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'FOOTNOTES' HEADS FLORIDA DERBY FIELD

A surprisingly full field of 10, including GII Fountain of Youth S. winner **Read The Footnotes** (Smoke Glacken), has been entered for Saturday's GI Florida Derby at Gulfstream Park. Trained by Rick Violette Jr



Read The Footnotes

Adam Coglianese photo

and owned by Klaravich Stables, the colt was installed the 7-5 choice in the nine-furlong race and will attempt to stretch his graded stakes winning skein to four. Looking to get back to his winning ways, Robert LaPenta's The Cliff's Edge (Gulch), who won the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. at Churchill Downs last year, finished runner up to Kaufy

Mate in his latest start in Tampa Bay Downs' Sam F. Davis S. Feb. 21. Always well armed at the Hallandale oval, trainer Todd Pletcher will saddle Value Plus (Unbridled's Song), second to Cuvee in Belmont's GI Futurity S. last September. Owned by Aaron and Marie Jones, the grey came home an impressive 5 3/4-length winner in his debut in a seven-furlong Gulfstream allowance race on Valentine's Day. Stepping up to defend his unbeaten streak is Tapit (Pulpit), winner of the GIII Laurel Futurity last fall. The Michael Dickinson trainee, who is owned by Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC, will receive the services of jockey Edgar Prado for the first time in this major Kentucky Derby prep.

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 4:20 p.m. EST FLORIDA DERBY-GI, \$1,000,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	The Cliff's Edge	Gulch	Zito	12-1
2	Friend's Lake	A.P. Indy	Kimmel	15-1
3	Read The Footnotes	Smoke Glacken	Violette Jr	7-5
4	Tapit	Pulpit	Dickinson	5-1
5	Farnum Alley	Distorted Humor	Reinstedler	20-1
6	Sir Oscar	Halo's Image	Wolfson	8-1
7	Notorious Rogue	Victory Gallop	Hennig	20-1
8	Value Plus	Unbridled's Song	Pletcher	3-1
9	Frisky Spider	Frisk Me Now	Durso	20-1
10	Smoocher	Kissin Kris	Bell	12-1
All Carry 122 pounds				

STRONG HOPE VICTORIOUS IN COMEBACK

Perhaps the only question was whether six furlongs was a bit short for Eugene and Laura Melnyk's Strong Hope (Grand Slam), who was making his first in nearly seven months. But the strapping four-year-old couldn't have been more impressive in romping by 9 3/4 lengths in a flashy 1:08 3/5 in a Gulfstream allowance/optional claimer vesterday afternoon. A \$1.7 million Saratoga yearling, Strong Hope won five of seven starts in 2003, including a victory in the GII Dwyer S. and a score over GI Belmont S. hero Empire Maker in the GII Jim Dandy S. Rather than pushing the colt into a potentially exhausting Breeders' Cup campaign, trainer Todd Pletcher opted to sideline Strong Hope after a tired third in the Aug. 23 GI Travers S. and instead focus on his fouryear-old campaign. Next up for Strong Hope is a likely tilt in the Apr. 10 GI Carter H. at Aqueduct. For more information, see Gulfstream Report in the ATW p2.

☆ PREVIEW ☆

Sunday, Santa Anita

SAN FELIPE S.-GII, \$250,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

St Averil (Saint Ballado) has done little wrong in three lifetime starts, including a second-place finish to Lion Heart in last year's GI Hollywood Futurity and was most recently a 1 1/2-length winner in the GII Santa Catalina S. over the San Felipe track and trip Jan. 17. Explaining the decision to bypass last week's GII San Rafael S., trainer Rafael Becerra said, "We gave him a little time. I didn't want to run him back at a mile [in the San Rafael]. I think he's better at a mile and a sixteenth or longer." A strong showing this weekend may put the colt on course for the Apr. 3 GI Santa Anita Derby. Trainer Bob Baffert will be represented in the San Felipe S. by James McIngvale's Odds On (Silver Charm). According to Baffert, Odds On's performance in the major prep for the Santa Anita Derby will determine whether another McInvale/Baffert pupil, Louisiana Derby winner Wimbledon (Wild Rush), will stay home to contest the Derby or head east for the GI Wood Memorial at Aqueduct Apr. 10., although the trainer indicated that he is favoring a Santa Anita start.



John G. Sikura, President PHONE: (859) 255-8290 www.hillndalefarms.com On Florida Derby Day, **BUDDHA** (GI) by Unbridled's Song, posted a beyer speed figure four points higher than Florida Derby winner and Kentucky Derby post-time favorite Harlan's Holiday (GI) on the same track on the same day.



☆ WEEKEND WRAP-UP ☆

Saturday's Santa Anita H.

GI Santa Anita H. hero Southern Image (Halo's Image) may make his next appearance in the GI Met Mile at Belmont Park May 31, according to trainer Mike Machowsky. "It shouldn't be a big deal for him," explained the trainer. "He does everything so well." As for the four-year-old's future, Machowsky added, "He's going to need a little break somewhere, so I figured right now might be the best time. We'll give him a couple of races through the spring and summer and hopefully, get to the Breeders' Cup [GI Classic, at Lone Star Park Oct. 30]." Runner-up Island Fashion (Petionville), who according to trainer Marcelo Polanco "came out of the race super," is likely to head out to Oaklawn Park for the Apr. 3 GI Apple Blossom H., where she could face 2002 Horse of the Year Azeri. "We haven't made the final decision, but we think it would be the right thing," Polanco added.

Sunday's San Carlos H.

Trainer Ted H. West could offer no excuse other than his **Bluesthestandard** (American Standard), seventh as the 8-5 pick, may have 'bounced' in the seven-furlong event. The Georgia-bred gelding is scheduled to try and defend his title in the Mar. 28 GII Potrero Grande Breeders' Cup H. **Publication** (Petionville), who finished a much better second than his rival, will be stretched out to nine-furlongs for his next race in the GIII San Bernardino H. Apr. 3. The five-year-old gelding is trained by Vladmir Cerin.

CURRENCY EXCHANGE

Currency	Unit/US\$	Unit/British £
British pound	0.554843	1.00
Euro	1.22287	0.678521
Japanese Yen	0.00900847	0.00499823
U.S. dollar	1.00	1.80231

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FRANKEL TO SEND TEAM TO OAKLAWN

Trainer Bobby Frankel will be well represented at this year's edition of the Festival of the South, which will take place at Oaklawn Park. Highlighting the seven-day festival, which runs from Apr. 3 through Apr. 10, is the GI Apple Blossom H. and the GII Oaklawn H. Both events are scheduled for the first day of the festival. In the Apple Blossom, Frankel will saddle GISW Wild Spirit (Hussonet) and Peace Rules (Jules) will attempt to give his trainer a repeat win in the Oaklawn H. following stablemate Medaglia d'Oro's victory last year. Both horses will be ridden by jockey Jerry Bailey. Ready to join that accomplished duo is Miss Coronado (Coronado's Quest), who will contest the Apr. 9 Fantasy S. and Watch'em Smokey (Alphabet Soup), who is set to take on sprinters in the GIII Count Fleet Sprint H. Apr. 8.

☆ RESULTS ☆

Wednesday, Nagoya, Japan NAGOYA DAISHOTEN-G3-NAR, ¥30,000,000 to winner, Nagoya, 3-10, 4yo/up, 1900m, 2:01.2, gd.

- 1--KOOLINGER (JPN), 126, h, 5, by Forty Niner 1st Dam: Kool Arrival (GISW, \$422,988), by Relaunch 2nd Dam: Irish Arrival, by The Irish Lord 3rd Dam: I've Arrived, by Admiral Vee
 - O-Susumu Hayashi; B-Urakawa Nissel Farm; T-Ichizo Iwamoto; J-Ryuji Wada. Lifetime Record: 27-7-6-3, ¥251,965,000. *1/2 to Klassy Kim (Silent Screen), MGSW & GISP, \$647,107.
- 2--Maruka Senryo (Jpn), 126, h, 6, Lammtarra--Maruka Iris, by Bravest Roman. O-Kazuko Onishi; B-Kineusu Farm.
- 3--**Ten Litre (Jpn)**, 123, h, 6, Mogambo--Federation, by Kolymsky. O/B-Hoyo Farm.

Margins: 1, 5, HF. Odds: 1.90, 1.60, 27.40.

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STAKES CLOSINGS

TOMORROW, FRIDAY, MARCH 12: 03-21 \$500,000 Mervin H. Muniz Jr. Mem'l H.-II, FG, 4yo/up, a9fT (100)



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* NEW YORK *

Master David Possible for Wood:

Sham S. winner **Master David** (Grand Slam), who was knocked out of Saturday's GI Florida Derby at Gulfstream Park after running a temperature Mar. 4 and missing four days of training, is likely to make his next start in the GI Wood Memorial Apr. 10 at Aqueduct. Although trainer Bobby Frankel indicated that he might send the chestnut in to battle earlier in either the Mar. 20 Rebel S. at Oaklawn or the same day's GIII Gotham S. at Aqueduct, he appeared to be leaning toward a start in Aqueduct's \$750,000 showpiece.

Yesterday's Results:

3rd-AQU, \$41,000, Msw, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13, gd. TONELLI'S LEGACY (m, 5, Chimes Band--Singin Up a Storm, by Storm Cat), a \$35,000 KEESEP yearling purchase, finished an even fourth in a Delaware maiden last July 13, but received some time off following a sixth-place effort at that track July 26. The dark bay added Lasix for her Feb. 22 return to the races over the inner track, but tired late to be a distant third. Tighter for this effort, the half to Max's Pal (Marquetry), MSW & MGSP, \$728,896, set a slow pace over the sticky going, widened her lead into the stretch and reported home a 2 1/2-length winner over odds-on Yellowstone Lady (Crafty Prospector). Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-2, \$34,820.

O-R Englander. B-Parrish Hill Farm (KY). T-Allen Iwinski. (New York Report cont. p2)

Congratulations to the best customers in the world on three Grade II winners this week!

LION TAMER, winner of the Mar. 6 Richter Scale Breeders' Cup Sprint Championship (GII)

O-Michael Tabor; B-Paul Smith (KY); T-Todd Pletcher Sold Keeneland November 2000 for \$20,000; Earnings now \$313,800 Consigned by Denali Stud, Agent; Purchased by Springwood LLC

LAST SONG, winner of the Mar. 6 Bonnie Miss S. (GII)

O-Buckram Oak Farm; B-Katalpa Farm (KY); T-Carl Nafzger Sold Keeneland September 2002 for \$190,000; Earnings now \$188,330 Consigned by Katalpa Farm, Agent; Purchased by Buckram Oak Farm



O-Starlight Stable LLC, P Saylor, J Martin & Jack Wolf;
B-Aaron & Marie Jones (KY): T-Todd Pletcher
Sold Keeneland September 2002 for \$170,000; Earnings now \$790,800
Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent; Purchased by Starlight Stables





Storm Flag Flying to Return to New York:

Two-year-old champion filly Storm Flag Flying (Storm Cat), the winner of her 2004 debut in a Gulfstream allowance Feb. 26, is expected to make her next start in the GII Distaff Breeders' Cup H. at Aqueduct Mar. 27. Trainer Shug McGaughey said the four-year-old target numerous New York fictures this year, including the GI Ogden Phipps H. at Belmont June 19.

GULFSTREAM

Yesterday's Results:

8th-GPX, \$46,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$125,000), NW2\$6MX, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:08 3/5, ft.

- 1--STRONG HOPE, 116, c, 4, Grand Slam--Shining Through, by Deputy Minister. (\$1,700,000 yrl '01 FTSAUG). O-Eugene & Laura Melnyk; B-Trackside Farm, G A Seelbinder & Liberation Farm (KY); T-Todd A Pletcher. Lifetime Record: 8-6-0-1, \$609,960. *1/2 to Bahamian Pirate (Housebuster), GSW-Ire, SW & MGSP-Eng, G1SP-Fr, \$418,811.
- 2--Davids Expectation, 116, h, 5, Valid Expectations--No Holding David, by Two Davids. (\$36,000 2yo 2001 OBSAPR).
- 3--Vinemeister, 120, h, 5, Williamstown--Fairway Jet, by Pleasant Colony. (\$8,000 yrl '00 OBSAUG; \$52,000 2yo '01 OBSAPR).

Margins: 9 3/4, HF, 4 3/4. Odds: 0.60, 2.80, 11.00. Strong Hope left an overmatched field in his wake as

he began what could be a lucrative 2004 campaign for owners Eugene and Laura Melnyk, cruising home much the best in this contest. The barrel-chested Strong Hope emerged on the scene too late to be a player on the Triple Crown trail last year, making his career debut as a sophomore in March. But he quickly made up for lost time, breaking his maiden in his second start and capturing his next four races, capped off with wins in the GII Dwyer S. and GII Jim Dandy S. Faced with the likes of Ten Most Wanted and Peace Rules in the Aug. 23 GI Travers S., he found the 10-furlong distance too much and settled for third in what would be his last start of the year. A series of recent modest works at Palm Meadows Training Center belied the colt's quickness, but as the gates sprang open he charged out to an uncontested lead and, for all intents and purposes, wrapped up the race in the first furlong. Rounding the turn for home off a half mile in :45 1/5, he opened up under his own resolve and won easily while geared down in the final panel.

6th-GPX, \$36,000, Alw, NW2X, 3yo, 1mT, 1:37 1/5, fm. GRAND HERITAGE (c, 3, Grand Slam--Minstrel's Lassie {GISW-US & SW-Fr, \$225,536}, by The Minstrel), winner of the Continental Mile in just his second turf outing last August at Monmouth, concluded his juvenile campaign with a near-miss third to the talented Kitten's Joy in a Churchill allowance in mid-November. On the shelf since, the crowd's 6-5 pick smartly rated off the first flank of horses, then showed a sparkling turn of foot a furlong from home to surge to the lead and take the prize. Gin Rummy Champ (Jeblar) finished a good second, half a length off the winner. Grand Heritage was an \$80,000 KEESEP yearling acquisition. Lifetime Record: SW, 7-3-0-3, \$113,810.

O-Mrs Bertram R Firestone. B-Foxfield (KY). T-William I Mott.

7th-GPX, \$34,000, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44 2/5, ft.

ARTURO (c, 4, A.P. Indy--Digit, by Forty Niner), sixth in the Saratoga mud Aug. 2, improved to second going the Belmont one-turn mile Oct. 10 before graduating by 2 1/4 lengths at that same trip at Aqueduct on Halloween. Last seen when a non-factor fifth in his first try against winners at the Big A Nov. 22, the homebred colt was dismissed at 10-1 despite some sharp works ahead of the return. Always within easy striking distance from fourth, the dark bay bid four wide on the turn, put a nose in front in upper stretch and edged away late to win by two lenths over Much Respect (Colony Night), a 52-1 chacnce. Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-0, \$67,240.

O-D Adam. B-TAC Holdings, Inc (KY). T-P Hauswald.

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Windsor Castle to Taylor Mountain in West Virginia:

Dogwood Stable's Windsor Castle (Lord Carson--Frigidette, by It's Freezing), retired earlier this week due to an injured suspensory tendon, has been purchased by Jim Casey and will begin stud duties at Casey's Taylor Mountain Farm in Charles Town, West Virginia. He will stand the current breeding season for a \$3,500 fee. The six-year-old Windsor Castle counted the GII Remsen S. amongst his three graded wins and earned \$592,175 in five years at the track. Taylor Mountain Farm also stands Luftikus (Meadowlake), My Boy Adam (Encino) and Weshaam (Fappiano).

BREEDERS' **CUP STAKES CLOSINGS**



CLOSES	TRACK	RACE
3-13	AQU	Distaff Breeders' Cup H. (GII)
3-18	GG	Berkeley Breeders' Cup H. (GIII)
3-18	SA	Potrero Grande BC H. (GII)

CONDITIONS	Purse	Runs
3yo/up, f/m, 7f	\$150,000	3-27
3yo/up, 8f	\$100,000	3-27
4yo/up, 6.5f	\$200,000	3-28

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CENTRAL

Evansville Slew to Buck Pond Farm:

Evansville Slew (Slew City Slew--Shape Shifter, by Fappiano) has been bought by Doug Arnold and will stand the balance of the 2004 breeding season at Arnold's Buck Pond Farm in Versailles, Kentucky, His stud fee be \$3,500, the same fee he commanded while at Walmac International, where he stood his entire career as the property of a partnership. The 12-year-old is the sire of 10 overall stakes winners, chief among them being March Magic (ex Bay Magic {Ack Ack}), a representative of her sire's first crop and winner of the GII Molly Pitcher BC H. and GIII Comely S. She was also third in the GI Frizette S. and the GI Go For Wand H. Evansville Slew has been represented by 83 winners from 97 starters in his first five crops, with progeny earnings of \$5,756,769.

Franks Pair Top Fair Grounds Sale:

A colt and a filly consigned as part of the dispersal of the Estate of John Franks brought final bids of \$27,000 to top Tuesday's Fair Grounds Sales Company's Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale. Hip 35, a Louisiana-bred colt by Grade I winner Derby Wish--Golden Tri (Gold Alert), was the first to reach that level and was purchased by Kathy Hornsby. Hip 56, a filly by Precocity out of Miss Aggie Slew (Secret Slew) also reached that plateau and was knocked down to John M. Guidry. A total of 42 horses were reported as sold for gross receipts of \$461,400 and an average of \$10,986.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN ITALY:

Polimex, c, 3, Sir Cat See "European Breeders' Edition"

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* SO. CALIFORNIA *

Yesterday's Results:

6th-SAX, \$56,368, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:22 2/5, ft.

STORMICA (f, 4, Storm Cat--Lovlier Linda {GISW, \$676,945}, by Vigors), a half sister to Old Trieste (A.P. Indy), MGSW, \$847,944, who sold for \$600,000 as a KEENOV weanling, began her career in France last summer, missing the board just once and finishing her season with a trio of third-place finishes against Listed competition. Returning 3 1/2 months later in the barn of Gary Mandella, the dark bay won her U.S. debut by a length going 6 1/2 furlongs over the main track Jan. 30. The crowd's 3-5 choice to make it two straight, she moved into contention after a slow break, advanced through a gaping hole leaving the turn and sped clear to win by four lengths. Five Star Meeting (General Meeting) was second. Stormica is also a three-parts sister to Perigee Moon (Hennessy), GSW-Ire; and a half to Proud Danzig (Danzig), SP, \$151,357; and Pro For Sure (Mr. Prospector), GSP, \$126,900. O-Wertheimer & Frere. B-Gaines-Gentry Thoroughbreds

& Orpendale (KY). T-Gary Mandella.

2nd-SAX, \$53,872, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$80,000), NW1X, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:37 3/5, ft.

ELUSIVE DIVA (f, 3, Elusive Quality--Taj Aire {SW}, by Taj Alriyadh) faltered to fourth as the even-money chalk in her Jan. 24 debut, then broke through next time in a late-running effort at six furlongs Feb. 14. Stepped up in distance and class, the 6-5 choice tracked pacesetting Remembrances (Cherokee Run) early, moved to even terms at the top of the lane and inched away to prevail by a length. The closing Renaissance Lady (A.P. Indy) overtook Remembrances for the place spot. Elusive Diva is a half to R. Baggio (Chimes Band), MSW, \$230,280; and Handyman Bill (Skywalker), SW, \$116,560. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$60,420. O-Branch, Konecny, Et Al. B-John William & Doris Konecny (KY). T-Mark Glatt.

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(Southern California report cont.)

3rd-SAX, \$46,000, Msw, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:35 1/5, fm. IL MEGLIO (BRZ) (g, 4, Roi Normand--Dandy Pat {Brz}, by Ghadeer {Fr}), sixth and fourth in Hollywood turf maidens Nov. 15 and Dec. 20, respectively, finished a troubled fourth over this turf course Jan. 11, but was coming into this off a solid runner-up finish going nine panels Feb. 5. A half brother to Investor's Dream (Brz) (Spend A Buck), G1SW-Brz, \$120,974; and Jockey's Dream (Brz) (Spend A Buck), G1SW-Brz, the dark bay gelding stalked the early pace from outside a rival, charged three wide off the far turn, engaged Casual Thunder (Thunder Gulch) at the eighth pole and outfought that foe to win by a head at odds of 9-2. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-0, \$42,020.

O-Block-Forman Stable, Richard Henig & Old Friends Inc. B-Haras Old Friends (BRZ). T-Paulo H Lobo.



Tuesday Night Results:

10th-SUN, **\$26,800**, **Alw**, NW19MX, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:43 3/5, ft.

TOP HIT (h, 6, Twining--Popular Tune {MSW}, by Stop the Music), winner of the 2001 GIII Oklahoma Derby and second in that year's GIII Affirmed H., was off over a year had been winless in seven starts since his return last October, most recently running third at this track Feb. 24. The 6-5 favorite moved three wide to challenge pacesetting A to the Z (Benchmark) in upper stretch, was bumped by that rival at the three-sixteenths and lacked a late response, finishing 1 1/2 lengths behind the 3-1 shot. A to the Z was disqualified for interference and placed second, giving Top Hit the victory. The \$25,000 KEESEP yearling is a half to Crafty Star (Crafty Prospector, MSW, \$171,865). Lifetime Record: GSW, 29-7-4-5, \$422,533.

O-Triple AAA Ranch, R G Owens, et al. B-Maple Leaf Farm (PA). T-R Kory Owens.



First-time starters/stakes runners: Thursday, Mar. 11

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
4-GG, Msw, 1 1/16m, Crozet, \$52K FTK JUL yrl
EVENT OF THE YEAR (Seattle Slew), Golden Eagle, \$10K, 136/6/0
4-GG, Msw, 1 1/16m, Up to Date Event
ORCHID'S DEVIL (Forty Niner), 39/10/0
5-GG, Msw, 6f, Felix De La Luna

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CHANGING HANDS



ASCERTAIN (IRE), g, 3, Intikhab--Self Assured (Ire)

(Ahonoora {GB}).

Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, \$40,155.

Breeder: Darley.

From Owner: Paul J Dixon. From Trainer: Nick Littmoden.

To Owner: To be owned by a partnership.

To Trainer: Niall O'Callaghan.

Agent: Andy Smith.

Notes: The top-rated three-year-old over the all-weather in England has been sold to race for a partnership, with original owner Paul Dixon retaining a 25-percent interest. A three-time winner and once second from four career starts at Lingfield, the €42,000 Tattersalls Ireland yearling purchase comes off a 2 1/2-length victory Feb. 28. The gelding could make his next start in the G2 UAE Derby Mar. 27 or could be sent to the U.S. for the Apr. 3 GII Illinois Derby as a possible prep for the Kentucky Derby. Niall O'Callaghan will take over the training once the horse arrives stateside.







OAKS ATTRACTS 89 This year's G1 Vodafone Oaks, at Epsom June 4, has attracted a strong entry of 89, five more than last year. Three-time winning owner Godolphin is responsible for nine entries including Sundrop (Jpn) (Sunday Sllence) who finished second in the G1 Meon Valley Stud Fillies' Mile at Ascot last September. Red Bloom (GB) (Selkirk), winner of that Ascot contest, is one of five nominees from Sir Michael Stoute's Newmarket stable. Aidan O'Brien, who won with Shahtoush (Ire) in 1998 and Imagine (Ire) in 2001, has 13 representatives including G1 Moyglare Stud S. winner Necklace (GB) (Darshaan {GB}). Other Ballydoyle hopefuls include All Too Beautiful (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), an unraced sister to G1 Derby hero Galileo (Ire), and Because (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), an unraced sister to Quarter Moon (Ire) and Yesterday (Ire), runner-ups in the last two renewals of the race. Michael Jarvis' once-raced New Morning (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), a sister to G1 Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf winner Islington (Ire), is another notable entry. The international flavour of the Classic is enhanced by the presence of six French-trained entries including Philippe Demercastel's G3 Prix du Calvados winner Green Swallow (Fr) (Green Tune).

(Derby Entries p5)



140 REMAIN IN DERBY An exciting collection of 140 three-year-olds remain in this year's G1 Vodafone Derby after yesterday's first forfeit stage. This year's renewal, at Epsom June 5, will again be Europe's richest race with £1.25 million in guaranteed prize money and the entries include 39 from Ireland, 16 currently with Godolphin in the United Arab Emirates, seven from France, three trained in Germany and one from Michael Dickinson's stable in the U.S. Dickinson's representative is Master William (King Of Kings) and a decision on whether he will be aimed at the Blue Riband will be made in around four weeks' time. Dickinson made his name in Britain as a ground-breaking National Hunt trainer, saddling the first five home in the 1983 Cheltenham Gold Cup, and has had one previous runner in the Vodafone Derby, Wolf Prince who finished eighth in 1993 when travelling over from the States. Aidan O'Brien, who saddled Galileo (Ire) and High Chaparral (Ire) to success in 2001 and 2002 respectively, has 25 nominees including current ante-post favourite Yeats (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) and G1 2000 Guineas probable One Cool Cat (Storm Cat). The unbeaten Grey Swallow (Ire) (Daylami {Ire}), trained by Dermot Weld, and Azamour (Ire) (Night Shift), representing John Oxx, add further strength to the Irish challenge. Among Godolphin's entries are G2 Royal Lodge S. winner Snow Ridge (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}). American Post (GB) (Bering {GB}), winner of the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere and G1 Racing Post Trophy, and Bago (Fr) (Nashwan), whose unbeaten run of four juvenile successes culminated in the G1 Criterium International at Saint-Cloud, head the strongest French challenge in recent years. Sir Michael Stoute, successful last term with Kris Kin, has 14 entries. Stephen Wallis, Managing Director at Epsom Racecourse, said: "The Vodafone Derby represents the ultimate test for the Thoroughbred and it's pleasing to see a strong domestic entry joined by contenders from Ireland, France, Germany and the United States all dreaming of victory at Epsom Downs on the first Saturday in June." There is an £8,000 second entry stage, for horses not entered as yearlings, on Apr. 7.

FALLON DENIES CHEATING Champion jockey Kieren Fallon finally broke his silence on the Ballinger Ridge affair when appearing on British television's ITV News on Tuesday night. He told the broadcaster: "I've been very stupid, we've been warned about this. I was totally innocent myself about what was going on but I've ended up being totally stupid. It would be impossible to fix a race because there are other horses that run and other people involved. It doesn't make any sense at all to lose a race. Most jockeys are hungry, it's a tough sport and the only way you're going to get anywhere is by winning, not by losing." Fallon does not intend riding before his 21-day ban begins next Tuesday.

EDDERY TO TRAIN NEXT YEAR Recently retired jockey Pat Eddery has announced he intends to start training from his Musk Hill Stud next year. Eddery told Racing Post: "Hopefully, by this time next year I'll be training myself. I currently have a hands-on role with our racing club and always thought that I would train on my own at some stage." At present, the former jockey runs Pat Eddery Racing which has 10 horses in training spread among eight different trainers and he added: "I must stress that, although I aim to start training, all current Pat Eddery Racing horses will remain with their respective trainers."

★ BRITAIN★

YORK TRACK EXTENSION UNDERWAY

The work to extend the running surface of York Racecourse in preparation for hosting Royal Ascot at York next year began on the Knavesmire yesterday. The project will add three furlongs of track to the existing horseshoe shape so that it becomes a two-mile circuit. This new loop will be used during Royal Ascot at York to stage the G1 Gold Cup and other feature races over longer distances. Given that the best horses in the world will use the track it is being constructed to the highest standards and will benefit from a full drainage scheme and a gentle camber. The turf that will be laid has been specially developed for use on a racecourse by a locally based nursery, Lindum of Thorgmanby. The work is scheduled to finish by mid summer and thereafter the Knavesmire will return to its familiar grassy self with railings marking the new course. There will be gaps in the rail to allow access to the Knavesmire. Mike Harbridge of leading UK turf consultants, Professional Sportsturf Design, has prepared the project leading to the appointment of Souters Sports, a firm that are specialists in sports turf construction, as the main contractor. Paying tribute to those involved in the detailed planning consultation, William Derby, York's clerk of the course, said: "After the work so far of the groundstaff, turf consultants, the Jockey Club and the City of York council team, it's a real thrill to be able to see the track work underway. It's a significant step towards what is set to be a marvellous occasion for the racecourse and the wider city."

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SINGAPORE *

STRONG ENTRY FOR INTERNATIONAL CUP

A total of 137 horses representing 14 racing jurisdictions have been nominated to the G1 Singapore Airlines International Cup scheduled for Sunday, May 16 at Kranji Racecourse. The second leg of the World Series Racing Championship, to be contested over 2000 meters, carries purse money of S\$3 million (approximately US\$1.71 million). Trainer Aidan O'Brien has nominated runners from his Ballydoyle operation for the first time, including G1 St Leger winner Brian Boru (GB) (Sadler's Wells), G2 Great Voltigeur S. hero Powerscourt (GB) (Sadler's Wells) and G3 Meld S. victor Mingun (A.P. Indy), a son of Miesque. The largest number of overseas entries comes from the U.S., with 28 horses on the list, including Sarafan (Lear Fan), Senor Swinger (El Prado {Ire}), GII F.E. Kilroe Mile H. winner Sweet Return (GB) (Elmaamul) and nine from the barn of Bobby Frankel, including Continously (Diesis {GB}), victorious in last year's GI Hollywood Turf Cup. Trainer Saeed bin Suroor has nominated 14 horses on behalf of Godolphin, including GI Man o' War S. winner Lunar Sovereign (Cobra King), Vespone (Ire) (Llandaff), successful in last year's G1 Prix Jean Prat and recent stable additions Crimson Palace (SAf) (Elliodor (Fr)) and Grand Hombre (Grand Slam). For a complete list of nominees, click on or go to http://www.irbracing.com

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MIDDLE EAST





Thursday, Nad al Sheba, post time: 9:50 p.m. HAF OAKS-Conditions \$250,000, 3vo. f 1800m

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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	4	Bastikiya (SAf)	Fort Wood	Seemar
2	8	Festive Style (SAf)	Fort Wood	Seemar
3	2	Ibda Ae (KSA)	Namaqualand	bin Saad
4	7	Menhoubah	Dixieland Band	Brittain
5	1	Nabtat Saif (GB)	Compton Place (GB)	Watson
6	6	Pomeranze (Ire)	Polar Falcon	Watson
7	5	Screaming Shamal	Tabasco Cat	Watson
8	3	Tamarillo (GB)	Daylami (Ire)	al Kurdi
All carry 121 pounds, except Bastikya and Festive				
Style, 130.				

(UAE Oaks cont.)

Godolphin have won each of the last three runnings of this event, but are not represented this evening. Favoritism is likely to go to Menhoubah, who was a staying-on second to Godolphin's Catstar in the UAE 1000 Guineas in her first appearance on the main track Feb. 7. Festive Style was a good third in the UAE 1000 Guineas and comes into this off a seven-length victory over the Nad al Sheba turf course Feb. 19.



AUSTRALASIA



RECORDS FALL AT PERTH SALE The Select portion of the Magic Millions Perth Yearling Sale, which concluded with its second session yesterday at Belmont, set records for average and aggregate. The final average of A\$25,107 was a record for the Western Australian sale, as was the gross sales figure of A\$6,352,000. "We are delighted with this year's select sale," Magic Millions' Managing Director David Chester said yesterday. "This year's aggregate is up 18 percent on last year and is a record and this was an outstanding result." Of the 307 catalogued yearlings, 265 sold for a clearance rate of 80 percent. Yesterday's session topper was lot 165, a colt by Bletchley Park (Ire) out of Louise Tudor (Aus) (Statoblest {Ire}). The yearling was consigned by Dawson Stud and was purchased for A\$82,500 by Magic Millions, agent. The Autumn session of the sale will begin Friday at 4 p.m.



FOALING NEWS

SILENT GREETING, 11, Secret Hello--Speak Straight (In Reality)

Foal born Feb. 10, a filly by Coronado's Quest. Will be bred back to Lemon Drop Kid. Owned by and boarded at Lazy Lane Farms, Va. Accomplishments: GSW of \$215,303. Dam of Night Breeze (Two Punch), MSW.

ANGEL'S TEARLET, 11, Silver Deputy--Willowy Miss (Dust Commander)

Foal born Feb. 11, a colt by Elusive Quality. Will be bred back to Grand Slam.

Owned by and boarded at Cobra Farm, Ky. Accomplishments: MSW & GSP, \$280,051.

EAST IS EAST, 6, Gone West--Grease (Ire) (Filiberto) Foal born Feb. 11, a filly by Capote. Will be bred back to Deputy Commander. Owned and boarded at Pin Oak Stud, Ky. Accomplishments: SW.



BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-AQU, \$46,000, NW2X, (S), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:39, ft. ANTIES BOY (g, 7, Missionary Ridge {GB}--Antilassa, by Anticipating) Lifetime Record: 46-3-2-5, \$134,046. O/T-James W Ferraro. B-C V Stables K (NY). *\$20,000 2yo '99 FTMMAY; \$7,500 yrl '98 FTMOCT. **1/2 to Lottsa Talc (Talc), MGSW, \$1,211,996; and Appealing Guy (Proud Appeal), MSW, \$220,003.

5th-AQU, \$43,120, NW2L, 4yo/up, 9f, 1:52 3/5, gd. SILENT FRED (g, 5, Louis Quatorze--D'Youville Nurse {SW, \$145,348}, by Dr. Blum) Lifetime Record: GSP, 20-2-6-3, \$145,392. O-Family Stable, Dee Conway & Joseph Cornacchia. B-Alan S Kline (MD). T-Nicholas P Zito. *\$45,000 yrl '00 KEESEP. **1/2 to Unbridled Hope (Unbridled), GSW, \$272,370.

7th-OPX, **\$32,000**, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft.

CHENE ROUGE (f, 3, Idabel--Floating Oaks, by Lively One) Lifetime Record: SW, 4-2-0-0, \$41,640. O/B-William Robert Ward (AR). T-Larry Robideaux Jr.

8th-OPX, \$32,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39 1/5, ft

HAY ALLISON (f, 4, Hay Halo--Karousel Karen {MSP}, by My Prince Charming) Lifetime Record: MSP, 21-2-7-3, \$125,643. O-Marie Troncone. B-Parra Ro (TX). T-Cole Norman.

8th-LRL, \$27,000, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000-\$20,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12 1/5, ft. ANYPLACE ANYTIME (f, 4, Langfuhr--Stubborn Star, by

Star Choice) Lifetime Record: SP, 17-3-2-4, \$84,865. O-Smith Ridge Stables. B-John Penn & Gustav Shickedanz (KY). T-A Ferris Allen III. *\$35,000 yrl '01 KEESEP; \$68,000 HRA '03 KEENOV. **1/2 to Winning Agenda (Twilight Agenda), SW, \$123,500.

6th-MNR, **\$25,000**, 3-9, NW2L, 3yo, a1m70yd, 1:47 4/5, gd.

STORM FORWARD (c, 3, Stormin Fever--Be Prepared, by Broad Brush) Lifetime Record: 9-2-0-1, \$42,930. O/T-Dale Baird. B-Edward P Evans (VA).

9th-SUN, \$21,194, 3-9, NW2L, 3yo, 6f, 1:10, ft. BANDIDO LODE (c, 3, Unome--Diamond Lode {SP}, by Lode) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$24,314. O/B-Jose Acosta (OK). T-Zachary Armstrong.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Talkin Tough, c, 3, Good and Tough--September Charmer, by Septieme Ciel. GPX, 3-10, (C), 7f, 1:25 1/5. B-W Kenan Rand, Jr (Ky). *\$20,000 yrl '02 KEESEP; \$75,000 2yo 2003 OBSFEB.

Gold Will, f, 3, **Formal Gold**--Flying Relaunch, by Relaunch. OPX, 3-10, 1 1/16m, 1:47. B-Tom Franks (Ky).

Coldbeerathebit, f, 3, Kissin Kris--Dynatrek, by Dynaformer. SAX, 3-10, (C), 1m, 1:39 4/5. B-Meadowbrook Farms, Inc (FI). *1/2 to Coahoma (Lucky North), SW, \$109,555.

One Perfect Fit, f, 4, Abaginone--Perfectly Fit, by Fit to Fight. AQU, 3-10, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:23. B-Joy E Curpier (NY). *\$30,000 yrl '01 FTNAUG.

Sterling Prospect, c, 4, Western Gentleman--Fancy Impulse, by Inverness Drive. LRL, 3-10, 5 1/2f, 1:06 2/5. B-Jean Casselman (PQ). *\$13,375 yrl '01 CBSOCT. **1/2 to Bold N' Fancy (Bold N' Flashy), MSW, \$393,070.

Clear Title, h, 5, <u>Cryptoclearance</u>--Seventies (GSP, \$184,938), by Bionic Light. MNR, 3-9, 6f, 1:12 3/5. B-Michael & Penny Lauer (Ky).

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

ITALY, Rome, 2.30, 3-9, €19,125, 3yo, 1 3/8mT, 2:39.20, hy.

POLIMEX (c, 3, Sir Cat--Dramatrix, by Forty Niner)
Lifetime Record: 18 starts, 3 wins, 9 places, €51,000.
O-Razza Dell'Olmo; B-GaineswaybThoroughbreds Ltd;
T-Riccardo Menichetti. *\$10,000 yrl '02 FTKOCT.

A # will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, a @ will indicate first-time graded stakes-winners, a will 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.

UPCOMING GULFSTREAM STAKES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	Conditions	
3-13	GI Florida Derby	3yo/9f	
3-13	GIII Swale S.	3yo/7f	
3-13	GIII Skip Away H.	3yo + /1 1/16m	
3-13	GIII Stonerside Forward Gal	3yof/7f	
3-14	GII Rampart H.	3yo + f/m/9f	
3-20	GII Pan American H.	3yo + /1 1/2mT	
3-21	GII Orchid H.	3yo+f/m/1 1/2mT	
4-3	GII Gulfstream Park H.	3yo + /1 1/4m	





WRITERS UP

O'BRIEN HOLDS COURT

Trainer Aidan O'Brien was in Dublin on Tuesday to help launch the 2004 Irish Flat season, which starts at The Curragh Mar. 21, and he gave the lowdown on his horses and hopes for the forthcoming season. O'Brien enjoyed success with older horses Hawk Wing and High Chaparral (Ire) last year and will be represented in that category by Classic winners Yesterday (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) and Brian Boru (GB) (Sadler's Wells) this time around. The older team is further boosted by the presence of Powerscourt (GB) (Sadler's Wells) and Mingun (A.P. Indy). The Ballydoyle conditioner also holds a strong Classic hand with ante-post favourites for the G1 2000 Guineas, One Cool Cat (Storm Cat) and G1 Epsom Derby Yeats (Ire) (Sadlers' Wells), in his care. O'Brien explained: "We would be happy with the stage we are at. At this stage of the season, everyone is dreaming. Reality sets in when you have a few runs. Looking back at last year, we never forced the two-year-olds. If they were not going to run, so be it and we'd be thinking of this year with them. We were very gentle with them last year. Last year was our first year to have four-year-olds, but there is is big difference training four-year-olds and they are a bit more straightforward to train." As for a stateside campaign, the trainer intimated that he may not have a representative in this year's Kentucky Derby, but did not rule out a later foray across the Altantic later. "We might wait until later in the year," he explained. "For the Kentucky Derby, while we won't draw a line through it, I'd say it's possible but it's more likely that we won't have a runner."

The trainer did provide an update on several of his horses:

OLDER HORSES

Brian Boru (GB) (<u>Sadler's Wells</u>--Eva Luna {Alleged})
Powers Court (GB) (<u>Sadler's Wells</u>--Rainbow Lake {GB},
by Rainbow Quest)

"I always thought both of them (Brian Boru and Powerscourt) were mile and quarter horses. We'll start them over a mile and quarter and go from there but both of them have done very well over the winter. He shows plenty of pace, he gets a mile and six, so he has a lot of options open to him. I am thinking of the (G1) Coronation Cup for Powerscourt and Brian Boru."

MOVING ???

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"You are probably talking about a mile and quarter plus with her and the fillies races are there for her. She would probably be fine going a mile with an ease in the ground. Anything from a mile and quarter to a mile and half wouldn't be a problem for her. She and Mingun could be possibles for the Lockinge. She probably had the hardest time of the four-year-olds but she is a hardy lady and she doesn't mind it."

THREE-YEAR-OLDS COLTS

Magritte (Ire) (Sadler's Wells-Ionian Sea (GB), by Slip Anchor (GB))

"We always thought the world of Magritte. He is in good shape and we always thought he was very nice. We are just taking it easy with him. He never made the running at home with him and it was only a walking race (in the G1 Racing Post Trophy) and (jockey) Jamie (Spencer) just let him bowl along. He said that when the post came he was only getting into gear because they passed him and then he started running. The slow pace was never going to suit him and he was only getting going when the post came."

Moscow Ballet (Ire) (<u>Sadler's Wells</u>--Fire the Groom, by Blushing Groom {Fr}))

"He is working lovely, he is a half brother to Stravinsky. He has done well and I am very happy with him. There are trials in France and England for those Derby type horses and he is working with Five Dynasties, who won his maiden last year. I am hoping that he is a mile and quarter horse who might get a mile and half. You would be pushing out the boat thinking that he might get a mile and half. It's possible that he might start him off in the Irish (2000) Guineas. It depends what's there at the time."

One Cool Cat (Storm Cat--Tacha, by Mr. Prospector)

"So far so good, everything has gone smoothly with him. I am happy with him. I could never believe what he did as a two-year-old and he is sixty kilos heavier now than he was last year. It was pure raw ability that was making him do what he did at two. He was precocious as well, but he was a big scopey horse and to look at him, you'd imagine that he was going to be a better three-year-old. At home we always thought he was a very special two-year-old. We were always very happy with his temperament and he is a very laid back horse. In his work and his canters, when he gets to the front he pulls up. He is able to cut horses down very quick, but he always behaved like Giant's Causeway, one ear forward and one ear back. He always rode like a horse that would go a mile plus. It's possible that he'll go straight to Newmarket (for the G1 2000 Guineas) and the first bit of nice ground we get is normally at Newmarket. He is working very smooth at the moment. In his work he would make ground up so easy."



(O'Brien Holds Court cont.)

Grand Reward (Storm Cat--Serena's Song, by Rahy)
"I always thought the world of Grand Reward and he
always worked like a horse that would get a mile. He
just a got a little thing about the stalls and he missed
the break twice. We never ran him over further than six
furlongs but he could be a horse that you could really
be looking forward to over a mile."

The Mighty Tiger (Storm Cat--Clear Mandate, by Deputy Minister)

"He is a little bit behind the others, but he has done great. He is horse that grew, strengthened and developed great. He is a horse that we hope might be ready for (Royal) Ascot."

Yeats (Ire) (Sadler's Wells--Lyndonville (Ire), by Top Ville (Ire))

"He hasn't got stopped, he had a good clear run during the winter and he has done well. I am very happy with him at the moment, he is very well balanced horse and he is moving great. If everything went well he could start off in the Ballysax and then possibly the Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial. Jamie (Spencer) rode him this morning and he was happy with him. He is working very smooth at the moment."

THREE-YEAR-OLDS FILLIES

Necklace (GB) (Darshaan $\{GB\}$ --Spinning the Yarn $\{GB\}$, by Barathea $\{Ire\}$)

"She is in good form. She wasn't a big filly last year and she still is not a big filly, but she is moving well. She is doing everything well and is ready for a run somewhere. It's possible that she may go to Newmarket, with a view to coming back for the Irish (1000) Guineas and then possibly Epsom (for the G1 Oaks)."

"There are a lot of unexposed fillies this year. There is a full sister to Galileo called **All Too Beautiful** (Sadler's Wells), **Last Love**, a Danehill filly that may start off on the first day. There is a half sister to L'ancresse called **By Way Of The Stars** and **Kisses For Me**, who won well at Navan. We also have a full sister to Yesterday called **Because**."







TWO-YEAR-OLDS

"It's very possible that we won't have a runner on the first day. There are very few of them named but there is a Danehill (colt) out of Soviet Artic. We have two very good Fasliyev's and we have three Giant's Causeway's that look different and we have a couple of Fusaichi Pegasus' going really smart and it's unusual that they are all by young sires. They are showing a lot of pace in their work. We have a Giant's Causeway (colt) out of Shahtoush, a Fasliyev (colt) out of Rose Paille. Then there is a Fusaichi Pegasus (colt) out of mare called Lakeway. They are just revving at the minute. The Giant's Causeways are very much like him, they're tough horses and they're improving weekly."

FOALING NEWS:

PLATINUM TIARA, 6, Cozzene--Michelle's Monarch (Wavering Monarch)

Foal born Feb. 10, a filly by A.P. Indy.

Will be bred back to Seeking the Gold.

Owned by M375 Thoroughbreds.

Boarded at Stolen Hours Farm, Fl.

Accomplishments: MSW & GISP, \$608,785.

STORM BEAUTY, 9, Storm Cat--Stick to Beauty (Illustrious)

Foal born Feb. 11, a filly by Gone West.

Will be bred back to A.P. Indy.

Owned by Lewis Thoroughbreds.

Boarded at Denali Stud, Ky.

Accomplishments: MSW of \$178,164. Dam of Renaissance Lady (A.P. Indy), GSP, \$111,850.

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