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WIMBLEDON FIRES ACE AT FAIR GROUNDS

Unseeded before the GII Louisiana Derby, **Wimbledon** (Wild Rush) will be ranked among this year's top 10 Triple Crown contenders after his authoritative victory at Fair Grounds yesterday afternoon. The charismatic gray colt was well back early as **Indian War Dance** (Cherokee Run) and **Fire Slam** (Grand Slam) set suicidal fractions of :22.48 and :45.27, but closed the gap around the far turn. He was caught



Wimbledon Lou Hodges Jr. photo

behind horses for a few strides as they came out of the turn, but had clear running at the top of the lane and turned on the afterburners, striding away to a decisive 2 1/4-length triumph over **Borrego** (El Prado {Ire}). The final time of 1:42 3/5 equaled the stakes record that had been jointly held by Peace Rules, Grindstone and Crypto Star. Click for the [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](http://free.brisnet.com/catalogue-style/pedigree) or the [brisnet.com chart](http://brisnet.com/chart). For the RaceReplays.com replay, [click here](#).

Sunday, Fair Grounds

LOUISIANA DERBY-GII, \$600,000, FGX, 3-7, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:42 3/5 (ESR), ft.

1--**@#WIMBLEDON**, 122, c, 3, by Wild Rush

1st Dam: **Strawberry Clover**, by Darn That Alarm

2nd Dam: **Strawberry Burrah**, by Princely Pleasure

3rd Dam: **Ticket to Cash**, by Green Ticket

(\$100,000 yrl '02 FTSAUG; \$425,000 2yo 2003 FTFFEB). O-James Mcingvale; B-Sabine Stables (KY); T-Bob Baffert; J-J Santiago; \$360,000. Lifetime Record: 6-2-3-0, \$415,980.

2--**Borrego**, 122, c, 3, El Prado (Ire)--Sweet as Honey, by Strike the Gold. O-Ralls & Foster LLC, B Scott, J Kelly, et al; B-Jon S Kelly, C Beau Greely, Dr Sam Bradley & Brad Scott (KY); \$120,000.

3--**Pollard's Vision**, 122, c, 3, Carson City--Etats Unis, by Dixieland Band. (\$70,000 2yo 2003 KEEAPR). O-Edgewood Farm; B-Charles A Smith (KY); \$66,000.

Margins: 2 1/4, HD, 3/4. Odds: 7.20, 5.50, 6.50.

Also Ran: Breakaway, Fire Slam, Stolen Time, Shadowland, Gradepoint, Shaniko, Indian War Dance, Nightlifeatbigblue.

Bringing It Up a Notch...

Fifth behind Siphonizer in his debut at Del Mar last August, **Wimbledon** was the runner-up in his next three tries, but brought his game to a new level in his latest. The \$425,000 FTFFEB juvenile had a half-length lead through a half in :46 1/5 and opened up on the field from there, coasting to an eight-length victory in a one-mile maiden race at Santa Anita Feb. 8. Trainer Bob Baffert had no qualms about testing his charge in graded waters off that effort. "I always thought that he was a very good horse," he said. "He's been a little disappointing at times...but I think his last race proved he was finally getting it together. This horse looks like the real deal as long as we keep him healthy, and we'll have some fun with him." Added winning owner James Mcingvale, "This is the biggest horse race I've ever won, and the biggest payday. I'm lucky to have Bob Baffert as a trainer...I think Bob's patience with the horse is what won the race. I knew he was a great horse and he was with a great trainer." Wimbledon's final prep for the May 1 GI Kentucky Derby has not yet been decided.



Wimbledon
Lou Hodges Jr. photo

Favored Entry Falls Short...

Trainer Neil Howard's two-pronged challenge of **Breakaway** (Silver Deputy) and GIII Risen Star S. winner **Gradepoint** (A.P. Indy) was sent off the 2-1 choice, but both finished out of the money. Breakaway, making his stakes debut off a 9 1/2-length allowance score over track and trip Feb. 15, trailed the field for six furlongs before closing ground on the final bend. The dark bay angled outside at the head of the lane, then moved back to the rail at midstretch, but his late kick leveled off in the final furlong and he had to settle for fourth. "He closed well, but it wasn't enough," jockey Calvin Borel said. Gradepoint, also rated far off the front-runners early, made a move between horses on the far turn, but could offer no real rally and ended up eighth. "I called on him and he responded, but in the turn I checked just a little," jockey Robby Albarado said. "But I don't think that affected him. He was flat turning for home. He just didn't have his game today."



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Sunday, Santa Anita

SAN CARLOS H.-GII, \$150,000, SAX, 3-7, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:21, ft.

1--**PICO CENTRAL (BRZ)**, 116, h, 5, by Spend a Buck
 1st Dam: Sheila Purple (Brz), by Purple Mountain
 2nd Dam: Ecoute (Brz), by Tumble Lark
 3rd Dam: Mystere (Arg), by Imbrogio (Arg)

O-Garlipp Christina; B-Haras Fronteira PAP (BRZ);
 T-Paulo H Lobo; J-D Flores; \$90,000. Lifetime
 Record: MG1SW-Brz, 10-6-0-1, \$170,145.

2--**Publication**, 116, h, 5, Petionville--Cat News, by
 Storm Cat. (\$29,000 2yo '01 BESMAY). O-Mercedes
 Stables LLC; B-Everest Stables Inc (KY); \$30,000.

3--**Pohave**, 112, h, 6, Holy Bull--Trail Robbery, by
 Alydar. (\$750,000 yrl '99 KEESEP). O-Kagele
 Brothers Inc, Leatherman & Leib; B-H E & T J Pabst
 (KY); \$18,000.

Margins: 2, 2, 1. Odds: 43.20, 5.00, 15.20.

Also Ran: Kela, Eye of the Tiger, Casas Caballo,
 Bluesthstandard, Captain Squire, Taste of Paradise,
 Marino Marini. Scratched: Amerindio (Arg), Question
 (Arg).

A Group 1 winner at five furlongs and at a mile on the turf in his native country, Pico Central had also picked up an allowance score in his only Brazilian try on the main track. He was off the board in his last two South American starts, but showed a lot of promise in his stateside debut. Let go at 37-1 in an optional claimer at Santa Anita Jan. 25, the dark bay cut out fractions of :21 1/5 and :43 3/5 and gave way only grudgingly, crossing the finish line second by 3/4 of a length. The five-year-old was, however, awarded that victory when the stewards disqualified the original winner, Ride and Shine. Unimpressed by that effort, the bettors ignored Pico Central once again yesterday, but rued the oversight as he stormed home at 43-1. The speedster broke sharply and went right to the front, battling Casas Caballo (Boston Harbor) through a quarter in :22.24 and a half in :44.06. He put that rival away at the quarter pole and remained clear as Publication closed from last to get second. "I was just trying to get him relaxed, because in his first race he was much faster than the rest of the field," jockey David Flores said. "I got a good hold of him and had control of him the first quarter mile and that breather gave him a little help. He was pretty strong most of the way." The 8-5 favorite Bluesthstandard (American Standard) enjoyed a ground-saving trip, but lacked a late kick and finished seventh. Click for the [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#) or the [brisnet.com chart](#).

☆ PREVIEW ☆

Monday, Flemington, Australia, post time: 2:40 p.m.

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

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	5	Lonhro (Aus)	Octagonal (NZ)	Hawkes	128
2	8	Mummify (Aus)	Jeune (GB)	Freedman	128
3	1	Pentastic (Aus)	Pentire (GB)	Hall	128
4	7	Natural Blitz (Aus)	Dehere	Harrison	128
5	3	Zacielo (NZ)	Zabeel (NZ)	Moody	128
6	6	Physique (Aus)	Zabeel (NZ)	Treloar	128
7	11	Makybe Diva (Aus)	Desert King (Ire)	Hall	122
8	2	The Jewel (NZ)	O'Reilly (NZ)	Anderton	122
9	10	Sound Action (Aus)	Vettori (Ire)	Maguire	122
10	4	Elvstroem (Aus)	Danehill	Vasil	118
11	9	Delzao (Aus)	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Kavanagh	118

Lonhro says farewell to the races as he tries to record his 10th Group 1 win. Third as the favorite in the G1 Cox Plate last October, the striking near-black horse returned to take the Feb. 7 G1 C.F. Orr S. and followed up with a 1 1/4-length score in the G2 St George S. Feb. 21. He will try to emulate his sire, who took this event in 1997 before heading off to stud. **Makybe Diva**, upset winner of last year's G1 Melbourne Cup, has made just two starts since, but comes into this off a solid effort when third in the G2 Carlyon Cup Feb. 28.

TODAY'S

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6th, GPX, Msw	PREACH IT (Saint Ballado)	click here
11th, GPX,	Hurricane Bertie S.	
	HOUSE PARTY (French Deputy)	click here
9th, FGX, GII Louisiana Derby	WIMBLEDON (Wild Rush)	click here

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 **NORTH AMERICA** 

PLEASANTLY PERFECT BACK ON TRACK Pleasantly Perfect (Pleasant Colony), who was scratched from Saturday's GI Santa Anita H. due to a fever, was out for a short gallop yesterday morning. "He came through that fine and looks good," trainer Richard Mandella said. The six-year-old is still on schedule for the Mar. 27 G1 Dubai World Cup, but Mandella cautioned, "Every day is susceptible to cancellation of his whole program. We're taking a little step at a time. Somewhere next week we're going to have to get a serious work in him and it all either goes well enough to go to Dubai or...we aren't going to go. For what happened, he couldn't be in better shape right now. But it's guarded. One false move and it's over."

★ **TRIPLE THREATS** ★

Lion Heart in Fine Fettle After First Loss

Three-year-old **Lion Heart** (Tale of the Cat), who suffered the first defeat of his career when second in Saturday's GII San Rafael S., came out of the race in good order, trainer Patrick Biancone reports. "I'm very pleased with him," Biancone said. "He came out perfect. You only learn from a defeat. That's a good way to learn and, for him, for [jockey Mike Smith] and for me, we will improve from that." The colt goes next in the Apr. 3 GI Santa Anita Derby.

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Time	Hip#	Sex	Sire	Dam
:10 1/5	273	colt	Yankee Victor	Mesmerized
	285	colt	Claramount	Miss Tess (NZ)
	300	filly	Tale of the Cat	My Pride N Joy
<u>1/4-mile works</u>				
Time	Hip#	Sex	Sire	Dam
:21 3/5	290	colt	Indian Charlie	Moonvain
:21 4/5	383	colt	Tactical Advantage	Royal Confection
	385	filly	Storm Creek	Salty But Sweet

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★ **GULFSTREAM** ★

Yesterday's Results:

HURRICANE BERTIE H., \$100,000, GPX, 3-7, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:15 2/5, ft.
1--**HOUSE PARTY, 117, f, 4, French Deputy--Bill Back (MSP), by Relaunch.** O/B-J V Shields Jr (FL); T-H Allen Jerkens; J-J A Santos; \$60,000. Lifetime Record: GISW, 17-7-4-3, \$694,564.
2--**Mooji Moo, 115, m, 5, Jebblar--Proud n' Precious,** by Valid Appeal. (\$33,000 2yo 2001 OBSJUN). O-Robert Deckert Jr & Robert Deckert Sr. \$20,000.
3--**Zawzooth, 113, m, 5, Unbridled's Song--Lady Blockbuster,** by Silent Screen. (\$160,000 wlng '99 KEENOV; \$200,000 yrl '00 FTSAUG). O-Starlight Stable LLC. \$11,000.

Margins: NK, 3HF, HD. Odds: 1.20, 9.80, 10.40.

House Party established herself as one of the top sprinters of her generation with a trio of graded victories last year, including a sharp score in the GI Prioress S. She ran out of real estate when a hard-charging third to the classy Harmony Lodge in her seasonal debut at Gulfstream in the Jan. 11 GIII First Lady H., but failed to see out the 1 1/16-mile distance of the Jan. 24 Sunshine Millions Distaff, finishing a well-beaten seventh. Back amongst her sprinting sisters, the Allen Jerkens trainee commenced her rally along the rail, switched to the outside leaving the quarter pole and just got up to nail SM Filly & Mare Sprint winner Mooji Moo in the final strides. "[In] the last sixteenth I went to the whip, hit her, and she just took off," explained winning rider Jose Santos. "That made the difference." Of future plans, Jerkens indicated the four-year-old House Party would likely make her next start at Belmont. D'Wildcat Speed (Forest Wildcat), a winner of 14 of 15 starts in Puerto Rico, ran an even fifth in her U.S. debut. **For the RaceReplays.com replay, [click here.](#)** Gulfstream Report cont. p2

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 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.

NTRA LEGISLATIVE ACTION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

The European Union recently imposed a 5% retaliatory tariff (increasing monthly by 1%) on hundreds of U.S. exports, including Thoroughbred racehorses. NTRA is lobbying Congress to pass legislation that will remove these harmful sanctions. Your contributions to the Legislative Action Campaign (the "1/4 % program") help support our lobbying efforts. **Go Baby Go.**





Gulfstream Report cont.

10th-GPX, \$40,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$100,000), NW4X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09, ft.
STRENGTH AND HONOR (h, 5, **Carson City--Dame Avie, by Lord Gaylord**) wired a field of \$62,500 claimers at Gulfstream Jan. 30 and was entered for a tag taking the step up in class against these six-figure optional claimers. In front through a half in :44 2/5, the 4-5 pick bounded home five lengths to the good of longshot Trueamericanspirit (Is It True). The victor is a half to Primitive Hall (Dixieland Band), GSW, \$528,020; and Earth to Jackie (Polish Numbers), MSW & GSP, \$234,523. Lifetime Record: 11-5-1-1, \$147,425. O-Requiem Racing LLC. B-Colts Ltd, (KY). T-Charles Simon.

8th-GPX, \$36,000, Alw, NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, a1 1/8mT, 1:51 4/5, fm.
D'OHANA (ARG) (m, 6, **Candy Stripes--Ohana {Arg}, by Miller's Mate**), a Group 3 winner and twice Group 1 placed in her native country, could not muster a victory in her first nine U.S. outings, but had been on the board in five of those starts. Second in back-to-back turf allowance races at Belmont Park last fall, the bay was a 61-1 shot in her 2003 finale, the Nov. 15 GII Long Island H., and ran to the board, finishing ninth. She had been out just once since, running a troubled sixth in an allowance over a yielding Gulfstream turf Feb. 6. Off at 8-1 to improve in her second try this term, the full to Big Shot (Arg), SW, \$114,520, relaxed off soft early fractions and saved her closing kick for the final drive, getting up in the final strides for a half-length tally over Peacefully (Ire) (Grand Lodge). A total of 4 1/4 lengths covered the 10-horse field from first to last. Lifetime Record: GSW & MG1SP-Arg, 22-3-6-4, \$84,409. O-Hubbard, Machado & Sczesny. B-Abolengo (ARG). T-Mark A Hennig.

6th-GPX, \$32,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:09 4/5, ft.
PREACH IT (f, 3, **Saint Ballado--Arrested Dreams {MSW & GISP, \$319,969}, by Dehere**), returning from a six-month break with a new conditioner in Nick Zito, tired to 12th in a seven-furlong maiden at Gulfstream Jan. 18. A much-improved second in her next at this distance Feb. 15, the \$290,000 KEESEP yearling offered a bit of value here as a 4-1 shot. Away in good order and sitting in a favorable tracking spot, she moved to challenge rounding for home and turned it into a procession, gliding clear 6 1/2 lengths the best. 3-5 pick Evasive (Elusive Quality) rallied to finish second. **For the RaceReplays.com replay, [click here](#).** Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$25,280. O-Live Oak Plantation. B-Louie Roussel III (KY). T-Nicholas P Zito.

9th-GPX, \$32,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft.
SMILE MAKER (f, 3, **Capote--Desireux, by Fappiano**) did just that for those who took at chance on her at 32-1 odds. The bay, an even sixth as a longshot in her debut at Aqueduct last October, was never far back and showed good determination to grind out the half-length victory over Wildcard Cat (Forest Wildcat). Favored Seducer's Song (Unbridled's Song) ran on to be third. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$19,200. O-John Eaton, Steve Layton & Mark Sayeg. B-Dr John Eaton (KY). T-James E Picou.

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Yesterday's Results:

8th-AQU, \$47,040, Alw, NW3X, 4/up, 9f, 1:50 4/5, ft.
 1--**MAX FOREVER, 118, c, 4, Montbrook--Jiffener (SW, \$111,154), by Derby Wish.** (\$72,000 yrl '01 KEESEP; \$200,000 2yo '02 OBSFEB). O-Raymond Dweck; B-John Franks (FL); T-Benjamin W Perkins Jr. Lifetime Record: GSW, 13-4-3-1, \$198,940.

2--**Kissin Saint, 118, c, 4, Kissin Kris--Saintly Speaking,** by Dahar.

3--**Aventura Place, 123, c, 4, Miswaki--Star Jolie,** by John Alden.

Margins: HD, 2, 10. Odds: 2.05, 2.30, 10.30.

Max Forever, winner of the Gill Long Branch Breeders' Cup H. at Monmouth last summer, was offered a five-month vacation after a poor showing in September's Gill Pennsylvania Derby over a soupy Philly track. The dark bay had trouble finding room to run in his return and settled for the show spot at this level at Aqueduct Feb. 4. The favorite in this five-horse contest, he left the quarter pole a half-length back of Kissin Saint, but wore down that game rival to earn the win.

3rd-AQU, \$43,000, Alw, NW2L, 4/up, 6f, 1:09 1/5, gd. QUIGLEY (c, 4, Indian Charlie--Scratch Dancer, by Naevus) looked impressive romping by seven lengths in a maiden-breaking performance at Turfway Park in February of 2003, but went to the sidelines off a third-place effort at the Big A the following March. Returning nearly a year later as the public's 9-5 choice, the bay flanked the pacesetter Tenthirteen (Matty G), took the lead at the top of the lane and drew clear by 2 1/2 lengths on the line. Hey Chub (Carson City) closed to earn place honors; Tenthirteen held on for third. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$45,864.

O-Puglisi Stables. B-F Lewis Jr (KY). T-Steve B Klesaris.

★ EAST ★

Yesterday's Results:

4th-LRL, \$24,000, Msw, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:47, ft.
 + **EVENING PLEASURES (c, 3, Sahm--Afternoon Surprise, by Proud Truth),** the lone firster in the six-horse field, saved ground before angling out for the stretch drive. Collaring favored Halcyon Bay (Southern Halo), the 6-1 shot dug in gamely to deny that foe by nose. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$13,680.

O/B-Kaygar Stables (IL). T-Carlos A Garcia.



Summer's here

G1 performer **Polish Summer** outpaces Bright Sky in Europe's first Group race of the season, the 10f G3 Prix Exbury. Next stop, Dubai...

★ CENTRAL ★

Turfway Cancels Sunday Card:

Officials at the Florence, Kentucky track Turfway Park called off racing Sunday, citing unsafe track conditions. Racing was cancelled after the third race Friday evening, while the entirety of Saturday's card was also scratched. Live action is scheduled to resume Wednesday night with a first post of 5:40 p.m. CST.

Yesterday's Results:

THE BATTLER STAR H., \$75,000, FGX, 3-7, (S), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft.

1--**PLACID STAR, 121, f, 3, by Placid Fund--Lao's Star, by Risen Star.** (\$5,000 yrl '02 LOUOCT). O-James McCurry & Sam David Jr; B-Stargazers, LLC (LA); T-Sam B David Jr; J-G Melancon; \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 4-4-0-0, \$147,000.

2--**Von Braun, 119, f, 3, Lite the Fuse--Idalea (Arg),** by Interpret (Arg). (\$5,900 wlng '01 TEXDEC). O-Jim McGuire. \$15,000.

3--**Dear Alicia, 116, f, 3, In a Walk--Dear Chorlita,** by Whitesburg. (\$2,000 yrl '02 LOUOCT). O-Corale Richards & Steve Stumph. \$8,250.

Margins: 2, 5, NK. Odds: 1.50, 4.00, 2.40.

Placid Star, coming off a 3 1/2-length tally in the \$125,000 Louisiana Premier Night Starlet S. for state-breds at Delta Downs Feb. 7, came from just off the leaders and sprinted away from the pack to keep her record unblemished.

SPRING FEVER S., \$50,000, OPX, 3-7, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04 3/5, ft.

1--**#SURF N SAND, 113, m, 5, Boston Harbor--Affordable Price (SW & MGSP, \$181,450), by Drouilly (Fr).** (\$9,000 yrl '00 KEESEP; \$130,000 2yo '01 OBSFEB). O-Charles F Heider Jr; B-Hinkle Farms, Inc (KY); T-Donnie K Von Hemel; J-J McKee; \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 8-6-0-0, \$197,945. *1/2 to Lady Skywalker (Skywalker), MSW & GSP, \$214,245; Moore's Flat (High Brite), MSW & MGSP, \$512,563; and Divine Line (Boundary), SP, \$154,784.

2--**Eternal Cup, 121, f, 4, Montbrook--Forever Full,** by Full Out. O-Heiligbrodt Racing Stable. \$10,000.

3--**See How She Runs, 115, m, 5, Maria's Mon--Beau Cougar,** by *Cougar II. O-Pin Oak Stable LLC. \$5,000.

Margins: 3/4, HF, 3/4. Odds: 1.70, 2.60, 1.80.

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Spring Fever S. cont.

Surf N Sand broke her maiden at Santa Anita in January of 2003 and proceeded to reel off four allowance victories in succession, concluding with a neck tally at Churchill last June. On the shelf for eight months off that one, she flashed her early speed in her stakes and seasonal debut, the six-furlong American Beauty S. at Oaklawn Feb. 7, but tired late to finish fourth. With the screws tightened, Surf N Sand dueled from a rail position and, despite the absence of a breather, held on for the win.

8th-FGX, \$32,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, a1 1/16T, 1:43 3/5, fm.

SILVERFOOT (g, 4, With Approval--Northern Silver {SW, \$113,183}, by Silver Ghost) built upon a fast-closing third-place finish in his turf bow sprinting over this sod Jan. 23, winning by 1 3/4 lengths at about a mile Feb. 9. The handsome gray improved to two-for-three on the grass here, coming between foes a furlong from the wire and outfinishing Justlikedawg (Unaccounted For) to prevail by 1 1/2 lengths. The 3-5 chalk, Stone Cat (Storm Cat), didn't have enough late and settled for third. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, \$53,770. O-Chrysalis Stables LLC. B-Stephanie S Clark (KY). T-Dallas Stewart.

8th-OPX, \$32,000, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:46, ft.

PLATINUM BALLET (f, 3, Skip Away--Main Edition, by Nureyev) broke her maiden while trying two turns for the first time in her second start, posting a 2 3/4-length score at Louisiana Downs Oct. 2. She switched to the turf for her next try and just missed, running second by 3/4 of a length Nov. 6, then returned to the main track for an Oaklawn allowance Feb. 12 and again closed to get the place, this time beaten only a neck at 11-1. The 8-5 chalk to go one better here, the \$30,000 KEESEP yearling was rated off the pace while racing wide early, scooted to the front at the eighth pole and pulled away late to take it by 4 1/2 lengths. Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, \$41,580. O-Wayne R Sanders. B-Patchen Wilkes Farm LLC (KY). T-Donnie K Von Hemel.

5th-FGX, \$30,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:09 4/5, ft.

EVERHEART (f, 3, Grand Slam--Northern Dynasty, by Northern Jove) got her picture taken at first asking at Keeneland in mid-October and ran an honest second in the mud at Churchill Downs a month later. Trainer Steve Asmussen tried to get her to the lawn returning from a three-month break, but had to settle for another game second-place effort in an off-the-turfer sprinting over this strip Feb. 16. Here, the \$270,000 KEEJUL yearling, bet down to 1-2 favoritism, unleashed a powerful late run and chased down 9-1 chance Storm's Darling (Storm Boot), winning by a length. Everheart is a half to Digital Dan (Ogygian), GSW, \$192,770; Tassie Belle (Tasso), MSP, \$189,652; Go Gary Go (Our Native), SP, \$260,312; Dynasty (Time For A Change), SW & MGSP, \$210,112; and American Dynasty (Quiet American), MSW, \$328,935. Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0, \$64,245. O-Padua Stable. B-Mr & Mrs Richard S Kaster (KY). T-Steven M Asmussen.

Saturday Night's Results:

8th-DED, \$23,853, Msw, 3yo, 5f, 1:00 4/5, ft.
+ TOUCH OF CASH (g, 3, Sadler Slew--Touch of the Past, by Native Charger) sprinted out to an early lead and dug in late to best Bocage (Zuppardo's Prince) by a nose as a 22-1 longshot. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$13,320. O-Ella Mae Chisum. B-Eugene Chisum (TX). T-Bobby Granger.

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Yesterday's Results:

7th-SAX, \$52,936, Alw, NW1X, 4/up, 1mT, 1:34 2/5, fm.
GRAFTON (g, 4, Rahy--My Fling, by Danzig), a \$105,000 KEESEP yearling, came home fifth when stretched to a mile and an eighth in a NW1X at Santa Anita Jan. 17. Scaling back a furlong, the 6-1 shot raced three wide into the stretch and responded to a Kent Desormeaux drive to prevail by 3/4 lengths. The closing Salcombe (GB) (Elmaamul) filled the bottom half of the exacta. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$63,180. O-Shawn L Dugan. B-Glen Hill Farm (FL). T-N Drysdale. So. Cal Report cont. p5

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4th-SAX, \$54,280, Msw, 3yo, 1m, 1:38 3/5, ft.
BOSS NASS (c, 3, Video Ranger--Arena Blanca, by Relaunch), third in his latest against Cal-breds Feb. 12, entered the gate as a 27-1 bomb as a first-time Lasix user. The homebred relaxed off the pace in fifth, found room between foes in the stretch and got up in the shadow of the wire to stage the upset over 1-5 chalk Storm Pilot (Stormin Fever) by a nose. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-0, \$49,878.
 O/B/T-Myung Kwon Cho (CA).

2nd-SAX, \$46,000, Msw, 3yo, 1m, 1:38, ft.
POINT OF FLIGHT (c, 3, El Prado {Ire}--V Formation {MSW, \$155,444}, by Proud Birdie), on the turf in two juvenile starts, ran third to the promising Rock Hard Ten in his main track debut, finishing 5 1/4 lengths adrift of the son of Kris S. in a seven-panel special weight test Feb. 7. Made the 4-5 pick based on those credentials, the gray tracked intently in third before reporting home two lengths clear of pace factor Vermeil (Touch Gold). Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-2, \$39,900.
 O-Mercedes Stables LLC. B-John Willard & Edward Seltzer (KY). T-Vladimir Cerin.

Saturday Night's Results:

11th-SAX, \$44,000, Msw, 3yo, 6f, 1:08 3/5, ft.
BOOMZEEBOOM (c, 3, Explosive Red--Zee Lady {SW, \$124,659}, by Unreal Zeal), a \$30,000 ADNMAR two-year-old, went off the favorite in his last two, but could do no better than second routing at Hollywood Nov. 23 and fourth, beaten eight lengths, over trip and track Dec. 26. Once again sent off the chalk as an 8-5 chance, the bay dispensed of a dueling rival leaving the backstretch, then powered clear to win by an impressive 8 1/2 lengths. Heroic Moment (Unbridled's Song) was second. Lifetime Record: 5-1-3-0, \$54,220.
 O-John Karubian, Alan Landsburg & Larry Postaer. B-Adena Springs (FL). T-Vladimir Cerin.

SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT

First-time starters/stakes runners: Monday, Mar. 8

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

CHARISMATIC (Summer Squall), Japan, 156/12/0
 7-MNR, Alw, 1m, Bela Carol, \$32K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1
CRAFTY FRIEND (Crafty Prospector), Hopewell, \$8K, 172/14/2
 2-MNR, Msw, 5 1/2f, My Friend Forever, \$29K EAS OCT yrl, 15-1



CHAMPION JOCKEY UNDER SCRUTINY

Britain's champion jockey Kieren Fallon today faces a Jockey Club enquiry into his controversial ride aboard Ballinger Ridge (GB) at Lingfield last Tuesday. Fallon appeared to hold a comfortable lead in the closing stages of the race, but failed to ride out his mount and was beaten on the line by 8-11 favourite Rye (Ire). Sir Michael Stoute's stable rider would normally face a maximum 21-day ban for the offence, but the case was referred to the Jockey Club by local stewards amid reports of 'suspicious betting patterns.' The ride is also the focus of a four-page spread that appeared in yesterday's British tabloid *News of the World*. The article, which also named jockey John Egan, alleged that Fallon told undercover journalists Rye was going to win the race, but also declined payment from the reporters for racing information, telling them, "It's not illegal for you, it's illegal for us [jockeys]. If you give me £1, a bottle of wine or I accept a present, we are [in trouble]." The Jockey Club's public relations director John Maxse told *PA Sport*, "The *News of the World* has agreed to provide the Jockey Club with the dossier of their own investigation into Kieren Fallon and, once we have studied it, we will be interviewing the jockey about its contents. Paul Scotney, our director of security, is heading the investigation and the matter is at present our number one priority." Fallon was defended by John Blake of the Jockeys' Association, who told *PA Sport* that the rider had been misled by *News of the World* reporters. "[Kieren] understood that he would be going to a meeting with an interested party concerning possible sponsorship," Blake said. That's how it was put to him. He was a bit naive in going to that, but he went with the best of intentions." He added, "There is no evidence whatsoever that he has received any reward for giving his opinion on certain rides he had, or that there has been a breach of the Rules of Racing. [But] those who believe there is a whiff of suspicion about our sport will be hardened in their opinion, there's no question about that." Fallon told the *Daily Mirror* in an interview Friday, "I'm very sorry for what happened on Ballinger Ridge and I apologise to punters who backed the horse. I read in the newspapers that there were suspicious betting patterns before the ride, but I can assure anyone who thinks I'm linked up with that sort of thing that they are barking up the wrong tree."

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STAKES RESULTS:

CONNIVER S., \$72,750, LRL, 3-7, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:23 3/5, ft.

1--**BRONZE ABE**, 119, m, 5, **Two Punch--Buckles and Kinks (MSP)**, by **Waquoit**. O-Samuel Bayard; B-Mrs James A Bayard (MD); T-G G Delp; J-E D Rodriguez; \$45,000. Lifetime Record: GSP, 24-9-4-5, \$385,164.

2--**Search for a Cure**, 117, f, 4, In Case--Lordie Miss Green, by Lord Gaylord. (\$7,000 yrl '01 FTMOCT). \$15,000.

3--**In Love**, 115, f, 4, Not for Love--Blushing Moon, by Indian Groom. \$8,250.

Margins: HF, 1 3/4, NO. Odds: 0.60, 4.70, 1.80.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-AQU, \$44,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:44 4/5, ft.

PAY ATTENTION (c, 3, Take Me Out--That's Ravishing, by Big Spruce) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-1, \$59,910. O/B/T-Scott M Schwartz (NY).

2nd-AQU, \$43,000, NW1X, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 4/5, gd.

FAITH KEEPER (f, 4, Not for Love--Premiere Revue, by Premiership) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-0, \$62,036. O/B-Susan R Feather (NY). T-Scott A Lake.

6th-AQU, \$43,000, NW1X, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft.

POLONIA (f, 4, Claramount--Three Two One, by Polish Numbers) Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-2, \$83,428. O/B-Edwin Wachtel (NY). T-John M de Stefano Jr.

5th-DED, \$40,000, 3-6, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:21 4/5, ft.

PRIZED AMBERPRO (m, 7, Aspro--Prize Amber, by Ambernash) Lifetime Record: MSW, 44-19-9-7, \$577,877. O-Linda Patch & Joseph K Thomas. B-Laura Ryan (LA). T-John Charles Gelner. *1/2 to Out of the Realm (Exile King), SW, \$218,698.

7th-GGX, \$35,742, NW1X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09, ft.

COURT'S IN SESSION (h, 5, Petersburg--Crafty Court {SW}, by Crafty Native) Lifetime Record: SP, 24-4-6-6, \$125,120. O-Dennis Ward. B-Mr & Mrs Guy C Roberts (WA). T-Wesley A Ward.

6th-OPX, \$35,000, Opt. Clm. (\$75,000), NW13MX, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft.

SALTY GENIUS (c, 4, Salt Lake--Natural Genius {SP}, by Beau Genius) Lifetime Record: 17-5-4-3, \$149,920. O-Sharri & Paul Harmel. B-John T L Jones Jr & Dwight Sutherland (KY). T-Robert E Holthus. *\$35,000 wlng '00 KEENOV.

7th-CTX, \$35,000, NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:50 4/5, ft.

ROCKIN ON ICE (m, 5, Sandpit {Brz}--Bubbly On Ice, by Marfa) Lifetime Record: 22-6-2-1, \$153,379. O-Michael J Gill. B-Don Amos & Suzanne T Simard (ON). T-Mark Shuman. *1/2 to Free Agent On Ice (El Prado {Ire}), GSP, \$164,435.

7th-CTX, \$32,600, 3-6, NW3L, 3yo, 7f, 1:28 3/5, gd.

HEY RUBE (g, 3, Carnivalay--Insidious, by Caveat) Lifetime Record: 7-4-1-1, \$64,920. O-James E Hess. B-Vera Meyer Cowles (PA). T-Timothy C Kreiser.

8th-CTX, \$32,600, 3-6, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:29 2/5, gd.

PATTY CAKES (m, 6, Rakeen--Smack, by Two Punch) Lifetime Record: 45-8-7-10, \$134,030. O-Pamela A Arnold & Donald Bogart. B-Mr & Mrs Hugh J O'Donovan (MD). T-Pamela A Arnold.

8th-HAW, \$30,000, NW2X, (S), 3/up, 6f, 1:12 3/5, ft.

JAGUAR FRIEND (c, 3, Crafty Friend--Pleasure to Dance, by Sovereign Dancer) Lifetime Record: SW, 6-3-1-0, \$93,520. O-Jaguar On the Run Stable. B-Meadowdale Farm (IL). T-Frank R Springer. *\$40,000 2yo 2003 ILLJUN.

6th-FGX, \$30,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:45 2/5, fm.

BABETH (BRZ) (m, 5, Burooj {GB}--Call Box {GB}, by Caerleon) Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-0, \$26,110. O-Earle I Mack. B-J B Barros Haras (BRZ). T-Josie Carroll. *1/2 to Verruma (Brz) (Emmson {Ire}), G1SP-Brz, MGSW & GISP-US, \$401,327-US; Countdown (Brz) (Roy), MGSW-Brz; and Sol Y Brilho (Brz) (Baynoun {Ire}), SW & GSP-Brz.

9th-HAW, \$28,000, NW1X, 4/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13 3/5, ft.

SEVEN GOLD GEMS (m, 5, Langfuhr--Seven Gold Stones, by Seeking the Gold) Lifetime Record: 31-3-2-8, \$80,260. O-T Dorris & K Sentel. B-Longleaf Pine Farm (KY). T-T Dorris. *\$19,000 yrl '00 KESEP.

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8th-PHA, \$27,280, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39 4/5, ft.

GOLDDIGGER BEWARE (f, 4, Prenup--Flaglinda, by Shimatoree) Lifetime Record: 10-4-4-1, \$95,094. O-William J Hartwell. B-Frances M Hartwell (PA). T-John C Servis.

7th-LRL, \$27,000, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000-\$20,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:46 2/5, ft.

WALLOP (f, 4, Grand Slam--The Ruler's Sister {MSW, \$239,441}, by Horatius) Lifetime Record: 10-4-0-4, \$57,830. O-Childs & Childs Stable. B-John R & Martha Jane Mulholland (KY). T-Donald H Barr. *\$25,000 yrl '01 KEEJAN.

11th-SUN, \$26,700, NW4L, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft.

SABRINA SLEW (m, 5, Louis Quatorze--Slewzig, by Seattle Slew) Lifetime Record: 12-4-1-3, \$43,875. O/B-Joyce Darlene Erickson (TX). T-F James McArthur. *1/2 to Sandia Slew (Marked Tree), MSW, \$145,229.

9th-SUN, \$24,000, NW2LX, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:38, ft.

SKYLADYSKY (f, 3, Sky Classic--Lady Carter, by Dr. Carter) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$31,099. O-Richard Lueck. B-Richard & Ilene Forbush (KY). T-Gary W Cross. *\$62,000 yrl '02 KEESEP.

6th-PHA, \$20,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:46 1/5, ft.

ACTUAL ILLUSION (g, 5, Distinct Reality--Mauve, by D'Accord) Lifetime Record: 24-5-4-4, \$65,211. O-Daniel J Conklin. B-Chuck Philip (NY). T-Lauren Sherman Jiminez.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Throw Me a Curve, c, 3, Cork (Fr)--Curves 'n Curls, by Something Lucky. SAX, 3-7, (S), 7f, 1:24 1/5. B-Old English Rancho (Ca).

Fort Prado, c, 3, El Prado (Ire)--Fort Pond (MSW, \$136,769), by Fortunate Prospect. FGX, 3-7, a1mT, 1:39 1/5. B-David P Block (II).

Derby's Hellraiser, f, 3, I'ma Hell Raiser--Dr.'s Derby Eyes, by Master Derby. DED, 3-6, (S), 5f, 1:01 3/5. B-Daniel Carroll & Maximo Lamarche (La).

Saint Chrisjon, c, 3, Saint Ballado--California Rush (SP), by Forty Niner. GGX, 3-7, 1 1/16m, 1:44. B-Gulf Coast Farms Bloodstock Lp (Ky).

Will's a Player, c, 3, Unbridled's Risk--Two Steppin Molly, by Houston. OPX, 3-7, (S), 6f, 1:12 3/5. B-Roy Sanders (Ar).

Saintly Corp., g, 4, Captain Bodgit--New Look, by Lord Avie. MNR, 3-6, 1m, 1:44. B-Thomas Hudgins II & Captain Bodgit Partnership (Ky).

True Crimson, c, 4, Crimson Guard--Answer True, by Dr. Blum. AQU, 3-7, (S), 1 1/16m, 1:45 1/5. B-Juliana Garofalo (NY).

Tijur, g, 4, Dayjur--Tigresa (SP, \$163,000), by Tejano. CTX, 3-7, 4 1/2f, :53 4/5. B-Boyd Lynch (Ky).

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Tennessee Master (Ger), g, 3, Big Shuffle--Traummaid (Ger) (SW-Ger), by Riboprince. Cologne, Germany, 3-7, Mdn, 3yo, 7fT. B-Gestut Auenquelle. *€20,000 yrl '02 BBAAUG.



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