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**HEADLINE
NEWS**

HAPPY TIMES ARE HERE AGAIN

Happy Boy (Brz) (Ski Champ) was disregarded as high as 17-1 in some Western pools, but given Nad Al Sheba's toteless infield, he didn't know that. The gray staged a big upset on yesterday's opening day of the Dubai International Racing Carnival, romping home clear by an overwhelming nine-length margin in the card's feature, the G3 Sheikh Maktoum Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Challenge-Round I. Away awkwardly, Happy Boy soon found his stride and secured a tracking spot on the rail. Pushed on by jockey Jose Aparecido Da Silva, he forged to the lead 300 meters out and lengthened away impressively, completing the Brazilian-bred exacta over Gloria de Campeao. Connections are hoping the win will put Happy Boy on the path to the G1 Dubai World Cup. **For Emirates Racing chart, click [here](#). Cont. p2**



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**Thursday, Nad Al Sheba, Dubai
SHEIKH MAKTOUM BIN RASHID AL MAKTOUM CHALLENGE RI-G3, \$200,000, Nad Al Sheba, 1-17, 4yo/up, 1600m, 1:36.37, gd.**

1--HAPPY BOY (BRZ), 125, c, 4, by Ski Champ

1st Dam: Ultra Maresca (Brz), by Filago

2nd Dam: Maresca (Brz), by Kelele

3rd Dam: Gayane (Brz), by Pinhal

O-Roberto A L Reichert; B-Haras Torrao De Ouro; T-Pedro Nickel Filho; J-Jose Aparecido Da Silva; \$120,000. Lifetime Record: MGSW-Brz, 10-6-1-1, \$167,366.

2--Gloria de Campeao (Brz), 125, f, 4, Impression (Arg)--Audacity (Brz), by Clackson (Brz). O-Estrela Energia Stables; B-Haras Santarem; T-P Bary; \$40,000.

3--Frosty Secret, 125, c, 4, Put It Back--Secret From Above, by Great Above. O-Elsadig Elhag; B-Carl Bowling; T-Mike de Kock; \$20,000.

Margins: 9, HD, 5 1/4.

Also Ran: Etihaad (GB), Salt Track (Arg), Golden Arrow (Ire), Imperialista (Brz), Jet Express (SAf), Vortex (GB), Calrissian (Ger), All That And More (Ire), Forty Hablador (Arg), Jack Sullivan, Esquire (GB), Boston Lodge (GB), State Shinto.

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In 1989, Mister Frisky swept all before him in Puerto Rico, winning all 13 of his starts in the Caribbean before heading to California. The chestnut added scores in the GII San Vicente S., GII San Rafael S. and GI Santa Anita Derby, and while his perfect record came to an end when he ran eighth as the 9-5 favorite in the 1990 GI Kentucky Derby, he bounced back to finish third to division leaders Summer Squall and Unbridled in the GI Preakness S.

M Racing's **Copa de Plata** (Pioneering) may not quite possess those same credentials, but his connections have big plans for their five-year-old. M Racing principal Mickey Gonzalez is flirting with the idea of sending Copa de Plata to Dubai for the G1 Golden Shaheen Mar. 29, he told *El Nuevo Dia*.

But first things first. The chestnut, now stabled with Brian Koriner at Santa Anita, will make his first start on the mainland in Monday's \$150,000 GII Palos Verdes H., where he'll face none other than likely champion Midnight Lute and Grade I winner In Summation.

"We got him in the middle of December," Koriner explained. "The folks in Puerto Rico bragged on him, but then we saw he was in once for a claiming price of \$22,500. He's a big, pretty horse; he's got a lot of ability, but we weren't really ready to run him yet, but I guess they have big hype coming from Puerto Rico. They've been writing about him every day in the papers there, and they're sending all kinds of media for this race."

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Happy Gives More... (cont. from p1)

Given his form in South America, there was reason to think Happy Boy would be competitive in Dubai. From September 2006 to March 2007, he won four of his first five starts in Brazil, all on dirt, including a Group 2 event. He was switched to the turf last spring and made each of his next four at 1 1/2 miles, and though he was close in a few of them, Happy Boy won just once, in a Group 3 race in his most recent at Ciudad Jardim in November. He got his chance to get back to the dirt here and put forth an effort that thrilled his connections. "We were confident of a win, but we never imagined he would win like that!" exclaimed Eduardo Guimares, racing manager for Happy Boy's owner, Roberto Reichert. "We will look at the next rounds of the Matkoum Challenge and hopefully he can be a Dubai World Cup horse." Reichert also won the day's nightcap, the \$120,000 Marju H., with **Happy Runner (Brz)** (Romarin {Brz}). Both are trained by Pedro Nickel Filho and were piloted by Da Silva. Round II of the Maktoum Challenge will be held Feb. 7. The Dubai World Cup card is slated for Mar. 29. Recent wet weather forced the three turf races scheduled for yesterday's card to be moved to the main track.

REPORT: AUSTRALIA BACK ON TRACK AFTER EI OUTBREAK

Following several months of turmoil and uncertainty concerning the equine influenza outbreak in Australia, industry organizations are posting upbeat bulletins on the situation. The Australian Racing Board (ARB) said in a release yesterday that EI "is under control and on track for early eradication." Australia's Chief Veterinary Officer Dr. Andy Carroll said that, due to successful control programs undertaken by New South Wales and Queensland veterinary authorities, as well as the actions of Australian horse industries and individual horse owners, the disease is contained and large populations of horses have fully recovered. "Since reaching a high of some 10,000 infected premises in October/November last year, we now have less than 1,000 infected premises, indicating that our strategy in combating the disease has been highly successful," Carroll said. ARB said the number of infected premises is continuing to rapidly decrease with no new detections of the disease reported since Dec. 22. Movement restrictions have been eased dramatically over the past week, with Victoria opening its borders to recovered horses from NSW and Queensland without the need for quarantine. The news was hailed by Australia's racing, breeding and sale industries. "2008 starts on an excellent note...with all of the major sales and racing events traditionally scheduled for the first half of the year now allocated new dates and set to proceed under full steam," said Bob Pearson, chairman of the ARB. Pearson added about sales, "Obviously, there will be biosecurity precautions, but these will be sensible and manageable, causing the minimum possible amount of inconvenience to both vendors and purchasers."

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Copa de Plata, a \$40,000 FTKJUL yearling and a \$150,000 OBSMAR juvenile, admittedly took some time to get going at El Comandante/Camarero Race-track. Second by a nose in the Clasico Bandit Bomber in his 2005 finale, he missed all of 2006, and was dropped into claiming company when he returned to action this past summer. The Kentucky-bred raced his way back into form and capped 2007 with a 6 1/2-length score in the Clasico Dawn Glory Oct. 28.

He has posted three workouts since arriving in Koriner's barn. After a three-furlong drill in :37.3 Dec. 17 at Hollywood, the five-year-old earned a bullet :34.4 (1/39) for the same distance Jan. 3 at Santa Anita. He goes into the six-furlong Palos Verdes with a :59 (3/71) five-eighths drill Jan. 11 at the Arcadia oval. Victor Espinoza will have the mount in Monday's race.

- Trainer David Hofmans said Greg's Gold would skip the Palos Verdes. The seven-year-old will await the seven-furlong Gil San Carlos H. at Santa Anita Feb. 16.



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Q: What changes would you make to the current Eclipse Award selection system and awards ceremony? Would you add any divisions?

Larry Jones, trainer:

As far as divisions go, I think they've pretty much got all the bases covered, to be honest with you. And I think the voters generally do a good job picking out the right horses, so I wouldn't make any changes there, either.



Horsephotos

Barclay Tagg, trainer:

The only thing I'd like to see is maybe a turf division for three-year-olds. There are some pretty good races out there for them, and you can win three or four of those races, including Grade I's. But if you may not be able to beat older horses later in the season, you walk away without any of the accolades the horse might deserve. That's especially true when so many of these horses are forced into retirement after their three-year-old years because of the economics of the sport these days.



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Alain Falourd, bloodstock agent

I really think Frank Stronach has the right answer [to create a point system to determine championships]. Most people voting never owned a race horse, and have no idea how difficult it is to get there. Besides, it would take out obvious "pressures" from prominent owners/breeders as we have seen it in the past. And, it might be a way to keep major horses from ducking competition if they are not sure of securing their divisional titles. I would be all for it.

☆ PREVIEW ☆

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

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For owner Michael House, it started back in the early 1970's, racing Appaloosas on the California fair circuit.



House and Mullins Benoit photo

"There used to be races for just Appies then--half-mile, five-eighths, and there used to be pretty big purses, races for \$100,000, even," said House, a semi-retired businessman who lives with his wife Dawn in Rancho Santa Fe, California, not too far from Del Mar.

But those big purses began to dry up in the 1980's, and House, who had raced a few Thoroughbreds, switched full time to the flats. That proved a fortuitous move, as House can now boast an enviable breeding and racing operation, given its size and scope. With a racing stable typically numbering about a dozen, House has in recent years won the GII San Luis Obispo (Nazirali), the GII Hollywood Breeders' Cup Oaks (Brooke's Halo), and the \$250,000 WinStar Oaks (Sweet Fourty), while another runner, MSW Cayoke (Fr), took the Houses halfway around the world when fourth in the \$1-million Godolphin Mile in 2003.

"That was an amazing experience," said House, who added with a laugh, "I've been looking for someone to get me back."

Whether the three-year-old filly Final Fling will prove talented enough to eventually get House back to Dubai remains to be seen, but the Jeff Mullins-trained daughter of Bertrando announced herself on the sophomore fillies scene with a sharp upset victory in the GIII Santa Ysabel S. at Santa Anita Jan. 13.

Final Fling is House's latest success, and like many of his other top runners, she emerged from a juveniles-in-training sale. The filly was purchased by House for \$100,000 at last year's Barretts May sale ([click here to watch her 1/4-mile breeze in :21 2/5](#)).

"Jeff really like the way she breezed, and liked the way she was made, and I really liked her pedigree--I'm more the pedigree guy. I leave it to the trainers to judge the conformation and how they move--and Jeff really liked her from Day 1."

Final Fling broke her maiden in career start number three in December, then came back to best Grace Anatomy at 10-1 odds in the Santa Ysabel.

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"I've gravitated toward the two-year-old sales because I feel you can get a better line on the horse," said House when asked about his success at juvenile sales. Sweet Fourty was a mere \$10,000 at the 2005 OBSAPR sale; Brooke's Halo was a \$40,000 OBSFEB buy.

"But Final Fling might be one of our best when she gets done," said House, who used to develop commercial industrial properties. "She hasn't done a thing wrong yet. Hopefully, she's just getting started. We're looking at the GI Santa Anita Oaks, with maybe the GI Kentucky Oaks as an ultimate goal, depending on how she does in her preps. Of course, Indian Blessing and Bobby Frankel's filly [Country Star] are out there, and I'd like to avoid them, but there are still some nice races."

House, who has been a resident of California for most of his life, has expanded his Thoroughbred operation to include breeding. He owns Chestnut Farm in Versailles, Kentucky, where former trainer Judd Feld oversees House's 16-strong broodmare band.

"We mostly have stakes winners and stakes producers, and breed exclusively for the market," said House. "We sell all our yearlings, so people don't think we're keeping our best ones. We've got a half-sister to Curlin, so we're excited about her. She's carrying a Fusaichi Pegasus colt and is booked to Smart Strike."

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BELMONT STAKES VOTED NTRA MOMENT OF THE YEAR Rags to Riches dramatic victory in the 2007 GI Belmont S. was voted the 2007 National



Rags to Riches (outside)
Adam Coglianese

Thoroughbred Racing Association Moment of the Year. Balloting was conducted at the NTRA web site and offered voters 12 different memorable moments to choose. The winning entry received 51 percent of the votes cast. Runner-up in the voting was the death of Barbaro, which received 17

percent of the votes. Curlin's win in the Breeders' Cup Classic was third with 10 percent of the votes. Connections of Rags to Riches will receive the NTRA Moment of the Year award during the Eclipse Award ceremony next Monday in Beverly Hills, California.

LEYENDA DORADA TOPS OBS THURSDAY The six-year-old **Leyenda Dorada** (Gold Legend) ([hip 548](#)) topped yesterday's first open session of the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's Winter Mixed Sale in Ocala, Florida. The broodmare prospect, Puerto Rico's champion sophomore filly, was consigned by Derby Daze Farm, Agent II, and was purchased for \$50,000 by Adena Springs. For the session, OBS sold 184 horses for a total of \$1,158,600. The average rose 2.5 percent from a year ago to \$6,297, while the median rose 8.7 percent to \$4,350. The second and final open session of the three-day sale gets underway this morning at 11 a.m.

★ **GULFSTREAM** ★

Yesterday's Results:

8th-GPX, \$59,500, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$100,000-\$80,000), NW2\$6MX, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:33 3/5 (NTR), ft.
1--**COMMENTATOR, 118, g, 7, Distorted Humor--**

Outsource, by Storm Bird. (\$45,000 wlng '01 KEENOV; \$135,000 yrl '02 FTKJUL). O-Tracy Farmer; B-Michael Martinez (NY); T-Nicholas P Zito. Lifetime Record: GISW, 16-10-0-2, \$851,936.

2--**Wood Be Willing, 118, h, 6, Pulpit--Woodmiss, by Woodman.**

3--**Whos Crying Now, 118, g, 8, Concerto--Who's the It Girl, by Who's for Dinner.** (\$85,000 2yo 2002 OBSFEB).

Margins: 14, 1 3/4, 1. Odds: 0.40, 7.00, 25.90.

Commentator, winner of the GI Whitney H. in 2005, showed his penchant for gaudy victories while returning from long layoffs in the Mutagea S. against statebreds in July of 2006. Out of the money in the GI Forego H. in September, the chestnut galloped to yet another easy victory in last May's Richmond Runner S. against Empire-breds. Third in the GI Tom Fool BC H. July 4 and sixth in the GI Alfred G. Vanderbilt H. at Saratoga July 28, he was a well-beaten seventh in the slop in Monmouth's GI Breeders' Cup Sprint Oct. 27. The well-backed favorite in his first start since that effort, the gelding was on the engine from the start and blew the doors off his competition late, galloping home the easiest of winners in track-record time. "He did it and the track wasn't exceptionally fast either," said winning trainer Nick Zito. "It would be wonderful to have some fun with him this year. If we can keep him like this, he can beat any horse in the world. He beat horses like Saint Liam [in the 2005 GI Whitney]. "When he's like this he can run with anybody."

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7th-GPX, \$40,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:17 4/5, ft. + **BACK FOR MORE** (f, 3, **More Than Ready**--Worldly Nell {SP}, by World Appeal), sent off the 3-1 second choice, was narrowly in front through the opening half mile, extended her advantage approaching the stretch and drew off to post a five-length victory over Quiet Meadow (El Prado {Ire}). Miss Primetime (Fusaichi Pegasus) came home a tired fifth, while Magnificent Melody (Unbridled's Song) was seventh. The \$175,000 FTKJUL yearling is a half to Delray Dew (Devil His Due), MSW, \$313,312. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,000. O-James T Scaturchio. B-Albert P Coppola (KY). T-Todd A Pletcher.

★ EAST ★

Laurel Cancels After First Race:

Laurel Park cancelled live racing yesterday after the first race. Snow started falling about an hour prior to yesterday's first post time and by the first race, visibility was significantly diminished. Live racing is expected to resume this afternoon.

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3:55p HRTV 6th-FGX, Msw, 4&5yo, f/m, 5 1/2f
DIVERSE (Kingmambo) closed to be second in her first two career starts sprinting on the Polytrack and looked the winner going seven panels at Keeneland Oct. 25, but wilted late to be fourth. Fourth in an off-the-turf over this track and trip Jan. 1, the Will Farish and Joseph Shields Jr. homebred cuts back in distance and moves to the grass for this one. **Music in My Heart (Kingmambo)**, a Sam-Son Farms homebred, gets her first start for Mark Frostad. Off a series of solid works, she gets the services of Shaun Bridgmohan. **Dowell House (Danzig)**, runner-up in her latest over the main track here Jan. 1, is sent postward by Richard Dutrow Jr., who gets 25 percent winners with horses making their second start off the layoff. brisnet.com pps

3:37p HRTV 6th-GPX, \$40K, Msw, 3yo, 6 1/2f
A DIEHL (Aldebaran) ran greenly in his debut at the Spa Sept. 1 and was a respectable fourth at 9-1. The son of Dream Deal should improve off that effort. **Charming Assassin (Van Nistelrooy)**, a \$230K OBSFEB buy, has been working steadily in the a.m. and makes his debut for Zayat Stables and Bill Mott. brisnet.com pps

4:00p HRTV 1st-SAX, \$50K, Msw, 3yo, 1m
ARBORETA (Empire Maker) makes her debut for Juddmonte and Bobby Frankel. Working steadily for this, including a five-furlong move in 1:00 flat at Hollywood, the daughter of GISW Sleep Easy should improve with time and distance. **Tates Queen (Distorted Humor)** was a good second going a sixteenth longer at Hollywood Nov. 8 before weakening to be fifth--after the addition of blinkers--over that track and trip Dec. 5. The bay filly gets blinkers off for this one. brisnet.com pps

7:07p HRTV 7th-SAX, \$68K, Opt. Clm. (\$100K), 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT
PORFIDO (CHI) (Mash One {Chi}) failed to hit the board in his first six starts of 2007, but could be forgiven based on the fact that a four of those were at the Grade I level. The best of those was fourth--beaten only two lengths--in the nine-panel GI Clement L. Hirsch H. over the turf course here Oct. 6. Fifth in the 12-furlong GIII Carlton F. Burke H. Oct. 28, the six-year-old weakened in the final strides to be a close third in his most recent start in Golden Gates' Tanforan H. Nov. 10. brisnet.com pps
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★ CENTRAL ★

Wagon Limit Relocates to Louisiana:

Wagon Limit (Conquistador Cielo--Darlin Lindy, by Cox's Ridge) will relocate to Moon Lake Farm in Elm Grove, Louisiana for the 2008 breeding season. The 14-year-old stallion has stood at Arthur and Staci Hancock's Stone Farm since 2000. Winner of the 1998 GI Jockey Club Gold Cup, Wagon Limit is the sire of multiple Grade I winner Silver Wagon, as well as stakes winners Rehoboth, Distinguish and Riddle. "A sire with the credentials that Wagon Limit has deserves more support than he's getting here in Kentucky," said Arthur Hancock. "He sired a multiple Grade I winner in his first crop, has done extremely well in terms of improving his mares, and has had good percentages overall. We're hoping he finds more opportunities in a different market." Wagon Limit has averaged 74 percent winners and 17 percent stakes horses from starters.

Yesterday's Results:

9th-FGX, \$38,800, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, 1m (off turf), 1:39 4/5, ft.

FIREROCK BASE (r, 4, **Indian Charlie--Fun Bound, by Boundary**) returned from an eight-month respite to be eighth going six panels over this track Dec. 9 and was given a 2-1 chance in this first try at a mile. On top in the early going, the \$20,000 KEENOV weanling maintained a comfortable advantage throughout and came home two lengths in front of Kentucky Warrior (Menifee). Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$63,130. O-Dream Walkin Farms Inc. B-Hedgewood Farm, Hiram Nuckols & Thomas Saafeld (KY). T-Bobby C Barnett.

★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

Yesterday's Results:

7th-SAX, \$55,472, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$80,000), NW1X, 3yo, a6 1/2fT, 1:12 3/5, fm.

SKY CAPE (c, 3, **Najran--Skyscape, by Marquetry**), third in last year's Gill Best Pal S., missed by a neck in his turf debut in the Pinjara S. last October and was a well-beaten 10th back on the all-weather in the Gill Hollywood Prevue before returning to the turf for a runner-up effort in the Dec. 29 Eddie Logan S. last time out. The 7-5 favorite stalked the pacesetters from third, took charge turning for home and drew clear to a 2 1/4-length victory over Belafonte (Songandaplayer). Lifetime Record: GSP, 9-2-3-1, \$115,380. O-Blue, Taub and Visionary Racing. B/T-K Mulhall (KY).

2nd-SAX, \$61,846, Alw, NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, a6 1/2fT, 1:12 3/5, fm.

PAT THE COOL CAT (m, 5, **Sir Cat--Arushi, by Afleet**) recorded a pair of victories over this course and trip, including an allowance test Oct. 7. Third in a \$62,000 optional claimer at Hollywood Nov. 15, the bay showed some early speed, but faded late to be sixth going a mile over that Inglewood oval Dec. 16. Sent off at 4-1 in this drop back in trip, the five-year-old tracked crisp early fractions of :21.65 and :44.20 for a half. In tight with favored La Tee (Broken Vow) while making a run up the rail, Pat The Cool Cat was all out to prevail by a half length over Double Major (Bertrando) at the wire. Lifetime Record: 7-4-0-1, \$92,000.

O-Joy Ride Racing. B-High Adventure Farm (KY). T-John W Sadler.

6th-SAX, \$56,320, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:01 1/5, ft.

STREET BOSS (c, 4, **Street Cry {Ire}--Blushing Ogygian {SP}, by Ogygian**), a debut winner at Del Mar last September and second behind subsequent GI Malibu S. winner Johnny Eves in a Sept. 26 allowance, had not been out since running fourth in an allowance here Nov. 4. Sent off at 4-1, the chestnut colt rallied three wide into the lane, took over with a furlong to run and powered clear to a five-length triumph over favored Furioso Star (Memo {Chi}). The \$300,000 KEESEP yearling is a half brother to Habiboo (Unbridled's Song, MGSP, \$190,190). Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$75,100.

O-Bluegate Corp, Headley and Naify. B-Brilliant Stable, Inc (KY). T-Bruce Headley.

1st-SAX, \$48,800, Msw, 3yo, 5.5f (AWT), 1:01 4/5, ft.

+ GO FOR COVER (c, 3, **Elusive Quality--Cover Gal {GSW & GISP}, by Falstaff**), let go at 10-1, settled off the early pace came out in the stretch for the drive and got up in the final strides to graduate by a length over Savvy and Smooth (Petionville). Sign of the Four (Foresty) came fourth and favored Embrace the Storm (Storm Cat) was fifth. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$28,800.


O-William Peeples & Danny Valdez. B-William R Peeples (KY). T-Adam Kitchingman.


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5th-SAX, \$49,600, Msw, 4yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:08, ft. ANY KIND OF STORM (c, 4, Came Home--Feline Fantasy, by Storm Cat) put together a string of four straight runner-up efforts before running a well-beaten seventh over 1 1/16 miles at Hollywood Nov. 21 last time out. Let go at 10-1, the chestnut colt rated just off the pace. He drove into contention between foes in upper stretch and battled down the lane to eke out a nose victory over Bullsby (Tiznow). Lifetime Record: 8-1-4-0, \$67,000.

O-John and Cheryl Toffan. B-John Toffan & Trudy McCaffery (KY). T-J Paco Gonzalez.

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IN BRITAIN:

Distant Sun, g, 4, Distant View--The Great Flora (SP), by Unaccounted For. Wolverhampton, Britain, 1-17, Hcp, 4yo/up, 5f 215yds (AWT). B-Forging Oaks LLC. *30,000gns yrl '05 TATDEC; 12,000gns HIT '07 TATFEB.

Intersky Charm, c, 4, Lure--Catala, by Northern Park. Southwell, Britain, 1-17, Hcp, 4yo/up, 1m (AWT). B-Phil Booker.

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TOUCH OF LAND TO KNOCKHOUSE

Touch of Land (Fr) (Lando {Ger}--Touch of Class {Ger}, by Be My Guest) has been retired to Sean Kinsella's Knockhouse Stud in County Kilkenny, the *Racing Post* revealed yesterday. One of Henri-Alex Pantall's stable stalwarts over the past five seasons, the eight-year-old collected back-to-back renewals of both Longchamp's G2 Prix Dollar in 2004 and 2005 and G3 Grand Prix de Vichy in 2005 and 2006, as well as taking the 2004 G2 Grosser Mercedes-Benz Preis at Baden-Baden and the 2006 G2 Jebel Hatta at Nad Al Sheba. He also carried the Gary Tanaka colors to be third in the 2004 G1 Hong Kong Cup at Sha Tin. He won 11 of 40 starts and €966,329 in the process.

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Yesterday's Results:

5th-NAD, \$175,000, Hcp, 4yo/up, 1800m, 1:50.23, gd.
LUCKY FIND (SAF) (g, 4, Rich Man's Gold--Little Erna {SAf}, by Ernani {Ire}), a half to Pay the Piper (SAf) (Saumarez {GB}), MSW-Aus, had been unraced since running second in the G1 Daily News S. at Greyville in South Africa last June. Looking to get Mike de Kock off to a good start in Dubai, the gelding launched his bid from 500 meters out and strolled home 7 1/2 lengths to the good of Third Set (Ire) (Royal Applause {GB}). Lifetime Record: G1SP-SAf, 10-5-4-0, \$160,640. O-Sheikh Ahmed bin Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum; B-Oldlands Stud; T-Mike de Kock.

7th-NAD, \$120,000, Hcp, 4yo/up, 1500m (off turf), 1:31.22, gd.
HAPPY RUNNER (BRZ) (c, 4, Romarin {Brz}--Miss Klairon {Brz}, by Turville {Fr}) was a solid handicap-caliber runner in Brazil last year, doubling up in a pair of races at that level at Ciudad Jardim last September before concluding his year with a fourth in a Group 2 event in November. Happy Runner drew in from the also-eligible list when this race came off the turf and took advantage of the situation with a late-running 2 1/2-length tally. Fellow Brazilian-bred Objeto de Arte (Brz) (Boatman) was second. Happy Runner is a half to Red Klairon (Brz) (Benefice), SW-Brz. Lifetime Record: MSW-Brz, 18-6-5-2, \$102,372. O-Roberto A L Reichert; B-Haras Torrao De Ouro; T-Pedro Nickel Filho.

2nd-NAD, \$120,000, Hcp, 4yo/up, f/m, 1500m, 1:32, gd.
MANY COLOURS (GB) (f, 4, Green Desert--First of Many {GB}, by Darshaan {GB}), a winner of four of nine last term, won the Listed Dance Design S. at The Curragh in September before closing out her campaign with a good runner-up effort in the G3 Denny Cordell S. S. at Gowran Park Oct. 5. Here, Many Colours vied for the lead with Olympic City (Brz) (Yagli) before asserting to win by 1 3/4 lengths in her dirt debut. Winning jockey Frankie Dettori was pleased with the effort. "She was carrying top weight, which was a bit of a worry, as was the surface, as it was her first time on it, but she had some good form in Europe, and we expected a big run," said the Italian. Lifetime Record: SW & GSP-Ire, 11-6-1-2, \$216,926. O-Godolphin; B-Gainsborough Stud Management Ltd; T-Saeed bin Suroor.

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4th-NAD, \$110,000, Hcp, 4yo/up, 1800m, 1:50.76, gd. RAMPALLION (GB) (h, 5, Daylami {Ire}--Minute Waltz {Ire}, by Sadler's Wells), a half-sibling to May Ball (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}), Hwt Older Mare-Eng at 5-7f-Eng, G1SW-Fr & GSP-Eng, \$168,321, hadn't won since taking a Newmarket handicap in September of 2006. He failed to hit the frame in three starts last term and was coming off a well-beaten try in a Doncaster allowance in November. But all that was on turf, and Rampallion took to the dirt with aplomb here under Mick Kinane. Rampallion cruised to a 1 3/4-length tally over Familiar Territory (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-0, \$108,408.

O-Sheikh Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Side Hill Stud; T-Erwan Charpy.

3rd-NAD, \$30,000, Cond, 4yo/up, f, 1400m, 1:25.11, gd. FIESTA LADY (ARG) (f, 3, Southern Halo--Fiereze {Arg} {GSW & MG1SP-Arg}, by Political Ambition) helped jockey Frankie Dettori earn the riding double after he



Andrew Watkins

took the second race aboard Many Colours (GB). Fiesta Lady was one of the best three-year-olds in Argentina last year. After running second in her unveiling in January, she took her next three by a combined 22 lengths, including the G2 Francisco J. Beazley (nine lengths) and G1 Argentine Oaks (six lengths) in October. Unraced since that test and making her debut for Godolphin here, Fiesta Lady tracked early before blowing past her rivals en route to the facile 3 1/4-length win. Cocoa Beach (Chi) (Doneraile Court) was second. Afterwards, Dettori quipped, "It's great to be back, although I am a bit out of breath and need to lose a couple of pounds!" Fiesta Lady led home a 1-2-3 for South American-bred fillies in this race, a traditional prep for the UAE Guineas. "She will go the Guineas route," confirmed Godolphin Racing Manager Simon Crisford. "She's a lovely filly." Lifetime Record: G1SW-Arg, 5-4-1-0, \$119,035.

O-Godolphin; B-Haras La Esperanza; T-S bin Suroor.

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-AQU, \$52,000, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10, ft.

I AIN'T NO SAINT (c, 4, Sweetsouthernsaint--Star de Niro, by De Niro) Lifetime Record: SP, 19-4-2-4, \$138,225. O-Jacobson Racing Stable. B-Norman David Berube & Susan Trimble (FL). T-David Jacobson.

8th-FGX, \$41,500, NW1X, (S), 3yo, 1m40y, 1:42 1/5, ft.

TEIXEIRA (g, 3, Aptitude--Miss N Texas, by Dehere) Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$56,800. O-Horton Racing LLC. B-Todd Horton (LA). T-W Bret Calhoun. cont. p7

ON THE WORKTAB

BELMONT PARK (training track)

Armonk (Mizzen Mast), 4f, :48.85, 7/79
Barrier Reef (Mizzen Mast), 5f, 1:02.45, 7/27
Giant Moon (Giant's Causeway), 4f, :49.96, 34/79
Like Now (Jules), 4f, :49.56, 27/79

HOLLYWOOD

Out of Control (Brz) (Vettori {Ire}), 5f, 1:02.60, 18/26

PALM MEADOWS

Adagio (GB) (Grand Lodge), 5f, 1:00.00, 1/6
Miss Tizzy (Cee's Tizzy), 5f, 1:02.20, 2/6
Paint (Include), 3f, :35.80, 1/7
Visionaire (Grand Slam), 4f, :50.60, 24/35

SANTA ANITA

Brother Derek (Benchmark), 3f, :35.20, 5/26
Daytona (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}), 5fT, 1:00.80, 1/2
Desert Code (E Dubai), 5f, :59.60, 15/70
Golden Balls (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), 4fT, :49.80, 4/5
Pussycat Doll (Real Quiet), 5f, 1:01.80, 36/70
Sea of Pleasure (Sea of Secrets), 4f, :50.00, 41/51
Tasha's Miracle (Harlan's Holiday), 6f, 1:12.80, 9/38

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- ALDEBARAN** (Mr. Prospector), Darby Dan, \$50K, 150/10/0
6-GP, Msw, 6 1/2f, A Diehl, \$90K KEE SEP yrl, 4-1
- CACTUS RIDGE** (Hennessy), Walmac, \$7K, 137/13/0
8-OP, Stk, 5 1/2f, Hadnot
- CARNIVAL DANCER (GB)** (Sadler's Wells), 38/3/0
5-SA, Aoc, 6 1/2f, Carnival Queen (GB)
- EARLY FLYER** (Gilded Time), Valor, 63/9/1
6-DED, Stk, 7f, Formal Flyer, 6-1
- EMPIRE MAKER** (Unbridled), Juddmonte, \$100K, 185/8/3
1-SA, Msw, 1m, Arboreta
8-GP, Alw, 7f, Jedi Code, 5-2
- FULL MANDATE** (A.P. Indy), Hartley, 173/15/1
3-SA, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Suzy's Mandate, \$70K BAR MAY 2yo
1-SA, Msw, 1m, Divine Legacy, \$170K KEE NOV wnl
- GRIFFINITE** (Unbridled's Song), 29/2/0
3-AQU, Alw, 1m, Violent Behavior
- HARLAN'S HOLIDAY** (Harlan), Airdrie, \$18K, 169/24/4
5-SA, Aoc, 6 1/2f, P. S. U. Grad, \$375K BAR MAY 2yo
- HOLD THAT TIGER** (Storm Cat), Ashford, \$15K, 249/24/2
6-TP, Alw, 1m, Seaside Storm, \$3K KEE SEP yrl
3-SA, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Emily Tiger, \$40K KEE SEP yrl
- INDY KING** (A.P. Indy), Adena South, \$2K, 56/4/0
8-LRL, Alw, 1 1/16m, Blew Me Away, \$15K ADS SPR 2yo, 3-2
- KAFWAIN** (Cherokee Run), Darley, \$10K, 179/15/4
8-OP, Stk, 5 1/2f, Yonegwa, \$190K OBS MAR 2yo
- MACHO UNO** (Holy Bull), Adena South, \$15K, 136/16/2
8-DED, Stk, 7f, Pursue a Dream, \$25K OBS AUG yrl, 3-1
- PROUD CITIZEN** (Gone West), Airdrie, \$13K, 210/21/3
6-DED, Stk, 7f, Eagle's Song, \$70K FTK JUL yrl, 12-1
- 5-SA, Aoc, 6 1/2f, Casino Kay, \$50K BAR MAY 2yo
11-TP, Msw, 1m, Shesdresinuptowin, \$120K KEE SEP yrl
- PURE PRECISION** (Montbrook), Lou-Roe, 85/10/0
6-DED, Stk, 7f, Purely Class, \$9K OBS WIN yrl, 20-1
- REPENT** (Louis Quatorze), Vinery, \$5K, 156/20/2
8-DED, Stk, 7f, Prince Cortez, \$25K OBS MAR 2yo, 5-2
- SWING LORD** (A.P. Indy), Ascot Stud, \$4K, 9/1/0
11-TP, Msw, 1m, Atlanta Breeze
- VAN NISTELROOY** (Storm Cat), Ashford, \$8K, 201/30/6
6-GP, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Charming Assassin, \$230K OBS FEB 2yo, 6-1
- VINDICATION** (Seattle Slew), Hill 'n' Dale, \$50K, 229/22/1
7-OP, Msw, 5 1/2f, Sentebale, \$215K EAS MAY 2yo
- WHYWHYWHY** (Mr. Greeley), Gainesway, \$8K, 100/12/2
6-GP, Msw, 6 1/2f, Dukinfield, \$100K KEE APR 2yo, 20-1

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8th-DED, \$31,250, 1-16, NW2L, (S), 3yo, f, 5f, 1:00 1/5, my.
IKNOWUTHINKIMSEXY (f, 3, Count the Time--Drop Dead Gorgeous, by Prospectors Gamble) Lifetime Record: MSP, 8-2-1-1, \$74,802. O-Heiligbrodt Racing Stable. B-Brett A Brinkman & Allen Chiasson (LA). T-Steven M Asmussen. *\$135,000 2yo '07 EVDMAR.

6th-CTX, \$27,000, 1-16, NW3LX, 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:20 1/5, ft.
GHOSTLY THUNDER (g, 3, Ghostly Minister--Expressive Feather, by Chief Honcho) Lifetime Record: MSW, 5-4-0-1, \$125,358. O-Gary Capuano & Paul L Fowler Jr. B-Charles A Woodson Jr (WV). T-Gary Capuano. *\$13,000 2yo '07 OBSAPR.

7th-CTX, \$27,000, 1-16, NW3LX, 4yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :53, ft.
LUV THAT GAME (f, 4, Grand Slam--Promise to Love, by Affirmed) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$38,680. O-Big Lick Farm. B-Eaton & Thorne Inc (NY). T-Homer R Kline Jr. *\$67,000 yrl '05 FTNAUG.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Belle Cherie Mary, f, 3, **Grand Slam**--Belle Cherie (MGSW, \$426,861), by Belong to Me. DED, 1-16, 7f, 1:29 3/5. B-Belle Meadows & Lael Stable (KY). *\$50,000 yrl '06 KEESEP; \$50,000 2yo '07 OBSAPR. **3/4 to Last Best Place (Gone West), SW, \$100,565. ***Won by 6 1/4 lengths.

King David J, c, 3, **Precise End**--Cecilia's Choice (SP), by Homebuilder. AQU, 1-17, (S), 6f, 1:10 1/5. B-Sez Who Thoroughbreds (NY). *\$95,000 2yo 2007 OBSAPR.

Chicks Rule, f, 3, **Red Bullet**--Peak Time, by Peaks and Valleys. SAX, 1-17, (C), 6f (AWT), 1:09 1/5. B-Murray Smith (FL). *\$16,000 yrl '06 FTMOCT; \$3,000 yrl '06 OBSJAN.

Alexander's Rose, f, 3, **Reparations**--Aroseformygirls, by Pistols and Roses. CTX, 1-16, 4 1/2f, :54 2/5. B-Philip Joseph Brenner (WV).

Trip Tease, f, 3, **Trippi**--Frankie Carl, by Cutlass. FGX, 1-17, (C), 6f, 1:12 2/5. B-Micheline Laberge (FL). *\$12,000 yrl '06 OBSAUG; \$16,000 2yo 2007 OBSJUN.

Broken Music, c, 4, **Silver Charm**--Miss Cort'n, by A.P. Indy. FGX, 1-17, (S), 6f, 1:11 4/5. B-Keith Plaisance (LA). *1/2 to Pressed (Chester House), SW, \$156,330.

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

ITALY, Varese, 4.30, 1-16, €9,000, 3yo, 7 1/2f (AWT), time: n/a, stn.

ORPANELLA (IRE) (f, 3, Orpen--Evidence {GB}, by Machiavellian) Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-0, €17,000. O-Scuderia Briantea Srl; B-E Burns; T-Mario Ciciarelli. *€5,000 yrl '06 TATIRE.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Chevignon (Ire), f, 3, **Choisir (Aus)**--Caerib (Ire), by Caerleon. Pisa, Italy, 1-16, Mdn, 3yo, 6fT. B-Azienda Agricola Razza Emiliana Srl.

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January 19, 1955...Swaps won the San Vicente S., the first race of his three-year-old campaign, by 3½ lengths at Santa Anita Park. He went on to triumph over Nashua in the Kentucky Derby, but was in turn defeated by his rival in a \$100,000 match race at Washington Park on Aug. 31, his only loss that year.

January 20, 1972...Secretariat was shipped from Virginia to Florida to be trained by Lucien Laurin.

January 20, 1979...Odds-on favorite **Affirmed**, with Steve Cauthen aboard, finished second in the San Fernando S. at Santa Anita, beaten 2 3/4 lengths by Radar Ahead. It was their fourth consecutive defeat. Cauthen subsequently lost the mount on Affirmed to jockey Laffit Pincay, Jr., who rode the horse for the remainder of his four-year-old season, winning seven victories in as many starts. Affirmed was later voted Horse of the Year for 1979. Cauthen had ridden Affirmed to a Triple Crown sweep the previous year and the pair recorded 11 wins in their 16 races together.

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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 Santa Anita Santa Anita
Feb. 3	GII San Antonio H. GIII Suwannee River H.	Santa Anita Gulfstream
Feb. 9	GI Las Virgenes S. GII Forward Gal S. GIII Risen Star S. GIII Silverbulletday S. GIII Fair Grounds H. GIII Mineshaft H.	Santa Anita Gulfstream Fair Grounds Fair Grounds Fair Grounds Fair Grounds



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