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**TEAM SOUTH AFRICA SET FOR BIG NIGHT**

Horses representing the Republic of South Africa have turned in one solid performance after another during the Dubai International Racing Carnival and have their respective connections thinking big ahead of tomorrow night's World Cup meeting at Nad al Sheba.

**Victory Moon (SAf)** (Al Mufti), who won last year's G2 UAE Derby on the program, looks to take his Dubai



**Victory Moon**  
Andrew Watkins photo

record to seven wins from nine starts when he takes on **Medaglia d'Oro** (El Prado {Ire}) and **Pleasantly Perfect** (Pleasant Colony) in the \$6-million G1 Dubai World Cup. The four-year-old colt turned in his final pre-race preparations yesterday morning, blowing out 400 meters in :23.75 with jockey Weichong Marwing in the irons. Trainer Mike de Kock, who conditions Victory Moon, will also tighten the girth around **Surveyor (SAf)** (Western Winter) in the G1 Dubai Duty Free S. A Group 1

winner in his native country, the gelding has shown steady improvement in Dubai, capped by a narrow victory over Godolphin's Vespene (Ire) in the G3 Jebel Hatta S. Mar. 6. Marwing also has the call on the four-year-old **Festive Style (SAf)** (Fort Wood), a maiden winner and three-time runner up in South Africa last spring and summer, is one of three fillies that will take on the boys in the G2 UAE Derby. Trained locally by Satish Seemar, the dark bay won a conditions event over the Nad al Sheba turf Feb. 19 before finishing second in the Mar. 11 UAE Oaks over the Derby course and distance. And even though **Crimson Palace (SAf)** (Elliodor {Fr}) will be carrying Godolphin blue for the first time in the Duty Free, she will also be closely watched by all of South Africa. A Group 1 winner in the country, she was purchased following an impressive conditions score Jan. 29. She gets the services of jockey Frankie Dettori, who selected her over G1 2000 Guineas winner **Refuse To Bend (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells), who makes his first start since finishing 11th in the G1 Breeders' Cup Mile Oct. 25.

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**On the Nad Al Sheba Worktab**

In addition to Victory Moon, several other candidates for Saturday's races had their final tune-ups yesterday morning. **Fair Mix (Ire)** (Linamix {Fr}), a leading contender for the G1 Dubai Duty Free S., breezed an easy quarter mile in :24.89 for trainer Marcel Rolland. The gray colt took the G3 Dubai City of Gold S. over the Duty Free course and distance Mar. 6 and previously won last year's G1 Prix Ganay...**Right Approach (GB)** (Machiavellian), who defeated stablemate Surveyor (SAf) in the Listed Unfuwain S. Feb. 21, worked a sharp two furlongs in :23.10 with Weichong Marwing up. The bay is also ticketed for the Duty Free...Japan's two hopes for the World Cup each went two panels. **Silent Deal (Jpn)** (Sunday Silence) covered the distance in :24.27 while **Regent Bluff (Jpn)** (Park Regent) went in :28.28.

☆ **PREVIEW** ☆

**Saturday, Aqueduct**

**DISTAFF BREEDERS' CUP H.-GII**, \$150,000a, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Fit Performer	Fit to Fight	Pimentel	115
2	Storm Flag Flying	Storm Cat	Prado	118
3	Chirimoya	Cobra King	Cotto Jr.	110
4	Randaroo	Gold Case	Migliore	121

**Saturday, Santa Anita**

**SANTA ANA H.-GII**, \$150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Go On Baby	With Approval	Court	113
2	Katdogawn (GB)	Bahhare	Smith	117
3	Sweetshew	Theatrical (Ire)	Martinez	109
4	Megahertz (GB)	Pivotal (GB)	Espinoza	120
5	Noches De Rosa (Chi)	Stagecraft (GB)	Baze	117
6	Fun House	Prized	Valdivia	118
7	Mandela (Ger)	Acatenango (Ger)	Santiago	113
8	Arabic Song (Ire)	Alhaarth (Ire)	Nakatani	114

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# WRITERS UP

## THE MIDAS MAN *by Christina Bossinakis*

Edmund A. Gann has spent a lifetime spinning his numerous business endeavors into gold and the Midas touch appears to have carried over into his foray into the world of horse racing. And never has that blessing been more apparent than during the 2003 racing season. Gann ended the year with 30-percent winners (25) from 83 starters and earnings of \$5,848,681. Edged by Juddmonte Farm for the Eclipse Award as Outstanding Owner of 2003, Gann appears on track to make another run at the title in 2004 and currently rests in fourth overall, with \$893,260 in earnings (as of Mar. 25), on the leader board of North American owners.

Born on Oct. 23, 1923, the Cape Cod, Massachusetts, native created his empire through a wide range of businesses, including banking, hardware, wholesale food, real estate and oil. Gann also became a major player in the tuna industry, where he controlled a large fleet of fishing boats and a 25-percent interest in the popular brand Chicken of the Sea. Eager for a slower pace and leisurely travel, the 80-year-old sold all of his shares in the company in December 2000, but has been anything but idle since. Prompted by his wife Bernice to increase his Thoroughbred holdings following his retirement, Gann has remained busy in recent years with his 11-acre retreat named Cedar Hills Farms, located in Rancho Santa Fe, California. Yet the running of a fully operational farm hasn't slowed Gann, who has made it a habit of zig-zagging across the United States to watch his horses compete in his red, white and blue silks.

Currently, he has shifted his attention to unchartered territory for a Gann representative, Dubai in the United Arab Emirates, where he will be on hand to watch his golden boy, Medaglia d'Oro, take on some of the world's best in Saturday's \$6-million G1 Dubai World Cup at Nad al Sheba.

**TDN:**

*Have you ever sent a horse to Dubai?*

**EG:**

Medaglia d'Oro is the first horse we have sent to Dubai. They had tried to get us to come to Dubai before, I think that was two years ago, but at that time there was a reason for not wanting to go [post Sept. 11]. But now, everything I hear about Dubai is great. They treat the owners great; it really is a great contest. You have some of the best horses in the world and you have the biggest prizes in the world.

***Although lucrative, the trip is reputed to be a tough one. How do you think Medaglia d'Oro will handle it?***

We got him in there early, so he can get acclimated. I think he can handle it or else we wouldn't have sent him over there. Look at the fields he's come up against in the past, always against the best. And he's still running, while most of those horses have already quit. The trip is tough and when we get him back, we will probably have to lay him up for three or four months. We already know that. These are the facts and Bobby never hides anything. I said to Bobby, "do what you gotta do." He has been managing these horses for me and I couldn't ask for a better manager.

***How did you get started in horse racing?***

I started out with a one-horse stable. A friend of mine owed me some money and was going out of business, so he said, "Well, I have a Thoroughbred, so to repay my debt, you can have half my Thoroughbred." To be honest, I didn't know if I really wanted Thoroughbreds, so I told him that I would think about it. I decided that I was not going to get any money from him anyway, so I might as well take a half share in Bold Producer [a 1971 filly by Saltville out of Puts and Calls {by Social Climber}]. We raced her up north in the Seattle area for while, we later brought her down to Del Mar and she won a race. After that, she won two more races, and I thought to myself, "This is an easy game."

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<b>1</b>	DALAKHANI.....	Fee: €45,000
	OASIS DREAM.....	Fee: €35,800
	HIGH CHAPARRAL.....	Fee: €35,000
	HAWK WING.....	Fee: €25,000
<b>0</b>	DUBAI DESTINATION...	Fee: €35,800
	NAYEF.....	Fee: €21,500
	DOMEDRIVER.....	Fee: €17,200
	STORMING HOME.....	Fee: €14,300
	CLODOVIL.....	Fee: €12,000 etc.



Gann Interview cont.

**How and when did the partnership with Bobby Frankel begin?**

At the time [late '70s], Bobby Frankel had just come up from the East Coast. He was doing quite well as a claiming trainer and he claimed a horse that I had owned with two partners. He took that filly, bred her to Cannonade and sold her [in foal] for \$128,000. I said to myself, 'this just the type of trainer that I want.' I went over and had to introduce myself to him. I told him that I wanted to have him come over to the barn and take a look at my horses and see if he wanted to take over our stable. We didn't have a large stable at the time. He came over to see what we had and I think from all the horses we had, we saved two. We stayed pretty much away from claimers after that. We decided that we wanted allowance and stakes horses, and that's pretty much what we did. Bobby has done a tremendous job for me. I have been with him ever since.

**How has your operation evolved over the years?**

We went from claimers to allowance and stakes horses. We tried buying yearlings and, later, we tried to buy two-year-olds. Early in the '70s, we were bringing in horses in from Europe and running grass horses and doing fairly well with them. They were quality horses and were very well bred. Bobby brought them over, moved many of them to the dirt and basically turned them around. Then we decided to switch back to two-year-olds in training, we bought a few juveniles. That worked out fairly well. About three years ago, we joined with bloodstock agent Mark Reid and he found four horses for us right in a row--You, Medaglia d'Oro, Peace Rules and Midas Eyes--and everyone of them was a winner. Mark Reid was buying the horses and Bobby was training them. Bobby and Mark would confer, Bobby would go over and check them out and decide whether we would buy them or not. We did quite well, but we haven't bought a horse for a year or so. Mark is still looking for horses for us and if he ever finds something good, he always calls.

**Describe your professional relationship with Bobby.**

We just get along great. I have been in racing for about 30 to 35 years, and Bobby Frankel has been my trainer for most of that time. We confer and we tell each other what we think. If you're going to ask him some hard questions or there is something wrong with a horse, he is not afraid to tell you. He gives it to me straight. If there is a problem with a horse and he feels that he can't do anything with him, he'll tell you straight.

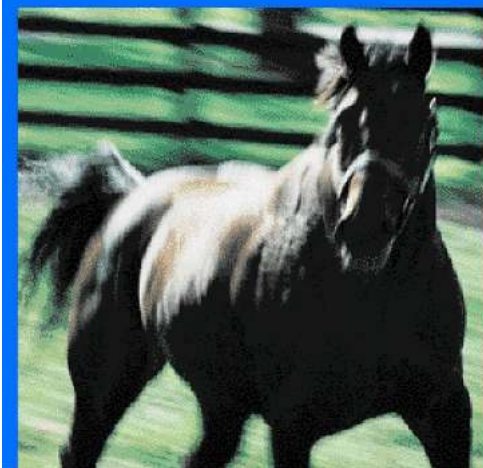
He is also close friend of the family. We fly all around the country and even rent homes together [during the Saratoga meet]. He is a great guy. A lot of the people in the industry have a different impression of Bobby. Most people don't really know him. He really has a big heart.

**What do you think makes your operation so successful?**

I think if you have the combination I have had in the last two or three years in Mark Reid and Bobby Frankel, that's a winning team. Bobby's a hard-working guy and takes it quite hard when he loses. If we buy a horse and he doesn't do well, he may turn him out for a while and then try and bring him back, but he never gives up on him. That's a pretty good trait Bobby has. He is not one to run a horse unless that horse can do some good. I don't think he ever put a horse in the ring that he didn't think had a chance. The guy is a top trainer and he will get everything he can out of horse, as much as anybody can get out of a horse.

**What is your most memorable moment in racing?**

I would have to say that one of those moments was with You in the [2002] Test S. [at Saratoga] and the other was in the [New Orleans H. at Fair Grounds Feb. 29] with Peace Rules. He was passed by about a length by [Saint Liam], but then came up along the rail and carried [jockey Jerry] Bailey right past the other horse. That was really a thrilling moment for us. To tell you the truth, I have a lot of really great memories. We have been blessed with tremendous horses.



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**What is your feeling about missing out on the Eclipse award last year?**

We've never won an Eclipse Award, whether it's political or something else, but really it never bothers me because we have done fantastic. I couldn't expect more from our stable. The last three years, we have had great success.

**What do you consider to be the most desired goal that has eluded you thus far?**

Everybody wants the Kentucky Derby. I have had horses in the Triple Crown and in the Breeders' Cup races, but that is the one everyone wants to win. We came close though [4th in the Derby with Medaglia d'Oro in 2002]. We have been fortunate; we have won the GI Travers S. [Medaglia d'Oro], the GI Haskell Invitational H. [Peace Rules] and the GI Atto Mile [Riviera] in Canada, but every horse owner would like to win the Kentucky Derby. But it's a pretty tough thing to do. It's one in a million. If you have the horse and you have luck, then maybe you can pull it off.

**What is your current involvement in the breeding game?**

We have quite a number of horses at our farm and quite a number of them are our own. Right now, we have You, who will be bred to A.P. Indy. When we have mares that have been good to us, we will give it a try. I would like to see what You will produce. We don't have to sell her and we would like to make sure that she goes to a really good stallion, a horse that isn't a new stud. We wanted one that has a little bit of a track record, like A.P. Indy. I think A.P. Indy fits You because he is a little bigger bodied, and You is quite feminine. We think that we might have a chance to come up with a nice horse.

**Where do you see your racing operation in five years?**

I'm 80 years old, but my wife and I enjoy racing very much. We are still going to be in racing, because I can't see myself quitting at this stage of the game. We have the right people in place, we have the best bloodstock agent in the country and we have the best trainer in the world. What a combination; why change anything or think about getting out?

**Graded Stakes Winners  
Campaigned by  
Edmund Gann**

**Grade I Winners..**

<u>Horse</u>	<u>Major Wins</u>
<b>Johnny's Image</b> (Stage Door Johnny)	Hollywood Inv. (1979)
<b>Al Mamoon</b> (Believe It)	John Henry (1987)
<b>Roi Normand</b> (Exclusive Native)	Sunset H. (1988)
<b>Pay The Butler</b> (Val de l'Orne)	Japan Cup (1988)
<b>Louis Cyphre (Ire)</b> (Niniski)	Mevyn LeRoy H. (1991)
<b>Filago</b> (Foolish Pleasure)	Oak Tree Inv. (1991)
<b>Gravieres (Fr)</b> (Saint Estephe)	Santa Ana H. (1992)
<b>You and I</b> (Kris S.)	Metropolitan H. (1995)
<b>Double Wedge</b> (Northern Baby)	<i>incl.</i> Gamely H. (1990)
<b>Riviera (Fr)</b> (Kris {GB})	Atto Mile (2000)
<b>Denon</b> (Pleasant Colony)	<i>incl.</i> Hollywood Derby (2001)
<b>Timboroa (GB)</b> (Salse)	<i>incl.</i> Turf Classic Inv. (2001)
<b>Medaglia d'Oro</b> (El Prado {Ire})	<i>incl.</i> Travers S. (2002)
<b>You</b> (You and I)	<i>incl.</i> Acorn S. (2002)
<b>Peace Rules</b> (Jules)	<i>incl.</i> Haskell Inv. H. (2003)

**Honorable Mentions:**

Final Destination (NZ) (GII), Midas Eyes (GIII), Fateful Dream (GIII), Val des Bois (Fr) (GII), Nunatall (GB) (GIII), Labamta Babe (GII), Watchem Smokey (GIII), Top Shape (Fr) (GIII), Igottherhythm (GII), Martiniquais (Ire) (GII), Wickerr (GII), Torch Rouge (GB) (GII), Seattle Borders (GIII).

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NORTH AMERICA

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**Yesterday's Results:**

**6th-GPX, \$38,000, Alw, NW3X, 4yo/up, a1 1/16mT, 1:44 3/5, fm.**

**REMIND (c, 4, Deputy Minister--Watch the Time, by Timeless Moment)** played the role of groomsmen through much of 2003, filling the underside of the exacta in four straight graded stakes last summer, including the GII Arlington Classic in late June. He finally got his picture taken in the Storm Cat S. at Keeneland in October and, following a troubled sixth in the Jan. 4 GIII Appleton H. in his 2004 bow, just missed by a neck to Burning Roma in the Tampa Bay Breeders' Cup S. on Valentine's Day. Dropping in against allowance foes for the first time in over a year, the Claiborne homebred wheeled off the far turn with a narrow advantage and responded gamely to a Cornelio Velasquez drive, besting Fast Decision (Gulch) by a length. The winner is a half to War Thief (Lord At War {Arg}), GSW, \$608,912; Stop Watch (Lord At War {Arg}), SW & GSP, \$348,813; Watch (Lord At War {Arg}), GSW, \$610,939; and a 3/4 to Prime Meridian (The Prime Minister), GSW, \$263,415. Lifetime Record: SW & MGSP, 12-4-5-0, \$294,220. O/B-Claiborne Farm (KY). T-William I Mott.

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**8th-GPX, \$36,000, Alw, NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, a5fT, :57, fm.**

**ELUSIVE HONEY (f, 4, Elusive Quality--Honey Sipper, by Drone)** took an entry-level allowance on the dirt at Churchill in late October, then hit the place spot in her next two at this class, including her most recent over Gulfstream's main track Jan. 17. The dark bay, testing the sod for the first time as the 5-2 pick, rallied from off the lead and sprinted away when asked to win by 1 3/4 lengths. Candybedandy (Holy Bull) was second. The victory gave trainer Bill Mott the allowance double at Gulfstream yesterday. Elusive Honey, a \$32,000 KEESSEP yearling and \$80,000 OBSFEB two-year-old, is a half to Mon Capitan (Phone Trick), GSP, \$111,980. Lifetime Record: 8-3-3-1, \$93,635. O-David E Garner. B-Grade I Bloodstock, Inc & Halycon Farm (KY). T-William I Mott.

**STAKES CLOSINGS**

**TOMORROW, SATURDAY, MARCH 27:**  
**TRIPLE CROWN NOMINATIONS (6000s)**

- 05-01 \$1,000,000 *Kentucky Derby-I, CD, 3yo, 10f*
- 05-15 \$1,000,000 *Preakness-I, Pim, 3yo, 9.5f*
- 06-05 \$1,000,000 *Belmont-I, Bel, 3yo, 12f*
- 04-10 \$750,000 *Wood Memorial-I, Aqu, 3yo, 9f (750)*
- 04-10 \$350,000 *Carter H.-I, Aqu, 3yo/up, 7f (350)*
- 04-10 \$250,000a *Commonwealth Breeders' Cup-II, Kee, 3yo/up, 7f (250)*
- 04-10 \$150,000 *Bay Shore-III, Aqu, 3yo, 7f (150)*



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★ NEW YORK ★

Yesterday's Results:

3rd-AQU, \$42,140, Alw, NW2L, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:22 1/5, ft.

**TENTHIRTEEN** (g, 4, **Matty G--Conquistamiss**, by **Conquistador Cielo**), a full brother to the good sprinter My Cousin Matt, GSW, \$596,579, ran second by seven lengths after steadying into the first time at this level Feb. 19, then was third by a similar margin at six panels Mar. 7. Adding a bit of ground here, the 7-5 chalk was hustled up to contest the lead, kicked away turning for home and held sway over Western Revenge (Gone West). Lifetime Record: 12-2-4-1, \$97,640. O-Lunar Stables. B-Donald Marino (FL). T-Robert Ribaud.

★ KEENELAND ★

La Reina Pointing For Madcap Rematch:

**La Reina** (A.P. Indy), runner-up to the fleet **Madcap Escapade** (Hennessy) in the Mar. 13 GII Stonerside Forward Gal S., will look to even the score with that rival when she goes postward in the GI Ashland S. at Keeneland Apr. 3. A daughter of 1991 champion older mare Queena, the chestnut filly has never finished out of the exacta in her five career trips to the post, including a victory in the GIII Tempted S. last November. A close second to fellow Ashland hopeful **Ashado** (Saint Ballado) in the GII Demoiselle S., La Reina was having her first start of the year in the Forward Gal. The Ashland is also expected to attract reigning two-year-old filly champion **Halfbridled** (Unbridled).

★ EAST ★

Yesterday's Results:

8th-LRL, \$29,400, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000-\$28,000), NW3X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:46, ft.


**GELLI** (f, 4, **Geri--Polly Wally {SP}**, by **Our Native**) has done nothing wrong in four starts and didn't disappoint those who backed her down to 2-5 favoritism. A first-out winner on the second day of the year, she won by six lengths in her six-furlong allowance bow Jan. 22 and by 6 1/2 when stepped up to seven panels in an optional claimer Feb. 21. Making her route debut, she was allowed easy fractions on the lead and needed just one left-handed tap to ensure the victory by 2 1/2 lengths over Wallop (Grand Slam). Lifetime Record: 4-4-0-0, \$60,420. O-Gelli Partnership LLC. B-Donna G Booth (KY). T-Charles J Hadry.

9th-LRL, \$24,000, Msw, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft. + **KNOWN BACK HOME** (c, 3, **Roy--Come Back Home**, by **Known Fact**), a \$25,000 FTMSEP yearling, had a nice bullet prep from the gate at Laurel five days prior to his unveiling and took some support as a 5-1 chance. Sent to the fore after ducking in at the break, he clicked off sensible fractions and powered clear of the rest as they turned for home, winning by two lengths on the line. The closing O.K. to Go (Same Day Delivery) came on to be second. The victor is a half to The Deputy Is Home (French Deputy), SW, \$129,600. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$13,680. O-John V Alecci Stable Inc. B-Robert T Manfuso & Herbert I Moelis (MD). T-John V Alecci.

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★ CENTRAL ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

**8th-FGX, \$32,000, Alw, Opt. Clm.** (\$40,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:37 3/5, ft.

**MAMBOALOT (f, 4, [Kingmambo](#)--Investalot {GSW, \$312,665}, by Vice Regent)**, a \$250,000 KEESEP yearling purchase, beat the boys in a Saint-Cloud conditions event last September, then shipped stateside following her unsuccessful European finale in mid-October. The word was out in her U.S. bow as she wired the field as the even-money choice in an off-the-turfer over trip and track, but the filly was disqualified from purse money and thus had another shot here. Making all the pace, the 3-2 second choice kept them at bay throughout and won by an easy two lengths. Stakes winner Allspice (Coronado's Quest), the crowd's pick, finished second. Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-0, \$40,133. O-Vinery Stables LLC. B-Jaime S Carrion, Trustee (KY). T-Steven M Asmussen.

**6th-OPX, \$31,000, Msw, 3,4,5yo, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:46, ft.**

**CREEKER'S SURPRISE (f, 3, [Victory Gallop](#)--Miss Creeker {MSW, \$258,318}, by Red Ryder)**, fourth sprinting six furlongs in the slop Feb. 29, didn't catch any handicappers off guard, prevailing in her two-turn debut as the 2-1 favorite. The chestnut homebred lay off the first flank of horses, made a good middle move entering the turn, looked to be going in the wrong direction at the 3/16ths pole, but came back on again with verve to earn the one-length tally over Ruthie the Rocket (Confide). The victress is a half to Canyon Run (Dixieland Band), MSW & GSP, \$271,475; Gray Raider (Rubiano), GSP, \$219,746; Mr. Expo (Explodent), MSW, \$105,235; and Katie Be Fast (Track Barron), MSP, \$224,540. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$26,660. O/B-James Blackburn (KY). T-Jerry D Calvin.

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★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

**Castledale Possible for Santa Anita Derby:**

**Castledale (Ire)** (Peintre Celebre) worked a bullet six furlongs yesterday morning in 1:11 4/5 and remains a possibility for the Apr. 3 GI Santa Anita Derby, trainer Jeff Mullins said yesterday. The winner of his U.S. debut in the GIII Generous S. over the Hollywood turf course Nov. 29, the bay colt, owned in part by TVG personality Frank Lyons, made his first career start on the main track in his latest, finishing a well-beaten sixth in the GII San Rafael S. Mar. 6. "We're just going day by day now," said Mullins, who saddled Buddy Gil to a win in last year's Santa Anita Derby.

**Yearly Report Out of WinStar Sunland Oaks:**

**Yearly Report** (General Meeting), winner of the Jan. 19 GII Santa Ynez S. at Santa Anita, will not contest the WinStar Sunland Oaks Saturday, according to *Thoroughbred Times*. Explaining the withdrawal, trainer Bob Baffert told *Thoroughbred Times*, "She tied up as soon as she got back to the barn. We had to treat her. She needed a tranquilizer to get her completely relaxed." A winner of two of three lifetime starts, the filly has earned \$138,400 to date.

**Yesterday's Results:**

**7th-SAX, \$57,008, Alw, Opt. Clm.** (\$62,500), NW2X, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 1:59 3/5, fm.

**GASSAN ROYAL (c, 4, [Royal Academy](#)--Catatonic \$437,431, by Big Spruce)**, never worse than second in his career, returned from a 6 1/2-month absence to complete the exacta in a Hollywood turf allowance Nov. 16 then was a head second in his 2004 debut over course and distance Jan. 3. He atoned for that defeat with a 2 1/2-length success going 10 panels Feb. 13 and was the heavy chalk to win two in a row for the first time. A \$35,000 KEESEP yearling purchase, the half to Alynar (Alydar), SW, \$116,546, cantered along as he caboosed the field early, rallied wide into the stretch, took over just outside the eighth pole and pulled confidently clear to take it by 2 1/2 easy lengths as the 9-10 chalk. Hatif (Brz) (Spend a Buck) ran on late to earn the place.

Lifetime Record: 8-3-5-0, \$144,800.

O-Shigehiro Hatake & Semji Nishimura. B-Woodrow D Marriott (KY). T-Robert J Frankel.

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1st-SAX, \$44,856, Msw, 2yo, 2f, :21 4/5, ft.  
 + CHEATINSIDEOFTOWN (c, 2, Illinois Storm--Banker's Belle, by Far Out East) entered this off a bullet work from the gate at Fairplex, but was overlooked as an 8-1 chance. The bay was quickest into stride and sprinted to the wire a half length to the good of favored Kelly's Princess (Western Fame). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$28,080.  
 O-Duane Jenson. B-Michael Stieher (CA). T-P Levine.

CHANGING  
HANDS

**HIPOCRITE (CHI), f, 3, Hussonet--Wild Figure (Chi), by Worldwatch.**  
**Lifetime Record:** 13-4-2-0.  
**New Owners:** Triumph Racing Stables.  
**To Trainer:** TBD.  
**Agent:** Joe Brocklebank (Erin-American Bloodstock).  
**Notes:** A Listed winner in her native Chile, Hipocrite closed out the South American portion of her career with a second-place effort, beaten a nose, against males in the G1 Clasico Municipal de Vina del Mar at Valparaiso Mar. 4. Hipocrite's second dam, Kasey Figures, is a close relative to Vosburgh H. winner Gallant Romeo. The chestnut filly is the first proven horse to be acquired by Triumph Racing Stables, a newly formed venture based in Franklin Square, NY, not far from Belmont Park. The deal was brokered by Joe Brocklebank, who serves Triumph Racing Stables as its bloodstock advisor.

★ INDUSTRY INFO ★

**A Wild Night in Texas:**  
 "A Wild Night in Texas," this year's Breeders' Cup World Thoroughbred Championships "Not Black Tie" charity gala, is scheduled for Friday night, Oct. 29, at the Fort Worth Zoo's *Texas Wild!* exhibit. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation and the *Texas Wild!* Teacher Institute. Country music star George Strait, a Texas native and five-time Academy of Country Music vocalist of the year, will be the featured performer of the evening.

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SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT

**First-time starters/stakes runners: Friday, March 26**

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

- DONERAILE COURT** (Seattle Slew), Hill 'n' Dale, \$8K, 122/23/4 11-OP, Msw, 1 1/16m, Glennon, \$1K OBS AUG yrl
- ONE GOLF SIERRA** (Magic Prospect), Summerwind, \$500, 3/1/0 8-CT, Alw, 7f, Virginia Golfer, 15-1
- QUAKER RIDGE** (Forty Niner), Walmac, \$3K, 47/9/0 2-FG, Stk, 6f, Swoon Me Baby, \$3K EVA MAR 2yo, 20-1
- SAHM** (Mr. Prospector), Shadwell, \$5K, 51/9/1 6-MNR, Msw, 1m, Double Didgit Baby, \$24K EAS OCT yrl
- STORMIN FEVER** (Storm Cat), Airdrie, \$15K, 141/19/1 6-MNR, Msw, 1m, Post Op



★ CLASSIC CORNER ★

**BALMONT MISSES GUINEAS**

Sanford Robertson's **Balmont** (Stravinsky) will bypass the G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket May 1, it was announced yesterday. Last year's G2 Gimcrack S. winner, who was awarded the G1 Middle Park S. after the subsequent disqualification of Three Valleys, has suffered a slight setback and will instead be aimed at the major sprints. "Balmont's owner, Sanford Robertson, and I have decided that in light of a slight setback with the horse in February, we don't feel it would be the correct course of action to push him towards the 2000 Guineas," conditioner Jeremy Nosedo said yesterday. "Especially as there is a firm possibility his future lies over sprint distances. We are adopting a patient approach; Balmont will start his three-year-old campaign at Royal Ascot. We will consider both the G2 King's Stand S. [June 15] and the G1 Golden Jubilee S. [June 19], followed by a tilt at the G1 July Cup [at Newmarket July 8]."

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## DOUBTS OVER LOVE

Mark Johnston yesterday revealed that **Pearl of Love (Ire)** (Peintre Celebre) may miss the G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket May 1. Last year's G2 Futurity S. and G1 Gran Criterium winner has been sent to Greenwood Ellis veterinary surgery in Newmarket for repairs to a cracked hoof. "It's a wing and a prayer that it will work, but I am told everything went well, so, hopefully, he will make the 2000 Guineas," Johnston said yesterday. The Middleham conditioner also announced that last year's champion juvenile filly **Attraction (GB)** (Efisio {GB}) "galloped on Monday and is bang on track" for the G1 1000 Guineas at Newmarket May 2.

## ★ BRITAIN ★

### LEVY BOOST TO TRACKS

With the termination of the attheraces media rights deal set to take vital funds from British racing, the Levy Board stepped in yesterday to announce an extra contribution of £4 million to prize money this year. "It has been suggested that racecourses, because of their loss of income at the current rate from attheraces, are considering reducing minimum values by around 15 percent," commented Chairman Rob Hughes yesterday. "We believe that an additional £4 million should be sufficient to obviate the need for any reduction in minimum values. This will maintain prize money levels at their current rate, as long as the BHB and the racecourses support it with the necessary commitment."

### TRACKS REVEAL RACING CHANNEL PLANS

Newbury and Doncaster are among a group of independent racetracks with plans to produce their own racing channel if Attheraces goes off the air, according to *Racing Post*. Racetrack officials revealed that daily coverage could be revived within weeks if no agreement is reached with Attheraces. The new station would be called the Horseracing Channel. Attheraces may go off the air next Tuesday if an agreement with the racecourses is not reached. "Our priority is to ensure that racing fans are able to turn on their television sets and watch a wide selection of racing from courses across Britain," Newbury managing director Mark Kershaw told *Racing Post*. "If this cannot be delivered through Attheraces, racing needs a credible alternative broadcast proposition and one that will allow the sport to keep control of its product and its future." The Horseracing Channel will be subscription based, with interactive betting added if it proves "self-funding." Project director Andrew Brown said, "It is very much a contingency plan. The channel would go out on Sky and we are also talking to cable companies."

### HORTON NAMED NEW BETFAIR CHAIRMAN

Sir Robert Horton has been named non-executive chairman of Betfair. Horton is former chairman and chief executive of BP, chairman of Railtrack PLC and president of the Chemical Industries Association.

### Yesterday's Results:

**FREEPHONE STANLEYBET DONCASTER MILE**-Listed, £30,000, Doncaster, 3-25, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:39.13, gd.  
 1--**#SUBLIMITY (FR), 124, c, 4, Selkirk--Fig Tree Drive, by Miswaki.** (210,000gns yrl '01 TATHOU). O-Saeed Suhail; B-Stratford Place and Watership Down Stud; T-Sir Michael Stoute; J-Johnny Murtagh; £19,500. Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-0, £39,646.

2--**Gateman (GB), 129, g, 7, Owington (GB)--Scandalette (GB), by Niniski.** (31,000gns yrl '98 TATOCT). £6,000.

3--**Rockets 'n Rollers (Ire), 124, c, 4, Victory Note--Holly Bird (Ire), by Runnett (GB).** (Irl£16,500 yrl '01 GFOCT). £3,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 3HF, 2HF. Odds: 7-2, 10-3, 25-1. Also ran: Suggestive (GB), Makhlab, Lago d'Orta (Ire), Middlemarch (Ire), Lundy's Lane (Ire), Excelsius (Ire), Audience (GB).

Connections took a softly-softly approach to the campaigning of Sublimity at three after the colt showed marked greenness when veering on his debut in a Newmarket maiden in April. After two smooth scores, he finished fourth in the Listed Hampton Court S. at Royal Ascot in June before returning from a break to fill the same spot in the Listed Ben Marshall S. at Newmarket in November. Settled under cover in mid-division by Johnny Murtagh off the furious early tempo, he traveled easily to the quarter-mile marker where he was switched to chase Gateman and Keith Dagleish. Gaining the upper hand at the eighth pole, he was always in command in the run to the line despite the game rally of that rival. Winning jockey Johnny Murtagh told *PA Sport*, "He quickened well and has done very well for his first run of the year, and I'm sure Michael [Stoute] has left a little bit more in there."

**Doncaster, 2.55, Cond, £12,755, 2yo, 5fT, 1:01.57, gd. + NEXT TIME AROUND (IRE) (c, 2, Namid {GB}--In Due Course, by A. P. Indy),** the first to showcase his first-season sire (by Indian Ridge {Ire}) in this renewal of the Brocklesby S., was sent off at odds of 9-1. The blaze-faced dark bay broke sharply and stalked the early fractions, before dueling with Dance Night (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) and asserting in the final strides to win by a neck. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £7,398. O-T Osborne; B-Peter McCutcheon; T-Linda Stubbs.

**Doncaster, 2.20, Mdn, £8,600, 3yo, 1mT, 1:40.43, gd. GATWICK (IRE) (c, 3, Ali-Royal {Ire}--Airport {GB}, by Warpath {GB}),** a half brother to Hero's Welcome (Ire) (Simply Great {Fr}, SW & MGSP-Ire & SP-US, \$213,771), was third in a Nottingham maiden in August. Ridden along in rear throughout the early stages, the 4-1 second choice took an age to pick up, but kept responding to head Master Marvel (Ire) (Selkirk) with 150 yards remaining and assert for a head score. The winner was a 10,000gns DONSEP yearling. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, £6,225. O-W H Ponsonby; B-M J Dargan; T-Mick Channon.



## ★ FRANCE ★

### GROUP 3 WINNER GREEN NOON SIDELINED

**Green Noon (Fr)** (Green Tune), winner of the G3 Prix d'Aumale and second in the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac last year, has been sidelined because of a hairline fracture to her pelvis, reports *Thoroughbred Times*. Before her injury, the filly was considered a likely prospect for the G1 Prix de Diane (French Oaks) at Chantilly, but is expected to remain out of training until May. A winner of three of four career starts, the Carlos Lerner-trained filly has amassed \$129,292 in earnings.

#### Yesterday's Results:

**PRIX LORD SEYMOUR-Listed**, €45,000, Longchamp, 3-25, 4yo/up, 1 ½ mT, 2:40.60, hy.

1--**FOREIGN AFFAIRS (GB), 127, h, 6, Hernando (Fr)--Entente Cordiale, by Affirmed.** (20,000gns yrl '99 TATOCT). O-C C Walker-Osborne House; B-Kirsten Rausing; T-Sir Mark Prescott; J-Jean-Bernard Eyquem; €22,500. Lifetime Record: 21 starts, 7 wins, 11 places, €340,759.

2--**Jazz d'Allier (Fr), 123, g, 7, Agent Bleu (Fr)--Miss Akarad (Fr), by Akarad (Fr).** €9,000.

3--**Kindjhal (Fr), 123, c, 4, Ashkalani (Ire)--En Public (Fr), by Rainbow Quest.** €6,750.

Margins: HF, NO, 1. Odds: 24.30, 6.80, 3.10.

Also ran: Billy the Kid (Ire), Clear Thinking (GB), Paging the King (Fr), Idaho Quest (GB), Craig's Falcon (Fr), Tiyango (Ger).

Foreign Affairs is a stalwart of the shrewd Sir Mark Prescott stable and he showed he is a tough customer from the front with a determined score under Jean-Bernard Eyquem here. It was under that rider that the veteran took the Listed Grand Prix du Sud-Ouest at La Teste de Buch last September, before finishing fifth on his last start in the Listed Grand Prix de la Ville de Nantes in November. Handed a soft lead on his seasonal return, he maintained the relentless gallop all the way to the line to confirm the front-runner bias as Jazz d'Allier and Kindjhal closed late. "He is a gutsy horse with a big heart," Eyquem commented.

**Longchamp, 1.20, Mdn, €18,000, 3yo debutantes, c/g, 1m (AWT), 1:46.30, hy.**

+ **RED TUNE (FR) (c, 3, Green Tune--Born Gold, by Blushing Groom {Fr})**, a half brother to Gold Round (Ire) (Caerleon, GSW-Fr) and Born Something (Ire) (Caerleon, GSP-Fr & MSP-US, \$153,270) was settled in mid-division off the sedate early fractions. The 9-2 chance made progress to join the front rank when the sprint began in the stretch and quickened to the head of affairs approaching the eighth pole. Driven to the wire, he was always holding the persistent challenge of Dalton (Fr) (Bering {GB}) to win by a length. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €9,000.

O/B-Wertheimer et Frere; T-Criquette Head-Maarek.

**Longchamp, 1.50, Mdn, €18,000, 3yo debutantes, f, 1m (AWT), 1:45.30, hy.**

+ **FIRE DANCE (GER) (f, 3, Lomitas {GB}--Fraulein Tobin, by J. O. Tobin)** broke smartly and went straight to the lead. Still under a hand ride as her rivals attempted to close inside the final quarter mile, the 24-1 shot needed two taps of Eric Legrix's whip to hold My Sweet (Fr) (Zafonic) by 1 ½ lengths. The winner is a half sister to Fabiano (GB) (Shardari {Ire}, MSW & MGSP-Ger, MSP-Swe) and Germane (GB) (Distant Relative {Ire}, GSW-Eng). Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €9,000.

O-Count P von Stauffenberg; B-Count and Countess von Stauffenberg; T-Mikel Delzangles.

## ★ GERMANY ★

### SHAKE-UP AT THE COLOGNE RACE CLUB

Baron Georg von Ullmann resigned as president of the Cologne Race Club on Monday evening. At an extraordinary general meeting of the traditional institution, a new board was selected, headed by new president Claas Kleyboldt, with Dieter Meinke as vice president. Among its immediate targets is the negotiation of the sale of some 120 acres of real estate to help the Cologne Race Club in handling its debts. Von Ullmann and Dr. Heinz Fassbender also announced that they will be working together after founding a special promotion association to win new and necessary sponsors and investors for the currently ailing Club. The Cologne racetrack is one of the country's most prestigious, having held its first races more than 100 years ago. The G2 Gerling-Preis in April, sponsored by leading insurance company, had its inaugural running in 1934 and is the oldest sponsored race in the country. Other leading events at Cologne include the G2 Mehl-Mulhens-Rennen (German 2000 Guineas), the G2 Oppenheim Union-Rennen, which is the oldest and most tradition-rich Deutsches Derby trial, and the G1 Preis von Europa, one of Germany's most prestigious Group 1 events.

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## BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**8th-AQU, \$46,000, NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:51 1/5, ft.**

**PAY ATTENTION (c, 3, Take Me Out--That's Ravishing, by Big Spruce)** Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-1, \$87,510. O/B/T-Scott M Schwartz (NY).

**6th-AQU, \$43,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:17 4/5, ft.**

**EXPLOSIVE MEAGAN (f, 3, Lite the Fuse--Karusha, by Gate Dancer)** Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-2, \$61,500. O-Five Star Stable. B-Mina Equivest (NY). T-Bruce N Levine. \*\$25,000 yrl '02 FTNAUG; \$45,000 2yo '03 OBSAPR.

**9th-TPX, \$35,800, 3-24, NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:35 3/5, ft.**

**TEMPUS FUGIT (f, 4, Alphabet Soup--Delight U. S. A., by Quiet American)** Lifetime Record: 12-4-1-0, \$117,927. O-Briland Farm. B-Stacy Mitchell (KY). T-Kenneth G McPeek.

**7th-CTX, \$33,300, 3-24, NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:29, ft.**

**PATTY CAKES (m, 6, Rakeen--Smack, by Two Punch)** Lifetime Record: 46-9-7-10, \$141,110. O-Pamela A Arnold & Donald Bogart. B-Mr & Mrs Hugh J O'Donovan (MD). T-Pamela A Arnold. \*Look to Heaven (Storm Boot) finished first, but was DQ'd and placed fifth.

**7th-FGX, \$32,500, NW1X, (S), 3yo, a1mT, 1:38 4/5, fm.**

**UNKNOWN PARTS (g, 3, Islefaxyou--Parts Unknown {MSW, \$273,892}, by Brilliant Sandy)** Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, \$38,575. O/T-Merrill R Scherer. B-Merrill R Scherer & Thomas B Early (LA).

**10th-DED, \$32,500, 3-24, NW2L, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 5f, 1:01, ft.**

**NUGGET'O GOLD (m, 5, Sutter's Prospect--High Dollar Baby, by Nalees Man)** Lifetime Record: 17-3-4-2, \$63,576. O-Norma K O'Hara. B-Edward G Brennan (LA). T-Jean B Pujol.

**9th-OPX, \$32,000, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW1X, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft.**

**CEDAR SUMMER (f, 3, Souvenir Copy--Low Pressure, by Storm Bird)** Lifetime Record: SP, 12-2-0-3, \$60,840. O-Donna Wright-Clark. B-Muirfield East (MD). T-Robert E Holthus. \*\$100,000 yrl '02 FTKJUL.

**9th-FGX, \$30,000, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW1X, 3yo, 1mT, 1:37 3/5, fm.**  
**ALPHA CAPO (g, 3, Alphabet Soup--Miners Mirage {SW, \$204,308}, by Mining)** Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-1, \$51,260. O-Cathy & Bob Zollars. B-Adena Springs (KY). T-Steven M Asmussen. \*\$15,000 yrl '02 OBSAUG; \$55,000 2yo '03 ADNMAR.

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

**CREDIT GAL (m, 6, Fortunate Prospect--Honest Nickle, by Plugged Nickle)** Lifetime Record: 34-7-5-12, \$146,242. O-Michael J Gill. B-Clare Silva (FL). T-John J Robb.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Le Rock, g, 3, Artax--Rominna, by Crafty Prospector.** AQU, 3-25, (S), 1m, 1:38 1/5. B-Pioneer Ventures (NY). \*\$85,000 yrl '02 FTNAUG; \$58,000 2yo '03 FTMMAY.

**Louiecandoit, g, 3, Gebbia--She Nasty Too, by Nasty and Bold.** DED, 3-24, 5f, 1:00 3/5. B-Vincent Rizzuto Jr (La).

**Seven Come Eleven, c, 3, Lucky Roberto--Marypats Secret, by Secret Prince.** AQU, 3-25, (S), 1m, 1:36 4/5. B-Gus Schoenborn Jr (NY).

**+ Molly's Gun Moll, f, 3, Paranoide (Arg)--Unsinkable Molly B, by Marshua's Dancer.** SAX, 3-25, (S), (C), 5 1/2f, 1:06 2/5. B-Lazy Oak Ranch (Ca).

**True Blonde Beauty, f, 3, Proudest Romeo--Blonde Actress (SW & GSP, \$187,245), by Lyphard's Ridge.** OPX, 3-25, 1 1/16m, 1:45 1/5. B-Drs K K & V Devi Jayaraman (Fl).

**Holy Roller, f, 4, Pulpit--Rigamajig (MGSW, \$373,836), by Majestic Light.** FGX, 3-25, a1 1/16mT, 1:46 1/5. B-Peter E Blum (Ky).

## BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**FRANCE, Longchamp, 4.50, 3-25, €20,000, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:43.30, hy.**

**LA TARD (FR) (m, 6, Tot ou Tard {Fr}--La Goetha {Fr}, by No Lute {Fr})** Lifetime Record: 9 starts, 2 wins, 6 places, €43,685. O/T-B Joly; B-Haras de Preaux.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**+ Directa Star (Ger), c, 3, Dashing Blade (GB)--Directa Germania (Ire), by Priolo.** Milan, Italy, 3-24, Mdn, 3yo, 6fT. B-Gestut Directa.

**Anlon (GB), g, 3, General Monash--Cathryn's Song (Ire), by Prince Tenderfoot.** Thurles, Ireland, 3-25, Mdn, 3yo, 1mT. B-N E and Mrs Poole and Trickle-down Stud. \*11,000gns wnlg '01 TATDEC.