

ETCHED 4TH AS DEVIL WINS UAE GUINEAS

Honour Devil (Arg) (Honour and Glory) ran his record to a perfect three-for-three with a hard-fought win in last night's G3 UAE 2000 Guineas, as Godolphin's previously unbeaten **Etched** (Forestry) finished six lengths back in fourth. A maiden winner at first asking last March, the athletic bay was acquired by Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa al Maktoum and made a successful Carnival debut for trainer Mike De Kock, taking a Jan. 24 conditions event by 5 1/4 lengths over **My Indy (Arg)** (Indygo Shiner). Always handy beneath John Murtagh, Honour Devil edged to the front in upper stretch. Joined at that juncture by stablemate **Royal Vintage (SAf)** (Rich Man's Gold), a South African Group 2 winner having his first try on the dirt, Honour Devil called on all his class to just hold for the win. **Cont. p2**



Honour Devil winning the G3 UAE 2000 Guineas Andrew Watkins

Thursday, Nad Al Sheba, Dubai

UAE 2000 GUINEAS-G3, \$250,000, Nad Al Sheba, 2-14, NH/SH4yo, 1600m, 1:34.80, ft.

- 1--**#@HONOUR DEVIL (ARG)**, 130, c, 4, by **Honour and Glory**
1st Dam: **Diamond Fitz (Arg)**, by **Fitzcarraldo (Arg)**
2nd Dam: **Diamond Tilly**, by **Alydar**
3rd Dam: **Diamond Till**, by **Model Fool**
O-Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum;
B-Haras Firmamento; T-Mike De Kock; J-J Murtagh;
\$150,000. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$175,752.
- 2--**Royal Vintage (SAf)**, 130, c, 4, Rich Man's Gold--
Derry Wood (SAf), by Fort Wood. O-Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum & RMG Syndicate; B-E Foster; T-Michael F De Kock; \$50,000.
- 3--**My Indy (Arg)**, 130, c, 4, Indygo Shiner--My Light (Arg), by Southern Halo. O-Godolphin; B-Haras La Quebrada; T-Saeed bin Suroor; \$25,000.

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

Also Ran: Etched, Numaany, Paveroc (GB), Mutabayen, New Jersey (Ire), Aquino (Uru), Change Alley, Free Tussy (Arg), Siberian Tiger (Ire), Choisky (Ire), Ablaen, Toolittleyourlate.

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BREEDERS' CUP CHALLENGE SERIES GROWS

The Breeders' Cup "Win and You're In" Challenge has been expanded from 24 qualifying races in 2007 to 49 for this year's Cup, it was announced yesterday. Six of the new "Win and You're In" races will be held at Woodbine Racetrack in Toronto, Canada. Other new hosts include Calder Race Course, Delaware Park, Emerald Downs, Monmouth Park and Suffolk Downs. The winners of the GI Whitney H. at Saratoga July 26, the GI Pacific Classic S. at Del Mar Aug. 24, the Massachusetts H. at Suffolk Downs Sept. 20, the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup at Belmont Park Sept. 27 and the GI



Curlin winning the 2007 BC Classic
Equi-Photo/Sarah K Andrew

Goodwood S. at Oak Tree Sept. 27 will earn automatic spots in the starting gate in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic at Santa Anita Oct. 25. "Following last year's successful launch of the Breeders' Cup Challenge, there was a great deal of interest from tracks around the country and internationally to be a part of this year's series, and that interest led to the expansion of the Challenge," said Greg Avioli, president and chief executive officer of Breeders' Cup. "The creation of the Breeders' Cup Challenge has served as a powerful link between America's greatest races to the Breeders' Cup and has created an increased level of awareness for the horses competing in the World Championships." Breeders' Cup Officials indicated that the Challenge schedule for 2008 may be expanded by an additional five or six races, pending approval with partner tracks. **Cont. p2**

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2008 Breeders' Cup Challenge Schedule

Date/Track	Race	BC Qualifying Race
July 5/MTH	Salvator Mile United Nations	Dirt Mile Turf
July 5/CRC	Princess Rooney Smile Sprint	Filly & Mare Sprint Sprint
July 13/DEL	Delaware H.	Distaff
July 19/DMR	San Diego H.	Dirt Mile
July 26/SAR	Whitney H. Go For Wand H. Diana S. A.G. Vanderbilt H.	Classic Distaff Filly & Mare Turf Sprint
Aug. 3/DMR	John Mabee	Filly & Mare Turf
Aug. 9/AP	Arlington Million Beverly D	Turf Filly & Mare Turf
Aug. 16/SAR	Sword Dancer	Turf
Aug. 17/EMD	Longacres Mile H.	Dirt Mile
Aug. 17/DMR	Del Mar H.	Turf
Aug. 23/AP	Arlington Sprint	Turf Sprint
Aug. 23/DMR	Del Mar H.	Mile
Aug. 24/DMR	Pacific Classic Rancho Bernardo H. Pat O'Brien H.	Classic Filly & Mare Sprint Sprint
Aug. 24/SAR	Ballerina	Filly & Mare Sprint
Sept. 7/WO	Woodbine Mile	Mile
Sept. 14/WO	Natalma	Juv. Fillies Turf
Sept. 20/SUF	Massachusetts H.	Classic
Sept. 24/OSA	Morvich H.	Turf Sprint
Sept. 27/BEL	Jockey Club Gold Cup	Classic
Sept. 27/OSA	Goodwood S. Lady's Secret S. Yellow Ribbon Oak Leaf Ancient Title S.	Classic Distaff Filly & Mare Turf Juvenile Fillies Sprint
Sept. 28/BEL	Miss Grillo Pilgrim	Juv. Fillies Turf Juvenile Turf
Sept. 28/OSA	Norfolk Oak Tree Mile S.	Juvenile Mile
Oct. 3/KEE	Darley Alcibiades	Juvenile Fillies
Oct. 4/KEE	T'bred Club of America Lane's End Breeders' Fut. Shadwell Mile	Filly & Mare Sprint Juvenile Mile
Oct. 4/WO	E P Taylor Summer S. Canadian Int'l Nearctic	Filly & Mare Turf Juvenile Turf Turf Turf Sprint
Oct. 4/BEL	Champagne Frizette	Juvenile Juvenile Fillies
Oct. 5/KEE	Juddmonte Spinster S. Jessamine Woodford Reserve Bourbon	Distaff Juv. Fillies Turf Juvenile Turf

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UAE 2000 Guineas cont.

De Kock Doubles Up...

It wasn't accomplished with the same ease as stable-mate Asiatic Boy (Arg), but Honour Devil provided trainer Mike De Kock with his second consecutive win in this first leg of the local Triple Crown and third in the last six years. The South African also conditions the runner-up, owned in part by Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa. "It's a fantastic result for Sheikh Mohammed [bin Khalifa] and we're all indebted to him for his support of the stable," De Kock stated. "Honour Devil just doesn't know when to lay down. But take nothing away from the runner-up who hadn't run for 257 days and did not have the best draw [13]." The two stable-mates will make their respective next appearances in the Listed Al Bastakiya S. over 1800 meters on the Super Thursday program Mar. 6.

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WEEKEND STAKES PERFORMERS:
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According to his website, part of Bill DiScala's vision as the head of the Karakorum Racing Partnerships is to "bring Thoroughbred ownership to the average racing fan, the person who would not otherwise have the means or knowledge to compete with the sport's wealthier Thoroughbred owners." That vision will carry 50 or so investors to suburban Baltimore this weekend when the stable's **Karakorum Starlet** (Skip Away) makes her graded stakes debut in the Fritchie.

"I think she's going to run really, really well," DiScala commented yesterday. "She's at the top of her game, she's getting better all the time and I think [seven furlongs] is her best distance."

Born in 1963 on Staten Island, New York, DiScala attended Eastern Michigan University before returning to the East Coast to launch a career on Wall Street. An executive at Shearson Lehman Brothers at just 27, DiScala, who admits to having been around horses for most of his life, but never attended a horse race until his 30s, was lured into the Thoroughbred business in earnest by a client of his and he put together the Karakorum partnerships in 1997.

DiScala explains that the Karakorum horses, mostly New York-breds, are purchased at public auction and that they typically spend between \$15,000 and \$50,000 per horse. On the advice of pinhooker Pat Hoppel, Karakorum Starlet was bought for just \$13,000 out of the 2004 Fasig-Tipton October yearling sale. DiScala said that she was something of a chip off the ol' block.

"She really kind of travels like Skip Away," he offered. "She was really strong and was built just like him."

The attractive chestnut was winless in four starts at two before graduating by nearly 14 lengths in her first sophomore start in 2006, and completed that season with three wins from four outings, all in state-bred company. After venturing outside restricted competition in early 2007, she returned to Empire-bred stakes competition and gave the stable one of its bigger thrills, winning the Union Avenue S. at Saratoga



Karakorum Starlet *karakorum.com*

last August.

"That was just fantastic, to win a big race like that at Saratoga," DiScala recollected. "We were all really proud of her."

She padded her credentials with another restricted black-type win in the Iroquois H. in October, then was runner-up to **More Angels** (Slew of Angels) in the Smart Angle S. at Aqueduct the following month. Fourth to **Control System** (Lion Hearted) in the Dec. 1 Garland of Roses H., Karakorum Starlet improved to be runner-up to the Fritchie favorite in the Jan. 1 Interborough H. She enters Saturday's race off a one-length score in the Ruby Rubles S. versus state-breds Jan. 11 and DiScala is looking forward to the opportunity facing him this weekend.

"I really believe she's the horse to beat," he says.

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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	6	Dance Hero (Aus)	Danzero (Aus)	Waterhouse
2	2	Apache Cat (Aus)	Lion Cavern	Eurell
3	8	Let Go Thommo (Aus)	Laranto (Aus)	Zahra
4	3	Cocinero (Aus)	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Griffiths
5	7	Stanzout (Aus)	Galli di Ferro	Davies
6	10	Flash Trick (Aus)	Success Express	Alderson
7	1	Sonic Quest (Aus)	Quest For Fame (GB)	Freedman
8	5	Monet Rules (Aus)	Commands (Aus)	Corstens
9	9	Arevalo (Aus)	Archway (Ire)	Laing
10	11	Miss Finland (Aus)	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Hayes
11	4	Tan Tat De Lago (Aus)	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Moody

All carry 129 pounds, except Miss Finland, 123, and Tan Tat De Lago, 117.

Apache Cat, winner in his last start of the G1 Lightning S., is the 13-10 favorite and trainer Greg Eurell is brimming with confidence. "He's proven at the trip and is dynamite second-up," Eurell summed up. "He's thrived since his Lightning win, he's spot on." Apache Cat is attempting to emulate Miss Andretti (Aus), who became only the fourth horse in history to complete the Lightning--Australia S. double when she won both features in 2007. Five-time Group 1 winner **Miss Finland** will go to the barriers without Craig Williams, her partner for 22 starts, with connections deciding earlier in the week that Steve Arnold would replace Williams because they believe the mare has become complacent with her regular rider. "We love Craig. We think he has done a terrific job. There has been a wonderful bond between the two of them and he has been very kind to her," said managing part-owner John Messara. "It was simply that Miss Finland had lost her spark and someone new may bring it back. A change might spark her up a bit."

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Saturday, Tampa Bay Downs

ENDEAVOUR S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Tiger Belle	Tiger Ridge	No Rider	116
2	Take the Ribbon	Chester House	Velasquez	116
3	Lil's Lassie	Lil's Lad	Gonzalez	118
4	The Real Future	Real Quiet	D Coa	118
5	Jaunty Gale	Tiger Ridge	Piermarini	118
6	Dreaming of Anna	Rahy	No Rider	116
7	Patricia (Arg)	Mont Laurier	Montalvo	118
8	Lear's Princess	Lear Fan	E Coa	116
9	Beautiful Venue	Came Home	Centeno	116
10	Pretoria Light	Colony Light	Lezcano	122
11	Meribel	Peaks and Valleys	Gomez	116

Sunday, Gulfstream Park

HURRICANE BERTIE H.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Linda May (Arg)	Honour and Glory	Castro	115
2	Cher Ami	Lost Soldier	A Smith	118
3	Bereba	Exchange Rate	Cruz	115
4	Lady Marlboro	Smoke Glacken	Coa	119
5	Sugar Swirl	Touch Gold	J Castellano	121
6	Silver Knockers	Silver Deputy	Velasquez	116
7	V. I. P. Princess	Thunder Gulch	Velasquez	115
8	Change Up	Distorted Humor	Deormeaux	118

Monday, Laurel Park

GENERAL GEORGE H.-GII, \$300,000, 3yo/up, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Lord Snowdon	Seeking the Gold	Rose	113
2	Bustin Stones	City Zip	Dominguez	115
3	Premium Wine	Prime Timber	Rose	113
4	Throng	Silver Deputy	Prado	115
5	Ryan's for Real	Sword Dance (Ire)	Caraballo	114
6	Divine Park	Chester House	Garcia	117
7	Marvel Wood	Ormsby	Rose	109
8	Stormin Normandy	Stormin Fever	Velasquez	113

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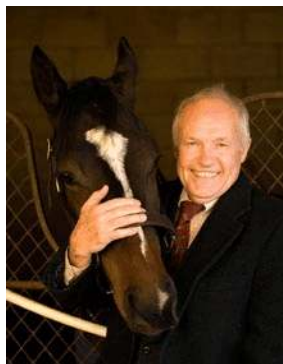
General George cont.

Stormin Normandy has also been entered in Saturday's Hollie Hughes H. at the Big A, but according to trainer Rick Dutrow, the IEAH Stables' colorbearer may try his luck in both stakes races. "I don't want to pass [the Hollie Hughes] up in his own backyard where it looks like he's supposed to win," Dutrow told *Daily Racing Form*. "I'm very happy with the horse. I'm going to see what happens here Saturday before I make any decisions." Local hero **Ah Day** (Malibu Moon) is out of Monday's feature after sustaining an injury to his right shoulder Wednesday. "The injury happened while he was in the stall," said trainer King Leatherbury, who currently ranks third on the all-time win list with 6,232 victories. "This happens in horse racing. I can't explain it and the vets don't know why, but did tell me it will take three months to heal. He will be back."



Stormin Normandy
Sherackatthetrack

Runner-up in last year's General George, Ah Day was sidelined with a hind-end problem following a second-place finish in the GII Churchill Downs H. May 5. The five-year-old posted a rousing victory over track and trip Jan. 19 in the Fire Plug S., giving Leatherbury hope that he'd be in the winner's circle on Presidents' Day. "I was already counting my money," said the 74-year-old conditioner. "In fact, I had already spent some of it." He added, "I thought we would win or finish second. It was a beautiful spot for us. A seven-furlong race on our home track, coming off a perfect prep...maybe next year we can win the General George."



Ah Day & Leatherbury
Jim McCue/MJC

THIS DATE IN HISTORY...

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UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Track</u>
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

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The average book size of Kentucky stallions has climbed from 54.3 in 2005 to 62.3 for 2007. Kentucky was also home to 102 stallions which covered at least 100 mares, up from 96 in 2006. The average among those 100+ book sires fell slightly, however, from 132.1 to 130.4 from 2007 to 2006. Are large stallion books good for the industry? What is your prediction for 2008? Will book size continue to grow?



Stone Farm Owner Arthur Hancock III:

About 20 percent of the yearlings sold at the last September sales at Keeneland made money. The only people who made a profit across the board were the stallion owners. A breeder cannot survive legitimately when he owns one of 50 to 80 yearlings in a sale. The inescapable conclusion is that the oversupply is breaking the breeder who buys a stud fee to a stallion who has an oversold book.



Arthur Hancock
Horsephotos

Also, I firmly believe (as did my father and grandfather) that overbreeding a stallion compromises the quality of his offspring and that, in the long run, it is destructive to the breed. Their philosophy was that 100 covers was the right number, so today if a stud averages 1.5 covers per mare, he should have 65 mares (in the old days they averaged

2.5 covers and had 40 mares). The stud fee can then be set accordingly, and it is a win-win situation for the breeder, the stallion owner and the buyer. What is being done to our industry today is absolutely sickening. I have refused to participate in this practice and will continue to do so. It is unfair to the breeder and the breed.



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Overbrook Farm Manager of Stallion Operations Ric Waldman:

In a word, No. Large book sizes are not good for the industry, but for the most part, are here to stay. It has gotten to the point that a stallion is judged to be popular only if he breeds over 100 mares. Stallion managers are in a 'Catch 22.' They are aware that a continuing shrinking gene pool is the price that the industry is paying for large books, but how does a stallion manager, pressured by owners to maximize cash flow, turn mares away? Adding "a few extra mares" is an easy way to enhance a farm's bottom line. At the margin, accepting that extra mare is a 'no-brainer.'

Normally, I am a 'free market' person--I believe in not tampering with a market and allowing it to take care of itself. But, what part of this market function protects the stud book? Who is going to look out for the future of our breed? I do not see breeders nor stallion managers having enough concern nor a sense of responsibility for the future of the breed.

One added bit of pressure on stallion managers to control the size of their stallions' books will be the continued backlash from breeders from having to compete in the marketplace with too many yearlings by the same sire--in a growing yearling market, no problem, but in a yearling market which is at best, leveling off, excessive representation of a particular sire will be more of a glaring problem.

My guess is that the number of stallions will decline; the average book sizes will increase, but at a decreasing rate; the number of stallions which breed 100+ mares might increase slightly; the average book size among the stallions which breed 100+ mares might stay very close to where it has been the past couple of years.

Hill 'n' Dale Owner John Sikura:

The question of stallion book size should address a lot more than what is the optimum number of mares a horse should breed. It is complex, as breeders only want to breed to the same horse and have little or no patience waiting for a stallion to get runners.

We must therefore meet the demands of breeders while subsidizing the rest of our roster. If breeders want to have choice, they must also be part of the solution and patronize a wider number of stallions. You cannot limit the books of your popular horses while breeding 40 mares to a new horse. The solution is therefore a collaboration of restraint by stallion owners and more loyalty from breeders.

Dapple Bloodstock Owner Mike Akers:

Well, I guess it decides which side of the fence you're on. If you're selling seasons and own a stallion, of course you'd like to generate as much revenue as possible. If you're a mare owner, you'd like less competition



Mike Akers
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in the marketplace. That's supply and demand working. But being able to get my mare into a stallion in a timely fashion, when she really needs to be bred, is very important to me as a mare owner. Different stallions have different libidos, but much past 150 mares on a book, it starts getting tougher in terms of getting in when you need to get in. I think, with a natural cover and the laws of nature, I think the number's going to end up around there. Some-

times, certain stallions are very fertile and they can service more mares and you'll have a higher number.

There are no rules, and it's fair for a man to make as much money as he can. If the marketplace decides there's too much competition, you back off and look elsewhere. I think that's the beautiful thing about our industry. It's a pure market with no regulation, and the marketplace dictates the pace.

As far as price, I think, in the American market at least, that an athletic individual will always sell well, even if there's a number of paternal half-siblings in the sale. There are so many good people out there scouring the sales, if you have a really good yearling, even if his sire has a lot of foals in the marketplace, you'll get paid.



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Bluewater Sales owner Meg Levy:

From a consignors point of view, the hardest part about it is placing the progeny of a given stallion in the sales, especially when the book of that stallion is approaching 200. There's only so many horses are ready for the Fasig-Tipton July Sale--and I only want to bring horses there if they're really at the top--and at [Fasig-Tipton] Saratoga you're talking about horses with serious pedigrees, which means there are a lot at Keeneland September.



Meg Levy *bluewatersales*

And the horses with the larger books, you're generally talking about new sires in the \$10,000 to \$30,000 range--Books 3, 4 and 5 of the Keeneland Sale. There's a glut of very similar type horses. Some horses are unlucky and get put in

Book 5, when they very well could have qualified for Book 3. One of the things we've talked about with Keeneland is, why does there have to be Book 3 and 4? Why not have a Book 3 that covers four days?

We are one of the few consignors that use Timonium [Fasig-Tipton Midlantic], which helps us. For example, last year, we had access to quite a few Harlan's Holidays. We had one who ended up being a \$300,000 horse at July, then we had one in at September and another at Timonium. I don't want to have two horses of similar ilk in the same draft; you don't want to compete against your own type. If one's a filly and one's a colt, that's okay. That's me, though. Some people feel differently about it, especially consignors who stand the stallions at their farm. They might have five from the same sire in their shedrow.

Country Life Farm Co-Owner Michael Pons:

It's almost getting to be like a Wal-Mart, K-Mart thing. You won't need the mom and pop breeding farms if you can get everything at Wal-Mart. The problem you get with that is that you don't know where the next good stallion is coming from.

They're not always the most likely suspects; they're not always the first-round draft picks. We had Malibu Moon here. He raced twice. He was very impressive and an unbelievably good-looking horse, but would he have gotten a shot in today's market, compared to 2000, when he went to stud? I worry long term, because so many stallions are failures. At the end of the day, you put an awful lot of water in the soup. I'm a traditionalist; I wish there were more manageable-sized books, and there was a more level playing field.

On the other hand, we had Allen's Prospect here, and he was one of the first horses in the country to breed up around a hundred mares. We'd go to the local sales, and there would be 25 or 30 of his babies, and my guys would be crowing at me, 'Oh my God, look at all the Allen's Prospects here.' But they were so much better than everyone else that it was the honey that draws the bees; there were people coming from all around the country to buy babies by him. It was a love-hate thing.

Now, with some books around 200, it gets very difficult to be Best in Class, and then Best in Show, at the sales with the offspring of a certain sire.

Economically, it magnifies everything. The market knows much more quickly the good stallions and the bad stallions than in the past.

Journeyman Stud Owner Brent Fernung:

Last year, [Journeyman stallion] Wildcat Heir bred 177 mares, which I think was tied for third-most in North America. This year, just through the natural progression of his career, it will be down from that. I don't have any problems with large books. I think during their first couple of years at stud, stallions need big books in today's market, because, frankly, people turn away from them as they get to have horses to make the races. Consequently, I don't mind big books in the first and second years. It's more of an economic pressure. You have to pay for these stallions, and the business is such that business tails off in the third and fourth years. Probably not so much here [in Florida] than in Lexington.



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Trainer of Hey Byrn
 (c, 3, Put It Back--Restraining Order, by Skip Trial)
Consigned by Eisaman Equine
\$160,000 2yo OBS March 2007
Lifetime Record: SP, 5-2-2-0, \$95,200.

North Miami resident Bea Oxenberg has raced a number of successful horses over the past few decades, including homebred millionaire **Best of the Rest** (Skip Trial), and she added a pair of colts to her stable at last year's OBS March sale. Those purchases, **Hey Byrn** (Put It Back) and **Smokin' Bee** (Two Punch), have proven to be astute ones for Oxenberg. Last Sunday, Hey Byrn trounced the highly touted Bordeaux Bandit and Jockey Ridge by 14 1/2 lengths in a Gulfstream allowance, and the following day, Smokin' Bee stepped up off a maiden victory to take third in the \$75,000 OBS Sprint S. Both colts were purchased on Oxenberg's behalf by longtime trainer Eddie Plesa, Jr.

"I've known Bea for about 20, 25 years," said Plesa. "She's got about a half-dozen horses in training now."

At \$160,000, Hey Byrn was the highest-priced juvenile in 2007 for his sire, who stands at Bridlewood Farm in Ocala. The son of Honour and Glory has carved out a reputation nationally with top sprinters In Summation and Smokey Stover as well as the unbeaten filly High Resolve.

"He was by a sire that I like a lot, Put It Back," Plesa said when asked about Hey Byrn. "He was a big, good-looking horse, very athletic, and [he was] from a consignor that I've got a lot of faith in--Barry Eisaman."

"I had watched this horse train before he got to the sale and really liked him," Plesa added. Hey Byrn, the second foal from the stakes-placed Skip Trial mare Restraining Order, was purchased as a yearling by

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"I was taking two of her horses up to Ocala for the stakes," Plesa offered. "This race was available, and it was easier for her to get to Gulfstream."

"In all honesty, I thought he was about a work away from where I wanted him to be," Plesa continued. "Was it a surprise that he won? No. Was I surprised about the way he won? Yes. The way he totally dominated two horses [whose connections] were looking on to bigger things..." Hey Byrn earned a 97 Beyer Speed Figure for his impressive score, covering a mile in 1:37.

Any sharp winner at the Gulfstream meeting guarantees interest from the big operations--witness Curlin last year--and Hey Byrn is no exception.

"We've gotten a lot of calls and a number of offers," Plesa confirmed. "Maybe if one knocks her socks off, then she'll sell. [But] she's got the resources, and she's in it like everyone else--to have a good horse." Hey Byrn will continue to carry Oxenberg's hot pink silks.

"We're looking to run in an allowance before the [GI] Florida Derby [Mar. 29]; if not, then we'll train up to it," Plesa added.

As far as his stablemates go, Smokin' Bee--a \$50,000 purchase at OBS March--needed four starts to put it all together, but is heading in the right direction.

"We dropped him in for a [\$62,500] tag," Plesa explained. "He won, and the light went on for him." The Kentucky-bred grey broke through at Gulfstream Jan. 14 before his third in Ocala.

"He's always shown promise. I think he'll be a solid horse, maybe not quite like the other one," the Calder-based conditioner said.

In any case, Hey Byrn and Smokin' Bee have a long way to go before supplanting Best of the Rest in Oxenberg's and Plesa's affections. The homebred, born in 1995, earned over \$1.4 million while winning 16 of 32 starts over the course of seven years.

"He's my all-time favorite," said Plesa. "He had the class to participate at the highest level, but he had knee problems. He was laid up three times--once for as long as 18 months." Best of the Rest captured the inaugural Sunshine Millions Classic in 2003 at the beginning of his eight-year-old campaign, and added the GIII Skip Away H. three months later.

Oxenberg purchased a yearling by her old stalwart in 2006 for \$4,000 at OBS August. That filly, First is Best, captured a pair of turf outings at Calder before finishing sixth in the Darley OBS Championship S. last Monday.

Still owned entirely by Oxenberg, Best of the Rest currently stands at Ocala Stud Farm for \$2,500. His first crop numbered 10 foals, of which seven have made it to the races; six of them have won. His best runner to date is the stakes-placed filly Hidden Wish.



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NORTH AMERICA

WALDROP TO TESTIFY BEFORE CONGRESS

National Thoroughbred Racing Association President and CEO Alexander M. Waldrop has been asked to testify before the Energy and Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection. The hearing entitled, "Drugs in Sports: Compromising the Health of Athletes and Undermining the Integrity of Competition," will take place Feb. 27. "The NTRA welcomes this opportunity to continue its dialogue with Congress on the matter of medication in pari-mutuel horseracing," Waldrop said. "Over the past several months, our legislative team members--along with representatives from the RMTC and RCI--have been meeting with individual members of Congress, communicating to them the many ways in which the horseracing industry has been working to build and improve the infrastructure for medication research and regulation. The invitation to share our work in more detail with the Members of the Committee via public testimony at the hearing is a logical extension of those efforts."

J BE K RETURNS TO ACTION TODAY With the likes of Pyro, Kodiak Cowboy and Z Fortune in his barn, Steve Asmussen isn't lacking for talented three-year-old colts. Still, his barn received yet another last week when Ahmed Zayat, frustrated with the situation in Southern California, moved **J Be K** (Silver Deputy) to his care. J Be K makes his first start for Asmussen in today's eighth race at Fair Grounds, a six-furlong entry-level allowance race. The \$350,000 FTFEB juvenile purchase has drawn the one hole and will be partnered with Shaun Bridgmohan. Bob Baffert previously trained J Be K, who captured his one and only start in track-record-setting style. J Be K blitzed a 5 1/2-furlong maiden special weight at Saratoga last August by 7 1/2 lengths while stopping the clock in 1:03 flat. The dark bay was sidelined for the rest of the season, but had been working like a good thing for Baffert at Santa Anita before ongoing track issues in Arcadia prompted Zayat to ship his horses east. J Be K was produced by the GSP Valid Appeal mare Major Wager, a half-sister to current Triple Crown hopeful Atoned (Repent).

STAKES CLOSINGS

TOMORROW, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16:

- 3-1 \$1,000,000 **Santa Anita H.-I, SA, 4yo, 10f (300)**
- 03-01 \$300,000 **F.E. Kilroe Mile-I, SA, 4yo/up, 8fT (300)**
- 05-02 \$500,000a **Kentucky Oaks-I, CD, 3yo, f, 9f (100)**
- 05-03 \$500,000 **Woodford Reserve Turf Classic-I, CD, 3yo/up, 9fT (100)**

HIGH HEELS RETIRED **High Heels** (E Dubai--Ornate, by Gilded Time), winner of last year's GII Fantasy S., has been retired from racing after a chip was discovered in her right front knee. "It's a good-sized chip," said trainer Gary Hartlage. "It's not causing her pain, but, under the circumstances, we felt we had no choice but to retire her." In addition to her Fantasy win, High Heels was third in the GI Kentucky Oaks and was second in the GII Falls City H., GII Chilukki S. and GII Gardenia H. On the board in 12 of 17 starts, she retires with three wins and earnings of \$484,636. Immediate plans for High Heels are uncertain. "At this point, [owner] Anita [Ebert Cauley] hasn't decided to keep her or sell her," Hartlage said.



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4:42p HRTV 8th-GPX, \$55K, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT
TAKE THE RIBBON (Chester House), runner-up to Arravale in the GI Del Mar Oaks and to Magnificent Song in the GI Garden City BC S. in 2006, notched a deserving victory in the GIII Churchill Distaff Turf Mile S. last May. Third to My Typhoon (Ire) in the GII Just a Game S. in June for Wally Dollase, she concluded her stint with that trainer with a solid fourth to Precious Kitten in the GI John C. Mabee H. at Del Mar in August. The Eurowest Bloodstock colorbearer, also entered in Saturday's GIII Endeavor S. at Tampa, gets a class reprieve as she returns under the care of Barclay Tagg. brisnet.com pps

6:36p HRTV 6th-SAX, \$48K, Msw, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f
UNION SCALE (Richter Scale), a pricey \$825k juvenile purchase by C R K Stable at the 2006 BESMAR sale, took the lion's share of the crowd's money in his belated debut, a six-furlong Santa Anita maiden Jan. 17, but was never in the race and finished eighth. The John Sadler trainee has worked forwardly in the interim, including a :46 4/5 drill (4/39) at Santa Anita Feb. 12. Trainer Ron Ellis unveils 4yo **Mr Gruff (Mr. Greeley)**, a \$200k BESMAR buy. brisnet.com pps

7:37p HRTV 8th-SAX, \$52K, Alw, 4yo/up, 6f
There was nothing wrong with the way **COMMUNICATED (Distorted Humor)** broke his maiden at first asking. The WinStar-owned, Todd Pletcher-trained 4yo, a \$200k KEESEP yearling, went off the 2-1 chalk in a 6 1/2-furlong Churchill sprint last July and won by an easy 5 1/2 lengths while stopping the clock in 1:15 2/5. He didn't get back to the races in 2007, but has given every indication in his morning drills that he's ready for his So. Cal bow. brisnet.com pps
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CALDER ANNOUNCES 2008 STAKES SCHEDULE

Calder Race Course has announced that 64 stakes races, worth \$9,405,000 will be conducted in 2008 over the track's two meetings, Calder and Tropical. Highlighting the Miami oval's special events are the inaugural Turf Millions Apr. 26, the Summit of Speed July 12 and the Festival of the Sun Oct. 18. Calder will conduct 17 graded races in 2008, including the GI Princess Rooney H. and GII Smile Sprint H. on the Summit of Speed. Both of those \$500,000 six-furlong races have been added to the Breeders' Cup "Win and You're In" program for spots in the F/M Sprint and GI Sprint, respectively. The track also announced that the Criterium S. would be renamed in honor of Calder Hall of Fame trainer Frank Gomez, who died this past December. Being introduced Nov. 16 is the \$100,000 Challenge of the Americas, a race for horses born in North, South and Central America. For more information, go to www.calderracecourse.com.

GOVERNOR BESHEAR'S PROPOSAL CALLS FOR 12 CASINOS IN KENTUCKY

Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear released a proposal to the General Assembly today that would allow 12 casinos in Kentucky. Governor Beshear's proposed amendment, which must be passed by the state's senate, would appear on the November ballot, allowing the people of Kentucky to vote on the issue. "For too long the people's wishes conveyed through surveys and trips to casinos on our borders have been pushed aside," Governor Beshear told *The Courier-Journal*. "For too long this revenue option has been ignored while we've hemmed and hawed. It is time for resolution." Seven of the casinos would be at racetracks, including Churchill Downs, Ellis Park, Turfway Park and Kentucky Downs. Keeneland Racecourse in Lexington would share a license with the city's harness track, the Red Mile. "We thank Gov. Steve Beshear and the legislators who have worked on this issue for their leadership on a matter of great importance to the Commonwealth of Kentucky and to the horse industry," Churchill Downs Incorporated President and Chief Executive Officer Robert L. Evans said. "The governor's plan launches us on a process of putting Kentucky's horse industry on equal, competitive footing with racing industries in an increasing number of states that have already implemented casino gaming at racetracks. The governor's proposal will also keep Kentucky revenues in Kentucky and attract new revenues to the Commonwealth from neighboring states that have had gaming for several years. These additional revenues are required to fund important programs and projects throughout Kentucky. We look forward to working with Governor Beshear and lawmakers, and to participating in the dialogue on this important issue."

★ GULFSTREAM ★

Yesterday's Results:

SHOTINTHEHEART S., \$75,000, GPX, 2-14, (S), 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:40 3/5, gd.

- 1--**#RUFF AND READY, 120, h, 6, [More Than Ready](#)--Cricket Box, by Notebook.** O-James Scatuorchio and Mark Hassenberg; B-Ocala Stud Farms (FL); T-Todd A Pletcher; J-Eibar Coa; \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 10-5-2-0, \$168,580. *1/2 to Outofthebox (Montbrook), GISW, \$734,008.
- 2--**Silver Tree, 116, h, 8, Hennessy--Blue Begum, by With Approval.** O-Peter Vegso. \$15,000.
- 3--**Presious Passion, 120, g, 5, Royal Anthem--Princesa's Passion, by Marquetry.** O-Patricia A Generazio. \$7,500.

Margins: 5 3/4, HF, NK. Odds: 2.80, 1.60, 6.10.

Ruff and Ready, who returned from a year's absence to run sixth in an off-the-turf optional claimer at Churchill last November, was sidelined two months after that effort, but came back to earn a narrow victory in a Jan. 12 allowance over this turf course. The chestnut rated in third before spurting to the lead in upper stretch and powering clear for an easy win to remain unbeaten in four turf appearances. Favored Silver Tree, winner of last year's GII Fourstardave H. at Saratoga, closed late to get up for second in his first start since last September. "He took to the soft going today so good that if someone had asked me what condition the turf was in, I would have said 'perfect,'" said winning rider Eibar Coa. "The way he was moving over the ground had me feeling so confident. I was a little worried about Silver Tree, but when we got to the eighth pole, I knew Silver Tree would have to have been really running to come and get me." Explaining why his talented runner is so lightly raced, owner James Scatuorchio said, "There were no major injuries, just little knicky-knacky things that began when he was a young horse and would flare up on him. Hopefully he's over all that now. We gave him plenty of time and now he's showing he was worth it. He's four-for-four on turf, so that looks like his future. Todd [Pletcher] will decide what's next." [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

7th-GPX, \$44,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500-\$57,500), NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 5f (off turf), :56 3/5, ft.

QUALITY AFFAIR (f, 4, [Elusive Quality](#)--Affair With Aflair {MSW}, by Well Decorated), fourth behind Sugar Swirl in the Jan. 13 GIII First Lady H. two starts back, tired to third after setting quick fractions last time out in a Feb. 4 allowance. On the lead from the start, the \$285,000 KEENOV weanling cut out fractions of :21.84 and :43.99. She carried a six-length advantage into the lane and came home 4 1/4 lengths better than Lia's Luck (Smoke Glacken) as the crowd's even-money choice. Lifetime Record: 14-3-1-2, \$82,099. O-M & I Cowan. B-Castleton Group (KY). T-H Jerkens.



★ "TDN Rising Star" ★

8th-GPX, \$40,000, Msw, 3yo, 7f, 1:23, ft.
 + HARLEM ROCKER, c, 3, by [Macho Uno](#)
 1st Dam: Freedom Come (MSP, \$218,401),
 by Lit de Justice
 2nd Dam: Zee Lady, by Unreal Zeal
 3rd Dam: Try to be a Lady, by Sham
 Harlem Rocker, sent off at 7-2, entered his debut off
 a bullet five-furlong move in 1:00 at Palm Beach Downs
 Feb. 8. Left at the gate, the gray colt tarried near the
 back of the pack, made a four-wide move turning for
 home and reeled in the pacesetters in the final furlong
 to win going away by 1 3/4 lengths over Sin Novedad
 (Cherokee Run). A Diehl (Aldebaran) was sixth and
 Excess Capital (Distorted Humor) seventh. **Click for the**
[brisnet.com chart](#). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#).
 Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,000.
 O-Stronach Stables. B-Adena Springs (ON). T-T Pletcher.

★ EAST ★

New Jersey Racetracks to Maintain Purse Supplement:

The New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority
 announced yesterday that the current purse structure at
 its racetrack will be maintained. Authority Chairman
 Carl Goldberg stated, "The horseracing industry is a
 vital part of the fabric of New Jersey. And of course
 the NJSEA racetracks--the Meadowlands and
 Monmouth Park--are essential to the vitality of that
 important industry. Therefore we will maintain our
 current overnight purse structure with the Authority
 providing the necessary funding while the new
 three-year purse supplement program negotiations are
 completed. We are very optimistic an agreement will be
 reached soon between the State and the Atlantic City
 casinos to continue this crucial supplement program."

Yesterday's Results:

8th-TAM, \$17,700, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, 6f, 1:11, ft.
STORMIN YANK (c, 3, [Yankee Gentleman](#)--[Delamere](#),
 by [Brocco](#)), a \$29,000 FTKOCT yearling, drew off to a
 2 1/4-length debut win against \$50,000 claimers over
 this track and trip Jan. 24. The tepid 2-1 favorite recov-
 ered from a troubled start to stalk the pace. He rallied
 three wide into the lane, gained command with a fur-
 long to run and pulled clear to score by 3 1/4 lengths.
 Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$19,320.
 O-S Bush. B-Polo Green Stable (KY). T-R O'Connor, II.

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN BRITAIN:

Dvinsky, g, 7, [Stravinsky](#)--[Festive Season](#), by [Lypheor](#)
 (GB). Kempton Park, 2-13, Hcp, 4yo/up, 6f (AWT).
 B-Eclipse Bloodstock & Tipperary Bloodstock.
 *\$72,000 wnlg '01 KEENOV; €200,000 yrl '02
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★ NEW YORK ★

Yesterday's Results:

3rd-AQU, \$50,960, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW2X,
 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft.
COWGIRLS DON'T CRY (f, 4, [Pure Prize](#)--[Emphatic](#)
[Style](#), by [Crafty Prospector](#)), a \$105,000 FTMMAY
 juvenile, had not been seen since winning the A M
 Fisher Debutante at Ellis Park in August 2006 for Todd
 Pletcher. Hustled to the front early, the 7-2 shot set all
 the fractions and flew home a 5 3/4-length winner.
 Lifetime Record: SW, 5-3-1-0, \$103,700.
 O-Jeff Singer. B-Justice Farm, Greg and Steve Justice
 (KY). T-Kiaran P McLaughlin.

★ CENTRAL ★

Yesterday's Results:

9th-FGX, \$40,500, NW1X, 3yo, 1m, 1:38 3/5, ft.
MY PAL CHARLIE (c, 3, [Indian Charlie](#)--[Shahalo](#), by
[Halo](#)) was coming off a two-length maiden win against
 \$50,000 claimers at this track Jan. 26. Favored with
 stablemate Iron Works Pike (Five Star Day) at even
 money, the bay colt chased the pacesetter, forged to
 the lead in upper stretch and maintained a 1 1/2-length
 advantage to the wire. Manager Boire (Langfuhr) was
 second and Iron Works Pike third. My Pal Charlie, a
 \$300,000 KEESEP yearling, is a full brother to Bwana
 Charlie (MGSW, \$388,850) and a half to Bwana Bull
 (Holy Bull, GSW, \$526,382). Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0,
 \$41,310.
 O-B W Hughes. B-John R Penn (KY). T-Albert Stall, Jr.

6th-FGX, \$39,750, Msw, 4&5yo, 5 1/2f (off turf),
 1:05 3/5, ft.
 + **GOLDUST MIRAGE** (c, 4, [Seeking the Gold](#)--[Desert](#)
[Stormer](#) {GISW, \$862,950}, by [Storm Cat](#)), dismissed
 at 11-1, was allowed to settle well off the early pace.
 He moved up along the rail into the lane, moved to the
 outside in deep stretch and overtook Mystery Guest
 (Touch Gold) for a 3/4-length victory. The winner is a
 full to Sahara Gold (GSW, \$248,742). [Video, sponsored](#)
[by Taylor Made](#). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$23,400.
 O-Live Oak Plantation. B-Live Oak Stud (KY). T-M Pierce.

5th-OPX, \$33,000, Msw, 3-5yo, f/m, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft.
UNDERCOVER ANGEL (f, 4, [Distorted Humor](#)--[Bride to](#)
[Cross](#), by [Phone Trick](#)), a \$700,000 BESMAR juvenile,
 had not been out since running fourth in her debut for
 Bob Baffert at Santa Anita last Feb. 7. The 3-5 favorite
 was allowed to settle into stride before moving into
 contention with a three-wide move turning for home.
 She took over in upper stretch and inched clear to a
 1 1/2-length victory over Miss Grandiose (Grand Slam).
 Trumpet Call (Vindication) was seventh. [Video, sponsored](#)
[by Taylor Made](#). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$22,560.
 O-Zayat Stables, LLC. B-Gulf Coast Farms Bloodstock
 LP (KY). T-Steven M Asmussen.



★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

Yesterday's Results:

3rd-SAX, \$55,400, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:44, ft.

PRINCESS ZOZO (m, 6, [Royal Anthem](#)--Jade Bracelet, by Jade Hunter) was off for over a year after breaking her maiden over the Del Mar lawn in August 2006 and failed to hit the board in four starts over the turf last fall and winter. Making her first start since running sixth at Hollywood Dec. 9, the bay mare settled into fourth in the early going. She put a head in front of pacesetting favorite Igraine (Cherokee Run) at the top of the lane and outbattled that foe to the wire for a 3/4-length victory. Princess Zozo was a \$90,000 KEEESP yearling. Lifetime Record: 9-2-0-3, \$86,280. O-Pamela C Ziebarth. B-Hopewell Investments LLC (KY). T-John W Sadler.

6th-SAX, \$51,200, Msw, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:45 3/5, ft.

MAGICAL VICTORY (f, 3, [Victory Gallop](#)--Miss Houdini {GISW, \$187,600}, by [Belong to Me](#)) rallied from well out of it to be fourth in her six-furlong debut at this track Jan. 21. Favored at 2-1 to improve on the stretch-out, the bay filly was last through three-quarters, rallied five wide into the stretch and finished determinedly to get up for a half-length victory over Distinctive Dixie (Fusaichi Pegasus). Smooth Performer (Benchmark) was sixth. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$32,880. O/B-Bo Hirsch (KY). T-Gary Stute.

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[Shotintheheart S. \(9th-GP\)](#) **Ruff and Ready** (More Than Ready) romps home an easy winner.

[8th-GPX \(Msw\)](#) ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ **Harlem Rocker** (Macho Uno) overcomes slow start to win going away.

[6th-FGX \(Msw\)](#) **Goldust Mirage** (Seeking the Gold) wins debut.

[5th-OPX \(Msw\)](#) **Undercover Angel** (Distorted Humor) returns a winner.

[6th-SAX \(Msw\)](#) **Magical Victory** (Victory Gallop) appreciates the extra ground.

★ INDUSTRY INFO ★

Horse Industry to Benefit From Stimulus Package:

There are provisions beneficial to the horse industry which are included in the economic stimulus package signed into law by President Bush Feb. 13. "The new law includes two tax incentives that would allow a much bigger write-off for horses and other depreciable property purchased and placed in service during 2008," said Jay Hickey, President of the American Horse Council. "This should provide an additional incentive for people to invest in more horses for racing, showing and breeding as part of their business activities." The first of the incentives increases the so-called Section 179 expensing of horses bought and put into service in 2008 from \$128,000 to \$250,000. For example, if a horse business purchases \$750,000 of depreciable property, it may write off \$250,000 on its 2008 tax return and depreciate the balance. The second incentive brings back 50 percent first-year bonus depreciation for horses and most other depreciable property purchased and placed in service during 2008. To illustrate bonus depreciation, assume that in 2008 a business pays \$500,000 for a colt to be used for racing and \$50,000 for other depreciable property, bringing total purchases to \$550,000. The young colt had never been raced or used for any other purpose before the purchase. The business would be able to expense \$250,000, deduct another \$150,000 of bonus depreciation (50 percent of the \$300,000 remaining balance), and take regular depreciation on the \$150,000 balance. For additional information, contact the American Horse Council via email at ahc@horsecouncil.org.

The Jockey Club's 2008 Fact Book On-Line:

The Jockey Club's 2008 On-Line Fact Book is available on the organization's web site, www.jockeyclub.com. According to statistics in the book, available purse money in the U.S. in 2007 increased 5.4 percent to a record \$1,180,587,881. The increase was attributed to racino revenue in several states, including Pennsylvania where the first full year of slot machine gaming at Philadelphia Park and the opening of Presque Isle Downs boosted purses in the state by 77.8 percent from 2006 to 2007. The contribution to purses from alternative gaming at racetracks helped boost purses in Louisiana by 26.9 percent and in Oklahoma by 16.6 percent. Total handle on U.S. Thoroughbred races in 2007 declined 0.4 percent to \$14,724,681,108. The sales section of the fact book reveals that total gross auction sales reached \$1,234,507,606 in 2007, a 2.5-percent decline from the record 2006 statistic. Gross sales and averages for broodmares in 2007 increased, but were offset by declines in gross and average price for weanlings, yearlings and two-year-olds.



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FEBRUARY ENDS WITH BBA SPREE BBA Ireland dominated the final session of Goffs' February Sale, securing three of the top four lots, led by the purchase of the 10-year-old mare **First Breeze** (Woodman) for €120,000. From the draft of Moyglare Stud, hip 937 is a half to the top-class Twilight Agenda; Market Slide, the dam of Media Puzzle, Refuse to Bend (Ire) and Domestic Fund (Ire); and to Irish Edition, responsible for Go and Go (Ire). Eamon Reilly was not to be denied for the producer of two winners who was sold in foal to Araafa (Ire). "She comes from a super family and has already done quite well having produced two winners from two runners," he said. "I've bought her for a new client and she will be staying in Ireland." Reilly paid €60,000 for another Moyglare gem in the form of the 15-year-old mare **Super Gift (Ire)** (Darshaan {GB}). Offered as hip 768, her pedigree includes the group and graded-stakes scorers Simple Exchange (Ire) and Sights on Gold (Ire) and the champion Grey Swallow (Ire). She was offered pregnant to Refuse to Bend (Ire). "She's been bought for an established client to stay in Ireland," he commented. "She was a decent racemare and has already bred a few winners. An obvious attraction was that she is a Darshaan mare. She was sold with a good covering and she has fillies by Sadler's Wells and Galileo to run for her." Eight lots after snapping up the session topper, Reilly was signing for Eyrefield Lodge Stud's 10-year-old **Flying Millie (Ire)** (Flying Spur {Aus}), dam of last year's Listed Silver Tankard S. winner Siberian Tiger (Ire) and smart Fabuleux Millie (Ire). Also in foal to Refuse to Bend, the relative of Bold Arrangement (GB) was purchased for €115,000. "I bought her on behalf of Colin and Melba Bryce of Laundry Cottage Stud in the UK," he explained. "This mare has already proved herself and she will be going out to America to be covered by Gone West. We have been able to secure a nomination to him and it's a good chance to use a very good sire." Breaking BBA Ireland's monopoly was another stalwart of Goffs in Peter Doyle Bloodstock, who paid €87,000 for Jockey Hall Stud's hip 760, the four-year-old filly **Starry Messenger (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}). The half-sister to last year's group-placed Tuscan Evening (Ire) from the family of the 1997 G1 Prix d'Ispahan winner and sire Sasuru (GB), 1990 G2 Challenge S. scorer Sally Rous (GB) and 2001 G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches (French 1000 Guineas) heroine Rose Gypsy (GB) managed a win on the track in the famed Oppenheimer silks. "She's a fine big filly with a lot of Galileo about her," Ross Doyle said. "It's a good young family with plenty happening and a daughter of the dam has a two-year-old with Andre Fabre this year, so hopefully he might do his bit for the family. She has been bought for a client."

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First & Second-crop starters to watch: Friday, Feb. 15

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

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

AUTHENTICATE (Gone West), Le Mesa, \$3K, 110/9/0

7-DED, Msw, 5f, +Verify and Confirm, 12-1

FIFTY STARS (Quiet American), 14/2/0

3-FG, Alw, 5 1/2fT, Fifty Starlet, 9-2

HARLAN'S HOLIDAY (Harlan), Airdrie, \$18K, 169/25/4

7-BM, Aoc, 1m, Overland, \$50K BAR MAY 2yo

HOOK AND LADDER (Dixieland Band), Sequel NY, \$10K, 100/9/2

4-AQU, Msw, 5 1/2f, Fire Marshal, \$37K KEE SEP yrl

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

4-AQU, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Brecciate, \$120K OBS APR 2yo

VINDICATION (Seattle Slew), Hill 'n' Dale, \$50K, 229/24/1

7-DED, Msw, 5f, Chita Girl, \$55K KEE SEP yrl, 5-1

WHYWHYWHY (Mr. Greeley), Gainesway, \$8K, 100/18/2

7-DED, Msw, 5f, +Why Why Wired, \$42K KEE SEP yrl, 5-1

• **ON THE WORKTAB** •

AQUEDUCT

Oprah Winney (Royal Academy), 3f, :35.61, 1/2

FAIR GROUNDS

Crazy X Lover (Barkerville), 6f, 1:16.00, 2/3

HOLLYWOOD

Buzzards Bay (Marco Bay), 5f, 1:00.00, 4/35

Out of Control (Brz) (Vettori {Ire}), 6f, 1:12.60, 1/14

Salute the Sarge (Forest Wildcat), 5f, 1:04.80, 31/35

OAKLAWN

Officer Rocket (GB) (Officer), 5f, 1:01.60, 4/36

PALM MEADOWS

Tale of Ekati (Tale of the Cat), 5f, :59.00, 1/7

SANTA ANITA

Black Seventeen (Is It True), 3f, :36.60, 4/7

Charmo (Fr) (Charnwood Forest {Ire}), 7f, 1:29.20, 3/4

Spring House (Chester House), 7f, 1:26.40, 1/4

Unspoken Word (Catienus), 4f, :49.60, 7/18

✓ **APPOINTMENTS**

RAMONA GOOD

- Appointed Director of Advertising at Richland Hills in Midway, Kentucky.
- She will also be selling seasons and managing the farm's website.
- Formerly Advertising Director at Margaux Farm.




Beeby Plays Role of Spin Doctor...

Both the overall average and median suffered drops of over 30 percent on 2007, but Goffs Chief Executive Henry Beeby was accentuating the positives yesterday. "Trade this week reflected the increasingly polarised market that was evident in the latter part of 2007-- plenty of demand at the top and upper middle levels but the bottom end struggled," he said. "We were particularly pleased with the number of overseas buyers present throughout the week and Goffs will continue to explore any and all foreign markets in our efforts to sell every lot that comes under our hammer. We move now to our innovative Breeze-Up at Kempton on Friday Mar. 7. This sale was the success story of 2007 and our vendors have rewarded our first-year success with a catalogue of depth and quality."

GOFFS -- THURSDAY'S TOP FOUR LOTS

Hip	Name	Covering Stallion	Price (€)
937	First Breeze	Araafa (Ire)	120,000
	<i>(m, 10, Woodman--Grenzen, by Grenfall)</i>		
	Consigned by Moyglare Stud Farm		
	Purchased by BBA Ireland		
945	Flying Millie (Ire)	Refuse to Bend (Ire)	115,000
	<i>(m, 10, Flying Spur {Aus}--Sweet Pleasure {GB}, by Sweet Revenge {GB})</i>		
	Consigned by Eyrefield Lodge Stud		
	Purchased by BBA Ireland		
760	Starry Messenger (GB)	B'mare Prospect	87,000
	<i>(f, 4, Galileo {Ire}--The Faraway Tree {GB}, by Suave Dancer)</i>		
	(24,000gns HIT '07 TATDEC)		
	Consigned by Jockey Hall Stud		
	Purchased by Peter Doyle Bloodstock		
768	Super Gift (Ire)	Refuse to Bend (Ire)	60,000
	<i>(m, 15, Darshaan {GB}--Speciality Package, by Blushing Groom {Fr})</i>		
	Consigned by Moyglare Stud Farm		
	Purchased by BBA Ireland		

 GOFFS FEBRUARY SALE			
SESSION TOTALS		2008	
No. Catalogued		257	
No. Offered		182	
No. Sold		110	
RNAs		72	
% RNA		39.6%	
Gross		€1,522,600	
Average		€13,842	
CUMULATIVE		2008	2007
No. Catalogued		989	1,180
No. Offered		702	933
No. Sold		371	651
RNAs		331	282
% RNA		47.2%	30.2%
Gross		€4,559,800	€12,028,100
Average (% change)		€12,291 (-33.5%)	€18,476
Median (% change)		€5,500 (-31.3%)	€8,000

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★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday's Results:

Angers, 12.35, Mdn, €14,000, 3yo, f, 1 5/16mT, 2:18.87, sf.
+ CYMBAL (IRE) (f, 3, Singspiel {Ire}--Valdara {GB} {GSP-Fr}, by Darshaan {GB}) was let go at 12-1 and broke well to race prominently throughout the early stages. Tackling First Legend (Fr) (Montjeu {Ire}) inside the final quarter, the homebred asserted to record a 1 1/2-length success. The winner is a half to Musha Merr (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), SW-Eng & UAE. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €7,000.
 O-Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Darley; T-Henri-Alex Pantall.

★ BRITAIN ★

TARIQ HAS LOCKINGE AIM

Saleh Al Homaizi and Imad Al Sagar's **Tariq (GB)** (Kyllachy {GB}) is being targeted at Newbury's May 17 G1 Juddmonte Lockinge S., according to his trainer Peter Chapple-Hyam. Last year's G3 Jersey S. and G2 Lennox S. winner has enjoyed a winter break at Fawley House Stud in Oxfordshire, but is back amongst the string in Newmarket and his conditioner is planning his early campaign. "It is great to have Tariq back and he looks fantastic," he commented. "They've done a very good job with him at Fawley House Stud. He has put on weight, grown a little bit and I'm very happy with him. There is no obvious race for him early on in the season, so we are going to wait for the Lockinge. Then, all being well, we'd head on to the Queen Anne."

★ EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN HONG KONG:

King's Choice (Ire), g, 5, Titus Livius (Fr)--Exciting (Ire), by Mill Reef. Happy Valley, 2-13, Hcp., 1000mT. B-Newlands House Stud. *1/2 to Almushtarak (Ire) (Fairy King), GSW & MG1SP-Eng, GSP-HK, \$524,158-Eng; and full to Tiber (Ire), MSW-HK. **€68,000 yrl '04 GOFORB.
Dendranthema Love (Fr), g, 8, Barathea (Ire)--Creese, by Diesis (GB). Happy Valley, 2-13, Hcp., 1650mT. B-Keith Wills. *Formerly Weavers Pride (Fr).

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MIDDLE EAST



★ DUBAI ★

Yesterday's Results:

Nad Al Sheba, 20.50, Hcp., \$175,000, NH4yo/SH3yo+, 2000mT, 2:07.65, gd.

WITH INTEREST (GB) (h, 5, Selkirk--With Fascination {GSW & MG1SP-Fr, \$174,978}, by Dayjur) faced the starter just one time in each of his first two seasons at the track, breaking his maiden for his breeder and trainer Andrew Balding at Newbury in October 2005



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before adding a Nottingham conditions test in his first go for this outfit in November 2006. Off nearly 15 months thereafter, he returned with a promising fourth to the classy Linngari (Ire) in a Jan. 24 handicap and was expected to improve for that effort. Fourth for the opening

seven furlongs, With Interest struck the front confidently, but was immediately overhauled by Gower Song (Singspiel {Ire}), who looked long gone. But With Interest found more along the inside and fought back for a head victory. The winner is a grandson of treble Grade I winner Fran's Valentine, the dam of MGISW With Anticipation. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$146,362.

O-Godolphin; B-George Strawbridge; T-S bin Suroor.

Nad Al Sheba, 20.10, Hcp., \$110,000, NH4yo/SH3yo+, 1600m, 1:36.34, ft.

BLACKAT BLACKITTEN (IRE) (c, 4, Inchinor {GB}-Tara's Girl {Ire} {MSP-Eng}, by Fayruz {GB}) took a one-mile conditions event over the all-weather at Kempton Park Sept. 24, then switched to the turf to post a convincing victory in an Oct. 4 handicap at Newmarket in his final appearance for Gerard Butler. The chestnut



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made a favorable impression in his Carnival debut, scoring by 2 1/2 lengths going this distance Jan. 31, but was handicapped nine pounds off that effort. Settled in midfield by Frankie Dettori, Blackat Blackitten was in traffic, but within striking

distance as they turned for home. Under a busy ride, he shifted out four off the rail in the final furlong and wore down Golden Arrow (Ire) (Danehill) to take it by 3/4 of a length. The winner was a €62,000 GOFNOV weanling and 260,000gns TATOCT yearling purchase. The former American galloper Accountforthegold (Successful Appeal) raced wide and finished seventh in his first run in Godolphin blue. Lifetime Record: 8-5-1-1, \$169,197.

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed al Maktoum; B-Conor Murphy; T-Saeed bin Suroor.

Nad Al Sheba, 21.25, Alw, \$110,000, 3yo/up, 1000m, :56.30 (NTR), ft.

STAR CROWNED (h, 5, Kingmambo--Fashion Star {MGSP, 214,759}, by Chief's Crown) had been away from the races for nearly a year when Dubai-based Rashed Bouresly plucked him out of last year's TATJUL sale for a mere 2,000gns. The half-brother to Eddington (Unbridled), GISW, \$1,216,760, needed nine starts to break his maiden in August 2006, but most recently won his debut for this stable in a Jebel Ali allowance Jan. 18. Quickly into stride, Star



Star Crowned (black cap)

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Crowned always travelled like a winner and proved 3/4 of a length

better than Sir Edwin Landseer (Lit de Justice) at the wire. Favored Salaam Dubai (Aus) (Secret Savings), runner-up to Asiatic Boy (Arg) in the Jan. 24 G3 Al Shindagha Sprint last time, was a one-paced third. Lifetime Record: 11-3-2-2, \$95,023.

O-Bouresly Racing Syndicate; B-Carl Rosen Associates; T-Rashed Bouresly.

ADDITIONAL HANDICAP RESULTS:

Nad Al Sheba, 22.35, Hcp., \$120,000, NH4yo/SH3yo+, 2000m, 2:00.40, ft.

FAMILIAR TERRITORY (h, 5, Cape Cross {Ire}-Forever Fine {SP}, by Sunshine Forever) Lifetime Record: 10-3-3-3, \$145,571. O-Sheikh Saeed bin Mohammed al Maktoum; B-P & Mrs Venner; T-Saeed bin Suroor.

* 1/2 to Stormy Forever (Storm Boot), SW, \$134,883.

** 100,000gns wnlg '03 TATDEC.

Nad Al Sheba, 19.30, Hcp., \$120,000, NH4yo/SH3yo+, 1500m, 1:30.09, ft.

DRIFT ICE (SAF) (g, 7, Western Winter--Donya {SAf} {MGSW-SAf}, by Elliodor {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 23-7-5-1, \$227,702. O-Sheikh Rashid bin Humaid Al Nuaimi; B-Lammerskraal Stud; T-Michael F DeKock.



AUSTRALASIA



WONDERFUL WORLD SOLD G1 Caulfield Guineas winner **Wonderful World (Aus)** (Agnes World--Success Tale {Aus}, by Success Express) has been purchased by Nathan Tinkler's Patinack Farm and will stand at Alanbridge Stud in the NSW Hunter Valley. Patinack, active at Deauville late last year and leading buyer at Karaka, where he spent NZ\$7,920,000 on 24 horses, recently purchased Alanbridge Stud from Andrew and Lasca Bowcock, who will remain involved with the property. The Bart Cummings-trained Wonderful World, who has earnings of A\$1,373,950 and a record of 15-4-2-3, was game runner-up in the G1 Cox Plate behind El Segundo (NZ) last spring, after recording placings in the G1 Toorak H. and G1 Rupert Clarke S.



BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

5th-FGX, \$42,750, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW2X, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10, ft.

CARSON CITY BABE (m, 5, Carson City--Miss Cort'n, by A.P. Indy) Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-1, \$105,610. O/B-Keith Plaisance (LA). T-Edward J Johnston. *1/2 to Pressed (Chester House), SW, \$156,330.

8th-OPX, \$35,000, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10, ft.

SAALB (h, 6, Unbridled--Majestic Legend {SW, \$200,853}, by His Majesty) Lifetime Record: 15-5-1-0, \$115,420. O-Bowman Couch Racing LLC. B-ClassicStar, LLC (KY). T-Ron Moquett. *\$300,000 yrl '03 KEESEP; 4,000gns HRA '05 TATHIT. **1/2 to Binalegend (Binalong), MSW, \$288,245.

4th-DED, \$32,000, 2-13, NW2L, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:23 1/5, ft.

ROAD TO WINDY HILL (f, 4, Road to Seattle--Eztoenjoy, by Track Rebel) Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$36,600. O-Melissa Rentz Gilbert. B-Wayne Rentz (LA). T-Guy Smith.

8th-LRL, \$32,000, NW3L, 4/up, f/m, 7f, 1:26 3/5, gd. **NANICOKE (m, 5, Carson City--Cashel Lassie {SW, \$133,847}, by Opening Verse)** Lifetime Record: 16-3-3-4, \$91,220. O/B-Dumbarton Farm (MD). T-James W Murphy.

8th-TPX, \$25,950, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 1m (AWT), 1:39, ft.

PURELY WILD (g, 5, Wild Again--Formal Tango {GSW, \$404,702}, by Dynaformer) Lifetime Record: 17-3-4-1, \$79,525. O-John Berry and Steve Turner. B-M Rainier (KY). T-Robert W Radcliffe. *\$340,000 yrl '04 KEESEP.

8th-DED, \$24,320, 2-13, Opt. Clm. (\$20,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:20 3/5, ft.

GALLANT AGAIN (g, 4, Petionville--Gallant Ryder {MSW & MGSP, \$237,507}, by Red Ryder) Lifetime Record: 20-4-4-2, \$108,304. O-Michael McLoughlin. B-Gail D Hughes (KY). T-Thomas M Amoss. *1/2 to Gallant Turk (Turkoman), SP, \$172,914.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Green Key, c, 3, **Green Fee**--Versatile Keys, by Dewan Keys. CTX, 2-14, (S), 7f, 1:30. B-H J Painter (WV). *1/2 to Alaska Ash (Weshaam), SW, \$294,255.

High Stakes Silver, c, 3, **Silver Deputy**--Mather Miss (SW, \$170,135), by Black Tie Affair (Ire). SAX, 2-14, (C), 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:44 4/5. B-Audley Farm (VA). *\$125,000 yrl '06 KEESEP. **1/2 to Arch Mistress (Arch), GSW-Saf.

Forlorn Hope, f, 3, **Slew City Slew**--Prospect Silence, by Allen's Prospect. PEN, 2-14, (S), 6f, 1:10 2/5. B-Arrowwood Farm, Inc. (PA).

Sweet Vendetta, f, 3, **Stephen Got Even**--Sand Pirate, by Desert Wine. AQU, 2-14, (S), 1m70y, 1:42 3/5. B-D Cassidy & E Lipton (NY). *\$30,000 2yo '07 KEEJAN. **1/2 to Half Heaven (Regal Classic), MSW, \$435,526; Doll Baby (Citidancer), SW, \$151,144; Love Cove (Not For Love), SP, \$168,901.

Billybud, c, 3, **Stephen Got Even**--Wildcat Blue, by Cure the Blues. OPX, 2-14, (C), 1m, 1:40. B-Mike Sloan (KY). *\$25,000 yrl '06 KEESEP; \$65,000 2yo '07 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Sir Edwin Landseer (Lit de Justice), SW & GSP-Eng, \$225,216.

Rocketinthegate, f, 4, **Arch**--Stolie (SW), by Navajo. TPX, 2-14, 6f (AWT), 1:12 2/5. B-Upson Downs Farm & Sanderlin Farms (KY). *\$40,000 yrl '05 KEESEP. **1/2 to Stolen Gold (Conquistador Cielo), SW & GISP, \$284,270.

SO. HEMISPHERE WINNERS BY U.S. SIRE:

Bella Renza (NZ), f, 3, **Van Nistelrooy**--Katrina Belle (NZ), by Conquistarose. Ellerslie (Auckland), 2-13, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1mT. B-M J Robertson.

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Wellmark (GB), c, 4, **Mark Of Esteem (Ire)**--Welimina (Ire) (SP-Fr), by Sadler's Wells. Angers, France, 2-14, Cond, 4yo, c/g, 1 5/16mT. B-Wertheimer et Frere.

SO. HEMISPHERE WINNERS BY EUROPEAN SIRE:

Chancesxaar (Aus), c, 2, **Xaar (GB)**--Tale of Silence (Aus), by Luskin Star (Aus). Ascot (Perth), 2-11, Hcp, 2yo, 5fT. B-S Baster.

Fantene (Aus), f, 3, **Fasliyev**--Punchess (Aus), by Two Punch. Randwick (Sydney), 2-13, Hcp, 3yo, f, 5 1/2fT. B-R Kemister.

Dance On Air (Aus), f, 3, **Perugino**--African Breeze (Aus), by Zephyr Bay (Aus). Sandown (Melbourne), 2-13, Hcp, 3yo, 5fT. B-Contract Racing Pty Ltd.

Bythemountain (Aus), c, 4, **Monashee Mountain**--Miss Banora (Aus), by Betchworth (Aus). Doomben (Brisbane), 2-13, Mdn, 3yo/up, 5f 120ydsT. B-K R & Mrs L A Kelly.

Aurelio (Aus), g, 4, **Testa Rossa (Aus)**--Strega (Aus), by Lake Coniston (Ire). Doomben (Brisbane), 2-13, Mdn, 3yo/up, 5f 120ydsT. B-J M Cappellin.

Benson (Aus), g, 5, **Danehill**--Lake Alexandrina (Aus), by Bluebird. Sandown (Melbourne), 2-13, Hcp, 3yo/up, 7fT. B-Goldendale.

Jumeriah Jaide (NZ), m, 5, **Zerpour (Ire)**--Tivoli Lane (NZ), by Lowell. Ellerslie (Auckland), 2-13, Hcp, 3yo/up, 7fT. B-Mrs B E Brough.