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READ THE FOOTNOTES MIGHT SKIP WOOD...

Read the Footnotes (Smoke Glacken) is likely to pass the Apr. 10 Gl Wood Memorial and train up to the Gl Kentucky Derby instead, reports trainer Rick Violette Jr. "I'm afraid that he could run in another prep, run huge



Read the Footnotes

Adam Coglianese

and then regress off that for the Derby, the race we are really pointing for," Violette said. "I think another race could do him more harm than good. If he were to run well, that would make all the connections feel better and show that he is back on track, but I'm sure it would make the horse do better in the long run. We still feel he's the

fastest three-year-old out there. My job is to get him back to that level by the 1st of May. It's a gut call. I'm not concerned about getting him there. It's only seven weeks between races, not seven months. If I were to run him again, I'd want an easy race, a cakewalk. But when you lead them over there, that's out of your control." Violette plans to leave Read the Footnotes in Florida until a week prior to the Kentucky Derby, when he will ship to Churchill Downs. He said he wants to take advantage of the warm weather in Florida, which makes for good training conditions. Should Read the Footnotes not run again between now and May 1, he will attempt to become the first horses since Needles in 1956 to win the Kentucky Derby without having raced in April.

...BUT TAPIT LIKELY IS NEW YORK-BOUND

The Wood Memorial may be next for **Tapit** (Pulpit), who was a disappointment when sixth in the GI Florida Derby in his 2004 debut. According to a posting on the website of trainer Michael Dickinson, an endoscopic examination revealed a significant amount of debris in Tapit's upper airway after the Florida Derby and there was an abscess in Tapit's front left foot. "Neither the mucous in his trachea after the race nor the foot abscess is believed to be a major impediment to Tapit's continued training and the Wood Memorial at Aqueduct remains a strong possibility for his next start," the website reports.

BLACK TIDE RISING

Black Tide (Jpn) (Sunday Silence) came from well back in a field of 16 three-year-olds to win Sunday's G2 Fuji TV Sho Spring S. at Nakayama by one length. After a maiden win last year, the colt ran fourth in the G3 Radio Tampa Sho Nisai S. in December. He resurfaced this season to win the Wakagoma S. in January before a runner-up effort in the G3 Kisaragi Sho in February. At Nakayama Sunday, Black Tide trailed the field early before unleashing a powerful rally nearing the stretch. He turned back the late stretch challenge of Kyowa Splendor (Jpn) (Sunday Silence) to win going away. "I didn't ask him for anything at the start," confirmed winning rider Norihiro Yokoyama. "He is a really good horse and he won't have any problem with the 2000 meters [of the Apr. 18 G1 Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas)]." Daiwa Major (Jpn) (Sunday Silence) completed the Sunday Silence trifecta, while favored Cosmo Sunbeam (Jpn) (Zagreb) finished fifth.

Sunday, Nakayama, Japan FUJI TV SHO SPRING S.-G2-JRA, ¥105,260,000, Nakayama, 3-21, 3yo, 1800mT, 1:48.3, gd.

- 1--#BLACK TIDE (JPN), 123, c, 3, by Sunday Silence
 1st Dam: Wind In Her Hair (Hwt. Older Mare-Ger at
 11-14f, MSW & MG1SP-Eng, G1SW-Ger, \$311,770), by Alzao
 2nd Dam: Burghclere (GB), by Busted (GB)
 3rd Dam: Highclere (GB), by Queen's Hussar (GB)
 O-Makoto Kaneko; B-Northern Farm; T-Yasuo Ikee;
 J-Norihiro Yokoyama; ¥55,232,000. *1/2 to Veil of
 Avalon (Thunder Gulch), GSW-US, MSP-Eng,
 \$286,468. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0.
- 2--Kyowa Splendor (Jpn), 123, c, 3, Sunday Silence--Kyowa Hoseki (Jpn), by Symboli Rudolf (Jpn). O-Y Asakawa; B-Kyowa Farm Co Ltd; ¥22,352,000.
- 3--Daiwa Major (Jpn), 126, c, 3, Sunday Silence--Scarlet Bouquet (Jpn), by Northern Taste. O-Daiwa Shoji K; B-Shadai Farm; ¥14,176,000.

Margins: 1, NK, NK. Odds: 3.20, 19.30, 73.70.

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DUBAI WORLD CUP

The Quiet Before the Sand Storm

Things were relatively quiet yesterday morning on the backstretch of Nad Al Sheba racetrack as horses and horsemen continue to prepare for Saturday's Dubai



Pleasantly Perfect

Benoit

World Cup. One horse that did raise the pulse of a throng of passers-by was Gerald Ford's G1 Dubai World Cup prospect Pleasantly Perfect (Pleasant Colony), who stretched his legs with a light gallop while Ford and trainer Richard Mandella looked on in approval. "He

looks great," said Ford, who added that he was eager to pit his late-developing superstar against international competitors. Pleasantly Perfect's exercise rider Crystal Brown was also pleased with the six-year-old's condition, calling out "He's happy and he's settling in" as she guided the towering bay off the track.

Well-Traveled Paolini Returns in Duty Free

It's been over seven months since we've seen Paolini (Ger) (Lando {Ger}) enter a starting gate and nearly three years since the seven-year-old last had his picture taken, but the German champion will try to make a succesful return to the races in the 1777-meter G1



Paolini

Andrew Watkins

Dubai Duty Free on the grass. The globetrotting multi-millionaire was placed a dead-heating second in August's controversial GI Arlington Million, then went to the sidelines for an extended break. "He suffered a hoof injury," explained exercise rider Bianca Sieling. "And because he is a bit of a softie, we kept him

packed away." Sieling was aboard yesterday as the veteran put in an easy canter over Nad Al Sheba's main track. "He is going super and he is in a good mood," said Sieling. "On Wednesday, we'll have a proper go."

RESULTS

Saturday, Nakayama, Japan JIJI PRESS HAI FLOWER CUP-G3-JRA, ¥76,750,000, Nakayama, 3-20, 3yo, f, 1800mT, 1:50.9, yl.

- 1--#DANCE IN THE MOOD (JPN), 119, f, 3, by Sunday Silence 1st Dam: Dancing Key, by Nijinsky II 2nd Dam: Key Partner, by Key to the Mint 3rd Dam: Native Partner, by Raise a Native O-Shadai Race H.; B-Shadai Farm; T-Kazuo Fujisawa; J-Yutaka Take; ¥40,525,000. *1/2 to Air Dublin (Jpn) (Tony Bin {Ire}), MSW-Jpn, \$3,401,386; Full to Dance Partner (Jpn), Ch. 3yo Filly & Older Mare-Jpn, MSW-Jpn, GSP-Fr, \$5,971,364; Dance in the Dark (Jpn), Ch. 3yo Colt-Jpn, MSW-Jpn, \$3,459,758; Air Gang Star (Jpn), MSP-Jpn, \$1,260,218. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0.
- 2--Yamanin Alabaster (Jpn), 119, f, 3, Golden Pheasant--Yamanin Recall (Jpn), by Tamamo Cross (Jpn). O-H Doi; B-Nishikioka Farm; ¥16,150,000.
- 3--Meisho Oscar (Jpn), 119, f, 3, Fuji Kiseki (Jpn)--Meisho Yayoi (Jpn), by Amber Shadai (Jpn). O-Yoshio Matsumoto; B-Nissei Bokujo; ¥10,075,000. Margins: 1 1/4, 1 3/4, 1. Odds: 1.20, 12.10, 18.70.

The well-bred Dance in the Mood remained unbeaten with a victory in this prep for the Apr. 11 G1 Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas). The 6-5 favorite was settled in second under jockey Yutaka Take and easily took the lead in upper stretch to win going away by 1 1/4 lengths. Bred at Shadai Farm and a full sister to champions Dance in the Dark and Dance Partner, Dance in the Mood was a maiden winner last December and captured the Wakatake Sho in January last time out. "She is very powerful," said Take. "She started well and I was able to rate her. She answered quickly when I asked her for run." Results cont. p3

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Results cont.

Monday, Kochi, Japan KUROFUNE SHO-G3-NRA, ¥30,000,000 to winner, Kochi, 3-22, 4yo/up, 1400m, 1:26.4, sy.

1--#DIVINE SILVER, 126, h, 6, by Silver Deputy

1st Dam: Be My Baby, by Ogygian 2nd Dam: Pudical, by Sassafras (Fr) 3rd Dam: Puritanical, by Never Bend

(\$190,000 yrl '99 FTSAUG). O-Tadashi Sakurai; B-Redwood Partners; T-Masamichi Wada; J-Katsumi Ando. Lifetime Record: 26-8-4-2, \$2,149,486.

- 2--Nobo True, 130, h, 8, Broad Brush--Nastique, by Naskra. (\$110,000 yrl '97 KEESEP; \$200,000 2yo '98 FTFFEB). O-Ikebata Inc.; B-Mr & Mrs J S Moss.
- 3--Hokuzan Field (Jpn), 123, h, 5, Lively Mount (Jpn)--Hokuzan Couleur (Jpn), by Russian Roubles. O-Hirotaka Kimoto; B-Hideyuki Kawabata. Margins: 1, 3, HD. Odds: 3.40, 2.00, 23.30.

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PEDIGREE INSIGHTS BY ANDREW CAULFIELD

REBEL S.-GIII, \$200,000, OPX, 3-20, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:42, ft.

1--@SMARTY JONES, 122, c, 3, by Elusive Quality
1st Dam: I'll Get Along (MSW, \$277,008), by Smile
2nd Dam: Dont Worry Bout Me, by Foolish Pleasure
3rd Dam: Stolen Base, by *Herbager

O/B-Someday Farm (PA); T-John C Servis; J-S Elliott; \$120,000. Lifetime Record: 5-5-0-0, \$278,355.

Click for the <u>brisnet.com chart</u> or <u>here</u> for the RaceReplays.com video.

There will surely be a few anxious moments ahead for the people who stand to pay a \$5-million bonus to any horse which completes the Rebel S., Arkansas Derby and Kentucky Derby treble. I doubt, though, that their fingernails are at serious risk of damage now that the GIII Rebel S. has been won by Smarty Jones.

That's not to say that Smarty Jones isn't a very good colt--he has, after all, won his first five starts by a total of nearly 32 lengths. The catch is that his pedigree suggests he may struggle once he ventures beyond a mile and an eighth, the distance of his next intended start in the Arkansas Derby.

Smarty Jones comes from the second crop by Elusive Quality, a stallion who has done so well that his fee has risen from its original level of \$10,000 to \$50,000 in the space of three years. A leap from \$10,000 to \$30,000 last year did nothing to limit demand for the son of Gone West's services, with his book rising from 125 mares to 143. He also covered 83 mares in the second half of 2003 on his first visit to Australia, so plenty will be expected of him from 2006 onwards.

WEEKEND STAKES RESULTS FOR ASHFORD

| America | Glorious Miss | (HONOUR AND GLORY). | 1st Queen Stakes - L.R. |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| America | Catalissa | (TALE OF THE CAT) | 1st Spring Stakes - L.R. |
| America | Whoopi Cat | (TALE OF THE CAT) | 2nd Cicada Stakes - G3 |
| America | Tales of Glory | (HONOUR AND GLORY). | 2nd Rushaway Stakes - L.R. |
| America | Annabelly | (ROYAL ACADEMY) | 2nd Soviet Problem H L.R. |
| America | Soul of the Cat | (STRAVINSKY) | 3rd Via Borghese Stakes - L.R. |
| England | Fokine | (ROYAL ACADEMY) | 2nd Ladbrokes Spring Cup - L.R. |
| Australia | Speedy King | (HENNESSY) | 1st Alister Clark Stakes - G2 |
| Australia | Grand Armee | (HENNESSY) | 2nd Canterbury Stakes - G2 |
| New Zealand | Keeninsky | (STRAVINSKY)1st Ford | 2-y-o Classic - G3 (record time) |
| New Zegland | Alinsky | (STRAVINSKY) | 2nd Ford 2-v-o Classic - G3 |

ASHFORD STUD



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Until then, he will have to rely on his progeny sired his comparatively modest opening fee, and anyone trying to assess Elusive Quality's progress will need to remember that his current crop of two-year-olds is considerably smaller than its predecessors.

Considering that Elusive Quality's sire Gone West was a Grade I winner over a mile and an eighth and that his first two dams are by Hero's Honor, a Grade I winner at up to 11 furlongs, and Sir Ivor, winner of the Epsom Derby, his connections could have been forgiven for thinking that he would stay a mile and a quarter. However, they quickly realised that speed was his forte, and were rewarded with a track record over seven furlongs on dirt at Gulfstream and a world record for a mile on turf at Belmont. It's not so surprising, then, that none of his progeny's numerous stakes successes have so far been gained over a distance longer than 1 1/16 miles.

Smarty Jones is his second consecutive son to have won the Southwest S. over a mile at Oaklawn, his predecessor being Great Notion, who went on to be second in the Rebel S. Coincidentally, both these colts are out of mares by stallions who performed very well in the Breeders' Cup Sprint, but there are reasonable grounds for thinking that Smarty Jones has more stamina in his make up than Great Notion, who failed by only a neck to land the GI King's Bishop S. over seven furlongs. Whereas Great Notion's broodmare sire, Dayjur, was a sprinter pure and simple, Smarty Jones' dam is by a much more versatile performer in Smile.

This Frances A. Genter-bred son of In Reality had the valuable talent of being able to switch up and down the distance scale, to the extent that he was beaten less than a length in the Breeders' Cup Sprint in 1985, the same year that he gained a Grade I win and set a track record over a mile and an eighth. Then, at four, he won the Breeders' Cup Sprint in fast time, having set another track record over a mile and an eighth.

Unfortunately, hopes came to nothing that Smile would follow the examples of Relaunch, Valid Appeal and Known Fact by becoming another good stallion son of In Reality. After starting his career at Tartan Farms, Smile moved to Gainesway, where his fee in 1989 was \$20,000, but he was banished to Texas in 1994 and died there of EPM in 1997. He managed to sire only one graded winner (the Grade III scorer Goldseeker Bud).

Altogether, Smile sired only 12 stakes winners from 269 foals, one of them being Smarty Jones' dam I'll Get Along. This tough mare retired with more-than-respectable earnings of over \$275,000, having won 12 of her 39 starts. Although nine of her wins came over sprint distances, I'll Get Along was also capable of good form over a mile and an eighth.

The next dam, Don't Worry Bout Me, gained her stakes success over six furlongs at three and raced almost exclusively over sprint distances. Her race record was somewhat at odds with her pedigree, though, as she was by a winner of the Kentucky Derby (Foolish Pleasure) out of a mare by a winner of the French Derby (Herbager). That Herbager mare, Stolen Base, produced two Grade I performers to Smile's sire In Reality, with both doing well over a mile and a quarter. One of them, Basie, won the GI Delaware H. over that distance.

Smarty Jones' female line traces back to the exceptional La Troienne (his seventh dam), through Bases Full, Striking and Baby League. With Elusive Quality's female line tracing to Frizette, both of Smarty Jones' parents come from celebrated female lines which have been making their mark for many generations.

There are also plenty of classic influences, such as Nashua, Secretariat, Northern Dancer, Sir Ivor, What A Pleasure and Herbager, in the fourth and fifth generations of Smarty Jones' pedigree. Consequently, he could conceivably last the Kentucky Derby distance, but I can't get away from the fact that his three grand-parents which raced--Gone West, Smile and Don't Worry Bout Me--all seemed to find nine furlongs their limit.

ROAD TO THE CLASSICS

| Date | Race | Track |
|---------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Mar. 27 | G2 UAE Derby | Nad al Sheba |
| | Private Terms S. | Laurel |
| Mar. 28 | WinStar Derby | Sunland Park |
| Apr. 3 | GI Santa Anita Derby | Santa Anita |
| | GII Illinois Derby | Hawthorne |
| | Aventura S. | Gulfstream |
| Apr. 10 | GI Wood Memorial | Aqueduct |
| | GI Toyota Blue Grass S. | Keeneland |
| | GII Arkansas Derby | Oaklawn |
| Apr. 17 | GII Coolmore Lexington S. | Keeneland |
| | Federico Tesio S. | Pimlico |
| | California Derby | Bay Meadows |



April 13 Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale

Get an advance look at the April Sale on TVG March 23 at 10:30 p.m.; March 24 and 28 at 11:00 a.m. (ET)

Keeneland preview days are Mondays, April 5 and 12.







F-T TEXAS TWO-YEAR-OLDS TODAY Fasig-

Tipton has catalogued 311 head for its single-session March Two Year-Olds in Training Sale at Lone Star Park in Texas, set to get underway this morning at 10:00 a.m. (Central Time). Promising freshman sires Chief Seattle, Greenwood Lake, Golden Missile, High Yield, Stephen Got Even, Vicar, Yankee Victor and Yes It's True are represented, as are proven performers Distorted Humor, Forest Wildcat, Gilded Time, Grand Slam, Honour and Glory, Meadowlake, Smoke Glacken, Tale of The Cat and Wild Rush. A pair of youngsters shared the bullet in Sunday's under tack preview for a quarter mile, nailing the distance in :21 flat. Hip 179, consigned by Asmussen Horse Center, agent, is a bay colt by leading Texas sire Valid Expectations out of the Carson City mare City Hideaway. Hip 212 is a filly by Out of Place out of Erstaz (Clever Trick), making her a threeparts sister to MGSP Sultry Substitute (Sultry Song). Hip 212 is consigned by Steephollow Farms, agent.

★ GULFSTREAM ★

Yesterday's Results:

4th-GPX, \$36,000, Alw, NW2X, 4yo/up, a5fT, :56 1/5, fm. BLAKELOCK (c, 4, Summer Squall--Lady Inverness, by Red Ryder) was a 1 1/2-length winner going a mile over a yielding Belmont turf course last October, but found the move up to stakes company too tough and had to settle for fourth next time in the restricted King Cugat S. at Aqueduct Nov. 16. \$150,000 KEENOV weanling purchase. Following a lackluster 11th in his 2003 finale in the 7 1/2-furlong Pete Axthelm S. at Calder Dec. 20, the bay was sent off the 6-1 third choice in his drop to more manageable company. Up to contest the pace with 4-5 choice Cripple Creek (Carson City), Blakelock battled that foe until deep stretch and forged to the front in the final strides to score by a neck over a fast-closing Draw Fire (Elusive Quality) with a nose back to Cripple Creek in third. Lifetime Record: SP, 12-4-2-1, \$132,880.

O-Stillmeadow Farm Inc. B-Dressell Dan (KY). T-George Weaver.

8th-GPX, \$34,000, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, a1 1/16mT, 1:44 1/5, fm.

CHANGE COURSE (c, 4, Coronado's Quest--Changing Tunes, by Nijinsky II) ran fifth in his only other start this term over course and distance Jan. 17 and was given a 7-2 chance to regroup here. Reserved off a rocky start, the colt was forced to steady around the far turn and still rested in sixth with a sixteenth left to run. Undeterred following that rough start, Change Course agnled out for the for the stretch drive and got up late to score by 3/4 of a length over 4-5 chalk Mogador (Danzig). Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-3, \$57,120.

O/B-Pin Oak Stable LLC (KY). T-H Graham Motion.

1st-GPX, \$33,660, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, 7f, 1:22, ft. BRIDE'S BEST BOY (c, 3, Outflanker--Runaway Bride, by Runaway Groom) came home a three-length winner in his debut over track and trip Jan. 10, but was found wanting when trying to stretch out to nine furlongs in his latest over this track Feb. 14. Seventh behind a reputable bunch, including Swingforthefences and Shaniko, the dark bay gave little notice at 7-1 for his return to the sprinting ranks. Settled just behind the early pace set by Harbour Gate (Boston Harbor), the colt forged to the front a furlong out and drew clear late of foe late to score by 3 3/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$39,940.

O/B-John Sullivan (FL). T-Barclay Tagg.

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TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24: 04-04 \$100,000a <u>Lafayette-III,</u> Kee, 3yo, 7f (100)

04-08 \$250,000 <u>Stonerside Beaumont-II,</u> Kee, 3yo, f, a7f (250)

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★ NEW YORK ★

Yesterday's Results:

8th-AQU, \$48,000, Alw, NW3X, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:36 2/5, ft.

- 1--TRIAL PREP, 114, h, 5, Ormsby--I Fooled Em, by Broad Brush. (\$40,000 2yo 2001 OBSAPR). O-Hemlock Hills Farm, Sanford Goldfarb & Gabrielle Fa; B-Louis N Meittinis (NY); T-Steve B Klesaris. Lifetime Record: MSW, 13-5-2-2, \$300,475.
- 2--Tarek, 117, h, 6, West By West--Bayou Bird, by Stately Don. (\$50,000 yrl '99 KEESEP; \$100,000 2yo 2000 FTFFEB).
- 3--Mr. Whitestone, 119, c, 4, Dance Brightly--Bright Image, by Summer Squall. (\$15,500 yrl '01 KEEJAN). Margins: HF, 1HF, 2HF. Odds: 7.60, 8.20, 0.80.

Trial Prep ran with tremendous consistency on the New York-bred circuit in 2002, finishing in the money in six out of seven starts for trainer Richard Dutrow Jr, including a win over Private Emblem and No Parole in the New York Derby at Finger Lakes. Unplaced in a pair of starts last year, the five-year-old struggled to gain a win this term, including a fourth-place finish last out in a six-furlong allowance test over the inner dirt track here Feb. 14. Content to stalk the ealy pace in fourth through a half mile, the bay moved up to take command a furlong out and inched clear late for the score.

7th-AQU, \$45,000, Alw, NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:24 3/5, ft.

TACTICAL PLUS (f, 4, Tactical Advantage--General Chanel, by General Holme), an honest third in her 2004 debut going a furlong shorter in the slop over this track Mar. 6, was backed down to 6-5 favortitism to find the winner's circle here. On top early, the half to Buckaroo Zoo (Buckaroo), MSW & MGSP, \$216,728, opened a two-length advantage with a furlong left to negotiate and held on in the dying strides to record a 3/4-length victory over Takeiteasyedye (Opening Verse). Lifetime Record: 12-3-4-2, \$136,700.

O-Hobeau Farm. B-Hobeau Farm Ltd (FL). T-H Allen Jerkens.

6th-AQU, \$43,000, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:25 3/5, ft.

DISTINCTIVE KITTEN (f, 4, Distinctive Pro--Jovial Kitten, by Jovial Turn) was a winner despite a rough start in her latest going six panels against state-bred foes over this track Mar. 3. Sent off the 9-2 fourth choice this time, the roan settled off the early pace, rallied three wide approaching the stretch and took over late to record a two-length win over Joanie's Smile (Partner's Hero). Lifetime Record: SP, 21-5-2-6, \$157,451. O-J E Oleanik. B-William Bloom (NY). T-Michael Brice.

4th-AQU, \$41,000, Msw, (S), 3yo, 6f, 1:12 3/5, ft. ROSE'S SUNSHINE (c, 3, Signal Tap--Sam's Image, by Image of Greatness) staggered home a dull 11th in his career debut going this distance over the inner track Feb. 29 and was given little support this time out as an 8-1 shot. Following an awkward start, the bay was hustled up to lead by a half length after a half in :47.33, inched clear heading for home and maintained the tempo late to record a 2 1/2-length win over 11-1 shot Don Corleone (Incurable Optimist). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$24,718.

O/B-Michael Finkelstein, Robert Falcone, John Lee & Faustino Ramos (NY). T-Faustino F Ramos.

* EAST *

Yesterday's Results:

10th-PHA, **\$23,600**, **Alw**, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12 1/5, ft.

FLAME OF LOVE (f, 4, Not for Love--Full Alarm, by Darn That Alarm) destroyed maidens going a sixteenth shorter over this track last out Mar. 8 and went off the even moeny choice to remain undefeated this time. Up to take a narrow advantage early, Flame of Love stretched her lead to three lengths with a furlong left to run and had enough left in the tank to score by a head over Avary too Step (Citidancer). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$30,420.

O/B-Diamond S Stables Inc (PA). T-Jon J Smylie.

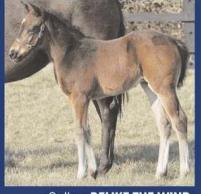


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★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN ITALY:

Distant Way, c, 3, Distant View. See "European Breeders' Edition."

IN JAPAN:

- + Feminine Girl, f, 3, Kingmambo--Money Madam, by A.P. Indy. Nakayama, 3-21, Novice Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$46,729. O-Masatake lida; B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd.; T-Yoshitaka Ninomiya. *\$290,000 yrl '02 KEESEP. **Took the lead from the start and held on late to win by a neck.
- Maltese Fear, f, 3, Nureyev--Storm Fear, by Coastal. Nakayama, 3-20, Plate Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$122,430. O-Yoshio Fujita; B-Bemak N V dba Ashford Stud & John T L Jones Jr.; T-Masahiro Horii. *Full to King's Jewel, GSP; Zentsov Street, G1SP-Eng & SW & G1SP-US, \$206,095.

 \$190,000 yrl '02 KEESEP. *Sat just off the pace, took charge in upper stretch and battled to the wire to win by a head.

- Kinshi Tiger, c, 3, Out of Place--Saratoga Mist, by Saratoga Six. Chukyo, 3-20, Novice Race, 8.5f. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-0, \$76,636. O-Harumi Horinouchi; B-Halcyon Farm; T-Norihito Fujioka. *\$30,000 wnlg '01 KEENOV; \$52,000 yrl '02 FTKJUL; \$85,000 2yo '03 BESMAR. **Took the lead turning for home and held on to win by a nose.
- + Curtis Creek, c, 3, Southern Halo--Rills (SW & GSP, \$132,545), by Clever Trick. Hanshin, 3-21, Novice Race, 7f. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$46,729.

 O-Southnia Inc.; B-Eclipse Bloodstock & Tipperary Bloodstock; T-Kazuo Fujisawa. *Settled in 10th after a slow start, but took the lead with a brilliant turn of foot in upper stretch and pulled clear to a 3 1/2-length win.
- Happy Tomorrow, c, 4, Mt. Livermore--Northern Emerald (GISW, \$435,755), by Green Dancer. Hanshin, 3-21, Mayano Top Gun Memorial, 7fT. Lifetime Record: 13-3-2-2, \$488,598. O-Koji Maeda; B-Dr. Hiram Polk & Dr. J. David Richardson; T-Masatoshi Ando. *\$120,000 2yo '02 KEEAPR. **Allowed to settle well off the pace, the colt delivered a powerful stretch run to take the lead and hold on for a neck triumph.
- Sepia Memory, h, 5, Boston Harbor--Home Again, by Forty Niner. Nakayama, 3-21, Bloodstone S., 6f. Lifetime Record: 13-6-1-0, \$716,415 O-Makoto Kaneko; B-Warren W. Rosenthal & Richard S Trontz; T-Yoshiyuki Goto. *\$275,000 wnlg '99 KEENOV; \$325,000 2yo '01 FTFFEB. **Rated off the pace before spurting to the lead at midstretch en route to a 3/4-length victory.

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(American-bred winners in Japan cont.)

Stima, h, 6, Cozzene--Je Comprend, by Caerleon.
Hanshin, 3-20, Yoshun S., 7fT. Lifetime Record:
35-5-2-3, \$1,083,738. O-Takeshi Fujita; B-James
Wigan; T-Yasuo Ikee. *1/2 to Krigeorj's Gold (Kris
{GB}), SW & GSP, \$320,942. **\$200,000 yrl '99
KEESEP; \$350,000 2yo '00 BESMAR. ***Came from
well off the pace to win going away by 1 1/4
lengths.

JAPANESE WINNERS BY AMERICAN SIRES:

Big Shark (Jpn), c, 3, Salt Lake-Negano, by Miswaki. Hanshin, 3-21, Plate Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-2, \$188,692. O-Big Inc.; B-Shimokobe Farm; T-Tadashi Nakao.

Dario (Jpn), g, 7, Woodman--Jolly Saint (Ire) (GSW), by Welsh Saint (GB). Chukyo, 3-21, Toyohashi Tokubetsu, 6fT. Lifetime Record: 15-3-2-2, \$408,318. O-Makoto Kaneko; B-Northern Farm; T-Yoshiyuki Goto. *1/2 to Da Hoss (Gone West), MGISW, \$1,931,558.









Yesterday's Results:

LE VASE D'ARGENT-Listed, €45,000, Toulouse, 3-22, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 2:08.80, vsf.

- 1--#BAILADOR (IRE), 123, c, 4, Alzao--Alymatrice, by Alysheba. O-Baron Edouard de Rothschild; B-Ecurie de Meautry; T-Andre Fabre; J-Christophe Soumillon; €22,500. Lifetime Record: 9 starts, 4 wins, 5 places, €88,600.
- 2--Secret de Famille (Fr), 123, g, 5, Octagonal (NZ)--Belle du Bresil (Fr), by Akarad (Fr). €9,000.
- 3--**Gript (GB)**, 128, c, 4, First Trump (GB)--Needwood Epic (GB), by Midyan. (10,000gns wnlg '00 TATDEC; FF220,000 yrl '01 DEAAUG). €6,750.

Margins: HF, 3, 2HF. Odds: n/a.

Also ran: Dartigan (Fr), Axprime (Fr), Bouthan (Fr), Qui Es Tu (Ire), Leisban (Fr), On Reflection (Fr), Civil Courts (Fr). Scratched: Rising Talent (Ire).

Compiegne, 1.50, Cond, €28,000, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:51.14, hy.

OBSIDIANNE (FR) (f, 3, Machiavellian--Solitaire {Fr}, by Sadler's Wells), runner-up on her sole previous start in a Maisons-Laffitte conditions race in November, led from the outset under Olivier Peslier. Quickening off her own moderate fractions inside the final quarter mile, she held on gamely to beat Lady Time (Fr) (Orpen) by a nose as the 3-5 favorite. The winner is a full sister to Sharp and Happy (Fr) (SW-Fr). Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €17,400.

O-Leonidas Marinopoulos; B-Niarchos Family; T-Carlos Laffon-Parias.

Compiegne, 2.50, Cond, \in 28,000, 3yo, c/g, 1mT, time: n/a, hy.

BALLAST (IRE) (c, 3, Desert Prince {Ire}--Suedoise {GB}, by Kris {GB}), placed in two minor events at Fontainebleau last term, was sent straight to the lead by Christophe-Patrice Lemaire on his seasonal bow. Still on the bridle as his rivals began to struggle inside the final quarter mile, the 6-1 chance opened up lengths in a matter of strides soon after with a shake of the reins. Never in any danger from there, he was allowed to coast to the line for an emphatic 10-length success. Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 1 win, 2 places, €19,600. O-Khalid Abdullah; B-M3 Elevage and Haras d'Etreham; T-Maurice Zilber.

★ BRITAIN★

MICK FOR POLYTRACK START

Milk it Mick (GB) (Millkom {GB}) will return in next Saturday's £40,000 International Trial S. at Lingfield. Paul Dixon's homebred, who created a shock when beating Three Valleys in the G1 Dewhurst S. at Newmarket in October, will use the mile contest on the polytrack as his prep for the G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket May 1. "I sat on him the other day and he went nicely, so it's all systems go," jockey Darryll Holland told *PA Sport* yesterday. "Jamie Osborne did a great job with him last season and I hope he can continue to improve. There is no reason why not. He only has to give three pounds away at Lingfield despite having won a Group 1 so Jamie's picked a good race for his return."

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* ITALY *

ITALIAN ROUND-UP by Giorgio Barsotti

Italian racing is reaching its spring peak with Milan resuming racing last Wednesday, joining Rome, which got underway in mid-February. A host of vital conditions events were staged at both tracks over the weekend with the first major Classic pointers.

Saturday saw the smooth return to the track of Scuderia Belforte's **Noble Stella (Ger)** (Monsun {Ger}), from the powerful Bruno Grizzetti stable. Third against the colts in the G3 Premio Guido Berardelli in Rome last October, she was made the hot favorite for Milan's 10-furlong conditions race and did not disappoint. Ridden patiently by Mirco Demuro in last place early, Noble Stella quickened well inside the final three-eighths and finished strongly to win easily. A serious candidate for the G1 Oaks d'Italia at the track May 23, she may run again in Milan in either the Listed Premio Baggio May 2 or Listed Premio Zanoletti Apr. 17.

Saturday's card at Milan also saw the return of the 2001 Premio Parioli hero **Giovane Imperatore (GB)** (Halling), who showed he retained his ability by easily taking the seven-furlong conditions event. Conditioner Lorenzo Brogi is aiming the six-year-old at the Listed Premio Natale di Roma Apr. 25 en route to the G2 Premio Emilio Turati at the San Siro June 2.

On Sunday in Milan the unbeaten Listed Premio del Dado winner Cromo (GB) (Grand Lodge) was made the hot favorite for the Premio Calvairate, a traditional mile prep for the G2 Premio Parioli (Italian 2000 Guineas) in Rome May 1. However, Alduino and Giuseppe Botti's stable star was a soundly beaten fourth behind the Laura Grizzetti-trained Boysun (Ire) (Askhalani {Ire}), who showed the best turn of acceleration off the pedestrian early fractions. In the main trial for the G2 Premio Regina Elena (Italian 1000 Guineas) in Rome May 1 on the same card, An Jolie (Ire) (Dr Devious) finished strongly to defeat the favored duo of Martha Stewart (Ire) (Daggers Drawn) and Rekindled Applause (GB) (Royal Applause {GB}) to book her place in the line up for the first fillies' Classic.

Conditioner Vittorio Caruso, who is aiming his stable stalwart Altieri (GB) (Selkirk) at the G2 Prix d'Harcourt at Longchamp Apr. 4, has his stable in top form. On Sunday he introduced the once-raced filly Zona (Ity) (Mr. Greeley) to impressively take her mile maiden in Milan and catch the eye.

Bruno Grizzetti brought out his two best older fillies on Sunday and got the required result as **Dan Grey (Ire)** (Danehill) battled to a hard-fought success at the San Siro and **Marbye (Ire)** (Marju {Ire}) won in cosy fashion at the Capannelle. No specific plans have been made for the latter, with connections looking at a return trip to France, where she finished third in the G2 Prix d'Astarte last August.

Two of the best three-year-old colts in Italy were also in action in Rome. Spirit of Desert (Ire) (Desert Prince {Ire}), runner-up to Pearl of Love (Ire) in last year's G1 Gran Criterium, started over a mile in the Premio Arconte, a conditions prep for the Parioli, but was outpointed by Scuderia Siba's Ceprin (Ire) (Desert Prince {Ire}). Ridden lengths off the pace by the ultra-confident Maurizio Pasquale, Spirit of Desert finished strongly but ran out of real estate against the Botti-trained winner. While defeated, the runner-up impressed with his finish and is expected to improve from this return. Later on the card, his stable companion Distant Way (Distant View) easily took the Premio San Giuseppe over 1 3/8 mile, the first trial for the G1 Derby Italiano in Rome May 30. That proved some compensation for trainer Lorenzo Brogi and owner la Nuova Sbarra after their main Derby hope Vol de Nuit (GB) (Linamix {Fr}) was injured two weeks ago on the gallops.

Sunday Night Results:

Rome, 4.05, 3-21, Cond, €19,125, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:51.60, gd.

MARBYE (IRE) (f, 4, Marju {Ire}--Hambye {GB} {Hwt. 2yo Filly-Ity, MSW-Ity, \$121,169}, by Distant Relative {Ire}), who emerged on the international scene with a fine third placing behind Bright Sky (Ire) and Six Perfections (Fr) in the G2 Prix d'Astarte at Deauville in August, ended her 2003 campaign by winning the G3 Premio Sergio Cumani in Milan in October and finishing third in the G2 Premio Ribot at this track the following month. Making her seasonal bow as the 1-5 punter's choice here, she recorded a workmanlike 3/4-of-alength score over Crodam di San Jore (GB) (Most Welcome {GB}), with Mirco Demuro not having to ask a serious question of the Teruya Yoshida colorbearer. Lifetime Record: GSW-Ity & GSP-Fr, 18 starts, 9 wins, 7 places, €277,910.

O-Teruya Yoshida; B-Curtasse SNC; T-Bruno Grizzetti

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

3rd-AQU, \$44,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo, 1 1/8m, 1:53 1/5, ft

CALLCAT (g, 3, Family Calling--Windcat, by Iroquois Park) Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-0, \$69,113. O-Peter V Rosbeck. B-Hidden Point Farm Inc (NY). T-Joseph Imperio.

5th-HAW, **\$38,080**, Opt. Clm. (\$35,000-\$30,000), NW1X, 3yo, f, a1m70yd, 1:43 2/5, ft.

BARREL RACER (f, 3, Western Playboy--Miss Delovely {SW, \$212,171}, by Lord At War {Arg}) Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-0, \$57,656. O-G O B Racing Stable & Nancy Vanier. B-Mr & Mrs Harvey L Vanier (IL). T-Brian Williamson.

7th-HAW, \$30,000, NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:43, ft.

DECO'S SECRET (c, 4, Montbrook--Deco Beat, by Well Decorated) Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-3, \$71,460. O/B-Scott E Ricker & Thomas J Kelly (IL). T-Anthony J Granitz.

11th-SUN, \$26,900, 3-21, Opt. Clm. (\$20,000), NW1YX, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:37 4/5, ft. FUNNY MOOD (ARG) (m, 7, Equalize--Fecial {Arg}, by

Logical) Lifetime Record: GSW & MG1SP-Arg, 31-7-4-4, \$133,540. O-W Rowland Hancock & Jessie R Walker.

B- Avourneen (ARG). T-Steven M Asmussen. *1/2 to Fast Motion (Arg) (El Basco), SW & MGSP-Arg.

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9th-PHA, **\$21,200**, NW1X, 4yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:44 2/5, ft.

VERY CONCERNED (c, 4, Concern--Super Doer {MSW & MGSP, \$252,155}, by Skip Trial) Lifetime Record: 13-4-4-2, \$62,655. O-The Elkstone Group LLC. B-Dr & Mrs Thomas Bowman (MD). T-Michael V Pino. *\$45,000 yrl '01 FTMOCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Eros, c, 3, Distinctive Pro--Won Scent (GSP, \$303,110), by Air Forbes Won. AQU, 3-22, (S), 6f, 1:13 3/5. B-Flatbird Stable (NY). *1/2 to Mr. Determined (Raja's Revenge), MSP, \$222,581.

Lauren's Peak, f, 3, Faster Than Quick--Say Beryl, by Say Guv. DED, 3-21, 5f, 1:01 2/5. B-James Roy Sebastien (La).

SO. HEMISPHERE WINNERS BY U.S. STALLIONS: Taken (Aus), f, 3, Gilded Time-Isle Of Pines (GB), by Kris (GB). Sandown (Melbourne), 3-17, Hcp, 3yo, f, 6½fT. B-Rose McCallum & Co Pty Ltd.

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

ITALY, Milan, 4.50, 3-21, €30,600, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 2:07.20, gd.

DAN GREY (IRE) (f, 4, Danehill--Myrtle Beach {Ire}, by Kenmare {Fr}) Lifetime Record: SW-Ity, 9 starts, 5 wins, 2 places, €98,600. O-Scuderia Belforte SRL; B-J Halley; T-Bruno Grizzetti.

ITALY, Rome, 2.35, 3-21, €26,775, 3yo, c/g, 1mT, time: n/a, gd.

CEPRIN (IRE) (c, 3, Desert Prince {Ire}--Black Wood, by Woodman) Lifetime Record: 6 starts, 3 wins, 3 places, €44,455. O/B-Scuderia Siba SPA; T-Alduino and Giuseppe Botti.

ITALY, Rome, 4.35, 3-21, €26,775, 3yo, c/g, 1 5/16mT, 2:11.90, gd.

DISTANT WAY (c, 3, Distant View--Grey Way {GSP-US & Ity, \$173,449}, by Cozzene) Lifetime Record: SW-Ity, 8 starts, 5 wins, 2 places, €81,770. O-Allevamento la Nuova Sbarra SRL; B-Grundy Bloodstock; T-Lorenzo Brogi. *€100,000 yrl '02 ITYSEP.

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ITALY, Rome, 5.05, 3-21, €22,950, 4yo/up, 1 3/8mT, time: n/a, gd.

DARREL (GB) (g, 6, Distant Relative {Ire}--Besadar, by Silver Hawk) Lifetime Record: 39 starts, 14 wins, 11 places, €184,710. O-Scuderia la Selva Oscura; B-Scuderia Curtasse SAS; T-Raffaele Biondi.

ITALY, Milan, 2.50, 3-21, €22,950, 3yo, 1mT, 1:43.40, qd.

BOYSUN (IRE) (c, 3, Ashkalani {Ire}--Babalu {Ire}, by Doyoun {Ire}) Lifetime Record: SW-Ity, 4 starts, 3 wins, 0 places, €51,000. O/B-Scuderia Sant'Ambroeus SRL; T-Laura Grizzetti.

ITALY, Milan, 3.20, 3-21, €22,950, 3yo, f, 1mT, time: n/a, gd.

AN JOLIE (IRE) (f, 3, Dr Devious {Ire}--Sudden Interest {Fr}, by Highest Honor {Fr}) Lifetime Record: SP-Ity, 9 starts, 3 wins, 5 places, €56,270. O-Scuderia Zaro; B-J F Tuthill and Mrs A W Whitehead; T-Aldo Feligioni.

ITALY, Rome, 3.35, 3-21, €19,125, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:41.70, gd.

DORR (ITY) (f, 3, Stuck--Donna Veja {Ity}, by Flash of Steel {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 9 starts, 4 wins, 3 places, €38,590. O-L Marinelli; B-Giuseppe Farina; T-Cesare Marinelli.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

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Choco Coco (Ire), c, 3, Entrepreneur (GB)--Clara House (GB), by Shirley Heights (GB). Milan, Italy, 3-21, Mdn, 3yo, c/g, 1mT. B-Scuderia Marcello Lazzeri. €28,000 yrl '02 ITYSEP.

Saradon (GB), f, 3, Mark of Esteem (Ire)--Senebrova (GB) (GSW-Ity, \$127,951), by Warning (GB). Pisa, Italy, 3-21, Mdn, 3yo, f, 7½fT. B-Compagnia Generale SRL. *1/2 to Stephant (GB) (Green Desert), SW & GSP-Ity, \$182,839.

Zona (Ity), f, 3, Mr. Greeley-Miss Gaily, by Dayjur. Milan, Italy, 3-21, Mdn, 3yo, f, 1mT. B-Stefano Luciani.

SO. HEMISPHERE WINNERS BY EURO STALLIONS:

Revolutions (Aus), f, 3, <u>Spinning World</u>--Rebel (Aus), by Bletchingly (Aus). Eagle Farm (Brisbane), 3-20, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1mT. B-Lewiac Pty Ltd.

Shore (Aus), c, 3, Victory Note--Dancer's Quest (Aus), by Elusive Quest (Ire). Eagle Farm (Brisbane), 3-20, Hcp, 3yo, 7fT. B-T Biggers.

Deck The Dolphin (Aus), f, 4, Dolphin Street (Fr)--'Tis The Season (Aus), by Father Christmas (GB). Sandown (Melbourne), 3-17, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1 5/16mT. B-L Manning.

Fire In The Hole (Aus), g, 4, King's Theatre (Ire)--Majestic Dame, by Majestic Light. Ellerslie (Auckland), 3-20, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1mT. B-Gaden Park.

Mr. Murphy (Aus), g, 6, Danehill--Marscay's Dream (Aus), by Marscay (Aus). Moonee Valley (Melbourne), 3-20, Hcp, 4yo/up, 7½fT. B-Ramsey Pastoral Co Pty Ltd.

FOALING NEWS...

TAPSTRESS, 14, Desert Wine--Ameridouble (Nodouble) Foal born Feb. 23, a colt by Forestry.

Will be bred back to Forestry.

Owned by Paul and Cynthia Busby.

Boarded at Taylor Made Farm, Ky.

Accomplishments: SW of \$152,210. Dam of Discreet Hero (Honour and Glory), GSW, \$294,251.

CATATONIC, 22, Big Spruce--Flapper (Graustark)

Foal born Feb. 24, a colt by Forestry.

Will be bred back to Distorted Humor.

Owned by Woodrow Marriott.

Boarded at Taylor Made Farm, Ky.

Accomplishments: GISW of \$437,431. Dam of Dactylic (Alydar), SW; Alynar (Alydar), SW, \$116,546; D'Coach (Dehere), MSP, \$138,438.

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