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CAN THEY TAME HIM?

Seeking his fourth straight decision, **Lion Tamer** (Will's Way) will be awfully hard to down in Belmont Park's opening day feature, the GIII Westchester H. The



Lion Tamer Equi-Photo

flashy chesntnut colt opened some eyes last season taking the GII Hutcheson S. by six lengths, but closed out his three-year-old campaign with a well-beaten sixth-place finish behind Peace Rules in the GI Blue Grass S. Freshened up nearly nine months, the Todd Pletcher trainee re-

turned with a vengeance with a solid 2 1/4-length optional claiming score Jan. 28 and back-to-back 3/4 of a length successes in the GII Richter Scale Breeders' Cup H. Mar. 6 and the GII Commonwealth Breeders' Cup Apr. 10. The \$180,000 FTKJUL yearling purchase seeks his first win beyond seven panels. Formal Attire (Formal Gold) ran fifth beaten only two lengths behind Domestic Dispute in the 1 1/8-miles GII Strub S. Feb. 7, but hasn't been seen since. The gray colt brings a string of steady works to the table, including a fivefurlong bullet in :58 4/5 at Belmont Apr. 19. It almost seems that they can't run a graded stakes race in North America without running Toccet (Awesome Again). The bay colt notched the GI Champagne S. at Belmont in his only other start over this course, but hasn't had his picture taken since his victory in the restricted Widener S. at Philly Park last August. He finished eighth, beaten 17 lengths in his latest start in the GIII Fort Marcy H. at Aqueduct Apr. 24.

Wednesday, Belmont Park, post time: 4:40 p.m. WESTCHESTER H.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Toccet	Awesome Again	Scanlan	6-1
2	Saarland	Unbridled	McGaughey	4-1
3	Formal Attire	Formal Gold	Serpe	5-1
4	Lion Tamer	Will's Way	Pletcher	2-1
5	Jets Fan	Gold Token	Hushion	15-1
6	Black Silk (GB)	Zafonic	LaFavers	12-1
7	Gygistar	Prospector's Music	Hennig	5-2

TRIPLE THREATS

Rock Hard Ten Breezes at Churchill

Rock Hard Ten (Kris S.) breezed seven furlongs in 1:26 over a fast Churchill Downs main track Tuesday morning. "If he comes out of the work good tomorrow, we'll definitely aim for that [the Preakness]," trainer Jason Orman said. Orman confirmed that jockey Gary Stevens will travel from France to ride his charge if they decide to run in the second jewel of the Triple Crown. The handsome colt, kept out of the Kentucky Derby due to a lack of graded earnings, has not run since he was placed third through disqualification in the GI Santa Derby Apr. 3.

Preachinatthebar Works Four Furlongs

Preachinatthebar (Silver Charm), winner of the GII San Felipe S., worked four furlongs in :47 3/5 at Churchill yesterday. The Bob Baffert trainee was taken off the Kentucky Derby trail after a pair of unsatisfactory workouts and is still not confirmed for the Preakness. "Preachinatthebar worked nice, I guess," Baffert told Thoroughbred Times. "We probably won't decide [whether he will start in Preakness] until next week." The gray colt was last seen finishing seventh beaten 30 1/2 lengths in the GI Blue Grass S. Apr. 10.



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FROM THE DESK OF ...

Bill Oppenheim



FOUR CLASSICS, AND THE BIG WINNER IS... CAPE CROSS

He's not the only big winner, mind you. There was indeed dancing in the streets at Mill Ridge after Smarty Jones really did send <u>Gone West</u> into the stratosphere as a sire of sires, and a classy name of bygone years, Blushing Groom, figured as the damsire line of both English Guineas winners. Haafhd is out of the top-class AI Bahathri, by Blushing Groom himself, while 1000 winner Attraction is out of a mare by Pursuit of Love, who is by Groom Dancer, by Blushing Groom. The Darley stallion operation was another big winner, because they stand <u>Elusive Quality</u> at Gainsborough Farm in Kentucky, and their leading second-crop sire, Cape Cross, is broadcasting signals loud and very clear that he's about to become Somebody.

The first signal that Cape Cross was going to be more than just a very prolific sire of good two-year-olds was actually broadcast the day before Easter, a little more than three weeks ago, when Privy Seal made up a lot of ground late to win the Easter S. over one mile at Kempton. Though he had won the Tyros S. over seven furlongs in Ireland as a two-year-old, he had finished fifth in two subsequent starts at a mile, so to win first time up at a mile, coming from well off the pace, suggests he has improved from two to three. Privy Seal has since been beaten over 10 furlongs, in the G3 Sandown Classic Trial (run this year as the Betfred Classic Trial), by the much-improved ex-claimer African Dream.

Cape Cross followed up with three first-time stakes winners in the last week, beginning with Millbag's win in the six-furlong Pavilion S. at Ascot last Wednesday. But the big career-enhancing results were over Guineas weekend at Newmarket, when Cape Cross had the winner of the 10-furlong Listed race on the Guineas undercard both days.

Hazyview continued his rapid improvement to win a possibly substandard Newmarket S. for colts Saturday, and Lord Derby's Ouija Board turned in the most impressive non-Guineas performance of the weekend in the Pretty Polly S. Sunday.

Trained by Ed Dunlop and powered by Kieran Fallon, she slammed some pretty fancied fillies to become Cape Cross's seventh stakes winner and fourth--all in Britain--this year.

It's hard for me to overestimate the impact of this statistic: it's the kind of thing analysts swoon over--and I'm swooning. Usually only in your dreams do you see such clear-cut indicators as an exceptionally high-class freshman sire (he and Fasliyev each had higher progeny earnings than the leading North American freshman sire, Stravinsky), clearly best at a mile himself, who comes out with four stakes winners by Guineas time. Mind you, neither Fasliyev or Cape Cross have had a Guineas winner yet, but that's not the point. Cape Cross's seven stakes winners ties him with Fasliyev, and he also has another seven stakes-placed (three in group races and the other four in Listed company, so they're not weak stakes placings), for a total of 11 stakes horses in his first crop. This looks serious.

Did the Record Just Skip?

Besides being the most famous horse race in America, the Kentucky Derby can throw up some very strange results. Plenty of favorites don't get the trip, but traffic problems or not handling the track surface can also account for fancied horses who don't figure in the Derby, but often come back in the other Triple Crown races. On a day when the track went from muddy to good to fast to sloppy, you could easily imagine some hard-luck stories from which horses can bounce back. The Cliff's Edge in particular finished in the right position from which to improve. Both Little Current in 1974 and Point Given in 2001 came back from fifth-place finishes in the Derby to win the Preakness and Belmont. Tabasco Cat was sixth in the 1994 Derby, and Hansel 10th in the 1991 Derby, yet both also came back to win the last two legs. It could happen here. Cont. p. 3

Oaks Day: New GSW LYDGATE

wins Aegon Turf Sprint-G3

Derby Day: New G1 SW STROLL wins Woodford Reserve Classic-G1







(Cont. from p. 2)

On the other hand, Smarty Jones could be the next Seattle Slew, and no one can begrudge him or connections the win. He handled the conditions, ran a great race and won decisively. The Beyer team says he sustained his level of form to run a 107, same as in the GII Arkansas Derby. The second, Lion Heart, ran a great race also, and the third, Imperialism, found plenty of trouble and also had to have run a great race to be the only horse to really come out of the pack. If Smarty Jones can go on, fine, on you go. But it's fair enough to withhold judgment until we see what happens in the Preakness.

The ramifications for the Sire Class of 2000 were immense. Three of the first four home in the Derby were by third-crop sires: Smarty Jones's \$5-million bonus sure enough did take Elusive Quality past Grand Slam (himself sire of fourth-placed Limehouse) on the cumulative third-crop sire list, and gave Mill Ridge's venerable Gone West a blockbuster one-two among top young North American sires. Distorted Humor, sire of last year's Derby and Preakness winner Funny Cide, still ranks third among third-crop sires, with Tale of the Cat fourth. He was Leading Sire of Two-Year-Olds in North America last year and sired this year's Derby second, yet Tale of the Cat is still only fourth among North American third-crop sires in cumulative progeny earnings. How hot is this bunch?

As you can see from the accompanying table, the top four now have progeny earnings of nearly \$7 million and up. Three of the next four are sons of Deputy Minister and/or stood at Adena Springs: Deputy Commander, Awesome Again, Wild Rush and Touch Gold. They've all got progeny earnings from \$3.7 million up to nearly \$5 million. In any other sire group, they'd just about be the top four. Of the 12 placings in the four weekend Classics, five were by sires who have had two, three or four crops of three-year-olds. Kentucky Derby first (Smarty Jones) and second (Lion Heart) are, as noted, by now-third crop sires (two crops of threeyear-olds) Elusive Quality and Tale of the Cat; English 2000 Guineas winner Haafhd (by Alhaarth) and Kentucky Derby third Imperialism (by Langfuhr) are by nowfourth crop sires, and Kentucky Oaks third Madcap Escapade is from her sire Hennessy's fourth crop of three-year-olds. There have been no Classic placegetters yet from their sire's first crops, but there are plenty of Classics left.

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TOP 10 NORT	ΓH AMERICAN	THIR	D-CRO	OP SII	RES BY	CUMULA	ΓIVE	EAR	NIN	GS
Horse (YOB)	Sire	Fls	Rnrs	Wnrs	Wins	Purses	GSW	SW	SP	Stands
Elusive Quality (1993)	Gone West	167	122	78	163	\$11,961,645	5	15	3	KY
Grand Slam (1995)	Gone West	254	164	99	207	\$9,647,351	6	12	18	KY
Distorted Humor (1993)	Forty Niner	131	103	71	155	\$7,617,177	4	12	3	KY
Tale of the Cat (1994)	Storm Cat	242	158	104	173	\$6,967,852	4	11	13	KY
Deputy Commander (1994)	Deputy Minister	190	120	54	98	\$4,840,872	1	2	8	KY
Awesome Again (1994)	Deputy Minister	149	89	48	109	\$4,816,625	5	6	6	KY
Wild Rush (1994)	Wild Again	178	105	67	141	\$4,498,864	3	10	2	Jpn
Touch Gold (1994)	Deputy Minister	171	109	49	80	\$3,699,685	4	5	2	KY
Souvenir Copy (1995)	Mr. Prospector	209	131	83	150	\$3,663,396	0	3	5	KY
Indian Charlie (1995)	In Excess (Ire)	159	96	53	115	\$3,577,539	1	5	9	KY



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WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

by Alan Porter

Saturday, Churchill Downs KENTUCKY DERBY-GI, \$6,154,800, CDX, 5-1, 3yo, 1 1/4m, 2:04, sy.

1-- SMARTY JONES, 126, c, 3, by Elusive Quality
1st Dam: I'll Get Along (MSW, \$277,008), by Smile
2nd Dam: Dont Worry Bout Me, by Foolish Pleasure
3rd Dam: Stolen Base, by *Herbager

O/B-Someday Farm (PA); T-John C Servis; J-S Elliott;
\$5,854,800. Lifetime Record: 7-7-0-0, \$6,733,155.

*2nd GISW for sire (by Gone West).

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Although undefeated Smarty Jones started favorite
for the GI Kentucky Derby, his pedigree left plenty of
room for doubt about his ability to last out a mile and a
quarter. Whether that distance will be optimal for him
under most conditions still remains to be seen, but with
the rains providing a speed favoring track, Smarty
Jones scored decisively from another horse whose
pedigree suggested doubtful stamina, Lion Heart.

Smarty Jones' sire Elusive Quality broke his maiden over 8½ furlongs, and also took an allowance race at that distance, but soon reverted to shorter trips. He showed exceptional speed in his first two seasons, running Honour and Glory to a nose in the seven furlong Gll King's Bishop S. (with Distorted Humor, sire of last year's Derby winner Funny Cide in third) at three, and setting a new track record of 1:20 for seven furlongs at Gulfstream Park at four. However, it wasn't until he was tried on grass as a five-year-old that Elusive Quality was able to capture a stakes event, winning the seven-furlong GIII Jaipur H. and GIII Poker H., the latter while running a mile a world-record time of 1:31.3.

Elusive Quality retired to stand at a fee of \$10,000, but that didn't prevent him from making a sensational start to his stud career, his first crop producing no less than 11 stakes winners, headed by French champion

two-year-old colt Elusive City; graded stakes winners Omega Code and Chimichurri; and Great Notion, who was also only narrowly defeated in the GI King's Bishop S. There are already four stakes winners in Elusive Quality's second crop, and in addition to Smarty Jones, they also include Elusive Diva, winner of the GIII Railbird S. at Hollywood Park on Sunday. Elusive Quality is a son of Gone West, and with Grand Slam and Mr. Greeley in North America, and the brothers Zamindar and Zafonic in Europe, Gone West is as hot a sire of sires as there is in the world today.

At first glance, the pedigree of Smarty Jones's dam I'll Get Along also indicates speed. She is a daughter of the In Reality stallion Smile, a horse who is primarily remembered for winning the 1986 renewal of the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint, a race in which he had been runner-up to Precisionist 12 months before. Earlier that year, however, Smile had taken the nine-furlong Canterbury Cup H. in a new track-record, and at three he'd won the GI Arlington Classic and GIII Fairmount Derby (again in a new track record) and was third in the American Derby over 10 furlongs. Smile turned out to be a disappointing stallion, and Smarty Jones's dam I'll Get Along, a multiple stakes winner of \$277,008, is one of his better runners. I'll Get Along is half sister to the sprinter Cowboy Cop, winner of the GIII Gravesend H. and GIII Hallandale H., and her dam, Don't Worry Bout Me, also scored her only added money victory--the My Dear Girl S.--over a sprint trip. At this point, however, Smarty Jones's family becomes much stouter. Don't Worry Bout Me is by GI Kentucky Derby winner Foolish Pleasure, and her dam, Stolen Base, is by Herbager, winner of the Prix du Jockey-Club (French Derby) over a mile and a half. What's more, Don't Worry Bout Me is half sister to Basie (by In Reality), who captured the GI Delaware Park H. at 10 furlongs. Since Smarty Jones's broodmare sire, Smile is also by In Reality, Smarty Jones's dam is actually bred on very similar lines to Basie. Con't p. 5

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Winner #2

READYFORTHEWEEKEND wins MSW debut at Lone Star to become the 2nd winner for 1st Crop Sire

More Than Ready





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In tail-female line, Smarty Jones comes from what is, perhaps, the best family in the Stud-Book, as his third dam, Stolen Base, is a great-great-granddaughter of La Troienne. Stolen Base comes from a branch which de scends through Striking, also ancestress of Glamour, Boucher, Private Account, Woodman, Rhythm, Mineshaft, Prospectors Delite, Tomisue's Delight, Flagbird, Heritage of Gold, Redattore, Mutakddim and Not For Love, to name but a few. Elusive Quality's broodmare sire, Hero's Honor, also goes back to La Troienne, and his third dam, Searching, is a three-parts sister to Smarty Jones's fifth dam, Striking, so Smarty Jones joins Sea Hero and Silver Charm as a recent GI Kentucky Derby winner with linebreeding to relatives from the La Troienne family.

Smarty Jones's grandsire, Gone West, is out of Secrettame, a product of the Bold Ruler/Tom Fool cross, and that cross is repeated in the pedigree of Foolish Pleasure, the sire of Smarty Jones's second dam. Tom Fool and Bold Ruler are linked by some common strains in their background, as both are male-line descendants of stallions bred on the Phalaris/Chaucer cross (the three-quarters related Pharamond II and Pharos), and Tom Fool's third dam, Laughing Queen, is a sister to champion two-year-old Pompey, sire of the second dam of Bold Ruler. Tom Fool and Bold Ruler generally didn't work well together close up in pedigrees (witness the tremendously disappointing cross of Tom Fool's son Buckpasser with Bold Ruler mares), because the combination generated a lot of unsoundness, probably generated from Pompey. Further back in pedigrees, however, multiple combinations of the pair seem to be very effective, and there are at least eight Gone West-line stakes winners with a duplication of both horses, the most notable in addition to Smarty Jones being Grand Slam and his GI Breeders' Cup Sprint-winning son, Cajun Beat. We can also note that the Bold Ruler and Tom Fool duplication is also found in the pedigree of the 1999 GI Kentucky Derby winner Charismatic, who, like Smarty Jones, has Bold Ruler through Secretariat and What a Pleasure.

☆ RESULTS ☆

Saturday, Turffontein, South Africa MERCHANTS S.-G1, R400,000, Turffontein, South Africa, 5-1, 4yo/up, 5f 176ydsT, 1:07.14, gd.

- 1-- STELLITE (SAF), 122, g, 4, by Fard (Ire)
 1st Dam: Sweet Sheila (Aus), by Kenmare (Fr)
 2nd Dam: Paklani (Aus), by Haulpak (Aus)
 3rd Dam: Laniera (Aus), by Indian Conquest (Ire)
 O-J F Drummond-Hay, S F Drummond-Hay & Mrs R L Geyser; B-Bush Hill Stud; T-A G Laird; J-P Strydom; R250,000. Lifetime Record: 18 starts, 8 wins, 7 places, R570,285.
- 2--Magic Filly (Aus), 118, f, 4, Bletchley Park (Ire)--Magic Pak (Aus), by Haulpak (Aus). O-C M Wilkinson; B-G R & C J Daws; R80,000.
- 3--Cool Prospect (Zim), 121, g, 5, Manshood (GB)--Northern Duel (SAf), by Northern Guest.
 O-F L Lorenzani & T D Kung; B-P J Moor; R40,000.
 Margins: 1HF, HF, HF. Odds: 8-5, 9-5, 20-1.

☆ PREVIEW ☆

Wednesday, Saint-Cloud, France, post time: 2:35 p.m. PRIX LA FORCE-G3, €69,350, 3yo, 1 1/4mT

SC PP HORSE SIRE **TRAINER** 1 Joursanvault (Fr) Verglas (Ire) de Royer-Dupre 2 Kurm (Ire) Grand Lodge Rouget Young Tiger (Fr) Tiger Hill (Ire) Rohaut Green Tune Laffon-Parias 4 Delfos (Ire) All carry 128 pounds.

Joursanvault steps up in trip for this G1 Prix du Jockey-Club (French Derby) trial, after a series of solid efforts over a mile. Those include a smooth score in the Listed Prix Montenica at Maisons-Laffitte Mar. 19 and a runner-up to American Post (GB) in the Listed Prix Omnium here last time Mar. 31. Kurm took the Listed Prix Maurice Caillault at this track last time Mar. 18, while Delfos looked ready for this step up when winning a conditions event at Fontainebleau last time Apr. 19.

NAME: Aischa DATE: 1st May PLACE: Rome on 'Guineas Day'. DETAILS: Won easily by 13/4 L. on debut, as favorite, over 5f.

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PRIVATE EMBLEM EUTHANIZED Private Emblem

(Our Emblem--Merion Miss, by Halo), winner of the 2002 GII Arkansas Derby, was euthanized after fracturing both sesamoid bones in his left foreleg during the Kings Point H. at Aqueduct Sunday, reports *Thoroughbred Times*. The five-year-old broke down in deep stretch and was vanned off after finishing fourth. "We got to grow fond of him, he tried hard all the time," part-owner James Cassels told *Daily Racing Form.* "It was a shame." The New York-bred's last victory came in this year's GIII Essex H. at Oaklawn Park Feb. 21. He won seven of 24 career starts and earned \$783,152.

DERBY RATINGS UP 22 PERCENT The race segment of NBC's telecast of the 130th running of the Kentucky Derby earned a national television rating of 9.3 and a share of 22, up 22 percent from a year ago. The figures for this year's race matched those of 2001, which was the highest since 1992. The 106-minute program, which aired from 5 to 6:46 p.m., reached its peak audience from 6 to 6:30 p.m., when it earned a 10.8/26, 27 percent higher than last year. National ratings for the pre-race segment and the overall telecast are expected Thursday.

CHIC SHIRINE DIES Chic Shirine (Mr. Prospector--Too Chic, by Blushing Groom {Fr}), a Grade I winner at the track and a multiple graded stakes producer, died from complications of colic surgery May 3. She was 20 years old. Bred and raced by Mrs. Emory Hamilton, the bay won the 1987 GI Ashland S. and placed in two other graded stakes, including the GI Mother Goose S. before retiring. A full sister to champion older mare Queena, the dam of GISW Brahms, Chic Shirine produced Tara Roma to the cover of Lyphard in 1990 and her graded-stakes winning full brother Waldoboro the following season. Tara Roma, winner of the GII Ladies' H., is the dam of GI Go For Wand H. winner Serra Lake (Seattle Slew) as well as GSW Cappucino (Capote). Chic Shirine has a yearling colt of this year by Dixieland Band and gave birth to a filly by Giant's Causeway last month. She was booked this year to A.P. Indy. The mare was buried next to her dam, Too Chic, at Middlebrook Farm near Lexington, Kentucky.

* EAST *

Yesterday's Results:

7th-DEL, **\$33,900**, **Msw**, 3yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:44 4/5, ft.

DANCINANDSINGIN (f, 3, A.P. Indy--Scoot Yer Boots {SP, \$118,640}, by Seeking the Gold), third in her latest going six panels at Aqueduct Apr. 16, went off the 2-1 choice to take her route debut. Sent to the front early, the bay broke sharply, took command early and increased her lead throughout en route to a fivelength score. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$32,820. O/B-Jayeff B Stables (KY). T-Alan E Goldberg.

* CENTRAL

Smarty Jones Set For Public Workout Saturday:

Kentucky Derby hero **Smarty Jones** (Elusive Quality) will be conducting a public workout at Philadelphia Park Saturday morning at 8:30. The gates to the racetrack will open to the public at 8 a.m., with free coffee and donuts served.

Yesterday's Results:

2nd-HAW, \$38,440, Msw, 2yo, 4 1/2f, :53 2/5, ft. + MIDNIGHT MISS (f, 2, Cartwright--Ouzies N Tulips, by Magesterial), an \$18,000 ILLSEP yearling purchase, took command early and carved out a sharp opening quarter mile in :22.61 and a half in :46.78. Still leading by 3 ½ lengths at the top of the stretch, the 5-2 second choice continued to increase here advantage late and cruised home an easy 4 1/4-length winner. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,960.

O-Elias Lubbat & Dale & Richard Termundi. B-Barney & Anne Gallagher (IL). T-Paul Darjean.

STAKES CLOSINGS

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* INDUSTRY INFO *

KentuckyDerby.com \$5 Million Prize Goes Unclaimed:

Out of 250,000 contestants who registered for the Kentucky Derby \$5 Million Pay Day, a free internet-based contest that challenged players to pick the exact order of finish of the 18-horse field in the 2004 Derby, no one was able to cash in. Nan Sako, a surburban Cleveland woman, captured the \$25,000 consolation prize by picking the first five Derby finishers in order. "The second annual Kentucky Derby \$5 Million Pay Day accomplished everything we had hoped except a grand prize winner," said Karl F. Schmitt Jr., president of the Churchill Downs Simulcast Network.

Herbert Gluckson Passes Away:

Herbert J.R. Gluckson, the father of NTRA Senior Director of Event Communications Jim Gluckson, passed away Sunday, May 2. He was 78. Services will be held today at 10:30 a.m. at Temple Israel Center in White Plains, New York. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Kidney Foundation.

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN BRITAIN:

Premier Dream, c, 3, Woodman--Marina Duff (Ire) (Co-Ch. 2yo Filly-Ity, GSW-Ity), by Caerleon. Warwick, 5-4, Hcp, 3yo, 1m 22ydsT. B-T F Van Meter. * 1/2 to Sopran Mariduff (GB) (Persian Bold {Ire}), MSW & G1SP-Ity, GSW-US, \$399,844.

IN FRANCE:

Estihdaaf, c, 3, Distant View. See "France."

Summer Shrill, g, 6, Summer Squall--Ninette (SP-Eng), by Alleged. Chantilly, 5-4, Hcp, 4yo/up, 6fT. B-Juddmonte Farms Inc.

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the 8th Race, \$47,000 Alw/Opt Clm, at Aqueduct. For pps and a complete race analysis, click here.

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★ CLASSIC CORNER ★

Ecomium Suffers Setback

Fieldspring Racing's impressive maiden scorer Ecomium (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) has met with a minor setback and will miss his G1 Epsom Derby prep at York next week. The nature of the setback was not revealed. After his five-length debut score at Newmarket Apr. 13, conditioner Jeremy Noseda had targeted the Listed Glasgow S. at the York May meeting, but now faces a race against time to get the sophomore to the Classic. "I've decided that he will not participate in the Glasgow S. next week. However, he is going to have the next four or five days on the easy list and then he will resume training with a possible target being a mile-and-a-quarter Listed race [the Fairway S.] at Newmarket on May 22. At this stage, I'm hopeful the setback will not have a bearing on future plans for the horse. Having been involved with a Derby candidate in a similar situation nine years ago [Lammtarra], I believe that anything is possible."

★ FRANCE ★

GILLET CLOSE SHAVE

French jockey Thierry Gillet, winner of last Sunday's G1 Prix Ganay at Longchamp, escaped injury at Chantilly yesterday when he was unseated during the third race of the day. Gillet was aboard Enchanted Grounds (American Chance) in the Prix des Fontaines, a mile maiden for unraced sophomore fillies, when the Niarchos Family colorbearer jumped a backstretch path and propelled the jockey to the turf. The jockey was able to walk into the racecourse ambulance unaided and also fulfilled his next engagement by steering Estihdaaf (Distant View) to victory (See "France") later on the card.

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(French report cont.) NEBRASKA TORNADO MISSES WORK

Last season's G1 Prix de Diane-Hermes (French Oaks) and G1 Prix du Moulin winner, Nebraska Tornado (Storm Cat), has missed two engagements inside a week after refusing to work between races at Chantilly yesterday. The classic-winning four-year-old was scratched from last Saturday's G2 Prix du Muguet at Saint-Cloud on account of the soft going. With Gary Stevens in the saddle for the first time, she was scheduled to exercise with two companions on the good-tosoft turf but, after several attempts to get her started, proved reluctant and the gallop was cancelled. "She is a highly intelligent filly and the behaviour she shows is sometimes what you get when they're very good," commented Stevens. "You cannot be rough with her because, if you get rough, she will always win the battle." The Juddmonte Farms homebred may still target the G1 Prix d'Ispahan at Longchamp May 23.

Yesterday's Results:

Chantilly, 2.20, Cond, €31,000, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/2mT, 2:34.80, gd/sf.

REEFSCAPE (GB) (c, 3, Linamix {Fr}--Coraline {GB}, by Sadler's Wells), third on his seasonal bow in his first attempt over this trip at Saint-Cloud Apr. 9, was sent off at 9-10 to break his maiden here. Leading at a solid pace from the outset, he guickened clear of his rivals nearing the final furlong and ran on strongly to defeat Dalton (Fr) (Bering {GB}) by six lengths. "He ran a good race and is a colt with a lot of ability," explained winning rider Gary Stevens. "He had a bad trip in his last race at Saint-Cloud, but today we didn't mess around and he won quite easily." The Juddmonte homebred is a full to Martaline (GB), MGSW-Fr, \$228,038; and a half to Clear Thinking (GB) (Rainbow Quest), MGSP-Fr. Reefscape hails from the family of MGISW Beat Hollow (GB) (Sadler's Wells), French 1000 Guineas winner Zenda (GB) (Zamindar) and champion and top sprinter Oasis Dream (GB) (Green Desert). Lifetime Record: 6 starts, 1 win, 4 places, €33,650. O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms; T-Andre Fabre.

Chantilly, 3.20, Cond, €29,450, 3yo, f, 1 1/2mT, 2:37.30, gd/sf.

ESNEH (IRE) (f, 3, Sadler's Wells--Egyptown {Fr} {MSW-Fr}, by Top VIIIe {Ire}), successful over nine furlongs on her only previous outing at Longchamp last October, was positioned two lengths off the lead in second until taking closer order from the top of the stretch. The 4-5 favorite made smooth progress to challenge at the quarter-mile marker, was upsides Risque de Verglas (Fr) (Verglas {Ire}) at the eighth peg and was pushed out thereafter to beat that rival by a cozy half length. Esneh is a half to G1 French Oaks victress Egyptband (Dixieland Band), \$670,163; and Northerntown (Manila), GSW & G1SP-Fr, \$112,218. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 2 wins, €24,000. O/B-Wertheimer & Frere; T-Criquette Head-Maarek.

Chantilly, 4.20, Cond, €23,000, 3yo, 5 1/2fT, 1:05.50, gd/sf.

ESTIHDAAF (c, 3, Distant View--Nadwah {GSW-Eng}, by Shadeed), a short-head second to Cacique (Ire) in a newcomers event at Saint-Cloud Apr. 14, was reserved, going well, off the pace in rear until making progress on the outside from the quarter-mile marker. The 16-5 chance was ridden along at the eighth pole and ran on strongly in the closing stages to deny Spacecraft (Distant View) by a neck in the final strides. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €15,100. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Farm Inc; T-John Hammond.

Chantilly, 2.50, Mdn, €18,000, unraced 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:40.10, gd/sf.

+ DELTA (GB) (f, 3, Zafonic--Fleet River, by Riverman), a 187-10 chance and racing in the second colors of her owner, led from the outset and maintained a uniform pace for much of the contest. She was pushed three lengths clear of her rivals at the quarter-mile marker and stretched further away inside the last 200 yards to beat Visanilla (Fr) (Danehill) by a comprehensive five lengths. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €9,000.

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

★ BRITAIN★

DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE DIES

The Duke of Devonshire, who bred and raced Park Top (GB), died Monday night at the age of 84. Park Top provided Andrew Cavendish, who became the 11th Duke of Devonshire, with his finest hour as one of Britain's established owner-breeders when winning the 1969 King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Diamond S. at Ascot. Others to have carried the famous straw colors include the 1997 shock G1 July Cup scorer Compton Place (GB) and Teapot Row (Ire), who captured the G2 Royal Lodge S. in the same season. His death immediately follows the seventh placing of Bachelor Duke in Saturday's G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket. The Duke, who lived at Chatsworth House in the Peak District National Park, is survived by Deborah Mitford, daughter of Lord and Lady Redesdale, their three children, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

CHANNEL FOUR BOUGHT OUT

Attheraces stakeholders Arena Leisure and BSkyB yesterday announced they have purchased Channel Four's share of the firm as the move to revive the old channel continues apace. With 25 British racecourses currently in agreement to begin broadcasting on an unspecified date in June, New attheraces is in direct competition with the proposed subscription-based *The Horseracing Channel*, which currently has 27 tracks under its wing, including the Racecourse Holdings Trust's Aintree, Cheltenham, Epsom, Haydock, Kempton, Newmarket and Sandown.



(British report cont.)

Wednesday, Chester, post time: 2:25 p.m.

LETHEBY & CHRISTOPHER CHESHIRE OAKS-Listed,

£30,000, 3yo, f, 11f 79ydsT

SC	PΡ	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	
1	7	Alexander Duchess (Ire)	Desert Prince (Ire)	Burns	
2	4	Crystal Curling (Ire)	Peintre Celebre	B Hills	
3	9	Deraasaat (GB)	Nashwan	E Dunlop	
4	1	Hidden Hope (GB)	Daylami (Ire)	Wragg	
5	6	Ithaca	Distant View	Cecil	
6	2	Menhoubah	Dixieland Band	C Brittain	
7	3	Proud Tradition	Seeking the Gold	Gosden	
8	5	Qasirah (Ire)	Machiavellian	M Jarvis	
9	8	Si Si Amiga (Ire)	Desert Style (Ire)	B Hills	
All carry 121 pounds.					

Barry Hills has a record second to none at this meeting and puts forward **Crystal Curling** and **Si Si Amiga**. The former took a Yarmouth maiden in decisive fashion in late October and is bred to relish this trip.

Yesterday's Results:

Warwick, 2.00, Mdn, £7,735, 2yo, 5fT, 1:06.62, hy. EARL OF LINKS (IRE) (c, 2, Raise a Grand {Ire}-- Metroella {Ire} {SP-Ire}, by Entitled {Ire}), third behind the smart Prince Charming (GB) on his debut in a Kempton maiden Apr. 10, was soon at the head of affairs. Tackled by Harvest Warrior (GB) (Mujahid) inside the final quarter, the 9-4 second choice held on gamely to score by a head. The €30,000 TATIRE yearling acquisition is the first winner for his freshman sire (by Grand Lodge). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, £5,834. O-Coriolan Links Partnership VIII; B-Michael Hanrahan;

T-Richard Hannon.

★ IRELAND ★

NEW SPONSORS FOR CHAMPION

Leopardstown yesterday announced that R & A Bailey & Co are the new sponsors of their feature G1 Irish Champion S. Sept. 11. "This race has grown considerably in stature in recent years, with last year's race ranked second in the world," commented Leopardstown's General Manager Matt O'Dwyer. "This new association with Baileys offers both companies the opportunity to grow their business and profiles on both the Irish and international markets."

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-DEL, \$35,600, NW1X, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:38 4/5, ft. HOPELESSLY DEVOTED (f, 3, Storm Creek--Silver Treego, by Silver Buck) Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-0, \$37,385. O-Liberty Stable. B-Dr Sandy Lynn Price (FL). T-Sandra L Slivka.

8th-FEX, \$31,400, NW3X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12, ft. CLASSY FLOWER (f, 4, Conveyor--Blue Flower, by Sunny Clime) Lifetime Record: 23-3-4-4, \$66,634. O-Thomas Grimes. B-Janet Erwin (FL). T-John Simms. *\$6,000 wlng '00 OBSOCT. **½ to C Flex (Kipper Kelly), SW, \$107,390.

1st-PRM, \$28,578, NW2X, (S), 3/up, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft. MR. MINGO (c, 4, Devil His Due--Swaps Glory, by His Majesty) Lifetime Record: SP, 12-3-2-0, \$67,133. O-Grand Slam Racing Stable. B-Dick Clark & Carroll Rumbaugh (IA). T-Dick R Clark.

5th-HAW, \$28,000, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:43 3/5, fm.

SASSY BELLE (f, 4, Doc's Leader--Desert Moon, by W. D. Jacks) Lifetime Record: 16-2-2-4, \$56,897. O-Peggy & Chuck Titsworth. B-Troy & Dorothy Coomer (KY). T-Eugene F Brajczewski Jr.

8th-CRC, \$28,000, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000-\$22,500), NW2X, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:17 2/5, ft. FORMAL CHARADE (c, 4, Formal Dinner--Klassy Charade, by World Appeal) Lifetime Record: MSP, 14-3-2-1, \$70,885. O-Fritz Theophilus. B-Philip Carrella (FL). T-Ralph Ziadie. *\$6,000 yrl '01 OBSAUG.

7th-HAW, **\$28,000**, NW1X, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:43 2/5, fm.

CHIC DANCER (f, 3, Joyeux Danseur--Stylish Accent, by Beau's Eagle) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$28,060. O-Partnership D Brilie Ltd. B-D Brilie LP S (KY). T-Christine K Janks.

8th-PRM, \$25,438, 5-3, NW3X, 3/up, 6f, 1:09 4/5, ft. GETAWAY HOLME (g, 6, Vivid--Don Noritta, by General Holme) Lifetime Record: SW, 31-9-4-8, \$156,380. O-Larry Widman & Russell Hansen. B-Linda & Walter Slaight (AR). T-Kelly R Von Hemel.

9th-MNR, \$25,000, 5-3, NW2L, 3yo/up, 5f, :59 4/5, ft. BONILLA (h, 5, Dare and Go--Coach Room, by Temperence Hill) Lifetime Record: 10-2-3-2, \$41,522. O-Nabucodonosor Morales & J McConnell. B-William C Jacobs (KY). T-Nabu Morales.



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9th-PHA, \$24,800, NW1X, 3yo, a1m70yd, 1:43, ft. PRINCE JOSEPH (c, 3, Harry the Hat--Barcar, by Carnivalay) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-2, \$42,732. O-Barbara J Geraghty. B-Estate Of Sidney M Baer (PA). T-Anthony Correnti.

7th-PRM, \$21,000, 5-3, NW1X, 3/up, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft. FRED AND ME (c, 4, American Chance--No Dross, by Java Gold) Lifetime Record: 13-2-5-1, \$55,300. O-Kelly Von Hemel & Bill Niedfelt. B-Freddy Lewis Jr (KY). T-Kelly R Von Hemel.

8th-EVD, **\$20,250**, Alw, NW2L, (S), 3yo, f, 5f, 1:00 2/5, ft.

SHES DIXIES ESKIMO (f, 3, Eskimo--Sheswhistlingdixie, by Washington County) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-3, \$37,992. O/B-John Luck (LA). T-Samuel Breaux.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

King's Thrill, f, 3, King's Grant--Four Thrills, by Two Punch. MNR, 5-3, 5 1/2f, 1:06 4/5. B-Dresden Farm (NY).

Snap Daddy, g, 3, Regal Classic--Cozy Lace (SW, \$187,122), by Cozzene. PHA, 5-4, 5 1/2f, 1:05 1/5. B-Valerie McNeely (Pa). *\$15,000 yrl '02 FTMSEP.

Sky Heiress, f, 3, **Skywalker**--Ann's Motel, by Bates Motel. MNR, 5-3, 5 1/2f, 1:06 2/5. B-George W Brown (Ky). *\$12,500 2yo 2003 OBSJUN.

+ Streak Smart, c, 3, West By West--Minit Towinit (MSW, \$112,245), by Malagra. EVD, 5-3, (S), 6f, 1:12. B-Brittlyn Stable, Maurice & Evelyn Benoit (La).

Western Mindy, f, 3, Western Borders--Smiling Mindy, by Robyn Dancer. HAW, 5-4, (S), 6f, 1:11 3/5. B-Larry Rivelli & G Niedorkorn (II).

You No Jack, c, 4, Sharkey--Jackies Stats, by Sot More. PRM, 5-3, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05 1/5. B-Paul Tonderum (Ia).

My Mug Shot, m, 5, In the Slammer--Sea Epitome, by Picturesque. HAW, 5-4, (S), 6f, 1:11 3/5. B-Leroy Bormet (II).

Budget Bob, h, 5, **Trenchant**--Aloha Gold, by Soranzo. PRM, 5-3, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05. B-Mark Kilpatrick (Ia).

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

- + Johnny Jumpup (Ire), c, 2, Pivotal (GB)--Clarice Orsini (GB), by Common Grounds (GB). Bath, Britain, 5-4, Mdn, 2yo, 5fT. B-Mill House Stud. *15,000gns wnlg '02 TATDEC; 11,000gns yrl '03 TATOCT.
- + Dance Anthem (GB), c, 2, Royal Academy--Statua (Ire) (GSP-Eng, \$109,326), by Statoblest (Ire). Musselburgh, Britain, 5-4, Mdn, 2yo, 5fT. B-Newsells Park Stud Limited. *8,500gns yrl '03 TATOCT.



FOALING NEWS

WILLA JOE, 14, El Gran Senor--Willamae, by Tentam Foal born Mar. 23, a filly by Lemon Drop Kid. Will be bred back to Gone West. Owned by Frank & Jane Lyon. Boarded at Summer Wind Farm, Ky. Accomplishments: Dam of Willa On the Move (Two

BROAD SMILE, 12, Broad Brush--Wings of Jove, by Northern Jove

Foal born Mar. 24, a filly by Giant's Causeway.

Will be bred back to Tale of the Cat.

Punch), GSW & GISP, \$363,940.

Mared owned and boarded at ClassicStar, Ky.

Foal owned by Higgins Beach Breeders.

Accomplishments: GSW & GISP, \$405,285.

PROPER FORM, 12, Deputy Minister--Seeker's Gold, by Mr. Prospector

Foal born Mar. 24, a filly by Orientate.

Will be bred back to Orientate.

Owned by Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd.

Boarded at Gainesway Farm, Ky.

Accomplishments: Dam of Mountain Range (Mountain Cat), SW & GSP, \$428,314.

CLEVER PILOT, 10, Clever Trick--Brainstorm Dr., by Dr. Blum

Foal born Mar. 25, a filly by Forestry.

Will be bred back to Forestry.
Owned by Aaron & Marie Jones.
Boarded at Taylor Made Farm, Ky.

Accomplishments: SW & GISP, \$175,075.

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