

## ROAR ABILITY

Trainer John Dunlop has won the G2 Dante S. at York three times, with Shirley Heights (GB) in 1978, Erhaab in 1994 and Sakhee in 2000. **Let The Lion Roar (GB)** (Sadler's Wells), will be the latest representative from Dunlop's Arundel yard in today's competitive renewal of the Dante. The colt already has Classic success in the blood, being a half brother to G1 St Leger-winning stable companion Millenary (GB). Like that stalwart, he enjoyed a low-key campaign at two, winning a Newmarket maiden in August before finishing second in a conditions race at Newbury the following month. He returned to that track to beat **Top Seed (Ire)** (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}) by a half length at the same level last time Apr. 16 and will relish the prevalent give on the Knavesmire. Sir Michael Stoute, who has won this race three times in total, saddles **North Light (Ire)** (Danehill). Judging by the action he showed when taking his maiden at Goodwood in September, that colt should also improve on a softer surface. David Loder, gradually reestablishing himself as a Classic conditioner, has an exciting prospect in **Andean (GB)** (Singspiel {Ire}). He was barely out of third gear when winning a Yarmouth maiden by seven lengths last time Apr. 12, but his chance may be compromised if the ground does not dry out quickly. Aidan O'Brien took this in 1998 with Saratoga Springs and is represented today by **Moscow Ballet (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells), who had **Rule of Law** (Kingmambo) back in third when runner-up to Snow Ridge (Ire) in the G2 Royal Lodge S. at Ascot.

**Wednesday, York, Britain, post time: 2:30 p.m.**

**TOTESPORT DANTE S.-G2, £145,000, 3yo,**

10f 88ydsT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	7	Andean (GB)	Singspiel (Ire)	Loder
2	4	Barbajuan (Ire)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Callaghan
3	9	Let the Lion Roar (GB)	Sadler's Wells	J Dunlop
4	5	Moscow Ballet (Ire)	Sadler's Wells	A O'Brien
5	8	Mutawaffer (GB)	Marju (Ire)	B Hills
6	1	North Light (Ire)	Danehill	Stoute
7	2	Oman Gulf	Diesis (GB)	B Hills
8	3	Rule of Law	Kingmambo	bin Suroor
9	10	Skidmark (GB)	Pennekamp	Elsworth
10	6	Top Seed (Ire)	Cadeaux Genereux (GB)	Channon

All carry 123 pounds.

## CENTER OF ATTENTION

With her powerhouse performance in the G3 Tattersalls Musidora S. yesterday at York, **Punctilious (GB)** (Danehill) just might upstage stable companion and current G1 Epsom Oaks favorite Sundrop (Jpn) in the 12-furlong Classic three weeks hence. Taken to the front in the early stages by Frankie Dettori, she was allowed to set moderate fractions and moved to the centre of the track at the top of the straight. The bay was threatened briefly by **Glen Innes (Ire)** (Selkirk) there, but she strode clear in commanding fashion inside the final quarter to earn the plaudits. After failing to meet her reserve as a yearling for 190,000gns, Punctilious was purchased out of Michael Jarvis' yard following victories in a Yarmouth maiden in July and a conditions event at Salisbury in September. She justified that transaction when finishing third behind Red Bloom (GB) and Sundrop in the G1 Fillies' Mile at Ascot and had pleased connections in her spring preparations. [Click here for the Racing Post chart.](#)



**Punctilious**  
J. Herbert/Getty  
Images

**Tuesday, York, Britain**

**TATTERSALLS MUSIDORA S.-G3, £60,000, York,**  
5-11, 3yo, f, 10f 88ydsT, 2:22.33, sf.

1--#**@PUNCTILIOUS (GB), 120, f, 3, by Danehill**

1st Dam: **Robertet (GSW & G1SP-Fr, \$239,887),**  
by Roberto

2nd Dam: **Ethics, by Nijinsky II**

3rd Dam: **Fairness, by Cavan (Ire)**

O-Godolphin; B-B Neilsen; T-Saeed bin Suroor;  
J-Frankie Dettori; £31,900. Lifetime Record: G1SP-  
GB, 4-3-0-1, £63,643. \*1/2 to Redwood Falls (Ire)  
(Dancing Brave), SW-Fr; and Risk Seeker (GB)  
(Elmaamul), MGSW-Fr & GSW-GB, \$208,092.

2--**Glen Innes (Ire), 120, f, 3, Selkirk--Shinko Hermes**  
(Ire), by Sadler's Wells. O-Sheikh Mohammed bin  
Rashid al Maktoum; B-Darley; £12,100.

3--**Bay Tree (Ire), 120, f, 3, Daylami (Ire)--My Branch**  
(GB), by Distant Relative (Ire). O-Faisal Salman;  
B-Addison Racing Ltd Inc; £6,050.

Margins: 6, 1 3/4, 2. Odds: 8-11, 9-4, 16-1.

Also ran: Chanteloup (GB), Asia Winds (Ire), Nassiria (GB).

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Tuesday, York, Britain

**DUKE OF YORK HEARTHSTEAD HOMES S.-G2,** £100,000, York, 5-11, 3yo/up, 6f 3ydsT, 1:16.39, sf.

1--**MONSIEUR BOND (IRE), 128, c, 4,** by [Danehill Dancer \(Ire\)](#)

1st Dam: Musical Essence (GB), by Song (GB)

2nd Dam: Effervescence (GB), by Charlottesville (Ire)

3rd Dam: Varetta (Fr), by Vilmorin (GB)

(10,000gns wnl '00 TATDEC; 36,000gns yrl '01 DONSEP). O-R C Bond; B-T Burns; T-Bryan Smart; J-Fergal Lynch; £58,000. Lifetime Record: GSW-Ire, 18-6-4-2, £201,978.

2--**Steenberg (Ire), 128, g, 5,** Flying Spur (Aus)--Kip's Sister (GB), by Cawston's Clown (GB). (12,500gns yrl '00 TATOCT). O-K Macpherson; B-B Ryan; €13,300.

3--**Arakan, 128, c, 4,** Nureyev--Far Across (GB), by Common Grounds (GB). O-Niarchos Family; B-Flaxman Holdings Ltd; £11,000.

Margins: 1HF, 1 3/4, HD. Odds: 4-1, 10-1, 11-2. Also Ran: Welsh Emperor (Ire), Goldeva (GB), Airwave (GB), Somnus (GB), Country Reel, Orientor (GB), Bahamian Pirate, Bonus (Ire), Ashdown Express (Ire), Fayr Jag (Ire), Trade Fair (GB), Just James (GB).

Last term Monsieur Bond was a fast-finishing sixth over one mile in last year's G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket in May and first when taking the seven-furlong Listed Fortune S. at Epsom in September. He suffered a troubled trip when fifth behind Goldeva (Makbul {Ire}) in the Listed Cammidge Trophy on his return at Doncaster Mar. 27, before beating Steenberg by seven lengths in the G3 Gladness S. over seven furlongs of The Curragh last time Apr. 4. This time, he was able to lay up with the hard gallop set by trailblazer Welsh Emperor (Emperor Jones). Quickening past that rival with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining, he was comfortably clear of the fast-finishing Steenberg in the closing stages despite veering left. "We would love to go to Royal Ascot with him [G1 Golden Jubilee S. June 19], but the ground is important to him as he needs to have give," conditioner Bryan Smart said. [Click here for the brisnet.com pedigree](#) or the [Racing Post chart](#).

Tuesday, Saint-Cloud, France

**PRIX CLEOPATRE-G3,** €73,000, Saint-Cloud, 5-11, 3yo, f, 1 5/16mT, 2:16.30, sf.

1--**#@STEEL PRINCESS (IRE), 121, f, 3,** by Danehill

1st Dam: Champaka (Ire), by Caerleon

2nd Dam: Fleur Royale (Ire), by Mill Reef

3rd Dam: Sweet Mimosa (Ire), Le Levanstell (Ire)

O-R F Barnes; B-Barronstown Stud & Orpendale; T-Richard Gibson; J-Thierry Jarnet; €36,500. Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 3 wins, €60,000.

2--**Love And Bubbles, 121, f, 3,** Loup Sauvage--Bubble Dream (Fr), by Akarad (Fr). (15,000gns yrl '02 TATOCT). O-B P Hayes; B-S David Plummer; €14,600.

3--**Barancella (Fr), 121, f, 3,** Acatenango (Ger)--Baranciaga, by Bering (GB). O-J Peromingo; B-Naji Pharaon; €10,950.

Margins: 3/4, SHD, 1. Odds: 9.60, 74.00, 4.00.

Also Ran: Popee (Fr), Diamond Tango (Fr), Pink Palace (Ire), Narcisse du Rheu (Fr), Miss France (Fr), Siberian Highness (Fr), Moonrise (Ger).

Steel Princess lived up to her title to maintain her unbeaten record in game fashion in this trial for the G1 Prix de Diane Hermes at Chantilly June 13. Successful on her debut in a conditions event at Deauville in December, the diminutive filly returned to take a better contest at Longchamp last time Mar. 30. Stalking the early pace in fifth, she appeared to struggle as the action wound up early in the stretch, but responded to Thierry Jarnet's urgings to challenge inside the final eighth. She quickened to pass outsider Love and Bubbles and Barancella with 75 yards remaining, and looked to have won a shade cosily as her rider eased up in the final strides. "She surprised me today as I thought she might have trouble handling the ground," commented winning conditioner Richard Gibson. "She's very game and does the bare minimum and never any more than what's required." Steel Princess is the first group scorer for San Diego-born, Irish-based farm owner Richard Barnes, who purchased her privately as a yearling. She becomes the third Classic trial winner in less than a week for breeders Barronstown Stud and Orpendale, who are also responsible for Baraka (Ire) and Yeats (Ire). [Click here for the France Galop chart](#).



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## WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

*by Alan Porter*

**Saturday, Hollywood Park**

**MERVYN LEROY H.-GII**, \$150,000, HOL, 5-8, 3yo/up,  
1 1/16m, 1:40 4/5, ft.

1--@**EVEN THE SCORE**, 116, h, 6, by Unbridled's Song

1st Dam: **Ashtabula (SW & GSP, \$321,748)**, by Rahy

2nd Dam: **Now Your Teapottin**, by Native Royalty

3rd Dam: **Sweet Bernice**, by Speak John

(\$285,000 wlng '98 KEENOV). O-Rosendo G Parra;  
B-Aspiration Stable (KY); T-Vladimir Cerin; J-D Flores;  
\$90,000. Lifetime Record: 27-8-1-8, \$511,629.

Click for the [brisnet.com chart](http://www.brisnet.com/chart) or the [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](http://www.brisnet.com/catalogue-style/pedigree).

Despite standing a commanding 17.0 hands, Unbridled's Song was a precocious individual. He worked in sensational fashion at the two-year-old in training sales, and on only his third juvenile start he defeated Hennessy, Editor's Note and Honour and Glory to take the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile. As a stallion, however, Unbridled's Song's offspring have generally tended to fall more in line with what one would expect of a sire of his physique. He has sired some sharp two-year-olds, including Eurosilver who captured the GII Lane's End Breeders' Futurity and Marylebone the GI Matron S., but over all, the Unbridled's Songs have tended to do better with at least a little time. That point is underlined by a trio of GI winners Unbridled Elaine, heroine of the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff; the GI Wood Memorial S. victor Buddha; and the GI Fountain of Youth winner, Songandaprayner, who scored their most important victories at three. And this year two of Unbridled's Songs trio of graded stakes winners have been the West Coast handicap stars, four-year-old Domestic Dispute, winner of the GII Strub S., and Even the Score, a six-year-old who recorded his first ever graded stakes victory in the GII Mervyn LeRoy H.

We've held that crossing horses of diametrically opposing type generally gives disappointing results, so having commented on Unbridled's Song's stature, it's

interesting to note that his dam, Ashtabula, is by the diminutive Blushing Groom stallion, Rahy. In general, the Fappiano/Blushing Groom cross which produced Even the Score has underperformed, but Unbridled's Song does have another stakes winner out of a mare by Blushing Groom's son Mt. Livermore, while 2003 Grade I winner Candy Ride is by Ride the Rails (by Fappiano's son, Cryptoclearance) out of a mare by Blushing Groom's son, Candy Stripes.

Ashtabula, who produced Even the Score as her first foal, was a talented performer in her own right, winning eight races and \$321,748, including the Las Madrinas H., and earning a graded stakes placing when third in the GII Bayakoa H. Until the appearance of Even the Score, Ashtabula was the only stakes winner to appear under Even the Score's second and third dams, Now Your Teapottin (by Native Royalty) and Sweet Bernice (by Speak John), although both mares were graded stakes placed. Sweet Bernice, who is by a son of Prince John out of the mare La Eva, is also bred on very similar lines to Ingoldsby (by a grandson of Prince John out of a daughter of La Eva), dam of Formal Gold, winner of the GI Woodward S., and GI Donn, GII Philip H. Iselin and GII Brooklyn H. in 1997, a year in which he was probably the best older horse in training.

Another underperforming cross is Mr. Prospector/Blushing Groom, which apart from the previously mentioned Ride the Rails, has produced only two other Grade I winners, the sisters Queena and Chic Shirine. With Unbridled and Unbridled's Song, however, there is at least one pedigree link between them and Blushing Groom. Unbridled's dam is a daughter of the French Derby winner Le Fabuleux, and Blushing Groom is out of a mare by Le Fabuleux's sire, Wild Risk.

The key to Even the Score's pedigree, however, might be the relationship between Mr. Prospector and Native Royalty, the sire of Even the Score's second dam. Mr. Prospector is by Raise a Native out of a mare by Nashua (by Nasrullah) and Native Royalty is by Raise a Native out of a mare by Nasrullah, so the pair are bred on very similar lines. The Mr. Prospector/Native Royalty connection is found in at least seven other unrestricted stakes winners, including graded scorers Could Be, Point Prince and U Can Do It.



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**DERBY PREPS AVERAGE FIVE-RUNNER FIELDS**

Today's G2 Dante S. will be the 10th recognized British or Irish Derby prep run at 10-12 furlongs in the last four weeks, and it will be the first to have a double-figure field, if all 10 stand their ground. Even then, the average field for these 10 races will be exactly five runners per race. I say 'recognized' Derby trials because three major trial winners came out of Class C Handicaps, which are not usually responsible for future Derby contenders. The two Group 3 winners at Chester last week, African Dream and Red Lancer, are geldings who came the Handicap route, but before that were bought out of a claiming and a selling race, respectively. Red Lancer, impressive winner of the six-runner Chester Vase on Thursday, went into the race with a Handicap Rating of 88. African Dream's facile win in the three-runner Dee S. was his fifth win in a row, and his second in a Group 3. He was rated 94 when he won the five-runner Sandown Classic Trial three weeks ago. Hazyview, who won the 10-furlong Newmarket S. (L) at the Guineas meeting off a rating of 84, won three in a row (including one of those C Handicaps) before his string was snapped last Saturday (at 12 furlongs, like fellow son of Cape Cross, Privy Seal) by Percussionist in the G3 Lingfield Derby Trial.

Besides the fact that this pathetic turnout has serious implications for the existing program for middle-distance three-year-olds leading up to the Derby, it's embarrassing for the sponsors. "They come, cap in hand, offering it as a commercial opportunity," said one, "and we go along because we really like the sport and want to support it. But what can you say when you have five horses turn out race after race, what good is it doing you? You can't exactly defend it as a good promotional investment, can you?" In pure commercial terms, it's hard to justify.

Of the 10 classic trials, two were Conditions races (Let The Lion Roar, at Newbury Apr. 16) and Epsom's Blue Riband Trial, won by Bull Run, on Apr. 21. The other eight were black-type races, of which the last seven were brought to you by the following 'sporting' (so far) sponsors:

**April 18: P.W. McGrath Memorial Ballysax S.** (not sponsored, this is the whole race title), **G3**, 10f, Leopardstown (Ire): three runners, won by **YEATS** (Sadler's Wells), soft ground.

**April 23: Betfred Sandown Classic Trial, G3**, 10f, Sandown: five runners, won by **AFRICAN DREAM** (Mark of Esteem), ground good-to-soft.

**May 1: Rolls Royce Newmarket S., Listed**, 10f, Newmarket: five runners, won by **HAZYVIEW** (Cape Cross), good ground.

**May 6: MBNA Europe Bank Chester Vase, G3**, 12f, Chester: six runners, won by **RED LANCER** (Deploy), ground good-to-soft.

**May 7: Jardine Lloyd Thompson Dee S., G3**, 10f, Chester: three runners, won by **AFRICAN DREAM** (Mark of Esteem), ground good-to-soft.

**May 8: Gallagher Group Lingfield Derby Trial, G3**, 12f, Lingfield: four runners, won by **PERCUSSIONIST** (Sadler's Wells), soft ground.

**May 9: Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial, G2**, 10f, Leopardstown (Ire): Five runners, won by **YEATS** (Sadler's Wells), ground good-to-yielding.

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*(Bill Oppenheim Con't)*

It may be tempting to point out the correlation between small fields and the prevalent soft ground for these trials, not to mention that Yeats, Percussionist, and Condition Race winner and Dante runner today, Let The Lion Roar, are all by Sadler's Wells. By the way, the other Conditions Race winner, Bull Run, and the Cheshire Oaks (Listed) winner Hidden Hope are both from Daylami's first crop. But I'm afraid the soft-ground contention is a red herring--as is the contention that this division is overrun by Coolmore and Godolphin runners. They've hardly been showing up for these trials either, and when they have done, they haven't particularly dominated. Godolphin does have the Derby second favorite in Snow Ridge, and the Oaks favorite in Sundrop, off very good seconds for both in the one-mile 2000 Guineas and 1000 Guineas at Newmarket, and Coolmore has Yeats.

There can only really be one explanation for these small fields. At the end of the day, the financial incentives for winning Derby trial races is not sufficient to entice owners to run in these races, and breeders to breed for them. The four Group 3 races run in Britain averaged just under £38,000 to the winner. Not bad, you would say, certainly compared to the pay scale a little bit further down the class ladder. Evidently you'd be wrong: maybe if they averaged £138,000 to the winner, they would average more than five runners.

Then there's the matter of the program book, especially when compared to the American Triple Crown. The excitement generated over there has to be seen to be believed. Something like 96,000 people turned up at Belmont last June to see the New York-bred gelding Funny Cide try to win the Triple Crown. The Smarty Jones story is a tear-jerker in the Seabiscuit mold, and no kidding, either, there was a lot of tragedy before he collected that \$5-million bonus at Churchill Downs. Five thousand people came out to watch him gallop the other day at his home base of Philadelphia Park.

Though traditionalists may not want to admit it, there could be a logical 12-furlong Triple Crown for three-year-olds here which would generate excitement and could justify carrying a £5-million bonus.

The first leg would be the Epsom Derby, run the first Saturday in June. Three or four weeks later would be the Irish Derby at The Curragh. The final leg would be the King George and Queen Elizabeth S. at Ascot in late July, which of course is open to three-year-olds and up. Fine, so it's not exactly the same as the American Triple Crown. Obviously any three-year-old that wins it is top-class, and it is the logical progression for Europe's best 12-furlong three-year-olds who can handle spring and summer ground. The King George has been won by four sophomores in the last 10 years, but Galileo, in 2001, was the only one to win all three races.

The idea of creating a new 'European Triple Crown' for three-year-olds would be to generate excitement and charisma, perhaps even to exploit the fact that Thoroughbreds' careers are often short-lived. Another side effect would be that the preps would become valuable targets in their own right, as they are in the build-up to the American Triple Crown. The fact is that European middle-distance three-year-olds do usually benefit from one or two runs before the Epsom Derby--especially if it was not only a great target in its own right, but also the first leg of a European Triple Crown which carried with it a lot of fame...and a lot of money.

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**TOTEPOOL MIDDLETON S.-G3**, £50,000, 4yo/up, f/m,  
 10f 88ydsT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	3	Beneventa (GB)	Most Welcome (GB)	J Dunlop
2	4	Crimson Palace (SAf)	Elliodor (Fr)	bin Suroor
3	2	Landinium (lty)	Lando (Ger)	Wall
4	5	Summitville (GB)	Grand Lodge	Given
5	1	Sun on the Sea (Ire)	Bering (GB)	Meehan
6	6	Thingmehob (GB)	Bob Back	Tompkins

All carry 121 pounds except Beneventa, 124.

Thursday, York, Britain  
**EMIRATES AIRLINE YORKSHIRE CUP-G2**, £140,000,  
 4yo/up, 13f 197ydsT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	5	Mr Dinos (Ire)	Desert King (Ire)	Fallon	127
2	1	Millenary (GB)	Rainbow Quest	Quinn	125
3	2	Alcazar (Ire)	Alzao	Fenton	122
4	3	Highest (Ire)	Selkirk	Dettori	122
5	7	Jelani (Ire)	Darshaan (GB)	Kinane	122
6	10	Maktub (lty)	Love The Groom	Robinson	122
7	6	Morozov	Sadler's Wells	Mongan	122
8	4	Dutch Gold	Lahib	Holland	121
9	9	Salsalino (GB)	Salse	Hughes	121
10	8	Shanty Star (Ire)	Hector Protector	Darley	121

Thursday, Longchamp, France  
**PRIX HOCQUART-G2**, €105,000, 3yo, c/f, 1 1/2mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
1	2	Malevitch (Ire)	Exit to Nowhere	Boeuf
2	1	Lord du Sud (Fr)	Linamix (Fr)	Legrix
3	5	Cherry Mix (Fr)	Linamix (Fr)	Stevens
4	3	Fast and Furious (Fr)	Singspiel (Ire)	Mendizabal
5	4	King of Cry (Fr)	Freedom Cry (GB)	Nora
6	6	Prospect Park (GB)	Sadler's Wells	Peslier

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☆ NEWS TODAY ☆

**SILENT SIGHS OUT WITH BONE CHIPS** *Silent Sighs* (Benchmark), winner of the GI Santa Anita Oaks,



**Silent Sighs**  
*Benoit Photo*

will be out for at least the next four months after being diagnosed with bone chips in both front ankles, reports the *Bloodhorse*. Owned by Mr. and Mrs. Martin Wygod, the three-year-old filly was last seen running ninth behind Ashado in the GI Kentucky Oaks Apr. 30. "She has two chips in the left [ankle] and one in the right," trainer Julio Canani told the *Bloodhorse*. "She'll have surgery on either Wednesday or Thursday. Her ankles are still tight and cold, but the chips are there. [The chips] are in good places, so they just have to go in and out." Overall she has won four of six starts, totaling \$442,700.

**ROYAL SKI DIES IN JAPAN** *Royal Ski* (Raja Baba--

Coz O'Nijinsky, by Involvement), a Grade I winner in the United States and sire of Japanese champion Agnes Flora (Jpn), died Apr. 30, according to the Japanese Association for International Horse Racing. The 30-year-old stallion died at the Japan Bloodhorse Breeders' Association Nasu Stud Farm in Tochigi Prefecture, where he had lived since he was pensioned last year from the JBBA's Shimosa Stud Farm. During his racing career, *Royal Ski* won the 1976 GI Laurel Futurity, GII Remsen and GIII Heritage S. He began his stud career in the U.S. in 1978, siring Grade I winners *Snow Plow* and *Ski Goggle*, as well as graded stakes winner *Rash But Royal*. He relocated to Japan in 1980 where he sired 1990 Japanese champion three-year-old filly *Agnes Flora*. *Agnes Flora* is the dam of 2000 Japanese Derby winner *Agnes Flight* (Jpn) (Sunday Silence) and 2001 Japanese 2000 Guineas winner *Agnes Tachyon* (Jpn) (Sunday Silence). *Ski Goggle* is the dam of G1 Prix du Moulin winner and 1993 Breeders' Cup Mile runner-up *Ski Paradise* (Lyphard), as well as Argentinian Group 1 winner *Ski Champ* (Icecapade).

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**Pletcher Lays Out Summer Plans:**

Trainer Todd Pletcher has outlined a schedule for his star-studded barn, according to the *Bloodhorse*. **Ashado** (Saint Ballado), winner of the GI Kentucky Oaks, is headed to Belmont Park for the June 4 GI Acorn S. Fourth-place GI Kentucky Derby finisher **Limehouse** (Grand Slam) will likely run in the GII Ohio Derby June 12, with the GII Riva Ridge S. at Belmont June 5 also an option. **Value Plus** (Unbridled's Song) will most likely represent the stable in the Riva Ridge S. and Pletcher doubts that he'd run two horses. **Forest Danger** (Forestry), winner of the GIII Bay Shore S., is headed to Calder for the Carry Back S. July 10. Most recently 17th in the Kentucky Derby, **Pollard's Vision** (Carson City) is also a possibility for the Ohio Derby, but won't go if Limehouse does. Fifth-place finisher behind Smarty Jones in the GII Arkansas Derby Apr. 10, **Purge** (Pulpit), is all set for the GII Peter Pan S. at Belmont May 22.

**Pimlico Special Hopefuls Breeze at Belmont:**

Dual classic winner **Funny Cide** (Distorted Humor), breezed four furlongs in :48 3/5 at Belmont Park Tuesday morning in preparation for Friday's GI Pimlico Special. Trainer Barcaly Tagg told the *Baltimore Sun* that the champion three-year-old male may not run this weekend if it is going to be "really hot." The handsome chesnut was last seen winning the GIII Excelsior Breeders' Cup H. April 3. Also tuning up for the Special yesterday at Belmont was **Bowman's Band** (Dixieland Band), who stopped the clock at 1:28 for a seven-furlong breeze.

**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.**

**STAKES CLOSINGS**

**TODAY, WEDNESDAY, MAY 12:**

05-15 \$1,000,000 **Preakness-I, Pim**, 3yo, 9.5f (100000s)

05-30 \$150,000a **Connaught Cup-II, Wo**, 4yo/up, 8.5fT (150)

08-14 \$1,000,000 **Arlington Million-I, AP**, 3yo/up, 10fT (500 EB)

08-14 \$750,000 **Beverly D.-I, AP**, 3yo/up, f/m, 9.5fT (300 EB)

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**Yesterday's Results:**

**3rd-CRC, \$35,000, Alw, C, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft. TOUR OF THE CAT (h, 6, Tour D'Or--Tune in to the Cat, by Tunerup)** posted impressive wins in the GIII Miami Mile Breeders' Cup H. and the GIII the Spend A Buck H. going a route over this track last fall, but had failed to score since, including an eighth-place finish most recently in the G1 Golden Shaheen at Nad al Sheba Mar. 27. Backed down to even-money favoritism facing easier company this time, the gelding took control early, led at every call and held on in the stretch to eke out a 1/2-length victory over Bog Hunter (Hunting Hard). The \$18,000 OBSAPR juvenile is a full to Cat On Tour, GSW, \$125,272. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 35-11-10-6, \$830,261. O-Double G Stable. B-C V S Sales Company (FL). T-Manuel J Wayar.

**9th-PHA, \$26,500, Alw, NW3\$6MX, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft.**

**TRUE PASSION (g, 6, Petionville--Trumanita, by Capote)**, winner of the GIII Philadelphia Breeders' Cup H. in 2002, went off at generous 10-1 odds following a dull fourth last time going a furlong longer in a Charles Town allowance test Apr. 16. Up front early this time, the gelding battled for supremacy through the opening half mile, inched away from the pack a furlong out and drew off late to score by 2 1/2 lengths over GSW Presidentialaffair (Not For Love). The \$25,000 KEESEP yearling purchase is a half to Nijinsky's Passion (Nijinsky's Table), GSW & GISP, \$355,326. Lifetime Record: GSW, 43-12-5-2, \$407,812. O-Elliott Krems. B-E D Dullea Farms (KY). T-Scott Lake.

**1st-DEL, \$33,300, Msw, 2yo, 4 1/2f, :53 1/5, ft.**

**MIKETHGENERAL (c, 2, Forest Wildcat--Valgravva, by Sauce Boat)** weakened in the final strides of his latest to finish second over this trip at Pimlico Apr. 23 and was pounded down to 1-2 favoritism to improve on that performance. Sharp off the blocks, the bay held a comfortable advantage through a quarter mile in :22.45, increased his lead to 3 1/2 lengths with a sixteenth left to run and held Stormy Grand Banks (Stormy Atlantic) safe by a length at the wire. The \$150,000 FTSAUG yearling is a half to Mystery Code (Lost Code), GSP, \$156,183. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$24,840. O-Michael J Gill. B-Scott E Ricker & Richard S Kaster (KY). T-John J Robb.

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★ CENTRAL ★

**Eurosilver to Nafzger:**

Buckram Oak Farm's **Eurosilver** (Unbridled's Song), winner of the GII Lane's End Breeders' Futurity under trainer Nick Zito's care, has been sent to Carl Nafzger's Louisville barn. "The colt looks great," Nafzger told *Daily Racing Form*. Eurosilver was sidelined with a neck infection after finishing second to the ill-fated Wynn Dot Comma (Struggler {GB}) in the GIII Swale S. Mar. 13. Buckram Oak owner Mahmoud Fustok ended his business relationship with Zito this past weekend.

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

**IN FRANCE:**

**Ecole d'Art**, c, 3, **Theatrical (Ire)**. See "France"

**Pierre Bonnard**, h, 5, **Danzig**. See "European Breeders' Edition"

**Saddler's Times**, g, 6, **Sadler's Wells**--Sweet Times (GB), by Riverman. Saint-Cloud, 5-11, Hcp, 4yo/up, 1 15/16mT. B-Gilman Investment Co. \*\$110,000 yrl '99 KEESEP. \*\*3/4 to Stonemason (Nureyev), GSW-Ire.

**IN BRITAIN:**

**Scottish River**, g, 5, **Thunder Gulch**--Overbrook (GB) (GSP-GB), by Storm Cat. Windsor, Britain, 5-10, Cond, 4yo/up, 10f 7yds. B-The Thoroughbred Corp. \*\$42,000 yrl '00 KEESEP; 5,000gns HRA '03 TATJUL. \*\*GSP-GB.

**2004 - French Group 1 Races**

Date	Race	Course
May 16	Poule d'Essai des Poulains	Longchamp
	Poule d'Essai des Pouliches	Longchamp
	Prix Lupin	Longchamp
May 23	Prix Saint-Alary	Longchamp
	Prix d'Ispahan	Longchamp
June 6	Prix du Jockey-Club	Chantilly
	Prix Jean Prat	Chantilly
June 13	Prix de Diane	Chantilly
June 27	Grand Prix de Paris	Longchamp
July 4	Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud	Saint-Cloud
Aug. 1	Prix d'Astarte	Deauville
Aug. 8	Prix Maurice de Gheest	Deauville

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**RIDGE ON COURSE FOR EPSOM**

Godolphin have issued an upbeat bulletin on their G1 Epsom Derby hope **Snow Ridge (Ire)** (Indian Ridge {Ire}). Last year's G2 Royal Lodge S. winner was beaten 1 3/4 lengths by Haafhd (GB) when runner-up in the G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket and will be stretching out in trip for the first time in the Classic June 5. "He's very fresh and has taken his race in the Guineas well," commented Racing Manager Simon Crisford. "There is obviously a question mark about the mile and a half that none of us really know the answer to. We won't find out until Derby day, but he's doing well." Godolphin will wait until the final entry stage May 31 to decide if **Bull Run (Ire)** (Daylami {Ire}), who took a conditions race at the track by 15 lengths last time Apr. 21, will be added to the Classic at a cost of £75,000.

★ BRITAIN ★

**LODER AND MURTAGH SPLIT**

Trainer David Loder yesterday revealed that his formal partnership with jockey Johnny Murtagh has ended. "We had a good in-depth chat yesterday afternoon and decided it probably wasn't working the way we intended," Loder explained. "Life is full of disappointments and this is one of them, but I hope that Johnny will carry on riding for the stable when appropriate." The duo had joined forces at the beginning of the current season, the first that Loder has spent at his new base at Egerton Stud. Murtagh had experienced weight difficulties after injuring the base of his spine in a fall at Royal Ascot last year, but denied that issue as a cause of the split with Loder. "I've no problem with my weight," Murtagh told Racing Post after racing at York Tuesday. "I've done 8st 8lb today and I have been doing 8st 9lb consistently. Things are good in that area. David decided we weren't clicking together. These things happen, but I will be carrying on in England. I'm looking forward to riding as many winners as I can to the end of the year."

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**Yesterday's Results:**

York, 4.10, Cond, £10,570, 2yo, f, 6fT, 1:19.64, sf.  
**JUSTAQUESTION (GB)** (f, 2, Pursuit of Love {GB}--Queenbird {GB} {MSP-GB}, by Warning {GB}), successful in a Warwick maiden last time Apr. 12, was sent off at odds of 9-2. Racing in third early, the 6,476gns ASOCT yearling grabbed the lead passing the quarter-mile marker before showing determination to beat Umniya (Ire) (Bluebird) by a short head. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, £10,688.  
 O-Christopher Shankland; B-A S Reid; T-G Margaron.

York, 4.45, Mdn, £7,470, 2yo, c/g, 5fT, 1:05.88, sf.  
 + **BRECON BEACON (GB)** (c, 2, [Spectrum {Ire}](#)--Ffestiniog {Ire} {SW-GB}, by Efisio {GB}), sent off the 10-3 favorite, broke well and disputed the early lead. Showing speed to stay in the front rank, he gained the edge passing the quarter pole before holding Asian Tiger (Ire) (Rossini) by a half length. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £4,855.  
 O/B-Elite Racing Club; T-Paul Cole.

★ FRANCE ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

Saint-Cloud, 2.20, Mdn, €18,000, unraced 3yo, c/g, 1 5/16mT, 2:18.50, sf.  
 + **ANGARA (GB)** (f, 3, [Alzao](#)--Ange Bleu, by Alleged) raced prominently during the opening exchanges and was settled in behind the leaders by halfway. The 18-5 chance challenged for the lead soon after turning for home, was ridden to take the lead at the eighth pole and ran on well thereafter to beat Sterna Beringa (Ger) (Bering {GB}) by 1 1/2 lengths. A full sister to Arlesienne (Ire), SW & GSP-Fr; and half sister to Actrice (Ire) (Danehill), MSW & GSP-Fr, she is from the immediate family of top performers Arcangues, Aquarelliste (Fr) and Cape Verdi (Ire). Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €9,000.  
 O-Ecurie Wildenstein; B-Dayton Investments Ltd; T-Elie Lellouche.

Saint-Cloud, 1.50, Mdn, €18,000, unraced 3yo, c/g, 1 5/16mT, 2:18.70, sf.  
 + **ECOLE D'ART** (c, 3, Theatrical {Ire}--Colour Chart {MGSW-Fr & MGISP-US, \$457,949}, by Mr. Prospector) was settled in midfield until taking closer order to the front rank from halfway. The 6-4 favorite made his bid at the quarter-mile marker, was ridden to the front approaching the final furlong and kept on well in the closing stages to safely account for Man Ray (Theatrical {Ire}) by 1 1/2 lengths. The Sheikh Mohammed homebred is a half brother to the ill-fated Tempera (A.P. Indy), Ch. 2yo Filly, GISW, \$670,240; as well as Equerry (St. Jovite), MGSW-Fr & G1SP-GB, \$264,035. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €9,000.  
 O-Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum; B-Darley Stud Management Co Ltd; T-Andre Fabre.

 **SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT**

**First-time starters/stakes runners: Wednesday, May 12**

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

**STAR OF VALOR** (Phone Trick), Meadowbrook, \$4K, 26/4/0 8-HOL, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Delmar Annie

 **FRESHMAN FOCUS**

**First-crop progeny to watch: Wednesday, May 12**

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

**MALEK (CHI)** (Mocito Guapo), 28/0/0 8-HOL, Msw, 4 1/2f, Delightful Doris

*Results from Tuesday's Barretts May Two-year-olds in Training Sale will appear in tomorrow's TDN.*



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## BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**7th-DEL, \$35,600, NW1X, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04 1/5, ft.**  
**BOLD TRICK (c, 4, Phone Trick--Mariamme, by Verbatim)** Lifetime Record: 13-2-2-2, \$53,510. O-Kamikaze Stable. B-Needham/Betz Thoroughbreds & Carl Freeman (KY). T-Donald S Reeder. \*\$50,000 yrl '01 KEESEP; \$135,000 2yo 2002 KEEAPR.

**1st-PRM, \$32,100, NW16MX, 3yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:43, ft.**

**CAVIAR EMPTOR (f, 4, Quiet American--Royal Beluga {GB}, by Soviet Star)** Lifetime Record: MSP, 20-6-5-2, \$127,178. O-Clark O Brewster. B-Mill Ridge Farm, Ltd & Jamm, Ltd (KY). T-Randy Oberlander. \*\$1,000 yrl '01 KEESEP.

**5th-HAW, \$28,000, NW1X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft.**

**SALTY SAILOR (c, 4, Salt Lake--Holly North, by Alysheba)** Lifetime Record: 9-2-3-1, \$54,800. O-Cherrywood Racing Stables II. B-Whisper Hill Farm (KY). T-Michele Boyce. \*\$8,000 yrl '01 KEESEP.

**8th-PHA, \$20,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, 8.5f, 1:48 2/5, ft.**

**ELIMINATE (h, 5, All Gone--Imperialette, by Imperial Falcon)** Lifetime Record: 37-5-4-5, \$54,938. O-JJ's Express Stable. B-Charles Deters (FL). T-Scott Everett. \*\$15,000 2yo 2001 OBSAPR.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Miss Flit N Flot, f, 3, Leestown--Keen Angel, by Naskra.** EVD, 5-10, (S), 7 1/2f, 1:35 2/5. B-J Adcock (La).

**Starship Elaine, f, 3, Petionville--Bold Whim {MSP}, by Bold Hour.** CRC, 5-11, (C), 6f, 1:13 2/5. B-Pope McLean (Ky). \*\$40,000 yrl '02 KEESEP; \$57,000 2yo 2003 OBSMAR. \*\*1/2 to Madame Dahar (Dahar), SW, \$102,653.

**Hereafter, f, 4, Dehere--After the Glitter (MSW, \$456,785), by Screen King.** DEL, 5-11, (C), 1m, 1:40. B-Eugene E Weymouth (Pa).



## FOALING NEWS

**SUBORNED, 12, Ascot Knight--Exclusive Witness, by Our Native**

Foal born Mar. 20, a colt by Cherokee Run.

Will be bred back to Pulpit.

Owned by Taylor Made Farm, Pat Payne, Eduardo Terrazas, Baysore Stable and Nobu Araki.

Boarded at Taylor Made Farm, Ky.

Accomplishments: Dam of Trailthefox (Foxtrail), GSW, \$380,472.

## BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

### CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**ITALY, Varese, 4.20, 5-10, €11,475, 3yo, 7 1/2f (AWT), time: n/a, stn.**

**SHINKA (IRE) (f, 3, Shinko Forest {Ire}--Love Secret {SW & GSP-Ity, \$177,453}, by Secreto)** Lifetime Record: 10 starts, 5 wins, 2 places, €31,875. O/B-Scuderia Siba; T-Alduino & Giuseppe Botti.

**ITALY, Varese, 3.50, 5-10, €11,475, 4yo/up, 7 1/2f (AWT), time: n/a, stn.**

**RIO KINA (IRE) (f, 4, Efisio {GB}--Bone China {Ire}, by Sadler's Wells)** Lifetime Record: 34 starts, 10 wins, 8 places, €61,710. O-R Alemanni; B-China Partnership; T-Stefano Billeri. \*Ir15,000gns yrl '00 TATIRE.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Liscoa (Ire), f, 3, Foxhound--Ascoli (GB), by Skyliner (GB).** Killarney, Ireland, 5-10, Mdn, 3yo, f, 1m 100ydsT. B-Miss Wendy Fox. \*1/2 to Spencers Wood (Ire) (Pips Pride {GB}), SW-Ire & SP-Fr.

**Pierre Bonnard, h, 5, Danzig--Peinture Bleue (GSW-US & SW-Fr, \$140,246), by Alydar.** Saint-Cloud, France, 5-11, Cond, 4yo/up, 1 5/16mT. B-Allez France Stables Ltd. \*1/2 to Peintre Celebre (Nureyev), Hwt. 3yo-Fr at 11-14f, MG1SW-Fr, \$1,419,573; and Peinture Rose (Storm Cat), SW-Fr.

### FOALING NEWS:

**IONIAN BRIDE, 18, Icecapade--Lotareason, by Hail to Reason**

Foal born Feb. 11, a filly by Lemon Drop Kid.

Will be bred back to Sky Mesa.

Owned by Tony Holmes and Dr Walter Zent.

Boarded at Marula Park Stud, Ky.

Accomplishments: Dam of Phil the Grip (Crafty Prospector), GSW, \$451,587.

**TOMORROW'S SONG, 16, Apalachee--Dantina, by Gray Phantom**

Foal born Mar. 14, a colt by Fusaichi Pegasus.

Will be bred back to Grand Slam.

Owned by Don and Mary Zuckerman.

Boarded at Taylor Made Farm, Ky.

Accomplishments: Dam of Tomorrows Sunshine (Silver Deputy), MSW & MGSP, \$296,308; Colorado Song (Pine Bluff), MGSP, \$164,928.

**CASANNA, 15, Topsider--Bluemont (GB), by Shirley Heights (GB)**

Foal born Mar. 31, a colt by Five Star Day.

Owned by Mrs. James B. Mosely.

Boarded at Stone Farm, Ky.

Accomplishments: Dam of Oswayo (Norquestor), MSW, \$196,511.