

CURLIN AMONG WORLD CUP ACCEPTORS

Recently crowned Horse of the Year **Curlin** (Smart Strike) heads the 169 horses nominated to the \$6-million G1 Dubai World Cup Mar. 29 at Nad al Sheba. He is one of 38 U.S.-based runners on that list, which also includes 18 nominees from Japan, 78 from the United Arab Emirates, 11 from Great Britain, six each from Brazil and France, three apiece from Argentina, Turkey and Saudi Arabia. "The nominations for the 13th Dubai World Cup meeting are extremely satisfying," said Dubai Racing Club Chief Executive Officer Frank Gabriel Jr. "Most people agreed that last year's meeting was the best yet, and that the fixture can now lay claim to being the most competitive and international day's racing anywhere in the world." He added, "What is particularly rewarding is that a number of horses who competed last year are set to return and it shows that many horsemen are keen to keep their horses in training now, and target international meetings such as this one. We are likely to see a lot of horses who ran in the Breeders' Cup, Japan Cup and Hong Kong International meetings at the end of last year, then competing here, and it shows how strong and thriving the international racing scene is."



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Glittering Undercard...

At this first closing stage of nominations, 294 horses remain eligible for the \$5-million G1 Dubai Duty Free, including Godolphin standout **Ramonti (Ity)** (Martino Alonso {Ire}); top French filly **Darjina (Fr)** (Zamindar); and six-time Group 1 winner **Seachange (NZ)** (Cape Cross {Ire}). The \$5-million G1 Dubai Sheema Classic has attracted six of the first seven finishers in the 2007 renewal, including winner **Vengeance of Rain (NZ)** (Zabeel {NZ}). There are a host of U.S. nominations for the \$2-million G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen, including defending champion **Kelly's Landing** (Patton), Eclipse Award winner **Midnight Lute** (Real Quiet) and Grade I winner **Idiot Proof** (Benchmark). In all, 1,286 horses remain eligible for the six races on the World Cup card.

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Diamond Stripes (Notebook) has been installed the 7-2 morning-line favorite for Saturday's \$1-million Sunshine Millions Classic. The Classic is one of four races in the interstate challenge carded for Santa Anita, while Gulfstream Park will host an additional four races. A winner of five of 10 starts, **Diamond Stripes** captured last year's GII Meadowlands Breeders' Cup S. and was third in the G1 Stephen Foster H., G1 Whitney H. and GII Woodward S. He has been off since running third in the GII Clark H. at Churchill Downs Nov. 23. *Cont. p2*



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Millionaire **McCann's Mojave** (Memo {Chi}), who captured the Classic last year, defends his title as a 12-1 outsider in the 12-horse field. Eclipse finalist **Nashoba's Key** (Silver Hawk), installed as the even-money morning-line choice in the Sunshine Millions F/M Turf, will break from post six. The five-year-old mare began her career last year with seven straight victories, including wins in the GI Yellow Ribbon S. and GI Vanity Invitational H. She has not been out since suffering her first loss when fourth in the GI Breeders' Cup F/M Turf. GI Del Mar Futurity winner **Georgie Boy** (Tribal Rule) makes his sophomore debut in the Sunshine Millions Dash. The dark bay gelding is the 5-2 morning-line pick and will break from post six.

Gulfstream Park fields for the Sunshine Millions will appear in Thursday's TDN.

Saturday, Santa Anita

SUNSHINE MILLIONS CLASSIC, \$1,000,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	ODDS
1	Diamond Stripes	Notebook	Velasquez	7-2
2	Bilo	Bertrando	T Baze	8-1
3	Buzzards Bay	Marco Bay	Valdivia Jr	8-1
4	Bold Chieftain	Chief Seattle	Flores	10-1
5	Celtic Dreamin	Game Plan	Solis	8-1
6	Now Victory	Sharp Victor	Smith	15-1
7	Seminole Native	Lil Tyler	M Baze	12-1
8	Electrify	Delaware Township	Castro	5-1
9	Go Between	Point Given	Gomez	8-1
10	McCann's Mojave	Memo (Chi)	Alvarado	12-1
11	Going Ballistic	Lite the Fuse	Talamo	15-1
12	Gottcha Gold	Coronado's Quest	Lopez	8-1

Also Eligible:

13	Joy's Comet	Comet Shine	T Baze	30-1
14	Better Than Bonds	Sweetsouthernsaint	Rose	30-1

Saturday, Santa Anita

SUNSHINE MILLIONS F/M TURF, \$500,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	ODDS
1	Somethinaboutlaura	Dance Floor	M Baze	8-1
2	Placid Lake	Greenwood Lake	Flores	20-1
3	Snow Cone	Cryptoclearance	Castro	8-1
4	Lady Tropicana	Cloud Hopping	Solis	30-1
5	Gentle Charmer	Bertrando	Kaenel	20-1
6	Nashoba's Key	Silver Hawk	Talamo	even
7	Quite a Bride	Stormy Atlantic	Gomez	9-5
8	Bai and Bai	Falstaff	Espinoza	15-1

All carry 122 pounds, except Snow Cone at 120.

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1	More Angels	Slew of Angels	Migliore	8-1
2	Sekira	Holy Bull	Solis	20-1
3	Coli Bear	Formal Dinner	Rose	10-1
4	Tiz Elemental	Cee's Tizzy	Espinoza	7-2
5	Prime Catch	Prime Timber	Flores	20-1
6	Cher Ami	Lost Soldier	A Smith	8-1
7	Lady Gamer	Game Plan	Gomez	3-1
8	Dearest Trickski	Proudest Romeo	M Smith	4-1
9	Shaggy Mane	Bertrando	Velazquez	8-1
10	Dixie Dreamer	Mutakddim	Castro	20-1

All carry 122 pounds, except Sekira, Tiz Elemental, Prime Catch, Cher Ami and Dearest Trickski at 121.

SUNSHINE MILLIONS DASH, \$250,000, 3yo, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	ODDS
1	Little Nick	Tiger Ridge	Velasquez	8-1
2	Johns Grooms	Put It Back	Rose	20-1
3	Winsome Charm	Silver Charm	T Baze	9-2
4	Afleet Ruler	Northern Afleet	Talamo	6-1
5	Dee Dee's Legacy	Bartok (Ire)	M Baze	6-1
6	Georgie Boy	Tribal Rule	Gomez	5-2
7	Bob Black Jack	Stormy Jack	Flores	3-1
8	Italian Rules	Tribal Rule	Rosario	30-1
9	Nevada Worrier	Lord Carson	Court	20-1
10	Topper Shopper	Old Topper	Enriquez	30-1

All carry 120 pounds.



☆ NEWS TODAY ☆

TATTERSALLS TAKES STAKE IN INGLIS

Newmarket-based Tattersalls has announced that it has acquired a “significant minority stake” in William Inglis and Son Ltd. The two companies will continue to operate autonomously, but will work closely in areas of potential mutual development. “Tattersalls is delighted to announce the acquisition of an equity stake in William Inglis and Son Ltd,” said the auction company’s Chairman Edmond Mahony. “We view the acquisition as an investment not only in a company which is a leader in its field, but also a company which shares the same global vision for the bloodstock industry that has always been the cornerstone of the Tattersalls ethos. In particular, we view the Inglis exposure to the growing markets throughout Asia as being of huge importance in future years.” Mahony added, “The alliance of Tattersalls and William Inglis and Son also reflects our confidence in the Australian racing and breeding industry which is respected and admired throughout the world. The bedrock of any bloodstock industry is a strong and robust racing product, and Australian racing is widely regarded as the model to which so many other countries aspire.” Mark Webster, Inglis’s managing director, commented, “These two companies conduct bloodstock sales that engage the attention of the global Thoroughbred industry. We see an opportunity for our two companies to cross promote each others services and share new ideas, innovations and resources. This new association is a perfect fit for our two organisations and we are confident that it will deliver benefits for our clients, both vendors and purchasers alike.”

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UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES		
Date	Race	Track
Jan. 26	Sunshine Millions	Gulf/SA
Jan. 27	GI Santa Monica H.	Santa Anita
	GIII Appleton H.	Gulfstream
Feb. 2	GI Donn H.	Gulfstream
	GII Swale S.	Gulfstream
	GII Strub S.	Santa Anita
	GII Robert B. Lewis S.	Santa Anita
Feb. 3	GII San Antonio H.	Santa Anita
	GIII Suwannee River H.	Gulfstream
Feb. 9	GI Las Virgenes S.	Santa Anita
	GII Forward Gal S.	Gulfstream
	GIII Risen Star S.	Fair Grounds
	GIII Silverbulletday S.	Fair Grounds
	GIII Fair Grounds H.	Fair Grounds
	GIII Mineshaft H.	Fair Grounds

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Thursday, Nad al Sheba

AL SHINDAGHA SPRINT-G3, \$200,000, NH4yo/SH3yo/up, 1200m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	Valiance	Horse Chestnut (SAf)	de Kock
2	Sea Hunter (GB)	Lend a Hand (GB)	Al Raihe
3	Diabolical	Artax	bin Suroor
4	Terrific Challenge	Royal Academy	Watson
5	Malayeen (Aus)	Anabaa	Selvaratnam
6	Power Politics	Seeking the Gold	Al Muhairi
7	Botanical	Seeking the Gold	Charpy
8	Salaam Dubai (Aus)	Secret Savings	Selvaratnam
9	Asiatic Boy (Arg)	Not for Sale (Arg)	de Kock
10	Mercury Chief (SAf)	London News (SAf)	Manuel

All carry 127 except Diabolical and Asiatic Boy, 131.

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FROM THE DESK OF...
 Bill Oppenheim

A.P. KING

At the end of 1998, the year his first four-year-olds raced, **A.P. Indy** topped the list of Leading Sires by A Runner Index for the first time. He's never been out of the top three since (Storm Cat topped the list three times, Danzig twice), and the end-of-year 2007 figures put him back on top for the fifth time, with an index of 5.08 (**Table p7**). That means 10.16 percent of his runners in North America, Europe (Great Britain/Ireland, France, Germany), and Japan have achieved 'A Runner' status. Roughly similar to Listed Stakes Winners (winner of \$100,000+ stakes in North America in 2008) and above, A Runners are the top flight of racehorses, defined as being among the top two percent of earners in each jurisdiction, each year. The figures cover a 'rolling' seven-year period (now 2001-2007). We also compile 'B Runners' (next two percent); 'C Runners' (next four percent); and, combined, 'ABC Runners' (top eight percent). The APEX ratings also calculate sires' progeny performance in the three regions, and at four ages (two, three, four, five-plus). In the coming weeks we shall, as usual, dissect a few of these tables to see if we can learn which stallions are siring the racehorses that are making their owners the most money.

The most remarkable thing about A.P. Indy's supremacy is that he is almost exclusively an all-American sire. A whopping 89 percent of his 2001-2007 runners were in North America, where his A Runner Index was even higher (5.53). His A Runner Index in Europe and Japan combined was just 1.25, so it's a safe bet that fewer and fewer of his runners will leave North America. But he is some sire there. He has singlehandedly revived the entire Bold Ruler sire line. His own sire, Seattle Slew, was one of North America's top five sires in the 1980's and 1990's, but it did come down to A.P. Indy's ability to sire stallions as to whether Bold Ruler--whose sire line seemed invincible before the arrival of Northern Dancer--survived into the 21st century at all.

Interestingly for those panicked about the permeation of Northern Dancer blood--especially in Europe--at the moment, A.P. Indy is inbred 4x3 to Bold Ruler through his two greatest racing sons, Seattle Slew and Secretariat. That also means he is distantly inbred (5x4) to Princequillo, as Seattle Slew was out of a mare by Princequillo's grandson, Poker (Round Table), while Secretariat's dam, Somethingroyal, was by Princequillo himself. Secretariat was much more influential as a broodmare sire, and it's possible he actually threw more to Princequillo than to Bold Ruler. Not only is A.P. Indy 4x3 'top and bottom' (sire over broodmare sire), he has a third fifth-generation cross of Nasrullah, who was the damsire of Seattle Slew's grandsire, Poker.

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One of the very few things I actually know about genetic theory is that 'hybrid vigor' is meant to apply not to performance animals (racehorses), but to breeding stock. So-called intense inbreeding, in theory, is more likely to result in a great sire or broodmare than in a great racehorse. That may or may not be what is making A.P. Indy the top sire of his generation, but something sure is.

The next four places are occupied by sons or grandsons of Northern Dancer; A.P. Indy, now 18, is the youngest of the top five sires. With his final crop of three year olds, **Danehill** has actually dead-headed with his sire, **Danzig**, for second place, both with 2001-2007 A Runner Indexes of 4.85 (meaning 9.70 percent of 2001-2007 runners were A Runners, since two percent A Runners from runners equals an index of 1.00). Danehill's final rating is more than 50-percent higher than his rating in 1998, the year he came back from Japan. I can't remember another sire, in the 20 years we've been compiling APEX ratings, to have accomplished that. Typically, their numbers go the other direction. That may now be the case with **Storm Cat**, whose 2000-2006 A Runner Index of 4.89 ranked him second in 2006 to A.P. Indy, and marking his ninth consecutive year in the world top three. He's dropped to fourth this year, as his index dropped 11 percent, to 4.37.

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By contrast, Danzig remained on exactly the same figure (4.85) as he had at the end of 2006. His three-year-olds last year, of course, included not just Hard Spun, but also G1 Poule d'Essai de Poulains winner Astronomer Royal and Group 2 winner Haatef in Europe. He has 27 three year olds in his final crop this year, including 2007 two-year-old graded stakes winner Prussian. And the remarkable **Sadler's Wells**, sire of some 260 stakes winners, still registers a 4.14 A Runner Index. That's his ninth top-five placing in the last 10 years.

The first four places of the 'second five' are filled by the top four sires with first foals born in 1996 or later, during what we can call the 'big-book' era. **Distorted Humor** edged above the 4.00 standard last year, but this year he has dropped from first to fourth among 'F1996 and Later' sires, with a 3.70 Index. This sort of fluctuation isn't at all surprising. His first foals were seven last year, and it seems as more moderate older horses keep racing, sires' A Runner figures normally do tend to fall. But note that his 3.70 Index is significantly higher than the 10th-ranked sire, Canada's 24-year-old **Bold Executive**, who has come up before on our lists as a top 'synthetic' sire. His runners seem to just love Woodbine's Polytrack surface. Ascending to the position of number one APEX sire from the 'big-book era' is none other than **Smart Strike**, North America's Leading Sire on the 2007 General Sire List, with a 2001-2007 A Runner Index of 3.87. We've had Smart Strike among the top three in the 'First Foals 1998' sire class (along with current number 15, Pivotal, and number 17, Unbridled's Song) since day one--which in the case of this sire class, was the end of 2001. Those three have been that class's top three every year since, so Smart Strike can hardly be said to have come from nowhere--except maybe commercially.

Number seven on our 2001-2007 Leading Sire list is the California mystery horse, **Unusual Heat**, who proves that they don't need to sire a lot of household names to be a good sire. He is obviously very well suited by having been a semi-private stallion in the California program. And number eight is **Monsun**, without question the best sire to stand in Germany in the last 20 years.

For Smaller Money...

Finishing up our series on noticeable or 'value' stallions, it's not surprising that, even looking at stallions standing for 'smaller money' in Great Britain and Ireland, there are still interesting Maktoum and Coolmore stallions to contend with. But, unlike the list of higher-priced stallions we looked at last week, which were three-quarters Maktoum or Coolmore, they constitute just 10 of the 36 (28 percent) of this selected list standing at lower prices. (Table p8) What is striking is that only (a somewhat different) 10 on this list are 'proven' sires, with three-year-olds-plus in 2007, whereas fully 72 percent of the 36 on this list would be classified as unproven (two had runners, 24 did not). But perhaps that's explained by the fact most proven sires stand for more than £10,000 or €15,000. By definition, then, these 10 proven sires are likely to be good bargains.

Weekly Sales Ticker

by BILL OPPENHEIM

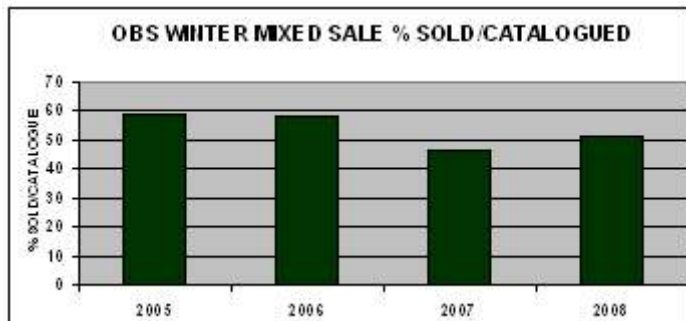
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"It's getting tougher in the regional markets, as this sale illustrates. It really took a big hit last year, when the gross dropped 34% from 2006. It was down another 27% this year, with only one Consignor's Preferred session, having been two last year. There's a flight of breeding stock, including stallions, now to New York and Pennsylvania as well as Kentucky. It's about money." - Bill Oppenheim



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2007	1,154	886	531	46%	\$6,921,100	\$13,034
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Seven of the 10 had six-year-olds-plus in 2007, which means the jury really is in on them, and perhaps they're not as fashionable as they should be. In alphabetical order: **Celtic Swing** is the sire of Six Perfections and Takeover Target, but also has a high 2.08 ABC Index for two-year-olds. **Compton Place** is very consistent, also good (1.75) for two-year-olds. **Hernando**, who has improved to 1.12 for two-year-olds, is over 1.50 at all other ages and still scores 2.12 for A Runners. Anything over 2.00 is a sire worth breeding to. Intikhab actually ranks World Number 21 with a 2.75 A Runner Index; he looks outstanding value, if you're trying to breed a racehorse, at €8,000. **Royal Applause** comes out as mostly an average stallion, but he's always been good for two-year-olds (1.77) and he has sired 2007 the runaway leading European freshman sire Acclamation. **Verglas** has his first Irish crop of two-year-olds this year. He was 2.27 for two-year-olds (and a very good 2.69 for those very useful 'B Runners') from his French crops, so connections are entitled to be hopeful.

With **Approval** must certainly be Caro's last significant son at stud. He's a good broodmare sire (especially for all-weather runners, we've found), and it's a sire line that just keeps popping up. He costs nothing compared to the potential long-term influence he already is.

Of the three on this list with their first three-year-olds in 2007, **Val Royal** is a no-brainer to recommend, as he had dual Guineas winner Cockney Rebel and American Grade II winner Valbenny in his first crop. Ishiguru was an out-and-out sprinter at Ballydoyle, but has sired five 'A' or 'B' runners from small crops, and is clearly punching above his weight. A son of Danzig, he looks very good value at £4,500. The real sleeper of this class is **Act One**, down to £6,000 this year at Shadwell's Nunery Stud. A son of In the Wings, who already has successful sire son Singspiel to his credit, Act One had six horses in 2007 who were either ABC runners or stakes horses, and kicked off 2008 with a Group 1 winner from his first crop (bred to Northern time) in South Africa.

There were plenty of surprises among Europe's top 10 freshman sires last year, none more so than fifth

ranked **Modigliani**, sire of the Italian Group 3-winning and French Group 2-placed filly Magritte, and the Tattersalls' Ireland's sales race winner Sudden Impact. And you have to have a lot of respect for **Clodovil**, sire of two group winners in England, namely G2 Lowther S. heroine Nahoodh and G3 Horris Hill winner Beacon Lodge. Clodovil won the 2003 G1 Poule d'Essai de Poulains, but wasn't really on anybody's radar screens. He certainly merits respect now, and should get a much better book of mares in 2008.

It's a particularly strong sire class going to stud in Britain and Ireland in 2008, which is good news for all the commercial traders, who just love first-year sires. We've listed eight of them here, and that's not all of them. All eight of these have strong claims for sure, including 2006 G1 Epsom Derby winner **Sir Percy**; triple 10-furlong Group 1 winner **Notnowcato**; and **Amadeus Wolf**, from Mozart's only crop, and winner of the 2005 G1 Middle Park.

Nominations from the Floor...

Both **Wildcat Heir**, who had 30 weanlings/short yearlings from his first crop average \$26,856 through Keeneland January, and **Exclusive Quality**, lightly raced winner of Gulfstream's Spectacular Bid S. last year, received write-in votes. They both stand at Journeyman Farm in Florida. Former Florida stallion **Smooth Jazz** (Storm Boot), a good sprinter for the Tabor team, has moved to New York. He's the sire of GI Hutcheson winner Smooth Air from his first crop. Everybody in Texas sent in **Valid Expectations**, four times the top sire down there, and sire of 52 stakes horses and counting. A good judge made a point of commenting that he'd seen a lot of good yearlings last year by **Grand Slam**. He's already been North America's top sire once in number of races won. But the biggest clamor of all was for **Political Force**, by Unbridled's Song out of \$1.2 million earner Glitter Woman. He won the GI Suburban and ran second to Cornithian in the GI Met Mile last year, and goes to Claiborne for \$15,000. He's so popular, he could be a late entry for the Republican nomination--especially with that name.

NOW SIRE OF **11** GR.1 WINNERS...

HELENE MASCOT won the **Hong Kong Classic Mile-Gr.1** at Sha Tin on Sunday for trainer Tony Cruz and is now a hot favourite for the **Hong Kong Derby-Gr.1**.

A world-class sire, his other Gr.1 winners are **PRIDE, VALLEE ENCHANTEE, PEARL OF LOVE, SUDAN** (in 2007), **DAI JIN, CASTLEDALE, BENTLEY BISCUIT, MR SANDGROPER, MR CELEBRITY & JAM ALLEY**.

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A.P. Indy	1989	Seattle Slew	1994	KY	1022	5.53	59	1.69	61	0.82	1142	116	5.08
Danehill	1986	Danzig	1991	Dead	161	7.14	1157	4.75	197	3.55	1515	147	4.85
Danzig	1977	Northern Dancer	1982	Dead	255	4.31	218	5.28	32	6.25	505	49	4.85
Storm Cat	1983	Storm Bird	1989	KY	723	4.50	213	3.76	47	5.32	983	86	4.37
Sadler's Wells	1981	Northern Dancer	1986	IR	124	10.48	1518	3.69	25	0.00	1667	138	4.14
Smart Strike	1992	Mr. Prospector	1998	KY	886	3.84	31	6.45	26	1.92	943	73	3.87
Unusual Heat	1990	Nureyev	1999	CA	368	3.80	0	0.00	0	0.00	368	28	3.80
Monsun	1990	Konigsstuhl	1997	GER	13	15.38	655	3.51	0	0.00	668	50	3.74
Distorted Humor	1993	Forty Niner	2000	KY	747	3.75	22	2.27	15	3.33	784	58	3.70
Bold Executive	1984	Bold Ruckus	1990	ON	678	3.47	0	0.00	1	0.00	679	47	3.46
Successful Appeal	1996	Valid Appeal	2002	KY	218	3.44	3	0.00	4	0.00	225	15	3.33
Seeking the Gold	1985	Mr. Prospector	1991	KY	510	4.51	200	1.25	103	1.46	813	54	3.32
Galileo	1998	Sadler's Wells	2003	IR	13	7.69	300	3.17	3	0.00	316	21	3.32
Awesome Again	1994	Deputy Minister	2000	KY	606	3.30	13	3.85	20	0.00	639	41	3.21
Pivotal	1993	Polar Falcon	1998	GB	29	13.79	744	2.76	2	0.00	775	49	3.16
Forestry	1996	Storm Cat	2001	KY	442	3.39	18	0.00	14	0.00	474	30	3.16
Unbridled's Song	1993	Unbridled	1998	KY	912	3.23	27	0.00	63	2.38	1002	62	3.09
Kingmambo	1990	Mr. Prospector	1995	KY	455	2.09	470	3.83	166	2.71	1091	64	2.93
Cape Canaveral	1996	Mr. Prospector	2002	AB	267	3.00	4	0.00	3	0.00	274	16	2.92
Machiavellian	1987	Mr. Prospector	1992	Dead	112	4.91	782	2.49	41	3.66	935	53	2.83
Intikhab	1994	Red Ransom	2001	IR	9	5.56	264	2.65	0	0.00	273	15	2.75
City Zip	1998	Carson City	2003	KY	235	2.77	1	0.00	0	0.00	236	13	2.75
Giant's Causeway	1997	Storm Cat	2002	KY	352	4.26	291	1.37	52	0.00	695	38	2.73
Bernstein	1997	Storm Cat	2002	KY	216	2.55	3	0.00	2	25.0	221	12	2.71
Montjeu	1996	Sadler's Wells	2002	IR	8	0.00	458	2.84	16	0.00	482	26	2.70
War Deputy	1991	Deputy Minister	1996	GR	358	2.65	0	0.00	0	0.00	358	19	2.65
Broad Brush	1983	Ack Ack	1989	KY	641	2.26	3	0.00	28	10.71	672	35	2.60
Dynaformer	1985	Roberto	1991	KY	997	2.76	125	0.80	22	4.55	1144	59	2.58
Linamix	1987	Mendez	1992	FR	19	2.63	836	2.57	0	0.00	855	44	2.57
Sinndar	1997	Grand Lodge	2002	FR	6	8.33	221	2.49	7	0.00	234	12	2.56
Kiridashi	1992	Bold Ruckus	2000	AB	355	2.54	0	0.00	0	0.00	355	18	2.54
Acatenango	1982	Surumu	1989	Dead	27	12.96	622	2.09	3	0.00	652	33	2.53
Chester House	1995	Mr. Prospector	2002	Dead	283	3.18	72	0.00	2	0.00	357	18	2.52
In the Wings	1986	Sadler's Wells	1992	Dead	10	0.00	703	2.56	4	0.00	717	36	2.51
Compadre	1990	El Gran Senor	1998	ON	319	2.51	0	0.00	0	0.00	319	16	2.51
Langfuhr	1992	Danzig	1999	KY	1061	2.54	31	1.61	28	1.79	1120	56	2.50
Dansili	1996	Danehill	2002	GB	12	16.67	472	2.12	0	0.00	484	24	2.48
Johannesburg	1999	Hennessy	2004	KY	151	2.98	80	1.88	11	0.00	242	12	2.48
In Excess	1987	Siberian Express	1994	CA	848	2.42	2	25.0	3	0.00	853	42	2.46
Lemon Drop Kid	1996	Kingmambo	2002	KY	332	2.71	62	1.61	12	0.00	406	20	2.46
Singspiel	1992	In the Wings	1999	GB	44	9.09	584	1.63	86	4.65	714	35	2.45
Rock of Gibraltar	1999	Danehill	2004	IR	11	4.55	185	2.43	9	0.00	205	10	2.44
Selkirk	1988	Sharpen Up	1994	GB	33	3.03	803	2.43	10	0.00	846	41	2.42
Theatrical	1982	Nureyev	1989	KY	456	3.40	252	1.39	79	0.00	787	38	2.41
Lando	1990	Acatenango	1997	FR	17	8.82	377	2.12	1	0.00	395	19	2.41
Danehill Dancer	1993	Danehill	1998	IR	33	6.06	951	2.31	14	0.00	998	48	2.40
Rahy	1985	Blushing Groom	1991	KY	624	2.80	241	1.45	73	2.05	938	45	2.40
Broken Vow	1997	Unbridled	2003	KY	310	2.42	0	0.00	3	0.00	313	15	2.40
Pulpit	1994	A.P. Indy	1999	KY	642	2.49	23	0.00	47	2.13	712	34	2.39
El Prado	1989	Sadler's Wells	1994	KY	1101	2.54	96	1.04	30	0.00	1227	58	2.36



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<i>Sires with 4yos+ of 2007</i>											
Celtic Swing	1992	Damister	1998	IR	Ir Nat'l Stud	8,000	10,000	2.04	1.43	33	43,624-Y
Compton Place	1994	Indian Ridge	2000	GB	Whitsbury Mnr	7,500	10,000	1.04	1.37	30	51,496-Y
Hernando	1990	Niniski	1997	GB	Lanwades	12,000	12,000	2.12	1.57	15	114,370-Y
Intikhab	1994	Red Ransom	2001	IR	Derrinstown	8,000	8,000	2.75	1.69	33	48,349-Y
Royal Applause	1993	Waajib	1999	GB	Royal Studs	9,000	9,000	0.99	1.15	79	101,266-Y
Verglas	1994	Highest Honor	2001	IR	Ir Nat'l Stud	15,000	15,000	1.42	1.7	69	75,349-Y
With Approval	1986	Caro	1992	GB	Lanwades	5,000	6,000	1.22	1.2	9	9,635-Y
<i>Sires with 1st 3yos 2007</i>											
Act One	1999	in the Wings	2004	GB	Nunnery	6,000	7,500	1.52	0.95	4	59,569-Y
Ishiguru	1998	Danzig	2004	GB	Tweenhills	4,500	4,500	1.61	1.21	13	10,804-Y
Val Royal	1996	Royal Academy	2004	GB	National Stud	10,000	6,500	3.62	1.27	16	64,646-Y
<i>Sires with 1st 2yos 2007</i>											
Clodovil	2000	Danehill	2005	IR	Rathasker	12,000	8,000			31	62,442-Y
Modigliani	1998	Danzig	2005	IR	Greentree	7,500	4,500				31,569-Y
<i>Sires with 1st Ylgs 2007</i>											
Bachelor Duke	2001	Miswaki	2006	IR	Ballylinch	8,000	7,500			36	90,477-Y
Elusive City	2000	Elusive Quality	2006	IR	Ir Nat'l Stud	8,000	8,000			60	58,261-Y
Exceed and Excel	2000	Danehill	2006	IR	Kildangan	10,000	10,000				110,261-Y
Indian Haven	2000	Indian Ridge	2006	IR	Ir Nat'l Stud	6,000	6,000			27	41,315-Y
Kheleyf	2001	Green Desert	2006	IR	Kildangan	5,000	5,000				61,378-Y
<i>Sires with 1st Wnlgs 2007</i>											
Firebreak	1999	Charnwood Forest	2007	GB	Bearstone	3,500	3,500			5	31,087-W
Trade Fair	2000	Zafonic	2007	GB	Tweenhills	4,000	4,000			18	27,365-W
Zafeen	2000	Zafonic	2007	GB	Overbury	3,000	3,000			10	29,904-W
Antonius Pius	2001	Danzig	2007	IR	Coolmore	7,500	8,000			36	32,777-W
Whipper	2001	Miesque's Son	2007	IR	Ballylinch	12,000	12,000			27	77,605-W
<i>Sires with 1st l/f Mares '2007</i>											
Norse Dancer	2000	Halling	2008	GB	Wood Farm	2,500	4,000				
Sleeping Indian	2002	Indian Ridge	2008	GB	Tweenhills	5,000	5,000			16	23,306-l/f
Ad Valorem	2002	Danzig	2008	IR	Coolmore	12,500	15,000			10	38,509-l/f
Aussie Rules	2003	Danehill	2008	IR	Coolmore	12,500	15,000			16	48,354-l/f
Diamond Green	2001	Green Desert	2008	IR	Ballyhane	8,000	8,000			14	24,382-l/f
Iffraaj	2001	Zafonic	2008	IR	Kildangan	12,000	12,000			20	73,068-l/f
<i>Sires Retiring in 2008</i>											
Dutch Art	2004	Medicean	2009	GB	Cheveley Park	10,000					
Notnowcato	2002	Inchinor	2009	GB	Stanley House	8,000					
Sir Percy	2003	Mark of Esteem	2009	GB	Lanwades	8,000					
Amadeus Wolf	2003	Mozart	2009	IR	Ir Nat'l Stud	10,000					
Dark Angel	2005	Acclamation	2009	IR	Morrinstown Lattin	10,000					
Jeremy	2003	Danehill Dancer	2009	IR	Ir Nat'l Stud	12,500					
Red Clubs	2003	Red Ransom	2009	IR	Tally-ho	12,500					
Strategic Prince	2004	Dansilli	2009	IR	Coolmore	9,000					
<i>Further Nominations from the Floor</i>											
Exclusive Quality	2003	Elusive Quality	2009	FL	Journeyman	4,000					
Grand Slam	1995	Gone West	2000	KY	Ashford	35,000	35,000	1.33	1.6	74	136,025-Y
Political Force	2003	Unbridled's Song	2009	KY	Claiborne	15,000					
Smooth Jazz	1999	Storm Boot	2005	NY	Buckridge	3,000	3,500			6	6,450-Y
Valid Expectations	1993	Valid Appeal	1999	TX	Lane's End Tx	17,500	1,7500	1.81	1.4	25	16,796-Y

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Bowie Barn Under Quarantine:

The Maryland Department of Agriculture is investigating a possible case of equine herpesvirus at Bowie Training Center in Maryland. The department yesterday placed an initial "Investigational Animal Hold Order" pending laboratory results on Barn 7 at the Bowie Training Center today after a horse showed symptoms similar to those of the virus. Blood samples and nasal swabs were taken on the horse yesterday and results should be available later this week. "We are monitoring the situation and taking the proper precautions," said Chris Dragone, president and general manager of the Maryland Jockey Club. "We faced this situation two years ago, and wanted to be proactive in communicating what we know."

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23:

02-02 \$500,000 **Donn H.-I, GP, 4yo/up, 9f**
(500)

02-02 \$150,000 **Swale-II, GP, 3yo, 7f** (150)

TOMORROW, THURSDAY, JANUARY 24:

02-02 \$300,000 **Strub-II, SA, 4yo, 9f** (300)

02-02 \$200,000 **Robert B. Lewis-II, SA, 3yo, 8.5f** (200)

02-03 \$250,000 **San Antonio H.-II, SA, 4yo/up, 9f** (250)

02-03 \$100,000 **Suwannee River H.-III, GP, 4yo/up, f/m,**
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TODAY'S INSIGHTS
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2:13p
HRTV

3rd-GPX, \$42k, Msw, 3yo, 1m

ALBANY HOUSE (Guich) got fair support when fourth going six panels in her debut at Calder Dec. 3. Working steadily for this longer trip, the three-year-old is trained by Bill Mott, who gets a healthy 18 percent winners from second-time starters. **My Baby Baby (Bernstein)** was a close-up second despite some troubles on the first turn of a yielding, one-mile turf event here Jan. 6. She has been showing some good works for trainer Ken McPeck of late, including a four-furlong move in :48 1/5 Jan. 17.

4:11p
HRTV

7th-GPX, \$42, Msw, 3yo, 1mT

DISTORTED LADY (Distorted Humor) gets her start for Todd Pletcher, who hits with 16 percent of his first-timers and 21 percent turf debuters. Working forwardly of late, this miss gets the services of Johnny Velazquez. **Tessitura (Unbridled's Song)** finished well to be second in her bow going 1 1/16 miles on the lawn at Belmont Oct. 7, but failed to fire when eighth in her latest start while trying a six-furlong sprint at the big A Nov. 14. Jockey Eibar Coa, who was aboard first time out, gets the call in this return to the turf.

4:42p
HRTV

8th-GPX, \$42k, Alw, 3yo, f, 6f

BE FRUITFUL (Pulpit) looked like the real deal in her debut going seven panels in the slop at Belmont Oct. 19. A well-beaten seventh when moved up in class and trip for the nine-furlong GII Demoiselle S. at Aqueduct Nov. 24, the half to GI Met Mile and Breeders' Cup Mile hero Corinthian and Grade II winner Desert Hero was an even second in her latest over this track and trip Jan. 4.

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Just Intersky, g, 5, **Distant View**--Hexane (Fr) (GSP-Fr), by Kendor (Fr). Kempton Park, 1-21, Hcp, 4yo/up, 1 3/8m (AWT). B-Dreamfields Inc & Don Brady.
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Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2004 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW
 Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

- CACTUS RIDGE** (Hennessy), Walmac, \$7K, 138/13/0
8-LRL, Alw, 5 1/2f, Geared Up, \$19K EAS JUL 2yo, 9-5
- ESSENCE OF DUBAI** (Pulpit), Hartley, 119/9/0
8-GP, Alw, 6f, Dubai Majesty, \$7K FTK OCT yrl, 15-1
- GULF STORM** (Storm Cat), Lou-Roe, \$4K, 136/12/1
7-PHA, Msw, 1m, Media Storm, \$17K OBS AUG yrl, 15-1
- 7-GP, Msw, 1mT, Shannon Brook M D, \$4K OBS OCT yrl, 30-1
- KING TUTTA** (A.P. Indy), 25/1/0
7-PHA, Msw, 1m, Really, \$2K OBS WIN yrl, 20-1
- LIDO PALACE (CHI)** (Rich Man's Gold), Lambholm South, \$9K, 87/5/0
7-GP, Msw, 1mT, Saudade, 10-1
- MILWAUKEE BREW** (Wild Again), Adena South, \$15K, 161/16/0
8-LRL, Alw, 5 1/2f, Brewtiful Girl, \$11K EAS SEP yrl, 5-1
- MINESHAFT** (A.P. Indy), Lane's End, \$100K, 151/9/1
8-GP, Alw, 6f, American Asset, 4-1
- SHORE BREEZE** (Danzig), Eagle valley, \$5K, 58/8/0
8-GP, Alw, 6f, Grand Obsession, 3-1
- SKY MESA** (Pulpit), Three Chimneys, \$30K, 177/12/0
3-GP, Msw, 1m, Stealin' Kisses, \$130K FTS AUG yrl, 8-1
- 8-TP, Alw, 1m, Through the Clouds, \$30K KEE SEP yrl
- SLIGO BAY (IRE)** (Sadler's Wells), Adena South, \$10K, 126/9/1
3-GP, Msw, 1m, Ski Sky, \$38K ADS SPR 2yo, 5-1
- VOLPONI** (Cryptoclearance), Hopewell, 92/12/3
7-PHA, Msw, 1m, Mr. Volponi, \$43K EAS MAY 2yo, 20-1

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#@Lloron Cat (Arg), c, 2, **Easing Along**--Lagrimas de Oro (Arg), by Contested Bid. San Isidro, Argentina, 1-19, Clasico Congreve-G3, 1000mT, :54.05. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, P92,725. O/B-EI Alfalfar; T-R Pellegatta. **Click for the [video replay](#).**

★ **ON THE WORKTAB** ★

FAIR GROUNDS

Kodiak Kowboy (Posse), 5f, :53.00, 21/28
Zanjero (Cherokee Run), 5f, :53.20, 24/28

PALM MEADOWS

Tale of Ekati (Tale of the Cat), 4f, :47.60, 1/30
Benny the Bull (Lucky Lionel), 5f, 1:00.00, 1/17

HOLLYWOOD PARK

Ginger Punch (Awesome Again), 4f, :48.20, 9/32
Circular Quay (Thunder Gulch), 5f, 1:01.20, 8/13
Tiago (Pleasant Tap), 6f, 1:14.20, 10/11

SANTA ANITA

Exhale (Millennium Wind), 3f, :35.60, 1/3

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-GGX, \$35,416, 1-21, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:09 2/5, ft.

REBA IS TOPS (f, 4, He's Tops--Miss Kyama, by Present Value) Lifetime Record: 11-7-1-2, \$101,565. O-Gordon Jarnig, Ken Marshall, Eric Schweiger and David Wakefield. B-C E "Rich" & Ann Richardson (WA). T-Bud Klokstad.

8th-MNR, \$24,900, 1-21, NW1X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft.

VALID DANCER (g, 7, Valid Wager--Dance Somar {SP, \$186,444}, by Dance Bid) Lifetime Record: 55-11-14-5, \$163,880. O-Ruberto Racing Stable Inc. B-Kenneth H Davis & Sherry R Mansfield (FL). T-Louis V Ruberto Jr. *\$27,000 yrl '02 OBSAUG; \$45,000 2yo 2003 OBSMAR. **1/2 to Live Wire Lil (Geiger Counter), SW, \$244,106; Call Me Pete (Double Honor), SP, \$165,219.

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8th-TAM, \$17,900, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft.
TYTUS (g, 4, Tale of the Cat--Reserve Bid, by Pine Bluff) Lifetime Record: 13-5-3-0, \$96,290. O-Web's Gem Stable and Jagger Inc. B-David E Hager II (KY). T-Jamie Ness. *\$105,000 2yo '06 FTMMAY.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Let It Rock, c, 3, Trippi--Timeless Measure, by Timeless Native. TAM, 1-22, 7f, 1:24 4/5. B-Wiest - Heathers 05 (FL). *\$24,000 2yo '07 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Kaufy Machine (Montbrook), SW, \$154,801.

Ice Boyz, c, 4, Officer--Native Hanna, by Our Native. MNR, 1-21, 5 1/2f, 1:05 1/5. B-Dede McGehee DVM (KY). *\$100,000 wlng '04 KEENOV; \$165,000 yrl '05 FTKJUL. **1/2 to Stormin Hanna (Storm Boot), MSW, \$329,489.

Flying Y L Storm, f, 4, Patsyprospect--l'mthelast-quacker, by Broadway Storm. SUN, 1-22, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:04 2/5. B-Lynn Swanemyr Living Trust (NM).

**BREEDERS' EDITION
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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Cagnes-sur-Mer, 2.50, 1-22, €20,000, 4yo, 1m (AWT), 1:38.61, stn.

STARACO (FR) (c, 4, Loup Solitaire--Linorova, by Trempolino) Lifetime Record: MSP-Fr, 23 starts, 5 wins, 16 places, €147,100. O-Enrico Ciampi; B-J L Blot; T-Bernard Goudot. *€12,000 yrl '05 DEAOCT.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Helping Hand (Ire), c, 3, Lend a Hand (GB)--Cardinal Press (GB), by Sharrood. Southwell, Britain, 1-22, Mdn, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT). B-P F Mulholland.

Spring Frame (Ity), c, 3, Spymaster--Cadenza, by Machiavellian. Naples, Italy, 1-21, Mdn, 3yo, c/g, 1mT. B-Azienda Agricola Razza Emiliana SRL.



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PAMPERED PRINCESS, 8, Indian Charlie--Crafty Ember, by Crafty Prospector
Foal born Jan. 12, a colt by A.P. Indy. Will be bred back to Storm Cat. Owned by Jane and Frank Lyon. Boarded at Summer Wind Farm, KY. Accomplishments: GISW, \$786,125.

COUNTRY VISION, 5, Cahill Road--Country Dream, by Country Pine
Foal born Jan. 8, a colt by Flower Alley. Owned by Rich Meadow Farm. Boarded at Millennium Farms, KY. Accomplishments: SW.

CYPRIATA, 7, Seeking the Gold--Northern Aspen, by Northern Dancer
Foal born Jan. 13, a colt by Vindication. Will be bred back to Stormy Atlantic. Owned by Hill 'n' Dale Equine and Barnes Racing LLC. Boarded at Hill 'n' Dale Farms, KY. Accomplishments: SW.

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