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HALL OF FAME P.G. JOHNSON DIES

Hall of Fame trainer P.G. Johnson passed away Friday morning at his home in Rockville Centre, New York.



P.G. Johnson Horsephotos

He was 78. Johnson was stabled at Saratoga at the time of his death, but had gone home to undergo a minor surgical procedure Thursday. He was scheduled to return to upstate New York yesterday. Born in Chicago in 1925, Johnson bought his first race horse for \$75 at an auction in 1942. That purchase, named Song Master, became his first winner at Hawthorne Park in 1944. The veteran horseman relocated from the Midwest to Florida in 1950 before moving to New York in

1962. Over the years, he led the standings at Belmont four times, at Aqueduct three times and at Saratoga once. He trained such top horses as Dismasted, High Schemes, Kiri's Clown, Maplejinsky, Naskra's Breeze, Possible Mate and Quiet Little Table, who beat Forego in the 1977 Suburban H. But his crowning achievement was saddling Volponi to a 6 1/2-length score in 2002 Breeders' Cup Classic at odds of 43-1 in front of his hometown crowd at Arlington Park. "He was a classy trainer," said retired jockey Robbie Davis, who rode regularly for Johnson. "They don't make guys like him any more. P.G. was great for New York and it's a big loss for us. There's no way you can replace him." The story of Johnson and Volponi was the subject of "The Big Horse," a book by John McGuinness. Johnson is survived by daughters Kathy and Karen and granddaughter Emma Brockway. His wife, Mary Kay, died May 25. The funeral will be private, but there will be a memorial service at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made to the Grayson-Jockey Club Equine Research Center.



Adam Coglianese

A TURN TOO FAR? Medallist (Touch Gold), winner of the GII Dwyer S. last time out, will try to carry his speed around two turns for the first time in the GII Jim Dandy S. at Saratoga tomorrow. More on the Jim Dandy, full field, p6

EVERYTHING'S COMING UP ROSES

Roses in May (Devil His Due) first drew attention with a 10 1/2-length score in a Saratoga allowance race last August. The four-year-old returns to the scene of that triumph for today's GI Whitney H. A lackluster sixth in the GII Jerome H. at Belmont Park in September, the dark bay colt returned to post a front-running 12-length victory in a Keeneland allowance Apr. 17. He made it two in a row with a wire-to-wire score at Churchill Downs May 21 and was again in front every step in the July 3 GIII Cornhusker Breeders' Cup H. at Prairie Meadows. The colt will have company on the front end from favorites **Peace Rules** and **Seattle Fitz (Arg)**



Peace Rules Equi-Photo

(Fitzcarraldo {Arg}), but trainer Dale Romans told *Daily Racing Form*, "If he goes to the front, I don't think anybody wants to go with him. He's a pretty fast horse and he keeps on going." Jockey Jerry Bailey, who will be aboard Peace Rules once again, is not looking to get caught up in a speed duel. "He doesn't necessarily have to be on the lead, but he won't be far off it," Bailey said. "He can rate off suicidal fractions." Making his first start after undergoing surgery to correct a breathing problem, **Perfect Drift** (Dynaformer) tried to get past Roses in May in Iowa, but had to settle for second, a length behind the winner. Trainer Murray Johnson thinks he can turn the tables this time. "I feel way more comfortable going into the Whitney than I did the Cornhusker," he said.

Saturday, Saratoga, post time: 5:44 p.m. EDT

WHITNEY H.-GI, \$750,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | TRAINER | ODDS |
|----|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|------|
| 1 | Perfect Drift | Dynaformer | M Johnson | 5-1 |
| 2 | Roses in May | Devil His Due | Romans | 8-1 |
| 3 | Yessirgeneralsir | Patton | Keen | 30-1 |
| 4 | Bowman's Band | Dixieland Band | H A Jerkens | 6-1 |
| 5 | Sarava | Wild Again | Baffert | 20-1 |
| 6 | Gygistar | Prospector's Music | Hennig | 10-1 |
| 7 | Seattle Fitz (Arg) | Fitzcarraldo (Arg) | McLaughlin | 4-1 |
| 8 | Peace Rules | Jules | Frankel | 5-2 |
| 9 | Newfoundland | Storm Cat | Pletcher | 9-2 |

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SPECTRUM, the proven Gr.1 sire, already has **10 JUVENILE WINNERS** this year including **BRECON BEACON** (3-time winner for Paul Cole) & **QUERIDO** (very impressive 4 L. winner on Thursday for Godolphin).



Friday, Saratoga

HONORABLE MISS H.-GII, \$150,000, SAR, 8-6, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft.

1--**MY TRUSTY CAT**, 115, f, 4, by [Tale of the Cat](#)

1st Dam: Entrusted (SP), by Private Account

2nd Dam: Betty Lobelia, by Assert (Ire)

3rd Dam: Fair Rosalind, by Exclusive Native (\$130,000 yrl '01 KEESEP). O-Carl F Pollard; B-Vintage Racing (KY); T-David R Vance; J-P Day; \$90,000. Lifetime Record: 21-6-4-2, \$558,468.

2--**Ebony Breeze**, 115, f, 4, Belong to Me--Valid Carnuba, by Valid Appeal. O-Kinsman Stable; B-Kinsman Farm (KY); \$30,000.

3--**Smok'n Frolic**, 116, m, 5, Smoke Glacken--Cherokyfrolicflash, by Green Dancer. (\$85,000 2yo '01 OBSFEB). O-Dogwood Stable; B-Cherokee Farms Inc (FL); \$15,000.

Margins: NO, 2 3/4, HF. Odds: 14.10, 2.95, 6.10. Also Ran: Cologny, Summer Mis, Yell, Savorthetime, Belong to Sea. Scratched: Travelator.

My Trusty Cat came back after a seven-week layoff to finish second in an allowance test in the slop at Churchill on Derby Day. She went up against the talented Lady Tak in the Winning Colors H. May 22 and was fourth, beaten just three lengths by that filly as a 28-1 outsider. Off at 9-2 in the June 19 GIII Chicago Breeders' Cup H. going seven furlongs at Arlington Park, the bay closed from between horses to win it by 1 3/4 lengths. The four-year-old was a well-backed 5-2 in her latest, the July 10 HBPA H. at Ellis Park, but failed to fire and finished fifth. A double-digit longshot again here, she was last after the opening quarter, but closed while saving ground on the far turn, then switched to the outside and just got up to best Ebony Breeze in the final jump. "She's a good come-from-behind sprinter," trainer David Vance said. "She has a very good punch." As for what's next, he said, "We came up here with the Honorable Miss and the Ballerina [GI, Aug. 29] in mind. She got this part done, but the next race will be tougher." [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or the [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). For the video race replay, select: [broadband](#) or [modem](#).

Today's Graded Stakes
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- 9:30a **Rose of Lancaster S.-G3**, Haydock
- 9:50a **Sweet Solera S.-G3**, Newmarket
- 10:30a **Prix de Pomone-G2**, Deauville
- 5:10p **Amsterdam S.-GII**, Saratoga
- 5:25p **West Virginia Derby-GIII**, Mountaineer
- 5:34p **Gardenia H.-GIII**, Ellis Park
- 5:44p **Whitney H.-GI**, Saratoga
- 8:35p **Sorrento S.-GIII**, Del Mar

Eastern Daylight Time

Ready's Gal: Seventh Winner comes at Saratoga for MORE THAN READY!

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☆ **P R E V I E W S** ☆

Saturday, Saratoga, 5:10 p.m. EDT

AMSTERDAM S.-GII, \$150,000, 3yo, 6f

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | TRAINER | ODDS |
|----|------------------|----------------|-------------|------|
| 1 | Glassy Migration | Migrating Moon | Mikhailides | 4-1 |
| 2 | Weigelia | Safely's Mark | Azpurua | 9-2 |
| 3 | Mass Media | Touch Gold | Frankel | 9-2 |
| 4 | Bwana Charlie | Indian Charlie | Asmussen | 8-1 |
| 5 | Smokume | Smoke Glacken | H A Jerkens | 3-1 |
| 6 | Quick Action | Carson City | Lukas | 6-1 |
| 7 | Pomeroy | Boundary | Biancone | 7-2 |

The [brisnet.com](#) 'Race of the Day' is the Whitney H.-GI.

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Amsterdam S. cont.

Runner-up in the GII Saratoga Special S. last year, **Pomeroy** flirted with the Triple Crown trail this past spring, finishing second in the GIII Gotham S. and fourth in the GII Coolmore Lexington S. Apr. 17. The bay didn't see afternoon action for a while, but was a resounding winner of his return, the GIII Jersey Shore Breeders' Cup S. June 26 at Monmouth. "That was an easy race," said trainer Patrick Biancone. "He'll be running against tougher horses [in the Amsterdam], but we're trying to get to the King's Bishop [GI, Aug. 28]." Biancone opted to make sprinting the colt's focus. "There's a good chance you're going to be a sprinter when you win your first two starts at five and 5 1/2 furlongs," Biancone said about the beginning of Pomeroy's career. "We tried to go long, but I think we're rewarded now because of all the work and preparation he had to go long gave him a good foundation for sprinting." **Weigelia** earned a 108 Beyer Speed Figure for his half-length defeat of **Classy Migration** in the GIII Carry Back S. July 10 at Calder, but this will be the first start outside of Florida for both three-year-olds. **Mass Media** came back from a lengthy layoff to prove a game winner of a Belmont allowance June 23 and could be dangerous for trainer Bobby Frankel.

Saturday, Deauville, France, post time: 4:30 p.m.

PRIX DE POMONE-G2, €105,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 9/16mT

| SC | PP | HORSE | SIRE | TRAINER | WT |
|----|----|---------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----|
| 1 | 12 | Walkamia (Fr) | Linamix (Fr) | Fabre | 130 |
| 2 | 1 | Whortleberry (Fr) | Starborough (GB) | Rohaut | 130 |
| 3 | 7 | Smala Tica (Fr) | Loup Solitaire | Libaud | 130 |
| 4 | 2 | Beneventa (GB) | Most Welcome (GB) | J Dunlop | 130 |
| 5 | 4 | Visorama (Ire) | Linamix (Fr) | Fabre | 130 |
| 6 | 6 | Ile Rousse (GB) | Danehill | Pantall | 130 |
| 7 | 10 | Royal Fantasy (Ger) | Monsun (Ger) | Steinmetz | 130 |
| 8 | 9 | Sweet Stream (Ity) | Shantou | Hammond | 130 |
| 9 | 5 | Lune d'Or (Fr) | Green Tune | Gibson | 122 |
| 10 | 3 | Baranquilla (GB) | Acatenango (Ger) | Pantall | 118 |
| 11 | 11 | Dream Play (Ire) | In The Wings (GB) | Fabre | 118 |
| 12 | 13 | Rave Reviews (Ire) | Sadler's Wells | J Dunlop | 118 |
| 13 | 8 | Hidden Hope (GB) | Daylami (Ire) | Wragg | 118 |

Prix de Pomone cont.

There were shockwaves around Kempton when **Beneventa** beat Soviet Song (Ire) and Monturani (Ire) in the Listed Snowdrop S. at Kempton Apr. 10, but she proved to be more than a one-hit wonder when beating Silence Is Golden (GB) in the May 2 G3 Dahlia S. at Newmarket. She may have faced an impossible task in trying to give Crimson Palace (SAf) three pounds in the G3 Middleton S. at York 10 days later, but acquitted herself with credit when going down by only 3/4 of a length to that smart rival. She found the going too fast when a disappointing eighth in the G2 Windsor Forest S. at Royal Ascot June 16, but bounced back to defy a hefty penalty and record an impressive success in the Listed Aphrodite S. at Newmarket last time July 17. **Visorama** finished runner-up in the G2 Prix Corrida at Saint-Cloud May 31 and is closely matched with last year's G2 Premio Lydia Tesio winner **Whortleberry** on that form. The former shaped as if she was still progressing when third behind Gamut (Ire) in the G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud last time July 4 and that form was boosted by the winner's strong showing in the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond S. Of the three-year-olds, **Lune d'Or** impressed when winning the G2 Prix de Malleret at Saint-Cloud last time July 4, but may find it tough attempting to defy a four-pound penalty as a result.

Saturday, Mountaineer Park, post time: 5:25 p.m. EDT

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

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | TRAINER | ODDS |
|----|-------------------|------------------|------------|------|
| 1 | Rockem Sockem | Ulises | Gorham | 15-1 |
| 2 | Avid Skier | Appealing Skier | Bennett | 15-1 |
| 3 | Pollard's Vision | Carson City | Pletcher | 9-5 |
| 4 | Line of Scrimmage | Line in the Sand | Ambrosia | 30-1 |
| 5 | Mister Fotis | Diligence | Ma Wolfson | 10-1 |
| 6 | Britt's Jules | Jules | Guillot | 5-1 |
| 7 | Sir Shackelton | Miswaki | Zito | 2-1 |
| 8 | Ecclesiastic | Pulpit | McLaughlin | 8-1 |
| 9 | Fantasticat | Storm Cat | Barnett | 10-1 |

West Virginia Derby cont. p4

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West Virginia Derby cont.

Sir Shackleton picked up his third consecutive victory in the GIII Derby Trial at Churchill Downs, but was given a break after running sixth in the May 15 GI Preakness S. The chestnut, from the deep pool of Nick Zito three-year-olds, returned to finish third after pressing winner **Medallist** early in the July 11 GII Dwyer S. The late-running **Fantasticat** captured an entry-level allowance test at Churchill Downs in June. Fourth in a non-winners of two July 2, he came back to be second in his most recent outing, the July 17 Round Table S. at Arlington Park.

Saturday, Ellis Park, post time: 5:34 p.m. EDT

GARDENIA H.-GIII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | TRAINER | WT |
|----|------------------|------------------|------------|-----|
| 1 | Angela's Love | Not For Love | Romans | 114 |
| 2 | Wildwood Royal | Royal Academy | Zook | 117 |
| 3 | Salzurita (Arg) | Interprete (Arg) | T Van Berg | 115 |
| 4 | New Dreams (Brz) | Blush Rambler | McPeek | 114 |
| 5 | Miss Fortunate | Deputy Minister | Mott | 116 |
| 6 | Bare Necessities | Silver Deputy | Kirby | 119 |

Saturday, Del Mar, post time: 5:35 p.m. PDT

SORRENTO S.-GIII, \$150,000, 2yo, f, 6 1/2f

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | TRAINER | WT |
|----|---------------|-----------------|---------|-----|
| 1 | Crypto's Wild | Cryptoclearance | Sauque | 116 |
| 2 | Wise Investor | Belong to Me | Gaines | 118 |
| 3 | Timeintown | Cape Town | O'Neill | 118 |
| 4 | Souvenir Gift | Souvenir Copy | Semkin | 122 |
| 5 | Hello Lucky | Lucky Lionel | Paasch | 118 |
| 6 | Excusabull | Indian Charlie | Baffert | 118 |
| 7 | Inspiring | Golden Missile | Baffert | 118 |
| 8 | Starleena | Malibu Moon | M Stute | 118 |

Saturday, Haydock, Britain, post time: 2:30 p.m.

PETROS ROSE OF LANCASTER S.-G3, £60,000, 3yo/up, 10f 120ydsT

| SC | PP | HORSE | SIRE | TRAINER | WT |
|----|----|------------------------|-----------------|------------|-----|
| 1 | 1 | Chancellor (Ire) | Halling | J Dunlop | 133 |
| 2 | 2 | Checkit (Ire) | Mukaddamah | Channon | 129 |
| 3 | 5 | Franklins Gardens (GB) | Halling | Tompkins | 129 |
| 4 | 3 | Lateen Sails (GB) | Elmaamul | bin Suroor | 129 |
| 5 | 4 | Muqbil | Swain (Ire) | J Dunlop | 129 |
| 6 | 6 | Mister Monet (Ire) | Peintre Celebre | Johnston | 119 |

Saturday, Newmarket, Britain, post time: 2:50 p.m.

SWYNFORD PADDOCKS HOTEL SWEET SOLERA

S.-G3, £40,000, 2yo, f, 7fT

| SC | PP | HORSE | SIRE | TRAINER |
|----|----|-----------------------|----------------------|------------|
| 1 | 2 | Slip Dance (Ire) | Celtic Swing (GB) | Tyrrell |
| 2 | 6 | Arbella (GB) | Primo Dominie (GB) | Harris |
| 3 | 8 | Extreme Beauty | Rahy | C Brittain |
| 4 | 3 | Indiannie Star (GB) | Fraam (GB) | Channon |
| 5 | 10 | Maids Causeway (Ire) | Giant's Causeway | B Hills |
| 6 | 9 | Park Romance (Ire) | Dr Fong | Meehan |
| 7 | 4 | Piddies Pride (Ire) | Indian Lodge (Ire) | McEntee |
| 8 | 1 | Royal Alchemist (GB) | Kingsinger (Ire) | Usher |
| 9 | 11 | Strawberry Dale (Ire) | Bering (GB) | Bethell |
| 10 | 5 | Valentin (Ire) | King Of Kings (Ire) | Hannon |
| 11 | 7 | Windscreamer (GB) | Josr Algarhoud (Ire) | J Hills |

All carry 120 pounds bar Slip Dance, 123.

Valentin impressed when winning an Ascot maiden on her debut July 9 and performed with credit when runner-up to Soar (GB) in the G3 Princess Margaret S. back at that track last time July 24. **Maids Causeway** finished runner-up to the smart Queen of Poland (GB) in the Listed Star S. at Sandown last time July 22, while the best of the less exposed types could be **Windscreamer**, who looked a bright prospect when scoring at the first time of asking in a Newbury maiden July 16.

Sunday, The Curragh, Ireland

INDEPENDENT WATERFORD WEDGWOOD PHOENIX

S.-G1, €300,000, 2yo, c/f, 6fT

| SC | PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY |
|----|----|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| 1 | 6 | Camouflage (Fr) | Verglas (Ire) | McDonogh |
| 2 | 7 | Carnegie Hall (Ire) | Danehill | Scallan |
| 3 | 2 | Oratorio (Ire) | Danehill | Heffernan |
| 4 | 5 | Premier Dane (Ire) | Indian Danehill (Ire) | Bowman |
| 5 | 4 | Russian Blue (Ire) | Danehill | Spencer |
| 6 | 3 | Billet (Ire) | Danehill | Berry |
| 7 | 1 | Damson (Ire) | Entrepreneur (GB) | Fallon |

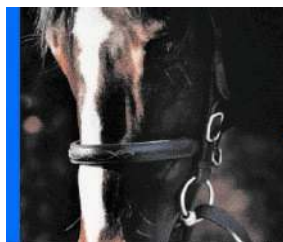
All carry 126 pounds bar Billet & Damson, 123 pounds.

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Sunday, Deauville, France

PRIX MAURICE DE GHEEST-G1, €200,000, 3yo/up, 6 1/2fT

| SC | PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | WT |
|----|----|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----|
| 1 | 19 | Monsieur Bond (Ire) | Danehill Dancer (Ire) | Lynch | 128 |
| 2 | 16 | Vasywait (Fr) | Valanour (Ire) | Spanu | 128 |
| 3 | 6 | Ashdown Express (Ire) | Ashkalani (Ire) | Sanders | 128 |
| 4 | 7 | Dexterity | Kingmambo | Jarnet | 128 |
| 5 | 2 | Somnus (GB) | Pivotal (GB) | Stevens | 128 |
| 6 | 5 | Lucky Strike (GB) | Petong (GB) | de Vries | 128 |
| 7 | 14 | Millennium Force (GB) | Bin Ajwaad (Ire) | Catlin | 128 |
| 8 | 11 | Royal Millennium (Ire) | Royal Academy | Durcan | 128 |
| 9 | 13 | Crystal Castle | Gilded Time | Gillet | 128 |
| 10 | 15 | The Trader (Ire) | Selkirk | Sweeney | 128 |
| 11 | 20 | Charming Groom (Fr) | Kaldoun (Fr) | Peslier | 128 |
| 12 | 3 | Porlezza (Fr) | Sicyos | Boeuf | 125 |
| 13 | 18 | Frizzante (GB) | Efisio (GB) | Murtagh | 125 |
| 14 | 1 | Tante Rose (Ire) | Barathea (Ire) | Drowne | 125 |
| 15 | 8 | Golden Nun (GB) | Bishop Of Cashel (GB) | Winston | 125 |
| 16 | 17 | Dorubako (Ire) | Danzig | Yokoyama | 123 |
| 17 | 9 | Seeking The Dia | Storm Cat | Y Take | 123 |
| 18 | 12 | Brunel (Ire) | Marju (Ire) | Holland | 123 |
| 19 | 10 | Whipper | Miesque's Son | Soumillon | 123 |
| 20 | 4 | Dolma (Fr) | Marchand de Sable | Lemaire | 120 |

Sunday, The Curragh, Ireland

ROYAL WHIP S.-G2, €130,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT

| SC | PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | WT |
|----|----|---------------------|------------------|-----------|-----|
| 1 | 3 | Latino Magic (Ire) | Lion Cavern | Burke | 132 |
| 2 | 6 | Media Puzzle | Theatrical (Ire) | Shanahan | 132 |
| 3 | 4 | Solskjaer (Ire) | Danehill | Spencer | 132 |
| 4 | 5 | Tropical Lady (Ire) | Sri Pekan | Kinane | 129 |
| 5 | 7 | Medicinal (Ire) | Linamix (Fr) | Smullen | 123 |
| 6 | 1 | Trefflich (Ger) | Polish Precedent | Berry | 123 |
| 7 | 2 | Red Feather (Ire) | Marju (Ire) | McCullagh | 120 |

Sunday, The Curragh, Ireland

ROBERT H GRIFFIN DEBUTANTE S.-G2, €130,000, 2yo, f, 7fT

| SC | PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY |
|----|----|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| 1 | 3 | Alexander Icequeen (Ire) | Soviet Star | Smullen |
| 2 | 7 | Chelsea Rose (Ire) | Desert King (Ire) | Shanahan |
| 3 | 6 | Desert Tigress | Storm Cat | Cosgrave |
| 4 | 1 | Luas Line (Ire) | Danehill | Fallon |
| 5 | 8 | National Swagger (Ire) | Giant's Causeway | Kinane |
| 6 | 5 | Right Key (Ire) | Key Of Luck | McDonogh |
| 7 | 4 | Silk And Scarlet (GB) | Sadler's Wells | Spencer |
| 8 | 2 | Sweet Gypsy Rose (Ire) | Darshaan (GB) | Heffernan |

All carry 123 pounds.

Sunday, Del Mar

CLEMENT L. HIRSCH H.-GII, \$300,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | WT |
|----|-------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----|
| 1 | Tucked Away | Unusual Heat | Desormeaux | 113 |
| 2 | Victory Encounter | Victory Speech | Smith | 118 |
| 3 | Royally Chosen | In Excess (Ire) | Flores | 114 |
| 4 | Indy Groove | A.P. Indy | Guidry | 113 |
| 5 | Miss Loren (Arg) | Numerous | Court | 114 |
| 6 | Star Parade (Arg) | Parade Marshal | Espinoza | 119 |
| 7 | House of Fortune | Free House | T Baze | 113 |
| 8 | Elloluv | Gilded Time | Valdivia Jr | 117 |

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☆ NEWS TODAY ☆

SMARTY'S GOODBYE PARTY SET FOR AUG. 14

Philadelphia Park will host a farewell party Saturday, Aug. 14 for Kentucky Derby and Preakness hero



Smarty Jones Equi-Photo

Smarty Jones (Elusive Quality), whose retirement was announced earlier this week. Smarty Jones will take a turn around the track after the day's third race and will be brought to the winner's circle for a brief ceremony. Philadelphia Park will offer a commemorative program

for the day. The chestnut is scheduled to be shipped to Kentucky's Three Chimneys Farm the following day.

#1 Sire of TDN Progeny PP entries in July with 20!

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- 1 Listed Stakes Placed - **TWISTED WIT** at Woodbine
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GLOWING TRIBUTE DIES The 1993 Broodmare of the Year **Glowing Tribute** (Graustark--Admiring, by Hail to Reason) died Aug. 5 of colic, according to a press release. Owned by John R. Gaines, the 31-year-old had been boarded at Waggoner Farm near Lexington. "I [was] very privileged to have purchased Glowing Tribute from the Paul Mellon consignment at the Keeneland breeding stock sale in 1992," said Gaines. "She was a foundation mare of Mr. Mellon's famous Rokeby Stables, was certainly one of the premier broodmares of her time and was voted Broodmare of the Year in 1993." Bred in Virginia by Mellon, the bay carried the famed sportsman's grey and yellow colors to victory nine times, taking back-to-back renewals of the GII Sheepshead Bay H. and the GII Diana H. She quickly established herself as an outstanding producer with MGISW Hero's Honor (Northern Dancer) and MGSW Wild Applause (Northern Dancer) as her first two foals. The latter followed in her dam's hoofprints by winning the Diana, as did Glowing Tribute's 1985 Seattle Slew filly Glowing Honor. But her most famous offspring was Sea Hero (Polish Navy), whose triumph in the 1993 GI Kentucky Derby gave Mellon his only victory in the Classic. Glowing Tribute later produced GSWs Coronation Cup (Chief's Crown) and Mackie (Summer Squall). Part of Mellon's dispersal at Keeneland November 1992, Glowing Tribute sold with Mackie in utero for \$460,000; that filly sold as a weanling for \$550,000 and went on to be a \$5-million broodmare when selling in foal to Mr. Prospector in 2000. Among the daughters to follow Glowing Tribute through the ring at the Mellon dispersal were Glowing Honor, who sold for \$1.1 million; Wild Applause, \$1.025 million; and Victoria Cross (Spectacular Bid), \$550,000. The last-named daughter failed to win, but produced champion European sprinter Mozart (Ire) as well as GSW England Expects (Topsider). Wild Applause has produced GISW Eastern Echo (Damascus), MGSWs Roar (Forty Niner) and Yell (A.P. Indy) and GSW Blare of Trumpets (Fit to Fight). Glowing Tribute's final named foal was Dearest, a 1994 filly by Riverman.

GOING FOR THE GOLD Medallist (Touch Gold), who blazed to victory in the GIII Withers S. and GII Dwyer S. in his last two starts,



Medallist Adam Coglianesse

in his last two starts, has drawn the rail as he tries two turns for the first time in the GII Jim Dandy S. at Saratoga tomorrow. "We're just hoping he can make it," trainer Allen Jerkens admitted. "I don't know if he's rateable. We're running here to find out if he is. We're not making any predictions." The three-

year-old carries 121 pounds in the nine-furlong test. Highweight **The Cliff's Edge** (Gulch) will tote 123 pounds and jockey Shane Sellers. The runner-up in the Dwyer, the Nick Zito trainee drew post 3.



The Cliff's Edge Horsephotos

Trainer Rick Violette Jr. has cross-entered his GIII Iowa Derby winner **Swingforthe fences** (Boston Harbor) in the Jim Dandy and the GI Haskell Invitational H. at Monmouth Park. "I could make a case that we should run in either spot," Violette said. "We'll handicap each race and make a decision." But, he added, whichever stakes he chooses, the colt will need to run a big race to earn a ticket to the Aug. 28 GI Travers S. "We really need to move forward...if we are going to get into the Travers," he said.

Sunday, Saratoga

JIM DANDY S.-GII, \$500,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | WT |
|----|--------------------|---------------|------------|-----|
| 1 | Medallist | Touch Gold | Chavez | 121 |
| 2 | Courageous Act | Exploit | Prado | 117 |
| 3 | The Cliff's Edge | Gulch | Sellers | 123 |
| 4 | Niigon | Unbridled | Landry | 117 |
| 5 | Eddington | Unbridled | Migliore | 115 |
| 6 | Swingforthe fences | Boston Harbor | Bridgmohan | 117 |
| 7 | Purge | Pulpit | Velazquez | 121 |

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★ SARATOGA ★

BAILEY CELEBRATES SPA RECORD WITH

'TAITTINGER' Jockey Jerry Bailey yesterday surpassed Angel Cordero as the all-time leading rider at Saratoga Race Course when he piloted Taittinger Rose to victory in the third race for trainer Bill Mott. It was his 641st career win at the Spa. "It's quite a compliment to top what Angel did," Bailey said. "As good as he was everywhere else, he was that much better and that much tougher [at Saratoga]." The Hall of Famer thanked his agents over the years--Chuck Sherman, Bill Shuman, Jesse Parsons, Doc Danner, John Dale, Bob Frieze and Ron Anderson--his wife Suzee and his son Justin, and also credited the many trainers that helped him reach the milestone. "You have to start with good horses, and I have been fortunate to ride for trainers that won a lot," Bailey said. "I think it is probably fitting that I won on [Mott's] horse, because he has been responsible for a huge portion of my wins up here."

BREEDERS' CUP ANNOUNCEMENT SET FOR SUNDAY

There will be a press conference at Monmouth Park Sunday afternoon to announce the track as the official host of the Breeders' Cup in 2007. President D.G. Van Clief Jr. had informed Monmouth officials back on June 11 that the Breeders' Cup was prepared to negotiate a contract for the event with the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority, which operates that track and the Meadowlands. This will mark the first time the Breeders' Cup will be held at a Midlantic venue.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, SATURDAY, AUGUST 7:

08-20 \$250,000 *Spinaway-II, Sar, 2yo, f, 7f* (250)
08-21 \$750,000 *Alabama-I, Sar, 3yo, f, 10f* (750)
08-21 \$250,000 *Hopeful-I, Sar, 2yo, 7f* (250)
08-21 \$200,000 *Philip H. Iselin Breeders' Cup H.-III, Mth, 3yo/up, 9f* (200)
08-22 \$250,000 *Saratoga Breeders' Cup H.-II, Sar, 3yo/up, 10f* (250)
08-23 \$150,000 *Lake Placid H.-II, Sar, 3yo, f, 9fT* (150)
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Yesterday's Results:

7th-SAR, \$50,000, Alw, NW1TL, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:44 1/5, fm.

1--**ASPEN GAL, 120, f, 3, Talkin Man--Treegees, by Geiger Counter.** O-Edmund A Gann; B-Dereld Crawford (OK); T-Robert J Frankel. Lifetime Record: MSW & GSP, 10-5-1-1, \$150,936.

2--**Path of Thunder, 118, f, 3, Thunder Gulch--Drina, by Regal and Royal.** (\$1,200,000 yrl '02 KEESSEP).

3--**Freeroll, 120, f, 3, Touch Gold--Lady Avalon, by Sensitive Prince.** (\$50,000 yrl '02 KEESSEP).

Margins: HF, 2 1/4, 1. Odds: 1.50, 4.80, 27.75.

Aspen Gal captured a trio of minor Midwest stakes before being purchased privately by Ed Gann. In her first start for trainer Bobby Frankel, the chestnut missed by a neck in the La Habra S. on the lawn at Santa Anita Feb. 29, then ran a close fourth in the GIII Railbird S. May 2 and third in the GII Vagrancy H. June 5 before tiring to sixth in the GI Prioress S. July 3. Stretching out in her return to the turf, the diminutive Oklahoma-bred stalked the pace from second, took over turning for home and withstood a prolonged bid from Path of Thunder.

3rd-SAR, \$50,000, Alw, NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m, 1:51, ft.

TAITTINGER ROSE (f, 3, Menifee--La Rosa {GSW, \$267,194}, by Wild Again) had started in seven stakes races since breaking her maiden last October, hitting the board in four of them, before winning a first-level allowance at Belmont June 16. The dark bay followed that up with a third in the Serena's Song S. at Monmouth July 24 and was a slight favorite here at 2-1. Allowed to settle into stride in the early stages, the crowd's choice swept to the lead in the stretch and hit the wire 7 3/4 lengths in front, making Jerry Bailey the all-time leading rider by wins at Saratoga. Lifetime Record: MSP, 13-3-3-3, \$157,478.

O-Mike G Rutherford. B-Mike G Rutherford Sr (KY). T-William I Mott.

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Saratoga Report cont.

2nd-SAR, \$46,000, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 9f, 1:51, ft. **WHISPER BAY** (f, 3, **Smart Strike**--Senita Lane {SW}, by Ascot Knight), a \$335,000 FTKJUL yearling purchase, had failed to make the frame in a pair of turf outings at Belmont, including a fifth July 16, and was 5-1 in her first attempt at the main track. The dark bay recovered from a bump at the start to track the pace, hit the front on the far turn and never looked back, opening up to graduate by 12 1/2 lengths. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$28,920. O-Padua Stables. B-W A Carl (KY). T-K P McLaughlin.

★ **"TDN Rising Star"** ★

4th-SAR, \$46,000, Msw, 2yo, 8.5fT, 1:42 2/5, fm.

+ **ENGLISH CHANNEL**, c, 2, by **Smart Strike**

1st Dam: Belva, by Theatrical (Ire)

2nd Dam: Committed, by Hagley

3rd Dam: Minstinguette, by Boldnesian

English Channel drew the rail for his career opener, but walked out when the gates sprang open and spotted the field several lengths. The chestnut worked his way into contention and was full of run while trapped inside. Guided to the outside, he raced greenly, but finished up strongly to best Zurich (Ire) (Giant's Causeway) by a length at odds of 3-1. A \$50,000 KEESEP yearling, English Channel was produced by an unraced full sister to millionaire Hap and to Grade I winner Pharma. His second dam is champion European sprinter Committed. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$27,600. [Click here for the brisnet.com chart.](#)

O-James T Scatuorchio. B-Keene Ridge Farm (KY). T-Todd A Pletcher.

★ **EAST** ★

Yesterday's Results:

8th-CRC, \$27,000, Alw, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:06 3/5, ft.

CAJULENA (f, 3, **Quaker Ridge**--Last Reflection {SP}, by **Nostrum**) earned her first win with a 6 3/4-length tally over \$12,500 maiden claimers at Calder July 5 and was off at 5-2 while stepping up to the allowance ranks for her second start. The chestnut settled in third for the opening three furlongs, but drove to the front at the top of the stretch and was 1 3/4 lengths clear at the wire. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$22,300.

O-Needmore Thoroughbreds Inc. B-Mr & Mrs Timothy (FL). T-Kirk Ziadie.

★ **CENTRAL** ★

Yesterday's Results:

4th-APX, \$33,000, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft. **LIZ ON POLK STREET** (f, 3, **A.P. Indy**--Silver Maiden {GISW, \$344,958}, by **Silver Buck**) started her career with a maiden win at Hawthorne last November, then went to the shelf. The bay returned to be third in an optional claimer at Arlington July 17 and was the 5-2 second choice to improve off that effort here. Never far from the front, she went after the leader after a half and took control down the lane, drawing off to a three-length score. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$38,480. O/B-Frank C Calabrese(KY). T-Jodie L Sinclair.

4th-ELP, \$23,700, Msw, 3/up, f/m, 5.5fT, 1:03 3/5, fm. **ECHO HARBOR** (f, 3, **Boston Harbor**--Echo Echo Echo {SP, \$152,341}, by **Eastern Echo**) battled for the lead early before surrendering to be fifth in her career bow over course and distance July 8. With that effort under her belt, the 6-1 shot set a pressured pace before shaking loose in the stretch en route to a 3 1/4-length tally over Durable Silver (Silver Ghost). She was a \$100,000 KEENOV weanling. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$14,931. O-Richard S Trontz & Nick Bentley. B-Hopewell Investments Llc (KY). T-Jimmy Corrigan.

★ **DELMAR** ★

Thursday Night's Results:

7th-DMR, \$70,400, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$125,000), C, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:36, ft.

1--**TOUCH THE WIRE**, 119, g, 4, **Birdonthewire**--Gray Touch (MSP), by **Entropy**. (\$30,000 2yo '02 ADNMAR). O-Creel, Lanni & Schiappa; B-Adena Springs (FL); T-C Dollase. Lifetime Record: GSP, 12-4-1-3, \$174,086.
2--**Verkade**, 119, c, 4, **Montbrook**--Six Way's, by Saratoga Six.

3--**Nose the Trade** (GB), 119, g, 6, **Cyrano de Bergerac** (GB)--Iolite (GB), by **Forzando** (GB).

Margins: 1, 7, 2. Odds: 7.40, 1.50, 1.80.

Third in the Gil San Fernando Breeders' Cup S. Jan. 10, Touch the Wire won a Santa Anita optional claimer Mar. 6 and ran third to Buddy Gil in an allowance at the Arcadia oval Apr. 16, but faded to sixth in a 7 1/2-furlong test at Hollywood May 7 and hadn't been out since. The grey settled into the rear of the six-horse field, came three wide into the stretch to tackle favored Verkade and bested that rival in the final sixteenth.

2 Saratoga Maiden Winners for SMART STRIKE Yesterday!



English Channel - Two-year-old first time out
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Del Mar Report cont.

Valenzuela Out for Remainder of 2004, Maybe for Life:

The Del Mar stewards yesterday banned jockey Patrick Valenzuela through Dec. 31, 2004 and recommended that he not be considered for future licensing by the California Horse Racing Board. Valenzuela was suspended July 2, pending a formal hearing, for failing to provide a hair sample for drug testing as required by his conditional license. The jockey had shaved his body, making it impossible for him to come up with the amount of hair necessary for the test. Last week, seven witnesses gave six hours of testimony on the matter over a three-day period. Valenzuela claimed that he was unaware of the provision ordering him to provide a hair sample, but Deputy Attorney General James Ahern, representing the CHRB, provided proof that a certified copy of the added requirements of his license had been sent to the rider's home. In a statement, stewards Ingrid Fermin, George Slender and Tom Ward wrote that "rather than make every effort to comply with the hair follicle test process, [Valenzuela] found another way to evade testing and thereby violated [the license agreement]." They added, "[Valenzuela] has been a talented jockey for many years, but it is evident that he has failed to learn that he must be held accountable for the consequences of his behavior."

★ INDUSTRY INFO ★

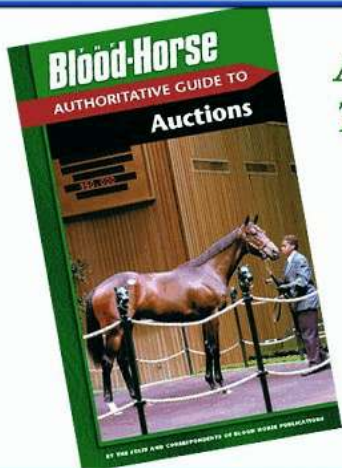
TVG Posts Record Handle:

Television Games Network has announced that it has posted a record handle for the second quarter of 2004, \$88,552,031, a 45-percent increase from the same quarter the previous year. "Throughout this year, we have seen a steady increase in consumer acceptance of TVG's products and services in the marketplace, which is a positive sign for the entire horse racing industry," said Ryan O'Hara, TVG president. "Enhanced programming, an extremely compelling Triple Crown...increased cable and satellite distribution of TVG programming and the addition of the state of Washington to the markets in which we accept wagering all played a role in the encouraging second quarter results."

TOBA to Spearhead Formation of Sales Task Force:

The Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders' Association will assume a "lead role" in the formation of a task force which will examine issues involving Thoroughbred sales, it said in a release yesterday. Satish Sanan, the owner of Padua Stables, launched the Alliance for Industry Reform last month, which called for the implementation of a code of ethics as it regards sales. Sanan responded with praise for yesterday's TOBA decision. "I am very encouraged by how the industry has rallied around this cause," he commented. "Serious discussions and research will be conducted and I am very hopeful that a consensus can be reached to improve the Thoroughbred industry." According to the release, TOBA will be joined in their efforts by Fasig-Tipton, Keeneland, the National Thoroughbred Racing Association and The Jockey Club. "We welcome the opportunity to participate in discussions to address these issues facing our industry," said Dan Metzger, president of TOBA. "It is important that we have a thorough and careful dialogue." The task force will be comprised of 15-20 individuals representing sales companies, owners, breeders, trainers and veterinarians. Sanan plans on being an active participant in the discussions. "Creating AIR was only meant to serve as a catalyst for change and we were always hopeful that the national ownership body, TOBA, would take charge and really commit to the project since it is the owners who are most affected by the problems being addressed," Sanan added. The release said that the task force would aim to hold its first meeting by early September.

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First-time starters/stakes runners: Saturday, Aug. 7

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

- BIANCONI** (Danzig), Ashford, \$5K, 128/30/0
2-ELP, Msw, 5f, +El Chaparro, \$5K ARK OCT yrl, 12-1
- CAPE CROSS (IRE)** (Green Desert), Kildangan, \$10K, 173/52/8
8-AP, Stk, 1mT, Gwaihir (Ire), \$22K GOF OCT yrl, 20-1
- COMIC STRIP** (Red Ransom), Special T, \$8K, 75/13/0
10-SR, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Vasilias, \$11K WAS SEP yrl
- 10-CRC**, Msw, 7f, +Turk's Ransom, \$3K OBS WIN yrl
- DONERAILE COURT** (Seattle Slew), Hill 'n' Dale, \$8K, 125/39/5
11-TDN, Stk, 6f, Oh Oleg, 10-1 8-DEL, Stk, 6f, Baldomera, 8-1
- 10-SR**, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Danny Dingle, \$100K OBS APR 2yo
- FAMILY CALLING** (Mr. Prospector), Hidden Point, \$5K, 137/32/0
10-CRC, Msw, 7f, +Simply Super, \$25K OBS JUN 2yo
- FORESTRY** (Storm Cat), Taylor Made, \$50K, 136/27/5
8-DEL, Stk, 6f, Fall Fashion, 4-1
- FREE HOUSE** (Smokester), Vessels, \$15K, 92/15/1
8-RUI, Stk, 7 1/2f, Free N Wild, \$26K RUI AUG yrl, 5-1
- GOOD AND TOUGH** (Carson City), Lakland, \$6K, 82/27/0
7-BRD, Stk, 5f, G. T. Crusader, \$3K OBS WIN yrl, 10-1
- HOLZMEISTER** (Woodman), Millennium, \$3K, 43/14/1
8-RET, Stk, 7f, Alli's Dream, \$4K TEX DEC 2yo, 20-1
- INCURABLE OPTIMIST** (Cure the Blues), Highcliff, \$3K, 23/8/1
3-SUF, Stk, 1 1/16m, Cindarullah, 15-1
- LAKESHORE ROAD** (Alleged), Benz, \$1K, 29/1/0
8-CBY, Stk, 5 1/2f, George L Brown, \$3K MNS AUG yrl, 8-1
- LEESTOWN** (Seattle Slew), Red River, \$2K, 128/28/3
10-LAD, Stk, 7f, Merry Mary, \$11K LOU OCT yrl, 20-1
- MALIBU MOON** (A.P. Indy), Castleton Lyons, \$3K, 124/28/2
8-DMR, Stk, 6 1/2f, Starleena
- NORTHERN DEVIL** (Forty Niner), Meadowcreek, \$1K, 24/1/0
2-SR, Stk, 5f, Kissmyr Irish
- REAL QUIET** (Quiet American), Taylor Made, \$10K, 129/24/1
6-DMR, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Backus, \$37K KEE SEP yrl
- SAFELY'S MARK** (Danzig), Ocala, \$3K, 25/4/1
8-SAR, Stk, 6f, Weigelia, 9-2
- TACTICAL CAT** (Storm Cat), Overbrook, \$10K, 115/25/3
10-AP, Msw, 8.5fT, +Follow the Cat, \$72K KEE NOV wnl, 12-1
- 10-SR**, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Rushbo, \$50K OBS APR 2yo
- VICTORY GALLOP** (Cryptoclearance), Winstar, \$15K, 144/40/3
10-AP, Msw, 1 1/16mT, +Great Victory, 15-1
- WILD WONDER** (Wild Again), Dunhill, \$5K, 97/16/0
4-WO, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Dr. Socrates, \$25K OBS APR 2yo

FRESHMAN FOCUS

First-crop progeny to watch: Saturday, Aug. 7

*Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2001 Fee, #2yos/Winners/SW
Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

- ADCAT** (Storm Cat), Farnsworth, \$5K, 23/0/0
10-CRC, Msw, 7f, Swift Mercedes, \$50K OBS APR 2yo
- CATIENUS** (Storm Cat), Highcliff, \$4K, 47/3/0
7-ELP, Msw, 7f, William's Cat, 6-1
- 3-WO**, Msw, 5f, +Kathern's Cat, \$3K FTK OCT yrl
- CHESTER HOUSE** (Mr. Prospector), Dead, 61/1/0
4-AP, Msw, 1m, Exceptional Ride, \$80K KEE APR 2yo, 4-1
- CHIEF SEATTLE** (Seattle Slew), Spendthrift, \$10K, 64/1/0
6-DMR, Msw, 6 1/2f, Megabyte, \$67K KEE SEP yrl
- DIXIE UNION** (Dixieland Band), Lane's End, \$30K, 52/4/0
2-ELP, Msw, 5f, Golden Union, \$130K FTF FEB 2yo, 1-1
- 9-MTH**, Stk, 5 1/2f, Elke, \$200K OBS MAR 2yo & Im a Dixie Girl
- GOLDEN MISSILE** (A.P. Indy), Adena, \$25K, 68/1/0
8-DMR, Stk, 6 1/2f, Inspiring, \$450K KEE SEP yrl
- GREENWOOD LAKE** (Meadowlake), Margaux, \$6K, 44/3/0
9-MTH, Stk, 5 1/2f, Irish Meadow, \$6K OBS AUG yrl
- HIGH YIELD** (Storm Cat), Ashford, \$25K, 84/2/0
10-CRC, Msw, 7f, Stormy Jim, \$160K KEE JAN yrl
- INTIDAB** (Phone Trick), Gallagher, \$5K, 8/0/0
7-ELP, Msw, 7f, Greater Good, 4-1
- LEMON DROP KID** (Kingmambo), Lane's End, \$50K, 57/1/0
5-SAR, Msw, 6f, +Cosmonaut, \$105K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1
- MORE THAN READY** (Southern Halo), Vinery, \$15K, 61/7/1
3-MTH, Msw, 1m, Daytime Delight
- 5-SAR**, Msw, 6f, Obsidian, \$240K KEE SEP yrl, 4-1
- OLD TOPPER** (Gilded Time), Tommy Town, \$4K, 36/2/0
4-WO, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Tommy's Topper
- SWEETSOUTHERNSAINT** (Saint Ballado), Ocala, \$3K, 51/5/0
5-SAR, Msw, 6f, +Alexandersrun, \$50K OBS FEB 2yo, 10-1
- 3-MTH**, Msw, 1m, +Sweet Future, \$95K OBS APR 2yo
- UNTUTTABLE** (Unbridled), Stonehedge, \$3K, 23/1/0
10-CRC, Msw, 7f, Dream On Dream On, \$50K OBS MAR 2yo
- WAR CHANT** (Danzig), Three Chimneys, \$60K, 53/2/1
6-DMR, Msw, 6 1/2f, Chant for Gold, \$120K BAR MAR 2yo
- YANKEE VICTOR** (Saint Ballado), Airdire, \$15K, 80/5/0
4-AP, Msw, 1m, Real Dandy, \$75K KEE SEP yrl, 6-5

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★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday's Results:

Clairefontaine, 1.50, Cond, €16,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/2mT, 2:42.16, sf.

WINDING ROAD (FR) (f, 3, Baratheia {Ire}--Wild Life {Fr}, by Nashwan), fourth over this trip on her May 4 debut at Chantilly, started as the 23-10 favorite here. Seventh for most of the race, she gradually reeled in the front rank from the quarter-mile marker to lead with 100 yards to go and ran on strongly thereafter to beat Pilgrim of Grace (Fr) (Bering {GB}) by a length. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €11,100. O-Ecurie Wildenstein; B-Dayton Investments Ltd; T-Elie Lellouche.

Clairefontaine, 2.50, Cond, €16,000, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/2mT, 2:39.51, sf.

AVEC DES ROSES (IRE) (c, 3, Cardoun {Fr}--Indian Rose {Fr} {G1SW-Fr, \$196,850}, by General Holme), successful on his third start at Salon de Provence June 28 going this distance, was settled in midfield for most of this event before being pushed along behind the leaders at the top of the stretch. The 17-5 chance required strong driving inside the final furlong, but managed to deny Celtix (Fr) (Linamix {Fr}) by a short-head on the line. Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €15,800. O/B-Baron Guy de Rothschild; T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

★ BRITAIN ★

JOHNSTON RUNNERS TO SKIP CHICAGO TRIP

Trainer Mark Johnston reported yesterday that a pair of his intended starters in next Saturday's G1 Arlington Million will not be making the trans-Atlantic journey. **Scott's View (GB)** (Selkirk), third in the G1 Dubai Duty Free S. at Nad al Sheba and the G1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup in Hong Kong this spring, suffered an injury during his fourth-place effort in the G1 Grosser Dallmayr Preis at Munich Aug. 1. "Unfortunately, Scott's View picked up a tendon injury during the race in Germany and he will be off the course for the rest of the year," the conditioner told *Racing Post*. Johnston indicated that **Gateman (GB)** (Owington {GB}) will also remain in England. "He's had a few niggling problems, which isn't that unusual for Gateman. It has been simply decided that, following these niggles and with fast ground looking a possibility at Arlington, it is not worth taking the risk of travelling." Gateman, this year's G3 Earl of Sefton S. winner, was most recently second in the G3 Scottish Derby at Ayr July 19.

Yesterday's Results:

Lingfield, 2.40, Cond, £5,345, 2yo, 5f (AWT), 0:59.87, stn.

PITCH UP (IRE) (c, 2, Cape Cross {Ire}--Uhud {Ire}, by Mujtahid), who lost the maiden tag at Sandown July 22, broke smartly from the traps and soon led at a good pace. The 9-2 chance, a 40,000gns TATOCT yearling purchase, was pushed along to maintain his advantage from the top of the short straight and was ridden out inside the final furlong to account for Sundance (Ire) (Namid {GB}) by 1 1/2 lengths. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, £8,369. O-B G Chamley; B-Peter McCutcheon; T-Terry Mills.

Haydock, 6.10, Mdn, £7,540, 2yo, 5fT, 1:02.02, gd.
COUNTDOWN (GB) (c, 2, Pivotal {GB}--Quiz Time {GB} {SP-Eng}, by Efisio {GB}), a 170,000gns TATOCT yearling, was runner-up to the promising Sumora (Ire) in a Lingfield maiden last time July 31. Racing prominently throughout the early stages, she gained the edge at the quarter pole, was driven out and responded gamely to beat One Great Idea (Ire) (Night Shift) by 1 1/2 lengths as the 4-9 favorite. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, £7,039. O-Cheveley Park Stud; B-Lady Fairhaven; T-Sir Mark Prescott.

Newmarket, 7.25, Mdn, £7,450, 2yo, 7fT, 1:27.25, gd/fm.

WINDSOR KNOT (IRE) (c, 2, Pivotal {GB}--Triple Tie, by The Minstrel), fourth in a Sandown maiden on his debut July 21, was well supported into 4-5 favoritism to make that experience count. Taken to the front in the early stages by Johnny Murtagh, the €260,000 GOFORB yearling purchase lengthened away from his rivals up the rising ground to beat Monsoon Rain (Old Trieste) by a comfortable two-length margin. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £5,350. O-Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum; B-Tally-Ho Stud; T-John Gosden.

Lingfield, 2.10, Mdn, £5,525, 3yo/up, 1 3/4mT, 3:06.62, fm.

MAGICAL QUEST (GB) (c, 4, Rainbow Quest--Apogee {GB} {GSW-Fr}, by Shirley Heights {GB}), eighth on his racecourse bow at this track July 21, stalked the early lead in second, but moved to the front as the field headed for the backstretch run. The 6-1 chance was hustled along with three furlongs remaining, held a cozy advantage at the eighth pole and kept on well thereafter to defeat Red Damson (Ire) (Croco Rouge {Ire}) by an easy six lengths. The winner is a half brother to Dance Routine (GB) (Sadler's Wells), GSW & G1SP-Fr, \$217,608; and Apsis (GB) (Baratheia {Ire}), GSW-Fr. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £3,591. O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms; T-Amanda Perrett.



AUSTRALASIA



LONHRO AUSSIE HORSE OF THE YEAR Lonhro (Octagonal {NZ}) garnered 94 percent of the possible votes and was named Australia's Horse of the Year in ceremonies held Aug. 4 in Melbourne. The "Black Flash" was also named the country's champion middle-distance horse following a season which included eight wins--five in Group 1 company--from his 10 trips to the post. He was no more impressive in victory than in the G1 Australian Cup, where he was checked in the stretch and looked hopelessly beaten before re-rallying for a narrow success. Lonhro, who earned 153 of 162 first-place votes, enters stud this year at Woodlands Stud. Other divisional winners included **Dance Hero (Aus)** (Danzero {Aus}), champion two-year-old; **Exceed and Excel (Aus)** (Danhill), champion sprinter; and **Private Steer (Aus)** (Danhill Dancer {Ire}), champion filly or mare. John Hawkes, who conditioned Lonhro, was named champion trainer while Glen Boss took down honors as champion jockey.

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

4th-WOX, \$67,900, NW3X, 3/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft.
MISS GRINDSTONE (m, 5, Grindstone--Dancing in Seattle, by Seattle Song) Lifetime Record: SP, 22-11-3-4, \$431,494. O/T-John Cardella. B-Dancing in Seattle Llc (KY). *\$25,000 wlng '99 KEENOV; \$15,679 2yo '01 ONTJUN.

5th-WOX, \$65,800, NW1X, 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 2:02 4/5, fm.

SHOP HILL (c, 4, Red Ransom--Packet {MSW, \$228,505}, by Polish Navy) Lifetime Record: 11-2-5-1, \$144,637. O-Eugene & Laura Melnyk. B-R Alex Rankin, R Lenihan & P Lenihan (KY). T-Steve Owens. *\$400,000 yrl '01 KEESEP.

9th-SAR, \$45,000, NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16 4/5, ft.

CASPER PETERSON (c, 4, Victory Speech--Ciro's Seductress, by Relaunch) Lifetime Record: 9-3-3-0, \$107,730. O-James McGowan. B-Robert W Entenmann (NY). T-Michael E Hushion.

8th-MTH, \$44,419, NW3X, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :57 1/5, gd.

KISS ME KATIE (f, 4, Partner's Hero--Cara R, by Distinctive Pro) Lifetime Record: 13-3-2-2, \$87,430. O-C Reed, J Muldoon & D Muldoon. B-Galway Dreams Stable (MD). T-Benjamin M Feliciano Jr.

1st-WOX, \$36,400, NW3L, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:47 3/5, ft.

DANISH FAIRYTALE (DEN) (f, 4, Cajun Cadet {GB}--Azyadee {Fr}, by Green Dancer) Lifetime Record: 13-3-0-1, \$119,349. O-Leif J Hempel. B-Stutteri Hjortebo (DEN). T-Robert Earl Barnett. *1/2 to Reine Amandine (Fr) (Marignan), SW-Fr & GSP-US, \$190,955.

9th-SRX, \$33,385, 8-5, NW1X, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:09 2/5, ft.

FAVORITE TIMES (f, 3, Souvenir Copy--Zigland, by Danzig) Lifetime Record: SP, 6-3-3-0, \$54,930. O-Golden Eagle Farm. B-Mr & Mrs John C Mabee (KY). T-Greg Gilchrist.

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5th-CRC, \$29,000, NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:46 4/5, ft.
TUSCANY LIGHT (f, 4, Colony Light--Village Fair, by Meadowlake) Lifetime Record: SP, 29-3-6-7, \$108,548. O/B-J D Farms (FL). T-David R Brownlee.

7th-PIM, \$27,000, NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, 1:00, yl.
THE RODEO EXPRESS (f, 4, Rodeo--Red Riding Hood, by Wolf Power {SAf}) Lifetime Record: 12-3-3-2, \$96,538. O-Candy Stables. B-Candyland Farm (NY). T-Barclay Tagg.

10th-LAD, \$25,360, 8-5, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, a1mT, 1:38 4/5, fm.
SHABANGO (f, 4, Wild Again--Double Park {Fr} {GISP-US & SP-GB}, by Lycius) Lifetime Record: 16-2-3-3, \$51,175. O/B-Dream Walkin Farms Inc (KY). T-W Bret Calhoun. * 1/2 to Cactus Ridge (Hennessy), GSW, \$187,850.

5th-PIM, \$25,000, NW1X, 3yo/up, 8.5fT, 1:49 2/5, yl.
STING LEAR (c, 4, Lear Fan--Northern Sting {SW}, by Northern Jove) Lifetime Record: 10-2-4-1, \$63,750. O/B-Richard C Granville (MD). T-Kevin C Boniface. * 1/2 to Icy Warning (Caveat), MSW & MGSP, \$516,202; Ops Smile (Caveat), GISW, \$785,246; and Testing (Deputed Testamony), MSW, \$530,945.

9th-LAD, \$25,000, 8-5, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:23 3/5, ft.
ABBEYS RUNNER (f, 3, Westminster--Red Ridge Runner, by Nova Scotia) Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-0, \$56,735. O-Charles Harper & Joe B Denson. B-Pennark Stables (KY). T-Morris G Nicks.

9th-ELP, \$22,600, NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT, 1:03 1/5, fm.
MIGHTY PATRIOT (m, 6, First Patriot--Mighty Summer, by Mighty Adversary) Lifetime Record: 20-9-4-2, \$81,062. O-Michael J Clare. B-William M Rickman (MD). T-Lori A Smock.

8th-ELP, \$20,400, NW2L, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:12 1/5, ft.
JULES BEST (f, 2, Jules--Whitney's Best {SW}, by Whitney Tower) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$37,280. O-Carl Bowling, Robert Velotta & Vickie L Foley, et al. B-C Bowling & R P Velotta (FL). T-Vickie L Foley. *\$95,000 2yo '04 OBSFEB.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

- Bizzy Trick, c, 2, Mazel Trick--Star Bird, by Storm Bird.** SAR, 8-6, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:05 3/5. B-France & Irv Weiner (FL). *\$22,000 yrl '03 OBSAUG.
- Elusive Glory, c, 3, Elusive Quality--**Dau Dau de Dau, by Dauphin Fabuleux. MTH, 8-6, 1 1/16mT, 1:45. B-Eclipse Bloodstock Int Inc (FL). *\$100,000 yrl '02 OBSAUG; \$20,000 2yo '03 FTMMAY.
- Findee's Keepee's, g, 3, Intensity--**Keepin' Thoughts, by Better Arbitor. MTH, 8-6, (S), (C), 6f, 1:12. B-Carolyn Sleeter (NJ).
- Brilliant Peaks, f, 3, Peaks and Valleys--**Seeking Brilliance, by Seeking the Gold. PIM, 8-6, 6f, 1:11. B-Marshelle E Bassford Burgess (Ky).
- Seaside Salute, g, 3, Sea Salute--**Love Tunnel, by Mining. SAR, 8-6, (S), 1 1/8m, 1:52 4/5. B-Roger Toffolon (NY). *\$2,500 wlng '01 FTKDEC; \$4,500 yrl '02 KEEEOCT; \$17,000 2yo '03 OBSAPR. ** 1/2 to Divine Angel (Matty G), GSP. *** Won by 10 3/4.

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

- Newmarket, 8.25, Cond, £14,480, 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 2:03.79, gd/fm.**
- CORRIOLANUS (GER) (c, 4, Zamindar--Caesarea {Ger}, by Generous {Ire})** Lifetime Record: MGSP-Ger, 14-2-1-4, £35,068. O-Richard J Cohen; B-Gestut Schlenderhan; T-Philip Mitchell.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

- Bound Light, c, 2, Boundary--**Meadow Sunlight, by Meadowlake. Naples, Italy, 8-5, Cond, 2yo, 1mT. B-W Bruce Lunsford. *\$10,000 yrl '03 FTKOCT.

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WRITERS UP

HOPING FOR THE HAMBO

By Bill Finley

Joseph Taylor may no longer be with us, but the spirit of a kind-hearted and generous man lives on in a 3-year-old trotter named Eilean Donon. He will race Saturday in the famed Hambletonian at the Meadowlands, with the dual purpose of trying to win one of harness racing's greatest events and earning \$165,000 for Taylor's favorite charity.

The Taylors, though best known as the family behind Taylor Made Farm and Sales Agency, one of thoroughbred racing's leading consignment operations, have roots in harness racing, as well. The interest in standardbreds was fostered by Joe Taylor, who was the long-time farm manager for Clarence and John Gaines, who raised both breeds. Gainesway bred two Hambletonian winners in the mid-60s while Joe Taylor was employed there.

Joe Taylor and Steve Stewart bred Eilean Donon, who is named after a castle in Scotland, with the intention of selling him. When the horse went through the sales ring at the Tattersalls sales, Taylor's son, Ben, started bidding, in part because he wanted the reserve to be met. The younger Taylor kept bidding and eventually bought the colt for \$23,000. After the sale, Joe Taylor and Stewart said they wanted back in. A partnership was formed with each individual owning one-third of the horse.

Joe Taylor, already believing the trotter could turn out to be something special, decided he would donate his share of the horse's earnings to ConQuest, a national network of clubs and camps for Catholic boys age five to 16. Joe Taylor founded the Lexington chapter of the organization in 1998.

"We were confident before this colt even started that he had a lot of ability," Ben Taylor said. "My father thought this could be a way to help those who needed it. He wasn't a materialistic person. He felt he had been very lucky in life and wanted to share what he had with others."

The Taylors weren't wrong about Eilean Donon. He made 11 starts as a two-year-old, won six and earned \$235,469. Among the leaders of his division, it was clear that he belonged on the trail to the Hambletonian. Tragically, Joe Taylor never got to see any of his three-year-old races.



Eilean Donon & trainer Bob Stewart
USTA Photo

Taylor, performing still another act of kindness and generosity, died late last year in an automobile accident.

He was delivering Christmas presents to friends, neighbors and employees at the time of the crash.

The Taylor family knew that their father would have wanted his share of Eilean Donon's future earnings to continue to go to ConQuest and have continued to send payments to the charity. Eileen Donon has earned another \$101,719 this year, increasing his career earnings to \$337,188. The charity has received \$111,272 all told.

"Joe got involved when his son Duncan sent his son to our camp," said Father Matthew Smwooreburg, who helps run the ConQuest program. "He really enjoyed the camps and he would always make sure that he was the one to bring the kids. The first time he came, he just watched. He loved our balance of talks and sports. We have talks on virtues and then we have a lot of sports activities. The sports help the kids rest between the talks."

Father Matthew said the contributions from Eilean Donon have been a blessing that have made for a better organization.

"Frankly, we really needed this money," he said. "We put our focus on putting our resources into people who are good leaders and teachers. That's what the money has gone toward, to hire people who can do the best possible job in this role and teach the dads who run the clubs how our program works."

For a while, it looked like Eilean Donon wouldn't make it to the Hambletonian. He was forced to undergo emergency surgery for a scrotal hernia and the removal of a testicle July 7, exactly one month before the race. The surgery was performed at the same New Jersey clinic that worked on Smarty Jones after his starting gate accident as a two-year-old.

Remarkably, Eilean Donon bounced right back, won an open race July 23 and then an elimination heat for the \$1 million Hambletonian.

"They are a durable breed," said trainer Bob Stewart, the son of co-owner Steve Stewart. "It's amazing what they can overcome."

It's a wide-open race, but just about everyone gives Eilean Donon, who is 9-2 in the morning line, a chance. Should he win, ConQuest will receive an additional \$165,000. Nothing would have made Joe Taylor more proud.

"Before my father died, we used to talk about the Hambletonian," Ben Taylor said. "But it seemed like wishful thinking. After all, this is the horse business. But I know how much it would have meant to him. All his life he's wanted to help young people. He found an organization with a good track record, that gives kids discipline and teaches them respect for the parents and leadership qualities."