WARRSAN doubles up in Coronation Cup **D.** 5

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SMARTY SET FOR TEST OF CHAMPIONS

The moment has arrived. Despite an inclement



weather forecast, a record crowd is expected at Belmont Park this afternoon when Smarty Jones (Elusive Quality) will attempt to secure the Triple Crown in the \$1-million GI Belmont S. Unbeaten in eight career starts, the Pennsylvania-bred posted his most impressive victory to date in the GI Preakness S., dominating a

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solid field by 11 1/2 lengths. His triumphs in the GI Kentucky Derby and Preakness have seen him become one of the most popular racehorses in recent memory, as well as fueling speculation that he

might just be the one to end the 26year drought since Affirmed was able to land the Triple Crown in 1978. How has Smarty Jones weathered the storm? "The big thing that keeps going through my head is how the horse is doing and how impressed I am that he has been able to maintain that level," said trainer John Servis. "Quite frankly, I didn't think he could. After the Derby, I thought this horse would be ready for a break. He's even impressed me more than I ever expected." The unbeaten three-year-old



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has drawn the outside post for his date with destiny and his natural speed should secure him a spot near the front, but Servis is prepared for other scenarios. "Ideally, I was thinking that if they let us go to the lead, that's okay, but I don't want to go to the lead and get hooked up in a speed duel," Servis continued. "Stewart [jockey Elliott]'s really going to have to shine in this race. Let's face it, we've got a bull's eye on our back. I think there are going to be some things happening in this race that are going to be totally uncharacteristic for a normal race, and Stewart is going to have to get through that." Servis is hopeful that Smarty can live up to his star billing. "The country's been waiting for a Triple Crown winner," he said. "I know now why there haven't been that many. This is a tough road, real tough." Belmont cont. p3

CLASSIC DESTINY

Lord Derby may have only a single horse in training,



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but that one-horse stable happens to be comprised of Ouija Board (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}), who rolled over her rivals to win yesterday's G1 Vodafone Oaks at Epsom by seven lengths. "To stand here in this enclosure having won a Classic, boy oh boy," exclaimed the 19th Earl of Derby. It was first Classic success since 1945 for the family, which took the inaugural running 225 years

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Ouija Board ago. Epsom Oaks cont. p2 T Shaw/Getty Images

LET IT SNOW

Lammtarra's rattling finish in 1995 provided Godolphin with their first Epsom Derby success. Can Snow Ridge (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}) give the boys in

blue a second win in the Classic when he steps up to the plate at Epsom this afternoon? The stable have failed to hit the bulls-eye despite saddling two favorites in the race since, sending out Cape Verdi (Ire) to run ninth in 1998 and Dubai Millennium (GB), who was ninth in '99. But Snow Ridge can change that run of bad luck. An impressive debut winner in a Kempton conditions event in early September, he followed up with a win in the G2 Royal Lodge S. He disappointed when



Snow Ridge www.godolphin.com

only ninth in the G1 Dewhurst S. three weeks later, but despite that showing was duly taken under Godolphin's wing. After sterling work in Dubai, he returned to finish second to Haafhd (GB) in the G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket May 1. Still, no Guineas runner-up has gone one better at Epsom since Grundy (Ire) in 1975. Epsom Derby cont. p4

ISLAND IN THE SUN

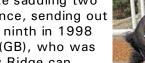
Island Sand (Tabasco Cat) made a victorious return to New York, rallying to take the GI Acorn S. at Belmont. "This is my biggest win, absolutely," said winning trainer Larry Jones. "And where better to win it than in New York?" Acorn cont. p6

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MORE JUVENILE STAKES SUCCESS In the Listed Premio Alberto Giubilo for juvenile colts in Italy vesterday, GOLDEN STRAVINSKY finished first & PATAPAN was third, both are by 2003 Champion Freshman sire





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PUTTING THE DOUBTS TO REST Despite the persistent doubts about her stamina, the 7-2 **Ouija Board** (Cape Cross {Ire}) settled like a dream in rear and

even needed gentle persuasion from Kieren Fallon to stay on the heels of the leaders at the top of the hill. Tracking Jamie Spencer and the 11-4 pick **All Too Beautiful (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells) into the straight, she came alive when that rival was committed passing the three-furlong marker and had quickened to the front by the time they reached the quarter pole. Never needing to resort to his whip,

Fallon was merely a passenger as the filly surged clear to record a faster time than was recorded in the G1 Coronation Cup earlier in the afternoon. "It was incredible--she looked so relaxed which is what we wanted. Kieren gave her a beautiful ride and she is going to be a great mare to have back home," said the Earl.

Friday, Epsom, Britain

VODAFONE OAKS-G1, £350,000, Epsom, 6-4, 3yo, f, 12f 10ydsT, 2:35.41, gd.

- 1--@▲OUIJA BOARD (GB), 126, f, 3, by Cape Cross (Ire)
 1st Dam: Selection Board (GB), by Welsh Pageant (Fr)
 2nd Dam: Ouija (GB), by Silly Season
 3rd Dam: Samanda (GB), by Alycidon (GB)
 O-Lord Derby; B-Stanley Estate & Stud Company;
 T-Ed Dunlop; J-Kieren Fallon; £203,000. Lifetime
 Record: 5-3-0-2, £227,438. *First Group 1 winner
 for sophomore sire (Green Desert).
- 2--All Too Beautiful (Ire), 126, f, 3, Sadler's Wells--Urban Sea, by Miswaki. (1,100,000gns wnl '01 TATDEC). O-Michael Tabor & Susan Magnier;
 B-Sunderland Holdings Ltd & Abbey Bloodstock; £77,000.
- 3--Punctilious (GB), 126, f, 3, Danehill--Robertet, by Roberto. O-Godolphin; B-B Neilsen; £38,500.
 Margins: 7, 3HF, 1HF. Odds: 7-2, 11-4, 100-30.
 Also ran: Necklace (GB), Crystal (Ire), Sundrop (Jpn), Kisses For Me (Ire).

Blood Will Tell...

As her pedigree suggests, Ouija Board was slow to come to hand at two, but made quick strides when on the track. Third in a decent Newmarket maiden in her debut, she came back to win a lesser event at Yarmouth in October and ended her campaign with a



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Ouija Board & Co Tom Shaw/Getty Images

fair third in the Listed Montrose S. at Newmarket the following month. But she blossomed during her winter vacation and returned to post a powerful score in the Listed Pretty Polly S. at Newmarket May 2. "I was very impressed when she won at Newmarket, and the main thing was to get her switched off," explained Fallon, who also won the Oaks with Reams of Verse and

Ramruma. "She's never given me any indications that she wouldn't stay and she was nicely asleep for the first half of the race. It wasn't until I asked her to go and win her race that she really woke up and sprinted home. The way she quickened from the two was incredible, and if she keeps improving the way she has from Newmarket to here, the sky is the limit." Conditioner Ed Dunlop, enjoying his first British Classic success, added, "She traveled well, stayed and won like a champion. I've seen my father [John] win Derbys and Oaks here and to do so myself is great. She is not in the G1 Irish Oaks [at The Curragh July 18], but I would say she will be supplemented, and after that is the G1 Nassau S. [at Goodwood July 31]." Click for the <u>Racing</u> <u>Post chart</u> or the <u>brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree</u>.

Raves for the Runner-up...

Aidan O'Brien was upbeat about the performance of runner-up All Too Beautiful. "She ran very well, but Jamie [Spencer] said she was very green," he said. "She hasn't done a lot of racing and has had two soft races, so she will have learnt a lot from today. Obviously, the Irish Oaks is the next target." As for the Godolphin duo, Racing Manager Simon Crisford was disappointed with their respective performances. "Punctilious did not handle the track and Sundrop (Sunday Silence) raced too freely and also didn't handle the track," he explained.





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Belmont cont.

The Elusive Crown...

Smarty Jones is the 10th Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner in the last 26 years with an opportunity to land the Triple Crown and, by general consensus, represents the best chance to do so since Spectacular Bid came up short at 1-5 in 1979. He is the third unbeaten Derby/Preakness winner in history to go for the Crown, following Majestic Prince (1969) and Seattle Slew (1977). But while Majestic Prince sustained an injury in finishing second to the his redoubtable rival Arts and Letters, Seattle Slew secured himself a spot in history as the only unbeaten Triple Crown winner to date. Is Smarty Jones worthy of such company? "If he can make good once around Big Sandy, he deserves to be right there with the other 11 horses," said Mickey Taylor, co-owner of Seattle Slew. "It's a long ways, and there's a reason they call it the Test of Champions; it's very difficult. And I wish him the best, and Slew I'm sure is looking down from horse heaven saying, 'Good luck, Smarty.'"

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Who's Up for the Challenge?

He's never lost a race, but in order to keep his perfect record intact, Smarty Jones will have to beat his eight rivals to the wire after one circuit of the sweeping Belmont oval. The lightly raced **Rock Hard Ten** (Kris S.) was the runner-up at Pimlico after a wide trip and could take his game to the next level here. "If we didn't think Smarty Jones was beatable, we wouldn't be here," said trainer Jason Orman. "Our horse is going to have to run a really good race, and Smarty Jones is going to have to come back to us a bit." Those sentiments were echoed by jockey Jerry Bailey, who will pilot the enigmatic Eddington (Unbridled), third in the Preakness after running in spots. "If Smarty Jones runs his best race, I don't know if we can beat him," admitted Bailey. "For us to have any chance, Eddington has to be able to put everything together and not come unfocused." Trainer Bobby Frankel wasn't planning on the Belmont for Master David (Grand Slam) after the colt ran third as the favorite in the GII Peter Pan S., but had a change of heart earlier in the week. "The thing that keeps coming back in my mind...is Spectacular Bid," said Frankel. "He looked like a cinch, and he lost." But Frankel may still be on the fence. Master David has been entered as main-track only in Sunday's GIII Hill Prince S.

	Saturday, Belmont, post time: 6:38 p.m.				
		136th Running of the BELMONT S	GI , \$1,000,000, 3yo, 1 1/2m		
PP	HORSE	OWNER	BREEDER	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Master David	Georgica Stable, Rosen & Mack	Hopewell Investments LLC-Ky	Frankel	20-1
		(<u>Grand Slam</u> Nadra {Ire},	by Sadler's Wells)		
2	Purge	Starlight Stables LLC, Saylor & Martin	Glory Days Breeding LLC-Ky	Pletcher	5-1
		(<u>Pulpit</u> Copelan's Bid (Gal, by Copelan)		
3	Caiman	Victor Achar	John T L Jones Jr-Ky	Medina	50-1
		(Malibu MoonStorming	Up, by Storm Bird)		
4	Birdstone	Marylou Whitney Stables	Marylou Whitney Stables-Ky	Zito	15-1
		(<u>Grindstone</u> Dear Birdie			
5	Rock Hard Ten	Mercedes Stables LLC & M Paulson	Madeleine Paulson-Ky	Orman	8-1
		(<u>Kris S.</u> Tersa, by M	r. Prospector)		
6	Royal Assault	Tracy Farmer	Tracy Farmer-Ky	Zito	20-1
		(<u>Kris S.</u> Fit for a Queer	, by Fit to Fight)		
7	Tap Dancer	Gilbert G Campbell	Gilbert G Campbell-Fl	E Allard	50-1
		(Sword Dance {Ire}Heaven's	Gate, by Septieme Ciel)		
8	Eddington	Willmott Stables Inc	Carl Rosen Associates-Ky	Hennig	10-1
		(<u>Unbridled</u> Fashion Star,	by Chief's Crown)		
9	Smarty Jones	Someday Farm	Someday Farm-Pa	Servis	2-5
		(Elusive QualityI'll Get	Alona, by Smile)		

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Stoute-Hearted

Sir Michael Stoute collected his third Derby 12 months ago with Kris Kin and has a live chance of getting a fourth with **North Light (Ire)** (Danehill). The colt took the G2 Dante S. the hard way at York last time May 12, and his fine staying performance bodes well for his chances of emulating Shirley Heights (GB), Shahrastani, Reference Point (GB), Erhaab and Benny the Dip in completing the Dante-Derby double. He will carry the famous pale blue colors of the Weinstock family, last successful in 1979 with Troy (GB). "It certainly seems like a long time ago," Ballymacoll Stud Manager Peter Reynolds told the *Racing Post*. "There have been a lot of foals since Troy."

Viva La France

France have been without Epsom success since Emperv scored in 1976, despite the presence of such class acts as Hector Protector and Pennekamp. Like the former, American Post (GB) (Bering {GB}) comes here off a success in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains. He was fortunate to win that race, having looked booked for no better than second prize when Antonius Puis nearly fell yards from the line, but Khalid Abdullah's Racing Manager Teddy Grimthorpe is optimistic. "There are three Derby winners--Sea Bird, Bering and Shirley Heights--plus Sadler's Wells in his pedigree, and his dam comes from the same family as Park Hill S. winner Trampship, so there is every reason to be optimistic that he will stay," he said, adding, "People say that it is an open Derby, but how many Group 1 winners are in the race?"

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			Saturday, Epsom, Britain, p			
		VODA	FONE DERBY SG1, £1,359	,000, 3yo, c/f, 12f 10	ydsT	
SC	PP	HORSE	OWNER	BREEDER	TRAINER	ODDS
1	13	American Post (GB)	Khalid Abdullah	Juddmonte Farms	Head-Maarek	9-1
			(Bering {GB}Wells Fargo {GI	B}, by Sadler's Wells)		
2	14	Coming Again (Ire)	Abdulla Buhaleeba	Gainsborough	B Hills	201-1
			(Rainbow QuestHagwah,	by Dancing Brave)		
3	4	Elshadi (Ire)	Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid al Maktoum	Abbeville/Meadow Court	Tregoning	34-1
			(Cape Cross {Ire}Rispoto {(GB}, by Mtoto {GB})		
4	9	Gatwick (Ire)	W H Ponsonby	M J Dargan	M Channon	21-1
			(Ali-Royal {Ire}Airport {GB	, by Warpath {GB})		
5	12	Hazyview (GB)	T Mohan	N E Poole	Callaghan	51-1
			(Cape Cross {Ire}Euridice	{Ire}, by Woodman)		
6	3	Let The Lion Roar (GB)	L Neil Jones	Abergwaun Farm	Dunlop	15-1
			(<u>Sadler's Wells</u> Ballerina {Ire	e}, by Dancing Brave)		
7	10	Massif Centrale (GB)	,	Cliveden Stud	Elsworth	201-1
		(<u>5</u>	<u>Selkirk</u> Madame Dubois {GB},			
8	1	Meath (Ire)	0	Sweetmans B'stock	O'Brien	21-1
			(<u>Sadler's Wells</u> Twyla {			
9	6	North Light (Ire)	Ballymacoll Stud Farm Ltd		Stoute	7-2
			(DanehillSought Out {Ire},	by Rainbow Quest)		
10	5	Percussionist (Ire)	č ,	Swettenham Stud	Gosden	8-1
			(<u>Sadler's Wells</u> Magnificent S			
11	2	Pukka (Ire)	Fittocks Stud	Fittocks Stud	Cumani	15-1
			(<u>Sadler's Wells</u> Puce {GB},			
12	11	Rule Of Law	Godolphin	R & B Sangster	bin Suroor	17-1
			<u>ngmambo</u> Crystal Crossing {			
13	8	Salford City (Ire)	Michael Tabor	Dr D Davis	Elsworth	8-1
			t Sun {GB}Summer Fashion			
14	7	Snow Ridge (Ire)	Godolphin	Ballymacoll Stud		7-2
			<u>Ridge {Ire}</u> Snow Princess {	•		
All	carry	126 pounds.		Odds cou	rtesy of <u>www.w</u>	illhill.com.

Can he sweep the Board?

Champion sire of two-year-olds and now the hugely impressive Oaks winner. Two colts from his first crop run in the Derby today.







Epsom Derby cont. Bang the Drum Slowly

The late Robert Sangster's colors are synonymous with this race. They will be carried by **Percussionist (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells), who ploughed through the mud to beat **Hazyview (GB)** (Cape Cross {Ire}) by 10 lengths despite veering across the track in the G3 Lingfield Derby Trial S. May 8. That prep has produced Blue Riband scorers Teenoso, Slip Anchor (GB), Kahyasi (Ire) and High-Rise (Ire). "Percussionist is in great form, but being by Sadler's Wells he would like a little juice in the ground," commented conditioner John Gosden. "In the Derby you need everything in your favor and although he can go on any, he is best on that surface. Snow Ridge is a legitimate favorite, but it's nice to be going there with a chance."

Salford City in with a Chance

Trainer David Elsworth, who went close with fourthplace finisher Norse Dancer (Ire) last year, relies on Michael Tabor's Salford City (Ire) (Desert Sun {GB}). The colt followed success in the G3 Greenham S. at Newbury Apr. 17 with a staying-on sixth in the 2000 Guineas last time. He has only 2½ lengths to make up on Snow Ridge and has the scope to improve markedly on that performance. Johnny Murtagh, who claimed the prize on Tabor's High Chaparral (Ire) two years ago, has the call. Murtagh was more than satisfied with the way his mount handled Epsom in a spin around the track last week. "He went very well around the track and traveled beautifully," he said. "I was worried about the trip beforehand, but I think he'll stay now. He relaxes very well and will give himself every chance. I think he'll come home strong in the last two furlongs. He's a nice horse with a good temperament and [conditioner] Mr Elsworth says he has a genuine chance."

Second Stringer for O'Brien

Aidan O'Brien had a live chance of adding a third Derby to his repertoire before Yeats (Ire) came out of the race, but only a marginal one in **Meath (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells), who needs to step up on his G3 Gallinule S. score at The Curragh May 23. After walking the course Thursday with John Magnier, Jamie Spencer and David Nagle, O'Brien pronounced the going acceptable for his charge. "It is perfect ground, but it is a good job that they have been watering, otherwise it would be too firm," he said. "I would like a drop of rain but, even if it stays dry, the ground will be safe and that is all we ask. [Meath] is a hardy horse and has done nothing wrong. We hope he'll run well."

Friday, Epsom, Britain

VODAFONE CORONATION CUP-G1, £250,000, Epsom, 6-4, 4yo/up, 12f 10ydsT, 2:35.96, gd.

- 1--WARRSAN (IRE), 126, h, 6, by Caerleon
 1st Dam: Lucayan Princess (Ire) (SW-GB), by High Line (GB)
 2nd Dam: Gay France (Fr), by Sir Gaylord
 3rd Dam: Sweet And Lovely (Fr), by Tanerko (Fr)
 O/B-Saeed Manana; T-C Brittain; J-D Holland; £145,000.
 Lifetime Record: G1SP-Ger & HK, MG1SP-Ity, 29-7-8-4, £832,581. *1/2 to Needle Gun (Sure Blade), MGSW-Ire, MG1SP-Ity, G1SP-GB, MGSP-Ger, SP-HK, \$800,116;
 Luso (GB) (Salse), Hwt. 3yo-Ity at 11-14f, Hwt. Older
 Horse-Ity at 9.5-11f, Hwt. Older Horse-Ger at 11-14f, MG1SW-Ger, G1SW-Ity, MGSW-GB, GSW-HK, MG1SPFr, \$2,384,106; and Cloud Castle (GB) (In The Wings {GB}), GSW & G1SP-GB, G1SP-Fr, \$156,874.
- 2--Doyen (Ire), 126, c, 4, Sadler's Wells--Moon Cactus (GB), by Kris (GB). O-Godolphin; B-Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum; £55,000.
- 3--Vallee Enchantee (Ire), 123, f, 4, Peintre Celebre--Verveine, by Lear Fan. O-Ecurie Wildenstein;
 B-Dayton Investments Ltd; £27,500.

Margins: 1 3/4, SHD, SHD. Odds: 7-1, 9-2, 6-1. Also ran: High Accolade (GB), Brian Boru (GB), Magistretti, Scott's View (GB), Dubai Success (GB), Imperial Dancer (GB), Systematic (GB), Sunny Glenn (GB). Scratched: Leadership (GB).

Warrsan emerged from this competitive renewal as the first back-to-back winner since Triptych completed the double in 1988. Defying his advancing years, the tough campaigner stalked the moderate early pace under Darryl Holland before becoming outpaced on the downhill run as the leading group stepped up the tempo. Still with more in front than behind inside the final quarter, he quickened to swoop wide, avoiding the scrimmaging which hindered Doyen and Vallee Enchantee to the inside. Passing High Accolade (GB) (Mark of Esteem {Ire}) at the eighth pole, he dug deep in his customary determined fashion to assert from the unlucky Doyen. "It was sedate early, but became a progressive pace," explained Holland. "We really motored from seven down and freewheeled--I've never been so fast down there in my life. He's a course-anddistance winner, which counts for a lot around Epsom." Fifth in the Mar. 27 G1 Dubai Sheema Classic at Nad al Sheba, he showed his fight was still there when third in the G2 Jockey Club S. at Newmarket last time May 2. Trainer Clive Brittain said, "I feel he's still improving and he'll go to Ascot for the King George [July 24] and he could well upset a few." Click for the racingpost.co.uk chart or the free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree.





Friday, Belmont Park

ACORN S.-GI, \$250,000, BEL, 6-4, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:34 4/5, ft.

- 1-- A@ISLAND SAND, 121, f, 3, by Tabasco Cat 1st Dam: Sue's Last Dance, by Forty Niner 2nd Dam: Savethelastdance, by Nureyev 3rd Dam: Bon Debarras, by Ruritania (\$82,000 yrl '02 KEESEP). O-James L Osborne; B-Richard D Maynard (KY); T-J Larry Jones; J-T J Thompson; \$150,000. Lifetime Record: 8-4-3-0, \$402,005.
- 2--Society Selection, 121, f, 3, Coronado's Quest--Love That Jazz, by Dixieland Band. O/B-Marjorie & Irving Cowan (KY); \$50,000.
- 3--Friendly Michelle, 121, f, 3, Artax--Valiant Jewel, by Buckley Boy. (\$77,000 yrl '02 FTKJUL). O-Ed Friendly; B-Ronald Fein (KY); \$25,000.

Margins: 1 3/4, NO, 3/4. Odds: 4.00, 2.15, 7.10.

- Also Ran: Bending Strings, Magical Illusion, Victory
- U. S. A., Bohemian Lady, La Reina.

Scratched: Grey Traffic, Pawyne Princess.

Island Sand graduated by 12 3/4 lengths at Laurel Oct. 29 under the tutelage of Tony Dutrow, then added an allowance score at Aqueduct Dec. 27 and the Busanda S. Jan. 25 over the inner track. Purchased privately after that stakes victory, the dark bay travelled to the Midwest, finishing second in the GII Fantasy S. at Oaklawn Apr. 9 and a stellar runner-up in the GI Kentucky Oaks Apr. 30. But those efforts only saw her go postward as the third choice here. Racing in tandem with chalk Society Selection near the back of the pack down the backstretch, Island Sand came through between horses, took aim on Friendly Michelle in midstretch and drew away late. "When they went in 1:09 [for six furlongs] and we were still coming, I felt pretty good that somebody had to come backto us," said winning trainer Larry Jones. "This is my first start ever in New York, and I like the way it started." Jones indicated that Island Sand would be back for the GI Mother Goose S. June 26. Click for the brisnet.com chart or the free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree. For the video race replay, select: broadband or modem.

Friday, Epsom, Britain

VODAFONE TEMPLE S.-G2, £110,000, Epsom, 6-4, 3yo/up, 5fT, 0:55.83, gd.

- 1--#@NIGHT PROSPECTOR (GB), 130, c, 4, by <u>Night Shift</u>
 1st Dam: Pride Of My Heart (GB), by Lion Cavern 2nd Dam: Hearten (GB), by Hittite Glory (GB) 3rd Dam: Nortia (GB), by Narrator (GB)
 (32,000gns wnl '00 TATDEC; 54,000gns yrl '01 TATOCT). O-C Cotran; B-Miss S N Ralphs; T-Pip Payne; J-Johnny Murtagh; £63,800. Lifetime Record: 11-3-4-0, £81,498.
- 2--Autumn Pearl (GB), 120, f, 3, Orpen--Cyclone Flyer (GB), by College Chapel (GB). (35,000gns yrl '02 TATOCT). O-Mr & Mrs Kevan Watts; B-Bearstone Stud; £24,200.
- 3--Bishops Court (GB), 130, g, 10, Clantime (GB)--Indigo (GB), by Primo Dominie (GB). O/B-D R Brotherton; £12,100.

Margins: 1 1/4, HF, 1. Odds: 33-1, 10-1, 3-1. Also ran: Boston Lodge (GB), Colonel Cotton (Ire), If Paradise (GB), Repertory (GB), Dubaian Gift (GB), Speed Cop (GB), Incise (GB), Dragon Flyer (Ire). DNS: Forever Phoenix (GB) (refused to race).

With most of the intended runners iffing to last month's G2 Duke of York S. after this was switched from its traditional base at Sandown to the vastly contrasting downhill slopes of this track, the race had diminished in stature even before it was announced that the stalls handlers were boycotting it. Stuck with a substandard entry and a flip start, in which elastic was stretched across the starting line and then released, the race dived head-long into farce when Forever Phoenix (GB) (Shareef Dancer) ended up facing the wrong way as the starter let them go and Dragon Flyer (Ire) (Tagula {Ire}) was left several lengths behind. It was left to the handicapper Night Prospector to cause an upset. Coming off a fair run down the field in his first start of the year, a York handicap May 12, he was one of the few to get a fair break here and, after dueling with Autumn Pearl, got the better of that rival in the final 100 yards as the luckless Bishops Court ran out of racing room in behind. Click for the racingpost.co.uk chart or the free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree.



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Friday, Belmont Park

FLASH S.-GIII, \$104,300, BEL, 6-4, 2yo, 5f, :57 2/5, ft.

- 1--@#PRIMAL STORM, 116, c, 2, by Storm Boot
 1st Dam: Primistal (SW, \$293.665), by Stalwart
 2nd Dam: Classy Account, by Private Account
 3rd Dam: Creme Wave, by Creme Dela Creme
 (\$42,000 yrl '03 KEESEP). O-Keith I Asmussen, Ronald Winchell, James Cassels & Connie Scherr;
 B-Everest Stables Inc (KY); T-Steven M Asmussen;
 J-S Sellers; \$63,780. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0,
 \$92,210. *1/2 to High Humidity (Petionville), MSP,
 \$195,016.
- 2--Winning Expression, 115, c, 2, Western Expression--Miss Winning Sweep, by End Sweep. O/B-Flying Zee Stable (NY); \$21,260.
- 3--Gold Joy, 115, c, 2, Joyeux Danseur--Lizzie
 Worthington, by Gold Seam. (\$6,000 yrl '03
 FTMSEP). O-Kenneth Taylor & Timothy E Salzman;
 B-Chasemedaly Farm (NY); \$10,693.

Margins: 7, 3 3/4, 4. Odds: 0.80, 5.40, 21.40. Also Ran: Departing Now, Dubleo.

Primal Storm had looked like the real deal in blowing away Churchill maidens on the Kentucky Oaks undercard, but he was even more impressive in his stakes debut, overpowering his Flash rivals. A \$42,000 Keeneland September purchase, the bay had trained forwardly this spring and was 5-1 in his first start at Churchill Apr. 29. He took charge on the turn that day, drawing off to win by six lengths, and was odds-on here. Breaking alertly under Shane Sellers, Primal Storm quickly jumped out to set the pace and began to pour it on in the stretch, opening up a significant margin while under wraps. Co-owner James Cassels thinks he's a keeper. "We bought eight horses with the interntions of pinhooking them," he explained. "We sold six and kept two, and this is one of the ones we kept. He can motor. We're definitely excited." New York-bred Winning Expression was best of the rest.

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Friday, Epsom, Britain

PRINCESS ELIZABETH S. (SPONSORED BY VODAFONE)-G3, £50,000, Epsom, 6-4, 3yo/up, f/m,

1m 114ydsT, 1:45.61, gd.

- 1--@GONFILIA (GER), 132, f, 4, by Big Shuffle
 1st Dam: Gonfalon (GB), by Slip Anchor (GB)
 2nd Dam: Grimpola (Ger), by Windwurf (Ger)
 3rd Dam: Gondel (Ger), by Zank (Ger)
 O-Godolphin; B-Gestut Auenquelle; T-Saeed bin
 Suroor; J-Frankie Dettori; £29,000. Lifetime Record:
 SW-Fr, 13-6-4-0, £155,337. *Full to Gonlargo (Ger),
 Hwt. 3yo-Ger at 7-9.5f, GSW-Ger, \$274,821; and
 1/2 to Gorlor (Ger) (Lando {Ger}), SW & GSP-Ger.
- 2--Kunda (Ire), 120, f, 3, Intikhab--Ustka (GB), by Lomond. O-James Wigan; B-London Thoroughbred Services Ltd; £11,000.
- 3--Qasirah (Ire), 120, f, 3, Machiavellian--Altaweelah (Ire), by Fairy King. O-Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid al Maktoum; B-Darley; £5,500.

Margins: 2HF, 1, 3/4. Odds: 11-10, 20-1, 20-1. Also ran: Top Romance (Ire), Blue Oasis (Ire), Tizdubai, Glen Innes (Ire), Imperialistic (Ire). Scratched: Desert Cristal (Ire), Snow Goose (GB).

Gonfilia wired this contest under Frankie Dettori to continue her progression among the ranks of domestically trained fillies. Despite being a smart performer at three, when she counted success in the Listed Prix de Saint-Cyr at Maisons-Laffitte in October among her finer efforts, she gives the impression that she is only now beginning to fulfil her potential. After a smooth score in the Mar. 11 Balanchine S. at Nad al Sheba, she finished second to subsequent G1 Irish 1000 Guineas third Illustrious Miss in the G3 Chartwell Fillies' S. at Lingfield May 8. As she had when winning the Listed Conqueror S. at Goodwood last time May 20, she adopted her customary front-running tactics here and quickened to a safe advantage inside the final quarter to win under a hand ride. "She's such a fantastically tough filly," Racing Manager Simon Crisford said. "That was a career-best effort--she seems to like being in front. She's entered in the G2 Windsor Forest S. [at Royal Ascot June 16]." Click for the Racing Post chart.

Nonstop Graded Stakes Success Another Grade I winner

Island Sand

Winner of the GI Acorn S. at Belmont Park June 4! Congratulations to owner James Osborne and trainer Larry Jones.

Purchased for \$82,000 as a yearling at Keenland September 2002 Lifetime Record: GISW, 8-3-4-0, Earnings \$402,005.



🕸 PREVIEW 🌣

Saturday, Belmont Park, post time: 5:52 p.m. EDT

IVI A	WANHATTAN HGI , \$400,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/4m1				
PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS	
1	King's Drama (Ire)	King's Theatre (Ire)	Collet	12-1	
2	Quest Star	Broad Brush	Walden	15-1	
3	Mr O'Brien (Ire)	Mukaddamah	Graham	10-1	
4	Stroll	Pulpit	Mott	5-2	
5	Meteor Storm (GB)	Bigstone (Ire)	W Dollase	6-1	
6	Millennium Dragon (GB)	Mark of Esteem (Ire)	McLaughlin	10-1	
7	Request For Parole	Judge T C	Hough	12-1	
8	Epicentre	Kris S.	Frankel	4-1	
9	Better Talk Now	Talkin Man	Motion	20-1	
10	Kicken Kris	Kris S.	Matz	7-2	
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Kicken Kris stretches back out to his best distance for this and seems poised for a big effort in his third start of the year. In his three tries over 10 furlongs, the bay was second in the Virginia Derby before winning the GI Secretariat S. at 15-1. Third, beaten a length in the GI Hollywood Derby to close the year, he was third in the 1 3/8-mile GII Gulfstream Park BC H. Feb. 22 and comes into this off a sixth to Stroll in the nine-furlong GI Woodford Reserve Turf Classic over a rain-soaked Churchill turf on Derby Day. The latter defeated Kicken Kris in this track's GII Jamaica H. last September prior to closing out a five-for-six sophomore season with a victory in the GIII Calder Derby Oct. 11. A homebred for Claiborne Farm, the 121-pound highweight was fifth in the GII Maker's Mark Mile Apr. 9 ahead of his Churchill effort. Mr O'Brien won Pimlico's Henry S. Clark S. by nine lengths May 1 and wheeled back two weeks later to win the GII Dixie S. by two lengths over Millen**nium Dragon** in course-record time. The gelding tries the 1 1/4-mile distance for the first time today.



BORDIGHERA, 12, Alysheba-Blue Tip (Fr), by Tip Moss (Fr) Foal born Apr. 23, a colt by Grand Lodge. Will be bred back to Pivotal (GB). Owned by Lael Stable. Boarded at Trickledown Stud, England. Accomplishments: Dam of Grandera (Ire) (Grand Lodge), Ch. Older Horse-Europe, Hwt. Older Horse-Ire & Eng at 9.5-11f, G1SW-Eng, Ire & Mal, GSW-UAE & G1SP-Aus, \$2,873,271.

Saturday, Belmont Park, post time: 4:32 p.m. EDT JUST A GAME BREEDERS' CUP H.-GII, \$250,000,

Зус	o/up,t/m,1ml			
PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1a	Intercontinental (GB)	Danehill	Frankel	4-5
2	Coney Kitty (Ire)	Lycius	Toner	12-1
Зa	Etoile Montante	Miswaki	Frankel	4-5
4	Dedication (Fr)	Highest Honor (Fr)	Clement	9-2
5	Caught in the Rain	Petionville	Preciado	20-1
6	Wonder Again	Silver Hawk	Toner	6-1
7	Vanguardia (Arg)	Roy	Penna Jr	15-1
8	Riskaverse	Dynaformer	Kelly	5-1
9	Fast Cookie	Deputy Minister	Mott	12-1

The 11th running of the Just a Game has drawn an outstanding field headed by the Juddmonte entry of Intercontinental and Etoile Montante as well as Grade/Group 1 winners **Dedication**, **Riskaverse** and Wonder Again. Intercontinental, the latest top-class performer from the mare Hasili (Ire), kicked off her U.S. career by winning a tough allowance heat at Santa Anita Mar. 28, outfinishing Dublino and Noches de Rosa (Chi). The bay added a victory in Keeneland's GIII Jenny Wiley S. Apr. 18 and will be tough at this onemile distance. Her entrymate Etoile Montante, heroine of the G1 Prix de la Foret last October, defeated Dedication by a half length in her U.S. bow in the GIII Las Cienegas H. Apr. 4. The chestnut came up a nose short in the GIII Argent Mortgage Mile May 1. "The reason I am running them together here is because of the distance," explained trainer Bobby Frankel. "I can go in different directions from here with them, and I'll be keeping them apart. Intercontinental looks like she might be heading for longer races, like the Diana [July 31]. Etoile Montante I may run against the boys in shorter races. This is a good start because the distance is right and now this race is a Grade II." Dedication tried the dirt in her first start of the year, finishing eighth, but has been first or second in four subsequent starts on turf. The grey captured the GIII Beaugay H. May 1, then took on the boys in the GIII Jaipur H. on Memorial Day, getting bumped repeatedly before settling for second, beaten a half length.

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STORM BOOT Storm Cat – Aliata, by Mr. Prospector Fee: \$15,000

PRIMAL STORM overwhelmed the field in the **GIII Flash S.**, winning by 7 lengths in :57 2/5 for five furlongs.

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Saturday, Belmont Park, post time: 3:52 p.m. EDT

TRU	TRUE NORTH BREEDERS' CUP HGII, \$200,000a, 3yo/up, 6f				
PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS	
1	First Blush	French Deputy	H Jerkens	12-1	
2	Buzzy's Gold	Touch Gold	H Jerkens	15-1	
3	Speightstown	Gone West	Pletcher	8-5	
4	Cat Genius	Western Cat	Amoss	5-1	
5	Canadian Frontier	Gone West	Hough	10-1	
6	Sing Me Back Home	Homebuilder	lwinski	15-1	
7	Gracious Humor	Distorted Humor	Dutrow Jr	10-1	
8	Key Deputy	Deputy Minister	Mott	10-1	
9	Pohave	Holy Bull	O'Neill	5-1	
10	Maybry's Boy	Broad Brush	Weaver	20-1	

Although he has only posted four wins out of 23 career starts, Pohave has never been in better form. The Southern California invader finished third, beaten only four lengths behind Pico Central (Brz) in the GII San Carlos H. Mar. 7. Off two months following that effort, the gray gelding returned in the GIII Los Angeles Times H. with a solid one-length win. Six-year-old **Speightstown** will make only his 13th start in this heat, but comes into it off two solid victories. He notched the Artax H. at Gulfstream Mar. 27, then earned a 116 Beyer for his impressive victory in the GII Churchill Downs H. on Derby Day. "He's started to put everything together," trainer Todd Pletcher said. "Cutting back to six furlongs is the only question mark in my mind." Canadian Frontier put forth a career-best performance winning the GIII Bold Ruler H. last time and will be right there if able to repeat that performance.

Saturday, Belmont Park, post time: 5:12 p.m. EDT

RIV	RIVA RIDGE BREEDERS' CUP SGII, \$200,000, 3yo, 7f				
PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS	
1	Saratoga County	Valid Expectations	Weaver	6-1	
2	Fire Slam	Grand Slam	Carroll	8-1	
3	Indian War Dance	Cherokee Run	Dutrow Jr	12-1	
4a	Forest Danger	Forestry	Pletcher	6-5	
5	Smokume	Smoke Glacken	H Jerkens	15-1	
6	Teton Forest	Forestry	Baffert	4-1	
7a	Value Plus	Unbridled's Song	Pletcher	6-5	
8	Abbondanza	Alphabet Soup	Tullock Jr	5-1	
9	Stolen Time	Time Bandit	Mott	15-1	
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Fire Slam kicked off his three-year-old campaign with a victory in the GIII Lecomte S. Jan. 24, then disappointed when fifth in the GII Louisiana Derby. Ridden for the first time by Pat Day, he proved second best in the GII Lexington S., but ran one of the best races of his career cutting back to six furlongs while notching the Matt Winn S. last out May 8. Trainer Todd Pletcher has two of his stars entered here in Forest Danger and Value Plus, but only plans on running the latter. "Forest Danger is in there as a safety net," Pletcher explained. Value Plus, second in the GI Florida Derby, hasn't been seen since his disappointing sixth as the 5-2 favorite in the GI Wood Memorial. The big gray colt ran a career best 108 Beyer taking a seven-furlong Gulfstream allowance in his seasonal debut. "I think we're back to what he has shown he does best," Pletcher added.

Saturday, Hollywood Park, post time: 5:17 p.m. PDT HONEYMOON BREEDERS' CUP H.-GII, \$175,000, 3yo,

1, 1	1/8/11			
PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Vencedora Amiga	Broad Brush	Lobo	8-1
2	Sagitta Ra	Run Softly	Frankel	5-1
3	Western Hemisphere	General Meeting	Baffert	4-1
4	Lovely Rafaela	A.P. Indy	Lobo	10-1
5	Shake Off	A.P. Indy	Baffert	12-1
6	Rather Have Rubies	Hold for Gold	Polanco	15-1
7	Amorama (Fr)	Sri Pekan	J Canani	9-2
8	Ticker Tape (GB)	Royal Applause (GB)	Cassidy	8-5

The ultra-consistent **Ticker Tape**, in search of her first graded stakes victory, meets a well-bred group of fillies here. The British-bred bay came up second best in her first two U.S. tries before winning two straight stakes at Santa Anita, the China Doll S. Mar. 18 and the Providencia S. Apr. 11. She missed by a head in the GIII Senorita S. May 15 over this surface, but might be ready to go one better this time. **Western Hemisphere**, a full sister to millionaire General Meeting, came out of a second to stablemate and MGSW Yearly Report to land her turf debut versus Cal-breds in a May 14 allowance. Trainer Bobby Frankel's homebred **Sagitta Ra** rallied to win first time out Mar. 28 and came back to run second in a local allowance May 6, missing by a head, with **Shake Off** third.

Saturday, Belmont Park, post time: 3:12 p.m. EDT

VAG	GRANCY HGII,	\$150,000, 3yo/up	o, f/m, 6 1/2	2f
PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Kitty Knight	Capote	H Jerkens	10-1
2	Zawzooth	Unbridled's Song	Pletcher	10-1
3	Smok'n Frolic	Smoke Glacken	Pletcher	3-1
4	Bear Fan	Pine Bluff	Ward	6-5
5	Kuanyan	Carson City	Kimmel	20-1
6	Molto Vita	Carson City	Stewart	12-1
7	Aspen Gal	Talkin Man	Frankel	8-1
8	Beauty Halo (Arg)	Southern Halo	Walden	5-1
9	Chirimoya	Cobra King	Hushion	12-1

A troubled seventh as the favorite in the GIII Sabin H. Feb. 15, Smok'n Frolic overcame a bad start and a wide trip to win the GIII Next Move H. at Aqueduct Mar. 14. A disappointing second at odds-on in the GIII Bed O' Roses BC H. going a one-turn mile Apr. 17, she was forced to scratch out of the GIII Pimlico BC Distaff due to a bruised foot and missed some training thereafter, but has worked well since. Bear Fan rides a three-race winning streak into this effort with victories in the Feb. 14 GII Barbara Fritchie H., the restricted Irish O'Brien S. down the hill at Santa Anita Mar. 17 and this oval's GII Genuine Risk H. May 9. She recorded a career-best Beyer that afternoon and could be susceptible to a bounce today. **Molto Vita** returned from a 6 1/2-month absence to be second in Churchill allowance company May 19. She has a victory to her credit over this surface and could be the exotics kicker.



Saturday, Woodbine, post time: 4:31 p.m. EDT

NA	SSAU SGIII, C\$2	250,000, 3yo/up,	f/m, 1 1/16m	Т
PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WΤ
1	Dyna Da Wyna	Mr. Leader	Walden	117
2	First Quarter	Sky Classic	Day	115
3	Classic Stamp	Regal Classic	Hopmans Jr	119
4	Boana (Ger)	Goofalik	Attfield	115
5	Inish Glora	Regal Classic	Benson	121
6	Ocean Drive	Belong to Me	Pletcher	119

Saturday, Churchill Downs, post time: 5:44 p.m. EDT

DOG	DUGWUUD BREEDERS' CUP SGIII, \$150,000, 3yo, t, 8.5t				
PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WΤ	
1	Galloping Gal	Victory Gallop	McPeek	122	
2	Ender's Sister	A.P. Indy	Arnold	122	
3	Dynaville	Barkerville	Romans	114	
4	Song Track	Dixieland Band	Howard	114	
5	Family Business	Saint Ballado	Stewart	114	
6	Stellar Jayne	Wild Rush	Lukas	120	
5	Stonal Suyno		Lukuo	.20	

Saturday, Epsom, Britain, post time: 3:00 p.m.

VOD	VODAFONE DIOMED SG3, £75,000, 3yo/up, 1m 114ydsT				
SC PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WТ	
13	Passing Glance (GB)	Polar Falcon	A Balding	135	
2 10	Gateman (GB)	Owington (GB)	Johnston	133	
37	Leporello (Ire)	Danehill	P Harris	133	
4 11	Beauchamp Pilot (GB)	Inchinor (GB)	Butler	130	
58	Checkit (Ire)	Mukaddamah	Channon	130	
65	Duck Row	Diesis (GB)	Toller	130	
71	Dutch Gold	Lahib	C Brittain	130	
82	Parasol (Ire)	Halling	Loder	130	
9 12	Quito (Ire)	Machiavellian	Chapman	130	
10 6	Sublimity (Fr)	Selkirk	Stoute	130	
11 4	Vanderlin (GB)	Halling	A Balding	130	
12 9	Vespone (Ire)	Llandaff	bin Suroor	130	

Last year's G1 Prix Jean Prat and G1 Grand Prix de Paris winner Vespone comes here off seconds in the G1 Prix Ganay at Longchamp May 2 and G1 Premio Presidente della Repubblica in Rome May 16. As a result he is unpenalised, unlike Leporello, who looked in need of the run when third, attempting to give five pounds to Bandari (Ire) and **Parasol** in the Listed Huxley S. at Chester May 6. He looked one of his country's most promising horses last season before injury intervened during his success in the G3 Select S. at Goodwood in September.

RECENT TRIPLE CROWN TRIES

Year	<u>Derby/Preakness Winner</u>	Belmont Finish
2003	Funny Cide	3rd
2002	War Emblem	8th
1999	Charismatic	3rd
1998	Real Quiet	2nd
1997	Silver Charm	2nd
1989	Sunday Silence	2nd
1987	Alysheba	4th
1982	Pleasant Colony	3rd
2003 2002 1999 1998 1997 1989 1987 1982 1979	Spectacular Bid	3rd

Saturday, Churchill Downs, post time: 4:40 p.m. EDT KENTUCKY BREEDERS' CUP S.-GIII, \$125,000, 2yo, 5.5f

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WТ
1	Cat Tourn	Karen's Cat	Werner	115
2	Smoke Warning	Smoke Glacken	Romans	117
3	Maximus C	Coronado's Quest	Romans	117
4	Consolidator	Storm Cat	Lukas	115
5	Lunarpal	Successful Appeal	Asmussen	121

Winner of the Three Chimneys Juvenile S. on Derby Day, Lunarpal has dominated his opposition in two career starts, and he may not even be the best twovear-old in Steve Asmussen's barn. Stablemate Primal Storm posted an impressive victory in the GIII Flash S. at Belmont yesterday.

Saturday, Hollywood Park, post time: 12:50 p.m. PDT DESERT STORMER H.-GIII. \$100.000. 3vo/up. f/m. 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WΤ			
1	Ema Bovary (Chi)	Edgy Diplomat	Ross	123			
2	Coconut Girl	Cryptoclearance	Aguirre	115			
3	Jetinto Houston	Houston	Sadler	115			
4	Stormica	Storm Cat	G Mandella	115			
5	Hope Rises	Mr. Greeley	Ellis	116			

Ema Bovary returns from a brief break in search of her 10th straight victory. The Chilean-bred mare captured the GIII Las Flores H. Feb. 22 before defeating an outstanding field in the Vinery Madison S. Apr. 7 at Keeneland.

Today's Graded Stakes brought to you by



9:00a	Vodafone Diomed SG3, Epsom
10:50a	Prix Royaumont-G3, Chantilly
11:20a	Vodafone Derby SG1, Epsom
3:12p	Vagrancy HGII, Belmont Park
3:50p	Desert Stormer HGIII, Hollywood Park
3:52p	True North BC H. GII, Belmont Park
4:31p	Nassau SGIII, Woodbine
4:32p	Just a Game BC HGII, Belmont Park
4:40p	Kentucky BC SGII, Churchill Downs
5:12p	Riva Ridge BC SGII, Belmont Park
5:44p	Dogwood BC SGII, Churchill Downs
5:52p	Manhattan HGI, Belmont Park
6:38p	Belmont SGI, Belmont Park
8:17p	Honeymoon BC HGI, Hollywood Park
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Previews cont. Saturday, Chantilly, France, post time: 3:50 p.m. **PRIX DE ROYAUMONT-G3**, €73,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/2mT SC PP HORSE SIRE

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	3	Risque de Verglas (Fr)	Verglas (Ire)	Allen
2	7	Silverskaya	Silver Hawk	Rouget
3	8	Super Lina (Fr)	Linamix (Fr)	de Nicolay
4	5	Reverie Solitaire (Ire)	Nashwan	Laffon-Parias
5	4	Pink Palace (Ire)	Selkirk	Sepulchre
6	1	Toujours Amour (Ire)	Croco Rouge (Ire)	Rohaut
7	6	Grand Lili (GB)	Linamix (Fr)	Hammond
ΔΠ		rry 126 nounds		

All carry 126 pounds.

This represents the last chance for those looking to book their ticket for next Sunday's G1 Prix de Diane Hermes at this venue. Jean-Claude Rouget, who has the likely favorite Ask for the Moon (Fr) for that Classic, saddles the progressive Silverskaya, who beat Toujours Amours in the Listed Prix Caravelle at Toulouse last time May 3. Reverie Solitaire shaped with promise when winning a conditions event at Saint-Cloud last time Apr. 28 and commands respect.

Sunday, Hamburg, Germany **PFERDEWETTEN.DE DEUTSCHES STUTEN-DERBY -**146TH PREIS DER DIANA (GERMAN OAKS)-G1,

€:	€310,000, 3yo, f, 1 3/8mT				
SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	
1	13	Amarette (Ger)	Monsun (Ger)	Suborics	
2	2	La Ina (Ger)	Monsun (Ger)	de Vries	
3	15	Saldentigerin (Ger)	Tiger Hill (Ire)	R Quinn	
4	16	Freedom (Ger)	Second Empire (Ire)	Starke	
5	12	Vallera (Ger)	Monsun (Ger)	Minarik	
6	6	La Hermana (GB)	Hernando (Fr)	Botti	
7	4	Estefania (Ger)	Acatenango (Ger)	Hellier	
8	11	Sword Roche (Ger)	Laroche (Ger)	Mongil	
9	8	lduna (Ger)	Waky Nao (GB)	Richter	
10	7	Dalicia (Ger)	Acatenango (Ger)	Best	
11	14	Ahlefisia (GB)	Efisio (GB)	Goritz	
12	10	Song Of Night (Ger)	Tiger Hill (Ire)	Timpelan	
13	3	Give Me Five (Ger)	Monsun (Ger)	Chin	
14	5	Rawhide (Ger)	Monsun (Ger)	Hammer-Hansen	
15	1	Daytona (Ger)	Lando (Ger)	Boschert	
16	9	Cotrina (Ger)	Lavirco (Ger)	Pedroza	
Al	All carry 128 pounds.				

Sunday, Chantilly, France

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F	PRIX JEAN PRAT-G1 , €200,000, 3yo, c/f, 1 1/8mT						
8	SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY		
	1	3	Cacique (Ire)	Danehill	Stevens		
2	2	7	Ershaad	Kingmambo	Soumillon		
(3	8	Pearl of Love (Ire)	Peintre Celebre	Holland		
2	4	1	Charmo (Fr)	Charnwood Forest (Ire)	Pasquier		
Ę	5	2	Mister Sacha (Fr)	Tiger Hill (Ire)	Mendizabal		
6	3	6	Moscow Ballet (Ire)	Sadler's Wells	Spencer		
7	7	4	Alnitak	Nureyev	Lemaire		
8	3	5	Bago (Fr)	Nashwan	Gillet		
	All carry 128 nounds						

All carry 128 pounds.

Sunday, Chantilly, France

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY		
1	7	Baqah (Ire)	Bahhare	Bonilla		
2	2	Bright Abundance	Quiet American	Peslier		
3	4	Super Bobbina (Ire)	Daggers Drawn	Stevens		
4	1	Nyramba (GB)	Night Shift	Dettori		
5	9	Dolma (Fr)	Marchand de Sable	Lemaire		
6	6	Petit Calva (Fr)	Desert King (Ire)	Jarnet		
7	5	Miss Me (GB)	Marju (Ire)	Mendizabal		
8	8	Miss Mambo	Kingmambo	Soumillon		
9	3	Zona (Ity)	Mr Greeley	Esposito		
۸ ۱	All carry 122 pounds					

All carry 123 pounds.

Sunday, Chantilly, France

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PF	PRIX DU GROS-CHENE-G2 , €105,000, 3yo/up, 5fT							
SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WТ			
1	7	Porlezza (Fr)	Sicyos	Soumillon	131			
2	4	Avonbridge (GB)	Averti (Ire)	Holland	128			
3	9	The Tatling (Ire)	Perugino	Drowne	128			
4	1	The Trader (Ire)	Selkirk	Spencer	128			
5	3	Dobby Road (Fr)	Grape Tree Road (GB)	Spanu	125			
6	6	Socks For Glenn (GB)	Factual	Stevens	125			
7	2	Millybaa	Anabaa	Dettori	121			
8	5	Chineur (Fr)	Fasliyev	Legrix	121			
9	8	Miss Emma (Ire)	Key Of Luck	Peslier	121			

BELMONT STAKES COVERAGE **ON TELEVISION: SATURDAY, JUNE 5**





- Wire to Wire ESPN (5:30-6 a.m.) - Smarty Jones Triple Crown Challenge - ESPN2 (1-2 а.м. & 12-1 р.м.)
- Today at the Belmont Stakes ESPN (1-3:30 p.m.)
- Belmont Stakes Special ESPN (3:30-5:30 p.m.)
- Belmont Stakes Broadcast NBC (5:30-7 p.m.)
- Triple Crown 2004 ESPN2 (7-8 p.m.)

TRIPLE CROWN WINNERS

Year	Winner	Sire
1919	Sir Barton	*Star Shoot
1930	Gallant Fox	*Sir Gallahad III
1935	Omaha	Gallant Fox
1937	War Admiral	Man o′War
1941	Whirlaway	*Blenheim II
1943	Count Fleet	Reigh Count
1946	Assault	Bold Venture
1948	Citation	Bull Lea
1973	Secretariat	Bold Ruler
1977	Seattle Slew	Bold Reasoning
1978	Affirmed	Exclusive Nativ



(☆ PRIX DUJOCKEY-CLUB ☆)

NORD FACES SWEET 16

Moyglare Stud Farm's Relaxed Gesture (Ire) was the only withdrawal for tomorrow's G1 Prix du Jockey-Club at Chantilly. That leaves hot favorite Voix du Nord (Fr) (Valanour {Ire}) to head a near-maximum field of 17, the largest since Polytain (Fr) bested 16 rivals in 1992. The G1 Prix Lupin winner received a favorable inside draw in the four hole, the successful post of recent luminaries Montjeu (Ire) and Dalakhani (Ire). He is in good company down towards the rail; Lupin third Valixir (Ire) (Trempolino) has drawn stall one and the supplemented Day Flight (GB) (Sadler's Wells) is in two. Another supplementary entry, G3 Prix la Force winner Delfos (Ire) (Green Tune), has been less lucky with the draw in 13, but Sulamani (Ire) and Holding Court (GB) have managed to win from double-numbered stalls in recent years. His conditioner, Carlos Laffon Parias, also saddles G2 Prix Hocquart runner-up Prospect Park (GB) (Sadler's Wells), drawn in eight, and Yorik (GB) (Danehill), and he is looking forward to the challenge. But not all three are shooting for a victory. "Yorik will be used as a pacemaker," he told Paris-Turf. The ground remained soft yesterday, with drying weather expected over the weekend.

Sunday, Chantilly, France, post time: 5:40 p.m.

PRIX DU JOCKEY-CLUB-G1, €1,100,000, 3yo, c/f, 1 1/2mT

SC PP HORSE SIRE 1 2 DAY FLIGHT (GB) Sadle

Sadler's Wells

O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms; T-J Gosden; J-R Hughes; Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 2 wins, €34,432.

Last Start: WON May 13 Listed Glasgow S.

2 7 **REEFSCAPE (GB)** Linamix (Fr) O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms;T-Andre Fabre;

J-Gary Stevens; Lifetime Record: 7 starts, 2 wins, 4 places, €56,150.

Last Start: WON May 19 Listed Prix de l'Avre

 3 14 TOP OF THE BILL Lear Fan O-Sheilh Maktoum bin Rashid al Maktoum;
 B-Gainsborough Farm Inc; T-Andre Fabre; J-T Farina; Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €18,200.
 Last Start: WON May 12 Longchamp conditions race

4 16 MANYANA (IRE) <u>Alzao</u>

(65,000gns yrl '02 TATOCT)

O-Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum; B-C H Wacker; T-Marcus Tregoning; J-Martin Dwyer; Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €33,234. Last Start: WON May 18 Listed Predominate S.

5 10 BLUE CANARI (FR) Acatenango (Ger)
 O-Ecurie Jean-Louis Bouchard; B-Meridian Stud;
 T-Pascal Bary; J-Thierry Thulliez;

Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 1 win, 4 places, €37,900. Last Start: Third in May 19 Listed Prix de l'Avre

6 12 LORD DU SUD (FR) Linamix (Fr)
O-Mme B Hermelin; B-A Guerini; T-J-C Rouget; J-I
Mendizabal; Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 4 wins, $\in 87,850$.
Last Start: WON May 13 G2 Prix Hocquart
7 5 TOP SEED (IRE) Cadeaux Genereux (GB)
(€130,000 yrl '02 GOFORB)
O-John Livock Bloodstock Ltd; B-H Merry & J Dorrian;
T-Mick Channon; J-Ted Durcan;Lifetime Record:
13 starts, 1 win, 10 places, €108,330.
Last Start: Fourth in May 12 G2 Dante S.
8 1 VALIXIR (IRE) Trempolino
O-Lagardere Family; B-J-L Lagardere; T-A Fabre; J-Eric
Legrix; Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 3 wins, 2 places, €81,560.
Last Start: Third in May 16 G1 Prix Lupin
9 13 DELFOS (IRE) Green Tune
O-Leonidas Marinopoulos; B-Stilvi Compania Financiera
SA; T-Carlos Laffon-Parias; J-Frankie Dettori; Lifetime
Record: 4 starts, 3 wins, 1 place, €79,100.
Last Start: WON May 5 G3 Prix la Force
10 9 FIVE DYNASTIES Danehill
O-Susan Magnier & Michael Tabor; B-Pacelco SA &
Chelston Stud; T-Aidan O;Brien; J-J Spencer;
Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 1 win, 2 places, €21,542.
Last Start: Third in May 8 G3 Derby Trial S.
11 3 ANGE GARDIEN (IRE) King's Theatre (Ire)
(€80,000 yrl '02 DEAAUG)
O-Robert C Strauss; B-Kilfrush Stud Ltd;
T-Robert Collet; J-Christophe Soumillon;
Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 1 win, 3 places, €33,600.
Last Start: Second in May 19 Listed Prix de l'Avre
12 15 DAY OR NIGHT (GB) Daylami (Ire)
O/B-George Strawbridge; T-J Pease; J-Thierry Gillet;
Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 2 wins, 3 places, €66,845.
Last Start: Second in Apr. 25 G2 Prix Greffulhe
13 17 KING OF CRY (FR) Freedom Cry (GB)
O-Marquis de Villatoya; B-Chevington Stud;
T-Ramon Martin-Sanchez; J-Charles Nora;
Lifetime Record: 6 starts, 2 wins, 3 places, €37,325.
Last Start: Fifth in May 13 G2 Prix Hocquart
14 8 PROSPECT PARK (GB) <u>Sadler's Wells</u>
O/B-Wertheimer & Frere; T-C Laffon-Parias; J-O Peslier;
Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 2 wins, 3 places, €71,350.
Last Start: Second in May 13 G2 Prix Hocquart
15 6 YORIK (GB) Danehill
O/B-Wertheimer & Frere; T-Carlos Laffon-Parias; J-M
Blancpain; Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 2 places, €8,800.
Last Start: Third in Apr. 30 Chantilly conditions race
16 11 ALCINOS (FR) Highest Honor (Fr)
O/B-Baron Thierry de Zuylen de Nyevelt;
T-David Smaga; J-Stephane Pasquier;
Lifetime Record: 8 starts, 1 win, 4 places, €27,920.

Last Start: Fifth in May 16 G1 Prix Lupin

17 4 VOIX DU NORD (FR) Valanour (Ire) O/B-Baron Thierry de Zuylen de Nyevelt; T-David Smaga; J-Dominique Boeuf; Lifetime Record: 8 starts,

4 wins, 4 places, €320,440.

Last Start: WON in May 16 G1 Prix Lupin All carry 128 pounds. SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2004





★ NEWYORK ★

Yesterday's Results:

7th-BEL, \$56,000, Alw, C, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:47, fm. 1--UNION PLACE, 116, h, 5, <u>Out of Place</u>--Charming

- Kain, by Lomond. O/B-William Sorokolit (FL); T-Randy Schulhofer. Lifetime Record: GSW, 30-5-8-0, \$377,330.
- 2--L'Oiseau D'argent, 116, g, 5, Silver Hawk--Isla Del Rey, by Nureyev.
- 3--**Miesque's Approval**, 118, h, 5, Miesque's Son--Win Approval, by With Approval.

Margins: 3/4, 1 1/4, NK. Odds: 5.90, 2.00, 5.20. The winner of the 2002 GIII Calder Derby, Union Place took a Gulfstream turf allowance to kick off his four-year-old campaign, but was in search of his first victory in 10 starts since then. A tired ninth off a fivemonth layoff in a Gulfstream optional claimer Mar. 12, the bay bounced back to fill out the exacta at 50-1 in the GIII Fort Marcy H. over the Aqueduct lawn Apr. 24 and was most recently second to next-out stakes winner Quantum Merit in a local optional claimer May 9. Union Place prompted the easy pace of L'Ouiseau d'Argent, responded when asked and outfinished the pacesetter for the win.

8th-BEL, \$46,000, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:34 3/5, fm.

SEDUCER'S SONG (f, 3, Unbridled's Song--Seducer {MSW & GSP, \$238,770}, by Housebuster), sixth in his Feb. 15 bow at Gulfstream, improved to third Mar. 7 and graduated in his latest, winning by three lengths going two turns in South Florida Apr. 4. Trying the turf for the first time in this spot, the homebred colt was rated along by jockey Jose Santos, got a rail run into the stretch and closed well from that position to decision dead-heaters Seven Moons (Jpn) (Sunday Silence) and High Speed Access (Kingmambo) by a half length. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$50,960.

O/B-Peter F Karches (KY). T-Christophe Clement.

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HONOR POINT (f, 3, Honor Grades--Taine, by Sir Ivor), the half sister to Puzzlement (Pine Bluff). MGSW & MGISP, \$717,590, debuted with a 1 1/4-length score at Aqueduct Apr. 16 and followed up with a solid runner-up finish in her first start against winners going a mile May 2. A troubled sixth in her latest going 6 1/2 furlongs May 15, the homebred was a 9-1 chance stretching back out to this distance. With the pace from the outset, the chestnut tugged her way to the front after four furlongs, was tackled by Gold Dancer (Allen's Prospect) at the head of the lane and outbattled that foe to win it by a neck. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$61,900.

O/B-Joseph V Shields Jr (FL). T-H Allen Jerkens.

4th-BEL, \$44,000, Msw, 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 2:01 1/5, fm.

SECOND PERFORMANCE (c, 3, Theatrical {Ire}--Pedicure, by Mr. Prospector), a half brother to Buff (Pleasant Tap), MSW & MGSP, \$646,468, never factored in a pair of main-track maidens to begin his career, but has improved with a switch to the turf. A good third in his first try over that surface at Gulfstream Feb. 4, the \$50,000 KEESEP yearling purchase most recently completed the trifecta with blinkers and Lasix added at Belmont May 22. Drawing in off the also-eligible list for this, he was well placed while saving ground down the backstretch, found room at the hedge turning for home, got through and arrived home two lengths to the good of favored Settle Up (Kris S.). Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-2, \$37,720.

O-William Bloom, John T Behrendt & Charles K Marquis. B-Cherry Valley Farm, Llc (KY). T-David G Donk.

STAKES CLOSINGS today, saturday, june 5:

06-19 \$300,000 **Ogden Phipps H.-I, Bel**, 3yo/up, f/m, 8.5f (300)

- STOP
- 06-19 \$500,000 Massachusetts H.-II, Suf, 3yo/up, 9f (100)
- 06-19 \$150,000a Aristides Breeders' Cup H.-III, CD, 3yo/up, 6f (150)
- 06-19 \$200,000 James B. Moseley Breeders' Cup H., Suf, 3yo/up, 6f (100)
- 06-19 \$175,000 **Susan's Girl Breeders' Cup, Del**, 3yo, f, 8.5f (175)

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New York Report cont.

3rd-BEL, \$44,000, Msw, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:48 3/5, ft. PHILANTHROPIST (c, 3, <u>Kris S.</u>--Hidden Reserve {MGSP, \$203,629}, by Mr. Prospector) rallied from a double-digit margin against the bias to finish four lengths third in his Apr. 10 debut going seven furlongs at Aqueduct then turned in a solid effort on the stretchout, checking in second going 8 1/2 panels at this oval May 6. Hammered down to 2-5 while adding slightly more distance, the handsome chestnut was ridden along with a half mile to run, raced wide on the far turn, was joined by Confirmed (Unbridled's Song) at the eighth pole and outgamed that rival by a head. It was another 7 3/4 lengths back to Bandit Nailhead (Siphon {Brz}) in third. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$39,300. O/B-Ogden Mills Phipps (KY). T-C R McGaughey III.



Son of Surfside Debuts:

The next generation is here. Overbrook Farm homebred Shark (Danzig), the first foal from 2000 champion three-year-old filly Surfside (Seattle Slew), is set to make his career debut in Churchill's sixth race, a 5 1/2-furlong test for two-year-olds. Trained by D. Wayne Lukas, the bay has posted several sharp drills, including a half-mile breeze in :47 2/5 May 24 at Churchill. Robby Albarado has the mount aboard Shark, who will break from post seven. Surfside, winner of the GI Frizette S. and the GI Hollywood Starlet S. at two, captured the GI Santa Anita Oaks and the GI Las Virgenes S. early in her three-year-old season. She missed the summer due to injury, but returned to be second in the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff before defeating older males in the GII Clark H. en route to earning an Eclipse Award. Surfside herself was the first foal from champion Flanders (Seeking the Gold).

Yesterday's Results:

8th-CDX, \$47,900, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:23 2/5, ft.

LENATAREESE (f, 3, Broad Brush--Eubee {Fr} {SP-Fr}, by Common Grounds {GB}) broke her maiden for an \$80,000 tag over this track last Nov. 11 then went to the sidelines following a respectable fifth-place finish in the GIII Golden Rod S. Nov. 29. The \$55,000 KEESEP yearling closed to be third in her seasonal debut May 14 and was the 7-2 second choice to get back in the win column here. Midpack early, she was guided over to the inside entering the far turn, took control into the stretch and was all out to hold off Twilight Gallop (Victory Gallop) by a half length. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$57,805.

O-Brad Anderson. B-Flaxman Holdings Ltd (KY). T-David M Carroll.

\star EAST \star

Yesterday's Results:

7th-WOX, \$72,200, Alw, NW2X, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:46, ft.

NIGHT SKY (g, 3, Gold Case--Evening Hush {SW}, by Saint Ballado), successful on his two juvenile starts, including the restricted Sunny's Halo S. Nov. 16, had made just one appearance in 2004, finishing a distant sixth in the May 8 Queenston S. over seven furlongs. Trying a route of ground for the first time, the bay gelding sat just off the early pace, bid for the lead midway on the turn, drew clear past midstretch and held on late to beat Shadow Hawk (Mr. Prospector) by 3/4 of a length as the 3-2 favorite. The winner was reportedly a \$30,000 ADNMAR two-year-old purchase. Lifetime Record: SW, 4-3-0-0, \$142,200.

O-Stronach Stable. B-Adena Springs (ON). T-Daniel J Vella.

5th-MTH, **\$44,548**, **Alw**, Opt. Clm. (\$45,000), NW3X, 3yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:41 2/5, ft.

QUIGLEY (c, 4, Indian Charlie--Scratch Dancer, by Nae-vus) climbed through his first two allowance conditions over the Aqueduct inner track this winter, taking six-furlong events by 2 1/2 lengths Mar. 7 and by 1 1/4 lengths Mar. 23, but was coming into this off a sixth-place effort sprinting at Delaware Park May 5. Trying two turns for the first time as the 4-5 chalk, the bay colt chased the early pace from third, poked a head in front after six furlongs and sprinted away in the stretch to defeat Oration (Deputy Minister) by four lengths. Lifetime Record: 7-4-0-1, \$98,964.

O-Puglisi Stables. B-Freddy Lewis Jr (KY). T-Steve Klesaris.

8th-CRC, \$23,000, Alw, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:42 2/5, fm.

SHOREY VILLAGE (f, 3, Theatrical {Ire}--Shiny City Shoes, by Carson City) showed some speed in her Apr. 23 debut at Calder before drifting back to finish seventh of eight. The bay turned it all around in her latest, rallying from just off the pace to register a head success over this turf May 9 and was bet down to 2-1 favoritism to make it two straight. A \$220,000 KEESEP yearling purchase, she relaxed off the pace from fourth, angled out four wide for the drive and outfinished Sweet Little Avie (Lord Avie) for a 3/4-length victory. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$27,320.

O-Eugene & Laura Melnyk. B-Nursery Place & Partners (KY). T-William P White.

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East Report cont.

6th-WOX, \$58,800, Msw, 3&4yo, f, 6fT, 1:09, fm. + SHAUNAVON (f, 3, El Prado {Ire}--Sweet and Steady {SP}, by Steady Growth), a \$200,000 KEEJUL yearling purchase, was sent off at odds of 8-1 to score at first asking and did so nicely. A full sister to Sweet and Ready, GSW, \$251,598; and a half to Sweet and Firm (Peteski), MSP, \$165,510, the grey filly stalked the pace outside of pacesetting Azure Spring (Open Forum), took over from that rival approaching the final furlong and drove clear to a 3 1/2-length victory. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$35,280.

O-James & Alice Sapara. B-Dr K K & Dr V Devi Jayaraman (KY). T-Josie Carroll.

2nd-MTH, \$37,000, Msw, 2yo, f, 5f, :58 2/5, ft. +WILD CHICK (f, 2, Forest Wildcat--Open Window, by Trempolino) was made the lukewarm 5-2 favorite to take this track's first juvenile event of the new season and did not disappoint. The homebred filly jumped well to pressure the early pace while racing just off the rail. The Florida-bred took command for good at the threeeighths marker, began to pull clear in upper stretch and went on to defeat Joyous Song (American Chance) by 2 1/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$22,200. O/B-New Farm (FL). T-Benjamin W Perkins Jr.

\star CENTRAL \star

Thursday Night's Results:

1st-EVD, \$20,250, Msw, (S), 2yo, 4 1/2f, :52, ft. +MR. EXCELLENT (c, 2, Excavate--Blue Missile, by Yes I'm Blue), a \$11,000 LOUSEP yearling purchase, sported a worktab dotted with bullets and was part of an entry favored at 3-5. Away best of all from the twohole, the chestnut sprinted clear and was never threatened in a 10 1/4-length victory. The final time was 2/5 of a second off the track record. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$12,150.

O-Brittlyn Stable Inc & Doris Hebert. B-Jackie D Huckabay Md (LA). T-Doris Hebert.

Yesterday's Results:

4th-LAD, **\$23,500**, **Msw**, 3&4yo, f, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft. + **HAPPY TICKET** (f, **3**, **Anet--Love and Happiness, by Septieme Ciel**) overcame a sluggish start to win by open lengths. Bet down to 3-5 for her debut, the homebred filly advanced steadily down the backstretch, assumed command in upper stretch and powered clear to score by 9 3/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$14,100.

O/B-Stewart Mather Madison (LA). T-Andrew Leggio Jr.

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Barretts June Catalog On-Line:

Barretts has announced that 138 horses have been catalogued for the Summer Sale of Horses of Racing Age and Two-Year-Olds in Training, which will take place June 29 at the Hinds Pavilion in Pomona, California. The training preview will be held June 28. Among the sires represented are Deputy Minister, Dynaformer, General Meeting, Grand Slam, In Excess (Ire), Langfuhr, Smart Strike, Unbridled's Song and Wild Rush. The catalogue may be viewed on-line at www.barretts.com.

\star INDUSTRYINFO \star

"Mayne Event" Raises \$10K for Charities:

The "Mayne Event", a charity event held Tuesday night to benefit NTRA Charities and the Ronald McDonald House, attracted over 200 attendees and raised more than \$10,000 for the two charities. Held at the BLVD Club in New York City and hosted by ESPN personality Kenny Mayne, the event also featured "Sopranos" star Tony Sirico and celebrity bartenders including jockeys Aaron Gryder and John Velazquez.



First-time starters/stakes runners: Saturday, June 5

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

CRAFTY FRIEND (Crafty Prospector), Hopewell, \$8K, 173/25/2 11-CD, Msw, 1mT, +Spiked Temp, \$19K TEX MAR 2yo, 15-1 EXPLOIT (Storm Cat), Taylor Made, \$25K, 159/30/2 6-DEL, Msw, 6f, +Notable Act, \$170K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1 FORESTRY (Storm Cat), Taylor Made, \$50K, 136/21/5 9-BEL, Stk, 7f, Forest Danger, \$900K FTF FEB 2yo, 6-5 9-BEL, Stk, 7f, Teton Forest, \$285K FTS AUG yrl, 4-1 LIL'S LAD (Pine Bluff), , \$, 107/22/1 9-PRM, Stk, 1m, Pick of the Pack, 9-5 MALIBU MOON (A.P. Indy), Castleton Lyons, \$3K, 123/21/2 11-BEL, Stk, 1 1/2m, Caiman, \$3K KEE NOV wnl, 50-1 1-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Cerulean Moon, 8-1 STANDING ON EDGE (Deputy Minister), Beau Ridge, \$500, 22/3/0 1-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Cielo's Edge, 10-1 **TIME BANDIT** (Time for a Change), Ryders, \$3K, 33/8/2 9-BEL, Stk, 7f, Stolen Time, 15-1 VICTORY GALLOP (Cryptoclearance), Winstar, \$15K, 144/31/2 10-CD, Stk, 1 1/16m, Galloping Gal, \$50K KEE SEP yrl, 5-1 5-MTH, Msw, 1m, +Triumphant Potion, \$20K KEE SEP yrl 6-CD, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Jazzy Gallop, \$45K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1 WILD EVENT (Wild Again), Bridlewood, \$8K, 87/19/1 8-CBY, Stk, 6f, Frosty Event, \$9K ARZ OCT yrl, 5-1 3-CRC, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Aclassysassylassy, \$32K OBS APR 2yo



FRESHMAN FOCUS

First-crop progeny to watch: Saturday, June 5 Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2001 Fee, #2yos/Winners/SW Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

ANEES (Unbridled), Dead, \$, 44/0/0 9-CRC, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Cagney, \$4K KEE SEP yrl 6-CD, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Proud Journey, \$90K KEE SEP yrl, 5-1 BERNSTEIN (Storm Cat), Buck Pond, \$8K, 35/0/0 4-AP, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Rugula, \$11K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1 **DIXIE UNION** (Dixieland Band), Lane's End, \$30K, 52/1/0 6-CD, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Straw Hat, 5-1 HIGH YIELD (Storm Cat), Ashford, \$25K, 84/0/0 9-CRC, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Stormy Jim, \$160K KEE JAN yrl KAREN'S CAT (Storm Cat), Hampton, \$3K, 20/1/0 8-CD, Stk, 5 1/2f, Cat Tourn, \$20K TEX DEC wnl, 15-1 MORE THAN READY (Southern Halo), Vinery, \$15K, 61/3/0 4-AP, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Ask Molly, \$60K OBS MAR 2yo, 6-1 3-LS, Msw, 5f, +Ready Ruler, 5-1 SUCCESSFUL APPEAL (Valid Appeal), Walmac, \$5K, 45/3/2 8-CD, Stk, 5 1/2f, Lunarpal, 4-5 SWEETSOUTHERNSAINT (Saint Ballado), Ocala, \$3K, 51/0/0 9-CRC, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Father Tom UNBRIDLED JET (Unbridled), Country Life, \$8K, 67/0/0 1-CT, Msw, 41/2f, +Guffaw, \$2K EAS SEP yrl, 3-1 WHY CHANGE (Time for a Change), End of Trail, \$2K, 10/0/0 6-CD, Msw, 5 1/2f, Thenardier, 20-1

\star AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS \star

IN BRITAIN: Cut Short, f, 3, <u>Diesis (GB)</u>. See "Britain."

IN ITALY: Tenderlit, f, 2, Lit de Justice. See "Italy" Golden Stravinsky, c, 2, <u>Stravinsky</u>. See "Italy"



$\star BRITAIN \star$

Saturday, Epsom, post time: 2:30 p.m.

VODAFONE WOODCOTE SListed, £35,000, 2yo, 6fT					
SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WΤ
1	5	Gortumblo (GB)	Sri Pekan	Ffrench Davis	126
2	3	Obe Gold (GB)	Namaqualand	Channon	126
3	7	Royal Island (Ire)	Trans Island (GB)	Johnston	126
4	4	Adoration (GB)	Royal Applause (GB)	Johnston	123
5	8	Blue Marble (GB)	Fraam (GB)	C Brittain	123
6	1	Screwdriver (GB)	Entrepreneur (GB)	Hannon	123
7	2	Next Time (Ire)	Danetime (Ire)	Polglase	118
8	6	Victoria Peek (Ire)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Nicholls	118

Woodcote S. cont.

Royal Island looked a smart type when running away with his maiden at Beverley May 8 and when following up in a conditions event at Newcastle 12 days later. He may have most to fear from **Gortumblo**, who impressed with the manner in which he took a Goodwood maiden on his debut May 18.

Yesterday's Results:

Haydock, 7.35, Mdn, £9,010, 2yo, 6fT, 1:17.35, gd/sf. +WHERE WITH ALL (IRE) (c, 2, Montjeu {Ire}--Zelding {Ire} {GSW-Fr, \$122,949}, by Warning {GB}) broke smartly from the gate and disputed the running until edging into a slight lead at the quarter-mile marker. The 100-30 second choice was pushed into a more commanding advantage at the eighth pole and ran on well for tender handling in the closing stages, despite exhibiting signs of inexperience, to account for market rival Wasalat (Bahri) by a comfortable 2 1/2 lengths. He becomes the second winner for his freshman sire (by Sadler's Wells). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £5,857. O-Godolphin; B-Kilfrush Stud; T-Saeed bin Suroor.

Goodwood, 8.30, Mdn, £8,580, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:39.92, gd/fm.

CUT SHORT (f, 3, <u>Diesis {GB}</u>--Sun and Shade {GB} {SP-US}, by Ajdal), a full to Daggers Drawn, MGSW-GB, \$141,057, was fifth in a seven-furlong maiden at this track on her debut May 19. She stalked the early pace in third before quickening to the front passing the three-furlong marker. Driven out in the closing stages, the 5-2 pick responded to pressure to hold Nouveau Riche (Ire) (Entrepreneur {GB}) by 1½ lengths. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £5,577.

O/B-Cliveden Stud Ltd; T-John Gosden.

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Goodwood, 6.50, Mdn, £7,435, 2yo, 6fT, 1:13.51, gd. + DUBAWI (IRE) (c, 2, Dubai Millennium {GB}--Zomaradah {GB} {Hwt. Older Mare-Ire at 9.5-11f, Hwt. Older Mare-Ity at 11-14f, G1SW-Ity, GSW & GISP-NA, GSW-Ire, \$658,827}, by Deploy {GB}), the first representative on the track for his ill-fated sire, was sent off the 11-4 second choice on his keenly anticipated debut. He missed the kick at the start, but soon closed up to stalk the fractions set by Qadar (Ire) (Xaar {GB}). Shaken up passing halfway, he was switched wide for his challenge by Frankie Dettori and jinked away from the whip before straightening up for the drive. Responding to his rider's urgings, he quickened to get on top with 100 yards remaining before asserting to beat Fox (GB) (Diktat {GB}) by a comfortable 1 1/4-length margin. "Dubawi ran very well on his first outing to win and will have learned from the experience," commented Saeed bin Suroor. "He will be a nice horse in the future." Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £4,833. Click for the racingpost.co.uk chart.

O-Godolphin; B-Darley; T-Saeed bin Suroor.



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Yesterday's Results: PREMIO ALESSANDRO PERRONE-Listed, €53,550, Rome, 6-4, 2yo, f, 5 1/2fT, 1:05.60, gd/sf.

1--TENDERLIT, 123, f, 2, Lit de Justice
1st Dam: Tender Moment, by Torrential
2nd Dam: Nonoalca (Fr), by Nonoalco
3rd Dam: Madina (Fr), by Beau Prince (GB)
(\$5,700 yrl '03 KEEJAN). O-Scuderia Razza
Dell'Olmo; B-Foxfield; T-Riccardo Menichetti; J-Dario
Vargiu; €29,750. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1,
€54,060.

2--Polly Alexander (Ire), 123, f, 2, Foxhound--Fiveofive (Ire), by Fairy King. €13,090.

3--Shalimar (Ity), 123, f, 2, College Chapel (GB)--Picadora (Ity), by Primo Dominie (GB). €7,140.
Margins: 2HF, NO, 3/4. Odds: 3.65, 2.44, 0.83.
Also ran: Golden Sensation (Ire), Live And Learn (Ity), Lasika (GB), Seel (GB).

Tenderlit has raced solely at this track, getting off the mark in a conditions race May 9 before picking up a third and a win in two similar contests before the end of the month. Stalking the dueling leaders throughout the early stages here, she swooped to the front inside the final eighth under a hand ride from Dariu Vargiu.

PREMIO ALBERTO GIUBILO-Listed, €53,550, Rome, 6-4, 2yo, c/g, 5 1/2fT, 1:05.60, gd/sf.

1--GOLDEN STRAVINSKY, 123, c, 2, by <u>Stravinsky</u>
1st Dam: Shagadellic, by Devil's Bag
2nd Dam: Gold Hearted, by Mr. Prospector
3rd Dam: Cold Hearted, by The Axe II
(\$15,000 yrl '03 FTKOCT). O-Scuderia Golden Horse;
B-Berkshire Stud & Oak Cliff Stable; T-Marco &
Giuliano Fratini; J-Dario Vargiu; €29,750. Lifetime
Record: 4-3-0-1, €60,435.

- 2--Catwalk Cleric (Ire), 123, c, 2, Orpen--Ministerial Model (Ire), by Shalford (Ire). (€16,000 wnl '02 GOFNOV; 26,000gns yrl '03 DONSEP). €13,090.
- 3--**Patapan**, 123, c, 2, Stravinsky--Pappa Reale (GB), by Indian Ridge (Ire). €7,140.

Margins: 2, 3/4, 5. Odds: 1.01, 3.90, 3.37. Also ran: Bold Terms, So Vain (Ity), Mister Fasliyev (Ire), Golden Pyramid (Ire), Peppone (Ity).

Golden Stravinsky wired this contest to confirm his status as one of Italy's best two-year-olds of 2004 thus far. He has only tasted defeat once, when not equipped with a tongue tie in a conditions race won by Patapan at this track May 16. Either side of that event he had impressed when breaking his maiden here May 1 and taking a five-furlong conditions contest at Milan May 23. Always in command wide from the rail here, the colt quickened impressively when asked by Dario Vargiu to sprint clear of Patapan, who weakened in the final eighth and lost second to the fast-finishing Catwalk Cleric.

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

2nd-WOX, \$67,800, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:47 1/5, ft.

SIX JIGGLES (f, 4, <u>Saratoga Six</u>--Java Girl, by Houston) Lifetime Record: 18-3-1-1, \$118,414. O-Box Arrow Farm. B-Rob Gillingham (KY). T-Gordon C Colbourne.

8th-WOX, \$61,600, NW2L, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 4/5, ft.

BOLDEST OF ALL (f, 4, Bold Executive--Mar Tie, by Lost Code) Lifetime Record: SW, 5-2-1-1, \$133,331. O-Stubbs Investment Inc. B-Anthony B Russo (ON). T-Rita A Schnitzler. *\$15,000 yrl '01 CBSSEP; \$38,628 2yo 2002 ONTMAY.

9th-CDX, \$52,900, NW2X, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:35 4/5, fm. SHAKE THE BANK (c, 4, Sandpit {Brz}--Silver Spool {SW, \$136,050}, by Strike Gold) Lifetime Record: 15-3-2-1, \$125,166. O-Silverton Hill Llc. B-John A Wayt (KY). T-Darrin Miller.

6th-MTH, \$51,000, NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft.

MARIONETTE (m, 5, Two Punch--Judaire {MSW, \$186,798}, by Explodent) Lifetime Record: 9-3-4-1, \$121,520. O-Susan & John Moore. B-Bright View Farm, Inc (NJ). T-James A Jerkens. *\$100,000 yrl '00 FTMOCT. **1/2 to Madam President (Mr. Leader), MSW, \$294,643; and Fresh Aire (Time For a Change), SW & GSP, \$114,690.

8th-MTH, \$43,000, Opt. Clm. (\$45,000), NW3X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:42 2/5, gd. JACQUI'S PROMISE (f, 4, Loup Sauvage--Lady Carson {SW, \$126,298}, by Carson City) Lifetime Record: 12-4-2-1, \$110,616. O-Double H Stable. B-Highland Farms, Inc (KY). T-Alan E Goldberg. *\$75,000 2yo 2002 OBSAPR.

7th-MTH, \$39,000, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09 1/5, ft.

THEN SHE LAUGHS (f, 3, <u>Distorted Humor</u>--Dances With Quack {MSP}, by Sovereign Dancer) Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-2, \$63,140. O-Vincent Papandrea. B-Edition Farm (NY). T-Martin E Ciresa. *Won by 10 1/4 lengths.

8th-CTX, \$36,500, 6-3, NW3L, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:48 4/5, ft.

SPINDINI (c, 3, Prenup--Anna Lucasta, by Lydian {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-0, \$62,342. O-West Racing Stable. B-Rene' K Moore (WV). T-Marion L Cuttino. 7th-BMX, \$33,852, 6-3, NW2X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09, ft. COURT'S IN SESSION (h, 5, Petersburg--Crafty Court {SW}, by Crafty Native) Lifetime Record: 27-6-6-7, \$164,395. O-Wind River Stables. B-Mr & Mrs Guy C Roberts (WA). T-Brian J Koriner.

7th-PIM, \$30,000, NW3X, 3yo/up, 5fT, :55 4/5, fm. YANKEE WILDCAT (g, 6, Forest Wildcat-Yankee Maid, by Miswaki) Lifetime Record: 21-4-4-1, \$89,568. O/B-Mrs Frank P Wright (MD). T-Timothy J Tullock Jr.

10th-LAD, \$27,160, 6-3, C, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:23 1/5, ft. RECORD ASSEMBLY (c, 4, Record Catch--Assembly Time, by Noble Assembly) Lifetime Record: SW, 23-5-7-3, \$120,005. O/B/T-Charles P Hukill (TX).

4th-PIM, **\$27,000**, NW2X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft. **ARTILLERY MAN (c, 4, Carnivalay--Miss Rolla Punch, by Two Punch)** Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-2, \$60,185. O/B-Mrs Frank P Wright (MD). T-Timothy J Tullock Jr.

9th-CRC, **\$26,000**, NW1X, 3yo/up, 5f, :59 1/5, ft. **DIRTYMOPOSSE (c, 3, Minister's Mark--Ballet Corps, by Sir Jinsky)** Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-0, \$44,265. O-Griffith Racing. B-Donna & Greg Griffith (FL). T-Gregory A Griffith.

4th-CRC, **\$25,000**, NW2X, 3/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12 2/5, ft. **SILVER LACE (f, 4, Silver Deputy--Aroz, by Fappiano)** Lifetime Record: SP, 6-3-1-1, **\$54,964**. O-Mt Joy Stables Inc. B-Morven Stud, Ltd (KY). T-Bennie F Stutts Jr. ***\$37,000 wlng '00 KEENOV; \$52,000 yrl '01 KEESEP**.

8th-LAD, \$25,000, 6-3, NW2L, 3yo/up, f/m, a1m 70yds (off turf), 1:44 2/5, ft.

SAPPHIRES N HALOS (f, 3, Southern Halo--Dark Sapphire {Ire}, by Danehill) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$23,520. O-Cheyenne Stables LIC & Don McNeill. B-Don McNeill (KY). T-Donnie K Von Hemel.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

- + Highland Willows, f, 2, Highland Ruckus--Winding Willows, by Bucksplasher. WOX, 6-4, (C), 4 1/2f, :53 4/5. B-Wynnwood Farms (ON).
- Abagontop, f, 3, Abaginone--Takeitoffthetop, by Smart Alec. BEL, 6-4, (S), 7f, 1:24 4/5. B-Phyllis Sallusto (NY).
- Spicy Light, f, 3, Colony Light--Really Spicy, by Really Awesome. CRC, 6-4, 1 1/16mT, 1:43 4/5. B-J D Farms (FI).
- Jojo Marie, f, 3, Gold Token--Sly Stylist, by Sovereign Dancer. MTH, 6-4, (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:44 4/5. B-Mrs Helen M Napolitano (FI). *\$8,000 yrl '02 OBSAUG; \$23,000 2yo 2003 OBSAPR.

Kingofthecourt, g, 3, Halory Hunter--Marfie, by Marfa. HOL, 6-3, (C), 6 1/2f, 1:17. B-E & D Enterprises & W S Farrish (FI). *\$2,500 wlng '01 KEENOV; \$5,000 yrl '02 KEESEP; \$18,000 2yo 2003 BESMAY. **1/2 to Red Scare (Red Ransom), GSP, \$205,891.

- Come On Jazz, c, 3, Jambalaya Jazz--Come On Louise, by Iron Courage. APX, 6-4, (C), a1 1/8mT, 1:57 4/5. B-Charles Nuckols Jr & Sons (Ky).
- Academic Queen, f, 3, <u>Royal Academy</u>--Zitkala (SW, \$181,431), by Regal Classic. PIM, 6-4, 1 1/8mT, 1:50 2/5. B-North Wales Llc (Ky). *\$70,000 yrl '02 FTSAUG.
- Camp On Wood, f, 3, Signal Tap--Woodman's Diplomat, by Woodman. WOX, 6-4, (C), 7f, 1:25 1/5.
 B-Questroyal Stable, Inc, Edward F Simpson & Joan T Simpson (NY). *\$5,000 yrl '02 OBSJAN.
- Smoken Smoke, g, 3, Smoke Glacken--Key to the Sauce (SP), by Forbidden Pleasure. CDX, 6-4, (C), 6f, 1:10 2/5. B-Ralph Stroope (Ky).
- Arrabell Rose, f, 4, Not for Love--Louie Louise, by Eclipso. CTX, 6-3, 7f, 1:32. B-Ballymena Farm (Md).

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

BRITAIN, Thirsk, 2.05, 6-4, £6,600, 2yo, 5fT, 0:59.75, gd/fm.

BECKERMET (IRE) (g, 2, Second Empire {Ire}--Razida {Ire} {MGSP-Ire}, by Last Tycoon {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, £8,724. O-Great Head House Estates Ltd; B-Fritz von Ball Moss; T-R Fisher. *€12,500 yrl '03 TATIRE.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ Bryan Gold (Ire), c, 2, Bahhare--Shining Desert (Ire), by Green Desert. Naples, Italy, 6-3, Mdn, unraced 2yo, c/g, 5fT. B-Andy Miller. *800gns yrl '03 TATOCT.

Valencia (Fr), f, 3, Croco Rouge (Ire)--Valverda, by Irish River (Fr). Toulouse, France, 6-3, Cond, 3yo, 1 1/2mT. B-Petra Bloodstock Agency. *1/2 to Valley Quest (GB) (Rainbow Quest), SW-Fr.

Reservoir (Ire), g, 3, Green Desert--Spout (GB) (MGSW-GB, \$205,896), by Salse. Goodwood, Britain, 6-4, Mdn, 3yo, 1 3/8mT. B-Lord Rothschild. *125,000gns yrl '02 TATOCT.

Protective (GB), c, 3, Hector Protector--You Make Me Real, by Give Me Strength. Haydock, Britain, 6-4, Mdn, 3yo/up, 11f 200ydsT. B-P Onslow. *1/2 to Camargo (Ire) (Brief Truce), GSW-Ire, MSP-US, \$149,728.

- Miss Porcia (GB), f, 3, Inchinor (GB)--Krista (GB), by Kris (GB). Thirsk, Britain, 6-4, Mdn, 3yo, 7fT. B-C N & Mrs Hart. *4,500gns 2yo '03 TATFEB.
- Carte Noire (GB), f, 3, Revoque (Ire)--Coffee Cream (GB), by Common Grounds (GB). Thirsk, Britain, 6-4, Mdn, 3yo, 7fT. B-A H & C E Robinson Partnership.

A (C) will be used for maiden-claiming races, an (S) for state-breds and an (R) for other restricted races.







JUST A LI'L PIECE OF HISTORY REPEATING by Christina Bossinakis

Today, John Servis will attempt to become the second trainer to win the Triple Crown with a horse that has never been beaten. It has been a wild ride, one few can understand better than Billy Turner.

Turner guided the great Seattle Slew through a Triple Crown campaign that saw him become the 10th threeyear-old to sweep all three races, and the first to exit the series undefeated.

But the feat was far from easy. Turner has first-hand experience with what can and will go wrong during a Triple Crown campaign. The first anxious moments came before the Kentucky Derby. Sent off the 1-2 favorite, a cantankerous Seattle Slew nearly unseated jockey Jean Cruguet at the start, but he had his mind on running when the gate opened and went on to win handily.

It was relatively smooth sailing at Pimlico. Slew fought off free-running Cormorant and battled to beat Iron Constitution, finishing the Preakness in a time just two-fifths of a second slower than the track record. He was poised for the final leg challenge in the Belmont S.

But the media were watching closely as Turner prepared his colt for the "Test of the Champion." They questioned him when he opted to give the colt just two modest works between the Preakness and Belmont, but Turner knew his horse.

"That horse was fit enough to run around the world six times," Turner remarked. "I worked him a mile twice before the Belmont to get some of the energy out of him. The horse didn't need much, it was just to take the edge off."

He added, "I was very confident in the horse. As long as the horse was healthy, I was at ease with the world. If he hadn't been healthy, if he had any leg problems or wasn't eating well, it would have been a different story. I would have been so nervous and upset."

Turner's final priority was to map out the smoothest route to the starting gate on race day. Looking to conserve the colt's pent-up energy and avoid the hectic paddock scene as long as possible, Turner opted to bring Seattle Slew over from the backstretch 10 to 15 minutes after the rest of the field.

He blamed an obstacle course of parked cars he had to negotiate between the barn area and the paddock, but that was just an excuse.

"I had trouble getting around all the cars, but that was only a little bit of truth," said Turner. "They made the mistake that year of letting the extra cars park in the stable area. There were even cars in the tunnel leading to the paddock. That's a mistake they didn't make again. "But the main reason we were late was that I didn't want him to spend so much time in the paddock. Before the Belmont, there is a long scene in the paddock, with horses walking around and around and around. That was not going to play into our hands, having Seattle Slew around the energy of the crowd, where it built to the point that he wanted to explode."

How did Turner come to time his arrival to perfection?

"We had the luxury of TV, and we were just sitting back at the barn watching the scene, $% \left({{{\left[{{T_{\rm{s}}} \right]}}} \right)$

watching the horses milling around in the paddock," he explained. "It was still about 20 minutes to post time, and they put the camera on Mickey Taylor. He turned to the person standing next to him and you could read his lips as clear as day. He was saying, 'Where the (expletive) is he?'

"I looked at my crew and said, 'Well, I guess it's time to go. I had it timed. It took eight minutes to get to the paddock, and about one minute to put the tack on him. We were right on time for the post parade. We waited until the stage was set, and put on the show."

Sent off the 2-5 choice over seven rivals in the 1977 Belmont, Seattle Slew galloped off to a four-length win, becoming the second of three Triple Crown winners of the decade. Affirmed was crowned the 11th Triple Crown champ just a year later. Can Smarty Jones add his name to this illustrious list?

"If everything goes right, [Smarty Jones] should be the 12th Triple Crown winner," said Billy Turner. He should know.



GOLDEN GORSE, 18, His Majesty--Golden Petal, by Mr. Prospector Foal born Apr. 22, a colt by War Chant. Will be bred back to Cat Thief. Owned by DJ Stable. Boarded at Taylor Made Farm, Ky. Accomplishments: Dam of Lear Spear (Lear Fan), G1SP-HK, MGSW & G1SP-Eng, SP-UAE, \$441,934-Eng.

TAYSHA, 20, Habitat--Tremogia (Fr), by *Silver Shark
Foal born Apr. 22, a filly by Soviet Star.
Will be bred back to Fantastic Light.
Owned by Razza Pallorsi.
Boarded at Victor Stud, Ireland.
Accomplishments: Dam of Tayari (Ire) (Mujtahid), SW-Fr.

HOT SALSA, 10, Thirty Eight Paces--Bardip, by Barrera Foal born Apr. 23, a colt by Maria's Mon. Will be bred back to Pulpit. Owned by Lochlow Farm. Boarded at Herbener Farm, Ky. Accomplishments: SW of \$259,582.