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## RECORDS TUMBLE AT OBS MARCH

Following two action-packed days of trading at the OBS March Selected Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training in Florida, officials were grasping for superlatives as the sale established new marks for average (\$143,262), median (\$100,000) and gross (\$33,380,000). That sale was so strong that the gross easily bested the 2006 figure of \$31,044,000, despite 53 fewer horses selling. Topping yesterday's action was a son of More Than Ready who elicited a bid of \$650,000 from trainer Bob Holthus on behalf of Dave Clark's Iron Horse Stables. "It



Hip 373 Horsephotos

was spectacular," said OBS General Manager and Director of Sales Tom Ventura. "It was really beyond our expectations."

### Ready for Love...

On Sunday, as she was showing a handsome, muscular son of More Than Ready from her husband Nick de Meric's consignment, Jacui de Meric told a prospective buyer, "You know, I did something I've never done before. When we saw this horse last September, I put a big heart on his catalog page. I just loved him, and he isn't even my type of horse."

Jacui's love for the chestnut perhaps went to another level yesterday when the colt, cataloged as hip 373, touched off a spirited bidding duel that ended with a bid of \$650,000 from trainer Bob Holthus. That would turn out to be the top price paid for any horse during OBS March's two-day run. Buzz Chace was the immediate underbidder. Holthus sat inside the sales pavilion alongside Dave Clark, for whom he purchased the colt, and both men said they were equally enamored.

"I really loved the colt," said Holthus, before adding with a smile, "But I didn't think we'd have to give that much for him. But that's the way the sale has been: it's either sky high or you can't give them away. I thought he'd go for between \$350,000 and \$400,000."

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### From Flagfall to Finish...

On Tuesday, three of the first nine horses through the ring made \$300,000 or more. Yesterday, three of the final seven horses made at least that, with one over the \$400,000 mark and the other at \$500,000. From start to finish, action was brisk at OBS March and that was reflected when the final calculations were done.

In all, 233 horses were sold for a record gross of \$33,380,000. The average price for a juvenile was \$143,262, which was up 36.6 percent from last year and crushed the 2006 record of \$108,545 by 32 percent. For the first time in the sale history, the median hit the six-figure mark. The sale median was an even \$100,000, spurred on by a median of \$140,000 on the second day of trading. The previous record median was \$82,000, established last year.

"In this business, and in my position, you try to keep an even keel," OBS' Tom Ventura said after the sale's completion. "Because the highs are high and the lows are low. So you try not to get overexcited, because when things are going good, something can come along and knock you down in the dumps. But it's hard to contain the thrill, really. It was that big of a sale. The consignors stepped up. We got the A string from guys that we used to get the B and C strings from in the past, and it bore itself out in the end."

Asked what made the sale such a must-attend event for buyers, he said, "Well, of course the horses we had this year. But I think the racing performance of the graduates. I think when you can put eight Grade I winners on the cover, you can't buy that kind of advertising."

The March Sale built on strong gains at the OBS February Sale, both of which bucked the trends at the other two major auctions. Numbers were relatively even at Fasig-Tipton Calder, while Barretts March experienced declines. Ventura is optimistic the March Sale can continue to improve in the coming years.

"A few years ago, we made a big jump, then held our own through some tough times, then made a big jump again," he said. "I didn't expect this kind of jump in this economic climate, so I certainly think we can go forward from here. Especially because I think the consignors will be even more willing to bring their high-end horses here." -L Marquardt

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WEDNESDAY - TOP LOTS**

<u>Hip</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Sire</u>	<u>Dam</u>	<u>Price (\$)</u>
<u>373</u>	c	<u>More Than Ready</u>	Jouled Rhythms	650,000
(\$97,000 wnl '06 KEENOV; \$110,000 yrl '07 KEESEP)				
<i>B-Brian D Hoeweler (KY)</i>				
Consigned by Nick de Meric, Agent I				
Purchased by Iron Horse Racing				
<u>242</u>	f	<u>Trippi</u>	Chi	550,000
(\$60,000 yrl '07 OBSAUG)				
<i>B-Brad &amp; Shirley Gay (FL)</i>				
Consigned by Woodside Ranch for Newbridge Bloodstock				
Purchased by John Ferguson				
<u>456</u>	f	<u>Dixie Union</u>	Open Flirt	500,000
(\$230,000 i/u '05 KEENOV)				
<i>B-Dark Hollow Farm, Fast Kitty Farm, A Davidov &amp; Mr &amp; Mrs D Schwaber (MD)</i>				
Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent XVI				
Purchased by Mike Ryan, agent				
<u>276</u>	f	<u>Exchange Rate</u>	Disperse a Star	490,000
(\$32,000 wnl '06 OBSOCT; \$70,000 yrl '07 OBSAUG)				
<i>B-Jilsie's Gigalo Stables &amp; William Jurgens (FL)</i>				
Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent II				
Purchased by R B T S, agent				
<u>455</u>	f	<u>Forest Wildcat</u>	On the Town	425,000
(\$20,000 i/u '05 KEENOV; \$50,000 yrl '07 KEESEP)				
<i>B-Lantern Hill Farm (KY)</i>				
Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent V				
Purchased by Iron Horse Racing				
<u>398</u>	c	<u>Dixie Union</u>	Lindsay Frolic	400,000
(\$220,000 yrl '07 KEESEP)				
<i>B-Stride Rite Racing Stable (FL)</i>				
Consigned by Peacock Ridge (Becky Boyd), Agent I				
Purchased by B Wayne Hughes				
<u>258</u>	c	<u>Posse</u>	Corporate Spirit	375,000
(\$75,000 wnl '06 KEENOV; \$165,000 yrl '07 FTKJUL)				
<i>B-Equus Farm &amp; Susan M Forrester (KY)</i>				
Consigned by Murray Smith, agent				
Purchased by George Bolton				
<u>440</u>	f	<u>Tapit</u>	My White Corvette	375,000
(\$50,000 yrl '07 KEESEP)				
<i>B-Fletcher &amp; Carolyn Gray &amp; John Youngblood (KY)</i>				
Consigned by Shadybrook Farm (Michael Yates), Agent I				
Purchased by Christopher Paasch				
<u>448</u>	f	<u>Yonaguska</u>	Noon Time Dancer	350,000
(\$37,000 i/u '05 KEENOV; \$17,000 wnl '06 OBSOCT; \$37,000 yrl '07 OBSAUG)				
<i>B-Roger Cimbora &amp; Richard &amp; Cynthia Daniels (FL)</i>				
Consigned by N Brennan Stables, for North & N Brennan				
Purchased by Todd A Pletcher, agent				

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<u>Hip</u>	<u>Price (\$)</u>	<u>Yrl Price-Sale</u>
<u>398</u>	400,000	220,000-KEESEP
<i>(c, Dixie Union--Lindsay Frolic, Mt. Livermore)</i>		
'08 Consignor: Peacock Ridge (Becky Boyd), Agent I		
Purchased by B. Wayne Hughes		
<u>49</u>	310,000	200,000-KEESEP
<i>(c, Cuvee--Royal Dove {Ire}, Royal Academy)</i>		
'08 Consignor: Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds LLC, agent		
Purchased by B Wayne Hughes		
<u>213</u>	450,000	200,000-KEESEP
<i>(c, Giant's Causeway--Bisbee's Prospect, by Smart Strike)</i>		
'08 Consignor: Off the Hook LLC, agent		
Purchased by Ray Bell, agent		
<u>46</u>	350,000	200,000-SARAUG
<i>(c, Posse--Reverse the Call, by Phone Trick)</i>		
'08 Consignor: Eddie Woods, Agent XL		
Purchased by Tim Ritvo, agent for Paul Keating Sr		

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**Ready to Fly...**

Iron Horse Racing's Dave Clark is known in the business as the aviation guru who now owns H. E. Tex Sutton, the horse transportation business. According to the company website, it was Tex Sutton, the founder of the company who sold it to his friend Clark in 1998, who originally turned Clark onto racing. Not, of course, by encouraging him to get involved, but by warning of the risk in the sport.



**\$650k More Than Ready**  
*Lucas Marquardt*

Sutton, who passed away in 2000, might be shaking his head at his old friend right now after Clark went to a sale-topping \$650,000 for hip 373, a colt by More Than Ready. While Clark admitted it was more than he

expected to have to pay, he was intent on taking the horse home with him.

"I'm an easy catch," he chuckled. "Once they get me in the game, I keep going."

Clark, whose son Rob Clark now runs the day-to-day operations of Tex Sutton, said the colt's breeze was a major selling point. The chestnut registered a one-furlong move in :10 flat ([video](#)).

"He was just very athletic and breezed well within himself," Clark added. "He had a nice, powerful long stride. But we'll find out when he runs."

Clark has about four two-year-olds now, with another four of racing age. Of future plans, Clark said, "What I'd like to do is get him settled in at Oaklawn with Bob [Holthus]. Then go up to Keeneland and then we'll stable at Churchill and run there."

For consignor Nick de Meric, the sale represented a choice pinhooking success. Originally a \$97,000 Keeneland November weanling, hip 373 was acquired by de Meric for \$110,000 at the Keeneland September Sale.

Often times, horses blossom into stars in the time between the yearling and juvenile sales, but de Meric said that wasn't the case with the youngster.

"You know, he was a great-looking yearling, and he's a great-looking two-year-old," said de Meric. He added, "In my career of selling two-year-olds, which is about 25 years, I've sold three horses that have worked in :10 flat, and he's one of them. So it's pretty unusual for one of mine to do that. They need to be a little bit special for them to do that out of my consignment. He was just about the most beautiful mover you've ever seen. It just looks like he's hovering above the ground about eight inches. He's got tremendous reach for a horse his size, tremendous power and strength, and all the balance and athleticism that you could ask for in a two-year-old. And I think people recognize what kind of versatile and useful sire More Than Ready already is."

De Meric said he expected the colt to shine later this year, and perhaps beyond as the distances get longer.

"I think he'll be able to do whatever you want him to; I don't see anything standing in the way of him going two turns," said the Englishman. "But I'll think they'll have some fun with him at two before he needs to do that." -L Marquardt



**OBS MARCH 2YO SALE**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAR. 19, 2008**

<u>CUMULATIVE</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Catalogued	460	520
No. Offered	345	379
No. Sold	233	253
RNAs	112	126
% RNA	32.4%	33.2%
No. \$400K+	13	4
High Price (\$)	625,000	900,000
Gross (\$)	33,380,000	26,541,000
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**Darley Strikes Again With Trippi Filly...**

Darley went to \$550,000 to secure a filly by Trippi from the family of Horse of the Year Curlin (Smart Strike). Among the bidders on the filly were Jeff Puglisi



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and Steve Klesaris, as well as Reynolds Bell. Out of the unraced Silver Hawk mare Chi, she is a granddaughter of Barbarika (Bates Motel), who produced Sherriff's Deputy (Deputy Minister)--the dam of the G1 Dubai World Cup hopeful. Bred by Brad and Shirley Gay, the Florida-bred filly was consigned

by Bryan Rice's Woodside Ranch, agent for New Bridge Bloodstock, as hip 242.

"Both [also purchased hip 12, a \$550,000 Pure Prize colt yesterday] were very similar types," said Jimmy Bell, who signed the ticket on behalf of John Ferguson. "She had a lovely disposition. Sheikh Mohammed was happy to receive these two, and we were fortunate enough to be able get them. With horses that are not be asked for everything, it should look like they have something in reserve. That really is the distinguishing mark. John's feeling was that she had answered all the questions and her physical prowess on the racetrack is what really persuaded him to want to follow her to the end."

It was quite a pinhook for Rice's operation, who purchased the dark bay for \$60,000 at OBSAUG.

"She's been a beautiful filly the whole time we've had her," Rice offered. "She finished out nicely coming into the sale. I think that everything about her--her frame, her mind, her walk, her breeze--everything was right on the mark, and she really represented herself well."

The registered Florida-bred zipped an eighth in :10 at the first breeze show.

"She's just professional," Rice continued. "She just went about it smoothly and zipped down through there just like you'd hope for her to, and her gallop-out was big. She is just a true professional."

--S. Sherack

**Bell Rings One Up For Exchange Rate Filly...**

Shut out on the session-topping Trippi filly, bloodstock agent Reynolds Bell rallied the proverbial troops and was back to land hip 276, a filly by Exchange Rate,



**Reynold Bell**  
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for \$490,000. It was the fourth-highest price on the day. Bell was on his cell phone in the rear walking ring during the bidding, nodding to the bidspotter as a foe out front fought gamely. There was a lengthy pause after Bell's \$470,000 bid, and the spotter offered an exasperated laugh when the bidders in front--reportedly representatives of WinStar--finally responded at \$480,000, but Bell's next bid was the winning one. Bell said

afterwards that the filly's blistering :9 4/5 work--cofastest of the sale--helped distinguish her.

"She had a great work, did it easily," Bell said. "The consignor liked her a lot, and I like the consignor."

The consignor in question is Niall Brennan, who purchased the filly as an OBSAUG yearling for \$70,000 last year. The filly previously was a \$32,000 OBSOCT weanling purchase by My Eye Stable.

"We're very happy with the price," Brennan offered. "She's a beautiful filly and obviously caught everybody's eye. She's got the physical to go with her athleticism, and her work was super. She did have a tiny little vet issue that might have affected a couple of buyers, but she still sold really well. I'm delighted and we wish them the best. I think they bought a special filly, and I've had enough of them to go through my hands to know. She's very talented and has a super disposition."

Bell said he was buying the filly for an unnamed overseas partnership headed by trainer Jeremy Nosedo.

"The price came as no surprise," said Bell. "For us, she was one of the top two fillies in the sale."

Born on the Ides of March, the filly was produced by the winning Dispersal mare Disperse a Star, a half-sister to the very good Japanese MSW and \$4.5-million earner South Vigorous (End Sweep). Bell said he was a fan of the filly's sire, the Danzig horse Exchange Rate.

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**DEEPAK, Winner of the Gran Premio Asociación Latinoamericana de Jockey  
Clubes E Hipódromos-Copa Falabella (GI) 3/15, Peru**

O-Stud Myrna; B-Joan Foliart (KY); T-Jorge Salas

Sold Keeneland September 2005 for \$12,000; Earnings to date: \$175,099

Consigned by Dan Mallory, Agent; Purchased by Fernando Valdizan

**GOOD BA BA, Winner of the Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup (GI) 3/16, Hong Kong**

O-John Yuen Se Kit; B-Haras Santa Maria de Araras; T-Andreas Schutz

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**Dixie Union Filly Ends OBS With a Bang...**

With only a few juveniles left to enter the ring, a Dixie Union filly out of the A.P. Indy mare Open Flirt brought \$500,000 from Mike Ryan, agent, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. William K. Warren, Jr.

"Her class, her demeanor and her pedigree," Ryan said when asked what landed him on the dark bay. "She reminded me of the Seattle Fitz (Arg) at Barretts [\$600,000 Seattle Fitz colt purchased by Ryan for Warren at last week's Barretts Sale]. She went down there in a high gallop, just unbelievable. She'd look good with me on her back. She went down there in :11 and didn't draw a breath."

Ryan and Warren have also teamed up on the unbeaten sophomore Denis of Cork (Harlan's Holiday), who was acquired at the 2007 Barretts March Sale for \$250,000. Ryan has bought only two other fillies for Warren, including GSW Carolyn's Cat (Forestry).

"He's enjoying the game right now," Ryan said of Mr. Warren. "He's had a lot of luck lately, and he's a great participant in the sport."

Open Flirt was acquired by Dark Hollow Farm for \$230,000 at the 2005 Keeneland November Sale carrying this filly. The juvenile was bred in Maryland by Dark Hollow Farm, Fast Kitty Farm, Arnold Davidov and Mr. and Mrs. David Schwaber. This cross has been tried eight times, and has produced GSW High Cotton and some others.

David Hayden of Dark Hollow commented, "We bought the mare at Keeneland carrying this filly. For a lot of my partners, this is the biggest score of their lives. We're friends. I'm excited! Last May, when they were taking the entries for the Keeneland September Sale, Dixie Union was a little cold, so we decided to wait until the two-year-olds sales."

The dark bay, a granddaughter of GSW With a Wink (Clever Trick), was consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent XVI, as hip 456. Alex Solis of Alex Solis Bloodstock was the underbidder.

--S.S. & L.M.

**Bell cont.**

"Exchange Rate's an up-and-coming sire," he said. "He's moved up from Florida and is in Kentucky now, and he did very well down here with Florida mares, and I think he has the potential to be an exceptional sire."

Just minutes after securing the Exchange Rate filly, Bell jumped back in and purchased hip 284, a filly by Stormy Atlantic, for \$200,000. He said it was for a different American client, but declined to name the buyer. The dark bay hailed from the M & H Training and Sales draft.

Bell was quick to praise his associates at Reynolds Bell Thoroughbred Services, in particular his Florida scouts.

"I've got a great team down here," he said. "Julie Cauthen heads it up. She's here most of the winter and finds nice horses, and we expect to be in against other people who also find nice horses."

Bell added that it had been tough sledding trying to land his top prospects during the two-day sale.

"I was under on the Trippi filly, I was under on three colts yesterday," he said.

-L Marquardt



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**Dixie Union Colt to Hughes...**

B. Wayne Hughes went to \$400,000 to land a Dixie Union half-brother to ill-fated millionaire Super Frolic (Pine Bluff). Consigned as hip 398 by Peacock Ridge (Becky Boyd), Agent I, the son of Lindsay Frolic (Mt. Livermore), GSW, \$422,665, worked three furlongs in :34 3/5.

"He has good breeding and he's a good-looking horse," said Seth Semkin, racing manager for B. Wayne Hughes. "We like the sire. I like the way he worked. It wasn't particularly fast--they breezed him three-eighths--but he galloped out really well. He galloped out at a steady-going pace, like a route horse. I liked the look of the horse. He's made more like a route horse and he traveled that way. With that much family, it looked like a good way to go."

The half-brother to MSW & GSP Stormy Frolic (Summer Squall) will head to Hughes's Spendthrift Farm in Lexington, Kentucky. He will likely join trainer Richard Mandella's barn after receiving some downtime.

"The way that Mr. Hughes does it, after we've gotten all the two-year-olds broke and all the two-year-old sales done, he lets Richard go and look at all of them and choose," Semkin added. "Richard did like the horse, too. He left [Tuesday], but we talked about the ones that went through today."

**BUYING AT THE TOP OF THE MARKET AT THE 2008 OBS MARCH SALE**

*There were 13 2yos purchased for \$400,000 or more at OBS March 2008 (up from 4 in 2007)*

Buyer	\$400K+ '08	\$400K+ '07
Ray Bell, agent	1	0
Brian Koriner	0	1
John Ferguson/Darley	2	1
Tom Gentry, agent	1	0
Hoods Up Stable	1	0
B Wayne Hughes	1	0
Iron Horse Racing	2	0
John Kimmel, agent	1	0
John Sadler, agent	0	1
Kaleem Shah	1	0
Mike Ryan, agent	1	0
R.B.T.S, agent	1	0
W S Farish	0	1
Zayat Stables	1	0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>

The Florida-bred, a \$220,000 KEESEP graduate, was bred by Stride Rite Racing Stable. --S. Sherack

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**Puglisi and Klesaris Hit Early and Often...**

Owner Jeff Puglisi and trainer Steve Klesaris were largely absent from the two-year-old sales over the past two years, but have returned with a vengeance in 2008. Nowhere was that more evident than at the OBS March sale, where Puglisi and Klesaris teamed to purchase no fewer than 11 horses for \$2.03 million. The average cost was \$184,545.

The lot included hip 232, a daughter of Proud Citizen who made \$320,000, the top price paid by the men at March. The Feb. 25 miss is from the family of Praying For Cash and was consigned to the sale by Parrish Farms, agent. The prices of the rest of their purchases, almost exclusively fillies, ranged from \$110,000 to \$250,000.

Despite the fact that 10 out of their 11 purchases were fillies, Klesaris said that the plan wasn't to target the fairer sex. There were simply a better supply of good fillies, in his opinion.

"Overall, I just saw a better group of girls at this sale," he said.

The sentiment was echoed by Puglisi, president and CEO of Puglisi & Co., a New York-based broker dealer that specializes in investment banking, institutional sales and equity trading.

"We thought from day one, as we reviewed the inventory, that this was going to be a very strong filly sale," he said. "We saw a lot of nice horses, a lot of good-movers. With the SafeTrack, that threw a little curveball at you in terms of times, but movement is something Steve is really into, and there were a lot of classy individuals."

One of the fillies that got away was hip 242, the Trippi filly, who John Ferguson bought Wednesday for \$550,000. Puglisi said they were the direct underbidders on the dark bay.

"She was another really nice individual, but she was a little higher than we wanted to go," he said.

Sale officials were understandably happy to see Puglisi and Klesaris returning to the marketplace. Puglisi scaled back in recent years because of family matters, but last summer made a commitment to be active once again in 2008.

"Jeff actually called me back in July to find out the dates for the breeze shows in 2008," said OBS' Tom Ventura. "It was right around the time he sold Diabolical, and he just wanted us to know that he was going to be back in earnest."

Ventura added that Puglisi and Klesaris had enjoyed success at the two-year-old in training sales, and for good reason.

"Jeff and Steve are maybe the hardest working guys at the sales," Ventura said. "They were probably here for 10 days during the [February] sale, and were here, I think, for the entirety of this sale, from the first breeze show [Mar. 9] right on through."

Puglisi said that instead of targeting a certain number of individuals he plans to buy each year, he allots a certain dollar amount.

"It's more about a pool of money you can spend or risk," he offered. "The prices we've paid are, on average, about where we want to be. Sometimes you have to pay more, but it all averages out."

Of the aforementioned **Diabolical** (Artax), a \$300,000 OBSFEB purchase and winner of the GII A.G. Vanderbilt S. at Saratoga last year, is one of the favorites for the Mar. 29 G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen on World Cup Day. Puglisi sold Diabolical to Shiekh Mohammed's Godolphin following the colt's win in the Vanderbilt.

"We're very excited; we're going to Dubai to watch him run," said Puglisi. "We're leaving Sunday night. We'd love to see him go out and win the [G1] Golden Shaheen and for Godolphin to bring him back and run him in the Breeders' Cup." -L Marquardt

**Klesaris/Puglisi Purchases**

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price
<u>13</u>	f	Not for Love	Poised to Pounce	\$200,000
<i>Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent XVI</i>				
<u>95</u>	f	DistortedHumor	Sugar Walls Babe	\$225,000
<i>Consigned by Scanlon Training Center, Agent III</i>				
<u>155</u>	f	YesIt'sTrue	Whisper Bay	\$100,000
<i>Consigned by Woodside Ranch, agent for B. Rice &amp; Padua Stable</i>				
<u>232</u>	f	ProudCitizen	Carson City Red	\$320,000
<i>Consigned by Parrish Farms, agent</i>				
<u>238</u>	f	EventheScore	Chase You	\$180,000
<i>Consigned by Excel Bloodstock (De Berdt &amp; Delguidice), agent</i>				
<u>239</u>	f	Speightstown	Chatter Chatter	\$250,000
<i>Consigned by Stephens Thoroughbreds, agent for Vision Sales</i>				
<u>253</u>	f	TaleoftheCat	Colonial Reef	\$125,000
<i>Consigned by Nick de Meric, Agent I</i>				
<u>307</u>	f	Victory Gallop	Exquisite Cassie	\$140,000
<i>Consigned by Eisaman Equine, agent</i>				
<u>321</u>	c	RedBullet	Gist	\$240,000
<i>Consigned by Eisaman Equine, agent</i>				
<u>413</u>	f	SkyMesa	Mercedes Too	\$110,000
<i>Consigned by Eisaman Equine, agent</i>				
<u>452</u>	f	Tapit	One Loose Shoe	\$140,000
<i>Consigned by Cary Frommer, Agent II</i>				

March 15  
Maryland 2YO Grad  
**BIG TRUCK**  
wins G3 Tampa Bay Derby

March 15  
Maryland Yearling and 2YO Grad  
**ALL GIVING**  
wins Conniver S.  
at Laurel

March 15  
The G3 Cicada Fasig Trifecta  
Saratoga Yearling  
1st - **CAROLYN'S CAT**  
KY July Yearling and Calder 2YO  
2nd - **Ready For Fortune**  
Maryland Yearling  
3rd - **Dill or No Dill**

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### CONTESSA PUTTING IN WORK AT THE SALES

Trainer Gary Contessa, who broke Frank "Pancho" Martin's record of New York winners with 159 last season, is certainly no stranger to the winner's circle, but the Aqueduct-based horseman has also done plenty of damage in the sales ring, purchasing inexpensive quality horses at the two-year-old sales and turning them for a profit.

"My thing is to come to the two-year-old sales, get here a week before, and stay a week after," he explained. "I really do my homework. I see things in horses that not everybody else sees. I look for the same traits of the horses that top the sales in other horses that didn't show it, but could have. I look for a horse that the guys who have more money to spend than me miss. Those same guys buy that horse from me after I get him to the races. I would call myself a second-level pinhooker. I take horses to the track and then sell them after they make their first start. I've always been very good at it, and I'm getting even better with age."

In 2002 Contessa acquired subsequent MGISW Peace Rules (Jules) for \$35,000 at OBSMAR. The chestnut made three starts for Contessa before being sold privately to Edmund Gann. Peace Rules, third in the 2003 GI Kentucky Derby, went on to win the GI Blue Grass S., GI Haskell Invitational H. and the GI Suburban H. while sporting Gann's colors. The son of Hold to Fashion (Hold Your Peace) posted more than \$3 million in earnings before retiring to Vinery in Summerfield, Florida, for \$12,500. His first crop will race this year.

"Peace Rules did what I like a two-year-old to do," the conditioner explained. "He found himself late in the work, and really evened out. He wound up having a really good work. The latter part of his work was excellent, the early part was so-so."



**Gary Contessa**  
*Sherackatthetrack*

Contessa has also hit a pair of homeruns recently with Lovely Isle (Double Honor) and National Pride (Macho Uno). Lovely Isle, a \$20,000 OBSAPR graduate, was purchased privately by Michael Bello following a 16 1/2-length starter allowance win at the Big A in December. Shipped to the West Coast and transferred to Bobby Frankel following a disappointing effort in the GII Old Hat S., she recently placed second in the GI Las Virgenes S.

The highly regarded National Pride, a \$60,000 OBSMAR graduate, was acquired by Godolphin for a reported \$1.5 million following his impressive debut win over Saratoga Russell at Aqueduct Nov. 17. The *TDN* Rising Star has yet to start for his new connections.

"I've sold 36 horses in my career for at least 10 times what I paid for them," Contessa said. "Some of them have gone on to do great things; I like having that on my resume. When I sell a horse, I want them to do great so I could put that on my resume that I'm a seller of good young horses."

During the two-day OBS Sale, Contessa purchased [hip 15](#) for \$60,000, [hip 67](#) for \$90,000, [hip 157](#) for \$60,000, [hip 246](#) for \$125,000, [hip 251](#) for \$105,000, [hip 336](#) for \$75,000 and [hip 450](#) for \$65,000. He also signed the ticket on a pair of juveniles at Monday's Adena Springs Two-Year-Old Sale.  
--S. Sherack

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## What They're Saying At The Sales...

**Seth Semkin, racing manager for B. Wayne Hughes on the market/sale:**

"It's strong. It actually caught me by surprise a little bit Tuesday. We got outbid quite a bit. This is a great sale--They always have good horses here. There's a lot of good horses here this year. We did real well on our vet reports; we didn't have many that didn't pass the vet. It's a very good sale."

**Ken McPeek, Trainer/Bloodstock agent:**

"We bought one yesterday [hip **117**, \$120,000 Werblin filly] and one today [Hip **394**, \$100,000 Medaglia d'Oro colt]. I had a pretty good budget with a couple of good people. The ones that I really liked went out the roof. We chased the really pricey ones [Monday]. It's been pretty strong on the ones that we liked. We were the underbidder on a couple of 'em. We got two nice horses that we're happy with. There's no rush, there's more sales."

**Pete Bradley, Bloodstock agent:**

"It may be the best horse sale I've seen from top to bottom since last year's March Sale. It's a better sale than last year's--obviously the numbers are saying that--but the depth of the market, the number of people who want horses. You still just can't lead a horse up and sell it. Anything that looks like it could get around a race-track reasonably has a home here. This is a solid horse sale and it's good to see in this business that people want horses."

**Zayat Stables Sohby Sonbol:**

"We've got 70 three-year-olds here (in Florida) that are already with the McKathans. So we don't need another two-year-old; we've got enough. But I want to make sure I'm not missing something. To me, I'm out there trying to look for the ones who are going to come up and beat mine. So if there's something out there I think is really good, I'll pay for it. Sometimes, when you go out there and buy all these two-year-olds and yearlings and you have a great crop, there's that *one* horse that comes up and beats you."

**Auctioneer Ryan Mahan, on the reasons why the OBS March Sale was such a success:**

"The horses were great, I think the race track helped, and God knows I was brilliant."

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**232**    f    **Proud Citizen**    **Carson City Red**    **320,000**  
 Consigned by Parrish Farms, agent

Purchased by Steve Klesaris, agent for Puglisi Stables

Led through the ring at Keeneland September, the filly was purchased for \$52,000 by Ray Trisler and Mays Farm. After giving a good showing with a quarter-mile work in :21.1, the chestnut--from the family of Praying for Cash--realized a tidy profit for her connections.

**257**    f    **Maria's Mon**    **Cool Jazzed**    **300,000**  
 Consigned by Old South Farm

Purchased by Buzz Chace, agent for Lewis Lakin & West Point TBS Maria's Mon's yearling average was \$77,449 in 2007 and Albert Davis didn't have to stretch the purse strings that far to secure this filly. Purchased for \$67,000 at last year's Keeneland September, the grey--from the family of GSW Region of Merit--realized almost 4 1/2 times that amount at two, a far cry from the stallion's highest-priced juvenile of last season who sold for \$80,000.

**261**    c    **Kafwain**    **Crystal Sweet**    **225,000**  
 Consigned by Eisaman Equine, agent  
 Purchased by Carolyn Wilson

Kafwain, whose first foals are three-year-olds of 2008, had a yearling average of \$32,328. Eisaman Equine paid \$40,000 at Fasig-Tipton Kentucky last October for this bay colt. Showing well with a :10.1 eighth followed by :21.1 quarter mile, the juvenile realized a healthy profit for his connections with a final price well over his sire's 2007 juvenile average of \$77,500.

**455**    f    **Forest Wildcat**    **On the Town**    **410,000**  
 Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent V  
 Purchased by Iron Horse Racing

Bought back for \$57,000 as a weanling at the 2006 Keeneland November Sale, hip 455 was subsequently knocked down to Stedham Stud for \$50,000 at Keeneland September. Put in training with consignor Eddie Woods, the filly worked an eighth in :10 3/5 (video) at the Mar. 10 breeze show. The attractive filly drew the attention of Dave Clark, who had earlier in the day purchased the session-topping More Than Ready colt for \$650,000, and his trainer Bob Holthus outlasted Buzz Chace and Terry Finley to buy the granddaughter of Grade I heroine Laugh and Be Merry (Ire) (Erins Isle {Ire}). "Dave really wanted her," said Holthus. "She's a nice filly and she looks like she'll get two turns. She won't run for a while; she looks like a route filly, and that's what we're looking for."



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**Saturday, Turfway Park**

**LANE'S END S.-GII**, \$500,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m (AWT)

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1	Duke of de Buque	Dixie Union	Leparoux
2	Macho Again	Macho Uno	Mena
3	Chitoz	Forest Wildcat	Douglas
4	Rich Young Ruler	Victory Gallop	Pompeii
5	Adriano	A.P. Indy	Prado
6	Racecar Rhapsody	Tale of the Cat	Albarado
7	Halo's King	Halo's Image	Castanon
8	Halo Najib	Halo's Image	Desormeaux
9	Cannonball	Catienus	Solis
10	El Aleman	Point Given	Mojica
11	Turf War	Dixie Union	Husbands
12	Medjool	Monarchos	M Baze

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**Turf War** showed his quality at two, winning the Swynford S. and GIII Delta Jackpot S. Well supported for his seasonal return in the one-mile GIII Southwest S. at Oaklawn Park Feb. 18, the dark bay could only muster a ninth-place finish behind Denis of Cork. "He's doing great," said trainer Mark Casse. "I think the Southwest has turned out to be a good race, so [Turf War's] performance wasn't bad. The track was favoring speed that day and it was his first start in three months, so he had his reasons for running the way he did." **Halo Najib** kicked off the season with a good third-beaten four lengths--by Smooth Air in the seven-furlong GII Hutcheson S. Jan. 5. Loving the OTC surface on OBS Championship day, the chestnut proved easily best, scoring by 2 3/4 lengths Feb. 11. Back to the main track for his latest in the GII Fountain of Youth S. Feb. 24, the Zayat color bearer could only finish sixth, but should appreciate the return to a synthetic surface.

☆ CLASSIC CORNER ☆

**LISTEN HEADS OAKS NOMINEES** Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier and Michael Tabor's **Listen (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells) yesterday headed the 91 fillies remaining in the G1 Juddmonte Oaks at Epsom after the latest forfeit stage. Last year's G1 Fillies' Mile heroine is one of a team of 22 from Ballydoyle remaining in the £375,000 June 6 Classic, which attracted 18 more hopefuls than at the same stage 12 months ago. Cheveley Park Stud's unbeaten **Spacious (GB)** (Nayef) is another notable, and connections of the James Fanshawe-trained G2 May Hill S. winner issued an upbeat bulletin yesterday. "It is very early days, but I know Spacious has done really well physically," the Stud's Managing Director Chris Richardson said. "She has not done much yet in terms of work, but she has strengthened quite promisingly. She was tall, scopey and quite a leggy filly last year, so we were excited about what she achieved. We will start her off over a mile, and hopefully creep up in distance and see what happens." Nine-time Oaks-winning trainer Henry Cecil has a sole entry in Juddmonte homebred maiden **Montbretia (GB)** (Montjeu {Ire}), while Godolphin have seven entered, including the 11-length Redcar maiden winner **Screen Star (Ire)** (Tobougg {Ire}).

☆ PREVIEW ☆

**Saturday, Gulfstream Park**

**SHIRLEY JONES H.-GII**, \$200,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Baroness Thatcher	Johannesburg	Lezcano	116
2	Windyindy	A.P. Indy	A Smith	115
3	Lady Marlboro	Smoke Glacken	Velazquez	118
4	Featherbed	Smart Strike	Coa	116
5	Dixie Dreamer	Mutakddim	Castro	116
6	Shaggy Mane	Bertrando	Velasquez	116
7	Sugar Swirl	Touch Gold	Castellano	124

**Saturday, Turfway Park**

**BOURBONETTE OAKS-GIII**, \$150,000, 3yo, f, 1m (AWT)

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Love Buzz	Silver Charm	Desormeaux	115
2	Lovers Spat	Yankee Gentleman	McKee	117
3	Valentine Fever	Stormin Fever	Leparoux	121
4	Maren's Meadow	Meadowlake	Saez	115
5	Clearly Foxy	Volponi	Husbands	121
6	Morakami	Fusaichi Pegasus	Prado	115
7	A to the Croft	Menifee	Albarado	115
8	Downtown Drifter	Devil His Due	Mena	115

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## STALLION PROSPECTS - OLDER HORSES

Rank (Prev.Rank) Name	Owner	Breeder	Trainer	Last Race - Video	Best '07/'08 (if started) BRIS STATUS
1(1)- <b>CURLIN (Smart Strike)</b> ( '08: 1-1-0-0, \$105,000; '07: 9-6-1-2, \$5,102,800) <i>(Recently crowned Horse of the Year, the giant chestnut made short work of rivals in GI Dubai World Cup prep...Christina Bossinakis)</i>	Stonestreet et al	Fares Farm	Asmussen	<a href="#">1st Handicap (Dubai)</a>	121 3/29 G1 Dubai World Cup
2(2)- <b>HEATSEEKER(IRE) (Giant'sCauseway)</b> ( '08: 3-1-1-1, \$688,000; '07: 8-3-3-0, \$190,238) <i>(Already a graded stakes winner at four, the spirited chestnut has come into his own at five, collecting his first Grade I win...Christina Bossinakis)</i>	W. Deburgh	R. Barnes	Hollendorfer	<a href="#">1st GI Santa Anita H.</a>	105 undecided
3(3)- <b>DAAHER (Awesome Again)</b> ( '08: 2-0-0-1, \$8,123; '07: 7-4-0-1, \$447,039) <i>(Full to MGISW Spun Sugar, topped sprint champ Midnight Lute in GI Cigar Mile and begins his stud career at \$30,000...Jessica Martini)</i>	Shadwell	Y&D Schwabe	McLaughlin	<a href="#">3rd Stymie H.</a>	100 <b>RETIRED TO SHADWELL</b>
4(4)- <b>CHAMPS ELYSEES (Danehill)</b> ( '08: 2-1-0-1, \$210,000; '07: 6-1-3-1, \$235,630) <i>(A full to leading sire Dansili, Grade I-placed on two continents last year, is GSW and GISP in the U.S in '08...Jessica Martini)</i>	Juddmonte	Homebred	Frankel	<a href="#">3rd GI Santa Anita H.</a>	103 undecided
5(5)- <b>SPRING AT LAST (Silver Deputy)</b> ( '08: 1-1-0-0, \$300,000; '07: 5-2-1-0, \$722,000) <i>(From a solid family, by the sire of last year's leading freshman sire Posse and now a Grade I winner...Jessica Martini)</i>	J. Reddam/WinStar	WinStar LLC	O'Neill	<a href="#">1st GI Donn H.</a>	104 3/29 G1 Dubai World Cup?
6(6)- <b>TIAGO (Pleasant Tap)</b> ( '08: 3-0-1-1, \$144,000, '07: 8-4-0-1, \$1,234,750) <i>(MGISW beat his elders at three, but has disappointed in three starts this term. Half to Ky Derby hero Giacomo may need a change of scenery...Steve Sherack)</i>	Moss	Homebred	Shirreffs	<a href="#">4th GI Santa Anita H.</a>	101 4/26 GII Mervyn LeRoy H.?
7(7)- <b>MIDNIGHT LUTE (Real Quiet)</b> ( '07: 6-2-2-0, \$1,368,000) <i>(Champion sprinter is training forwardly for his 2008 debut...Alan Carasso)</i>	Watson&Weitman	Evans/Macon	Baffert	<a href="#">2nd GI Cigar Mile H.</a>	112 4/5 GI Carter H.
8(10)- <b>CIRCULAR QUAY (Thunder Gulch)</b> ( '08: 2-1-0-0, \$303,000; '07: 10-4-2-0, \$1,177,434) <i>(A GISW at two &amp; GSW at three, out of a GISW; looked good in Big Easy...Lucas Marquardt)</i>	Tabor	Homebred	Pletcher	<a href="#">1st GII New Orleans H.</a>	103 undecided
9(8)- <b>NOBIZ LIKE SHOBIZ (Albert the Great)</b> ( '07: 13-7-2-1, \$1,544,730) <i>(GISW on dirt and G2SW on turf will be back at four...Lucas Marquardt)</i>	Valando	Homebred	Tagg	<a href="#">8th GI Hollywood Derby</a>	103 Wintering in Florida
10(9)- <b>STUDENT COUNCIL (Kingmambo)</b> ( '08: 2-0-0-0, \$5,000; '07: 9-4-2-1, \$1,041,755) <i>(Burst into prominence with wins in the GI Pacific Classic and GII Hawthorne Gold Cup in 2007; has plenty of black type on his page...Marie Kizenko)</i>	Millennium Farms	Farish	Cerin	<a href="#">6th GI Santa Anita H.</a>	100 undecided

**AT THE GAP: Air Commander (Point Given), A.P. Arrow (A.P. Indy), Chatain (Forest Wildcat), First Defence (Unbridled's Song), Go Between (Point Given), Grasshopper (Dixie Union), Idiot Proof (Benchmark), In Summation (Put it Back), Kip Deville (Kipling), Thorn Song (Unbridled's Song).**

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Yesterday's Results:

**ANDOVER WAY S.**, \$67,500, AQU, 3-19, 3yo, f, 1m70y, 1:42, sy.

1--#**SWEET VENDETTA**, 118, f, 3, [Stephen Got Even](#)

1st Dam: Sand Pirate, by Desert Wine

2nd Dam: Wayward Pirate, by Pirate's Bounty

3rd Dam: Wayfaring, by Buffalo Lark

(\$30,000 2yo '07 KEEJAN). O-Team Penney Racing & David Cassidy, B; B-David Cassidy & Edward Lipton (NY); T-Gary C Contessa; J-Channing Hill; \$40,500. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, \$86,596.

\* 1/2 to Half Heaven (Regal Classic), MSW, \$435,526; Doll Baby (Citidancer), SW, \$151,144; and Love Cove (Not for Love), SP, \$168,901.

2--**Love You Not**, 118, f, 3, Will's Way--Good Lovin', by Smarten. O-Yigal Rappaport. \$13,500.

3--**Serious Vow**, 118, f, 3, Broken Vow--Regal Snicker, by Regal Classic. (\$75,000 2yo '07 OBSMAR).

O-John Caputo & Brick House Racing. \$6,750.

Margins: 4, 4HF, 6. Odds: 2.85, 18.70, 1.00.

Sweet Vendetta had blinkers added for a state-bred maiden on Valentine's Day and came away with a sharp seven-length success. Stepped up to open company for the Busher S. 10 days later, the bay was a solid runner-up, and was the second choice this time. She raced in third while saving ground over the sealed track, angled out to make her bid and opened up for her first stakes score. The chart noted that the filly bled during the race. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

**3rd-AQU, \$52,920, Alw**, Opt. Clm. (\$75,000), NW3X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10, sy.

1--**EXECUTIVE FLEET**, 123, h, 5, [Northern Afleet--](#)

**Saralina Jo**, by Executive Order. (\$70,000 2yo '05 OBSJUN). O-Team Solaris Stable; B-Norman Merlet (FL); T-Linda Rice. Lifetime Record: 12-6-0-2, \$174,693.

2--**I Ain't No Saint**, 118, c, 4, Sweetsouthernsaint--Star de Niro, by De Niro.

3--**Bishop Court Hill**, 118, g, 8, Holy Bull--Just Cuz, by Cormorant. (\$32,000 yrl '01 KEESEP; \$350,000 2yo '02 FTFEB).

Margins: 4 3/4, 2, 21 1/4. Odds: 1.85, 2.55, 2.55.

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the 9th Race, \$47,000 Allowance, at Aqueduct. For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).

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3rd-SA, \$57K, Alw, 3yo, f, 1mT

**GENTLE AUDREY** ([Elusive Quality](#)) tries the turf while making her first appearance since a fourth-place finish in the GI Oak Leaf S. Sept. 29. Third to Izarra in her July 29 debut at Del Mar, the \$110K KEESEP purchase graduated with blinkers added Sept. 2 at the oceanside oval. Bred by Darley, the bay was produced by Fatat Alarab (Capote), a winning daughter of GISP Quinpool (Alydar), herself a daughter of the tough racemare Squan Song (Exceller). Garret Gomez has the mount. [brisnet.com pps](#)

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**3rd-AQU cont.**

An 11-length winner for a \$35,000 tag at Belmont Oct. 12, Executive Fleet kicked off 2008 with a sixth-place effort over track and trip Jan. 17. He rebounded with a sharp victory Feb. 8 in a local optional claimer, earning a 104 Beyer Speed Figure. Favored in this five-horse field, the Florida-bred bay vied for the lead with Bishop Court Hill, assumed command in the lane and opened up for a decisive tally.

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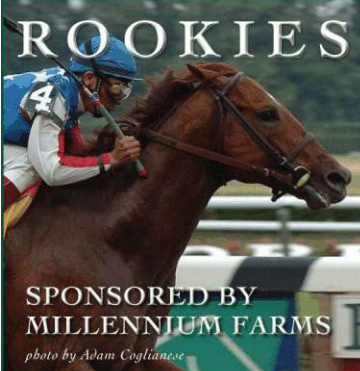
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**First-crop starters to watch: Thursday, Mar. 20**

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

ANCIENT ART (Storm Cat), Warren's Tbreeds, 20/0/0  
1st-SA, Msw, 2f, +Warren's Wild One

**First/Second-crop starters to watch: Thursday, Mar. 20**

*Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2004 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW  
Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

ALDEBARAN (Mr. Prospector), Darby Dan, \$50K, 150/13/1  
7-OP, Alw, 1 1/16m, Sweet Redeemer, \$75K KEE SEP yrl

CACTUS RIDGE (Hennessy), Walmac, \$7K, 138/19/1  
3-OP, Ocl, 6f, Macey's Cinderella

DAVID COPPERFIELD (Halo), Hopewell, \$5K, 46/5/0  
6-DED, Alw, 7f, Hunterbunter, \$15K TEX AUG yrl, 9-2

DECARCHY (Distant View), Magali, \$5K, 99/10/1  
5-SA, Msw, 1mT, Princess Arjumand

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

3-DED, Msw, 7f, Escrito's Stage, \$1K EVA MAR 2yo, 6-1  
FATHER STEVE (Pulpit), 32/4/0

2-OP, Msw, 6f, Sister Skylar

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

FINDER'S GOLD (Seeking the Gold), 22/2/0

8-DED, Alw, 1m, Finder's Creek, \$1K LOU OCT yrl, 10-1

GLITZI'S CLASSIC (Sky Classic), 2/1/0

8-DED, Alw, 1m, Classy Dandy, 15-1

GREATNESS (Mr. Prospector), Adena South, \$5K, 83/10/0

3-OP, Ocl, 6f, Grayness, \$2K TEX AUG yrl

HARLAN TRAVELER (Harlan), 6/0/0

2-OP, Msw, 6f, Simply Angelina

MACABE (Gone West), Landlock, \$1K, 54/4/0

2-OP, Msw, 6f, Insureus

PROUD CITIZEN (Gone West), Airdrie, \$13K, 210/23/3

8-GP, Alw, 1m, Motovato, \$55K OBS MAR 2yo, 3-1

REPENT (Louis Quatorze), Vinery Florida, \$5K, 158/28/4

8-GP, Alw, 1m, I've Repented, \$32K OBS MAR 2yo, 20-1

8-FG, Aoc, 6f, Repent Pardner, \$50K OBS AUG yrl, 10-1

STORMY JACK (Bertrando), Hideaway, \$3K, 47/7/1

1-SA, Msw, 2f, +Angeila's Dancer, \$1,000 NCA SEP yrl

**New York Report cont.**

**Colt Runs to Support Chernobyl Children's Project:**

Karakorum Racing's homebred **Chernobyl's Hero** (Cryptoclearance), who makes his 19th career start today at Aqueduct, is racing for a good cause. Karakorum president Bill DiScala is contributing a quarter of the earnings of the four-year-old gelding to Chernobyl Children's Project International, a charity which provides support to thousands of children affected by the Chernobyl nuclear disaster of 1986. Chernobyl's Hero is coming off a third-place effort in a Feb. 18 Aqueduct allowance. For more information on CCPI, [www.ccp-intl.org](http://www.ccp-intl.org).

★ EAST ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

**10th-TAM, \$20,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft.**  
+ **FOOD FAIRY'S TRIP** (f, 3, Trippi--A. J.'s Hot Shot, by **Exploident**), a half-sister to Annabill (Outflanker), MSW, \$434,570, was dismissed at 15-1, but belied those odds with a sharp effort. The Fuller homebred took charge at the outset and made every pole a winning one, scoring by 4 1/2 lengths in the end. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$13,000.

O/B-Peter D Fuller (FL). T-Michael L Catalano Jr.

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★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN BRITAIN:

**Mr Aviator**, c, 4, **Lear Fan--In Bloom**, by **Clever Trick**.  
 Kempton Park, Britain, 3-19, Hcp, 4yo/up, 1 1/4m  
 (AWT). B-Dr Tom Keenan & Dr H G White Jr.  
 \*75,000gns 2yo '06 TATAPR.



**NO CHANGES FOR WILDENSTEIN OPERATION**

There will be no changes made in the running of the Wildenstein family's racing interests after the death of family patriarch Alec Wildenstein last month, *Racing Post* reported yesterday. "All will continue as before," Marie-France Pacault, who has been the family's racing secretary since 1987, told the *Post*. "The stable has been constructed as a company and the statutes will remain unchanged. Alec's younger brother Guy, who is based in New York, will take over at the helm of the family's racing empire. Although he can't be at the races all the time, he follows the sport very closely." Elie Lellouche will continue as the family's principal trainer, with around 80 horses. A further 12 horses are with Dominique Sepulchre.

**GUINEAS PLAN FOR CAPE AMBER** Peter Chapple-Hyam will point Newmarket maiden winner **Cape Amber (Ire)** (Cape Cross {Ire}) at the May 4 G1 1000 Guineas at Newmarket. Owned and bred by Five Horses Ltd, the half-sister to the smart group performer Nyramba (GB) impressed with a three-length debut success in a seven-furlong maiden on the July Course in August and her conditioner holds her in the highest regard. "The fillies haven't really come in their coats yet, as we've been having one good week of weather and then a cold week," he commented yesterday. "But she has done well over the winter and is a big filly, who was always going to be more of a three-year-old than a two-year-old. I am happy with her and she is an intended runner in the 1000 Guineas. In an ideal world, I'd like to give her a prep run somewhere beforehand. But if we end up just taking her for a racecourse gallop and going straight to the Guineas, then that's not a problem."

**GOLD RETURN SET** Criquette Head-Maerek is aiming **Full of Gold (Fr)** (Gold Away {Ire}) at the G2 Prix Noailles at Longchamp Apr. 6. Alec Head's G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud winner will take part in the traditional prep for the G1 Prix du Jockey-Club after pleasing her trainer. "Full of Gold will reappear in the Prix Noailles," she told the *Racing Post*. "The colt has wintered well and seems very relaxed. He is ready to run in the Noailles and I'm very pleased with the way things are going."

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★ BRITAIN ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

**Kempton Park, 7.50, Mdn**, £4,000, 3yo, f, 1m (AWT), 1:40.53, stn.

**MOON CRYSTAL (GB)** (f, 3, **Fasliyev--Sabreon {GB}**, by **Caerleon**), only sixth on debut over this track and trip Feb. 29, settled towards the rear early before making smooth progress on the final turn. When the gap appeared, the 15-2 shot quickened through to inhale **Dream Sea (GB)** (**Barathea {Ire}**) in the final 100 yards and assert for a 1 1/2-length success from that rival, who dead-heated with **Turtle Dove (GB)** (**Tobougg {Ire}**) for the runner-up spot. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £2,591.

O/B-Eurostrait Ltd; T-Ed Dunlop.

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# BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**9th-SUN, \$29,400, 3-18, NW3L, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09 2/5, ft.**

**ILLYBILLY (f, 4, Commendable--Talega, by Devil's Bag)** Lifetime Record: 10-3-0-2, \$49,496. O/B-Burton J Kinerk (KY). T-Patricia K Shirley. \*1/2 to Extra Bend (Twining), SW, \$200,356.

**11th-SUN, \$27,200, 3-18, NW2L, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09 3/5, ft.**

**SASSY BLEND (f, 3, Richly Blended--Sassy Synner, by Synastry)** Lifetime Record: SP, 7-2-1-1, \$51,447. O-Double Eagle Ranch & Jerry Nicodemus. B-S & F Matos & Douzos (CA). T-Bennie L Woolley Jr.

**9th-MNR, \$24,900, 3-18, NW2L, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:14, my.**

**COW CREEK CAT (f, 3, Three Wonders--A B C Amanda, by Alphabet Soup)** Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-0, \$48,565. O-Orson & Kathy Oliver. B-Carl Bowling (FL). T-Geoff Mulcahy. \*3/4 to Mystery Girl (Stormy Atlantic), GISP, \$148,356.

**9th-TAM, \$17,700, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:38, fm.**

**POSITIVELYCHARMING (f, 4, Pulpit--Charm a Gendarme {GSW, \$224,305}, by Batonnier)** Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-1, \$38,497. O-Glen Hill Farm. B-ClassicStar (KY). T-Thomas F Proctor. \*\$600,000 yrl '05 KEESEP. \*\*3/4 to Tout Charmant (Slewvescent), MGISW, \$1,781,877; and 1/2 to Forest Grove (Forestry), GSW, \$281,130.

• ON THE WORKTAB •

GULFSTREAM PARK

Backseat Rhythm (El Corredor), 5f, 1:00.40, 2/7  
Bit of Whimsy (Distorted Humor), 5f, :59.80, 1/7

HOLLYWOOD

Country Star (Empire Maker), 6f, 1:13.80, 4/6

PALM MEADOWS

Big Brown (Boundary), 5f, 1:00.40, 1/8  
Cosmonaut (Lemon Drop Kid), 6fT, 1:13.40, 1/1  
Kentucky Bear (Mr. Greeley), 5f, 1:00.80, 2/8  
Kip Deville (Kipling), 5f, 1:02.00, 4/8  
Shakis (Ire) (Machiavellian), 4fT, :48.80, 3/18  
Summer Doldrums (Street Cry {Ire}), 5f, 1:01.40, 3/8

PAYSON PARK

Court Vision (Gulch), 4f, :50.00, 6/19  
Majestic Warrior (A.P. Indy), 4f, :49.40, 2/19  
Namaste's Wish (Pulpit), 4f, :49.40, 2/19  
Rondo (Grand Slam), 5f, 1:01.20, 1/3  
Z Humor (Distorted Humor), 4f, :49.20, 1/19

SANTA ANITA

Colonel John (Tiznow), 5f, :59.60, 4/36

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Glimmering Hope, f, 3, Belong to Me--Wavering Girl** (Ch. 2yo Filly-Can, MSW & GSP, \$314,084), by Wavering Monarch. TAM, 3-19, 1 1/16m, 1:48 3/5. B-Seasons Farms LLC (KY). \*\$50,000 yrl '06 KEESEP. \*\*3/4 to Military (Danzig), GISW, \$462,700.

**Tequila Bound, f, 3, Boundary--Preserver, by Forty Niner.** MNR, 3-18, 1m70y, 1:46 3/5. B-Cherry Valley Farm LLC (KY). \*\$19,500 wlng '05 KEENOV. \*\*Full to Stake, GSP, \$166,891; and 1/2 to My Rachel (Horse Chestnut {Saf}), GSP, \$138,285.

**Count This Senora, f, 3, Senor Speedy--Count This Lady, by Astudillo (Ire).** AQU, 3-19, (S), 6f, 1:12 3/5. B-Robert Perez (NY).

**Gullible Gal, f, 3, Hook and Ladder--Guilty Pleasure, by Pine Bluff.** AQU, 3-19, (S), 1m70y, 1:43 3/5. B-Sequel 2003 & Lynda Richter (NY). \*\$310,000 yrl '06 FTKJUL. \*\*1/2 to Ready to Please (More Than Ready), GSW & GISP, \$342,258; and Chief Officer (Officer), MSW & GSP, \$262,076.

+ **Wedding Surprise, f, 3, Lion Hearted--Unfathomable, by Salt Lake.** PEN, 3-18, (S), 6f, 1:12. B-Land of Believe Farm Inc (PA). \*\$12,500 wlng '05 FTMDEC.

**SO. HEMISPHERE WINNER BY U.S. SIRE:**

**Storm Magico (Arg), h, 5, Bernstein--Margot (Arg), by Moundrago (Arg).** Argentina, La Plata, 3-18, Alw, 1200m, 1:14.06. O-Stud Ikumar; B-Haras La Biznaga (ARG); T-C A Santinaque. Lifetime Record: 11-4-0-3, P67,105.

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**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:**

**Lucullus (GB), g, 3, Bertolini--Calcavella (GB), by Pursuit of Love (GB).** Lingfield, Britain, 3-19, Mdn, 3-4yo, 7f (AWT). B-Pillar to Post Racing. \*19,000gns yrl '06 TATOCT. \*\*1/2 to Skhilling Spirit (GB) (Most Welcome {GB}), SW-Eng, \$152,062.

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**Saturday, March 22**

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