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**ON EASY STREET AT OBS MARCH**

Third Street Partners and O & H Bloodstock have teamed up on pinhooking prospects for the last several years, and yesterday knocked one out of the park at the OBS March Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training in Ocala, Florida. A son of Broken Vow, consigned by O & H, brought \$625,000 to top the opening session. Sobhy Sonbol signed the ticket for buyer Zayat Stables. Named Red Vow, the colt was acquired for just \$65,000 as a KEESEP yearling. He is out of Sedona Berry, by Strawberry Road (Aus), making him a half-brother to Japanese millionaire Eishin Hampton (Dynaformer) and GSP Level Red (Aptitude). The long-striding bay colt breezed a quarter mile in :21 2/5. "He's a nice horse," said Sonbol. "He's a beautiful physical and his breeze was great. He's out of a Strawberry Road mare, and he looks a lot like Strawberry Road. He's an awesome horse, and we're very happy to get him." Sonbol said that a trainer had not yet been selected, but offered, "I know Bill [Mott] liked him a lot, so there's a very good chance he'd go to him." Cont. p2



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Hip 64

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OBS MARCH 2YO SALE		TUESDAY, MAR. 18, 2008	
SESSION TOTALS	2008	2007	
Catalogued	230	260	
No. Offered	171	197	
No. Sold	110	126	
RNAs	61	71	
% RNA	35.6%	36%	
No. \$400K+	7	1	
High Price (\$)	625,000	400,000	
Gross (\$)	15,734,500	12,182,000	
Average (% change)	143,041 (+47.9%)	96,683	
Median (% change)	90,000 (+12.5%)	80,000	

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**OBS MARCH 2-YEAR-OLDS  
TUESDAY - TOP 11 LOTS**

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
<u>64</u>	c	<u>Broken Vow</u>	<u>Sedona Berry</u>	<u>625,000</u>
(\$65,000 yrl '07 KEESEP) B-Dr & Mrs Ronald H Grothaus DVM (KY) Consigned by O & H Bloodstock (Oliver & Hunt), Agent I Purchased by Zayat Stables				
<u>128</u>	c	<u>Pure Prize</u>	<u>Time for a Crown</u>	<u>550,000</u>
(\$30,000 yrl '07 OBSAUG) B-Edward & Hannah Poremba (FL) Consigned by Leprechaun Racing, agent Purchased by John Ferguson				
<u>199</u>	f	<u>Mr. Greeley</u>	<u>Bacardi Cat</u>	<u>550,000</u>
B-Gulf Coast Farms (KY) Consigned by Jerry Bailey Sales Agency, agent Purchased by Tom Gentry, agent				
<u>196</u>	c	<u>Lemon Drop Kid</u>	<u>August Storm</u>	<u>525,000</u>
(\$150,000 yrl '07 KEESEP) B-Caldara Farm (KY) Consigned by Off the Hook LLC, agent Purchased by John C Kimmel, agent				
<u>213</u>	c	<u>Giant's Causeway</u>	<u>Bisbee's Prospect</u>	<u>450,000</u>
(\$200,000 yrl '07 KEESEP) B-Northwest Farms (KY) Consigned by Off the Hook LLC, agent Purchased by Ray Bell, agent				

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OBS March Toppers cont.

**175 c Congaree** Ali's Dancer 410,000  
(\$82,000 i/u '05 BAROCT; \$130,000 yrl '07 BAROCT)

*B-Rancho San Miguel (CA)*

Consigned by W D North Thoroughbreds, Agent II

Purchased by Kaleem Shah

**161 c Najran** Will Be a Bates 400,000  
(\$22,000 wnl '06 KEENOV)

*B-Hopewell Investments (KY)*

Consigned by Paul Sharp, Agent IX

Purchased by Hoods Up Stable

**132 f Roar of the Tiger** Toss the Change 370,000  
(\$75,000 yrl '07 FTKJUL)

*B-Richard & Linda Thompson (FL)*

Consigned by Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds LLC, agent

Purchased by Greg Gilchrist, agent

**189 f Storm Boot** Antifreeze 370,000  
(\$60,000 yrl '07 KEESEP)

*B-Dixiana Stables (KY)*

Consigned by Nick de Meric, Agent I

Purchased by Brian Koriner, agent for Eagle Oak Ranch

**12 c Belong to Me** Points West 360,000  
(\$45,000 i/u '05 KEENOV; \$50,000 yrl '07 KEESEP)

*B-Kevin Haw (KY)*

Consigned by Eisaman Equine, agent

Purchased by Hoods Up Stable

**46 c Posse** Reverse the Call 350,000  
(\$200,000 yrl '07 FTNAUG)

*B-Edition Farm (NY)*

Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent XL

Purchased by Paul Keating Sr, agt for Tim Ritvo

**Seeing Red...**

Third Street Partners is the nom de course of Chicago-based Earl Silver and Mike Eiserman. The men provide the financial backing to buy yearlings that are trained and re-sold as two-year-olds by O & H, the pinhooking operation of Bo Hunt and Terry Oliver.

"They put up the money, we train the horse and we split it 50-50," Hunt explained after the sale of Red Vow for \$625,000. "They're great guys. We've been doing a lot with them lately, buying horses to run and stuff like that."

Hunt described the men as non-practicing lawyers who have myriad investments. Third Street Partners was the name on the sheet when Red Vow was purchased at Keeneland September for \$65,000, and Hunt said the May 1 foal has progressed nicely since joining O & H at its Belleview, Florida base.


"He was immature as a yearling," said Hunt. "He was attractive, but not flashy. He was a May horse, and we hoped he would grow up a bit and he did. But he's still kind of a plain horse. He's real smart and he looked good on the track; he's a pretty-moving horse. And he's really well-balanced."

Oliver and Hunt have had success with sons of Broken Vow before, having sold subsequent multiple Grade II winner Private Vow for \$180,000 at the 2005 Keeneland September Sale.

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it on the shank as well. He's just  
a very balanced individual.  
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very straightforward."**

- Jimmy Bell, Darley USA  
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"We owned Private Vow together, and we really like that sire," said Hunt. "I think he can get you any kind of a horse."

Hunt added the final price of the colt was a pleasant surprise.

"I didn't know the players on him," he said. "But I knew he had plenty of vets and was a nice horse. I thought he'd be well-sold at \$250,000 or \$300,000, and would have been tickled with it. I was really excited, because most of the time you know when you're going to get that money, but this time we had no idea." Hunt added, "I think we got a bit lucky with the sale. People have been telling me there a lot of really good fillies here, and I think being a colt made him stick out a bit." While \$625,000 is nothing to sneeze at, it is far from the biggest score for Third Street and O & H. Two year's ago, they sold Mercantile, a juvenile by Golden Missile, for \$2 million at the Fasig-Tipton Calder Sale. -L.M.



**Private Vow** *Horsephotos*





**Leprechaun Wins the Prize...**

Leprechaun Racing, it seems, stretched its St. Patrick's Day luck into yesterday's first session at OBS March. After purchasing a Florida-bred Pure Prize colt for just \$30,000 at last year's OBS August Sale, Leprechaun turned around and sold the handsome chestnut for \$550,000. Darley's Jimmy Bell, perched against a wall in the pavilion, saw off a determined challenger seated not far away. Bell signed the ticket for Darley advisor John Ferguson.



**Pure Prize colt** *Sherackatthesales*

"This is a colt that we liked since the first breeze," said Bell. "Every eighth that he went seemed better than the one before. Obviously, he vetted very well. After John talked with Sheikh Mohammed, we felt this was a colt that we want to pursue. He was a very balanced individual and very uncomplicated; he was very straightforward."

Bell said that while Ferguson did not make an appearance in person at the OBS sales grounds, "With modern technology the way it is, he was very close."

It is undecided if the colt will stay in the U.S. or continue his career in Europe. "Sheikh Mohammed will decide that in due course," Bell said. "We'll let the dust settle here first."

Catalogued as hip 128, the Pure Prize colt put buyers on notice with a snappy :10 flat breeze Mar. 9.

"He galloped out like a monster and had been vetted 13 times here," said Leprechaun chief Mike Mulligan.

Mulligan added that he had faith in buyers being able to separate the top horses in the sale, which had been a bit of a question mark, as OBS's newly installed SafeTrack had resulted in a tighter grouping of fast workout times, both in February and before this sale. During the Mar. 10 breeze show, for instance, consignor Niall Brennan's Exchange Rate filly (hip 276, see *Hip Happenings*) earned the bullet in :9 4/5, followed by no fewer than 13 who had :10 flat breezes. Three of those were Leprechaun consignees.

"I think that all of us, as consignors, have to respect the buyers' ability to find the good horses," Mulligan said. "When people talk about not being able to separate the horses on the surface, I think that's untrue. Two of our :10 flats sold today. We had a Cuvee filly who looked like a sprinter, looked like she'd be early, and brought \$90,000--which was fine. The Pure Prize colt did it differently. He looked like a horse that would be able to carry his speed a route of ground, and all the buyers found him. While our other horses had two or three vets, he had 13. There may be some static about not being able to separate them, but once buyers look at the quality at the end of the shank, buyers will find the good ones." -L.M.

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**Big One-Two Punch for Off the Hook...**

Carlos Morales and Joe Appelbaum's Off the Hook was one of the leading consignors on day one. Among those that sold from its draft was hip 196, a colt by Lemon Drop Kid who made \$525,000; and hip 213, a colt by Giant's Causeway who sold for \$450,000.

The winning bidder on the Lemon Drop Kid colt was trainer John Kimmel, acting on behalf of Manhattan-based client Eli Gindi. Kimmel said that Gindi is involved in real estate.

"He's dabbled in racing," said the conditioner. "This is the most he's ever spent on a horse."

Asked if he expected to add to Gindi's purchases, Kimmel laughed and said, "I think this'll be enough for his diet for awhile."

Hip 196, regarded by many to be one of the better colts in the sale, was purchased by Off the Hook for \$150,000 at Keeneland September. He was produced by MSW & GSP August Storm (Storm Creek), who herself was bought by Caldara Farm for \$150,000 at the 2003 Keeneland November Sale. Caldara bred hip 196 in Kentucky.

"Well, there wasn't much not to like," Kimmel said about the colt, who breezed an eighth in :10 1/5 ([video](#)). "Physically, he had tremendous balance, scope, a great walk, and good bone to him. He looked good on the racetrack.

"And Lemon Drop Kid is coming around as a sire. He's as good on his physical parameters--x-rays, scoping--as anything I've had. He reminds me of a horse like Premium Tap. He's a beautiful, well-balanced colt. No white on him, good eye, good foot on him."

Kimmel added, "I think he's going to be quick enough to run as a two-year-old, but he's got breeding that says he'll stay on. That's the other thing I like about him."

**A Giant Right Hook...**

About 20 minutes after the Lemon Drop Kid sold, Off the Hook followed up with a Giant's Causeway colt who was hammered down to California trainer Ray Bell. Bell paid \$450,000 for the colt, who was purchased for Robert B. Irvin.

"He's a longtime California resident and he's just in a position where he wanted to go after a really good horse," explained Bell as he signed the sale sheet in the rear walking ring. "He sold his business and he wants a nice horse, and maybe one with sire potential. [Hip 213] is by one of the leading sires in the country, he's out of a good mare and he's a beautiful individual."

Hip 213 was produced by the stakes-winning Smart Strike mare Bisbee's Prospect, a half-sister to the dam of MSW and last year's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies fifth Smarty Deb--also by Smart Strike.

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**Recent News**

- Millionaire CIRCULAR QUAY (pictured) wins G2 New Orleans H. on March 8 earning a Beyer Figure of 107.
- NITE LIGHT won his third straight stake on Feb 16 earning a 104 Beyer.

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**Off the Hook cont.**

Off the Hook acquired the colt for \$200,000 at the September Sale and last week he breezed an eighth in :10 2/5, an average time that had his handlers worried.

"His breeze wasn't as spectacular as we would have liked, and I thought we'd get hurt by that," admitted Off the Hook's Joe Appelbaum, who was quick to offer his congratulations to Bell. "But in the end, I think buyers saw through that. Bidding got pretty spirited on him there for a while."

Appelbaum added that both colts met expectations.

"The Lemon Drop Kid, especially, got a lot of interest from all the right people, so it wasn't surprising," he said. "That was in the upper range of where we thought he could go, and he went there."

Included in Off the Hook's Wednesday consignment is [hip 240](#), a well-built son of Holy Bull who breezed a quarter in :21 2/5 at the Mar. 10 show.

**Gilchrist Adds a 'Tiger' to the Stable...**

The Northern California-based duo of Harry Aleo and Greg Gilchrist have done very well purchasing two-year-olds in Ocala. The ill-fated champion Lost in the Fog (Lost Soldier), who RNA'd for \$195,000 at the 2004 March Sale, was acquired privately thereafter. Victorina (Delaware Township), a \$160,000 OBSAPR graduate, annexed Calder's GIII Azalea Breeders' Cup S. sporting Aleo's orange silks. The unbeaten MSW High Resolve (Put It Back) was a \$135,000 OBSAPR purchase.

Aleo and Gilchrist were at it again yesterday, securing hip 132, a filly by freshman sire Roar of the Tiger, for \$370,000. She is out of the unraced mare Toss the Change (Time for a Change). From the family of Charismatic and Millennium Wind, the bay was bred in Florida by Richard and Linda Thompson. The \$75,000 FTKJUL yearling worked an eighth in :10 1/5 at the first breeze show.

"The first thing that attracted us to her was her video," Gilchrist commented. "She had everything you would like in a racehorse. Obviously, somebody else liked her, too. The one thing that really sold us on her was the way she moved."

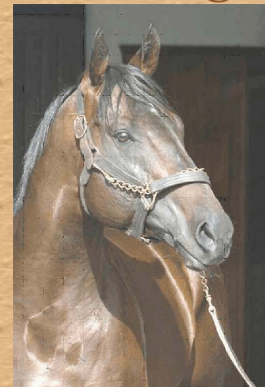
The strapping filly was consigned by Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds LLC, agent. Dean De Renzo said, "She looks like a supermodel. She's a big gorgeous filly. She's done everything right and kept her composure wonderfully throughout all of this; that's a nice sign of a good horse. We're real happy with where she's going to go. I think it all fell into place just exactly the way we would've dreamed."

Roar of the Tiger, a full brother to leading sire Giant's Causeway, stands at Hartley/De Renzo, Walmac South for \$6,000. --S. Sherack

**Nathan Fox on Storm Surge**

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**B Wayne Puts 'em Back-to-Back...**

B. Wayne Hughes made some noise on consecutive offerings, acquiring a pair of colts by freshman sires City Place and Cuvee for \$320,000 and \$310,000, respectively. Richard Mandella will train the duo.

Consigned by Hoby and Layna Knight, agent for Welcome Gate Farm as hip 48, the City Place colt is from the family of Dubai-bound Diamond Stripes (Notebook). The son of Romantic Honor (Honor Grades)--bred in Florida by Robert John Harris Training Center--worked a quarter mile in :21 2/5 at the first breeze show. The dark bay went through the ring once before, selling for \$95,000 at Keeneland September.

"They both worked very well," Seth Semkin, racing manager for B. Wayne Hughes, said. "The City Place might have been my favorite at the sale. He's an absolutely beautiful horse. I thought he performed really well on the track, he's very light on his feet. He seemed to do it within himself. He's a classy horse. Mr. Hughes is willing to take chances on first-year sires."

Hip 49, bred in Kentucky by Ironwater Farms Joint Venture, was consigned by Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds LLC, agent. The son of the track-record setting mare Royal Dove (Ire) (Royal Academy) worked an eighth of a mile in :10 1/5. He was a \$200,000 KEESEP yearling.

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**B Wayne Hughes cont.**

“Great performance on the racetrack,” Semkin continued. “He really doesn’t look like his sire. He looks more like the bottom side--the Royal Academy. He’s a good-sized horse. I thought he showed exceptional strength on the track. He galloped out really well.”

--S. Sherack

**Capuano Lands Congaree Colt...**

Trainer Dale Capuano isn’t often seen mixing it up for horses approaching the half-million mark, but yesterday the Maryland-based horseman came out swinging for hip 175, a striking colt from the first crop of Congaree, and walked away with the massive chestnut for \$410,000. Capuano signed the ticket for Kaleem Shah, for whom he purchased the horse.

“The \$400,000 was what we were shooting for, so we had to go just a little over,” said Capuano, who added of his new purchase, “He’s a big, good-looking horse. He’s got a good head on him, and Congaree could do anything.”

Capuano began training for Shah about two years ago, and though they’ve yet to partner on a stakes winner, that could soon change.

“I think we’ve got about 10 two-year-olds now,” Capuano explained. “We purchased a number of yearlings at Keeneland September.”

Shah--who is not to be confused with the famed Pollywood actor--is the founder and president of Calnet, Inc., a technology and intelligence analysis company.

Shah purchased five yearlings at last year’s September Sale for \$655,000, including a Giant’s Causeway filly he acquired for \$340,000.

“He’s really stepping up to the plate,” said Capuano, who added with a smile, “He says the rest is up to me.”

The Cal-bred hip 175, a son of SP Ali’s Dancer (Marshua’s Dancer) and a half-sibling to SW Sweet Stepper (Candy Stripes), was acquired by trainer Brian Koriner for \$130,000 at BESOCT. He was consigned to the sale by W.D. North Thoroughbreds. North sent the colt out to a :21 3/5 work Mar. 9 ([video](#)). -L.M.

**Tom Gentry Lands Mr. Greeley Filly...**

Tom Gentry, agent, went to \$550,000 to acquire a Mr. Greeley filly from the family of Questroyal at Liberty Stud stallion Jade Hunter. Her unraced dam, Bacardi Cat (Tale of the Cat), is a half to the aforementioned sire of champion Azeri. Consigned as hip 199 by Jerry Bailey Sales Agency, agent, the dark bay got an eighth of a mile in :10 2/5 at the first breeze show. Purchased for an undisclosed partnership, she will head overseas and join Jim Bolger’s yard.



*Sherackatthetrack photo*

“What didn’t I like about her? I just thought she was beautiful,” Gentry offered. “She had all the parts and pieces in the right places; very racey. She’s just one of those fillies that caught my eye the first time I looked at her.”

Bolger has had plenty of success with another filly by Mr. Greeley. Under his care, Finsceal Beo (Ire) reeled off victories in G1 1000 Guineas S., G1 Irish 1000 Guineas and the G1 Prix Prix Marcel Boussac. Finsceal Beo was crowned highweight two-year-old filly in England, Ireland and France, and was also named the champion two-year-old filly in Europe.

Gulf Coast Farm purchased Bacardi Cat at the age of four at the 2005 Keeneland January Sale for \$72,000. This filly RNA’d for \$245,000 at Keeneland September.

--S. Sherack

**OBS March Outs**

Mar. 19

233, 243, 255, 259, 262, 279, 282, 292, 296, 300, 302, 303, 315, 317, 329, 330, 346, 347, 361, 364, 369, 371, 382, 383, 392, 396, 397, 406, 424, 430, 442, 444, 445, 446, 459



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**Smart Yearling Buyback Brings \$400,000...**

Dr. Allison Foil, a local veterinarian in Ocala, was part of group that bought a Najran colt now named Cornerstonecharlie for \$22,000 as a Keeneland November weanling in 2006. Some 10 months later, Foil wasn't quite ready to end her relationship with the gray, and after the colt RNA'd for \$40,000 at last year's September Sale, she bought out the other partners. Foil's now looking pretty smart, as is Paul Sharp, who had short-listed Cornerstonecharlie as a yearling and who yesterday sold the horse to Hoods up Stable for \$400,000.

"We loved the filly at Keeneland, and she was just a little bit out of our budget," Sharp explained. "Foil knew I liked the horse, so she gave her to me to train."

Offered as hip 161, Cornerstonecharlie is out of Will Be a Bates (Bates Motel) and is a half to the stakes-placed Reel Prime (Volponi), who is currently racing in California with trainer Walther Solis.

Cornerstonecharlie registered an impressive :10 flat breeze at the Mar. 9 show (video). Asked if the colt moved up on the SafeTrack surface at OBS, Sharp replied, "I couldn't really tell the difference. I know that he took to the track very well here, but he was always a good horse anyway on the dirt track at home."

As for the purchase price, Sharp said, "You don't want to get your expectations too high with anything, but we knew that everybody liked him. People were shopping the horse very hard. He sold very well, and everyone concerned with the horse is very happy." -LM

**OBS on Pace for Record March...**

As OBS General Manager and Director of Sales Tom Ventura reminded reporters shortly after the hammer fell on yesterday's trading, it's only halftime. But following a very strong opening session, the OBS March Sale is on record pace to set new marks for average and median, and Ventura is confident the momentum will spill over into today's finale. "I haven't gone through it horse by horse, but I think we have an equally good group tomorrow," he said. In all, 110 horses sold yesterday for \$15,734,500, an average of \$143,041.

That is a massive 47.9-percent jump from last year's first-day average of \$96,683. The OBS record average of \$108,545 was set in 2006. The median was \$90,000, up 12.5 percent from the record median of \$80,000, set last year. Yesterday's buyback rate of 35.6 percent was nearly even from last year. "It was beyond expectations," Ventura commented afterwards. "I think the first sale this year [February] was excellent, and we felt confident we had a very good group of horses for this sale as well. They showed themselves well on the racetrack, all the right buyers were here-- not only the top-end buyers. The depth of buyers was excellent. It looked on the surface like we were going to have a very good sale. The only concern was the current economic climate; we didn't know how that would affect things. It's been tough times in the stock market. But that hasn't affected us, at least so far." -LM

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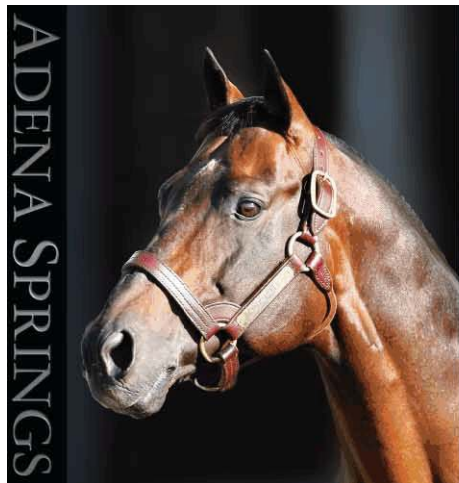
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<u>Hip</u> <b>03</b>	<u>Sex</u> <b>c</b>	<u>Sire</u> <b>Mizzen Mast</b>	<u>Dam</u> <b>Patriotforpeace</b>	<u>Price (\$)</u> <b>300,000</b>
Consigned by Excel Bloodstock, agent Purchased by Mike Ryan, agent				

The bay has made four trips through the sales ring, and has done nothing but increase in value each time. RNA'd for \$47,000 while in utero at the 2006 KEEJAN sale, he subsequently brought \$8,000 from Rhythm Run as a KEENOV weanling. E.R. Stud purchased the colt for \$40,000 as a KEESEP yearling, and he returned a 750-percent profit on that investment yesterday. E.R. Stud is operated by Ervin Rodriguez, who has raced Puerto Rican champions such as Clear Future and Tonight's Wager, as well as last year's sensation Marianita, who reeled off six straight wins before finishing second in her seventh and most recent start last November.

Hip Happenings cont. p8



# Another GOLDEN Girl!

**TOUCH GOLD's** 2YO daughter Hip 141, sold for **\$200,000** yesterday at OBS. Congratulations to buyer WinStar and consignor Nick de Meric, Agt.



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**08 f Toccet Perfect Wave 310,000**

Consigned by Nick de Meric, Agent II  
Purchased by Tim Kegel, agent

From the first crop by the GI Champagne S. and GI Hollywood Futurity winner, she was purchased for just \$32,000 by Bradley Thoroughbred Brokerage as a FTKJUL yearling. She dashed off an eighth in :10 2/5 at the first preview, and realized nearly 10 times her initial cost yesterday.

**48 c City Place Romantic Honor 320,000**

Consigned by Hoby & Layna Kight, agent for Welcome Gate Farm  
Purchased by B Wayne Hughes

The dark bay colt is by freshman City Place (Storm Cat), whose first crop has been very well received. The eight-year-old stallions stands at Hartley/DeRenzo, and this crop was bred on a \$4,000 stud fee. His first four juveniles through the ring this year have averaged \$193,750. Welcome Gate purchased this youngster for \$95,000 as a KEESEP yearling, and reaped the rewards after he dashed off a quarter in :21 2/5 at the first under-tack show.

**199 f Mr. Greeley Bacardi Cat 550,000**

Consigned by Jerry Bailey Sales Agency, agent  
Purchased by Tom Gentry, agent

Gulf Coast bought the mare for just \$72,000 at Keeneland January 2005, and bred her to Mr. Greeley when his stud fee was just \$35,000. The Gulf Coast partners opted to buy her back for \$245,000 as a KEESEP yearling, and that decision proved more than wise yesterday.

**230 f Forest Wildcat Caribbean Sol 300,000**

Consigned by Crupi's New Castle Farm, agent  
Purchased by John Sadler, agent

The February foal was bought for just \$42,000 by Stedham Stud at Keeneland September 2007. After a :10 2/5 workout, the bay proved a bargain for those connections yesterday.



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**Hip 250, f, A.P. Indy--Classic Elegance, by Carson City**  
Consigned by Jerry Bailey Sales Agency, agent

This bay is the first foal out of GII Schuylerville S. victress Classic Elegance, who was acquired by Gulf Coast for \$975,000 at the 2005 Keeneland November Sale. Jerry Bailey said, "She's out of a really nice mare. We raised her and had the plan to sell her as a two-year-old." Hip 250 worked an eighth in :10 3/5 and a quarter in :21 4/5 ([video](#)).



**Hip 258, c, Posse--Corporate Spirit, by Corporate Report**  
Consigned by Murray Smith, agent

Out of the unraced mare Corporate Spirit, this handsome bay worked a quarter in :21 2/5 ([video](#)). He was acquired at FTKJUL for \$165,000.

**Hip 264, c, Chapel Royal--Dancapade, by Polka**  
Consigned by Halcyon Hammock, agent

This son of MSW Dancapade worked a quarter in :21 ([video](#)). He is a half to SP Cocodan (Beau Genius). Hal Hatch of Halcyon Hammock offered, "He went very fast. He's big and very wide on top. He's typical of the Chapel Royals I've seen so far, a very handsome horse. He did it easily in his work." Hip 264 was a \$42,000 KEESEP graduate.



Hip Happenings cont.

**Hip 268, c, Trippi--Dancingtide, by Green Dancer**  
Consigned by Southern Cypress Stable LLC, agent

Hip 268, a \$65,000 FTKOCT yearling, worked a quarter in :21 3/5 ([video](#)) at the first breeze show. He is from the family of GSW & GISP Miss Lodi (Mr. Greeley).

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Hip Happenings cont. p9

**Hip 276, f, Exchange Rate--Disperse a Star, by Dispersal**

*Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent II*

This daughter of the winning mare Disperse a Star fired a :9 4/5 bullet ([video](#)). She was purchased at OBSAUG for \$70,000. Niall Brennan said, "She's a beauty and she's getting a lot of action."

**Hip 295, c, Lion Heart--Eggs Binnedict, by Naskra**

*Consigned by Scanlon Training Center, Agent III*

This \$100,000 KEESEP graduate worked an eighth in :10 1/5 ([video](#)). He is a half to SW Hash it Out (Lost Code) and three-quarters to GSW Artemus Sunrise (Tale of the Cat). David Scanlon said, "He's by a horse that has a real good buzz about him right now, Lion Heart. We sold Lion Heart down in Miami, and he reminds me a lot of him."



**Hip 297, c, Forest Wildcat--Elisita (Arg), by Ride the Rails**

*Consigned by Eisaman Equine, agent*

Hip 297, a \$60,000 KEESEP purchase, turned in two workouts, a :10 1/5 eighth of a mile and a quarter mile in :21 1/5 ([video](#)). His dam was a group winner in Argentina. Shari Eisaman said, "He's a big, strong route-looking horse. He's got speed on top and route on the bottom."



**Hip 332, c, D'wildcat--Good for Us, by Conquistador Cielo**

*Consigned by Leprechaun Racing, agent*

From the second crop Vinery stallion D'wildcat (Forest Wildcat), he is the first foal out of Good for Us. The \$55,000 FTKJUL purchase worked an eighth in :10 at the second breeze show ([video](#)). He is a registered Canadian-bred.

**Hip 385, c, More Than Ready--Lac Du Printemps, by Meadowlake**

*Consigned by Nick de Meric, Agent II*

This colt's dam is a full sister GISW Greenwood Lake. The \$65,000 KEESEP yearling worked an eighth in :10 1/5 ([video](#)) at the first breeze show.

**Hip 399, c, Sky Mesa--Littlebigthing, by Unbridled's Song**

*Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent XXIV*


From the family of Holy Bull, this colt worked an eighth in :10 1/5 ([video](#)). Eddie Woods said, "He's a big, tall, strong, beautiful-moving horse; just exquisitely good-looking."

**Hip 426, f, Songandaprayer--Misstormyweathers, by Storm Cat**

*Consigned by Scanlon Training Center, Agent V*

This attractive filly drilled an eighth in :10 ([video](#)) at the first show. She was picked up by Devil Eleven Stable at KEESEP for \$150,000. David Scanlon offered, "She's by Songandaprayer and she worked in :10 flat, and that always puts you on the map. She's just a nice filly. She'll be one of those that are precocious and ready to go early."



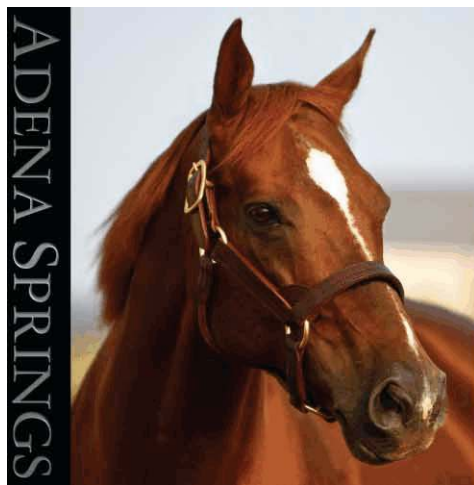


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Jay Peg (Saf) (Camden Park)	400m	:21.40
Latency (Arg) (Slew Gin Fizz)	800m	:51.77
Linngari (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire})	400m	:21.40
Quijano (Ger) (Acatenango {Ger})	800m	:48.75
Seachange (NZ) (Cape Cross {Ire})	600mT	:37.81
Sushisan (Aus) (Fuji Kiseki {Jpn})	600m	:33.11



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☆ NEWS TODAY ☆

**SECOND WELFARE AND SAFETY SUMMIT A SUCCESS**

The second Welfare and Safety of the Racehorse Summit, held Monday and Tuesday in Lexington, has been declared a success by those in attendance.

There were 62 participants at the Summit, 36 of whom



*The Jockey Club*

had not been on hand for the original conference in October of 2006. Together, they drafted action plans in seven specific areas, including track surfaces, catastrophic injuries, medication and laboratories, and

implementation and regulation (see *Primary Objectives*).

"This is a great way to bring people together for the common good, and Keeneland is proud not only to play host to it, but to assist the various committees in any way we can," Keeneland President Nick Nicholson said.

"I once again commend Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation and The Jockey Club for putting the summit together." Nicholson added, "At industry conferences, people often look for a way not to do things, but I think there's been a feeling of mutual respect permeating the air at the summit, just as there was at the last one.

Now we have to keep the momentum going and continue to make progress in the time between summits."

Ed Bowen, president of Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation, remarked, "The original Welfare and Safety of the Racehorse Summit...was not meant to begin and end with the meeting in Lexington, and I think the progress we've seen in the 17 months since then is both reassuring and gratifying. With many new faces in attendance this year, I think we were able to identify additional areas of concern and realistic actions plans to address those issues." The Summit was coordinated and underwritten by Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation and The Jockey Club, and hosted by Keeneland Association.

**Synthetic Tracks May Not Reduce Fatalities...**

According to a report in the *Daily Racing Form*, a presentation by Florida state veterinarian Dr. Mary Scollay during a five-hour discussion on track surfaces at the Welfare and Safety Summit Monday indicated that the rate of catastrophic injuries on synthetic tracks may mirror that of fatalities on conventional dirt tracks. Scollay stated that the data used for the study was not, in fact, statistically significant, and did not include results from California's four all-weather surfaces. But, using information collected since June 1, 2007, from 42 racetracks, Scollay found that there were 244 fatal injuries from 123,890 starters on conventional dirt, a rate of 1.96 per 1,000 starts; there were 58 fatalities from 29,744 starters on synthetic surfaces, a rate of 1.95 per 1,000. The *DRF* reported that the California statistics, compiled using their own statewide system, revealed a much different story. The California tracks showed a rate of 3.18 fatalities from 1,000 starters on traditional dirt from 2004-2007, as compared to a rate of 1.24 per 1,000 on synthetic tracks in 2007.

**PRIMARY OBJECTIVES OF THE WELFARE AND SAFETY SUMMIT**

- \* The adoption of the following: "The welfare and safety of the horse should be the guiding principle in the decision-making process for all segments of the horse racing industry."
- \* Coordinate all research regarding equine injuries and/or fatalities on all racing surfaces in all jurisdictions and publicize the results
- \* Create a national media strategy focusing on industry health and safety initiatives
- \* Create a research and development model for all racing surfaces
- \* Continue to support research to improve the design and utilization of equipment used to maintain racetrack surfaces
- \* Establish a central laboratory for timely analysis of race track surface materials in order to monitor track stability and provide a ready resource for track superintendents
- \* Establish uniform reporting of daily maintenance of track surfaces
- \* Promote the establishment of necropsy programs in all jurisdictions
- \* Promote the standardization of pre-race exam protocol
- \* Coordinate a blue-ribbon panel on equine racing fatalities
- \* Analyze the drug-testing infrastructure to identify cost efficiencies
- \* Develop a research/development program for drug testing in the U.S.
- \* Establish national equestrian drug-testing laboratory standards and accreditation protocol, including a research/development program
- \* Establish uniform regulation of medication usage in sales horses
- \* Create a program with incentives to attract and retain qualified regulatory veterinarians
- \* Expand the Groom Elite program on a national basis to provide training, certification and continuing ed. for all backstretch workers



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**SETBACK FOR DREAM RUSH** MGI SW Dream Rush

(Wild Rush), who was scheduled to make her 2008 debut in the Mar. 22 GI Distaff H. at Aqueduct, will be forced to miss that engagement after suffering a minor injury, the *Daily Racing Form* reports. The four-year-old filly had filling and heat in a hind leg last Sunday, and could not work as planned. X-rays proved negative, and Dream Rush should be back in action soon. "If the race was a week later, we could possibly make it," trainer Rick Violette Jr. told *DRF*. "But we're looking to have a long



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year with her, so we don't need to rush it." Four-for-seven last season with wins in the GI Prioress BC S. and GI Darley Test S., Dream Rush was sold by West Point Thoroughbreds and Lewis Lakin for \$3.3 million to Halsey Minor and his mother, Susie, at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky November sale. Overall, she has a record of 9-6-2-0 and earnings of \$627,864.

# Bluegrass Cat

Storm Cat - She's A Winner, by A.P. Indy

## First Foals Give Cause for Paws

Weanling colt from the first-crop of Grade 1-winning Millionaire Bluegrass Cat, out of Graded Stakes winner Princess Pietrina, dam of Jim Dandy (G2) runner-up Minister's Bid.



"The problem in the Southwest was that he was coming out of the Delta Jackpot, where he made a big, big run from 15 lengths back," the conditioner explained. "I'd been watching the races all day [at Oaklawn], and it seemed like everything was running close to the lead. I had to make a decision of whether to change it up or not, but I talked to [jockey Calvin Borel], and said, 'let's not change tactics.'

"He broke bad, and grabbed himself pretty bad--that's just now healed up--and after a half he was maybe 25 lengths out of it. That was just too much to overcome. But we're going forward, and we're not going to make any excuses for him. He's going to have to be right there if we're going to consider the Kentucky Derby."

Turf War, owned by George Bolton and W.S. Farish, is a May 23 foal, and his full brother Grasshopper didn't earn any attention until the summer of his three-year-old season. But immaturity is not expected to be a factor in the Kentucky-bred's Triple Crown chances.

"He's a big strong colt, and I've never looked at him as a horse that needed to mature," Casse said. "I have looked at how his brother has improved at three and four, and I've always thought he'd be a horse that would get better as he got older. I did see a big improvement in him from last summer to the fall. He grew up.

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**TDN Feature Presentation**  
**GRADE 2 LANE'S END STAKES**

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**GOING TO WAR**

**Turf War** (Dixie Union) has more than enough graded-stakes earnings to make it into the line-up for the 2008 GI Kentucky Derby. The dark bay colt earned \$400,000 for his dead-heat victory in the Dec. 7 GIII Delta Jackpot S., but he has been off the board in two other graded attempts, and he will have to prove to his connections that he belongs on the Triple Crown trail. He'll get the chance in Saturday's GI Lane's End S. at Turfway.

What will he have to show in the 1 1/16-mile test to take the next step toward Louisville?

"He's going to have to be right there," trainer Mark Casse said.

Turf War made his sophomore debut in the Feb. 18 GIII Southwest S. at Oaklawn Park, but never got into the hunt and finished ninth, some 8 1/4 lengths behind Denis of Cork. Casse is cutting the colt some slack for the performance.



**TDN Feature Presentation... Continued**  
**GRADE 2 LANE'S END STAKES**

"But he still has to prove that he's good enough--that's what we're trying to figure out Saturday. He's a nice horse and he's run one very big race, but he needs to run a couple more."

Added distance should not be an issue, either.

"Normally, you would look at a Dixie Union and think he'd be more of a miler type, but you have to go to his full brother," Casse continued. "He was second in the Travers, and he looks like he'll run all day. This horse trains that way. He's a push-button horse, and that might have been part of the trouble in the Southwest. If you sit on him, he'll just gallop along. I think that Calvin got a little overconfident, thinking when he asked him, he'd kick a little harder than he did. But you can position him anywhere, and I think that's a big part of running long. You have to be able to relax early so you can finish."

Turf War is not the only Casse-trained three-year-old with Triple Crown aspirations that will be running at Turfway Saturday. Stablemate **Miner's Claim** (Mineshaft), campaigned by Briarwood Stable (W.S. Farish, et al), will make his stakes debut in the Rushaway S. on the undercard. His connections believe he could be the best in the barn.

"I think Miner's Claim is a very good horse," Casse said. "We had some really good colts last year, and I thought he was the best of them all."

The dark bay, a \$175,000 KEESEP yearling, opened his career with a three-length maiden win in a sprint at Woodbine in October, and added a two-turn allowance score in Toronto in November. He makes his first start since in the Rushway.

"He ran into a few little problems--he ran a temperature, nothing serious--and it put us behind as far as the Kentucky Derby," Casse said. "I do believe he is Derby quality. He has the pedigree, and he went in 1:09 4/5 first time out."

"He is the only Mineshaft to break his maiden first time out, and his pedigree says he'll get better and better with each start. Well, if he does that, the sky's the limit."

Time, however, is running out for Miner's Claim to earn himself a spot in the May 3 GI Kentucky Derby.

"If we have hopes for the Kentucky Derby, he'll definitely need another start," Casse said. "Right now, we're just trying to get to this race. If he puts in a big performance, there are a couple of ways to go. We could point for the Coolmore Lexington [GI, Apr. 19], and forget the Derby, or go to the Blue Grass [GI, Apr. 12]. But we're looking more toward the Preakness and the Belmont. We're behind the eight ball, and we realize that. We'll just play it one race at a time."

**BRIS Speed Ratings**  
**Top Weekly Stakes Races**

Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
Stream of Gold (Ire)	Rainbow Quest	Mac Diarmida H.-G2	108
Lookinforthesecret	Cimarron Secret	Turf Dash S.	107
Sierra Sunset	Bertrando	Rebel S.-G2	103
Sky Mom	Maria's Mon	WinStar Sunland Park Oaks	102
Bonfante	Fruition	Bay Meadows Sprint H.-G3	101
Gottcha Gold	Coronado's Quest	Skip Away H.-G3	101
All Giving	Allen's Prospect	Conniver S.	100
Dreaming of Anna	Rahy	Hillsborough S.-G3	100
Magical Forest	Forest Camp	Spicy Award S.	100
Polonius	Broken Vow	Pasadena S.	100
Alabama Rain	Vying Victor	Portland Meadows Mile H.	99
Big Truck	Hook and Ladder	Tampa Bay Derby-G3	99
Eight Belles	Unbridled's Song	Honeybee S.-G3	99
Prince of Peace	Regal Classic	Instant Friendship S.	99
Awesome Chic	Awesome Again	Florida Oaks-G3	98
Celtic Dreamin	Game Plan	Crystal Water H.	98
High Blues	High Yield	Tejano Run S.	98
Storm Treasure	Storm Boot	Allen LaCombe Memorial H.	98
Wind Water	Bold Badgett	Bill Thomas Memorial H.	97
Carolyn's Cat	Forestry	Cicada S.-G3	96
Dance Gal Dance	Disco Rico	Love Is Eternal S.	96
Georgie Boy	Tribal Rule	San Felipe S.-G2	95
Tough Tiz's Sis	Tiznow	Harry W. Henson H.	93
Liberty Bull	Holy Bull	WinStar Derby	91

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**2008 3-YEAR-OLDS**  
 by Earnings in Graded Stakes Races  
 (through Mar. 17)

Horse	Sire	Trainer	Graded \$
War Pass	Cherokee Run	Zito	1,320,000
Pyro	Pulpit	Asmussen	1,020,000
Z Humor	Distorted Humor	Mott	524,000
Kodiak Kowboy	Posse	Asmussen	441,373
Georgie Boy	Tribal Rule	Walsh	390,000
Tale of Ekati	Tale of the Cat	Tagg	288,000
Colonel John	Tiznow	Harty	270,000
Sierra Sunset	Bertrando	Bonde	259,000
Court Vision	Gulch	Mott	256,872
Cool Coal Man	Mineshaft	Zito	212,767
Big Truck	Hook and Ladder	Tagg	194,500
Anak Nakal	Victory Gallop	Zito	189,716
Visionaire	Grand Slam	Matz	180,000
Majestic Warrior	A.P. Indy	Mott	164,000
Denis of Cork	Harlan's Holiday	Carroll	150,000
El Gato Malo	El Corredor	C Dollase	130,000
Blackberry Road	Gone West	Carroll	123,417
Z Fortune	Siphon (Brz)	Asmussen	120,000
Indian Sun	Indian Charlie	Hendricks	104,000
Atoned	Repent	Pletcher	100,000

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**FROM THE DESK OF...**

Bill Oppenheim



**SOPHOMORE MID-TERMS**

Silver Deputy's son **Posse**, a seriously fast and early two-year-old who went on to win the seven-furlong GII Riva Ridge S. at three in 2003, was Leading Freshman Sire of 2007 in North America. He had progeny earnings over \$1.75 million, and no fewer than seven individual stakes winners. Yet, by the end of the year his lead over second-placed **Harlan's Holiday**, sire of GI CashCall (formerly Hollywood) Futurity winner Into Mischief Dec. 22, was down to just over \$100,000; and numbers three and four, **Proud Citizen** (like Harlan's Holiday, an Airdrie Farm stallion) and **Van Nistlerooy**, weren't so far behind, each with progeny earnings over \$1.4 million.

Through the first 11 weekends of 2008, Harlan's Holiday has not just grabbed the lead on the second-crop sire list by cumulative (2007-08) earnings from Posse, he has opened up a margin of over \$200,000. As he was \$100,000 behind him at the end of last year, you can see that Harlan's Holiday's 2008 runners have so far earned \$300,000 more than Posse's.

In fact, Harlan's Holiday leads the list of 2008 North American sophomore sires in progeny earnings, with over \$518,000 (from Bloodhorse.com), while Posse is taking a while to gear up this year; he is sitting in 16th place in 2008 progeny earnings, at just \$213,000 so far. Harlan's Holiday has six three-year-old winners at one mile plus which have made the *TDN* Progeny PP lists. That does suggest they'll go on; he certainly did. More importantly, he has three graded-stakes horses already this year.

Denis of Cork won the GIII Southwest S. at Oaklawn Park Feb. 18 (Beyer 96), in what *TDN* pointed out, in Monday's edition, is beginning to look like a key race; the Southwest second Sierra Sunset came back to win the GII Rebel last weekend, and Southwest third Liberty Bull won the \$600,000 WinStar Derby at Sunland Park.

Besides Denis of Cork, the Harlan's Holiday colt Into Mischief came back to run second to pro-tem California divisional leader Georgie Boy in the GII San Vicente S., while the 2007 Grade III-winning filly Tasha's Miracle came back to run third in the GI Las Virgenes S., also at Santa Anita.

In his column yesterday, Andrew Caulfield was primarily talking about Storm Cat and Tribal Rule, but his observations about Georgie Boy's female pedigree (which was actually a pretty good family developed by the late Diane Kem in Oregon) illustrate how 'bush' form now shows up increasingly in the pedigrees of top American horses.

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Harlan's Holiday is a very good example of that in a couple of respects, though in one very important way his pedigree is very conventional 'good' stuff: his dam, Christmas In Aiken, is by a top broodmare sire in Affirmed and comes from a for-real top-flight family. Her granddam was Princessnesian, by Princequillo, the top broodmare sire of his generation. She beat the boys in the Hollywood Gold Cup and was a half-sister to Boldnesian, arguably Bold Ruler's most important sire son, since he sired Bold Reasoning, who in turn sired Seattle Slew. So Harlan's Holiday comes from a proven, top-class sire family, which can't be said about too many successful American sires these days.

In other respects, though, certain elements of Harlan's Holiday's pedigree are decidedly down-market. For instance, he was foaled in Ohio. Not that there's anything wrong with Buckeyes, I hasten to add, it's just not known as a breeding ground of champion Thoroughbreds. It came in handy, though; as a two-year-old, Harlan's Holiday, a \$97,000 Fasig July yearling, ran second in his first start for trainer Ken McPeck in a five-furlong maiden special at Churchill Downs in June. His next three starts came in Ohio: he broke his maiden as the even-money favorite in the \$40,000 Cleveland Kindergarten S., restricted to Ohio-breds, won another \$40,000 Ohio-bred stakes at 2-5, then stepped up to open company and won the \$200,000 Cradle S. at 1 1/16 miles at odds of 6-1.



**Oppenheim cont.**

McPeek took him back to Kentucky, where he ran second to Siphonic in the GII Breeders' Futurity at Keeneland and won the GIII Iroquois S. over one mile at Churchill Downs. In his six starts at two, Harlan's Holiday was worse than second only once at any call in any of his races; he was showing a lot of speed.

At three and four, though, Harlan's Holiday proved himself to be a very high-class nine-furlong horse, first for McPeek, who trained him through the Preakness, then for Todd Pletcher, who trained him for the remainder of his career. Harlan's Holiday won three Grade I races at nine furlongs: the Florida Derby and Blue Grass S. at three, and the Donn H. (Beyer 113) at four. He also won the GIII Pennsylvania Derby at that distance in his first start for Pletcher. He was beaten all seven times he was tried over further, though he did place in three 10-furlong Grade Is. It certainly augurs well for his future prospects that he himself continued to improve at three and four.

Harlan's Holiday went to stud at a fee of \$17,500 with some impressive credentials: he was a winner of \$3.6 million, a graded-stakes winner at two, and captured three Grade I races at three and four, placing in another five.

His sire, Harlan, was a question mark, however. Harlan's dam, the Halo mare Country Romance, had won four stakes in Alberta as a two-year-old, though she did 'go east' to place in three stakes at Woodbine at three. Still, like Ohio, Alberta is hardly known for producing horses of top international standard.

Bred by Overbrook and Arthur Hancock and trained by Wayne Lukas, Harlan was from Storm Cat's first crop. Eventually he proved to be a really good sprinter. But, after being disqualified after winning his first start, at six furlongs (though not until October of his three-year-old year), he was then campaigned exclusively at a mile and a mile and a sixteenth for his next 13 starts, breaking his maiden for real and winning four allowance races. He dropped back to seven furlongs to win a \$40,000 handicap at Saratoga in August of his four-year-old year, and only twice ran at a mile after that, finishing well down the field both times. In his next start he ran second to Birdonthewire in the GII Forego H., and his only stakes win also came at seven furlongs, in the GI Vosburgh H. at Belmont Park at five.

Harlan's first crop was foaled in 1996 and, truth to tell, he was probably one of the best stallions of what was not a great sire class. He sired only 98 foals, of which six were stakes winners, in four crops. But he had Menifee (2007 A Runner Index: 1.75, and probably the best sire yet exported to Korea) in his first crop, and Harlan's Holiday in his fourth. Harlan's last appearance on the APEX lists came at the end of 2002. At that time his figures read: 2.10 A Index, 2.10 B Index, 2.54 ABC Index and 2.32 ABC Index. So he would most likely have been a very useful sire had he lived.

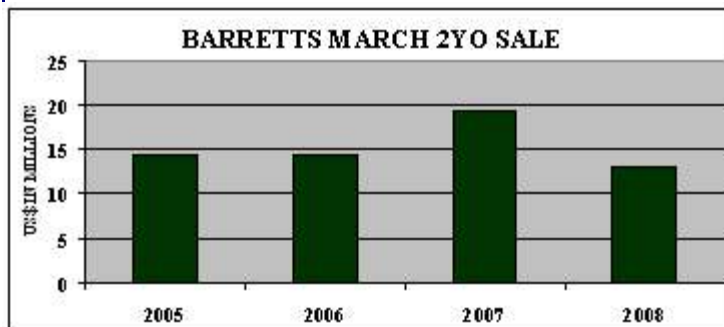
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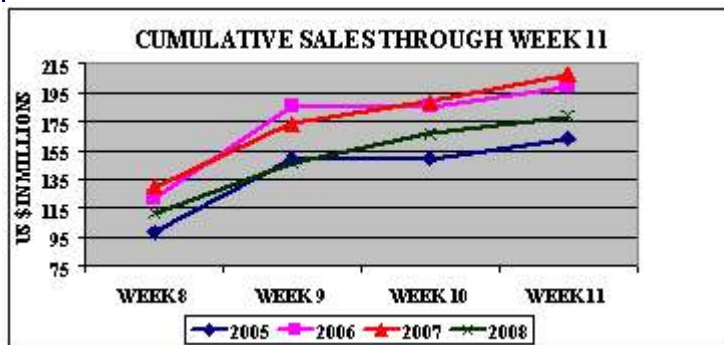
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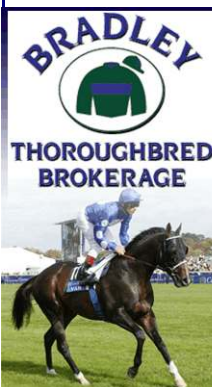
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YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% S/C	GROSS	AVG
2008	190	132	73	38.4%	\$12,966,000	\$178,027
2007	199	150	88	44.2%	\$19,340,000	\$219,773
2006	180	150	93	51.7%	\$14,361,000	\$154,419
2005	201	145	88	43.88%	\$14,360,500	\$163,188



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A final point about Harlan's Holiday is that he is one of those sires who forced his way into the limelight by siring a lot of good-looking yearlings. According to the *Instatistics* feature on [thoroughbreddailynews.com](http://thoroughbreddailynews.com), Harlan's Holiday finished fifth among North American sires with 10 or more yearlings sold in their first crops, in 2006, behind Empire Maker, Vindication, Mineshaft, and Sky Mesa, and just ahead of Aldebaran. Fifty-eight yearlings from his first crop averaged \$96,699, with a median of \$72,500--over four times his initial stud fee. They looked the part from day one.

Who knows, 6 1/2 weeks from now, after the Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks have been run, the second-crop sire list could look a whole lot different. Proud Citizen's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies second Proud Spell finally turned the tables on Indian Blessing in the \$400,000 GII Fair Grounds Oaks.

Van Nistlerooy's Grade III-winning filly from last year, Elusive Lady, came back with a second in the GIII Florida Oaks, and his G2 Richmond S. winner from last year, Strike the Deal, is pointing for the G2 UAE Derby on Dubai World Cup night.

Florida sire **Repent**, second to Johannesburg in the 2001 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile and winner of the next year's GII Louisiana Derby, is second on the 2008 second-crop sire list, with GII Robert B. Lewis S. winner Crown of Thorns, and last weekend's GIII Tampa Bay Derby second Atoned (it's worth buying one by Repent just so you can name it), and has improved from 13th at the end of last year to eighth. **Mineshaft**, third on the 2008 list and sire of GII Fountain of Youth winner Cool Coal Man, has moved from 17th to 13th; and **Vindication**, though he is still short of stars, has moved from eighth to fifth.

But, for now, and with a sire-class leading nine stakes horses to date, Harlan's Holiday has claimed top spot among North American second-crop sires, and a whole battery of runners with some class suggests that, having reached the top, he won't be that easy to dethrone.

An interesting inclusion on this list is **Hussonet**, who stood only the 2004 season in Kentucky. A multiple champion sire in Chile, he is now at Arrowfield Stud in Australia. His oldest Australian crop is now three, but six months older than his American crop, so he must have stood there in 2003, then come to Kentucky, then returned to Australia and stayed there. He's currently number one on the Australasian Two-Year-Old Sire List, runaway number one on the Australasian second-crop sire list, and number five on the 2007-08 Australasian General Sire List--in other words, he's a real star down there. He's only number 31 on the North American F2005 list, but it's an odd case. He's not a horse commercial breeders in Kentucky would have had much of a feel for, and I doubt he got anywhere near the kind of mares he got at Arrowfield.

### PART 2: NA SIRES IN EUROPE

In this season of two-year-old sales, once again a significant number of the juveniles catalogued in Europe are American-bred, by American sires. Here we publish a table of the 35 leading North American sires with 20 or more year-starters in Europe 2001-2007 (p17). [Click here](#) for the complete alphabetical list of **North American Sires with 8+ starters in Europe from 2001-2007**.

With Jim Bolger's Group 1-winning filly duo of Finsceal Beo and Saoirse Abu representing him in 2008, there wasn't much danger of **Mr. Greeley** (7.46 European A Index) being dethroned from his position in the top among North American sires in Europe. His index fell a bit--normal, as sires have more and more runners--but there's no doubt his runners like Europe just fine. He also had two stakes-placed two-year-old 'B Runners' in Europe last year, Great Barrier Reef and Swiss Franc.

Tied for second, each with four 2001-2007 European A Runners from 31 year-starters (6.45), are Shadwell's **Sahm**, by Mr. Prospector out of Salsabil, and--look, here he is again--**Smart Strike**. Both were assisted by old stagers in 2007: six-year-olds Mustameet, in Ireland, for Sahm, and the useful stayer Tungsten Strike for Smart Strike. Kevin Prendergast, who trained Mustameet for Sheikh Hamdan, also had the three-year-old Dundalk (AW) Listed winner Red Moloney, for Norman Ormiston, by Sham.

Two more Irish trainers were responsible for 2007 A Runners by **Arch** (6.41), who previously had British Group 1 winner Les Arcs to represent him. Last year, six-year-old Arch Rebel, trained by Noel Meade, won a Listed Race and placed in six more black-type races; while the three-year-old filly Arch Swing, trained by John Oxx, ran second to Finsceal Beo in the G1 1000 Guineas. Unlike the three ranked above him, two by Mr. Prospector himself and one by Gone West, Arch is a grandson of Roberto, by Kris S. So it's no surprise they act in Europe either.

**Kingmambo**, also, of course, a son of Mr. Prospector, is the runaway leader among North American sires by number of A Runners in Europe, with no fewer than 36 among his 470 European year-starters since 2001. With exactly 10 times the number of European runners during that period as Mr. Greeley, it's not surprising his European A Runner index (3.83) isn't as high. It's still plenty high enough, when you consider it's almost exactly the same as the overall figures for sires like Smart Strike (3.87 in all regions) and Distorted Humor (3.70). Those are the numbers of top-level sires, no doubt about it. Kingmambo had three group-winning two-year-old A Runners in Europe in 2007: Henrythenavigator, Thewayyouare and Alexandros.

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## Leading 2008 North American Sophomore Sires

Stallion name	YOB	Sire	Named 3yos	Runners	Winners	Wins	Earnings	SWnrs	SHs	Stands
Harlan's Holiday	1999	Harlan	94	62	28	39	2186513	5	9	KY
Posse	2000	Silver Deputy	64	48	29	50	1971909	7	8	KY
Proud Citizen	1999	Gone West	88	54	22	30	1876908	3	6	KY
Van Nistelrooy	2000	Storm Cat	121	74	31	45	1827435	6	8	KY
Vindication	2000	Seattle Slew	108	57	26	35	1394294	1	6	KY
Whywhywhy	2000	Mr. Greeley	57	41	19	31	1386433	2	5	KY
Macho Uno	1998	Holy Bull	68	35	18	26	1189995	2	4	KY
Repent	1999	Louis Quatorze	74	52	28	39	1171103	4	7	FL
Hold That Tiger	2000	Storm Cat	158	86	32	46	1167503	2	1	FR
Kafwain	2000	Cherokee Run	85	42	16	29	1145286	4	8	KY
Empire Maker	2000	Unbridled	91	32	8	13	1139707	3	5	KY
Yankee Gentleman	1999	Storm Cat	68	49	21	32	1102878	2	6	KY
Hook and Ladder	1997	Dixieland Band	53	32	10	16	1053000	2	4	NY
Mineshaft	1999	A.P. Indy	67	34	11	18	997392	2	5	KY
D'wildcat	1998	Forest Wildcat	39	25	9	12	886151	2	5	FL
Sky Mesa	2000	Pulpit	87	52	18	23	846086	1	2	KY
Sunday Break (JPN)	1999	Forty Niner	90	61	24	32	799554	0	2	KY
Cactus Ridge	2001	Hennessy	69	41	19	29	770392	1	4	KY
Flatter	1999	A.P. Indy	79	46	19	28	739783	1	5	KY
Milwaukee Brew	1997	Wild Again	82	44	23	30	739629	0	2	FL
Volponi	1998	Cryptoclearance	53	29	13	21	662961	3	4	KY
Full Mandate	1999	A.P. Indy	94	58	19	27	606067	1	2	FL
Changeintheweather	1999	Gone West	51	34	19	22	511542	1	2	PA
Drewman	1998	Unbridled	50	31	17	17	509589	0	2	FL
Aldebaran	1998	Mr. Prospector	68	37	12	16	489428	0	2	KY
Smooth Jazz	1999	Storm Boot	43	24	14	18	464006	1	1	NY
Trust N Luck	2000	Montbrook	65	40	12	18	458121	1	3	FL
Sligo Bay (IRE)	1998	Sadler's Wells	78	40	12	16	454620	1	1	FL
Najran	1999	Runaway Groom	67	34	14	17	451018	0	2	KY
Decarchy	1997	Distant View	53	24	10	17	415865	1	2	CA
Hussonet	1991	Mr. Prospector	57	29	12	12	392,636	0	4	AUS

**\*Statistics provided by TJCIS and include cumulative Northern Hemisphere earnings from the Northern Hemisphere crop of 2005, excluding earnings in Japan.**

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## Leading North America Sires in Europe 2001-2007, by EU A Runner Index

(20+ year-starters in Europe 2001-2007)

SIRE	YR	HIS SIRE	1st Fls	ST	TOT Rnrs	TOT A's	A Index	EU Rnrs	EU A's	EU A Index	EU B's	EU B Index	EU C's	EU C Index
MR. GREELEY	1992	GONE WEST	1997	KY	1260	45	1.79	47	7	7.45	3	3.19	1	0.53
SAHM	1994	MR. PROSPECTOR	2001	Dead	245	6	1.22	31	4	6.45	1	1.61	0	0.00
SMART STRIKE	1992	MR. PROSPECTOR	1998	KY	943	73	3.87	31	4	6.45	1	1.61	1	0.81
ARCH	1995	KRIS S.	2000	KY	469	16	1.71	39	5	6.41	2	2.56	3	1.92
CARSON CITY	1987	MR. PROSPECTOR	1992	Dead	1271	57	2.24	24	3	6.25	0	0.00	0	0.00
DANZIG	1977	NORTHERN DANCER	1982	Dead	505	49	4.85	218	23	5.28	17	3.90	15	1.72
PLEASANT TAP	1987	PLEASANT COLONY	1994	KY	756	31	2.05	23	2	4.35	0	0.00	1	1.09
KINGMAMBO	1990	MR. PROSPECTOR	1995	KY	1091	64	2.93	470	36	3.83	15	1.60	23	1.22
STORM CAT	1983	STORM BIRD	1989	KY	983	86	4.37	213	16	3.76	12	2.82	15	1.76
CORONADO'S QUEST	1995	FORTY NINER	2000	Dead	493	14	1.42	29	2	3.45	1	1.72	2	1.72
GHAZI	1989	POLISH NAVY	1996	MN	605	8	0.66	29	2	3.45	1	1.72	5	4.31
MISWAKI	1978	MR. PROSPECTOR	1983	Dead	664	16	1.20	149	9	3.02	4	1.34	9	1.51
BELONG TO ME	1989	DANZIG	1995	KY	1028	42	2.04	37	2	2.70	2	2.70	3	2.03
SILVER HAWK	1979	ROBERTO	1984	Dead	523	24	2.29	260	13	2.50	4	0.77	12	1.15
HENNESSY	1993	STORM CAT	1998	Dead	1123	40	1.78	80	4	2.50	2	1.25	4	1.25
DISTORTED HUMOR	1993	FORTY NINER	2000	KY	784	58	3.70	22	1	2.27	0	0.00	0	0.00
MORE THAN READY	1997	SOUTHERN HALO	2002	KY	479	17	1.77	24	1	2.08	0	0.00	1	1.04
JOHANNESBURG	1999	HENNESSY	2004	KY	242	12	2.48	80	3	1.88	0	0.00	2	0.63
GILDED TIME	1990	TIMELESS MOMENT	1995	AB	1179	32	1.36	58	2	1.72	1	0.86	2	0.86
A.P. INDY	1989	SEATTLE SLEW	1994	KY	1142	116	5.08	59	2	1.69	1	0.85	4	1.69
DIXIELAND BAND	1980	NORTHERN DANCER	1986	KY	994	29	1.46	91	3	1.65	2	1.10	3	0.82
LEMON DROP KID	1996	KINGMAMBO	2002	KY	406	20	2.46	62	2	1.61	0	0.00	4	1.61
LANGFUHR	1992	DANZIG	1999	KY	1120	56	2.50	31	1	1.61	1	1.61	1	0.81
ROYAL ACADEMY	1987	NIJINSKY II	1992	Aus	1402	53	1.89	501	16	1.60	5	0.50	20	1.00
LIT DE JUSTICE	1990	EL GRAN SENOR	1998	CA	679	18	1.33	33	1	1.52	1	1.52	1	0.76
STRAVINSKY	1996	NUREYEV	2001	JP	659	26	1.97	304	9	1.48	8	1.32	14	1.15
HIGH YIELD	1997	STORM CAT	2002	Dead	480	9	0.94	34	1	1.47	1	1.47	1	0.74
RAHY	1985	BLUSHING GROOM	1991	KY	938	45	2.40	241	7	1.45	12	2.49	17	1.76
CAPOTE	1984	SEATTLE SLEW	1989	Dead	800	22	1.38	35	1	1.43	1	1.43	2	1.43
THEATRICAL	1982	NUREYEV	1989	KY	787	38	2.41	252	7	1.39	6	1.19	20	1.98
GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	1997	STORM CAT	2002	KY	695	38	2.73	291	8	1.37	9	1.55	11	0.95
SWAIN	1992	NASHWAN	2000	KY	335	9	1.34	147	4	1.36	1	0.34	6	1.02
SEEKING THE GOLD	1985	MR. PROSPECTOR	1991	KY	813	54	3.32	200	5	1.25	8	2.00	5	0.63
BLACK MINNALOUSHE	1998	STORM CAT	2003	S.Afr	252	7	1.39	40	1	1.25	2	2.50	0	0.00
STREET CRY	1998	MACHIAVELLIAN	2004	KY	135	9	3.33	40	1	1.25	0	0.00	0	0.00

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**Pimlico Special Returns to Maryland Calendar:**

After a one-year hiatus, the GI Pimlico Special has been reinstated on the Maryland stakes schedule. The purse for the 1 3/16-mile test has been reduced to \$250,000. It will be held on Friday, May 16, the day before the GI Preakness. "In a perfect world, we would love for it to be a half-million dollar race as it was two years ago, but, right now, we are in a position where we need to take small steps and play the hand we are dealt," said Maryland Jockey Club President Chris Dragone. "That means a \$250,000 purse." With the Special back on the calendar, MJC officials opted to drop the GIII William Donald Schaefer H., with similar conditions, from the line-up.

**Yesterday's Results:**

**BENSALEM S.**, \$75,000, PHA, 3-18, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:15 4/5, ft.

1--#**ETERNAL STAR**, 116, c, 4, **Five Star Day**--Retsina's Princess, by Eternal Prince. (\$65,000 yrl '05 KEESEP). O-Harry C and Tom O Meyerhoff et al; B-George Arnold Sr & Tom Van Meter (KY); T-Michael J Trombetta; J-Julian Pimentel; \$43,100. Lifetime Record: 10-5-2-1, \$173,850. **Werk Nick Rating: B.** **Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Gold and Roses**, 120, g, 6, Gold Token--Won Perfect Rose, by Air Forbes Won. \$14,700.

3--**Cognac Kisses**, 118, h, 5, Dixie Union--Safe At the Plate, by Double Zeus. (\$125,000 2yo 2005 KEEAPR). \$8,310.

Margins: 2 3/4, 1, NK. Odds: 4.50, 1.90, 5.70.

Eternal Star opened up the 2008 season with a 3 1/4-length victory in a \$32,000 optional claimer at Laurel Feb. 8 and was sent off the lukewarm second choice to get his first stakes score. Settled off the pace through opening splits of :21.51, :43.85 and 1:09.16, the chestnut drove to the front in the final furlong and strode away to record a facile win over Gold and Roses.

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**DARING BID** (Unbridled), Authors, \$1000, 13/0/0

3-DED, Msw, 7f, Daring Pick, \$10K EVA MAR 2yo, 30-1

**ESCRITO** (Cox's Ridge), 15/1/0

3-DED, Msw, 7f, Escritos Trickster, 8-1

**FIFTY STARS** (Quiet American), 14/3/0

8-DED, Alw, 7f, Fifty Starlet, 5-1

**GRIFFINITE** (Unbridled's Song), 32/2/0

8-AQU, Stk, 1m, Violent Behavior

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

10-TAM, Msw, 6f, Perla Storm, \$10K OBS APR 2yo, 6-1

**HARLAN'S HOLIDAY** (Harlan), Airdrie, \$18K, 169/29/5

10-TAM, Msw, 6f, +Elusive Flower, \$50K KEE SEP yrl, 5-1

**HOLD THAT TIGER** (Storm Cat), Ashford, \$15K, 250/33/2

10-DED, Alw, 1m, Bengal Boutique, \$80K FTK JUL yrl, 2-1

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

6-AQU, Msw, 1m, Gullible Gal, \$310K FTK JUL yrl

9-AQU, Msw, 6f, Evaluator, \$85K OBS MAR 2yo

**INDY KING** (A.P. Indy), Adena South, \$2K, 58/4/0

8-AQU, Stk, 1m, Blew Me Away, \$15K ADS SPR 2yo

**MAYAKOVSKY** (Matty G), Mill Creek, \$3K, 56/3/0

9-AQU, Msw, 6f, Vladimira

9-AQU, Msw, 6f, +Shirley Law

**PAYNES BAY** (Mr. Prospector), Norse Ridge, \$3K, 82/4/0

6-AQU, Msw, 1m, Sunset Heights

**SLIGO BAY (IRE)** (Sadler's Wells), Adena South, \$10K, 128/12/1

6-AQU, Msw, 1m, Narragansett Beach, \$60K EAS MAY 2yo

**VINDICATION** (Seattle Slew), Hill 'n' Dale, \$50K, 229/26/1

10-DED, Alw, 1m, Miss Van Gogh, 6-5

**WHYWHYWHY** (Mr. Greeley), Gainesway, \$8K, 100/19/2

8-DED, Alw, 7f, Why Why Wired, \$42K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1

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**NJ Senate Passes Racing Subsidy Measure:**

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Skagerrak, c, 4, [Dynaformer](#). See "Breeders' Edition Europe."



**TATTS FILES SUIT OVER DECEMBER MARES**

Bloodstock agent Charlie Gordon-Watson has become involved in a lawsuit with Tattersalls over his client's non-payment for three purchases at the auction house's December Sales last year, according to *Racing Post*. The trade daily claims a High Court writ states an amount of £2,751,262.50 remains unpaid with regard to the purchase, on behalf of client Michael Baker, of G1 Prix Vermeille heroine **Sweet Stream (Ity)** (Shantou), for 1.1-million guineas; dual Group 3 victress **Silverskaya** (Silver Hawk), for 750,000 guineas; and **Mora Bai (Ire)** (Indian Ridge {Ire}), an unraced half-sister to High Chaparral (Ire), for 380,000 guineas. All three mares are now back in the possession of Tattersalls. "There is an issue relating to three mares, but we are confident that it will be resolved in due course," a Tattersalls representative told *Racing Post*. The trade daily also alleges that Baker, who faces trial at Maidstone Crown Court next month for attempting to dishonestly obtain property from trainers Henry Cecil and Oliver Sherwood, convinced Gordon-Watson he had sufficient funds to make such purchases. "I can't say anything about the High Court writ, but we are hopefully going to get it resolved in the next few days," Baker told the *Post*. "I have been talking to Bracher Rawlins, who are dealing with Tattersalls, and a compromise has been reached, I believe." Gordon-Watson was not available for comment.

• ON THE WORKTAB •

BELMONT PARK

Naughty New Yorker (Quiet American), 5f(tr.), 1:02.24, 4/11

LAUREL

My Mammy (Came Home), 4f, :49.20, 5/16

★ FRANCE ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

**Saint-Cloud, 2.50, Mdn, €22,000, unraced 3yo, c/g, 1 5/16mT, 2:27.30, hy.**  
 + **TROIS ROIS (FR)** (c, 3, [Hernando {Fr}](#)--[Trevisse {Fr}](#), by [Anabaa](#)) raced in sixth until making headway under pressure once into the stretch run. Quickening to the fore approaching the final eighth, the 23-2 chance surged clear in the closing stages to account for Head of Defence (Cozzene) by an impressive six lengths. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €11,000. O-Alec Head; B-Alec & Ghislaine Head; T-Freddy Head.

**Saint-Cloud, 3.20, Mdn, €22,000, unraced 3yo, f, 1 5/16mT, 2:28.40, hy.**  
 + **FOLLE ALLURE (FR)** (f, 3, [Poliglote {GB}](#)--[Irish Arms {Fr}](#), by [Irish River {Fr}](#)), a 3/4-sister to Nysaeon (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), MGSW & G1SP-Ire, SW & GSP-Fr, \$413,091, was reserved off the pace in rear for the first half of this debut contest. Making headway into contention rounding the home turn, the 69-10 chance seized the initiative at the distance and was pushed out late to score by 1 1/2 lengths from Myakoda (Fr) (Tremolino). The winner is also a sibling to Celtic Cavalier (Ire) (Caerleon), G1SP-Ire; and Charme Slave (Fr) (Sicyos), SW-Fr, \$214,173 Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €11,000. O/B-Mme R Ades & Mme Patrick Ades-Hazan; T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

**BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA**

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**10th-PHA, \$44,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, 1m70y, 1:42 1/5, ft.**  
**PROUDLY PYRITE (g, 4, Formal Dinner--Pride of Pyrite, by Morning Bob)** Lifetime Record: 19-5-3-2, \$96,345. O-Preferred Pals Stable. B-Dr D W Frazier (FL). T-Joseph A Devereux. \*\$8,000 2yo 2006 OBSAPR.

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**STAKES CLOSINGS**

**TODAY, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19:**  
 03-29 \$150,000 [Bonnie Miss-II, GP, 3yo, f, 9f \(150\)](#)

**TOMORROW, THURSDAY, MARCH 20:**  
 03-30 \$150,000 [Orchid H.-III, GP, 4yo/up, f/m, 12fT \(150\)](#)

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**9th-MNR, \$24,900, 3-17, NW2L, 3yo/up, 5f, :58 3/5, my.**  
**STERLING NINER (c, 4, Luhuk--Fauffy {SW, \$126,969}, by Creole Dancer)** Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$30,142. O-Country Ridge Racing LLC. B-Andrena F Van Doren (KY). T-Tim Schuh.

**5th-TAM, \$20,400, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:44 3/5, gd.**  
**VANQUISHER (g, 4, Gulch--The Relentless Cat, by Storm Cat)** Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-1, \$64,722. O-Kinsman Stable. B-Kinsman Farm (FL). T-D Bennett.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**D' high Speed, f, 3, High Yield--Velvet Panther** (2X Ch. Imp. Older Mare-PR, MSW-PR, \$391,440), by Pentaquod. PHA, 3-18, 1m70y, 1:44 3/5. B-Establo P R Speed (KY). \*1/2 to D' Wildcat Speed (Forest Wildcat), GSW-US, MSW-PR, \$530,755; D'court's Speed (Doneraile Court), MSP, \$118,190.  
**Annie's Boy, g, 4, Caracal--Lil' Awesome Annie (SP), by Matty G. SUN, 3-18, (S), 1m, 1:38. B-S Fulton (NM).**

**SO. HEMISPHERE WINNERS BY U.S. SIRES:**

**Don Misil (Arg), c, 2, Mutakddim--Milonga Querida** (Arg), by Southern Halo. Argentina, Palermo, 3-17, Mdn, 1200m, 1:10.84. O/B-San Benito; T-C D Etchehoury; Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, P37,500. \*Won by 4 lengths.

**Stormy Madrina (Arg), f, 4, Bernstein--Madame Toss** (Arg), by Egg Toss. Argentina, Palermo, 3-17, Alw, 1600m, 1:36.80. O-El Chinchorro; B-Haras La Biznaga (ARG); T-H O Capano. Lifetime Record: 19-3-0-3, P78,200.

• ON THE WORKTAB •

PALM MEADOWS

Tale of Ekati (Tale of the Cat), 4f, :50.80, 26/30

PAYSON PARK

Life Is Sweet (Storm Cat), 4f, :52.40, 17/21  
 Sharp Susan (Touch Gold), 4f, :50.60, 9/21

SANTA ANITA

Foxysox (GB) (Foxhound), 5f, 1:00.40, 13/42  
 Heatseeker (Ire) (Giant's Causeway), 5f, 1:04.40, 42/42  
 Exhale (Millennium Wind), 6f, 1:14.80, 7/9  
 Greg's Gold (Lake George), 7f, 1:23.40, 1/4

FAIR GROUNDS

Grasshopper (Dixie Union), 4f, :52.00, 10/10

GULFSTREAM

Jockey Ridge (Broken Vow), 4f, :51.20, 12/13  
 Elysium Fields (El Prado {Ire}), 6f, 1:12.00, 1/1

HOLLYWOOD

First Defence (Unbridled's Song), 4f, :48.60, 15/29  
 Night Chapter (GB) (Night Shift), 4f, :48.40, 12/29  
 Ginger Punch (Awesome Again), 6f, 1:13.80, 5/12  
 Zenyatta (Street Cry {Ire}), 6f, 1:11.20, 2/12

**BREEDERS' EDITION  
 EUROPE**

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**FRANCE, Lyon-Parilly, 3.05, 3-18, €27,000, 4yo/up, 1 3/8mT, 2:20.31, sf.**

**LIGHT IMPACT (IRE) (f, 4, Fantastic Light--Ganga {Ire}, by Generous {Ire})** Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 9 starts, 2 wins, 5 places, €41,500. O-Mme Africa Cuadralores; B-West Stow Stud Ltd; T-Carlos Laffon-Parias.

**FRANCE, Saint-Cloud, 4.00, 3-18, €23,000, 3yo, 1 5/16mT, 2:29.20, hy.**

**NO GREEN JUST BLUE (FR) (c, 3, Green Tune--Hot Blues {Fr}, by Zayyani {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €23,600. O/B-Gerard Samama; T-Jean-Pierre Pelat.

**FRANCE, Saint-Cloud, 5.00, 3-18, €22,000, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:49.30, hy.**

**SKAGERRAK (c, 4, Dynaformer--Si Je N'Avais Plus {Ire} {MSP-Fr}, by Kaldoun {Fr})** Lifetime Record: 8 starts, 3 wins, 3 places, €55,050. O/B-Maurice Lagasse; T-David Smaga. \*€220,000 yrl '05 DEAAUG; €185,000 HIT '07 GOFARC. \*\*1/2 to Steel the Glory (Saint Ballado), SW-US, \$118,635.

**FRANCE, Lyon-Parilly, 2.05, 3-18, €19,000, 3yo, 1 3/8mT, 2:23.98, sf.**

**REBEL DANCER (FR) (g, 3, Dark Moondancer {GB}--Poupee d'Ancyre {Fr}, by Brinkmanship)** Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 2 wins, 0 places, €16,000. O-Mme M Thomas; B-PA Barthelemy; T-X Thomas-Demeaulte.

**ITALY, Rome, 3.10, 3-18, €9,000, 3yo, 1m (AWT), 1:43.50, stn.**

**NATAL LAD (IRE) (c, 3, Acclamation {GB}--Gentle Guest {Ire}, by Be My Guest)** Lifetime Record: SP-Ity, 14-4-1-2, €45,883. O-Angelo Pettinari; B-Mrs S O'Riordan; T-G Bietolini. \*1,200gns yrl '06 DONOCT.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Emperors Jade (GB), c, 3, Averti (Ire)--Bliss (Ire), by Statoblest (Ire).** Kempton Park, Britain, 3-18, Mdn, 3-5yo, 6f (AWT). B-Simon Duffield & William Harrison-Allan. \*45,000gns yrl '06 DONSEP.

**Trombadelgiudizio (Ire), f, 3, Lomitas (GB)--Terre Vierge (Fr) (SW-Fr), by Common Grounds (GB).** Rome, Italy, 3-18, Mdn, 3yo, f, 1mT. B-Razza Del Pian Del Lago. \*€35,000 yrl '06 ITYSEP.

**SO. HEMISPHERE WINNER BY EUROPEAN SIRE:**

**Miss Dixiland (Arg), f, 4, Numerous--Rekindled,** by Dixieland Band. Argentina, La Plata, 3-16, Alw, 1600m, 1:36.43. O/B-Firmamento (ARG); T-J R Gutierrez. Lifetime Record: MGSP-Arg, 18-5-3-4, P115,485. \*Full to Mr. Kind (Arg), SP-Arg.