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AN IMPERIAL START TO THE CARNIVAL

The fifth Dubai International Racing Carnival kicks off tonight with Round I of the Maktoum Challenge at Nad Al Sheba Racecourse. Saeed bin Suroor saddles **Imperialista (Brz)** (Voando Baixo {Brz}), the 2007 winner when he represented South American interests.



Imperialista A Watkins

Now campaigned by Sheikh Majid bin Mohammed al Maktoum and ridden by Frankie Dettori, the five-year-old makes his first start since finishing last behind **Boston Lodge (GB)** (Grand Lodge) in last year's

G2 Godolphin Mile over course and distance. Bin Suroor is cautiously optimistic.

"He has been going well at home, but will definitely come on for the run," said the conditioner, who won this race six times from 1995 to 2001. "That said, he goes well fresh and should be thereabouts, but the wide draw may not be ideal." **Jack Sullivan** (Belong to Me) makes his return to Dubai this evening. Third to Grand Emporium (SAf) in this event in 2005, the chestnut is a two-time winner of Round II of the Maktoum Challenge and made his last appearance in the Emirates in 2006, finishing third to Utopia (Jpn) in the Godolphin Mile. "The draw in 16 is not ideal and he is not getting any younger, but at least we know he likes the track," jockey Mick Kinane said of the seven-year-old. An interesting newcomer to the local landscape is **Frosty Secret** (Put It Back). Formerly based in Florida with trainer Henry Collazo, the dark bay colt missed by a nose in last year's OBS Sprint S. and completed the trifecta behind Divine Park in the GIII Withers S. in April. Conditioned now by Mike de Kock, he got a taste of the local strip Jan. 3, missing by 3/4 of a length when runner-up in a six-furlong conditions race.



Jack Sullivan A Watkins

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Thursday, Nad al Sheba, Dubai, post time: 10:05 p.m.
SHEIKH MAKTOUM BIN RASHID AL MAKTOUM

CHALLENGE ROUND I-G3, \$200,000, 3yo/up, 1600m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	Happy Boy (Brz)	Ski Champ	Filho
2	Golden Arrow (Ire)	Danehill	Charpy
3	Gloria de Campeao (Brz)	Impression (Arg)	Bary
4	Etihaad (GB)	Dubai Millennium (GB)	Bouresly
5	Jet Express (SAf)	Jet Master (SAf)	Al Raihe
6	Vortex (GB)	Danehill	Kelleway
7	Forty Hablador (Arg)	Roar	Manuel
8	All That and More (Ire)	Unfuwain	Watson
9	Esquire (GB)	Dubai Millennium (GB)	Al Raihe
10	Frosty Secret	Put It Back	de Kock
11	Calrissian (Ger)	Efiso (GB)	Kelp
12	Boston Lodge (GB)	Grand Lodge	Watson
13	State Shinto	Pleasant Colony	Bouresly
14	Salt Track (Arg)	Salt Lake	Petersen
15	Imperialista (Brz)	Voando Baixo (Brz)	bin Suroor
16	Jack Sullivan	Belong to Me	Butler

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Weekend Stakes Previews cont.

Saturday, Santa Anita

SAN MARCOS S.-GII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Ramazutti	Honor Grades	Flores	115
2	Niagara Causeway	Giant's Causeway	Court	115
3	Rocket Legs	Dynaformer	Smith	117
4	Masterly (Arg)	Southern Halo	Talamo	115
5	Decado (Ire)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Solis	115
6	Champs Elysees (GB)	Danehill	Gomez	115
7	Medici Code (GB)	Medicean (GB)	Pedroza	122
8	Obrigado (Fr)	Enrique (GB)	Bejarano	115

Saturday, Santa Anita

TUZLA H.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Good Mood (Ire)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	M Baze	115
2	Political Web	Petionville	Pedroza	113
3	Private Banking (Fr)	Anabaa	Solis	115
4	Trick's Pic	Favorite Trick	Nakatani	115
5	Unspoken Word	Catienus	Bejarano	116
6	Shermeen (Ire)	Desert Style (Ire)	Migliore	114
7	I Can See	Flying Chevron	Court	113
8	Audacious Chloe	More Than Ready	Gomez	116
9	Live Life (Fr)	Linamix (Fr)	Flores	115

UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track
Jan. 19	GII San Marcos H. GIII Tuzla H.	Santa Anita Santa Anita
Jan. 21	GII Palos Verdes H.	Santa Anita
Jan. 26	Sunshine Millions	Gulf/SA
Jan. 27	GI Santa Monica H. GIII Appleton H.	Santa Anita Gulfstream
Feb. 2	GI Donn H. GII Swale S. GII Strub S. GII Robert B. Lewis S.	Gulfstream Gulfstream Gulfstream Santa Anita
Feb. 3	GII San Antonio H. GIII Suwannee River H.	Santa Anita Gulfstream

**TDN Feature Presentation
GRADE 2 PALOS VERDES HANDICAP**



**CHAMPION WAIT A WHILE
WON GRADE 2 SAN GORGONIO H. MONDAY
LANE'S END BRED AND SOLD**

MIDNIGHT, MONDAY, MLK Midnight Lute (Real Quiet), widely expected to be crowned champion sprinter at Monday's Eclipse Awards, will have his 2008 opener earlier that day in the \$150,000 GII Palos



Midnight Lute at Saratoga
Sarah K Andrew photo

Verdes H. at Santa Anita. Working in company with Air Ace (Forest Camp), the nearly black five-year-old tuned up with a bullet six-furlong breeze in 1:10.60 this past Monday at the Arcadia oval. "He did it easy and was in hand," said trainer Bob Baffert. "The time was quick, but the track isn't super-fast. Good horses work fast, and Midnight Lute is a good horse." It

was the third straight bullet for the Pegram, Watson and Weitman colorbearer, who previously posted six panels in 1:11 at Hollywood Jan. 8 and five furlongs in :58.60 at Santa Anita Jan. 2. Midnight Lute hasn't faced the starter since finishing second in the GI Hill 'n' Dale Cigar Mile Nov. 24 at Aqueduct, but previously posted dominating scores in the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint Oct. 27 and GI Forego H. Sept. 1. He will be the 123-pound highweight Monday. The field for the six-furlong Palos Verdes is expected to have **Barbecue Eddie** (Stormy Atlantic) (116), **Greg's Gold** (Lake George) (120), **In Summation** (Put It Back) (122), and **Soul City Slew** (Slew City Slew) (114) entered, while **Copa de Plata** (Pioneering) (113) is possible, according to DRF.

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O-Arindel Farm; B-William S Farish & W. Temple Webber Jr. (KY); T-Todd Pletcher

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STALLION PROSPECTS - 3YOS

Rank (prev. week)	Name	Owner	Breeder	Trainer	Last Race - Video	Best BRIS	STATUS
1(1)	WAR PASS (Cherokee Run) (4-4-0-0, \$1,397,400)	Robert LaPenta	Cherry Valley	Zito	1st GI BC Juvenile	114	In Florida RETIRES TO LANE'S END
<i>(The half brother to GISW Oath secured his spot at the head of the ranks with an emphatic BC Juvenile win....C. Bossinakis)</i>							
2(2)	MAJESTIC WARRIOR (A.P. Indy) (3-2-0-0, \$195,200)	Kinsman	Homebred	Mott	6th GI Champagne S.	102	In Florida RETIRES TO COOLMORE
<i>(Regally bred colt, hero of the GI Hopeful, should rebound this year.....Marie Kizenko)</i>							
3(3)	TALE OF EKATI (Tale of the Cat) (4-2-1-0, \$313,200)	Charles Fipke	Homebred	Tagg	4th GI BC Juvenile	100	In Florida
<i>(The GII Futurity winner is from the family of champion Sky Beauty, MGISW Pine Island and BC Distaff winner Pleasant Home...J Martini)</i>							
4(4)	DIXIE CHATTER (Dixie Union) (4-2-0-0, \$191,400)	Herman Sarkowsky	Homebred	Mandella	1st GI Norfolk S.	93	Sidelined
<i>(Grandson of champion and BC Juvenile Fillies winner Phone Chatter recovering from hind ankle injury.....Alan Carasso)</i>							
5(5)	COURT VISION (Gulch) (4-3-1-0, \$257,542)	WinStar Farm	W S Farish	Mott	1st GII Remsen S.	96	In Florida
<i>(A winner of two graded stakes, he is from one of the best stallion families around; dam a full to Summer Squall & 1/2 to A.P. Indy...Marie Kizenko)</i>							
6(6)	ETCHED (Forestry) (2-2-0-0, \$95,880)	Darley	Homebred	McLaughlin	1st GIII Nashua S.	98	To Dubai
<i>(Son of GISW Unbridled Elaine looks to have a bright future...Marie Kizenko)</i>							
7(7)	READY'S IMAGE (More Than Ready) (6-3-1-1, \$259,422)	J Scaturchio	Dark Hollow	Pletcher	8th GI Champagne S.	106	Sidelined
<i>(\$410K KEESEP yr, winner of the GII Sanford and runner-up in the GI Hopeful; recovering from surgery...Christina Bossinakis)</i>							
8(8)	THE LEOPARD (Storm Cat) (6-3-1-0, \$173,700)	Magnier/Tabor/Smith	Eagle Holdings	Pletcher	1st GIII Generous S.	98	In California
<i>(Impressive graded stakes victory gives this \$2.5-million juvenile out of a sister to GISW Scan substance to match his pedigree...Christina Bossinakis)</i>							
9(9)	KODIAK KOWBOY (Posse) (7-4-1-1, \$544,825)	Vinery/Fox Hill	Hartwell Farm	Asmussen	3rd GI BC Juvenile	101	In Kentucky
<i>(MGSW closed out the year with the Sovereign Award for Outstanding Juvenile Colt in Canada...Lucas Marquardt)</i>							
10(10)	INTO MISCHIEF (Harlan's Holiday) (3-2-1-0, \$448,800)	B. Wayne Hughes	J T Hines Jr	Mandella	1st GI CashCall Fty	97	In California
<i>(Hughes colt bested a good bunch at Hollywood Park, with more improvement likely forthcoming--Alan Carasso)</i>							

AT THE GAP: Anak Nakal (Victory Gallop), Bear Holiday (Harlan's Holiday), Blackberry Road (Gone West), Bordeaux Bandit (Vindication), Cowboy Cal (Giant's Causeway), Lantana Mob (Posse), Colonel John (Tiznow), Giant Moon (Giant's Causeway), Maimonides (Vindication), Massive Drama (Kafwain), Pyro (Pulpit), Salute the Sarge (Forest Wildcat), The Roundhouse (Fusaichi Pegasus), Turf War (Dixie Union), Wicked Style (Macho Uno), Z Humor (Distorted Humor).

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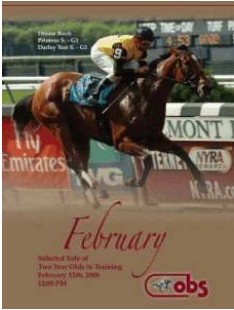


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OBS CATALOGUES 172 FOR FEBRUARY SALE

The Ocala Breeders' Sales Company has catalogued 172 head for the Selected Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale, which will be held Feb. 12 at the company's complex in Ocala, Florida. Last year's top-per was **Smoke'n Coal** (Smoke Glacken), a \$550,000 purchase by Darley. Recent OBSFEB graduates include 2007 Grade I winners Dream Rush, Flashy Bull and Silver Wagon, 2006 champion Wait a While and last year's graded winners Black Seventeen, Diabolical and Magna Graduate. This year's auction will feature offspring by last year's leading freshman sire, Posse, as well as his close competitors Harlan's Holiday, Proud Citizen and Macho Uno. There will be a host of stallions represented by their first juveniles, including champion Action This Day, Alke, Black Mambo, Candy Ride (Arg), Champali, Chapel Royal, City Place, Cuvee, During, Even the Score, Friends Lake, Johar, Lion Heart, Mancini, Medaglia d'Oro, Newfoundland, Ocean Terrace, Omega Code, Peace Rules, Perfect Soul (Ire), Read the Footnotes, Roar of the Tiger, Saarland, Scrimshaw, Seattle Fitz (Arg), Soto, Spanish Steps, Speightstown, Strong Hope, Tapit, Teton Forest, The Cliff's Edge and Toccet. Under-tack shows will be held Feb. 3 and Feb. 10. Catalogues are available on www.obssales.com.



STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 17:

01-27 \$250,000 **Santa Monica H.-I, SA,**
4yo/up, f/m, 7f (AWT) (250)

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POSSE COLT TOPS OBS WINTER OPENER A colt by 2007 leading first-crop sire Posse (Silver Deputy) was knocked down for a final bid of \$95,000 to top yesterday's consignor preferred session of the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's Winter Mixed Sale in Central Florida. Brent and Crystal Fernung's Journeyman Stud was responsible for the top two selling yearlings as well as the session's top mare. Catalogued as hip [151](#), the New York-bred son of Navarro Rose (Native Prospector) was purchased by Josham Farms Limited, agent. Hip [99](#), a son of Malibu Moon, realized a final bid of \$75,000 from Pick Six Thoroughbreds. The Feb. 18 foal was produced by Jamie's Sunshine (Temperance Hill), a half-sister to GISW Mademoiselle Forli (*Forli). The eight-year-old mare Kabeeb (Labeeb {GB}) was sold to Adena Springs for \$90,000. Catalogued as hip [112](#), the stakes-winning daughter of Kalene (Carson City) was offered on an Apr. 25 cover to Bandini (Fusaichi Pegasus). The sale suffered significant statistical losses compared to the opening session of 2007. Despite reporting sales on 45 percent more horses, gross receipts were effectively static, while the average declined by 31.1 percent. The median was down by 23.8 percent, though the clearance rate, which saw just two of each five horses find new homes 12 months ago, improved somewhat to just over 55 percent. The sale continues this morning at 11 a.m. For full results, visit www.obssales.com.

**OBS JANUARY MIXED SALE
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 16, 2008**

<u>SESSION TOTALS</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Catalogued	248	220
No. Offered	198	189
No. Sold	109	75
RNAs	89	114
% RNA	44.9%	60.3%
No. \$50K +	13	14
Gross	\$2,544,700	\$2,542,500
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Adriano May Try Dirt Next:

Courtlandt Farm's **Adriano** (A.P. Indy), an impressive allowance winner on the Gulfstream turf last Friday ([video](#)), could try his luck on the main track next out, according to *Daily Racing Form*. "I guess with a three-year-old at this time of year you have to start thinking about trying them on the dirt at least once," trainer Graham Motion told *DRF*. "I'll probably nominate him for the [GII] Fountain of Youth [Feb. 24] and take a



Adam Coglianese photo

look, although that might be asking a little too much right now. What I'd really like to do is stretch him out to a mile and one-eighth for the next one, because I think the further he goes, the better it will be for him."

After breaking his maiden in his second

start over the turf at Saratoga, the big chestnut ran fourth on Polytrack in the GI Lane's End Breeders' Futurity Oct. 6, but disappointed in his juvenile finale, finishing fifth to Cowboy Cal in the grassy Laurel Futurity Nov. 24. "To be honest, the race at Laurel was kind of a puzzle," Motion explained. "We had expected him to run better coming off his previous race over the Polytrack at Keeneland. Ramon [Dominguez] was very high on him after that race." The homebred is the third foal from his winning dam, Gold Canyon (Mr. Prospector), who was acquired by Courtlandt for \$400,000 as a KEEJUL yearling in 1997. Gold Canyon is out of Golden Treat (Theatrical {Ire}), a Grade I-winning half-sister to 1987 GI Belmont S. hero Bet Twice.

Plesa Has Two Bullets for Millions Classic:

California-trained horses have taken the last four renewals of the \$1-million Sunshine Millions Classic, but Florida conditioner Eddie Plesa Jr. has two live chances to right the ship this year at Gulfstream Park. The veteran horseman, who took the inaugural Sunshine Millions Classic with Best of the Rest, confirmed yesterday that his stable will be represented by Centaur Farm's **Gottcha Gold** (Coronado's Quest) and Padua Stable's **Electrify** (Delaware Township). "They're both right on schedule and worked Friday morning," Plesa Jr. commented. Gottcha Gold, who upset Lawyer Ron in the GIII Salvator Mile H. and added a win in the GIII Philip H. Iselin H. last summer, breezed five-eighths of a mile at Gulfstream in 1:00 3/5. In his most recent appearance, the five-year-old was runner-up to Corinthian in the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile Oct. 26. Electrify, last-out winner of the GIII Fred W. Hooper H. at Calder Dec. 15, went five furlongs at Calder, stopping the clock in 1:00 4/5.

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Yesterday's Results:

7th-GPX, \$48,000, Alw, NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f,
1:09 4/5, ft.

POWERGIRL (f, 4, Golden Gear--Known Heiress, by Known Fact), an 8 1/2-length allowance winner on the Calder dirt Aug. 11, didn't fare as well on the turf, finishing 11th in the Ravolia S. Sept. 2. The half-sister to Really Royal (Unreal Zeal), SW, \$199,604, returned to action with a third over that main track Dec. 26 and was the 5-2 third choice this time. Never too far from the front, the Florida-bred bay took charge midstretch and drew off to score by 3 1/2 lengths over Suave Royalty (Suave Prospect). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-3, \$82,310.

O-Darren Jablow. B-DJJ Racing Ltd (FL). T-Michael Jablow.

OBS JANUARY - OUTS

Thursday, Jan. 17

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527, 534, 549, 552, 553, 555, 563, 569, 581, 603,
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8th-GPX, \$43,500, Alw, NW2X, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:49 1/5, ft.

SIR WHIMSEY (c, 4, [Jump Start](#)--Apogee {MSP}, by **Star de Naskra**), a half-brother to High Moment (High Yield), MSW, \$156,340, came into this contest off a runner-up effort in the Don Rickles S. at Aqueduct Dec. 14. Shedding blinkers for his first time in Florida, the 3-2 chalk stalked Sale Pending (Boundary) from the start, forged to the lead in the lane and inched away late to win by two lengths over the early pacesetter. Sir Whimsey was a \$55,000 KEESEP yearling and a \$75,000 OBSMAR two-year-old. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). Lifetime Record: MSP, 12-3-3-1, \$146,043.

O-Harvey Weinstein. B-Chance Farm (VA). T-James J Toner.

★ NEW YORK ★

Yesterday's Results:

5th-AQU, \$46,000, Alw, NW1X, (S), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft.

I PROMISE (f, 3, [Hook and Ladder](#)--Affirm Promise {SP}, by **Affirmed**) kicked off her career with an impressive seven-length tally against New York-breds June 28, and came up a nose short in the Gill Schuylerville S. July 25 at Saratoga. The bay never ran a step next out, however, in the Gill Adirondack S. Aug. 15, finishing eighth, and went to the sidelines. Training well for her return, the 5-2 second choice raced in second, took over approaching the stretch and opened up to score by four lengths. The 4-5 favorite, Jet Setting (Forestry), completed the exacta. I Promise was a \$70,000 FTFEB juvenile. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). Lifetime Record: GSP, 4-2-1-0, \$75,150.

O-Dennis Narlinger. B-Chester & Mary R Broman (NY). T-Gary C Contessa.

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[5th-AQU \(Alw\)](#) **I Promise** (Hook and Ladder) gets back on track in style.

[7th-GP \(Alw\)](#) **Powergirl** (Golden Gear) draws off late for her third career score.

[8th-GP \(Alw\)](#) **Sir Whimsey** (Jump Start) ships out of New York successfully.

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★ CENTRAL ★

Johnsen, Reid Join Richland Hills Team:

Nathan Fox, president of Richland Hills Farm, announced that Corey Johnsen and Ray Reid have joined the Versailles, Kentucky, farm's ownership team. "I welcome Ray and Corey as my new partners in Richland Hills," said Fox. "Their international horse industry experience and business acumen will serve the farm well as we move forward. I believe that the combination of our promising young stallions, new facilities and ownership team will take Richland Hills to new heights." Johnsen, the president of Kentucky Downs, will be vice president of Richland Hills. He was president of Lone Star Park when that track hosted the Breeders' Cup in 2004, and has been involved in the opening or re-opening of three other tracks: Remington Park in Oklahoma City, Hipodromo de las Americas in Mexico City and Maronas National Racetrack in Montevideo, Uruguay. Reid, currently president of Kentucky Downs Partners LLC and Kentucky Downs Management, Inc., has 35 years of experience in various industries, including investment banking, financial advisory, investment and commercial banking experience. In recent years, Johnsen, Reid and partners have expanded their Thoroughbred interests to include bloodstock in both North and South America; all of the North American interests have been merged into Richland Hills.



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TODAY'S INSIGHTS

4:00p HRTV 7th-GP, \$40K, Msw, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f
MAGNIFICENT MELODY (Unbridled's Song), a 1/2 to G1SW Astronomer Royal and 3/4-sister to Navesink River, makes her debut for Volf Racing and trainer Todd Pletcher. After RNA'ing for \$395K at FTSAUG, the chestnut sold for \$250K at FTKOCT. She has a pair of good works over this surface. Also making her debut is **Miss Primetime** (Fusaichi Pegasus), a daughter of GSW Voodoo Lily. The \$55K KEESEP yearling, a 1/2 to MGSP Lily O'Gold, MGSP Shah Jehan and GISP Magical Illusion, drilled a bullet from the gate Sunday at Palm Meadows for trainer Eddie Kenneally. On the A-Es is Darley's **Seventh Street** (Street Cry {Ire}), a \$1-million purchase at the 2007 Calder Sale. She is the first foal from her SW & GSP dam Holiday Runner. brisnet.com pps

4:00p HRTV 1st-SA, \$48K, Msw, 3yo, 5 1/2f
GO FOR COVER (Elusive Quality) is the first foal from the swift Cover Gal, who went 15-7-3-3 in her career, winning the GII Railbird S. and running second in the GI La Brea S. Adam Kitchingman, 30% with his firsters, trains the homebred, who will break from the rail. Also kicking off his career is **Sign of the Four** (Forestry), a \$600K BESMAR juvenile. The son of MSW Sez Fourty, a 1/2 to MSW Came Unwound, is trained by Richard Mandella for Stonestreet. **Embrace the Storm** (Storm Cat) showed speed in his Dec. 8 debut at HOL before tiring to be sixth behind Overbid and Afleet Ruler. The \$400K BESMAR purchase, a son of SW Country Romance, has GISW Cuddles as his second dam. Craig Dollase trains for West Point. brisnet.com pps

4:30p HRTV 8th-GP, \$59.5K, Opt. Clm. (\$100K), 4yo/up, 1m
COMMENTATOR (Distorted Humor), winner of the 2005 GI Whitney H., made just two starts in 2006. Tracy Farmer's chestnut returned last year to earn a 109 Beyer Speed Figure in a state-bred event at Belmont before running third in High Finance's GII Tom Fool. He closed out the season with a seventh in the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint, but has been firing bullets ahead of his seven-year-old bow for trainer Nick Zito. brisnet.com pps

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GULFSTREAM PARK

Go Swiftly (Gone West), 4f, :49.00, 22/39
 Halo Najib (Halo's Image), 4f, :47.40, 4/39
 Mythical Pegasus (Fusaichi Pegasus), 4f, :49.20, 23/39
 Presious Passion (Royal Anthem), 1m, 1:41.80, 1/1

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Ravel Likely to Relocate:

Following a pair of subpar efforts over the Cushion Track at Hollywood Park and at Santa Anita, trainer Todd Pletcher has indicated that **Ravel** (Fusaichi Pegasus) will be leaving the Golden State. "Unless what they do to the track makes a big difference, we'll probably look to run him somewhere else," the conditioner told *Daily Racing Form*. "We're just not convinced he cares for the surface the way it is now." Winner of the 2007 GIII Sham S. over a conventional main track, Ravel was an impressive comeback winner over Keeneland's Polytrack Oct. 12, but was fourth as the 6-5 favorite in the GII Native Diver H. in Inglewood Dec. 8 and filled the same spot in last Saturday's GII San Fernando S. at Santa Anita. Pletcher told *DRF* that Ravel would be nominated to the GII Gulfstream Park H. Mar. 1 and the GII New Orleans H. Mar. 8.

HOLLYWOOD PARK

Declan's Moon (Malibu Moon), 5f, :59.80, 6/40
 Ever So Pretty (Stormy Atlantic), 1m, 1:39.80, 1/2
 Les Grands Trois (Officer), 4f, :48.80, 8/18

SANTA ANITA

Medici Code (GB) (Medicean {GB}), 4f (tt), :48.40, 2/4



CHRB Teleconference Canceled:

The California Horse Racing Board has canceled the teleconference scheduled for today after officials at Santa Anita Park resolved the problems with the main track, which will enable them to continue to use the Cushion Track. The purpose of the teleconference was to consider a Santa Anita request to waive the requirement for a synthetic surface to be installed. "Santa Anita has gone to great lengths to solve this challenge and at the same time to keep racing and training going," commented CHRB Chairman Richard Shapiro. "I personally witnessed the testing of the reformulated surface and it was most impressive. It does not appear to be necessary for us to consider any waiver in light of the direction they have chosen."



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Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

- ALDEBARAN** (Mr. Prospector), Darby Dan, \$50K, 150/10/0
7-LRL, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Lady Quickstepper, \$100K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1
- CAPTAIN RIO (GB)** (Pivotal {GB}), 249/29/1
7-SA, Aoc, 6 1/2f, Italian Art (Ire), \$51K GOF ORB yrl
- CASTLE GANDOLFO** (Gone West), Dead, 39/3/0
5-TAM, Alw, 1 1/16mT, Castle Lake, \$3K OBS AUG yrl, 15-1
- DREWMAN** (Unbridled), Ocala Stud, \$3K, 123/14/0
5-TAM, Alw, 1 1/16mT, Phyl's Girl, 5-1
- 8-CT, Msw, 7f, +Princessnthe pauper, \$2K OBS JUN 2yo, 8-1
- ESSENCE OF DUBAI** (Pulpit), Hartley, 119/9/0
8-CT, Msw, 7f, Wave Dubai, 3-1
- FLATTER** (A.P. Indy), Claiborne, \$5K, 145/18/1
7-LRL, Msw, 5 1/2f, Safe Journey, \$47K KEE SEP yrl, 5-1
- HOLD THAT TIGER** (Storm Cat), Ashford, \$15K, 249/24/2
1-SA, Msw, 5 1/2f, Hold This, \$85K BAR MAY 2yo
- 7-LRL, Msw, 5 1/2f, Premiere Tigresse, \$43K EAS MAY 2yo, 20-1
- HOOK AND LADDER** (Dixieland Band), Sequel NY, \$10K, 100/8/2
4-AQU, Msw, 6f, Fire Marshal, \$37K KEE SEP yrl
- MILWAUKEE BREW** (Wild Again), Adena South, \$15K, 161/16/0
5-TAM, Alw, 1 1/16mT, Hot Brew, \$23K ADS SPR 2yo, 6-1
- NAJLAN** (Runaway Groom), Hopewell, \$8K, 128/9/0
7-SA, Aoc, 6 1/2f, Sky Cape
- PROUD CITIZEN** (Gone West), Airdrie, \$13K, 210/21/3
7-GP, Msw, 6 1/2f, Marciella, \$155K KEE SEP yrl, 12-1
- 7-GP, Msw, 6 1/2f, Brickyard Gal, \$45K KEE SEP yrl, 20-1

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Euroears	Langfuhr	F. W. Gaudin Memorial S.	103
Indian Blessing	Indian Charlie	Santa Ynez S.-G2	102
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Lady Belsara	Boundary	Wishing Well S.	97
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- SKY MESA** (Pulpit), Three Chimneys, \$30K, 177/12/0
7-LRL, Msw, 5 1/2f, Miss Emeritus, \$280K EAS MAY 2yo, 6-1
- STATUE OF LIBERTY** (Storm Cat), 197/23/1
3-NAD, Alw, 7f, Miss Clonyn (Ire), \$51K GOF ORB yrl, 15-1
- YANKEE GENTLEMAN** (Storm Cat), Airdrie, \$10K, 114/15/2
7-SA, Aoc, 6 1/2f, Drewthegentleman, \$85K KEE SEP yrl

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN BRITAIN:

King of Dixie, c, 4, [Kingmambo](#). See "Britain."

Blacktoft, g, 5, [Theatrical \(Ire\)](#)--Black Truffle (SP-Fr), by Mt. Livermore. Kempton Park, Britain, 1-16, Hcp, 4yo/up, 1m (AWT). B-Paradigm Thoroughbreds Inc. *\$120,000 yrl '04 KEESEP; 14,000gns HIT '06 TATJUL.

IN FRANCE:

Tigron, h, 7, **Lion Cavern**--Tidy Tune, by The Minstrel. Cagnes Sur Mer, France, 1-16, Hcp, 5yo/up, 7 1/2fT. B-George A Hoskins. *\$10,000 yrl '02 KEEJAN. **MSP-Fr.



American-bred Winners cont.

IN HONG KONG:

Mega Bullet, g, 4, **Langfuhr**--Try My Thai (SP, \$186,839), by Sewickley. Happy Valley, 1-15, Hcp., 1650mT. B-John B Crook. *\$55,000 wnlg '04 KEENOV; \$110,000 yrl '05 KEESEP; HK\$1,800,000 2yo '06 HKIS.

IN SOUTH AFRICA:

Pacific Peace, f, 4, **Dynaformer**--Ethyl Mae (SW), by Woodman. Kenilworth, 1-15, Mdn, 1800mT. O-G J & R D Beck; B-Bruce Kline, Spendthrift Farm LLC & Pirbright Investments Ltd; T-Dean Kannemeyer. *\$100,000 wnlg '04 KEENOV; \$100,000 yrl '05 KEESEP.



FIRST FOAL FOR SHIROCCO The 2005 GI Breeders' Cup Turf hero and four-time Group/Grade I winner **Shirocco (Ger)** (Monsun {Ger}--So Sedulous, by The Minstrel) was represented by his first foal this week.



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The foal, a dark bay colt, was the first produced by the winning Sadler's Wells mare So Well Red (Ire), a half-sister to group winner Redstone Dancer (Ire) from the immediate family of Rainbow Quest. The colt was born at Lady Clague's Newberry Stud on Jan. 14. Shirocco was highweight

three-year-old in Italy and Germany in 2004 and counted among his wins the G1 Deutsches Derby, G1 GP Del Jockey Club Italiano, G1 Coronation Cup and GI Breeders' Cup Turf at Belmont Park. Shirocco won seven of his 13 races and banked \$2,532,366. Shirocco stands for Sheikh Mohammed's Darley at Dalham Hall Stud in Newmarket, England.

★ BRITAIN ★

Yesterday's Results:

Kempton Park, 6.50, Mdn, £3,600, 3yo/up, 7f (AWT), 1:24.63, stn.

KING OF DIXIE (c, 4, **Kingmambo**--Dixie Accent {SW, \$101,993}, by Dixieland Band), runner-up on his belated debut at Chepstow in August, was well-supported into 11-10 favoritism and took up the early running, racing keenly. Always in control, the \$200,000 KEESEP yearling drew away in the final eighth to record a convincing 3 1/2-length success from Bussell Up (GB) (Danhill Dancer {Ire}). The winner is a full to Mumbo Jumbo, MSW, \$168,366. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, £3,324.

O-Hesmonds Stud; B-Bee Zee LLC; T-William Knight.

★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday's Results:

Cagnes Sur Mer, 2.20, Cond, €27,000, 3yo, 7f (AWT), 1:26.51, stn.

WHITE SPIRE (FR) (f, 3, **Septieme Ciel-White Love {Fr}**, by **Northern Crystal {GB}**), third at Deauville on her last start in November, stalked the early fractions before taking control at the top of the stretch. Challenged instantly by High Days (Ire) (Hennessy), the 6-5 pick drew on reserves to outgame that foe and score by a neck. Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 2 wins, 3 places, €31,700.

O-J E Strauss; B-F Fisk & J E Strauss; T-Francois Rohaut.

★ IRELAND ★

HRI TAKE STOCK

Horse Racing Ireland's Chief Executive Brian Kavanagh has reflected on 2007, which saw increases in all vital areas on Irish racecourses. With Tote betting up by 23.5 percent and attendance and sponsorship also showing increases on 2006, Kavanagh spoke of the ever-strengthening position of Irish racing in the modern age. "2007 was another very good year for Irish racing on the track and a year of significant growth for horse race betting--particularly on the Tote," he said. "We are pleased to have come through a challenging year with positive results across so many areas and this gives us great confidence for the coming year and the longer-term prospects for the industry."

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IN HONG KONG:

My Luck (Ire), g, 6, **Monashee Mountain--Dai E Dai** (MSP-Ity), by Seattle Dancer. Happy Valley, 1-16, Hcp., 1650mT. B-Phillip Brady. *Formerly Monashee Star (Ire). **€9,000 wnlg '02 GOFNOV.



AUSTRALASIA



NINA HARAKA DIES Swettenham Stud's Australian group winner **Nina Haraka (Aus)** (Fraar--La Nebbia {Aus}, by Zephyr Bay {Aus}) died after a paddock accident last week, according to *Racing and Sports*. The 12-year-old mare fractured a leg in her paddock in New South Wales. "Everyone is just devastated by it--she was a lovely mare," said Swettenham's Adam Sangster. Nina Haraka, second in the 1999 G1 Vic Health Cup, is the dam of the G1SP **Extension of Time (Aus)** (Dash for Cash {Aus}). She was in foal to Flying Spur (Aus).



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The Dubai Racing Club yesterday announced its sponsors for the US\$31-million 2008 Dubai International Racing Carnival, which gets underway tomorrow and culminates with the Dubai World Cup Mar. 29.

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Gulf News	G3 UAE 2000 Guineas	Feb. 14
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Etisalat	Listed Balanchine	Feb. 22
Al Tayer Motors	Listed UAE Oaks	Feb. 28
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Dubai Racing Club CEO Frank Gabriel, Jr. commented, "Derrinstown Stud, Shadwell Farm, Shadwell Estate, Gulf News and Al Tayer Motors have been sponsoring since the inception of the Carnival and we are delighted that they continue their partnership. We also are thrilled that Commercial Bank of Dubai, DUBAL and Etisalat are about to embark on their third Dubai International Racing Carnival with us. And of course, we are indebted to the support of Emirates Airline, who are the official Carnival airline."



ASIA



★ JAPAN ★

Yesterday's Results:

TOKYO CITY KEIBA QUEEN CUP-NAR (Listed), ¥51,000,000, Tokyo, 1-16, 4yo/up, 1800m, 1:54.10, gd.

1--**#RAPID ORANGE (JPN)**, 119, m, 5, by El Condor Pasa
1st Dam: **Orange Peel (Jpn) (MSW-Jpn)**, \$1,692,278, by **Sunday Silence**

2nd Dam: **Buffed Orange**, by **Exclusive Native**
3rd Dam: **Sally Stark (GB)**, by **Graustark**

O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shadai Farm; T-Michihiro Ogasa; J-Hiroyuki Uchida; ¥30,000,000. Lifetime Record: 22-5-2-4, ¥92,782,000. *Full to Black Condor (Jpn), MSP, \$1,159,077.

2--**Daring Heart (Jpn)**, 125, m, 6, Sunday Silence--Daring Danzig, by Danzig. O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shadai Farm; T-Hideaki Fujiwara; ¥10,500,000.

3--**Pedicularis (Jpn)**, 119, m, 5, Sunday Silence--Machikane Benizakura (Ire), by Royal Academy. O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Inahara Farm; T-Kazuo Fujisawa; ¥6,000,000.

Margins: 1, 3/4, NK. Odds: 11.80, 1.40, 3.20.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-AQU, \$53,000, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 1m70y, 1:42, ft.

HURRAH (g, 5, Pulpit--Wild Applause {MGSW & GISP, \$240,136}, by Northern Dancer) Lifetime Record: 26-4-7-3, \$171,397. O-Winning Move Stable. B-Claiborne Farm & Adele B Dilschneider (KY). T-Gary C Contessa. *1/2 to Eastern Echo (Damascus), GISW; Blare of Trumpets (Fit to Fight), GSW, \$286,212; Roar (Forty Niner), MGSW, \$487,507; and Yell (A.P. Indy), MGSW & MGISP, \$598,903.

4th-AQU, \$47,000, NW1X, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m70y, 1:43 4/5, ft.

LA MURE (f, 4, Regal Classic--Flamme Rouge, by Blushing John) Lifetime Record: 12-3-2-0, \$63,200. O-Norman Lewis. B-Norman G & Laurence B Lewis (NY). T-King T Leatherbury.



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9th-SUN, \$37,500, 1-15, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW26MX, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:17, ft.
SILENT FUSAICHI (f, 4, [Fusaichi Pegasus](#)--Silent Eskimo {MGSW & GISP, \$1,039,485}, by Eskimo) Lifetime Record: MSP, 13-4-3-0, \$93,035. O-Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC. B-Franks Farms (KY). T-Henry Dominguez. *\$375,000 wlng '04 KEENOV.

10th-SUN, \$31,700, 1-15, NW16MX, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09 2/5, ft.
ZAMRITE (g, 6, Zamindar--Top Bank {MSP, \$103,250}, by Water Bank) Lifetime Record: 20-4-5-2, \$108,632. O-Alexander Thoroughbreds. B-Gregory A Hill (FL). T-O Dwain Grissom. *\$82,000 yrl '03 KEESEP.

8th-TPX, \$23,200, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m (AWT), 1:39 2/5, ft.
GRANNY FRANNY (f, 4, [Grand Slam](#)--Franziska {Ire}, by Sadler's Wells) Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-2, \$68,137. O-Kenneth L & Sarah K Ramsey. B-White Fox Farm (KY). T-Michael J Maker. *\$60,000 yrl '05 FTKJUL; \$120,000 2yo '06 OBSFEB.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Judiths Garden, g, 3, [Indian Charlie](#)--Ghost Garden, by Silver Ghost. AQU, 1-16, (C), 6f, 1:12 2/5.
 B-WinQuest Thoroughbreds LLC (KY). *\$36,000 yrl '06 KEESEP; \$17,000 2yo '07 OBSAPR.

Brayden's Band, g, 4, Chimes Band--Tk Demon, by State Craft. SUN, 1-15, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:18 2/5. B-A A I M High Racing (NM).

Jazz Hall, c, 4, [Grand Slam](#)--Dixie Maintenance, by Dixieland Band. TPX, 1-16, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:05 1/5.
 B-Starlight Stables (FL). *Won in deadheat.

Lil Brian Too, g, 5, Vicar--Lil Mary Too (SP), by Stop the Music. TPX, 1-16, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:05 1/5. B-W Dean West (IL). *Won in deadheat.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Golden Swing (Fr), g, 3, Miesque's Son--Belle d'Arbois (Fr), by Anabaa. Cagnes-sur-Mer, France, 1-16, Unraced 3yo, 7f (AWT). B-J-P Burczy. *€12,000 yrl '06 DEAOCT.**

Moon Bound (Ire), c, 3, Observatory--Inspiring (Ire), by Anabaa. Lingfield, Britain, 1-16, Mdn, 3-5yo, 6f (AWT). B-Burns Farm Stud. *29,000gns yrl '06 TATOCT. **1/2 to Dixie Belle (GB) (Diktat {GB}), GSW-Eng, \$107,885.

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 03-01 350 Gulfstream Park H.-II, **GP**, 4/up, 9.5f (350), **02-20**
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