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**HEADLINE
NEWS**

HE'S GOING THE DISTANCE AT GULFSTREAM

He has only been beyond a mile and an eighth once in his career, but Godolphin's **Palace Episode** (Machiavellian) should find the 11 furlongs of the GI Gulfstream



Palace Episode www.bbc.co.uk

Park Turf S. well within his scope. The five-year-old faces nine rivals in Gulfstream's featured race today. After capping off his juvenile campaign with a victory in the G1 Racing Post Trophy going a mile, the dark bay was a 3-1 shot in his sophomore opener, the G2 Dante S. at York.

But he stopped badly in that 1 5/16-mile prep for the G1 Epsom Derby, and disappeared for the rest of the year. Transferred to the U.S. in 2007, Palace Episode captured a Saratoga allowance test in his second stateside outing, then finished a troubled third in the Sept. 29 GII Kelso H. going a mile. Off the board in the Oct. 28 GIII Knickerbocker H. at Aqueduct and the Nov. 23 GI Citation H. at Hollywood, he showed promise when closing for third behind **Einstein (Brz)** (Spend a Buck) in a one-mile optional claimer at Gulfstream Jan. 11. "He's a really good horse, but at a mile and an eighth or shorter, he just hasn't been able to get over the hump," said Rick Mettee, who oversees the Godolphin string on this side of the Atlantic. "He ran a pretty good third in his last race, and it sets him up well to see if he can prove himself at 11 furlongs." Mettee added, "He's been doing really well, and he's ready to try this trip." Palace Episode again faces Einstein, who won this race in 2006 and was third, beaten less than a length, last year. The six-year-old comes off a sixth in the Feb. 2 GI Donn H. GI Secretariat S. hero **Shamdinan (Fr)** (Dr Fong) makes his first start since running second in the GI Breeders' Cup Turf.

**Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 5:15 p.m. EST
GULFSTREAM PARK TURF S.-GI, \$350,000, 4yo/up,
1 3/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Dave	Ends Well	Tagg	10-1
2	Thorn Song	Unbridled's Song	Romans	8-1
3	Zann	Dynaformer	McLaughlin	6-1
4	Einstein (Brz)	Spend a Buck	Pitts	6-1
5	Dancing Forever	Rahy	McGaughey III	10-1
6	Stream Of Gold (Ire)	Rainbow Quest	McLaughlin	3-1
7	Shamdinan (Fr)	Dr Fong	Penna Jr	4-1
8	Palace Episode	Machiavellian	bin Suroor	12-1
9	Notable Guest	Kingmambo	Caramori	6-1
10	Cougar Bay (Ire)	Daylami (Ire)	Tagg	20-1

HALL OF FAME FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

The 2008 finalists for induction into Thoroughbred Racing's Hall of Fame were announced yesterday. They are:

Trainers: Carl Nafzger, Robert Wheeler

Jockeys: Edgar Prado, Randy Romero, Alex Solis

Contemporary Male Horses: Best Pal, Manila, Tiznow

Contemporary Female Horses: Inside Information, Open Mind, Silverbulletday, Sky Beauty

Technically, Bob Baffert has been eligible for Hall of Fame consideration for the last two years--trainers need to have held a Thoroughbred license for 25 years--but he focused on Quarter Horses until the late 1980s. "In the case of Bob Baffert, he has trained at least one starter in a Thoroughbred race in each of 26 years and so he is declared eligible," Ed Bowen, the chairman of the Hall of Fame Nominating Committee, said in a statement. "However, he was primarily a Quarter Horse trainer for a number of years, and there were several years in which he had so few Thoroughbred starts that the consensus of the Nominating Committee was that his record does not meet the spirit of the eligibility requirement." There were a total of 81 candidates considered for Hall of Fame honors this year. The finalists will be voted on by the 180 members of the Voting Panel, and the top votegetter in each category will be inducted on Monday, Aug. 4 at the National Museum of Racing in Saratoga Springs. In the event of a tie, there will be more than one inductee in that category.

"a shrewd play"

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☆ **PREVIEWS** ☆

Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 3:30 p.m. PST
SAN LUIS OBISPO H.-GII, \$150,000, 4yo/up,
 1 1/2mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Porfido (Chi)	Mash One (Chi)	Frankel	12-1
2	Sohgol (Ire)	Singspiel (Ire)	Drysdale	30-1
3	Sudan (Ire)	Peintre Celebre	Frankel	4-1
4	Obrigado (Fr)	Enrique (GB)	Drysdale	6-1
5	Spring House	Chester House	J Canani	5-2
6	Add Heat	Unusual Heat	Abrams	30-1
7	Isipingo	Horse Chestnut (SAf)	W Dollase	8-1
8	Rocket Legs	Dynaformer	Pletcher	6-1
9	Church Service	Pulpit	Mitchell	15-1
10	On the Acorn (GB)	Inchinor (GB)	Mitchell	7-2
11	Niagara Causeway	Giant's Causeway	SCR	SCR

On the Acorn, who came close to going a perfect five-for-five last season, returns from a nine-month layoff. The seven-year-old gelding was claimed by Indizguys Stable and trainer Mike Mitchell for \$40,000 after a fifth-place finish at Hollywood in November of 2006. He tired to be ninth in his first start under new management the following month, but turned it around in his 2007 opener. The dark bay took an optional claimer going 10 panels on the Santa Anita lawn Jan. 13 and added a second win against similar competition going a mile and a half Feb. 8. Stepped up for last year's edition of the San Luis Obispo, he was carried wide while rallying down the lane and still hit the wire just a 1/2-length behind **Obrigado** in third. Placed second through the DQ of runner-up One Off (GB) that afternoon, On the Acorn returned to take the Apr. 22 GII San Juan Capistrano H., but was sidelined after adding the GII Jim Murray Memorial H. to his resume. The veteran was not seriously injured, according to Mitchell. "He got to where his feet were bothering him," he explained. "He was getting body sore." Obrigado, winless since his Obispo score, comes off a third in the Jan. 19 GII San Marcos H.

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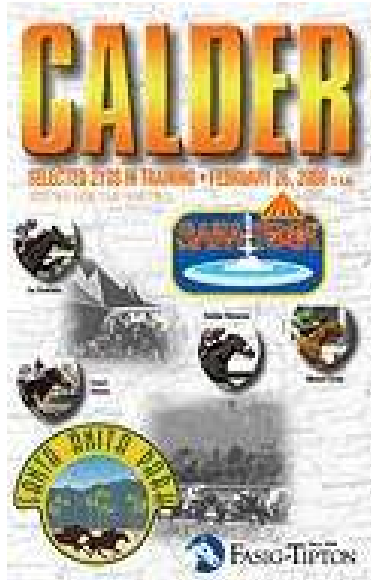
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The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the G1 Gulfstream Park Turf H.
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☆ SALES NEWS ☆

FAST TIMES AT FASIG-TIPTON The under-tack show for Fasig-Tipton's Selected Two-Year-Olds in Training took place under balmy conditions yesterday at



Calder. A colt by Sky Mesa, hip [62](#), blazed an eighth in :09 4/5 while out towards the center of the track; it was the fastest time on the day ([video](#)). The dark bay, purchased by Cleveland Wheeler for \$100,000 at Keeneland September, is the second foal from Canadian stakes winner Secondary School. The swiftest quarter-mile was recorded by hip [135](#), a powerfully built son of Pulpit who covered the distance in :21 ([video](#)). From the extended family of Valid Expectations, the

dark bay was acquired at Keeneland September for \$100,000 by Hoby and Layna Kight, who will lead him over Tuesday. "The important thing is that everyone came home safe," said Walt Robertson, president of the auction company. "We had 13 horses go in :10, and it was a good, safe show." In previous years, Fasig-Tipton conducted two under-tack shows, including a second preview Sunday, two days before the Tuesday sale. This year, however, Fasig-Tipton officials opted to have just one under-tack show, and moved it to Friday. "We all talked about it, and the bottom line is that it's the best thing for the horses," Robertson added. "This will give people plenty of time to look at the horses after [the breeze show]--three days, rather than one." The decision to have only one show was met with mixed emotions. "I liked it when the horses were here longer--that's more time that I had to get out to see them," said trainer Rick Violette Jr., whose Florida string is stable at Palm Meadows. "I'm sure that it's an effort to lessen the stress on the horses, but I have the feeling that there's going to be a lot of consignors who wish they had another chance to breeze after today." [Click here for all of the times from yesterday's show, or go to **www.fasigtipton.com**.](#)

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THREE CHIMNEYS
Winners' Circle Report
For the week ending February 22, 2008



Sky Mesa

The Sky Mesa 2-year-olds made quite an impression at yesterday's Under Tack Show of the Calder Selected Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale! The sale will be held on Tuesday, February 26. The six catalogued Sky Mesa youngsters worked as follows:

- [Hip # 62](#) had the best eighth mile work of the day, going in :09.4. He's a colt out of Secondary School, by Honor Grades, consigned by Cleveland Wheeler, agent. His dam was a stakes winner of \$149,092. [Video](#)
- [Hip # 89](#) worked an eighth mile in :10.2. She's a filly out of Swift Girl, by Unbridled consigned by Blazing Meadows Farm. She's a half-sister to QUICK LITTLE MISS (\$287,080) and her second dam is the graded stakes winner GATHER THE CLAN (IRE). [Video](#)
- [Hip # 112](#) worked an eighth mile in :10.3. He's a colt out of Vivid Sunset, by Mt. Livermore, consigned by Scanlon Training Center, agent. His dam is a Grade 2 stakes performer who earned \$243,842. [Video](#)
- [Hip # 143](#) worked a quarter mile in :21.2 (The best quarter was 21.0.). He's a colt out of Bashful Charmer, by Capote consigned by Murray Smith, agent. His dam is a stakes winner and is the dam of stakes winner SATURDAY'S CHILD. [Video](#)
- [Hip # 188](#) worked a quarter mile in :21.3. He's a colt out of Dance Darling, by Devil's Bag consigned by Paul Sharp. His dam is a half-sister to MISNOMER and DARLING DANZIG. [Video](#)
- [Hip # 222](#) worked an eighth mile in :10.0. He's a colt out of Growth Stock, by Known Fact consigned by Don R. Graham. His stakes-placed dam is a half-sister to PRIVATE LAP, ON THE BUS, etc. [Video](#)

These works are even more remarkable when you consider that half of Sky Mesa's first crop winners were on all-weather tracks, and that they definitely seem to prefer to go two turns. In fact, his recent \$100,000 stakes winner SKY MYSTIC was going 1-1/16 m. on the all-weather surface in California! [Video Chart](#)

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GOLDEN GLOVE
By Lucas Marquardt

From the bullpen to the roundpen, Rob Murphy Jr. has made a seamless transition from successful major-league hurler to successful owner and breeder. On



Sunday, Murphy's M375 Thoroughbreds, Inc. and partners may well witness a transition of another kind; they will find out if their three-year-old **Golden Spikes** (Seeking the Gold) can move from promising and smartly bred sophomore to legitimate Triple Crown contender.

Golden Spikes, a \$250,000 Keeneland September purchase by M375 on behalf of Murphy and partners Pablo Suarez and Paul Lo Duca, among others, won on debut

sprinting at Calder last July. He didn't race again until November, when he was a tired fifth in a first-level allowance at that course Nov. 22. But a smart 3 1/4-length allowance victory Dec. 13 gave trainer Marty Wolfson and Murphy enough confidence to try him in graded company. Golden Spikes wasn't disgraced in the GII Hutcheson S. at Gulfstream Jan. 5, running fourth of eight, beaten 7 3/4 lengths by Smooth Air.

The colt showed in his latest that routing might be his forte. Facing the well-backed **Cool Coal Man** (Mineshaft), another GII Fountain of Youth S. player, in a nine-furlong allowance in Hallandale Jan. 26, Golden Spikes led into the stretch before relenting to the favorite by a length.

Golden Spikes's pedigree is an interesting mix of stamina and sprint influences. His third dam, Surgery, is by the great Dr. Fager, while his second dam is the Grade I winner and top broodmare Shared Interest (Pleasant Colony), who produced the speedball Forestry (Storm Cat) and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies heroine Cash Run (Seeking the Gold). Golden Spikes's dam, the A.P. Indy mare A.P. Interest, was a winner at seven furlongs. She is a half-sister to that talented pair, making Golden Spikes a 3/4 blood relative to Cash Run. With that sort of pedigree, it's clear that, with a win in the Fountain of Youth, Murphy would have not only a Derby contender on his hands, but an attractive stallion prospect, too.



Cash Run *horseracing.about.com*

A Longtime Fan...

Before you think of Murphy, 48, as a neophyte to racing, just a retired ballplayer with some time and money to kill, think again. Murphy's got the pedigree and the past-performance lines to match up with most players in the business. Born in Miami in 1960, Murphy grew up around racing. His mother's father was a track announcer for 35 years. His mother was a chartcaller for the *Daily Racing Form*. His father's stepfather, Murphy said, was the jockey Fred Smith, who was aboard La Troienne's son Bimelech when that colt won the Preakness and Belmont in 1930. And Murphy's own father maintained a sizable racing stable in Southern Florida.

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Murphy cont.

Need more proof? Take Murphy's nom de course, M375. When Murphy was in college at the University of Florida studying computer science, he created a handicapping program he called Slew--named after Murphy's favorite horse. One day, waiting at a printer, he kept coming across printouts, which emerged from the printer upside down, that read M375. It took him a few minutes to realize the printouts were indeed his; M375 was, numerically speaking, Slew spelled backwards.

"I immediately named everything M375," said Murphy.

But at that point, it wasn't horse racing nor computer science on which Murphy chose to focus. It was baseball. Or, more specifically, throwing one very hard with a great degree of accuracy.

In 1985, after a few years in the minors, Murphy broke into the major leagues as a left-handed relief pitcher. He spent time with the Cincinnati Reds, the Boston Red Sox, the Seattle Mariners, the Houston Astros, the St. Louis Cardinals and the Florida Marlins.

His second year in the league was his best, when he achieved a sparkling ERA of just 0.72 with the Reds. By the time he retired in 1995, he had thrown in some 623 innings and recorded an ERA of 3.64.

While he was playing ball, though, Murphy's love of racing never faded. Whenever the chance arose, he followed racing and even purchased a few horses here and there.

So when Murphy decided to hang up his glove after an accomplished 10 years in the majors, it was no surprise to anyone when he decided to get serious about horses. One of the first things he did was to go back and refine another program he had devised in college, one that created a model of what makes a successful racehorse--sire performance, dam performance, etc.--that could be used in the selection of sales yearlings.

"After creating this model, I had to validate it by going through past sales results," Murphy remembered. "The computer, looking at results from 1975 through 1983, approved less than one percent of the horses that sold as yearlings. And of that approved group, 20 percent became stakes winners, versus the industry average of about three percent."

Murphy, convinced he was on to something, found some investors who believed in his approach. And though M375 has operated on a small scale in terms of numbers, it has achieved success on a national level.

To date, M375's best horse has been Platinum Tiara, whom M375 bred in partnership with Gene McLean and raced with several others. A foal of 1998, Platinum Tiara, by Cozzene, was just a half-length adrift of Caressing when second in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies in 2000. By the time she was retired in



Platinum Tiara
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2002, Platinum Tiara had earned over \$600,000 and had been on the board in 17 of 28 starts.

Other stakes winners campaigned by M375 partnership includes Grade III winner Swing and Miss, stakes winners Z. Flash Gun and Mary Murphy, and graded performer Diamond Studs.

These days, Murphy says that M375 is primarily a breeding operation.

"If we breed a horse that fits all our criteria as it grows in age and gets to yearling time, I will then look to put it into a racing partnership," he said. "But sometimes we do go to the yearling sales looking to buy for a partnership."

Focusing on quality over quantity, Murphy currently has a broodmare band of just two: the aforementioned Platinum Tiara and her dam, Michelle's Monarch.

"Ten years ago, I had nine or 10 mares," Murphy said. "Stud fees started to build up and I wasn't happy with that many mares, so we decided to scale down."

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Murphy cont.

The 17-year-old Michelle's Monarch had a Gone West colt last year and is due soon carrying a Quiet American foal. She's booked to Storm Cat for 2008.

Platinum Tiara, now 10, had an A.P. Indy colt last term. She is currently carrying a foal by Storm Cat and is slated to visit Unbridled's Song this spring.

Interestingly, Murphy has included another star baseball player on several of his horses, all-star catcher Paul Lo Duca. Lo Duca, who now plays for the Washington Nationals, owns an interest in Golden Spikes, and went into a foal share agreement with Murphy in 2007 with the two mares; Lo Duca purchased the seasons for Quiet American and Storm Cat.

Murphy was first introduced to Lo Duca by yet another baseball player. Murphy explained, "Paul has been around the racetrack ever since he was old enough to get into Turf Paradise. He had some horses with Doug O'Neill a few years ago and has been involved with some partnership groups.

"When Paul played for the [Florida] Marlins, the third-base coach at the time was Jeff Cox, who is now with the Chicago White Sox. Well, Coxie and I played together in the minor leagues, and we both liked racing a lot. We'd frequent the local establishments as we made our way around the double 'A' Eastern League back in '84, and we've been good friends ever since. So when Paul got traded from the Dodgers to the Marlins, Coxie said 'Murph, you've gotta meet Paul.' One day I was at the Calder press box, we recognized each other, and we've been great friends since. Amazingly, when we get together we almost never talk about baseball; we talk about horse racing."

And who knows? After this weekend, maybe the two ballplayers will be talking about the first Saturday in May, courtesy of an appropriately named colt named Golden Spikes.

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AROUND
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★ GULFSTREAM ★

Yesterday's Results:

7th-GPX, \$41,500, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:44 1/5, gd.

LIFE IS SWEET (f, 3, [Storm Cat](#)--Sweet Life {SW & GISP, \$223,486}, by Kris S.) ran into Indian Blessing and could do no better than eighth in a Saratoga maiden Aug. 30. Switched to the turf for her next try, the full sister to Sweet Catomine, Ch. 2yo Filly, MGISW, \$1,059,600, stormed home a nine-length winner at Belmont Park Oct. 7, but she failed to handle the bog-like Monmouth turf course in her latest and finished sixth in the Epitome Breeders' Cup S. Oct. 26. Freshened up for her three-year-old bow, the homebred filly raced a bit off the pace and was in tight on the final bend. She found room turning for home, hit the front at the sixteenth pole and drew off to a 2 1/2-length victory at odds of 5-2. Tropical Park Oaks runner-up Alwajeeha (Dixieland Band) raced wide on the turn and was a willing second, while favored Backseat Rhythm (El Corredor) found her best stride late and finished another neck back in third. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$57,010. [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#)

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[9th-FG \(Alw \\$40K\)](#) Lady Hillingdon (Vindication) takes her three-year-old debut.

[8th-FG \(Msw \\$39K\)](#) The well-related Acacia (Cherokee Run) celebrates graduation day.

[7th-SA \(Alw \\$57K\)](#) On the Virg (Pulpit) prevails to make it two in a row.

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8th-GPX, \$41,500, Alw, NW2L, 3yo, 1m, 1:36 3/5, ft. **B B FRANK** (g, 3, Came Home--Diaki, by Diesis {GB}) making his first start for this barn, caused an \$85 boil-over yesterday. Previously trained by Nick Zito, the bay was third in an Oct. 28 Churchill maiden, and was runner-up for a \$62,500 tag at this track Jan. 14. The \$130,000 KEESEP yearling was haltered for that price out of his latest, a 2 3/4-length success Feb. 2, and was stretching out a bit in distance as the second-longest shot on the board. Rated off the pace by Junior Alvarado, he was steadied off the heels of Da' Tara (Tiznow) as they approached the turn. Guided outside entering the stretch, he rallied to the front leaving the eighth pole and edged clear to score by 2 3/4 lengths over Chief Bear (Chief Seattle), with Da' Tara getting third. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$47,090. O-Hardacre Farm LLC. B-J Goodman (KY). T-A Tarrant.



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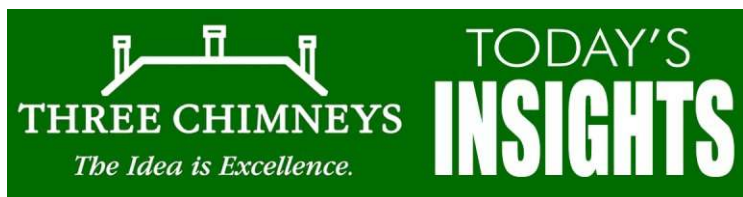
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Gulfstream Report cont.

9th-GPX, \$42,000, Msw, 3yo, 8.5fT, 1:43 3/5, gd.
BIG STICK (g, 3, **Grand Slam**--Jeanne Jones {GISW, \$694,900}, by Nijinsky II), a \$60,000 KEESEP yearling acquisition, was third to GII Fountain of Youth S. hopeful Ready Set in a Sept. 9 Delaware allowance over the main track, then was third again in his first turf try at Belmont Oct. 6. He never factored when ninth over the Aqueduct main Nov. 24, but was given a 7-2 chance returning to the infield here. On the engine from the outset, the half to Beautiful Gem (Mr. Prospector), MSP, \$155,051, set a relatively easy pace, carried a daylight advantage past midstretch and held on to defeat Dynamalt (Dynaformer) by a nose. Duke of Pearl (Unbridled's Song), off to a rough start, finished 11th. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-2, \$37,525.
 O-Namcook Stables LLC. B-Liberation Farm & Oratis Thoroughbreds (KY). T-Kieran P McLaughlin.



12:58p
TVG/HRTV

2nd-AQU, Msw, \$48K, 3yo, 6f
ASFAAR (Mineshaft), part of a formidable entry from the barn of Kieran McLaughlin, brought \$425K as a KEESEP yearling and has a strong series of works for the debut. The Shadwell runner is a half to G1SW Hula Angel (Woodman). brisnet.com pps

3:30p
HRTV

1st-SAX, \$48K, Msw, 3yo, a6 1/2ft
ADEBAYOR (Grand Slam), a \$150K KEESEP yearling from the outstanding female family of champion Althea, comes into his career debut off back-to-back bullets over the Hollywood Cushion Track. **Osceola Prince (Aldebaran)** is beautifully bred for this surface and distance. From the first crop of the 2003 champion sprinter, the dark bay is a half to the good GSW turf mare Gastronomical. brisnet.com pps

4:55p
HRTV

8th-FGX, \$39K, Msw, 3yo, 1 1/16m
FORT APACHE (Mineshaft) stretches out off a highly rated debut over six furlongs in which he made up most of a 12-length deficit in the final quarter mile. The Triple Crown nominee is out of Sculpture (Deputy Minister), a half to SW & MG1SP Tomahawk (Seattle Slew). **Revenge Is Sweet (Vindication)**, a son of GI Kentucky Oaks heroine Urbane, looks to shed his bridesmaid status. brisnet.com pps

5:44p
HRTV

10th-GPX, \$40K, Msw, 3yo, f, 7f
 Darley Stable's **JUST REGAL (Pulpit)** is the first foal to race out of Ashraaf (Deputy Minister), a \$2.3-million purchase by Sheikh Mohammed at the 2001 Keeneland September sale. She debuts for Tom Albertrani, who strikes with 17 percent of his firsters. **Anachronism (Yonaguska)** was off slowly in her Jan. 31 bow over six furlongs and came running late to miss by a head. She'll go favored in this slightly longer affair. brisnet.com pps

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RARE TREAT H., \$75,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	Guidance	Awesome Again	Bond	112
2	Homerette	Grand Slam	P Kelly	112
3	Aliysa (Brz)	Music Prospector	Pletcher	117
4	Runway Rosie	Include	Contessa	115
5	Stage Luck	Unbridled's Song	Albertrani	118
6	Wild Hoots	Unbridled's Song	McLaughlin	116

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- 03-08 \$600,000 Louisiana Derby-II, FG, 3yo, 8.5f (2500)
- 03-08 \$500,000 New Orleans H.-II, FG, 4yo/up, 9f (500)
- 03-08 \$500,000 Mervin Muniz Memorial H.-II, FG, 4yo/up, a9fT (100)
- 03-08 \$400,000 Fair Grounds Oaks-II, FG, 3yo, f, 8.5f (300)
- 03-08 \$200/50,000 Gotham BC-III, Aqu, 3yo, 8.5f (200)
- 03-08 \$150/50,000 Duncan F. Kenner, FG, 4yo/up, 6f (150)

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★ EAST ★

Hartley/DeRenzo Announces Breeders Rewards:

Randy Hartley and Dean DeRenzo yesterday announced a Breeders Reward Program for their 2008 stallion roster. Every signed contract, with full stud fee paid, for a Hartley/DeRenzo stallion during the 2008 breeding season will give the contract holder one entry for a \$25,000 drawing. The drawing will be held after the 2009 foaling season. "Breeders incentives are based on the performance of the resulting foals," said Hartley/DeRenzo Director of Stallions and Marketing Ed Magnier. "We wanted to offer breeders a chance at a much faster return on their stud fee investment." For more information, contact Magnier at (352) 732-8878.

★ CENTRAL ★

Yesterday's Results:

9th-FGX, \$40,000, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11, sy. LADY HILLINGDON (f, 3, [Vindication](#)--Tricky Elaine {GSP}, by Grindstone) debuted with an even fifth-place effort over Keeneland's Polytrack Oct. 20, but rebounded in her latest to register an easy six-length success over the Churchill main track Nov. 15. The 8-5 second choice, the Sanan homebred chased the pace of favored Royal Diana (Royal Empire) four wide, put that one away past midstretch and sprinted home a four-length winner over the crowd's choice. The winner is out of a half-sister to Horse of the Year Favorite Trick. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$49,782. [Click for the brisnet.com chart. Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) O/B-Padua Stables (FL). T-Steven M Asmussen.

8th-FGX, \$39,750, Msw, 3yo, f, 1m40y, 1:42 2/5, sy. ACACIA (f, 3, [Cherokee Run](#)--Checkered Flag, by A.P. Indy), a \$260,000 KEENOV weanling purchase, had hit the board in each of her three previous tries around two turns, finishing third over the Keeneland Polytrack Oct. 6, second at Churchill Oct. 28 and third in Louisville Nov. 24. The 7-2 third choice stalked the pace of Storm Mesa (Sky Mesa), responded to drive past that one in the stretch and held on by a half-length as favored Honest Pursuit (Storm Cat) closed late. Storm Mesa was third. The winner is a full sister to Winchell's Zanjero, MGSW & GISP, \$1,174,276; and a half to Victory Lap (Touch Gold), MSW & GSP, \$265,311. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-2, \$43,640. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) O-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC. B-Tony Holmes & Walter Zent (KY). T-Steven M Asmussen.

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Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 5:26 p.m. EST
BAYOU H., \$150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	Swingit	Victiry Gallop	Wiggins	116
2	Candy Ball	Lemon Drop Kid	Leggio Jr	116
3	Just Little (Fr)	Grand Slam	Pletcher	117
4	Platinee	Gulch	Mott	114
5	Mystic Soul	Bahri	Calhoun	115
6	Ballymore Lady	War Chant	Kenneally	114
7	Autobahn Girl	A.P. Indy	Pierce	117

Edmund Gann and R.C. Thompson's **Just Little** leads the field. The dark bay filly won four of her first five career outings in France for Jean-Claude Rouget, including a pair of Listed stakes followed by a victory in last year's G3 Prix Vanteaux at Longchamp. Third as the favorite in the June 3 G2 Prix de Sandringham at Chantilly, she was sent to this country last summer and finished a good sixth to Panty Raid in the GI American Oaks at Hollywood Park. Leading rider Robby Albarado takes the call from trainer Todd Pletcher. The field has also attracted the top four finishers from the Marie G. Krantz Memorial H. Jan. 26--**Autobahn Girl, Candy Ball, Platinee** and **Swingit**. That event was originally scheduled for the turf, but was rained onto a sloppy main track. [Click here](#) for the BRIS PPs.

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Central Report cont.

Sebastian County Gets Started in the Valley:

Sebastian County (Hennessy), third to subsequent GISW Wicked Style in the Gill Arlington-Washington Futurity S. last September, makes his sophomore debut in today's six-furlong Mountain Valley S. at Oaklawn Park. Owned and bred by country music star Toby Keith's Dream Walkin' Farms and trained by Don Von Hemel, the chestnut raced exclusively on Polytrack in 2007, winning a pair of sprint starts in Chicago prior to his Futurity effort. In that race, he was attempting to follow in the footsteps of his full brother, the homebred Cactus Ridge, who completed an undefeated season in the 2003 A-W Futurity. While Cactus Ridge did not race on at three, his brother takes his first step towards bigger goals today. "I was a little late in getting started, and I sure didn't want him to start around two turns right off the bat," Von Hemel told *Daily Racing Form*. "I didn't want to have to train him that hard, so we picked the Mountain Valley to start and, hopefully, we'll move forward from there." Afleet Alex was a surprise starter in the 2005 Mountain Valley, a race he won en route to his dual Classic victories.

Easyfromthegitgo Added to Millennium Rewards:

The Millennium Rewards program, launched Jan. 1, has added **Easyfromthegitgo** (Dehere) to its roster. The program awards points to breeders who use Millennium Farms stallions; those points, converted at a rate of 10 percent, can be applied to the stud fee of any of the operation's stallions. MSW Easyfromthegitgo is owned by Millennium and stands at 519 Thoroughbreds in Arcadia, Louisiana, for a fee of \$3,500.



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★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

Yesterday's Results:

2nd-SAX, \$59,280, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, 1m (AWT), 1:37 4/5, ft.

NATIVE SUCCESS (c, 4, [Indian Charlie](#)--[Real Jenny](#), by [Valid Appeal](#)) needed four starts and a drop into \$32,000 company to break his maiden sprinting at this track Oct. 25, and made it two straight with a victory against \$40,000 starter allowance foes Nov. 11. He set the pace in his first two-turn venture at Hollywood Park Dec. 22 and finished fourth, but was promoted to third via disqualification. The odds-on chalk in this four-horse affair, the \$60,000 FTKJUL yearling and \$90,000 KEEAPR juvenile set a strong pace, fought back when tested at the head of the lane and again at midstretch by Muscle n' Mane (Lucayan Prince) and outgamed that rival by a head at 3-5. The winner is a half to Doyouseewhatisee (Barachois), MSW & GSP, \$436,817; Ifyoucouldseemenow (Tunerup), MGSW & MGISP, \$475,572; and Nowi'veseenitall (Exuberant), SW, \$147,736. Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-1, \$68,000. O-David Bienstock & Charles Winner. B-Gaines-Gentry Thoroughbreds & Thomas Van Meter (KY). T-Patrick Gallagher.

7th-SAX, \$59,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$80,000), NW1X, 3yo, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:44 4/5, ft.

ON THE VIRG (c, 3, [Pulpit](#)--[House Virgin {MSP}](#), by [Housebuster](#)), a \$160,000 KEESEP yearling, finished sixth after a wide trip in his Dec. 8 debut at Hollywood, but drove to a two-length maiden tally when stretched to two turns at Santa Anita Jan. 13. Off at 7-2 to make it two in a row, the chestnut pressed slight 7-2 choice Winsome Charm (Silver Charm) through six panels in a pedestrian 1:14.17, then fought his way to the front and prevailed by a half length over that rival. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$64,600.

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O-Glencrest Farm, Dapple Stable & Sassafras Racing I, LLC. B-Denlea Park Ltd (KY). T-Todd A Pletcher.



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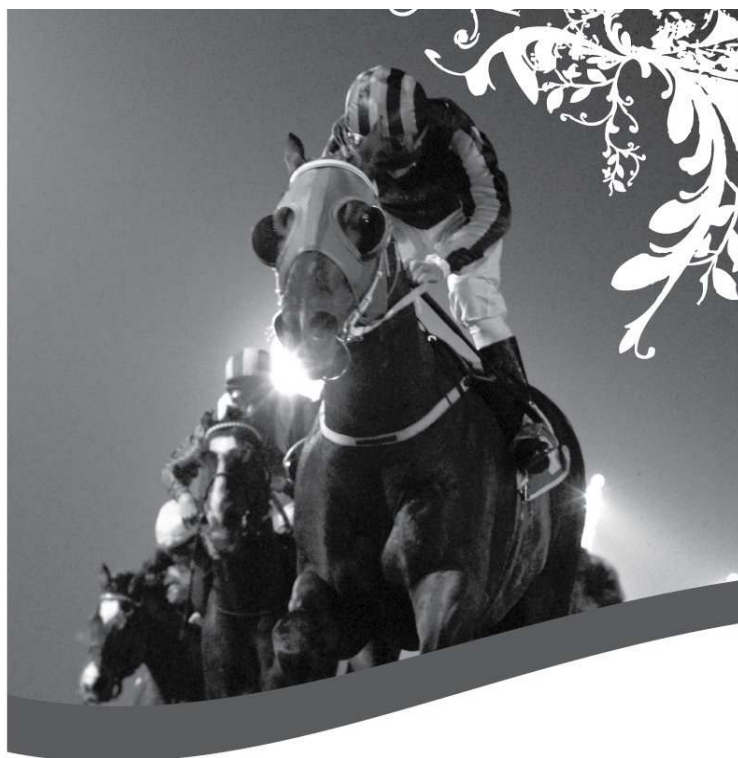
So. Cal Report cont.

Perfect Drift Back on Track:

Nine-year-old **Perfect Drift** (Dynaformer), winless since taking the GII Washington Park H. in July of 2005, is back in training with Richard Mandella at Santa Anita and could return to the work tab soon. "He's had a little layoff, but his owner [Dr. William Reed] said if he acts like he wants to run, and runs as good as he used to, run him, but if I don't like the way he trains, just retire him," Mandella said. "But he looks great. He hasn't breezed; he's a couple weeks from that. He's just jogging and galloping." The gelding has won eight stakes, including the 2003 GI Stephen Foster H. Overall, his record stands at 46-11-14-6 for earnings of \$4,680,690. Perfect Drift made his last start in an optional claimer at Churchill in July, finishing fifth behind Brass Hat and Student Council in that track-record setting test.

Jara On the Mend:

Jockey Fernando Jara, who suffered a broken collarbone in a spill at Hollywood Park Nov. 11, is back in the saddle and is expected to return to Santa Anita in the next few weeks. Jara has been riding races in his native Peru. "He's been riding there for the last week, and was on 17 horses and won three races," said his agent, Bob Meldahl. "His dad has the best two-year-old filly there, and I think Fernando stayed to ride her. Physically, he's ready to go and should be here shortly." The 19-year-old jockey guided Jazil to victory in the 2006 GI Belmont S.



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ALDEBARAN (Mr. Prospector), Darby Dan, \$50K, 150/12/0
1-SA, Msw, 6 1/2f, Osceola Prince, \$105K KEE SEP yrl
COMIC GENIUS (Unbridled), Doubletree, \$3K, 50/6/0
6-SUN, Msw, 6f, T Fudge, 8-1

DAVID COPPERFIELD (Halo), Hopewell, \$5K, 46/4/0
8-DED, Alw, 7f, Hunterbunter, \$15K TEX AUG yrl, 8-1

DECARCHY (Distant View), Magali, \$5K, 99/8/1
1-SA, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Supercarchy, \$26K BAR MAY 2yo
8-SA, Msw, 6 1/2f, +General Buffet

DEPUTY WILD CAT (Deputy Minister), Rising Hill, \$3K, 43/4/0
6-PHA, Msw, 6 1/2f, Opening Page, \$2K OBS WIN 2yo, 15-1



Rookies cont.

DREAM TRIPPER (Dehere), 9/0/0
 3-FG, Msw, 1m, Addie's Dream, 6-1
DUCKHORN (Not For Love), Xanthus, \$3K, 61/1/0
 1-CT, Msw, 1 1/8m, Duckhorn's Joy, 9-2
ESSENCE OF DUBAI (Pulpit), Hartley, 119/12/0
 4-FG, Alw, 1m, Dells Bells, 6-1
GOTHAM CITY (Saint Ballado), Applebite, \$2K, 55/3/0
 8-SA, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Cafe Lindo
HARLAN'S HOLIDAY (Harlan), Airdrie, \$18K, 169/26/5
 4-FG, Alw, 1m, Holiday Cruise, \$30K OBS MAR 2yo, 6-1
 12-TP, Msw, 6 1/2f, Christmasinabottle, \$100K EAS MAY 2yo
HOLD THAT TIGER (Storm Cat), Ashford, \$15K, 250/28/2
 1-SA, Msw, 6 1/2f, Hold This, \$85K BAR MAY 2yo
 1-SA, Msw, 6 1/2f, Red Redding, \$13K FTK OCT yrl
 6-PHA, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Call Me the Breeze, \$60K EAS MAY 2yo, 9-2
LIGHTNIN N THUNDER (Storm Cat), Bridlewood, \$4K, 89/5/0
 6-PHA, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Rayos Y Truenos, 12-1
MINESHAFT (A.P. Indy), Lane's End, \$100K, 151/9/1
 1-SA, Msw, 6 1/2f, Forest Prince
 8-FG, Msw, 1 1/16m, Fort Apache, \$67K EAS MAY 2yo, 3-1
 2-AQU, Msw, 6f, +Asfaar, \$425K KEE SEP yrl
POSSE (Silver Deputy), Vinery, \$10K, 154/28/7
 2-AQU, Msw, 6f, +Destry, \$75K EAS MAY 2yo
PROUD CITIZEN (Gone West), Airdrie, \$13K, 210/21/3
 4-FG, Alw, 1m, Eagle's Song, \$70K FTK JUL yrl, 3-1
REPENT (Louis Quatorze), Vinery Florida, \$5K, 158/25/4
 1-SA, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Devil Maker, \$37K BAR MAY 2yo
ROCK SLIDE (A.P. Indy), Maryland Stallion, \$8K, 76/3/0
 1-CT, Msw, 1 1/8m, Deep Impact, \$10K EAS DEC wnl, 9-5
SKY MESA (Pulpit), Three Chimneys, \$30K, 177/14/1
 1-SA, Msw, 6 1/2f, Processor's Turf, \$425K FTF FEB 2yo
 11-TP, Stk, 1m, Through the Clouds, \$30K KEE SEP yrl
 5-GP, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Sky Copper, \$40K KEE JAN yrl, 10-1
 4-FG, Alw, 1m, Tapui, \$45K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1
STATUE OF LIBERTY (Storm Cat), 198/25/1
 3-SA, Alw, 1mT, Robscarvic (IRE)
SWING LORD (A.P. Indy), Ascot Stud, \$4K, 9/2/0
 1-CT, Msw, 1 1/8m, Warduty, 12-1
TRUST N LUCK (Montbrook), Vinery, \$9K, 118/12/1
 8-DED, Alw, 7f, La Trust, \$9K TEX APR 2yo, 12-1
VALET MAN (Carson City), 16/1/1
 9-SUN, Alw, 6 1/2f, Bravo Sapello, 4-1
VAN NISTELROOY (Storm Cat), Ashford, \$8K, 201/31/6
 11-TP, Stk, 1m, Vancy Pants, \$42K FTK JUL yrl

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Rookies cont.

VINDICATION (Seattle Slew), Hill 'n' Dale, \$50K, 229/24/1
 5-GP, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Datts R Girl Addy, \$180K KEE SEP yrl, 5-2
 9-OP, Stk, 6f, Ferragamo, \$80K KEE SEP yrl
 8-FG, Msw, 1 1/16m, Revenge Is Sweet, 7-2
 6-OP, Msw, 1 1/16m, Absolutely Smart, \$100K KEE SEP yrl
VOLPONI (Cryptoclearance), Hopewell, 92/14/3
 1-CT, Msw, 1 1/8m, Valadour, \$5K FTK FEB yrl, 3-1
WHYWHYWHY (Mr. Greeley), Gainesway, \$8K, 100/19/2
 8-FG, Msw, 1 1/16m, Whywhy Cat, 8-1
YANKEE GENTLEMAN (Storm Cat), Airdrie, \$10K, 114/20/2
 11-TP, Stk, 1m, Lovers Spat, \$12K KEE SEP yrl
ZAVATA (Phone Trick), Walmac, \$8K, 121/17/0
 8-GP, Alw, 6f, Champagne Coolie, \$65K KEE SEP yrl, 15-1
 6-OP, Msw, 1 1/16m, Josata, \$6K TEX APR 2yo

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IN BRITAIN:

Oberlin, c, 3, Gone West. See "Britain."

Dodaa, g, 5, Dayjur--Ra'a (SW-Eng), by Diesis (GB).
 Wolverhampton, 2-21, Hcp, 4yo/up, 5f 20yds (AWT).
 B-Silverleaf Farm Inc. *\$13,500 wnlg '03 KEENOV;
 50,000gns yrl '04 DONSEP. **Full to Musafai,
 MSW-US, \$254,846.

IN DUBAI:

Racer Forever, g, 5, Rahy--Ras Shaikh (MSP-Eng), by
 Sheikh Albadou (GB). Nad Al Sheba, 2-22, Hcp,
 1300mT. B-Gainsborough Farm LLC. *SW-Eng.
Mutasallil, h, 8, Gone West--Min Alhawa (MSP-Eng), by
 Riverman. Nad Al Sheba, 2-22, Hcp, 1800m.
 B-Shadwell Farm LLC. *SP-UAE.

IN SOUTH AFRICA:

Tarbrush, f, 3, Aptitude--Cheyenne Dream (GB) (SW &
MGSP-Fr), by Dancing Brave. Arlington, 2-22,
 1400mT, 1:25.05. Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 3 wins,
 1 place. O-Mr & Mrs Rudi Frost; B-Juddmonte Farms;
 T-Gavin Smith. *SP-SAf. **1/2 to Dream Chief (Holy
 Bull), Hwt. Older Horse-Ity at 5-7f, MGSP-Ity, GSP-Fr,
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Yesterday's Result:

Southwell, 3.55, Mdn, £3,600, 3yo/up, 1 3/8m (AWT), 2:30.53, stn/slow.

OBERLIN (c, 3, Gone West--Balanchine {Hwt. 3yo-Ire at 11-13.5f, G1SW-Eng & Ire, GSP-Fr, \$850,380}, by Storm Bird), a last-out third at Lingfield Feb. 15, raced on the front end from the outset of this. Coming under pressure with three furlongs remaining, the 1-2 chalk was relentless under a stretch-long drive to deny Coral Shores (GB) (Carnival Dancer {GB}) by 1 3/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-1, £4,920.

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Gainsborough Farm LLC; T-Mark Johnston.

Thursday's Late Results:

Wolverhampton, 8.50, Mdn, £3,600, 3yo, 1m 141yds (AWT), 1:52.77, stn.

+ DREAM DESERT (IRE) (c, 3, Elnadim--Bravo Dancer {GB}, by Acatenango {Ger}) was tardy from the gate and raced in fifth after the first bend. Making headway into contention from the halfway point, the 8-1 chance came under pressure approaching the final quarter mile and was driven out late to assert by 1 1/2 lengths from Maadraa (Ire) (Josr Algarhoud {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £2,332.

O-Jaber Abdullah; B-Gainsborough Stud Management Ltd; T-Mick Channon.

★ FRANCE ★

Saturday, Cagnes-sur-Mer, post time: 3:15 p.m.

PRIX POLICEMAN-Listed, €55,000, 3yo, 10f 165ydsT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	2	Song of Tiger (Ger)	Tiger Hill (Ire)	Baltromei	123
2	5	Tanyarovitch (Fr)	Munir (GB)	Scandella	123
3	3	Corseurasien (Fr)	Hamas (Ire)	Forneron	123
4	6	Neige Eternel (Fr)	Verglas (Ire)	Rob Collet	123
5	8	Wise Man (Ger)	Alkalde (Fr)	Baltromei	123
6	1	Pelvoux (Fr)	Diktat (GB)	Rob Collet	123
7	4	Fairy Duster (Ire)	Green Desert	Pantall	120
8	9	Fleurina (Fr)	Le Triton	Rob Collet	120
9	7	Rafale Bere (Fr)	Verglas (Ire)	Prod'homme	120

★ EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN DUBAI:

Mutamarres (GB), g, 5, Green Desert--Injaad (GB), by Machiavellian. Nad Al Sheba, 2-22, Hcp, 1300mT. B-Shadwell Estate Co Ltd.

Wise Dennis (GB), g, 6, Polar Falcon--Bowden Rose (GB), by Dashing Blade (GB). Nad Al Sheba, 2-22, Hcp, 1777mT. B-J & Mrs Bowtell. *SW-Eng.

 MIDDLE EAST ★

★ DUBAI ★

Yesterday's Results:

BALANCHINE S.-Listed, \$150,000, NH4yo + /SH3yo +, f/m, 1777mT, 1:52.23, gd.

1--SUN CLASSIQUE (AUS), 137, f, 4, by Fuji Kiseki (Jpn)

1st Dam: Elfenjer (Aus), by Last Tycoon (Ire)

2nd Dam: Gamine (NZ), by Keen (GB)

3rd Dam: Remember Century, by Bold Flip

O-L Cohen & W V Rippon; B-L Cohen; T-Mike de Kock; J-K Shea; \$90,000. Lifetime Record: MG1SW-SAf, 14-8-2-0, \$344,066.

2--Many Colours (GB), 130, f, 4, Green Desert--First of Many (GB), by Darshaan (GB). O-Godolphin;

B-Gainsborough Stud Management Ltd; T-Saeed bin Suroor; \$30,000.

3--Light Green (Brz), 128, f, 3, Blush Rambler--Star Procida, by Procida. O-Haras Santa Camila; B-Agro Pastoril Haras Sao Luiz; T-P Nickel Filho; \$15,000.

Margins: 1/4, 1, 1 1/4.

Also Ran: Gower Song (GB), Classy-Lady (Brz), Crossing (GB), Whazzis (GB), Impetuous (GB), Sweet Lilly (GB), Jet Past (SAf).

Sun Classique, heroine of South Africa's G1 Cape Fillies Guineas, G1 Majorca S. and G1 Woolavington 2200 S., began her stint in Dubai with a 2 1/4-length victory over Many Colours in the Listed Cape Verdi S. at Nad Al Sheba Feb. 7. Caught in traffic in this one, Sun Classique was guided to the outside by Kevin Shea in deep stretch and was along in time to post the narrow victory. "She got herself out of trouble, which is the sign of a good horse," said Shea. "She does stay, so the [G1] Dubai Sheema Classic [Mar. 29] might be an option." The victress has been nominated for the Sheema Classic as well as the G1 Dubai Duty Free.

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Dubai Report cont.

Nad Al Sheba, 21.15, Hcp., \$120,000, NH4yo + / SH3yo + , 1200m, 1:09.75, ft.

FROSTY SECRET (c, 4, Put It Back--Secret From Above, by Great Above), third in the 2007 GIII Withers S. at Aqueduct, completed the trifecta in the G3 Maktoum Challenge Round 1 Jan. 17. He finished second, beaten a neck, in a Nad Al Sheba handicap last time Feb. 7. Looking to go one better here, the \$18,000 OBSAUG yearling and \$17,000 OBSMAR juvenile was forwardly placed from the git-go and outgamed Sarissa (Brz) (Music Prospector) to the wire to score by a head. Elusive Warning (Elusive Quality), perfect in two starts in the States last term for Darley, ran well to finish third in his Godolphin debut off the lengthy layoff. Lifetime Record: GSP-US & UAE, 16-3-4-4, \$219,673. O-Elsadig Elhag; B-Carl Bowling; T-Mike de Kock.

Nad Al Sheba, 22.45, Hcp., \$120,000, NH4yo + /SH3yo + , 2000mT, 2:04.69, gd.

GLEN NEVIS (c, 4, Gulch--Beating the Buzz {Ire} {GSP-Ire}, by Bluebird), a \$75,000 KEEJAN and a \$190,000 KEESEP yearling, had gone winless since notching a Leicester maiden in October 2006. Freshened following a 13th-place finish in the Listed Hampton Court S. at Ascot last June, he resurfaced to finish second in a handicap over the Nad Al Sheba lawn Jan. 31. Most recently sixth over this course Feb. 8, Glen Nevis rallied from the back of the pack to secure a 1 1/4-length victory over Imperial Star (Ire) (Fantastic Light. The winner is a full to Sleeping Weapon, GSP-UAE, \$185,747. Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-2, \$110,283. O-Sheikh Zayed bin Marwan Al Maktoum; B-Nutbush Farm; T-Saeed bin Suroor.

ADDITIONAL HANDICAP RESULTS:

Nad Al Sheba, 20.45, Hcp., \$120,000, NH4yo + /SH3yo + , 2000mT, 2:06.44, gd.

ENGRUPIDO (ARG) (c, 4, Potrillon {Arg}-Una Gata {Arg}, by Equalize) Lifetime Record: G1SP-Arg, 7-2-1-1, \$97,819. O-Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum; B-Haras Rio Claro; T-Mike de Kock.



AUSTRALASIA



MM PERTH SALE TOPS A\$18 MILLION The Magic Millions Perth Yearling Sale concluded Friday with a record cumulative gross of A\$18,161,500. The sale's fourth and fifth sessions--held Thursday and Friday--grossed A\$1,896,000. Magic Millions Managing Director David Chester was pleased with quality of yearlings that sold on the final day of the sale. "There were plenty of well-conformed and presented yearlings going under the hammer [Friday]," Chester said. "There's no doubt a number of these graduates will race to black-type level on the track. The past two days have given buyers the opportunity to snap up a likely racetrack performer at a value price." The Perth Yearling Sale continues to get better each year, according to Chester. "This sale is now attracting buyers from around Australia and overseas--new ones every year--and not surprisingly after they see what's on offer they come back year after year."



SOUTH AMERICA



WINNERS BY U.S. SIRES:

Javelotte (Arg), f, 3, **Easing Along--Storm Girl (Arg)** (GSP-Arg), by Mountdrago (Arg). San Isidro, 2-22, Alw, 1200m, 1:10.08. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0. O-Stud Haras Futuro; B-Haras Rio Claro; T-A F Gaitan.

*1/2 to Chloris (Arg) (Ibero {Arg}), G1SW-Arg.

Heaven to Sally (Arg), f, 3, **Honour and Glory--Hello Sally (Arg)**, by Southern Halo. San Isidro, 2-22, Mdn, 1600m, 1:36.94. Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-1. O/B-Santa Maria de Araras; T-J C Maldotti. *1/2 to Hello Charlotte (Arg) (Lode), GSP-Arg.

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BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

2nd-OPX, \$36,500, Opt. Clm. (\$65,000), NW3\$X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:46 1/5, ft.
ANGEL SMOKE (f, 4, [Smoke Glacken](#)--Best Feature, by El Gran Senor) Lifetime Record: SP, 11-4-4-0, \$92,120. O-Jer-Mar Stable LLC. B-Katalpa Farm & W L S Landes III (KY). T-M Robertson. *\$52,000 yrl '05 KEESEP.

9th-OPX, \$35,000, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft.
GOLDEN THIEF (f, 4, [Cat Thief](#)--Amber Gold, by Mr. Prospector) Lifetime Record: 13-3-1-5, \$102,424. O-Midnight Cry Stable. B-Overbrook Farm (KY). T-Steven M Asmussen. *\$23,000 yrl '05 KEESEP.

7th-CTX, \$28,000, 2-21, NW1X, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:22 3/5, ft.
SHES PRETTY FANCY (f, 4, My Boy Adam--Front Porch, by Tilt Up) Lifetime Record: SP, 12-3-3-3, \$75,490. O-T C & J A Grams. B-T & R Grams (WV). T-T Grams. *Full to Fancy Buckles, MSW, \$278,188.

8th-CTX, \$27,000, 2-21 NW4LX, 4yo/up, 4 1/2f, :52 2/5, ft.
LACEWELL (g, 5, Souvenir Copy--Aerial Meeting, by General Meeting) Lifetime Record: 7-4-1-1, \$75,420. O-The Elkstone Group. B-Hopewell Investments LLC (KY). T-Scott A Lake. \$40,000 yrl '04 KEESEP.

8th-DED, \$24,250, Opt. Clm. (\$30,000), NW1X, 3yo, f, 5f, 1:00 2/5, my.
DIXIE DUCES (f, 3, Carson City--Burnished Miss, by Wild Again) Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-0, \$39,700. O-Scott & Dan Saunders. B-J S Carrion, Trustee (KY). T-F Pitzer. \$35,000 yrl '06 KEESEP; \$37,000 2yo '07 OBSAPR.

• ON THE WORKTAB •

GULFSTREAM

A to the Croft (Menifee), 5f, 1:01.40, 2/4
 Racecar Rhapsody (Tale of the Cat), 4f, :48.80, 4/17

HOLLYWOOD

Augment (Aptitude), 4f, :51.80, 23/24
 Big Booster (Accelerator), 7f, :31.00, 2/2
 Chattahoochee War (War Chant), 5f, 1:01.20, 13/36

PALM MEADOWS

Bordeaux Bandit (Vindication), 4f, 48.00, 2/13
 Coal Play (Mineshaft), 4f, :49.60, 10/13
 Daaher (Awesome Again), 4f, :48.20, 4/13
 Dream Rush (Wild Rush), 4f, :48.60, 5/13
 Kip Deville (Kipling), 5f (T), 1:05.00, 5/5
 Mach Glory (Arg) (Honour and Glory), 4f (T), :52.80, 5/17
 Nobiz Like Shobiz (Albert the Great), 4f (T), •51.00, 1/17
 Visionaire (Grand Slam), 4f, :48.80, 7/13

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Sensational Chimes, f, 3, **Chimes Band**--Sensational Key, by Key to the Mint. SUN, 2-22, (S), 1m, 1:42 3/5. B-Mike Abraham (NM).
Milwaukeebrewkaro, c, 3, **Milwaukee Brew**--Miss Karoo, by Buckaroo. SAX, 2-22, (C), 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:18. B-Cloyce C Clark Jr (KY). *\$45,000 wlng '05 KEENOV; \$22,000 yrl '06 OBSAUG; \$110,000 2yo '07 BESMAR.
Mr. Hunter, c, 3, **Service Stripe**--Tasty Lace, by Langfuhr. DED, 2-21, (S), 7f, 1:28 3/5. B-Ro Parra (LA). *\$50,000 2yo '07 TEXMAR.
Just Bud, g, 4, **Buddha**--Just Gin'n, by Go for Gin. OPX, 2-22, 6f, 1:12. B-James D Haley.
Jaded View, c, 4, **Jade Hunter**--Dynamic View, by Dynaformer. DED, 2-21, 1m, 1:43 1/5. B-Donamire Farm (KY).
Ready's Clyde, g, 4, **More Than Ready**--Cammieslastfashion, by Bucksplasher. TAM, 2-22, 1m40y, 1:42. B-Norman Casse (FL). *\$85,000 wlng '04 OBSOCT; \$65,000 yrl '05 KEESEP.

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

ITALY, Naples, 4.40, 2-21, €13,500, 3yo, 1 1/4mT, 2:10.30, gd.
SA KIN (IRE) (c, 3, Kris Kin--Sa Magica {Ire}, by Desert King {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-1, £25,653. O-Millennium Horses SRL; B-Stefano Stivali; T-Armando Renzoni. *€20,000 wnlg '05 GOFNOV; €45,000 yrl '06 ITYSEP.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Catcher's Pride (Ire)**, c, 3, **Catcher in the Rye (Ire)**--Rite of Spring (GB), by Niniski. Naples, Italy, 2-21, Mdn, unraced 3yo, 1 1/4mT. B-Mrs Peggy Kelly.

• ON THE WORKTAB •

PAYSON PARK

J Z Warrior (Harlan's Holiday), 5f, 1:03.20, 1/2
 Namaste's Wish (Pulpit), 3f, :38.60, 3/7

SANTA ANITA

Exhale (Millennium Wind), 4f, :48.00, 3/26

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