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# HEADLINE **NEWS**

#### **ATTA BOY**

Asiatic Boy (Arg) (Not For Sale {Arg}) took the three legs of the UAE Triple Crown last year by a combined



Asiatic Boy (right) Andrew Watkins

21 lengths, capped by a ninelength score in the G2 UAE Derby on the Dubai World Cup undercard. That \$6-million centerpiece Mar. 29 is this year's target following the five-yearold's successful return to action in last night's G3 Al Shindagha Sprint S. at Nad Al Sheba. Off since finishing fifth to Authorized (Ire) in the G1 Juddmonte International S. at York Aug. 21, the striking bay was restrained to-

wards the rear, but lacked room and was taken up with 600 meters to run. Stopped again at the guarter pole, he finally found a split between Salaam Dubai (Aus) (Secret Savings) and Diabolical (Artax) inside the final furlong and raced clear. "He's shown what a class colt he is," said trainer Mike de Kock. "He had everything go against him, but he was good enough to cope with it all." Click for the emiratesracing.com chart and video.

# Thursday, Nad Al Sheba, Dubai

AL SHINDAGHA SPRINT S.-G3, \$200,000, Nad Al Sheba, 1-24, 4yo/up, 1200m, 1:11.27, ft.

1--ASIATIC BOY (ARG), 131, h, 5, by Not For Sale (Arg)

1st Dam: S. S. Asiatic, by Polish Navy 2nd Dam: Asian, by Damascus

3rd Dam: Bamesian, by Buckpasser

O-Sh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum; B-Hs Arroyo de Luna; T-M F DeKock; J-J Murtagh; \$120,000. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Arg, 10-6-2-0, \$1,648,090.

- 2--Salaam Dubai (Aus), 127, g, 7, Secret Savings--Gulistan (Aus), by Rubiton (Aus). O-Farooq Racing; B-Emirates Park Pty Ltd; T-A Selvaratnam; \$40,000.
- 3--Malayeen (Aus), 127, h, 6, Anabaa--Wily Trick, by Clever Trick. O-Hussein Nasser Lootah; B-Emirates Park Pty Ltd; T-A Selvaratnam; \$20,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 3HF, SHD.

Also Ran: Diabolical, Sea Hunter (GB), Botanical, Valiance, Terrific Challenge, Mercury Chief (SAf), Power Politics.

#### WAR PASS TOPS EXPERIMENTAL

Undefeated GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile hero War Pass (Cherokee Run), who was named the champion two-

year-old colt at the Eclipse Awards ceremony Monday night, was weighted at 127 pounds to top the 2007 Experimental Free Handicap. Fellow Eclipse winner Indian Blessing (Indian Charlie), who ran her record to three-for-three in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies, topped the distaff division with 123 War Pass Sarah K Andrew pounds. Published annually since



1935, the Experimental rates the leading two-year-olds for a hypothetical race going 1 1/16 miles. This year's committee, comprised of racing secretaries Ben Huffman (Churchill Downs), P.J. Campo (New York Racing Association) and Thomas Robbins (Del Mar), weighted 105 males and 99 females. Top Fillies, p2

#### EXPERIMENTAL HANDICAP - TOP MALES

<u>Horse</u>	<u>DI</u>	<u>Weight</u>
War Pass	4.09	127
(c, <u>Cherokee Run</u> Vue, by Mr. Prospector)		
Dixie Chatter	3.00	120
(c, <u>Dixie Union</u> Mini Chat, by Deputy Minister)		
Into Mischief	1.50	120
(c, <u>Harlan's Holida</u>	<u>y</u> Leslie	's Lady, by Tricky Creek)
Pyro	3.73	120
(c, PulpitV	Vild Visio	on, by Wild Again)
Court Vision	3.67	119
(c, GulchWeekend Storm, by Wild Again)		
Georgie Boy	1.67	119
(c, Tribal RuleIppodamia, by Peterhof)		
Wicked Style	3.00	118
(c, <u>Macho Ur</u>	<u>10</u> Devile	etta, by Trempolino)
Kodiak Kowboy	2.00	118
(c, <u>Posse</u> Kokadrie, by Coronado's Quest)		
Majestic Warrior	3.00	118
(c, <u>A.P. Indy</u> Drea	m Supre	me, by Seeking the Gold)
Salute the Sarge		118
(c, <u>Forest Wildcat</u> Dixie Ghost, by Silver Ghost)		
Tale of Ekati	2.00	118
(c, <u>Tale of the Cat</u> Silence Beauty {Jpn}, by Sunday Silence)		
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#### WEATHER THREATENS SUNSHINE MILLIONS

Santa Anita was forced to cancel Thursday's card after heavy rain and hail hit the area Wednesday night and Thursday morning, rendering the Cushion Track unsafe for racing. There is concern that continued wet weather will threaten Saturday's Sunshine Millions program in Arcadia. Santa Anita is scheduled to host four of the eight Sunshine Millions events, but the forecast is not promising. "We received an inch and a half of rain overnight, and we got hit with two inches of hail early this morning," said Santa Anita President Ron Charles. "We had a good seal on the track and we were actually in pretty good shape until the hail hit at 5 a.m." Charles added, "Obviously, we are hoping to get a break in this weather pattern, and we're concerned about being able to run our Sunshine Millions races. We will assess the condition of the track on a day-to-day basis and we're just hoping conditions will improve to the extent that we'll be able to run. Any decision we make will be in full consultation with trainers, owners, jockeys, officials and track maintenance personnel." If the Sunshine Millions races are lost to the weather, Charles said every effort will be made to make up the day. "Sunshine Millions is an extremely important day to Magna," he said, adding, "We'll be looking at make-up dates down the road, pending discussions with the California Horse Racing Board." Santa Anita was closed Jan. 5-7 due to torrential downpours. The plan is to adjust the surface using Australia's Pro-Ride polymer binder. "We will have the necessary material in place here over the weekend and we are confident that, barring weather problems, once this project is undertaken it can be completed in a very short time period," said Charles. "Again, we are at the mercy of the weather. If we can get dried out, we can get to work on this and we firmly believe this will fully address our drainage problems and promote a kinder racing surface for the remainder of this meet."

#### Specht Has Fingers Crossed...

Trainer Steve Specht is hoping that his charge McCann's Mojave (Memo {Chi}) will have the chance to defend his title in the \$1 million Sunshine Millions Classic. The eight-year-old captured the Nov. 17 GIII All American S. at Golden Gate and was second in the Dec. 26 Forty Niner S. at Golden Gate last time out. "About 5 o'clock this morning, there was about an inch of hail sitting out on the ground and out on the track," said Specht. "It hailed so hard; if it would have been rain, most of it would have just run off. But there was an inch of ice on top that's going to slowly melt and soak in, so everything is up in the air." He added, "All I can do is train my horse and see what happens. I haven't even thought about any backup plan yet. I'm hoping we run where we're supposed to be running."

# EXPERIMENTAL HANDICAP - TOP FILLIES Horse Weight

Horse Weight Indian Blessing 123

(<u>Indian Charlie</u>--Shameful, by Flying Chevron)

Country Star 121 (Empire Maker--Rings a Chime, by Metfield)

Proud Spell 119

(<u>Proud Citizen</u>--Pacific Spell, by Langfuhr)
Cry and Catch Me 118

(<u>Street Cry {Ire}</u>--Please Sign In, by Doc's Leader)

Backseat Rhythm 117

(<u>El Corredor</u>--Kiss a Mint, by Kissin Kris) Pure Clan 117

(Pure Prize-Gather the Clan {Ire}, by General Assembly)

Irish Smoke 116
(Smoke Glacken--Added Time, by Gilded Time)

Izarra 116

(<u>Distorted Humor</u>--Arlucea, by Broad Brush)
Mushka
116

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(<u>Empire Maker</u>--Sluice, by Seeking the Gold)
Grace and Power
114

(<u>More Than Ready</u>--Lady in Power, by Defensive Play)
Sea Chanter
114

(<u>War Chant</u>--Smooth Charmer, by Easy Goer)

Set Play 114

(<u>Van Nistelrooy</u>--Boldly's Reflection, by Bold Ruckus)

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Native Dancer still boasts the Experimental record, earning a rating of 130 pounds in 1952. Last year, Street Sense was weighted at 127.



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#### Yesterday's Reuslts:

**HAPPY PRINCESS S.**, \$64,950, AQU, 1-24, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft.

- 1--DEVIL HOUSE, 120, f, 4, Chester House--Diablo's Bobett (SP, \$103,020), by Diablo. (\$42,000 yrl '05 KEESEP; \$175,000 HRA '07 KEENOV). O-Glencrest Farm LLC; B-Harrison Trust (KY); T-Bruce N Levine; J-Charles C Lopez; \$39,750. Lifetime Record: 12-6-0-1, \$203,765.
- 2--Charlotte's Di, 118, m, 5, El Corredor--Di's Time, by Gilded Time. O-James F Schurman. \$13,250.
- 3--Are We Dreamin, 118, f, 4, Yes It's True--Higher Earnings, by Corporate Report. (\$60,000 yrl '05 OBSAUG; \$65,000 2yo '06 OBSAPR). O-Anthony Calabrese. \$6,638.

Margins: HF, 3, 2 1/4. Odds: 1.55, 2.80, 10.00.

Devil House reeled off three straight stakes victories early in her career, beginning with the six-furlong Pepsi Bassinet S. at River Downs in September of 2006. Adding Oaklawn's Dixie Belle S. last January for trainer Terry Gestes, the bay won the Martha Washington S. in impressive style Feb. 18. Devil House finished out of the money in five subsequent starts, running ninth in the Ponca City S. at River Downs Aug. 7, and had not been out since. On the engine throughout in her first start for trainer Bruce Levine, the bay was all out to get the narrow score. Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.

#### **Date Change for NYTB Stallion Season Auction:**

The date for the New York Thoroughbred Breeders' telephone stallion-season auction has been changed to Thursday, Feb. 14. Bidding will be held from 4-8 p.m. EST. Beginning Jan. 29, prospective buyers can call (518) 587-0777 to register for a bidding number. All seasons will be sold "No Guarantee."



1:26p 3rd-AQU, \$50K, \$75K Opt. Cl., 3yo, f, 6f TVG DAGUERREOTYPE (Silver Deputy) cam

pace to graduate in the mud at Laurel Dec. 27. Campaigned by 3/4 of the team responsible for champion filly Ashado-Starlight, Lucarelli, & Saylor--the \$375,000 FTSFAUG yearling is conditioned by Todd Pletcher, who hits with 23 percent of runners at this meet. Atash (Smoke Glacken) was good enough to win at first asking over this track and trip Oct. 28. Stretched out past a mile for her latest, the chestnut tired to be third in the slop here Dec. 14. brisnet.com pps

3:20p 7th-AQU, \$53K, \$50K Opt. Cl., 4yo/up, 1m TVG BELLEPLAINE (A.P. Indy), while under the tutelage of

trainer Todd Pletcher, proved easily the best in both starts past a mile along the Maryland circuit, including an 11 1/4-length romp against allowance foes at Pimlico May 3.

Eased in the restricted Woodbine Oaks over nine furlongs June 10, the dark bay makes her debut for Tom Albertrani. brisnet.com pps

4:42p 8th-GPX, \$52K, \$75K Opt. Cl., 4yo/up, 7f HRTV SANGRITA (Mr. Greeley) showed promise

**SANGRITA** (Mr. Greeley) showed promise in the fall of her sophomore year with a score in the mile GII Chilukki S. at Churchill Downs. A well-beaten seventh when stretched to nine furlongs for the GII Falls City H. in November 2006, the now five-year-old returns from a 14-month layoff with the help of Edgar Prado, who is two for two on the Michael Matz-trainee. brisnet.com pps

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Yesterday's Results:

2nd-GPX, \$46,500, Alw, NW1X, 4/up, 9f, 1:49 4/5, my. BULLET RAIN (c, 4, Red Bullet--Sundown Serenade {SP}, by Deputy Minister) closed to be second when sprinting for a \$50,000 maiden-claiming tag at Churchill Downs Oct. 31 before getting the job done in a mile maiden special weight there Nov. 23. A flat eighth going eight panels here Jan. 7, the chestnut was given a 4-1 chance in this first start past a mile. Settled off the early pace, the Florida-bred angled out for the stretch drive and got up in time to post a 3/4-length victory over Dr. Pleasure (Thunder Gulch). Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$59,547.

O-Stronach Stables. B-Adena Springs (FL). T-D Romans.

8th-GPX, \$42,000, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, 7f, 1:23 3/5, gd. MAKE THE POINT (c, 3, Menifee--New Dice, by Capote) was a front-running debut winner at Belmont June 13. Making his next start in the Aug. 16 GII Sapling S. at Saratoga, the \$160,000 KEESEP yearling was an excusable sixth after encountering plenty of problems that day. Making his first start since, the well-backed 8-5 second choice behind favored Jedi Code (Empire Maker), the bay held a narrow advantage early, opened up a solid lead turning for home and proved best with a 3 1/4-length victory over Tizbig (Tiznow). Jedi Code tired to be fifth. The winner is a grandson of Get Lucky, the dam of GSWs Accelerator and Daydreaming, and granddam of GISW Bluegrass Cat. Video, sponsored by Taylor Made. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$54,000. O-Edgewood Farm. B-Grade I Bloodstock (KY). T-Kiaran P McLaughlin.

4th-GPX, \$48,000, Msw, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m (off turf), 1:38 2/5, gd.

SO GLITZY (f, 4, Gilded Time--So Ritzy, by Darn That Alarm) was out of the money in both prior starts for trainer Bernardo Callejas, including a seventh-place finish while trying this distance at Aqueduct Dec. 30. Let go at 6-1 in this first up for Allen Jerkens, the chestnut was reserved off a moderate early pace, rallied to take control at the eight pole and drew clear to record a 1 1/4-length victory over Fantasyafield (El Corredor). The winner is a half to Silver Wagon (Wagon Limit), MGISW, \$1,162,193; and Rehoboth (Wagon Limit), MSW, \$471,000. Lifetime Record: 7-1-0-1, \$43,105.

O/B-Mr & Mrs Leverett S Miller (FL). T-H Allen Jerkens.

# CENTRAL

Yesterday's Results:

5th-FGX, \$40,000, Msw, 3yo, 5.5f (off turf), 1:04 4/5,

STONESTREET SONG (c, 3, Songandaprayer--Sydney's Kiss, by Boston Harbor) tired to be eighth going five panels in his career bow at the Spa Aug. 1. On the sidelines for the next four months, \$300,000 KEENOV weanling returned with a close-up second--while trying a sixteenth longer--over this track Dec. 22. Backed down to 3-5 favoritism while entered for the main track only, the bay pressed the early pace, took over midstretch, opened a two-length advantage a furlong out and held on to score by a half length over Ready in the Morn (More Than Ready). Video, sponsored by Taylor Made. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$31,510. O-Stonestreet Stables LLC. B-Devil Eleven Stable (FL). T-Steven M Asmussen. Central Report cont. p3

#### TODAY'S VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS



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HAPPY PRINCESS S. (8th-AQU) DEVIL HOUSE (Chester House) gets back to winning ways. 5<sup>th</sup>-FGX (\$40K, Msw) STONESTREET SONG (Songandaprayer) holds on for the win. 8th-GPX (\$42K, Alw) MAKE THE POINT (Menifee) wins on the front end.

Career Victory Who: Trainer Greg Foley When: Wednesday, Jan. 23

Where: 9th race, Turfway Park

With: Cherokee Nation (Cherokee Run)

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Central Report cont.

7th-FGX, \$40,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 1m (off turf), 1:40, sy. NICKSAPPEALINGLADY (f, 3, Successful Appeal--That's My Double, by Darn That Alarm) recorded a pair of runner-up finishes over this track and trip, including her most recent attempt Dec. 24. Sent off the 8-5 choice here, the dark bay was a close-up second early, took over after a half mile in :48.70, drew clear with a sixteenth left to go and had enough left in reserve to score by 1 1/4 lengths over Le Caire (Cozzene). Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, \$40,700.

O-Capilupi Racing. B-Meadowbrook Farms Inc & Dominick Sacco (FL). T-Gregory D Sacco.

#### Services for Alma Haggin Today in Lexington:

Services for Alma Haggin, who died Wednesday at age 95, will be held this morning at 11 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Lexington. Haggin was the daughter of Keeneland co-founder Hal Price Headley; her husband, Louis Lee Haggin II, succeeded her father as Keeneland's second president and later served as chairman of the board. Her son, Louis Lee Haggin III, is a Keeneland director and trustee. Alma Haggin is credited with volunteering her time to create the beautiful atmosphere at Keeneland. "Alma had a perceptive and instinctive eye for what is artistically and aesthetically correct for the Keeneland image," former Keeneland Chairman and President Ted Bassett said. "Whether the decor, landscaping or the floral arrangements--that unique sense of grace and elegance has been what has made Keeneland so special and so memorable." Added Keeneland President and CEO Nick Nicholson, "Mrs. Haggin created a living legacy that horsemen and guests can enjoy every time they visit Keeneland."

## ★ ONTHE WORKTAB ★

**FAIR GROUNDS** 

Curlin (Smart Strike), 5f, 1:00.60, 1/4 Pyro (Pulpit), 5f, 1:00.60, 1/4

**PALM MEADOWS** 

**Day Pass** (Five Star Day), 4f, :47.40, 1/29

#### STAKES CLOSINGS

TOMORROW, SATURDAY, JANUARY 26:

02-09 \$300,000 Risen Star-III, FG, 3yo, 8.5f (300) 02-09 \$200,000 Silverbulletday-III, FG, 3yo, f, 8.5f (200) 02-09 \$150,000 Mineshaft H.-III, FG, 4yo/up, 8.5f (150) 02-09 \$100/50,000 Fair Grounds H.-III, FG, 4/up, a9fT (100)

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First & Second-crop starters to watch: Friday, Jan. 25 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 6-FG, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Cactus Tom, \$20K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1 CASTLE GANDOLFO (Gone West), Dead, \$7K, 39/3/0 9-TP, Msw, 5 1/2f, Reachforthecastle

EASYFROMTHEGITGO (Dehere), 519 Tbreds, 56/3/0 10-FG, Msw, 6f, Gittin Cozy, 3-1

FATHER STEVE (Pulpit), 32/4/0

3-OP, Msw, 5 1/2f, Saint Raymond, \$7K TEX APR 2yo FLATTER (A.P. Indy), Claiborne, \$5K, 145/18/1

7-TP, Msw, 5 1/2f, Flat Out Run

9-TAM, Msw, 6f, Flatter Me Blue, \$4K KEE SEP yrl, 5-2 MILWAUKEE BREW (Wild Again), Adena South, \$15K,

161/16/0 8-FG, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Fire Brewed, \$80K ADS SPR 2yo, 12-1 MINESHAFT (A.P. Indy), Lane's End, \$100K, 151/9/1

6-FG, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Monogram, \$400K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1 NAJRAN (Runaway Groom), Hopewell, \$8K, 128/9/0

2-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, Runaway Cide, 12-1

POSSE (Silver Deputy), Vinery, \$10K, 154/26/7

2-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, Herecomes Da Posse, \$17K EAS MAY 2yo, 2-1

**REPENT** (Louis Quatorze), Vinery Florida, \$5K, 156/20/3

8-TAM, Alw, 1 1/16m, Too Many Sins, 2-1

SKY MESA (Pulpit), Three Chimneys, \$30K, 177/12/0

6-OP, Msw, 6f, Skyland, \$70K EAS MAY 2yo

SOUTHERN STATES (Southern Halo), 7/0/0

3-DED, Msw, 5f, Hello Lady Halo, 7-2

SUNDAY BREAK (JPN) (Forty Niner), Walmac, \$9K, 155/24/0

8-TAM, Alw, 1 1/16m, Sevnthiningstretch, 4-1

VAN NISTELROOY (Storm Cat), Ashford, \$8K, 201/30/6

7-TP, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Bonanza Van Lear

VINDICATION (Seattle Slew), Hill 'n' Dale, \$50K, 229/22/1

8-FG, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Great Shot, \$29K EAS MAY 2yo, 12-1

VOLPONI (Cryptoclearance), Hopewell, 92/12/3

8-FG, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Tiger Strike, 20-1

WHYWHYWHY (Mr. Greeley), Gainesway, \$8K, 100/14/2

9-TP, Msw, 5 1/2f, Questionnaire, \$30K KEE SEP yrl



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#### Bowie Horse Tests Negative for EHV-1:

Blood tests on a Thoroughbred stabled at Bowie that was quarantined by the Maryland Department of Agriculture Tuesday were negative for equine herpesvirus, but there is still an "Investigational Animal Hold Order" in place on the horse's barn, as tests on a nasal swab were inconclusive. New samples were scheduled to be taken yesterday and overnighted to the University of Kentucky. Results could be available as quickly as this afternoon.

# ★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

#### **Declines for Barretts January Mixed Sale:**

Without the two dispersals that boosted figures last year, the 2008 Barretts January Mixed Sale saw a 34percent decline in the average, from \$9,544 to \$6,288; and a 29-percent drop in the median, from \$4,500 to \$3,200. But the numbers were not as far off the 2006 January Sale, which realized an average of \$7,894 and a median of \$3,500. The 2008 sales topper was the penultimate horse through the ring. Five-year-old broodmare Villa Margurite (Bertrando--Personal Victory, by Private Account), sold as hip 522, brought a final bid of \$120,000 from Pam and Martin Wygod. Consigned by River Edge Farm, agent for the Estate of Edward Nahem, the unraced full-sister to SW Hugh Hefner and GSP Speedy Pick is in foal to Benchmark. Wednesday's second and final session saw 165 head sell for a total of \$969,300. The average was \$5,875 and the median was \$3,000. Over the two days, 354 horses brought an aggregate of \$2,225,900. There were 135 RNAs. Complete results are available at www.barretts.com.

#### ★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

#### IN FRANCE:

Ticoz, c, 3, Cozzene. See "Breeders' Edition Europe."

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# MIDDLE EAST



## ★ DUBAI ★

#### Yesterday's Results:

**5th-NAD**, **\$175,000**, **Hcp**, 4yo/up, 1500mT, 1:31.85, gd.

LINNGARI (IRE) (h, 6, Indian Ridge {Ire}--Lidakiya {Ire}, by Kahyasi {Ire}), winner of the Carnival's G2 Al Fahidi Fort S. in 2006 and 2007, missed by a half-length to Admire Moon (Jpn) in the G1 Dubai Duty Free S.



Mar. 31. Sixth in the G1 Champions Mile in Hong Kong in April, the chestnut made three starts on the European continent last fall, culminating with a 3/4-length victory in the G1 Premio Vittorio di Capua at the San Siro Oct. 21. Spotting his rivals anywhere from six to 15 pounds, Linngari was bottled up

Linngari (left) A Watkins near the back of the pack, picked his way through between rivals

down the lane and outfinished Divine Jury (SAf) (Jallad) for a cozy 1 1/4-length victory. "We did expect him to win, but he had to give a lot of weight and the distance was shorter than ideal for him," commented South African trainer Herman Brown. Linngari will likely defend his title in this year's Al Fahidi Fort Feb. 21. Lifetime Record: Hwt. Older Horse-Ger at 5-7f, G1SW-Ity, GSW & G1SP-UAE, GSW-Ger, SW-Eng, G1SP-Fr, 22-10-2-1, \$2,023,227.

O-The Bayern Syndicate & Peter Walinchnowski. B-HH Aga Khan's Studs. T-Herman Brown. Middle East Report cont. p5

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Middle East Report cont.

4th-NAD, \$175,000, Hcp, 4/up, 2400mT, 2:35.52, gd. BOOK OF MUSIC (IRE) (h, 5, Sadler's Wells--Novelette {GB}, by Darshaan {GB}), winner of a course-and-distance test at last year's Carnival, wasn't a factor in two subsequent starts and was making his first appearance since checking in sixth in a Newmarket handicap Oct. 5. Settled towards the back of the pack, the bay advanced entering the stretch, took aim on the leaders at the eighth pole and was up late to defeat Gravitas (GB) (Mark of Esteem {Ire}) by a neck. The 200,000gns TATOCT yearling was produced by a full sister to Sueboog (GB), dam of Godolphin's G1SW Best of the Bests (Ire). Lifetime Record: 14-4-2-2, \$253,539. O-HRH Princess Haya of Jordan. B-Wentworth Racing Pty Ltd. T-Saeed bin Suroor.

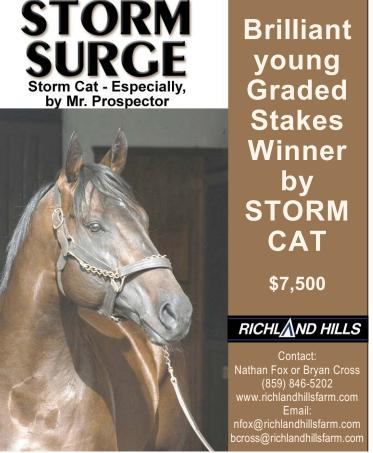
7th-NAD, \$120,000, Hcp, 4/up, 2000mT, 2:06.00, gd. AL SHEMALI (GB) (c, 4, Medicean {GB}--Bathilde {Ire}, by Generous (Ire)) was trained by Michael Stoute in 2007, who sent out the Saeed Suhail runner to a third to Authorized (Ire) in the G2 Dante S. in May and a runner-up effort in the Listed Hampton Court S. at Royal Ascot the following month. He was most recently a distant seventh in the G1 Irish Derby July 1 and was making his first start in Godolphin blue here. Showing good speed from a wide draw, the 110,000gns TATOCT yearling edged to the front at the guarter pole and outstayed Teslin (Ire) (In the Wings {GB}) for a 2 1/2-length victory. Al Shemali is a half-brother to Tungsten Strike (Smart Strike), MGSW-Eng, \$407,731. Lifetime Record: GSP-Eng, 8-2-1-1, \$140,051. O-Godolphin. B-Minster Stud. T-Saeed bin Suroor.

1st-NAD, \$120,000, Hcp, 4/up, 1300mT, 1:18.74, gd. DRIFT ICE (SAF) (g, 7, Western Winter--Donya {SAf}) {MGSW-SAf}, by Elliodor {Fr}), second in three of five local starts last season, came back from an 11-month absence to be 10th in a six-furlong test over the Nad al Sheba main Jan. 3. Midpack early, the bay struck the front with 300 meters to go and was 1 1/2 lengths better than Algharb (GB) (Mujahid) at the wire. Lifetime Record: 21-6-5-1, \$155,702.

O-Sheikh Rashid bin Humaid Al Nuiami. B-Lammerkraal Stud. T-Michael F DeKock.

2nd-NAD, \$120,000, Hcp, 4/up, 1300mT, 1:19.39, gd. PRINCE TAMINO (GB) (g, 5, Mozart {Ire}-Premiere Dance {Ire}, by Loup Solitaire) earned this victory upon the disqualification of Mariol (Fr) (Munir {GB}), who hampered the eventual runner-up at the furlong pole. A two-time winner in 2006, the bay was last seen finishing eighth in an all-weather heat at Kempton Park Aug. 27. Slowly into stride, the 40,000gns TATOCT yearling was going well into the stretch and finished a half-length back, only to be put up to the win. Lifetime Record: SP-Eng, 16-4-3-2, \$237,761.

O-HRH Princess Haya of Jordan. B-The National Stud. T-Ali Rashid al Raihe.



3rd-NAD, \$30,000, Cond, 3yo, 1400m, 1:24.45, ft. HONOUR DEVIL (ARG) (c, 4, Honour and Glory--Diamond Fitz {Arg}), by Fitzcarraldo {Arg}) hadn't been heard from since breaking his maiden by five lengths going six furlongs in 1:08 1/5 at San Isidro last March, but certainly came back running. Sent along by John Murtagh to argue the early pace, the bay led past midstretch and streaked home to win by a comfortable 5 1/4 lengths. Asiatic Boy, stablemate to the winner, was victorious in the same event last year and connections couldn't help but compare. "That was a really good effort, as he was very green on only his secondever start," winning Murtagh told Racing Post. "We were going quite quick up front and he was having a look about. When I gave him a crack, he has picked up and stayed all the way to the line." Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$25,752.

O-Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum. B-Stud Aladino SA. T-Michael F DeKock.

TDN Euro is:

England: Sean Cronin (CAFE Racing)

Tom Frary (CAFE Racing)

France: Claude Beniada
Germany: Christa Riebel
Ireland: Dave Keena
Italy: Giorgio Barsotti





#### **Owner of Awesome Chic**

(f, 3, Awesome Again--Trading, by A.P. Indy)
Consigned by Nick de Meric, Agent VII
\$100,000 2yo OBS April 2007
Lifetime Record: SW, 3-2-0-1, \$57,760.

Aurora Springs Stable may not have the name recognition of the multiple Eclipse-winning Stronach Stables, but Jose Acero is dreaming big. Acero, a native of the Dominican Republic, and his trainer and



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lifelong friend Rafael Ramos currently have 17 horses, including the stakeswinning daughter of Stronach's Awesome Again, Awesome Chic, and they are looking to expand.

"The sky is the limit," Acero said. "My friend Mr. Stronach has 1,600. I don't think I will have that much. But I love horses.—it's my passion. When you have people that really care about the horses, as Rafael Ramos, then there is no limit."

Acero's involvement in racing already spans four decades.

"My father started in the racehorse business in 1966 in the Dominican Republic," he explained. "I was trying to be a jockey first of all, but at 10 years old I was already 90 pounds. And at 15, I was 170, so it was impossible to be a jockey. I decided to be a co-trainer. Rafael Ramos and I trained our first horse when we were just 15 years old. All our lives, we are like brothers."

Acero, whose primary business is in steel and metal mining, decided two years ago to add to his racing stable.

"Rafael came to the United States; I decided to bring him here to develop real racehorses to run in the big races," Acero said. "He has been here almost two years. He started training in Boston. In 2006, we won some races, seven or 12. But in 2007, he was the outstanding trainer and we won the owner of the year award in Boston [at Suffolk Downs]."

Ramos was honored by the New England Turf Writers Association with the 2007 Gerry Sullivan Memorial Award for outstanding trainer, while Aurora Springs Stable was the leading owner at Suffolk with 38 wins.

The stable was represented last year by the multiple stakes placed Saint Barbara, and 2008 has gotten off to a good start with Awesome Chic winning the Gasparilla S. at Tampa Bay last Saturday.





#### Take Two cont.

Acero purchased Awesome Chic for \$100,000 at last year's OBSAPR sale.

"Buying two-year-olds in training is my preference," he said. "I like the two-year-olds because you can see the action of the horse. You can see the potential talent of the horse. When I go to look at a two-year-old, it's like making a soup. You have to have three cups of pedigree, you have to add five cups of conformation and 10 cups ability and talent and then 25 of good luck."

Asked what he liked about Awesome Chic, Acero said, "Basically, I liked the pedigree. I was in the Dominican Republic and Rafael was at the sale—so I saw the pedigree. I told him to go and see the conformation, if she has good conformation we'll go for it. He told me, 'Well, she's not too big.' The filly was 15 hands, maybe 15.1 or .2, but for me, a racehorse is not how big it is. I'm not buying an elephant. I am buying something that really runs. I saw the video of the work at least 50 times and as much as I see it is as much as I like her. She really has the talent."

With her win in the Gasparilla, Awesome Chic is now two for three and, according to Acero, earned a few days of rest and relaxation before tackling her next target on the OBS Day of Champions Feb. 11.

"She is better now than when she went to the race," Acero said. "Now she is going to a five-star hotel in Ocala. The name is the Hyatt Hotel and she will be in a suite over there for a couple of days, and then she will be training for the OBS Championship. She is super. She is really something."



# BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

#### **ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**9th-FGX**, **\$41,750**, NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:05 1/5, sy.

**BETTERN BISCUITS (f, 4, Mutakddim--Damn I'm Clever {SP, \$132,400}, by Clever Trick)** Lifetime Record: 9-4-0-2, \$80,622. O-W Temple Webber Jr. B-Tommy Thomas (KY). T-Thomas M Amoss.

8th-FGX, \$41,500, NW1X, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:06 2/5, sy.

EL YEAH (f, 4, El Amante--Toucan Punch, by Two Punch) Lifetime Record: 10-2-2-0, \$83,820. O/B-Tobin H Grigsby & Stewart Madison (LA). T-Patrick Mouton. \*1/2 to Win Won (Air Forbes Won), SW, \$235,057.

**4th-FGX, \$41,250**, NW1X, (S), 3yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:05 2/5, sy.

SAX APPEAL (f, 3, Successful Appeal--Louetta (MSW, \$216,401), by Hadif) Lifetime Record: SP, 6-2-1-2, \$72,324. O/B-Heiligbrodt Racing Stable (LA). T-Steven M Asmussen.

8th-LRL, \$30,000, NW1X, 4/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40 4/5, ft. NANICOKE (m, 5, Carson City--Cashel Lassie {SW, \$133,847}, by Opening Verse) Lifetime Record: 15-2-3-4, \$72,980. O/B-Dumbarton Farm (MD). T-James W Murphy.

8th-CTX, \$29,000, 1-23, NW3LX, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:59 1/5, ft.

TACTICAL ASSAULT (g, 4, <u>Tactical Cat</u>--Chessie, by Miner's Mark) Lifetime Record: 12-3-1-2, \$61,680. O/T-David J Wells. B-Helmore Farm (MD). \*\$10,000 wlng '04 FTMDEC.

**7th-CTX**, **\$27,000**, 1-23, NW3LX, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:30, ft.

B'S WILD RUSH (f, 4, Wild Rush--Drivingmissbertie, by Wolf Power {SAf}) Lifetime Record: 11-5-0-2, \$135,265. O/B-Toby Roth (WV). T-Scott A Lake.

**8th-DED**, **\$23,980**, 1-23, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:43, sy.

INDIAN MAIDEN (m, 6, Royal Empire--Tina's Dance, by Fire Dancer) Lifetime Record: 9-3-3-1, \$33,105.
O-David Minton. B-Catherine Robinson (AL). T-Clyde E McKean Jr.

#### **Track Cancellations**

Santa Anita Park - Due to rain Turfway Park - Low Temp. and high winds

#### **ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

Mardi Gras Heat, c, 3, Leestown--Scorchin' Blues, by Two Punch. FGX, 1-24, (S), 1m, 1:42 2/5. B-J Adcock (LA). \*\$7,000 yrl '06 LOUAPR; \$10,000 2yo 2007 OBSAPR.

**Donnie's Secret**, f, 3, **Tiger Ridge**--Lady Cruella, by Capote. DED, 1-23, 5f, 1:01 1/5. B-Hartley/DeRenzo Thoroughbreds (FL). \*1/2 to Leah's Secret (Tiger Ridge), GSW, \$448,499.

Tejano Sea, f, 4, Sea of Secrets--Tejano Melt (SP), by Tejano. CTX, 1-23, 4 1/2f, :54 1/5. B-John T. L. Jones Jr. (KY). \*\$8,000 wlng '04 KEENOV; \$12,000 yrl '05 TEXAUG; \$27,000 2yo 2006 FTMJUL.

# BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

#### **CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**FRANCE, Cagnes-sur-Mer, 2.35**, €27,000, 3yo, 10f 165ydsT, 2:26.28, vsf.

TICOZ (c, 3, Cozzene--Transition Time {SW, \$111,529}, by Dynaformer) Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €26,800. O-Robert Bousquet; B-Woods Edge Farm; T-Jean-Claude Rouget. \*\$75,000 yrl '06 KEESEP.

ITALY, Naples, 5.30, €13,500, 3yo, 5fT, time: n/a, gd. BABY GIO (ITY) (f, 3, Stuck--Gioia Dei Bertoli {Ity}, by Royal Abjar) Lifetime Record: 14-3-6-3, €51,986. O-Scuderia Degli Anelli; B-Azienda Agricola Isola di Mezzano SAS; T-Giovanni Cassanelli.

