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DERBY DAY IN THE BIG EASY

Trainer Steve Asmussen won his first GII Louisiana Derby back in 2001 with Fifty Stars, who upset Millennium Wind at odds of 20-1. The South Dakota native nearly made it two straight the following season with 9-1 Easyfromthegitgo, who went down by a nose to Repent. Should the perennial leading trainer succeed in



Pyro Lou Hodges Jr.

today's running, it will likely come at a mutuel somewhere around four bucks, courtesy of Winchell Thoroughbred LLC's Pyro (Pulpit). After winning his maiden at first asking, the homebred had the misfortune of hooking War Pass in his next three appearances, but

ran with credit on each occasion. Third in a Saratoga allowance Aug. 26, he finished with good energy to complete the exacta in the GI Champagne S. Oct. 6 and in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Oct. 27. Asmussen said things conspired against his colt on championship day. "I don't think he acted or focused as good as he should have," Asmussen commented. "He still ran a respectable race. With time and maturity, I'm hoping to have a different horse going into the big races." Pyro's performance in the Gill Risen Star S. Feb. 9 was an instant classic. Shuffled back to last and behind a wall of horses at the quarter pole in a very deliberately run race, he was steered out in upper stretch and blew by all his rivals to score by two widening lengths; his final five-sixteenths of a mile was covered in an astonishing :28 1/5. The relatively moderate level of effort asked for that afternoon should leave connections with a fairly fresh horse for this markedly more difficult assignment.

TDN Feature Presentation--Louisiana Derby cont. p3

DAAHER RETIRED

Shadwell Stable's Daaher (Awesome Again--Irish Cherry, by Irish Open), who defeated GI Breeders' Cup Sprint and Eclipse Award winner Midnight Lute in the GI Hill 'n' Dale Cigar Mile H. last Nov. 24, has been retired from racing and will enter stud for the current breeding



Daaher Adam Coglianese

season at Shadwell's Nashwan Stud in Lexington, Kentucky. He will stand for \$30,000 live foal. Bred in Ontario by Yvonne and Dagmar Schwabe, Daaher, a 2005 Keeneland September yearling graduate, was third in the Prince of Wales S. at Fort Erie last summer before taking a nine-furlong allowance at Saratoga by 13 3/4 lengths Aug. 26 and the GII Jerome H. Oct. 7 prior to his Cigar success. He was most recently a surprising third in the Mar. 1 Stymie H. at Aqueduct and subsequent scintigraphy revealed torn and injured ligaments in his right front ankle. Said Shadwell General Manager Rick Nichols, "Daaher has natural speed and was most effective at a mile. He is an outstanding-looking horse and he has a pedigree that completes the package." Irish Cherry sold in foal to Storm Cat for \$800,000 at the 2006 Keeneland November sale and for \$2.7 million in foal to Ghostzapper this year at Keeneland January. Shadwell purchased Daaher's MGISW full sister Spun Sugar in foal to A.P. Indy for \$4.5 million at Keeneland last November.

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Wednesday, Ellerslie, New Zealand

STELLA ARTOIS AUCKLAND CUP-G1, NZ\$700,000, Ellerslie (Auckland), 3-5, 3yo/up, 2mT, 3:35.09, sl.

1--**PRIZE LADY (NZ)**, 116, m, 6, by Prized

1st Dam: Pen Bal Lady (GB) (MGISW-US, \$607,320), by Mummy's Game (GB)

2nd Dam: Northern Queen (Ire) by Northfields

3rd Dam: Dazzling Hue (GB) by Double Jump (GB) (NZ\$13,500 yrl '03 NZBFSF). O-J C Wallis; B-D G & R B McLaren Ltd; T-Graeme & Mark Sanders; J-Mark Sweeney; NZ\$437,500. Lifetime Record: 24-4-4-3, NZ\$954,535. **Werk Nick Rating: A + +**. [Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Gallions Reach (NZ)**, 117, g, 5, Victory Dance (Ire)--Dorinka (NZ), by Straight Strike. O-D L, S C & Ms N N Archer; B-J R O'Brien; T-Richard Yuill; NZ\$140,000.

3--**Resolution (NZ)**, 115, g, 4, Pentire (GB)--Amritsar Jet (NZ), by Jetball (Aus). (NZ\$46,000 yrl '05 NZBSEL). O-Dame Sian Elias & H A Fletcher; B-Rich Hill Thoroughbreds Ltd; T-Michael & Paul Moroney; NZ\$70,000.

Margins: LHD, 2, 2 1/4. Winner's Odds: 9.20.

Also Ran: Spin Around (Aus), Young Centaur (Aus), Ntamack (NZ), Three Chimneys (NZ), Pentathlon (NZ), Dimondsontheinside (NZ), Carnegie Dancer (NZ), Genuine Offer (NZ), Valley Chief (NZ), Sunrize (NZ), Mirkola Lass (NZ), Balmuse (NZ), Prized Touch (NZ), Kerry O'Reilly (NZ), Aquilla Carrera (NZ).

Scratched: Italic (GB), Joyful Life (NZ).

The Graeme and Mark Sanders-trained mare Prize Lady successfully defended her title in this contest. Aided by a brilliant Mark Sweeney ride, the game little mare claimed her victory in the final stages by a long-head. Prize Lady rebounded from a tendon injury at three, and Sweeney, a former champion apprentice, sustained severe leg injuries following a fall that sidelined him for nearly two years. "You don't know how much this means to me really," he said. "It's been a tough few months, and I am so grateful for the loyalty of Graeme and Mark to put me on the mare." Prize Lady's owner Joe Wallis, a retired farmer from Te Awamutu, paid just NZ\$13,500 for her at the 2003 Select Fillies Yearling Sale at Karaka. Now less than NZ\$50,000 from being a millionaire, Prize Lady was bred by Auckland-based Don and Rochelle McLaren in partnership with David and Masey Benjamin, former owners of Fayette Park.



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Florida Shippers Rate High...

After disappointing trainer Barclay Tagg in his training earlier in the winter, Charles Fipke's **Tale of Ekati** (Tale of the Cat) lands here for his three-year-old debut. Following a runner-up effort in the GII Sanford S. July 26, the attractive bay colt was treated expeditiously for bucked shins and returned to best Pyro's stablemate Kodiak Kowboy in the GII Futurity S. Sept. 15. The third choice in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Oct. 27, Tale of Ekati turned in an even fourth-place effort over the quagmire at Monmouth that afternoon. "I thought he didn't like the slop that day," Tagg told *Daily Racing Form*. "A couple of horses relished it. He didn't like it at all."



Tale of Ekati
Adam Coglianese

Majestic Warrior (A.P. Indy) gets a stiff test as he tries two turns for the first time. The bay colt came from way out of it to defeat Ready's Image and Maimonides in the GI Hopeful S., spurring Coolmore to purchase the colt's breeding rights. Sent off the even-money favorite against War Pass and company in the GI Champagne S. Oct. 6, he never really got into the race and trailed home sixth, beaten 14 lengths. He comes in off a strong series of works over the deep surface at Payson Park. **J Be K** (Silver Deputy) earned **★ "TDN Rising Star" ★** status with a 7 1/2-length maiden victory at Saratoga Aug. 29 before being put away for the year. Sent to the Asmussen barn for his latest, he streaked to a five-length victory in a Feb. 15 allowance at the Fair Grounds. We know where he'll be early, the question is where he'll be under the wire. "We know he's probably one of the fastest horses in the country," commented Sobhy Sonbol, advisor to owner Ahmed Zayat. "We're pretty confident he'll run well. We're hoping for something to build on and move forward."

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 4:48 p.m. CDT

95th Running of the LOUISIANA DERBY-GII, \$600,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	OWNER	BREEDER	TRAINER/JOCKEY	ODDS
1	Stevil <i>(c, Maria's Mon--Company Storm, by Storm Creek)</i>	Robert V LaPenta	John E Piehl III (Ky)	Zito/ Castro	15-1
2	My Pal Charlie <i>(c, Indian Charlie--Shahalo, by Halo)</i>	B Wayne Hughes	John R Penn (Ky)	Stall/ Leparoux	20-1
3	Pyro <i>(c, Pulpit--Wild Vision, by Wild Again)</i>	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (Ky)	Asmussen/ S Bridgmohan	7-5
4	J Be K <i>(c, Silver Deputy--Major Wager, by Valid Wager)</i>	Zayat Stables	Glory Days Breeding Inc (Ky)	Asmussen/ Desormeaux	12-1
5	Unbridled Vicar <i>(g, Vicar--Unaffordable, by Unbridled)</i>	James B Tafel LLC	James Tafel (Ky)	Geier/ Lanerie	20-1
6	Tale of Ekati <i>(c, Tale of the Cat--Silence Beauty {Jpn}, by Sunday Silence)</i>	Charles E Fipke	Charles Fipke (Ky)	Tagg/ Prado	7-2
7	Blackberry Road <i>(c, Gone West--Strawberry Reason, by Strawberry Road {Aus})</i>	Dogwood Stable Inc	Payson Stud Inc (Ky)	Carroll/ Albarado	10-1
8	Yankee Bravo <i>(c, Yankee Gentleman--Vickey Jane, by Royal Academy)</i>	Harlequin Ranch, Bienstock, Duggan	T Barberry & B Hay Ky)	Gallagher/ Solis	4-1
9	Majestic Warrior <i>(c, A.P. Indy--Dream Supreme, by Seeking the Gold)</i>	Kinsman, Tabor, Magnier et al	Kinsman Farm (Ky)	Mott/ Gomez	9-2

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Saturday, Flemington, Australia, post time: 4:10 p.m.
DARLEY AUSTRALIAN CUP-G1, A\$1,000,000, 3yo/up, 2000mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	1	Fiumicino (NZ)	Zabeel (NZ)	Hawkes
2	4	Douro Valley (Aus)	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	O'Brien
3	8	Sirmione (Aus)	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	B Cummings
4	3	Coalesce (NZ)	Zabeel (NZ)	Hawkes
5	6	Teranaba (Aus)	Anabaa	A Cummings
6	5	Captious (NZ)	Istidaad	Price
7	9	Casino Prince (Aus)	Flying Spur (Aus)	A Cummings
8	2	Rubiscent (Aus)	Rubiton (Aus)	Price
9	10	Miss Finland (Aus)	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Hayes
10	7	Princess Coup (Aus)	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Walker

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Australia Cup cont.

While Cups King Bart Cummings is famous for sending out the winners of 11 Melbourne Cups, he's gone one better with 12 Australian Cup trophies, and is seeking a 13th--and his 250th Group 1 win overall--with G1 Mackinnon S. hero **Sirmione**. That gelding was an unlucky second to ante-post favourite **Princess Coup** in the G2 St. George S. over nine furlongs Feb. 23. New Zealand invader Princess Coup, winner of the G1 NZ Oaks and G1 Kelt Capital S. at home, is the biggest obstacle to Cummings' achieving the milestone. Runner-up in the Mackinnon S., she turned the tables on Sirmione last out, and taciturn trainer Mark Walker is quietly confident she is on song for this race. Five-time Group 1 winner **Miss Finland** is third in ante-post betting at A\$4.80, despite the fact she has clearly lost her groove in the autumn of her career, and she has also drawn widest for the third successive time. Craig Williams is back in the saddle after losing the ride to Steven Arnold in her past two starts. "Fairy tales happen in racing," Williams said. "Her last start was very encouraging, and it wouldn't surprise me a bit if she got back to her best. She is looking for 2000 metres, and I would say that being at Flemington, being a longer straight where she is not going to be under pressure on the point of the turn, might be beneficial to her."



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Stakes Previews cont.

Saturday, Flemington, Australia, post time: 2:50 p.m.

NEWMARKET H.-G1, A\$1,000,000, 3yo/up, 1200mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	11	Dance Hero (Aus)	Danzero (Aus)	Waterhouse	126
2	1	Magnus (Aus)	Flying Spur (Aus)	Moody	123
3	12	Weekend Hussler (Aus)	Hussonet	McDonald	123
4	13	Zippling (Aus)	Danehill	Sadler	123
5	8	Bon Hoffa (Aus)	Belong to Me	Kelly	121
6	6	Swick (NZ)	O'Reilly (NZ)	B Cummings	121
7	2	Stanzout (Aus)	Gallo di Ferro	Davies	119
8	9	Cocinero (Aus)	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Griffiths	118
9	4	Monet Rules (Aus)	Commands (Aus)	Mertens	117
10	5	Miss Judgement (Aus)	Strategic (Aus)	Moody	115
11	3	Shadoways (Aus)	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Johnstone	115
12	7	Grand Duels (Aus)	Marechal (Aus)	Cozamanis	115
13	10	Eskaw (NZ)	Chief Bearheart	Moody	115

Triple Group 1-winner **Weekend Hussler** is seeking to become the shortest-priced winner of this contest since 4-9 Bernborough (Aus) in 1946 after a deluge of bets for the Ross McDonald-trainee resulted in his price being trimmed to A\$1.65 with TAB Sportsbet. McDonald, who gave A\$570,000 this week for a Weekend Hussler lookalike at the Inglis Premier Sale, says "the Huss" can repeat his emphatic Oakleigh Plate victory Feb. 23 at Caulfield. "I think he'll just win," McDonald said confidently. "Everything is spot-on with the horse-I couldn't be happier. He's probably grown a couple of inches since the spring, but he's certainly muscled up a lot more. He'll look pretty good on Saturday." The sophomore has six wins from eight outings and earnings of A\$1,212,900, a tidy return on his A\$80,000 purchase price as a yearling. But trainer Bart Cummings has been uncharacteristically bullish all week about G2 Salinger S. winner **Swick**. The six-year-old, fifth in this race last year, romped home late to finish within a neck of Apache Cat (Aus) in his seasonal bow in the G1 Lightning S. down this same Flemington straight Feb. 2. "He always runs well down the straight 1200 meters; he performs best when fresh, he has pleased in his work," Cummings noted. "He will come up against Weekend Hussler, but we will be very surprised if he doesn't keep the three-year-old honest."

Saturday, Flemington, Australia, post time: 3:30 p.m.

CADBURY GUINEAS-G1, A\$750,000, 3yo, 1600mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	3	Marching (Aus)	Commands (Aus)	Snowden
2	8	Schilling (Aus)	Bianconi	Price
3	13	Littorio (Aus)	Bellotto	Blackiston
4	1	Playwright (NZ)	Fantastic Light	Richards
5	7	Light Fantastic (Aus)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Price
6	11	Pillar of Hercules (Aus)	Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)	Moody
7	6	Sound Journey (Aus)	Good Journey	Price
8	4	Kick 'N Chase (Aus)	Red Ransom	Connors
9	5	Turffontein (Aus)	Johannesburg	Cummings
10	12	Viatorian (Aus)	Secret Savings	Bourne
11	2	Hardwar (Aus)	Dante's Fury (Aus)	Hayes
12	10	Raffaello (Aus)	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Marconi
13	9	Largo Lad (Aus)	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Ledger

All carry 122 pounds.

Bob and Rosemary Scarborough's long-striding homebred **Light Fantastic** couldn't make the Newmarket H. because he hadn't won his maiden race at the time of nominations, and trainer Mick Price was prevented from entering his emerging star. Light Fantastic duly graduated on debut Feb. 3 at country track Kyneton, stepped straight up to a Listed race Feb. 16 and won by nearly three lengths, then won the G2 Cutten Cup Feb. 23. This will be his third start in four weeks, but Price is oozing confidence about the grey. "He looked terrific. I'd say he's got four to five lengths up his sleeve," Price said after his charge galloped on Wednesday. "He hasn't missed a beat since his Caulfield win. I train three horses in the race, and Light Fantastic is clearly the best of them." Peter Snowden, trainer of **Marching**, announced his arrival big time when leading in five winners for Crown Lodge at Randwick last Saturday. Four of them were stakes winners, including G2 Light Fingers S. winner Forensics (Aus) and G2 Royal Sovereign S. winner El Cambio (Aus); the fifth was Makybe Diva (GB)'s half-sibling Musket (Aus), produced for a first-up score. G2 AAMI Vase hero Marching will bid to give Snowden his first Group 1 success.

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Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 4:30 p.m. PST

SANTA ANITA OAKS-GI, \$300,000, 3yo, f, 8.5f (AWT)

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Lovely Isle	Double Honor	Frankel	7-2
2	Briecat	Adcat	Cerin	12-1
3	Divine Legacy	Full Mandate	Curriu	12-1
4	Final Fling	Bertrando	Ayers	6-1
5	Seattle Smooth	Quiet American	J Canani	15-1
6	Sunday Holiday	Sunday Break (Jpn)	Mott	9-2
7	Golden Doc A	Unusual Heat	Abrams	5-2
8	Ariege	Doneraile Court	Frankel	5-1
9	Kazamira	Dynaformer	Shirreffs	12-1

All carry 122 pounds.

Golden Doc A takes this next step along the Kentucky Oaks trail. Third in the Nov. 24 GIII Miesque S. and runner-up in the Dec. 30 Blue Norther S., both on the turf, the Cal-bred missed by a head to Indian Blessing in the seven-furlong GII Santa Ynez S. Jan. 13. She most recently came from last to post a one-length victory over **Lovely Isle** in the GI Las Virgenes S. Feb. 9 and looks to continue her winning ways here. "We're in the right place and they have to beat us," said a confident trainer Barry Abrams. "That's the bottom line."

Ariege looms an interesting foe. A winner in three European starts, the dark bay was third in the Blue Norther and most recently fell a nose short in the GIII La Habra S. down the hill Feb. 2. She makes her synthetic track debut today.

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 4:06 p.m. CST

NEW ORLEANS H.-GII, \$500,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Encaustic	Broad Brush	Asmussen	12-1
2	Silver Lord	Unbridled's Song	Moquett	5-1
3	Grasshopper	Dixie Union	Howard	2-1
4	Circular Quay	Thunder Gulch	Pletcher	7-2
5	Brass Hat	Prized	Bradley	9-2
6	Reporting For Duty	Deputy Commander	Asmussen	6-1
7	Magna Graduate	Honor Grades	Pletcher	5-1

New Orleans H. cont.

The venerable **Brass Hat** makes his second start as a seven-year-old. The bay gelding, winner of last year's MassCap, ended 2007 with a runner-up effort in the Nov. 23 GII Clark H. He opened 2008 with a late-closing fourth-place effort in the Feb. 2 GI Donn H. **Grasshopper**, second behind Street Sense in last year's GI Travers S., won the local prep for this race, taking the Feb. 9 GIII Mineshaft S. by 2 1/2 lengths over **Silver Lord**. **Circular Quay** took center stage on this card last year, easily winning the GII Louisiana Derby, but has been winless in four starts since. Sixth and fifth in the Kentucky Derby and Preakness, respectively, the well-bred colt was sixth over the turf in the July 21 GII Virginia Derby. He returned from seven months on the sidelines to be an even fifth in the Feb. 16 GII San Carlos H. last time out.

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 4:36 p.m. CST

MERVIN MUNIZ JR. MEMORIAL H.-GII, \$500,000,

4yo/up, a1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Buffalo Man	El Prado (Ire)	Gambolati	6-1
2	Yate's Black Cat	Black Minnaloushe	Romans	15-1
3	Brilliant	War Chant	Howard	12-1
4	Jazz Quest	Jambalaya Jazz	Amoss	10-1
5	Elusive Fort (SAf)	Fort Wood	Ma Wolfson	8-1
6	French Beret	Broad Brush	Frostad	15-1
7	Fracas (Ire)	In the Wings (Ire)	Tagg	6-1
8	Proudinsky (Ger)	Silvano (Ger)	Frankel	7-2
9	Twilight Meteor	Smart Strike	Pletcher	5-1
10	Daytona (Ire)	Indian Ridge (Ire)	Hendricks	3-1

Daytona, looking for his fourth straight win, is coming off a front-running victory over course and trip in the Feb. 9 GIII Fair Grounds H. The chestnut gelding also owns victories in the GII Oak Tree Derby, GI Hollywood Derby and GII San Gabriel H. **Fracas**, a group winner in Ireland last summer, ended his European campaign with runner-up efforts in the Aug. 19 G3 Ballyroan S. and listed Diamond S. The six-year-old gelding makes his first start for Barclay Tagg today. **Proudinsky** was sidelined for much of 2007, but returned last fall to secure a third-place finish in the Nov. 23 GI Citation H. and was a narrowly beaten second behind Daytona in the Dec. 30 San Gabriel. The five-year-old is making his 2008 bow here.

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FAIR GROUNDS OAKS -GII, \$400,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Indian Blessing	Indian Charlie	Baffert	3-5
2	Proud Spell	Proud Citizen	Jones	6-5
3	Acacia	Cherokee Run	Asmussen	10-1
4	Wisconsin Lady	Stephen Got Even	Howard	8-1

Juvenile filly champion **Indian Blessing** looks to remain unbeaten in six lifetime starts in a return engagement in the Big Easy. The speedy filly sealed championship honors in just her third start, taking the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies last October. She continued her winning ways with a determined win in the GII Santa Ynez S. and is coming off a one-length triumph over track and trip in the Feb. 9 GIII Silverbulletday S. **Proud Spell**, who finished second behind Indian Blessing in the Breeders' Cup and in the Silverbulletday, will look to get the better of that rival here. The bay filly, winner of last year's GII Matron, was making her sophomore debut in the Silverbulletday. Winchell Thoroughbreds, which sends out Pyro in the GII Louisiana Derby, will send out **Acacia** here. The bay filly returned from a three-month layoff to break her maiden over this track Feb. 22.

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 4:47 p.m. EST

RICHTER SCALE SPRINT H.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Grand Champion	Two Punch	J Jerkens	8-1
2	Steve's Double	Stephen Got Even	Werner	12-1
3	King of the Roxy	Littleexpectations	Pletcher	4-1
4	Nyuk Nyuk Nyuk	Mutakddim	T Attard	6-1
5	Elite Squadron	Officer	Baker	12-1
6	Commentator	Distorted Humor	Zito	8-5
7	Chatain	Forest Wildcat	Penna	3-1
8	Rexson's Rose	Suave Prospect	Rose	30-1

A # will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, a @ will indicate first-time graded stakes-winners, a ▲ will denote a first-time Grade/Group 1 winner, a + will indicate first-time starters, an (S) will be used for state-bred races, a (C) will be used for maiden-claiming races and an (R) will be used for other restricted races.

Richter Scale Sprint H. cont.

Which **Commentator** will show up this afternoon? The one who runs high triple-digit figures to win by double-digit margins or the one that cannot quite seem to get it done in graded stakes of late. Anything close to his latest, a 14-length, track-record setting performance over a mile Jan. 17, lands the New York-bred in the winner's circle. **Chatain** makes just the 10th start of his career. A winner of three of his five starts at this track, the Lazy F runner comes in off a successful defense of his title in the GIII Hal's Hope H. Jan. 6. "It will be the toughest race of his career," trainer Angel Penna Jr. admitted. "Commentator is on top of his game and when he's good, he's good."

Saturday, Aqueduct, post time: 4:50 p.m. EST

GOTHAM BREEDERS' CUP S.-GIII, \$250,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Giant Moon	Giant's Causeway	Schosberg	7-2
2	Laysh Laysh Laysh	Whywhywhy	Jacobson	15-1
3	Roman Emperor	Empire Maker	S Klesaris	6-1
4	Saratoga Russell	Trippi	Violette	4-1
5	Southern Terminus	More Than Ready	Pletcher	8-1
6	Holidaze	Harlan's Holiday	Pletcher	15-1
7	Texas Wildcatter	Monarchos	Pletcher	12-1
8	Larrys Revenge	Vindication	Zito	15-1
9	Ling Ling Qi	Yonaguska	McPeck	12-1
10	Visionaire	Grand Slam	Matz	3-1

Gotham BC S. cont. p8



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Gotham BC S. cont.

Giant Moon puts his perfect record on the line in what will easily be the toughest test of his career. Three-for-three versus fellow state-breds in 2007, including a pair of stakes scores, the bay was game to win the Jan. 5 Count Fleet S. by a neck. Rested since that effort, he faces the likelihood of a sloppy main track this afternoon. "Horses have to deal with adversity," trainer Rick Schosberg offered. "Any advantage we have is that he has proven himself around two turns over this track." Trainer Todd Pletcher has three in the Gotham, the most intriguing of which is Stonerside Stable's **Texas Wildcatter**. The grey colt gave an excellent account of himself when forced to make multiple runs in a third-place finish to Barrier Reef and **Roman Emperor** in the Feb. 2 Whirlaway S. Blinkers go on this afternoon. **Visionaire** merits a long look off his close third to Pyro in the GIII Risen Star S. Feb. 9.

Saturday, Bay Meadows, post time: 4:15 p.m. PST

EL CAMINO REAL DERBY-GIII, \$150,000, 3yo,

1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Nikki'sgoldenstead	Formal Gold	Hess Jr	9-2
2	General Dan	Capsized	Franko	20-1
3	Autism Awareness	Tannersmyman	Vallejo	30-1
4	Bamaha Breeze	Lord Carson	Miyadi	8-1
5	Tres Borrachos	Ecton Park	Greely	10-1
6	Pleasure Grounds	Doneraile Court	Pederson	6-1
7	Behindatthebar	Forest Wildcat	Pletcher	7-2
8	Coast Guard	Stormy Atlantic	Hofmans	5-2
9	Dreamed Day	Silver Deputy	Lobo	30-1
10	Master Daniel	Broken Vow	O'Neill	6-1

Coast Guard looms the one to beat off his strong runner-up effort to the now-sidelined Crown of Thorns in the GII Robert B. Lewis S. at Santa Anita Feb. 2. Aaron Gryder has the call aboard the Amerman Racing runner. **Behindatthebar** makes his first start around two turns and first for trainer Todd Pletcher. The bay took a seven-furlong maiden by 2 1/2 lengths at Santa Anita Feb. 2.

Saturday, Aqueduct, post time: 4:21 p.m. EST

TOBOGGAN H.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	City Attraction	Vicar	Dutrow Jr	116
2	Sir Greeley	Mr. Greeley	J Jerkens	116
3	Santana Strings	Wheaton	Asmussen	115
4	Bold Start	Jump Start	McPeck	114
5	Man of Dagger	Tiger Ridge	Levine	115
6	Ravalo	Mutakddim	Johnson	114

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 5:15 p.m. EST

THE VERY ONE H.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m,

1 3/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Archstone	Arch	Horgan	20-1
2	Wine and Dyne	Dynaformer	Mott	Scr
3	Duchess Royale (fr)	Danehill	Clement	Scr
4	J'ray	Distant View	Pletcher	5-2
5	Mauralakana (Fr)	Muhtathir (GB)	Clement	4-1
6	Eclisse (Fr)	Ski Chief	Ma Wolfson	12-1
7	Cliffrose (Ger)	Monsun (Ger)	Sheppard	8-1
8	Hostess	Chester House	Bond	3-1
9	Tejida	Rahy	Matz	15-1
10	Lady Tropicana	Cloud Hopping	Benning	30-1
11	Herboriste (GB)	Hernando (Fr)	Matz	12-1

Sunday, Gulfstream Park

RAMPART H.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Tessa Blue	Awesome Again	Smith	118
2	Golden Velvet	Seeking the Gold	Coa	119
3	Ballado's Thunder	Saint Ballado	Desormeaux	116
4	Peach Flambe	Flying Chevron	Velasquez	116
5	Spring Waltz	Silver Charm	Castellano	118
6	Cat Can Do	Adcat	Cruz	116
7	Altesse	A.P. Indy	Velasquez	116

Sunday, Oaklawn Park

AZERI S.-GIII, \$175,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Kettleoneup	Victory Gallop	Borel	119
2	Gasia	Silver Deputy	Thompson	115
3	Clever Strike	Smart Strike	Razo Jr	113
4	Brownie Points	Forest Wildcat	Quinonez	115
5	Hystericalady	Distorted Humor	Albarado	115
6	Lemon Drop Mom	Lemon Drop Kid	Potts	115

UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track
Mar. 9	GI Santa Margarita Inv.	Santa Anita
	GII Rampart H.	Gulfstream
	GIII Azeri BC S.	Oaklawn
Mar. 15	GII Rebel S.	Oaklawn
	GII San Felipe S.	Santa Anita
	GIII Cicada S.	Aqueduct
	GIII Bay Meadows Sprint	Bay Meadows
	GIII Skip Away H.	Gulfstream
GIII Tampa Bay Derby	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay
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MAIMONIDES SIDELINED Maimonides (Vindication), who romped to an 11 1/2-length debut win at Saratoga last August, but has not started since running third in the Sept. 3 GI Hopeful S., has been sidelined by an ankle injury. The Zayat Stables' colorbearer, a \$4.6-million Keeneland September yearling, underwent surgery to remove a flake from an ankle two weeks ago in Florida. "It's a very minor thing," explained Zayat Racing Manager Sobhy Sonbol. "A lot of horses you could have just injected and gone on, but he's too valuable of a horse to do that to. The only reason we did it was to elongate his career." Maimonides began his career last summer for trainer



Maimonides A Coglianese

Bob Baffert, but was recently transferred to Bill Mott because of concerns about the synthetic track surfaces in California. Sonbol expects the colt to return to the races by late summer. "I'm not concerned about him because he is a very fit horse naturally, very athletic and it doesn't take him too long to get him back to the races," he said. "So the key thing is just making sure that everything is healed up before putting him in training. It usually takes horses 90 days to get back to the racing scene, he could probably be back with 60 days. You're talking probably late summer." *J. Martini*

SEACHANGE CONNECTIONS UPBEAT AFTER DUBAI SIXTH Trainer Ralph Manning was pleased with **Seachange (NZ)** (Cape Cross {Ire}) after the mare finished sixth, beaten two lengths, in the G2 Jebel Hatta Thursday at Nad Al Sheba. The five-year-old, piloted by Dubai champion rider Ted Durcan and carrying an impost of 132 pounds, will head next to the G1 Dubai Duty Free Mar. 29. "[Durcan] was very impressed with her," Manning told *NZ Racing News*. "At the 200 metres he thought he could win, but then she flattened out and peaked. He said he wouldn't want to be on anything else in the Duty Free." Manning said that Seachange's preparation hadn't been ideal. "It has been four weeks since she last raced and it was a testing race, more like a 2000 metres," he explained. "She knew she'd had a race, but that was to be expected--it's been hard to get the right work into her over here. You just can't get galloping mates; you're allotted times to work and you can only get the grass to work a few times a week. They say that changes in the lead-up to Dubai World Cup week. At home you can dish it up to her with different mates used as pacemakers."

Recent High Notes

- Mar. 7 WinStar Farm's **INNER LIGHT** captured an allowance at Gulfstream by 2
- Mar. 4 Colt by **SONGANDAPRAYER** (hip 39) worked 10 flat for Barretts, co-fastest for sale
- Feb. 29 **POLYHYMNIA** becomes her sire's 2nd stakes winner in 12 days, winning the Mademoiselle S.
- Feb. 18 **GO GO SHOOT** scores his second straight NY stakes win in the Fred "Cappy" Capossela S.





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OBS BREEZE-UP POSTPONED Due to a forecast for severe weather over the next 48 hours, officials at the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company have decided to postpone the under-tack shows for their upcoming March Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale. Originally scheduled for Friday and Saturday, March 7 and 8, the two shows will now take place Sunday and Monday, March 9 and 10 beginning at 9 a.m. Hips 1-230 will breeze on Sunday while hips 231-460 will preview on Monday. The Ocala area was under a tornado watch Friday. Heavy rains and gusty winds are forecast for Saturday. The OBS March Sale is scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, March 18 and 19.

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Feb. 16 **HIGH EMOTION** wins an allowance at Kyoto with "a lot of fighting spirit."

Feb. 8 **SAMBA ROOSTER** wires a one-mile maiden special field at Gulfstream by 5 3/4 lengths

Feb. 3 **HANGING IN THERE** charges on the outside to snare a mile and 40y maiden special

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March 5, 1988...Carl Gambardella had his 5,000th career winner, aboard John's Goldenapple, at Suffolk Downs.

March 6, 1988...Julie Krone became the winningest female jockey in racing history when she won the 1,205th race of her career riding a filly named Squawter in the ninth race at Aqueduct.

March 10, 1808...Diomed, winner of the inaugural Epsom Derby in 1780, died in Virginia at age 31. Imported to the U.S. in 1798, he became an influential American sire.

March 10, 1993...Jockey Eddie Delahoussaye became the 14th rider to record his 5,000th career winner, riding Ackler to victory at Santa Anita.



Bloodstock agent and advisor for West Point Thoroughbreds, who purchased Dream Rush, winner of last year's GI Prioress S. and GI Test S. The four-year-old is expected to make her 2008 debut in Gulfstream's GII Shirley Jones H. or the GII Distaff H. at Aqueduct, both on Mar. 22.

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The Thoroughbred horse racing business is chocked full of horsemen and woman who got their start in the industry through family involvement and connections. Baden P. 'Buzz' Chace took a more unlikely route. His father, Howard, died when Chace was just eight and his mother, Lilian, supported her six children by working in a local textile mill. After abandoning his high school studies, Chace received his early instruction in the equine world at a riding academy near his childhood home in Fall River, Massachusetts named Gage Hill Stables, where Chace spent much of his time mucking stalls, riding horses, and giving riding lessons. During one of those lessons, a young student brought a girlfriend of hers to the barn, Mary Lou, whom Chace ended up marrying in 1962. The couple have two sons, Baden III and Mark, and two grandchildren, seven-year-old Haley Jane and three-year-old Charlsie Kate.

During those formative years at Gage Hill, Chace also spent a lot of time helping out at the horse sales from New Hampshire to Massachusetts and soon landed himself a job at Muriel Vanderbilt Adam's Sandy Point Farm in Newport, Rhode Island, where he was deeply immersed in all phases of the game, including preparing yearlings for sales, galloping horses and working stallions.

At the age of 20, Chace moved to the racetrack, assisting Adam's trainer Joe O'Shea, and it was there that he met Dr. Ed Devine, a Thoroughbred veterinarian, who treated horses for many of the biggest names in racing, including George Widener and Walter Jeffords.

"I had my hands on more good horses in one day than most people have had in a lifetime," said Chace. Chace soon signed up as Devine's assistant, and a multitude of daily tasks at some of the most notable horse farms in the region, including William duPont's Bellevue Training Center near Wilmington, Delaware.

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Chace worked for Devine for nine years during which time he learned how to float teeth. Armed with that knowledge, Chace worked as a race track dentist along the New Jersey circuit, including Garden State, Monmouth Park, and Atlantic City Racecourse, before trying his hand at the training game, while still buying a few horses here and there along the way.

In 1993, trainer Jim Ryerson approached Chace about buying a horse for Leonard Pivnick and Chace wasted no time finding one at the OBS two-year-old sale in Florida. Going much higher than originally anticipated, Pivnick dished out \$105,000 for a strapping son of Meadowlake. Named Meadow Flight, the colt went on to take the GII Pennsylvania Derby, GIII Flamingo S., Long Branch S. and was runner-up in the GI Haskell Invitational H. during the 1994 season.

"We're all looking for the same thing--the horse that can run, really run," explained Chace. "They can come from anywhere. I've never seen a perfect horse in my life. Some are just more imperfect than others."

Meadow Flight, who was Chace's first graded stakes winner purchased from a two-year-old in training sale, was instrumental in bringing Chace together with Ernie Paragallo, a New York investment banker and software executive. That partnership yielded several winners, most notably Unbridled's Song, who was purchased for \$200,000 at the 1994 Fasig-Tipton August sale and went on to take the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile and GI Wood Memorial before becoming a top Kentucky stallion.

"My confidence is knowing horses," offered the 66-year-old, who now resides in Little Silver, New Jersey. "I've always felt comfortable in my decision to buy a horse, to spend someone else's money and have a good feeling the horse would be fine." Since then, Chace has purchased horses on behalf of some of the most recognizable names in the game, including Lewis Lakin, Raymond Dweck, Frank Maloney, Charles and Marianne Hesse, Aaron and Marie Jones, Peter Walski, Barry Schwartz and West Point Thoroughbreds.

"The people I work for make me lucky," Chace added. "When you work for good people, that helps a lot. They leave me alone and let me do my thing. Not every horse works out, but I know the ones I buy have a chance."

WHAT RECENT KENTUCKY DERBY WINNERS WERE UP TO AS 2-YEAR-OLDS...

2007 STREET SENSE - Capped championship season with a 10-length score in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile.

2006 BARBARO - Won Laurel Futurity Nov. 19 by 8 lengths.

2005 GIACOMO - Broke maiden Oct. 22 at Santa Anita. Second to champion Declan's Moon in GI Hollywood Futurity Dec. 18.

2004 SMARTY JONES - Won Pennsylvania Nursery S. Nov. 22 by 15 lengths.

2003 FUNNY CIDE - Completed unbeaten two-year-old campaign with a win in the Sleepy Hollow S. at Belmont Oct. 19.

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Hernando	17,000*	9	2
Tiger Hill	20,000	5	2
Sinndar	20,000	4	2
King's Best	15,000	4	2
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TIZAQWEEN SIDELINED Wagering on Stonerside Stable's homebred **Tizaqueena** (Tiznow) in the Kentucky Oaks Future Wager was suspended Friday afternoon after it was announced the filly has been sidelined. A debut winner at Fair Grounds last December, the dark bay filly returned to run second in the Jan. 12 Tiffany Lass S. last time out. "She'll probably be out 60 to 90 days," confirmed trainer Mike Stidham. "It's just bad timing." The suspension of wagering on Tizaqueena leaves 23 wagering interests in Pool 2 of the Kentucky Oaks Future Wager. Betting in the pool is scheduled to conclude Sunday at 6:30 p.m. ET.

NYRA GRANTED ANOTHER EXTENSION By unanimous vote, the New York State Non-Profit Racing Association Oversight Board agreed to a fourth temporary extension which will allow racing to continue through the end of the current Aqueduct meeting Apr. 27 while the details of the 25-year franchise extension are hammered out. The previous extension was set to expire at the end of racing yesterday. NYRA President and Chief Operating Officer Charles Hayward told Daily Racing Form that he hopes the Apr. 27 date becomes moot, as NYRA is due in bankruptcy court Mar. 19 to have its reorganization plan approved. If that happens, Hayward said the new franchise would take effect Apr. 1 with a restructured Board of Directors at NYRA. Earlier this week, NYRA received permission from the bankruptcy to sell about 70 parcels of land near Aqueduct which have nothing to do with racing. Though that sale cannot close until after NYRA is out of bankruptcy, it is hopeful that the revenue generated from the sale would be \$15 million, negating the need for NYRA to avail itself of the \$30 million the state of New York agreed to give the organization.

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10th-GPX, \$42K, Msw, 3yo, 1m
COACH SHAW (Victory Gallop), a half to millionaire Pollard's Vision, makes his debut. The \$225K KEESEP yearling has been assigned the 10 slot. Mark Hennig trains the Willmott Stables colorbearer. **Old Ninety Eight** (**Storm Cat**), a son of MGISW Manistique (Unbridled), returns following a second-place finish in his Turfway bow Dec. 7. The dark bay was a \$400K KEESEP yearling purchase. Eugene Melnyk homebred **Forster Hall** (**Deputy Minister**) debuts for Tom Albertrani.

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★ GULFSTREAM ★

Yesterday's Results:

8th-GPX, \$47,000, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, 1m, 1:36 3/5, ft. INNER LIGHT (c, 3, [Songandaprayer](#)--Pinta, by Carson City), a \$160,000 OBSAUG yearling and a \$650,000 FTFEB juvenile, followed a Dec. 15 Calder maiden victory with a seventh-place finish in the Inaugural S. at Tampa Dec. 29. The half to Rojo Toro (Mountain Cat), GSW & GISP, \$268,917, crossed the wire a well-beaten third behind Gill Gotham S. entrant Saratoga Russell in a \$62,000 optional claimer at Gulfstream Feb. 9 and entered the starting gate as a 6-1 chance here. Placed in a perfect spot by Kent Desormeaux in fourth off tepid early fractions of :22.43 and :44.16, Inner Light was swung out four wide entering the home stretch and drove past even-money favorite Jockey Ridge (Broken Vow) to take it by two lengths. Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-1, \$56,220. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or the [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). O-WinStar Farm LLC. B-Haras El Aguila, SA (FL). T-William I Mott.

9th-GPX, \$43,000, Alw, NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:46 3/5, fm. GIFT OF SONG (f, 4, [Unbridled's Song](#)--Quality Gift {GB}, by Last Tycoon {Ire}), a half to Bright Abundance (Quiet American), SP-Fr & GSW-US, \$379,033, disappeared following a 5 1/4-length maiden win over the Aqueduct lawn last April. The speedy bay resurfaced in the Lemhi Go S. at Calder Dec. 30, and hung on for a head decision. Making her seasonal debut here, the 5-2 chance set an uncontested pace, had a four-length advantage through six furlongs and was saved by the wire to take it by a head over Lady Carlock (Chester House). Baroness Richter (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) finished fifth as the 2-1 favorite. Lifetime Record: SW, 6-3-1-0, \$87,180. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or the [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). O-Darley Stable. B-Gainsborough Farm LLC (KY). T-Kiaran P McLaughlin.

7th-GPX, \$40,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft. + HALLOWEEN WITCH (f, 3, Golden Missile--Debt, by Mr. Prospector) was working smartly at Palm Meadows for this, including a four-furlong move in :48 3/5 Mar. 2. With Javier Castellano in the irons, the 9-2 chance had plenty of company on the front end through fractions of :22.25 and :45.21, and drew away impressively in the stretch to win by 6 1/2 lengths over Nursery Rhyme (Tale of the Cat). Kelliher (Forestry) finished a well-beaten ninth. The winner's dam, Debt, was purchased by Adena Springs for \$390,000 at the 1999 Keeneland November Sale in-foal to Hennessy. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,000. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or the [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). O-Stronach Stables. B-Adena Springs (ON). T-Brian A Lynch.

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- [7th-GPX \(Msw\)](#) Halloween Witch (Golden Missile) stamps herself as one to watch.
- [9th-FGX \(Alw\)](#) Honest Man (Unbridled's Song) bounces back.
- [2nd-SAX \(Alw\)](#) Two Step Salsa (Petionville) wins with something left.
- [7th-SAX \(Alw\)](#) Starry Pursuit (Van Nistelrooy) maintains her perfect record.



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Sultry Sun Euthanized:

Sultry Sun (Buckfinder--Sunny Dame, by Damascus), one of the foundation broodmares of Charlotte Weber's Live Oak Stud, has been euthanized due to the infirmities of old age. She was 28 years old. Winner at the races of the Gill Molly Pitcher H., Sultry Sun went on to produce 16 foals for Live Oak, including the multiple Grade I winners Solar Splendor (Majestic Light) and Sultry Song (Cox's Ridge) as well as GSW Strategic Mission, sire of Showing Up, a multiple Grade I winner on turf and a Grade II winner on the dirt. Additionally, one of Sultry Sun's daughters, Sultry Allure, is the dam of GISW Mass Media. Her final foal is ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ **El Sultry Sun** (Eltish), currently in training with John Kimmel. "She has been the foundation Blue Hen for Live Oak over the years and she will be greatly missed," Mrs. Weber commented. Sultry Sun is to be buried at the Live Oak cemetery alongside Dispersal, Laser Light, Medieval Man and Verbasle.

★ NEW YORK ★

Yesterday's Results:

2nd-AQU, \$47,040, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11, ft. VICTORY FOR M'LADY (f, 4, Victory Gallop--Flowers for M'lady, by Stage Door Johnny) placed third over the Turf Paradise lawn last November following five attempts at Emerald Downs for trainer Blaine Wright. Transferred to John Destefano, Jr. and shipped to the Big A, he placed third and fourth in a pair of routes Dec. 30 and Jan. 18. Making his first start for Rick Schosberg while cutting back in distance here, the 7-2 was outrun in the early stages, but came flying in the stretch to post a 4 1/4-length tally over 4-5 chalk Alzehba (Elusive Quality). The victress, a \$35,000 KEEJAN yearling and a \$30,000 WASSEP yearling, is a half to Fight For M'lady (Fit To Fight), GSW, \$268,222. Lifetime Record: 9-1-3-3, \$51,855. O-Double S Stable, Jay Cee Jay Stable & Steven Schoenfeld. B-Ron Stolich (KY). T-Richard E Schosberg.

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★ EAST ★

Yesterday's Results:

9th-TAM, \$20,200, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000), NW1X, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:17 3/5, ft.

MOONSHINE ALICE (f, 3, Straight Man--Glowlamp, by Pentelicus) graduated in her second Tampa Bay attempt Feb. 2, and was hammered down to 6-5 to make it two straight here. Pressed through an opening quarter of :22.03, the chestnut powered her way clear to take it by 4 3/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$29,270. O-Kenneth McFarland. B-Wayne & Margaret McFarland (FL). T-Gerald S Bennett.

Thursday Night's Results:

2nd-PEN, \$20,400, Msw, 3yo, f, 1m70y, 1:46 2/5, ft. + BRANDYWINE SUMMIT (f, 3, Pulpit--Beat Your Feet {MSP, \$184,175}, by Dixieland Band), trying a route at first asking, was settled as Santorini Cat (Wheelaway) set an uncontested pace. Six lengths behind the leader through six furlongs, she took over in the stretch and drew away to take it by 5 1/4 lengths. The pacesetter stayed on to complete the exacta. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$12,240.

O/B-Christiana Stables LLC (KY). T-John C Servis.

★ CENTRAL ★

Yesterday's Results:

9th-FGX, \$42,250, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$62,000), NW3X, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:38 2/5, gd.

HONEST MAN (c, 4, Unbridled's Song--Oath {GISW, \$144,880}, by Known Fact), a \$700,000 KEESEP yearling purchase, really came of age once stretched to two turns, rattling off three straight victories, including a pair over this surface Dec. 7 and Jan. 5. Shipped to Sam Houston for his stakes debut in the Jan. 26 Maxxam Gold Cup H., he faded to finish fifth after dueling for the early lead. Favored at even-money to get back on track here, the dark bay stayed within striking distance and rallied in the stretch to run down Stonehouse (Chester House) by a half length. The winner's dam, Oath, is a half to champion War Pass. Lifetime Record: 7-4-1-0, \$111,800. **Click for the brisnet.com chart or the [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#).**

O-WinStar Farm LLC & Fox Hill Farm. B-Racehorse Management LLC (KY). T-J Larry Jones.



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7th-FGX, \$40,000, Msw, 3yo, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:05 1/5, gd.
AGASTACHE (c, 3, Mutakddim--Asheville {SW, \$186,692}, by Clever Trick) finished fourth, beaten 8 3/4 lengths, in a local off-the-turfer at first asking Feb. 17. Breaking from the 10 hole here, the 5-2 chance sat a close fourth through the opening quarter and rallied past the pacesetter Five Foot Mike (Boundary) to secure a half-length victory. Five Foot Mike was disqualified from second and placed third for impeding 2-1 favorite Ready in the Morn (More Than Ready) in the stretch. Peytons Posse (Posse) crossed the wire a well-beaten fifth. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$25,740. O/B-Nelson Bunker Hunt (KY). T-Steven M Asmussen.

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 2:34 p.m. CST
DUNCAN F. KENNER S., \$200,000, 3yo/up, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	King of the Roxy	Littleexpectations	Pletcher	117
2	Noonmark	Unbridled's Song	Asmussen	121
3	Euroears	Langfuhr	Calhoun	121
4	Les Grands Trois	Officer	Frankel	117
5	Truelyonbroadway	Yes It's True	Amoss	117
6	Semaphore Man	Formal Gold	K Von Hemel	117
7	Roi Maudit	Elusive Quality	Mott	119

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Turfway Cancels Saturday and Sunday:

With yet another winter storm bearing down on Northern Kentucky, officials at Turfway Park have canceled live racing today and tomorrow. Simulcasting operations closed at the track last night at 6 p.m., but were expected to resume as normal today. The featured Wintergreen S. will likely be rescheduled, but no date has been set as yet.

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HRRN to Present Live Coverage of La. Derby:

The Horse Racing Radio Network (HRRN) will provide four hours of live coverage of today's Louisiana Derby and supporting undercard races from the Fair Grounds. The two-hour broadcast of all four Grade II races on the card will air between 4 and 6 p.m. ET. Co-host Mike Penna will also host his "Equine Forum" show live this morning from 8 and 10 a.m. ET. The show will be simulcast live on WXLO 96.1 FM, Lexington; WAVG 1450 AM in Louisville; and WGSO 990 AM in New Orleans.

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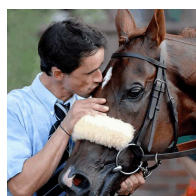
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★ **SO. CALIFORNIA** ★

Yesterday's Results:

7th-SAX, \$57,792, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$80,000), NW1X, 3yo, f, a6 1/2fT, 1:13 4/5, fm.

STARRY PURSUIT (f, 3, Van Nistelrooy--Star White {SP}, by Naevus) debuted for her breeder and trainer Ronny Werner with a 1 3/4-length victory in a 4 1/2-furlong Arlington maiden June 15 and was having her first run since being acquired by these connections. The 3-1 second choice in her three-year-old and turf debuts, the chestnut stalked the pace of Lovehi (Swiss Yodeler) from off the rail before switching wider for the stretch drive. She engaged and overtook the pacesetter outside the eighth pole and was taken in hand late en route to a 1 1/2-length success. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$48,000. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) O-Abruzzo & Carver. B-Rose Hill Farm (KY). T-Jerry Hollendorfer.



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2nd-SAX, \$50,960, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$80,000), NW1X, 3yo, 6f (AWT), 1:09, ft.

TWO STEP SALSA (c, 3, Petionville--Two to Waltz, by Seattle Slew) was hammered down to 3-5 by the Santa Anita faithful following a game 3/4-length debut tally Jan. 20. Pressed through fractions of :22.32 and :45.31, the dark bay drew away under minimal encouragement to win with something left. It was 2 3/4 lengths back to Dr. Au Jus (Mizzen Mast) in second. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$60,000. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or the [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#).

O/B-Everest Stables Inc (KY). T-Julio C Canani.

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Zentrun, c, 4, Gilded Time--Ava's Delight, by Cryptoclearance. Monterrico, 3-6, Alw, 6 1/2f, 1:13 1/5. Lifetime Record: 17 starts, 4 wins. \$2,800. O-Stud Myrna; B-Charles Kidder. T-Jorge Salas. *\$10,000 yrl '05 KEESEP. **Won by 2 1/2 lengths.

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• ON THE WORKTAB •

BELMONT (training track)

DIVINE PARK (Chester House), 4f, :48.12, 12/86
BUSTIN STONES (City Zip), 5f, 1:03.41, 28/39

PALM MEADOWS

FIERCE WIND (Dixie Union), 4f, :49, 1/7
ANAK NAKAL (Victory Gallop), 5f, 1:01.80, 6/18
BEAR NOW (Tiznow), 5f, 1:01.40, 4/18
BENNY THE BULL (Lucky Lionel), 5f, 1:01, 2/18
KIP DEVILLE (Kipling), 5f, 1:01, 2/18
DIAMOND STRIPES (Notebook), 6f, 1:16, 1/2

SANTA ANITA

SELVATICA (Forestry), 4f, :47.60, 1/34
BOBOMAN (Kingmambo), 7f, 1:26.60, 2/2

HOLLYWOOD PARK

BECRUX (ITY) (Glen Jordan {GB}), 4f, :52.60, 25/27
NOTIONAL (In Excess {Ire}), 5f, 1:02.20, 23/34

First-crop starters to watch: Saturday, March 8

Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2005 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)
AMERICA'S STORM (Storm Cat), Applebite, \$4K, 24/0/0
 6-SA, Msw, 5 1/2f, America's Starlett
AVANZADO (ARG) (Luhuk), Harris, \$5K, 50/4/0
 6-SA, Msw, 5 1/2f, Suziqcutie
CACTUS RIDGE (Hennessy), Walmac, \$7K, 138/18/1
 7-BM, Msw, 6f, Punch Up, \$90K KEE NOV wnl
 1-FG, Msw, 1mT, Stepsister Jones, \$35K KEE NOV wnl, 20-1
CAPSIZED (Summer Squall), Windfall, \$4K, 69/7/0
 8-BM, Stk, 1 1/16m, General Dan
COWBOY CARSON (Carson City), 8/1/0
 4-CT, Alw, 4 1/2f, Super Cowboy, 3-1
DESERT WARRIOR (Deputy Minister), McMahon, \$3K, 87/9/0
 1-AQU, Alw, 6f, Beequeone
 5-AQU, Msw, 6f, Battle Ready, \$14K EAS SEP yrl
EARLY FLYER (Gilded Time), Valor, 63/9/1
 3-AQU, Aoc, 6f, Api Mohkat, \$30K EAS SEP yrl
EMPIRE MAKER (Unbridled), Juddmonte, \$100K, 185/9/3
 9-AQU, Stk, 1 1/16m, Roman Emperor, \$110K EAS MAY 2yo
 9-MNR, Alw, 5 1/2f, Miss Red Delicious, \$90K KEE SEP yrl, 7-2
FLATTER (A.P. Indy), Claiborne, \$5K, 145/18/1
 7-OP, Alw, 6f, Flatter Matters, \$7K TEX APR 2yo
 12-FG, Msw, 1m, Biscay Bay, \$70K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1
FULL MANDATE (A.P. Indy), Hartley, 173/19/1
 9-SA, Stk, 1 1/16m, Divine Legacy, \$170K KEE NOV wnl
 12-FG, Msw, 1m, Soul Mandate, \$6K OBS OCT wnl, 12-1
HARLAN'S HOLIDAY (Harlan), Airdrie, \$18K, 169/28/5
 9-AQU, Stk, 1 1/16m, Holiday, \$70K FTK JUL yrl
 10-LRL, Msw, 7f, Sharp Street, \$90K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1
HOLD THAT TIGER (Storm Cat), Ashford, \$15K, 250/31/2
 1-FG, Msw, 1mT, Winning Idea, \$100K KEE SEP yrl, 12-1
 7-HAW, Alw, 6f, Michael's Dreamin', 3-1
 7-GP, Msw, 1 1/8mT, Stop the Drama, \$16K OBS AUG yrl, 15-1
HOOK AND LADDER (Dixieland Band), Sequel NY, \$10K, 100/10/2
 5-AQU, Msw, 6f, Tribolet, \$115K EAS MAY 2yo
LAKE WILLIAM (Salt Lake), 41/6/0
 7-BM, Msw, 6f, +Full Glass
MINESHAFT (A.P. Indy), Lane's End, \$100K, 151/10/2
 12-FG, Msw, 1m, Fort Apache, \$67K EAS MAY 2yo, 3-1
 7-GP, Msw, 1 1/8mT, Dixie Miner, \$75K KEE SEP yrl, 20-1
POSSE (Silver Deputy), Vinery, \$10K, 154/28/7
 6-DED, Aoc, 5f, Lambada, 3-1
 8-HAW, Msw, 5 1/2f, Oughta Be Mine, \$8K FTK OCT yrl, 5-1
PREMEDITATION (Afternoon Deelites), A & A Ranch, \$2K, 9/3/2
 7-SUN, Msw, 2f, Double Smart, 8-1



Rookies cont.

PROSPECTOR'S GIFT (Mr. Prospector), 25/1/0
 1-DED, Msw, 5f, Pyawac, 6-1
PROUD CITIZEN (Gone West), Airdrie, \$13K, 210/22/3
 8-FG, Stk, 1 1/16m, Proud Spell, 6-5
 12-FG, Msw, 1m, Proud Kentuckian, \$14K KEE SEP yrl, 9-2
RICH DEEDS (Alydeed), Piece of the Rock, 12/1/1
 4-CT, Alw, 4 1/2f, Pow Wow Power, 5-2
SKY MESA (Pulpit), Three Chimneys, \$30K, 177/16/1
 10-LRL, Msw, 7f, Miss Emeritus, \$280K EAS MAY 2yo, 2-1
 12-FG, Msw, 1m, Square Deal, \$650K BAR MAY 2yo, 4-1
SLIGO BAY (IRE) (Sadler's Wells), Adena South, \$10K, 128/11/1
 7-GP, Msw, 1 1/8mT, Bahia Girl, \$15K ADS SPR 2yo, 3-1
SUNDAY BREAK (JPN) (Forty Niner), Walmac, \$9K, 156/24/0
 9-SA, Stk, 1 1/16m, Sunday Holiday, \$40K KEE SEP yrl
VAN NISTELROOY (Storm Cat), Ashford, \$8K, 201/33/6
 8-TAM, Alw, 1mT, True Blue Fingers, \$34K EAS MAY 2yo, 12-1
VINDICATION (Seattle Slew), Hill 'n' Dale, \$50K, 229/25/1
 7-OP, Alw, 6f, My Sweet Valor, \$190K BAR MAR 2yo
 9-AQU, Stk, 1 1/16m, Larrys Revenge, \$60K KEE APR 2yo
 2-OP, Msw, 6f, Sentebale, \$215K EAS MAY 2yo
WHYWHYWHY (Mr. Greeley), Gainesway, \$8K, 100/19/2
 9-AQU, Stk, 1 1/16m, Laysh Laysh Laysh
 2-OP, Msw, 6f, Rocket's Lady, \$300K KEE SEP yrl
WINDSOR CASTLE (Lord Carson), Taylor Mountain, \$3K, 26/3/0
 4-CT, Alw, 4 1/2f, Henry the Lover, 7-2
WISEMAN'S FERRY (Hennessy), Castleton Lyons, \$5K, 126/9/0
 5-AQU, Msw, 6f, Wolfson, \$270K OBS FEB 2yo
YANKEE GENTLEMAN (Storm Cat), Airdrie, \$10K, 114/20/2
 9-FG, Stk, 1 1/16m, Yankee Bravo, \$34K TAT GNS 2yo, 4-1

Kempton Breeze-Up Sale cont.

While the latter will join the Meehan string, both will race in the blue colors of David Sullivan and David Gold made famous by David Junior. "The Mr. Greeley was good value, given the sire's yearling average last year was \$279,000, and the colt was a shapely individual who looked like he'd make into a nice two-year-old," Merry told the *Post*. "David Sullivan had horses with Simon's father Neville 20 years ago and they have remained friends, and he wanted to support Simon in his first season. We we also bought a Five Star Day colt in Calder to go to him. The Proud Citizen was Simon's pick of the day." Con Marnane, who consigned the topper, was also responsible for hip 79, a son of Broken Vow who sold for £65,000. From the family of Charismatic, he will race in the silks of the BHA Chairman Paul Roy. Figures held up on last year, with the average and median dipping only slightly, and the clearance rate of nearly 75 percent breaking the recent trend. At the conclusion, Goffs Chief Executive Henry Beeby said: "We are very happy with the level of trade, particularly in the current climate. This is a young sale still finding its feet, and today's consistent trade has underpinned the strong start that it made 12 months ago. Indeed, today's clearance rate, average and median are very much on a par with last year." He added, "There is no doubt that Polytrack is unrivalled for showing breeze-up horses, and we are supremely confident that this catalogue will produce many more classy race-horses." Full results can be viewed on www.goffs.com.



'SPIRIT' FILLY TOPS KEMPTON BREEZE-UP

Irish National Stud resident Invincible Spirit (Ire), never far from the headlines, was responsible for the topper during yesterday's Goffs Breeze-Up Sale at Kempton Park. Following a solid breeze in the morning, hip 84--already named Glamorous Spirit (Ire) and consigned by Bansha House Stables--was hot property, and it was Anthony Stroud who prevailed with a bid of £105,000. He later revealed to *Racing Post* that the bay from the extended family of the champion Gold River (Fr) would race in the colors of the Searchers syndicate of Paul Roy, Andy Stewart, Martin Myers, Trevor Harris and Kevan Watts. "She looked a very speedy filly and will be going to Jeremy Nosedá," Stroud told the trade daily. Hugo Merry acquired the next two highest-priced two-year-olds for the stables of Simon Callaghan and Brian Meehan, respectively. Mocklershill's hip 77, a son of Proud Citizen out of a sister to the stakes winner Cox's Sweep and half to MGSW Valid Bonnet, was snapped up for £90,000. He was purchased on behalf of rookie trainer Simon Callaghan, son of Neville. Earlier, Merry had paid £88,000 for hip 37, a Mr. Greeley colt, from Jim McCartan's Gaybrook Lodge Stud. The chestnut is out of a 3/4-sister to GISW D'Wildcat.

GOFFS KEMPTON BREEZE-UP - TOP 4 LOTS

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (£)
84	f	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Glamorous Air (Ire)	105,000
			(€50,000 yrl '07 ITSSEP)	
			Consigned by Bansha House Stables	
			Purchased by Anthony Stroud Bloodstock	
77	c	Proud Citizen	Endless Reward	90,000
			(\$42,000 wnlg '06 KEENOV)	
			Consigned by Mocklershill Stables	
			Purchased by Hugo Merry Bloodstock for Simon Callaghan	
37	c	Mr. Greeley	She's Enough	88,000
			(\$60,000 yrl '07 KEESEP)	
			Consigned by Gaybrook Lodge Stud	
			Purchased by Hugo Merry Bloodstock for Brian Meehan	
79	c	Broken Vow	Feminine	65,000
			(\$50,000 yrl '07 KEESEP)	
			Consigned by Bansha House Stables	
			Purchased by Paul Roy	

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ARQANA CATALOGUES 155 FOR APRIL SALE

Arqana has announced that 155 youngsters have been catalogued for the Breeze-Up Sale Apr. 19 at Saint-Cloud. The juveniles will breeze at 9 a.m. and the sale will start at 1:30 p.m. Recent graduates included Grade I winner Grand Couturier (GB) and Group 2 winner Musical Way (Fr). Sires represented include Action This Day, American Post (GB), Anabaa, Danehill Dancer (Ire), Dynaformer, Exceed and Excel (Aus), Giant's Causeway, Johannesburg, Medaglia d'Oro, Oasis Dream (GB), One Cool Cat, Pivotal (GB), Sadler's Wells, Verglas (Fr) and Zamindar. Catalogues are available on www.arqana.com.

★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday's Results:

Deauville, 2.50, Cond, €33,000, 4yo/up, 1 3/16m (AWT), 2:00.20, stn.

KOCAB (GB) (h, 6, Unfuwain--Space Quest {GB} {SW-Fr}, by Rainbow Quest), third in the G2 Prix du Conseil de Paris at Longchamp in October and fifth in Sha Tin's G1 Hong Kong Vase in December on his latest outings, started as the 6-4 second choice. The homebred raced keenly under restraint in fourth early. In the slipstream of Musical Way (Fr) (Gold Away {Ire}) all the way, he delivered a strong kick to subdue that foe in the final 150 yards and assert for a convincing length success. In doing so, he booked his ticket to Nad Al Sheba for World Cup night Mar. 30, where he will contest either the main feature on dirt or the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic on turf. Jockey Stephane Pasquier said, "That was the perfect preparation for Dubai, and he loved that surface. He settled very well and quickened very nicely." Lifetime Record: MSW & MGSP-Fr, 21 starts, 7 wins, 12 places, €340,314. O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd; T-Andre Fabre.

Deauville, 3.20, Debutantes, €22,000, 3yo, c/g, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:30.10, stn.

+ **SLIPPED MY MIND (FR) (c, 3, Slickly {Fr}--Dynamic Dream, by Dynaformer)**, sent off at 22-1, gained the early advantage. Not pressed inside the final quarter, he drew away to record an authoritative three-length verdict over Blind Shaft (Fr) (Linamix {Fr}). Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €11,000. O-John Horgan & John Stevens; B-J Stevens; T-Philippe van de Poele.

Deauville, 3.50, Cond, €22,000, 3yo, f, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:32.90, stn.

+ **BALLPOINT (IRE) (f, 3, Oasis Dream {GB}--Gold Script {Fr} {SW-Fr}, by Script Ohio)**, a half-sister to Honours List (Ire) (Danehill), GSW-Ire & MG1SP-Fr, went postward at 11-1. The bay raced close to the pace while trapped wide throughout the early stages before arriving at the front full of run passing the quarter pole. Pushed out with hands and heels, she had a comfortable 1 1/2-length margin to spare over Kosi Bay (Storm Cat--Composure) at the line. Ballpoint was a 60,000gns TATDEC weanling and 100,000gns TATOCT yearling. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €11,000. O-Pegasus Farms Ltd; B-Swettenham Stud; T-Eric Libaud.

★ IRELAND ★

Yesterday's Results:

Dundalk, 7.40, Cond, €25,000, 3yo, 1m (AWT), 1:37.21, stn.

BILLYFORD (IRE) (c, 3, Lil's Boy--Alamanta {Ire}, by Ali-Royal {Ire}), third behind Jupiter Pluvius in the G3 Killavullan S. at Leopardstown in October, started as the 5-2 second choice and was positioned in rear early. Making smooth progress past rivals to lead traveling strongly approaching the eighth pole, the €7,000 GOFDEC yearling was pushed out to record a comfortable 1 3/4-length defeat of Dirar (Ire) (King's Best). Lifetime Record: GSP-Ire, 9-4-0-3, €70,834. O-Golden Blue Syndicate; B-J S Bolger; T-Liam Roche.



GOFFS BREEZE-UP SALE STATISTICS

FRIDAY, MAR. 7, 2008

<u>CUMULATIVE</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
No. Catalogued	101	101
No. Offered	86	82
No. Sold	64	65
RNAs	22	17
% RNA	25.6%	20.7%
Gross	£1,944,000	£2,074,000
Average (% change)	£30,375 (-4.8%)	£31,908
Median (% change)	£25,000 (-3.8%)	£26,000
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★ SOUTH AFRICA ★

WINNER BY U.S. SIRE:

Khyber Point (Aus), g, 4, **Fusaichi Pegasus**--Barbela (NZ), by Zabeel (NZ). Greyville, 3-7, Hcp., 2000mT, 2:04.46. Lifetime Record: 14 starts, 2 wins, 2 places. O-L M Nestadt; B-G Barber; T-J Goodman



BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-FGX, \$42,000, Opt. Clm. (\$35,000), NW1X, (S), 4yo/up, 1m40y, 1:42 4/5, gd.

TALKWITHME BUDDY D (g, 4, Storm Day--Grandmare Shirley, by Brilliant Sandy) Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$56,800. O/B-Stanley Seelig (LA). T-Patrick Mouton. *1/2 to The Beter Man Can (Lord Avie), MSW, \$383,828.

9th-OPX, \$37,000, Opt. Clm. (\$55,000), NW4L, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:38 3/5, gd.

LIKE AN EAGLE (g, 5, Victory Gallop--She Who Kissnfly, by Sky Classic) Lifetime Record: MSP, 16-4-4-1, \$131,030. O/B-Cresran LLC (KY). T-Steve Hobby. *1/2 to Prospective Kiss (Prospect Bay), SW, \$254,299.

8th-DED, \$32,500, 3-6, NW2L, (S), 3yo, f, 5f, 1:00 4/5, sy.

FORGET IT ERLEEN (f, 3, Erlton--Forgotten Mine, by Mining) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$44,440. O-Wayne T Davis. B-Latnie L Brewton III (LA). T-Jerry D Cart. *\$7,200 yrl '06 LOUAUG.

4th-BMX, \$31,600, NW1X, (S), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft.

MAGNIFICENT BLEND (g, 4, Richly Blended--Noble Covenant, by Gray Slewpy) Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$48,110. O/B-Daniel O'Neill (CA). T-Sтивен Specht.

8th-CTX, \$28,000, 3-6, NW1X, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:20 2/5, ft.

KODA (g, 5, Hennessy--Kissin' Jeb {GSW, \$143,140}, by Jeblar) Lifetime Record: 21-5-3-3, \$81,884. O-Robert L Cole Jr. B-Dr Thomas L Croley (FL). T-Stephanie S Beattie.

8th-HAW, \$28,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12 2/5, ft.

BIG LOU (f, 3, Malibu Moon--Vermilion Sea {SP}, by Boundary) Lifetime Record: SP, 6-2-1-0, \$45,147. O/B-T C Stable LLC (IL). T-D Kelly Ackerman.

6th-PEN, \$20,800, 3-6, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39, ft.

LOTSIA ILEANA (m, 5, Cloud Hopping--Ell's Dusty Lark, by Bob's Dusty) Lifetime Record: 26-5-4-5, \$74,818. O-The Unstable Stable LLC. B-Ken Farrell Jr & Tina Farrell (FL). T-Ryan Beattie. *\$4,000 wlng '03 OBSOCT. **1/2 to Sir Dusty (Sir Leon), SW, \$142,507.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Dome Shadows**, f, 2, **Dome--Olympic Mettle**, by High Brite. SUN, 3-7, (S), 2f, :21 3/5. B-Connie & Richard Snyder (NM). *\$7,500 yrl '07 RUIAUG.

Cape Hatchet, c, 3, **Cape Canaveral--Hatchet Band**, by Dixieland Band. SAX, 3-6, (S), (C), 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:04 1/5. B-Joe Parker (CA). *\$20,000 yrl '06 BESOCT.

Out in the Open, g, 3, **Desert Warrior--Over the Transom**, by Allen's Prospect. TAM, 3-7, 5f, :59. B-Wonderland Breeding LLC (NY).

Rosso Corsa, c, 3, **Ferrari (Ger)--Prize Possession**, by Prized. SAX, 3-7, (C), 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:44. B-Charlotte M. Wrather (CA).

Grand Treasure, c, 3, **Grand Slam--Holy Treasure**, by Holy Bull. AQU, 3-7, (S), 6f, 1:11. B-Chester & Mary R Broman (NY).

That's a Fact, f, 3, **Winning Bid--Clever Fact**, by Classified Facts. HAW, 3-7, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:04 3/5. B-Roger A Brueggemann (IL).

Rags, g, 4, **Aptitude--Unaffordable**, by Unbridled. FGX, 3-7, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:47 2/5. B-James Tafel (KY).

+ **Harper's Ile**, g, 4, **Harperstown--Ile de Clare**, by Ile de Jinsky. OPX, 3-7, (S), 6f, 1:13 3/5. B-John F Anthony (AR).

She's Sensational, f, 4, **Point Given--Blushing Issue**, by Blushing John. BMX, 3-7, 1m, 1:37 3/5. B-ClassicStar (KY). *\$115,000 2yo '06 BESMAR. **1/2 to Smooth Jazz (Storm Boot), GSW, \$321,105.

Putitbackontop, c, 4, **Put It Back--Triple Top**, by Topsider. DED, 3-6, 5f, 1:01 2/5. B-Carl Bowling (FL). *1/2 to Triple Great (Great Above), MSP, \$228,533; Way To The Top (Way West {Fr}), GSP, \$426,971.

Try Southwest, f, 4, **Ticketless--Tritality** (SW), by In Totality. SUN, 3-7, (S), 6f, 1:11. B-R. A. Canning (NM).

Kd's Valid Dreamer, g, 4, **Valid Belfast--K D's Dream Star**, by Star Choice. DED, 3-6, (S), 1m, 1:42 2/5. B-KDK Management Inc (LA).

2007 MARYLAND CHAMPIONS

Horse of the Year & Ch. Older Male - Heros Reward (Partner's Hero)

Ch. 2yo Colt - Ready's Image (More Than Ready)

Ch. 2yo Filly - Ask the Moon (Malibu Moon)

Ch. 3yo Male - Steve's Double (Stephen Got Even)

Ch. 3yo Filly - Moon Catcher (Malibu Moon)

Ch. Older Female - Silmaril (Diamond)

Ch. Steeplechaser - Good Night Shirt (Concern)

*Champions decided by MHBA board of Directors, MHBA members, Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred editors, Maryland Jockey Club racing secretary, and nine Maryland turf writers.



SO. HEMISPHERE WINNERS BY U.S. SIRES:

For Me Cat (Arg), f, 2, **Easing Along**--Little Bit Shy, by Caro (Ire). San Isidro, Argentina, 3-7, Mdn, 1400mT, 1:23.49. O/B-Haras El Alfalfar; T-A F Gaitan. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1. *Full to Bastian (Arg), MSW & MGSP-Per; and 1/2 to Delos (Arg) (Contested Bid), GSP-Arg. **Won by 6 lengths.

+ **Martineta Cat (Arg)**, f, 2, **Easing Along**--La Martina (Arg), by Shy Tom. San Isidro, Argentina, 3-7, Mdn, 1400mT, 1:23.93. O/B-Haras El Alfalfar; T-A F Gaitan.

Pegase (Aus), g, 2, **Fusaichi Pegasus**--Sportsgirl Miss (Aus), by Jugah. Ascot (Perth), 3-5, Hcp, 2yo, 5fT. B-Burke Bloodstock Pty Ltd.

#**Chiambella (Arg)**, f, 2, **Mutakddim**--Casmira (Arg) (GSW-Arg), by Confidential Talk. San Isidro, Argentina, 3-7, Clasico Manuel Anasagasti-Listed, 1000mT, :57.40. O/B-Haras Vacacion; T-C D Etchechoury. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0. *Won by 7 lengths.

Mathias (NZ), g, 3, **Black Minnaloushe**--English Ballet (Aus), by Royal Academy. Ellerslie (Auckland), 3-5, Mdn, 3yo/up, 1mT. B-Westbury Stud Ltd.

Ego's Dare (Aus), g, 3, **Hussonet**--Almond Essence, by Seattle Slew. Canterbury (Sydney), 3-4, Mdn, 3yo/up, c/g, 5 1/2fT. B-Gainsborough Stud Australia Pty Ltd & Arrowfield Group Pty Ltd.

Stagerush (Aus), f, 4, **Giant's Causeway**--Star Quality (Ire), by Caerleon. Sandown (Melbourne), 3-5, Hcp, 4yo/up, f/m, 7fT. B-Goldendale & Chelston Ire Ltd.

Ready to Lift (Aus), f, 4, **More Than Ready**--On the Rise (NZ), by Crested Wave. Canterbury (Sydney), 3-4, Hcp, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 3/16mT. B-Mr D R Roberts.

Italienne (NZ), f, 4, **Stravinsky**--Farrara (Ire), by Fast Topaze. Ellerslie (Auckland), 3-5, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1 3/8mT. B-Mrs D M Reed.

**BREEDERS' EDITION
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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Chelsy (Ire), f, 3, **Statue of Liberty**--Burma (GB), by Sri Pekan. Dundalk, Ireland, 3-7, Mdn, 3yo, f, 6f (AWT). B-Denis J Redden. *15,000gns wnlg '05 TATDEC; €32,000 yrl '06 TATIRE.

High Court Drama (Ire), c, 3, **Theatrical (Ire)**--Mountain Law, by Mountain Cat. Dundalk, Ireland, 3-7, Mdn, 3yo, c/g, 7f (AWT). B-Budget Stables. *4,000gns yrl '06 TATOCT.

SO. HEMISPHERE WINNERS BY EUROPEAN SIRES:

Ballerina Girl (Aus), f, 2, **Danehill Dancer (Ire)**--Vain Deb (Aus), by Vain (Aus). Sandown (Melbourne), 3-5, Hcp, 2yo, f, 5fT. B-Gooree Park Stud Pty Ltd.

Sienna Star (Aus), f, 3, **Choisir (Aus)**--Lady Chivero (NZ), by Clay Hero (Aus). Sandown (Melbourne), 3-5, Hcp, 3yo, f, 5fT. B-Select Bloodstock Pty Ltd.

Pentura (NZ), f, 3, **Pentire (GB)**--Lucky Partner (NZ), by Take Your Partner (Aus). Ellerslie (Auckland), 3-5, Hcp, 3yo, f, 1 5/16mT. B-K O Hong.

Book of Kells (Aus), c, 3, **Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)**--Episode (Aus), by Scenic (Ire). Canterbury (Sydney), 3-4, Mdn, 3yo, 7f 165ydsT. B-Hutchins Thoroughbreds.

Regal Celeb (Aus), g, 4, **Peintre Celebre**--Zaroyale (NZ), by Zabeel (NZ). Canterbury (Sydney), 3-4, Hcp, 3yo/up, 7f 165ydsT. B-Mr H W Truscott & Mrs J Denham.

Tszyu (NZ), g, 7, **Encosta de Lago (Aus)**--Valentine's Gift (Aus), by Ifrad. Sandown (Melbourne), 3-5, Hcp, 3yo/up, 7fT. B-Argyle Transports Pty Ltd & Mrs H Burdon.

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WRITERS UP

MAGNIFICIENCE GEARING UP *By Steve Sherack*

Magnificience (Stormy Atlantic), sidelined by an ankle chip following an eye-catching five-length victory in last term's GIII Santa Paula S. in April ([Video](#)), is nearing a return to the races.

The four-year-old, trained and co-owned by Bruce Headley, has registered seven workouts at Santa Anita since late December, including a quartet of strong four-furlong trials--:47 (Feb. 11), :47.80 (Feb. 18), :48.40 (Feb. 26) and :49 (Mar. 3).

"She's doing very well," said Karen Headley, assistant trainer and daughter of Bruce Headley. "She's grown up, filled out and gotten even taller. We were set back a little bit by the track problems at Santa Anita and all the mayhem. She would've already been up to her second five-eighths [workout] if it hadn't been for all the problems with the track. The long days in between her working wasn't because anything was wrong. It was just that we had to wait for the track to get just right for her to work."

Karen Headley has been aboard Magnificience in her last six moves. Gary Stevens was in the saddle for her return to the worktab Dec. 28--a three-furlong breeze in :36.80.

"She's in a class by herself," she said. "You can't even feel her switching her leads. She's as smooth as silk."

Contrary to published reports, Magnificience didn't have surgery to have the chip in her ankle removed, according to Karen Headley.

"We never did surgery on her," she confirmed. "We just turned her out for a little while. The chip dissipated. It was just a sliver."

The daughter of Fashion Delight (Fappiano), SW & GSP, was purchased as a yearling by Bruce Headley for \$120,000 at Keeneland September.

"The reason why it took her until her three-year-old season to make the races was because she almost cut her tongue off while chewing on a piece of wood," Karen Headley explained. "We had her ready to race two months before that. She literally just had a piece of skin holding her tongue together. That's why she wears the bit that she does. Her tongue still has a huge divot."



Magnificience
Benoit photo



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While that incident set her back, her debut at Santa Anita last March was certainly worth the wait. After blowing the break, Magnificience fought jockey Alex Solis in the early stages, and fell 10 lengths behind the leader through an opening quarter of :21 2/5. Unphased by her early antics, she revved up with a powerful move on the turn for home and blew away her competition in the stretch, scoring by 6 1/2 lengths ([Video](#)).

"She wouldn't of blown out a candle," Karen Headley said of Magnificience's unveiling. "It was like nothing for her. We knew that she was a really nice filly, but when she basically almost stopped in her first race out of the gate and just came like that, it was just unbelievable. All of our jaws were on the floor. And for her to come back in her second start [in the Santa Paula] and not bounce and basically do the same thing was unbelievable. When she came back to the winner's circle after her second race, she could of gone out there and done that again.

Her veins weren't even popping out yet. A horse could take two and half strides to one of hers. She's just so leggy."

With this year's Breeders' Cup to be held at Santa Anita, the goals for Magnificience are high. While no comeback race has been identified, Magnificience is expected to resurface by the end of the Santa Anita meet.

"We want to win everything with her and she can do it," Karen Headley offered. "She can go short and she can go long. We want to meet up with Rags to Riches. We would love to see that--two beautiful chestnut fillies. We're going to play it by ear [for her seasonal debut]. We don't know what's going on with this track. We have one of the best fillies in America. Why risk it?"

• MAGNIFICIENCE ON THE WORKTAB •

<u>Date</u>	<u>Track</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Cond</u>
3/3	SAX	4f	:49	ft
2/26	SAX	4f	:48.40	ft
2/18	SAX	4f	:47.80	ft
2/11	SAX	4f	:47	ft
1/31	SAX	3f	:35.40	ft
1/19	SAX	3f	:36.40	ft
12/28	SAX	3f	:36.80	ft

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