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'CLIFF' HEADLINES CHURCHILL WORKS

With the heavy rains that soaked Churchill Downs Sunday giving way to an autumn-like, bright Monday morning, a slew of GI Kentucky Derby contenders hit



The Cliff's Edge
Horsephotos

the track for their final breezes before Saturday's Run for the Roses. Robert LaPenta's **The Cliff's Edge** (Gulch), under regular exercise rider Maxine Correa, worked five furlongs just after the renovation break. The GI Toyota Blue Grass S. winner stopped the clock in 1:01 flat, working in company with a stablemate and, unintentionally, with a pair of horses from Dallas Stewart's barn. "All week I told Maxine that, for this work, I just wanted him to come home as good as he could, just get me the last eighth," said trainer Nick Zito.

"I thought everything was going to be OK, and here comes two horses of Dallas Stewart's. They just came up, but those things happen. My two riders did a great job." As for the work, Zito was clearly pleased. "He went the last eighth in :11. I got his last half in :47 2/5 and his gallop out was as strong as could be."

Lion Heart Buses In for School, Work

Shipping down from his temporary home base at Keeneland Race Course, **Lion Heart** (Tale of the Cat) looked the business during a lengthy half-hour school-

ing session in Churchill's paddock, then got down to brass tacks with a solid four-furlong move under exercise rider Jean Claud. The first Derby contender to step onto the track following the break, the Patrick Biancone trainee clicked off fractions of :11.80, :23.80, and :35.80 before getting the four panels in :48.80. The chestnut galloped out five furlongs in 1:01.40. "I just wanted to let him see the track and the paddock," explained Biancone. "He moved well on it. When he works, you know he can do :45, so this



Lion Heart Horsephotos

was nice and easy for him. He is a lamb when he works and a lion when the gate opens." Lion Heart returned to Keeneland after the breeze. *T-Threats cont. p2*

(☆ CLASSIC CORNER☆)

Cat Heads Guineas 21

Susan Magnier's **One Cool Cat** (Storm Cat) yesterday headed a list of 21 declarations for Saturday's £300,000 G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket. Last year's G1 Phoenix S. and G1 National S. winner is one of four remaining entries from Ballydoyle and conditioner Aidan O'Brien has confirmed that "all is well" with the likely favorite. There were no surprises among the scratchings at the five-day stage, with the Dermot Weld-trained **Grey Swallow (Ire)** (Daylami {Ire}) standing firm. "I've always maintained that he would be a better colt come Irish 2000 Guineas time and that the Newmarket race would come a week too soon," Weld told *PA Sport*. "We'll have to see what happens on Saturday, but I've got no complaints about the ground and, if it's good, it will suit him."

Haafd, Salford City Confirmed

While no decision has been made on Godolphin's Snow Ridge (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}), Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum's Haafd (GB) (Alhaarth {Ire}) and Michael Tabor's Salford City (Ire) (Desert Sun {GB}) are set to run. Juddmonte Farms' Three Valleys (Diesis {GB}) will be partnered by Kieren Fallon as he bids to reverse the five-length defeat by Haafhd in the G3 Craven S. at Newmarket last time Apr. 15. Khalid Abdullah's racing manager Teddy Grimthorpe told PA Sport that this task is his biggest concern. "In my own mind and in [conditioner] Roger [Charlton]'s mind, we are pretty comfortable he will stay a mile. I have no qualms about that. He ran to the line in the Craven and I'm much more worried about making up five lengths on Haafhd than whether he would stay or not."

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Classic Winner Empire Maker was the Only 3yo Colt in 2003 to Win 3 Grade 1 Events





TRIPLE THREATS

Read the Foonotes Gets Acquainted with Churchill

Klaravich Stables' Read the Footnotes (Smoke Glacken) stretched his legs at Churchill yesterday morning, moving four panels in an official clocking of :47.60 with regular exercise rider Morna McDowall in the irons. "It was his normal, effortless breeze," said conditioner Rick Violette, Jr. "He just went along smoothly and then accelerated when she whispered in his ear. It was just what he needed. He had a tour of the course, he changed leads well and he had good acceleration to the wire." Violette explained that he caught his charge in :48.20, and was most happy with the colt's final furlong. "He went that last eighth in:11 and change, which is what we were looking for."

Ouintons Gold Rush Gets the Worm

Early bird Quintons Gold Rush (Wild Rush) was on the track shortly after Churchill opened at 5:15 a.m., breezing five panels for trainer Steve Asmussen. The chestnut, who punched his ticket to the Derby with an authoritative victory in the Apr. 17 GII Coolmore Lexington S. at Keeneland, went in 1:01 .40--stepping the last eighth in :11.80--and galloped out six furlongs in 1:14.80. "He has a tendency to get wound up," said Asmussen, "but I want him to be relaxed and comfortable and off the bridle early [in the race] Saturday. He was perfect this morning, but it will be an entirely different scenario in the Derby, with the crowd and all."

Rock Hard Ten Works, Waits and Prays

Rock Hard Ten (Kris S.) had his fingers...er, hooves...crossed yesterday after nailing five furlongs in :59.40, the only horse of 25 who worked at the distance to come in under 1:00. The imposing dark bay, who currently sits at 22 on the list of Derby contenders and would need two defections to make it into the Classic, galloped out in 1:13.20. "He worked really good," trainer Jason Orman said. "[Jockey] Craig [Perret] said he never moved his hands and he did it very easily."

Tapit Works at Tapeta

Ron Winchell's Tapit (Pulpit), one of the likely favorites for Saturday's Derby, worked five furlongs in company on the all-weather track at trainer Michael Dickenson's Tapeta Farm in Maryland, where the gray is based. The GI Wood Memorial S. winner completed the breeze in 1:06.80. "He broke off four lengths behind three workmates," Dickinson said, "and he finished one length ahead of them, on the bridle. It was just an easy maintenance breeze. He'll be on the plane to Kentucky on Wednesday." Triple Threats cont. p3

DERBY HOPEFULS BY GRADED EARNINGS as of Apr. 26, 2004

<u>#</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Sire</u>	<u>Earnings</u>
1	The Cliff's Edge	<u>Gulch</u>	\$793,258
2 3	Action This Day	Kris S.	\$780,000
3	Friends Lake	A.P. Indy	\$611,000
4	Smarty Jones	Elusive Quality	\$600,000
5	Tapit	<u>Pulpit</u>	\$530,000
6	Castledale (Ire)	Peintre Celebre	\$510,000
7	Limehouse	Grand Slam	\$478,405
8	Lion Heart	Tale of the Cat	\$475,600
9	Read the Footnotes	Smoke Glacken	\$397,860
10	Wimbledon	Wild Rush	\$375,000
11	Pollard's Vision	Carson City	\$366,000
12	Imperialism	<u>Langfuhr</u>	\$363,000
13	Minister Eric	Old Trieste	\$350,000
14	Birdstone	<u>Grindstone</u>	\$327,000
15	Borrego	El Prado (Ire)	\$320,000
16	Quinton's Gold Rush	Wild Rush	\$258,500
17	St Averil	Saint Ballado	\$215,200
18	Master David	Grand Slam	\$208,000
19	Song of the Sword	Unbridled's Song	\$132,500
20	Pro Prado	El Prado (Ire)	\$105,685
21	Eddington	Unbridled	\$95,000
22	Rock Hard Ten	Kris S.	\$90,000
23	Mustanfar	<u>Unbridled</u>	\$87,500

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Triple Threats cont.

Class Above Continues to Impress

GI Kentucky Oaks hopeful **Class Above** (Quiet American) was caught by Churchill clockers working four furlongs in a swift :47.40 on Monday morning. Equipped with blinkers for the move, the Padua colorbearer, under regular exercise rider Dana Barnes, was out five furlongs in 1:00.60. "She worked awesome," said Baffert. "The track this morning was the best it's been and I feel good about the way she's doing." Baffert's stopwatch revealed a slightly slower time than the offical clockers; he had :48 flat and out in 1:00.80.

☆1000 GUINEAS☆

Channon Set for Dual Raid

Mick Channon, who is responsible for Jaber Abdullah's G3 Fred Raling S. winner Majestic Desert (GB) (Fraam {GB}) in Sunday's G1 1000 Guineas, has decided to supplement G3 Nell Gwyn S. scorer Silca's Gift (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}) at a cost of £25,000. "The owners were keen to have a go with Silca's Gift and I couldn't say it was not the right thing to do, even though I think Majestic Desert is better," the trainer told PA Sport yesterday. Those fillies were among the 18 left in the £325,000 Classic, headed by Cheveley Park Stud's G1 Fillies' Mile winner Red Bloom (GB) (Selkirk). Despite a slight scare for connections at the weekend, when it was discovered she had "a few spots" on a hind fetlock and was lame, Red Bloom was declared sound again soon after and resumed exercise on Sunday.

Carry On Katie Leads Godolphin Charge

Godolphin have scratched **Punctilious (GB)** (Danehill) from the mile Classic, but left in G1 Cheveley Park S. winner **Carry On Katie** (Fasliyev), **Sundrop (Jpn)** (Sunday Silence) and **Cairns (UAE)** (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}). Sheikh Maktoum bin Rashid al Maktoum's **Secret Charm (Ire)** (Green Desert) was also among those declared despite recent fears that the race would come too soon for the Listed Radley S. scorer. "The filly is beginning to do really well and did a nice half-speed workout over six furlongs on Sunday morning," racing manager Joe Mercer told *PA Sport* yesterday.

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☆ RESULTS ☆

Sunday, Tokyo, Japan SANKEI SPORTS SHO FLORA S.-G2-JRA, ¥101,000,000, Tokyo, 4-25, 3yo, 2000mT, 2:01.1,

- 1--#@MEISHO OSCAR (JPN), 119, f, 3, by Fuji Kiseki (Jpn)
 1st Dam: Meisho Yayoi (Jpn), by Amber Shadai (Jpn)
 2nd Dam: Nissei Lilas (Jpn), by Lord Leige
 3rd Dam: Pearl Lilas (Jpn), by *Montaval
 O-Yoshio Matsumoto: B-Nissei Rokuio: T-Akio
 - O-Yoshio Matsumoto; B-Nissei Bokujo; T-Akio Adachi; J-Hiroki Goto; ¥53,400,000. Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-2.
- 2--Glorious Days (Jpn), 119, f, 3, Sunday Silence--Grace Admire (Jpn), by Tony Bin (Ire). O-Hideko Kondo; B-Northern Farm; ¥21,400,000.
- 3--Moon Phase (Jpn), 119, f, 3, Helissio (Fr)--After the Sun, by Storm Bird. O-Katsumi Yoshida; B-Northern Farm; ¥13,200,000.

Margins: NO, 3/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 9.80, 7.30, 32.40.

Meisho Oscar stamped her ticket for the Japanese
Oaks with a late-closing victory here. Settled in third
early, the brown filly steadily improved her position
down the lane and held off Glorious Song for the narrow victory. Meisho Oscar was runner-up in the Elfin S.
in February and was fourth in the G3 Tulip Sho before a
third-place effort behind Dance in the Mood (Jpn) last
time out in the G3 Flower Cup. "I was a little worried
about Tokyo's long stretch, but [jockey Hiroki] Goto
gave her a great ride," commented winning trainer Akio
Adachi. "She will handle the 2400 meters [of the Oaks]
as long as she settles."

Sunday, Kyoto, Japan ANTARES S.-G3-JRA, ¥81,210,000, Kyoto, 4-25, 4yo/up, 1800m, 1:51.5, ft.

- 1--TIME PARADOX (JPN), 126, h, 6, by Brian's Time 1st Dam: Jolie Zaza (Ire) (SW-Fr), by Alzao 2nd Dam: Bold Lady (Fr), by Bold Lad 3rd Dam: Tredam (GB), by High Treason (GB) O-Shadai Race H; B-Shiraoi Farm; T-Hiroyoshi Matsuda; J-Katsumi Ando; ¥42,497,000. Lifetime Record: 24-9-3-2.
- 2--Silence Boy (Jpn), 123, h, 5, Marvelous Sunday (Jpn)--Fujinotakakotobuki (Jpn), by Horisky (Jpn). O-Turf Sport; B-Akiba Bokujo; ¥17,142,000.
- 3--**Hishi Atlas (Jpn)**, 123, c, 4, Timber Country--Tax Haven (Jpn), by Alydar. O-Masaichiro Abe; B-Shadai Farm; ¥11,071,000.

Margins: 3/4, 1/2, 1 1/2. Odds: 3.00, 2.80, 13.90.



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G3 Antares S. cont.

Time Paradox, looking for his second group stakes success, settled in mid-division before angling out with a furlong to run and powering to the front in the final strides. The chestnut earned his first group win in his seasonal bow in January's G3 Heian S. After a strong fourth-place effort in the G1 February S., Time Paradox was fourth in the Apr. 3 Coral S. "My horse did a great job today," trainer Hiroshi Matsuda, who also conditions champion Admire Don, said after the victory. "We will aim him at the G1 Teio Sho at Oi on June 30."

Sunday, Fukushima, Japan

FUKUSHIMA HIMBA S.-G3-JRA, ¥81,360,000,

Fukushima, 4-25, 4yo/up, 1800mT, 1:46.6, fm.

- 1--OSUMI COSMO (JPN), 126, m, 5, by Fuji Kiseki (Jpn)
 1st Dam: Taisei Kagura, by Morning Frolic
 2nd Dam: Milly Bird (Jpn), by Faberge II (Fr)
 3rd Dam: Lavatera (Ire), by Le Haar (Fr)
 - O-Hidenori Yamaji; B-Okamoto Bokujo; T-Tadashi Nakao; J-Masayoshi Ebina; ¥42,602,000. *1/2 to Osumi Bright (Jpn) (Last Tycoon {Ire}), MSW-Jpn, \$2,004,519. Lifetime Record: 27-7-3-3.
- 2--Meine Nouvelle (Jpn), 119, f, 4, Brian's Time--Meine Pretender (NZ), by Zabeel (NZ). O-K Thoroughbred Club Ruffian; B-Big Red Farm; ¥17,172,000.
- (DH)-3--Erimo Pixy (Jpn), 117, m, 6, Dancing Brave--Erimo Shooting (Jpn), by Tesco Boy (GB). O-K Yamamoto; B-Etsuo Kawakami; ¥8,693,000.
- (DH)-3--Memory Keanu (Jpn), 115, f, 4, Tony Bin (Ire)--Balawaki, by Miswaki. O-Shinzan Club; B-Tanikawa Stud; ¥8,693,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 1/2, DH. Odds: 5.10, 33.30, 12.00, 26.10. Osumi Cosmo, coming off a victory in the Mar. 13 G3 Nakayama Himba S., rated in the middle of the pack before gaining control at midstrech to win going away. "The race really developed well for her," said winning jockey Masayoshi Ebina. "She was in good form and is a good honest horse."

PEDIGREE INSIGHTS BY ANDREW CAULFIELD

PRIX DE LA GROTTE-G3, \in 73,000, Longchamp, 4-25, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:38.40, gd/sf.

1--#@GREY LILAS (IRE), 126, f, 3, by Danehill
1st Dam: Kenmist (GB) (SW-GB, GSP-Ity), by Kenmare (Fr)
2nd Dam: Mistral's Collette (Ire), by Simply Great (Fr)
3rd Dam: Kitty's Sister (Ire), by Bustino (GB)
0-Gestut Ammerland; B-Azienda Agricola II Tiglio di
Amelia Prevedello; T-Andre Fabre; J-Gary Stevens;
€36,500. Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 2 wins, 1 place,
€57,800.

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We are rapidly approaching the first anniversary of the tragic death of Danehill and barely a day seems to go by without some sort of reminder of the seriousness of his loss.

Thanks to Intercontinental and Spring Star in the U.S. and Westerner and Grey Lilas in France, Danehill has recently landed four Northern Hemisphere stakes races in the space of eight days. He has also set a new record price for a breeze-up filly in Europe, thanks to his 240,000-guinea daughter out of Supamova.

Down in Australia, Danehill appears to be safely on his way to his eighth general sires' championship. He has also hit the headlines in Australia thanks to his very fast son Exceed and Excel, who has been bought by Darley for no less than A\$22 million. The current sires' tables in Australia make it easy to understand why Darley have such a high regard for this colt's potential as a stallion. There are four sons of Danehill-- Danzero, Desert King, Danehill Dancer and Flying Spur-- among the top 12 sires on the general list and there are as many as seven among the top 20 juvenile sires.

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CHAMPION 2-Y-O SIRE IN U.S.A. IN 2003.

LATEST UPDATE: G3 winner FELINE STORY took the Legal Light Stakes - L.R. on her 3-y-o debut by 2 lengths on Saturday.

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LATEST UPDATE: Exciting and unbeaten 3-y-o colt FALKIRK landed the Sunline Stakes - G3 also on Saturday.

ASHFORD STUD



Caulfield cont.

Danehill topped the juvenile table numerous times in the past, but this time he ranks fourth behind his son Danzero, who has an unassailable lead following the triple Group 1-winning exploits of Dance Hero. No wonder demand at the Inglis Easter Sale was very high for some of the yearlings sired by Danehill on his last visit to Australia in 2001, with four colts selling for between A\$1 million and 2.2 million.

It is going to be interesting to see how some of Danehill's Northern-Hemisphere sons fare with their early crops this year. Tiger Hill, who was beaten only a length when third in the 1998 Arc, appears to have some talented representatives among his first three-year-olds, including Mister Sacha, recently described by trainer Jean-Claude Rouget as "one of my best colts." Another successful trainer, James Given, gave the thumbs up to the first-crop sire Dansili in another of the Racing Post's stable tours, predicting "a very good year" for this brother to Banks Hill and Intercontinental. The Irish National Stud's Indian Danehill is also well qualified for stallion success.

Danehill has twice sired the winner of the French 2000 Guineas, the Poule d'Essai des Poulains, but has yet to land the fillies' equivalent, the Pouliches. He was unlucky not to do so in 2001, when Banks Hill just failed to get up after a troubled run, and he again sired the runner-up in 2002. Now Danehill has a fine chance of going one better with Grey Lilas, who provided Gary Stevens with his first French Group success in Sunday's G3 Prix de la Grotte. Denebola, the Storm Cat filly who had been expected to strengthen her position as favorite to win the Pouliches, narrowly lost second to Petit Calva, a filly by Danehill's son Desert King.

Grey Lilas is certainly bred to shine over Longchamp's mile. Her broodmare sire Kenmare was by the 1973 Poulains winner Kalamoun and was himself responsible for Kendor, winner of the 1989 Classic. Kenmare had already been transferred to Australia by the time he became champion sire in France in 1988 and 1989. Somewhat surprisingly in view of the different ground conditions which often prevail in France and Australia, Kenmare proved equally effective in his new base, siring Group-1 performers of the calibre of Baryshnikov, Keltrice, Kenbelle and Kenvain. Coolmore decided that it was well worthwhile shuttling Kenmare to the Northern Hemisphere and he stood the 1993 and 1994 seasons in Ireland.

Among the mares he covered in Ireland in 1993 was Mistral's Collette, a useful Irish two-year-old who later enjoyed stakes success at up to a mile and a quarter in Italy. General Cloney, a brother to Mistral's Collette, did well at up to a mile and three-quarters, so it isn't surprising that Mistral's Collette's Kenmare filly, Kenmist, won at up to a mile and a quarter. However, Kenmist showed her best form over a mile, winning a Listed race at Ascot and being group placed in Italy.

Grey Lilas follows Faith Hill, a Group-2 winner over a mile in Australia, as the second group winner sired by Danehill from a daughter of Kenmare. As her third dam's name, Kitty's Sister, suggests, she was a sister to a very talented filly called Kittyhawk. With the St Leger winner Bustino as her sire and a five-furlong specialist as her dam, Kittyhawk could have been anything from a sprinter to a stayer. In fact she possessed more speed than stamina, notably winning a Group-3 contest over six furlongs at two, but her best winner, Nomadic Way, stayed extremely well.

I was tempted to say that Grey Lilas will probably be kept to around a mile, but then I remembered that Danehill's Irish Derby winner Desert King also has Bustino in his pedigree, this time as the sire of his second dam. So, if Grey Lilas performs creditably in the Pouliches, she could possibly step up to the 1 5/16 miles of the French Oaks--a race won by Danehill's daughter Aquarelliste in 2001.

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Yesterday's Results:

THATS OUR BUCK S., \$35,000, CRC, 4-26, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:24 1/5, ft.

- 1--SEA OF TRANQUILITY, 115, h, 8, Heff--Bonkey, by Fit to Fight. (\$6,500 2yo 1998 OBSAPR). O-Triple M Farm; B-Dennis Drazin (NJ); T-Richard E Paulus; J-J C Ferrer; \$21,000. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 69-21-8-11, \$725,022.
- 2--**Built Up**, 119, h, 6, Homebuilder--Toned Up, by Herat. (\$4,100 yrl '99 FTMOCT; \$10,000 2yo 2000 FTMJUL). \$7,000.
- 3--Scrubs, 122, c, 4, Dr. Caton--Record Stands, by American Standard. \$3,850.

Margins: 5, 3/4, 4 1/4. Odds: 23.50, 9.60, 1.40.

Veteran Sea of Tranquility, a two-time winner of the GIII Salvator Mile S., won last August's mile Jersey Breeders' H., but failed to hit the board in seven subsequent starts. Fifth in his latest going 8 1/2 furlongs in an \$80,000 optional claimer at Gulfstream Park Apr. 2, the chestnut was give little support to make it back to the winner's circle this time. Far back after the opening quarter, the New Jersey bred closed on the front rank following a half mile in :46.07, took over at the top of the stretch and drew clear late for the score.

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- 1--TWILIGHT ROAD, 115, g, 7, Cahill Road--Glory's Light, by Halo. O-Donamire Farm; B-Mira Ball (KY); T-David Fawkes; J-P Teator; \$21,000. Lifetime Record: GSW, 41-9-10-2, \$453,557.
- 2--Super Frolic, 119, c, 4, Pine Bluff--Lindsay Frolic, by Mt. Livermore. \$7,000.
- 3--Patriotic Flame, 115, c, 4, Concerto--Brandy Rose, by Distinctive Pro. \$3,850.

Margins: 1, 2 3/4, 2 1/4. Odds: 6.10, 2.30, 10.80. Twilight Road, winner of the 2002 edition of the GIII Ack Ack H., finished a distant fourth to Strong Hope in his final race for trainer Paul McGee going a panel shorter in a \$125,000 optional claiming event at Gulfstream Mar. 10, but fared much better when dropping down to \$80,000 company in his latest over that track and trip Apr. 14. Unhurried early, the gelding closed to within a neck of the lead a furlong out and powered to the front in the final strides to gain the narrow victory.

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the Race 9, \$47,900 Allowance at Churchill Downs. For pps and a complete race analysis, click here.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28:

05-01 \$1,000,000 Kentucky Derby-I, CD, 3yo 10f (150000s)

05-08 \$150,000 Mervyn LeRoy H.-II, Hol, 3yo/up, 8.5f (150)

05-08 \$350,000 Jim Murray Memorial H., Hol, 3yo/up, 12fT (350)

05-09 \$250,000 Vanity H.-I, Hol, 3yo/up, f/m, 9f (250) 05-16 \$150,000 George Hendrie H.-III, Wo, 4yo/up, f/m, 6.5f (150)

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IN JAPAN:

Spread Smile, f, 3, Bianconi-Horah, by Mi Cielo. Kyoto, 4-24, Novice Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$64,220. O-Kazuko Yoshida; B-Mr & Mrs Theodore Kuster; T-Hidetaka Otonashi. *\$210,000 2yo '03 BESMAR. **Went right to the front, set all the fractions and won by 1 3/4 lengths.

Hishi Lucid, c, 3, Rahy--Hishi Natalie (MSW-Jpn, \$2,331,677), by Seattle Slew. Fukushima, 4-25, Himesayuri Sho, 9fT. Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-0, \$173,945. O/B-Masaichiro Abe; T-Masaru Sayama. *Took charge on the final turn and pulled clear to win by two lengths.

Gaily Sting, c, 4, Lure--Inaka (Ire), by Ballad Rock (Ire). Fukushima, 4-25, Jododaira Tokubetsu, 10fT. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$102,752. O-Tokyo Thoroughbred Bureau Inc.; B-Green Gates Farm; T-Akio Tsurudome. *Jumped out to an early lead and held sway late to win by a half length.

Kid's Star, f, 4, Saint Ballado--Dart Star, by Blue Ensign. Tokyo, 4-24, Plate Race, 8f. Lifetime Record: 9-3-0-0, \$141,284. O-Takao Seya; B-Brylynn Farm, Inc.; T-Yasuhisa Matsuyama. *1/2 to Star's Proud Penny (Proud Birdie), GSW, \$279,209. **\$82,000 yrl 'O1 KEESEP. ***Was well back in the early going, rallied widest of all in the stretch and got up late for a one-length tally.

Many Award, h, 8, Gone West--Pigeon Blood (Ire), by Thatching (Ire). Fukushima, 4-24, loji Tokubetsu, 6fT. Lifetime Record: 23-3-3-4, \$519,083. O-Masami Juni; B-Newgate Stud Farm, Inc.; T-Ryuji Okubo. *\$180,000 yrl '97 KEESEP. **Settled in mid-pack early, moved up turning for home and pulled clear late to win by 1 3/4 lengths.

Stars of tomorrow grabbing the spotlight today...

IN BRITAIN:

Golden Empire, c, 3, Red Ransom. See "European Breeders' Edition."

IN FRANCE:

Miss Mambo, f, 3, Kingmambo. See "France" report.



FRESHMAN FOCUS

First-crop progeny to watch: Tuesday, April 27

Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 1999 Fee, #2yos/Winners/SW Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

YES IT'S TRUE (Is It True), Padua, \$10K, 70/0/0 3-CRC, Msw, 2f, +Say It Isn't Sold, \$38K OBS MAR 2yo







★ CLASSIC CORNER ★

Godolphin Ship in

Godolphin shipped their major contenders for Classic glory back to Newmarket yesterday, with targets still undecided. The trio of 2000 Guineas, which will be contested Saturday, hopefuls Snow Ridge (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}), Bayeux (Red Ransom) and Byron (GB) (Green Desert) joined the fillies Carry On Katie (Fasliyev), Sundrop (Jpn) (Sunday Silence) and Cairns (UAE) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}) on the return journey to Godolphin stables. "The horses had a good winter in Dubai, Godolphin's main base, and now we are looking forward to them settling into Godolphin Stables at Newmarket," the stable's racing manager Simon Crisford commented.

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BRITAIN *

Yesterday's Results:

Windsor, 7.35, Mdn, £6,620, 3yo, 10f 7ydsT, 2:10.25,

CRYSTAL (IRE) (f, 3, Danehill--Solar Crystal {Ire} {GSW-Eng & G1SP-Fr}, by Alzao), eighth in the Listed Montrose Fillies' S. at Newmarket on her debut last November and second on her sophomore bow at Newbury Apr. 16, was sent off the even-money favorite here. She stalked the lead in second, eased to the lead with three furlongs remaining and was ridden out thereafter to account for Nietzsche (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) by a cozy 1 3/4 lengths. "The plan is definitely to go for the [G1 Epsom] Oaks [June 4]," said winning handler Brian Meehan. "We just wanted to get a maiden win into her and get it out of the way. I'll sit down and have a good think about Lingfield [Listed Oaks Trial May May 8] and Goodwood [Listed Lupe S. May 19] after I see how she comes out of this race. She is top drawer, a serious filly and extremely special and I've never had a runner in an Epsom Classic." The filly was a 475,000gns TATHOU yearling. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, £6,031.

O-F C T Wilson; B-Strawhill Farm; T-Brian Meehan.

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TDN Rising Star"

Windsor, 5.35, Mdn, £5,405, 2yo, f, 5f 10ydsT, 1:01.74, gd.

+ HIGH CHART (GB) (f, 2, Robellino--Bright Spells {GB} (SP-Eng), by Salse), a huge gamble into 4-1 favoritism, tracked the front rank during the opening exchanges and made good progress from the quarter-mile marker. She was pushed along to challenge at the eighth pole and ran on well under a forceful Adrian McCarthy ride to beat the fast-closing Agent Kensington (GB) (Mujahid) by a short head. "She's a nice filly and has been doing good work, easy work," said winning trainer George Margarson. "I was a bit worried about the trip as I think she will be much better over six [furlongs]. Adrian [McCarthy] rides her at home and he won't let anyone else on her. She's got a good attitude and I think she's a bit special. She's definitely as good as [former charge] Barathea Guest, and at this stage is as good as I've ever had." The winner was a 10,000gns DONSEP yearling and a 7,500gns TATDEC weanling. For the racingpost.co.uk race chart, click here. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £3,513.

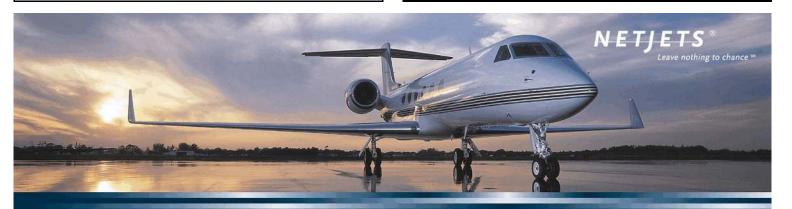
O-D Russell; B-Whitsbury Manor Stud; T-G Margarson.

Hamilton, 2.20, Mdn, £5,325, 2yo, 5fT, 1:01.62, gd. MONASHEE PRINCE (IRE) (c, 2, Monashee Mountain--Lodema {Ire}, by Lycius), runner-up in a Yarmouth maiden on his debut Apr. 12, was sent off the 7-4 second choice. Sent to the front from the outset, he was driven out to beat Exit Smiling (GB) (Dr Fong) by a length to become the first winner for his freshman sire (by Danzig). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, £4,295. O-Richmond Thoroughbreds; B-D Gleeson; T-John Best.

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★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday's Results:

PRIX SERVANNE-Listed, \leq 45,000, Chantilly, 4-26, 4yo/up, 5fT, 0:57.00, gd.

- 1--PORLEZZA (FR), 131, m, 5, Sicyos--Pupsi (Fr), by Matahawk (Ire). O-E Hilger; B-Paul Hilger; T-Yves de Nicolay; J-Christophe Soumillon; €22,500. Lifetime Record: G1SW-Fr, 18 starts, 6 wins, 7 places, €301,085.
- 2--Swedish Shave (Fr), 128, h, 6, Midyan--Shavya (GB), by Shavian (GB). (FF200,000 yrl '99 DEAAUG). €9,000.
- 3--Rue Lafayette (Swe), 122, f, 4, Flying Spur (Aus)--Rue Pigalle (Ire), by Bluebird. €6,750.

 Margins: NK, HD, NK. Odds: 3.60, 1.10, 16.60.

 Also ran: Fomalhaut, Miss Emma (Ire), Melkior (Fr), Dobby Road (Fr), Meliksah (Ire), Amazon Beauty (Ire),

Ela Merici (Fr), Brief Affair (Ire).

Porlezza showed her liking for this sprint track when taking the last two renewals of the G2 Prix du Gros-Chene. She held her form last term, following a defeat of Etoile Montante in the G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest at Deauville in August with a close-up fifth in the G1 Prix de l'Abbaye de Longchamp in October on her last start. After the disruptions of a false start to this contest, she was settled in a stalking role by Christophe Soumillon before cruising to the head of affairs passing the quarter pole. Quickening from there, she had enough in the tank to hold the late effort of Swedish Shave and defy her hefty penalty. "She is really at home at Chantilly," conditioner Yves de Nicolay said. "She was not 100 percent fit, but that was nice and we can look forward to trying to win a third G2 Prix du Gros-Chene here [June 6] before a crack at the G1 July Cup [at Newmarket July 8] and an attempt to win the G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest [at Deauville Aug. 8] again."

Chantilly, 1.50, Cond, €31,000, 3yo, c/g, 1mT, 1:35.90, gd.

ADVICE (GB) (c, 3, Seeking the Gold--Anna Palariva {Ire} {GSW-Fr}, by Caerleon), third behind Poly Dance (Fr) in a Longchamp conditions event last time Apr. 4, was sent off at odds of 13-2. Sent to the front in the early stages by the in-form Gary Stevens, he set easy fractions and found extra when challenged by Scheffer (Elusive Quality) in the final eighth to score by a short head. Lifetime Record: 6 starts, 1 win, 5 places, €38.200.

O-Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Darley; T-Andre Fabre.

A # will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, 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.

TDN Rising Star"



MISS MAMBO (f, 3, Kingmambo--Troika, by Strawberry Road (Aus)), who beat the smart Payphone (GB) in a Longchamp conditions event last time Apr. 11, was sent off the 6-5 pick. Settled in a stalking second by Christophe Soumillon throughout the early stages, the \$220,000 KEESEP yearling traveled easily to the front at the quarter pole before quickening decisively under a hand ride to easily beat Divine Story (Fr) (Vettori {Ire}) by three lengths. "She is a very nice filly," commented Yerve Bargot, racing manager to owner Sean Mulryan. "She loves this ground and showed her quality today. She will now go for either the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches [French 1000 Guineas at Longchamp May 16] or the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas [at The Curragh May 23]." For the france-galop race chart, click here. Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 3 wins, 1 place, €39,850. O-Sean Mulryan; B-W. S. Farish & Centennial Farm Mgmt. Co.; T-Eric Libaud.

Chantilly, 4.20, Cond, €20,000, 4yo/up, 1½mT, 2:29.90, gd.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION (IRE) (c, 4, Rainbow Quest-Bombazine (Ire) {SP-Eng}, by Generous {Ire}), off the track since finishing runner-up to Papineau (GB) in the Listed Prix de l'Avre at Longchamp last May, was sent off the 6-5 favorite on his belated return. Settled towards the rear by Gaetan Faucon throughout the early stages, he traveled strongly around the outside entering the straight before quickening inside the final quarter. Wearing down the long-time leader Licence (Affirmed) in the final 50 yards, he was pushed out for a comfortable 1½-length score. Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 5 starts, 2 wins, 2 places, €33,550.

O-Leigh Family; B-Gerald W Leigh; T-Jonathan Pease.

★ EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN JAPAN:

- Dantsu Spring (Ire), c, 3, Croco Rouge (Ire).-Delta Blues (Ire), by Digamist. Fukushima, 4-25, Novice Race, 9fT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$71,560. O-Tetsuji Yamamoto; B-G. J. King; T-Kenji Yamauchi. *Won by 2 1/2 lengths. **30,000gns wnlg '01 TATDEC; 36,000gns yrl '02 TATOCT; 70,000gns 2yo '03 TATAPR.
- Silver Zetto (Ire), c, 3, Foxhound--Krayyalei (Ire), by Krayyan (GB). Kyoto, 4-25, Tachibana S., 6fT. Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-0, \$431,468. O-Yoshinobu Hayashi; B-J A Dene; T-Kiyohiro Tadokoro. *Won by 2 1/2 lengths. **Ir£13,000 wnlg '01 GOFNOV; 37,000gns 2yo '03 TATAPR.

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BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

1st-HAW, **\$34,000**, NW4X, 3yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:44 1/5, ft.

BALLA TWINE (m, 6, Twining--Double Wedge {MGISW, \$435,522}, by Northern Baby) Lifetime Record: 29-11-3-2, \$205,670. O-L Stalesky, William H Lloyd, T Barlaf & G Belpedio. B-Morven Stud Ltd (VA). T-Michele Boyce. *\$3,500 yrl '99 KEESEP.

3rd-HAW, \$30,000, NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11, ft. **BEABASQUE** (h, 5, Bounding Basque--Stop Stalling, by Stalwart) Lifetime Record: 17-4-3-2, \$95,111. O-Hondo Racing Ltd. B-Thomas Ajubita (IL). T-Frank John Kirby.

8th-MNR, **\$28,200**, 4-25, NW3L, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 2/5, sy.

GRAMMA JO'S PRIDE (f, 4, Majesterian--Jazzy Anna, by Jazzing Around) Lifetime Record: 18-4-4-3, \$65,970. O-Karen McMillan & Jaime Twiggs. B-Terry, Conn & Jamie Twiggs, Karen McMillan (WA). T-Bill Beamer.

7th-CRC, \$28,000, NW2X, 3yo, 1mT, 1:35, fm. WIRE BOUND (g, 3, Hesabull--Wise Woman {SP, \$213,208}, by Believe the Queen) Lifetime Record: SP, 8-3-1-0, \$72,530. O-Silver Diamond Thoroughbreds Inc. B-Live Oak Stud (FL). T-Manuel Criollo.*1/2 to Bomfim (Dispersal), MGSP, \$449,796.

4th-CRC, \$26,000, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:42 1/5, fm.

ARAB MISS (f, 4, Awad--State Street Miss, by Cormorant) Lifetime Record: SP, 17-2-2-3, \$81,000. O-M-2 Stable LLC. B-Ryehill Farm (MD). T-Martin D Wolfson.

9th-PHA, \$23,600, NW1X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11 2/5, sy. DINGO RINGO (h, 5, Foligno--Polly's Punch, by Two Punch) Lifetime Record: 28-4-9-5, \$73,075. O-Stretch Run Racing Stable. B-Maui Meadow Farm & Joseph W Holman Jr (PA). T-Martin E Ciresa.

7th-PHA, \$20,660, NW1X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 4/5, sy. CUMBY TEXAS (c, 4, Lit de Justice--Fast Fingers {SW, \$181,313}, by Nepal) Lifetime Record: 11-5-1-1, \$43,215. O-Fast Forward Racing Stable LLC. B-L T Smith Enterprises (KY). T-Guadalupe Preciado. *1/2 to Spanish Guitar (Birdonthewire), SW, \$119,967.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Likely Prospect, f, 4, Deputy Commander--Amelia Airhead, by Well Decorated. PHA, 4-26, a1m70yd, 1:46. B-Hidden Point Farm Inc (FI). *\$165,000 yrl '01 FTSAUG. **1/2 to Cmdte Pepe Rios (Leo Castelli), Ch. Imp. 2yo Colt-PR, MSW-PR, \$280,564.

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

ITALY, Rome, 2.35, 4-25, €26,775, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:49.50, hy.

KABIR (IRE) (c, 3, Kris {GB}--Gersey {GB}, by Generous {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 2 wins, 2 places, €35,615. O-Allevamento La Nuova Sbarra; B-Scuderia San Nilo; T-Lorenzo Brogi.

ITALY, Florence, 3.25, 4-25, €19,125, 3yo, 7 1/2fT, time: n/a, sf.

SFILZATORE (ITY) (c, 3, Glen Jordan {GB}--Sfilza {GB}, by Indian Ridge {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 9 starts, 4 wins, 3 places, €45,849. O/B-Scuderia Siba; T-Alduino & Giuseppe Botti.

ITALY, Florence, 4.55, 4-25, €19,125, 4yo/up, 7 1/2fT, 1:35.00, sf.

LOW PIVOT (GB) (h, 6, Pivotal {GB}--Stay Low {GB} {GSW-Ity & GSP-Eng}, by Tina's Pet {GB}) Lifetime Record: GSW-Ity, 36 starts, 9 wins, 15 places, €212,221. O-Scuderia Andy Capp; B-Azienda Agricola Sant' Agostino & Vulci; T-Paolo Paciello. *L32,000,000 yrl '99 ITYSEP.

BRITAIN, Hamilton, **2.50**, Cond, £15,455, 3yo, 5fT, :59.52, gd.

SEVILLANO (GB) (g, 3, Nicolotte {GB}--Nashville Blues {Ire}, by Try My Best) Lifetime Record: 6-3-2-1, £24,053. O-H E Sheikh Rashid bin Mohammed; B-Miss C Green; T-Peter Cundell. *4,000gns yrl '02 DONJAN.

BRITAIN, Windsor, **6.05**, 4-26, £8,675, 3yo/up, 10f 7ydsT, 2:07.63, gd.

TAWNY WAY (GB) (f, 4, Polar Falcon--Ma Petite Anglaise {GB}, by Reprimand {GB}) Lifetime Record: 10-2-2-0, £15,543. O-Rams Racing Club; B-K P Seow; T-William Jarvis.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Morellion (Ity), c, 3, Mystiko--Lidiante (Ire), by Persian Heights (GB). Rome, Italy, 4-25, Mdn, 3yo, 1 1/8mT. B-Agricola Zootecnica Vitellia SRL.

Golden Empire, c, 3, Red Ransom--Golden Gorse, by His Majesty. Hamilton, Britain, 4-26, Mdn, 3-4yo, 11f 16ydsT. B-D J Stable LLC. *1/2 to Lear Spear (Lear Fan), MGSW & G1SP-Eng & SP-UAE, \$441,934-Eng. **\$100,000 yrl '02 KEESEP.

Mr Wolf (GB), c, 3, Wolfhound--Madam Millie (GB), by Milford (GB). Newcastle, Britain, 4-26, Mdn, 3yo, 5fT. B-P Asquith. *9,200gns yrl '02 DONOCT.

Submissive (GB), c, 3, Young Ern (GB)--Sublime (GB), by Conquering Hero. Wolverhampton, Britain, 4-26, Mdn, 3yo, 1m 100yds (AWT). B-Guy Reed.