number of winners, however, with the Championship decided by prizemoney for local currency races only, bin Suroor remains about Dhs900,000 clear with over a month to go. Seemar's two winners and six place-getters at Nad Al Sheba Thursday night narrowed that lead, and, with bin Suroor only having runners at two more meetings--Sunday evening and next Thursday--Seemar must rate himself a chance of overhauling the Al Quoz-based trainer. There are some rich races left in the three weeks of the season after the Dubai World Cup meeting March 25, however, by that time, bin Suroor's horses will all be either on their way to Europe or in the process of packing up. No races on Dubai World Cup day count in the race for the championship, as all are worth values in U.S. dollars. The race for the champion jockey in the U.A.E. is over with Zabeel Stable jockey Ted Durcan 15 wins clear of Willie Supple and 16 clear of Richard Hills.

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EUROPEAN-BRED WINNER IN AMERICA:

7th-SAX, \$61,305, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$80,000), 3-9, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:36 4/5, yl.

HOUSEKEEPER (IRE) (m, 5, Common Grounds {GB}--Staff Approved {GB}, by Teenoso), since coming to the U.S. last year, had run second in four straight Southern California allowance races. Most recently, she returned from an eight-month layoff to be runner-up Jan. 30. The 7-5 favorite stalked the pace before taking the lead on the turn for home and pulling clear for a three-length triumph. Lifetime Record: 9-3-4-0, \$96,991. O-Bianco & Shimmon. B-Michael Morrin (Ire). T-R B Hess Jr.

Yesterday's Premieres, Gulfstream Park:

LEADING ROLE (GB) (f, 3, Cadeaux Genereux {GB}--Footlight Fantasy {USA}, by Nureyev {USA}), unruly at the start in her prior outing Sept. 28 at Newmarket, hesitated at the break in this, her U.S. debut, getting away 10th and last. Racing three wide, she quickly got into striking position, bumped with a rival in early stretch, but finished well to be second. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$13,306.

O-Cheveley Park Farm. B-Meon Valley Stud. T-Christophe Clement.

Today's Premieres, Gulfstream Park:

TREBIZOND (IRE) (c, 4, Sadler's Wells--Karri Valley, by Storm Bird), trained in his native Ireland by Tom Taafe, lost eight straight before finding the winner's circle in his ninth outing two back in a Tipperary maiden going a mile and a half. Brought back at the same distance one month later, he won an allowance at Listowel and now looks for his third straight going a furlong shorter on the Gulfstream turf in the afternoon's 10th race for four-year-olds and up. Lifetime Record: 10-2-2-4, \$17,955. O-William Lickle. B-Dr M V O'Brien (Ire). T-Roger Attfield.

★ ITALY ★

Yesterday's Results:

3.45 Napoli, Premio Over (Cond.), L34,425,000, 3-10, 3yo, 6fT, 1:10.20, gd.

NOVITA ECLATANTI (GB) (c, 3, Imp Society {USA}--Jackie Mendez {Ire} {MSP-Ity}, by Mendez {Fr}). Lifetime Record: MSW-Ity, 12 starts, 5 wins, 2 places, L141,355,000. O-Scuderia Delta; B-Scuderia Neva; T-R Mimmocchi; J-M Belli.

4.10 Napoli, Premio Don II (Cond.), L15,300,000, 3-10, 4yo/up, 7fT, 1:28.50, gd.

AUTOVELOX (IRE) (c, 5, Dancing Dissident {USA}--Fountain Girl {GB} {MSP-Ity}, by Monsanto {Fr}). Lifetime Record: 42 starts, 11 wins, 13 places, L123,352,000. O/B-Scuderia Chimax S R L; T-I Bugattella; J-A Arbau.

★ GERMANY ★

WINTER RACING TAKES HOLD IN GERMANY

by Christa Riebel

Only some 10 years ago, winter racing was practically non-existent in Germany, with Dortmund the only track even offering a sand track as an alternative. By contrast, there are now two tracks with complete winter racing schedules--Dortmund and Neuss, offering racing each weekend. German racegoers have taken to winter racing quite well, especially since both tracks improved their facilities, making them warm and comfortable. Hendrik Pape, Dortmund's managing director, said he believed that winter racing had undergone a gradual improvement each year for several years before leveling off recently. The Dortmund racing calendar treats summer and winter racing equally, yet Pape said he felt that the acceptance of sand-track racing in the winter months is not yet that strong, especially where big trainers and the leading yards are concerned. Reinhard Bochmann, Neuss's managing director, said he felt it would be interesting to have an interactive event between England, France, Germany and the Scandinavian countries. He noted that this past winter saw an increased number of runners from countries such as Belgium, the Netherlands and Scandinavia. Now that Germany's Roymillon (Ger) (Milesius {USA}), the winner of the Sandbahn Classic at Neuss, is being aimed at Lingfield, Bochmann hopes that English trainers might now consider sending horses to Neuss. He said that while the market has to be developed gradually, once most trainers realise that you can run horses on sand more often and that their form is much more stable, winter racing should have a good and sound future.

★ HONG KONG ★

EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG:

New Trumps (Ire), c, 4, Cadeaux Genereux (GB)--Dabbing (USA), by Cure the Blues (USA). Sha-Tin, 3-8, Ho Man Tin H., 7fT. O-Richard Hui Chung Yee; B-Oldtown Stud (Ire); T-Wang Tang-Ping.

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Mighty and Gold (GB), g, 4, **Wolfhound (USA)**--Swame (USA), by Jade Hunter (USA). Sha Tin, 3-8, Hung Hom H., 7.5f, AWT. O-Hui Chun Fui; B-Mrs M. Campbell Andenaes (GB); T-Kan Ping-Chee. *Formerly named Truth Seeker (GB).

★ BRITAIN ★

BUMPER LINCOLN ENTRIES PUT PRESSURE ON TAYSEER

Lincoln favourite **Tayseer (USA)** (Sheikh Albadou {GB}) may be balloted out of today's £50,000 Lincoln Trial at Wolverhampton due to the number of entries. Said Racing Director Richard Muddle, "The Lincoln Trial improves year on year. It is the best quality handicap of the winter and offers a good finale to Wolverhampton's busy winter programme. The only down side is that the entries include Tayseer, who may be unable to get in. With this in mind, next year, we may introduce a second race as trainers clearly recognise the benefits of running their horses before the start of the turf flat season and the significant prize money on offer." Top jockeys John Reid, Darryl Holland, Jason Weaver and Michael Hills, returning early after their contracts abroad, will compete in the race.

★ MAIDEN WINNERS ★

Oro Bering (Fr), f, 3, **Bering (GB)**--Baddi Bird (GB), by Storm Bird (Can). Maisons-Laffitte, France, 3-10, Prix Polly Girl (Class C) (Cond.), 3yo, f, 1 1/4mT, FF80,000 to winner. B-SCEA Haras de Manneville.
Schotis (Ire), c, 3, **Freedom Cry (GB)**--Villa Blanca (Spa) (G1SW-Spa), by Rheffissimo (Fr). Maisons-Laffitte, France, 3-10, Prix Caius (Class C) (Cond.), 3yo, c/g, 1 1/4mT, FF80,000 to winner. B-Cuadra Asturias SA.

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| Breeze-Up Sale | Apr. 19-20 |
| Derby Sale (Ireland) | June 29-30 |
| July Mixed Sale | July 11-13 |
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| October Yearling Sale | Oct. 9-14 |
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| December Foal Sale | Nov. 29-Dec. 2 |
| December Breeding Stock Sale | Dec. 4-8 |
| December Yearling Sale | Dec. 27 |



NEW MAN AT THE CURRAGH

by Tom Frary

At the end of April, The Curragh racecourse in Ireland, as well as all the training grounds, will come under the management of Jason Morris, stepping from the race-planning department of the British Horseracing Board into Brian Kavanagh's shoes. As with Kavanagh before him, Morris will be 31 when he takes over the running of the racecourse and training grounds. Born in October, 1968 in Malta, where his famous father, the TV presenter Desmond Morris, was living at the time, his interest in racing was to blossom on his arrival in England at the age of five. Upon graduating from Oxford University, where he studied Egyptology, Jason Morris thrust himself into the racing world with a position as private handicapper to the talented trainer Henrietta Knight. This is where he gained his first sight and sound of racing. "It was a fantastic grounding, working for one of the most intelligent trainers in racing, and dealing with stable staff on the one hand, and the richest of owners on the other," he recalled. This ability to communicate effectively at all levels led to him taking a post on the first day of the BHB's inception, in June, 1993. Here he further developed his skills in diplomacy, always building up relations between all sections of the racing industry, as well as providing vital background data and statistical information. Morris then applied for the position at the Curragh when it became available. "Racecourse management had always been a possible option at the back of my mind, but I was only going to do it at a top racecourse. The position offered a wonderful opportunity, and was too good to miss." If, as suggested, the notion of an Englishman in an Irish job could offer problems, Morris is certainly not aware of this. "I don't feel there is any prejudice," he said. "It will be a rude awakening, managing a major international course, but I'm very used to dealing with trainers in this country, and I deal with a lot of complaints. However, I enjoy it, and trainers have a genuine point to make. I am looking forward to it. The Curragh saw employing me as a big positive--a bonus." Of the challenges ahead, he says: "The existing management, under Brian Kavanagh, have made a tremendous success of the re-development of The Curragh. Irish racing is in a very positive state, and I am very well aware of the challenges of the future financing of it, as well as building up an international profile. The potential redevelopment of The Curragh over the next five years is another step further." Morris looks the ideal man to build on the success of the racecourse, continuing its development in the international sphere.