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A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

Most trainers only dream of having a horse good enough to run in the GI Travers S. Nick Zito will saddle not one, not two, but three of the seven colts entered in Saturday's 135th running of the Midsummer Derby, and he believes any one of them could stand in the Saratoga winner's circle. The trio is headed by **Birdstone** (Grindstone), who broke his maiden by 12 1/2 lengths at the Spa last year and went on to win the GI Cham-



Birdstone Adam Coglianese

pagne S. The diminutive bay was disappointing when running fifth in the Mar. 20 GII Lane's End S. and eighth in the May 1 GI Kentucky Derby, but he pulled it together in his latest appearance, sweeping past the valiant Smarty Jones to win the June 5 GI Belmont S. "He has lived up to our expectations," Zito said during the Travers draw at Saratoga yesterday. "He's a worthy horse. We call him 'Little Man' for obvious reasons, but he's got a big, big heart." Birdstone will be joined in the starting gate by **The Cliff's Edge** (Gulch), who bested fellow Travers hopeful **Lion Heart** (Tale of the Cat) in the GI Blue Grass S. in April, but had to settle for fifth on the first Saturday in May. Sidelined after the first leg of the Triple Crown with hoof problems, The Cliff's Edge returned to be second in the July 11 GII Dwyer S. and again when 4 1/2 lengths behind Travers morning-line chalk **Purge** (Pulpit) in the Aug. 8 GII Jim Dandy S. But the Zito horse to watch for might turn out to be **Sir Shackleton** (Miswaki). The chestnut colt, a winner of four of his seven starts, was freshened after finishing sixth in the May 15 GI Preakness. He might have been short of his best when third in the Dwyer, but he closed from just off the pace to take the Aug. 7 GIII West Virginia Derby by three lengths. "He's a dangerous horse," Zito warned. "He's doing everything right, like a good three-year-old would. He's getting good at the right time." Travers field, p2



Sir Shackleton
Four Footed Fotos

DEAUVILLE SALE CONCLUDES

The four-day Deauville August Yearling Sale concluded on a high note yesterday, with a final 186 horses going through the ring. The final figures of the sale showed a 10-percent increase in gross, from €25,917,000 a year ago to €28,491,000 this year. The total sale average was up by 3.4 percent to €76,383. The clearance rate for the four-day sale stood at 75.2 percent. For the first two sessions, held Sunday and Monday, compared with the first three days in 2003, the gross was up 4.5 percent and the average was up by 8 percent. For the final two sessions, the aggregate rose 32 percent and the average increased 12 percent. Yesterday's bidding was topped at €120,000 by [lot 523](#), a colt by Pivotal (GB) consigned by Neustrian Associates (Haras du Buff), from the family of champion and leading sire Peintre Celebre. The yearling is out of Peony Girl (Fr) (Phantom Breeze {Ire}). He was knocked down to the Broadhurst Agency of Laurent Benoit. "He was a very attractive colt, not particularly precocious, but moving very well," Benoit said. "Pivotal is a sensation at this time and we hope this one will prove good also. He should be trained in England." During bidding on the colt, Benoit was standing next to Angus Gold, racing manager for Sheikh Hamdan al Maktoum's Shadwell. At the close of business yesterday, Philippe Augier, president of the Agence Francaise, said, "We are convinced that the new four-day format is a good option. The new format allowed us to offer high-quality yearlings throughout the four days of the sale, and the international investors were present right up to the end of the sale, with people like Anthony Stroud still very active. The selection process was very tough and all the horses offered here deserved to be presented at the August auction. The general figures are most satisfactory, but what is even more satisfactory are the figures for the last two days. That is the true proof that the four-day format worked." Deauville Stats, p2

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Saturday, Saratoga Race Course

TRIVERS S.-GI, \$1,000,000, 3yo, 1 1/4m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	ODDS
1	Eddington	Unbridled	Migliore	15-1
2	Lion Heart	Tale of the Cat	Bravo	3-1
3	Purge	Pulpit	Velazquez	2-1
4	Sir Shackleton	Miswaki	Bejarano	10-1
5	Birdstone	Grindstone	Prado	3-1
6	The Cliff's Edge	Gulch	Sellers	7-2
7	Suave	A.P. Indy	Day	20-1

All carry 126 pounds.

Friday, Saratoga Race Course

PERSONAL ENSIGN H.-GI, \$400,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 10f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Storm Flag Flying	Storm Cat	Velazquez	116
2	Azeri	Jade Hunter	Day	122
3	Nevermore	Unbridled	Prado	110
4	Roar Emotion	Roar	Bailey	115
5	Board Elligible	Goldminers Gold	Fragoso	112

Saturday, Saratoga Race Course

KING'S BISHOP S.-GI, \$250,000, 3yo, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Medallist	Touch Gold	Chavez	123
2	Bwana Charlie	Indian Charlie	Sellers	123
3	Pomeroy	Boundary	Prado	121
4	Hosco	Honour and Glory	Velasquez	121
5	Weigelia	Safely's Mark	Velazquez	121
6	Ice Wynnd Fire	Northern Fleet	Bailey	117
7	Saratoga County	Valid Expectations	Castellano	121
8	Fire Slam	Grand Slam	Day	123

DEAUVILLE 2004 -- LEADING BUYERS

Charlie Gordon Watson	14 bought for €1,562,000
<i>Average</i>	€111,571
Agence FIPS	24 bought for €1,550,000
<i>Average</i>	€64,583
Chantilly Bloodstock	10 bought for €1,242,000
<i>Average</i>	€124,200



DEAUVILLE YEARLINGS

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 25, 2004

SESSION TOTALS

	2004
No. Offered	186
No. Sold	130
RNAs	56
% RNA	30.1%
Gross (€)	€4,191,000
Average	€32,238

CUMULATIVE

	2004	2003
No. Offered	496	453
No. Sold	373	351
RNAs	123	102
% RNA	24.8%	22.5%
Gross	€28,491,000	€25,917,000
Average (% change)	€76,383 (+3.4%)	€73,838
Median (% change)	€57,000 (+21.3%)	€47,000

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DEAUVILLE 2004 -- LEADING VENDORS

ETREHAM: 52 offered, 46 sold, 6 buy backs
<i>Gross</i> €4,515,000 <i>Average</i> €98,152
HARAS DES CAPUCINES: 27 offered, 26 sold, 1 buy back
<i>Gross</i> €3,209,000 <i>Average</i> €123,423
MEZERAY: 26 offered, 20 sold, 6 buy backs
<i>Gross</i> €2,216,000 <i>Average</i> €110,825

DEAUVILLE 2004 -- LEADING SIREs

ANABAA (Haras du Quesnay)
22 offered, 18 sold, 4 buy backs
<i>Gross</i> €2,732,000 <i>Average</i> €151,778
GALILEO (IRE) (Coolmore)
15 offered, 15 sold, 2 buy backs
<i>Gross</i> €2,446,000 <i>Average</i> €163,067
GRAND LODGE (dead)
11 offered, 9 sold, 2 buy backs
<i>Gross</i> €1,813,000 <i>Average</i> €201,444

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SNUCK IN, DELAWARE TOWNSHIP COLTS TOP

OBS Colts from the first crops of sires Snuck In (Montbrook) and Delaware Township (Notebook) topped yesterday's second open session of the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's August Yearling Sale with final bids of \$70,000. [Hip 616](#), a yearling by graded stakes winner Snuck In out of the Deputy Minister mare Full Approval, was consigned by Cookson Thoroughbreds, agent, and was purchased by W.D. North, agent. [Hip 797](#), a chestnut colt by multiple Grade I winner Delaware Township, was consigned by Beth Bayer, agent, and was purchased by trainer Wesley Ward. The yearling is out of Lull (West by West). For the session, 234 yearlings grossed \$2,933,600. The average was \$12,537--up 40 percent from last year's average of \$8,965. The median, \$8,000, was up 33 percent from last year's figure of \$6,000. The buyback rate was 18.2 percent. The Open Yearling Sale's final session begins today at 11 a.m.

Travers Contender Delayed:

Suave (A.P. Indy), who was originally scheduled to arrive at Albany Airport yesterday in advance of a tilt at Saturday's GI Travers S., was delayed after the plane transporting him, and several other horses, was grounded in Louisville, Kentucky. "The plane developed a mechanical [problem] that required a new part," explained Paul Holthus of Tex Sutton, who operates the plane. "The horses were taken to Churchill [Downs] and bedded down." According to Holthus, Suave, who finished second in his latest start in the GII Swaps Breeders' Cup S. at Hollywood July 10, will arrive today at 9:30 a.m.

Yesterday's Results:

ALBANY S., \$170,250, SAR, 8-25, (S), 3yo, 1 1/8m, 1:50 2/5, ft.

- 1--WEST VIRGINIA, 121, c, 3, Tomorrows Cat--Wild and Wonderful, by Kennedy Road.** O-Donald S & Roberta Mary Zuckerman; B-Donald & R Mary Zuckerman, as Tenants by the Entireties (NY); T-Todd A Pletcher; J-J Velazquez; \$102,150. Lifetime Record: 10-5-1-1, \$420,250.
- 2--Everydayissaturday, 119, c, 3, Storm Cat--India Divina (Chi), by Roy.** O-Barry K Schwartz. \$34,050.
- 3--Work With Me, 117, c, 3, Tomorrows Cat--Storm System, by Naskra.** (\$12,000 yrl '02 FTMSEP; \$6,500 yrl '02 OBSJAN). O-M E Gorham. \$17,025. Margins: 1 3/4, 4, HF. Odds: 1.00, 47.50, 3.15.

West Virginia needed the length of the stretch, but eventually wore down Everydayissaturday to win the Albany S. for New York-breds yesterday at Saratoga. The winner of the Times Square division of the New York Stallion Stakes at Aqueduct Apr. 25, the dark bay was a wide fourth in the seven-furlong Mike Lee S. at Belmont Park June 26. Stretched back out to two turns for his latest, he dug in gamely late, but ultimately settled for second to Chowder's First (Let Goodtimes Roll) in the Cab Calloway S. Aug. 4. With that rival scratched from this spot, the even-money favorite saved ground throughout, came out for the drive and finished well for the victory. "It was a pretty easy ride," said winning jockey John Velazquez. "I just wanted to stick to the pace, stay right after him, push him when I had to--and he pushed it."

OBS AUGUST YEARLING SALE
TUESDAY, AUG. 24, 2004

SESSION TOTALS	2004	2003
No. Sold	240	218
% RNA	18.6%	27.8%
Gross	\$3,261,700	\$2,273,600
Average (% change)	\$13,590 (+30.3%)	\$10,429
Median (% change)	\$7,000 (+3.7%)	\$6,750

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STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, THURSDAY, AUGUST 26:

09-04 \$200,000 [Palomar Breeders' Cup H.-II](#), Dmr, 3yo/up, f/m, 8.5fT (150)

09-05 \$250,000 [Del Mar Breeders' Cup H.-II](#), Dmr, 3yo/up, 8f (150)

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Saratoga Results cont.

3rd-SAR, \$52,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$75,000), NW3X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m, 1:50 2/5, ft.

1--**SHADOW CAST, 115, f, 3, Smart Strike--Daily Special, by Dayjur.** O/B-William S Farish Jr (KY); T-Neil J Howard. Lifetime Record: GSW, 11-4-1-4, \$237,355.

2--**Cloakof Vagueness, 120, f, 4, El Prado (Ire)--Moving Picture, by Alysheba.** (\$77,000 yrl '01 KEESSEP).

3--**Childress, 120, m, 6, Evansville Slew--Hot Brown, by Lost Code.**

Margins: 3/4, 4, 2HF. Odds: 5.80, 1.10, 2.40.

The winner of this year's GIII Silverbulletday S. at Fair Grounds, Shadow Cast was third to Ashado in the Mar. 6 GII Fair Grounds Oaks, but could do no better than fifth in the GII Fantasy S. at Oaklawn Apr. 9. On the turf for her next two, the chestnut was third in Churchill allowance company May 22 and fourth in the GIII Regret S. June 12 before getting a break. In her Aug. 4 return over course and distance, she was bumped early and ran on evenly late to be third. Tighter for this effort, Shadow Cast raced close to the early pace four wide, advanced on the turn, drew even with Cloakof Vagueness at the furlong grounds and edged clear.

7th-SAR, \$51,000, Alw, NW3X, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:14 4/5, ft.

1--**MIDAS EYES, 118, c, 4, Touch Gold--Bayou Plans (MSW, \$309,229), by Bayou Hebert.** O-Edmund A Gann; B-Jacks or Better Farm Inc (FL); T-Robert J Frankel. Lifetime Record: GSW & MGISP, 10-4-3-1, \$406,528.

2--**Mr. Nancho (Arg), 118, c, 4, Southern Halo--Miss Peggy (Arg), by Fitzcarraldo (Arg).**

3--**Dashboard Drummer, 114, c, 3, Alamocitos--Groovin Moment, by Magic Moment II (Fr).**

Margins: 5 3/4, 3HF, 2HF. Odds: 0.40, 4.00, 10.80.

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.

7th-SAR cont.

Midas Eyes won three of his first four career starts, including the 2003 GIII Derby Trial S., but had remarkably gone winless since. Second a nose in the GII Riva Ridge BC S. last June, the bay did not race again until the Oct. 25 GI Breeders' Cup Sprint, finishing a well-beaten eighth. The runner-up to Congaree in the GI Cigar Mile H. Nov. 29, the Edmund Gann runner made his two most recent starts back on the West Coast, finishing third as the favorite in the GI Malibu S. Dec. 26 and a good fourth in his two-turn bow in the GII Strub S. Feb. 7. Allowed to settle just off pacesetting Quick Action (Carson City), Midas Eyes took command in upper stretch and rolled home an eased-down winner. The final time was 2/5 of a second off the track record.

5th-SAR, \$50,000, Alw, NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m, 1:51 2/5, ft.

PAIOTA FALLS (f, 3, Kris S.--Dance Swiftly, by Danzig), produced from an unraced full sister to multiple champion Dance Smartly, debuted with a runner-up finish in a 7 1/2-furlong maiden Memorial Day at Belmont before switching to the turf to graduate by 2 1/2 lengths with first-time Lasix June 26. The front-running winner of an Aug. 1 entry-level allowance over track and trip, the \$300,000 FTKOCT yearling was made the even-money choice to take the next step. In behind a trio of horses for the opening three quarters, Paiota Falls raced well in hand turning for home, but lacked room in upper stretch. Switched out five wide at the eighth pole, she dug in gamely to catch Family Business (Saint Ballado) by a half length. Lifetime Record: 4-3-1-0, \$93,800. O-Dinwiddie Farm. B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY). T-William I Mott.

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SENSE OF STYLE, Winner of the **Spinaway S. (GII)** August 20
 O-Derrick Smith & Michael Tabor; B-Twelve Oaks Stud (KY); T-Patrick L Biancone
 Sold Keeneland November 2002 for \$375,000
Consigned by Fitzgerald/Keogh, Agent; Purchased by Gordon-Watson, Agent
 Sold Keeneland September 2003 for \$800,000; Earnings now \$177,000
Consigned by Eaton Sales, Agent; Purchased by Demi O'Byrne





Saratoga Results cont.

4th-SAR, \$46,000, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 3/8mT, 2:16 3/5, fm.

CHRISTMAS CARD (f, 3, Theatrical {Ire}--Christmas Bonus {SW, \$140,557}, by Key to the Mint) finished off the board in her first three trips to the post, but nearly got the job done in start number four, missing by 3/4 of a length over the Gulfstream green Apr. 23. Given a breather off that effort, the chestnut was seventh, beaten less than three lengths, at Belmont June 20 and was most recently second in a 10-furlong grass maiden downstate July 22. Getting another furlong for this as the 6-5 favorite, the half sister to Bonus Money (GB) (Chief's Crown), SW & GISP, \$229,551; Christmas Gift (Green Desert), MGSW, \$387,176; and Shebl (Green Desert), SW-UAE, GSP-Eng, SP-Ity, saved ground from midpack, gained on the turn, came out for the drive and cruised to a five-length victory over Saratoga Sugar (Gone West). Christmas Card is also a half sister to Bright Candles (El Gran Senor), MSW & MGISP, \$405,091, the dam of Grand Slam. Lifetime Record: 7-1-2-0, \$44,527. O/B-Edward P Evans (KY). T-Mark A Hennig.

2nd-SAR, \$45,000, Msw, 2yo, 5f, :57 3/5, ft. + CLOSING ARGUMENT (c, 2, Successful Appeal--Mrs. Greeley, by Mr. Greeley) became the ninth individual and seventh debut winner for his freshman sire (by Valid Appeal) with a pace-pressing victory. The bay, a \$10,000 OBSJAN and \$25,000 OBSAUG yearling, matured into a \$100,000 OBSAPR two-year-old purchase and trained forwardly for his debut, including a best-of-eight five furlongs in 1:00 4/5 at Belmont Aug. 10. Sent off at his morning line of 5-1, the Florida-bred chased the pacesetter from second while a bit off the rail, went after the lead in upper stretch and drew clear to defeat odds-on Prime (Forest Wildcat) by three solid lengths. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$27,000. O-Philip & Marcia Cohen. B-France & Irwin J Weiner (FL). T-Kiaran P McLaughlin.

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★ EAST ★

Yesterday's Results:

7th-MTH, \$41,000, Alw, NW3L, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:45 2/5, gd.

DANCING COLORS (IRE) (f, 3, Spectrum {Ire}--Dance Ahead {GB}, by Shareef Dancer), a €40,000 GOFORB yearling purchase, earned a maiden win from her eight European starts for trainer Dermot Weld and ended her campaign across the pond with a fourth-place finish in a Leopardstown nursery last Nov. 8. The bay took her first U.S. start, defeating older fillies and mares by 3/4 of a length over course and distance June 9, and was most recently a good third against her peers in the Denise Rhudy Memorial S. at Delaware Park July 10. The 17-10 favorite on the drop back into allowance company, the half to Dance Clear (Ire) (Marju {Ire}), MGSP-US, GSP-Ire, \$237,385, survived a bumping incident in the stretch and ran on for a determined head success over Strategy (GB) (Machiavellian). Lifetime Record: SP-US, 11-3-3-3, \$81,326. O-Vivian Sarue Ezekiel. B-M Dalton (IRE). T-C Clement.

3rd-MTH, \$37,000, Msw, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11, ft. + ARTEUR (c, 3, Hennessy--Teocratica {Arg}, by Farnesio {Arg}), a half brother to Team (Arg) (Southern Halo), Horse of the Year-Arg, Ch. 2yo Colt-Arg, MG1SW-Arg, obliged the Monmouth faithful who sent him off the 3-1 third choice to graduate at first asking. The Mack homebred dueled heads apart on the front end with favored Deputized (Silver Deputy), turned away that rival at the quarter pole and finished with good energy, reporting home a 4 3/4-length winner. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$22,200. O/B-Earle I Mack (KY). T-Dennis J Manning.

★ CENTRAL ★

Saarland Stud Fee Announced:

Saarland (Unbridled--Versailles Treaty, by Danzig) will stand his initial season at stud next year at Hill 'n' Dale Farm for \$10,000, live foal. "A graded stakes winner at two, Saarland is a magnificent individual and we are excited that he will be standing the upcoming breeding season with us at Hill 'n' Dale," said John Sikura, president of the Lexington farm. Saarland won the 2001 GII Remsen S. at two and was second in last year's GI Met Mile H. On the board in 11 of 21 starts, Saarland retired with five wins and earnings of \$595,250.

BREEDERS' CUP STAKES CLOSINGS

	<u>CLOSES</u>	<u>TRACK</u>	<u>RACE</u>	<u>CONDITIONS</u>	<u>PURSE</u>	<u>RUNS</u>
	8-26	DMR	Palomar Breeders' Cup H. (GII)	3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT	\$200,000	9-04
	8-26	DMR	Del Mar Breeders' Cup H. (GII)	3yo/up, 1m	\$250,000	9-05
	8-27	RP	Edward J. DeBartolo Sr. Memorial BC H.	3yo/up, 1 1/8mT	\$125,000	9-06
	8-28	EMD	Emerald Downs Breeders' Cup Derby	3yo, 1 1/8m	\$100,000	9-06
	8-28	BEL	Garden City Breeders' Cup H. (GI)	3yo, f, 1 1/8mT	\$300,000	9-12



Central Report cont.

Yesterday's Results:

7th-ELP, \$23,700, Msw, 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT, 1:02 3/5, fm.

BOBANDROB (c, 3, Squadron Leader--Pretty Two, by Plugged Nickle) turned in a solid debut effort, finishing second in a similar event Aug. 7 and was the 5-2 second choice to go one better here. Part of a three-way battle for the lead, the chestnut assumed control entering the stretch and went on to record a 3 1/4-length victory. Timeaftertimeafter (Confide) was second. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$16,661. O-Delmar Daubs & Leah Greene. B-Terry Cornelius (KY). T-Shirley A Greene.

5th-ELP, \$23,700, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT, 1:04, fm.

SWEETNSASSY HANNAH (f, 3, Real Quiet--Morris Code {MSW & MGSP, \$745,167}, by Lost Code) showed brief early speed in her July 8 bow sprinting over this turf course before fading badly to finish ninth of 10. Reported as a \$450,000 KEESEP yearling, the dark bay lit up the tote this time around. Eight wide early after breaking from the 10-hole, she was still deep on the turn, came even wider for the drive and was along late for a neck win over Running Saint (Saint Ballado). Sent off at odds of 136-1, she returned \$274.80 to win and \$99 to place. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$14,761. O-Classic Star Stable Llc. B-S David Plummer (KY). T-Christopher S Paasch.

10th-ELP, \$23,700, Msw, 2yo, f, 1mT, 1:38 3/5, fm. + **ROYAL BEAN** (f, 2, [Royal Academy](#)--Eubee {Fr} {SP-Fr}, by Common Grounds), a half sister to Lenatarese (Broad Brush), SW, \$137,180, winner of this track's Audubon Oaks a few weeks back, took this field wire-to-wire to win by four lengths as a 9-2 chance. The bay filly was a \$30,000 KEESEP yearling purchase. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$14,761. O-William Pacella, Joseph Rizza & Ronald Schwed. B-Gaillardia, Llc & Cheyenne Stables, Llc (KY). T-Dale L Romans.

★ DELMAR ★

Yesterday's Results:

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

1--**TRULY A JUDGE, 117, h, 6, Judge T C--Truly Needy (SW, \$185,925), by Yukon.** (\$37,000 2yo 2000 KEENOV). O-Aidekman, Ailshie & Harris; B-Robert H & Bea Roberts (KY); T-David Bernstein. Lifetime Record: SW & GSP, 38-9-7-8, \$477,530.

2--**Gondolieri (Chi), 117, h, 5, Gold Tribute--Some Home, by Summing.**

3--**Waingarath, 117, h, 6, Slewpy--Beverly Z., by Zamboni.**

Margins: HF, 6, 2. Odds: 6.10, 2.70, 6.70.

Truly A Judge put a halt to a 12-race losing streak with an ultra-game success. The winner of a third-level allowance at Santa Anita in February '03, the gelding was runner-up in the Nov. 28 Forty Niner H. and the Jan. 1 Lafayette H. at Golden Gate, but was fourth in a Valentine's Day allowance at Santa Anita and in the Mar. 13 Tokyo City H. He most recently returned from a five-month absence to be fourth at this track Aug. 5. Shedding the blinkers for this effort, Truly A Judge raced head and head with Gondolieri and looked ticketed for the bottom half of the exacta, but came again on the inside to register a narrow victory.

4th-DMR, \$56,060, Msw, 2yo, 1mT, 1:36 1/5, fm.

LITTLEBITOFZIP (c, 2, Littlebitlively--Kafaf, by Zilzal) failed to hit the board in two dirt starts this spring, but showed good speed in his turf bow before fading to fifth in a 5 1/2-furlong maiden at Hollywood July 10. Sent off a 15-1 outsider this time, the \$30,000 BESMAR two-year-old forgot to tire, cruising on an uncontested lead through a half in :46 3/5 before bounding home four lengths clear of closer This Wizard Rocks (Rubiano). The victor represents the first winner for his MGSW freshman sire (by Lively One). Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$31,860.

O-C N Peacock. B-J Franks (FL). T-Dan L Hendricks.

MALIBU MOON

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Victory Gallop	57	13	3
Forestry	61	6	2
Mazel Trick	63	11	2
Menifee	47	14	2
Silver Charm	75	10	2
Tactical Cat	47	8	0

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SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT

First-time starters/stakes runners: Thursday, August 26

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

MALIBU MOON (A.P. Indy), Castleton Lyons, \$3K, 124/32/2
4-PIM, Msw, 1 1/16m, +United Notion, 6-1

STRAVINSKY (Nureyev), Ashford, \$18K, 182/52/4

2-SAR, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Brazilian, \$500K KEE APR 2yo, 3-1

TACTICAL CAT (Storm Cat), Overbrook, \$10K, 115/26/4

1-CT, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Tactical Kitty, \$50K FTF FEB 2yo, 10-1

FRESHMAN FOCUS

First-crop progeny to watch: Thursday, August 26

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

CAT THIEF (Storm Cat), Overbrook, \$35K, 55/3/0

2-SAR, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Pint Thief, \$150K KEE APR 2yo, 10-1

CHESTER HOUSE (Mr. Prospector), Dead, \$, 61/4/0

7-ELP, Msw, 1mT, Marge S, \$60K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1

CHIEF SEATTLE (Seattle Slew), Spendthrift, \$10K, 64/2/0

1-CT, Msw, 6 1/2f, Miss Angeline, \$4K KEE SEP yrl, 5-2

GOLDEN MISSILE (A.P. Indy), Adena, \$25K, 68/1/1

2-SAR, Msw, 5 1/2f, +In the Gold, \$250K FTS AUG yrl, 5-1

ROBB (Strawberry Road {Aus}), Beau Ridge, \$500, 9/1/0

1-CT, Msw, 6 1/2f, Strawberry Treat, 4-1

WAR CHANT (Danzig), Three Chimneys, \$60K, 53/4/1

2-AP, Msw, 1mT, +Mrs. Debbie M, \$60K EAS MAY 2yo, 5-1

YANKEE VICTOR (Saint Ballado), Airdire, \$15K, 80/6/0

2-SAR, Msw, 5 1/2f, Lady Carmen, \$95K KEE SEP yrl, 7-2

YES IT'S TRUE (Is It True), Padua, \$10K, 70/6/2

2-SAR, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Fab Four, 10-1

★ EUROPE ★

TREGONING PONDER'S MUBTAKER PLAN

Marcus Tregoning yesterday revealed that Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum's **Mubtaker** (Silver Hawk) could tackle two more races before a second tilt at the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe Oct. 3. After announcing that last year's Arc runner-up had come out of his return success in the G2 Geoffrey Freer S. at Newbury Aug. 14 "incredibly well," the Lambourn conditioner said he is looking at either next Sunday's G1 Grosser Preis von Baden or the G3 September S. Sept. 4, followed by the G3 Arc Trial at Newbury Sept. 18, with the latter two races "the more likely" plan.

SONATA SET FOR LEGER Frank Sonata (GB)

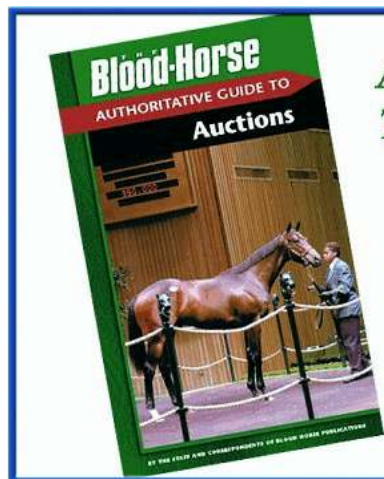
(Opening Verse) was yesterday confirmed on course for a tilt at the G1 St Leger at Doncaster Sept. 11. The Listed July Trophy scorer was reported in "cracking form" by trainer Mick Quinlan's brother Noel, who revealed that the bay would have a racecourse gallop next week. "After Doncaster we are planning to go for the GI Canadian International [at Woodbine Oct. 24]," he added.

★ BRITAIN ★

WEEKEND FEATURE UNDER THREAT

Officials at Goodwood have warned that their three-day meeting, featuring Saturday's G2 Celebration Mile, may face abandonment in the face of "Biblical storms." Assistant Clerk of the Course Seamus Buckley told *PA Sport* yesterday that the recent heavy rainfall meant that "the course will struggle to take any further significant rainfall." He added, "I've never known an August like it in all the time I have worked on racecourses--you're talking about November weather, really. It's not just ordinary passing rain, it's like Biblical storms."

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★ IRELAND ★

Yesterday's Results:

Tralee, 4.00, Hcp, €57,840, 3yo/up, 1 1/2mT, 2:53.10, hy.

HIGH PRIESTESS (IRE) (m, 5, Priolo--Boss Lady {Ire}, by Last Tycoon {Ire}), successful in the Galway festival's feature Guinness H. July 30, finished fourth in the Listed Ballycullen S. at Fairyhouse on Sunday and was making a quick reappearance as the 4-1 punters' choice here. Settled in a stalking third throughout the early stages, she challenged on the turn into the straight and grabbed the lead at the eighth pole. Never in any danger from there, she was eased in the closing stages to beat Valentina Guest (Ire) (Be My Guest) by three lengths. The winner was a lr£2,500 GOFNOV two-year-old. Lifetime Record: 9-4-0-1, €112,053.

O-Ardracchan Stud Syndicate; B-Ballymacoll Stud Farm Ltd; T-Michael O'Brien.

Tralee, 2.20, Mdn, €12,532, 2yo, 1mT, 1:53.80, hy.

TAZMEERA (IRE) (f, 2, Priolo--Tazmeen {Ire}, by Darshaan {GB}), down the field on her debut at Leopardstown Aug. 15, broke well and enjoyed a narrow lead early. Pressed by Cash Dispenser (Ire) (Petardia {GB}) throughout, the 6-1 chance showed a willing attitude to assert in the closing stages and score by 1 1/2 lengths. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €8,983.

O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC; T-John Oxx.01

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WRITERS UP

PASS PLAY FOR A TOUCHDOWN

by Lucas Marquardt

On paper, there wasn't much to indicate that the dark bay son of Pikepass would attract the sort of attention that would translate into a six-figure purchase price. But the folks at Kaizen Sales, who consigned the colt to the OBS August Yearling sale, knew better. [Hip 546](#)'s impressive physique had attracted plenty of second and third looks at the barn prior to the sale and Kaizen fielded several substantial offers for the colt before he had even stepped into the ring.

"We had turned down three offers of a hundred thousand or better at the barn before the sale, so we were confident we'd get that," said Jeff Feins, barn foreman at Kaizen. "We expected somewhere in the range of \$125,000 to \$150,000."

What they got exceeded even that lofty goal. Bidding Tuesday quickly exceeded the hundred-thousand mark and climbed until John Moynihan, acting on behalf of owner Martin Cherry, offered \$220,000 for the yearling, who is out of the Roy mare Dutch's Duchess. The price was easily the highest of the session--it marked the lone six-figure lot--and was the second-highest priced horse at the sale through Wednesday behind Monday's select-session topper, a Halo's Image colt that went for \$235,000.

"It's just so infrequent that you get a horse like this," said Feins. "He is a magnificent animal, and probably the best looking horse at the sale. He doesn't have the best pedigree, and isn't by a name that a lot of people know, but as far as an individual, he is a standout. He is really well-balanced; he's big, scopey, and everything just fits. I've been doing this for 10 years, and he's as good an individual as I've seen."

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Pass Play cont.

The sale was a home run for newcomer Dr. Benedict Mohit, an Orlando veterinarian who had purchased the colt for just \$2,700 at last year's Keeneland November Sale from the consignment of Spendthrift Farm, where Pikepass stands for \$7,500. Remarkably, it was Mohit's first stab at pinhooking.

"He had always wanted to get into the horse business, and he got some very good advice at the November Sale from Bayne Welker, Jr., up at Mill Ridge in Kentucky," said Kaizen's President Richard Kent, who was quick to spread praise around. "The horse was prepped for the sale at Rainbow Rise Farm down here in Ocala and delivered to us right here on the grounds. But that's the joy of selling a very athletic colt."

Kaizen, the sales division of the Ocala-based Plumley Farms (www.plumleyfarms.com) that was founded five years ago, consigns about about 120-150 horses at year to several different sales. They're hoping to keep the momentum going at Keeneland September with [Hip 338](#), a Deputy Minister half brother to multiple graded stakes winner Dr. Kashnikow.

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STAKES RESULTS:

PETE CONDELLONE H., \$35,900, FPK, 8-24, (S), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38 3/5, sy.

- 1--**#ROAD TOWN, 115, g, 4, Announce--Presence Galore, by Deputy Minister.** O/B-William A Hamilton (IL); T-Doug Matthews; J-J M Campbell; \$21,540. Lifetime Record: 18-4-1-2, \$97,100. *1/2 to Roberto's Minister (Royal Roberto), SW, \$154,283.
 - 2--**Moe B Dick, 119, g, 7, Kashgar--Miss Coppertone,** by Dr. Blum. \$7,180.
 - 3--**Medlin Road, 114, h, 5, Cartwright--McGinty Road,** by Irish Tower. (\$8,000 yrl '00 FTKOCT). \$3,590.
- Margins: NK, 2HF, 1HF. Odds: 1.20, 2.80, 7.00.

BUNGALOW H., \$35,700, FPK, 8-24, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38 3/5, sy.

- 1--**#PRINCESS PASTER, 114, f, 4, Prince Cox--Nasty Paster, by Flying Paster.** O-Timothy J Keeley; B-J B Stables Inc (IL); T-Eddie M Essenpreis; J-C M Medina; \$21,420. Lifetime Record: 22-5-3-5, \$124,818.
 - 2--**Samantha B., 120, f, 4, Dance Brightly--For Maia, by Hot Oil.** \$7,140.
 - 3--**Becky B Mine, 116, m, 5, Star of the Crop--Lead Sled, by Double Sonic.** \$3,570.
- Margins: 2, 2 1/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 22.10, 1.10, 4.80.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-MTH, \$48,380, NW2X, 3/up, f/m, 8.5fm, 1:46 2/5, ft. FINAL ASSAULT (f, 3, Evening Kris--Easter Vacation, by Aloha Prospector) Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-3, \$124,229. O/B-Robert A Papania & Karen Jennings (NJ). T-Robert A Papania.

8th-MTH, \$45,000, Opt. Clm. (\$65,000), NW4X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft.

PUD (c, 4, Larrupin--Edgar's Girl {MSP}, by Brilliant Protege) Lifetime Record: SP, 25-8-6-2, \$185,073. O-T Roth. B-One & Won Stable (MD). T-B M Feliciano Jr.

6th-SAR, \$44,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, 1 3/16mT, 1:55 4/5, fm.

TRUE CRIMSON (c, 4, Crimson Guard--Answer True, by Dr. Blum) Lifetime Record: 10-2-2-0, \$71,017. O/T-Gregory P Garofalo. B-Juliana Garofalo (NY).

1st-SAR, \$44,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, 1 3/16mT, 1:56, fm.

LUKELYNN (g, 3, Banker's Gold--Civilynn {GSP}, by Lost Code) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$60,338. O/B-William Lynn (NY). T-Patrick L Reynolds.

8th-APX, \$36,000, NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, a1 1/8mT, 1:52 4/5, yl.

MS. LYDONIA (f, 3, Labeeb {GB}--Empress of All, by Nasty and Bold) Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-1, \$69,451. O-William Lydon & Carson Springs Farm. B-Emerald Ridge Farm (IL). T-Christine K Janks.



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9th-ELP, \$34,100, NW2\$3MX, 3/up, 6f, 1:09 1/5, ft.
STERLING GOLD (h, 5, Mutakddim--Skeeter {Chi}
{GSW & G1SP-Chi, MSP-US, \$136,002-US}, by
Worldwatch) Lifetime Record: MSP, 27-6-6-4,
 \$237,060. O-LTB Inc & R A Williams. B-Paul & Andrena
 Van Doren (KY). T-Bernard S Flint.

9th-FEX, \$27,600, 8-24, NW1X, 3/up, 7fT, 1:26 4/5, gd.
IRISH DAVE (c, 3, Canyon Creek {Ire}--
Dancinginthelight {SW}, by Money By Orleans) Lifetime
Record: 11-2-0-0, \$42,961. O/B-Brian T Knott & John
 Arsenault (ON). T-Samuel A McComb.

9th-SUF, \$22,000, NW2\$9MX, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f,
 1:10 4/5, ft.
LADY BEELZEBUB (f, 3, Devil His Due--Sister Diane, by
Big Spruce) Lifetime Record: SW, 13-7-0-1, \$114,650.
 O/T-Sandra Winn Bonnell. B-Who Thoroughbreds Sez
 (KY). *1/2 to Mia Sposa (Runaway Groom), SW,
 \$147,493.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Yield With Caution, f, 2, High Yield--Brush With the
 Law (MSW, \$232,950), by Broad Brush. EVD, 8-23,
 5f, 1:00 2/5. B-Autumn Hill Farms Racing Stable Inc.
 (Ky). *Won by 9 1/2 lengths.

Archos, g, 3, Arch--Accountable Lady (GSP,
 \$111,725), by The Minstrel. APX, 8-25, (C),
 1 1/16mT, 1:47. B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd
 (Ky). *\$125,000 yrl '02 KEESEP.

Kenton, c, 3, Menifee--Here's Your Tower, by Irish
 Tower. ELP, 8-25, 1m, 1:36 3/5. B-McMillin Brothers
 (Ky). *\$120,000 yrl '02 KEESEP. **1/2 to Birr
 (Farma Way), MGSW & MGSP, \$358,192.

Crimson Royale, f, 3, Petionville--Royal Hesitate (SP),
 by Don't Hesitate. APX, 8-25, (S), 6f, 1:11 4/5.
 B-Rick Herzog (IL).

R Lady Deputy, f, 4, Deputy Commander--A Bimp in the
 Bye (SP), by Silent Screen. MNR, 8-24, 1mT, 1:37
 3/5. B-Nordic Thoroughbreds (Ky). *\$10,000 yrl '01
 KEESEP. **Won via disqualification.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Daisy Bucket (GB), f, 2, Lujain--Masrora, by Woodman.
 Brighton, Britain, 8-25, Mdn, 2yo, 6f 209ydsT. B-Old
 Suffolk Stud. *14th winner for freshman sire (by
 Seeking the Gold).

UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Track</u>
Aug. 27	GI Personal Ensign H.	Saratoga
Aug. 28	GI Travers S.	Saratoga
	GI King's Bishop S.	Saratoga
	GI Del Mar Debutante S.	Del Mar
	GII Fourstardave H.	Saratoga
	GIII Sapling S.	Monmouth
	GIII Play the King H.	Woodbine
Aug. 29	GI Ballerina H.	Saratoga
	GII Del Mar H.	Del Mar
Aug. 30	GIII Ballston Spa BC H.	Saratoga
Sept. 4	GI Forego H.	Saratoga
	GII Palomar BC H.	Del Mar
	GIII Arlington Matron H.	Arlington
Sept. 5	GII Del Mar BC H.	Del Mar
	GIII Glens Falls H.	Saratoga
Sept. 6	GII Pennsylvania Derby	Philly Park
	GII Del Mar Derby	Del Mar
	GII Niagara BC H.	Woodbine
	GIII Saranac H.	Saratoga
	GIII Miami Mile BC H.	Calder
Sept. 8	GII Del Mar Futurity	Del Mar
Sept. 11	GI Man o'War S.	Belmont
	GI Woodward S.	Belmont
	GI Gazelle H.	Belmont
	GIII Endine H.	Delaware
	GIII Seaway H.	Woodbine



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