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## HEADLINE **NEWS**

#### **CURLIN TO PREP FOR WORLD CUP IN DUBA!?**

Following Monday's news that Horse of the Year Curlin (Smart Strike) would run in the G1 Dubai World Cup at Nad al Sheba Mar. 29, trainer Steve Asmussen



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added a new wrinkle Tuesday, confirming that the strapping four-year-old is being aimed for a 2000-meter handicap race Feb. 28 to serve as a prep for the course-and-distance World Cup 30 days later. "I love the month between races, a la the [GI] Jockey Club Gold Cup and the [GI] Breeders' Cup Classic," the trainer said. "The quarantine stuff will be out of the way, and he'll

have a month to get ready for the big race." Asmussen continued, "The horse likes to know where he's at. His second race at Belmont [the Gold Cup] was better than his first [his runner-up effort to Rags to Riches in the GI Belmont S.], and his second race at Monmouth [the Breeders' Cup] was better than his first [third in the GI Haskell Invitational S.]. If it's there in black and white like that, I believe it's true." Curlin, who breezed seven furlongs in 1:25.20 yesterday morning, is scheduled to depart his Fair Grounds base Feb. 15, with arrival in Dubai set for the following morning. Assistant trainer Scott Blasi will supervise Curlin's training in the desert.

#### FIELD FAVORED FOR FUTURE WAGER OPENER

The mutuel field is favored for the initial pools of the 2008 Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks Future



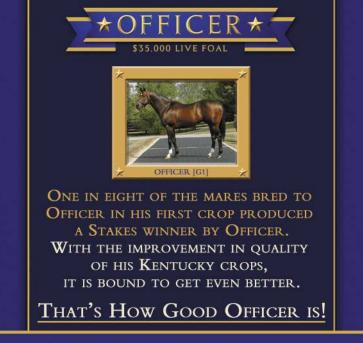
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Wager, which opens Thursday, Feb. 7. The Kentucky Derby Pool closes at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, while the Oaks division runs through 6:30 p.m. that same day. Churchill Downs oddsmaker Mike Battaglia has installed the "all other" bet as the strong 5-2 choice in his morningline odds of Pool 1 for both the Derby and Oaks. Heading the three-year-old division for colts

are War Pass (Cherokee Run), Court Vision (Gulch) and Pyro (Pulpit); all listed at 12-1 on the morning line, while Country Star (Empire Maker) and Indian Blessing (Indian Charlie) top all sophomore fillies at 8-1. The mutuel field has been favored in the first three pools of Churchill Downs' Future Wager every year since the bet was first offered in 1999. Oaks Future Wager cont. p2

#### 2008 KENTUCKY DERBY FUTURE WAGER POOL 1

<u>#</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Sire</u>	ML Odds
	Anak Nakal	Victory Gallop	20-1
2	Blackberry Road	Gone West	20-1
3	Bob Black Jack	Stormy Jack	50-1
4	Colonel John	Tiznow	30-1
5	Court Vision	Gulch	12-1
6	Cowboy Cal	Giant's Causeway	20-1
7	Crown of Thorns	Repent	20-1
8	Denis of Cork	Harlan's Holiday	30-1
9	El Gato Malo	El Corredor	15-1
10	Etched	Forestry	15-1
11	Georgie Boy	Tribal Rule	20-1
12	Giant Moon	Giant's Causeway	20-1
13	Into Mischief	Harlan's Holiday	20-1
14	Majestic Warrior	A.P. Indy	15-1
15	Monba	<u>Maria's Mon</u>	30-1
16	Pyro	Pulpit	12-1
17	Signature Move	Vindication	50-1
18	Smooth Air	Smooth Jazz	20-1
19	Tale of Ekati	Tale of the Cat	20-1
20	War Pass	Cherokee Run	12-1
21	Yankee Bravo	Yankee Gentleman	20-1
22		<u>Siphon (Brz)</u>	20-1
23	Z Humor	Distorted Humor	15-1
24	Mutuel Field "All C	Others"	5-2
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## ☆ NEWSTODAY ☆

GOSDEN LOOKS TO PREP 'PASS' Stonerside's Raven's Pass (Elusive Quality) is being geared towards an April prep ahead of his tilt at the May 3 G1 2000



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Guineas at Newmarket. The chestnut, an impressive winner of the G3 Solario S, closed out his juvenile campaign with a third to New Approach (Ire) and Fast Company (Ire) in the G1 Dewhurst S. Oct. 20. The homebred could resurface in either the Apr. 17 G3 Craven S. at Newmarket or the Apr. 19 G3

Greenham S. at Newbury. "He has done well over the winter and seems in good form," trainer John Gosden told *Racing Post*. "We will probably look at the Craven with him, or possibly the Greenham two days later."

## 2008 KENTUCKY OAKS FUTURE WAGER POOL 1

#	Horse	Sire	ML Odds
1	A to the Croft	Menifee	30-1
2	American County	Gibson County	30-1
3	Backseat Rhythm	El Corredor	20-1
4	Bsharpsonata	Pulpit	30-1
5	By the Light	Malibu Moon	15-1
6	C J's Leelee	<u>Mizzen Mast</u>	30-1
7	Country Star	Empire Maker	8-1
8	Eight Belles	Unbridled's Song	30-1
9	Final Fling	Bertrando	20-1
10	Game Face	Menifee	20-1
11	Golden Doc A	Unusual Heat	20-1
12	Grace Anatomy	Aldebaran	30-1
13	Grace and Power	More Than Ready	30-1
14	Indian Blessing	Indian Charlie	8-1
15	Izarra	Distorted Humor	50-1
16	Jolie the Cat	Tale of the Cat	30-1
17	Proud Spell	Proud Citizen	12-1
18	Pure Clan	Pure Prize	12-1
19	Rated Fiesty	Exchange Rate	20-1
20	Sea Chanter	War Chant	20-1
21	Tasha's Miracle	Harlan's Holiday	20-1
22	Tizaqueena	Tiznow	50-1
23	Turn Away	Empire Maker	20-1
24	Mutuel Field "All C		5-2
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## ☆ PREVIEW ☆

Thursday, Nad Al Sheba, Dubai SHEIKH MAKTOUM BIN RASHID AL MAKTOUM CHALLENGE ROUND 2-G3, \$200,000, NH4yo/SH3yo+,

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1	Etihaad (GB)	Dubai Millennium (GB)	Eddery		
2	Sahara Sphinx	Giant's Causeway	Smith		
3	Rampallion (GB)	Daylami (Ire)	O'Shea		
4	Delude (Ire)	Be My Guest	Doyle		
5	Quorum (Ger)	Acatenango (Ger)	Smith		
6	Imperial Star (Ire)	Fantastic Light	McEvoy		
7	Lucky Find (SAf)	Rich Man's Gold	Shea		
8	West Virginia	Tomorrows Cat	Durcan		
9	Eu Tambem (Brz)	Wild Event	Supple		
10	Jack Sullivan	Belong to Me	Kinane		
11	Boscobel (GB)	Halling	Dettori		
12	Kandidate (GB)	Kabool (GB)	Moore		
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#### VISIONAIRE QUEST

It's been nearly 11 years (believe or not) since Team Valor's Captain Bodgit ran Silver Charm to a head in the 1997 GI Kentucky Derby. Three years later, Barry Irwin's operation sent out The Deputy (Ire) to a 14th-place finish, but Team Valor hasn't had a Derby runner since. Irwin and Co. hope a recent acquisition, the three-year-old **Visionaire** (Grand Slam), can change that.

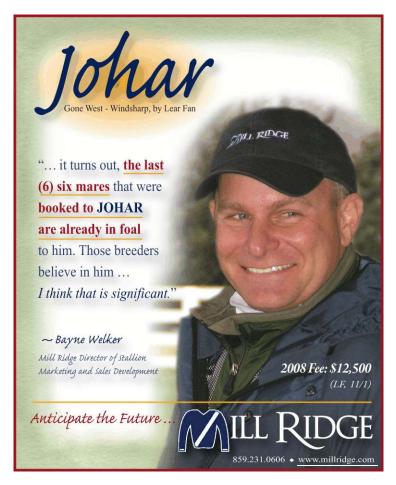
Irwin, however, knows that first things first: Visionaire, in whom Team Valor purchased a 51-percent interest from Vision Racing in January, must prove he can compete at racing's highest level. Visionaire's first test comes Saturday in the GIII Risen Star S. at Fair Grounds, and what a test it's shaping up to be. The 12-horse lineup includes last year's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile runner-up Pyro (Pulpit); the GIII Lecomte S. 1-2 finishers Z Fortune (Siphon {Brz}) and Blackberry Road (Gone West); and the highly regarded West Coast invader Signature Move (Vindication).

"I can't believe it," Irwin laughed yesterday. "It was obvious that Pyro was going to try and make the race, so we knew that it would be kind of tough. But you look at the PPs, and you see that many promising horses, and it's a field you'd expect for the [GI] Florida Derby."

Needless to say, Team Valor should get a quick gauge on Visionaire. A \$300,000 Saratoga yearling purchase by John Stephens' Vision Sales in 2006, Visionaire was put through Fasig-Tipton's Calder juvenile sale last year, where he RNA'd at \$90,000. He was then officially listed as a \$220,000 purchase by Stephens' Vision Racing at the OBS June Sale.

Second on debut sprinting at Delaware last October for trainer Michael Matz, Visionaire scored by 2 3/4 lengths when stretched to a mile at Laurel Nov. 23. He was given a 4-1 chance to best a 10-horse allowance field on opening day at Gulfstream Jan. 4, and did so with style, rallying from 10 lengths back to win by 5 1/2 lengths. The last win caught Irwin's attention.

"The move he put in that day, he was seventh or eighth before the quarter pole, and within 50 yards, he was in front," said Irwin. "It was like the old move that turf horses used to do before they widened the courses. It was awesome."



Visionaire has worked twice at Palm Meadows since the deal was completed. His first was recorded as a four-furlong breeze in :50 1/5 Jan. 26, though Irwin says that's not exactly right.

"He went a mile in his first work," Irwin said. "He went a two-minute lick to the half-mile pole, and then worked in :50 and change to the wire. Matz wanted to put a long work into him, because he recognizes that the Fair Grounds track is deep and he wanted to make sure he was fit."

Visionaire came back to work five furlongs in 1:01 flat last Saturday, the fourth-fastest of 24 at the distance.

"He worked in company," said Irwin. "He broke off about four lengths behind [the workmate], went easily, came real wide into the stretch and galloped out real nicely."

According to Irwin, Visionaire has both body and mind going for him.

"He's not your typical Grand Slam," said Irwin. "Most of them are pretty heavy-bodied. He's got enough oomph, but he's rangy and stands over a lot of ground. It looks like he's not going to have distance limitations. And the other thing I like about him is that nothing fazes him. He's like a big dog. He walks around with his head down, and you could set off an atom bomb near him, and he might lift his head up and look, but that's about it."



#### FROM THE DESK OF...

Bill Oppenheim



#### FIGHT OVERPRODUCTION: BREED A RACE-HORSE

The plan was to write about three 'sire classes' this week, sires with first foals 1996-1998. But all of the intervening and overwhelming evidence of the overproduction problem persuaded me to change course. This week, I decided to illustrate the uses of APEX ratings beyond the highest-class, 'A Runner' index. The contention has always been that, basically, all 'C Runners' and above are horses that pay their way; they earn enough to cover the cost of training them. Then, as you move up the scale to B Runners and A Runners, well, then you start making money. It's a sad commentary on what owners can really expect financially, but the truth is you just about need at least a C Runner, which only includes the top 8 percent of runners, to break even. Eight percent make it, 92 percent don't. Those are odds of 11.5-1, to start with.

Recent auctions have made it abundantly clear that there is little margin for error in the breeding business these days. The top is fine; it's the bottom half that's getting drubbed. Everybody agrees some of that is fine --trim the fat--but, as usual in this business, things are overcompensating. It's a buyer's market, and if you don't come there with the real deal and then some, you're going to lose money or keep your horse--or both.

So here's a revolutionary idea: instead of breeding for the phantom 'market' which may or may not materialize and which is below the market's top-tier (more insulated as long as quality is in demand and Sheikh Mohammed is in a buying mood), why not consider trying to breed an actual racehorse? In some lucrative state programs, this can actually pay off for breeders beyond the auction marketplace, plus, if it works and your mare starts to produce racehorses, perhaps she will become more valuable, or, at least, wanted.

That's where the APEX numbers come in, particularly, in this case, the 'ABC Runner Index.' This rates sires on their ability to produce runners which can get into the top 8 percent, by earnings, each year (going back seven years, so 2001-2007). Whereas sires can have A Runner indices up to 5.00 or so, the A index is a multiple of 2 percent, so has a theoretical high (one runner, one A runner) of 50.00. The ABC Index is a multiple of 8 percent, so it has theoretical high is only 12.50, and the practical high is around 3.00--which would be 24 percent of runners! So a sire with a 2.50 ABC Index means 20 percent of his runners are ABC runners; a 2.00 ABC Index equals 16 percent; and a 1.50 ABC Index equals 12 percent.

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So here's a list of 54 sires which look to me like they have something to recommend them as far as being sires of racehorses. See what you think. The entire list of nearly 1,050 sires will be on the *TDN* website in the next couple of days.

Afternoon Delites (1.40 APEX ABC Runner Index) had seven stakes horses last year, one of which, Zappa, has won the GII San Pasqual H. at Santa Anita already this year. Afternoon Delites is one of four sires on this list now in Louisiana, and one of two (the other being Ide) at Clear Creek Stud. Alphabet Soup (1.64) doesn't get much in the way of two-year-olds (0.56), but after that he's a well above average sire. Arch (1.92) is a tad below for A Runners (1.71), but otherwise is just about a '2.00 sire'--high ratings for a \$25,000 stallion. He's just average for two-year-olds (1.01), and has a massive A Runner Index in Europe (6.41). Belong to Me (1.73), who sired the winners of over \$3.6 million last year, consistently looks better than the market rates him. Brahms (1.46) is just average for A Runners (1.00) and two-year-olds (0.97), but his 2.21 B Runner Index and good ABC ratings for his three-year-olds and up suggest he's being cast aside by the market too soon. He's one of seven on this list who had their first four-vear-olds last vear.

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#### Oppenheim cont.

Broken Vow (1.72) is also from the 2003 sire class, with first four-year-olds 2007. He ranked 16th on the national General Sire List, with 109 winners and the earners of over \$6.1 million. With 29 ABC Runners last year, he has firmly established himself as North America's best F2003 sire. Typically for his sire line, his runners so far have been better later than as two-vearolds (1.14). Another from this sire class is Ghostzapper's half-brother, City Zip (2.17). His figures are even higher than Broken Vow's, but these are his New York-bred crops, which benefit from earnings in that rich state-bred (restricted) program. It's always hard to tell with sires that started out in New York how good they really are, but City Zip's numbers (like previous NY sire Precise End's, before he went to Japan) look like they could be real-world good. Compton Place (1.37) is only average for A Runners (1.04), but he is good for two-year-olds (1.75), and he has very respectable overall numbers for a four-figure [stud fee] sire. Concerto (1.62) is most famous for siring blockbuster 2005 GI Wood Memorial winner Bellamy Road, but he has been a good, consistent high-level sire all along, another who is very good value for his four-figure fee.

Dehere (1.32) has been missing in Japan, in Northern Hemisphere terms, the last few years. In 2002, when his oldest crop were six, he ranked second to El Prado on the North American General Sire List, and had a year end two-year-old ABC Index of 3.30, ranking him sixth in the world. In Australia, where he shuttled, he ranked 14th among all sires at the end of last season with an Australian APEX A Index of 3.07. But Japan was a whole other story: one A Runner from 378 year starters, an 0.13 Japanese A Index; another American speed sire that was a total flop in Japan. He'd still be considered a really good sire if he'd never gone to Japan. Disco Rico (1.64) is a total APEX find, meaning I'd never heard of him until these numbers came up. He's moved from Maryland to New York this year, but he has an all-Maryland pedigree, being by the Maryland sire Citidancer (Dixieland Band) out of an Apalachee mare who was stakes-placed in Maryland. His second dam was the classy Maryland mare Capp It Off, and his third dam won 20 races and produced two other Maryland stakes winners. He had nine ABC runners last year, when his first crop were four-year-olds.

**E Dubai** (2.17) has made a seriously good start. From a relatively low 45 foals in his first crop, he had eight three-year-old ABC Runners last year, as well as five two-year-old ABC runners from a much bigger second crop (86). Though sires' numbers normally drop as they have older crops, this guy will be standing for a lot more than \$15,000 if he keeps going at this rate.

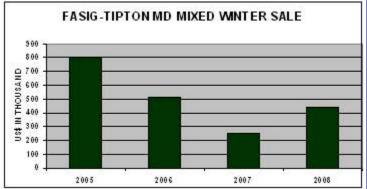
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## Weekly Sales 7icker

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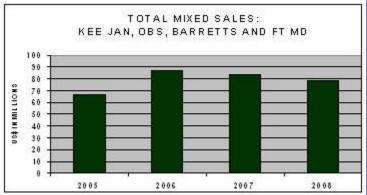
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"The Maryland sale caps it off: these days, regional markets only seem to work for fall yearlings and two-year-olds; the mixed sales have now become almost totally centralized in Kentucky. That which sells has been healthy enough, but so far the number catalogued is down 14%, the number sold 13%, while the gross is down 7% and the average is actually up 8%. More mixed sales are on deck." — *Bill Oppenheim* 



#### **FASIG-TIPTON MD MIXED WINTER SALE**

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% S/C	GROSS	AVG
2008	104	79	65	63%	\$444,800	\$6,843
2007	84	61	45	54%	\$253,200	\$5,627
2006	250	173	117	47%	\$514,700	\$4,399
2005	201	159	112	56%	\$807,900	\$7,213



Data compiled by Brianne Stanley





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Formal Gold (1.48) was one of a quartet of sire prospects with first foals of 2000 which had all run Beyers of 120+. Skip Away (see below) is the only one left in Kentucky. Formal Gold is now in California for \$5,000, but has perfectly respectable credentials from his Kentucky crops (the other two: Will's Way and Gentlemen). Giant's Causeway's little brother Freud (2.05) is another who benefits from the New York-bred program, but his numbers would stack up anywhere--and his four-year-olds (3.06) rated best of all, always something you like to see in a young sire with good numbers.

Gold Away (1.48) averaged fewer than 30 foals in each of his first five crops, but his first crop included superstar Alexander Goldrun, and last year he had Group 2 winner Musical Way and the Grade I-winning two-year-old Full of Gold. At only €3,500, Gold Away has to qualify as a world-class bargain. Good and Tough (1.55), like City Zip, is by Carson City. His early numbers didn't keep him in the big time, but he looks pretty good at only \$3,000 in Louisiana. Halling (1.88) is another whose two-year-olds don't do much (0.78), but he's in the 2.00 range thereafter. He's a very good sire for owner/breeders. So is Hernando (1.57). He has improved for two-year-olds (1.12), and scores in the 1.50's for three-year-olds and up at all ages. Holy Bull (1.67) has proven very prolific, with 134 ABC Runners from over 1,000 year-starters since 2001. He is average for two-year-olds (1.01), but, like many of these, they are really more effective as three-year-olds-plus.

Horse Chestnut (1.31) isn't a top sire, but his 1.96 A Runner Index shows he is very capable of getting a good horse. He's very good value at \$5,000, for the second straight year, in Kentucky. Ide (1.53) is another who has moved to Louisiana's Clear Creek Stud, where he stands for only \$2,500. He is right around average for A and B Runners, but his 2.01 C Runner Index really makes you sit up and take notice. He is truly useless for two-year-olds, though (0.19). In Excess (1.71) has been one of California's top five sires for over a decade. His ratings are highest for A (2.46) and B (1.99) runners, and he's a seriously good sire of two-year-olds (2.75).

His son Indian Charlie (1.92) is at the expensive end of the scale here, at \$50,000. He's a little low for A Runners (1.47), but that could easily improve, and at all other levels and ages he's just about a 2.00 sire. He's sired successive Eclipse Award-winning fillies or mares, Fleet Indian in 2006 and Indian Blessing, champion two-year-old filly of 2007.

Intikhab (1.69) remains one of the very best value sires in Europe for siring racehorses at €8,000, and his yearlings even averaged close to US\$50,000 last year. His best last year were Red Evie, a Group 1 winner at a mile for the second straight year; GSW Hoh Mike; and Leg Spinner, successful in the 2 1/4-mile Cesarewitch H. for a \$200,000 payday. Ishiguru (1.21) has five individual A or B Runners from 45 foals in his first crop, including 2006 G2 Coventry S. winner Hellvelyn and last year's Group 3 winner, She's Our Mark. That gives him a combined A + B Index of 2.01, which is a lot of class for a son of Danzig standing for just £4,500. The first French yearlings by Lando (1.68) averaged over \$82,000 last year, which augurs well for his chances there. The seven-time Group 1 winner compiled all these figures from crops in his native Germany. Fifth on last year's North American general sire list, Langfuhr (1.72) qualifies as the bargain of the year at \$25,000. He could suddenly explode, like stablemate Smart Strike did. Langfuhr has sired 154 ABC runners to date, 38 of them last year.

Another Lane's End stallion, **Lemon Drop Kid** (2.12), ranked 10th on the North America general sires list, with 14 stakes winners and 32 ABC runners last year, when his oldest crop were five-year-olds. He is a prolific sire of very useful racehorses, which makes him a very useful sire. The 1996 G1 Breeders' Cup Sprint winner **Lit de Justice** (1.60) got the boot from Kentucky, but has leveled out with ratings right around or above the 1.50 mark in most categories. That makes him a good buy for \$5,000 in California. **Lite the Fuse** (1.51), dual winner of the GI Carter H. in 1995-96, has stood in a few different places, but has held his end up through it all. He's sired the earners of right around \$3 million each of the last three years, and is surely excellent value at only \$3,500 now in Pennsylvania.





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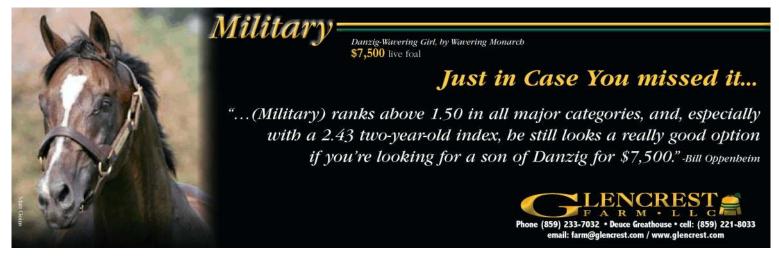
Then there's the really obscure Lucky Lionel (1.36), who plies his trade for \$2,500 in Oklahoma, but nonetheless had Grade I winner Benny the Bull (already winner of the Sunshine Millions Sprint in 2008) and Grade III winner Hello Lucky operating on his behalf. Yes, this is the same Lucky Lionel, by Mt. Livermore, who won the G3 Norfolk at Royal Ascot and G2 Robert Papin for trainer Richard Hannon back in 1995.

Malibu Moon (2.00) had his first Kentucky crop of two-year-olds last year. He ranked seventh on the juvenile sire list, with 26 two-year-old winners; he already has four stakes horses this year. This horse has awesome numbers, and has never stopped improving. Military (1.73) has averaged only 22 foals in his first five crops, and has been pretty quiet on the racetrack the last couple of years after impressive early results. But he still ranks above 1.50 in all major categories, and, especially with a 2.43 two-year-old index, he still looks a really good option if you're looking for a son of Danzig for \$7,500. More Than Ready (1.75) wouldn't be called a huge bargain at \$60,000, but he is very consistent. From 240 foals in his first three crops, he has sired 25 percent two-year-old winners (2.16)--that's 60 two-year-old winners; and he has sired over 10 percent stakes winners (25) in those three crops. From the point of view of trying to breed useful racehorses, I'd far prefer to see a sire achieve this kind of consistency, at this class level (top 8 percent, the ones that make their owners money) than breed to a sire with three Grade I winners and not a lot else. It's better for your mare, too; you get a better line on her.

Muhtathir (1.84) won the G1 Jacques le Marois in 2000, but the fact that he was by Elmaamul meant he didn't exactly attract big-league mares. But he had Satwa Queen and Doctor Dino in his first crop, so what else do we need to know? That makes him one of the top five sires in France. Mutakddim (1.88) has never been a very high-profile sire, but these numbers make him look extra-good value at \$15,000. He is 1.85 or higher at all three class levels, and not below 1.50 at any age. His 2.16 rating for sophomores is especially impressive. He is one of the best unknown sires around.

Not For Love (2.16), who by the way also has a great pedigree, being by Mr. Prospector out of Dance Number, by Northern Dancer, is maybe the best sire in North America standing outside Kentucky. He has sired 189 ABC Runners in the last seven years, more than any other sire on this list. Officer (2.10) had 13 three-yearold ABC Runners last year, and 17 in all, suggesting he is no one-trick pony; they trained on. He's a horse you could definitely send a nice mare to, especially if you wanted to give her a chance to get something that might come early and then still go on. Outflanker (1.46) moved up from Florida to become a distant second to Not For Love in Maryland. He had 21 ABC Runners last year, which is a lot for a son of Danzig standing for \$4,000. Notice how many sons of Danzig standing cheaply I'm saying that about?

Perfect Mandate (1.84) is a stakes-placed son of Gone West from a Sangster family that had a lot of speed, but maybe not a lot of scope. He might be a different story, though. He had five stakes horses last year, all of them pretty good, including two California two-year-old stakes winners, and Derby Trial winner Flying First Class. He has a two-year-old ABC index of 3.90, and a B Runner index of 3.69. Pure Prize (1.84) has a two-year-old index of 2.94 himself, and a combined A + B Runner index of 2.63--meaning he is getting plenty of precocity plus class. He just beat out Officer for third place (behind Street Cry and Johannesburg) on the leading freshman sire list for 2006, and he had the undefeated Grade II-winning two-year-old filly Pure Clan last year. Put It Back (2.23) has got to be the best buy in Florida at \$7,500. He has tremendous numbers (3.42 A Runner index), including the likes of GISW winner In Summation and GSW Smokey Stover, both top sprinters. He's actually been better for three- and four-year-olds so far. We tend to think of Quiet American (1.62) as a top broodmare sire--he had 13 new A Runners as a broodmare sire in 2005-2006, including A.P. Warrior and Bernardini--so it's easy to forget he's a pretty useful sire of racehorses, too. He's had 129 ABC Runners since 2001, and scores in the 1.60's at all three class levels. They are also better as three-yearolds and up. cont.8





Sakhee (1.79) is a horse who could maybe be about to sneak up on everybody. He did have the speedball Sakhee's Secret, winner of the G1 July Cup, but out of an obviously dominant sprinting family. He also had three other three-year-old A Runners last year, so has a three-year-old ABC index of 2.66, compared to a two-year-old index of 0.62. Don't be surprised if you hear quite more of him this year. Silver Deputy (1.96) is 23 now, but his numbers look better than ever. Leading 2007 freshman sire Posse wasn't his first good sire. Canadians know about Archers Bay, who died before he ever had a runner, but turned out to be one of Canada's top five sires from his three crops. Now Silver Deputy has GI Donn winner Spring At Last; the hits just keep on coming. Singspiel (2.12) is beginning to look like the classic "owner/breeder's" type sire, as we say euphemistically: they run, but they don't particularly sell. It's a little hard to understand when you look at his numbers, which are consistently high. They are better as three-year-olds-plus. Skip Away (1.59) is the one survivor in Kentucky of the infamous Gang of Four I referred to under Formal Gold. He's proving guite a versatile and consistent sire, though he didn't have a great year in 2007. I'd say he's quite underrated by the market now. Smoke Glacken (1.86)--he's seriously underrated. He scores near enough to 2.00 in virtually every major category; in my book he's a great buy for a \$25,000 stallion. Successful Appeal (2.17) unaccountably drew a blank with his second crop, but his first and third crops included 13 stakes winners between them. He's racked up a 3.33 A Runner index, and a massive 3.99 rating for his two-year- olds. His first Kentucky crop averaged over \$105,000 as yearlings, and are two-year-olds this year. Expect fireworks.



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Tiger Hill (1.93) ran third in the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and stood in France and Germany before Darley bought him and moved him to England. The numbers from his early crops still look good, especially (maybe surprisingly) for two- and three-year-olds, more than as older horses. Trippi (1.86) was leading sire in Florida in 2007, with just three crops racing, which tells you just about all you need to know. In true Florida fashion, they're very good as two-year-olds, too.

Unusual Heat (2.58)--that 2.58 is actually the highest ABC Runner index of nearly 400 sires with first foals 1996 and later, and 200 + year-starters since 2001. Just to put that in perspective, the next three sires on that list are: Distorted Humor (2.47); Smart Strike (2.39); and Pivotal (2.35). Verglas (1.70) has very good numbers from his French crops, including 2.69 for B Runners and 2.27 for two-year-old ABC Runners. His first Irish-sired two-year-olds run in 2008, averaging over \$75,000 as yearlings. If they run like his French two-year-olds did, he'll be one of the sires every breeder in Ireland will want to get to. Finally, there is Wagon Limit (1.75). Arthur Hancock couldn't believe no one wanted to breed to him, so he's another who's ended up in Louisiana, which is increasingly collecting actual worthwhile sires that can't create a following in the more high-profile states. He's got very good numbers from severely limited chances.

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## 2007 APEX EARNINGS THRESHOLDS (Converted to U.S. Dollars)

	A Runner	B Runner	C Runner
Where	(top 2%)	(next 2%)	(next 4%)
N.America	112,280	79,000	53,360
GB/IR	92,933	53,392	30,053
France	92,582	66,728	46,207
Germany	57,554	32,678	18,589
Japan	382.477	265.438	174.822





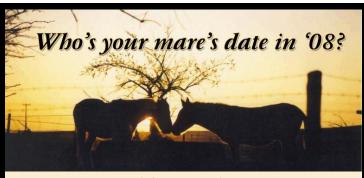
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Afternoon Deelites 1992 1998 La 806 1.18 1.80 1.30 1.40 1.48 1.31 1.17 1.82 5,000	14,093
Alphabet Soup 1991 1999 FI 912 1.97 1.64 1.48 1.64 0.56 1.83 1.46 1.98 10,000	22,117
Arch 1995 2000 Ky 469 1.71 2.13 1.92 1.92 1.01 1.85 1.92 2.42 25,000	76,156
Belong to Me 1989 1995 Ky 1028 2.04 1.51 1.68 1.73 1.43 1.87 1.50 2.09 12,500	36,133
Brahms 1997 2003 Ky 249 1.00 2.21 1.31 1.46 0.97 1.65 1.52 0.00 8,500 Broken Vow 1997 2003 Ky 313 2.40 1.12 1.68 1.72 1.14 2.14 1.78 0.00 30.000	13,873
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Compton Place 1994 2000 GB 531 1.04 1.60 1.41 1.37 1.75 1.22 1.16 2.52 7,500	51,496
Concerto 1994 2000 FI 401 1.87 1.62 1.50 1.62 1.74 1.75 1.11 2.50 7,500	16,428
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E Dubai 1998 2004 Ky 92 2.72 1.63 2.17 2.96 2.58 0.00 0.00 15,000	37,085
Formal Gold 1993 2000 Ca 566 1.33 1.77 1.41 1.48 1.22 1.61 1.37 1.48 5,000	23,399
Freud 1998 2003 NY 146 1.37 2.74 2.05 2.05 1.90 2.20 3.06 0.00 10,000	14,094
Gold Away 1995 2001 Fr 261 2.30 0.57 1.53 1.48 2.57 1.28 0.80 2.58 3,500	26,955
Good and Tough 1995 2001 La 322 1.24 1.40 1.79 1.55 1.51 1.83 0.92 2.16 3,000	24,500
Halling 1991 1998 GB 577 1.99 2.08 1.73 1.88 0.78 1.99 1.94 2.70 12,000	52,744
Hernando 1990 1997 GB 590 2.12 1.61 1.27 1.57 1.12 1.58 1.50 1.52 12,000	114,370
Holy Bull 1991 1996 Ky 1006 1.84 1.04 1.89 1.67 1.01 1.97 1.61 1.55 15,000	38,629
Horse Chestnut 1995 2001 Ky 306 1.96 0.65 1.31 1.31 1.17 1.21 1.40 1.78 5,000	23,923
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Indian Charlie 1995 2000 Ky 580 1.47 2.07 2.07 1.92 2.06 2.05 1.82 1.94 50,000	97,677
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Ishiguru 1998 2004 GB 62 1.61 2.42 0.40 1.21 1.82 1.19 0.00 0.00 4,500	10,804
Lando 1990 1997 Fr 395 2.41 1.14 1.58 1.68 1.34 1.77 1.39 1.94 10,000	82,086
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Malibu Moon 1997 2001 Ky 475 2.21 1.89 1.95 2.00 2.22 2.15 1.60 2.37 40,000	115,202
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More than Ready 1997 2002 Ky 479 1.77 1.67 1.75 2.16 1.75 1.62 1.32 60,000	117,803
Muhtathir 1995 2002 Fr 136 3.68 1.10 1.29 1.84 1.77 0.53 2.45 2.64 10,000	31,343
Mutakddim 1991 1998 Ky 823 1.94 1.88 1.85 1.88 1.51 2.16 1.50 2.24 15,000	29,205
Not for Love 1990 1997 Md 1092 2.29 2.43 1.97 2.16 1.71 2.14 2.13 2.46 25,000	65,687
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Put It Back 1998 2003 FI 146 3.42 1.71 1.88 2.23 1.41 2.90 2.18 0.00 7,500	27,975
Quiet American 1986 1991 Ky 996 1.61 1.66 1.61 1.62 0.95 1.48 1.81 2.15 20,000	31,251
Sakhee 1997 2004 GB 70 2.86 0.71 1.79 1.79 0.62 2.66 0.00 0.00 10,000	87,752
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Singspiel 1992 1999 GB 714 2.45 2.38 1.82 2.12 1.19 1.92 2.25 2.57 15,000	90,200
Skip Away 1993 2000 Ky 667 1.35 1.27 1.87 1.59 1.16 1.48 1.83 1.55 10,000	10,111
Smoke Glacken 1994 1999 Ky 915 1.97 1.48 1.99 1.86 2.12 1.92 2.08 1.72 25,000	57,471 105,160
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#### CITRONNADE

(5, Lemon Drop Kid--Primarily, by Lord at War {Arg})

Will be bred to: Ghostzapper Owned by: Stronach Stables Boarded at: Adena Springs, KY Accomplishments: GISW, \$864,205

#### **OCTAVE**

(4, Unbridled's Song--Belle Nuit, by Dr. Carter)

Will be bred to: Discreet Cat Owned by: Sheikh Mohammed Boarded at: Darley America Accomplishments: MGISW, \$1,660,934 Sold for \$4 million at FTKNOV 2007

#### PLAYFUL ACT (IRE)

(6, Sadler's Wells--Magnificient Style, by Silver Hawk)

Will be bred to: Street Cry (Ire)
Owned by: Sheikh Mohammed
Boarded at: Darley America
Accomplishments: Co. Hwt. 2yo Filly-GB,
G1SW-GB & G1SP-Ire, \$485,838
Sold for world-record \$10.5 million at KEENOV 2007

#### ROUND POND

(6, Awesome Again--Gift of Dance, by Trempolino)

Will be bred to: A.P. Indy Owned by: Sheikh Mohammed Boarded at: Darley America Accomplishments: MGISW, \$1,998,700 Sold for \$5.75 million at FTKNOV 2007

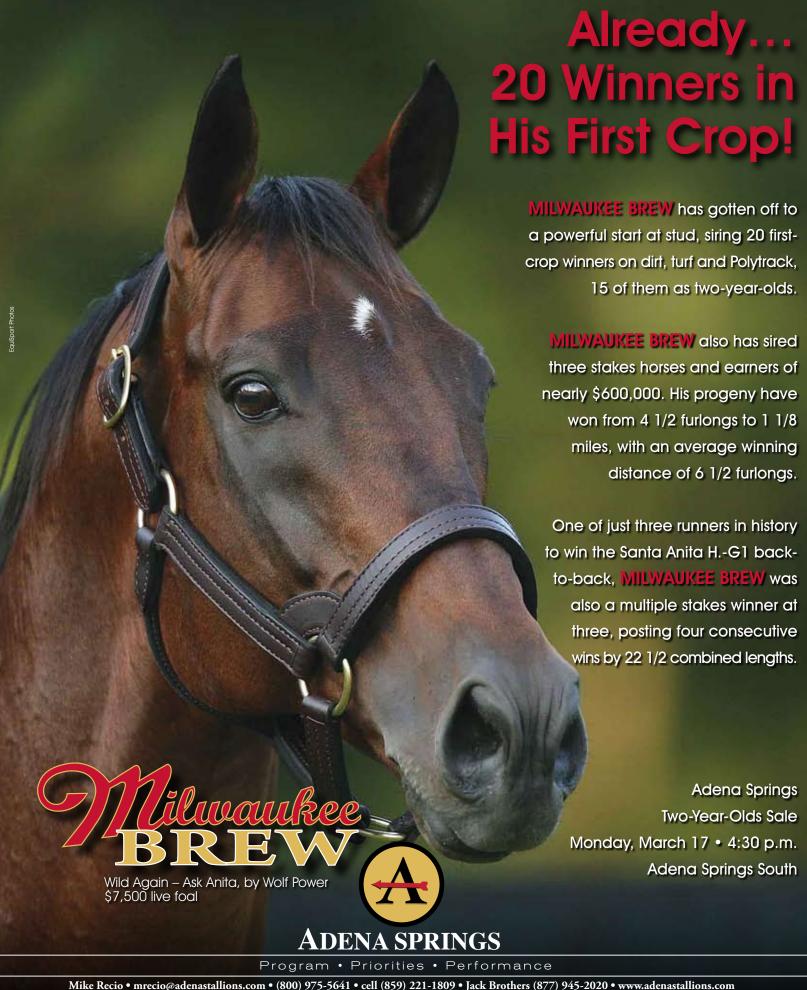
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#### **UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES**

Date	Race	Track
Feb. 9	GI Santa Maria H.	Santa Anita
	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 BC H.	Fair Grounds
	GIII Mineshaft H.	Fair Grounds
Feb. 10	GII La Canada S.	Santa Anita
	GII San Vicente S.	Santa Anita
Feb. 11	OBS Championship Day	Ocala Training
Feb. 16	GII Barbara Fritchie BC H.	Laurel
	GII San Carlos H.	Santa Anita
	GIII Endeavor BC S.	Tampa Bay
	Sam F. Davis S.	Turfway
Feb. 17	GIII Hurricane Bertie H.	Gulfstream
Feb. 18	GII Gen. George BC H.	Laurel
	GII Buena Vista H.	Santa Anita
	GIII Southwest S.	Oaklawn
Feb. 23	GI Gulfstream Park BC S.	Gulfstream
	GII San Luis Obispo H.	Santa Anita
Feb. 24	GII Fountain of Youth S.	Gulfstream



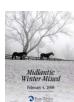






#### INDIAN CHARLIE SIS TOPS FASIG MIDLANTIC

A four-year-old half-sister to top sire Indian Charlie topped Monday's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Winter Mixed Sale at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium.



Machmer Hall and Siena Farm paid \$90,000 for Mezzo (Broad Brush), who sold as hip 84 as a racing or broodmare prospect. Mezzo was produced by multiple graded stakes winner Soviet Sojourn, by Leo Castelli, and was consigned to the sale by Bill Reightler, agent. From 81 horses through the ring, 65 sold for \$444,800. The average of \$6,843 was a

21.6 increase over 2007 figures, while median remained even at \$4,000. The 16 horses who failed to find new homes equated to an RNA rate of 19.8 percent, down from last year's 26.2 percent. For complete results, visit <a href="https://www.fasigtipton.com">www.fasigtipton.com</a>.



Yesterday's Results:

6th-PHA, \$40,000, Msw, 3yo, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft. + LAKESIDE ROAD (g, 3, Good and Tough--Loan Officer, by Deposit Ticket), let go at 6-1, saved ground while stalking the pace. The chestnut gelding grabbed the lead with a furlong to run and drew clear by 2 1/2 lengths. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,000. O/B-Brien Combs (NJ). T-Dianne M Jeannont.

#### ON THE WORKTAB

#### FAIR GROUNDS

Absolutey Cindy (Arch), 4f, :51.00, 37/56 Curlin (Smart Strike), 7f, 1:25.20, 1/1 Highest Class (Mineshaft), 4f, :50.00, 20/56 Inca King (Sir Cat), 4f, :51.00, 37/56 Pyro (Pulpit), 5f, 1:00.80, 2/9

#### **GOLDEN GATE**

McCann's Mojave (Memo {Chi}), 4f, :50.80, 15/19

#### HOLLYWOOD

Indian Blessing (Indian Charlie), 4f, :48.60, 16/31 Neko Bay (Giant's Causeway), 5f, 1:00.20, 6/22 Tough Tiz's Sis (Tiznow), 4f, :47.00, 4/31 Sweetnorthernsaint (Sweetsouthernsaint), 5f, :59.80, 3/22 Well Armed (Tiznow), 4f, :46.60, 2/31

#### PALM MEADOWS

Sir Greeley (Mr. Greeley), 6f, 1:14.40, 1/3

#### OAKLAWN

Jonesboro (Sefapiano), 4f, :49.00, 5/28

#### SANTA ANITA

Magnum (Arg) (El Compinche {Arg}), 5f (tr), 1:00.40, 2/19 Sailors Sunset (Petionville), 6f (tr), 1:16.40, 4/4



3:20p 7th-Aqu, Dewars Rock S., (S), 3yo, f, 6f TVG I PROMISE (Hook and Ladder), a rompin

I PROMISE (Hook and Ladder), a romping maiden winner against state-bred foes last June, missed by just a nose in the GIII Schuylerville S. before a non-threatening eighth-place effort in the Aug. 15 GII Adirondack S. Sidelined five months after that race, the Gary Contessa trainee returned for a four-length victory over track and trip in a Jan. 16 state-bred allowance. Dance Gal Dance (Disco Rico) looks to remain unbeaten in her third start after winning a Nov. 17 maiden and a Dec. 26 allowance at this distance and track last time out. Expect the End (Precise End), a three-time stakes winner against New York-bred rivals last year, was fifth in the Nov. 24 GII Demoiselle S. and Jan. 8 Ruthless S. for trainer Rick Dutrow.

4:11p 7th-GPX, \$42k, Msw, 3yo, 1 1/16mT

HRTV AQAB (Empire Maker), a \$1.45-million KEESEP yearling, returns from a three-month layoff. The Shadwell Stable colorbearer made his turf debut last time out, running second at Aqueduct Nov. 8. Out of MGSW Top Rung (Seattle Slew), the bay colt is a three-quarter to GSP Consistency (Unbridled).

4:42p 8th-GPX, \$40k, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f

HRTV

TRIPLE O' FIVE (Elusive Quality), a Jaime Carrion homebred, debuts for trainer Frank Brothers. The bay filly is out of Grade I winner Stormy Pick (Storm Creek). Move It (More Than Ready), a \$300,000 FTSAUG yearling, is a half to MGSW Agol Luck (Gulch) and makes her first start here for trainer Michael Matz. Janney homebred Quiet Harbor (Silver Deputy) is a 3/4 to MGSP Minister's Joy and a half to GSW Hunting. Shug McGaughey saddles the first-time starter.

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#### **TDN TODAY**

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#### **STAKES CLOSINGS**

#### TODAY, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6:

02-16 \$300,000 Barbara Fritchie Breeders' Cup H.-II, LrI, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f (50)

02-18 \$300,000 General George Breeders' Cup H.-II, Lrl, 3yo/up, 7f (50)

#### TOMORROW, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7:

02-16 \$150,000 San Carlos H.-II, SA, 4yo/up, 7f (150) 02-18 \$150,000 Buena Vista H.-II, SA, 4yo/up, 8fT (150)

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## ★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

#### Santa Monica Upsetter To Target Las Flores:

Tom Grether Farms Inc.'s Intangaroo (Orientate), 26-1 longshot winner of Saturday's GI Santa Monica H. at Santa Anita, is being pointed toward the 6 1/2-furlong GIII Las Flores H. at Santa Anita Apr. 6, and could make another start between now and then, reports trainer Gary Sherlock. "She came out of the race super, and I'm probably going to run her in the Las Flores," he said. "Whether I'll be able to find something between now and then, I don't know." Sherlock purchased fouryear-old Intangaroo, who hails from the initial crop of champion sprinter Orientate, for \$37,000 as a yearling in 2005. "I liked the filly because she had a lot of length to her," Sherlock explained. "She's not real big, but she's got length and good conformation. Sometimes, with first-year sires, you can get a bargain on them." Intangaroo was a first-out victress at Hollywood last June, but needed seven tries against winners before knocking off a NW1X at Santa Anita Jan. 11. The Santa Monica was her first stakes effort. The win was the first Grade I tally for the 62-year-old Sherlock, who holds a place in Southern California racing trivia. In 1997, a horse that Sherlock purchased and owned in partnership, but whom he did not train, beat the following year's GI Kentucky Derby winner Real Quiet while still a maiden in the inaugural \$571,000 Indian Nations Futurity at Santa Fe Downs in New Mexico. The \$55,000 Barretts May acquisition, named Grady (Prospectors Gamble), had 2 3/4 lengths on the third-placed Real Quiet in the lucrative race. "It was just his third career start and he hadn't won yet, and we got \$279,000, so that was a pretty good score," remembered Sherlock. Grady failed to build on his early promise, however, and was soon relegated to the claiming ranks. "When Real Quiet was going for the Triple Crown the next year, I kept getting all these calls--'What do you think? You're horse is running for \$32,000 [tag] and he's going for the Triple Crown," laughed Sherlock. "I had bought Grady as a two-year-old specifically for that race, and it was mission accomplished. But he never grew and progressed." Santa Fe Downs, incidently, went out of business the following year.

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Stakes - purses of \$45,000/up
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Maiden Special Weight Races - purses of \$18,000/up
Maiden Claiming Races - purses of \$18,000/up and a minimum claiming price of \$40,000

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Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
Semaphore Man	Formal Gold	King Cotton S.	105
Vanderkaay	Malibu Moon	Dancing Count S.	105
Monterey Jazz	Thunderello	Strub SG2	104
Spring At Last	Silver Deputy	Donn HG1	104
Storm Military (Arg)	Bernstein	Thunder Road H.	104
Barrier Reef	Mizzen Mast	Whirlaway S.	103
Carolyn's Cat	Forestry	T Storm S.	103
All Wired Up	Wire Me Collect	Premier Night Sprint S.	101
Eaton's Gift	Johannesburg	Swale SG2	101
Green Girl (Fr)	Lord of Men	Suwannee River HG3	99
Big Glen	Cactus Ridge	WEBN S.	97
Superior Storm	Stormy Atlantic	Premier Night Starlet S.	96
Crown of Thorns	Repent	Robert B. Lewis SG2	94
Intangaroo	Orientate	Santa Monica HG1	94
Marina Ballerina	Outflanker	Manatee S.	93
Runway Rosie	Include	Ride Sally S.	93
Smitty's Sunshine	Seeking a Home	Premier Night Matron S.	93
Doble Quebrado	lde	Premier Night Prince S.	92
Magic Sunset	Mutakddim	Premier Night Championship S.	92
Jet Away Jane	Unbridled Jet	Foxy J. G. S.	91
Love Co	Not for Love	Glory in Motion S.	91
Zarb's Ballerina	Zarbyev	Premier Night Distaff S.	91

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#### ★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

#### IN FRANCE:

Mr Dob, c, 3, Dynaformer. See "Euro Breeders' Edition."

#### IN BRITAIN:

Ingleby Arch, g, 5, Arch-Inca Dove, by Mr. Prospector. Southwell, 2-5, Hcp, 4yo/up, 6f (AWT). B-Alexander-Groves Thoroughbreds. \*\$39,000 yrl '04 KEESEP.

#### IN JAPAN:

Stormy Pegasus, c, 3, Fusaichi Pegasus--Line of Thunder (G1SP-GB, \$115,913), by Storm Bird. Kawasaki, 1-29, 7.5f. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$23,364. O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Fontainebleau Farm; T-Hideyuki Mori. \*3/4 to Thunder Gulch (Gulch), Ch. 3yo Colt, MGISW, \$2,915,086; and 1/2 to Battle Line (Ogygian), MSW-Jpn, \$2,038,153.

#### IN SOUTH AFRICA:

Distance Done, f, 4, <a href="Dynaformer">Dynaformer</a>--Al Desima (GB) (GISP, \$219,312), by Emperor Jones. Durbanville, 2-5, Hcp., 1600mT. O-G J & R D Beck; B-Grapestock LLC; T-Joey Ramsden. \*\$100,000 yrl '05 KEESEP.

Generous Gabriella, f, 4, Forest Wildcat--Ginny Dare (MGSP, \$132,521), by Pilgrim. Durbanville, 2-5, Hcp., 1200mT. O-G J & R D Beck; B-Eaton, Tufts & Gorsky; T-Joey Ramsden. \*\$50,000 wnlg '04 KEENOV; \$110,000 yrl '05 KEESEP.



### **★** CENTRAL **★**

Yesterday's Results:

**MARDI GRAS S.**, \$59,400, FGX, 2-5, 3yo, f, a5 1/2fT, 1:05, fm.

- 1--#CLOUDBURST, 116, f, 3, Storm Cat--Harbor Springs (SW, \$123,038), by Vice Regent.

  O/B-Overbrook Farm (KY); T-Dallas Stewart; J-Julien R Leparoux; \$36,000. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$71,800. \*1/2 to Boston Harbor (Capote), Ch. 2yo Colt, GISW, \$1,934,605.
- 2--Sweepstake (Ire), 118, f, 3, Acclamation (GB)--Dust Flicker (GB), by Suave Dancer. (22,000gns wlng '05 TATDEC; €65,000 yrl '06 GOFORB). O-Forging Oaks Farm. \$12,000.
- 3--Talk Fast, 116, f, 3, Yankee Gentleman--Tracy V., by Valid Appeal. O-David A Ross. \$6,000.
- Margins: 2HF, HD, 3/4. Odds: 3.50, 1.30, 5.20. Cloudburst returned from a two-month freshening



to earn a front-running threelength maiden victory in her first turf outing over this course and trip last time out Jan. 7. On the lead from the start, the dark bay filly was loose through fractions of :22.07, :46.81 and

L Hodges Jr: 58.76 and came home an easy winner of her first stakes out-

ing. Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.

7th-FGX, \$41,750, Alw, NW2X, 4yo/up, a1 1/16mT, 1:45 3/5, fm.

FIREROCK BASE (r, 4, Indian Charlie--Fun Bound, by Boundary) returned from an eight-month layoff to run eighth sprinting over this main track Dec. 9 before a front-running two-length triumph in a Jan. 17 off-the-turf allowance last time out. Dismissed at 17-1 in his first try on turf, the bay was allowed to settle into stride, and made up ground while rallying along the rail turning for home. The \$20,000 KEENOV weanling angled to the outside once into the lane and forged to the lead for a 3/4-length victory over favored Master Mizzen (Mizzen Mast). Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-1, \$87,730.

O-Dream Walkin Farms, Inc. B-Hedgewood Farm, Hiram Nuckols & Thomas Saafeld (KY). T-Bobby C Barnett.

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First & Second-crop starters to watch: Wed., Feb. 5

Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2004 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW

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

EMPIRE MAKER (Unbridled), Juddmonte, \$100K, 185/8/3

7-GP, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Aqab, \$1450K KEE SEP yrl, 4-1

HOOK AND LADDER (Dixieland Band), Sequel NY, \$10K, 100/8/2

7-AQU, Stk, 6f, I Promise, \$70K FTF FEB 2yo

ROCK SLIDE (A.P. Indy), Maryland Stallion, \$8K, 76/3/0

5-LRL, Msw, 7f, Rock Quarry, 12-1

SAY FLORIDA SANDY (Personal Flag), Buckridge, \$5K, 81/2/1

4-AQU, Msw, 1 1/8m, Patent Pending Tom

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

5-LRL, Msw, 7f, Three Day Weekend, \$20K EAS MAY 2yo, 9-2

WISEMAN'S FERRY (Hennessy), Castleton Lyons, \$5K, 126/9/0

4-AQU, Msw, 1 1/8m, Second Mortgage, \$37K OBS MAR 2yo

## **★ INDUSTRY INFO ★**

#### Kentucky Derby Website Features Journalism Series: Kentuckyderby.com will offer racing fans a way to

experience this year's Kentucky Derby with the intro-

duction of an journalism series focusing on memorable racing moments and personalities. The first installment of the series is now available at www.kentuckyderby.com, the official Web site of the Kentucky Derby. "On the Muscle" will include race recaps and contender information to provide in-depth looks at the horses and connections of the year's Run For The Roses. The series began this week by highlighting racing's legendary rivalry involving the 1978 battle between Affirmed and Alydar. A profile on jockey Bill Hartack is also among the featured pieces scheduled for later this spring. "The Kentucky Derby Web site is all about innovation, and in 2008 we decided to expand our top-quality content with the introduction of a behind-the-scenes journalism series that will take readers inside the sport of horse racing," said Jeremy Borseth, senior director of channel services and Internet operations for Churchill Downs Incorporated. "We hope that this series expands the reach of our website and offers horse racing fans the opportunity to experience the colorful history of the Kentucky Derby. We hope this

writing series will be something that all Kentucky Derby

fans will enjoy."







FALLON WAITS ON APPEAL Kieren Fallon asked France Galop officials on Monday for a reduction of the 18-month worldwide ban imposed as a result of failing a drug test in August, but it may be a while before he gets an answer. The France Galop stewards' secretary Henri Pouret told *Racing Post*, "I can confirm that Kieren Fallon, together with his advisors, were heard by the appeal judges. There will now be a deliberation period of up to 10 days, which is normal in a case like this."

#### **★** EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS ★

#### **IN SOUTH AFRICA**

Galileo's Night (GB), c, 4, Galileo (Ire)-Niyabah (Ire), by Nashwan. Durbanville, 1-29, Hcp., 3000mT.
O-L'Ormarins (Pty) Ltd; B-Summerhill Stud; T-Joey Ramsden.







HKJC DONATES TO RED CROSS FUND The Hong Kong Jockey Club has announced a donation of HK\$10 million to the Hong Kong Red Cross China Relief Fund to aid the 100-million plus people affected by snowstorms in mainland China. The HKJC will also organize a fund-raising drive, Action Red Packets, from Feb. 8-12. This effort will call on the public to donate money received over Chinese New Year (lai see), and collection boxes will be set up at the HKJC's 107 Off-Course Betting Brances as well as their three clubhouses and two racecourses. "We hope that our emergency donation can help relieve about 200,000 victims in the 10 most severely hit provinces and provide them with food, warm clothing, quilts and emergency supplies," said HKJC Chairman John C.C. Chan. The provinces and municipalities involved are Hunan, Hubei, Guizhou, Anhui, Jiangxi, Guangxi, Sichuan, Chongqing, Yunnan and Xinjiang. He added, "We hope that our fund-raising drive can likewise bring relief to those affected at this difficult time, as well as demonstrating the close relationship and supportive spirit of Hong Kong people to their Mainland compatriots."

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## BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

#### **ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**9th-PHA**, **\$42,000**, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:17 4/5, ft.

STAR VALLEY (m, 5, Peaks and Valleys--Last Moon, by Lear Fan) Lifetime Record: 21-6-4-2, \$174,251.

O-Scott H Fairlie. B-Upson Downs Farm (KY). T-Lisa M Aitchison. \*\$5,500 wlng '03 KEENOV. \*\*1/2 to Coded Message (Lost Code), SW, \$268,766.

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

VALID INVADER (c, 4, Valid Belfast--Classy Priness, by Zuppardo's Prince) Lifetime Record: 11-2-2-0, \$60,910. O/B-Claven Frederick Sr (LA). T-Mickey Delahoussaye.

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

- D' Wild Affair, g, 3, D'wildcat-Forbidden Love, by Mt. Livermore. FGX, 2-5, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:04 2/5. B-Reade Baker (ON). \*\$30,000 yrl '06 FTKOCT.
- La Corredora, f, 3, El Corredor--Reason to Fear, by Kris S. TAM, 2-5, 1 1/16mT, 1:44. B-Tim & Karen Mawhinney (FL).
- + Pretty Lucky, f, 3, Thatsusintheolbean--No Fooling Cara, by Strike Gold. SUN, 2-5, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05 2/5. B-Tina L Hourigan & C P Hourigan (NM).
- Lucky Will, c, 4, Royal Academy--Lucky Lady Sarah, by Polish Numbers. SUN, 2-5, 1m, 1:38 1/5. B-Kaygar Stables (MD). \*\$80,000 yrl '05 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to Sadler's Sarah (Wayne County {Ire}), SW & GSP, \$146,250.

## BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

#### **CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**FRANCE**, **Toulouse**, **2.45**, 2-4, €16,000, 4yo/up, 7fT, 1:27.63, vsf.

POLY DANCE (FR) (h, 7, Le Triton--Dancing Machine {Fr}, by Kaldoun {Fr}) Lifetime Record: SW-Fr, 35 starts, 15 wins, 16 places, €248,550. O-Mme L Rabineau; B-Basile Lassus; T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

A # will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, a + will indicate first-time starters, an (S) will be used for state-bred races, a (C) will be used for maiden-claiming races and an (R) will be used for other restricted races.

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the 9th Race, \$44,000 MSW, at Aqueduct. For pps and a complete race analysis, click here.

#### **MAIDEN WINNERS:**

Mr Dob, c, 3, <u>Dynaformer</u>--Dorcinea, by Nureyev. Toulouse, France, 2-4, Cond, 3yo, c/g, 1 5/16mT. B-Mike Ryan. \*\$120,000 yrl '06 KEESEP.

Londonintherain (Ire), f, 3, Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)-Qhazeenah (GB), by Marju (Ire). Toulouse, France,
2-4, Cond, 3yo, f, 1 5/16mT. B-Longueville
Bloodstock & Hugo Lascelles Bloodstock. \*85,000gns
wnlg '05 TATDEC; 130,000gns yrl '06 TATOCT.
\*\*1/2 to Girl Warrior (Elusive Quality), GSW-US,
\$194,917.

Elusive Hawk (Ire), g, 4, Noverre--Two Clubs (GB) (SW-GB & Fr, \$101,771), by First Trump (GB). Southwell, Britain, 2-5, Mdn, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT). B-J Fike. \*170,000gns yrl '05 TATOCT; 12,000gns HIT '07 TATHIT. \*\*1/2 to Red Clubs (Ire) (Red Ransom), G1SW-GB & G1SP-Ire, \$1,016,773.



FLEET INDIAN, 7, Indian Charlie--Hustleeta, by Afleet Foal born Feb. 2, a colt by Storm Cat. Will be bred back to A.P. Indy. Owned by Jane and Frank Lyon. Boarded at Summer Wind Farm. Accomplishments: Ch. Older Mare, MGISW, \$1,704,513.

QUENDOM (ARG), 11, Interprete (Arg)--Queen of Victory (Arg), by Cipayo (Arg)
Foal born Feb. 3, a colt by Distorted Humor.
Owned by Miserocchi Allesandro.
Boarded at Hill 'n' Dale Farms.
Accomplishments: Dam of Invasor (Arg) (Candy Stripes), Ch. 3yo Colt & Horse of the Year-Uru; Ch.
Older Horse & Horse of the Year-US, MSW-Uru,
MG1SW-US & UAE, \$7,804,070.

PLACID STAR, 7, Placid Fund--Lao's Star, by Risen Star Foal born Feb. 4, a filly by Holy Bull.
Will be bred back to Milwaukee Brew.
Owned by and boarded at Adena Springs.
Accomplishments: MSW of \$265,600.

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