

STRUB ATTRACTS BIG FIELD

Saturday's GII Strub S. at Santa Anita attracted a large 11-horse field of four-year-olds with a half-dozen graded stakes winners among the entries. While the Bob Baffert-trained **During** (Cherokee Run), who, aside from an occasional aversion to wet tracks, is as tough as they come, will take considerable play at the window, several others will be trying to re-establish themselves as major players. **Toccet** (Awesome Again) is still trying to regain the form that saw him capture a pair of Grade I stakes as a juvenile, but the John Scanlan trainee looks like he's ready for a breakout performance after running a determined second to **During** in the GII San Fernando Breeders' Cup S. at Santa Anita Jan. 10. Last year's GI Santa Anita Derby hero **Buddy Gil** (Eastern Echo),



Toccet
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who underwent surgery to have a chip removed from his knee after finishing sixth in the Kentucky Derby, returned to run a tired ninth in the seven-furlong GI Malibu S. Dec. 26, but has been sharp in the morning in recent weeks and has every right to improve. Trainer Paco Gonzalez's **Buckland Manor** (Bien Bien) has reeled off three straight since returning from an extended absence, most recently adding black type to his resume with a re-rallying score in the off-the-turf Sir Beaufort S. on the Malibu undercard.

Saturday, Santa Anita

STRUB S.-GII, \$300,000, 4yo, 1 1/8m

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | WT |
|----|------------------|------------------|------------|-----|
| 1 | Saint Buddy | Saint Ballado | Baze | 117 |
| 2 | Toccet | Awesome Again | Albarado | 123 |
| 3 | Mud Shark | Deputy Commander | Santiago | 117 |
| 4 | Buddy Gil | Eastern Echo | Stevens | 119 |
| 5 | Formal Attire | Formal Gold | Smith | 117 |
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| 7 | Domestic Dispute | Unbridled's Song | Desormeaux | 117 |
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| 10 | Midas Eyes | Touch Gold | Solis | 119 |
| 11 | During | Cherokee Run | Flores | 121 |

BIG PERFORMANCE FOR LITTLE JIM

Little Jim (Arg) (Roar) pressed the pace of Godolphin's **Rosencrans** (Forest Wildcat) before edging away in the stretch for a 2 1/2-length victory in last night's G3 UAE 2000 Guineas at Nad al Sheba Racecourse. **Jack Sullivan** (Belong to Me) closed nicely from the back of the pack to earn the place spot. A Group 1 winner in Argentina at two, Little Jim was making his first starts since a 14-length score in the G2 Gran Premio Miguel Cane last Aug. 23. Alertly into stride, the dark bay raced just off the flank of **Rosencrans**, struck the front under a confident Ted Durcan with 500 meters to run and was not seriously menaced thereafter. "He is a lovely horse and there is improvement in him," the winning rider commented. "I would think a mile is his shortest trip and we will check with the owner, but I think [Mar. 27 G2] UAE Derby could be his target." Click [here](http://emiratesracing.com) for the emiratesracing.com chart.

Thursday, Nad al Sheba, Dubai

UAE 2000 GUINEAS-G3, \$250,000, Nad al Sheba, 3yo, 1600m, 1:37.63, ft.

1--**LITTLE JIM (ARG)**, 130, c, 3, by Roar

1st Dam: **Clavija (Arg)** (GSW & MG1SP-Arg), by **Cipayo (Arg)**

2nd Dam: **Rondeadora (Arg)**, by **Utopico (Arg)**

3rd Dam: **Rondena (Arg)**, by ***Solero**

O-Sheikh Rashid bin Mohd al Maktoum; B-Haras don Yeye; T-Satish Seemar; J-Ted Durcan; \$162,500. Lifetime Record: G1SW-Arg, 5-4-0-1, \$189,783. *1/2 to Lord Jim (Arg) (Lode), Ch. 2yo Colt-Arg, MG1SW-Arg, MSP-US.

2--**Jack Sullivan**, 121, c, 3, Belong to Me--Provisions, by Devil's Bag. (\$55,000 yrl '02 KEESEP; \$145,000 2yo '03 FTFEB). O-International Carnival Partnership; B-Hermitage Farm LLC; \$50,000.

3--**Rosencrans**, 121, c, 3, Forest Wildcat--General's Mistress, by General Meeting. (\$200,000 yrl '02 FTSAUG). O-Godolphin; B-Swifty Farms; \$25,000. Margins: 2HF, HF, 3/4. Odds: 5-1, 62-1, 2-1.

Also Ran: Lundy's Liability (Brz), Petit Paris (Chi), Carte Sauvage, Ras Hafa, Forthright (GB), Ice Cube (SAf), Sutter's Fort (Ire), Storm of Tara, Cupola (GB), Prince of Denmark (Ire), Clifden (Ire).

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Saturday, Gulfstream Park

DAVONA DALE S.-GII, \$150,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | WT |
|----|-------------------|------------------|-------------|-----|
| 1 | Miss Coronado | Coronado's Quest | C Velasquez | 117 |
| 2 | Society Selection | Coronado's Quest | Bailey | 121 |
| 3 | Pick of the Pack | Lil's Lad | Chavez | 117 |
| 4 | Marina de Chavon | Exploit | Santos | 121 |
| 5 | Eye Dazzler | Boundary | J Velazquez | 115 |
| 6 | From Away | Gulch | Day | 119 |
| 7 | Last Song | Unbridled's Song | Prado | 117 |

Saturday, Santa Anita

SAN VICENTE S.-GII, \$150,000, 3yo, 7f

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY |
|----|----------------|------------------|------------|
| 1 | Imperialism | Langfuhr | Espinoza |
| 2 | Number Juan | Silver Deputy | Stevens |
| 3 | Teton Forest | Forestry | Flores |
| 4 | Wimpletiltskin | Petionville | Valdivia |
| 5 | Consecrate | Silver Charm | Desormeaux |
| 6 | Hosco | Honour and Glory | Baze |

All carry 116 pounds, except Hosco, 120.

☆ NEWS TODAY ☆

NATIONAL CURRENCY SOLD On the heels of his impressive 6 1/2-length victory in yesterday's Listed Al Shindagha Sprint at Nad al Sheba Racecourse (see ATW, p7), South Africa sensation **National Currency (SAf)** (National Assembly) has been sold for a reported 12 million South African rand (approximately \$1.71 million), reports South Africa's *Sporting Post*. The purchaser was not revealed. A dual Group 1 winner and the champion two-year-old of his generation in South Africa, the four-year-old ventured out of his homeland for the first time in his penultimate start, finishing a bang-up second to Hong Kong superstar Silent Witness (Aus) in the G1 Hong Kong Sprint. Following that Dec. 14 event, a deal was in the works to sell the bay to Hong Kong-based owner Ng Chee Siong for an amount reported to be \$1.28 million, but the deal fell through in mid-January. Previously owned by a syndicate which includes Graham Beck, who bred the colt and who is owner of Gainesway Farm in Lexington, National Currency will continue to be trained by Michael Azzie. Plans call for a start in the G3 Mahab al Shimaal in Dubai followed by the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen. He will then continue his career later this year in England.

STUD INTEREST IN ACTION THIS DAY SOLD

Kentucky farm Castleton Lyons has purchased a significant breeding interest in last year's champion two-year-old colt **Action This Day** (Kris S.--Najecam, by Tremolino) and will most likely stand the colt beginning in 2005, it was announced yesterday. The sophomore star will continue to race in the colors of B. Wayne Hughes before being retired to the Lexington-area farm. "I am very proud of Action This Day's achievements," said Hughes from California. "This colt is



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an exceptional racehorse and has shown great talent so far. I look forward to continued success with him this year, and I am very pleased to have the opportunity to work with Castleton Lyons to return him to stand in Kentucky in 2005." Action This Day will stand alongside another Hughes colorbearer in Malibu

Moon (A.P. Indy), who was transferred to Castleton Lyons for the upcoming breeding season after beginning his stud career in Maryland. Dr. Tony Ryan, owner of Castleton Lyons, said, "We are delighted to be in partnership once again with B. Wayne Hughes. We wish Mr. Hughes every success with Action This Day's three-year-old campaign." Action this Day upset the field as a 26-1 longshot in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile for conditioner Richard Mandella.

UPCOMING MAJOR U.S. STAKES

| Date | Race | Track |
|---------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Feb. 7 | GI Donn H. | Gulfstream |
| | GII Davona Dale S. | Gulfstream |
| | GII San Vicente S. | Santa Anita |
| | GII Strub S. | Santa Anita |
| | GIII Deputy Minister H. | Gulfstream |
| Feb. 8 | GIII Shirley Jones H. | Gulfstream |
| Feb. 14 | GII Fountain of Youth S. | Gulfstream |
| | GII Hutcheson S. | Gulfstream |
| | GII La Canada S. | Santa Anita |
| | GII Barbara Fritchie H. | Laurel |
| Feb. 15 | GIII Silverbulletday S. | Fair Grounds |
| | GI Las Virgenes S. | Santa Anita |
| | GIII Risen Star S. | Fair Grounds |
| Feb. 16 | GIII Sabin H. | Gulfstream |
| | GI Santa Maria H. | Santa Anita |
| | GII San Luis Obispo H. | Santa Anita |
| | GII General George H. | Laurel |

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★ **GULFSTREAM** ★

CASTLE GANDOLFO TO WALMAC **Castle Gandolfo** (Gone West--Golden Oriole, by Northern Dancer), a Group winner and twice Group 1 placed at two, has been retired to stand at Walmac International beginning with the upcoming breeding season. He will command a fee of \$6,000, live foal. Owned in Britain by Susan Magnier and part of a powerful Aidan O'Brien stable which included Hawk Wing, Rock of Gibraltar (Ire) and High Chaparral (Ire), the flashy chestnut broke his maiden at first asking and posted a seven-length victory in the G3 Beresford S. before venturing beyond the Irish border to be second in the G1 Racing Post Trophy in England and the G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud in France. He was weighted at 115 on the International Classifications, which ranked him among the top 10 juveniles of 2001. In his three-year-old bow, the Kentucky-bred set a new track record for one mile over the Lingfield all-weather surface. The five-year-old is out of Golden Oriole, a full sister to champions Try My Best and El Gran Senor, and he also hails from the female family of Breeders' Cup Mile winner Domedriver (Ire), Italian champion Blue Air Force (Ire) and last year's GII Jim Dandy S. winner Strong Hope. Castle Gandolfo can be viewed at the farm beginning the weekend of Feb. 7.

Yesterday's Results:

8th-GPX, \$46,000, Alw, NW2\$RT9MX, 4yo/up, a1mT, 1:40 4/5, fm.

1--DEL MAR SHOW, 116, h, 7, Theatrical (Ire)--Prankstress (MSW, \$194,070), by Foolish Pleasure.

O-Allen E Paulson Living Trust; B-Allen E Paulson (KY); T-William I Mott. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 27-11-5-2, \$909,750. *Full to Striesen, MGSP, \$235,004; Adel (Strawberry Road {Aus}), SW & GISP, \$204,336.

2--Host (Chi), 120, c, 4, Hussonet--Colonna Traiana (Chi), by Roy.

3--With Anticipation, 116, g, 9, Relaunch--Fran's Valentine, by Saros (GB).

Margins: 1, 4 1/4, 4HF. Odds: 1.40, 1.90, 4.30.

Del Mar Show recorded three graded stakes victories in 2002, including the nine-furlong GII Bernard Baruch H. at Saratoga. Last year, his sole victory was realized at the allowance level, but he came close, within a half length, of scoring another in the GII Kickerbocker H. at Aqueduct Nov. 1. Fourth in his 2003 finale in the GIII Tropical Turf H. at Calder Dec. 6, Del Mar Show fell just a nose short of victory in his latest in a nine-furlong allowance over this course Jan. 11. On his toes in the post parade, the striking bay proved that he was up to facing Chilean Horse of the Year Host and multiple Grade I winner With Anticipation, who was making his first start in six months. Rated off a pedestrian early pace, Del Mar Show began to make headway, closing to third, after three quarters in 1:15.62 as the Chilean champ led the pack. Host's lead, however, was short lived as Del Mar Show took command in mid-stretch and inched clear for the for the win.

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STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6:

02-14 \$150,000 *Silverbulletday-III, FG, 3yo, f, 8.5f (100)*

TOMORROW, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7:

02-15 \$150,000 *Risen Star-III, FG, 3yo, 8.5f (100)*

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3rd-GPX, \$38,000, Opt. Clm. (\$75,000), NW3X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:44 1/5, ft.

KISS ME TWICE (m, 5, Kissin Kris--Twosies Answer {MSW, \$192,067}, by Two's a Plenty), winner of the Florida Breeders' Distaff S. at the Ocala Training Center last March, ran in the money in three of her last four starts, including a second-place finish behind Roar Emotion last time over track and trip Jan. 15. A 2-1 chance here, the half to Answer Lively (Lively One), Ch. 2yo Colt, GISW, \$938,296, settled behind the early pace set by Chamrousse (Peaks and Valleys), reached even terms with that filly at the eighth pole and gradually inched past her rival en route to a half-length victory. Lifetime Record: SW, 21-5-1-5, \$135,850. O/B-Franks Farms (FL). T-Teresa M Pompay.

5th-GPX, \$38,000, Alw, NW3X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:49 3/5, fm.

VANGUARDIA (ARG) (m, 6, Roy--Valery Toss {MSP}, by Egg Toss) placed in the 2002 G2 Clasico General Las Heras at San Isidro, but has been on the sidelines since. Sent off the 2-1 choice off the two-year break, the dark bay was up quickly to set an easy pace, opened up a clear advantage heading into the straight and held her foes at bay to record a 3 3/4-length win. The \$200,000 KEENOV horse of racing age purchase is a half to Vacacionada (Arg) (Southern Halo), G1SW-Arg; Valery Girl (Arg) (Kitwood), G1SP-Arg; and a full to Vacacionado (Arg), GSW & G1SP-Arg. Lifetime Record: MGSP-Arg, 7-4-2-0, \$55,914. O-Earle I Mack. B-Vacacion (ARG). T-Angel J Penna Jr.

2nd-GPX, \$32,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:51, fm.
INDY CHARMER (f, 3, A.P. Indy--Dancing Mirage {SW & MGSP, \$247,645}, by Alleged) came from well off the pace to finish runner up two back in a nine-furlong turf event at Belmont last October before placing third following a rough start last out over Aqueduct's main track Nov. 22. The 4-5 chalk in her return to the sod, the \$100,000 KEESSEP yearling and \$170,000 FTFFEB juvenile tracked the pace through three quarters of a mile, rallied to take command at the eighth pole and drew clear in the stretch to score by an eye-catching 7 1/4-length margin. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$34,840. O-Einar Paul Robsham. B-Kilroy Thoroughbred Partnership (KY). T-Stanley M Hough.

★ NEW YORK ★

Yesterday's Results:

5th-AQU, \$44,000, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:43 4/5, gd.

INDIAN WAR DANCE (c, 3, Cherokee Run--Dancing Naturally, by Fred Astaire) had little success in his first four starts, but rewarded his connections with a win when dropped in for a tag last time going six furlongs over this track Dec. 28. The taste of victory was shorted lived, however, when trainer Nick Zito and Double C Stables had to walk away for the \$50,000 asking price. Making a solid dent in that investment here, the 5-2 choice took command straight out of the stalls and maintained her advantage all the way home, scoring by 6 1/2 widening lengths. Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$42,180.

O-Sanford Goldfarb, Et Al. B-Jonabell Farm, J Cornacchia, Et Al (KY). T-Richard E Dutrow Jr.

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6th-AQU, \$41,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:13, gd.
+ SMOKE N SHADOWS (f, 3, Smoke Glacken--Halomatic, by Halo) was up quickly to contest the early fractions carved out by *Legendary Journey* (Not for Love) through a half mile in :47.12, before taking over from that one 1 ½ furlongs from home. Comfortably in front from there, the filly went on to score by two lengths over a closing *Madison's Wish* (Eltish). The \$55,000 KEESEP yearling and \$155,000 FTMMAY juvenile purchase is a half to *Big Numbers* (Numerous), MGSP, \$326,644. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,600. O-Flying Zee Stable. B-Donald Eberts (KY). T-Carlos F Martin.

3rd-AQU, \$41,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11 4/5, gd.
MYTHICAL TIME (f, 3, Gilded Time--Mythical Bird, by Pleasant Colony) was a game second last out over track and distance Jan. 7 and went off a well-supported 4-5 choice to graduate this time. Settled in a tracking fourth through the opening quarter mile, the \$20,000 KEESEP yearling and \$47,000 OBSAPR juvenile purchase was fanned wide heaing into the stretch and drew clear late to score by 4 ¾ lengths over *Lightning Trick* (Mazel Trick). Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$34,150. O-Theodore W Hoover. B-Thomas M & Mary Alice Dooley (KY). T-Dominic G Galluscio.

★ EAST ★

Tampa Reschedules Endeavour Stakes:

Officials at Tampa Bay Downs have rescheduled the running of the Endeavour S. from this Saturday to Tuesday, Feb. 10, due to impending weather conditions. The \$100,000 race for fillies and mares, four and up, is scheduled for 8 1/2 furlongs on the turf. "We wanted to give the horsemen the best opportunity to race on the grass," said Tampa's Vice President and General Manager Peter Berube. "The weather forecast is for rain on Friday night and with the combined rain we experienced last weekend we thought it was best to move the race to Tuesday's card."

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Turfway Cancels; Rowland In Critical Condition:

Officials at Turfway Park in Florence, Kentucky, have cancelled its live racing program out of concern for the condition of jockey Michael Rowland, who was injured in a serious spill Wednesday night. The 40-year-old jockey was reported yesterday in critical condition at University Hospital in Cincinnati. The incident, which occurred near the head of the stretch, also involved rider Mark Johnston, who suffered a broken collarbone and Jessica Endres, who was shaken up, but uninjured.

Yesterday's Results:

8th-OPX, \$33,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$30,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40, gd.

CITY RAIN (f, 4, [Carson City](#)--Rainy Night, by Caro {Ire}) ended off 2003 with a 3/4-length victory going seven furlongs at Churchill Downs Nov. 21 before returning this season with a second-place finish in a 1 1/16-mile \$40,000 optional claimer at the Fair Grounds Jan. 12. Backed down to 9-5 favoritism this time, the \$12,000 KEESEP yearling took control early and never gave up the advantage en route to a 3 3/4 length victory. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-1, \$73,148. O-Salters Richard & White Dan. B-Farm Overbrook (KY). T-Ron Moquett.

2nd-OPX, \$31,000, Msw, 3,4,5yo, 1m, 1:41 1/5, my. MIGHTY MILITARY (c, 3, [Military](#)--The Only Way to Go, by Marfa) came home fourth while racing for a \$50,000 tag in his career opener Nov. 6 before trailing in a tired 10th in his latest at Churchill Downs Nov. 22. Looking to graduate as the 3-1 third choice, the roan lingered near the back early, angled out for the drive a furlong out and made it to the front late to score by a neck over Chameleon (El Prado {Ire}). Military Road (Military) was a good third. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$19,725. O-Walts David Stable LLC. B-Walts-David Stable (KY). T-Robert E Holthus.

10th-FGX, \$28,000, Msw, 4&5yo, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:46 4/5, ft.

+ **ON THE COURSE (c, 4, [Spinning World](#)--Kristopher Street {SW, \$180,365}, by Kris S.)** went off the 3-1 second choice to graduate at first asking in this off-the-turfer. Up close to the pace, the Cobra homebred gained a narrow advantage over Longship (Smart Strike) on the second turn and shook clear of that foe to win by 3/4 of a length over the closing Haitian Morality (Petionville). Longship held on for third. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$16,800. O/B-Cobra Farm (KY). T-M Stidham.

★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

Halfbridled Continues to Work Toward Las Virgenes:

Trainer Richard Mandella kept a watchful eye on his star three-year-old, juvenile filly champ **Halfbridled** (Unbridled), as she worked seven furlongs over Santa Anita's fast main track yesterday morning. The strapping filly did not appear on the Santa Anita work tab. "I got her in 1:26, maybe a hair better," said Mandella. "She had a couple of work mates that she stalked. [Then] she just blew past them." The undefeated Halfbridled is set to make her seasonal debut in the GI Las Virgenes S. at Santa Anita Feb. 15. Also working yesterday at Santa Anita was Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith's **Lion Heart** (Tale of the Cat). The GI Hollywood Futurity winner worked five furlongs in 1:01 1/5 in preparation for a tilt in the one-mile GII San Rafael S. at Santa Anita Mar. 6.

Albarado to Receive Woolf Award at Santa Anita:

Jockey Robby Albarado will be presented the 55th George Woolf Memorial Jockey Award in the winner's circle at Santa Anita Saturday. The 30-year-old Lafayette, Louisiana, native will be joined by his wife, Kimber, and his agent, Lenny Pike. Two previous winners of the Woolf Award will take part in the ceremony: Gary Stevens, who portrayed Woolf in the movie Seabiscuit, will introduce Albarado; and retired jockey Chris McCarron, Santa Anita's vice president and general manager, who will present the award.

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The regular jockey of **Action This Day** (Kris S.), David Flores, is feeling good about his chances aboard the juvenile champion in Sunday's mile-and-an-eighth Sham S. at Santa Anita. 'I've been working him and he's feeling great," said Flores, who was in the irons yesterday as Action This Day blew out three furlongs in :35 3/5 at Santa Anita. "He's very strong. Every time he works he's finishing the last quarter of a mile very solid. It looks like he has more weight on him and he looks stronger. He's pretty professional. He can do anything right now." Action This Day hasn't raced since winning the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Oct. 25. Other probables for the Sham include **Borrego** (El Prado {Ire}), **Master David** (Grand Slam), **Preachinathebar** (Silver Charm), **Totally Platinum** (Dynaformer), **True Contender** (Sky Classic) and **Winner from Mars** (Benny the Dip).

Yesterday's Results:

4th-SAX, \$46,000, Msw, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:48 4/5, fm.

PANORAMIC (c, 4, Theatrical {Ire}--Mint Leaf, by Capote) finished in the runner-up spot in his two latest, including a mile maiden over this turf course Jan. 11. Sent off the 2-1 choice this time, the \$600,000 KEEJUL yearling settled off the early pace, mounted his challenge from the outside heading into the stretch and proved best in the drive to the line to score by 1 1/2 lengths over Il Meglio (Brz) (Roi Normand). Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-1, \$52,020. O-Noctis Stable, Neil Papiano & Steve Taub. B-Twin Hopes Farm, Inc (KY). T-Kristin Mulhall.

7th-SAX, \$49,000, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2fT, 1:12 4/5, fm.

CHASETHEGOLD (f, 4, Touch Gold--Chasethewildwind, by Forty Niner) hit the board in a pair of special weight contests sprinting at Churchill last June for trainer Charles Lopresti, then emerged on the west coast a month later with a new conditioner. The chestnut broke her maiden in that start, her turf and route debut at Del Mar. July 27, but went missing for over six months before returning here as an 11-1 outsider. Reserved in mid-pack as the leaders sped through wicked fractions down the hillside, the homebred found room to run a furlong out and raced past the game pacesetter Lady Sabrina (Patton) to win by a length. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$74,367. O/B-Marianne I & Brandon L Chase (KY). T-G Mandella.

★ **INDUSTRY INFO** ★

Eclipse Award Ceremony to Air on ESPN2:

The 33rd Annual Eclipse Awards, held Monday, Jan. 26 at the Westin Diplomat Resort & Spa in Hollywood, Florida, will air this Sunday at 1:00 p.m. ET on ESPN2. Hall of Fame jockey Gary Stevens emceed the event that saw Mineshaft walk away with Horse of the Year honors. Other winners included Funny Cide as champion three-year-old, Halfbridled as champion two-year-old filly and Bobby Frankel as top trainer.

★ **AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS** ★

IN FRANCE:

Goleador, c, 3, [Arch](#). See "European Breeders' Edition"



First-time starters/stakes runners: Friday, February 6

Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2000 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

- DONERAILE COURT** (Seattle Slew), Hill 'n' Dale, \$8K, 121/22/3 2-CT, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Theresa's Touch, \$5K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1 1-FG, Stk, 6f, Unk, \$950 ARK OCT yrl, 20-1
- EXPLOIT** (Storm Cat), Taylor Made, \$25K, 159/19/1 4-GP, Alw, 1 1/8mT, Moon Feather, \$60K KEE SEP yrl 4-GP, Alw, 1 1/8mT, Desert Deed, \$80K FTK JUL yrl
- FASLIYEV** (Nureyev), Coolmore, \$20K, 215/33/7 4-GP, Alw, 1 1/8mT, Faswiga
- GOOD AND TOUGH** (Carson City), Lakland, \$6K, 82/11/0 8-TP, Msw, 6f, Superfly Girl
- HORSE CHESTNUT (SAF)** (Fort Wood), Claiborne, \$10K, 94/6/0 6-SA, Msw, 6 1/2f, Chester's Chance, \$12K OBS JUN 2yo
- QUAKER RIDGE** (Forty Niner), Walmac, \$3K, 47/7/0 8-AQU, Alw, 1 1/16m, Bella Bourie, \$10K OBS JUN 2yo
- SILVER CHARM** (Silver Buck), Three Chimneys, \$25K, 149/17/0 8-AQU, Alw, 1 1/16m, Georgetown Gal, \$150K EAS OCT yrl 6-SA, Msw, 6 1/2f, Erik's the Charm
- TACTICAL CAT** (Storm Cat), Overbrook, \$10K, 114/12/1 6-GP, Msw, 7f, Wickedly Wise, \$105K FTK JUL yrl

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RECORD TURNOVER AT FEBRUARY SALE Yesterday's single-session Tattersalls February Sale in Newmarket saw record turnover as well as the highest price ever paid for a mare in the five-year history of the event. Gross receipts totaled 893,900 guineas, a 16.2-percent improvement versus the 2003 renewal of the sale while the average of 7,575 guineas represented a 20.1-percent gain against last year. The median of 4,000 guineas was a 14.3-percent boost on last year's figure. A record 70,000 guineas was the winning bid on hip 42, the nine-year-old mare Gipsy Moth (GB) (Efisio {GB}). Consigned by Lloyd Farm Stud, the bay was purchased by C.B.A. Ltd. and is carrying a foal by Halling. Bidding on Artistic Blue (Diesis {GB}) reached 74,000 guineas, but the winner of the Listed Tyros S. was led out of the ring unsold. A pair of offerings were sold for 50,000 guineas. Gipsy Rose Lee (Ire) (Marju {Ire}), who immediately preceded the eventual topper into the pavilion, was knocked down to the bid of Ballinamona House Stud and was also consigned by Lloyd Farm Stud. Terfel (GB) (Lion Cavern), a three-time winner and three times placed in Listed company, went to Danny Murphy and was consigned to the sale by Fitzroy House Stables. Said Tattersalls Chairman Edmund Mahony, "The individual highlight was, without doubt, the 70,000 guineas paid for the mare Gipsy Moth, which was the second highest price ever at the February Sale...but the record median has been the real feature of the day. The number and diversity of buyers have produced a vibrant trade from start to finish."

GO AHEAD FOR NEWMARKET AW TRACK

Planning consent for Newmarket's proposed all-weather track was granted at a meeting of the local Forest Heath District Council on Wednesday night. "The response from the Council was extremely positive at the meeting and we now have the green light to move on to the next stage" commented Newmarket's Michael Prosser, who added, "A number of expected conditions were attached and meeting these conditions will not cause us any problems. Next up is winning approval from the Jockey Club for our track design which we could only submit to them once we had planning permission. If the response to that is positive, the final crucial hurdle will be to get an allocation of fixtures for 2005 from the BHB. The fixture allocation process starts in April, so with planning permission now achieved we are well ahead of schedule." If fixtures are allocated, Newmarket's £6 million scheme, including a 10-furlong polytrack straight, would be completed in time for racing to start in January 2005. The track's Managing Director Lisa Hancock said: "Racecourse Holdings Trust, our parent company, has been looking for some time to include an all-weather track in its portfolio of 13 courses. All-weather racing is a huge growth area which is predominantly betting-driven."

NEW SPONSORS FOR DERBY TRIALS

The future of both Derby trials at Chester has been secured with the announcement of two three-year sponsorship deals. MBNA Europe Bank, Chester's largest employer, is the new sponsor of the G3 Chester Vase and Jardine Lloyd Thompson (JLT), the largest quoted UK and European-based broker for risk and insurance, is the new sponsor of the G3 Dee S., won last year by subsequent G1 Vodafone Derby winner Kris Kin (Kris S.). Chester Race Company's Chief Executive Richard Thomas said, "We are thrilled to be announcing these most valuable sponsorships for two of our best known races. It is also a major boost for horse racing that two such prestigious financial and insurance businesses are supporting the racing industry. We are firmly committed to these Classic trials and are working hard with owners and trainers to identify the right horses to run in them. The races are the perfect launch pad for horses that could go on to run in The Derby. The Roodee, with its tight bends, is a true test of the versatility of the Thoroughbred."

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★ GERMANY ★

NEW SPONSOR FOR DERBY TRIAL

The Derby trial for three-year-olds at Munich in May, recently known as the Grosser Muller Brot Preis, has found a new sponsor. Taking over from Muller Brot is Munich based internet website www.pferdewetten.de, part of the e.multi group which also sponsors other races. The G2 event, won in recent years by Samum (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}) and Ransom O'War (Red Ransom), will be known as the G2 www.pferdewetten.de - Bavarian Classics.

★ EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN DUBAI:

Seihali (Ire), h, 5, **Alzao**--Edwina (Ire), by Caerleon. Nad al Sheba, 2-5, Hcp., 1600mT, 1:36. B-Rathbarry Stud. *Ir180,000gns/yr '00 GOFORB. **Second to GSW Conflict (Fr) going a mile over the main track Dec. 18, the bay horse returned to the turf here, coming from well off the pace to win by 1 1/2 lengths in track-record setting time.

Zaajel (Ire), h, 5, **Nashwan**--Mehthaaf (Hwt. 3yo-Ire at 7-9f, G1SW-Ire, MGSW & G1SP-Eng, MG1SP-Fr, \$381,798), by Nureyev. Nad al Sheba, 2-5, Hcp., 2400mT, 2:29.08. B-Shadwell Estate Co Ltd. *Full to Najah (Ire), GSW-Ity. **Tenth over the Nad al Sheba main track Jan. 8, the five-year-old appreciated the return to the turf, rallying to the front past the 200-meter mark before just holding the late charge of Kayseri (Ire) (Alzao) by a neck.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY...

February 7, 1894...The Jockey Club was incorporated. As originally conceived, it was to assume the management of racing, previously overseen by the Board of Control. Included in The Jockey Club's functions were licensing, allotment of racing dates, appointment of officials and the interpretation and enforcement of racing rules.

February 7, 1969...Jockey **Diane Crump** became the first woman rider in America to compete in a pari-mutuel race, finishing 10th aboard 48-1 shot Bridle 'n Bit in the seventh race at Hialeah.

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CURRENCY WOWS 'EM IN DUBAI Consider the question answered. **National Currency (SAf)** (National Assembly), a champion at two and a multiple Group 1 winner in his native country, proved he could handle the dirt yesterday, making a mockery of the field in the co-featured Al Shindagha Sprint at Nad al Sheba. The handsome bay colt was having his first start of 2004, since tripling his career earnings when a one-length second to Silent Witness (Aus) in the G1 Hong Kong Sprint Dec. 14. Bet down in U.S. wagering to 3-10 favoritism, the four-year-old was alertly away from the stalls and was angled over to the near-side rail to set the pace. He carried a three-length advantage into the final 400 meters then sprinted away to win by a widening 6 1/2-length margin. "When you have a champion, they run on any surface," winning trainer Michael Azzie commented when asked about his pupil's first start on the sand. "He's a wonderful animal and a pleasure to train. His preparation here was so much better [than in Hong Kong]." Winning rider Weichong Marwing added, "I have to believe that he is going to get better for me and that there is more improvement to come." The winner is likely to make his next start in the G3 Mahab al Shimaal Mar. 6, the final prep for the \$2-million G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen three weeks hence.

★ DUBAI ★

Thursday, Nad al Sheba

AL SHINDAGHA SPRINT-Listed, \$140,000, Nad al Sheba, 2-5, 3yo/up, 1200m, 1:10.12, ft.

1--**NATIONAL CURRENCY (SAF)**, 133, c, 4, **National Assembly--Enchanted Dollar**, by Spend A Buck. O-Mr & Mrs G J Beck; B-Highlands Farms Stud Ltd; T-Michael Azzie; J-W C Marwing; \$91,000. Lifetime Record: Ch. 2yo Colt-SAf, MG1SW-SAf, G1SP-HK, 15-10-2-3, \$490,210.

2--**Persuasivo Fitz (Arg)**, 127, h, 9, Fitzcarraldo (Arg)--Kalnipe (Arg), by Kaljerry (Arg). \$28,000.

3--**San Salvador**, 127, g, 7, Dayjur--Sheer Gold, by Cutlass. (\$42,000 wnlg '97 KEENOV). \$14,000. Margins: 6HF, 1 1/4, 1HF. Odds: 3-10, 35-1, 12-1. Also Ran: Conceal (GB), Tala Ya, Aramram, Rotulo (Arg), Three Points (GB), Mahfooth, Chaplinesque, Membership, Dantana (Aus), Monkston Point (Ire).



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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

8th-AQU, \$45,000, NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 1/5, gd.

LAVENDER LASS (f, 4, Skip Trial--Lucky Lavender Gal {MSW & GISP, \$237,939}, by Carson City) Lifetime Record: SP, 15-3-2-2, \$103,860. O-Lucky Lavender Stable. B-Ronald Worswick (FL). T-Kiaran P McLaughlin. *1/2 to Lavender's Lad (Gate Dancer), GSP, \$172,529.

7th-AQU, \$43,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 4/5, gd.

LAST PUFF (m, 5, Smoke Glacken--Secreto's Success, by Secreto) Lifetime Record: 27-4-5-9, \$161,865. O/B-Robert Spiegel (KY). T-David G Donk.

1st-FGX, \$32,500, NW2L, (S), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12 1/5, ft. VON BRAUN (f, 3, Lite the Fuse--Idalea {Arg}, by Interpret) Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, \$48,400. O-Jim McGuire. B-Sharon Pate & Jill Taylor (LA). T-Steven M Asmussen. *\$5,900 wlng '01 TEXDEC.

9th-FGX, \$32,500, NW2L, (S), 3yo, 1m, 1:41, ft. PEGGY'S PROMISE (g, 3, Glaring--Pretty Peggy, by Summing) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$39,660. O-William T Reed. B-Roy Taylor (LA). T-Sherman Savoie. *\$5,000 yrl '02 LOUOCT.

6th-OPX, \$32,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:46 3/5, gd.

DEFRERE'S VIXEN (c, 4, Defrere--Houston Vixen, by Houston) Lifetime Record: GSP, 14-2-3-2, \$134,750. O-Heiligbrodt Racing Stable, Corrine & Ludolph Heiligbrodt. B-Valley Bloodstock, Pi Vail (CO). T-Steven M Asmussen.

8th-LRL, \$27,000, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000-\$20,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:45 4/5, ft.

SPACE PROBE (f, 4, Coronado's Quest--Defense Spending, by Spend a Buck) Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-3, \$70,790. O/B-Stuart S Janney III (KY). T-Charles J Hadry.

8th-DED, \$23,588, 2-4, NW2L, 4yo/up, 5f, 1:00 3/5, sy.

A. J'S CAFE (g, 4, Jules--Merica, by American Standard) Lifetime Record: 11-3-0-1, \$51,770. O-Coast To Coast Racing Fund LLC. B-Belinda M & Dr Robert J Kitos (FL). T-W Bret Calhoun. *\$40,000 yrl '01 OBSAUG; \$37,000 2yo 2002 OBSFEB. **1/2 to Megacles (Buckaroo), SW & GSP, \$260,175.

9th-DED, \$22,292, 2-4, NW2L, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:29 4/5, sy.

ROAD TO MANDALAY (f, 3, Sea of Secrets--China Sky, by Skywalker) Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-0, \$62,280. O-Julien M, Dare to Dream Stable LLC. B-Kenneth A Ross (KY). T-Rebecca Maker. *\$10,000 yrl '02 KEESEP.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Winning Witness, c, 3, Forty Won--Silent Witness (MSP, \$161,831), by Yukon. DED, 2-4, 7f, 1:29 4/5. B-Brehon Farm (La). *\$9,000 yrl '02 LOUOCT.

Neverhadadinner, c, 3, Rizzi--Groom Service, by Run-away Groom. SAX, 2-5, (C), 7f, 1:23 1/5. B-Sez Who Thoroughbreds (Fl). *\$80,000 2yo 2003 OBSMAR.

Aloha Braedon, g, 3, Western Fame--Working Habit, by *Habitony. SAX, 2-4, (S), (C), 6f, 1:11 1/5. B-Applebite Farms & Mark Mariani (Ca). *\$6,500 yrl '02 BESNOV.

Timely Jeff, g, 4, Avenue of Flags--Cherished Times, by Smile. SAX, 2-5, (S), 6f, 1:09 1/5. B-Goldstein Trust, Shugart Corporation & Corleto (Ca). *SP. **1/2 to It's A Reality (Cutlass Reality), SW, \$313,192.

Olivia's Notebook, f, 4, Notebook--Shananie's Presence, by Shananie. LRL, 2-5, 1 1/16m, 1:47 1/5. B-CTM Racing Stable (Fl).

J. B.'s Annie, m, 5, Roy--Funny Star, by Star Gallant. AQU, 2-5, (S), 1 1/16m, 1:48 1/5. B-Thousand Acre Farm (NY).

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Salon-de-Provence, 4.05, 2-5, €19,000, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/4mT, 2:10.10, sf.

GOLEADOR (c, 3, Arch--Inca Dove, by Mr. Prospector) Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €16,100. O-D-Y Treves; B-Alexander-Groves Thoroughbreds; T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

FRANCE, Salon-de-Provence, 5.05, 2-5, €19,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/4mT, 2:12.00, sf.

ASK FOR THE MOON (FR) (f, 3, Dr Fong--Lune Rouge {Ire}, by Unfuwain) Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 2 wins, 2 places, €20,800. O-J P J Dubois; B-Mme G Forien & J F Gribomont; T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

FRANCE, Salon-de-Provence, 4.35, 2-5, €17,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 2:08.50, sf.

ALLEZ OLIVE (IRE) (g, 6, Spectrum {Ire}--Mondsee {GB}, by Caerleon) Lifetime Record: SW-Fr, 33 starts, 6 wins, 10 places, €123,500. O-G Para; B-Mme R Ades; T-D Soubagne.