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### ALL HEART IN THE BLUE GRASS?

**Lion Heart** (Tale of the Cat) is the speed of the field, and he very well could take them gate to wire in the GI Toyota Blue Grass S. at Keeneland this afternoon. The \$1.4 million FTFEB juvenile dueled through a half in :44 before breaking his maiden by a length at Santa Anita in October, then led every step en route to victory in the Nov. 15 GII Hollywood Prevue S. and Dec. 20 GI Hollywood Futurity. Freshened after that effort, the chestnut once again set the pace in the Mar. 6 GII San Rafael S., but got caught on the wire and finished second by a neck to Imperialism. Will jockey Mike Smith have him on the front end today? "We wait and see," trainer Patrick Biancone said. "Mike Smith knows him well and we will decide what to do." The colt will be asked to carry his speed a mile and an eighth for the first time in the Blue Grass; in three weeks, he will need to have enough gas to go that extra furlong. Can he do it? "I'm going to be honest... I don't know if he's stay a mile and a quarter," Biancone said. "My target is to stay a mile and an eighth this weekend, and after that we see."



Lion Heart Horsephotos

### Bred to Run All Day...

The pedigree of Eclipse winner **Action This Day** (Kris S.) cries out for the Kentucky Derby distance, but the bay will have to overcome the jinx that has kept every GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile hero from wearing the blanket of roses. He will also need to bounce back from his seventh-place finish in the Mar. 14 GII San Felipe S. "The San Felipe was disappointing for us because of two things," said trainer Richard Mandella. "First of all, he was cut near his tendon. It required three stitches. Then, he got to doing too good. He jumped out of the gate and wanted to go to the lead. We'll take him back a little on Saturday." He added during the Blue Grass gala dinner Thursday night, "I think we have him back where we had him in October."

### Better Lucky Than Good...

**The Cliff's Edge** (Gulch), a late-running third in the GI Florida Derby Mar. 14, gives owner Robert LaPenta his first shot at Kentucky Derby glory. But the dark bay was not supposed to be racing in LaPenta's burgundy and gold colors. Purchased for \$200,000 as a KESEP yearling, he was earmarked as a pinhook prospect, but Lady Luck had a different plan. "We had him up for sale at Calder as a two-year-old," LaPenta said during the Blue Grass dinner interview. "I was in New York, and my racing manager was watching the workouts. I remember calling him and saying, 'How did the Gulch horse do?' He said, 'You'll never believe it. A cat ran across the track.' The horse had a horrible workout and nobody bid on him in the sale. That's how smart we are. You've got to be lucky in this business." The Cliff's Edge, who RNA'ed for \$195,000, won the GIII Iroquois S. and the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. at two and has earned \$370,258 to date.



The Cliff's Edge Horsephotos

Saturday, Keeneland, post time: 5:15 p.m. EDT				
TOYOTA BLUE GRASS S.-GI, \$750,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m				
PP	HORSE	OWNER	TRAINER	ODDS
1	<del>Birdstone</del>	<del>Whitney</del>	<del>SCR</del>	<del>SCR</del>
2	<b>Action This Day</b>	B W Hughes	Mandella	9-2
		(Kris S.--Najecam, by Trempolino)		
3	<b>The Cliff's Edge</b>	R V LaPenta	Zito	4-1
		(Gulch--Zigember, by Danzig)		
4	<b>Limehouse</b>	Dogwood Stable	Pletcher	6-1
		(Grand Slam--Dixieland Blues, by Dixieland Band)		
5	<b>That's an Outrage</b>	Bull Stick StbIs/Mercedes	Puhich	30-1
		(Quiet American--Cable News, by Known Fact)		
6	<b>Lion Heart</b>	Smith & Tabor	Biancone	5-2
		(Tale of the Cat--Satin Sunrise, by Mr. Leader)		
7	<b>Mustanfar</b>	Shadwell Stable	McLaughlin	15-1
		(Unbridled--Manwah, by Lyphard)		
8	<b>Preachinatthebar</b>	M Pegram	Baffert	4-1
		(Silver Charm--Holy Nola, by Silver Deputy)		
9	<b>Breakaway</b>	W S Farish	Howard	12-1
		(Silver Deputy--Make Haste, by Cure the Blues)		

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### THE VALUE PLAY

**Value Plus** (Unbridled's Song) has yet to win around two turns, but he acquitted himself admirably in the GI Florida Derby, his first try at nine furlongs and he will be well backed to get the job done in today's GI Wood Memorial at Aqueduct. "When you watch him train, he



**Value Plus** Horsephotos

gives you the impression that he'll run all day," trainer Todd Pletcher said. "His dam's side doesn't scream a mile and a quarter, but he looks a lot more like his sire and I think he carries more of his sire line than his dam's line." After stumbling and losing his rider at the start of the Nov. 2 GIII Nashua S., Value Plus was given a break.

He returned to take a seven-furlong allowance test at Gulfstream Park on Valentine's Day. Off at 7-2 in the Florida Derby, the gray pressed the pace, took over in the stretch and just missed, running second by 3/4 of a length to Friends Lake. "I thought his race in the Florida Derby was very solid," Pletcher said. "We only had one seven-furlong race into him...and the track was like a desert."

### A Better Race on Tap?

GIII Laurel Futurity winner **Tapit** (Pulpit) did not fare as well in the Florida Derby. Making his



**Tapit** McCue/MJC photo

sophomore bow after a four-month layoff, the \$625,000 KEESEP yearling was caught in traffic for much of the race and ran sixth. But David Fiske, the racing manager for owner Ronald Winchell, did not use the troubled trip as his excuse. "All those problems...were pretty minor," Fiske said. "They could have prevented him from running his best race, but I think the most important aspect was that it was his first race of the year."

### David and Goliath...

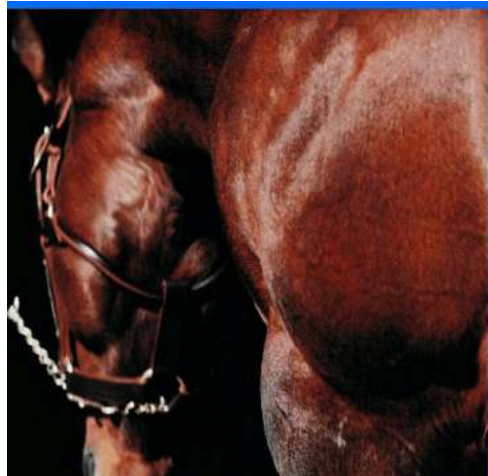
Uber-trainer Bobby Frankel, who took the 2003 Wood with **Empire Maker**, will be back to try for two in a row with **Master David** (Grand Slam).

The chestnut started his career in England, winning at Thirsk in September, then shipped to the U.S. and was second at 12-1 in the GII Remsen S. Nov. 29 over this track and trip. Favored in two starts this term, he could do no better than third after a slow start in the Jan. 17 GII Santa Catalina S., but rebounded to win the Feb. 8 Sham S. Master David skipped the Florida Derby due to a fever. "After missing the Florida Derby, he might not be 100 percent, but he should be OK [today]," Frankel said.



**Master David** Benoit photo

Saturday, Aqueduct, post time: 4:15 p.m. EDT				
WOOD MEMORIAL S.-GI, \$750,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m				
PP	HORSE	OWNER	TRAINER	ODDS
1	<b>Royal Assault</b>	T Farmer	Zito	20-1
	<i>(Kris S.--Fit for a Queen, by Fit to Fight)</i>			
2	<b>Tapit</b>	R Winchell	Dickinson	8-1
	<i>(Pulpit--Tap Your Heels, by Unbridled)</i>			
3	<b>Consecrate</b>	J McIngvale	Baffert	12-1
	<i>(Silver Charm--How So Oiseau, by Saratoga Six)</i>			
4	<b>Swingforthe fences</b>	Klaravich Stables	Violette Jr	10-1
	<i>(Boston Harbor--Varnish, by Cox's Ridge)</i>			
5	<b>Master David</b>	Georgica Stable, et al	Frankel	5-2
	<i>(Grand Slam--Nadra {Ire}, by Sadler's Wells)</i>			
6	<b>Value Plus</b>	A & M Jones	Pletcher	7-2
	<i>(Unbridled's Song--Roll Over Baby, by Rollin On Over)</i>			
7	<b>Little Matth Man</b>	V Papandrea	Ciresa	15-1
	<i>(Matty G--Lady's Legacy, by Matchlite)</i>			
8	<b>Eddington</b>	Willmott Stables	Hennig	3-1
	<i>(Unbridled--Fashion Star, by Chief's Crown)</i>			
9	<b>Sinister G</b>	Toscano et al	Toscano Jr	15-1
	<i>(Matty G--Sinister Punch, by Two Punch)</i>			
10	<b>Hornshope</b>	T Ahern	Daggett	30-1
	<i>(Halos and Horns--Ninjetta, by Phantom Jet)</i>			
11	<b>Cuba</b>	C Allard	Bush	30-1
	<i>(Not for Love--Shaunlee, by Deputy Minister)</i>			



# Immense Quality

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**THE LITTLE PENN-BRED THAT COULD**

He's five-for-five in his career, just ran a career-best race and is the only horse who might be running for a \$5-million bonus on Kentucky Derby day. But for all of his accomplishments thus far, the pressure is squarely on Someday Farm's **Smarty Jones** (Elusive Quality) as the favorite in this afternoon's GII Arkansas Derby. Despite four straight victories in stakes company, including an eye-catching score over **Purge** (Pulpit) in this track's Rebel S.



**Smarty Jones** Jeff Coady

Mar. 20, the Pennsylvania-bred colt likely needs at least a runner-up finish in this \$1-million event to ensure himself a spot in what promises to be an oversubscribed field for the Kentucky Derby in three weeks' time. Still, trainer John Servis wouldn't trade places with anyone right now. "Smarty is coming into this race perfect," the conditioner commented. "He's raced well here and he's trained well and everything is right on schedule. His last race opened a lot of eyes and we're hoping to make some racing history Saturday." Sent off no better than the third choice in the Rebel, Smarty Jones stalked the stretch-out



**Purge winning at Gulfstream**  
Equi-Photo

speed of Purge then streaked away in the stretch to win by 3 1/4 lengths, earning a field-best Beyer of 106. Purge, one of the Todd Pletcher three-year-old troika

this weekend, was a game runner-up in the Rebel in his first start around two turns. The blinkers come off this afternoon in an effort to get the colt to relax a bit. Pletcher is no stranger to this race, having won in 2000 with Graeme Hall and in 2001 with Balto Star.

**Borrego Looking to Trump History...**

**Borrego** (El Prado {Ire}), looking to become the first California-based winner of this event since Olympio in



**Borrego** Benoit photo

1991, comes into this off runner-up finishes in the Feb. 8 Sham S. at Santa Anita and the GII Louisiana Derby Mar. 7. And while \$600,000 is a lot of money, trainer Beau Greely would be more than happy with a minor placing. "We're certainly going out there to win--the horse is fit," he commented.

"But as long as he can set up, make a good closing run and finish and he comes out of the race sound, we're definitely aiming to go to the Derby."

**Saturday, Oaklawn Park, post time: 4:44 p.m. CDT**

**ARKANSAS DERBY-GII, \$1,000,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m**

PP	HORSE	OWNER	TRAINER	ODDS
1	<b>Borrego</b> <i>(El Prado {Ire}--Sweet as Honey, by Strike the Gold)</i>	Ralls/Foster LLC, et al	Greely	7-2
2	<b>Mambo Train</b> <i>(Kingmambo--Ticket to Houston, by Houston)</i>	Everest Stables	Polanco	20-1
3	<b>Shadowland</b> <i>(Distant View--Fire and Shade, by Shadeed)</i>	Team Valor	R Nicks	8-1
4	<b>Every Advantage</b> <i>(Tactical Advantage--Southern Letters, by Capote)</i>	Walter L New	Amoss	30-1
5	<b>Purge</b> <i>(Pulpit--Copelan's Bid Gal, by Copelan)</i>	Starlight/Saylor/Martin	Pletcher	5-1
6	<b>Tricky Taboo</b> <i>(Mazel Trick--Strictly Taboo, by Spectacular Bid)</i>	Oak Haven Farm	Frederick	12-1
7	<b>Mr. Jester</b> <i>(Silver Deputy--Future Pretense, by Fappiano)</i>	Kaaren J Biggs	Wren	12-1
8	<b>Hasslefree</b> <i>(Forestry--Belle of Abruzzi, by Time for a Change)</i>	R & B Lewis	Lukas	30-1
9	<b>Harvard Avenue</b> <i>(You and I--Carrie Can, by Saratoga Six)</i>	Ron Crockett Inc.	O'Neill	15-1
10	<b>Pro Prado</b> <i>(El Prado {Ire}--Mama's Pro, by Proper Reality)</i>	Mrs J A Winn	Holthus	15-1
11	<b>Smarty Jones</b> <i>(Elusive Quality--I'll Get Along, by Smile)</i>	Someday Farm	Jo Servis	7-5

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☆ RESULTS ☆

Friday, Oaklawn Park

**FANTASY S.-GII**, \$200,000, OPX, 4-9, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:42 3/5, ft.

1--**@HOUSE OF FORTUNE**, 121, f, 3, by Free House

1st Dam: So Fortunate, by Garthorn

2nd Dam: Delicate Vine, by Knights Choice

3rd Dam: Fool's Miss, by Saltville

(\$40,000 yrl '02 CALAUG; \$125,000 2yo 2003 BESMAR). O-Arnold Zetcher LLC; B-John Treasure (CA); T-Ronald L McAnally; J-A O Solis; \$120,000. Lifetime Record: GISP, 8-5-1-1, \$391,094. \*First graded-stakes winner for sire (by Smokester).

2--**Island Sand**, 121, f, 3, Tabasco Cat--Sue's Last Dance, by Forty Niner. (\$82,000 yrl '02 KEESEP). O-B A Man Inc; B-Richard D Maynard (KY); \$40,000.

3--**Stellar Jayne**, 121, f, 3, Wild Rush--To the Hunt, by Relaunch. (\$150,000 wlng '01 FTKNOV).

O-Spendthrift Farm LLC, N Cole, C Kidder, N Strong & Kenneth Kline; B-Wind Hill Farm (KY); \$20,000.

Margins: 1 3/4, 4, 2 1/4. Odds: 0.70, 8.40, 10.10.

Also Ran: Elusive Diva, Shadow Cast, Yoursmineours, Stephan's Angel, Miss Coronado, Platinum Ballet, Slewpy's Storm, True Blonde Beauty.

The 17-length winner of the Mar. 6 California Oaks in her most recent appearance, House of Fortune made it two impressive efforts in a row to earn her first graded triumph.



**House of Fortune**

*Sunny Taylor/Coady Photography*

A perfect three-for-three vs. fellow Cal-breds last year, the dark bay ended the season with a third in the Dec. 21 GI Hollywood Starlet S. and came back to be second in the Jan. 19 GII Santa Ynez S. in her sophomore bow.

The filly signaled she was ready to beat graded foes with a pair of sparkling morning trials, working a half in :46 1/5 at Santa Anita Mar. 28 and coming back three days

later to go six furlongs in an eye-opening 1:09 4/5. The odds-on favorite, she tracked an honest early pace while tucked in at the rail, angled to the outside for the stretch run and took control, drawing off to a decisive score. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or the free [brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).

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Friday, Keeneland

**MAKER'S MARK MILE S.-GII**, \$200,000, KEE, 4-9, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:33 2/5 (NTR), fm.

1--**PERFECT SOUL (IRE)**, 116, h, 6, by [Sadler's Wells](#)

1st Dam: Ball Chairman, by Secretariat

2nd Dam: A Status Symbol, by Exclusive Native

3rd Dam: Queen Louie, by Crimson Satan

O/B-Charles E Fipke (IRE); T-Roger L Attfield; J-E S Prado; \$124,000. Lifetime Record: Ch. Turf Horse-Can, GISW-US, 16-7-3-1, \$1,260,215. \*1/2 to Dimontina (Dixieland Band), SP, \$184,606.

2--**Burning Roma**, 116, h, 6, Rubiano--While Rome Burns, by Overskate. (\$50,000 wlng '98 KEENOV; \$90,000 yrl '99 OBSAUG; \$40,000 2yo 2000 FTFEB). O-Harold L Queen; B-William S Farish, Jr (KY); \$40,000.

3--**Royal Spy**, 116, h, 6, Peteski--Caro's Beauty, by Caro (Ire). O/B-Dr K K Jayaraman & Dr V Devi Jayaraman (FL); \$20,000.

Margins: HF, HD, 1. Odds: 3.40, 18.90, 12.60.

Also Ran: Honor in War, Stroll, Millennium Dragon (GB), Freefourinternet, Perfect Drift, Needwood Blade (GB), Hear No Evil.

If jockey Edgar Prado has a Stuart Smalley complex, it's understandable. "I think he likes me," the Panamanian dead-panned following Perfect Soul's hard-fought win in the Maker's Mark Mile. Prado is now three for four, with a second, aboard the son of Sadler's Wells. Fifth, but beaten just 3/4 of a length in the 10-furlong GI Arlington Million with Corey Nakatani in the saddle last August, Perfect Soul showed his versatility when rallying for third under Jose Santos in the GI Atto Mile at Woodbine Sept. 14. Reunited with Prado for the GI Shadwell Keeneland Turf Mile Oct. 4, he closed to win at 6-1. The Charles Fipke homebred was making his first start since running ninth, with Santos at the reins, in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile Oct. 25. Reserved in seventh while kept in the clear for the opening six furlongs, the bay kicked it into high gear turning for home, angled out six wide in the stretch and closed willingly to keep his perfect local record intact. Burning Roma outnodded pacesetter Royal Spy for second while favored Stroll (Pulpit) was a no-excuses fifth. Prompted on a possible next start for the winner, victorious trainer Roger Attfield called on his comedic skills. "We might go over to Churchill for the other bourbon race [GI Woodford Reserve Turf Classic, 9f, May 1]. I'm a scotch drinker, but I'm beginning to like bourbon now." [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or the [brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#) or the [video race replay](#).



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**Friday, Aqueduct**

**COMELY S.-GIII**, \$112,000, AQU, 4-9, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:35 4/5, ft.

1--**SOCIETY SELECTION**, 122, f, 3, by Coronado's Quest  
1st Dam: Love That Jazz (GSW & GISP, \$482,841),  
by Dixieland Band

2nd Dam: Love From Mom, by Mr. Prospector

3rd Dam: Hoso, by Solo Landing

O/B--Marjorie & Irving Cowan (KY); T-H Allen Jerkens; J-J Chavez; \$67,200. Lifetime Record: GISW, 6-3-1-1, \$450,700.

2--**Bending Strings**, 116, f, 3, American Chance--Straight South, by Hail the Pirates. O/B-John D Gunther (KY); \$22,400.

3--**Daydreaming**, 116, f, 3, A.P. Indy--Get Lucky, by Mr. Prospector. O/B-Ogden Mills Phipps (KY); \$11,200.

Margins: 3, 2 3/4, 8HF. Odds: 1.65, 10.40, 6.50. Also Ran: Baldomera, Please Take Me Out, Two Bayou, Irish Melody, A Lulu Ofa Menifee. Scratched: Rare Gift.

Society Selection upset Ashado and Victory U. S. A. in the GI Frizette S. last fall, but disappointed in her next start, finishing 10th in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies. Third by a neck in her seasonal debut in the GII Davona Dale S. Feb. 7, the homebred was last seen running second as the 1-2 chalk in the GII Bonnie Miss S. Mar. 6. Sent off as the slight favorite in this spot, she trailed the field after a half mile, was in tight quarters on the far turn, angled out five wide and impressively drew off to an easy victory. "She made some move around the turn," winning trainer Allen Jerkens said. "She was giving away weight to everybody, too. I would like to stay at Belmont with her for the [GI] Acorn [June 4]. If the owners really want to go to Kentucky for the Kentucky Oaks, I'm not going to argue with them. But I would like to keep her here." **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#). For the video race replay, select: [broadband](#) or [modem](#).**

**Friday, Saint-Cloud, France**

**PRIX PENELOPE-G3**, €73,000, Saint-Cloud, 4-9, 3yo, f, 1 5/16mT, 2:17.10, gd.

1--**#@ASK FOR THE MOON (FR)**, 126, f, 3, by Dr Fong  
1st Dam: Lune Rouge (Ire), by Unfuwain  
2nd Dam: Luvia (Ire), by Cure the Blues  
3rd Dam: Lucaya (Fr), by Mill Reef

(€110,000 yrl '02 DEAAUG). O-J P J Dubois; B-Mme G Forien & J F Gribomont; T-Jean-Claude Rouget; J-Ioritz Mendizabal; €36,500. Lifetime Record: 6 starts, 4 wins, 2 places, €72,800. \*Fourth SW & first GSW for sophomore sire (by Kris S.).

2--**Super Lina (Fr)**, 126, f, 3, Linamix (Fr)--Supergirl, by Woodman. O/B-J P J Dubois; €14,600.

3--**Miss France (Fr)**, 126, f, 3, Sabrehill--Tonic Stream (Fr), by Bering (GB). O-Ecurie Etoiles du Galop; B-Haras des Etoiles SA; €10,950.

Margins: 2, NK, HF. Odds: 0.50, 5.00, 4.40. Also ran: Trinity Joy (GB), Kalatuna (Fr), Kate Winslet.

As with many of Jean-Claude Rouget's string, Ask for the Moon plied her trade in the provinces at two, breaking her maiden at Lyon-Parilly in November. She



Ask for the Moon  
france-galop.com photo

posted a facile return score at Salon de Provence Feb. 5, then found little difficulty in adding a Saint-Cloud conditions event to her portfolio Mar. 6. Sent off the confident 1-2 punter's pick here, she stalked the early pace in third under Ioritz Mendizabal. Always traveling easily, she was moved up to take command with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining and needed only hand riding to account for

Super Lina and Christophe Soumillon. "I think she's a very nice filly," commented Rouget. "She's been very impressive on her last two starts and today she could have done with a lead for a bit longer really. We can dream now, and tell the ladies to get their hats ready for Chantilly and the G1 Prix de Diane Hermes [French Oaks, June 13], but first she will go for the G1 Prix Saint-Alary [Longchamp, May 23]."

**Click here for the [France Galop chart](#).**

A # will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, a @ will indicate first-time graded stakes-winners, a ▲ will denote a first-time Grade/Group 1 winner, a + will first-time starters, an (S) will be used for state-bred races, a (C) will be used for maiden-claiming races and an (R) will be used for other restricted races. Purses for Canadian races are in Canadian dollars.

**RACING TO THE KENTUCKY DERBY:**

**Apr. 10** - Wood Memorial & Bay Shore (Live) - ESPN, 3:30 p.m.  
Toyota Blue Grass S. & Arkansas Derby (Live) - NBC, 4:30 p.m.

**Apr. 17** - Coolmore Lexington & Federico Tesio (Live) - ESPN2, 6 p.m.

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☆ PREVIEW ☆

Saturday, Aqueduct, post time: 4:45 p.m. EDT

CARTER H.-GI, \$350,000, 3yo/up, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Super Fuse	Lite the Fuse	Ciardullo	30-1
2	Eye of the Tiger	American Chance	McLaughlin	20-1
3	Pico Central (Brz)	Spend a Buck	Lobo	3-1
4	Gygistar	Prospector's Music	Hennig	8-1
5	Secret Run	End Sweep	Labocetta	15-1
6	Don Six	Wild Escapade	Generazio	20-1
7	Badge of Silver	Silver Deputy	Werner	6-1
8	Well Fancied	Prosper Fager	R Dutrow	5-1
9	Strong Hope	Grand Slam	Pletcher	8-5
10	Peeping Tom	Eagle Eyed	Reynolds	12-1

The speedy **Strong Hope** notched his fifth consecutive victory with a win over Empire Maker in the 2003 GII Jim Dandy S., then closed out the season with a well-beaten third in the GI Travers S. Bet down to 3-5 favoritism while making his four-year-old debut at Gulfstream in a six-furlong optional claimer Mar. 10, he crushed his opponents by 9 3/4 lengths and earned a 114 Beyer Speed Figure in the process. "We obviously expected him to run well," trainer Todd Pletcher said of Strong Hope's last start. "I was a little concerned that three-quarters was a little too short for him, but he was spectacular. Hopefully, he can come back with a similar type of performance. He showed last year he was a quality horse. He was good enough to win everywhere from seven furlongs to a mile and an eighth." **Badge of Silver** was high on everybody's Derby lists last year after a 10-length victory in the GIII Risen Star S., but was taken off the Triple Crown trail after suffering a fractured right front cannon bone the day before the GI Toyota Blue Grass S. The colt made a successful return to the races 10 months later winning a six-furlong optional claiming event by 2 3/4 lengths at Fair Grounds Jan. 23, but disappointed last time with a fifth-place finish behind **Well Fancied** in the GII General George H. Feb. 16. A 43-1 upset winner of the GII San Carlos H. last out, **Pico Central** can make some noise here if able to duplicate that effort.

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the Wood Memorial S.-GI at Aqueduct. For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).

Saturday, Keeneland, post time: 3:15 p.m. EDT  
COMMONWEALTH BREEDERS' CUP S.-GII, \$250,000, 3yo/up, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Marino Marini	Storm Cat	O'Neill	3-1
2	Saint Waki	Saint Ballado	Vestal	12-1
3	Scrimshaw	Gulch	Lukas	4-1
4	Lion Tamer	Will's Way	Pletcher	7-5
5	Private Horde	Brunswick	Cain	5-2
6	Christine's Outlaw	Wild Again	Weaver	12-1

**Lion Tamer**, looking to erase the bitter memory of his lone previous start over this strip, bids to maintain his perfect record at this specialist distance. A six-length winner of the GII Hutcheson S. last February, the slight chestnut was off the board in two route efforts, including a sixth in last year's GI Toyota Blue Grass S. He has since returned to score a pair of victories going seven-eighths of a mile, capped by a 3/4-length tally in the GII Richter Scale BC H. at Gulfstream Mar. 6. **Marino Marini**, a \$1.8-million son of GISW Halo America, was second in the GI Malibu S. Dec. 26 and the GII Palos Verdes H. Feb. 1, but was most recently 10th in the GII San Carlos H. Mar. 7. The grey may have had an excuse for his latest, as he has undergone a myectomy since that effort, and could be a handful today. **Private Horde** stopped the Turfway timer in a track-record 1:13.95 for his 6 1/2-furlong comebacker Mar. 10, but there was a timer malfunction and he was not credited with the new standard. The bay registered a 117 Beyer in winning the GII A.G. Vanderbilt H. in the slop last summer and could get similar conditions underfoot should the forecast rain materialize.

Saturday, Keeneland, post time: 4:15 p.m. EDT  
SHAKERTOWN S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	Doc D	Strodes Creek	Reed	118
2	Chosen Chief	Marquetry	Porter	118
3	Prince Alphie	Alphabet Soup	Carroll	120
4	Soaring Free	Smart Strike	Frostad	120
5	Airbourne Command	Exbourne	Saland	118
6	Abderian (Ire)	Machiavellian	Mullins	118
7	Cat Singer	Sir Cat	T Gabriel	118
8	Red Lightning	Storm Boot	Thornbury	118
9	Fiscally Speaking	Belong to Me	Nafzger	120
10	Banned in Boston	Boston Harbor	J Hennig	118
11	Blakelock	Summer Squall	Weaver	118
12	Day Trader	Phone Trick	Lukas	118
AE	Mr. Krisley	Mr. Greeley	Lopresti	118
AE	Punch	Smoke Glacken	Christenson	118

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**Saturday, Aqueduct, post time: 3:45 p.m. EDT**

**BAY SHORE S.-GIII, \$150,000, 3yo, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	Abbondanza	Alphabet Soup	Tulloch	116
2	Forest Danger	Forestry	Pletcher	116
3	American Comedy	Forever Whirl	Iwinski	116
4	Smokume	Smoke Glacken	H Jerkens	118
5	Last Minute Detail	Devil's Bag	Chatlos	116
6	Indian War Dance	Cherokee Run	R Dutrow	116
7	Judiths Wild Rush	Wild Rush	Fairlie	118
8	Rockhewn	Formal Dinner	Reid Jr	116

**Abbondanza** was a sharp 5 3/4-length winner at first asking over the Big A inner strip, then ran fifth behind Redskin Warrior in the Best Turn S. after ducking in at the start. Most recently a wire-to-wire allowance victor at Laurel Mar. 20, the chestnut colt appears to be the fastest of the bunch here. A perfect two-for-two thus far, the Todd Pletcher-trained **Forest Danger** faces his biggest challenge yet. The \$900,000 FTFEB juvenile was last seen notching a seven-furlong Gulfstream allowance Mar. 13. Shipping in from Southern California, **Last Minute Detail** cuts back in distance off his fifth-place showing in the GII San Felipe S. Mar. 14.



**Forest Danger** Equi-Photo

**Sunday, Longchamp, France**

**PRIX NOAILLES-G2, €105,000, 3yo, c/f, 1 3/8mT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
1	1	Marnhac (Fr)	Smadoun (Fr)	Lemaire
2	6	Malevitch (Ire)	Exit to Nowhere	Boeuf
3	3	Young Tiger (Fr)	Tiger Hill (Ire)	Peslier
4	8	Kensington (Ger)	Dashing Blade (GB)	Legrix
5	7	Nite Trippa (Fr)	Exit to Nowhere	Jarnet
6	4	Cherry Mix (Fr)	Linamix (Fr)	Stevens
7	9	Fast and Furious (Fr)	Singspiel (Ire)	Mendizabal
8	5	Alcinos (Fr)	Highest Honor (Fr)	Pasquier
9	2	Voix du Nord (Fr)	Valanour (Ire)	Soumillon

All carry 128 pounds.

☆ CLASSIC CORNER ☆

**Guineas Field Loses Another**

Cheveley Park Stud's **Auditorium (GB)** (Royal Applause {GB}) yesterday became the latest of the leading protagonists for the G1 2000 Guineas to be ruled out of the mile Classic at Newmarket May 1. Last year's G2 Champagne S. hero is on the sidelines after a routine scope revealed some congestion last week. Also out of the race is **Lucky Story** (Kris S), who had to be shelved after a bone scan uncovered a problem with his right tibia. That's not the only headache for conditioner Mark Johnston, who has been treating G1 Gran Criterium winner **Pearl of Love (Ire)** (Peintre Celebre) for a cracked hoof. But Aidan O'Brien has reported that it is "so far so good" for likely favorite **One Cool Cat** (Storm Cat). Last year's G1 Phoenix S. and G1 National S. scorer may be joined by **Grand Reward** (Storm Cat) and **Antonius Pius** (Danzig) at Newmarket.

**Upcoming Guineas Preps**

Juddmonte's **Three Valleys** (Diesis {GB}) is set to reappear in Thursday's G3 Craven S. at Newmarket, where he is likely to take on his G1 Dewhurst S. conqueror **Milk it Mick (GB)** (Millkom {GB}) and G3 Horris Hill S. scorer **Peak to Creek (GB)** (Royal Applause {GB}). "All being well, and as long as the ground is suitable, Three Valleys will run," Khalid Abdullah's racing manager Teddy Grimthorpe told the *Racing Post*. "[Trainer Roger Charlton] is pleased with his progress and, when I went to see the colt the other day, he looked in tip-top shape, having grown a little and filled out nicely." Next Sunday's Listed Leopardstown 2000 Guineas Trial could be the target for His Highness the Aga Khan's **Azamour (Ire)** (Night Shift).

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4:15p	<b>Shakertown S.-GIII, Keeneland</b>
4:45p	<b>Carter H.-GI, Aqueduct</b>
5:15p	<b>Toyota Blue Grass S.-GI, Keeneland</b>
5:44p	<b>Arkansas Derby-GII, Oaklawn Park</b>

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★ **TRIPLE THREATS** ★

**Derby Plans for St Averil Remain Undecided**

Looking for a reason for the lackluster sixth-place performance of favored **St Averil** (Saint Ballado) in the Apr. 3 GI Santa Anita Derby, trainer Rafael Becerra had his vet check the colt's problem feet. The x-rays were negative, but Becerra is still undecided whether he will send the three-year-old to Churchill Downs for the May 1 GI Kentucky Derby. "His feet right now are not a problem, so we just have to keep going and let him tell us," he said. "If everything is OK, we probably would go, but we have to see how he responds. He'd have to be 100 percent and do things like he normally does and then we'll see. I'll know more a week from now."

★ **KEENELAND** ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

**7th-KEE, \$53,040, Alw, NW3X, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:47, fm.**

**1--STAGE CALL (IRE), 116, h, 5, [Sadler's Wells](#)--Humble Eight (GSW, \$278,633), by Seattle Battle. O-Winstar Farm LLC, Gaines-Gentry & Richard Nip; B-John R Gaines Thoroughbreds and Andover Road Partnership (IRE); T-W Elliott Walden. Lifetime Record: SW & GSP-US, GSP-Ire, 10-4-3-1, \$193,216.**

**2--Steadfast and True, 118, h, 5, Danzig--Always Loyal, by Zilzal.**

**3--Puffer, 118, h, 5, Sky Classic--Puffin Island, by Pleasant Colony.**

Margins: 3/4, 1 3/4, HF. Odds: 1.60, 7.00, 2.90.



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**7th-KEE, cont.**

The winner during his two-year-old campaign of the Hopemont S. at this track, Stage Call finished second in the 2002 Gill Crown Royal American Turf S. at Churchill, then resurfaced 15 months later to notch a Saratoga allowance Aug. 29. After finishing a disappointing ninth in the GI Shadwell Keeneland Turf Mile Oct. 4, he hit the sidelines again until finishing second in a Gulfstream allowance last time Mar. 4. Made the chalk in this one, he trailed the field early, was swung out six or seven wide in deep stretch and got up to post a narrow decision.

**8th-KEE, \$54,880, Alw, NW2X, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:22 3/5, ft.**

**MINISTERS WILD CAT (c, 4, Deputy Minister--Hollywood Wildcat {Ch. 3yo Filly, MGISW, \$1,432,160}, by Kris S.),** fifth as the favorite in last year's Gill Coolmore Lexington S., passed on the Triple Crown races and registered a runner-up finish in the Gill Affirmed H. June 22 before closing his sophomore campaign with a seventh in the grassy Gill La Jolla S. Aug. 16. The half brother to War Chant (Danzig), GISW, \$1,130,600; and Double Cat (Storm Cat), SW & GSP, \$153,247, was a troubled fifth in a Santa Anita optional claimer Jan. 24 and was last seen when 10th in a swiftly run optional event Feb. 21. The narrow 2-1 favorite, the bay colt set the pace along the inside, responded when roused and went on to defeat Smooth as Silver (Eltish) by 3 3/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: SW & MGSP, 10-3-3-0, \$181,392. O/B-Marjorie & Irving Cowan (KY). T-Neil D Drysdale.

**STAKES CLOSINGS**

**TODAY, SATURDAY, APRIL 10:**

**04-30 \$300,000a Louisville Breeders' Cup-II, CD, 3yo/up, f/m, 8.5f (300)**

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# Fortune's Fantasy

**HOUSE OF FORTUNE** lives the dream with a decisive 1 3/4-length victory in the \$200,000 Fantasy S.-G2 at Oaklawn Park Friday. Like her sire, **FREE HOUSE**, she is improving with age and distance. Her earnings now total **\$391,094**. Congratulations to owner Arnold Zetcher, trainer Ron McAnally and breeder John Treasure.

## FREE HOUSE

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**10th-KEE, \$53,515, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m,**  
1 1/16mT, 1:42, fm.

**CONSTANT TOUCH** (f, 4, [Belong to Me](#)--Sopran Mariduff {GB} {GSW-US, MSW & G1SP-Ity, \$399,844}, by Persian Bold {Ire}) broke her maiden over the Monmouth turf Aug. 21 and had been waiting on the sidelines since. Sent off at 7-2, the dark bay filly raced close to the lead, was swung out five wide entering the stretch and rallied to post a 1 3/4-length victory. Wear (Arch), an 11-1 shot, completed the exacta. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$61,771.

O-G Watts Humphrey Jr. B-Kilroy Thoroughbred Partnership (KY). T-Vicki Oliver.

**6th-KEE, \$51,575, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, 7f, 1:23 1/5, ft.**  
**SIR SHACKLETON** (c, 3, [Miswaki](#)--Naskra Colors {GISP, \$411,437}, by Star de Naskra), whose dam was third in this track's GI Spinster S. in 1997, finished second to the promising Forest Danger in his Feb. 14 debut at Gulfstream and went one better in his latest, graduating by 1 1/2 lengths with Lasix added in South Florida Mar. 13. Favored at 2-1, the homebred colt chased pacesetter Misty Appeal (Appealing Skier) from close range, accelerated sharply around the far turn and edged clear late to score by 1 1/4 lengths. It was another 13 1/2 lengths to Mr. Trieste (Old Trieste) in third. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$58,731.

O/B-Tracy Farmer (KY). T-Nicholas P Zito.

**5th-KEE, \$49,550, Msw, 3yo, f, a7f, 1:28 3/5, ft.**  
**THE K O TOUCH** (f, 3, [Touch Gold](#)--K. O. Kathy {SP}, by Two Punch) completed the trifecta in her Oct. 10 debut at Belmont, but stumbled at the start of a Nov. 8 Aqueduct maiden, finished 10th and was put away for the year. A distant fourth to GISW Madcap Escapade in her Jan. 4 seasonal debut at Gulfstream, the \$35,000 KEESEP yearling was most recently seventh in a Hallandale maiden Feb. 15. Adding Lasix for her first start since, the grey filly raced five and six wide down the backstretch, was still deep into the stretch, collared front-running Aurelia (Danzig) outside the eighth pole and pulled away to take it by 2 3/4 lengths at odds of 13-1. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-1, \$37,820.

O-Philip J Solondz. B-Avalon Farms, Inc (KY). T-John C Kimmel.

**3rd-KEE, \$41,900, Msw, 2yo, 4 1/2f, :52, ft.**  
+ **GOES** (c, 2, [Cien Fuegos](#)--Satin Dreams, by Southern Rhythm), a 3-1 chance at first asking, put a head in front after a quarter and motored away from the field to win it by nine lengths. Stablemate Palacios Appeal (Successful Appeal) was second, a half-length to the good of 6-5 Dupleo (Southern Halo). The final time was easily the fastest time (by over a full second) recorded by a two-year-old at the current meet. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$25,420.

O-Heiligbrodt Racing Stable. B-L William Heiligbrodt (TX). T-Steven M Asmussen.

## ★ GULFSTREAM ★

### Yesterday's Results:

**7th-GPX, \$36,000, Alw, NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m,**  
a1 1/16mT, 1:42 2/5, fm.

**ACT FOOLISH** (m, 5, [Noactor](#)--Foolish Sky, by Naked Sky) was victorious in her only other start on the lawn, a Gulfstream starter allowance Feb. 23. Last seen running fifth over the main course here, the bay mare was given a 10-1 chance to take this one. She stalked the early pacesetters, was eased out for the stretch run and rallied for a 3/4-length decision over Orkan (Distant View). The winner is a half sister to Cigar Charlie (Tour d' Or), SW, \$236,203. Lifetime Record: 7-4-2-2, \$74,780.

O/B-Charlotte Gershaw (FL). T-Ronald Spatz.

## ★ NEW YORK ★

### Yesterday's Results:

**7th-AQU, \$47,000, Alw, NW3X, 4/up, 7f, 1:22 2/5, ft.**

1--**GALLANT SIR, 118, g, 5, [Marquetry](#)--Elusive Gold, by Strike the Gold.** (\$50,000 yrl '00 KEESEP).

O-Steel Your Face Stables; B-Marvin Delfiner (KY); T-Richard E Dutrow Jr. Lifetime Record: 25-6-5-5, \$191,370.

2--**Conservation, 118, c, 4, Tamayaz--Donnan's Holly,** by Dixieland Band.

3--**Halo Homewrecker, 113, c, 4, Southern Halo--** Marital Spook, by Silver Ghost.

Margins: 1, HF, HD. Odds: 1.05A, 9.90, 6.60.

Claimed for \$50,000 out of a third-place effort going two turns over the inner track Dec. 11, Gallant Sir rounded out the triple at that same level Jan. 24 and was most recently an even fourth with a \$50,000 tag Feb. 12. Part of an entry favored at even money, the gelding raced well behind the early pace set by his entymate Record Tide (Montbrook, seventh), rallied along the inside, bulled his way through horses leaving the eighth pole and inched clear.

**6th-AQU, \$45,000, Alw, NW2X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09 3/5, ft.**

**SAINT LORENZO** (c, 4, [Saint Ballado](#)--Twochindordor, by Vice Regent), claimed for \$50,000 at Santa Anita last October, won right back for that same tag at Hollywood Nov. 26 before finishing eighth in a Dec. 21 allowance at that California oval. Switched to the barn of Mark Shuman, the 210,000 KEESEP yearling resurfaced with a 6 1/2-length allowance victory at Charles Town Mar. 4, but was dismissed at odds of 10-1 in this spot. Outrun early, the Ontario-bred rallied wide on the far turn and was along late to defeat favored A One Rocket (Abaginone) by a neck. Lifetime Record: 13-6-2-1, \$135,440.

O-Michael J Gill. B-Reade Baker (ON). T-Mark Shuman.



**5th-AQU, \$44,000, Alw, NW2L, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:36 1/5, ft.**

**AREEK (f, 3, Deputy Minister--Aljawza, by Riverman)** turned in a pair of very promising performances over the winter at Gulfstream Park, winning her maiden by 5 1/4 lengths at first asking Feb. 15 before finishing one length second to Gill Comely S. participant Irish Melody in entry-level allowance company over seven furlongs Mar. 14. Stretching out to the one-turn mile for this as the 1-2 chalk, the half to Al Jadeed (Coronado's Quest), GSW-Eng, \$139,381, set the pace in hand, drew clear when asked and reported home a 6 1/4-length winner. Oh Pine (Pine Bluff) was second. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$52,400. O/B-Shadwell Stable (KY). T-Mark A Hennig.

**1st-AQU, \$41,000, Msw, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft.**

**+ FLEET INDIAN (f, 3, Indian Charlie--Hustleeta, by Afleet)** had been working sharply and was the 2-5 favorite in her career opener. The \$40,000 FTNAUG yearling, who blossomed into a \$230,000 OBSMAR juvenile, grabbed the lead after a half and lived up to her name down the lane, drawing off to an 8 1/2-length score. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,600. O-Stan E Fulton. B-Thomas/Lakin (NY). T-J J Toner.

**3rd-AQU, \$41,000, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:23 3/5, ft.**

**EVERY TRICK (f, 3, Grand Slam--Destiny Now, by Jebbar)** was the victim of a spill in her Nov. 8 debut, then found herself caught in traffic in her second start at Gulfstream Park Jan. 25 and finished eighth. Shipped north again after that effort, the \$95,000 OBSAPR two-year-old purchase showed life in her latest, cutting out the early fractions before giving way to be second going a mile at the Big A Mar. 13. A 7-1 chance this time, the bay shadowed 8-5 Riviera Mill (Royal Academy) through a half in :45.13, drove past the favorite in the stretch and edged away to a 1 1/2-length tally. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$33,320. O-Condren & Sherman. B-Farnsworth Farms (KY). T-Nicholas P Zito.

## ★ CENTRAL ★

### Yesterday's Results:

**8th-HAW, \$30,000, Alw, NW2X, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:46 2/5, ft.**

**CAIMAN (c, 3, Malibu Moon--Storming Up, by Storm Bird),** a \$3,000 KEENOV weanling, was good enough to run third 3 1/2 lengths behind Birdstone in a Gulfstream allowance Feb. 14, but had no response when fifth in the seven-furlong Mar. 13 Gill Swale S. last time. Given a 5-2 chance here, he was outrun early and rallied in the stretch to get up by a neck over 7-1 Keepitinthebag (Eltish). Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-1, \$31,212. O-Victor Achar. B-John T L Jones Jr (KY). T-Angel M Medina.

### Knee Chip Sidelines Skeet:

Four-year-old **Skeet** (Dove Hunt), fourth as the second choice in Thursday's Gill Count Fleet H., pulled up poorly after the race and has been diagnosed with a chip in his left knee. He has been scheduled for surgery Tuesday at Rood and Riddle in Lexington, Kentucky. "We knew something was wrong when Skeet couldn't sustain his rally," said trainer Bob Holthus. "He was really coming on before he got hurt. When they run that fast, there's always the possibility of something going wrong. We'll give him six months [off] and hope to bring him back in the fall." Out of the Wavering Monarch mare Dancing Monarch, the chestnut had captured his first two starts of 2004, the King Cotton S. and the Hot Springs S. His earnings stand at \$371,953.



**Skeet**  
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## SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT

### First-time starters/stakes runners: Saturday, Apr. 10

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

**ARCHERS BAY** (Silver Deputy), Dead, \$, 102/9/0  
4-AQU, Msw, 7f, Little Bentley

**BIANCONI** (Danzig), Ashford, \$5K, 128/16/0

10-SA, Msw, 6 1/2f, Cinematic, \$27K FTK JUL yrl

**CAPE CROSS (IRE)** (Green Desert), Kildangan, \$10K, 172/31/4

8-SA, Stk, 1mT, Gwaihir (Ire), \$22K GOF OCT yrl

**EL AMANTE** (Wild Again), Straus, \$3K, 47/8/0

7-OP, Stk, 1m, Josie G.

**FORESTRY** (Storm Cat), Taylor Made, \$50K, 136/17/2

7-AQU, Stk, 7f, Forest Danger, \$900K FTF FEB 2yo

9-OP, Stk, 1 1/8m, Hasslefree, \$425K FTS AUG yrl

10-GP, Msw, 6f, Trees in Gold, \$100K OBS MAR 2yo

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

8-GP, Alw, 1 1/8mT, Society Sam, \$65K EAS MAY 2yo

9-OP, Stk, 1 1/8m, Tricky Taboo, \$85K KEE SEP yrl

**MILITARY** (Danzig), Glencrest, \$5K, 62/12/2

6-OP, Msw, 1 1/16m, Military Road

**SAHM** (Mr. Prospector), Shadwell, \$5K, 51/10/2

4-MNR, Msw, 5 1/2f, Double Didgit Baby, \$24K EAS OCT yrl

**SILVER CHARM** (Silver Buck), Three Chimneys, \$25K, 150/23/1

9-KEE, Stk, 1 1/8m, Preachinathebar, 4-1

8-AQU, Stk, 1 1/8m, Consecrate, \$130K KEE SEP yrl

**STRAVINSKY** (Nureyev), Ashford, \$18K, 182/36/2

10-SA, Msw, 6 1/2f, Geniusatwork, \$19K BAR MAY 2yo

**VERGLAS (IRE)** (Highest Honor {Fr}), Neuve, \$2K, 68/9/2

8-SA, Stk, 1mT, Terroplane (FR)

**WESTERN BORDERS** (Gone West), Dunhill, \$3K, 44/6/1

8-SA, Stk, 1mT, Seattle Borders

**WILD EVENT** (Wild Again), Bridlewood, \$8K, 86/17/0

4-MNR, Msw, 5 1/2f, Downtown Event



## ★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

### Yesterday's Results:

**1st-SAX, \$46,000, Msw, 3yo, 1m, 1:35 3/5, ft.**  
**SATIRIC** (c, 3, [Distorted Humor](#)--**Move Swiftly, by Time to Explode**), the lone member of this quintet not Triple Crown nominated, was haltered for \$80,000 out of debut third-place finish Mar. 12 and was a 6-1 chance facing tougher and trying two turns for the first time. A half brother to Dancing Dee (Mr. Nasty), SP, \$261,187, the chestnut forced the early pace, took command approaching the quarter pole, was overtaken by favored King Palm (Halo's Image) with a furlong to run, but fought back gamely for a 1/2-length victory at odds of 6-1. A \$40,000 KEENOV weanling, he was a \$50,000 KEESEP yearling and a \$100,000 OBSFEB juvenile. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$31,440.  
 O-Flying A Farms & Jack & Gloria Kramer Living Trust. B-Blossom Hill Breeders (KY). T-Herbert L Bacorn.

## ★ WEST ★

### Yesterday's Results:

**7th-SUN, \$21,500, Msw, (S), 2yo, 4 1/2f, :54 2/5, ft.**  
**+ ASK NICELY** (f, 2, **In Excessive Bull--Askance, by Irish Tower**), a \$5,200 RUIAUG yearling purchase, earned back that entire investment with an off-the-pace victory. Settled off the early pace, the New Mexico-bred raced four wide on the turn and rallied down the lane to win by a length at odds of 14-1. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$12,900.  
 O/B-Roger K Beasley & Leach Racing Llc (NM). T-William F Leach.

## ★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

### IN FRANCE:

**Silverskaya**, f, 3, **Silver Hawk**. See "France"

### IN ITALY:

**Scottish Knight**, h, 5, **Future Storm**. See "European Breeders' Edition"

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## ★ FRANCE ★

### Yesterday's Results:

**Saint-Cloud, 2.20, Cond, €31,000, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/2mT, 2:41.00, gd.**  
**LORD DU SUD (FR)** (c, 3, **Linamix {Fr}--Marseillaise {Fr} {SW-Fr}**, by **Esprit du Nord**), successful on his only juvenile start, was a winner again last time at Toulouse Mar. 15. He led at a steady pace from the outset and maintained a uniform gallop for much of the contest. The 8-5 punters' choice was headed approaching the final furlong, but rallied gamely under strong driving to regain a neck advantage from Geordieland (Fr) (Johann Quatz {Fr}) nearing the line. Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 3 wins, €28,000.  
 O-Mme B Hermelin; B-A Guerini; T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

## ★ "TDN Rising Star" ★

**Saint-Cloud, 4.20, Cond, €31,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/2mT, 2:38.60, gd.**

**SILVERSKAYA** (f, 3, **Silver Hawk--Boubskaia {GB} {SP-Fr}**, by **Niniski**), debuted with a victory at Toulouse Mar. 15. Reserved off the pace in fourth, she remained there until turning into the home straight. The 13-5 favourite made smooth progress from the quarter-mile marker, quickened to challenge at the eighth pole and eased to the wire under a hand ride to beat Dream Play (Ire) (In the Wings {GB}) by a highly impressive 1 1/2 lengths. A €150,000 DEAAUG yearling purchase, she is a half to Daneskaya (GB) (Danehill), GSW-Fr, \$106,332; Mumtaz (Fr) (Kaldoun {Fr}), MSW & GSP-US, GSP-Fr, \$382,907; and Beriskaio (Ire) (Bering {GB}), GSP-Fr. [Click here for the France Galop chart.](#) Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 2 wins, €22,000.  
 O-EARL Champ Gignoux; B-M3 Elevage, Haras d'Etream & Pontchartrain Stud; T-Jean-Claude Rouget.



France Galop photo

## ★ BRITAIN ★

### STALLS HANDLERS PREPARE TO STRIKE

Racing could be brought a halt in the near future as Britain's stalls handlers threaten action over the Levy Board's decision to hand over responsibility of pay to racecourses. With subsequent cuts in permanently employed handlers as a result, the workers are set to strike after their appeal to keep the current system with frozen pay and loss of benefits failed.



**British Report cont.**

**NEW CHANNEL IN THE OFFING**

Britain could have a new racing channel by Epsom Derby day, the *Racing Post* revealed yesterday. A collection of 20 of the country's premier tracks are ready to form "The Horse Racing Channel," which will be subscription-based on digital satellite and cable television. In an initiative spearheaded by Goodwood's general manager Rod Fabricius, the Channel will provide action from such tracks as Aintree, Cheltenham, Epsom, Newmarket, Sandown, Doncaster, Goodwood, Newbury and York. The news follows the decision by the Racecourse Holdings Trust on Thursday to continue the current agreement with Channel Four to keep their terrestrial racing coverage for the next 18 months.

**Saturday, Kempton, post time: 1:35 p.m.**

**turftours.com MASAKA S.-Listed, £30,000, 3yo, f, 1mT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	5	Betty Stogs (Ire)	Perugino	Elsworth
2	3	Coqueteria	Cozzene	Wragg
3	8	Doctrine (GB)	Barathea (Ire)	Gosden
4	1	Fadeela (Ire)	Desert King (Ire)	d'Arcy
5	7	Halicardia (GB)	Halling	Harris
6	4	Hathrah (Ire)	Linamix (Fr)	J Dunlop
7	9	Spring Surprise (GB)	Hector Protector	B Hills
8	6	Why Dubai	Kris S	Hannon
9	2	Zerlina	Singspiel (Ire)	Hannon

All carry 120 pounds.

**Hathrah** was runner-up to Kinnaird (Ire) In the G2 May Hill S. at Doncaster last September before finding only the smart Secret Charm (Ire) too strong in the Listed Radley S. at Newbury the following month.

**Halicardia** could offer the biggest threat on the form of her York nursery success last August.

**Saturday, Kempton, post time: 3:10 p.m.**

**alanbrazilracing.com EASTER S.-Listed, £30,000, 3yo, c/g, 1mT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	2	Barbajuan (Ire)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Callaghan	125
2	5	Nero's Return (Ire)	Mujadil	Johnston	123
3	3	Privy Seal (Ire)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Gosden	123
4	1	Divine Gift (GB)	Groom Dancer	M Jarvis	120
5	4	Gravardlax (GB)	Salse	Meehan	120
6	7	Mutahayya (Ire)	Peintre Celebre	J Dunlop	120
7	6	Psychiatrist (GB)	Dr Devious (Ire)	Hannon	120

**Barbajuan** has to defy a penalty for his success in the G3 Solario S. at Sandown last August, where he had subsequent G1 Dewhurst S. winner Milk it Mick (GB) a half-length back in second. He finished third behind Pearl of Love (Ire) in the G1 Gran Criterium in Milan at the end of October and sets the standard. **Nero's Return**, who took the Listed Doncaster S. over six furlongs last term, has to prove he stays a mile, while **Divine Gift** has already done so in style in a Doncaster conditions event last time Mar. 27.

**Saturday, Haydock, post time: 3:00 p.m.**

**FIELD MARSHAL S.-Listed, £30,000, 3yo, 5fT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	4	Nights Cross (Ire)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Channon	133
2	1	If Paradise (GB)	Compton Place (GB)	Hannon	129
3	2	Harry Up (GB)	Piccolo (GB)	Given	121
4	5	Crafty Fancy (Ire)	Intikhab	Ffrench Davis	119
5	3	Lake Garda (GB)	Komaite	McMahon	119

★ GERMANY ★

**Saturday, Mulheim, post time: 5:30 p.m.**

**54TH ORAKEL DER DREIJAHRIGEN-Listed, €20,000, 3yo, 1mT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	6	Kalifornia Blue (Ger)	Auenadler (Ger)	Vovcenko	123
2	2	Marabout Directa (Ger)	Big Shuffle	Lowe	123
3	1	Vicomte (Ger)	Lagunas (GB)	M Trybuhl	123
4	4	Tarlac (Ger)	Dashing Blade (GB)	Schutz	121
5	5	Gondolin (Ger)	Perugino	Hofer	119
6	7	Jurako (Ger)	Surako (Ger)	Baltromei	119
7	3	Mariella (Ger)	Zinaad (GB)	von der Recke	117



AUSTRALASIA



**RESET SOLD TO DARLEY AUSTRALIA** Unbeaten

**Reset (Aus)** (Zabeel {NZ}--Assertive Lass {Aus}, by Zeditave {Aus}) has been sold by Lloyd Williams to



**Reset**  
The Mercury photo

Darley Australia for a reported A\$20 million, according to published reports. A stud fee has not yet been announced for the now-retired three-year-old. Acquired by Williams for A\$190,000 at the 2002 Inglis Easter Yearling Sale, the bay colt didn't debut until Dec. 26, but quickly rattled off five victories, capturing the G1 VRC Australian Guineas before defeating veteran Yell (Aus) in the G1 MRC Futurity S. He is out of the multiple Group 1 winner Assertive Lass, herself a full sister to the multiple Group 1 hero Assertive Lad (Aus).

"We are thrilled Reset will be standing at Darley," said Oliver Tait, Darley Australia's manager. "He was an awesome racehorse with an unblemished career, impressively winning the Guineas before backing up to beat top-class, weight-for-age sprinters. Being by Zabeel, out of an outstanding mare, there is no doubt he is one of the most attractive stud prospects for years, and a worthy addition to a terrific roster of stallions." The deal follows that of fellow star Australian sophomore Exceed and Excel (Aus), whom Darley acquired for a reported A\$22 million.



**Australian Report cont.**

**VICTORY VEIN TO SELL IN JUNE** Top racemare **Victory Vein (Aus)** (Mr. Henrysee) has been catalogued to sell at the Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale, which will be held June 16-18 on the Gold Coast. The four-year-old has bankrolled over A\$1.9 million while capturing nine stakes, including the G1 AJC Sires' Produce S. and the G1 Champagne S. "This year's National Broodmare Sale is looking outstanding," said David Chester. "We've been inundated with quality entries and the sale is certainly a 'must attend' for breeders. This sale will be the biggest in Magic Millions history and it is sure to provide record results for this popular sale."

**MORE DANEHILLS TO COME** While the final Australian-conceived crop of the late Danehill will be offered at this autumn's sales, Magic Millions has announced that several more sons and daughters of the influential stallion will be available next year. Danehill stood his final Australian season in 2001, but did cover mares in Ireland on Southern Hemisphere time in 2002. The company's managing director David Chester said that Magic Millions has "15 Danehills confirmed" for the 2005 Magic Millions Yearling Sale. "This is a great coup for Magic Millions," said Chester. "Buyers should be aware that we will be offering a quality lineup of yearlings by Danehill next year. They shouldn't just take it his final yearlings will be sold over the coming months." According to a Magic Millions release, there are 38 Danehill weanlings currently in Australasia.

**BREEDERS' EDITION  
AMERICA**

**STAKES RESULTS:**

**LA FIESTA H.**, \$43,250, ALB, 4-9, 3yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:02 2/5, ft.  
 1--**#DAYJURETTE, 116, f, 3, Dayjur--Ubi Star, by Spend a Buck.** O-J D & Sherri Osgood & S&L Associates; B-J D Osgood (ID); T-H Ray Ashford Jr; J-R Johnson; \$25,950. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$40,210.  
 2--**Lil Easy, 119, f, 3, Buck Strider--Ms. Interpret, by Mr. Integrity.** \$8,650.  
 3--**Ona Rampage, 120, f, 3, Sandia Slew--Fooled Me, by Clever Trick.** \$4,325.  
 Margins: 4 1/4, 2HF, 1HF. Odds: 4.20, 3.90, 1.50.

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**7th-SAX, \$49,000, 4-8, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000), NW1X, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft.**  
**TENDER TEEN (f, 4, Benchmark--Lots of Gas {MSW, \$289,250}, by Flying Paster)** Lifetime Record: 8-4-2-0, \$139,120. O/B-Mr & Mrs Martin J Wygod (CA). T-Julio C Canani.

**9th-AQU, \$43,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:24 3/5, ft.**

**ROCKIN RACHEL ANNE (f, 4, Forest Wildcat--Raquela, by Dynaformer)** Lifetime Record: 23-2-3-3, \$102,490. O-Brad & Francine A Hayslette. B-Sugar Maple Farm (NY). T-James W Ferraro. \*\$7,500 yrl '01 KEESEP; \$20,000 2yo 2002 OBSAPR.

**8th-PIM, \$35,000, Opt. Clm. (\$75,000-\$65,000), NW2 \$3MX, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:45, ft.**

**SHINY SHEET (m, 6, Press Card--Miss Otis {GSW, \$326,615}, by One for All)** Lifetime Record: MSW & GSP, 26-9-4-6, \$440,090. O-Mrs Henry T Rathbun. B-Mr & Mrs Henry T Rathbun (MD). T-Charles J Hadry.

**8th-CTX, \$35,000, 4-8, NW3L, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:49 3/5, ft.**

**GUERRERO (c, 4, Sir Cat--Linkit, by Linkage)** Lifetime Record: 12-3-5-2, \$87,230. O-Michael B Schnably. B-Ralph L Pappert (KY). T-Jeff C Runco. \*\$8,000 wlng '00 KEENOV; \$20,000 yrl '01 FTKJUL.

**8th-OPX, \$33,500, NW1 \$X, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37 2/5, ft.**  
**RUSH AROUND (c, 4, Wild Rush--Bistra, by Classic Go Go)** Lifetime Record: SP, 12-2-4-1, \$77,540.

O-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC. B-Verne H Winchell (KY). T-Steven M Asmussen. \*1/2 to Fun House (Prized), GSW, \$400,668; and Early Flyer (Gilded Time), MGSW & GISP, \$371,140.

**7th-CTX, \$33,500, 4-8, NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :53, ft.**

**PETITE N' CLASSY (m, 5, Outflanker--Bantry Fair, by Private Terms)** Lifetime Record: 31-8-6-5, \$136,579. O/T-Julie S Hess. B-Delaney Farm (FL). \*\$5,000 yrl '00 OBSJAN.

**6th-BMX, \$32,650, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:41 4/5, ft.**

**GUIDEBOOK (f, 4, Notebook--Steamy Recipe, by Re-launch)** Lifetime Record: 10-4-1-1, \$81,075. O-Robert D Bone. B-Glen Hill Farm (FL). T-John F Martin.

**11th-SUN, \$30,800, Opt. Clm. (\$20,000), NW1YX, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft.**

**SHARETHETIME (h, 6, Local Time--Staff M D, by Staff Writer)** Lifetime Record: MSP, 36-6-7-8, \$184,258. O-Gary W Cross & Agnes Taylor. B-Casey Darnell (NM). T-Gary W Cross.

**9th-HAW, \$28,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:48 1/5, ft.**

**DEFUHR (f, 3, Langfuhr--Defreeze {SW}, by It's Freezing)** Lifetime Record: SP, 9-2-3-3, \$87,015. O-Sharon R Morgan. B-Terry L Morgan DVM (IL). T-John C Wainwright. \*Won by nine lengths.



**7th-PIM, \$27,000**, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000-\$20,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12 4/5, ft.  
**LEAVN ONA JETPLANE** (f, 4, Aaron's Concorde--Thru the Night, by Oh Say) Lifetime Record: 13-4-1-2, \$70,630. O/B-David H Butts (MD). T-Mary E Eppler.

**9th-SUN, \$25,400**, NW2L, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13 2/5, ft.  
**CATILLACSANDLEVIS** (f, 4, Catillac--Lea Levi {SP}, by Poly's Blade) Lifetime Record: 12-2-2-6, \$42,009. O-Dan Carter & Kim Thompson. B-J-D Stable & Dan Carter (NM). T-H Ray Ashford Jr.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Brag Bag**, f, 3, Abaginone--Seasons Comerant, by Cormorant. AQU, 4-9, (S), 6f, 1:12 2/5. B-John R Michelotti (NY).

**Shiningofthesun**, c, 3, Alphabet Soup--Sam's Sylvia, by American Standard. PIM, 4-9, 6f, 1:12 1/5. B-Tony Bowling & Bobby Dodd & MR Stables (FI). \$25,000 yrl '02 OBSAUG; \$200,000 2yo 2003 OBSMAR. \*1/2 to Standard Sylvia (Prospector's Halo), SW, \$257,352.

**Folk Art**, f, 3, Bertrando--Squan Song (MGSW & GISP, \$898,444), by Exceller. BMX, 4-9, 7 1/2fT, 1:30 1/5. B-Mr & Mrs Martin J Wygod (Ca). \*1/2 to Quinpool (Alydar), GISP.

**Champagne's Reddy**, g, 3, Explosive Red--Solid Claim, by Mining. GPX, 4-9, (C), a1 1/16mT, 1:43 3/5. B-Sez Who Thoroughbreds (FI). \*\$15,000 2yo 2003 OBSJUN.

**Champ's Rocket**, f, 3, Fabulous Champ--Rocket Alert (GB) (MSW-GB & SW-US, \$100,901), by Red Alert (Ire). SAX, 4-8, (S), (C), 6f, 1:10 4/5. B-Tom Capeheart (Ca). \*1/2 to Rejoice (Ire) (Damister), MSW-US, \$146,284. \*\*SP.

**Globel Pine**, c, 3, Globel Sports--Cutter Pine, by Siberian Pine. OPX, 4-8, (S), 6f, 1:12 1/5. B-Syd Horton (Ar).

**For Gillian**, f, 3, Gold Fever--Lady Jezzi (SP), by Classic Go Go. HAW, 4-9, 6f, 1:13 3/5. B-Carson Springs Farm & Leba Milkes (FL).

+ **Our Remy**, c, 3, Hennessy--Garvin's Gal, by Seattle Slew. GPX, 4-9, (C), a1 1/16mT, 1:44 2/5. B-David Garvin (Ky). \*1/2 to Agol Lack (Gulch), MGSW-Fr & SP-US, \$220,095.

**Sapphire Lady**, f, 3, Home At Last--Lady of Blue (GSP), by Danzig Connection. KEE, 4-9, (C), 1 1/16m, 1:49 4/5. B-Charles Nuckols Jr & Sons (Ky).

**Graduate Course**, f, 3, Tirade--Fast On Course (SW), by Classic Go Go. EVD, 4-8, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05 4/5. B-Layne M Boudreaux (La). \*1/2 to Hunting Course (Hunting Horn), SW, \$141,921.

**Touch of Victory**, f, 3, Victory Gallop--Grey Rites, by \*Grey Dawn II. OPX, 4-9, 1 1/16m, 1:45 3/5. B-Julie & Donald Norton (Ky). \*\$5,500 yrl '02 KEESEP; \$20,000 2yo 2003 OBSJUN.

**BREEDERS' EDITION  
EUROPE**

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**ITALY, Rome, 3.35**, 4-9, €22,950, 4yo/up, 5fT, time: n/a, gd/sf.

**ST PAUL HOUSE (GB)** (h, 6, Machiavellian--Mamaluna {GSW & G1SP-GB, GSP-Ire, \$190,779}, by Roberto) Lifetime Record: 12-3-4-1, €49,759. O/B-San Paolo Agri Stud SRL; T-Daniele Camuffo.

**ITALY, Florence, 5.55**, 4-8, €15,300, 4yo/up, 1 3/8mT, 2:21.00, sf.

**SCOTTISH KNIGHT** (h, 5, Future Storm--Alleged Touch, by Alleged) Lifetime Record: 26 starts, 10 wins, 11 places, €108,707. O/T-Nicola Berni; B-Silverleaf Farm Inc. \*\$3,500 wnl '99 OBSOCT; \$10,000 yrl '00 OBSAUG.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Fastidia (GB)**, f, 3, Fasliyev--Intellectuelle (GB), by Caerleon. Saint-Cloud, France, 4-9, Cond, 3yo, 6fT. B-Ridgecourt Stud.

**Kolina (Fr)**, f, 3, Green Tune--Kalistina (Fr), by Sillery. Bremen, Germany, 4-9, Mdn, 3yo, f, 1mT. B-Anton R Bachler.

**Almendaes (Ity)**, c, 3, Love The Groom--Atlantic Dancer, by Dancing Brave. Florence, Italy, 4-8, Cond, 3yo, 1 1/4mT. B-Stefano Luciani.

 **FOALING NEWS**

**CURTAIN RAISER**, 12, Theatrical (Ire)--Imaglee (\*Grey Dawn II)

Foal born Mar. 16, a colt by Two Punch.

Will be bred back to Belong to Me.

Owned by North Wales Farm.

Accomplishments: SW & MGSP, \$121,925.

**ELDERBERRY DRIVE**, 14, Strawberry Road (Aus)--Sing Willow (GB) (Sharpen Up {GB})

Foal born Mar. 16, a filly by Pulpit.

Will be bred back to Distorted Humor.

Owned by North Wales Farm.

Accomplishments: MSW of \$138,511. Dam of Fistfite (Two Punch), GSW, \$158,183.

**KAPITOL (GER)**, 7, Winged Love (Ire)--Karlshorst (GB), by Surumu (Ger)

Foal born Mar. 16, a filly by Samum (Ger).

Owned by/boarded at Gestut Karlshof, Germany.

Accomplishments: GSW-Ger.