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**PARTY'S OVER**

Grade I winner **House Party** (French Deputy--Bill Back, by Relaunch) has been retired and will be bred to Horse of the Year Mineshaft. Trainer Allen Jerkens told *Daily Racing Form* that the four-year-old sustained an ankle injury in winning the Hurricane Bertie H. at Gulfstream Mar. 7. The Florida-bred was a consistent, late-running sprinter during her three-year-old campaign, coming from off the pace to capture the GI Prioress S., the GI Nassau County S. and the GIII Endine H. She also posted a third to Lady Tak and Bird Town in Saratoga's GI Test S. Though she came up second best to Harmony



**House Party and connections**  
Adam Coglianesse photo

Lodge in successive starts--the GII Gallant Bloom H. Oct. 5 and the GIII First Lady H. Jan. 11, House Party rebounded from an unplaced effort in the 1 1/16-mile Sunshine Millions Distaff to win what would be her final career start in the Hurricane Bertie. Racing in the colors of breeder Joseph V. Shields Jr., House Party heads into retirement with a record of 17-7-4-3 and earnings of \$694,564.

**SMITH, AZERI REUNITE IN APPLE BLOSSOM**

After much speculation, jockey Mike Smith and 2002 Horse of the Year **Azeri** (Jade Hunter) will join forces once again for Saturday's GI Apple Blossom H. at Oaklawn Park, according to *Daily Racing Form*. Smith, who rode the champion in all 16 lifetime starts, was originally slated to ride Derby leading candidate **Lion Heart** (Tale of the Cat) in the Santa Anita Derby, which will be contested the same afternoon as the Apple Blossom. However, Lion Heart's connections decided to send their charge to the Apr. 10 GI Toyota Blue Grass S., leaving Smith free for the assignment on Azeri. For her first start of the year and for trainer D. Wayne Lukas, the chestnut six-year-old is likely to face Island Fashion, Wild Spirit (Chi), Keys to the Heart and Golden Sonata. Also slated for the 8.5-furlong event is Star Parade (Arg) will be ridden by John McKee, according to trainer Darrell Vienna.

**WIMBLEDON EARLY CHOICE AT SANTA ANITA**

**Wimbledon** (Wild Rush), winner of the Mar. 7 GII Louisiana Derby at the Fair Grounds, was made the 5-2 early choice for Saturday's GI Santa Anita Derby. "He's all set [for the May 1 Kentucky Derby]," said trainer Bob Baffert. "We've already punched our ticket. He just has to run well Saturday." In the money in all three 2004 appearances, including his graded stakes debut last time out in the Louisiana Derby, the colt will be partnered by Javier Santiago in the nine-furlong prep for the Kentucky Derby. Second choice in the early line is undefeated **Rock Hard Ten** (Kris S.), winner of a mile allowance event over the Santa Anita dirt Mar. 3. The dark bay will be ridden by jockey David Flores instead of Gary Stevens, whose prior engagement in Europe will keep him from riding the Jason Orman-trained colt. Explaining the huge jump in class for Rock Hard Ten, who will be making his first foray into graded stakes company in the Santa Anita Derby, Orman said, "I think this horse has a real chance in [the Santa Anita Derby]. That's why we are running him here."

**Saturday, Santa Anita**

**SANTA ANITA DERBY-GI**, \$750,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	ODDS
1	Imperialism	Langfuhr	Espinoza	7-2
2	Lucky Pulpit	Pulpit	Court	12-1
3	Wimbledon	Wild Rush	Santiago	5-2
4	Castledale (Ire)	Peintre Celebre	Valdivia Jr	20-1
5	Quintons Gold Rush	Wild Rush	Nakatani	5-1
6	Rock Hard Ten	Kris S.	Flores	3-1
7	St Averil	Saint Ballado	Baze	7-2

All carry 122 pounds.

☆ **TRIPLE THREATS** ☆

**Visa Triple Crown Nomination Update**

Triple Crown Productions announced yesterday that **Kaufy Mate** (Diligence) is not among the late nominations to the Visa Triple Crown as previously stated. With the deletion, the list of late nominations now stands at 14.

**Another Stakes Winner for Doneraile Court**

**Basketball Court** wins the **Horatius S.**, becoming the newest stakes winner for Seattle Slew's son **Doneraile Court**. The previous day, **Baldomera**, another stakes winner from the 1<sup>st</sup> crop of **Doneraile Court**, placed in the **G3 Cicada S.** In addition, **Oh Oleg** placed in the **Howard B. Noonan S.** on 3/27.



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**Yesterday's Results:**

**NUMBERED ACCOUNT S.**, \$60,700, AQU, 3-31, (R), 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m, 1:52 2/5, my.  
1--**#OUR TUNE, 115, f, 4, Concorde's Tune--Uppa Hughie, by Secret Prince.** (\$11,000 2yo 2002 OBSAPR). O-Our Sugar Bear Stable; B-William V Terrill (NY); T-Michael Brice; J-P L Cotto Jr; \$36,420. Lifetime Record: 19-7-4-1, \$224,410.  
2--**Board Eligible, 115, f, 4, Goldminers Gold--Double Boarded, by Cormorant.** O-Rudina Stable. \$12,140.  
3--**Hot Golden Jet, 115, f, 4, A. P Jet--Hot Gossip, by Java Gold.** (\$50,000 yrl '01 FTNAUG). O-John Comfort & Albert Weiss. \$6,070.  
Margins: NO, 2, NO. Odds: 9.60, 8.90, 6.70.

Our Tune, a wire-to-wire winner against second-level allowance rivals Feb. 16, set the pace in the Gill Next Move H. at the Big A Mar. 14 before packing it in on the turn, finishing sixth by 13 1/4 lengths. Offered up at a nice price here off the disappointing effort, she was sent for the fore and skipped over a muddy Aqueduct track through :23 3/5 and :47 4/5 fractions. Shrugging off a pair of foes that had shadowed her through seven furlongs, she was immediately joined by the running-on Board Eligible at the top of the lane and had to dig deep to deny that foe in the shadow of the wire.

**STAKES CLOSINGS**

**TOMORROW, FRIDAY, APRIL 2:**  
04-24 \$250,000 Citibank Snow Chief, Hol, 3yo, ♂, 9f (250)  
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**Yesterday's Results:**

**8th-GPX, \$34,000, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft.**  
**CLASSY MIGRATION (c, 3, Migrating Moon--Classy Distinction, by Distinctive),** a \$37,000 OBSAPR two-year-old, came off a four-month respite to run out of the money in a pair of Gulfstream allowance races in January, then sprung the 15-1 confidence-building upset versus \$75,000 claimers over this trip Mar. 7. The bay, off as a 2-1 chance this time, was allowed no breathers as he led the way through split times of :21 4/5 and :44 3/5. Beginning to inch away at the quarter pole, he responded to his jockey's urging and stayed on well in deep stretch to best Medallist (Touch Gold) by a length and a half. Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-1, \$66,120.  
O-Buckram Oak Farm. B-Shamrock Stud Farm, Inc (FL). T-George Mikhailides.

**2nd-GPX, \$32,000, Msw, 4yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:45 2/5, ft.**

**FOREVER NOW (f, 4, Dynaformer--Madame Adolphe {GSW, \$214,259}, by Criminal Type)** had not raced since finishing sixth over a sloppy Saratoga track last Aug. 1. The dark bay filly, forced to steady behind horses on the first turn, settled just behind the pacesetters and moved to the front by midstretch, pulling clear to score by two lengths at 10-1. Forever Now was a \$190,000 KEESEP yearling. Lifetime Record: 8-1-2-2, \$43,260.  
O-Lee Lewis. B-Leroy S Close (KY). T-Mark A Hennig.

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★ EAST ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

**6th-PIM, \$25,000, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:44 4/5, ft.**

**PAWYNE PRINCESS (f, 3, Saint Ballado--Scottische, by Deputy Minister)**, a 3/4-sister to Scottish Halo (Jolie's Halo), GSW, \$406,600, earned a sharp 99 Beyer figure romping by 8 1/4 lengths in her Feb. 14 debut sprinting six panels at Laurel. Stepped up in distance and class, she tired as the 1-5 pick to be third in Laurel's Wide Country S. at this distance Mar. 6, and returned here as the 1-5 chalk once again. The \$250,000 OBSFEB two-year-old lived up to advanced billing, bounding clear at the top of the lane en route to a 13-length drubbing of her rivals. Many Many Bows (General Royal) was second. Lifetime Record: SP, 3-2-0-1, \$32,330. O-Michael J Gill. B-Double D Racing Stable, Inc (KY). T-John J Robb.

**7th-PIM, \$24,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:47 1/5, ft.**

**NIGHT HERON (f, 3, Silver Charm--Tactile {MGISW, \$380,768}, by Slew o' Gold)**, third in her six-furlong unveiling at Fair Grounds Jan. 2, improved to be second when stretched to two turns Jan. 31. She evidently disapproved of the switch in surface when moved to the grass in her next, running ninth by 10 1/2 lengths in New Orleans Feb. 22, but was back on the main track for this one and was the 3-2 pick to continue her progression on the dirt. Settled just off the leaders after bearing out at the break, the Meyerhoff homebred took control on the turn and left the rest to fight for scraps, coming home 13 3/4 lengths clear. 22-1 longshot Seductive (Lure) filled out the exacta. Lifetime Record: SP, 3-2-0-1, \$32,330.

O/B-Robert E Meyerhoff (MD). T-Richard W Small.

**Tuesday Night Results:**

**6th-MNR, \$21,700, Msw, 3yo, 5 1/2f, 1:06 1/5, my.**

**+ LITTLE NICKY REGS (c, 3, Carson City--Sister Explodent {MSW, \$188,610}, by Explodent)**, 3-1 in his bow, rated off a quick pace before sweeping out five wide into the lane and driving to the lead late for a 3/4-length victory over Danger Quest (Coronado's Quest). The winner is a half brother to Alison's Winner (Pine Bluff, MSW, \$184,736). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$12,586.

O/B-Frank J Regalbuto (KY). T-Rodrigo Madrigal Sr.

★ CENTRAL ★

**Krone to Make Lone Star Park Appearance:**

Hall of Fame jockey Julie Krone will make a special appearance on opening night at Lone Star Park, which kicks off its Spring Thoroughbred Season Thursday, Apr. 15. Krone, the all-time leading female rider, will participate in a free autograph session before the races when gates open at 4:30 p.m. (CDT). First post is 6:30 p.m. Krone will also be the featured guest at "Racing to the Breeders' Cup Party," a fundraising event set for Wednesday, Apr. 14 at the Silks Dining Terrace at Lone Star Park.

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

**IN BRITAIN:**

**Nathan Brittles**, g, 4, **Cat's Career--Doc's Answer**, by Dr. Schwartzman. Catterick, 3-31, Hcp, 3yo/up, 7fT. B-Marvin Little Jr & James H Iselin.

**Spindor**, g, 5, **Spinning World--Doree** (GSW-Fr, \$102,074), by Stop the Music. Lingfield, 3-31, Hcp, 3yo/up, 7f (AWT). B-Juddmonte Farms Inc.

**Bahamian Pirate**, g, 9, **Housebuster**. See "Britain."

**IN IRELAND:**

**Sahara Sonnet**, f, 3, **Stravinsky**. See "Ireland."



**SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT**

**First-time starters/stakes runners: Thursday, Feb. 26**

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

**BIANCONI** (Danzig), Ashford, \$5K, 128/15/0

7-PIM, Alw, 6f, Mariah's Bullet, \$75K FTF FEB 2yo, 6-1

**CHARISMATIC** (Summer Squall), Japan, 156/13/0

9-GP, Msw, 1 1/8mT, Toscanini, \$30K KEE SEP yrl

**EXPLOIT** (Storm Cat), Taylor Made, \$25K, 159/23/2

9-GP, Msw, 1 1/8mT, Expletive, \$350K FTS AUG yrl

**LIL'S LAD** (Pine Bluff), Pine Grove, 107/14/1

9-GP, Msw, 1 1/8mT, Lad's Sunshine, \$43K OBS MAR 2yo

**LUCAYAN PRINCE** (Fast Play), Old English, \$4K, 35/3/0

5-GG, Str, 1 1/16mT, We Got Money

**MAZEL TRICK** (Phone Trick), Airdrie, \$13K, 150/23/1

8-AQU, Alw, 1m, Tiara Gin, \$100K KEE OCT yrl

**REAL QUIET** (Quiet American), Taylor Made, \$10K, 127/14/0

8-PIM, Msw, 6f, +Ms. Real Thang, \$6K OBS APR 2yo, 20-1

**SAHM** (Mr. Prospector), Shadwell, \$5K, 51/9/1

8-PIM, Msw, 6f, Ganny Girl, 30-1

**SCATMANDU** (Storm Cat), Walmac Int'l, \$8K, 102/9/0

8-PIM, Msw, 6f, Miss Ashland, 30-1

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### Yearly Report Unlikely for Oaks:

**Yearly Report** (General Meeting), who tied up and was scratched late last week from last Saturday's Sunland Park Oaks, appears unlikely to contest the GI Kentucky Oaks Apr. 30, reports the *Daily Racing Form*. "I wouldn't be able to put a two-turn race into her [before the Oaks]," trainer Bob Baffert told the *DRF*. "Mrs. Mabee said 'just take your time and wait until she's right.'" The Golden Eagle Farm-owned filly has won two of three starts, including her latest start in the GII Santa Ynez S. Jan. 19.

### Yesterday's Results:

**4th-SAX, \$61,366, Alw, C, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09, ft.**  
**1--COCONUT GIRL, 116, m, 5, Cryptoclearance--Sarabi, by Lost Code.** (\$50,000 yrl '00 KEESEP; \$125,000 2yo 2001 BESMAR). O-JPF Investments I LLC; B-Leslie R Grimm & Flint S Schulhofer (KY); T-Paul G Aguirre. Lifetime Record: GSP, 13-4-2-3, \$171,956.  
**2--Devious Impact, 116, f, 4, Dr Devious (Ire)--Immediate Impact (Ire), by Caerleon.**  
**3--Diamond Tiara, 116, m, 5, Mr. Greeley--Shanli's Hope, by Ferdinand.** (\$100,000 yrl '00 KEESEP).  
 Margins: 1, 2, 1. Odds: 1.30, 3.50, 4.90.

Coconut Girl came back from a six-month layoff to finish third, beaten 4 1/4 lengths by Ema Bovary and Buffythecenterfold, last time out in the GIII Los Flores H. Feb. 22 and was sent off the solid 6-5 choice to improve second time out. Up close in second through a sharp opening quarter in :22.30, Coconut Girl wrestled the lead from Devious Impact after a half mile and inched way late for the professional score.

**7th-SAX, \$56,000, Alw, NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 9fT, 1:47, fm.**  
**STAGE SHY (f, 4, Theatrical {Ire}--Garimpeiro, by Mr. Prospector)** came home a 2 1/2-length winner in England last June, but failed to hit the board in three additional European outings. A winner in her U.S. debut over this track Jan. 29, the full to Geri, GISW, \$1,707,980 and Clure, GSW, \$361,349, went off the 5-2 third choice here. Off the early pace early, the \$725,000 KEESEP yearling rocketed around the final turn to take command and drew clear to score by four emphatic lengths. Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-0, \$72,421. O-R E Sangster. B-Allen E Paulson (KY). T-N Drysdale.

**3rd-SAX, \$46,000, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:35 2/5, fm.**  
**JORDYN MACOMA (m, 5, Dynaformer--Mysterel's Lady, by Saratoga Six)** ran second over the Churchill turf Nov. 8 in her last start for trainer Alison Register and returned to be a late-closing second over course and trip in her first start for trainer Ron Ellis Jan. 23. With blinkers on for this effort, the even-money choice rallied from just off the pace to take charge in deep stretch en route to a one-length tally. Call a Judge (Judge T C) was second. The winner was a \$115,000 KEESEP yearling. Lifetime Record: 8-1-2-3, \$58,740. O-A Campbell Jr. B-Mt. Brilliant Farm LLC (KY). T-R Ellis.

**1st-SAX, \$36,000, Msw, (S), 2yo, f, 2f, :22, ft.**  
**KELLY'S PRINCESS (f, 2, Western Fame--Chanceof-alifetime, by Pentelicus)** was second as the 8-5 favorite against the boys in her open-company debut Mar. 25. Bet down to 2-5 against state-bred fillies, the \$45,000 BESOCT yearling battled for the early advantage before defeating Swiss Ladybug (Swiss Yodeler) by 1 1/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$30,960. O-K M Stable Sebold. B-Applebite Farms (CA). T-A Kitchingman.

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Winner of the \$2 million Dubai Golden Shaheen (G1) March 27  
 O-C R K Stable; B-Thomas A. Groul; T-J. Sadler  
 Sold Keeneland November 1999 for \$40,000  
*Consigned by Dark Hollow, Agent for Manor Glen (Tom & Ann Graul);  
 Purchased by Rollin W. Baugh, Agent*  
 Sold Keeneland September 2000 for \$47,000; Earnings now \$1,423,120  
*Consigned by Cornerstone Stable, Agent; Purchased by J.R. Chapman*





★ FRANCE ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

**PRIX OMNIUM II-Listed**, €45,000, Saint-Cloud, 3-31, 3yo, c/g, 1mT, 1:43.00, gd/sf.

1--**AMERICAN POST (GB)**, 128, c, 3, by Bering (GB)

1st Dam: Wells Fargo (GB), by Sadler's Wells

2nd Dam: Cruising Height (Ire), by Shirley Heights (GB)

3rd Dam: Nomadic Pleasure (GB), by Nomadic Pleasure (GB)

O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms; T-Criquette Head-Maarek; J-R Hughes; €22,500. Lifetime Record: G1SW-Eng & Fr, 5 starts, 4 wins, 1 place, €473,700.

2--**Joursanvault (Fr)**, 128, c, 3, Verglas (Ire)--Jane Brust (Fr), by Brustolon (GB). (€13,500 yrl '02 DEAAUG). €9,000.

3--**Blackdown (Fr)**, 128, c, 3, Verglas (Ire)--Rade (Fr), by Kaldoun (Fr). €6,750.

Margins: 4, HF, HF. Odds: 0.30, 3.20, 15.00.

Also ran: Richon (Ire), Svedov (Fr).

It was a day of fast travel for Richard Hughes, who jetted in for the ride on American Post. The Irishman had 1:43 to experience more speed in motion as the Juddmonte homebred crushed his opposition on his return. The colt left an indelible mark at two, registering imperious scores in a soft-ground G1 Grand Criterium at Longchamp and a fast-ground G1 Racing Post Trophy at Doncaster in the space of three weeks. After what Khalid Abdullah's racing manager Teddy Grimthorpe described as "the long wait of winter", the powerhouse made an instant impression, pulling his way to the front within three furlongs of the start. Blackdown briefly threatened in the stretch, but American Post merely needed a shake of the reins and a wave with the whip to change gear and accelerate to a smooth score. "That was a relief and, of course, I am very happy with his performance," commented winning trainer Criquette Head-Maarek. "He is very lazy in the mornings, but loves competition and is a different horse at the races. He will go now for the G3 Prix de Fontainebleau [at Longchamp Apr. 25] and then on to the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains [French 2000 Guineas at Longchamp May 16]." As for later aspirations, Grimthorpe added, "The goal is to win the Poulains, which is the only Classic that Prince Khalid has not won with a homebred. He is in the G1 Epsom Derby [June 5] and the G1 Prix du Jockey-Club [at Chantilly June 6], but we will look at that later."

**Saint-Cloud, 2.05, Cond**, €28,000, 2yo, 4½fT, 54.90, gd/sf.

+ **LEGAL AFFAIR (FR)** (c, 2, Charge d'Affaires {Ire}--**Alips {Fr}** {MSP-Fr, \$252,999}, by Beudelaire}), representing the first winner for his freshman sire (by Kendor {Fr}), carried punters's confidence as the 11-10 favorite. Despite getting away alertly, he was settled in fourth by Eric Legrix and allowed the breakaway leader Sabelio (Fr) (Dolphin Street {Fr}) first run past halfway. Quickening dramatically in the closing stages, his rattle took him past that rival in the final strides to record a half-length score. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €14,000.

O/B-Marquise de Moratalla; T-Mikel Delzangles.

**Saint-Cloud, 2.35, Mdn**, €18,000, 3yo, c/g, 1 5/16mT, 2:17.30, gd/sf.

+ **CASTLE RISING (GB)** (c, 3, **Indian Ridge {Ire}**--**Orford Ness {GB}** {GSW-Fr}, by Selkirk), a half to Weightless (GB) (In the Wings {GB}), MGSW-Fr, \$141,608, broke well and was settled in a staking second off the moderate early fractions before moving to the lead with 1½ furlongs remaining. The 9-2 shot quickened decisively from there and had enough in the locker to hold Houghton Regrets (Deputy Commander) by a half length. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €9,000.

O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms; T-Pascal Bary.

**Saint-Cloud, 3.05, Mdn**, €18,000, 3yo, f, 1 5/16mT, 2:15.90, gd/sf.

+ **OMETSZ (IRE)** (f, 3, **Singspiel {Ire}**--**Jemifa {Fr}** {G1SW-Ity & GSP-Fr}, by Fabulous Dancer), held up towards the rear during the opening exchanges by jockey Christophe Soumillon, was moved up to a staking third by halfway. The 6-1 shot was ridden to the front wide on the course to lead with 100 yards remaining and beat Millionaia (Ire) (Peintre Celebre) by two lengths. The victress is a half to Camille (Fr) (Bikala {Ire}), SW & MGSP-Fr & SP-US, \$198,192. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €9,000.

O/B-Ecurie Fabien Ouaki; T-Jean-Marie Beguigne.

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4-2	OP	Northern Spur Breeders' Cup S.	3yo, c/g, 1m	\$75,000	4-10
4-2	OP	Instant Racing Breeders' Cup S.	3yo, f, 1m	\$75,000	4-10
4-3	AQU	Bed o' Roses Breeders' Cup H. (GIII)	3yo/up, f/m, 1m	\$150,000	4-17

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### BBC SECURE BIG MEETS

The BBC has secured an interim agreement guaranteeing the terrestrial television coverage of this year's Royal Ascot, Epsom Derby and Glorious Goodwood meetings. While negotiations are still in process with all other courses, the BBC's deal is the first step forward after the termination of the £307-million media rights agreement between attheraces and 49 of Britain's racecourses.

### Yesterday's Results:

**HBLB "FURTHER FLIGHT" S.-Listed, £30,000,** Nottingham, 3-31, 4yo/up, 14f 15ydsT, 3:03.08, gd.

1--**ALCAZAR (IRE), 126, g, 9, Alzao--Sahara Breeze (Ire), by Ela-Mana-Mou (Ire).** O-J Repard, F Melrose, O Pawle, M Stokes, R Black; B-J Repard; T-Hugh Morrison; J-Michael Fenton; £17,400. Lifetime Record: GSW-Fr & G1SP-Eng, 16-8-1-1, £138,632. \*1/2 to Lady of Chad (Ire) (Last Tycoon {Ire}), Hwt. 2yo Filly-Fr, G1SW-Fr, \$219,574.

2--**Dusky Warbler (GB), 126, g, 5, Ezzoud (Ire)--Bronzewing (GB), by Beldale Flutter.** £6,600.

3--**Hilbre Island (GB), 125, c, 4, Halling--Faribole (Ire), by Esprit du Nord.** (26,000gns wnlg '00 TATDEC; 46,000gns yrl '01 GOFORB). £3,300.

Margins: 3HF, HF, 1 3/4. Odds: 11-8, 11-4, 7-4.

Also ran: Qudrah (Ire), Taffrail (GB), Celtic Vision (Ire).

Alcazar looked the class act in this contest and the evergreen duly delivered his surge to win back-to-back renewals. Last year, the nine-year-old built on this success to take his injury-strewn career to new heights by winning the G3 Sagaro S. at Ascot and finishing runner-up to Westerner (GB) in the G1 Prix Royal-Oak at Longchamp in October. Settled in a stalking third by Michael Fenton here, he was full of run at the top of the straight and quickened through a gap on the rail approaching the quarter-mile marker. Never in any danger from there, he was driven out to record a convincing score.

**Nottingham, 3.40, Cond, £8,275, 3yo/up, 5f 13ydsT, 57.98, gd.**

**BAHAMIAN PIRATE (g, 9, Housebuster--Shining Through, by Deputy Minister),** runner-up in the 2002 G1 July Cup, had struggled in decent company last term, but showed a glimpse of a return to form when sixth in the G1 Prix de l'Abbaye de Longchamp on his last start in October. Sent off the 5-2 pick on his return, the half to Strong Hope (Grand Slam), MGSW & GISP-US, \$609,960, raced prominently before quickening to the front with 150 yards remaining and asserting to beat Fromsong (Ire) (Fayruz {GB}) by 1 1/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: GSW-Ire, SW-Eng, G1SP-Eng & Fr, 56-8-11-6, £298,507.

O-Lucayan Stud; B-Trackside Farm & Liberation Farm & G A Seelbinder; T-David Nicholls.

**Nottingham, 2.10, Mdn, £6,425, 2yo, 5f 13ydsT, 1:00.99, gd.**

+**ALVARINHO LADY (GB) (f, 2, Royal Applause {GB}--Jugendliebe {Ire}, by Persian Bold {Ire}),** sent off at odds of 11-2, broke well and stalked in second before quickening to the front approaching the eighth pole. Pushed out from there, she held a comfortable 1 1/2-length margin over Dante's Diamond (Ire) (Orpen) at the line. The winner was a 10,000gns TATDEC weanling. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £4,176.

O-Mick White; B-Whitsbury Manor Stud; T-D H Jones.

**Lingfield, 2.00, Mdn, £5,770, 3yo, 7f(AWT), 1:26.24, std.**

**INSTANT RECALL (IRE) (c, 3, Indian Ridge {Ire}--Happy Memories {Ire}, by Thatching {Ire}),** a 140,000gns TATOCT yearling, finished third in a course-and-distance maiden on his debut Mar. 19 and was sent off the 5-4 favorite to improve. Keen in the early stages, he raced prominently before taking command with 300 yards remaining. Pressed and passed briefly by Emtilaak (GB) (Marju {Ire}) inside the final eighth, he rallied to regain the lead in the final strides and win by a head. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, £4,550.

O-Susan Roy; B-Frank Dunne; T-Brian Meehan.

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### Yesterday's Results:

**Clonmel, 2.30, Mdn, €13,496, 3yo, f, 1 1/4mT, 2:13.00, yl.**

**SAHARA SONNET (f, 3, [Stravinsky](#)--Sahara Sun {SP-Fr}, by Alysheba),** runner-up in a Fairyhouse maiden in September, went off the 3-1 second choice for her return. Settled in a stalking third early, the half to Sahara Slew (Seattle Slew), GSW-Eng, \$124,405, took the lead with quarter of a mile remaining before battling gamely to beat Spring Opera (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) by a half length. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, €13,924.

O-Lady O'Reilly; B-Skymarc Farm; T-John Oxx.

## BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**9th-AQU, \$44,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m, 1:54 4/5, my.**

**ZUKINIKIKI (f, 4, Key Contender--Sugar Blues, by Personal Flag)** Lifetime Record: 12-2-4-2, \$96,896. O-Four Drake Stable. B-John Hettinger (NY). T-Bruce N Levine.

**9th-OPX, \$36,500, Opt. Clm. (\$80,000), NW1\$3MX, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:44 2/5, ft.**

**SALZURITA (ARG) (m, 6, Interpretate {Arg}--Suggestif {Arg}, by Logical)** Lifetime Record: MSW-US, MG1SP-Arg, 26-6-4-5, \$172,788. O-David Korkames. B-Don Arcangel (ARG). T-Thomas L Van Berg.

**11th-SUN, \$31,741, 3-30, NW26MX, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:08 3/5, ft.**

**PACER (h, 5, Pancho Press {Arg}--Tilt Gate {MSW}, by Tilt Up)** Lifetime Record: MSW, 22-7-6-3, \$148,447. O-Joe Dee & Lisa Brooks. B-Old School Racing (TX). T-Todd W Fincher. \*\$8,000 yrl '00 RUIAUG.

**8th-MNR, \$28,200, 3-30, NW2X, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:40, my.**  
**CURT'S FIRST BID (h, 5, Digression--Brown Bubbles, by Ask Me)** Lifetime Record: 21-7-0-4, \$94,437. O-Legacy Racing Inc. B-L Kent Slater (ID). T-Lonnie Stokes.

**7th-SUN, \$28,000, 3-30, NW3L, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft.**

**HAT CREEK (f, 3, Prospector Jones--Lucky Secretary, by What Luck)** Lifetime Record: 4-3-1-0, \$51,018. O-Donnie Stockridge & Becky Torres. B-Clement Boyd DVM (NM). T-Ben Torres.

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the 8th Race, \$44,000 Alw, at Aqueduct. For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).

**8th-PIM, \$27,000, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000-\$20,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11 4/5, ft.**

**STANDING ROOM ONLY (g, 5, Citidancer--It's a Hit, by Pleasant Colony)** Lifetime Record: 25-5-5-3, \$105,506. O-T K Racing LLC. B-Althea Richards (VA). T-A Ferris Allen III. \*\$26,000 2yo 2001 FTMMAY. \*\*1/2 to Smashing Beau (Beau Genius), MSW, \$343,198.

**10th-SUN, \$21,400, 3-30, NW2L, 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:16 1/5, ft.**

**REGAL CHAMP (g, 3, Fabulous Champ--Regal Ruthie {SP, \$123,366}, by Falstaff)** Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-0, \$33,859. O-Frederick Jack Liebau Sr. B-Jack Liebau Sr (CA). T-Brant L Taylor.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Expect Nothing, f, 3, A. P Jet--Missalaric (SP),** by Dom Alaric (Fr). AQU, 3-31, (S), 6f, 1:14. B-J Gerrity (NY).

**Ron Greschner, c, 3, Raffie's Majesty--Mary's Rainbow,** by Cure the Blues. AQU, 3-31, (S), 1 1/8m, 1:55 2/5. B-Peter & Dorothy de Stefano (NY).

**Run to Glory, c, 4, Danzatame--Lorene's Prospect,** by Northern Prospect. AQU, 3-31, (S), 1 1/8m, 1:54 3/5. B-Paraneck Bloodstock (NY).

**Kokeshi, f, 4, Loup Sauvage--Sound Breaker,** by Afleet. MNR, 3-30, 5 1/2f, 1:07 4/5. B-Highlands Farms, Inc (Ut). \*Won via disqualification.

## BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

### CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**ITALY, Rome, 2.35, 3-30, €19,125, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT, 2:38.00, gd.**

**LUIS BATARAT (IRE) (h, 5, Flying Spur {Aus}--Build a Dream, by Runaway Groom)** Lifetime Record: 37 starts, 6 wins, 20 places, €142,876. O-Scuderia Ri Ma SRL; B-Villa Dosia SRL; T-Fabrizio & Luigi Camici.

**ITALY, Rome, 4.35, 3-30, €19,125, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:40.60, gd.**

**SUPER BOBBINA (IRE) (f, 3, Dagers Drawn--Lucky Coin {GB}, by Hadeer {GB})** Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €22,865. O-Scuderia Chimax SRL; B-John Hutchinson; T-Ivano Bugattella.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Place Cowboy (Ire), c, 3, Compton Place (GB)--Paris Joelle (Ire),** by Fairy King. Catterick, Britain, 3-31, Mdn, 3yo/up, 5f 212ydsT. B-John Bourke and Rodger O'Callaghan. \*Ir£34,000 wnlg '01 GOFNOV; 85,000gns yrl '02 TATOCT.

**Mades (Ire), f, 3, Desert Prince (Ire)--Matahina (GB) (SW-Ity),** by Moorestyle {GB}. Rome, Italy, 3-30, Mdn, 3yo, 1mT. B-Scuderia Curtasse. \*1/2 to Juhina (Ire) (Marju {Ire}), MSW & GSP-Ity, \$381,559.



## WRITERS UP

### HARNESSING THE INNER TROTTER

By Bill Finley

When Dr. Franklin Cummings, one of British Columbia's most noted psychiatrists, closed his practice in 1998 to pursue his first love, training harness horses, he never imagined he could combine his two specialties. That was until a friend and a rival trainer asked him to help with a talented but high-strung standardbred who kept breaking stride. After a few dozen hypnotic treatments, the trotter never broke stride again and won two straight editions of the \$15,000 Samuel Riley Trot at Fraser Downs in Surrey, British Columbia. Cummings could be on to something that could revolutionize the training of both Standardbreds and Thoroughbreds.

Cummings, who had dabbled in horse ownership since the late '60s, soon found that he was more fascinated by the legend of Nevele Pride than the legend of Sigmund Freud. He closed his practice and took out a trainer's license. Using conventional training methods, he struggled during his first four years, winning just nine races from 137 total starts. Still, fellow trainer Anthony Jessie thought enough of the good doctor that he asked him to see what he could do with a basketcase he was training named Lewis's Turn.

"I really had no idea what to do," Cummings recalled. "The horse was completely unglued; he was just manic. Anthony had said he thought the colt had suffered from some sort of traumatic experience when he was a yearling at the farm, but no one there would ever tell him what had happened.

"He'd be fine in the barn, but once he got out on the racetrack, he just lost it. We think he had some sort of terrible training accident. I told the trainer there wasn't anything I could do, but he was desperate. He'd consulted with several veterinarians and nothing had helped."

Cummings figured he'd rely on his psychiatric background.

"The horse reminded me of some of my patients, people who suffered post-traumatic stress disorder," he said. "What worked for them was therapy, which won't work with a horse. Neither can you give them medication. You can't have a horse testing positive for Zoloft.

"I tried the only thing that was left--hypnosis."

Hypnotizing a willing patient is a lot easier than hypnotizing a horse who has no idea what is going on, but Cummings made it work. And it didn't matter to him that as soon as word got out that Lewis's Turn was in therapy Cummings' rival trainers nicknamed him "Dr Weird."

"As banal as it may sound, I used the same method you see in old movies," he said. "First, I'd make sure the barn was completely quiet except for very soft background music and then I'd slowly wave a watch back and forth in front of my patient. If you can get them to follow the watch, you've got them. It doesn't work with every horse, but it is effective with a lot of them."

The answer, he said, was getting the horse to train while still under an hypnotic state. Lewis's Turn trained every day for two straight months while hypnotized. He was in such a calm state he was apparently able to put his past trauma out of his mind. In time, he became so comfortable on the track that whatever had been troubling him was no longer an issue. In his first start after his therapy, he won a \$2,500 claimer by six lengths, establishing a new lifetime mark of 2:02 1/5.

Cummings was so fascinated by his success that he decided to do more experimenting. He treated another fractious horse for a rival trainer and had similar results. Then he went to work on horses that behaved normally. Several of them improved as well. Now, every horse in his barn is hypnotized at some point.

"You have to remember these are high-strung athletes and that can be a problem," he said. "It's better if they are in a calm state when they are racing, so that they don't break stride or expend too much energy early.

"Think of it as the human athlete being 'in the zone.' I was able to get many horses to be totally at peace with themselves and everything just flowed from there."

Now, Dr. Weird is Dr. Wonderful. Despite a small stable numbering just 12 horses, he was the third-leading trainer at Fraser Downs last year, thanks to a winning rate of 43 percent. He also won the 2003 running of the track's showcase race, the \$25,000 Nickawampus Leroy Pace, achieving a lifelong dream.

He has gained acceptance in harness racing circles and will now try to do the same with Thoroughbreds. Word of Cummings' success has spread to nearby Hastings Park, Vancouver's Thoroughbred track, and Cummings has been hired by two trainers there to work with their horses. Hastings opens Apr. 17; two of Cummings' patients are slated to run during the first week of the meet.

"As the Thoroughbred is even more difficult to manage than the Standardbred, I believe I am going to achieve remarkable results," he said. "I've been working with one filly, Sara's Cookie, that was so excitable they couldn't even get her to gallop, but she is the picture of calm now and training like a star. She worked just the other morning, five furlongs in :58 flat, and never turned a hair.

"That's incredible...as incredible as the fact that a lot of people reading this have believed every word and are just now realizing they have been nailed yet again by a TDN April Fool's prank."