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**PULPIT COLT SETS THE BAR AT KEENELAND**

Just when it looked like the million-dollar extravaganza which had set the tone at the year's three previous juvenile sales would fail to materialize at Keeneland,



Hip 124 Horsephotos

hip 124, a bay colt by Pulpit out of Canadian stakes winner In My Cap (Vice Regent), reeled in a cool \$3.3-million at yesterday's April Two-Year-Olds In Training Sale. The final bid smashed the previous Keeneland record of \$2 million set in 1999 and is the second highest price ever paid for a juvenile at auction. Aisling Cross-Duignan, representing Coolmore advisor Demi O'Byrne, saw off Kendall-Jackson wine master Jess Jackson to secure

the May 19 foal from the family of GISW Albert the Great. The bay represents yet another pinhooking coup for bloodstock agent Mike Ryan, who gave just \$170,000 for the colt at last year's Keeneland September Sale. Like the Stephen Got Even colt, pinhooked by Ryan for \$3.1 million at Fasig-Tipton Calder, he was consigned by Niall Brennan. "He is an outstanding horse," Brennan boasted. "He showed tremendous ability and we thought very highly of him all year. He is a picture of the athlete." Added Ryan, "He was a late foal and his body had to catch up. He was like a teenager, but all the parts were there. He's grown up physically and muscled up." (Cont. p2)

**RECORDS FALL AT EASTER OPENER**

Australian bloodstock sales arguably came of age and cemented a place on a global stage at Newmarket Tuesday, with the generous legacy of iconic pair Robert Sangster and Danehill apparent during an unprecedented first session of the three-day blue riband Inglis



Top Filly - Lot 165  
Coolmore Australia photo

Easter Yearling Sale in Sydney. Danehill averaged an astonishing A\$896,875 for eight sold as buyers flocked to his last Southern Hemisphere-conceived draft, contributing to a record average of A\$206,259 for 137 sold. Trainer Lee Freedman outstayed underbidders including international agents Adrian Nicoll and Marie Debeusscher-Yoshida to secure

the much-prized Danehill-Prawn Cocktail colt for an Australian record A\$2.2 million. Freedman would not reveal details of the syndicate behind the purchase, but Coolmore Australia manager Michael Kirwan indicated that Coolmore would remain a shareholder. "This horse has a lot of appeal, internationally, on pedigree, and a lot of people could see the value in him," said Freedman. "I don't know that there will be any higher than him; there is no better colt in the sale. Danehill and I have had a great relationship over the years, and I think it is probably fitting that I train one of his really good sons down here that has gone through the ring." Asked how much higher he was prepared to go, Freedman said, "I was down on my knees." (Cont. p6)

KEENELAND APRIL STATISTICS		
TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2004		
KEENELAND.		
SESSION TOTALS	2004	2003
No. Offered	183	197
No. Sold	101	127
RNAs	82	70
% RNA	45%	35%
Gross	\$22,012,000	\$21,375,000
Average (% change)	\$217,941 (+29.5%)	\$168,307
Median (% change)	\$135,000 (+35%)	\$100,000

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No. Offered	177	200
No. Sold	137	138
RNAs	40	62
% RNA	22.6%	31%
Gross	A\$28,257,500	A\$18,184,500
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Keeneland April cont.

**Another Feather in Ryan's Cap...**

The profitable sale of the Pulpit was one of several successful transactions on the afternoon for Mike Ryan, who also sold a Deputy Minister colt out of Date Stone for \$450,000 (see p5) and a Grand Slam--Schematic filly for \$460,000. Not one to rest on his laurels or on the abundance of success he's had at juvenile sales this year, even he was surprised at how well the topper sold. "We never dreamt he'd bring \$3-million plus, but a lot of the top-end buyers were interested, so anything can happen," he commented. "He really is a very striking horse. He is the complete package; physically, conformation, pedigree, he's extremely impressive." Added the colt's consignor, "He is bred to be a classic horse. This horse trains with a tremendous amount of presence. He has absolutely no holes." Click [here](#) to watch video of hip 124's Apr. 5 workout.

**The State of the Union...**

Team Coolmore was back in action later in the session when Aisling Duignan went up to \$1.4 million for hip 232, a bay colt by Lane's End's freshman sire Dixie Union out of Sneaky Quiet (Seeking the Gold), who won the Florida Oaks and placed in the GI Kentucky Oaks during her sophomore season. The immediate underbidder on the colt was New York bloodstock agent Brian Morgan, who was on the phone with client Joseph Allen. "The horse is the complete package," said Duignan, who was representing Demi O'Byrne, currently in Australia for the Inglis Easter Sale. "We liked everything about him." Consigned by Solitary Oak Farm, headed by Danny Pate, the May foal was sold to Robert Lapenta's White Horse Stables for \$160,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale. The colt, a half brother to GSP Hidden Truth (Danzig), recorded the co-fastest time for a quarter mile during the first breeze-up session April 5.



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**KEENELAND APRIL TWO-YEAR-OLDS  
 TOP EIGHT COLTS**

Hip	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
<u>124</u>	<u>Pulpit</u>	In My Cap	3,300,000
		(\$170,000 yrl '03 KEESEP)	
		B-Hermitage Farm LLC (Ky)	
		Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, agent I	
		Purchased by Demi O'Byrne	
<u>232</u>	<u>Dixie Union</u>	Sneaky Quiet	1,400,000
		(\$160,000 yrl '03 KEESEP)	
		B-W S Farish & W Temple Webber (Ky)	
		Consigned by Solitary Oak Farm (Danny Pate), agent	
		Purchased by Demi O'Byrne	
<u>208</u>	<u>Fusaichi Pegasus</u>	Rokeby Rosie	750,000
		(\$900,000 yrl '03 FTSAUG)	
		B-Lynn B Schiff (Ky)	
		Consigned by Eaton Sales, agent for Phase I of the	
		Complete Dispersal of Jeanne G Vance	
		Purchased by Buzz Chace, agt. for Aaron & Marie Jones	
<u>239</u>	<u>Polish Numbers</u>	Student Wife	500,000
		B-B Lindner, C P Kimmel & P Solondz (Ky)	
		Consigned by Kirkwood Stables, agent V	
		Purchased by Fusao Sekiguchi	
<u>217</u>	<u>Saint Ballado</u>	Sapphire Beads	475,000
		(\$145,000 yrl '03 FTKJUL)	
		B-McKee Stable (Ky)	
		Consigned by Tony Bowling/Bobby Dodd, agent	
		Purchased by Buzz Chace, agt. for Aaron & Marie Jones	
<u>75</u>	<u>Deputy Minister</u>	Date Stone	450,000
		(\$180,000 yrl '03 KEESEP)	
		B-Mt Brilliant Farm (Ky)	
		Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, agent I	
		Purchased by Edgewood Stables (David Moore)	
<u>221</u>	<u>Pioneering</u>	Scorch	410,000
		(\$65,000 yrl '03 FTKJUL)	
		B-Rosilyn Polan (Ky)	
		Consigned by Robert N Scanlon, agent	
		Purchased by R & B Lewis T'bred Racing LLC	
<u>14</u>	<u>Unbridled's Song</u>	Whatamiss	375,000
		B-Pollock Farms & Taylor Made Farm Inc (Ky)	
		Consigned by Jessie & Stacie Longoria	
		Purchased by Y Sekiguchi	

**Sky Mesa**  
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*Pulpit – Caress, by Storm Cat*  
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Keeneland April cont.

**Fulton Falls for Slew Filly...**

Stan Fulton, whose lime green silks will be carried aboard Fire Slam in Saturday's GII Coolmore Lexington S. at Keeneland, went to \$800,000 on behalf of his Fleetwood/N.W. Management for hip [227](#), a filly from the final crop of Triple Crown winner Seattle Slew. The dark bay filly is out of the graded stakes winner and 2000 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies third She's a Devil Due (Devil His Due). "She's a classy individual," Fulton explained. "She really truly is. There is nothing not to like about her. She is a beautiful young lady. She galloped out strong and she's out of a stakes winner. That's the kind you want to buy." The filly, named She's a Devil Slew, worked a furlong Apr. 5 in :10 3/5. The youngster RNA'd at FTSAUG at \$240,000. She's A Devil Due won the GII Walmac Alcibiades S. at two prior to her Breeders' Cup performance. Third in the GII Fair Grounds Oaks the following season, she was unplaced in the GI Ashland S., but was retired and bred to Seattle Slew. She's A Devil due died last December after suffering complications from colic. She was not in foal at the time of her death.

**Holding Down the Fort...**

Peachtree Stable principle John Fort, sitting with his main trainer Todd Pletcher, purchased lot [111](#), a daughter of last year's leading freshman sire Stravinsky, for \$500,000. The pretty bay, who RNA'd at Keeneland September for \$100,000, worked a bullet :10 1/5 at the Apr. 5 preview. "I like the fact that she was the fastest horse in the sale to begin with," Fort explained. "She worked against the bias at a time when horses were working much slower than people anticipated. She worked very fast." Asked what he liked about the filly, Fort said, "She's got a great top line and a great head. She's a very feminine filly with a great hip and muscle way down into the gaskin. She's just Peachtree's kind of horse. She's a smaller version of Cherry Bomb." Three-year-old filly Cherry Bomb (Honor Grades), now a winner of two of three, captured a Keeneland allowance last week.

**TOP SEVEN FILLIES**

Hip	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
<a href="#">227</a>	Seattle Slew	She's a Devil Due	800,000
	<i>B-B Griggs, M Goetz &amp; R Roncari (Ky)</i>		
	Consigned by Robert N Scanlon, agent		
	Purchased by Fleetwood/N.W. Management		
<a href="#">111</a>	Stravinsky	Golden Pond (Ire)	500,000
	<i>B-Nakamura Chikusan Ltd (Ky)</i>		
	Consigned by Robert N Scanlon, agent		
	Purchased by John Fort		
<a href="#">163</a>	Siphon (Brz)	Misty Music	500,000
	(\$60,000 yrl '03 KEESEP)		
	<i>B-Greg Peach (Ky)</i>		
	Consigned by Nick de Meric, agent VII		
	Purchased by Buzz Chace, agt. for Aaron & Marie Jones		
<a href="#">220</a>	Grand Slam	Schematic	460,000
	(\$180,000 yrl '03 KEESEP)		
	<i>B-Liberation Farm &amp; Oratis Thoroughbreds LLC (Ky)</i>		
	Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, agent I		
	Purchased by Never Tell Farm, LLC		
<a href="#">59</a>	Pulpit	Changing Ways	330,000
	<i>B-December Hill Inc (Ky)</i>		
	Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, agent VII		
	Purchased by R & B Lewis T'bred Racing LLC		
<a href="#">44</a>	Fusaichi Pegasus	Baltic Sea	320,000
	(\$125,000 yrl '03 KEESEP)		
	<i>B-Gaines-Gentry Thoroughbreds (Ky)</i>		
	Consigned by Chapman Farms		
	Purchased by Ron McPeak		
<a href="#">34</a>	Cozzene	Appealing Missy	275,000
	<i>B-North Wales LLC</i>		
	Consigned by H.T. Stables (Allen Jenkins), agent for North Wales LLC		
	Purchased by Green Lantern Stables (agt. J Sahadi)		

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**Chace Busy for the Joneses...**

Buzz Chace, racing manager for Aaron and Marie Jones, who was also an underbidder on the \$3.3-million sales-topping colt, walked away a winner after bidding \$750,000 on lot 208, a son from the first crop of Kentucky Derby winner Fusaichi Pegasus. The dark bay colt, named Foxglove, was part of the dispersal of the late Jeanne Vance, who purchased him for \$900,000 at last summer's Fasig-Tipton Saratoga August sale. "He's got a two-turn pedigree and he was a nice individual," Chace said of the purchase. "He just looked like an athlete." None of the two-year-olds from the dispersal worked during the under-tack show, but Chace thinks that might be a good thing for this Apr. 26 foal. "This is a horse who did not work, which is in our favor, I guess, because a big horse like him, he's not going to be early anyway. But he galloped beautiful. He's a very good mover. He's smooth and has a nice long stride. We just liked the way he moved." The juvenile is out of Rokeby Rosie (Prized), a half sister to champion Silverbulletday (Silver Deputy). Asked if expected the \$750,000 price tag, Chace admitted, "I thought we'd have to pay a little more because he's such a nice individual and a lot of people liked him." Ready for one final purchase toward the end of the session, Chace signed the ticket on hip 217, a full brother to GIII Pennsylvania Derby third-place getter Ashmore. Purchased on behalf of the Joneses for \$475,000, he was consigned by Tony Bowling and Bobby Dodd. "He is a big beautiful horse and we really liked him," said Chace. "They were really disappointed back at the barn with the way the colt worked last time [in :22.1 on Apr. 5], but I think that worked in our favor." Chace confirmed that all of the purchases will be trained by Todd Pletcher.

**For Moore, The More the Merrier...**

Investment banker and industry newcomer David S. Moore stepped back up to the plate yesterday, bidding \$450,000 for hip 75, a colt by Deputy Minister out of the Forty Niner mare Date Stone. Consigned by Niall Brennan, agent, the dark bay is a three-quarter brother to multiple stakes winner and dual graded-stakes placed Deputy Warlock (Silver Deputy). "Obviously, I liked the colt's conformation and pedigree," said trainer Todd Pletcher. "He is well bred and I expect him to go two turns. Basically, we liked the whole package." A resident of Summit, New Jersey, Moore, added, "We think we bought the best horse at this sale." A fresh face on the scene at last year's sale, Moore, with the help of Pletcher and pedigree advisor Eddie Rosen, plucked GII Illinois Derby winner Pollard's Vision (Carson City) and graded-stakes placed Hermione's Magic (Forest Wildcat) out of the catalog. As for the colt's future, Pletcher added, "I wouldn't think he's an early-maturing type of horse, but I hope to have him ready for Saratoga."

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**Pulpit Colt tops Vance Horses of Racing Age...**

A draft of seven horses of racing age from Phase I of the dispersal of the thoroughbred holdings of the late Jeanne Vance closed out yesterday's activity. Out of luck earlier in the day on the \$1.4-million Dixie Union colt, agent Brian Morgan, representing owner Joseph Allen, outlasted the competition at \$775,000 for hip [261](#), named Ecclesiastic. By Pulpit out of stakes winner and Grade I stakes placed Starry Dreamer (Rubiano), the bay recently broke his maiden going 1 1/16 miles at Keeneland Apr. 2. "His last work really impressed us," said Morgan. "He ran as good a Ragozin number in his last race as any three-year-old this year. We have a lot of confidence in him and we think he'll turn into a nice graded stakes horse." According to Morgan, the three-year-old, who is likely to remain in allowance company for the moment, will be sent to the barn of trainer Kiaran McLaughlin. Inducement (Danzig), a recent maiden winner over the Gulfstream turf, sold for \$450,000 to Centennial Farm while Munchkin (A.P. Indy), who graduated at Keeneland on Blue Grass day, went to Mrs. Charlotte Weber's Live Oak Plantation for \$425,000. The dispersal's trio of two-year-old prospects, including \$750,000 Foxglove, grossed \$1,265,000.

**A Record-Setting Performance...**

Not only did the sale record the first and third-best selling juveniles in the history of the sale, but the average for the main body of the sale (\$217,941) easily surpassed the old record of \$174,015 from 2002 and improved on last year's results by a whopping 29.5 percent. The buyback rate was up, something that was not entirely unexpected, according to Keeneland Director of Sales Geoffrey Russell. "We were fearful of [high buybacks] going into the sale because of not having the gallop show yesterday," he confirmed. "So we were fearful. In the end it was a very successful exercise and like Niall Brennan said, 'It was a whole lot of fun.' When you have Jess Jackson, Darely and Coolmore all bidding against each other, you just don't know where it's going to end. Thank God for telephones to Australia [O'Byrne bidding from down under]." In the end, sales officials were pleased to see the general tenor of the juvenile market carry over to Keeneland. "Going in, the two-year-old market was very strong--I think I used the word buoyant," Russell commented. "There are a lot of people at the high end of the market who want to play and it's very exciting."

**What They're Saying At The Sales...**

*Mother Nature did not cooperate with the goings-on in Lexington. Here's a taste of how the inclement weather might have affected the sale.*

**Buzz Chace, racing manager for Aaron and Marie Jones**  
*"It affected all the buyers. We were all in the kitchen playing racehorse rummy. It's hard on the horses, the buyers and everyone. But this morning we had to go out. We had to dress up like eskimos and go out there."*

**Niall Brennan, consigner of the \$3.3-million topper**  
*"It has put a damper on the sale. All the right people were here, but the weather made it difficult to see horses. It was very slow early on and it has made the overall sale very soft."*

**KEENELAND APRIL STATISTICS  
VANCE HORSES OF RACING AGE**

**KEENELAND**  
**SESSION TOTALS**

No. Offered	7
No. Sold	7
Gross	\$2,025,000
Average (% change)	\$289,286
Median (% change)	\$235,000

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**Desire for Danehills...**

Coolmore Australia's Michael Kirwan said the record-priced colt, a full-brother to stakes winners One World (Aus) and Langoustine (Aus) from the family of Storm Cat and Royal Academy, was particularly valuable since



**Lot 146 - A\$2.2 million**  
*Coolmore Australia photo*

only about 36 Danehill yearlings, bred to Southern Hemisphere time to Danehill in Ireland, will be available in 2005. "There's a good possibility we'll retain a share--we'd love to," said Kirwan. "He is such a well-bred horse, the last of the real good colts down here, and why wouldn't you? There will be some Danehill year-

lings next year, and it will be a sad day for everyone when the last horse goes through the ring," he said. "[Danehill] has been a great horse to us and he will be sorely lost; he was a great stallion who is proving to be an influential sire of sires, in an unbelievable way."

**Around the Ring...**

Trainer Tim Martin gave A\$750,000 for lot 128, a 3/4-brother to Exceed and Excel (Aus) (Danehill) by Redoute's Choice (Aus) (Danehill) out of the Lomond mare Patrona. Exceed and Excel, sold for a reported A\$20 million to Darley in March, has established himself as a top young sprinter. Redoute's Choice, a popular young stallion, had 11 go under the hammer for an average A\$255,455...Stravinsky proved extremely popular, with four selling at an average A\$361,250, More Than Ready had three sell at an average of A\$243,333 with a top price of A\$525,000.

**Sangster Saga Continues...**

Robert Sangster altered the face of Australian Thoroughbred racing over more than three decades, and his presence was felt Tuesday as he was the owner/breeder of two seven-figure Danehill colts, including Lot 32, a colt from Kensington Gardens (NZ)



**Lot 32 - A\$1.1 million**  
*Collingrove Stud photo*

(Grosvenor {NZ}), making him a full brother to the Sangster-owned G1 Victoria Derby winner Blackfriars (Aus) as well as Group 1 heroine Larrocha (Aus). The colt was knocked down to Inglis as agent for A\$1.1 million. John Ingham confirmed that the powerfully built bay would race in the Ingham family's famous cerise colors as a potential stallion prospect for Woodlands

Stud. "We've gone outside the camp, so to speak," he said. Collingrove also offered Lot 84, a Danehill colt from Gone West mare Mirbeck, which was sold to Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa for A\$1 million. Collingrove Victoria is owned by the Sangster and Hayes families, while Collingrove NSW, in the Hunter Valley, is owned by Sangster's Swettenham Stud and is home to some 70 mares. Collingrove spokeswoman Jenny McAlpine said the million-dollar plus pair had buoyed the Sangster family. "It was a little more than we expected for both horses," she said. "Unfortunately, Adam Sangster is not at the sale, but I spoke with him this morning and he was over the moon, and it has given the family, and the Collingrove team, a lift during a very sad time." The elder Sangster died last week after a battle with cancer. "I think we will be witnessing Robert Sangster's legacy here fore a very long time," she added. "He bred some brilliant horses and they are still coming through the ring, and his legacy will be felt through Collingrove, and his own sons here in Australia. He was in Australia a long time before anybody else even thought about coming down here, and he imported broodmares as well as instigating shuttle sires. We can all learn a lot from his breeding tactics."

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**Inglis Easter Sale cont.  
Numbers Game...**

The strong trade was up significantly from last year's figures. "The opening session today has been the strongest ever seen at the Australian Easter Yearling Sale and we are delighted to see so many international buyers taking part," said Managing Director Reg Inglis. The average rose over 56 percent to A\$206,259, and the buyback rate improved from 31 percent last year to 22.6 percent in 2004.

**INGLIS EASTER SALE  
TUESDAY - TOP NINE LOTS**

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
<u>146</u>	c	Danehill	Prawn Cocktail	2,200,000
Consigned by Coolmore Australia, agent Purchased by Freedman Bros.				
<u>032</u>	c	Danehill	Kensington Gardens (NZ)	1,100,000
Consigned by Collingrove Stud Purchased by Inglis, agent				
<u>084</u>	c	Danehill	Mirbeck	1,000,000
Consigned by Collingrove Stud Purchased by T. Stakemire				
<u>128</u>	c	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Patrona	750,000
Consigned by Kia Ora Stud, agent Purchased by T. Martin				
<u>165</u>	f	Danehill	Red Express (Aus)	700,000
Consigned by Coolmore Australia, agent Purchased by J. B. Cummings				
<u>152</u>	f	Stravinsky	Procure (Aus)	675,000
Consigned by Trelawney Stud Purchased by G. Pritchard-Gordon				
<u>044</u>	f	Danehill	La Volta (Aus)	675,000
Consigned by Coolmore Australia, agent Purchased by R. Poulston Bloodstock				
<u>187</u>	c	Danehill	Ruffles (Aus)	600,000
Consigned by Coolmore Australia, agent Purchased by Darley Australia				
<u>068</u>	c	More Than Ready	Mannington (Aus)	525,000
Consigned by Vinery Stud, agent Purchased by Belmont Bloodstock				

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After a record-breaking two days at Doncaster last week, Europe's two-year-old in training auction circus moves on to Newmarket today for the Tattersalls Breeze-Up Sale, beginning this evening at 5 p.m. In a new format, the juveniles will only do one full workout this year, which took place on the Rowley Mile yesterday morning, with some excellent performances on show in front of a cosmopolitan crowd. [Lot 49](#), a



**Lot 69**  
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[Fusaichi Pegasus](#) (Mr. Prospector) colt out of champion two-year-old filly Lyric Fantasy (Ire) (Tate Gallery) consigned from Con Marnane's Bansha House Stables, was one of those to catch the eye. The €80,000 Goffs Orby yearling purchase is by a sire who has set the

breeze-up world alight earlier this year when responsible for a \$4.5 million colt in the U.S. bought by Fusao Sekiguchi. It is believed a representative of Sekiguchi will be attending the sale. A Fusaichi Pegasus filly out of U.S. Grade III winner Evening Promise (GB) (Aragon), [Lot 69](#), shone in Emma O'Gorman's draft, as did [Lot 184](#), an Almutawakel (GB) (Machiavellian) filly.

**Young and Old Alike...**

A good mixture of promising young stallions and proven veterans compose a well-balanced catalogue. Danehill has four representatives, including a well-related filly out of Supamova (Seattle Slew), [Lot 156](#), consigned by Bansha House Stables, while Willie Browne's Mocklershill Stables has 16 entries, including [Lot 176](#), a Niarchos-bred Machiavellian filly out of Egine (Irish River {Fr}), and [Lot 177](#), a daughter of Grand Lodge (Chief's Crown) from the family of G1 Epsom Derby winner Erhaab. Wiltshire-based Malcolm Bastard has a strong team including [Lot 51](#), a Zafonic (Gone West) colt, while another well-represented British vendor is Jamie Railton, whose draft includes [Lot 36](#), a Stravinsky filly bought for \$40,000 at Keeneland September, and [Lot 91](#), a U.S.-bred son of Storm Creek. Kip Elser's Kirkwood Stables sends over a draft from the U.S. that includes a Royal Anthem (Theatrical {Ire}) colt, [Lot 170](#), who breezed well, as did [Lot 169](#), Step Lightly, a son of Swain (Ire) and [Lot 114](#), a daughter of Aljabr (Storm Cat). "It's probably the strongest catalogue ever assembled for a European Breeze-Up Sale," said Tattersalls' Marketing Director Jimmy George. "The morning breeze-up went very smoothly, the ground was perfect and we saw some really smart breezes." The second and final session of the show begins tomorrow evening at 5 p.m. Click [here](#) to be linked to Tattersalls Breeze-Up Video page.

**Today's Graded Stakes  
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10:20a **Earl of Sefton S-G3**, Newmarket  
10:55a **Nell Gwyn S-G3**, Newmarket  
*Eastern Daylight Time*

**RED RANSOM filly wins  
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☆ TRIPLE THREATS ☆

**Rock Hard Ten Works at Churchill**

**Rock Hard Ten** (Kris S.), still on the Kentucky Derby bubble due to a lack of graded-stakes earnings, got his first serious work over the Churchill Downs main track yesterday morning, breezing five-eighths of a mile in the slop in 1:01 4/5 beneath his exercise rider, retired jockey Corey Black. "It was a good work," trainer Jason Orman said. "To be honest, I didn't see much of it because of the [infield] tents, but when he came by me, he was moving pretty well. Corey said he handled the track well." The imposing dark bay won his first two career starts before crossing the line second in the GI Santa Anita Derby in his most recent start Apr. 3. He was subsequently demoted to third for drifting in and impeding **Imperialism** (Langfuhr) in deep stretch.

**Minister Eric: Allowance Over Lexington**

Trainer Richard Mandella has opted to pass on Saturday's GI Coolmore Lexington for **Minster Eric** (Old Trieste) and will instead run the Triple Crown hopeful in an allowance race at Keeneland this afternoon. "All along I wanted to run in the allowance race, but I wasn't sure it would go," admitted Mandella. "If I can get an easier race into him at this point, that's better than a knock-down, drag-out [race]." With \$350,000 in graded earnings from a pair of runner-up finishes in the GI Del Mar Futurity and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, the Diamond A Racing colorbearer is all but assured a spot in the GI Kentucky Derby, if Mandella chooses that route. Carded as race seven, the mile-and-a-sixteenth NW1X on the main track has drawn six other three-year-olds. Minister Eric, installed as the 2-5 morning-line favorite, will break from post five with Alex Solis in the irons.

**A Call for Change**

Trainer Todd Pletcher raised a few eyebrows on the Triple Crown scene when he suggested that he could cross-enter his star filly Ashado (Saint Ballado) in the Kentucky Derby and the Kentucky Oaks, thus keeping the likes of Rock Hard Ten and Eddington out of the Derby lineup. Pletcher charged that the current system of giving sophomores a berth in the first jewel in the Triple Crown based on earnings in graded stakes company is flawed. "There exists the potential for people to enter the race, but not be serious about running them," explained Pletcher. Although unsure of the course of action that should be taken, Pletcher offered suggestions. "Possibly they should have an also-eligible list," he said. "But that would be difficult because of advanced wagering. Another possibility might be a system similar to the Breeders' Cup, where they use a point system," he said, adding, "Every system has it's flaws and people can use it to their advantage. I think this issue needs to be addressed."

**Smarty Jones to Prep for Derby at Keeneland**

Undefeated **Smarty Jones** (Elusive Quality), who remained unbeaten with an easy win in last Saturday's GI Arkansas Derby, was scheduled to arrive yesterday afternoon at Keeneland, where trainer John Servis has chosen to prepare the Pennsylvania-bred colt for the GI Kentucky Derby May 1. The winner of his first two career starts at Philadelphia Park, the chestnut won the Count Fleet S. in New York before spending the bulk of the winter in Hot Springs. He won the Southwest S. and the Rebel S. prior to the Arkansas Derby and stands to earn a \$5-million bonus offered by Oaklawn Park should he win the Derby.

☆ PREVIEW ☆

**Wednesday, Newmarket, Britain, post time: 2:20 p.m.**

**WEATHERBYS EARL OF SEFTON S.-G3, £50,000,**

4yo/up, 1 1/8mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	3	Gateman (GB)	Owington (GB)	Johnston
2	1	Eastern Breeze (Ire)	Sri Pekan	d'Arcy
3	2	Hurricane Alan (Ire)	Mukaddamah	Hannon
4	6	Kalaman (Ire)	Desert Prince (Ire)	Stoute
5	5	Lago d'Orta (Ire)	Bahhare	Cox
6	4	Norse Dancer (Ire)	Halling	Elsworth
7	7	Wake	Storm Cat	Meehan

All carry 122 pounds except Gateman, 125.

**Wednesday, Newmarket, post time: 2:55 p.m.**

**SHADWELL STUD NELL GWYN S.-G3, £50,000, 3yo, f,**

7fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	12	Bay Tree (Ire)	Daylami (Ire)	Loder
2	4	Danclare	Stravinsky	Gosden
3	13	Incheni (Ire)	Nashwan	Wragg
4	10	Lucky Pipit (GB)	Key Of Luck	B Hills
5	9	Malvern Light (GB)	Zieten	Haggas
6	5	Qasirah (Ire)	Machiavellian	M Jarvis
7	11	Roseanna (Fr)	Anabaa	Head-Maarek
8	2	Silca's Gift (GB)	Cadeaux Genereux (GB)	Channon
9	7	Snow Goose (GB)	Polar Falcon	J Dunlop
10	6	St Francis Wood	Irish River (Fr)	Nosedad
11	1	Top Romance (Ire)	Entrepreneur (GB)	Stoute
12	3	Totally Yours (Ire)	Desert Sun (GB)	Muir
13	8	Valjarv (Ire)	Bluebird	Littmoden

All carry 121 pounds.

**Top Romance** showed a heart for battle with a resilient neck defeat of the smart Spotlight (GB) in the Listed Oh So Sharp S. at this venue in October. That runner-up went on to beat **St Francis Wood** in the Listed Montrose S. back at this track the following month. Both face Spotlight's stable companion **Snow Goose**, who followed a nursery score here with a fine second to Cairns (UAE) in the G2 Rockfel S. overcourse and distance in October.



 **NORTH AMERICA** 

**CHURCHILL OFFERS TO BUY FAIR GROUNDS**

Churchill Downs Incorporated has reached an agreement with the Louisiana Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association to purchase its legal claims against the New Orleans Fair Grounds and has made an offer to purchase the financially strapped racetrack for a reported \$45 million. Under the proposal, the local horsemen would agree to a payment of \$33 million from Churchill Downs to offset the near \$90 million they are owed from video poker proceeds over the last decade, which Fair Grounds neglected to pay. An additional \$12 million is payable to the track's other creditors. Churchill Downs has given Fair Grounds officials a deadline of 4 p.m. this afternoon to accept the offer. If the track chooses to do so, it would be forbidden from entertaining other bids for a specific period of time. In March, Churchill Downs made a \$28-million offer for the facility, \$20 million of which would have been earmarked for the horsemen. Other interested parties include former track owner Louis Roussel III and Kentucky Derby winning owner Mike Pegram. Churchill Downs operates six full-time racing facilities and owns a partial interest in Kentucky Downs in the south part of the state. The company does not own a track which operates during the winter months. In response to the newspaper report, track president Bryan Krantz released a statement, which says in part, "While there are reports of potential suitors, our main focus is to remain owners and operators of the business we have given so much to make a success. In regards to Churchill Downs Inc., we have not had any formal discussions. We continue to talk to many different organizations as it relates to our reorganization plan and look to complete the process as quickly as possible."

**STAKES CLOSINGS**

**TODAY, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14:**

- 07-03 \$200,000 *Arlington Classic-II, AP, 3yo, 9fT (300 EB)*
- 07-24 \$250,000 *American Derby-II, AP, 3yo, 9.5fT (300 EB)*
- 08-14 \$400,000 *Secretariat-I, AP, 3yo, 10fT (300 EB)*

**TOMORROW, THURSDAY, APRIL 15:**

- 04-24 \$200,000a *San Francisco Breeders' Cup Mile-II, BM, 3yo/up, 8fT (200)*

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★ **KEENELAND** ★

**Lucifer's Stone Heads Appalachian:**

Team Solaris Stable's **Lucifer's Stone** (Horse Chestnut {SAf}) leads an evenly matched group of three-year-old fillies in this afternoon's featured Appalachian S. over the Keeneland turf course. Off the board just once in her six-race career, the bay was third in the Miss Grillo S. to close her freshman campaign, but is perfect in two starts this term, including a 1/2-length victory in the GIII Herecomesthebride S. at Gulfstream Feb. 28. **Galloping Gal** (Victory Gallop), winner of the Jessamine County S. last fall over this course, has one race under her belt this season, a sixth in the Mar. 21 Via Borghese S. in South Florida.

★ **GULFSTREAM** ★

**Not a Record After All:**

When **True Love's Secret** (Desert Secret {Ire}) stopped the timer in :53.85 in Sunday's Yankee Affair S. at Gulfstream Park, he apparently smashed the world record time for the distance by over a full second. However, early Monday morning, officials from Televue Teletimer Company admitted that a mistake had been made and advised Equibase, the official chartkeeper of U.S. races, that they had timed the race by hand and found the final time was incorrect by nearly three seconds. The corrected fractions were changed to :22.71, :44.89 with a final time of :56.16.

★ **CENTRAL** ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

**8th-HAW**, \$26,000, Msw, (S), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:13 4/5, ft. + **MS. LYDONIA** (f, 3, **Labeeb {GB}**)-**Empress of All**, by **Nasty and Bold**, debuting as a 6-1 chance with a number of modest morning works, put herself in the mix early in the race, came through to the inside of even-money chalk Proven Cat (Peruvian) two furlongs out and scampered clear late to prevail by 2 1/2 lengths. Proven Cat held for second. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$15,600. O/B-Emerald Ridge Farm (IL). T-Christine K Janks.

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.



★ EAST ★

**OBS Under-Tack Show Set for this Morning:**

The first of four under-tack shows for the upcoming OBS April Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training is scheduled for this morning at 10:30 a.m. A total of 1,210 juveniles have been catalogued for the four-day event, set for April 19-22 in Ocala. All workouts will be recorded and will be available in VHS or DVD format. For additional information, visit the OBS website at [www.obssales.com](http://www.obssales.com).

★ INDUSTRY INFO ★

**Equibase Management Appoints O'Hara President/CEO:**

The Management Committee of Equibase Company, LLC has named Philip T. O'Hara, Jr. as president and chief executive officer of the Lexington-based company. O'Hara served in a variety of executive management positions at Penn National Race Course and Penn National Gaming Inc. between 1985 and 2000, and most recently operated his own horse racing consulting firm. "Phil's proven leadership qualities, his business skills and his vast array of experience with pari-mutuel operations and the Thoroughbred industry in general well serve him well as Equibase's next president," commented Alan Marzelli, Chairman of the Equibase Management Committee. O'Hara is expected to take the reins at Equibase in early May.

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

**IN BRITAIN:**

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 **FRESHMAN FOCUS**

**First-crop progeny to watch: Wednesday, Apr. 14**

*Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2001 Fee, #2yos/Winners/SW*

*Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

- CAPE CANAVERAL** (Mr. Prospector), Overbrook, \$10K, 58/0/0  
2-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Cape County, \$20K KEE NOV wnl, 5-1
- ELNADIM** (Danzig), Derrinstown, \$8K, 20/0/0  
2-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Wild as Elle, \$62K KEE SEP yrl, 7-2
- MANTLES STAR (GB)** (Beveled), Creston, \$100, 12/0/0  
1-SA, Msw, 2f, +Nellys Star

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the 7th race at Keeneland, a \$54,000 allowance. For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).

 **SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT**

**First-time starters/stakes runners: Wednesday, Apr. 14**

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

- ACCELERATOR** (A.P. Indy), Dead, 120/15/0  
3-CT, Msw, 7f, Gold 'n Harvest, \$1K EAS OCT yrl, 15-1
- BIANCONI** (Danzig), Ashford, \$5K, 128/17/0  
4-KEE, Msw, 6f, Bella Bianca, 7-2
- CHARISMATIC** (Summer Squall), Japan, \$, 156/14/0  
7-KEE, Alw, 1 1/16m, I'm Charismatic, \$5K FTK OCT yrl, 20-1
- COMIC STRIP** (Red Ransom), Special T, \$8K, 75/5/0  
2-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Outstrip, \$35K ARK OCT yrl, 8-1
- EVENT OF THE YEAR** (Seattle Slew), Golden Eagle, \$10K, 136/7/0  
4-KEE, Msw, 6f, What to Wear, \$150K KEE SEP yrl, 15-1
- GOOD AND TOUGH** (Carson City), Lakland, \$6K, 82/17/0  
4-KEE, Msw, 6f, Superfly Girl, 6-1
- HORSE CHESTNUT (SAF)** (Fort Wood), Claiborne, \$10K, 94/8/1  
8-KEE, Stk, 1mT, Lucifer's Stone, \$150K FTF FEB 2yo, 9-5
- 2-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Sacagawea Park, \$3K FTK OCT yrl, 12-1
- MALIBU MOON** (A.P. Indy), Castleton Lyons, \$3K, 123/14/2  
8-PIM, Msw, 6f, Keet Brown, 30-1
- MENIFEE** (Harlan), Stone, \$15K, 84/11/0  
8-AQU, Alw, 6f, Main Stream, \$155K KEE APR 2yo
- MOUNTAIN BIKE (CHI)** (Bumi Bay), Fairway, \$1000, 9/0/0  
1-SA, Msw, 2f, +Air Julie, \$2K BAR OCT yrl
- OLD TRIESTE** (A.P. Indy), Dead, 112/15/2  
7-KEE, Alw, 1 1/16m, Minister Eric, 2-5
- PARADE GROUND** (Kingmambo), 92/6/1  
6-KEE, Msw, 6f, Bonanza Jellybean, \$15K KEE SEP yrl, 15-1
- PORTO FORICOS** (Mr. Prospector), 34/1/1  
8-KEE, Stk, 1mT, My Vintage Port, \$5K ONT SEP yrl, 15-1
- QUAKER RIDGE** (Forty Niner), Walmac, \$3K, 47/9/0  
8-AQU, Alw, 6f, Bella Bourie, \$10K OBS JUN 2yo
- REAL QUIET** (Quiet American), Taylor Made, \$10K, 127/14/0  
8-KEE, Stk, 1mT, Really American, 12-1
- SEA OF SECRETS** (Storm Cat), Walmac, \$5K, 79/12/1  
8-PIM, Msw, 6f, +Kelp, \$250K FTF FEB 2yo, 8-1
- 6-KEE, Msw, 6f, Shh Hush, \$32K ARK OCT yrl, 6-1
- SILVER CHARM** (Silver Buck), Three Chimneys, \$25K, 150/23/1  
6-GP, Alw, 1 1/16mT, Platinum Priced, 8-1
- STORMIN FEVER** (Storm Cat), Airdrie, \$15K, 141/19/1  
2-AQU, Msw, 1mT, After the Tone
- TACTICAL CAT** (Storm Cat), Overbrook, \$10K, 115/14/1  
8-AQU, Alw, 6f, Special Tactics
- VIA LOMBARDIA (IRE)** (Shardari {Ire}), Valley Creek, \$2K, 27/2/0  
6-BM, Str, 1mT, Mon Armour, 20-1
- VICTORY GALLOP** (Cryptoclearance), Winstar, \$15K, 144/21/2  
8-KEE, Stk, 1mT, Galloping Gal, \$50K KEE SEP yrl, 5-1
- WAGON LIMIT** (Conquistador Cielo), Stone, \$5K, 43/9/1  
6-GP, Alw, 1 1/16mT, Cheetah Speed, \$67K OBS MAR 2yo, 12-1
- WILD WONDER** (Wild Again), Dunhill, \$5K, 97/12/0  
2-AQU, Msw, 1mT, Dance Again, \$2K EAS OCT yrl

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★ CLASSIC CORNER ★

**SPRING BLOOM**

Cheveley Park Stud's **Red Bloom (GB)** (Selkirk) will work at Newmarket today as she prepares for a tilt at the G1 1000 Guineas at the track May 2. Conditioner Sir Michael Stoute, who brought Russian Rhythm to the mile Classic without a prep run 12 months ago, will gallop last year's G1 Fillies' Mile winner with two companions on the Rowley Mile before racing.

**GALLOPS ESTABLISH THE ORDER**

Godolphin held a series of racecourse gallops on Nad al Sheba's turf course yesterday where **Snow Ridge (Ire)** (Indian Ridge {Ire}) excelled in his mile spin. Quickening impressively under Fankie Dettori, the G2 Royal Lodge S. hero opened up lengths on **Duke of Venice** (Theatrical {Ire}), **Bayeux** (Red Ransom) and **Byron (GB)**



**Snow Ridge**  
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(Green Desert) to boost his claims for the G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket May 1. However, connections remain open-minded about the sophomore's target. "We were very pleased with the way Snow Ridge finished up his gallop," racing manager Simon Crisford commented. "He looked impressive and it was a good display of authority. A decision will be made about where he runs when he gets to Newmarket--we want to see how he travels back. He is still very much

being considered for the 2000 Guineas and today's performance was a very encouraging sign for his future. The alternative is to wait for the G2 Dante S. [at York May 12]." Of the fillies, G2 Rockfel S. winner **Cairns (UAE)** (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}) came out on top of **Sundrop (Jpn)** (Sunday Silence) and **Punctilious (GB)** (Danehill) in her seven-furlong prep. "Cairns and Sundrop finished up together at the end of their racecourse gallop," Crisford added. "They are well entered up, including in the English 1000 Guineas [at Newmarket May 2] and G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches [French 1000 Guineas at Longchamp May 16]. Decisions will be made when they reach England, but it is likely they will run in the English or French Guineas, with one in each. Punctilious was staying on at the end and did well enough for us to think about running her in the 1000 Guineas, but maybe she will go to York for the G3 Musidora S. [May 11]."

**MICK HEADS TO NEWBURY**

Jamie Osborne has decided to send last year's G1 Dewhurst S. victor **Milk it Mick (GB)** (Millkom {GB}) to Saturday's G3 Greenham S. at Newbury. After scratching Paul Dixon's homebred from a potential rematch with Dewhurst runner-up Three Valleys (GB) in tomorrow's G3 Craven S. at Newmarket, the Lambourn conditioner told *PA Sport*, "We think there will be a good pace in the Greenham, there are four days for the ground to dry out further and the race is over seven furlongs rather than a mile which should suit us better. That is why we have opted for Newbury." He may be joined by Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum's **Mukafeh** (Danzig), who opened his account at Newbury before finishing third in a Doncaster conditions event last term, "He's a nice horse, but he has a slight bruise to his foot and we're just hoping to get him to Newbury," said racing manager Angus Gold.

**YEATS SET FOR BALLY SAX RETURN**

Aidan O'Brien is set to saddle Susan Magnier's **Yeats (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells) in Sunday's G3 Ballysax S. at Leopardstown. Off the track since taking a Curragh maiden on his debut in September, the sophomore currently heads the ante-post lists for the G1 Epsom Derby June 5 and is one of a six-strong Ballydoyle team entered for the 10-furlong contest. Dermot Weld has yet to commit **Grey Swallow (Ire)** (Daylami {Ire}) to the Listed Leopardstown 2000 Guineas Trial S. over a mile on the same card, in which John Oxx is hoping to run His Highness the Aga Khan's G2 Beresford S. scorer **Azamour (Ire)** (Night Shift).

★ BRITAIN ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

**Newmarket, 2.55, Cond, £14,660, 3yo, 7fT, 1:28.58, gd/sf.**

**IQTE SAAB (c, 3, Bahri--Shuhrah {MSP-GB, by Danzig})**, a successful debutant at Salisbury last August and second to subsequent G2 Royal Lodge S. winner Snow Ridge (Ire) at Kempton in September, was made the 5-4 pick to prevail on his sophomore bow. He was positioned in fifth off slow early fractions and, despite being short of room inside the final quarter, quickened smartly to lead at the eighth pole. Not extended to pull clear in the closing stages, he had a comfortable three-length margin back to Glaramara (GB) (Nicolotte {GB}) at the line. "He's quite a light-framed horse and was very weak and narrow last year," said racing manager Angus Gold. "He has strengthened well and we were pleased with the way he quickened there. He is in the [G1 2000] Guineas [Newmarket May 1], but it's just a question of how far he'll stay. He's a bold horse with a lot of speed and it won't be any further than a mile." Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, £16,004. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Farm LLC; T-John Dunlop.



**Newmarket, 2.20, Cond, £12,390, 2yo, 5fT, 1:02.77, gd/sf.**

**CORNUS (GB) (c, 2, Inchinor {GB}--Demerger, by Dis-tant View)** kicked off his career with a win at Windsor Apr. 5. Stalked the pace in second under a confident Richard Hughes, the 11-10 market choice quickened to the front with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining and needed only hand riding to hold Dario Gee Gee (Ire) (Bold Fact) by a head. The winner was a 16,000gns DONSEP yearling. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, £10,641.

O-David Mort; B-G Russell; T-Richard Hannon.

★ "TDN Rising Star" ★

**Newmarket, 1.45, Mdn, £8,420, 3yo, 1 1/4mT, 2:07.70, gd/sf.**

**+ ECOMIUM (IRE) (c, 3, Sadler's Wells--Encens {GB}, by Common Grounds {GB})**, a €600,000 DEAAUG yearling purchase, raced prominently early before moving smoothly to the fore with 200 yards remaining. The 7-1 chance stretched clear under a hand ride in the closing stages to account for Buckeye Wonder (Silver Hawk) by an impressive five lengths. "He had a setback last year and was the one horse that I was disappointed I couldn't get a run into," commented winning conditioner Jeremy Nosedá. "His work has been above average and I think he's decent. He could go for the Listed Glasgow S. at York [May 13]." The handsome bay colt was produced by a half sister to G1SW Scenic (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) and is from the family of leading sire Rainbow Quest. He holds entries for both the G2 Tote Dante S. at York May 12 and for the G1 Vodafone Derby S. at Epsom June 5. [Click here for the Racing Post chart.](#) Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £5,473.

O-Fieldspring Racing; B-Tower Bloodstock; T-J Nosedá.

**Newmarket, 4.00, Mdn, £8,420, 3yo, c/g, 7fT, 1:29.37, gd/sf.**

**+ DAVORIN (JPN) (c, 3, Warning {GB}--Arvola {GB}, by Sadler's Wells)**, sent off at odds of 4-1 on his belated debut, needed encouragement from Johnny Murtagh in the early stages to stay in the front line. Taking command with 2 1/2 furlongs remaining, he was headed by Mission Man (GB) (Revoque {Ire}) but rallied to regain the lead in the final 50 yards and assert by a head. Acquired as a foal for ¥40,000,000 at JPNJUL, he is a full brother to Diktat (GB), Hwt. Older Horse-Fr & GB at 5-7f, G1SW-GB & Fr, G1SP-Jpn, \$807,672. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £5,473.

O-Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum; B-Shoei Co Ltd; T-David Loder.

**Newmarket, 4.35, Mdn, £8,180, 3yo, 1 1/2mT, 2:40.11, gd/sf.**

**PERCUSSIONIST (IRE) (c, 3, Sadler's Wells--Magnificent Style {GSW-GB}, by Silver Hawk)**, runner-up in a Yarmouth maiden on his last start in late October, was settled in a stalking third throughout the early stages. Driven out to challenge inside the final quarter, the 4-6 favourite reeled in Chaplin (GB) (Groom Dancer) in the final 100 yards to win by 1 1/2 lengths. "I visited Robert [Sangster] in hospital and told him about this horse and we decided he'd go for the G3 Chester Vase [May 6]," trainer John Gosden explained. "Chester's May meeting was one of his favorites and I'm he'd be pleased that we're going." Percussionist is a half brother to Stylelistick (Storm Cat), MSW & GSP, \$234,788; and Echoes in Eternity (Ire) (Spinning World), GSW-GB, \$114,719. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, £6,965.

O-Exors of the Late R E Sangster; B-Swettenham Stud; T-John Gosden.

**Wednesday, Newmarket, post time: 1:45 p.m.**

**VICTOR CHANDLER EUROPEAN FREE H.-Listed,**

£30,000, 3yo, 7fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	1	Russian Valour (Ire)	Fasliyev	Johnston	133
2	5	Carrizo Creek (Ire)	Charnwood Forest (Ire)	Meehan	130
3	9	Azarole (Ire)	Alzao	Fanshawe	128
4	3	Tahreeb (Fr)	Indian Ridge (Ire)	Tregoning	128
5	10	Mokabra (Ire)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Channon	127
6	2	Spanish Ace (GB)	First Trump (GB)	A Balding	126
7	8	Venables	Stravinsky	Hannon	126
8	4	Brunel (Ire)	Marju (Ire)	Haggas	125
9	6	Moonlight Man (GB)	Night Shift	Hannon	125
10	7	Blue Tomato (GB)	Orpen	Cole	124
11	11	Parkview Love	Mister Baileys (GB)	Johnston	124

Last year's G3 Norfolk S. winner **Russian Valour**, who tries farther than five furlongs for the first time, faces a stiff task attempting to give weight to all his rivals after a 300-day absence. **Carrizo Creek** shaped as though he will stay further than the six furlongs over which he triumphed in the G2 Richmond S. at Goodwood last July, but he has to bounce back from a disappointing fifth placing in the G1 Prix Morny at Deauville in August. There are less stamina doubts surrounding **Azarole**, who was fourth behind Milk it Mick (GB) in the G3 Somerville Tattersall S. at this track in October.



**Desert Prince** - Sire of 7 Stakes winners in 2003 - Off to a flying start in 2004

CEPRIN makes all to win the Premio Gardone (LR) by 3½ lengths

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## BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

**ALLOWANCE WINNERS:**

**9th-MNR, \$41,600, 4-12, 3yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:44 1/5, sy.**

**BANISHED LOVER (m, 6, Devil His Due--The Private One {MSW, \$306,553}, by Private Thoughts) Lifetime Record: 17-7-2-0, \$158,711. O/T-John Charles Zimmerman. B-Dr Robert Harris (KY). \*\$19,000 wlng '98 KEENOV.**

**6th-HAW, \$32,000, Opt. Clm. (\$35,000-\$30,000), NW3X, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:19 4/5, ft.**

**TRUE GENIUS (h, 5, Beau Genius--Tied to Time, by Poleax) Lifetime Record: SP, 31-7-3-6, \$186,218. O/T-Ronald L Shenofsky. B-Nicholas M Lotz (KY). \*\$31,000 yrl '00 KEESEP.**

**8th-MNR, \$31,700, 4-12, NW3X, 3/up, 6f, 1:11 1/5, sy. EX WHO (h, 6, Excavate--Amdancing, by Hagley) Lifetime Record: SP, 39-10-9-6, \$216,399. O-Turf Express Inc. B-Joseph Adcock (LA). T-Wayne M Catalano.**

**9th-PHA, \$27,280, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000), NW3X, 4yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:43 4/5, sy.**

**PUGGY'S LAST LOVE (c, 4, Not for Love--Puggy, by Fighting Fit) Lifetime Record: 17-6-2-1, \$100,991. O-W J Hartwell. B-Frances Hartwell (PA). T-John C Servis.**

**8th-EVD, \$20,250, 4-12, NW13MX, (S), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:38 2/5, sy.**

**RAIL ROSE (c, 4, Rail--Poison Rose, by Bayou Black) Lifetime Record: MSP, 22-5-2-3, \$112,023. O/B/T-Corale A Richards (LA). \*1/2 to Poison Princess (Malagra), MSW, \$120,148.**

**9th-TAM, \$20,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16fT, 1:45 2/5, ft. MILKY WAY GUY (h, 6, Skip Trial--Milky Way Gal {MSW, \$203,807}, by Valid Appeal) Lifetime Record: SP, 28-10-4-1, \$148,120. O/T-Charles Assimakopoulos. B-Arthur I Appleton (FL).**

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Please Pay Artax, c, 3, Artax--Cash No Credit, by West By West. MNR, 4-12, 6f, 1:12 2/5. B-Bittercreek (FL). \*\$20,000 yrl '02 KEESEP.**

**Lord Carmen, c, 3, Ordway--Gregorian Winloc, by Gregorian. HAW, 4-13, a1m70yd, 1:45 3/5. B-Audrey Daniels (On). \*\$30,000 yrl '02 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to Puddlejump (Summer Squall), GSP, \$115,840.**

**No Dress Code, f, 4, Distorted Humor--Westfold Vale (SW), by Flying Paster. MNR, 4-12, 6f, 1:13 3/5. B-James Brunacini (Ky). \*\$205,000 wlng '00 KEENOV.**

**Gennie's Challenge, m, 5, Meena--Leading Music, by Stop the Music. EVD, 4-12, (S), 7 1/2f, 1:36. B-Charles V Cusimano (La). \*\$5,700 yrl '00 LOUAUG.**

## BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**ITALY, Rome, 2.35, 4-12, €22,950, 4yo/up, 1 7/16mT, 2:36.50, hy.**

**MISTER UNFUWAIN (GB) (c, 4, Unfuwain--Seek the Pearl {GB} {SP-GB}, by Rainbow Quest) Lifetime Record: 24 starts, 5 wins, 11 places, €91,953. O-Francesca Postiglione; B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd; T-Giuseppe di Dio. \*16,000gns wnl '00 TATDEC; FF360,000 yrl '01 DEAAUG.**

**ITALY, Rome, 4.35, 4-12, €19,125, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:55.90, hy.**

**SHOKO (GB) (f, 3, Efisio {GB}--Gold Florenly {Fr}, by Goldneyev) Lifetime Record: SW-Ity, 8 starts, 3 wins, 2 places, €51,680. O-T Yoshida; B-Azienda Agricola Rosati Colarieti; T-Bruno Grizzetti.**

**ITALY, Milan, 3.20, 4-12, €19,125, 3yo, 7fT, 1:24, sf.**

**WHILLY (IRE) (c, 3, Sri Pekan--Santa Rosa {Ire}, by Lahib) Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 4 wins, 1 place, €62,050. O/B-Scuderia Blueberry SRL; T-B Grizzetti.**

**ITALY, Rome, 4.05, 4-12, €15,300, 3yo, 1mT, 1:44.80, hy.**

**PIPPO DI LUCILLA (IRE) (c, 3, Orpen--To the Skies, by Sky Classic) Lifetime Record: 6 starts, 2 wins, 4 places, €22,797. O-Romano Misserville; B-Roland H Alder; T-Maria Rita Salvioni.**

**ITALY, Florence, 4.55, 4-12, €11,475, 3yo, 6fT, 1:16, gd.**

**RUCH (ITY) (f, 3, Sheridan {Ire}--Dolzana {Fr}, by Maffei {Ity}) Lifetime Record: 12 starts, 5 wins, 2 places, €29,750. O-Scuderia A 4/5 SNC; B-Giuseppe Farina; T-Francesca Folco.**

**ITALY, Florence, 6.25, 4-12, €11,475, 4yo/up, 6fT, 1:14.00, gd.**

**TOP RUNNER (IRE) (c, 4, Ali-Royal {Ire}--Lara's Dream {GB}, by Dominion {GB}) Lifetime Record: 23 starts, 10 wins, 7 places, €76,398. O-Roberto Donti; B-Allevamento Gialloblu SRL; T-Andrea Mataresi. \*L40,000,000 yrl '01 ITYSEP.**

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Silenzio Stampa (Ire), c, 3, Definite Article (GB)--Indigo Blue (Ire), by Bluebird. Rome, Italy, 4-12, Mdn, 3yo, 1 3/16mT. B-Andrea Grassetti & Allevamento del Montello. \*1/2 to Ho Leng (Ire) (Statoblest {Ire}), MSP-GB, \$203,050.**