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dies in Japan  
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**WHIPPER A WINNER**

Robert Strauss's **Whipper** (Miesque's Son), a Group 1 winner at two in 2003, made a victorious three-year-old debut with an emphatic success in the Listed Prix



**Whipper** *france-galop.com photo*

Djebel at Maisons-Laffitte yesterday, winning by eight lengths. "He has wintered well and he looked good before and during the race," said trainer Robert Collet. Bred in Kentucky by Flaxman Holdings, the bay was sold for just \$4,000 as a weanling at Keeneland No-

vember, but has recouped that investment nicely, winning the G1 Prix Morny and the G2 Criterium de Maisons-Laffitte, as well as running a close fourth--beaten two lengths--in the G1 Middle Park S. at Newmarket last October. Whipper will return to England for the G1 2000 Guineas May 1. **See p2, ATW**

**EXCELLENT MEETING DEAD**

Multiple Grade I winner **Excellent Meeting** (General Meeting-Fitted Crown, by Chief's Crown) died while undergoing colic surgery--her fourth this year-- at Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital in Lexington Mar. 23. Owned by Elizabeth Moran, who purchased the John and Betty Mabee homebred for \$3.6 million at the conclusion of her racing career, will retain the eight-year-old mare's newborn Storm Cat filly. The mare's second foal, who was born Feb. 4, is currently at Eaton Farms. Excellent Meeting previously produced a Storm Cat colt named Cougar Cat, in whom Moran sold a two-thirds interest to Susan Magnier and Michael Tabor last year. A winner of eight of 20 lifetime starts, including the G1 Oak Leaf and G1 Hollywood Starlet at two and the G1 Santa Anita Oaks and G1 Las Virgenes S. during her sophomore season, Excellent Meeting retired with \$1,402,396 in earnings.

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**Wednesday, Keeneland, post time: 4:45 p.m. EDT**

**VINERY MADISON S.**, \$175,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	Yell	A.P. Indy	McGaughey	116
2	Harmony Lodge	Hennessy	Pletcher	123
3	Virgin Voyage	Deputy Commander	Pedersen	116
4	Buffythecenterfold	Capote	M Stute	116
5	Ema Bovary (Chi)	Edgy Diplomat	Ross	120
6	Lady Tak	Mutakddim	Asmussen	116

**Yell**, third in the G1 Kentucky Oaks and G1 Mother Goose S. over nine furlongs, won the G11 Raven Run S. over course and distance last Oct. 10 and is making her first start since finishing sixth in the G11 Churchill Downs Distaff H. Nov. 8. The McGaughey barn is off to an excellent start at the meet and the Claiborne/



**Yell** *Equi-Photo*

Dilschneider homebred could continue that momentum. **Harmony Lodge** earned a valuable Grade I success in last year's Ballerina H. before closing her campaign with a victory in Belmont's G11 Gallant Bloom H. Oct. 5. Kept in training this season, the six-year-old made it three straight with a win in the G111 First Lady H. at Gulfstream Jan. 11, but was most recently a distant second to Randaroo in the G11 Shirley Jones H. Feb. 8. Northern California invader **Ema Bovary** has won eight in a row, including a 3 1/4-length tally over **Buffythecenterfold** in the G111 Las Flores H. at Santa Anita Feb. 22.

**Thursday, Keeneland**

**STONERSIDE BEAUMONT S.-GII**, \$250,000, 3yo, f, a7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	She's A Rebel Too	Two Punch	Shepherd	116
2	Katestormedthebird	Out of Place	Albarado	116
3	Movant	Conquistador Cielo	Borel	118
4	Halfbridled	Unbridled	Solis	123
5	Sweet Vision	Southern Halo	Chavez	116
6	Victory U. S. A.	Victory Gallop	Bailey	118
7	Thisgirldontlaugh	Distorted Humor	Zuniga	116
8	Wildwood Flower	Langfuhr	Day	118
9	Very Vegas	Storm Boot	Sterling	118

**A Top Five Leading Second-Crop Sire**

**Uncle Lee Sam**, a \$700,000 2003 Barretts March 2yo sale grad from the first crop of **EXPLOIT**, remains undefeated after another impressive win in Japan on Sunday.

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☆ NEWS TODAY ☆

**DANCING KEY DEAD** Dancing Key (Nijinsky II--Key Partner, by Key to the Mint), the dam of two Japanese champions, died Mar. 30 at Shadai Farm in Hokkaido from complications after delivering a filly by Agnes Tachyon (Jpn) (Sunday Silence), the Japan Association for International Horse Racing is reporting. The 21-year-old mare died of a ruptured uterine artery. Dancing Key was purchased, in foal to Relaunch, by the Yoshida family's Shadai Farm for \$400,000 at the 1989 Keeneland November sale. Her first foal on a Japanese cover was Air Dublin (Jpn) (Tony Bin {Ire}), a multiple group winner in Japan and earner of \$3,401,386. She went on to produce Dance Partner (Jpn) (Sunday Silence), Japan's champion three-year-old filly of 1995 and champion older mare of 1996 and group-placed in France. Dance Partner's year younger full brother, Dance in the Dark (Jpn) (Sunday Silence), was named champion three-year-old of 1996. Dancing Key's current three-year-old, the filly Dance in the Mood (Jpn) (Sunday Silence) will try to remain undefeated in four starts as the likely favorite in Sunday's G1 Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas). Dancing Key's Agnes Tachyon filly is with a nurse mare and is doing well. "We have some good mares here, but so far this was the best ever," Shadai President Teruya Yoshida said of Dancing Key. "It's not going to be easy to replace her."

☆ TRIPLE THREATS ☆

**Eddington Tries to Put Best Foot Forward**

Trainer Mark Hennig took a chance entering GI Wood Memorial candidate **Eddington** (Unbridled) in the one-turn, one-mile GIII Gotham S., but wanted to teach the massive, long-striding colt to close into a swift pace and pass rivals through the stretch. As the Gotham unfolded, Eddington broke a step slowly, then was knocked sideways about 50 yards into the race. He recovered to make a good middle move, but failed to switch leads through the lane and had to settle for a non-threatening third. Hennig, however, wasn't dismayed by the outcome. "Had he broken sharp [and been closer to the pace], we might have not gotten done what we were hoping to, so in hindsight, maybe that didn't hurt us so bad. It certainly didn't hurt him physically," said Hennig. "We did it for educational reasons, and hopefully he'll move forward off of that." Of Eddington's refusal to switch leads in the Gotham, Hennig added, "Certainly it's a concern. We've been working with him in the mornings. On Sunday, he switched leads right on the money [working five furlongs in 1:03 4/5 at Belmont]. So maybe he'll be able to handle things Saturday."

**Borrego Ready for Arkansas Derby**

Trainer Beau Greely, who was in town to saddle Keys to the Heart to a fifth-place finish in Saturday's GI Apple Blossom S., was on hand to watch **Borrego** (El Prado {Ire}) work five furlongs in 1:01 1/5 at Oaklawn Monday morning in preparation for Saturday's GII Arkansas Derby. The modest work tied for the sixth-fastest of 11 at the distance, but Greely explained yesterday that he wasn't looking for a lights-out effort. "He's a fit horse," he said, "but he's not a real fancy work horse, and all we wanted to do was stretch his legs. I told his regular rider to go out there and do it in 1:01, and that's exactly what he went, so we were delighted with the work."

*Triple Threats cont. p. 3*

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(Triple Threats cont. from p. 2)

Greely identified the unbeaten **Smarty Jones** (Elusive Quality) as the most obvious danger in the Arkansas Derby, adding that he hoped Borrego would be able to lay off that swift rival. "I think there's going to be a little speed in there, and that's what I've got to hope for. At the end of the day, we're going out there to win the race. It's a million dollars and it's a huge prep, but I wouldn't want to put him up front with Smarty Jones and have nothing left for the next race. We'll try to get him as easy a race as we can while still performing well."

**Confident Biancone Sends Lion Heart to Bluegrass**

Patrick Biancone watched as his Kentucky Derby hopeful **Lion Heart** (Tale of the Cat) fired a five-furlong bullet in :58 2/5 at Santa Anita Monday, a move that instilled a certain degree of confidence in the Frenchman, who sends out the colt as the likely favorite in Saturday's GI Toyota Blue Grass S. at Keeneland. "He enters this race in perfect order and he's going to be ready for Saturday," said Biancone. Lion Heart, winner of the GI Hollywood Futurity last December, finished a valiant second to Imperialism in his seasonal debut, the Mar. 6 GII San Rafael S. "I feel my horse needed one more week to recover from the hard race that he got in his first start this year. He was a little bit tired after the San Rafael, but now he has completely recovered and we are very happy with him." Meanwhile, Lion Heart's stablemate **Pomeroy** (Boundary), who ran a bang-up second in the GIII Gotham S., is doing well and is slated to make his next start in the Apr. 17 GII Coolmore Lexington at Keeneland. The bay worked at Santa Anita yesterday, breezing six furlongs in 1:14 3/5.

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**Saturday, Kenilworth, South Africa**

**CAPE FLYING CHAMPIONSHIP-G1**, R307,500, Kenilworth, South Africa, 4-3, 3yo/up, 5fT, 0:59.13, gd.

1--▲**TOBE OR NOTTOBE (SAF)**, 123, c, 3, by **Caesour**

1st Dam: **Miss Tobin**, by **J. O. Tobin**

2nd Dam: **Sumac (Arg)**, by **Dancing Moss (GB)**

3rd Dam: **Sumaria (Arg)**, by **Idle Hour (GB)**

O-L S Phelps, N M Shirliff & Ms S M Riley; B-Arc-En-Ciel Stud; T-M W Bass; J-Bernard Fayd'Herbe; R187,500. Lifetime Record: 7 starts, 7 wins, R411,120. \*1/2 to Little Madam (SAf) (Foveros {GB}), G1SP-SAf.

2--**Zolaroyale (SAf)**, 122, f, 4, **Dominion Royale (GB)**--**Zoladoba (SAf)**, by **Cordoba**. O/B-J Goldblatt; R64,500.

3--**Eli's Game (SAf)**, 128, g, 8, **Eli's Star (SAf)**--**Peace Game (SAf)**, by **Peacetime**. O-N G Constantinides, P G & Mrs S Pluke; B-Pluke & Constantinides; R31,500. Margins: HF, NK, NK. Odds: 11-10, 6-1, 20-1.

**Saturday, Kenilworth, South Africa**

**FANCOURT MAJORCA S.-G1**, R230,620, Kenilworth, South Africa, 4-3, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:40.63, gd.

1--▲**SARABANDE (SAF)**, 122, f, 3, by **Goldmark (SAf)**

1st Dam: **Blitz Polka (SAf)**, by **Truely Nureyev**

2nd Dam: **Megs Retreat (SAf)**, by **Proclaim**

3rd Dam: **Mustique (SAf)**, by **Jamaico (Fr)**

O-J M Copeman, P J & Mrs P K Carr; B-Dr M Thomson; T-Joey Ramsden; J-Weichong Mawing; R14,000. Lifetime Record: 10 starts, 5 wins, 2 places, R255,025.

2--**Perfect Promise (SAf)**, 128, f, 4, **Caesour**--**Meretricious (SAf)**, by **Dancing Champ**. O-P J Cowley; B-Mr & Mrs H Winterbach; R48,375.

3--**Divine Duel (SAf)**, 128, m, 6, **Dancing Duel (SAf)**--**Light The Way (Aus)**, by **Star Way (GB)**. O-L J Barnes & Danika Stud (Nom: Mrs R A Bartlett); B-Litchfield Stud; R23,625.

Margins: 3/4, 2HF, HD. Odds: 10-1, 2-1, 50-1.



**Last Weekend:**  
**THREE U.S.**  
**Graded Stakes Horses**

**WILD SPIRIT - G1 Apple Blossom**

**SEINNE - G2 Arcadia H.**

**HOST - G3 Excelsior**

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**FROM THE DESK OF...**

Bill Oppenheim



**DESPERATELY SEEKING...A DERBY FAVORITE**

They are not exactly inspiring overwhelming confidence, this crop of Kentucky Derby contenders, are they? After another weekend of upsets and otherwise inconclusive results, everybody's hoping something inspiring, or at least convincing, will emerge from this weekend's trio of final major nine-furlong Derby preps. Let's hope so. It's not looking a vintage crop at this stage.

It's interesting that the three best Beyer numbers run this year in Classic preps have all been run by colts by three Mr. Prospector-line sires with big question marks about their likelihood of siring a Derby winner. First, Read the Footnotes ran that monster 113--which would win most Kentucky Derbys--in the GII Fountain of Youth, but then he bounced to the moon in the GI Florida Derby. His sire, Smoke Glacken (by Mr. Prospector's son Two Punch) was a champion sprinter and has made a really good start at stud, but you'd have to wonder about distance limitations with him. Mind you, he hasn't proven that he's unlikely to do it, whereas the other two have.

Smarty Jones, who ran a 106 winning the Rebel, is by [Gone West](#)'s son [Elusive Quality](#) out of a Smile mare. Elusive Quality has made a very good start at stud, but they do look like milers at most, and the Smile is unlikely to add distance capability. Even if he out-classes the GII Arkansas Derby field this weekend at nine furlongs, that double-tough next one in three weeks' time is still up in the air.

Now, I am terrified of underrating the GII Illinois Derby form. Since they switched the date to the first Saturday in April, it's a proper Kentucky Derby prep instead of the consolation race for horses not quite good enough for the Derby or Preakness, when it was run in early May. Two years ago, War Emblem won the race in its last year at Sportsman's and last year Ten Most Wanted won it, in its first year at Hawthorne.

So it's a proper Derby prep and Pollard's Vision ran a 107 winning it the other day. But he is by [Carson City](#), who barely gets nine-furlong winners, as Andrew Caulfield was discussing yesterday. How likely is it that he'll get the extra one--though, in answer to his question about Hometown Queen, she was a proper Pleasant Colony mare, so Pollard's Vision does have two real legitimate staying influences there in Pleasant Colony and Nijinsky II. So you couldn't rule it out, but again ... is it likely Smoke Glacken, Elusive Quality, or Carson City is going to sire a Kentucky Derby winner? You couldn't be that confident, could you?

Smarty Jones will be favorite for the Arkansas Derby, and the pedigrees of the favorites for the GI Wood Memorial and the GI Toyota Blue Grass don't exactly scream 10 furlongs, either.

Master David is likely to be the Wood favorite. His sire [Grand Slam](#) is off to a seriously good start, and, like Smoke Glacken (first five-year-olds this year) and Elusive Quality (first four-year-olds this year), siring the Derby winner would obviously add another whole dimension to their good starts. Grand Slam's first crop is four, so Master David (and Limehouse) are from his second crop of three-year-olds. The same is true of Lion Heart, by last year's champion juvenile sire [Tale of the Cat](#). Tale of the Cat is by Storm Cat, of course, not a Mr. Prospector-line horse, but he's equally questionable to sire a Derby winner. As Keeneland's two-turn races traditionally favor speed horses, and maybe speed pedigrees, that could be the right spot for Lion Heart. It could also be the right spot for Action This Day, because you don't have to win the Blue Grass, you can run well in it and lose, and still win the Kentucky Derby. You'd still like to see him break 100 on the Beyer scale before you really waded in, though.

It would be a fitting testimonial to the late, great [Kris S.](#) if either Action This Day or Rock Hard Ten could follow his Epsom Derby winner Kris Kin last year with the Kentucky Derby winner this year, and at least in his case, you don't have the stamina doubts.

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# Two NEW Graded SWs Last Weekend

## Devil's Bag

DIPLOMATIC BAG wins Arcadia H-G2 at Santa Anita

## Seeking the Gold

JACKPOT wins Gulfstream Park H-G2 at Gulfstream



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*(Bill Oppenheim cont. from p. 4)*

A good Kris S. is more likely than not to stay 10 furlongs, though, as noted, Action This Day needs to run fast enough this weekend, and Rock Hard Ten doesn't look seasoned enough to take his chance. That doesn't mean they won't decide to run him, though, in what is obviously a very open year--if he gets in.

It's hard to know what to make of Castledale--he'd never shown Grade I form, even remotely, before winning Saturday's GI Santa Anita Derby, and of course [Peintre Celebre](#) wouldn't have been your automatic choice to predict as the sire of a dirt Grade I winner. But there are two things in his favor as the potential sire of a Kentucky Derby winner--he himself was an absolutely top-class horse and murdered his field the year he won the Arc; and his own sire, [Nureyev](#), always had good 'dirt' figures. Even though Castledale's 103 in winning the Santa Anita Derby doesn't send you running for the windows, he did win the race, it looked a decent field, and he's certainly entitled to take his chance and shouldn't be dismissed. You could see him going off 10-1 in Kentucky, and that might not be the worst bet in the race. Santa Anita Derby third (promoted to second) Imperialism would catapult his sire [Langfuhr](#) to stardom if he won the race, and he has certainly got the seasoning from three good races at Santa Anita, for two wins and a second, in his favor. You wouldn't discount him, either.

It's beginning to shape up like a monster Superfecta payoff, isn't it?

The one sire you would say is guaranteed to get the 10-furlong horse is [A.P. Indy](#), and throw in that Friends Lake won the Florida Derby, and you're talking about a horse with a lot going for him. But he ran only a Beyer 92 when he won the Florida Derby and he isn't running in April. You've got to use him in the gimmicks (a good spot for anything by these staying sires), but it's not like there aren't question marks against his name, too.

Bob Baffert was quoted last fall as saying he could win this year's Derby with a colt from [Silver Charm](#)'s first crop, and, this week, it's still possible that he could. GI San Felipe winner Preachinathebar joins Lion Heart and Action This Day in the Blue Grass, and he sends Consecrate to the Wood. Silver Charm got the trip, all right, so I'd include him along with Kris S., Peintre Celebre, and A.P. Indy as more likely to sire a good 10-furlong horse than some of these other sires. And there are still a few [Unbridleds](#), Unbridled's Songs, and [Grindstone](#)s running this weekend, too, and considering both Unbridled and Grindstone won the Kentucky Derby, you wouldn't be ruling them out, either.

Well, I think we've narrowed it down to about 15. Maybe it will all look a lot clearer by Sunday.

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**FOALING NEWS:**

**EVER AFTER**, 7, Kris S.--Wedded Bliss (His Majesty) Foal born Mar. 5, a colt by Silver Deputy. Will be bred back to Belong to Me. Owned by/boarded at Pin Oak Stud, Ky. Accomplishments: MSW, \$240,768.



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## WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

*by Alan Porter*

### Saturday, Santa Anita

**SANTA ANITA DERBY-GI**, \$750,000, SAX, 4-3, 3yo, 1 1/8m, 1:49 1/5, ft.

1--▲**CASTLEDALE (IRE), 122, c, 3**, by [Peintre Celebre](#)

**1st Dam: Louju, by Silver Hawk**

**2nd Dam: Secretarial Queen, by Secretariat**

**3rd Dam: Nicoma, by Nashua**

(€100,000 yrl '02 GOFORB). O-Frank Lyons & Greg Knee; B-Gigginstown House Stud (IRE); T-Jeff Mullins; J-J Valdivia; \$450,000. Lifetime Record: SP-Ire, 10-3-4-1, \$561,836.

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It's not surprising to find Peintre Celebre being named as sire of a Classic candidate. However, one would expect that mention to come in the same sentence as venues such as "Epsom" or "Chantilly" rather than "Santa Anita" or "Kentucky." Obviously no one has told that to Castledale and his connections, as the ex-Irish colt upset leading GI Kentucky Derby candidates Imperialis, Rock Hard Ten, Wimbledon and St Averil in Saturday's GI Santa Anita Derby.

Castledale won just one of seven starts in Ireland at two, taking a maiden at Gowran Park on his fourth start. He did cross the line first in the Blenheim S. at The Curragh, a short head to the good of Colossus, but lost the race to that one in the stewards' room. Sent to the U.S., Castledale won his debut, concluding his two-year-old season by taking the GIII Generous S. on the turf at Hollywood Park. He tried dirt for the first time in the GII San Rafael S. Mar. 6, but could do no better than sixth. Despite the defeat and his turf pedigree, Castledale's works still suggested that he might be better on the dirt, so he was given another chance in the GI Santa Anita Derby.

While Castledale's pedigree might not say dirt, it certainly does say Derby. His sire Peintre Celebre was an exceptional racehorse who won five of seven starts, including the G1 Prix du Jockey-Club (French Derby), G1 Grand Prix de Paris and G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. Peintre Celebre has made a tremendous start to his stud career: his first crop included the G1 Deutsches Derby victor Dai Jin; Super Celebre, winner of the G2 Prix Noailles and runner-up in the G1 Prix du Jockey-Club; and Vallee Enchantee, a dual group winner in France and heroine of the G1 Hong Kong Vase. Castledale is a member of his second crop, which also includes Pearl of Love, winner of the Chesham S. in England, the G2 Futurity S. in Ireland and the G1 Gran Criterium in Italy.

The Derby theme continues with Castledale's dam Louju. She was unraced, but is a daughter of Silver Hawk, who finished second in the G1 Irish Derby and third in the G1 English Derby. A half sister to the minor stakes winner At Full Feather and to the dam of Australian Group 1 winner Keeper, Louju is out of the stakes winning and Grade-I placed Secretarial Queen. Secretarial Queen is a daughter of Triple Crown winner Secretariat, and three of Castledale's four grandparents won Derbys--Secretariat and Northern Dancer in the U.S. and Roberto in England--while the fourth, Alydar, was second in all three legs of the U.S. Triple Crown. Castledale's third dam Nicoma is a daughter of Nashua, who was upset by Swaps in the Kentucky Derby, but who took the Preakness and Belmont S. Derby connections continue all the way back to Castledale's fifth dam Chantress, a daughter of English Derby winner Hyperion and herself dam of Saggy, who not only defeated Triple Crown winner Citation in the Chesapeake Trial, but also sired a Kentucky Derby winner of his own in the shape of Carry Back.

Castledale follows Vallee Enchantee as Peintre Celebre's second group/graded winner out of a mare by a son of Roberto. The Nureyev/Roberto cross has also produced Group 1 winners Reams of Verse and Black Hawk. Peintre Celebre looks particularly likely to do well with mares by Roberto, as he is out of a mare by Alydar, a horse whose dam is bred on very similar lines to the dam of Roberto. Castledale is also linebred to Somethingroyal through her sons Sir Gaylord and Secretariat.

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## FOALING NEWS:

**TIM'S LADY**, 18, Oh Say--Dot in Spot (Alternative)

Foal born Mar. 5, a filly by Maria's Mon.

Mare will not be bred back in 2004.

Owned by Jane M Schosberg.

Boarded at Pine Lane Farm, NY.

Accomplishments: SP. Dam of Mellow Roll (Distinctive Pro), MSW & GSP, \$555,775.



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**IN FRANCE:**

**Onda Nova**, f, 3, **Keos**. See "France"  
**Whipper**, c, 3, **Miesque's Son**. See "France"

**IN BRITAIN:**

**Galey River**, g, 5, **Irish River (Fr)**--Carefree Kate, by Lyphard. Lingfield, 4-6, Cond, 4yo/up, 10f (AWT). B-Gaineway Thoroughbreds Ltd. \*\$5,000 yrl '00 KEESEP; 30,000gns 2yo '01 TATAPR.

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**LUCKY STORY OUT OF LUCK** Abdulla Buhaleeba's **Lucky Story** (Kris S.), winner of last year's G2 Champagne S. and G2 Vintage S., has suffered a setback and will miss the G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket May 1. Conditioner Mark Johnston announced yesterday that the dark bay colt recently had been found to be intermittently lame, the cause of which has not yet been determined. "Lucky Story was noted to be lame on his right hind leg twice, for short periods, in the last 10 days and, although he quickly became sound again on both occasions, his training has been halted while further investigations take place," Johnston said yesterday. "It is now likely that he will be aimed for a campaign from midsummer onwards, but we may be able to give a more accurate timescale for his preparation after he has further scans at the Animal Health Trust on Thursday."

**STAKES CLOSINGS**

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**BRIGHT SKY BOOKED TO FASLIYEV** Ecurie Wildenstein's five-year-old mare **Bright Sky (Ire)** (Wolfhound--Bright Moon, by Alysheba) has been re-tired following her seventh in the G1 Dubai Duty Free Mar. 27 and will be covered by Coolmore stallion Fasliyev. As a sophomore, the filly took the G1 Prix de



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Diane Hermes (French Oaks) at Chantilly before following up in brilliant fashion in the G1 Prix de l'Opera at Longchamp. Those victories led to her being the highweight French three-year-old filly at 9 1/2 to 11 furlongs, the same honor she boasted in 2003. Among her best efforts at four were a neck defeat of Six Perfections (Fr) in the G2 Prix d'Astarte at Deauville and a second to Falbrav (Ire) in the G1 Prix d'Ispahan at Longchamp. She also placed in the G1 Prix Saint-Alary, G1 Prix Vermeille, G1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp and G1 Prix de l'Opera. The diminutive chestnut heads to the breeding shed with \$840,814 in earnings. She will return to the Haras du Bois Roussel after her spell at Coolmore. The prospective foal from a mating with Fasliyev will be inbred to Nureyev 2x3 and to Raise a Native 4x5.



**FOALING NEWS**

**LAKESIDE CUP**, 5, Salt Lake--Tricki Mae (Phone Trick) Foal born Mar. 5, a colt by Tactical Cat. Will be bred back to Fusaichi Pegasus. Owned by Shadai Farm. Boarded at Stone Farm, Ky. Accomplishments: SW & MGSP, \$181,550.

**STORM RUNNER**, 11, Miswaki--Katrinka (Sovereign Dancer) Foal born Mar. 5, a colt by Awesome Again. Will be bred back to Cat Thief. Owned by Robert Trussell, Jr. Boarded at Taylor Made Farm, Ky. Accomplishments: Dam of Windward Passage (Captain Bodgit), GSW, \$247,495.



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## ★ FRANCE ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

**PRIX DJEBEL-Listed**, €45,000, Maisons-Laffitte, 4-6, 3yo, c/g, 7fT, 1:28.70, hy.

1--**WHIPPER, 128, c, 3, by Miesque's Son**

1st Dam: **Myth to Reality (Fr) (MSW & GSP-Fr, \$114,752), by Sadler's Wells**

2nd Dam: **Millieme (Ire), by Mill Reef**

3rd Dam: **Hardiema (GB), by Hardicanute (GB)**

(\$4,000 wnl '01 KEENOV). O-Robert C Strauss; B-Flaxman Holdings Ltd; T-Robert Collet; J-Christophe Soumillon; €22,500. Lifetime Record: G1SW-Fr, 8 starts, 4 wins, 4 places, €313,364. \* 1/2 to Assos (Alleged), SW & GSP-Fr, \$122,072; and 3/4 to Indigo Myth (Kingmambo), SP-Fr & US.

2--**Red Mo, 128, c, 3, Red Ransom--Moiava (Fr), by Bering (GB). €9,000.**

3--**Always King (Fr), 128, c, 3, Desert King (Ire)--Always On Time (GB), by Lead On Time. €6,750.**

Margins: 8, 4, SNK. Odds: 0.30, 11.50, 3.50. Also ran: Doric, Le Boss (Fr), Chopoulou (Fr).

Whipper dispelled any doubts about his effectiveness over seven furlongs by turning this rain-soaked contest into a procession under Christophe Soumillon. Initially settled in third stalking the reasonable early tempo, the blaze-faced bay was allowed an inch of rein passing halfway and took command with 2 1/2 furlongs remaining. Full of run there, Whipper changed gears on demand and stretched clear from his struggling rivals under a hand ride. While his record at two demonstrates that he has speed in abundance, the G1 Prix Morny and G2 Criterium de Maisons-Laffitte victor will be a dangerous proposition in the G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket May 1 if he sees out the mile. Conditioner Robert Collet was not forecasting otherwise yesterday. "I always said he would go to Newmarket because he loves a straight track," he said. "There are undulations there and he is a handy horse, so I can't see the trip being a problem--he's seen out seven on heavy ground here today."

**PRIX IMPRUDENCE-Listed**, €45,000, Maisons-Laffitte, 4-6, 3yo, f, 7fT, 1:32.20, hy.

1--**#ONDA NOVA, 126, f, 3, by Keos**

1st Dam: **Northern Trick (Ch. 3yo Filly-Fr, MG1SW-Fr, \$334,359), by Northern Dancer**

2nd Dam: **Trick Chick, by Prince John**

3rd Dam: **Fast Line, by Mr. Busher**

O-Niarchos Family; B-Flaxman Holdings Ltd; T-Dominique Sepulchre; J-Stephane Pasquier; €22,500. Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 3 wins, 1 place, €39,850.

\*First stakes winner for sophomore sire (by Riverman).

2--**Dolma (Fr), 126, f, 3, Marchand de Sable--Young Manila, by Manila. €9,000.**

3--**Petit Calva (Fr), 126, f, 3, Desert King (Ire)--Jimkana (Fr), by Double Bed (Fr). €6,750.**

Margins: 2, 2HF, 4. Odds: 5.30, 7.00, 6.00.

Also ran: Southern Queen (GB), Double Coeur (Fr), Ouimonamour (Fr), Leila (Fr).

Scratched: Imshy (Ire).

Onda Nova's pedigree, steeped in Niarchos folklore, came to fore as she provided her dam Northern Trick with a well-needed boost in this contest. Stepping up from two conditions scores at Nancy in November and last time Mar. 7, she was settled in rear throughout the early stages by Stephane Pasquier before making smooth progress while wide past halfway. Grabbing the long-time leader Dolma with a furlong remaining, she was pushed out to assert in the closing stages. "Northern Trick was a champion, but she hasn't produced top-class horses really except Lingerie, the dam of Shiva and Limnos," the Niarchos Family's racing manager Alan Cooper explained. "Dominique [trainer Sepulchre] has always liked her and she had won nicely before, so we thought we'd give this a go. She will not be supplemented for the G1 1000 Guineas [Newmarket, May 2] and we have Denebola for the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches [Longchamp, May 16], so we will see how that filly gets on in the G3 Prix de la Grotte [Longchamp, Apr. 25] first."

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**French Report Cont**

**PRIX COR DE CHASSE**-Listed, €45,000, Maisons-Laffitte, 4-6, 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT, 1:08.30, hy.

1--#**RAFFELBERGER (GER)**, 120, c, 3, by **Auenadler (Ger)**

1st Dam: **Royal Cat (GB)**, by **Royal Academy**

2nd Dam: **Catina (GB)**, by **Nureyev**

3rd Dam: \***Clarina**, by \***Klairon**

(€7,500 yrl '02 BBAAUG). O-Stall Jenny; B-Gestut Rheinberg; T-Mario Hofer; J-Andreas Suborics; €22,500. Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 2 wins, 2 places, €71,000. \*First stakes winner for sophomore sire (by Big Shuffle).

2--**Swedish Shave (Fr)**, 139, h, 6, Midyan--Shavya (GB), by Shavian (GB). (FF200,000 yrl '99 DEAAUG). €9,000.

3--**Fomalhaut**, 132, h, 5, Spinning World--Coup de Folie, by Halo. €6,750.

Margins: HD, 3/4, 1HF. Odds: 8.00, 2.60, 8.30.

Also ran: **Charming Groom (Fr)**, **Sweet Salsa (Fr)**, **Comloulou (Bel)**, **Koquette (Fr)**, **Blanche (Fr)**, **Dobby Road (Fr)**.

Scratched: **Melkior (Fr)**.

Just one hour after Whipper had destroyed his rivals in the Listed Prix Djebel, Raffelberger offered more strength for that colt's case when taking this sprint. He had failed to land a blow on that rival when fourth in the G2 Criterium de Maisons-Laffitte in October before finishing runner-up to Chineur (Fr) in the Listed Prix Saraca at Saint-Cloud the following month. Settled in rear by Andreas Suborics off the early exchanges, the imposing sophomore unleashed a strong rally widest of all to edge out last year's winner Swedish Shave in the final 50 yards.

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**DONCASTER BREEZE-UP**

Doncaster Bloodstock Sales Company's Breeze-Up auction gets underway today against the backdrop of record gains across the Atlantic. Hosting the first major European sale of its kind in 2004, Doncaster showcases what it terms as "Europe's leading Breeze-Up for winners." That is backed up by the statistic that it accounted for 67 percent of all two-year-old races won by such graduates last year. Despite being primarily about ready-to-run precocious winners, there has been a steady infusion of class since 1990 in line with significant increases in gross, average and median. Just 12 months ago, a Danzig colt doubled the previous sales-topping record when purchased by the Shadai Corporation for 140,000 guineas. Class can come cheap, too, as proven last year by the subsequent Newsells Park Stud acquisition **Kinnaird (Ire)** (Dr Devious {Ire}). Sold for just 8,000 guineas, she became the latest bargain purchase from a DBS sale to belie her lowly tag when taking last year's G2 May Hill S. at the track over the road. Not surprisingly, this year's 250-strong catalogue answers the call for the progeny of first-season sires evident in the States so far in 2004. Those include **Aljabr (Storm Cat)**, **Almutawakel (GB)** (Machiavellian), **Giant's Causeway (Storm Cat)**, **Indian Lodge (Ire)** (Grand Lodge), **Lujain (Seeking the Gold)**, **Montjeu (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells), **Namid (GB)** (Indian Ridge {Ire}), **Royal Anthem (Theatrical {Ire})** and **Xaar (GB)** (Zafonic).

Among the eye-catchers is hip 6, Monk Fryston Bloodstock's filly by the Thoroughbred Corporation's G1 International S. winner **Royal Anthem**. She is a half-sister to five winners, including the Listed Prix Solitude winner **Light Fresh Air**. **Pivotal (GB)**, some of whose best early progeny were sold by DBS, is responsible for hip 108, a half brother to the group winner **The Whistling Teal (GB)** from Mockershill Stables, the leading vendors of the 2003 sale.

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Another to note is Malcolm Bastard's offering hip 190, a Giant's Causeway half brother to group scorers Mousse Glacee (Fr) and Majoune (Fr), while Con Marnane's Bansha House Stables consign hip 108, a half brother by Night Shift to G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. winner Where or When (Ire). Other eye-catchers include hip 27, a colt by King of Kings (Ire) out of the 1983 G1 1000 Guineas heroine Ma Biche from the draft of Lynn Lodge Stud, and hip 176, a Gulch colt from Knockanglass Stables. He is out of G1 Irish 1000 Guineas runner-up and GIII Suwannee River H. scorer Julie la Rousse (Ire), who has already bred the graded stakes scorers Mariensky and Julie Jalouse. "The catalogue has steadily improved in quality over the last few years alongside the racecourse performance," commented Henry Beeby, managing director of DBS. "That is highlighted by the fact that we have a leading fancy for this year's 1000 Guineas in Kinnaird. Although there is not a particular stand-out among this year's catalogue such as the Danzig of last year, there are a good half dozen very nice pedigrees, that on paper are as good as each other." Lots will be breezed at the racecourse from 10a.m. on both days, with bidding beginning at 2:30p.m. Catalogue and updates can be found on [www.dbsauctions.com](http://www.dbsauctions.com).

**CREEK PEAKING AHEAD OF CRAVEN**

Jeremy Nosedá yesterday announced that **Peak To Creek (GB)** (Royal Applause {GB}) will make his reappearance in next Thursday's G3 Craven S. at Newmarket. Last year's G3 Horris Hill S. scorer was reported to have improved over the winter by his conditioner, who has the G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket May 1 as his ultimate aim. "He is a very tough horse who thrives on his racing, as he showed last year when he kept surprising me, so he will probably come on a reasonable amount for his first run," Nosedá told *PA Sport*. "The question now is whether we can get the seven or eight pounds out of him that I think he would need to win the Guineas." Newmarket's Clerk of the Course Michael Prosser yesterday reported the ground "in great shape" ahead of next week's three-day Craven meeting.

**HQ EMERGES STRONG FROM ATR DEATH**

While most of Britain's racecourses face an immediate future of lost coverage and potentially back-breaking rebates, Newmarket yesterday announced record prize money for 2004. Revealing an increase of over £325,000 this year to a record £6,785,000, the track's officials also confirmed that each of the Guineas, July and Cambridgeshire meetings would carry over £1 million in total purse. Only the prize money for the two spring Classics has been marginally cut as a result of the termination of the attheraces media deal. "The Levy Board recently announced a £4-million injection to prize money across Britain's racecourses to help offset some of the effects of the at the races deal collapse," Newmarket's Clerk of the Course Michael Prosser commented yesterday. "I'm hoping that with our share of this, together with the increased sponsorship that we know we have, plus hopefully strong ticket sales for our upcoming meetings, then we might be able to keep any further reductions during the season to a minimum. Enhancing our race programme, increasing our prize money and making our major races as competitive as possible with those at other European racecourses are right at the top of our list of key objectives and I think we are more than achieving them at the moment." Newmarket also announced record sponsorship for 2004, covering nearly 75 percent of the total run at its two courses.

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**ELAINE LAWLOR JOINS GOFFS**

Goffs has confirmed the appointment of Elaine Lawlor as their new Sales and Marketing Executive. Lawlor, who was P.A. to John Gosden and acted as Goffs' representative in the States from 1987 to 1990, has also managed Oak Cliff Racing, owners of GI Breeders' Cup Classic hero Skywalker and breeders of champion Sunday Silence. She will continue her management of Highclere Thoroughbred Racing's Irish "Oscar Wilde and W.B. Yeats" syndicates. "Elaine brings a wealth of experience with her," said Goffs Managing Director Matt Mitchell. "She will strengthen and compliment the existing Goffs team and in particular will develop and expand Goffs business in the UK and USA."

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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**7th-MNR, \$25,000, 4-5, NW1X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft.**

**HOLD THAT GLITTER (h, 5, Glitterman--Leaseholder {SP, \$140,750}, by Taylor's Falls) Lifetime Record: 7-4-2-0, \$62,340. O-Nelson McMakin. B-Gary Tussey (KY). T-James A Dodgen. \*1/2 to Golly Greeley (Mr. Greeley), SW & MGSP, \$113,640.**

**9th-PHA, \$25,000, NW3\$6MX, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:25, ft. RICHERICHIERICH (h, 5, Victory Speech--Season's Flair {SW}, by D'Accord) Lifetime Record: 21-6-4-2, \$107,230. O-Richard Walsh. B-Adena Springs (KY). T-Kimberly B Swentkowski. \*\$11,500 yrl '00 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to Super Fuse (Lite The Fuse), MSW & GSP, \$292,627.**

**10th-PHA, \$22,953, NW2X, 4yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:44 3/5, ft. DIXIE COLONY (g, 4, Citidancer--Soaring Colony, by Pleasant Colony) Lifetime Record: 9-3-3-2, \$44,860. O-Debra E Kachel. B-Mrs C Oliver Iselin III (VA). T-Richard J Hendriks. \*\$120,000 yrl '01 FTMOCT; \$2,700 HRA 2003 FTMJUL.**

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Winning Bye N Bye, c, 3, Goodbye Doeny--Marshua's Nymph, by Marshua's Dancer. EVD, 4-5, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:04 4/5. B-J Minos Simon (La).**

**Allison Rose, f, 3, Pioneering--Rose Marie Di (SW, \$209,037), by What a Gent. HAW, 4-5, (S), 6f, 1:14. B-Crown's Way Farm & Wayne Veach (Il).**

**Catboat, f, 3, Tale of the Cat--Northern Fleet, by Afleet. MNR, 4-5, 1m, 1:42 2/5. B-Stonerside Stable (Ky). \*1/2 to This Fleet Is Due (Devil His Due), SP, \$299,650.**

**SO. HEMISPHERE WINNERS BY U.S. STALLIONS:**

**Julinsky Princess (NZ), f, 2, Stravinsky--Juliette Heights (GB), by Shirley Heights (GB). Otaki (New Zealand), 4-1, 2yo, Mdn, 4fT. B-R W E Moore, R G Walls & Ms D H M Walter.**

**Royal Mask (Aus), f, 3, Royal Academy--Duk Duk (Aus), by Claudius (Ire). Sandown (Melbourne), 4-3, 3yo, f, Hcp, 5fT. B-Canning Downs Pty Ltd.**

**Carabas (NZ), g, 3, Tale of the Cat--Pina Colada (NZ), by Dahar. Te Rapa (Auckland), 4-3, 3yo/up, Hcp, 6fT. B-Fairdale Stud Ltd.**

**Cousy (Aus), g, 4, Dehere--Chingquillo (Aus), by Bletchingly (Aus). Eagle Farm (Brisbane), 4-2, 3yo/up, Hcp, 6fT. B-Gooree Park Stud Pty Ltd.**

**Hestia (NZ), f, 4, King of Kings (Ire)--My Marilyn (Aus), by Bakharoff. Te Rapa (Auckland), 4-3, 3yo/up, Hcp, 1mT. B-Whakanui Stud Ltd.**

## FRESHMAN FOCUS

**First-crop progeny to watch: Wednesday, April 7**

*Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2001 Fee, #2yos/Winners/SW  
Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

- COMMITISIZE** (Explodent), Wycombe, \$5K, 18/0/0  
1-SA, Msw, 2f, Commitisize Me, \$15K OBS AUG yrl
- KELLY KIP** (Kipper Kelly), Highcliff, \$3K, 25/0/0  
1-GP, Msw, 3f, +Memories of Pa, 12-1
- MUQTARIB** (Gone West), Valley Creek, \$4K, 20/0/0  
1-GP, Msw, 3f, +Tickle My Rib, \$11K CAL AUG yrl, 8-1
- SUCCESSFUL APPEAL** (Valid Appeal), Walmac, \$5K, 44/0/0  
1-SA, Msw, 2f, Double D Appeal, \$120K OBS FEB 2yo
- WISED UP** (Dixieland Band), Rising Hill, \$3K, 29/0/0  
1-GP, Msw, 3f, +By Grace Alone, 6-1

## SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT

**First-time starters/stakes runners: Wednesday, Apr. 7**

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

- EVENT OF THE YEAR** (Seattle Slew), Golden Eagle, \$10K, 136/7/0  
5-BM, Msw, 5 1/2f, Eclipse Winner, \$27K KEE SEP yrl, 8-5
- FORESTRY** (Storm Cat), Taylor Made, \$50K, 136/17/2  
5-AQU, Msw, 1 1/8m, Imperial Ruler, \$950K FTS AUG yrl
- RENERIA** (Incinderator), High Horse, \$1000, 28/2/0  
1-SA, Msw, 2f, Rents Due
- SCATMANDU** (Storm Cat), Walmac Int'l, \$8K, 102/9/0  
6-KEE, Alw, 6 1/2f, Tiger Heart, \$150K FTK JUL yrl, 9-5
- SILVER CHARM** (Silver Buck), Three Chimneys, \$25K, 150/23/1  
5-BM, Msw, 5 1/2f, My Charmian, 4-1
- 4-KEE, Msw, 7f, Look Again, 15-1
- STORMIN FEVER** (Storm Cat), Airdrie, \$15K, 141/19/1  
4-KEE, Msw, 7f, Heartbreaker, \$335K FTK JUL yrl, 9-2
- VICTORY GALLOP** (Cryptoclearance), Winstar, \$15K, 144/18/2  
5-AQU, Msw, 1 1/8m, Victory Circle, \$60K KEE SEP yrl

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**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**BRITAIN, Pontefract, 4.20**, 4-6, £15,880, 3yo/up, 10f 6ydsT, 2:24.61, gd/sf.  
**AKASH (IRE) (g, 4, Dr Devious {Ire}--Akilara {Ire})**, by **Kahyasi {Ire}** Lifetime Record: 12-3-3-0, £33,193.  
 O-Markus Graff; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC;  
 T-Mark Johnston. \*55,000gns HRA '03 TATAUT.  
 \*\*1/2 to Akshar (Ire) (Danehill), GSP-GB, \$128,325.

**THIS WEEK IN RACING HISTORY**

**April 8, 1995...**A four-year-old gelding, **G Malleah**, set a world record for six furlongs on the dirt. Racing at Turf Paradise, G Malleah was clocked at 1:06 3/5 during the running of the Grand Canyon Handicap.

### Kentucky Oaks Future Wager POOL 3 - Final Odds

Name	Odds
A.P. Adventure (A.P. Indy)	9-1
Ashado (Saint Ballado)	9-1
Bohemian Lady (Carson City)	43-1
Class Above (Quiet American)	34-1
Daydreaming (A.P. Indy)	38-1
Elusive Diva (Elusive Quality)	38-1
Ender's Sister (A.P. Indy)	47-1
Galloping Gal (Victory Gallop)	50-1
Halfbridled (Unbridled)	4-1
Hollywood Story (Wild Rush)	17-1
House of Fortune (Free House)	20-1
Irish Melody (Unbridled's Song)	24-1
Island Sand (Tabasco Cat)	68-1
La Reina (A.P. Indy)	14-1
Last Song (Unbridled's Song)	27-1
Madcap Escapade (Hennessy)	8-1
Miss Coronado (Coronado's Quest)	22-1
Shadow Cast (Smart Strike)	81-1
Silent Sighs (Benchmark)	12-1
Stellar Jayne (Wild Rush)	59-1
Victory U.S.A. (Victory Gallop)	35-1
Wildwood Flower (Langfuhr)	52-1
Yearly Report (General Meeting)	23-1
...all other three-year-old fillies	7-1

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS**

**Smokincanon (GB)**, c, 2, **Fumo di Londra (Ire)**--Secret Miss (GB), by Beveled. Lingfield, Britain, 4-6, Mdn, 2yo, 5f (AWT). B-D A Drake.  
**Tiganello (Ger)**, c, 3, **Acatenango (Ger)**--Tiyi (Fr), by Fairy King. Maisons-Laffitte, France, 4-6, Cond, 3yo, c/g, 1 5/16mT. B-Wertheimer & Frere.  
**Capetown Girl (GB)**, f, 3, **Danzero (Aus)**--Cavernista (GB), by Lion Cavern. Pontefract, Britain, 4-6, Mdn, 3yo, f, 6fT. B-Genesis Green Stud Ltd. \*12,500gns yrl '02 DONSEP.  
**Mary Tsarevna (Ger)**, f, 3, **Dr Devious (Ire)**--Miss Daisy (Fr), by Shirley Heights (GB). Maisons-Laffitte, France, 4-6, Cond, 3yo, f, 1 5/16mT. B-Paul Nataf. \*FF12,000 wnl '01 DEADEC.  
 + **Winged d'Argent (Ire)**, c, 3, **In the Wings (GB)**--Petite-D-Argent (GB), by Noalto (GB). Pontefract, Britain, 4-6, Mdn, 3yo, 10f 6ydsT. B-Daniel A Couper & George Hosie.

**SO. HEMISPHERE WINNERS BY EUROPEAN SIRES:**

**Al Maher (Aus)**, c, 2, **Danahill**--Show Dancing (NZ), by Don't Say Halo. Kembla Grange (New South Wales), 4-3, 2yo, Mdn, 6fT. B-Emirates Park Stud Pty Ltd.  
**Golden Fox (Aus)**, g, 2, **Foxhound**--Sweet Humam (Aus), by Humam (Ire). Eagle Farm (Brisbane), 4-2, 2yo, Mdn, 5fT. B-Pine Lodge Thoroughbreds.  
**Mr Sandgroper (Aus)**, g, 3, **Peintre Celebre**--Game Warrior (Aus), by Rancher (Aus). Ascot (Perth), 4-3, Melvista S.-Listed, 3yo, 1 3/8mT, A\$40,800 to winner. B-Multiplex Constructions Pty Ltd; T-David Edwards.  
**Neo (Aus)**, g, 3, **Perugino**--Sharcrest (Aus), by Crested Wave. Sandown (Melbourne), 4-3, 3yo, Hcp, 5ft. B-D S R Trading Pty Ltd.  
**Lookatmelads (NZ)**, f, 4, **College Chapel (GB)**--Spending Spree (Aus), by Sharp Edge (Ire). Riccarton (Christchurch), 4-3, 3yo/up, Mdn, 1mT. B-B M & Mrs O M Carter.  
**Mustard (Aus)**, g, 6, **Vettori (Ire)**--Altezza (Aus), by Rigoletto (Aus). Rosehill (Sydney), 4-3, Maurice McCarten H.-Listed, 3yo/up, 6fT, A\$65,000 to winner. B-Tristan Antico Thoroughbreds; T-John McNair.

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## “DARK HORSE” REPORT

by *Claude Beniada*



**FAST AND FURIOUS (FR), c, 3, Singspiel (Ire)-Helvellyn, by Gone West**  
*O-Jean-Louis Tepper; B-Sarl Elevage du Haras de Bourgeauville; T-Jean-Claude Rouget*

This colt's light was hidden under a bushel at two, when he took two races at Deauville and Angers. He emerged from Jean-Claude Rouget's Pau base to comfortably beat Vassilievsky (Ire) in a Maisons-Laffitte conditions event at the beginning of March. This undefeated son of Singspiel has the scope to progress into a top-class performer.

**GREY LILAS (IRE), f, 3, Danehill--Kenmist (GB), by Kenmare (Fr)**  
*O-Gestut Ammerland; B-Azienda Agricola Il Tiglio di Amelia Prevedello; T-Andre Fabre*



**Grey Lilas**  
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Andre Fabre, who trained the talented racemare Borgia (Ger) for Gestut Ammerland, may have unearthed another star in Grey Lilas. After a low-key juvenile campaign, the grey filly showed she had made giant strides throughout the winter when providing Gary Stevens with his first French winner in a decent conditions event at Longchamp Apr. 4. Her dam stayed 10 furlongs, but was

best at a mile and that could be the ideal trip for this filly too.

**PAYPHONE (GB), f, 3, Anabaa--Phone West, by Gone West**  
*O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms; T-Pascal Bary*

Another excellent distaff prospect from the Juddmonte Farms operation, Payphone is out of a granddaughter of the great broodmare Razyana. She found only the subsequent G3 Prix Miesque winner Dalna (Fr) too strong on her debut at Maisons-Laffitte in November and has made pleasing development during the winter.

**VASSILIEVSKY (IRE), c, 3, Peintre Celebre--Verveine, by Lear Fan**  
*O-Ecurie Wildenstein; B-Dayton Investments Ltd; T-Elie Lellouche*

With Castledale (Ire) and Pearl of Love (Ire) under his belt, Peintre Celebre could have a big year and Vassilievsky is going the right way to boosting his reputation. He was far from disgraced when third behind subsequent G3 Prix Thomas Bryon winner Apsis (GB) and G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud runner-up Simplex (Fr) on his debut at Longchamp last September. Beaten only 3/4 of a length by the smart Fast and Furious (Fr) on his return in a Saint-Cloud conditions event at the beginning of March, he showed fine acceleration on a sounder surface at the end of the month when scoring at Longchamp. As a half brother to the G1 Hong Kong Vase winner Vallée Enchantée (Ire) and G1 E. P. Taylor S. heroine Volga (Ire), he can only improve with experience.



## FOALING NEWS

**TIA GIGI, 14, Assert (Ire)--Blue Teepee, by Sir Ivor**  
 Foal born Mar. 5, a filly by Commendable.  
 Will be bred back to Forest Wildcat.  
 Owned by Dr. John Chandler, Mill Ridge & Jamm Ltd.  
 Boarded at Mill Ridge, Ky.  
 Accomplishments: Mare of the Year & Ch. 3yo Filly-Per, Ch. Older Mare-Per (2x), MG1SW-Per. Dam of Avowed (Farma Way), MSP-US, \$157,184; and Westmoreland Road (Diesis {GB}), SP-GB.

**CONFESSIONAL, 8, Holy Bull--Whisper Who Dares (Green Dancer)**  
 Foal born Mar. 6, a colt by Unbridled's Song.  
 Will be bred back to A.P. Indy.  
 Owned by/boarded at Pin Oak Stud, Ky.  
 Accomplishments: GISW, \$827,638.



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