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HEADLINE NEWS—

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TABASCO CAT DIES

Two-time Classic winner **Tabasco Cat** (Storm Cat-Barbicue Sauce, by Sauce Boat) has died of an apparent heart attack in Japan, according to a Japanese source. The 13-year-old stallion was covering a mare at the time of his death; he had been standing at Shizunai



Tabasco Cat Horsephoto

Stallion Station in Hokkaido, Japan. Bred in Kentucky by the partnership of W.T. Young's Overbrook Farm and David Reynolds, the tempermental chestnut was conditioned by D. Wayne Lukas to become a stakes winner at two as well as the third-place finisher in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile. After

capturing the GII San Rafael S. and the GIII El Camino Real Derby, the colt was the runner-up in the GI Santa Anita Derby, then ran sixth in the GI Kentucky Derby. He rebounded to capture both the GI Preakness S. and the GI Belmont S., but could manage only a third to the streaking Holy Bull in the GI Travers S., and ultimately lost the Eclipse to that colt. Tabasco Cat missed by a neck in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic and closed out his career with an unplaced effort on the grass in the GI Hollywood Derby. A slow start at stud led to his sale to Japanese interests in 2000, but, as so often happens, his departure preceded a turnaround in his success as a sire. Tabasco Cat went on to be represented by Grade I winners Habibti and Snow Ridge, as well as graded stakes winners Cat's at Home, Freefourinternet, Spice Island, Perfect Cat and Raylene.

ROAD TO THE CLASSICS

Date	Race	Track
Mar. 13	GI Florida Derby	Gulfstream
	GIII El Camino Real Derby	Golden Gate
Mar. 14	GII San Felipe S.	Santa Anita
	GIII Tampa Bay Derby	Tampa Bay
Mar. 20	GII Lane's End S.	Turfway
	GIII Gotham S.	Aqueduct
	Rebel S.	Oaklawn
	Rushaway S.	Turfway

☆ TRIPLE THREATS

The Hunt Goes On

A fever last weekend caused Team Valor to withdraw **Tiger Hunt** (Kris S.) from the Mar. 20 GIII Rebel S., but the dark bay colt is back in training. "He had his first



Tiger Hunt

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two-minute lick [Monday]," said Team Valor president Barry Irwin. "He should be ready to breeze by the end of the week. We're looking at the [4-3, GII] Illinois Derby for him." Irwin has not completely ruled out the Kentucky Derby for the three-year-old. "I'm keeping an

open mind," he said, "but I'm not holding my breath." Stablemate **Shadowland** (Distant View) was a troubled seventh in Sunday's GII Louisiana Derby. "He was in tight from the 5/16-pole to the eighth pole," said Irwin. The chestnut will make his next start at Oaklawn in the GII Arkansas Derby Apr. 10.

Limehouse Works Toward Tampa Bay Derby

Dogwood Stable's **Limehouse** (Grand Slam), convincing winner of the GII Hutcheson S. on Valentine's Day, prepared for Sunday's GIII Tampa Bay Derby with a



Limehouse Four Footed photos

five-furlong move at Palm Meadows Training Center in Florida. With Hall of Famer Angel Cordero in the irons, the Todd Pletcher trainee stopped the clock in 1:01 1/5, the fifthbest of 25 at the distance. "It was a good sharp work," said Dogwood President Cot Campbell. "He will ship up to Tampa

very early on Sunday morning and Pat Day will ride him. We considered staying in Miami for the [GI] Florida Derby, which became more attractive with the defection of Master David. We prefer the mile and a sixteenth at Tampa, however, even though we're aware that horses sometimes need a race over the track. If this is the case, it will give us a good foundation for the next step." *Triple Threats cont. p2*

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Triple Threats cont.

Gradepoint Out of the Hunt?

Following a disappointing eighth-place finish in Sunday's GII Louisiana Derby, beaten favorite **Gradepoint** (A.P. Indy) is no longer a certainty to con-



Gradepoint Lou Hodges, Jr.

tinue down the Triple Crown trail, reports trainer Neil Howard. Howard could find no major excuses for his colt's lackluster performance. Despite sitting behind a torrid early pace, Gradepoint did not pass any horses in the final quarter mile. "We'll try to keep our eyes open about what we saw and didn't see from him," Howard said. "He came back fine. We're not sure where we'll go from here. We still think

he'll fit in nicely somewhere, but maybe not as a Kentucky Derby horse. He could wind up being like a horse we had, Parade Ground, who ran well in some Kentucky Derby preps and wound up being a nice grass horse. Right now, we are in the discussion stages so far as how we will proceed." Howard added that there is a possibility Gradepoint will make his next start on the grass, in the Apr. 15 Forerunner S. at Keeneland. Plans are also up in the air for Fire Slam (Grand Slam), who finished fifth in the Louisiana Derby as the 3-1 second choice after chasing a very hot pace. Trainer David Carroll said the Apr. 3 GII Illinois Derby at Hawthorne is a possibility. "With his foot problems all but behind him, we were expecting a big race," Carroll said. "We were hoping to be sitting fifth or sixth early, in the second tier. I couldn't believe the way the race unfolded, that he got caught up in a suicidal pace."

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☆ RESULTS ☆

Monday, Flemington, Australia DARLEY AUSTRALIAN CUP-G1, A\$1,000,000, Flemington (Melbourne), 3-8, 1 1/4mT, 3yo/up, 2:01.67, gd.

- 1--LONHRO (AUS), 128, h, 5, by Octagonal (NZ)
 1st Dam: Shadea (NZ) (GSW & MG1SP-Aus), by Straight Strike
 2nd Dam: Concia (NZ), by First Consul
 3rd Dam: My Tricia (NZ), by Hermes (GB)
 - O-Woodlands Stud Syndicate; B-Woodlands Stud; T-John Hawkes; J-Darren Beadman; A\$650,000. *Full to Niello (Aus), G1SW-Aus.
- 2--Delzao (Aus), 118, c, 3, Encosta De Lago (Aus)--Amanusa (Aus), by Alzao. O/B-Mrs D M Kavanagh; A\$200,000.
- 3--Elvstroem (Aus), 118, c, 3, Danehill--Circles Of Gold (Aus), by Marscay (Aus). O-Arch Of Gold P/L Syndicate, G J & Mrs B L Moffitt & F & Mrs M Meduri; B-F B J Tagg, F Meduri & G Moffitt; A\$90,000.

Margins: HD, 2 1/4. Odds: 1-1, 20-1, 8-1.

Never-say-die warrior Lonhro, who typically sits off the pace before unfurling his trademark late sprint, looked to be in prime striking position as jockey Darren Beadman tried to push him through a hole in midstretch, but the gap closed and Lonhro was severely checked. As he regained his stride, three-year-old Delzao got first run, and it seemed impossible for Lonhro to make up the ground with less than 100 meters remaining. Improbably, Lonhro dug deep and hauled Delzao back to win his 10th Group 1 by a head. Owner Bob Ingham said, "I have never been so happy or emotional in my life. If they don't call him a champion now, I don't know what you have to do to be a champion." Lonhro, who goes to Woodlands Stud this season to stand along his sire, 10-time Group 1 winner Octagonal (NZ), will not race again in Melbourne, but has the George Ryder S. at Rosehill on April 3 and the Queen Elizabeth S. on April 17 at Randwick ahead. Some 17,000 turned out to wave cerise Lonhro flags and farewell the charismatic colt. The win took Lonhro to sixth on the all-time money earners' list.



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Monday, Flemington, Australia

VRC SIRES' PRODUCE S.-G1, A\$400,000, Flemington (Melbourne), 3-8, 7fT, 2yo, 1:24.20, gd.

- 1--BARELY A MOMENT (AUS), 122, c, 2, by Gilded Time
 1st Dam: Lady Danna (Aus), by Danehill
 2nd Dam: Bare Minimum (GB), by Bustino (GB)
 3rd Dam: Strip the Willow, by Native Dancer
 O-D Hayes, BJQW Synd, Trouble Synd, T & M
 Warren, K Dale, J Dimitriou, S Cochrane, J Magee &
 Hall Thoroughbred Synd; B-R W Vincent; T-Tony
 McEvoy; J-Greg Childs; A\$260,000.
- 2--Big Poppa Pump (Aus), 122, c, 2, Charnwood Forest (Ire)--Random Chance (Aus), by Ahonoora (GB).
 O-Duel Crown Racing Syndicate, G Andrews, Mrs F D Daffy, G McRae & J & J Dixon; B-Lakewood Stud; A\$80,000.
- 3--Kylikwong (Aus), 117, f, 2, Red Ransom--Tracy's Element (Aus), by Last Tycoon (Ire). O-G Harvey; B-Vinery Australia (NSW) P/L; A\$36,000.

Margins: 3/4, NO. Odds: 11-1, 20-1, 30-1.

Prominent Western Australian breeder Dick Vincent gave the Perth Magic Millions sales, which begin today, a timely boost with Barely A Moment's win here. Barely a Moment is the first Australian Group 1 winner for Gilded Time, who stood at Vinery Australia from 1999 to 2002 but did not return last season. The colt was sold to agent Mark Pilkington for A\$58,000 at the 2003 Magic Millions Perth Yearling Sale at Belmont. The Tony McEvoy-trained youngster sat behind the pace early and came home late with a strong finish to win going away by three parts of a length. "He hit a bit of a flat spot and I thought he was going to run a nice fifth or sixth and then he just started to get into another gear and was at his strongest on the line," said McEvoy. "He is a big, scopey horse who is only going to be better at three. He was very unlucky in the Group 2 in Adelaide [the Breeders' S.] and then I kept him as fresh as possible and he found the 1200 [meters] of the Magic Millions [in Adelaide] too sharp for him, but he was super on the line." The win was also a high point in the 'comeback' breeding career of the Capel-based horseman Dick Vincent. Vincent resumed breeding with some 20 mares after a stint working on cattle stations, and Barely A Moment gave the respected horseman his first Group 1 win.

Sunday, Nakayama, Japan HOCHI HAI YAYOI SHO-G2-JRA, ¥104,560,000, Nakayama, 3-7, 3yo, 2000mT, 2:00.50, fm.

- 1--COSMO BULK (JPN), 121, c, 3, by Zagreb
 1st Dam: Iseno Tosho (Jpn), by Tosho Boy (Jpn)
 2nd Dam: Marumi Chief (Jpn), by Big Desire (Jpn)
 3rd Dam: Tokiwa Aizen (Jpn), by Kitano Kachidoki (Jpn)
 O-Misako Okada; B-Kano Bokujo (JPN); T-Kazunori
 Tabe; J-F Igarashi; ¥54,742,000. Lifetime Record:
 7-5-2-0.
- 2--Meisho Bowler (Jpn), 121, c, 3, Taiki Shuttle--Nice Raise, by Storm Cat. O-Yoshio Matsumoto; B-Hinode Bokujo; ¥22,212,000.
- 3--Meteor Burst (Jpn), 121, c, 3, Sunday Silence--Skyrocket (Aus), by Danehill. O-Sunday Racing Co Ltd; B-Northern Farm; ¥14,106,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 1, 1HF. Odds: 3.90, 4.90, 29.20. Cosmo Bulk, who capped his two-year-old season with a victory in the G3 Radio Hai Nisai S. in December, started his three-year-old season the same way. After stalking the pace from second, the bay colt kicked into gear with a quarter-mile remaining and stamped himself as a contender for the Japanese Triple Crown. "He is the most powerful horse I have ever ridden," said winning rider Fuyuki Igarashi.

Saturday, Hanshin, Japan

TULIP SHO-G3-JRA, ¥76,890,000, Hanshin, 3-6, 3yo, f, 1600m, 1:35.50, fm.

- 1--SWEEP TOSHO (JPN), 119, f, 3, by End Sweep
 1st Dam: Tabatha Tosho (Jpn), by Dancing Brave
 2nd Dam: Samantha Tosho (Jpn), by Tosho Boy (Jpn)
 3rd Dam: Marble Tosho (Jpn), by Dandy Lute (Fr)
 O-Tosho Sangyo; B-Tosho Sangyo Corp Tosho Bokujo
 (JPN); T-Akio Tsurudome; J-K Ikezoe; ¥40,623,000.
 Lifetime Record: 5-4-0-0.
- 2--Azuma Sanders (Jpn), 119, f, 3, Sunday Silence--Osumi Shine (Jpn), by Symboli Rudolf (Jpn). O-Tetsuji Azuma; B-Hidaka Taiyo Bokujo (JPN); ¥16,178,000.
- 3--Yamanin Sucre (Jpn), 119, f, 3, Tokai Teio (Jpn)--Yamanin Jewely (Jpn), by Nijinsky II. O-H Doi; B-Yamanimben Bokujo; ¥10,089,000.

Margins: HF, 1 1/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 1.80, 4.80, 4.40. *Tulip Sho cont. p4*

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Tulip Sho cont.

Sweep Tosho stamped herself as a contender for the G1 Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas) Apr. 11 with this powerful performance. The bay filly had been trained last year by Sakae Watanabe, but, following that conditioner's retirement, was transferred to Akio Tsurudome's barn. At two, she captured the G3 Fan tasy S. before concluding 2003 with a fifth to Yamanin Sucre in the G1 Hanshin Juvenile Fillies in December. Her three-year-old campaign began successfully in the Kobal S. Jan. 18. Taken back by jockey Kenichi Ikezoe, Sweep Tosho swept into contention in the stretch and overcame Azuma Sanders for the victory. "She wanted to go faster after the start, but she relaxed when I settled her behind the other horses," said Ikezoe. "I was very impressed with her late kick in the closing stages of the race."

Sunday, Nakayama, Japan TOYOTA SHO CHUKYO KINEN-G3, ¥82,670,000, Nakayama, 3-7, 4yo/up, 2000mT, 1:58.60, fm.

- 1--#MEISHO KIO (JPN), 117, h, 7, by Commander in Chief (GB)
 1st Dam: City Light (Jpn), by Hard to Beat (GB)
 2nd Dam: Hidaka Cherry (Jpn), by Kodama (Jpn)
 3rd Dam: Stormy Session (GB), by *Court Martial
 O-Yoshio Matsumoto; B-Tsuji Bokujo (JPN); T-Masaru
 Fukushima; J-S Akiyama; ¥43,609,000.
- 2--Narita Century (Jpn), 123, h, 5, Tony Bin (Ire)--Princess Liebe (Jpn), by Northern Taste. O-Hidenori Yamaji; B-Northern Farm (JPN); ¥17,174,000.
- 3--Camphor Best (Jpn), 127, h, 5, Amber Shadai (Jpn)--Katarina Rabbit (Jpn), by Shinzan (Jpn). O-K Okumura; B-Kataoka Bokujo (JPN); ¥11,087,000. Margins: 1, 1HF, 1 3/4. Odds: 161.90, 6.40, 4.70.

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PEDIGREE INSIGHTS BY ANDREW CAULFIELD

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

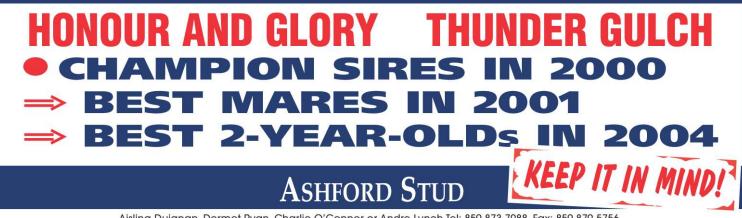
1--@#WIMBLEDON, 122, c, 3, by Wild Rush
1st Dam: Strawberry Clover, by Darn That Alarm
2nd Dam: Strawberry Burrah, by Princely Pleasure
3rd Dam: Ticket to Cash, by Green Ticket
(\$100,000 yrl '02 FTSAUG; \$425,000 2yo '03
FTFFEB). O-James Mcingvale; B-Sabine Stables (KY);
T-Bob Baffert; J-J Santiago; \$360,000. Lifetime
Record: 6-2-3-0, \$415,980.

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If anyone in the vicinity of Midway has been hearing strange noises over the last few months, let me reassure them--it is simply the sound of the Adena Springs team kicking themselves. The reason for this anguish is that--like so many others before them--the Adena Springs crew has fallen into the trap of selling a seemingly disappointing stallion to Japan, only to see his fortunes revive spectacularly almost before the ink was dry.

The stallion in question, of course, was Wild Rush, who was sold for \$1.5 million to Japan last summer. The decision to sell may well have had something to do with the fact that Frank Stronach had an ideal replacement waiting in the wings in the shape of his dual GI Santa Anita H. winner Milwaukee Brew, who shares the same sire, Wild Again, as Wild Rush.

However, a more compelling reason for accepting the Japanese offer was probably the slow start that Wild Rush had made with his first crop, born in 2000. He was still awaiting his first black-type performer at the end of 2002, even though he had had 33 runners from a crop of 84, and he had only two minor stakes winners (Friendofthefamily and Fencelineneighbor) to his credit by the time negotiations with Arrow Stud got under way. *Caulfield cont. p5*





Wild Rush's slow start in 2002 had prompted a reduction in his fee from \$15,000 to \$10,000 in 2003, but this evidently wasn't enough to maintain demand for his services. His book fell to only 38 mares, even though he had been very popular in his first four years at Adena Springs. The only time he had covered fewer than 100 mares was in 2001, the first year of Mare Reproductive Loss Syndrome, when he covered 95 mares.

In the circumstances, who could blame Wild Rush's connections for deciding to cash in their chips?

It wasn't until the end of last year that Wild Rush set about redeeming his reputation, but the turnaround has been very rapid since then. November saw him represented by no fewer than four two-year-old stakes winners from his second crop. Even better was to follow in December, when Wild Rush's daughter Hollywood Story broke her maiden in the GI Hollywood Starlet S. Three of his stakes-winning daughters were ranked on the Experimental Free Handicap, with Hollywood Story leading the way at 117.

February saw one of Wild Rush's third-crop juveniles, a colt out of Freudenau, sell for no less than \$1,600,000, having changed hands for as little as \$6,200 as a weanling, when Wild Rush was beginning to fall out of favor.

Now, in March, Wild Rush has made his departure look even more unfortunate, with the emergence of his son Wimbledon as a valid Kentucky Derby contender-provided he has the necessary stamina.

Wimbledon's grandsire Wild Again was ideally suited by a mile and a quarter, as he demonstrated with his victory in the Breeders' Cup Classic, but Wild Rush's career established that his stamina went hand in hand with a generous measure of speed.

Admittedly three of Wild Rush's six stakes victories were gained at distances beyond a mile--at up to 1 3/16 miles--and he finished strongly the day he took the GII Illinois Derby in record time over a mile and an eighth (in the process setting up an unsuccessful tilt at the Belmont). He also managed to dead-heat with Silver Charm in the Kentucky Cup Classic H., thanks to a six-pound weight concession.

However, his connections decided to concentrate largely on exploiting his speed as a four-year-old and were rewarded with excellent Grade I wins in the Carter and Metropolitan Handicaps.

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So, if Wimbledon is going to shine in the Triple Crown events, he would benefit from some stamina in the bottom half of his pedigree. Let's see if there is any.

His dam Strawberry Clover, who gained all four of her wins over sprint distances, is a half sister to Mining Burrah, a fast son of Mining who gained both his Grade III successes over six furlongs. Not much encouragement there, then.

So what about Wimbledon's broodmare sire, the Fountain of Youth winner Darn That Alarm? This durable grey never won over a distance longer than a mile and an eighth, but he once filled second place behind Turkoman in the Widener H. over the Derby distance.

Wimbledon's next two dams were, respectively, sired by Princely Pleasure and Green Ticket, neither of them particularly well-known horses. Princely Pleasure was at his best in the first part of his juvenile year, when he won a couple of stakes at around five furlongs at Ak-Sar-Ben. Green Ticket, on the other hand, was successful beyond a mile, but six furlongs was his most rewarding distance.

The verdict therefore has to be one of caution about how Wimbledon will fare once he ventures much further than the mile and a sixteenth of his fast-run win in the Louisiana Derby. It's not impossible, though, that he could emulate last year's Louisiana Derby winner Peace Rules, who ran so well to finish third at Churchill Downs over a distance beyond his best.



FOALING NEWS

EXING (CHI), 16, Exceller--Twinkling Danzig (Danzig) Foal born Feb. 6, a filly by Gone West.

Will be bred back to A.P. Indy.

Owned by Peter Bradley, Executive Bloodstock Mngt, Steve Holland, Roy Jackson, Herb Moelis & Jayeff B Stables.

Boarded at Denali Stud, Ky.

Accomplishments: MSP-Chi. Dam of Mash One (Chi) (Mashkour), GISW-US & Chi, \$390,000-NA; Reciclada (Chi) (Rictorious), MGSW-US & Chi, \$351,971-NA; Gran Mujer (Chi) (Single Dawn), GSW-Chi & MSP-US.

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Graded Stakes Winner Windsor Castle Retired:

Dogwood Stable's **Windsor Castle** (Lord Carson-Frigidette, by It's Freezing), a treble graded stakes winner, has been retired from racing due to a suspensory injury. Stud plans have not been finalized. The sixyear-old, trained throughout his career by Frank Alexander, originally injured the tendon in a Saratoga allowance race last summer before finishing sixth in his attempted comeback, a Feb. 27 allowance race at Gulfstream Park. Windsor Castle scored his biggest accomplishment as a juvenile, capturing the GII Remsen S. at Aqueduct by 2 1/2 lengths. In 2003, he won the GIII Hal's Hope H. and the GIII William Donald Schaefer H. He concludes his career with a record of 29-6-7-5 and earnings of \$591,715.

Yesterday's Results:

6th-GPX, \$32,000, Msw, 4yo, 1 1/16m, 1:45 4/5, ft. B. A. WAY (c, 4, Lasting Approval--Bendita {SP}, by Baldski) ran fifth at Gulfstream Park Jan. 30 in his return from a five-month layoff and was given a 7-1 chance to graduate. Last of nine through a half mile, the half to Better Talk Now (Talkin Man), GSW, \$300,345, angled out leaving the turn, rallied to assume command at the sixteenth pole and drew clear late en route to a 3 3/4-length score over Soy Famoso (Stack). Lifetime Record: 8-1-2-0, \$36,715. O/B-Wimborne Farm (KY). T-Richard A Violette Jr.

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Yesterday's Results:

7th-PHA, **\$23,047**, **Msw**, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04 2/5, sy.

+FLAME OF LOVE (f, 4, Not for Love-Full Alarm, by Darn That Alarm), sent off the 9-2 third choice, lay close to the early pace, gained an outright lead 2 1/2 furlongs out and switched into over drive late to cruise by 11 lengths. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$14,820. O/B-Diamond S Stables Inc (PA). T-Jon J Smylie.

* CENTRAL *

Yesterday's Results:

1st-HAW, \$28,000, Alw, NW1X, (S), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:13 1/5. ft.

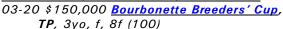
SHOOTANDCHARGE (f, 3, Allen Charge--Shoot for the Moon, by Honeyland) came home a head winner in her debut over track and trip Dec. 19, but was overlooked at 8-1 odds this time. Far back early, the \$12,000 ILLJUN juvenile took command a furlong out and drew clear late to score by a length over Konza (A.P Jet). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$32,400.

O-Gail Bigelow & Michael Beckford. B-Lindenwood Farm, Inc (IL). T-Carl E Bigelow.

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First-time starters/stakes runners: Tuesday, Mar. 9

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

A MAN OF CLASS (Carson City), Wafer, \$1000, 8/1/0 9-SUN, Alw, 6f, My Mega Man, 10-1

CALL TO ACCOUNT (Private Account), Stopko, \$500, 4/0/0 2-MNR, Msw, 6f, Olivia's Account

GENERAL ROYAL (A.P. Indy), Crestwood, \$5K, 82/6/0 9-PHA, Alw, 1 1/16m, Roma Royale, 7-2

OLD TRIESTE (A.P. Indy), Dead, \$, 112/13/2 9-PHA, Alw, 1 1/16m, Damariscotta, \$24K EAS MAY 2yo, 8-1 STORMIN FEVER (Storm Cat), Airdrie, \$15K, 141/19/1

6-MNR, Alw, 1m, Storm Forward WAGON LIMIT (Conquistador Cielo), Stone, \$5K, 43/8/1 9-PHA, Alw, 1 1/16m, My Limit, \$8K OBS AUG yrl, 2-1

AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN FRANCE:

Le Comte Est Bon, c, 3, King Of Kings (Ire) See European Breeders' Edition Sky Gift, f, 3, Stravinsky See Euro. Breeders' Edition

IN JAPAN:

Freedom Hawk, c, 3, Lear Fan--Bin Sweet, by Binalong. Nakayama, 3-6, Obai Sho, 1mT. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-2, \$233,482. O-Yoshio Fujita; B-Eureka Thoroughbred Farm; T-Takahisa Tezuka. *\$55,000 yrl 02 KEESEP; \$250,000 2yo '03 KEEAPR. * *Settled off the pace before rallying strongly down

the lane for a half-length victory. Hyper Delight, c, 3, Silver Hawk--Sayyedati (GB) (Hwt. 2yo Filly-Ire, 2x Hwt. Older Mare-GB at 7-9.5f, MG1SW-GB, G1SW-Fr & Ire, GISP-US, SP-Jpn, \$1,383,707) by Shadeed. Chukyo, 3-7, Novice Race, 1 1/8mT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$81,250. O-Masako lida; B-Gainsborough Farm LLC; T-Hirofumi Toda. *\$12,000 yrl '02 KEESEP. **Full to Almushahar, GSW-GB, \$142,576. ***Wired the field for an easy eight-length victory.

Eishin Bodin, c, 3, Tale of the Cat--Workout Wonder, by Morning Bob. Hanshin, 3-6, Plate Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$170,536. O-Toyomitsu Hirai; B-Betty Chittum; T-Ippo Sameshima. *\$47,000 wnl '01 KEENOV; \$80,000 yrl '02 KEESEP. * * Set the pace before drawing clear down the lane to win by 3 1/2 lengths.

American-bred winners in Japan cont.

Anyway Goes, c, 4, Subordination--Costa Rica, by Meadowlake. Nakayama, 3-7, Plate Race, 1 1/8m. Lifetime Record: 11-2-2-2, \$194,464. O-Koji Maeda; B-Dr Donald Dreyfuss; T-Fumio Koga. *\$26,000 yrl '01 KEESEP; \$110,000 2yo '02 FTFFEB.

Nike Account, h, 5, Unaccounted For--Wild Honey Bee, by Exclusive Era. Chukyo, 3-7, Plate Race, 1 1/16m. Lifetime Record: 15-3-4-1, \$326,429. O-Seiji Ono; B-Jannie Odom & W S Farish; T-Fumio Koga. *\$35,000 2yo '01 KEEAPR.

AMERICAN-SIRED WINNERS IN JAPAN:

Kanesu Benefit (Jpn), f, 3, Miswaki--Jasoorah (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. Nakayama, 3-6, Novice Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 9-1-3-1, \$130,804. O-Mitsuo Sugisawa; B-Fukuda Farm; T-Yasuhiro Nemoto. *1/2 to Aljaarif (GB) (Rainbow Quest), SW-Fr, MSP-Ger, SP-GB, \$167,401. *Won by 3 1/2 lengths.

Miyakono Gold (Jpn), c, 3, Banker's Gold--Rahys Pride, by Rahy. Nakayama, 3-7, Novice Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 9-1-3-2, \$135,714. O-Kiyoshi Yoshida; B-Aomori Sakurai Farm; T-Akimitsu Narumiya. *Won by 1 3/4 lengths.

Love is Gold (Jpn), c, 3, Deputy Commander--Seven Gold Stones, by Seeking the Gold. Hanshin, 3-7, Novice Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$66,071. O-Yuichiro Eguchi; B-Suruga Farm; T-Kiyoshi Tani. *Won by 2 1/2 lengths.

+ Apple Martini (Jpn), f, 3, Rahy--Meyadini, by Mr. Prospector. Hanshin, 3-7, Maiden Race, 7f. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$62,500. O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shiraoi Farm; T-Hideyuki Mori. *Won by 2 1/2 lengths.



FOALING NEWS

LA MARTINA (GB), 5, Atraf (GB)--Dance Steppe (GB) (Rambo Dancer)

Foal born Feb. 5, a colt by Johannesburg. Will be bred back to Diesis (GB).

Owned by Tim Cooper.

Boarded at Denali Stud, Ky.

Accomplishments: MSW of \$184,908.

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FALLON HANDED 21-DAY BAN Jockey Kieren Fallon was handed the maximum 21-day suspension by the Jockey Club's disciplinary panel for his controversial ride aboard Ballinger Ridge (GB) (Sabrehill) at Lingfield last week. At a meeting held in London, yesterday, Fallon was found in breach of rule 156 (I), failure to ride out for first place, and the ban will commence next Tuesday. The Jockey Club's public relations director, John Maxse, said: "The investigation into Kieren Fallon, his riding of Ballinger Ridge and the betting patterns on the race at Lingfield is continuing, that's a priority for us. What has happened this afternoon is that the disciplinary panel has considered whether or not his riding offence from last week can be treated on its own and whether or not it would be possible to impose a penalty which would not, in any way, prejudice any forthcoming investigation or enquiry. Having consulted with Kieren Fallon's solicitors, and also [having] taken legal advice of our own, it was decided, at an enquiry this afternoon, that a 21-day penalty could be imposed for his failure to ride out to gain first place at Lingfield last week." The six-time champion jockey still faces further investigation following serious allegations in Sunday's News Of The World newspaper, a dossier on which will be delivered to the Jockey Club this evening. Maxse added: "At this stage there is nothing to actually link his riding of the horse with the betting patterns or any other pre-meditated decision not to obtain the best possible placing. Were a subsequent investigation to establish some form of link it would be possible for the Jockey Club to reconsider this matter and if there was to be a breach found that would be a more serious offence and would carry a greater penalty. But I must emphasize at this stage that no such link has been established."

★ EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS >

IN JAPAN:

Loulan Genereux (GB), c, 3, Cadeaux Genereux (GB)-Russian Grace (Ire), by Soviet Star. Hanshin, 3-6, Novice Race, 1mT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$69,643. O-Toshihiro Saito; B-G Strawbridge & London Thoroughbred Services Ltd; T-Yoshihiro Hatakeyama. *Won by two lengths.

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-FGX, \$30,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, a5 1/2fT, 1:04 2/5, fm.

BAYOU BUSTER (h, 5, Housebuster--Zydeco Queen, by Full Pocket) Lifetime Record: 17-2-5-1, \$89,670.

O-Alice Cohn & Robert P Levy. B/T-Alice Gladys Cohn (KY).

8th-HAW, \$30,000, NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12 1/5, ft

GAELIC MISS (f, 4, Banker's Gold--Erin's Irish Lass {SP}, by Erins Isle {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 17-3-3-3, \$82,580. O-Edward A Cox Jr. B-Peter Van Andel (KY). T-James P Divito. *\$27,000 wlng '00 KEENOV; \$80,000 yrl '01 KEESEP.

10th-PHA, \$23,600, NW1X, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16 4/5, sy.

NAH NAH NAH (c, 4, Stormy Atlantic--Nevertolate-todance, by King's Nest) Lifetime Record: 18-5-2-2, \$61,186. O-M& W Hartwell Stable. B-M & W Hartwell Racing (PA). T-Ramon Preciado.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

- **Big Meadow**, f, 3, **Count the Time**--Silver Alice, by Silver Deputy. MNR, 3-7, 6f, 1:15 1/5. B-Tom & Robert Dew (II).
- Outoftheordinary, f, 3, Unusual Heat--Tia Savona, by Savona Tower. MNR, 3-7, 6f, 1:15 4/5. B-Old English Rancho (Ca).
- **Soul Mate**, f, 4, **Deputy Minister**--Good Mood (GSW), by Devil's Bag. FGX, 3-8, a1mT, 1:39 3/5. B-Peter E Blum (Ky).
- Sam's Boy, h, 5, Executive Order--Sam E Sue, by Rare Performer. HAW, 3-8, (S), 6f, 1:13. B-W Rawson (II).

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

ITALY, Pisa, 5.00, 3-7, €38,250, 3yo, c/g, 7 1/2fT, 1:33.70, hy.

MELON ROUGE (IRE) (c, 3, Croco Rouge {Ire}--Rince Deas {Ire}, by Alzao) Lifetime Record: SP-Ity, 9 starts, 4 wins, 4 places, €73,695. O-Scuderia Chemin de Fer; B-San Gabriel Investments; T-Bruno Grizzetti.

ITALY, Pisa, 4.00, 3-7, €38,250, 3yo, f, 7 1/2fT, 1:33.70, hy.

ETROUBLES (FR) (f, 3, Indian Ridge {Ire}--Kamakha {Ire}, by Natroun {Fr}) Lifetime Record: SW-Fr, 5 starts, 3 wins, 2 places, €64,464. O-Scuderia Pieffegi; B-Compagnia Generale SRL; T-Emilio Borromeo. *Full to Embody (GB), MSW & GSP-Ity, \$451,431.

ITALY, Rome, 4.15, 3-7, €26,775, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:47.60, vhy.

STAI SU (GB) (f, 3, Dr Fong--Mystic Tempo, by El Gran Senor) Lifetime Record: SP-Ity, 9 starts, 2 wins, 6 places, €55,165. O-Allevamento La Nuova Sbarra; B-Scuderia Archi Romani; T-Lorenzo Brogi. *1/2 to Le Vie Dei Colori (GB) (Efisio {GB}), Hwt. 2yo Colt-Ity, GSW & G1SP-Fr, G1SW-Ity, \$580,702.

ITALY, Rome, 5.15, 3-7, €19,125, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/4mT, 2:13.50, vhy.

LOVE YOU (ITY) (f, 4, Love The Groom--Loveskate, by Overskate) Lifetime Record: SP-Ity, 22 starts, 5 wins, 7 places, \in 66,045. O-M Bernini; B-P de Ferrari; T-C Cardaioli. *1/2 to Missed Flight (GB) (Dominion {GB}), Hwt. Older Horse-Eng at 7-9.5f, GSW & MG1SP-Eng & Fr, \$323,400; Clifton Fox (GB) (Deploy {GB}), SP-Eng, \$206,601.

ITALY, Pisa, 4.30, 3-7, €15,300, 4yo/up, 7 1/2fT, time: n/a, hy.

GOLDEN CAVERN (GB) (h, 7, Lion Cavern--Nightitude {GB} {SP-Eng}, by Night Shift) Lifetime Record: MSW-Ity, 41 starts, 18 wins, 9 places, €261,730. O/T-Francesco Fili; B-Miss G Abbey.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Array (Ire), c, 3, Alzao--Petite Mou (Ire) (G1SP-Ity), by Ela-Mana-Mou (Ire). Pisa, Italy, 3-7, Mdn, 3yo, 7 1/2fT. B-Razza Montalbano SRL.

Hatch (GB), c, 3, Cadeaux Genereux (GB)--Footlight Fantasy, by Nureyev. Lingfield, Britain, 3-8, Mdn, 3yo/up, 7f (AWT). B-Meon Valley Stud. *42,000gns yrl '02 TATOCT.

Tank Luve (GB), f, 3, Groom Dancer--Avowal (GB), by Kris (GB). Rome, Italy, 3-7, Mdn, 3yo, f, 1mT. B-Azienda Agricola Rosati Colarieti.

Le Comte Est Bon, c, 3, King Of Kings (Ire)--Navratilovna (GSW-Fr), by Nureyev. Compiegne, France, 3-8, Cond, 3yo, c/g, 1mT. B-Cormal Investments Inc. *1/2 to Leo Girl (Seattle Slew), SW-Fr. **€40,000 yrl '02 DEAAUG.

+ Kabir (Ire), c, 3, Kris (GB)--Gersey (GB), by Generous (Ire). Rome, Italy, 3-7, Mdn, unraced 3yo, 1 1/16mT. B-Scuderia San Nilo Franco Blasi.

Sky Gift, f, 3, Stravinsky--Wedding Gift (Fr) (SW & MGSP-Fr), by Always Fair. Compiegne, France, 3-8, Cond, 3yo, f, 1mT. B-R C Durr & G Budig. *\$85,000 wnlg '01 KEENOV; €105,000 yrl '02 DEAAUG.

The Beduth Navi (GB), g, 4, Forzando (GB)--Sweets (Ire), by Persian Heights (GB). Wolverhampton, Britain, 3-8, Mdn, 4-6yo, 1 1/2m (AWT). B-R W & Mrs B D Neale. *5,000gns yrl '01 DONOCT.



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WRITERS UP

PLAYING THE WAITING GAME By Jessica Martini

In a game where stars are born and burn out in a matter of weeks, trainer Bruce Headley seems to have mastered the fine art of patience. The man who conditioned Kona Gold to a sprint championship at six and had him winning graded stakes at the ripe old age of nine has a new protégé in the speedy and aptly named Throwin Heat.

Headley is part owner of the son of Mr. Greeley, who was purchased for \$20,000 as Keeneland September yearling in 1999. But the gelding did not race until last year, when he was already five.

"He had a lot of minor problems," Headley explained of his charge's delayed debut. "Shin buck, bruised foot, quarter crack. But we weren't going to give up on him, not as fast as he was.

"He was only \$20,000, but we knew right away he could run," he added. "From the first time we worked him...the first time, the second time, the third time...he just loved to run."

Throwin Heat finally got his chance to run on Jan. 4, 2003 at Santa Anita. Sent off the even-money favorite in the 6 1/2-furlong maiden event, the gelding set the pace before tiring to third.

"That was at 6 1/2 furlongs, which is a little too long for him," the trainer said. "He puts so much into his races."

In his second start, Throwin Heat battled through fractions of :20 4/5, :43 2/5 and :55 4/5 before settling for second behind Seattle Shamus in a six-furlong contest last Mar. 1.

"He just jumped up against some fast horses, like that Seattle Slew," Headley said of Throwin Heat's early races.

After another second-place effort last March, Throwin Heat was once again sent to the sidelines.

Headley explained, "His ankles filled after that race. We took X-rays, but everything looked fine."

Nearly a year later, Throwin Heat was ready for another try at the racing game. But, once again, after battling through fast fractions, he tired to fifth. "[Trainer] Eoin Harty has a fabulous colt there," Headley said of Terrell, who won the 6 1/2-furlong Jan. 31 race. "And it was the same kind of fractions [:21 1/5, :43 2/5, 1:08 1/5]."

Throwin Heat was back to six furlongs for his next start and Team Headley had to be hoping fifth time would be a charm. But the six-year-old was without regular rider Alex Solis when he returned to the track Feb. 28.

"I was a little worried when Alex Solis took off," Headley admitted. "He said Richard Mandella had a fabulous colt [first-time starter Emeritus] who was going to be his horse. [Emeritus] was really working well, so I knew we were in trouble."

But Throwin Heat had been working pretty well himself. The chestnut turned in back-to-back bullet works at Santa Anita in the weeks leading up to his fifth start.

Under new rider Victor Espinoza, the gelding dueled through fractions of :21.05, :44.10 and :56.60, but there would be no tiring this time. He shook off his nearest rivals turning for home and sailed clear to a seven-length triumph.

Alex Solis and Emeritus stalked the pace, but weakened to fifth. But cut the colt some slack. He's only four--there's still plenty of time to learn about this racing thing.

Headley, who admitted the victory was extra sweet after the long wait, reported that Throwin Heat came out of his maiden win "perfect," and there will be hardly any wait until his next appearance.

"We'll keep him in his conditions," Headley said. "And he should start again, hopefully, three weeks from that last start."

FOALING NEWS:

DORKY, 16, Flying Paster--Going Raja (Well Decorated)
Foal born Feb. 3, a colt by Jump Start.
Will be bred back to Harlan's Holiday.
Owned by Nordic Thoroughbreds.
Boarded at Taylor Made Farm, Ky.
Accomplishments: SW. Dam of Strawberry Way
(Strawberry Road {Aus}), GSP, \$217,408.

CATUMBELLA, 11, Diesis (GB)--Benguela (Little Current) Foal born Feb. 8, a colt by Dixie Union. Will be bred back to Dynaformer. Owned by Mill Ridge & W Lazy T. Boarded at Mill Ridge, Ky. Accomplishments: Dam of Honor in War (Lord at War {Arg}), GISW, \$732,296.

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