## RICHARD GALPIN DIES p3

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## CURLIN RETURNS WITH EASY WIN

Reigning U.S. Horse of the Year and champion threeyear-old **Curlin** (Smart Strike) made a stylish return to the races yesterday, galloping to an easy 2 1/4-length victory in the Jaguar Trophy H. at Nad Al Sheba in Dubai. Connections are hoping the 1 1/4-mile race will set the champion up for the Mar. 29 G1 Dubai World Cup. "That was just what we wanted," trainer Steve Asmussen said after watching Curlin win his first start



since last year's GI Breeders' Cup Classic. "In racing, you are always cautiously optimistic, but that's what we expected." Curlin broke from the two hole in the six-horse field vesterday and appeared rank in the early going, tugging jockey Robby Albarado along as they raced over the top of the triangular Nad Al Sheba course.

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Curlin Dubai Racing Club

Albarado moved his charge away from the rail and settled the imposing chestnut in a stalking second. But as the field turned into the stretch, Curlin took charge after merely having the reins shaken at him at the furlong pole and sailed under the wire under a snug hold, ears pricked and anything but fully extended. The final time of 2:00.60, accomplished under a 132-pound impost and spotting his five rivals 15 pounds, was a little more than one second off the course record of Dubai Millennium (GB). "He is an amazing athlete and racehorse," Albarado said. "It is a real honor to be associated with him and he has shown why tonight. I took him wide to help settle him as he was a bit keen and from then I was never concerned." Asmussen is confident going into the World Cup. "The timing between the races is ideal--he won the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup over a mile and a quarter before winning the Breeders' Cup Classic over the same trip, four weeks later," the trainer explained. "That's why we've come for this race, so everything's gone to plan so far. I haven't really looked at what he might face in the Dubai World Cup, but we're glad to have him in our corner." During a stellar 2007 campaign, Curlin won the GI Preakness, GI Jockey Club Gold Cup and Breeders' Cup Classic and finished third in the GI Kentucky Derby and second in the GI Belmont S. See additional information ATW p6

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#### **BAZE FAMILY WELL REPRESENTED IN BIG 'CAP**

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needs no introduction as racing's alltime leading rider with over 10,000 career victories. Tyler Baze, second cousin to Russell, made a splash as an apprentice rider in 2000, leading all Southern California-based reinsmen with 246 wins and managed nearly 200 more in his first year as a journeyman in 2001. Newest on the scene is Tyler's first cousin Michael, a veteran of four-plus years in the saddle, who celebrated riding titles in 2007 at Hollywood Park's spring/summer meeting and also led the way at Del Mar. While Tyler will sit out this year's GI Santa Anita H.

Russell Baze NTRA.com

after his intended mount Monzante was not entered, Russell and Michael will sit two stalls apart when the gates are sprung for Saturday's \$1-million test. Cont. p2



TDN Feature Presentation--Santa Anita H. cont. Michael gets a leg up from trainer Mike Mitchell aboard Anastasi, Anastasi or Ukegawa's **Big Booster** 



(Accelerator), who came within 3/4 of a length of defeating 2007 Big 'Cap hero Lava Man when third in the GI Hollywood Gold Cup last summer. Michael rode Monterey Jazz (Thunderello) to a fifth-place effort over Hollywood's Cushion Track last May, but it was Hall of Famer Russell who broke the dark bay's maiden in a five-furlong event at Golden Gate the following month. With David Flores opting for the tepid morning-line favorite Awesome Gem (Awesome Again), Russell got the call from trainer Craig

Dollase and takes over aboard

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the GII Strub S. winner. Tomorrow's race marks a first for both riders.

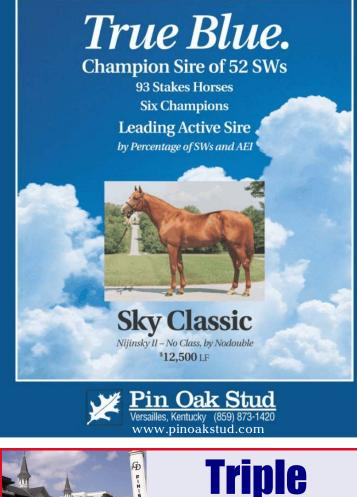
"We've ridden against each other a couple of times, but never in a Grade I race for a million dollars," explained the 20-year-old Michael. "I don't know Russell very well, but every time I go up north, he'll give me a ride to the airport and we get along very well."

As for his mount, Big Booster was claimed by Mitchell for \$62,500 at Gulfstream last winter and lit up the tote in his second start in Southern California and first over a synthetic surface at Hollywood in May prior to his Gold Cup effort. Fifth to **Student Council** (Kingmambo) in a paceless renewal of the GI Pacific Classic, the bay was third to **Tiago** (Pleasant Tap) and Awesome Gem, beaten a length in the GI Goodwood S. Sept. 29, but was sidelined thereafter. He returned to action with a useful fourth in the GII San Antonio H. Feb. 9 and gets an extra eighth of a mile tomorrow.

"I love the mile and a quarter," Baze said of his mount, a 15-1 chance on the morning line. "The longer the better for this horse. He's a closer and always comes with a nice, strong kick. He's on top of his game. He had some time off before his last race and needed the start. He's training great and hopefully he'll run the same as he has been, and it will be good enough."

#### SANTA ANITA HANDICAP-Past Winners

2007	Lava Man	1997	Siphon (Brz)
2006	Lava Man	1996	Mr. Purple
2005	Rock Hard Ten	1995	Urgent Request
2004	Southern Image	1994	Stuka (by DQ)
2003	Milwaukee Brew	1993	Sir Beaufort
2002	Milwaukee Brew	1992	Best Pal
2001	Tiznow	1991	Farma Way
2000	<b>General Challenge</b>	1990	Ruhlmann
1999	Free House	1989	Martial Law
1998	Malek (Chi)	1988	Alysheba





## Into Mischief to Miss San Felipe...

Trainer Richard Mandella said yesterday that B. Wayne Hughes's GI CashCall Futurity hero Into Mischief



(Harlan's Holiday) will miss the GII San Felipe S. Mar. 15, as the colt is still nursing an injury to his left hind. "He's still fighting the foot problems, so there's no San Felipe," the Hall of Fame conditioner stated. "He won't be ready for that. I don't really know [what might be next] after that." No worse than second in his four career starts. Into Mischief was runner-up to Massive Drama in the GIII Hollywood Prevue S. last November before turning the tables on that rival in the Futurity. In his lone sophomore appearance, the bay forced the pace before finishing second to

**Chreats** 

Into Mischief Horsephotos

**Georgie Boy** (Tribal Rule) in the GII San Vicente S. over seven furlongs Feb. 10.



## ☆ PREVIEW ☆

#### Sunday, Gulfstream Park

DAVONA DALE SGII, \$150,000, 3yo, f, 1m								
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2	Informed Decision	Monarchos	Douglas	115				
3	American County	Gibson County	Prado	119				
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## ☆ NEWSTODAY ☆

**RICHARD GALPIN DIES** Bloodstock agent Richard Galpin, who suffered a massive stroke Feb. 23 while in Florida for this week's Fasig-Tipton Calder Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training, has passed away. He was 71 years old. Galpin's wife Jayne told Daily Racing Form that her husband was removed from life support Wednesday afternoon at 4 p.m. Galpin took a spill in the parking lot at Calder after inspecting horses Feb. 21, but walked away from that incident. Two days later he collapsed and was taken to Aventura Hospital, where he died Wednesday. Galpin began his career in England in the late 1950s, where he was a trainer and a racing journalist. He later became an exceedingly successful judge of horseflesh, purchasing in excess of 50 Group/Grade I winners worldwide. Among the best horses he selected in Europe was Fair Salinia (Ire), who gave Sir Michael Stoute his first Epsom Oaks win in 1978, while adding the G1 Irish and Yorkshire Oaks. Galpin also picked out the likes of British champion David Junior, GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile victor Wilko and Sarava, who registered a 70-1 upset of Medaglia d'Oro in the 2002 GI Belmont S. "His record of buying horses on a restricted budget was second to none," commented bloodstock agent Hugo Merry, a friend and colleague of Galpin's for the last 26 years. "He was a most diligent and hard-working man and he thrived on that hard work. This has been a great shock to us all." Divorced from his first wife Vivien when she died, Galpin is survived by his current wife and four children. A memorial service is scheduled for Monday, Mar. 3, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Fred Hunter Funeral Home, 6301 Taft St., Hollywood, Florida, (800) 940-1550. Additional memorial services are being planned in Lexington and in Newmarket, England.

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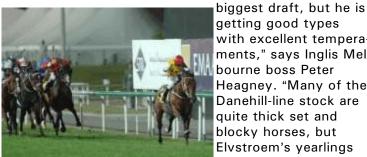


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#### SALES NEWS $\mathbf{X}$ $\Delta$

**PREMIER SALE STARTS SUNDAY** All eyes are anxiously upon the Inglis Oaklands Junction sale complex in Melbourne where the mood, in the wake of a record-breaking New Zealand Bloodstock sale series last month, is decidedly upbeat ahead of the four-day Premier Yearling Sale, which starts Sunday. A radically altered sale calendar as a consequence of the El outbreak has resulted in a considerably expanded catalogue in numbers and quality, with NSW vendors rearranging sale entries and many Victorian vendors opting not to cross state borders with high-quality yearlings. Premier is usually the third of the six Australian majors, after Magic Millions and Inglis Classic in Sydney; this year it is the first eastern-seaboard sale. The sale's profile has been boosted by the recent success of graduates such as G1 Oakleigh Plate winner Weekend Hussler (Aus), an A\$80,000 purchase. First-season sire Elvstroem (Aus) (Danehill), Victoria's most expensive stallion of 2005 at a fee of A\$38,500, dominates the catalogue with 50 yearlings among 816 in total. "It is probably a bit unusual for a first-season sire to have the



getting good types with excellent temperaments," says Inglis Melbourne boss Peter Heagney. "Many of the Danehill-line stock are quite thick set and blocky horses, but Elvstroem's yearlings are more athletic and scopey." The five-time Group 1 winning sire had five go under the

Elvstroem lengthens away to win the G1 Dubai Duty Free in 2005 Andrew Watkins

hammer at Karaka at an average of NZ\$200,000. Fastnet Rock (Aus) (Danehill), the busiest stallion in NSW last spring covering 256 mares at a fee of A\$55,000, has 13 catalogued. The Coolmore sire took a starring role at Karaka as leading first-season sire by average and second on the overall sires averages list with 11 averaging NZ\$385,455.

## **TDN TODAY**

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AUSTRALIAN EASTER **YEARLING SALE 2008** Newmarket, Sydney Select Session: 20, 21, 22 & 24 April

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Coolmore spokesman James Bester says expectations are for the champion sprinter to continue his dominance. "He ticks all the boxes; there is not a weak link, he has the quantity and the quality," Bester said. "Fastnet Rock was one of the most exciting sons of



**Fastnet Rock** stallions.com.au

Danehill to retire in a long time, he is Danehill's best sprinter and he has thrown big, strong well-grown yearlings." Redoute's Choice (Aus) (Danehill) has six catalogued, Encosta de Lago (Aus) (Fairy King {Ire}) has nine, Flying Spur (Aus) (Danehill) has 18 and

Red Ransom has eight. The deeds of Blue Diamond S. runner-up All American (Aus) are certain to boost demand for the latter, who, like Anabaa (12 catalogued), no longer shuttles to Australia. Last year's sale averaged just over A\$67,000, with a top price of A\$420,000 for an Encosta De Lago colt. The Melbourne Premier Sale kicks off on Sunday and runs for three days, before being followed by Premier Session II on Thursday.

**Ringside at Inglis p5** 



BOBBIE USE, 7, Not For Love--Truth and Beauty, by **Private Terms** Foal born Feb. 4, a colt by Ghostzapper. Will be bred back to Ghostzapper.

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## **RINGSIDE...** with Bronwyn Farr

## TALKING WITH INGLIS'S MARK WEBSTER

Newly appointed Inglis Managing Director Mark Webster faced a crisis when news of the Equine Influenza catastrophe hit in late August--a month after he took on the job. Webster's reaction typifies his approach to the competitive business of selling Thoroughbreds. At its core was the basic philosophy that within every disaster lays opportunity.

The chaos prompted Webster to swiftly introduce a raft of substantial new projects: a radically revamped sale format, a A\$2.5-million Inglis race bonus program, a new account management department headed by Byron Rogers, Internet initiatives, and a partnership with leading European sale company Tattersalls.

"My reaction initially was, 'What does this mean for the business, how do we get through this?" Webster recalls.

"But fortunately I was heading to Kentucky for the Keeneland September sales and I was encouraged when I got over there--I talked to a lot of bloodstock specialists, vets, and breeders and they all said that it was not a major issue; vaccination was a very simple solution. I was actually reassured that it would not have a major impact on the business," he added.

Webster came from a senior position in News Ltd News, where he led digital and print media businesses in positions that entailed responsibility for the profit performance of major mastheads and for the sales and distribution of publications with more than \$500-million revenue.

He also had a 12-year Royal Australian Navy stint and the former Lieutenant Commander says the ability to make decisions quickly was critical.

"Command and control and quick decision-making," he offers. "If you can't make decisions quickly, someone else ends up making them for you and you come out second-best, usually." As the magnitude of the EI pandemic hit home, Webster's most urgent priority was: How do we turn this into an opportunity?

"The whole sale schedule was going to be changed, so it was an opportunity to experiment and expand; we've created a bigger Easter extravaganza instead of offering the 500 cream of the crop horses," he says. "It was an opportunity to move toward a graded sale, like those held at Keeneland and Tattersalls and many other major international sales.

"It was an opportunity to build an entirely new Easter format; Part II has come from nothing and now has 200 horses just a shade off Part I quality, then there's the Classic sale following that. I thought it might have taken three or four years to achieve, but we have had the opportunity to change more quickly and experiment."

He adds, "Now we've really pumped up the numbers in Melbourne. It was a case of saying, how can we use this situation to our advantage?"

Rogers, who spent eight years with Arrowfield, has returned from Taylor Made Farm in Kentucky, where he was director of the stallion division, and now heads a new bloodstock key account management team.

"We did a SWOT analysis and there was an opportunity to generate more revenue and especially to put in place key account management, get to know our clients more intimately than in the past, and have the opportunity to sell privately, if we know what they have and what they are looking for," Webster explains.

"We'll also be selling stallion nominations. If we know what mares are residing at a particular farm and we have a good feel for what stallions are commercial and suited to those mares, there is absolutely every reason why we should be involved," he says.

Inglis also boasts a high-profile new board chairman in Australian Olympic Committee President John Coates. **Cont. p6** 

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"He has experience and passion for the industry as deputy chairman of [department store] David Jones and as a former chairman of the Carbine Club he clearly has an understanding of the industry, but is not too deeply immersed in the industry--he is a fresh set of eyes, similar to me," Webster outlines.

"He will challenge the norm. He is already asking a lot of really good questions. And he has really good contacts, locally and internationally."

One achievement--Tattersalls taking equity in Inglis-was the culmination of six months of negotiations. The two companies will continue to operate autonomously, but will work closely in areas of potential mutual development.

"I think what you will see is a degree of cooperation with agents working together to promote both sales in places such as Hong Kong, the U.S. and other parts of the world," he said. "It's an opportunity to leverage off each other, technology sharing wherever we can, and exchanging people right across the board. We will support each other."

In December, Inglis announced it would launch a world-first internet-based digital x-ray repository ahead of its 2008 sales series. Registered vets can view digital x-rays using their own computers from any location with broadband Internet access.

A month later, Inglis unveiled live internet bidding during Thoroughbred auctions as the first Thoroughbred company outside of the U.S. to introduce this type of service.

The service will enable anyone to bid on-line direct at auction from anywhere in the world; the service will be launched at the Autumn Thoroughbred sale at Newmarket on Mar. 17 and Inglis will demonstrate the system to industry participants during the Premier Sale from Mar. 2.

"These are all things that I passionately believe in," Webster insists. "I used to run an internet business. I don't want to be following anybody in this part of the world or anywhere else, particularly in the on-line bidding technology. I want to broaden the buying bench globally as quickly as we can.

"The other thing is that using this technology empowers buyers to make their own decision. They will still work closely with bloodstock agents, but the investor with money in their bank account might bid a bit more on horses they really want, compared with when they're delegating the bidding to an agent who is at the sale." Webster is confident the industry will bounce back from El.

"There is a lot of talk about the market being slightly off due to EI," Webster reasons. "I don't think it will be. I think there will be real demand and the limited sales we've had since EI broke out show that. Our Ready To Run Sale in Melbourne and the very small Christmas sale we had up here were both still up in terms of average and the Gold Coast Horses in Training Sale also showed the demand was still there."

"We're not looking just for natural growth, we want to capture market share," he asserts. "The gloves are off. You can see that already."

Would he prefer to be in a position like New Zealand Bloodstock with a national monopoly as the only sale company in the country?

"No! It would be boring then, if there was only one sale company. I like the competition. We need at least one major competitor."

Inglis has launched a A\$2.5-million Inglis race series, with more than 20 races throughout the year offering lucrative bonuses.

"We're taking the focus of Magic Millions by putting on a series; we've changed the game there as well," Webster explains. "One of the things that came out of our observations during El is that if there is only one big race day and horses can't get to it, then it becomes very difficult. We are offering a race every month of the year so the owner has more chance of picking up a bonus, and they can win multiple bonuses."

Webster is also working closely with government officials to open doors to export markets that were slammed shut in the wake of the El outbreak. He said arrangements for the re-opening of Australia's export markets were progressing well with Biosecurity Australia and the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service negotiating conditions with Japan, Singapore, Hong Kong, New Zealand, South Africa and the United Arab Emirates.

He pointed out that the U.S., United Kingdom, Ireland and Korea had remained open to Australian imports despite the El outbreak.

Webster says his "new broom" approach has been received with enthusiasm by the Inglis team.

"They are willing to accept change, they've been amazing, as I have put ideas out there, and the way they have responded has been incredible. Not all of the ideas are mine, I am just bringing them to life."



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#### Yesterday's Results:

7th-GPX, \$41,000, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :55, fm.

**STAR OF LUVINA (f, 4, Five Star Day--Luvina, by Forest Wildcat)** earned her diploma at Churchill last May, then returned to finish fifth in an allowance contest beneath the Twin Spires Nov. 6. She completed the exacta in a Gulfstream allowance Jan. 6, but faded to finish sixth after a speed duel in her most recent attempt Feb. 3. Making her grass debut here, the 4-1 chance sat right off the leaders through fractions of :21.44 and :43.90 and fought her way past the pacesetting Gypsy Lov (Concorde's Tune) to take it by a half-length. The victress was a \$35,000 KEENOV weanling and a \$100,000 KEESEP yearling. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, \$66,394.

O-Par Three Stables. B-Richard Giacopelli (KY). T-Eddie Kenneally.

#### Trujillo Out Three Months:

Jockey Elvis Trujillo will miss the next three months after being diagnosed with fractures of the C5 and C6 vertebra suffered in a nasty spill at Gulfstream Park last Saturday. "The good news is it could have been a lot worse, and he won't need surgery on either his wrist or his neck," Trujillo's agent, Cliff Collier, told *Daily Racing Form*. "He'll have to wear a neck brace for about six weeks, and if all goes well, hopefully he'll be back riding again in about three months." Trujillo was injured when his mount, Dinner Guest, broke down while challenging for the lead nearing the midstretch point of a nine-furlong turf race. Dinner Guest was subsequently euthanized.



#### 4:42p 8th-GPX, \$45K, Alw, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT

HRTV Trainer Shug McGaughey opts for a turf event for the return of SIGHTSEEING (Pulpit). It will be the first start on the green stuff for the four-year-old, who won last year's GII Peter Pan S. and placed in the GII Dwyer S. and GII Jim Dandy S. His sire Pulpit has been known to get some nice turfers (Stroll, Melhor Ainda, etc.), but Sightseeing's family has had success mostly on the main track. The colt has been off since running off the board in Any Given Saturday's GII Brooklyn H. in September. There's a lot to like about Kapazunder (Giant's Causeway), who tries the lawn for the first time, too. The lightly raced 5yo is making just his fourth career start, but comes off a good closing second sprinting on the main track Jan. 31 and has some good European grass form under his third dam. brisnet.com pps Insights cont. p2

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## 4:32p 2nd-SAX, \$52K, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f

HRTV ZADA BELLE (Indian Charlie) ran a hole in the wind at first asking, romping by nine lengths while traversing 5 1/2 furlongs in 1:03. But that start, her lone effort, came way back in October of 2006 in her 2yo year. Purchased privately after her maiden win by Darley, she finally makes it back to the races for Sheikh Mohammed's operation and has a good sequence of works under her belt. Rafael Bejarano rides for trainer Eoin Harty. <u>brisnet.com pps</u>

#### 5:26p 9th-FGX, \$40K, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m40yd

HRTV PARRIS HILL (<u>A.P. Indy</u>) is the younger sis of the top-shelf Take Charge Lady (Dehere). Second on debut at Woodbine last December, the 4yo got up to win by a neck in an off-theturf event here Jan. 19. <u>brisnet.com pps</u>

#### 5:13p 9th-GPX, \$40K, Msw, 3yo, 6f

HRTV This is a wide-open affair with plenty of interesting first-timers and horses looking to improve off lackluster efforts. Put CHAMP GATOR (Posse) in the latter category. The Steve Asmussen trainee, a \$200k OBSFEB 2yo, took money in his FG debut Jan. 18, but ran next to last. Our Honor (Double Honor), a \$180k OBSAPR 2yo, was a good second Jan. 4, but got trounced in a route Jan. 21. Both figure to improve. Firsters Fujita (Lion Hearted), \$110k FTMMAY 2yo, and Hatch (Successful Appeal), \$175k OBSFEB 2yo, rate a chance. brisnet.com pps

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## ★ NEWYORK ★

## Yesterday's Results:

8th-AQU, \$52,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10, ft.

**TROPHY ROAD (c, 4, Jump Start**--Stanbery Road **{MSW, \$179,036}, by Strawberry Road {Aus}**) rolled by 7 1/2 lengths in a \$35,000 state-bred optional claimer at Thistledown Nov. 19 before getting haltered for \$75,000 out of a sixth-place finish at the Big A Dec. 29. Freshened following that effort, he resurfaced to place second in a \$50,000 optional tagger last time Feb. 8. With Mario Pino aboard here, the 7-2 shot ducked in at that start, but ran 'em all off their feet, securing a four-length wire-to-wire victory. Whistlin' (Five Star Day), sent off as the 2-1 choice, completed the exacta. The victor, a \$52,000 KEENOV weanling and an \$80,000 FTKJUL yearling, is a half to Dooze (Anees), MSW, \$183,540. Lifetime Record: SP, 13-5-2-0, \$99,950.

O-Michael Ricatto Jr. B-Shashura & Shazam Stables (OH). T-David Jacobson.

## STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29:

- 03-08 \$100/50,000 **Razorback Breeders' Cup H.-III, OP**, 4yo/up, 8.5f (0)
- 03-09 \$100/75,000 **Azeri Breeders**' **Cup-III, OP**, 4yo/up, f/m, 8.5f (0)
- 05-26 \$400,000e **Shoemaker Breeders**' **Cup Mile-I, Hol**, 3yo/up, 8fT (500)
- 05-26 \$400,000e **Gamely Breeders**' **Cup-I, Hol**, 3yo/up, f/m, 9fT (500)

## TOMORROW, SATURDAY, MARCH 1:

03-15 \$100,000a Cicada-III, Aqu, 3yo, f, 6f (100) <u>www.stakesdigestweekly.com</u>





## $\star$ EAST $\star$

Yesterday's Results:

6th-LRL, \$32,000, Alw, NW3L, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12 1/5, ft.

SPECTACULAR MALIBU (f, 4, Malibu Moon--Spectacular You, by Spectacular Bid) began her career with two straight victories at Laurel as a juvenile, including the Maryland Million Lassie S. She placed a good second in the GIII Tempted S. at the Big A in November before closing out the season with a runnerup effort in the Maryland Juvenile Filly Champion S. in December. The gray sat out all of her sophomore season and finally returned to action with a fifth-place finish in the Correction H. at Aqueduct Feb. 9. Hammered down to 2-5 here, she raced with pace after bobbling at the start, gained a clear lead in the stretch and reported home 1 1/2 lengths clear of Debbie's Diamond (Silver Charm). Lifetime Record: SW & GSP, 6-3-2-0, \$143,161.

O-Country Life Farm. B-Charles H & Constance H Hadry (MD). T-Michael J Trombetta.



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<u>9th-FGX (Alw)</u> Macho Again (Macho Uno) turns in a strong 4 1/2-length victory.

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Yesterday's Results:

9th-FGX, \$40,500, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft. MACHO AGAIN (c, 3, <u>Macho Uno</u>--Go Donna Go, by Wild Again), an \$85,000 OBSAUG yearling and a \$150,000 OBSFEB two-year-old, broke through with a 5 1/2-length maiden win at Churchill Downs Oct. 28, then finished second, beaten a neck, when stretched to a mile Nov. 24. Stepped up in class for the GIII LeComte S. at Fair Grounds Jan. 12, he could only manage a sixth-place finish. Cutting back in distance for this, the West Point colorbearer raced toward the back in the early stages, began to unleash a strong rally while five wide on the turn for home and drew away impressively to score by 4 1/2 lengths over Stonestreet Song (Songandaprayer). Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-0, \$70,192. Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.

O-West Point Thoroughbreds. B-Milan Kosanovich (FL). T-Dallas Stewart.

9th-OPX, \$36,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW1RX, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:46, ft.

**COMIC ROMEO (c, 3, Proudest Romeo--Comic Wish, by Lyphard's Ridge)**, a full to Comic Truth, GSW, \$370,948, won at first asking at Calder last August before closing out the year with a fifth-place finish in the Florida Stallion Affirmed S. Sept. 1. Previously campaigned by trainer David Fawkes, he made his first start for Jorge Lara a winning one, scoring by 2 3/4 lengths in a local allowance Feb. 3. Making his first attempt beyond six furlongs here, he stayed within striking distance while saving ground, began to rally on the turn for home and reported home a 1 3/4-length winner at odds of 2-1. Courting Wisdom (Doneraile Court) completed the exacta. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$67,700.

O/B-Dr K K Jayaraman & Dr Vilasini D Jayaraman (FL). T-Jorge Lara.

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8th-TPX, \$22,180, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:09 3/5, ft.

FOREST ATTACK (c, 4, Forestry--Joy Valley {Brz} {SW-Brz}, by Ghadeer {Fr}) reeled off a pair of \$15,000 claiming victories at Turfway Nov. 29 and Dec. 20 before finishing second at this level last time Jan. 25. A close fifth through the opening quarter, the dark bay began to make his move on the turn for home and powered clear to a 7 1/2-length victory as the even-money favorite. Forest Attack is a half to Riboletta (Brz) (Roi Normand), Ch. Older Mare, G1SW-Brz, MGISW-US, \$1,467,086; Super Power (Brz) (Roi Normand), Ch. 2yo & 3yo Colt-Brz, Horse of the Year-Brz, MG1SW-Brz; and Tamara Princess (Brz) (Roi Normand), SW, \$114,250. Lifetime Record: 7-4-1-0, \$44,045.

O-Scarlet Stable. B-Aaron U & Marie D Jones (KY). T-Michael J Maker.

6th-FGX, \$40,000, Msw, 3yo, f, a1 1/16mT, 1:48, fm. SERENITY LAKE (f, 3, <u>Alphabet Soup</u>--Meadow Peace {SP}, by Meadowlake), a \$32,000 ADNMAR juvenile, made a pair of starts at Woodbine last term--a respectable fifth on the grass Oct. 5 and a seventh-place finish over the Polytrack Oct. 27. The gray faced the starter once this season, crossing the line a well-beaten eighth in a local off-the-turfer Jan. 26. Back on the sod here, the 4-1 chance was ninth through a half mile in :50.79, but came with a strong stretch run to take it by two lengths over 7-2 favorite Set Point (Langfuhr). Kip Seville (Kipling), a full-sister to GI Breeders' Cup Mile winner Kip Deville, crossed the wire 11th following a wide trip. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$25,871. O-Richard L Lister. B-Adena Springs (FL). T-M Pierce.

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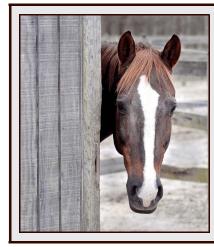
#### Purse Increase at Oaklawn:

Officials at Oaklawn Park have announced an acrossthe-board purse increase, retroactive to Feb. 28, which will add \$1,000 to maiden special, allowance and optional claiming races and \$500 to all claiming and starter allowance events. "The horsemen are very much our partners in putting on the races," stated Pat Pope, Oaklawn racing secretary. "And I'm hopeful that we're positioned to be very strong now through the end of the meet. This will add approximately \$250,000 to our purses for the next six weeks and that will be significant." The increase is due in large part to revenue from Instant Racing/Gaming revenue and to the support of the first half of the live meet both on track and around the country.

## $\star$ SO. CALIFORNIA $\star$

#### Hollywood Releases Stakes Schedule:

Officials at Hollywood Park in Inglewood, California, have released their 2008 spring/summer stakes schedule, featuring a total of 55 added-money events worth \$8.5 million. A trio of \$750,000 stakes highlight the ledger, including the GI Hollywood Gold Cup, which has been pushed forward this year to June 28. Lava Man equalled Native Diver with his third consecutive victory in the 10-furlong event. The GI American Oaks and GII CashCall Mile anchor a July 5 program which also includes the GI Triple Bend H., the GI Vanity H. and the GIII Hollywood Juvenile Championship. The Oaks, Mile and Triple Bend are all invitationals. "Outside of the Breeders' Cup, it is the most prize money we've offered on a single day in track history," said Hollywood's Vice President of Racing Martin Panza. "We've already had considerable interest from Australia and we expect continued interest from Europe and Japan as well as nationwide." Other highlights on the schedule include Cal National Gold Rush Day Apr. 27, the GII Jim Memorial H. May 10, the GI Shoemaker BC Mile and GI Gamely BC S. May 26, the GI Charles Whittingham Memorial June 7 and the GII Swaps BC S. July 12.



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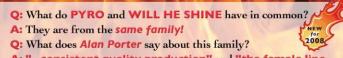
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Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2005 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available) A. P. DELTA (A.P. Indy), 37/2/1 2-FG, Msw, 6f, Biduadeau, \$14K LOU OCT yrl, 7-2 ALDEBARAN (Mr. Prospector), Darby Dan, \$50K, 150/12/0 9-GP, Msw, 6f, +Mr. Universe, 10-1 10-OP, Alw, 1m, Sweet Redeemer, \$75K KEE SEP yrl ALMOSTASHAR (A.P. Indy), Running R, \$2K, 28/3/0 10-FG, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Almost Impressed, \$35K EVA MAR 2yo, 20-1 DESERT WARRIOR (Deputy Minister), McMahon, \$3K, 87/9/0 9-TAM, Msw, 5f, Out in the Open, 4-1 EASYFROMTHEGITGO (Dehere), 519 Tbreds, 56/4/0 2-FG, Msw, 6f, Gittin Cozy, 4-1 LIDO PALACE (CHI) (Rich Man's Gold), Lambholm South, \$9K, 88/8/0 9-TAM, Msw, 5f, +Centarus, \$7K OBS AUG yrl, 15-1 MILWAUKEE BREW (Wild Again), Adena South, \$15K, 162/23/0 5-SA, Alw, 7f, Homemade Brew, \$22K ADS SPR 2yo MORLUC (Housebuster), Buck Pond, \$5K, 34/1/0 9-TAM, Msw, 5f, +Runs With Angels, 5-1 POSSE (Silver Deputy), Vinery, \$10K, 154/28/7 9-GP, Msw, 6f, Champ Gator, \$200K OBS FEB 2yo, 8-1 POWER AND PEACE (Relaunch), 6/0/0 3-DED, Msw, 5f, Power Charged, 20-1 **SKY MESA** (Pulpit), Three Chimneys, \$30K, 177/15/1 9-TAM, Msw, 5f, +Many Mesas, \$250K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1 SLIGO BAY (IRE) (Sadler's Wells), Adena South, \$10K, 128/11/1 10-FG, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Bride of the Bay, \$19K TEX APR 2yo, 3-1 STORM PASSAGE (Storm Cat), Red River, \$2K, 49/3/0 10-FG, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Miss Cat Rac, 20-1 SUNDAY BREAK (JPN) (Forty Niner), Walmac, \$9K, 156/24/0 11-TP, Msw, 1m, Mother Joan, \$170K FTF FEB 2yo VALID BIDDER (Valid Appeal), Don Cormier, \$750, 44/0/0 3-DED, Msw, 5f, +Trey's Edition, 8-1 YANKEE GENTLEMAN (Storm Cat), Airdrie, \$10K, 114/20/2 10-OP, Alw, 1m, Yankee Doodle Girl, \$60K KEE SEP yrl

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## IN FRANCE:

Mezzo Forte, c, 4, Stravinsky. See "Breeders' Edition Europe."



# MIDDLE EAST

## **DUBAI ★**

#### Yesterday's Results:

**UAE OAKS-Listed**, \$250,000, Nad Al Sheba, 2-28, 3yo, f, 1800m, 1:49.09, ft.

1--COCOA BEACH (CHI), 130, f, 3, by <u>Doneraile Court</u> 1st Dam: Visionera (Chi), by Edgy Diplomat 2nd Dam: Spray (Chi), by Roy 3rd Dam: Memsahib (Chi), by Musketeer O-HRH Princess Haya; B-Haras La Obra; T-Saeed bin Superst LT Dursens (150,000, bifetime Reserve)

Suroor; J-T Durcan; \$150,000. Lifetime Record: MGSW-Chi, 7-6-1-0, \$335,661.

2--Love of Dubai, 121, f, 3, More Than Ready--Diamond Kris, by Prospect Bay. (\$27,000 2yo '07 OBSAPR). O-Mohammed Ali Al Shafar. \$50,000.

3--Love Dancing (Arg), 130, f, 3, Salt Lake--Le Midi (Arg), by Fitzcarraldo (Arg). O-Godolphin. \$25,000. Margins: 6, 1 1/4, 1.

Cocoa Beach began her career in Chile with four straight victories, including three open-lengths triumphs in group company. She was second in her local bow in a Jan. 17 allowance, but returned to her winning ways with a 5 1/4-length victory in the Feb. 8 UAE 1000 Guineas last time out. Rated in mid-pack early, the dark bay filly rallied wide into the stretch, powered to the lead and romped home an easy winner. Cocoa Beach is just the third filly to win the Oaks-Guineas double. "They went a little slow for her to begin with, but she has a lovely attitude and stride and a lot of class," jockey Ted Durcan said. <u>Race Video</u>.

AL QUOZ SPRINT (1st Div)-Listed, \$200,000, Nad Al Sheba, 2-28, 3yo/up, 1200mT, 1:12.81, gd.

1--#MUTAMARRES (GB), 126, g, 5, Green Desert--Injaad (GB), by Machiavellian. O-Sh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Estate Co Ltd; T-Doug Watson; J-R Hills; \$120,000. Lifetime Record: 18-6-4-2, \$356,160.

2--Big Timer, g, 4, Street Cry (Ire)--Moonflute, by The Minstrel. (\$15,000 yrl '05 KEESEP). \$40,000.

3--Grand Vista (GB), 126, c, 4, Danehill--Revealing (GB), by Halling. (23,000gns HRA '07 TATHIT). \$20,000. Margins: 2 3/4, 1/4, 1/4.

Mutamarres was seeking his third February win at Nad Al Sheba after taking back-to-back allowance victories over this course Feb. 8 and Feb. 22. Making a quick return here, the bay gelding was soon at the head of affairs, opened a clear lead and easily held on for his first stakes success. "Once we got into a nice rhythm up front, I was pretty confident," said jockey Richard Hills. "When he quickened it was always going to be hard for someone to come from behind." AL QUOZ SPRING (2nd Div)-Listed, \$200,000, Nad Al Sheba, 2-28, 3yo/up, 1200mT, 1:13.09, gd.

- 1--#INSTANT RECALL (IRE), 126, g, 7, Indian Ridge (Ire)--Happy Memories (Ire), by Thatching (Ire).
  (140,000 yrl '02 TATOCT; 35,000gns HRA '04 TATHIT). O-Salman Mussallam Al Shalahi; B-Frank Dunne; T-Musabah Al Muhairi; J-W Smith; \$120,000. Lifetime Record: 38-7-5-4, \$282,407.
- 2--**Calrissian (Ger)**, 126, g, 4, Efisio (GB)--Centaine (GB), by Royal Academy. (€75,000 yrl '05 BBASEP). \$40,000.
- 3--**Munaddam**, 126, g, 6, Aljabr--Etizaaz, by Diesis (GB). \$20,000.

Margins: SHD, 1/2, 1/2.

Instant Recall was already a two-time allowance winner over this course this winter, but was a wellbeaten 10th over course and trip last time out Feb. 12. The chestnut gelding shadowed the early leader, took the lead with 400 meters to run and was all out to hold off the late-closing Calrissian.

ZABEEL MILE (1st Div)-Listed, \$200,000, Nad Al Sheba, 2-28, 3yo/up, 1600mT, 1:39.27, gd.

- 1--WISE DENNIS (GB), 130, g, 6, Polar Falcon--Bowden Rose (GB), by Dashing Blade (GB). O-Allen Pope & Andrew King; B-J & Mrs Bowtell; T-Alan Jarvis; J-T Durcan; \$120,000. Lifetime Record: SW-Eng, 31-6-3-4, \$483,061.
- 2--Dijeerr, 130, c, 4, Danzig--Sharp Minister, by Deputy Minister. (\$500,000 yrl '05 KEESEP). \$40,000.
- 3--Divine Jury (SAf), 136, c, 4, Jallad--Divine Nymph (SAf), by Al Mufti. \$20,000.

Margins: SHD, 4 1/2, 4.

Wise Dennis, second in a Kempton Park listed event in November, was third behind Instant Recall in a Feb. 7 Nad AI Sheba allowance before earning a one-length tally over this course Feb. 22. Well back early, the bay gelding was asked for run turning for home and gained command with 200 meters to run before just holding off Dijeerr for the win. "He got injured when he was a three-year-old and is really making up for lost time," trainer Alan Jarvis said of the winner. "He seems to improve with age. I think he can definitely pick up a group race back in the UK."

**ZABEEL MILE (2nd Div)-Listed**, \$200,000, Nad Al Sheba, 2-28, 3yo/up, 1600mT, 1:39.63, gd.

- 1--#THIRD SET (IRE), 130, g, 5, Royal Applause (GB)--Khamseh (GB), by Thatching (Ire). (55,000gns yrl '04 TATOCT). O-Sultan Ali; B-A Stroud & J Hanly; T-Saeed bin Suroor; J-L Dettori; \$120,000. Lifetime Record: 13-6-4-0, \$647,978. \*1/2 to Bonus (Ire) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}), GSW-Ire, \$361,155.
- 2--**Metropolitan Man (GB)**, 130, h, 5, Dr Fong--Preceder (GB), by Polish Precedent. (10,000gns yrl '04 TATOCT). \$40,000.
- 3--Beckermet (Ire), 130, g, 6, Second Empire (Ire)--Razida (Ire), by Last Tycoon (Ire). (€12,500 yrl '03 TATIRE). \$20,000.

Margins: 1 1/2, 1 1/2, 1/2. cont. p7

#### ZABEEL MILE (2nd Div)-Listed cont.

Third Set, runner-up over Nad Al Sheba's main track in a Jan. 17 allowance, returned to the turf and the winner's circle in a Feb. 8 allowance last time out. Allowed to settle well back in the field after a slow start, the bay gelding powered to the lead with 200 meters to run and pulled clear to the wire.

## Nad Al Sheba, 21:15, Hcp., \$175,000, 3yo/up, 2000m, 2:00.60, ft.

## CURLIN (c, 4, <u>Smart Strike</u>--Sherriff's Deputy, by Dep-

uty Minister) put together a stellar 2007 campaign, winning the GI Preakness, GI Jockey Club Gold Cup and GI Breeders' Cup Classic and finishing third in the GI Kentucky Derby and second in the GI Belmont S. Making his first start since the Breeders' Cup, the imposing chestnut was expected to roll against five overmatched foes. Curlin, rank in the early going, settled into a stalking second under Robby Albarado. He moved to overtake the pacesetter without being asked and moved clear effortlessly. Curlin was a \$57,000 KEESEP yearling.



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Race Video. Lifetime Record: Ch. 3yo Colt, Horse of the Year-US, MGISW-US, 10-7-1-2, \$5,207,800.

O-Stonestreet Stables & Midnight Cry Stables. B-Fares Farm Inc (Ky). T-Steve Asmussen.

## **Nad Al Sheba, 19:45, Hcp.**, \$175,000, 3yo/up, 2000mT, 2:07.10, gd.

WITH INTEREST (GB) (h, 5, <u>Selkirk</u>--With Fascination {GSW & MG1SP-Fr, \$174,978}, by Dayjur) opened his career with a win at Nottingham in 2005 and was sidelined a year before adding a conditions score at that course in 2006. The sporadically raced bay returned from 14 months on the sidelines to run fourth sprinting over this course Jan. 24 before rebounding with a narrow victory when stretched out to 1 1/4 miles Feb. 14. Settled in mid-pack early, With Interest took charge in deep stretch and won by 3/4 lengths over Alpacco (Ire) (Desert King {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 5-4-0-0, \$251,362.

O-Godolphin. B-George Strawbridge. T-Saeed bin Suroor.

**Nad Al Sheba, 20:15, Hcp.**, \$175,000, 3yo/up, 2400mT, 2:36.08, gd.

HARD TOP (IRE) (g, 6, Darshaan {GB}--Well Head {Ire}, by Sadler's Wells) was coming off a runner-up effort over course and trip Feb. 21. The bay gelding chased the pace before forging to the lead between rivals in deep stretch en route to a half-length triumph. Doubnov (Fr) (Linamix {Fr}) was second. Lifetime Record: GSW-Eng, 18-3-3-0, \$340,771.

O-The Bayern Syndicate & Des Scott. B-Ballymacoll Stud Farm Ltd. T-Herman Brown.





## ★ FRANCE ★

Yetserday's Results:

**Deauville, 12.35, Cond**, €29,000, 3yo, f, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:30.20, stn.

DIXIE GIRL (FR) (f, 3, Green Desert--Diasilixa {Fr} {GSW-Fr}, by Linamix {Fr}) went postward as the even-money choice coming back from a debut win at Mont-de-Marsan Feb. 2. Settled in the wake of the leader here, she dominated the stretch run and cruised to an easy five-length success from Vytinna (Fr) (Victory Note). Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 2 wins, €21,000. O-H H The Aga Khan; B-SNC Lagardere Elevage; T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

Deauville, 1.35, Cond, €29,000, 3yo, c/g, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:30.80, stn.

ARTIKING (FR) (c, 3, Kingsalsa--Artic Bride, by Arctic Tern), a 19-5 chance, was successful on the same Mont-de-Marsan card Feb. 2 and led after the early strides of this third go. Maintaining control throughout, the  $\in$ 15,000 DEAOCT yearling was coaxed along approaching the final furlong and kept on well in the closing stages to hold De Charpentier (Ire) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}) by a cozy length. Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 2 wins, 0 places,  $\in$ 21,000.

O-Jean-Francois Gribomont; B-Gerard Ferron; T-Jean-Claude Rouget.



## NO SHUTTLING FOR VAN NISTELROOY Van

Nistelrooy (Storm Cat--Halory, by Halo) will not shuttle to Trelawney Stud in 2008. "We have always had first option to bring the horse back to New Zealand after resting him from shuttle duties in 2007," Trelawney's Brent Taylor said. "However, we would have to stand him at a fee that we believe the market would not be able to tolerate and it is with this in mind that we have had to forego the opportunity to stand him. It is obviously very disappointing for Trelawney and our partners in Van Nistelrooy however, as we have been fielding a large number of enquiries about the stallion, we felt we needed to make this announcement as soon as possible." Van Nistelrooy retired to stud in 2003 and stood his first season at Trelawney Stud for a partnership including Chequers Stud, Curraghmore Stud, Fairdale Stud, Haunui Farm, Pencarrow Stud and Trelawney. Van Nistelrooy is the sire of U.S. Grade I winner Set Play, as well as group/graded winners Strike the Deal, Elusive Lady and Raymi Coya.

**NSW EI FREE** New South Wales is free of Equine Influenza almost exactly six months after the unprecedented outbreak began Aug. 25 last year, forcing racing nationwide into a shut-down and severely disrupting spring racing and the 2007 breeding season. The "purple zone"--effectively a large quarantine area with onerous movement restrictions on horses--has been lifted and made "green," meaning essentially that a Travelling Horse Statement (THS) is still required to move horses and events such as race meetings in the zone must be registered with the Department of Primary Industries. NSW Primary Industries Minister Ian Macdonald said more than 47,000 horses across 6,000 properties had recovered from EI and some 63,000 horses had been vaccinated. "The DPI has been unable to find any infection since December, despite actively searching for isolated pockets of virus on more than 10,000 properties in the purple zone," Macdonald said. "All States and the Commonwealth have agreed that the purple and red zones could be relegated to minimum risk green, and the other 97 percent of NSW to El-free white. Given the extensive spread of the El virus before it was detected and its highly contagious nature, we have succeeded in stamping out this disease in an extremely short time, if not record time."

## Tabcorp Counts Cost...

The outbreak has cost the NSW racing industry more than A\$230 million in wagering turnover with 140 Thoroughbred meetings abandoned during the pandemic. In announcing its half-year financial results, Tabcorp conceded its bottom line had been affected. Thoroughbred revenue in NSW was \$243.1 million, down 15.8 percent. "The racing industries and governments in both Victoria and NSW have dealt with the El outbreak effectively, allowing racing to resume earlier than we initially thought possible. We therefore expect that the impact of El in the second half will be modest," said Tabcorp CEO Elmer Funke Kupper.

## Vaccination Debate Heats Up...

Australian authorities are aiming to have the OIE officially declare the nation El-free by early 2009, but NSW racing industry leaders including Aushorse chairman John Messara and Racing NSW chief executive Peter V'Landys want an annual vaccination program implemented. "We, the breeders, are advocates for a policy of ongoing vaccination for racing and performance horses," Messara said. V'Landys said: "We don't want to be exposed to the financial consequences of El again." Messara said every other racing/breeding centre in the world had a vaccination policy. "To date, the cost of the El containment program is estimated at A\$140 million, while the Federal assistance package is over \$200 million. Add to that the losses to breeders, owners and other service providers and you start to approach a very large figure," he argued. "The horse racing community cannot afford another outbreak of El on what would become a naive population of horses again."



## New Rules for Vaccination...

Racing NSW brought in a new rule Feb. 18 requiring all horses in trainers' stables or used for any purpose on a racecourse, training area, registered stables, spelling or breaking property to be vaccinated. The rule states that two primary doses of vaccine given no less than 14 days apart and a booster vaccination given no less than 90 days later. Subsequent booster vaccinations at intervals of not more than a year apart are necessary and recovered horses must be vaccinated from July 1 to Aug. 1. Horses cannot race for seven days after being vaccinated and vaccination records have to be lodged with the Australian Stud Book.

## BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

#### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**3rd-AQU**, **\$46,000**, NW1X, (S), 3yo, 6f, 1:12, ft. **MIDNIGHT SLAMMER (c, 3, Officer--Midnight Rhapsody {SP}, by Grand Slam)** Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, **\$67,182. O-Team Five Star Stable. B-JMJ Racing Sta**bles LLC (NY). T-Dominic G Galluscio. **\*\$25,000 wlng** '05 KEENOV; **\$82,000 yrl '06 OBSAUG; \$82,000 2yo** '07 OBSMAR.

**7th-FGX**, **\$43,000**, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW2X, (S), 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:46 4/5, ft.

G. W.'S SILVER (c, 4, Silver Charm--Taylor's Playmate, by Woodman) Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-1, \$81,650. O-Glen C Warren. B-Dr Glenn Warren (LA). T-Andrew Leggio Jr. \*1/2 to Hud's Playmate (B. J.'s Mark), SW, \$150,194.

## • ON THE WORKTAB •

BELMONT PARK (training track) BISHOP COURT HILL (Holy Bull), 4f, :49.45, 8/25

GULFSTREAM

RACECAR RHAPSODY (Tale of the Cat), 4f, :47.20, 1/26 BIT OF WHIMSY (Distorted Humor), 5f, 1:01.40, 3/9

PALM MEADOWS

DREAM RUSH (Wild Rush), 5f, 1:01.80, 12/17 KIP DEVILLE (Kipling), 5f, 1:00.50, 2/17 SIR GREELEY (Mr. Greeley), 5f, 1:00.20, 1/17 SARATOGA RUSSELL (Trippi), 6f, 1:12.80, 1/2

#### HOLLYWOOD

OUT OF CONTROL (BRZ) (Vettori {Ire}), 3f, :39.40, 11/12 HUCKING HOT (GB) (Desert Prince {Ire}), 4f, :49.80, 15/28

#### SANTA ANITA

EXHALE (Millennium Wind), 5f, 1:00.40, 8/42 WELL ARMED (Tiznow), 5f, 1:01, 13/42 DAYTONA (IRE) (Indian Ridge {Ire}), 6f (T), 1:12.60, 1/4 BROTHER DEREK (Benchmark), 6f, 1:11.40, 2/12 **3rd-FGX**, **\$41,250**, NW1X, (S), 3yo, 1m40y, 1:42 3/5, ft.

TENSAS WHY GIN (c, 3, <u>Whywhywhy</u>--Tensas Gin, by Go for Gin) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$56,600. O-Keith Plaisance. B-Curt Leake (LA). T-Tim Glyshaw. \*\$20,000 yrl '06 KEESEP.

8th-OPX, \$37,500, Opt. Clm. (\$55,000), NW3\$X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09 4/5, ft.

LOVANGO (c, 4, <u>Capote</u>--Humming Sound, by Hansel) Lifetime Record: SW & GSP, 12-4-3-1, \$135,089. O-Barry Butzow. B-Latitude 27 LLC (KY). T-McLean Robertson. \*\$47,000 yrl '05 KEESEP.

8th-LRL, \$30,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, a1 1/16m, 1:48 1/5, ft.

ANGEL'S ROYALTY (f, 4, Mesopotamia--Tank's Royalty, by Tank's Number) Lifetime Record: 21-4-2-1, \$58,504. O-Frederick J Galiardo, Jr. B-Flying Zee Stables (NY). T-Vito Pincione. \*\$1,100 yrl '05 OBSOCT.

8th-DED, \$29,300, 2-27, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:22 3/5, ft.

**REDHATGIRLS (m, 5, Outflanker--Chawna, by Valley Crossing)** Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-0, \$60,050. O-Nicky Rowell. B-Oak Tree Stables LLC (LA). T-Samuel Breaux. \*\$13,000 yrl '04 LOUSEP.

7th-CTX, \$27,000, 2-27, NW3LX, 3yo, 7f, 1:29 3/5, ft.

**EXCLUSIVE LEADER (c, 3, Lordhyexecutioner--Clever Victress, by Cool Victor)** Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$38,120. O-Bruno Schickedanz. B-Schickedanz Farms (FL). T-Ernest M Haynes.

8th-CTX, \$27,000, 2-27, NW3LX, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:22 3/5, ft.

WONDER LITE (c, 4, Three Wonders--Lite a Star {SP}, by Our Michael) Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-1, \$55,340. O/T-Gary L Williams, Jr. B-Hidden Point Farm Inc (FL). \*\$47,000 wlng '04 OBSOCT; \$25,000 2yo '06 FTMMAY. \*\*1/2 to Program Pick (Peterhof), MSW, \$125,588.

6th-CTX, \$27,000, 2-27, NW4L, (S), 4yo/up, 4 1/2f, :52 3/5, ft.

GREEN SUEDE SHOES (c, 4, Meadow Monster--Ever Imelda, by Personal Hope) Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-2, \$58,480. O-Common Wealth New Era Racing LLC. B-Ellen B Kill Kelley (WV). T-Todd M Beattie. \*\$25,000 yrl '05 FTMOCT.

8th-TAM, \$20,200, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:25 1/5, ft.

TAXABILITY (f, 4, Artax--Che Sara Sara {MSP}, by Golden Act) Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0, \$27,995. O-Horseshoe Hill Farms. B-Mr & Mrs Edward & Marily Seltzer (FL). T-James C Kirk. \*\$1,700 yrl '05 OBSAUG; \$4,000 2yo '06 OBSJAN.



## ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

- Goodson, c, 3, <u>Cactus Ridge</u>--Iron Maiden, by Smile. OPX, 2-28, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:05 1/5. B-Dream Walkin' Farms Inc. & Tonni Covel (KY).
- Hallowed Missions, c, 3, Global Mission--Hallowed Dreams (MSW, \$740,143), by Malagra. FGX, 2-28, (S), a1 1/16mT, 1:47 3/5. B-Lloyd J. Romero & Johnny Gaspard (LA). \*\$57,000 yrl '06 LOUOCT.
- Miss Meha, f, 4, <u>Cape Town</u>--Rite to No, by Prospect Bay. OPX, 2-28, 5 1/2f, 1:05 3/5. B-Dr. Alex Harthill (KY).
- Bettin an Sweatin, c, 4, <u>Stormy Atlantic</u>--Alleged Thoughts, by Alleged. SAX, 2-28, (C), 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:44. B-Nursery Place & Robert Manfuso (KY). \*\$130,000 yrl '05 FTKJUL.
- + Chestertown, f, 4, West Acre--Ask Shananie (MSW & GSP, \$270,664), by Shananie. LRL, 2-28, 6f, 1:13 3/5. B-Sorin Stables, Inc. (NY). \*\$31,000 yrl '05 FTMOCT; \$95,000 2yo '06 OBSMAR.

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## **CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**FRANCE, Deauville, 3.05**, 2-28, €26,000, 4yo, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:31.10, stn.

MEZZO FORTE (c, 4, Stravinsky--Calming, by Wild Again) Lifetime Record: 13 starts, 5 wins, 8 places, €77,500. O-Jean-Francois Gribomont; B-Adrian Regan & John Wade; T-Jean-Claude Rouget. \*\$45,000 yrl '05 FTKFEB; \$22,000 yrl '05 KEESEP.

## ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

- Stoneacre Sarah (GB), f, 3, Cadeaux Genereux (GB)--Tropical (GB) (Hwt. Older Mare-Ire at 5-6f, MGSW-Ire & GSP-Eng, \$148,915), by Green Desert. Lingfield, Britain, 2-28, Mdn, 3yo/up, 5f (AWT).
  B-Gainsborough Stud Management Ltd. \*50,000gns yrl '06 TATOCT. \*\*1/2 to Tropical Star (Ire) (Machiavellian), MGSW & G1SP-UAE, \$1,055,231.
  Greylami (Ire), g, 3, Daylami (Ire)--Silent Crystal
- (GSP-US), by Diesis (GB). Kempton Park, Britain, 2-28, Mdn, 3yo/up, 1 1/4m (AWT). B-Barouche Stud Ireland Ltd. \*60,000gns yrl '06 TATOCT.

#### **TDN TODAY**

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