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PYRO POSTS PROFESSIONAL SCORE

It may have lacked the electrifying quality of his Feb. 9 Gill Risen Star S. victory, but yesterday's GII Louisiana Derby showcased the professional side of **Pyro** (Pulpit). The Winchell homebred waited for running room in midstretch, came through smoothly and went on to post a three-length tally in the \$600,000 affair. "The last time we were very cautious," said winning trainer Steve Asmussen. "Today, these were some very good horses. We prepared well. It looks like he's right on target." Pyro, who at 4-5 was the first odds-on winner of this race since Repent in 2002, gave Asmussen his second Louisiana Derby victory following Fifty Stars in 2001. **Tale of Ekati** (Tale of the Cat) broke poorly on his way to a sixth-place finish in his seasonal debut. **Majestic Warrior** (A.P. Indy), four wide on both turns, flattened out late to be seventh in his first start since October. **Cont. p2** Click for brisnet.com chart, brisnet.com PPs or brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree. **Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.**



Horsephotos

Saturday, Fair Grounds

LOUISIANA DERBY-GII, \$600,000, FGX, 3-8, 3yo,

1 1/16m, 1:44 2/5, ft.

1--**PYRO**, 122, c, 3, by Pulpit

1st Dam: Wild Vision, by Wild Again

2nd Dam: Carol's Wonder, by Pass the Tab

3rd Dam: Carols Christmas, by Whitesburg

O/B-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Steven M Asmussen; J-Shaun Bridgmohan; \$360,000. Lifetime Record: MGISP, 6-3-2-1, \$1,056,718. Click for the [eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree](#). Werk Nick Rating: A+ +.

2--**My Pal Charlie**, 122, c, 3, Indian Charlie--Shahalo, by Halo. (\$300,000 yrl '06 KESEP). O-B Wayne Hughes; B-John R Penn (KY); T-Albert M Stall Jr; \$120,000.

3--**Yankee Bravo**, 122, c, 3, Yankee Gentleman--Vickey Jane, by Royal Academy. (\$17,000 yrl '06 FTKJUL; £5,000 2yo 2007 GOFMAR; 16,500gns 2yo '07 TATGNS). O-Harlequin Ranches, D Bienstock, E Duggan & C Winner; B-Tommy Burberry & Barry Hay (KY); T-Patrick Gallagher; \$60,000.

Margins: 3, HF, 1. Odds: 0.80, 60.90, 12.40.

Also Ran: Blackberry Road, Stevil, Tale of Ekati, Majestic Warrior, J Be K, Unbridled Vicar.

VISIONAIRE COMES FROM OUT OF THE FOG

With Aqueduct shrouded in fog yesterday, observers had to take announcer John Imbriale's word for it that **Visionaire** (Grand Slam) caboosed the field early, but the chestnut came into sight rapidly as the wire approached in the Gill Gotham S. He reeled in **Texas Wildcatter** (Monarchos) to win by a nose. "We went in the TV room and couldn't see a darn thing," said co-owner Barry Irwin of Team Valor. "That's the way to watch a horse race: just watch the last eighth, then you don't get nervous. We were very nervous because of the way the track was playing." The highly regarded colt will likely try to follow in the hoofprints of Team Valor Hall of Fame member Captain Bodgit, runner-up in the GI Kentucky Derby in 1997. "Captain Bodgit won the Wood Memorial in the slop, so maybe this one can," Irwin noted. "But we'll take it one race at a time." The \$750,000 GI Wood Memorial will be run on the Aqueduct main track Apr. 5. **Cont. p5**



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ARIEGE TRIUMPHS IN SANTA ANITA OAKS

All of her previous starts had come on turf, but **Ariege** (Doneraile Court) handled the all-weather smoothly yesterday, holding off favored **Golden Doc A** (Unusual Heat) to take the GI Santa Anita Oaks. **Cont. p3**

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Pyro (Pulpit) chased home champion War Pass in three 2007 outings, including runner-up efforts in the GI Champagne S. and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, but he's making quite a name for himself this season. The handsome colt showed an impressive turn of foot in winning the GIII Risen Star S. Feb. 9 over track and trip, covering the distance in 1:44 3/5. The visually impressive effort was countered by relatively low speed figures--96 BRIS, 90 Beyer--but no one told the three-year-old to worry this time. Bet down to odds-on, Pyro settled into a ground-saving fourth as 60-1 **My Pal Charlie** (Indian Charlie) showed the way through splits



Pyro (white cap) on far turn
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of :24.10, :48.07 and 1:13.86. Pyro was trapped behind horses turning for home, but Shaun Bridgmohan sat chilly aboard his patient colt. He came through a seam inside the eighth pole and opened up nicely for his second straight graded win. "I was not panicking with

my position at all," Bridgmohan offered. "I knew what I had, and he gave it to me. A spot opened for him on the straightaway for home, and he went about his business." The Winchell homebred is scheduled to head to the GI Toyota Blue Grass S. at Keeneland Apr. 12 for his final Kentucky Derby prep.

RECENT WINNERS - GII LOUISIANA DERBY

| Year | Winner (Sire) | KY Derby Finish |
|------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| 2007 | Circular Quay (Thunder Gulch) | 6th |
| 2005 | High Limit (Maria's Mon) | 10th |
| 2004 | Wimbledon (Wild Rush) | did not run |
| 2003 | Peace Rules (Jules) | 3rd |
| 2002 | Repent (Louis Quatorze) | did not run |
| 2001 | Fifty Stars (Quiet American) | 9th |
| 2000 | Mighty (Lord At War {Arg}) | did not run |
| 1999 | Kimberlite Pipe (Take Me Out) | 6th |
| 1998 | Comic Strip (Red Ransom) | did not run |
| 1997 | Crypto Star (Cryptoclearance) | 5th |
| 1996 | Grindstone (Unbridled) | WON |

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My Pal Charlie, a half-brother to MGSW Bwana Charlie coming off a pair of Fair Grounds scores, stayed on for second over **Yankee Bravo** (Yankee Gentleman), who rallied from last. "We were the longest shot on the board and we finished second," enthused reinsman Julien Leparoux. "If he relaxes a little more, I think he can go farther. But today we got beat by a monster." Yankee Bravo was perfect in three starts coming into this contest, with stakes wins on turf and Tapeta. "He did not break well," said jockey Alex Solis. "I wanted to be fourth or fifth. I had to be a little more patient than I wanted to. I think that hurt him, but I settled on the backside. For his first run on dirt, I was very pleased." GI Hopeful S. hero **Majestic Warrior** (A.P. Indy), off since finishing sixth in the GI Champagne S. Oct. 6, had a wide trip en route to a seventh-place finish. The big bay flattened out in the final furlong. "He ran extremely smooth and relaxed off the layoff," reported rider Garrett Gomez. "I was in a good spot throughout the race. I ran a good race to the eighth pole. I am very encouraged with his performance." As for **Tale of Ekati** (Tale of the Cat), a poor start dashed his chances. "It didn't work out the way we had planned," explained rider Edgar Prado. "I was supposed to be close, but we broke badly." The GII Futurity S. winner, sent off as the 9-2 third choice, wound up sixth.



Saturday, Santa Anita

SANTA ANITA OAKS-GI, \$300,000, SAX, 3-8, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:42 3/5, ft.

1--#@▲**ARIEGE**, 122, f, 3, by [Doneraile Court](#)

1st Dam: Kostroma (Ire) (Hwt. Older Mare-Ire at 7-9.5f, MGISW-US, GSW & G1SP-Ire, \$1,205,813), by Caerleon

2nd Dam: Katie May (GB), by Busted (GB)

3rd Dam: Cawston's Pride (GB), by *Con Brio II (\$75,000 yrl '06 KEESEP). O-IEAH Stables & Pegasus Holding Group Stables; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Robert J Frankel; J-Corey S Nakatani; \$180,000. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$232,531. *1/2 to Ballet Pacifica (Minardi), SW & GSP-Fr, GSP-US, \$120,123.

Werk Nick Rating: D + .

Click for the [eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Golden Doc A**, 122, f, 3, Unusual Heat--Penpont (NZ), by Crested Wave. O-Ron McCauley; B-David Abrams (CA); T-Barry Abrams; \$60,000.

3--**Final Fling**, 122, f, 3, Bertrando--Lily La Belle, by Java Gold. (\$100,000 2yo 2007 BESMAY).

O-Michael House; B-William R Peeples (CA); T-Ral H Ayers; \$36,000.

Margins: HF, 3 1/4, 2HF. Odds: 4.70, 1.50, 5.50.

Also Ran: Divine Legacy, Seattle Smooth, Briecat, Lovely Isle, Kazamira, Sunday Holiday.

A daughter of top-class turfer Kostroma, Ariege aired by seven lengths in her July 16 unveiling at Killarney before finishing fourth in the G2 Debutante S. Aug. 12 at The Curragh. She ran third in her U.S. bow, the Blue Norther S. on Santa Anita's turf Dec. 30, and most recently missed by a nose going down the hill in the GIII La Habra S. Feb. 2. This marked her first foray off turf. Unhurried early in seventh, the dark bay rallied five wide in the lane and held sway late over favored Golden Doc A for her first stakes success. "We wanted to try her on this [synthetic] track," explained winning trainer Bobby Frankel. "Grass horses are running good on it. She's a nice filly. I just told [jockey] Corey [Nakatani] to let her settle and come with one run."

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Saturday, Fair Grounds

NEW ORLEANS H.-GII, \$480,000, FGX, 3-8, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:49 4/5, ft.

1--**CIRCULAR QUAY**, 116, c, 4, by [Thunder Gulch](#)

1st Dam: Circle of Life (GISW, \$268,925), by Belong to Me

2nd Dam: Concentric, by Shaded

3rd Dam: Magic Circle, by Alydar

O-Michael B & Doreen Tabor; B-Doreen Tabor (KY); T-Todd A Pletcher; J-Garrett K Gomez; \$300,000.

Lifetime Record: GISW, 12-5-2-0, \$1,480,434. *1/2 to The Roundhouse (Fusaichi Pegasus), MGSP. **Werk Nick**

Rating: A. Click for the [eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Grasshopper**, 119, c, 4, Dixie Union--Grass Skirt, by Mr. Prospector. O-William S Farish, E J Hudson Jr & the Estate of James A Elkins Jr; B-W S Farish, E J Hudson Jr & James Elkins (KY); T-Neil J Howard; \$100,000.

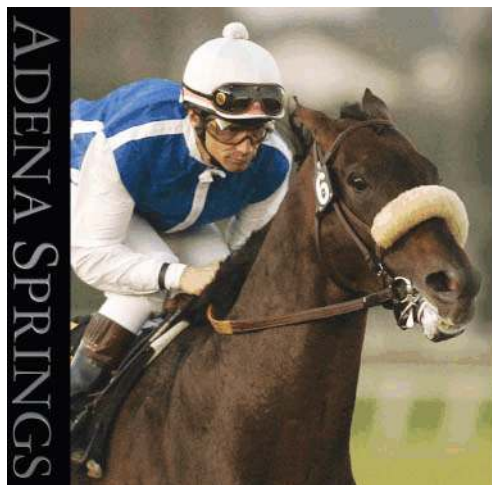
3--**Reporting for Duty**, 115, c, 4, Deputy Commander--Expanse, by Distant View. (\$60,000 yrl '05 KEESEP). O-Cathy & Bob Zollars; B-McMillin Brothers & James Devaney (KY); T-Sтивен M Asmussen; \$50,000.

Margins: NK, 4 1/4, 4. Odds: 6.50, 0.90, 17.90.

Also Ran: Brass Hat, Magna Graduate, Silver Lord (UR). Scratched: Encaustic.

Circular Quay returned to the scene of his rousing victory in last year's GII Louisiana Derby and gave the Fair Grounds fans another thriller, outbattling favored Grasshopper in a stretch-long duel. Hero of the GI Hopeful S. at two, the smallish chestnut ran sixth in the GI Kentucky Derby and fifth in the GI Preakness S., and was sidelined following a sixth in the GII Virginia Derby on grass July 21. He returned to action in the GII San Carlos H. Feb. 16 at Santa Anita, putting in a mild run to finish fifth in that seven-furlong contest. Sent off as the fourth choice here with blinkers on, the Tabor homebred made his move turning for home, getting the jump on Grasshopper. The four-year-olds exchanged the lead late, but Circular Quay determinedly got his head down on the line.

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MERVIN MUNIZ JR. MEMORIAL H.-GII, \$500,000, FGX, 3-8, 4yo/up, a1 1/8mT, 1:50 2/5, yl.

1--**PROUDINSKY (GER)**, 118, h, 5, by **Silvano (Ger)**
 1st Dam: **Proudeyes (Ger)**, by **Dashing Blade (GB)**
 2nd Dam: **Porta Westfalica (Ger)**, by **Windwurf (Ger)**
 3rd Dam: **Perette (Fr)**, by **High Hat (GB)**

O-Gary A Tanaka; B-Dr R Wilhelms (GER); T-Robert J Frankel; J-Garrett K Gomez; \$300,000. Lifetime Record: GISP-US, SP-Ger, 10-4-3-1, \$555,864. *1/2 to Proudance (Ger) (Tannenkonig {Ger}), GSW-Ger.

Click for the [eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree](#).

Werk Nick Rating: A + + .

2--**French Beret**, 115, g, 5, Broad Brush--Misty Mission, by Miswaki. O/B-Sam-Son Farm (ON); T-Mark R Frostad; \$100,000.

3--**Daytona (Ire)**, 121, g, 4, Indian Ridge (Ire)--Kyka, by Blushing John. (€360,000 yrl '05 GOFORB; 56,000gns HRA '07 DONLIN). O-T Lenner, J Ravich, C Winner et al; B-Irish National Stud (IRE); T-Dan L Hendricks; \$50,000.

Margins: 1, HD, 2HF. Odds: 3.80, 39.90, 1.90.

Also Ran: Fracas (Ire), Jazz Quest, Elusive Fort (SAf), Twilight Meteor, Yate's Black Cat, Buffalo Man, Brilliant.

The winner of the GIII Bay Meadows Derby in 2006, Proudinsky was off for nearly a year before winning an Oak Tree allowance Nov. 2 in his comeback. He followed with a bang-up third in the GI Citation H. three weeks later and capped the campaign with a close second behind Daytona in the Dec. 30 GII San Gabriel H. The five-year-old was the second choice behind that rival here. Quick-



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est from the starting stalls, the bay pressed the favorite from second through six furlongs in 1:13.03. He drove to the front inside the eighth pole and held off rank outsider French Beret for the victory.

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Saturday, Fair Grounds

FAIR GROUNDS OAKS-GII, \$376,000, FGX, 3-8, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:44, ft.

1--**PROUD SPELL**, 121, f, 3, by [Proud Citizen](#)
 1st Dam: **Pacific Spell**, by **Langfuhr**
 2nd Dam: **Malibu Magic**, by **Encino**
 3rd Dam: **Dream Harder**, by **Hard Work**

O/B-Brereton C Jones (KY); T-J Larry Jones; J-Gabriel Saez; \$240,000. Lifetime Record: GISP, 6-4-2-0, \$888,770. **Werk Nick Rating: A.** Click for the [eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree](#).

2--**Indian Blessing**, 121, f, 3, Indian Charlie--Shameful, by Flying Chevron. O/B-Hal & Patti Earnhardt (KY); T-Bob Baffert; \$80,000.

3--**Acacia**, 121, f, 3, Cherokee Run--Checkered Flag, by A.P. Indy. (\$260,000 wlng '05 KEENOV). O-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Tony Holmes & Walter Zent (KY); T-Steven M Asmussen; \$40,000.

Margins: 2 1/4, 11HF, 9 1/4. Odds: 1.90, 0.30, 14.80. Also Ran: Wisconsin Lady.

Proud Spell kicked off her career with three straight scores, including a 4 1/4-length tally in the GII Matron S. Sept. 15. She settled for second to Indian Blessing in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Oct. 27 in her juvenile finale, and filled the same spot to the champion in her '08 opener, the GIII Silverbulletday S. Feb. 9 over track and trip. She was only a length behind that day, however, and trainer Larry Jones felt the third time could be the charm for his charge. Proud Spell settled a length off Indian Blessing as that filly set splits of :24.53, :48.17 and 1:12.80. She headed the prohibitive chalk passing the eighth pole and edged ahead late for a decisive victory. The Airdrie homebred could head to Kentucky next. "I'll look at the [GI] Ashland [Apr. 5 at Keeneland], but we'll see how she comes out," Jones said. Click for [brisnet.com chart](#), [brisnet.com PPs](#) or [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)



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Saturday, Aqueduct

GOTHAM S.-GIII, \$250,000, AQU, 3-8, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:44 3/5, sy.

1--#**@VISIONAIRE**, 116, c, 3, by **Grand Slam**

1st Dam: **Scarlet Tango (SP)**, by **French Deputy**

2nd Dam: **Silver Tango**, by **Silver Badge**

3rd Dam: **Royal Tango**, by **Princely Pleasure**

(\$300,000 yrl '06 FTSAUG; \$220,000 2yo '07 OBSJUN). O-Team Valor International & Vision Racing LLC; B-Reiley McDonald (KY); T-Michael R Matz; J-Jose Lezcano; \$150,000. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-1, \$228,260. **Werk Nick Rating: A + +**. [Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Texas Wildcatter**, 116, c, 3, Monarchos--Mike's Wildcat, by Forest Wildcat. O/B-Stonerside Stable (KY); T-Todd A Pletcher; \$50,000.

3--**Larrys Revenge**, 116, c, 3, Vindication--Carsonality, by Carson City. (\$140,000 yrl '06 KEEJAN; \$250,000 yrl '06 KEESEP). O-Robert V LaPenta; B-Robert Raphaelson & New Dawn Stud (KY); T-Nicholas P Zito; \$25,000.

Margins: NO, 7 3/4, 1 3/4. Odds: 4.50, 5.90, 36.25.

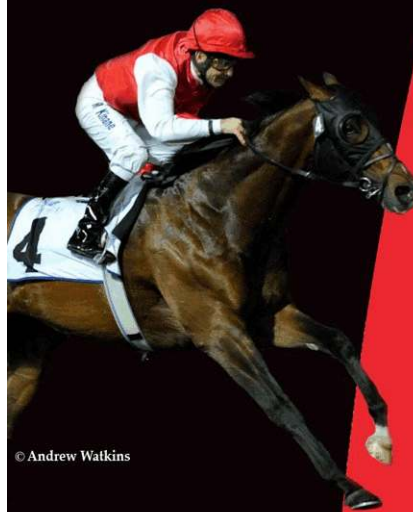
Also Ran: Roman Emperor, Ling Ling Qi, Holidayze, Southern Terminus, Saratoga Russell, Giant Moon.

Scratches: Laysh Laysh Laysh.

Second in his career opener at Delaware Oct. 7, Visionaire captured what has turned out to be a key Laurel maiden Nov. 23, when he defeated Elysium Fields in a one-mile contest. He added a 5 1/2-length allowance score for Vision Racing at Gulfstream Jan. 4, a performance which led Irwin to purchase 51 percent of the sophomore. The rangy colt made his stakes bow in the GIII Risen Star S. Feb. 9 at Fair Grounds, finishing a solid third to Pyro. Sent off as the third choice here, Visionaire was unhurried early by Jose Lezcano as favored Saratoga Russell (Trippi) apparently set splits of :23.78 and :46.37. Those fractions took their toll on the chalk, who was passed by Texas Wildcatter turning for home. Texas Wildcatter looked to be home free inside the final sixteenth, but Visionaire's spirited rally brought him to the wire in the nick of time. "I knew there was some speed in the race, and I was in no hurry to ask my horse," Lezcano explained. "I guess I was in mid-pack down the backstretch. My plan was just to make one move and come with a strong finish. I felt I had a lot of horse coming off the turn. I think he showed how good a horse he was today--he handled everything." Saratoga Russell faded to eighth. "The first quarter was great, but they went a :23 flat second quarter and that might have been his undoing," trainer Rick Violette Jr. offered. "[Jockey] Eibar [Coa] said he heard some noise galloping out, so he could have displaced or he could just have been really tired. We might go back to sprinting before stretching him out again to give him some confidence back. This is a setback--I'm not sure the first Saturday in May is in our sights."

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Saturday, Bay Meadows

EL CAMINO REAL DERBY-GIII, \$150,000, BMX, 3-8, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:43, ft.

1--#**@AUTISM AWARENESS**, 116, c, 3, by **Tannersmyman**

1st Dam: **Lady Essex**, by **Sharp Victor**

2nd Dam: **Answeroaprayer**, by **Our Blue Chip**

3rd Dam: **Basic Blue**, by **Bold and Brave**

(\$1,000 yrl '06 NCASEP). O-Johnny Taboada; B-Jim Eaton, Paul Arndt, Dave Marabela & Mr & Mrs Terry Smith (CA); T-Genaro Vallejo; J-Luis Contreras; \$90,000. Lifetime Record: 14-2-3-1, \$151,967.

*First SW for sire (by Lord Carson). **Werk Nick Rating: D +**. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or the [brisnet.com PPs](#).

2--**Nikki'sgoldensteed**, 117, c, 3, Formal Gold--Dawn of Promise, by Tank's Prospect. (\$15,000 yrl '06 BESOCT). O-Matthew Lomas or Gary Spencer; B-Jack Murphy (CA); T-Robert B Hess, Jr; \$30,000.

3--**Tres Borrachos**, 115, g, 3, Ecton Park--Pete's Fancy, by Peteski. (\$7,000 yrl '06 FTKOCT). O-C Beau Greely, John J Greely IV & Phil Houchens; B-Robert Shapiro, John J Greely IV & Phil Houchens (KY); T-C Beau Greely; \$18,000.

Margins: 1HF, 1HF, HD. Odds: 62.00, 2.80, 10.20.

Also Ran: Pleasure Grounds, Behindatthebar, Dreamed Day, Master Daniel, Coast Guard, General Dan.

Scratches: Bamaha Breeze.

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El Camino Real Derby cont.

Autism Awareness sprang a huge surprise here, rallying strongly down the center of the track to light up the board at 62-1. The grandson of Lord Carson needed 13 tries to graduate, but did so in style last out, wiring Golden Gate maidens by four lengths Jan. 21. Never too far from the front here, the bay found himself in tight quarters on the far turn. He shifted to the outside and finished full of run for his first stakes success. April is Autism Awareness Month. Owner Johnny Taboada named his flagbearer for his autistic son. "When I had the chance to name my horse, I realized that it was a great opportunity to make people aware of autism," said Taboada. Southern California shipper Coast Guard (Stormy Atlantic), favored at 5-2, saved ground early, but lacked a change of pace and finished eighth in the nine-horse field. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or the [brisnet.com PPs](#).**

Saturday, Gulfstream Park

RICHTER SCALE SPRINT H.-GII, \$190,000, GPX, 3-8, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:23 1/5, ft.

1--**COMMENTATOR**, 123, g, 7, by [Distorted Humor](#)

1st Dam: **Outsource**, by Storm Bird

2nd Dam: **True Grit**, by Woodman

3rd Dam: **Quite Honestly**, by Believe It

(\$45,000 wIng '01 KEENOV; \$135,000 yrl '02 FTKJUL). O-Tracy Farmer; B-Michael Martinez (NY); T-Nicholas P Zito; J-John R Velazquez; \$120,000.

Lifetime Record: GISW, 17-11-0-2, \$971,936. **Click for the [eNicks report](#) and [5-cross pedigree](#).** Werk

Nick Rating: **A +**.

2--**Rexson's Rose**, 116, h, 5, Suave Prospect--Dr Rexsonshope, by Rexson's Hope. O/B-Rose Family Stable Ltd (FL); T-Barry R Rose; \$30,000.

3--**Elite Squadron**, 117, c, 4, Officer--Sweet Mama, by High Brite. O-Tom R Walters; B-Matt Herbener (KY); T-James E Baker; \$22,000.

Margins: 13 3/4, 1, 3/4. Odds: 0.30, 61.10, 21.00.

Also Ran: Grand Champion, Steve's Double, Nyuk Nyuk Nyuk. Scratched: Chatain, King of the Roxy.

Commentator, winner of the GI Whitney H. in 2005, raced only two times in 2006. The gelding took the restricted Mugatea S. at Belmont in July, but disappeared after finishing 10th in the GI Forego S. at Saratoga in September. Out four times last season, he annexed the Richmond Runner S. at Belmont in May, but was off the board in the July 28 GII A.G. Vanderbilt S. and, off the three-month layoff, the Oct. 27 GI Breeders' Cup Sprint. The veteran made his 2008 debut in an optional claimer at Gulfstream Jan. 17, romping by 14 lengths, and was odds-on to put them back-to-back. Head-and-head with Elite Squadron through an opening quarter in :22 and a half in :45.04, Commentator left the field in his wake down the lane, drawing off to win impressively. Looking down the road, trainer Nick Zito said, "It is Mr. [Tracy] Farmer's wish for him to win the Whitney again. I don't know whether we can do it...but we're going to try." **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#), the [brisnet.com PPs](#) or the [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).**

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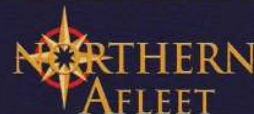
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Saturday, Gulfstream Park

VERY ONE H.-GIII, \$100,000, GPX, 3-8, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:49 4/5, yl.

1--**MAURALAKANA (FR)**, 117, m, 5, by Muhtathir (GB)

1st Dam: Jimkana (Fr), by Double Bed (Fr)

2nd Dam: Jimka (Fr), by Jim French

3rd Dam: Kastueuse (Fr), by Kashmir II (Ire)

(\$900,000 HRA '07 KEENOV). O-Robert Scarborough; B-SARL Classic Breeding & M Hassan (FR); T-Christophe Clement; J-Rene R Douglas; \$60,000. Lifetime Record: GSW & G1SP-Fr, GISP-US, 21-7-2-3, \$562,856. *1/2 to Petit Calva (Fr) (Desert King {Ire}), MSW & GSP-Fr, \$102,111. [Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.](#)

Werk Nick Rating: A + .

2--**Tejida**, 116, m, 5, Rahy--Batique, by Storm Cat.

O/B-Helen K Groves Revocable Trust (KY); T-Michael R Matz; \$20,000.

3--**Herboriste (GB)**, 115, m, 5, Hernando (Fr)--Helvellyn,

by Gone West. O-Bee Charmer Inc; B-Haras De Bourgeauville (GB); T-Michael R Matz; \$10,000.

Margins: NK, HD, HD. Odds: 3.20, 10.50, 6.90.

Also Ran: J'ray, Eclisse (Fr), Cliffrose (Ger), Hostess, Archstone, Lady Tropicana. Scratched: Wine and Dyne, Duchess Royale (Ire).

Mauralakana, runner-up in the 2006 GI QE II Cup at Keeneland, got her picture taken twice last term under the care of trainer Patrick Biancone, including in the GIII Locust Grove H. at Churchill in July. Making her dirt debut in Monmouth Park's GII Molly Pitcher Breeders' Cup H. in August, she crossed the wire a well-beaten seventh. Back on the lawn in Saratoga's GIII Glens Falls H. in September, she rebounded with a good second-place finish. Shipped to California for the GI Yellow Ribbon S. Sept. 29, the bay could do no better than sixth. Making her first start since selling for \$900,000 at Keeneland November, Mauralakana was settled in the early stages while racing in third. With Rene Douglas in the irons, she crept up to get within striking distance of the leaders on the turn for home, but had to await racing room. Aggressively swung off the rail in mid-stretch, she came flying on the outside to prevail in a blanket finish. "We got pretty lucky," trainer Christophe Clement said. "I had thought that her best distance was a mile-and-a-quarter, so the change in distance was not too big a concern. She's a good filly. She had a good year last year with Patrick Biancone. She did what good horses do. We will likely look at the [GIII] Orchid [H., on Mar. 30] even though it is at a mile-and-a-half. We don't have much of a choice right now." Douglas added, "I wasn't concerned when I got stuck behind horses. As a rider you have to be confident. I just had to ride my race. When you ride on the grass you have to have patience. I knew that the pace was slow, but I wasn't worried because the horse I was on is very good."

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Gulfstream Park track officials were forced to change the distance of the GIII Very One H. due to the yielding turf course. Originally carded to be run at 1 3/8 miles, the Very One was cut back to 1 1/8 miles. "Staff and I contacted horsemen involved in this race and they recognize that, since the safety of horse and rider is the most important concern for all of us, we needed to call an audible," said Bernie Hettel, Gulfstream Park's racing operations manager. "We wanted to keep the race on the grass, but for that to happen, we needed to move the rail [to 84 feet]. Although we labeled the course 'yielding,' it was safe. With the rail placement in mind, we thought the most prudent course of action was to change the distance. Horsemen understand the reasoning for this and support our decision."



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Saturday, Oaklawn Park

RAZORBACK H.-GIII, \$149,000, OPX, 3-8, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44 1/5, ft.

1--**JONESBORO**, 117, h, 6, by Sefapiano
 1st Dam: Mom's Command (Ch. 3yo Filly, MGISW, \$902,972), by Top Command
 2nd Dam: Star Mommy, by Pia Star
 3rd Dam: Momamamu, by Mount Marcy (\$27,000 yrl '03 KEESEP). O-Michael Langford; B-Jayeff "B" Stables (KY); T-Randy L Morse; J-Calvin H Borel; \$90,000. Lifetime Record: 27-9-6-3, \$694,915. **Werk Nick Rating: A + +**. [Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Gouldings Green**, 118, h, 7, Charismatic--Elusive Gold, by Strike the Gold. (\$260,000 yrl '02 KEESEP). O-Melnyk Racing Stables Inc; B-Marvin Delfiner (KY); T-Anthony L Reinstedler; \$30,000.

3--**Going Ballistic**, 115, c, 4, Lite the Fuse--Holy Lightning, by Holy Bull. (\$4,000 yrl '05 KEEJAN). O-Kindred Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Adena Springs (FL); T-Donnie K Von Hemel; \$15,000.

Margins: 2 1/4, 2 1/4, NK. Odds: 0.80, 4.40, 6.10.
 Also Ran: Encaustic, Prom Shoes, Racketeer.
 Scratched: Spotsgone, Zanjero.

But for an off-the-board effort when trying the turf in the Remington Green S. last October, Jonesboro has been first or second in every start since taking a short break last summer. The chestnut was runner-up in the Sept. 29 GII Hawthorne Gold Cup in his second start after his abbreviated vacation, and rebounded from his grass experience to take a stakes at Delta Downs Dec. 7. He opened 2008 with a second-place finish behind Spotsgone (Bright Launch) in the Feb. 9 Essex H. at Oaklawn, and was the heavy favorite when that one was scratched due to a bruised foot yesterday. Jonesboro set a pressured pace through six furlongs in 1:12.67 and pulled away in the final furlong to post the popular score.

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Saturday, Aqueduct

TOBOGGAN H.-GIII, \$106,200, AQU, 3-8, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 1/5, sy.

1--**SIR GREELEY**, 116, g, 6, by [Mr. Greeley](#)
 1st Dam: Worry Not, by Concern
 2nd Dam: Monoprint, by Conquistador Cielo
 3rd Dam: Unfurled, by Hoist the Flag
 O-Timber Bay Farm & Mrs Thomas J Walsh; B-Fred W Hertrich III & Brilliant Stables (KY); T-James A Jerkens; J-Eibar Coa; \$64,920. Lifetime Record: GISP, 27-9-8-0, \$594,251. Werk Nick Rating: A + + . [Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Man of Danger**, 115, g, 6, Tiger Ridge--Cope Lady, by Copelan. (\$42,000 2yo '04 OBSAPR). O-S Stephen Atkins; B-G Pickel (FL); T-B N Levine; \$21,640.

3--**Ravalo**, 114, g, 4, Mutakddim--Momentary Hope, by Southern Halo. (\$30,000 yrl '05 FTMOCT). O-Lindy M Redding; B-Heaven Trees (KY); T-Cleveland Johnson; \$10,902.

Margins: 3/4, 1 3/4, 5HF. Odds: 2.00, 2.55, 3.25.
 Also Ran: Bold Start, Santana Strings.
 Scratched: City Attraction.

Sir Greeley made it to the gate just five times last year. Runner-up in the Jan. 6 GIII Hal's Hope H. and Feb. 3 GIII Deputy Minister H., both at Gulfstream, the gelding was then sidelined for better than six months. He returned to take a handicap test at Belmont in September before filling the place spot once again in the Oct. 27 GIII Sporting Plate H. at Aqueduct. Trying his luck against Daaher and company in the Nov. 24 GI Hill 'n' Dale Cigar Mile H., Sir Greeley trailed home last and was done for the year. The dark bay was the choice facing softer in his 2008 bow. After chasing Man of Danger through a half in :44.59, he joined the pacesetter from the inside in the stretch and proved game to the wire to take the narrow decision. "Perhaps he'll be back for the Carter [GI at Aqueduct Apr. 5]," said Steve Moyer, assistant to trainer Jimmy Jerkens. "Jimmy has always wanted to win that race. [Sir Greeley] just got beat in it a few years ago by Bishop Court Hill [running second by a neck in 2006]." [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or the [brisnet.com PPs](#).

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Saturday, Flemington, Australia

DARLEY AUSTRALIAN CUP-G1, A\$1,000,000, Flemington (Melbourne), 3-8, 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 2:00.82, gd. 1--**SIRMIONE (AUS)**, 130, g, 4, by [Encosta de Lago \(Aus\)](#)

1st Dam: World Guide (NZ), by Defensive Play

2nd Dam: Lambert Miss (NZ), by Danzatore

3rd Dam: Buzzette (Aus), by Atilla (GB)

O-Dr J M & Mrs T M Xipell, R Covington & L A & Mrs S J Smith; B-Mr M F Doyle & Murrulla Stud; T-Bart Cummings; J-Peter Mertens; A\$600,000.

Werk Nick Rating: A + + . Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.

2--**Princess Coup (Aus)**, 125, f, 4, Encosta de Lago (Aus)--Stoneyfell Road (Aus), by Sovereign Red (NZ). O-M J Walker, J Bromley & R A Coupland; B-Ingenuue Breeding Syndicate & B W Wise; T-Mark Walker; A\$180,000.

3--**Casino Prince (Aus)**, 130, c, 4, Flying Spur (Aus)--Lady Capel (Aus), by Last Tycoon (Ire). O-Patinak Farm, S Smith, Mrs D Smith & Mrs B Cummings; B-Mr G Harvey; T-Anthony Cummings; A\$90,000. Margins: 3 3/4, LG HD, 6. Odds: 11-4, 7-4, 16-1. Also Ran: Douro Valley (Aus), Miss Finland (Aus), Fiumicino (NZ), Rubiscent (Aus), Captious (NZ), Coalesce (NZ), Teranaba (Aus).

Trainer Bart Cummings, 80, celebrated an extraordinary 13th Australian Cup victory when Sirmione, winner of the G1 Mackinnon S. over this course and distance last spring, repeated the dose, shrugging off a late challenge from favoured Princess Coup to score going away. Teranaba (Aus) (Anabaa) set a moderate tempo up front. Jockey Peter Mertens, aboard the winner, kept Princess Coup and Damien Oliver pocketed until Sirmione exploded clear at the 250-meter mark. "It is surprising how well he won," said Cummings. "I think the others might've not been as good as we thought, perhaps. I thought he would win by half a head or half a length, but that was quite impressive." Cummings said it was quite likely that he'd be back next autumn chasing a 14th win in the race. "I am learning with age," he quipped. Sirmione, an A\$300,000 Magic Millions graduate, turned the tables on Princess Coup, who had denied him in the G2 St. George S. Feb. 23. Sirmione will now head back to Sydney for a tilt at the G1 BMW at Rosehill Apr. 19. Miss Finland (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) was retired after crossing the line fifth (see p 12).



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Accomplishment: Salzman, who was stable foreman for his father John Salzman when the latter trained champion filly Xtra Heat, saddled CloverLeaf Farm's Bsharpsonata (Pulpit) to her second consecutive graded victory in the Mar. 2 GII Davona Dale S. at Gulfstream.

Birthdate: Aug. 29, 1971

Birthplace: Laurel, Md.

Family: Father John, mother Nancy, brother John Jr., wife Megan, children T.J., Hailey & Corey.

Current Residence: Westminster, Md.

Your family is strongly associated with Xtra Heat. What are your favorite memories of her? That Breeders' Cup with Squirtle Squirt (2001 GI Sprint). She got beat just a half-length, I think, and that was about the most memorable race I'd ever seen, at least until this filly came along. It's a little different when you train them.

Do Xtra Heat and Bsharpsonata have anything in common? Physically, they're totally different, but their temperament is the same. They both know when it's time (to race), and they both conserve energy. It's so wild to see with a good horse; they know when not to act all crazy. You could lay down and sleep next to these fillies in the stall if you wanted to.

How did you start training for John Sykes's CloverLeaf? Actually, we just called and asked him if we could have a chance with Southwestern Heat (Xtra Heat's son by Gone West). John owned part of the horse, and they were kind of down on him after his first few starts. So I called and asked him to give me a chance. (Note: Southwestern Heat won the Sonny Hines S. in his seasonal finale).

Favorite vacation spot? Huh, I don't do that often (laughs). But I'd have to say Dubai. We went over there twice with Xtra Heat, and I'd go back tomorrow, even if I was 100-1 in the race. They treated us like kings over there and actually give us a little respect. I didn't meet Sheikh Mohammed, but he was very visible and very much around. He was always there, just sitting in his box watching the races.

Favorite food? A big T-bone steak.

What's on your CD player right now? You know, all I listen to is Howard Stern.

Funniest movie? Superbad was pretty funny.

Favorite sports team/favorite athlete? I'm a (Baltimore) Orioles fan, unfortunately. I was a big Cal Ripkin, Jr. fan.

Last purchase? I just got a 2008 Chevy Silverado yesterday! I'm driving home in it right now.

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Saturday, Flemington, Australia

NEWMARKET H.-G1, A\$1,000,000, Flemington (Melbourne), 3-8, 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:08.97, gd.

1--**WEEKEND HUSSLER (AUS)**, 123, g, 3, by Hussonet

1st Dam: Weekend Beauty (Aus), by Helissio (Fr)

2nd Dam: Not on Friday (NZ), by At Talaq

3rd Dam: Market Heights (NZ), by Grosvenor (NZ)

O-Ms J Kewish, J Bath, Stoneworkz Racing Synd, Mrs S Rush, Mrs W Stewart, Mrs G O'Donoghue, Mrs L O'Connell, Mrs P Troedel, Ms J Stosius & Mrs M Moloney; B-Jungle Pocket Pty Ltd & Arrowfield Group Pty Ltd; T-Ross McDonald; J-Brad Rawiller;

A\$600,000. **Werk Nick Rating: B+**. [Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Magnus (Aus)**, 123, h, 5, Flying Spur (Aus)--Scandinavia (Aus), by Snippets (Aus). O-R J Crabtree, C D Jamieson, Yallabee Stud Syndicate, Eliza Park Syndicate, Mr Crabtree & Mrs J A Wilson; B-Mr L J Fleming & Mr R Crabtree; T-Peter Moody; A\$180,000.

3--**Grand Duels (Aus)**, 115, g, 4, Marechal (Aus)--Valentine's Gift (Aus), by Ifrad. O-P & H E M Burdon; B-Argyle Transports Pty Ltd & Mrs H Burdon; T-Byran Cozamanis; A\$90,000.

Margins: 3/4, 2 1/4, SHD. Odds: 8-13, 15-1, 30-1. Also Ran: Swick (NZ), Monet Rules (Aus), Eskaw (NZ), Miss Judgement (Aus), Shadoways (Aus), Zipping (Aus), Stanzout (Aus), Bon Hoffa (Aus), Cocinero (Aus), Dance Hero (Aus).

Sent off a history-making A\$1.70 favorite, boom sophomore Weekend Hussler delivered his fourth Group 1 trophy after defying seasoned older sprinter Magnus. The pair sprinted clear to repeat their one-two finish of the G1 Oakleigh Plate a fortnight ago. Jockey Brad Rawiller's exuberance was boundless as he did a star-jump dismount. "It just does not get any better than this," he said. "I felt confident, I knew what I had to do. I knew I had to get into the race because he is racing like he wants further and he just wants to settle. When you ask, he really lifts, and he is mentally a very strong horse." Trainer Ross McDonald said the G1 Doncaster H. at Randwick April 26 was Weekend Hussler's next target, ahead of a potential tilt at the G1 Cox Plate in October. "I think he's a superstar," McDonald said of the A\$80,000 Inglis Premier Sale graduate. "You only have to look at what he did today. You have to go back a lot of years to find a horse who has done what he has done."

Saturday, Flemington, Australia

AUSTRALIAN GUINEAS-G1, A\$750,000, Flemington (Melbourne), 3-8, 3yo, 1mT, 1:36.41, gd.

1--**LIGHT FANTASTIC (AUS)**, 122, g, 3, by [Danehill Dancer \(Ire\)](#)

1st Dam: Leica or Not (Aus), by Kendor (Fr)

2nd Dam: Chateau Leica (Aus), by Century (Aus)

3rd Dam: Leica Show (NZ), by Showdown (GB)

O-R Scarborough & Mrs R Scarborough; B-Wood Nook Farm Pty Ltd; T-Mick Price; J-Craig Newitt; A\$450,000. * 1/2 to Leica Guv (NZ) (Deputy Governor), G1SW-NZ; Lectrice (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}), GSW-Aus. **Werk Nick Rating: A.** [Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Marching (Aus)**, 122, c, 3, Commands (Aus)--Step (Aus), by Grand Lodge. O-Woodlands Stud Syndicate; B-Woodlands Stud; T-Peter Snowden; A\$135,000.

3--**Playwright (NZ)**, 122, g, 3, Fantastic Light--Amonistar, by Theatrical (Ire). O-Mrs M Richards, P E Miall, F & R Dintinosante, The Estate of the Late N V Shute, G Crosbie-Walsh, W Davidson, Mrs R Hemsworth & D H Rennie; B-Wynyarra 1996 Pty Ltd; T-Steve Richards; A\$67,500.

Margins: NK, SHD, SHD. Odds: 13-8, 9-2, 7-2.

Also Ran: Sound Journey (Aus), Largo Lad (Aus), Viatorian (Aus), Littorio (Aus), Kick 'n Chase (Aus), Turffontein (Aus), Schilling (Aus), Hardwar (Aus), Pillar of Hercules (Aus), Raffaello (Aus).

After settling just off the pace and hitting top gear at the 300-meter mark, the striking grey homebred Light Fantastic fought back gamely as Marching finally disentangled himself from the field, with a neck separating the pair on the line. Light Fantastic, unbeaten in four outings, will be sent to the paddock with trainer Mick Price considering options such as the G1 Cox Plate. "He won his maiden 33 days ago at Kyneton and it was a big job to ask him to win this Group 1 race," he said. "If he'd had a better preparation leading in to this race, what would he have done? We were always pretty positive about this horse, but I could not have said a month ago that he would be odds-on favourite in the Guineas." Jockey Craig Newitt added, "I wanted to drop in off the speed and I rode him like he was the best horse in the race. About 75 meters out they were really starting to close on him, but his tenacity is just unbelievable."

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Saturday, Te Rapa, New Zealand

NEW ZEALAND S.-G1, NZ\$200,000, Te Rapa (Waikato), 3-8, 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 2:02.49, dead.

1--**SIR SLICK (NZ)**, 130, g, 6, by Volksraad (GB)

1st Dam: Miss Opera (NZ) (SW & GSP-NZ), by Paris Opera (Aus)

2nd Dam: Brierley (NZ), by Sir Godfrey (Fr)

3rd Dam: Justaz Wealthy (NZ), by Resurgent (Ire)

O-B N Brown & G A Nicholson; B-Monovale Holdings Pty Ltd; T-Graeme Nicholson & Paul Allbon; J-Bruce Herd; NZ\$125,000. **Werk Nick Rating: A.** Click for the [eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree](#).

2--**Ombre Rose (NZ)**, 125, m, 5, O'Reilly (NZ)--Lady Chanele (NZ), by Citidancer (Ire). O-Mrs M M House & R E & S Murtha; B-M J House & Top Of The Trots Ltd; T-Shane Marr; NZ\$40,000.

3--**Dezigna (NZ)**, 130, g, 8, Volksraad (GB)--Label Basher (NZ), by Conquistarose. O/B-Mrs M E A Evans; T-Wayne & Vanessa Hillis; NZ\$20,000.

Margins: NK, HD. Winner's Odds: 1.80.

Also ran: Delbrae (Aus), Fiscal Madness (NZ), Shining Light (NZ), Gaze (NZ), Alonzo (NZ), O'Reilly Rose (NZ), Run Like Al (NZ). Scratched: Miracle Miss (NZ), Butwaittheresmore (NZ).

Saturday, Ellerslie, New Zealand

ELLERSLIE SIRES' PRODUCE S.-G1, NZ\$200,000, Ellerslie, 3-8, 2yo, 6fT, 1:11.41, dead.

1--**#▲FULLY FLEDGED (NZ)**, 123, c, 2, by Align (Aus)

1st Dam: Fledged (Aus), by Bluebird

2nd Dam: Snippets' Show (Aus) by Snippets (Aus)

3rd Dam: Deep Show (Aus) by Deep Diver (Ire)

O-A J Sutherland, A C Timpson & P J Walker; B-J W Piper; T-Murray Baker; J-Leith Innes; NZ\$125,000.

Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the [eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree](#).

2--**Raid (NZ)**, 120, f, 2, Pins (Aus)--Vanilla Sky (NZ), by O'Reilly (NZ). O-H S Dyke; B-Waikato Stud 2001 Ltd; T-Stephen McKee; NZ\$40,000.

3--**Il Quello Veloce (NZ)**, 120, f, 2, Captain Rio (GB)--Nishaani (NZ), by Gold Brose (Aus). O-Flying Fillies Syndicate; B-Westbury Stud Ltd; T-John Sargent; NZ\$20,000.

Margins: LNK, SNK. Winner's Odds: 5.00.

Also ran: Captain Fantastic (NZ), Sanjura (NZ), Ransom Express (Aus), Vincent Mangano (NZ), Noble Manor (NZ), Explosive Dancer (NZ), Maureen Dorothy (NZ). Scratched: Gigino (NZ).



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Sunday, Santa Anita, post time: 4:38 p.m. PDT
SANTA MARGARITA INVITATIONAL H.-GI, \$300,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m (AWT)

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | TRAINER | ODDS |
|----|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------|------|
| 1 | Sweet Belle | Deputy Commander | DeLima | 30-1 |
| 2 | Double Trouble (Brz) | Wild Event | Frankel | 7-2 |
| 3 | Good Mood (Ire) | Danehill Dancer (Ire) | Guillot | 20-1 |
| 4 | Say You Will (Ire) | A.P. Indy | Harty | 20-1 |
| 5 | Dawn After Dawn | Successful Appeal | Sadler | 8-1 |
| 6 | Zenyatta | Street Cry (Ire) | Shirreffs | 9-5 |
| 7 | Down | Mr. Greeley | Scratch | Scr |
| 8 | Nashoba's Key | Silver Hawk | Gaines | 6-5 |

There has been much speculation as to whether unbeaten **Zenyatta** will make it to the gate this afternoon, but trainer John Shirreffs appears to be leaning toward running. The dark bay filly has not been out since taking the Jan. 13 GII El Encino S., and, with Santa Anita's track troubles, she didn't appear on the worktab for a full month after that effort. But the **★ "TDN Rising Star" ★** prepped with a five-furlong move in 1:00 Feb. 29. Does her conditioner think she will be fit enough for the nine furlongs of the Santa Margarita? "I think so, and it looks like a mile and an eighth should suit her very well," Shirreffs told *Daily Racing Form*. **Double Trouble** bids for her third straight win, and her second in Grade I company. A group winner in her native Brazil, the bay mare is now four-for-nine in the U.S. and two-for-three on synthetic surfaces. She captured an optional claimer on the grass at Santa Anita in her 2007 finale Dec. 29, and came back to take the Feb. 9 GI Santa Maria H. going 1 1/16 miles on the all-weather. **Nashoba's Key** looks to rebound after running second as the 7-10 chalk in the Jan. 26 Sunshine Millions F/M Turf. **Cont. p12**



GI Santa Margarita preview cont.

The blaze-faced bay, fourth in the GI Breeders' Cup F/M Turf to end 2007, is three-for-three on synthetics, winning the GII Milady BC H. and GI Vanity H. at Hollywood and the GII Clement L. Hirsch H. at Del Mar last year. Jockey Garrett Gomez, who rode Nashoba's Key to a victory in the Fran's Valentine S. last April, is back in the saddle, replacing Joe Talamo.

Sunday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 5:13 p.m. EDT

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

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | TRAINER | ODDS |
|----|-------------------|------------------|------------|------|
| 1 | Tessa Blue | Awesome Again | Brothers | 3-1 |
| 2 | Golden Velvet | Seeking the Gold | McLaughlin | 5-2 |
| 3 | Ballado's Thunder | Saint Ballado | Mott | 4-1 |
| 4 | Peach Flambe | Flying Chevron | Hennig | 8-1 |
| 5 | Spring Waltz | Silver Charm | Lynch | 4-1 |
| 6 | Cat Can Do | Adcat | Ziadie | 12-1 |
| 7 | Altesse | A.P. Indy | McGaughey | 6-1 |

Tessa Blue earned the field's best two speed figures last fall during runaway scores in the GIII Indiana Oaks Oct. 5 and the Inside Information BC S. Oct. 27. The dark bay makes her first start since finishing fourth in the GII Falls City H. on Thanksgiving at Churchill, and trainer Frank Brothers isn't sure if she'll need a race. "I gave her time off to freshen up after the Falls City, and this is obviously not the ideal place to come back in--although around here it's the same deal," he told *Daily Racing Form*. "You either start back at a mile, which I didn't want to do, or a mile and an eighth. I guess we're pretty much committed to the lead from the rail, and hopefully she'll run and start showing us at what level she'll fit this year." She faces **Golden Velvet**, who dead-heated for victory in the GIII Sabin H. last out Jan. 6. The dark bay was discovered to have been "sponged" after that race, and an investigation is ongoing. "She's been doing very well since the Sabin, and I don't think the incident will impact her in a negative way," trainer Kieran McLaughlin told *DRF*.

Sunday, Oaklawn Park, post time: 5:11 p.m. CDT

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

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | TRAINER | ODDS |
|----|----------------|-----------------|---------------|------|
| 1 | Kettleoneup | Victory Gallop | Tomlinson | 8-5 |
| 2 | Gasia | Silver Deputy | Jones | 6-1 |
| 3 | Clever Strike | Smart Strike | D Von Hemel | 12-1 |
| 4 | Brownie Points | Forest Wildcat | D K Von Hemel | 5-1 |
| 5 | Hystericalady | Distorted Humor | Hollendorfer | 7-5 |
| 6 | Lemon Drop Mom | Lemon Drop Kid | Ritchey | 10-1 |



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CURTAINS FOR "THE FIN" Star filly **Miss Finland (Aus)** (Redoute's Choice {Aus}--Forest Pearl, by Woodman), a five-time Group 1 winner, has been retired after

going winless in her last nine outings. She finished 3 3/4 lengths behind winner Sirmione (Aus) in fifth here after being caught wide, but briefly took the lead on the final turn before being swamped. Trainer David Hayes said the success of Miss Finland at two and three enabled him to rocket back to prominence after 10 years of training in Hong Kong. "She's not racing like she was; the winner made her look second rate," he offered. "She's the best two- and three-year-old I've



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ever trained by a long way. She's given me the best ride. She re-established me, so I owe her everything." Managing part-owner John Messara confirmed that Miss Finland would be covered by resident Arrowfield stallion Hussonet, the sire of five stakes performers in Australia this season, including four-time Group 1 winner Weekend Hussler (Aus) and G1 Blue Diamond S. winner Reaan (Aus). Miss Finland retires with a record of 26-11-5-1 and A\$4,635,375 in earnings. Her victories include the G1 Golden Slipper S., G1 V.R.C. Oaks, G1 Australian Guineas, G1 Arrowfield Stud S. and G1 Thousand Guineas. The bay was produced by Forest Pearl, an unraced daughter of G1 Vodafone Oaks victress Moonshell (Ire) (Sadler's Wells). Moonshell herself is a full sister to G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond S. hero Doyen (Ire).

UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

| Date | Race | Track |
|---------|-------------------------|-------------|
| 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 |
| Mar. 16 | GIII Florida Oaks | Tampa Bay |
| | GIII Hillsborough S. | Tampa Bay |
| | GIII MacDiarmida H. | Gulfstream |
| | GIII Honeybee S. | Oaklawn |
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★ GULFSTREAM ★

BEL AIR BEAUTY RETIRED Bruce Lunsford's multiple graded stakes winner **Bel Air Beauty** (Smart Strike--Awe That, by Boundary) has been retired due to a throat problem, according to *Daily Racing Form*. Breeding plans for the four-year-old

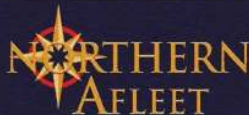


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filly have not yet been determined. Bred by Jaime S. Carrion in Kentucky, the bay was acquired by Lunsford for \$210,000 at KEESep. She ran second in her debut at two, but graduated next out at 47-1 in the GII Darley Alcibiades S. at Keeneland for trainer Frank Brothers. After adding the GII Valley View S. trophy in October of her sophomore season, Bel Air Beauty was un-

placed in her next two outings, including a close sixth in her career finale, the GIII Suwanee River H. Feb. 3 at Gulfstream. She heads to the breeding shed with a record of 9-2-2-1 and earnings of \$379,649. Produced by a stakes-placed half-sister to GSW Bangled, Bel Air Beauty hails from the family of GISW Grecian Flight.

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7th-GPX (Msw \$42K) Dixie Miner (Mineshaft) stretches out and holds on to win.

10th-GPX (Msw \$42K) Goldsville (Successful Appeal) rides the rails to victory.

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Yesterday's Results:

6th-GPX, \$33,620, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:24 3/5, gd.

COMMUNICATED (c, 4, [Distorted Humor](#)--Surf Club, by Ocean Crest) kicked off his career with a 5 1/2-length maiden score at Churchill Downs last July, but disappeared after that effort. The dark bay made his return in a Santa Anita allowance Feb. 15, fading to last, and was shipped to Gulfstream. Facing just one rival when this field was reduced by six scratches, Communicated went right to the front, cut out a half in :45.20, and galloped away from Ode to Roy (Concerto) for a 12 1/4-length triumph. A \$200,000 KEESep yearling, the winner is a full to Baffled, GSP-GB. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$55,018. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) O-WinStar Farm LLC. B-International Equities Holding Inc (KY). T-Todd A Pletcher.

7th-GPX, \$42,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 1 1/8m (off turf), 1:55 1/5, ft.

DIXIE MINER (f, 3, [Mineshaft](#)--Dixie Holiday, by Dixieland Band) didn't take a whole lot of action at the windows for her Feb. 9 debut, rained onto a sloppy main track, but outran her 38-1 odds to finish fourth. The 3-1 third choice in another off-the-turfer, the half to Holiday Runner (Meadowlake), MSW & GSP, \$232,073, assumed command soon after the start, doled out moderate fractions on the front end and dug in gamely for a head score over Miss Primetime (Fusaichi Pegasus). The winner was a \$75,000 KEESep yearling purchase. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$26,880. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

O-George & Lori Hall. B-Peter E Blum (KY). T-Kelly J Breen.

10th-GPX, \$42,000, Msw, 3yo, 1m, 1:37 4/5, ft.

GOLDSVILLE (c, 3, [Successful Appeal](#)--House d'Or, by Housebuster), fourth in an Aqueduct maiden Nov. 22, filled the same spot in a one-mile Gulfstream allowance won by Bordeaux Bandit Jan. 12. The bay was favored in a similar event Feb. 8, but raced four wide and drifted back to finish third. Favored to see out the trip this time around, the \$140,000 FTKNOV weanling and \$175,000 FTKJUL yearling rated in midpack, got through an opening at the rail at the head of the lane and was fully extended to best West Express (Forestry) by 1 1/4 lengths at odds of 5-2. The winner is a half to Chez Audra (Northern Afleet), MSP, \$261,490. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-2, \$39,200. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

O-Zayat Stables LLC. B-Fred Pace (FL). T-William I Mott.



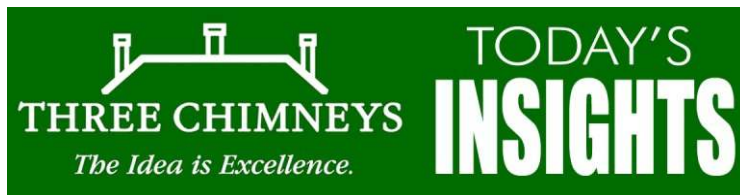
Dreamy Stablemates Breeze Before the Storm:

Just prior to the arrival of a thunderstorm at Gulfstream Park, trainer Wayne Catalano sent out Frank Calabrese's graded-stakes winning pair of **Dreaming of Anna** (Rahy) and **Dreaming of Liz** (El Prado {Ire}) for morning works. The champion two-year-old filly of 2006, Dreaming of Anna breezed five-eighths of a mile in 1:01 1/5 beneath her trainer. "I wasn't going to work her myself, but I wanted to make sure everything went right," the "Catman" commented. "She was smooth as silk." The four-year-old is coming off a nose success over Lear's Princess in the GIII Endeavour S. at Tampa Bay Downs Feb. 16 and is a candidate for that track's GIII Hillsborough S. Mar. 15. Dreaming of Liz, winner of last year's GIII Arlington-Washington Lassie S., went a half in :49 4/5. The daughter of GISW Silver Maiden (Silver Buck) has been nursing a bruised foot since finishing seventh in the My Trusty Cat S. at Delta Downs Nov. 9. "She's doing good," Catalano confirmed. "We freshened her up to let her foot heal. She hasn't had any major problems, but she didn't handle the track [at Delta] at all. She got pretty anxious in the gate, but we've been working on that and freshening her. She's ready to go." Catalano is looking for an allowance return in the coming weeks for Dreaming of Liz.

★ NEW YORK ★

New Mount Fees for NYRA Jockeys:

The New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association and the Jockeys' Guild have agreed to a new scale of mount fees for jockeys at the tracks operated by the New York Racing Association. The fees a jockey earns in races with a value of \$99,999 or less has been set at a flat \$100. On the previous scale, jockeys would earn anywhere between \$50 and \$80 per mount, depending on the value of the race. The mount fees on races with purses in excess of \$100,000 will remain at \$105. "It has been more than 15 years since riders last had an increase," commented NYTHA President Rick Violette Jr. "The jockeys were due for an increase and I am pleased we were able to come to an agreement that is fair to both the horsemen and the riders." Added Terry Meyocks, national manager for the Jockeys' Guild, "We appreciate the efforts of Rick Violette and the NYTHA's board on behalf of its membership. Rick and [Guild Chairman] John Velazquez are to be commended for their dedication to coming up with an equitable scale for all concerned parties."



3:11p HRTV **5th-GPX, \$43K, Alw, 4yo/up, 6f**
FOREFATHERS ([Gone West](#)) was brilliant at times last season, finishing second in the GII Swale S. over this track and, to Daaher, in the GII Jerome H. Oct. 7. Entered for both the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile and the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint, Forefathers went postward in the latter race and he was never in it, finishing last of the 10. **Deadly Dealer** ([Concerto](#)), third to Curlin in last year's GII Arkansas Derby, makes his return off a 7 1/2-month absence. [brisnet.com pps](#)

4:30p HRTV **3rd-SAX, \$63K, Alw/Opt. Clm. (\$100K), 4/up, f/m, 1mT**
 The conditions of this race, which include a provision for non-winners of five races lifetime, fit Ben McElroy's **ROSHANI** ([Fantastic Light](#)) to a tee. The bay has made the most of her six starts since McElroy acquired her for \$135K out of the 2007 KEEJAN sale, winning four times, including a valuable score in the GIII Matchmaker S. at Monmouth Park last Aug. 5. [brisnet.com pps](#)

4:36p HRTV **7th-FGX, \$40K, Alw/Opt. Clm. (\$35K), 3yo, f, a1mT**
TALKIN INDIAN ([Indian Charlie](#)), a half-sister to GI Breeders' Cup Turf hero Better Talk Now, was somehow let go at 11-1 for her course-and-distance bow Feb. 8 and finished willingly for a half-length score. **Baffled** ([Distorted Humor](#)) was third in last year's G3 Albany S. for trainer Jeremy Nosedo. A granddaughter of Horns Gray, she is a 3/4-sister in blood to GISW Awesome Humor and makes her U.S. debut today. Her full brother Communicated was victorious yesterday at Gulfstream. [brisnet.com pps](#)

4:42p HRTV **8th-GPX, \$42K, Msw, 3yo, 1 1/8mT**
LES ANTIQUES ([Kingmambo](#)) is the second foal to race out of French G1 winner Amonita (GB) (Anabaa), who also took the GIII Suwannee River H. over the Gulfstream turf course. The dark bay, a \$1.25-million KEESEP purchase by Nobutaka Tada, was ticketed for last year's Keeneland April Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training, but was withdrawn from that event. **Tad** ([Vindication](#)), a half-brother to champion Banshee Breeze, tries the turf off an even seventh sprinting over the Churchill main track Nov. 8. [brisnet.com pps](#)

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Yesterday's Results:

3rd-AQU, \$50,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$75,000), NW1X, 3yo, 6f, 1:11 2/5, sy.

(DH)-**BANG BANG BANG** (c, 3, **Red Bullet**--Love and Marry, by Known Fact) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$56,720. O-Mr and Mrs William K Warren, Jr. B-Adena Springs (FL). T-Kiaran P McLaughlin. *\$120,000 2yo '07 ADNMAR.

(DH)-**GIMMEAROUTINE** (g, 3, **Eltish**--Marbleous Routine, by Pentelicus) Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-4, \$60,660. O-Gee H W Stable. B-Marty Hershe (FL). T-Robert Barbara. *\$13,500 yrl '06 OBSAUG.

Bang bang bang failed to hit the board in two starts at two, but ran third going 5 1/2 furlongs at the Big A Jan. 19 and was coming off a front-running maiden score over track and trip Feb. 23. Gimmeardown was out of the money against starter-allowance company in his first two outings of 2008, but improved to be third Feb. 6. Knocked around in his latest, the bay gelding still managed to finish second in that Feb. 21 appearance. Yesterday's effort was obscured by the fog, but the two raced on even terms through the final yards and hit the wire in a dead-heat.

2nd-AQU, \$48,000, Msw, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11 2/5, sy.

NOBLE TRUTH (g, 4, **Buddha**--Call Your Beau, by Caller I. D.), a \$135,000 KEENOV weanling and a \$550,000 KEESEP yearling, finished second by a nose in a special weight test at Saratoga Aug. 25, but had been out just once since. The grey gelding faded to third as the 7-5 choice in a sprint at Churchill Downs Nov. 18. The 2-1 chalk in his return, he was head and head with True Rebel (Yes It's True) when they came out of the fog and proved game to the wire, winning by a half length. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-2, \$50,955.

O-Stonestreet Stables LLC. B-Bradley Purcell & Charles Parker (KY). T-Steven M Asmussen.

5th-AQU, \$44,000, Msw, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12 4/5, sy.

+ **A ZERO TRAP** (c, 3, **Quiet American**--Gold 'n Sugar {MSP, \$226,428}, by Java Gold), a \$200,000 FTNAUG yearling purchase, drew the tricky one hole for his career debut and was sent off at odds of 8-1.

Outsprinted and racing greenly through the opening furlongs, the bay rallied into the stretch, came out and wore down Jet Star (Freud) to score by a neck. Tribolet (Hook and Ladder) was another nose back in third. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$26,400.

O-Anstu Stables Inc. B-Robert C Baker & Sugar Maple Farm (NY). T-Thomas M Bush.

★ EAST ★

Friday Night's Results:

7th-PEN, \$22,000, Alw, NW2L, (S), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09 3/5, sy.

YOWZA (c, 4, **Quarry**--Silent Shell, by Cannon Shell) decimated a group of state-bred maidens by 10 3/4 lengths Feb. 20 and was the 8-5 chalk to go back-to-back. In front after the opening furlong, the chestnut opened it up late to score by 8 1/2 lengths. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$28,200.

O-Lucy Houle. B-Mr & Mrs Robert A Szezyller (PA). T-Samuel E Webb.

Yesterday's Results:

WIDE COUNTRY S., \$52,800, LRL, 3-8, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:26 4/5, sy.

1--**#ARMONK, 118, f, 3, Mizzen Mast**--Flaming Satan, by Java Gold. (\$45,000 yrl '06 OBSAUG; \$400,000 2yo '07 KEEAPR). O-Jeff Singer; B-George M Stryker (KY); T-Kiaran P McLaughlin; J-Julian Pimentel; \$30,000. Lifetime Record: GSP, 8-3-2-2, \$189,155.

2--**Hartigan, 122, f, 3, Include**--Star Number, by Polish Numbers. O-Fitzhugh LLC. \$10,000.

3--**Kosmo's Buddy, 116, f, 3, Outflanker**--Vaulted, by Allen's Prospect. O-Arnold K & Adam M Smolen. \$7,700.

Margins: 2HF, 3 1/4, NK. Odds: 1.10, 2.30, 9.30.

Armonk was runner-up to Proud Spell in the Gil Martron S. in her second career start, but required another three tries before breaking her maiden by 6 1/4 lengths over the Aqueduct inner Dec. 30. Winner of a Jan. 25 allowance test in Ozone Park, the grey was a neck second in the Feb. 17 Dearly Precious S. in New York. Allowed to stalk the pace of Kosmo's Buddy, Armonk pressed by that one leaving the quarter pole and was going away late.

★ CENTRAL ★

Turfway Cancels Sunday as Well:

With as much as 10 inches of snow on the ground in Northern Kentucky, officials at Turfway Park have canceled live racing for Sunday. It will mark the third consecutive cancellation at the Florence oval. Simulcasting was also shut down yesterday, but will resume today.

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DUNCAN F. KENNER S., \$162,000, FGX, 3-8, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09 1/5, ft.

1--**EUROEARS**, 121, c, 4, [Langfuhr--Unky and Ally \(GSW\)](#), by Heff. O-James E & Marilyn Helzer; B-Gary E & Bonnie Peterson (KY); T-W Bret Calhoun; J-Ramsey Zimmerman; \$90,000. Lifetime Record: 6-6-0-0, \$265,032. **Werk Nick Rating: A+ . Click for the [eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree](#).**

2--**Semaphore Man**, 117, g, 6, Formal Gold--Semaphore Ms., by Lost Code. (\$52,000 yrl '03 KEESEP). O-Double Bogey Stable. \$40,000.

3--**Noonmark**, 121, h, 5, Unbridled's Song--In the Storm, by Storm Cat. (\$275,000 yrl '04 FTKJUL). O-Bolton, Corrigan & Beck. \$20,000.

Margins: 3 1/4, 2, 3/4. Odds: 1.30, 3.60, 3.10.

Also Ran: King of the Roxy, Les Grands Trois.

Scratched: Roi Maudit, Truelyonbroadway.

Victorious in starts at Lone Star Park and Remington Park to begin his career, Euroears returned from a four-month breather to win a 5 1/2-furlong turf sprint Dec. 2. He completed the four-bagger with a game victory over Stormin Baghdad in the F. W. Gaudin Memorial S. on the main track Jan. 12, but returned to the infield to post another win over that rival in the Colonel Power S. Feb. 8. Favored in his toughest assignment to date, Euroears was content to stalk the early pace of Semaphore Man for the opening half-mile. He put that one away in upper stretch and went on to a handy success. The winner could try a route of ground for the first time in the GIII Texas Mile S. at Lone Star Park Apr. 26. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#).**

BIENVILLE S., \$100,000, FGX, 3-8, 4yo/up, f/m, a5 1/2fT, 1:04 3/5, yl.

1--**DANCEROFTHEREALM (GB)**, 122, m, 5, **King of Kings (Ire)--Now Dance**, by **Sovereign Dancer**. O/B-Richard L Lister (GB); T-Malcolm Pierce; J-Miguel Mena; \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 12-5-0-2, \$234,730. **Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the [eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree](#).**

2--**Jazzy (Arg)**, 116, m, 6, Mutakddim--Jollie Fille (Arg), by Southern Halo. O-Team Valor Int, Des Scott, Robert Muir, Barry Irwin & J Siegel. \$20,000.

3--**Kindling**, 116, m, 6, Boundary--Office Fire, by Kris S. (\$20,000 yrl '03 KEESEP). O-Daniel A Lynch & Merrill R Scherer. \$10,000.

Margins: 1 3/4, HF, 3/4. Odds: 10.90, 2.20, 38.60.

Seventh in the one-mile River Memories S. over the Woodbine turf course Oct. 27, Dancerofttherealm rolled home the 3 1/4-length winner of a second-level allowance over course and distance Dec. 28 and made it two-for-two in N'awlins with an off-the-pace victory in the Jan. 12 Leggio Memorial S. Lightly regarded in spite of that sparkling local record, Dancerofttherealm bided her time towards the back of the field, advanced into the lane and rolled home to win going away.

7th-OPX, \$35,000, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft.

MY SWEET VALOR (f, 3, [Vindication--Destined, by Deputy Minister](#)) was a four-length maiden winner at Fair Grounds Jan. 6, but was fourth in a six-furlong allowance at this track Jan. 27 and a distant sixth in the one-mile Martha Washington S. Feb. 17. Back to a sprint for this, the \$250,000 FTKJUL yearling and \$190,000 BESMAR juvenile dueled for the early lead, challenged between rivals in the stretch and edged clear to win by 1 1/4 lengths as the 5-2 favorite. Insure (Menifee) was second best. Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-1, \$51,730.

O-Zayat Stables LLC. B-Padua Stables (FL). T-Steven M Asmussen.

3rd-FGX, \$41,000, Msw, (S), 3yo, 6f, 1:12 3/5, ft.

+ **LOUISIANA LIGHTNIN (c, 3, [Yonaguska--Icy Anne, by Icecapade](#))** had Kent Desormeaux up for his brother and was given a 3-1 chance to open his account at first asking. Able to secure a good stalking position early despite breaking from the 10 hole, the grey colt raced three wide on the turn, hit the front approaching the eighth pole and drifted in late, but reported home 1 1/2 lengths better than Bam Bam Mathewson (Devil His Due). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,000.

O-Elite Thoroughbred Racing LLC. B-Michele Rodriguez (LA). T-J Keith Desormeaux.

12th-FGX, \$40,000, Msw, 3yo, 1m40y, 1:40 4/5, ft.

PROUD KENTUCKIAN (c, 3, [Proud Citizen--Paris Sky, by Skywalker](#)) capped an outstanding afternoon for his sire and owner. Third in a Dec. 9 maiden over six furlongs at this track, the dark bay was fifth going that same distance in the slop Jan. 26. Stretched to two turns for his latest, he finished a good second and was the 7-2 second choice behind odds-on Fort Apache (Mineshaft). Well-placed in third for the opening half mile, he crept closer to the front approaching the quarter pole, took command in upper stretch and went on to defeat the favorite by three convincing lengths. Lifetime Record: 7-1-2-2, \$51,460.

O-Brereton C Jones. B-Meg T & Mike Buckley (KY). T-J Larry Jones.

1st-FGX, \$40,000, Msw, 3yo, f, a1mT, 1:40 2/5, yl.

LE CAIRE (f, 3, [Cozzene--Mrs. West {SW-Ity}](#), by Gone West) hit the wire in third after leading late in her debut at Fair Grounds Dec. 23, but was moved up to second by the stewards. The bay filly was runner-up again going a mile in the slop Jan. 24, and was the 8-5 choice trying turf for the first time. Rated just off the leaders over the yielding course, she closed to get the advantage in deep stretch and held off Athena's Gift (Fusaichi Pegasus) for a head victory. The winner is a 1/2 to Western Summer (Summer Squall), GSP, \$161,502. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$39,000.

O/B-Palides Investments NV Inc (KY). T-Robert Frankel.



Central Report cont.

2nd-OPX, \$34,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11 4/5, ft.
SENTEBALE (f, 3, [Vindication](#)--Lucette {SW}, by Dayjur), a \$215,000 FTMMAY juvenile purchase, hit the board in each of her three appearances at two, finishing a debut second at Delaware July 30, third at Saratoga Aug. 19 and fourth back at Delaware Sept. 8. Rested off that effort, the dark bay had one start to her credit at this meeting, a third-place effort over 5 1/2 panels Jan. 18. Dispatched here at 5-1, she dueled heads apart for the early lead, won that battle and opened up past the eighth pole, then was all out to hold off Raposa (Orientate) by a half-length. The winner's dam is a half-sister to Baby Zip, who produced Horse of the Year Ghostzapper and GISW City Zip. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-2, \$41,500.
 O-Blaze of Glory Stable, Timothy F Ritchey & Carol Zacney. B-Marathon Farm (KY). T-Timothy F Ritchey.

8th-HAW, \$26,000, Msw, (S), 3yo, 5 1/2f, 1:05, ft.
+ ARTURI (c, 3, Albert the Great--Unbridled's Lady, by Unbridled's Song) worked five furlongs from the gate in 1:00 Mar. 2 and was dispatched at debut odds of 9-2. Quickly into stride, the homebred got his opening quarter in :21.73, widened on the turn and reported home a 2 1/2-length winner. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$15,600.
 O-Cherrywood Racing Stables II. B-Meryl J Squires-Cannon, Richard K Cannon & Cherrywood Racing Stable (IL). T-Michele Boyce.

★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

Yesterday's Results:

SANTANA MILE H., \$79,250, SAX, 3-8, 4yo/up, 1m (AWT), 1:34 1/5, ft.
1--#MONZANTE, 116, g, 4, [Maria's Mon](#)--Danzante (SW & MGSP-Fr, GSP-US, \$145,902), by Danzig. (100,000gns HRA '07 TATJUL). O-Anastasi, Scott & Jay & Gretchen Manoogian; B-Juddmonte Farms Inc (KY); T-Mike R Mitchell; J-Rafael Bejarano; \$47,550. Lifetime Record: GSP, 10-3-1-3, \$149,590. * 1/2 to Alpha Plus (Mr. Prospector), SW & GSP-Fr.
Click for the [eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree](#).
Werk Nick Rating: A.
2--Neko Bay, 115, h, 5, Giant's Causeway--Brulay, by Rubiano. O-Mr & Mrs Jerome S Moss. \$15,850.
3--Smooth and Savvy, 113, g, 4, Petionville--Elegante Chica, by Judge Smells. O-Everest Stables Inc. \$9,510.
 Margins: 3, 5 3/4, HF. Odds: 1.60, 1.60, 34.50.

Santana Mile H. cont.

A winner and once second on Polytrack in Europe as a two-year-old, Monzante was third in a Newbury conditions event last April, but was off the board in the G3 Dee S. May 11 and in the Listed Fairway S. 15 days later. Sent to the U.S., he was victorious in a two-turn allowance over Hollywood's Cushion Track Nov. 25 and finished seventh in the GII San Fernando S. Jan. 12, but improved in his latest to be third in the GII Strub S. Feb. 2. Monzante was under consideration for last week's GI Santa Anita H., but was rerouted for this easier spot. Allowed to race near the back of the field, Monzante followed the move of Neko Bay, who rallied stoutly on the far turn. He switched out around that rival in the stretch and powered home to an impressive win.

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8th-SAX, \$54,400, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, a6 1/2fT, 1:13 1/5, fm.
MOUJANE (f, 4, [Alphabet Soup](#)--Melina Mou {Ire} {SW-Fr}, by Persian Bold {Ire}) had one previous try on the turf, a runner-up effort to subsequent GSW Super Freaky in October 2006, but had made her last two starts on the main track. Third in two starts last season, the full sister to Leprechaun Kid, GSW & GISP, \$502,749, most recently returned from a nine-month absence to take break her maiden going 5 1/2 furlongs over the Cushion Track Feb. 13. Switched to the downhill course for this, Moujane sped to the front and set the pace along the rail, repulsed a bid from Eva Beaver (NZ) (Faltaat) at midstretch and was 3/4 of a length clear at the wire as the 3-1 second choice. Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-3, \$101,080.
 O-Jane Field. B-Dr W S Karutz & Sid Field (FL). T-Rafael Becerra.

Southwest Preps for San Felipe:

Southwest (Cozzene), third in a Santa Anita allowance test Feb. 22, worked six furlongs in 1:17.60 at the Arcadia oval yesterday morning. Trainer Gary Mandella confirmed the gray colt will make his next start in Saturday's GII San Felipe S. "I was happy with the work, although it was a little slow, but he finished up strong," Mandella said. "I had him closer to 1:17, and he galloped out a mile in 1:44." The Lazy Lane Farms colorbearer has one win from his five career starts for earnings of \$48,184. Possible for the San Felipe is the Dan Hendricks-trained **Indian Sun** (Indian Charlie). Second in the Jan. 12 GIII San Rafael S. and fourth in the Feb. 2 GII Robert B. Lewis S., the bay most recently won an allowance on the Santa Anita turf Feb. 23. He is also candidate for the Mar. 15 GIII Rebel S. "We'll wait to see how both races are shaping up," Hendricks said.



★ WEST ★

Yesterday's Results:

2nd-BMX, \$34,300, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10, ft.

PRIVATE DREAMS (f, 4, [Johannesburg](#)--Private Colors, by Private Account), a maiden winner in Chile in 2006, was third in a six-furlong allowance over the Hollywood turf June 20, but bounced back to take a Cushion Track affair at Hollywood going seven panels July 13. Making her first appearance since a 10th in the GII San Clemente H. over the Del Mar turf July 28, the chestnut sped away from the gate and led throughout en route to a 3 1/2-length victory. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, \$62,147.

O-DeBurgh, Hollendorfer, Jelladian & Sirkura. B-Abbott Properties (KY). T-Jerry Hollendorfer.

1st-BMX, \$32,100, Msw, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09 4/5, ft.

+ DUNVEGAN (g, 4, [Gone for Real](#)--Vanity of Vanities, by Future Storm), off at 4-1 in his belated debut, led from gate to wire to break his maiden by two lengths. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,000.

O-Dunvegan LLC & Jerry Hollendorfer. B-Dr Jean Lamb (KY). T-Jerry Hollendorfer.

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN BRITAIN:

Al Samha, c, 3, [Elusive Quality](#). See "Britain."

Motarjm, g, 4, [Elusive Quality](#)--Agama, by Nureyev. Wolverhampton, Britain, 3-8, Hcp, 4yo/up, 13f 194yds (AWT). B-Darley. *5,000gns HIT '07 DONMAY.

Ninth House, h, 6, [Chester House](#)--Ninette (SP-Eng), by Alleged. Wolverhampton, Britain, 3-8, Hcp, 4yo/up, 7f 32yds (AWT). B-Juddmonte Farms, Inc. *23,000gns HIT '05 TATHIT.

Financial Times, g, 6, [Awesome Again](#)--Investabull, by Holy Bull. Wolverhampton, Britain, 3-7, Hcp, 4yo/up, 5f 216yds (AWT). B-Patricia & Christopher Elia. *\$190,000 yrl '03 KEESEP; 3,000gns HIT '05 TATAUT.

Jack Sullivan, g, 7, [Belong to Me](#). See "Britain."

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First-crop starters to watch: Sunday, March 9

Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2005 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

ALDEBARAN (Mr. Prospector), Darby Dan, \$50K, 150/13/0 8-SA, Msw, 6 1/2f, Osceola Prince, \$105K KEE SEP yrl 8-GP, Msw, 1 1/8mT, Battle Standard, \$95K KEE SEP yrl, 5-1 **BEST OF THE REST** (Skip Trial), 14/6/0

6-GP, Alw, 1 1/16mT, First Is Best, \$4K OBS AUG yrl, 8-1

CACTUS RIDGE (Hennessy), Walmac, \$7K, 138/18/1

8-SA, Msw, 6 1/2f, Smokin' Stogies, \$90K OBS MAR 2yo

DESERT WARRIOR (Deputy Minister), McMahan, \$3K, 87/10/0

4-AQU, Msw, 6f, Aunt Alma, \$7K EAS SEP yrl

9-AQU, Msw, 6f, Spa Princess, \$10K NEW OCT wnl

FATHER STEVE (Pulpit), 32/4/0

10-OP, Msw, 6f, Sister Skylar

10-OP, Msw, 6f, F Stauder, \$8K TEX APR 2yo

FLATTER (A.P. Indy), Claiborne, \$5K, 145/18/1

6-LRL, Msw, 5 1/2f, Safe Journey, \$47K KEE SEP yrl, 7-2

GULF STORM (Storm Cat), Lou-Roe, \$4K, 137/15/1

8-GP, Msw, 1 1/8mT, Novo Secreto, \$12K OBS APR 2yo, 20-1

HARLAN TRAVELER (Harlan), 6/0/0

10-OP, Msw, 6f, Simply Angelina

HARLAN'S HOLIDAY (Harlan), Airdrie, \$18K, 169/28/5

7-FG, Aoc, 1mT, Elliday, \$160K KEE NOV wnl, 10-1

7-FG, Aoc, 1mT, Holiday Cruise, \$30K OBS MAR 2yo, 6-1

HOLD THAT TIGER (Storm Cat), Ashford, \$15K, 250/31/2

8-SA, Msw, 6 1/2f, Hold This, \$85K BAR MAY 2yo

KAFWAIN (Cherokee Run), Darley, \$10K, 179/16/4

6-GP, Alw, 1 1/16mT, Hartfelt, \$23K OBS APR 2yo, 6-1

MAJORBIGTIMESHEET (Carson City), Wafer Tbred, \$2K, 17/1/0

10-SUN, Alw, 6 1/2f, Major River, 8-1

MINESHAFT (A.P. Indy), Lane's End, \$100K, 151/10/2

8-SA, Msw, 6 1/2f, Forest Prince

6-AQU, Msw, 6f, Shafter

OMMADON (Grindstone), Metropolitan, \$3K, 7/1/0

9-AQU, Msw, 6f, Ommadon's Frenzy

POSSE (Silver Deputy), Vinery, \$10K, 154/28/7

7-OP, Alw, 6f, Hensley, \$70K KEE SEP yrl

PROUD CITIZEN (Gone West), Airdrie, \$13K, 210/22/3

7-OP, Alw, 6f, Citizen John, \$30K KEE SEP yrl

8-OP, Msw, 6f, Valid Citizen, \$50K TEX APR 2yo

8-OP, Msw, 6f, +Jubilee Star

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

6-LRL, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Diamondsandpebbles, 10-1

SLIGO BAY (IRE) (Sadler's Wells), Adena South, \$10K, 128/11/1

8-SA, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Sanquine



Rookies cont.

VALET MAN (Carson City), 16/1/1
 6-SUN, Msw, 5 1/2f, Sapello Solamia, 8-1
VAN NISTELROOY (Storm Cat), Ashford, \$8K, 201/33/6
 7-FG, Aoc, 1mT, Doc's Delight, \$50K KEE SEP yrl, 12-1
VINDICATION (Seattle Slew), Hill 'n' Dale, \$50K, 229/25/1
 8-GP, Msw, 1 1/8mT, Tad, \$335K KEE SEP yrl, 12-1
WHYWHYWHY (Mr. Greeley), Gainesway, \$8K, 100/19/2
 5-OP, Alw, 6f, Why Be Quiet, \$4K OBS WIN yrl
WISEMAN'S FERRY (Hennessy), Castleton Lyons, \$5K, 126/9/0
 4-AQU, Msw, 6f, +Seasons Wise, \$19K EAS SEP yrl
ZAVATA (Phone Trick), Walmac, \$8K, 121/18/0
 8-OP, Msw, 6f, Zavata Flash



★ BRITAIN ★

Yesterday's Results:

LADY WULFRUNA S.-Listed, £26,000, Wolverhampton, 3-8, 4yo/up, 7f 32yds (AWT), 1:28.18, stn.

1--**JACK SULLIVAN, 129, g, 7, [Belong to Me--Provisions \(SW-US, \\$144,945\), by Devil's Bag.](#)**
 (\$55,000 yrl '02 KEESEP; \$145,000 2yo '03 FTFFEB; 115,000gns HIT '03 TATAUT). O-The International Carnival Partnership; B-Hermitage Farm, LLC; T-Gerard Butler; J-Jamie Spencer; £14,763. Lifetime Record: MGSP-Eng & GSW-UAE, 36-9-6-3, £610,125. **Werk Nick Rating: C. [Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.](#)**

2--**War Artist (Aus)**, 136, g, 5, Orpen--Royal Solitaire (Aus), by Brocco. £5,595.

3--**Lovelace (GB)**, 134, c, 3, Royal Applause (GB)--Loveleaves (GB), by Polar Falcon. (16,000gns wnlg '04 TATDEC; 76,000gns yrl '05 TATOCT). £2,800.

Margins: 2 3/4, 3/4, 2 1/4. Odds: 10-3, 5-1, 11-4. Also Ran: Bonus (Ire), Evens and Odds (Ire), Neardown Beauty (Ire), Councillor (Fr), Capricorn Run, Baby Strange (GB).

Longtime servant of the Gerard Butler yard and a regular at Nad Al Sheba's Spring Carnival, the 2005 G1 Dubai World Cup fourth-place finisher Jack Sullivan showed he can still put his best foot forward in this company with a convincing success here. Twice a winner of the Round 2 of the Maktoum Challenge in 2005 (non-graded) and 2006 (G3), the veteran chestnut was fourth in this year's renewal before returning to Britain to capture a Lingfield conditions event last time Feb. 23. Travelling with his old elan in fourth throughout the early stages, he swept by War Artist with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining and quickly put his seal on the contest to book his place in the line-up for Lingfield's G3 Winter Derby on Saturday.

Wolverhampton, 5.20, Mdn, £4,000, 3yo/up, 1m 141yds (AWT), 1:52.04, stn.
 + **AL SAMHA (c, 3, [Elusive Quality](#)--Dubian {GB} {Ch. Older Mare & G1SW-Ity, GSW & G1SP-Ire, G1SP-Eng & \$107,045}, by High Line {GB})**, sent off as the 11-4 favorite, broke well and enjoyed a narrow early lead. Despite veering right at the top of the stretch, the \$350,000 KEESEP yearling was always holding the challenge of Two Left Feet (GB) (Groom Dancer) en route to a comfortable 1 3/4-length success. The victor is a half to Sayyedati (GB) (Shadeed), Hwt. 2yo Filly-Ire, 2x Hwt. Older Mare-Eng at 7-9 1/2f, MG1SW-Eng, G1SW-Ire & Fr, GISP-US, SP-Jpn, \$1,383,707; Golden Snake (Danzig), Hwt. Older Horse-Fr at 9 1/2-11f, SW & GSP-Eng, G1SP-Ire, MG1SW-Fr, G1SW-Ger & Ity, \$526,143; and 3/4 to Race Leader (Gone West), SW-Eng, G1SP-Fr. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £2,591. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Gainsborough Farm, LLC; T-Mark Johnston.

Wolverhampton, 8.50, Mdn, £3,600, 3yo/up, 12f 50ydsT, 2:44.00, stn.
WANNABE FREE (GB) (f, 3, Red Ransom--Wannabe Grand {Ire} {GISP-US, G1SW-Eng, \$466,375}, by Danehill) had missed the target on turf and Polytrack so far, but faced an easier task than when fourth at Lingfield last time Feb. 20. Up to lead early, the even-money crowd's choice was caressed to a cozy 2 1/4-length defeat of Cybersnow (Royal Anthem). Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-1, £4,473. O-B McAllister; B-Chippenham Lodge Stud Ltd; T-Jeremy Nosedá.

★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday's Results:

PRIX ALTIPAN-Listed, €52,000, Saint-Cloud, 3-8, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:42.70, hy.

1--**GRIS DE GRIS (IRE), 127, c, 4, [Slickly \(Fr\)--Deesse Grise \(Fr\), by Lead on Time.](#)** O/B-Jean-Claude Seroul; T-Jean-Marc Capitte; J-Thierry Thulliez; €26,000. Lifetime Record: 15 starts, 5 wins, 9 places, €153,900. **Werk Nick Rating: A + + . [Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.](#)**

2--**Estrela Brage**, 123, g, 5, Silic (Fr)--Devine Blade, by Blade. (\$5,000 wnlg '03 KEENOV; €48,000 HIT '07 DEAFEB). €10,400.

3--**Daly Daly (Fr)**, 120, f, 4, Medaaly (GB)--Dame Phanie (Fr), by Kaldoun (Fr). €7,800.

Margins: 3, 3, 2, 1HF, 1, 2HF. Odds: 1.10, 6.50, 5.90. Also Ran: Pur Sucre (Fr), Danse du Soir (Fr), Beltanus (Ger), Tianshan (Fr).

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Prix Altiplan cont.

Gris de Gris handled Cagnes-sur-Mer's all-weather surface with aplomb when winning the Listed Grand Prix de la Riviera Cote d'Azur last time Feb. 10 and he had no issues with the switch back to turf when recording an impressive follow-up here. Also successful in the Listed Prix de la Californie at that seaside venue last February and Lyon-Parilly's Listed Prix de Pontarme in May, the grey made it four wins at this level, stalking Daly Daly until taking over at the top of the stretch and asserting his superiority.

Saint-Cloud, 1.40, Cond, €34,000, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/4mT, 2:11.20, hy.

VISION D'ETAT (FR) (c, 3, Chichicastenango {Fr}--Uberaba {Fr}, by Garde Royale {Ire}), sent off the 11-4 second favorite to stretch his perfect record after forays at Les Sables-d'Olonne and Fontainebleau last term, raced under restraint in rear early. Delivered wide in the final quarter, the €39,000 DEADEC yearling struck the front with 100 yards to race before registering a 1 1/2-length success from Until Sunrise (Fr) (Until Sundown). Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 3 wins, €43,500. O-Jacques Detre & Mme Eric Libaud; B-G Gilles; T-Eric Libaud.

Saint-Cloud, 2.10, Cond, €34,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/4mT, 2:13.40, hy.

VALENZUELA (FR) (f, 3, Stravinsky--Validity {Fr}, by Celtic Swing {GB}), off the mark on Deauville's all-weather in December, was sent off at 6-1 and raced far off the early pace set by the enterprisingly ridden Wait and See (Fr) (Montjeu {Ire}). Sent in pursuit in the straight, the homebred collared that rival in the final 50 yards before edging ahead for a neck success. Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 2 wins, 0 places, €25,500. O/B-Ecurie des Monceaux & Ecurie Skymarc Farm; T-Yves de Nicolay.

★ IRELAND ★

IRISH FIELD EXTEND LEGER SPONSORSHIP

The Irish racing publication *Irish Field* has announced that it will back the G1 Irish St Leger for a three-year period. The paper's Managing Editor Leo Powell explained the appeal of the Curragh contest, which they have supported since 2003. "The profile of the Classic and the high quality of the winners has encouraged us to commit to the race for a further period, during which time we also look forward to seeing the Curragh race-course redevelopment take place," he said.

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ASIA



Saturday, Hanshin, Japan

TULIP SHO-Jpn-JRA (Listed), ¥72,870,000, Hanshin, 3-8, 3yo, f, 1600mT, 1:35.80, fm.

1--**#AIR PASCALE (JPN), 119, f, 3, by War Emblem**
1st Dam: Raffica (Jpn), by Sunday Silence
2nd Dam: O.P. Cat, by Storm Cat
3rd Dam: Princess S, by Assagai Jr.

O-Lucky Field Inc.; B-Northern Farm; T-Yasutoshi Ikee; J-Yusuke Fujioka; ¥38,609,000. Lifetime Record: 6-2-3-0. **Werk Nick Rating: A + + . Click for the [eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree](#).**

2--**Tall Poppy (Jpn), 119, f, 3** Jungle Pocket (Jpn)--Admire Sunday (Jpn), by Sunday Silence. O-Carrot Farm; B-Northern Farm; ¥15,174,000.

3--**Odile (Jpn), 119, f, 3,** Kurofune--Kynthia (GB), by Darshaan (GB). O-North Hills Management; B-North Hills Management; ¥9,587,000.

Margins: NO, NO, 1HF. Odds: 12.80, 1.20, 2.30.

Saturday, Nakayama, Japan

OCEAN S.-Jpn-JRA (Listed), ¥78,230,000, Nakayama, 3-8, 4yo/up, 1200mT, 1:08.90, fm.

1--**#PREMIUM BOX (JPN), 123, h, 5, Admire Vega (Jpn)--Chatterbox (Jpn), by Targowice.** O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shadai Farm; T-Hiroyuki Uehara; J-Hayato Yoshida; ¥41,651,000. Lifetime Record: 14-6-0-4. *1/2 to Swanky Pouch (Jpn) (Agnes Tachyon {Jpn}), SP-Jpn, \$252,655. **Werk Nick Rating: D. Click for the [eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree](#).**

2--**M O Winner (Jpn), 123, h, 7,** Nihon Pillow Winner (Jpn)--Miracle Muteki (Jpn), by Carroll House (Ire). O-Mitsugu Oasa; B-Mombetsu Farm; ¥16,186,000.

3--**Nakayama Paradise (Jpn), 123, h, 5,** Paradise Creek--Revue Nakayama, by Mountain Cat. O-Shinichi Izumi; B-Hokuyo Farm; ¥10,093,000.

Margins: NO, NK, 3/4. Odds: 18.60, 55.30, 16.60.



AUSTRALASIA



GROUP WINNERS BY EUROPEAN SIRE:

#@Von Costa de Hero (Aus), c, 2,
[Encosta de Lago \(Aus\)](#)--Piavonic (Aus) (G1SW-Aus), by Scenic (Ire). Flemington (Melbourne), 3-8, VRC Sires' Produce S.-G2, 2yo, 7fT, A\$180,000 to winner. B-Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum; T-David Hayes.

Zarita (NZ), f, 3, Pentire (GB)--Gin Player (NZ), by Defensive Play. Flemington (Melbourne), 3-8, A V Kewney S.-G2, 3yo, f, 1mT, A\$180,000 to winner. B-L Williams; T-Pat Hyland. *1/2 to Run Like The Wind (NZ) (Pins {Aus}), GSW-NZ.



Australasian Report cont.

Racing to Win (Aus), g, 5, [Encosta de Lago \(Aus\)](#)--
Surrealist (Aus), by Kenny's Best Pal (Aus). Rosehill
 (Sydney), 3-8, Apollo S.-G2, 3yo/up, 7fT, A\$162,500
 to winner. B-Boscabel Stud; T-John O'Shea. *Ch.
 3yo Colt-Aus, MG1SW-Aus. **1/2 to Purrealist (Aus)
 (Tale of the Cat), GSW-Aus.



WINNERS BY U.S. SIRE:

+ **Martineta Cat (Arg), f, 2, [Easing Along](#)--**La Martina
 (Arg), by Shy Tom. San Isidro, 3-7, Allowance,
 1400m, 1:23.93. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0. O/B-Haras
 El Alfalar; T-A F Gaitan.

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

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



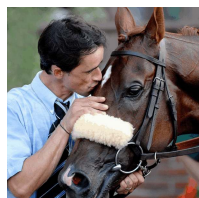
★ SOUTH AFRICA ★

WINNER BY U.S. SIRE:

Causation (Aus), c, 3, [Giant's Causeway](#)--Wily Trick, by
 Clever Trick. Turffontein, 3-8, Hcp., 1800mT,
 1:50.99. O-M J & I Jooste & B Kantor; B-Emirates
 Park Pty Ltd; T-C Laird. *1/2 to Elegant Fashion (Aus)
 (Danewin {Aus}), MGSW & G1SP-Aus, MSW &
 MG1SP-HK, \$3,074,677; and Malayeen (Aus)
 (Anabaa), GSP-UAE.

WINNER BY EUROPEAN SIRE:

Club Montreal (Aus), g, 3, [Danehill Dancer \(Ire\)](#)--Donna
 Iris (NZ), by Sir Tristram (Ire). Kenilworth, 3-8,
 Maiden, 1800mT, 1:53.74. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-2.
 O-K Truter & H Adams; B-G Harvey; T-J Snaith. *1/2
 to Gunalda (Aus) (Rory's Jester {Aus}), GSP-Aus.



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**BREEDERS' EDITION
 AMERICA**

STAKES RESULTS:

CHALLENGER S., \$65,000, TAM, 3-8, 4yo/up,
 1 1/16m, 1:44 4/5, ft.

**1--WAYZATA BAY, 116, h, 6, Roar--Beauty Is, by
 Personal Flag.** O-World Thoroughbreds Racing Inc;
 B-Good Genes Farm (KY); T-Judi A Hicklin; J-Luis
 Antonio Gonzalez; \$30,000. Lifetime Record:
 39-10-6-3, \$368,248.

**2--Riversrunrylee, 118, g, 4, Outflanker--Ponderway, by
 Prized.** \$17,500.

**3--Imawildandcrazyguy, 116, g, 4, Wild Event--Frosty
 Cupcake, by Top Account.** (\$17,000 yrl '05
 OBSAUG). \$10,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 3, 2 1/4. Odds: 17.70, 10.30, 3.20.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

4th-AQU, \$48,000, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW2X, (S),
 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12 2/5, sy.

**TRUE WOOD (c, 4, Louis Quatorze--True Wooman, by
 Capote)** Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-2, \$86,140. O-Repole
 Stable. B-Tea Party Stable Inc (NY). T-Bruce N Levine.
 *\$3,000 yrl '05 NYBAUG.

7th-AQU, \$46,000, NW1X, (S), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11, sy.

**IRISH BLAST (c, 4, Kelly Kip--Bombshell, by Time to
 Explode)** Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0, \$73,600. O-Howard,
 T Whitbred & Eugene Parker. B-H T Whitbred (NY).
 T-Bernardo Callejas.

1st-AQU, \$46,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12 4/5,
 sy.

**MERIWETHER JESSICA (f, 3, Freud--Chunter's Joy
 {MSP}, by Northern Jove)** Lifetime Record: GSP,
 6-2-4-0, \$135,295. O-E Z Money Racing Stable.
 B-Cheryl A Prudhomme (NY). T-Linda Rice. *\$25,000
 yrl '06 FTNAUG; \$95,000 2yo '07 OBSFEB.

**Thoroughbred Owners of California
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4th-BMX, \$42,148, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:42 1/5, ft.

FREESGOOD (c, 4, Free House--Fun Project, by Housebuster) Lifetime Record: SW & GSP, 18-3-1-3, \$238,394. O/B-William L Currin & Al Eisman (CA). T-William L Currin. *1/2 to Fun Logic (Miesque's Son), SW, \$369,572.

4th-FGX, \$42,000, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, a1 1/16mT, 1:47 1/5, yl.

BLOCK (f, 4, Dynaformer--Rim, by Danzig) Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-1, \$106,958. O/B-Claiborne Farm & Adele B Dilschneider (KY). T-Albert M Stall Jr.

2nd-FGX, \$42,000, Opt. Clm. (\$35,000), NW1X, (S), 3yo, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft.

CUSH (c, 3, Arch--Think Pink, by Coronado's Quest) Lifetime Record: SP, 5-2-1-1, \$70,734. O/B-Stewart Madison (LA). T-Andrew Leggio Jr. *Won by 8 3/4 lengths.

11th-FGX, \$40,750, Opt. Clm. (\$35,000), NW1X, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:38 4/5, ft.

CORAGIL CAT (c, 4, Forest Wildcat--Coragil, by Metfield) Lifetime Record: 20-2-2-5, \$80,075. O/B-Jim Tafel LLC (KY). T-Greg Geier.

1st-CTX, \$35,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:55, my.

COYOTESHIGHESTCALL (h, 6, Regal Humor--Ballerina Dancer, by Majesty's Prince) Lifetime Record: 58-12-8-7, \$330,182. O-Robert L Cole Jr. B-J J Coyote (FL). T-Scott A Lake.

8th-OPX, \$35,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft.

LIVE FROM APPOLLO (c, 4, Maria's Mon--Marquee Attraction, by Storm Cat) Lifetime Record: 11-2-3-0, \$57,872. O-Alex & JoAnn Lieblong. B-Overbrook Farm (KY). T-Save Hobby. *\$275,000 yrl '05 KEESEP; \$425,000 2yo '06 KEEAPR.

8th-DED, \$31,840, 3-7, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 5f, 1:00 1/5, ft.

MISS ABAJO (f, 4, Abajo--Lucky Missy, by Belek) Lifetime Record: 17-4-3-2, \$84,605. O-Heiligbrodt Racing Stable. B-Donna Reyes (LA). T-Save M Asmussen.

7th-HAW, \$28,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo, 6f, 1:09 2/5, ft.

MICHAEL'S DREAMIN' (g, 3, Hold That Tiger--Too Many Holes, by Touch Gold) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$42,280. O-Greco Racing Stable. B-Pat Greco (IL). T-Michael L Reavis.

8th-CTX, \$27,000, 3-7, NW3L, (S), 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:22 2/5, sy.

SMILE SAMANTHA (f, 3, Reparations--Away Rene, by Toolighttoquit) Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-0, \$48,550. O-Joseph Painter. B-Harry Joe & Dr Alison Kate Painter (WV). T-G Marion England III.

6th-DED, \$24,500, 3-7, Opt. Clm. (\$30,000), NW1X, 3yo, f, 5f, :59 4/5, ft.

CLEAR ON THE RIGHT (f, 3, Eltish--Baltimore Bound, by Lord At War {Arg}) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-1, \$27,989. O-Gar Oil Corp. B-Marty & Carol Hershe (FL). T-Joe S Offolter. *\$12,000 yrl '06 OBSAUG; \$25,000 2yo '07 OBSAPR.

6th-PEN, \$20,800, 3-7, NW1X, 4/up, 1m, 1:38 2/5, sy.

JEDOUM (g, 4, Point Given--Habibti {MGISW, \$564,851}, by Tabasco Cat) Lifetime Record: 17-4-6-3, \$84,417. O-Save Chronister. B-Shadwell Farm LLC (KY). T-Bruce M Kravets.

8th-TAM, \$20,200, NW1X, 3yo, 1m40y (off turf), 1:42 4/5, ft.

TEUTON (c, 3, Mongoose--Cryptophyllis, by Cryptoclearance) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$25,505. O/B-Jack D Wall (FL). T-Ronald P Behrens.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Blazen L**, c, 2, Mt. Hot--Braxtons Relyk, by Early School. SUN, 3-8, (S), 2f, :21 3/5. B-Clifford C Lambert Sr (NM). *1/2 to Ky's Quest (Night Fright), MSW, \$251,747; and Brax (Night Fright), MSW, \$238,019.

Suziqcutie, f, 3, **Avanzado (Arg)**--Miss Minnelli, by Groovy. SAX, 3-8, (S), 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:03. B-Michael Cooper (CA).

Total Wildcat, c, 3, **Forest Wildcat**--Pent Up Kiss (MSW, \$368,464), by Pentelicus. CTX, 3-8, 4 1/2f, :53. B-New Farm (KY).

Liza Lu, f, 3, **Menifee**--Chamrousse (GSW & GISP, \$359,585), by Peaks and Valleys. LRL, 3-8, 7f, 1:28 3/5. B-Arthur B Hancock III & James H Stone (KY). *\$210,000 yrl '06 FTSAUG.

Masala T, g, 3, **Tale of the Cat**--Unbridled Run, by Unbridled. LRL, 3-8, (C), a1 1/16m, 1:49. B-WinStar Farm LLC (KY). *\$50,000 yrl '06 KEESEP.

Dawn's Day, g, 3, **Two Punch**--Mismatch, by Polish Navy. BMX, 3-8, 6f, 1:10 3/5. B-Janet W Hoke DVM (WV). *\$60,000 yrl '06 KEESEP.

+ **Unbridled Eltempo**, c, 3, **Unbridled Time**--Joey's Ego, by Bold Ego. DED, 3-8, 5f, 1:00 2/5. B-Craig D Upham (TX). *\$60,000 yrl '06 TEXAUG; \$25,000 2yo '07 TEXMAR.

+ **Chloe Olivia**, f, 3, **Wheelaway**--Wheredshego, by Olympio. CTX, 3-7, 4 1/2f, :54 1/5. B-Anthony Pyliotis (NY).

+ **Red Cali**, f, 4, **Fighting Fantasy**--Fack Finder, by Known Fact. WRD, 3-8, 5 1/2f, 1:04. B-Kerwyn A Parkening (NE).

Vicki's Sting, f, 4, **Holy Sting**--Vicki's a Berry, by Nepal. DED, 3-7, 5f, 1:01. B-Danny L Aucoin (LA). *\$4,300 yrl '05 LOUAUG.

Hesperia Sue, f, 4, **Lac Ouimet**--Wonderful Girl, by Sunny Clime. CTX, 3-7, 6 1/2f, 1:22 4/5. B-R & S Racing Stables (TX). *\$5,200 yrl '05 TEXAUG; \$5,000 2yo '06 OBSAPR.



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Quiet No More, c, 4, **Real Quiet**--Bluff No More, by Pine Bluff. CTX, 3-7, (S), 7f, 1:30 1/5. B-William R Ward (WV).

Golden State, c, 4, **Seeking the Gold**--Slide Show (MSW & MGSP, \$347,917), by Slewacide. OPX, 3-8, (C), 6f, 1:11. B-Gaines-Gentry Thoroughbreds (KY).

*\$700,000 yrl '05 KEESEP. **1/2 to Voodoo (Petionville), GSW & MGISP, \$686,194.

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

HANDICAP RESULTS:

BRITAIN, Wolverhampton, 3.35, £50,000, 4yo/up, 1m 141yds (AWT), 1:50.10, stn.

RE BAROLO (IRE) (h, 5, Cape Cross {Ire}--Dalaiya, by Irish River {Fr}) Lifetime Record: SP-Ity, 25-10-4-2, £119,479. O-Effevi Snc; B-Luciano Bosio; T-Marco Botti.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Saint-Cloud, 3.15, £33,000, 4yo/up, 1 7/8mT, 3:26.10, hy.

ART MARTIAL (FR) (g, 4, Monsun {Ger}--Veiled Wings {Fr}, by Priolo) Lifetime Record: 8 starts, 4 wins, 1 place, €50,050. O-Eduardo Fierro; B-Mme G Forien & Rolling Hills Farm; T-Alain de Royer-Dupre.

ITALY, Rome, 5.10, 3-7, €19,800, 4yo/up, 6fT, 1:10.40, hy.

TONY DOUGLAS (IRE) (c, 4, Elnadim--Zilwaki, by Miswaki) Lifetime Record: 10-5-0-1, €36,490. O/B/T-Antonio di Dio.

ITALY, Rome, 5.40, 3-7, €9,000, 4yo/up, 7f (AWT), 1:24.90, stn.

POLYDORS (IRE) (h, 6, Monashee Mountain--Polista {Fr} {SW-Fr}, by Persepolis {Fr}) Lifetime Record: MSP-Ity, 30-15-1-5, €137,700. O-Azienda Agricola Antezzate Srl; B-Scuderia Siba Spa; T-Alduino & Giuseppe Botti.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Le Baron Jenney (Ity), c, 3, **College Chapel (GB)**--Beverly Pepper (GB), by Love the Groom. Rome, Italy, 3-7, Mdn, 3yo, 6fT. B-Razza della Sila Srl.

Dyamo (Fr), c, 3, **Dyhim Diamond (Ire)**--Last Goddess (Ire), by Last Tycoon (Ire). Mont-de-Marsan, France, 3-7, Cond, 3yo, 1 3/18mT. B-E Lemaitre.

Jessica Pecci (Ity), f, 3, **Orpen**--Realt Dhun Eibhir (GB), by Indian Ridge (Ire). Rome, Italy, 3-7, Cond, 3yo, f, 6fT. B-Lucia Ermi.

Champion **CURLIN** (Smart Strike) debuted impressively last year on Donn Day...

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