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ONE EYE ON THE WEST VIRGINIA DERBY

A field of nine will line up to contest Saturday's \$600,000 GIII West Virginia Derby at Mountaineer Park, with **Pollard's Vision** (Carson City) aiming to annex his third graded victory. The one-eyed colt's impressive 2



Pollard's Vision
Horsephotos

3/4-length tally in the GII Illinois Derby in early April punched his ticket to the GI Kentucky Derby, where he failed to fire over a washed-out surface, finishing next to last. He rebounded to fill the place spot in the June 12 GII Ohio Derby before a professional win in the GIII Leonard Richards S. at Delaware. The Todd Pletcher

trainee has been installed as the 9-5 morning-line favorite and will have Eibar Coa in the irons. Second to Pollard's Vision in the Leonard Richards was the quick **Britt's Jules** (Jules). The gray has been campaigned mostly in Louisiana, where he captured a trio of minor stakes this year, including a 6 3/4-length win in the June 26 Excalibur S., before wading into graded waters in his latest. Despite the loss to Pollard's Vision, trainer Eric Guillot is confident his charge can turn the tables. "The Mountaineer surface favors early speed, and my horse has plenty of that," said Guillot. "[Post six] is right where we want to be, close to the middle of the field. I think we have a great shot at winning." Jockey Corey Lanerie gets the call.

Saturday, Mountaineer Park

WEST VIRGINIA DERBY-GIII, \$600,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Rockem Sockem	Ulises	Houghton	113
2	Avid Skier	Appealing Skier	Lester	111
3	Pollard's Vision	Carson City	Coa	119
4	Line of Scrimmage	Line in the Sand	Pereira	111
5	Mister Fotis	Diligence	Castro	111
6	Britt's Jules	Jules	Lanerie	113
7	Sir Shackelton	Miswaki	Bejarano	117
8	Ecclesiastic	Pulpit	Castillo	111
9	Fantasticat	Storm Cat	Borel	111

WHERE THERE'S SMOKE THERE'S FIRE

Jockey John Velazquez and trainer Todd Pletcher teamed up to dominate Saratoga last summer and the pair have gotten off to a similar start in 2004. Leading in their respective categories this year, Pletcher and Velazquez will try to keep the momentum going in Friday's six-furlong GII Honorable

Miss H. with the five-year-old **Smok'n Frolic** (Smoke Glacken). Third in the 2003 renewal, Smok'n Frolic is coming off a fifth in the July 4 GII Molly Pitcher Breeders' Cup H. at Monmouth and trying to win for the first time since taking the Big A's GIII Next Move H. in mid-March. "She ran well in the Honorable Miss last year," Pletcher said. "So, we decided to give her another shot. She may be better suited from seven furlongs to a mile and a sixteenth; however, she has also raced against better, too." Pletcher acknowledges Smok'n Frolic's lackluster effort in the Molly Pitcher, but thinks the Dogwood colorbearer will rebound. "She did not fire at all," Pletcher said. "She has been known to do that on occasion. It seems she has bounced from that and has been training well since. We're pretty enthusiastic about her here. If there is a good pace scenario up front, then she has a good shot in picking up the pieces."



Smok'n Frolic
Benoit photo

Friday, Saratoga

HONORABLE MISS H.-GII, \$150,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Ebony Breeze	Belong to Me	Bailey	115
2	Summer Mis	Summer Squall	Sterling	115
3	Savorthetime	Gilded Time	Sellers	115
4	Travelator	A. P Jet	Gryder	113
5	Cognony	Go for Gin	Alvarado	113
6	My Trusty Cat	Tale of the Cat	Day	115
7	Smok'n Frolic	Smoke Glacken	Prado	116
8	Yell	A.P. Indy	Velazquez	115
9	Belong to Sea	Belong to Me	Castellano	113



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 **NORTH AMERICA** 

★ **SARATOGA** ★

SAARLAND TO HILL 'N' DALE GSW Saarland (Unbridled--Versailles Treaty, by Danzig) has been retired from racing and will stand the 2005 breeding season at John Sikura's Hill 'n' Dale Farm near Lexington, Kentucky. Bloodstock agent Emmanuel de Seroux purchased an 80-percent interest in the five-year-old on behalf of Jess Jackson, owner of Kendall-Jackson wineries. Cynthia Phipps, who raced the bay through four seasons, will retain a 20-percent interest in the horse. A winner of two of five starts at two, including the GII Remsen S. at Aqueduct, Saarland placed in the GIII Gotham S. over that same track at three. Second to champion Aldebaran in last year's GI Metropolitan H., Saarland also finished in the money in the GII Brooklyn H. and the GIII Westchester H. Second again in this term's Westchester, Saarland rounded out his career with a runner-up finish in a Belmont allowance June 27. Trained by Shug McGaughey, Saarland retires with five wins and five seconds from 21 starts and earnings of \$595,250.

Yesterday's Results:

- NEW YORK STALLION S.**, \$250,000, SAR, 8-4, (R), 3yo, 1 1/8m, 1:50 4/5, ft.
1--#**CHOWDER'S FIRST, 119, c, 3, Let Goodtimes Roll--Stay Loose, by Unbridled.** O-Inniscarra Stable Inc; B-Wonderland Breeding LLC (NY); T-Philip M Serpe; J-E S Prado; \$150,000. Lifetime Record: 8-3-0-1, \$225,672.
2--**West Virginia, 123, c, 3, Tomorrows Cat--Wild and Wonderful, by Kennedy Road.** O-Donald S & Roberta Mary Zuckerman. \$50,000.
3--**Pay Attention, 121, c, 3, Take Me Out--That's Ravishing, by Big Spruce.** O-Scott M Schwartz. \$25,000. Margins: NK, 9HF, NK. Odds: 6.50, 0.50, 5.30.
Also Ran: Absolutely Joe, Heathrow, Icicle Charlie, Ron Greschner, Scooty.
Scratched: Dylans Destiny, Golden Derek

Chowder's First rolled home a nine-length winner in the Belmont slop against state-bred allowance foes May 19 before faltering and finishing eighth over that turf course June 13. A disappointing ninth when returned to the dirt last time in the New York Derby at Finger Lakes July 17, the roan was let go at generous 6-1 odds for another attempt at stakes competition. Close up to a modest early pace, the colt mounted his challenge from the outside and took on heavily favored West Virginia, who was looking to collect a lucrative bonus with a win. But Chowder's First had other things on his mind and he slowly cut into his rival's advantage before passing him late en route to a narrow score. "He's moving forward," said winning trainer Phil Serpe. "The only thing that Edgar [Prado] needed to do was get some position going into the turn, and he did. He let the horse relax and he knew he would have horse when he called on him."

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STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, THURSDAY, AUGUST 5:

- 08-14 \$150,000 **La Jolla H.-II, Dmr, 3yo, 8.5fT (150)**
08-15 \$200,000 **Pat O'Brien Breeders' Cup H.-II, Dmr, 7f (150)**
08-15 \$150,000 **Best Pal-II, Dmr, 2yo, 6.5f (150)**

TOMORROW, FRIDAY, AUGUST 6:

- 08-14 \$1,000,000 **Arlington Million-I, AP, 3yo/up, 10fT (30000s)**
08-14 \$750,000 **Beverly D.-I, AP, 3yo/up, f/m, 9.5fT (20000s)**
08-14 \$400,000 **Secretariat-I, AP, 3yo, 10fT (14000s)**

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(Saratoga cont.)

5th-SAR, \$50,000, Alw, NW3X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m, 1:51, ft.

1--**DAYDREAMING**, 116, f, 3, **A.P. Indy**--Get Lucky (GSW, \$157,760), by Mr. Prospector. O/B-Ogden Mills Phipps (KY); T-Claude R McGaughey III. Lifetime Record: GISP, 8-4-0-2, \$178,400. *Full to Accelerator, GSW, \$414,908.

2--**Cloakof Vagueness**, 121, f, 4, El Prado (Ire)--Moving Picture, by Alysheba. (\$77,000 yrl '01 KEESEP).

3--**Shadow Cast**, 115, f, 3, Smart Strike--Daily Special, by Dayjur.

Margins: HF, 5 1/4, 6 1/4. Odds: 0.95, 3.30, 5.40.

Daydreaming, third in last year's GI Spinaway S. over this track, placed in this season's one mile-GIII Comely S. Apr. 9 before romping by nine lengths going a furlong longer at Belmont May 6. Fifth in the GI Mother Goose S. following a seven-week layoff, Daydreaming was backed down to 4-5 favoritism for her return to softer company. Settled near the back following a rough start, the bay launched her bid four wide on the turn, mowed down a game Cloakof Vagueness in the final furlong and inched clear for the score.

6th-SAR, \$48,000, Alw, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:41, fm.

PLENTY (f, 3, **Boundary**--Scads, by **Forty Niner**) came home a 1 3/4-length winner in her turf debut at Belmont May 30 and was nosed out of the win in her latest going a furlong shorter there July 3. Sent off the 3-2 choice this time, the chestnut took command early, held a narrow advantage throughout and drew clear in the run to the wire, scoring by 1 1/4 lengths over 7-1 shot High Speed Access (Kingmambo). Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$70,450.

O/B-Claiborne Farm (KY). T-Steven W Young.

7th-SAR, \$47,000, Alw, NW1X, 2yo, 6 1/2f, 1:18, ft. **STORM SURGE** (c, 2, **Storm Cat**--Especially, by Mr. Prospector), a neck winner in his debut at Churchill Downs May 29, was a hard-fought second to the tough and talented Lunarpal in the slop in the GIII Bashford Manor S. July 5. Sent off the 5-2 second choice this time, the half to Boston Common (Boston Harbor), MGSW & GISP, \$609,317, settled near the back of the pack early, closed the gap, while racing three wide on the turn and surged to the fore late to record a 1 1/2-length victory over Wild Nature (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}). Lifetime Record: GSP, 3-2-1-0, \$89,270. O/B-Overbrook Farm (KY). T-Dallas Stewart.

3rd-SAR, \$45,000, Msw, 2yo, 5f, :58 3/5, ft. +**UPSCALED** (c, 2, **Sir Cat**--Limestone Landing, by **Red Ryder**) was let go at almost 6-1 odds for his debut and gave 4-5 choice Storied Cat (Tale of the Cat) all he could handle. In front early, the colt fought off his game challenger in the late stages and held that foe at bay by a head at the wire. The \$65,000 KEESEP yearling and \$425,000 OBSFEB juvenile is a half to It'sallinthechase (Take Me Out), SW & MGSP, \$192,160. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$27,000. O-Robert B & Beverly J Lewis. B-Walter B Mills (KY). T-Todd A Pletcher.

9th-SAR, \$42,000, Msw, (S), 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:42 4/5, fm.

CONFIDENT CAT (c, 3, **Artax**--Confidently, by **Storm Cat**), in the money in three of four previous starts, including a third-place finish in the mud at Belmont last October. Off since, the bay was sent off the lukewarm 5-2 choice for his return to the races. Never far from the front, Confident Cat gained control on the second turn and showed plenty of grit late to eke out a half-length win over Incredible Speed (Incurable Optimist). Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-1, \$48,570. O/B-Mary & Chester Broman Sr (NY). T-John C Kimmel.

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★ CENTRAL ★

Yesterday's Results:

3rd-APX, \$30,000, Msw, (S), 3&4yo, f, 6f, 1:13 1/5, sy.

+ AIRPORT KATE (f, 4, Well Decorated--Clairleen, by It's Freezing), let go at generous 9-1 odds for her debut, raced close up four wide, gained command on the turn and drew clear late to score by 1 3/4 lengths over Royal Canyon (Royal Roberto). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,000.

O/B-George H Hubbard (IL). T-Frank J Kirby.

★ INDUSTRY INFO ★

Blood-Horse Offers Free Subscriptions to Legislators:

Blood-Horse Publications, in an effort to educate Kentucky legislators about the Thoroughbred industry, is providing each member of the Bluegrass State's Senate and House of Representatives with an annual subscription to *The Blood-Horse*. "The future of the commercial horse business in Kentucky is not a God-given right," said Stacy V. Bearse, president and CEO of Blood-Horse Publications. "I recently visited Belle Meade Plantation in Nashville. In 1904, Belle Meade was the oldest and largest Thoroughbred farm in the nation. However, legislative actions changed the climate for breeding and racing in Tennessee, forcing the industry to migrate north. [It's] a reminder that we must be proactive to ensure that commercial horse breeding has a bright future in the Commonwealth." The subscription campaign was inspired by the formation of the Kentucky Equine Education Project (KEEP), a new alliance formed to educate Kentucky residents and legislators on the importance of the horse industry to the state's economy.

TDN TODAY

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★ DEL MAR ★

Imperialism Possible for Del Mar Derby:

GI Kentucky Derby third-place finisher **Imperialism** (Langfuhr), off since a disappointing fifth in the May 15 GI Preakness S., is gearing up for his return and may make his next start in the Sept. 6 GII Del Mar Derby on the grass. "I'm not going to push him," said trainer Kristin Mulhall. "But he's doing well, and the Derby is not out of the question." The gray, who is set to work a half mile over Del Mar's main track today, has two seconds in three turf efforts, all at Calder.


House of Fortune Primed for Hirsch:

House of Fortune (Free House) brought a smile to the face of trainer Ron McAnally as she concluded a strong gallop around Del Mar's main track yesterday. The dark bay, who's coming off a compelling three-length victory in the GII Hollywood Breeders' Cup Oaks June 12, will be going against older fillies and mares for the first time in Sunday's GI Clement L. Hirsch H. "She's very consistent and has run badly only in the slop at Churchill Downs," said McAnally, referring to the three-year-old's eighth-place effort in the Apr. 30 GI Kentucky Oaks. House of Fortune has won three of five starts this year while pushing her earnings to over a half-million dollars. On the worktab Wednesday was Hirsch hopeful and MGISW **Star Parade (Arg)** (Parade Marshal), winner of the July 11 GI Milady Breeders' Cup H. in her most recent at Hollywood. The five-year-old zipped five furlongs in :59.80 for trainer Darrell Vienna. **Royally Chosen** (In Excess {Ire}), another expected to line up for the Hirsch, breezed five panels in 1:00.60.

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A # will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, a @ will indicate first-time graded stakes-winners, a ▲ will denote a first-time Grade/Group 1 winner, a + will first-time starters, an (S) will be used for state-bred races, a (C) will be used for maiden-claiming races and an (R) will be used for other restricted races. Purses for Canadian races are in Canadian dollars.

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AZERI, Winner of the **Go For Wand H. (GI)** August 1
O-Allen D Paulson Living Trust; B-Allen E Paulson (KY); T-D Wayne Lukas
Sold Keeneland September 1999 for \$110,000; Earnings now \$3,569,820
Consigned by Jonabell Farm Inc., Agent; Purchased by Heatherway Inc, Agent

CHOCTAW NATION, Winner of the **San Diego H. (GII)** August 1
O-Robert D Bone; B-Loch Lea Farm Inc (KY); T-Jeff Mullins
Sold Keeneland September for \$35,000; Earnings now \$241,800
Consigned by Loch Lea Farm Inc., Agent; Purchased by Bruce Headley



Del Mar Report cont.

ESCONDIDO H., \$79,000, DMR, 8-4, (R), 3yo/up, 1 3/8mT, 2:12 4/5, fm.
 1--**SARAFAN**, 121, h, 7, Lear Fan--Saraa Ree, by Caro (Ire). (\$90,000 yrl '98 KEESEP). O-Gary A Tanaka; B-Stratford Place Stud (KY); T-Neil D Drysdale; J-C S Nakatani; \$47,400. Lifetime Record: GISW-US, SW & MGSP-Eng, GSP-Ire, G1SP-Jpn, 37-10-9-4, \$1,538,179. *1/2 to Hagwah (Dancing Brave), MSW-Eng, SW & GSP-Ire, \$113,657.
 2--**Gene de Campeao (Brz)**, 116, h, 5, Khatango--Zarzamora (Brz), by Our Captain Willie. O-Bandeirantes Stable. \$15,800.
 3--**Outta Here**, 114, c, 4, Dehere--Just Out, by Forty Niner. (\$37,000 yrl '01 KEESEP). O-William L Currin & Alvin Eisman. \$9,480.
 Margins: 1HF, 1, 1HF. Odds: 0.70A, 9.40, 5.70.

Sarafan had shown an affinity for the Del Mar sod before, taking three of his four previous races over the surface, including the 2002 GI Eddie Read H. The globetrotting gelding had trouble finding the winner's circle of late, however, going winless in five 2004 starts that included a 10th in the G1 Dubai Duty Free H. in March and a 12th in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup at Sha Tin in late April. He returned to be a solid second in the GII American H. at Hollywood July 4 before regressing to be seventh in the latest edition of the Eddie Read July 25. A stalking third here as Leprechaun Kid (Alphabet Soup) kept Gene de Campeao honest up front, Sarafan angled out and drew clear late.

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN BRITAIN:

Wilko, c, 2, **Awesome Again**. See "Britain."
Spy King, c, 2, **Distant View**. See "European Breeders' Edition."
Aesculus, f, 3, **Horse Chestnut (SAf)**. "See Britain."
Dawn Surprise, f, 3, **Theatrical (Ire)**. See "Britain."
Night Sight, g, 7, **Eagle Eyed**--El Hamo, by Search for Gold. Pontefract, 8-4, Hcp, 3/up, 10f 6ydsT. B-Davis, Costello, Dolan & Ryan. *1/2 to Exquisite Mistress (Nasty and Bold), MSW & GSP, \$118,642; A Number One (Star Choice), MSP, \$175,697. **18,000gns HRA '00 TATAUT; Ir160,000gns yrl '98 GOFORB.

IN FRANCE:

Slamy, f, 2, **Grand Slam**. See "European Breeders' Edition"
Montecarmelo, c, 2, **Lear Fan**. See "France."

FRESHMAN FOCUS

First-crop progeny to watch: Thursday, August 5

Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2001 Fee, #2yos/Winners/SW
Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)
DIXIE UNION (Dixieland Band), Lane's End, \$30K, 52/3/0
 4-SAR, Msw, 5f, +J P Jewel, \$350K FTS AUG yrl, 6-1
MORE THAN READY (Southern Halo), Vinery, \$15K, 61/6/1
 4-SAR, Msw, 5f, +More Moonlight, 9-2
 4-SAR, Msw, 5f, +Ready's Gal, \$120K KEE SEP yrl, 7-2
STRAIGHT MAN (Saint Ballado), Dunhill, \$5K, 76/7/0
 7-ELP, Msw, 5f, +Senorita Rosa, \$45K OBS JUN 2yo, 4-1
YES IT'S TRUE (Is It True), Padua, \$10K, 70/6/2
 4-SAR, Msw, 5f, Missile Bay, \$125K OBS FEB 2yo, 5-1

SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT

First-time starters/stakes runners: Thursday, August 5

Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2000 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW
Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)
EXPLOIT (Storm Cat), Taylor Made, \$25K, 159/38/3
 7-ELP, Msw, 5f, +Precise Accusation, \$75K BAR MAY 2yo, 6-1
GOOD AND TOUGH (Carson City), Lakland, \$6K, 82/27/0
 4-SAR, Msw, 5f, +One Good Gal, \$165K OBS FEB 2yo, 10-1
MENIFEE (Harlan), Stone, \$15K, 84/22/2
 5-ELP, Msw, 5f, +Mayan Milagra, \$19K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1
TACTICAL CAT (Storm Cat), Overbrook, \$10K, 115/25/3
 5-ELP, Msw, 5f, +Devious Cat, 10-1

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BREEDERS' CUP STAKES CLOSINGS

	CLOSES	TRACK	RACE	CONDITIONS	PURSE	RUNS
	8-14	AP	Arlington Breeders' Cup Oaks (GIII)	3yo, f, 1 1/8m	\$150,000	8-21

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★  EUROPE ★

ALEC STEWART DIES Newmarket conditioner Alec Stewart died yesterday morning after a long illness, aged 49. Stewart was famed for his training of dual G1 Eclipse S. scorer Mtoto (GB) and GI Canadian International hero Mutamam (GB) from his base at Clarehaven Stables. "It's very sad," jockey Richard Hills told *PA Sport* yesterday. "I have known him all my racing career. He was a great friend, a greater trainer and will be sadly missed." Stewart acted as assistant to Harry Thomson-Jones from 1978 to 1982 before taking up his licence the following year. He enjoyed major success with Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid al Maktoum's Mtoto in the 1987 Eclipse when that colt beat Epsom Derby winner Reference Point (GB). He returned the following year to record back-to-back successes in that race before beating Unfuwain in the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond S. and finishing runner-up in the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. He also saddled Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum's **Wagon Master (Fr)** (Rainbow Quest) to finish third in the King George in 1994 and in 2001 captured the Woodbine feature with that same owner's Mutamam in an incident-packed renewal.

SULAMANI HAS YORK DATE Godolphin will point **Sulamani (Ire)** (Hernando {Fr}) at the G1 Juddmonte International S. at York Aug. 17. Racing Manager Simon Crisford told the *Racing Post* that the five-year-old, who finished third in the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond S. on his last start at Ascot July 24, will drop back in trip for the extended 10-furlong contest. "Sulamani runs in the International providing the ground isn't too firm," Crisford told the *Post*. "After that race we will review where we are with him."

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BEND HEADS QEII ENTRY Godolphin's **Refuse to Bend (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells) yesterday headed the 55-strong entry for the £250,000 G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. at Ascot Sept. 25. After finishing down the field in the G1 Sussex S. at Goodwood last time July 28, the four-year-old was reported "absolutely fine" by Racing Manager Simon Crisford and is being aimed at the one mile contest. Elite Racing Club's **Soviet Song (Ire)** (Marju {Ire}), who reversed the form of the G1 Queen Anne S. with Refuse to Bend when taking the Sussex S. last time, is another high-profile entry alongside the Duke of Roxburghe's **Attraction (GB)** (Efisio {GB}), who may renew rivalry with Soviet Song after finishing runner-up to that filly in the G1 Falmouth S. at Newmarket July 6. Gary Tanaka's G1 Prince of Wales's S. scorer **Rakti (GB)** (Polish Precedent), the Niarchos Family's G1 Prix Jean Prat and G1 Grand Prix de Paris winner **Bago (Fr)** (Nashwan) and Juddmonte Farms' G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains (French 2000 Guineas) hero **American Post (GB)** (Bering {GB}) are other notables in the entry.

★ BRITAIN ★

Yesterday's Results:

Brighton, 4.10, Hcp, £32,700, 3yo/up, 7f 214ydsT, 1:33.21, fm.

AESCULUS (f, 3, Horse Chestnut {SAf}--Crafty Buzz {SW}, by Crafty Prospector) had failed to score so far this term and was sent off at 12-1 to end the record run of the 4-5 pick Masafi (Ire) (Desert King {Ire}), who had rattled up seven wins in the space of 17 days last month. Settled in midpack early, she challenged inside the final eighth and passed Flint River (GB) (Red Ransom) in the final 25 yards to score by a neck. Masafi, who stalked the early pace before staying on at one pace inside the final quarter to finish fifth, is due a break now. "The horse has done extremely well and can have a nice rest now," commented owner-breeder Graham Waters. Lifetime Record: 10-2-1-2, £24,484. O-Duke of Devonshire; B-Lord Hartington; T-Luca Cumani.

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British Report cont.

Yarmouth, 7.45, Cond, £5,130, 2yo, 7f 3ydsT, 1:28.70, gd/fm.

WILKO (c, 2, Awesome Again--Native Roots {Ire}, by Indian Ridge {Ire}) was third in the Listed Chesham S. at Royal Ascot June 19 and the G3 Superlative S. at Newmarket July 8 before finishing runner-up to Shamardal in the G2 Vintage S. at Goodwood on Wednesday. Dropped in class for this confidence boost, the chestnut was settled in the slipstream of Shrine Mountain (Distorted Humor) off a steadily building pace and quickened to pass that rival with 250 yards remaining. The 1-6 pick was always holding Shrine Mountain in the closing stages to score by a half length. Wilko was a \$35,000 KEENOV weanling and a \$75,000 KEESEP yearling. Lifetime Record: MGSP-Eng, 7-2-1-3, £33,147. O-Susan Roy; B-Ro Parra; T-Jeremy Noseda.

Kempton, 8.00, Mdn, £17,120, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:39.15, gd/fm.

DAWN SURPRISE (f, 3, Theatrical {Ire}--Lignify {Arg} {G1SW-Arg}, by Confidential Talk), fifth behind the smart Peeress (GB) in a competitive Newmarket handicap last time July 6, broke well and stalked the pace in second before being committed with quarter of a mile remaining. Driven out to assert in the closing stages, the 11-4 punters' choice had 1 ½ lengths to spare over Welcome Stranger (GB) (Most Welcome {GB}) at the line. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, £20,220. O-Godolphin; B-Gainsborough Stud Management LLC; T-Saeed bin Surour.

Pontefract, 4.20, Mdn, £8,620, 2yo, 6fT, 1:19.28, gd/fm.

REQQA (GB) (c, 2, Royal Applause {GB}--Kangra Valley {GB}, by Indian Ridge {Ire}), sixth in a York maiden on his debut July 10, stalked the early pace in fifth before being asked to close at halfway. Striking the front with quarter of a mile remaining, he was pushed out to go clear and record an impressive five-length success from Yajbill (Ire) (Royal Applause {GB}). The 160,000gns TATHOU yearling and 18,000gns TATDEC weanling is a half brother to Airwave (GB) (Air Express {Ire}, Hwt. 2yo Filly-Eng, G1SW-Eng, \$507,000). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £5,603.

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum; B-R T and Mrs Watson; T-Mark Johnston.

★ IRELAND ★

FALLON RIDES DAMSON

Susan Magnier's unbeaten filly **Damson (Ire)** (Entrepreneur {GB}) will be partnered by Kieren Fallon when she takes on the colts in Sunday's G1 Independent Waterford Wedgwood Phoenix S. at The Curragh. Conditioner David Wachman reported the G3 Queen Mary S. scorer to be "in great shape" ahead of the six-furlong contest, where she is likely to face the G3 Anglesey S. first and second **Oratorio (Ire)** (Danehill) and **Cougar Cat** (Storm Cat) from the Aidan O'Brien stable. "The G1 Prix Morny [at Deauville Aug. 22] may be an option if she takes the race well next weekend, but there are plenty of races for her," Wachman told *PA Sport*.

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- **VINDICATION** - Eclipse Champion 2-yr-old by Seattle Slew.





★ FRANCE ★

GREEN LIGHT FOR BRUNEL

Highclere Thoroughbred Racing's **Brunel (Ire)** (Marju {Ire}) is on course for a tilt at Sunday's G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest at Deauville, for which 27 entries remained yesterday. The G2 Mehl-Mulhens-Rennen winner, fifth in the G1 St James's Palace S. at Royal Ascot June 15, reverts in trip for the 6 1/2-furlong sprint. "Brunel showed so much speed when making all in the Listed Free H. at Newmarket over seven furlongs [Apr. 14] that we have every hope he will do well at this trip," the syndicate's Managing Director Harry Herbert said. "He continues to make progress physically and his home work is excellent, having improved since Ascot." Among the remaining entries are the G1 July Cup first and second **Frizzante (GB)** (Efisio {GB}) and **Ashdown Express (Ire)** (Ashkalani {Ire}), while the home team is headed by **Whipper** (Miesque's Son), who has been off the track since finishing fifth in the G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket May 1.

Yesterday's Results:

PRIX DES JOUVENCEAUX ET DES JOUVENCELLES-

Listed, €45,000, Vichy, 8-4, 2yo, 7fT, 1:29.17, sf.

1--#**OZONE BERE (FR)**, 124, f, 2, by Verglas (Ire)

1st Dam: **Ajab Alzamaan (GB)**, by Rainbow Quest

2nd Dam: **Alwathba**, by Lyphard

3rd Dam: **d'Arqueangel**, by Raise a Native

(€85,000 yrl '03 DEAAUG). O-Jean-Claude Seroul;

B-SNC Regnier, San Gabriel Inv. Inc.; T-Jean-Marie

Capitte; J-Thierry Gillet; €22,500. Lifetime Record:

4 starts, 3 wins, 1 place, €37,400. * 1/2 to Shuwaib

(GB) (Polish Precedent), SW-Fr, GSP-Ger & SP-Eng.

2--**Louvain (Ire)**, 124, f, 2, Sinnidar (Ire)--Flanders (Ire),

by Common Grounds (GB). €9,000.

3--**Ascot Dream (Ire)**, 124, f, 2, Pennekamp--Kafayef,

by Secreto. (€18,000 yrl '03 GFOCT). €6,750.

Margins: HF, 2, 3/4. Odds: 9.00, 0.90, 10.00.

Also Ran: Reine d'Opale (Fr), Kappelmann (Fr), All Bar

One (Fr), Mahelia (Fr).

Prix des Jouvenceaux et Des Jouvencelles cont.

Ozone Bere had taken two of her three outings at Marseille-Borely, but had been off the track since winning over six furlongs June 23. Stepped up in trip for her stakes debut, she traveled easily in a stalking second before quickening to hit the front approaching the eighth pole. Challenged by Louvain in the closing stages, she was always holding that rival to record a comfortable success.

Vichy, 8.15, Cond, €17,000, 2yo, 5fT, 59.50, sf.

MONTECARMELO (c, 2, Lear Fan--Yafill, by Nureyev),

runner-up in a debutantes race at Saint-Cloud on his debut July 4, was sent off the 7-10 favorite. Stalking the early pace, he quickened to cut down the long-time leader Little Farm (Fr) (Kendor {Fr}) at the eighth pole before asserting to score by 3/4 of a length. The winner is a half brother to Hula Queen (Irish River {Fr}, GSW, \$217,520) and Loving Pride (Quiet American, GSW-Fr). Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €12,100.

O-Sheikh Maktoum bin Rashid al Maktoum;

B-Gainsborough Farm Inc; T-Carlos Laffon-Parias.

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-MTH, \$42,476, NW2X, 3/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft.

SOCIAL SECURITY (f, 4, Notebook--Aleutian Gold, by

Prospectors Gamble) Lifetime Record: 21-5-3-3,

\$91,580. O-Aaron Gilman. B-Two Sisters Stable (FL).

T-Joseph H Pierce Jr. * 1/2 to River Power (Alaskan

Frost), SW, \$254,865.

8th-APX, \$33,950, NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m

(off turf), 1:54, my.

SARA'S TUNE (f, 3, Evansville Slew--Rajab's Tune, by

Rajab) Lifetime Record: 12-5-2-0, \$86,700. O-Betty

Kenner & Joseph Woit Jr. B-Mike Campbell D (IL).

T-George A King.

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8th-FEX, \$26,300, 8-3, NW3L, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:18 4/5, ft.

BLUE RIDGE LINDA (f, 3, **Thats Our Buck--Hors de La Loi, by Salem Drive**) Lifetime Record: 10-4-2-1, \$58,943. O-Michael Barkowski. B-H J Dietrich (FL). T-Thomas M Agosti.

3rd-ELP, \$26,000, NW1X, 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT, 1:03, fm.
FOOT TRICK (c, 3, **Mazel Trick--Kelly Amber {MSW, \$233,159}**, by **Highland Park**) Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-1, \$49,177. O/B-Copeland Dreabon (KY). T-Bernard S Flint. *1/2 to Wilcrest (Houston), SW, \$120,174; Grab Your Heart (Deputy Commander), SW-Jpn.

9th-ELP, \$26,000, NW2L, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT, 1:03, fm.

LILA KAY'S ROSE (f, 3, **Canaveral--Evelyn's Rose {SW}**, by **Prince Astro**) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$29,300. O-Lila K Bailey. B-Edward E Bailey (KY). T-Bobby C Barnett.

3rd-SUF, \$22,000, NW1\$R9MX, 3yo/up, a1m70ydT, 1:44 3/5, fm.

MILKY WAY GUY (h, 6, **Skip Trial--Milky Way Gal {SW, \$203,807}**, by **Valid Appeal**) Lifetime Record: MSP, 32-12-5-2, \$189,520. O-Yasou Stable Trust. B-I Arthur Appleton (FL). T-Charles Assimakopoulos.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **The Finagler**, c, 2, **Holy Mountain--Tara's Flame**, by Stutz Blackhawk. WOX, 8-4, (C), 6 1/2f, 1:19. B-Lori Ellen Blanchard (FI). *\$9,500 yrl '03 OBSAUG.

I'm Sky High, c, 2, **Skywalker--I Aim High**, by I Enclose. ELP, 8-4, 5f, :59 4/5. B-John O'Meara (Ky).

*\$50,000 yrl '03 KEESEP. **1/2 to Sky Terrace (Skywalker), GSW, \$218,709.

That's Me Boy, f, 3, **Captain Bodgit--Princess Hawkins** (MSW, \$354,593), by Brent's Prince. MNR, 8-3, 6f, 1:12 2/5. B-Blazing Meadows Farm (Oh).

Ann Summers Two, f, 3, **Elusive Quality--Lakeland**, by Alleged. MTH, 8-4, 6f, 1:12 1/5. B-J & S Ramsey; H & S Tutt (Ky). *\$10,000 wnlng '01 KEENOV; \$50,000 yrl '02 OBSAUG; \$115,000 2yo 2003 FTFFEB.

Sr. Razem, g, 3, **Expelled--Clan Lake** (SW), by Navajo. APX, 8-4, (C), 1 1/8m (off turf), 1:55 1/5. B-Timothy Merwin Overton Jr (Ky). *\$3,500 yrl '02 KEESEP; \$18,000 2yo 2003 FTMMAY. **1/2 to Senorita Linda (El Gran Senor), GSW-Brz.

Outflanker's Token, c, 3, **Outflanker--Regal Token**, by Sawbones. MNR, 8-3, 6f, 1:11 3/5. B-D C Duys (FI).
Tangmalangaloo, g, 3, **Pembroke--Ahtena**, by Far North. DMR, 8-4, (S), (C), 1m, 1:37 4/5. B-Nancy Yearsley & J Garvan Kelly (Ca).

Western Idol, c, 3, **West By West--Never Can Tell** (SP), by Regal Classic. WOX, 8-4, 6f (off turf), 1:12. B-Hart Farm, Inc (On). *\$165,000 yrl '02 FTCSEP.

Rush Country, c, 3, **Wild Rush--Isleo Bebe** (SP, \$172,872), by Island Whirl. DMR, 8-4, (S), 1 1/16mT, 1:42 2/5. B-Harris Farms Inc (Ca).

Formal Deal, f, 4, **Formal Gold--Green Noble** (MSW, \$348,239), by Green Dancer. WOX, 8-4, (C), 1 1/8m (off turf), 1:55 4/5. B-Arosa Farms (On). *1/2 to Noble Strike (Smart Strike), SW, \$235,456; and Sir Frederick (Alleged), SP, \$259,813.

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, La Teste de Buch, 3.20, Cond, €13,000, 2yo, f, 7fT, time: n/a, sf.

SLAMY (f, 2, **Grand Slam--Accountable Lady {GSP-US, \$111,725}**, by **The Minstrel**) Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €13,800. O-R Bousquet; B-Gaineway Thoroughbreds Ltd.; T-Jean-Claude Rouget. *\$55,000 yrl '03 KEESEP.

FRANCE, La Teste de Buch, 3.50, Cond, €13,000, 2yo, c/g, 7fT, time: n/a, sf.

FAUSSAIRE (IRE) (c, 2, **Fasliyev--Chalosse {GB}, by **Doyoun {Ire}**)** Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €15,100. O-Marquise de Moratalla; B-W P Churchward and Mrs C Hue-Williams; T-Jean-Claude Rouget. *60,000gns yrl '03 TATOCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

My Princess (Ire), f, 2, **Danehill Dancer (Ire)--Shanoora** (Ire), by Don't Forget Me (Ire). Brighton, Britain, 8-4, Mdn, 2yo, 6f 209ydsT. B-J Sheehan. *24,000gns yrl '03 DONSEP.

Spy King, c, 2, **Distant View--Regal Princess** (MSW, \$245,677), by Royal and Regal. Newcastle, Britain, 8-4, Mdn, 2yo, 6fT. B-R S Davis. *\$35,000 yrl '03 KEESEP.

Brogue Lanterns (Ire), f, 2, **Dr Devious (Ire)--Landrail**, by Storm Bird. Sligo, Ireland, 8-4, Mdn, 2yo, 6 1/2fT. B-W G McKinley. *1/2 to Come on Pekan (Ire) (Sri Pekan), GSW-Mal. **€1,500 wnlng '02 GOFNOV.



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BOOK REVIEW

By **BILL FINLEY**

The Big Horse

By *Joe McGinniss*

Simon and Schuster

\$22.95

When the renowned author Joe McGinniss headed to Saratoga for the 2003 season, in part to write a racing book, in part to rekindle his love affair with horse racing, an old flame, there were plenty of intriguing and provocative subjects that he could have tackled. Funny Cide, as popular a horse as the country has seen in a couple of decades, was bedded down in Barclay Tagg's barn. Wayne Lukas always makes for good copy. Never can enough be written about the track itself, with its history, mystique and panache.

Instead, McGinniss chose trainer Phil Johnson and his 2002 Breeders' Cup Classic winner Volponi. On the surface, it didn't appear that the author gave himself much to work with. Johnson has had a long and solid career, one good enough to land him in the Hall of Fame, but he's hardly a household name and even within the sport he's never quite reached star status. And while Volponi had his two minutes of fame when winning the Breeders' Cup, he's regarded as one of the least accomplished horses to have ever won the Classic. Seabiscuit material this is not.

But McGinniss manages to pull it off. *The Big Horse* isn't particularly gripping or dramatic, but it nonetheless entertains and pleases. It is a breezy, bittersweet narrative that captures the ups and downs of the racetrack while following around a trainer who is more interesting than we could have guessed.

Johnson is an amiable but crusty fellow who still has the passion for the sport at age 74 and after nearly 60 years in the game. One of the reasons is Volponi. Though Volponi may not be special to others, to Johnson he represents his greatest career accomplishment: winning the Breeders' Cup Classic outside his home town of Chicago at Arlington Park. Though Johnson has won numerous stakes races over his many years, Volponi is the first horse he's had who has shown the talent to thrust the trainer onto racing's main stage, thus his depiction as "The Big Horse."

McGinniss doesn't get there in time to chronicle Volponi's stunning victory in the Classic. He is there for the fall, a frustrating 0-for-8 season in which Volponi runs second five times, his value as a sire dropping with each defeat. The majority of the book revolves around the Saratoga meet, where Volponi is second behind Medaglia D'oro in the Whitney and then can't beat a weak group of competitors in the Saratoga Breeders' Cup. But the story can't end there.

The disappointments continue through the fall, culminating in a dismal 10th-place finish in the 2003 Classic at Santa Anita.

But the veteran racetracker remains unbowed. He has suffered enough setbacks that he's immune to the sting of failure. "This has always been a funny game," he says, knowing racing's unpredictability plays both ways. After all, didn't a seemingly overmatched Volponi win the 2002 Classic at odds of 43-1, unearthing the biggest betting scandal in racing history in the process?

P.G. Johnson and Volponi may be the stars of the book, but McGinniss is certainly the co-star. He writes of a long lost passion for the sport that got sidetracked once his writing career took off. He seems lonely and lost after his 25-year marriage ends in divorce and seems to hope the racetrack will revive his spirit. It does. McGinniss find such comfort in the sport that after Saratoga is over and he returns to California he finds himself aimlessly watching races on TVG hour after hour, not even making bets but getting a needed racing fix.

McGinniss, the best-selling author of the *Miracle of Castel di Sangro*, *Fatal Vision* and *Going to Extremes*, probably hoped that he'd be writing the story of Volponi's stellar 2004 season and triumphant return to the Breeders' Cup, a season so good that Johnson would have been able to savor every sweet, lucrative, fulfilling moment of a championship season. What he gets instead is a story of hope, disappointment and the wisdom of a trainer who has spent seven decades on the racetrack. That works, too.

Additional European Maiden Winners cont.

+ **Sin Verguenza (Ire)**, c, 2, **Royal Anthem**--In Time (GB), by Generous (Ire). Naples, Italy, 8-3, Unraced 2yo, 1mT. B-Glending Bloodstock. *First winner for freshman sire (by Theatrical {Ire}). **12,000gns yrl '03 TATOCT.

Clipperdown (Ire), c, 3, **Green Desert**--Maroussie (Fr) (SW & GSP-Fr, \$128,025), by Saumarez (GB). Pontefract, Britain, 8-4, Mdn, 3yo/up, 1m 4ydsT. B-Newsells Park Stud Limited. *Full to Mamounia (Ire), SW-Eng. **70,000gns yrl '02 TATOCT.

Elvina (GB), f, 3, **Mark of Esteem (Ire)**--Pharaoh's Joy (GB), by Robellino. Kempton, Britain, 8-4, Mdn, 3yo/up, 5fT. B-M Patel and G I Thomas.

Little Bob (GB), g, 3, **Zilzal**--Hunters of Brora (Ire), by Sharpo (GB). Newcastle, Britain, 8-4, Mdn, 3yo/up, 9f 9ydsT. B-R F Gibbons.

Attanagh (Ire), f, 4, **Darnay (GB)**--Adjamiya, by Shahrastani. Sligo, Ireland, 8-4, Mdn, 3yo/up, 6½fT. B-Michael Rourke. *Ir£2,000 yrl '01 GOFHIT; Ir£2,000 wnlg '00 GOFNOV.

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