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THE 'RACE' TO THE DERBY IS ON

With the final wave of GI Kentucky Derby prep races about to take place over the next couple of weeks, it's crunch time to start posting graded-stakes earnings.

Racecar Rhapsody (Tale of the Cat), tabbed as a **★ "TDN Rising Star" ★** following a good-looking maiden win at Keeneland last October, makes his sophomore debut in today's \$500,000 GII Lane's End S. at Turfway Park. The \$400,000 FTSAUG graduate followed a strong third-place finish in the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. Nov. 24 with a rallying fourth in the GIII Delta Jackpot S. last out Dec. 7.

"We're taking a big swing, and if we succeed, great," trainer Ken McPeek told *Daily Racing Form*. "If not, we go back to a more conservative route." He adds blinkers here. **Adriano** (A.P. Indy) has enjoyed the majority of his success on the grass, but does have a respectable fourth-place finish in the GI Lane's End Breeders' Futurity over the Keeneland Polytrack to his credit. He enters off a ninth-place finish in the GII Fountain of Youth S. Feb. 24. Cont. p2



Ken McPeek
Horsephotos



B B FRANK FLORIDA DERBY BOUND

B B Frank (Came Home), a shrewd claim by Amy Tarrant for \$62,500 out of an impressive Gulfstream maiden victory Feb. 2, will take on the big boys next in the GI Florida Derby Mar. 29. He successfully stretched out to a mile while making his first start for Tarrant, posting a 41-1 upset in a first-level allowance last out Feb. 22. "He's feeling really good right now and we feel like this would be a fun chance to try him in a race like this," owner/trainer Tarrant commented. "He really liked the track down there and he deserves the chance to try." Tarrant races under the name of Hardacre Farm LLC. **B B Frank**, a \$130,000 KEESEP yearling acquisition, was formerly campaigned by Robert LaPenta and Nick Zito. "When we got him, we knew he was going into the race nicely, and once we got him back here, he came out if it nicely," she continued. "It's like we found this little treasure. We claimed him hoping for a little allowance horse we could take back to New Jersey. It turns out we may have found something more, and we're looking forward to finding out." The bay was bred in Kentucky by John B. Goodman. He was also a \$22,000 RNA at last year's Keeneland April Sale.



B B Frank
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Medjool Tested For Class...

He only has a maiden win to his credit, but that hasn't stopped trainer David Hofmans from shipping in **Medjool** (Monarchos) from California. The chestnut hit the board in each of his first four starts before finishing sixth, beaten four lengths in the California Derby at Golden Gate Jan. 27. "We want to gauge where Medjool fits against the other three-year-olds and we chose this spot to run against some good horses," Hofmans offered. "I wanted to get a mile-and-an-eighth race in him, which is why we skipped the [1 1/16 miles] San Felipe. He had some trouble in those [maiden] races where he ran second. He's a real nice horse and he seems to be blossoming at the right time."



Monarchos
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Cannonball Makes His Poly Debut...

Ken and Sarah Ramsey homebred **Cannonball** (Catienus) didn't seem to care for dirt in his first two starts, but if his grass form is any indication, he may be sitting on a big one in his Polytrack bow here. Following a game nose victory in the Belmont's King Cugat S. in October, he reeled off three straight third-place finishes - Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Oct. 26, GIII Tropical Park Derby and Hallandale Beach S. most recently Feb. 16.

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

PP	HORSE	OWNER	BREEDER	TRAINER/JOCKEY	ODDS
1	Duke of de Buçe <i>(g, Dixie Union--Miss Livi, by Devil's Bag)</i>	Anstu Stables Inc	Anstu Farm LLC-NY	Pletcher Leparoux	12-1
2	Macho Again <i>(c, Macho Uno--Go Donna Go, by Wild Again)</i>	West Point Thoroughbreds	Milan Kosanovich-FL	Stewart Mena	10-1
3	Chitoz <i>(c, Forest Wildcat--Wichitoz, by Affirmed)</i>	Wertheimer et Frere	Wertheimer et Frere-KY	Pletcher Douglas	8-1
4	Rich Young Ruler <i>(c, Victory Gallop--Scratch Paper, by Notebook)</i>	Greg Norman	Brylynn Farm Inc-FL	Daughn Pompell	30-1
5	Adriano <i>(c, A.P. Indy--Gold Canyon, by Mr. Prospector)</i>	Courtlandt Farm	Courtlandt Farm-KY	Motion Prado	6-1
6	Racecar Rhapsody <i>(c, Tale of the Cat--Reflect the Music, by A.P. Indy)</i>	Carroll, Kaplan & Platt	G Watts Humphrey Jr-KY	McPeck Albarado	6-1
7	Halo's King <i>(c, Halo's Image--Queen Lu Lu, by Kingmambo)</i>	D Colvin & W D Gould	Montgomery Farm-FL	G Hofmans Castanon	50-1
8	Halo Najib <i>(c, Halo's Image--Najibe's Wish, by Sword Dance {Ire})</i>	Zayat Stables LLC	John S Scott-FL	Romans Desormeaux	7-2
9	Cannonball <i>(g, Catienus--No Deadline, by Skywalker)</i>	Kenneth & Sarah Ramsey	Kenneth & Sarah Ramsey-NY	Ward Solis	9-2
10	El Aleman <i>(c, Point Given--Deep Magic, by Gone West)</i>	Tango Stable-Verdis Corp	Juddmonte Farms Inc-KY	Seglin Mojica	99-1
11	Turf War <i>(c, Dixie Union--Grass Skirt, by Mr. Prospector)</i>	Woodford Racing LLC	Farish, Hudson Jr & Etkins-KY	Casse Husbands	5-1
12	Medjool <i>(c, Monarchos--Perfect Story, by Tale of the Cat)</i>	Equine Prep Mgmt	John C Oxley-KY	D Hofmans M Baze	8-1

All carry 121 pounds.



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☆ **PREVIEWS** ☆

Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 7:30 p.m. EDT

SAN LUIS REY H.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Obrigado (Fr)	Enrique (GB)	Drysdale	7-2
2	Baby First (Fr)	Enrique (GB)	Guillot	8-1
3	Fitz Flag (Arg)	Flag Down	Reviriego	15-1
4	On the Acorn (GB)	Inchinor (GB)	Mitchell	2-1
5	Porfido (Chi)	Mash One (Chi)	Frankel	4-1
6	Warning Zone	Chester House	Sadler	6-1
7	Boule d'Or (Ire)	Croco Rouge (Ire)	Mullins	4-1

Former claimer **On the Acorn** was sidelined after taking the Apr. 22 GII San Juan Capistrano H. and May 12 GII Jim Murray Memorial H. last year. The seven-year-old gelding returned to be third in the Feb. 23 GII San Luis

Obispo H. at this trip and should be tighter in his second start back.

Obrigado is winless since beating On the Acorn by a half length in the 2007 Obispo. He beat just one home in the Mar. 31 G1 Dubai Sheema Classic, then rebounded with a third behind After Market

in the June 9 GI Charlie Whittingham H. at Hollywood. Off the board in three of his next four outings, the bay was last seen rallying for third in the Jan. 19 GII San Marcos H. **Boule d'Or**, claimed for \$50,000 after finishing third on the Santa Anita lawn Jan. 20, went gate to wire in his latest, an optional claimer going 10 panels on the grass Feb. 29.



On the Acorn
Benoit photo

THREE CHIMNEYS
Winners' Circle Report

For the week ending March 21, 2008



Point Given
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Besides currently being a **Top Ten North American Sire**, Point Given is currently **the # 1 North American All Weather Track Sire**. *Point Given* had four winners this week, including all weather track allowance winner **TALL TEXAN** (04 g. o/o Katilac Offthestars, by Katowice), who won a 7 f. allowance on the all weather track at Santa Anita on March 16 by a nose. He drove to the stretch and held off a rallying challenger by a nose. He's undefeated, now, in two starts and earned \$60,000. Owners: John T.L. Jones, Jr., R.D. Hubbard & Robert Masterson. Breeders: Barry Becker, Judith Becker & The Thoroughbred Corporation.

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Sky Mesa

SKY MESA 2YO's CONTINUE TO SHINE

Three more Sky Mesa juveniles sold at the OBS March Sale this week. Sky Mesa has now had **eight 2-year-olds sell** in 2008 and they have **averaged \$275,625** – which is more than **18 times his 2008 stud fee** of \$15,000 live foal, payable September 1.

The 18th winner from Sky Mesa's first crop is SKY N MIGHTY (05 f. o/o Mighty Mags, by Wild Again), who won a 6 f. maiden at Oaklawn Park on March 19 by two and a quarter lengths. It was almost five lengths back to the show horse. She had to angle out for room late on the turn and lost some momentum but reached the front at the eighth pole and drew out. Owners: Barry & Joni Butzow.

Breeder: John C. Oxley. [Chart](#) [Video](#)

War Chant

GRADE 3 WINNER BACK
IN ACTION WITH A WIN

CHATTAHOOCHEE WAR (02 c. o/o Buffalo Berry (IRE), by Sri Pekan) won his first start of the year, a 1-1/8 m. turf allowance at Santa Anita on March 17, by three and a quarter lengths. The Grade 3 stakes winner has won or placed in ten of his 14 career starts and earned \$540,016. Owner: Amerman Racing Stables LLC. Breeder: Edmund J. Loder. [Chart](#) [Video](#)

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

DISTAFF H.-GII, \$150,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Your Flame in Me	Boundary	Trombetta	4-1
2	Rite Moment	Vicar	Contessa	2-1
3	Scatkey	Scatmandu	P Kelly	12-1
4	Beau Dare	Military	Levine	5-1
5	Control System	Lion Hearted	Trombetta	9-5
6	Quality Affair	Elusive Quality	H A Jerkens	8-1

GSW Control System, who capped off 2007 with a win in the Dec. 1 Garland of Roses H. at Aqueduct, opened 2008 with a victory in the Interborough H. on New Year's Day. The bay filly was sent off the even-money chalk in the Feb. 16 GII Barbara Fritchie H., but had to settle for second. She gets the Big A's top jockey Ramon Dominguez this time, and has never been beaten on this surface. **Beau Dare** has been first or second in six of her last seven outings and is two-for-two on the inner track. The five-year-old mare bids for her third straight after scoring in an optional claimer at Aqueduct Dec. 26 and the Correction H. at the track Feb. 9. **Rite Moment**, a half-length runner-up in the Correction, shortens up after a 13 1/4-length romp in the Limit S. at a mile and 70 yards Mar. 6. She is three-for-four since being purchased privately by Winning Move Stables last December. "We bought her relatively cheap hoping she'd turn out to be a solid \$50,000 claimer," trainer Gary Contessa said of the former Hawthorne-based filly. "When she came across the fax machine for sale, we were very excited because she's the kind of horse that fits well here in the winter."

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

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

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Baroness Thatcher	Johannesburg	Mott	6-1
2	Windyindy	A.P. Indy	Nafzger	8-1
3	Lady Marlboro	Smoke Glacken	J Jerkens	6-1
4	Featherbed	Smart Strike	Pletcher	10-1
5	Dixie Dreamer	Mutakddim	Ma Wolfson	4-1
6	Shaggy Mane	Bertrando	Dutrow Jr	5-1
7	Sugar Swirl	Touch Gold	Lynch	7-5

Shirley Jones cont.

Sugar Swirl, perfect in two attempts this term, including an 8 3/4-length victory over this strip in the GIII Hurricane Bertie H. last time Feb. 17, figures to be tough in this spot. The Stronach homebred fired a five-furlong bullet in :59 4/5 at Palm Meadows Mar. 15. **Shaggy Mane**, a dominating 7 3/4-length victress in the 2007 Sunshine Millions F&M Sprint at Gulfstream for trainer Don Chatlos, Jr., has been relocated to the East Coast and is now under the care of Rick Dutrow. She most recently finished fifth in this year's Sunshine Millions F&M Sprint at Santa Anita Jan. 26.



Sugar Swirl
EquiSport photo

Saturday, Turfway Park, post time: 5:39 p.m. EDT

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

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Love Buzz	Silver Charm	Romans	6-1
2	Lovers Spat	Yankee Gentleman	Motion	12-1
3	Valentine Fever	Stormin Fever	Foley	6-1
4	Maren's Meadow	Meadowlake	Jones	5-1
5	Clearly Foxy	Volponi	Casse	3-1
6	Morakami	Fusaichi Pegasus	Arnold II	4-1
7	A to the Croft	Menifee	McPeek	5-2
8	Downtown Drifter	Devil His Due	Caramori	20-1

A to the Croft makes her first start of the new year. The chestnut filly, runner-up in the GII Adirondack S., GI Spinaway S. and GI Darley Alcibiades S. last year, has not been out since tiring to ninth in the Oct. 27 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies. **Clearly Foxy** won the first two starts of her career on the Woodbine turf, including the GIII Natalma S. in September, but failed to fire when trying the sloppy main track at Monmouth in the Juvenile Fillies and finished sixth. The bay has not been out since.

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Sunday, Gavea, Brazil

GRANDE PREMIO FRANCISCO EDUARDO DE PAULA MACHADO-G1, R\$104,813, Gavea, 3-16, 3yo, 2000m (off turf), 2:07.45, gd.

1--#**BELO PURSE (BRZ)**, 124, c, 3, by Public Purse
 1st Dam: **Brilhatura (Brz)**, by Basim
 2nd Dam: **Miss Flete (Brz)**, by En Flete (Brz)
 3rd Dam: **Miss Acacia (Brz)**, by Gaiano (Brz)
 O-Jessica Coudelaria; B-Ulises Lignon Carneiro (BRZ);
 T-Dulcino Guignoni; J-Dalvo Duarte; R\$30,000.
 Lifetime Record: 10-4-0-1, R\$77,008.

2--**Amigo Gaucho (Brz)**, 124, c, 3, Public Purse--
 England's Rose (Brz), by Clackson (Brz). O/B-Stud Art
 & Ort (BRZ); R\$12,000.

3--**Jambo (Brz)**, 124, c, 3, Golden Voyager--Vassy (Brz),
 by Livernon (Brz). O/B- Haras Sao Jose & Expedictus
 (BRZ); R\$9,000.

Margins: 1, 1/4, 7 3/4. Odds: 6.40, 2.60, 14.10.

This contest, the second leg of Rio de Janeiro's Triple Crown, was originally scheduled for 1 1/4 miles on turf, but was transferred to the main track due to rain. The surface switch forced the scratch of brilliant first leg winner Joe Bravo (Brz) as well as four other runners. Belo Purse found his best stride in the closing meters to post a breakthrough victory, and led home an exacta for his sire Public Purse (Private Account. The top three finishers are expected to renew their rivalry in the 2400-meter G1 GP Cruzeiro do Sul (Rio de Janeiro's Derby) Apr. 13. It was the second Group 1 winner for Public Purse, a multiple Group 2 winner for Juddmonte who also finished third in the 2000 G1 Dubai World Cup won by Dubai Millennium (GB). Belo Purse's dam Brilhatura, a half-sister to stakes winner Miss Oromo (Brz), descends from Miss Florence (Brz), dam of 1929 GP Sao Paulo winner Santarem (Brz), a successful sire in Brazil for the Paula Machado family.

Thursday, Nagoya, Japan

NAGOYA DAISHOTEN-G3-NAR, ¥43,500,000, 3-20, NAG, 4yo/up, 1900m, 2:00.60, sy.

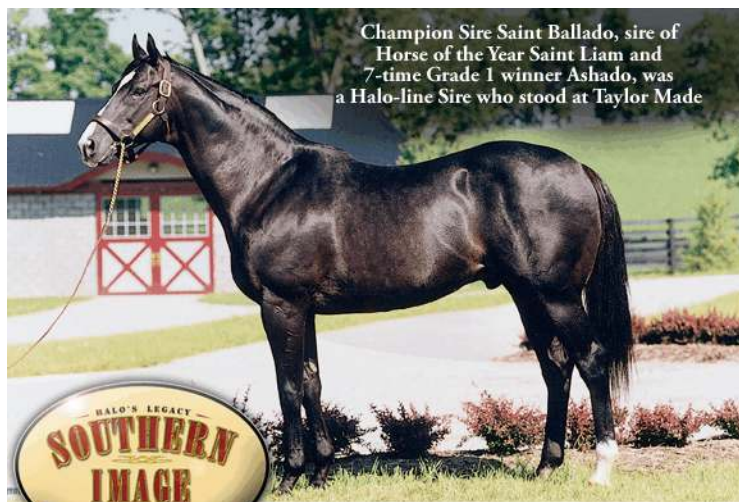
1--**MEISHO TOKON (JPN)**, 128, h, 6, by **Mayano Top Gun (Jpn)**
 1st Dam: **Lunar Sphere (Jpn)**, by Jade Robbery
 2nd Dam: **Luna Orchid (Jpn)**, by Real Shadai
 3rd Dam: **Shadai Warden (Jpn)**, by Northern Taste
 O-Yoshio Matsumoto; B-Niikappu Hashimoto Farm (JPN); T-Isao Yasuda; J-K Take; 30,000,000. Lifetime Record: 32-8-5-6, 295,610,000. *1/2 to Laurel Royce (Jpn) (Genuine {Jpn}), MSP-Jpn-stp, \$679,306.
Werk Nick Rating: A.

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2--**Al Dragon (Jpn)**, 126, h, 7, Brian's Time--Dragontina, by Danzig. O-A T Inc; B-Ishida Farm (JPN).

3--**Saqalat (Jpn)**, 128, h, 8, Afleet--Scarlet Lady (Jpn), by Sunday Silence. O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm (JPN).

Margins: HF, 1, 4. Odds: 1.60, 6.70, 4.30.



Champion Sire Saint Ballado, sire of Horse of the Year Saint Liam and 7-time Grade 1 winner Ashado, was a Halo-line Sire who stood at Taylor Made

Halo's Legacy

Halo's influence continues to factor prominently into America's premier races. Two of the starters in the Lane's End Stakes (G2) are by Southern Image's sire, Halo's Image.

Southern Image, a 3-time Grade 1 winner who was never off the board, stands to be the next significant Halo influence when his runners hit the track next year.

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☆ NEWS TODAY ☆

DESORMEAUX HAS 'BIG' OPTIONS Kent Desormeaux has twice visited the winner's circle in the Run for the Roses, with Real Quiet in 1998 and Fusaichi Pegasus in 2000. The Louisiana-born reinsman has some pretty talented colts to choose from for this year's GI Kentucky Derby. He has the call aboard unbeaten **Big Brown** (Boundary) in the GI Florida Derby next Saturday, and will also pilot GII Fountain of Youth S. winner **Cool Coal Man** (Mineshaft) next out in the GI Toyota Blue Grass S. Apr. 12 at Keeneland. "You've got to see what happens, how they come out," said Mike Sellito, Desormeaux's agent.



Big Brown
Adam Coglianesse photo

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Thoro-Graph Race of the Week

by Jerry Brown

For sheets and complete Thoro-Graph data on the Race of the Week, click [here](#).

Saturday, Turfway Park, post time: 6:49 p.m. EDT
LANE'S END S.-GII, \$500,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m (AWT)
PP HORSE SIRE JOCKEY ODDS
1 Duke of de Buque Dixie Union Leparoux 12-1

Ran poorly first time out, but two of his next three were much better, and since he has speed and the rail, good enough to put him in the thick of this if he runs back to that level. But this gelding is by Dixie Union, whose runners so far haven't liked synthetic surfaces much (see *Sire Profile*). That makes him tough to use and, at the same time, tough to throw out.

2 Macho Again Macho Uno Mena 10-1

Ran a big figure last time out, and a repeat would give him a big shot here. But his only effort over Poly was the worst of his life, and since he's also off a big jump to a new top, a bounce is likely.

3 Chitoz Forest Wildcat Douglas 8-1

Ran well over this surface last year, but has deteriorated since on dirt and grass. If that was simply a function of surface, he'll run better now. But even if he does he would have to dramatically improve on that two-year-old figure to contend.

4 Rich Young Ruler Victory Gallop Pompell 30-1

Ran a new top before being eased in his last, and it's tough to know what his condition is now. Since he's never run fast enough and never tried Poly, he's tough to like regardless.

5 Adriano A.P. Indy Prado 6-1

Showed nice development and good figures on both Poly and grass at two, and ran a big one at Gulfstream on turf in January. In his last, he tried dirt and ran poorly, but we think he'll run much better now over the synthetic surface. Contender.

6 Racecar Rhapsody Tale of the Cat Albarado 6-1

Was left at the post in his debut and, if you adjust his number for the lengths he lost at the start, he gets a strong figure, equal to the ones he ran later that made him competitive in graded stakes. Though he's coming off a layoff, there are lots of plusses here. He's run well fresh, run well on Poly and adds blinkers, a strong move for McPeck (see *Trainer Profile*). This colt is a strong contender even without improvement from his juvenile figures, and McPeck shows positive trainer intent by running here instead of the Rushaway. Strong Contender.

7 Halo's King Halo's Image Castanon 50-1

Has never run fast enough to threaten here.

Nathan Fox on Star Dabblers

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8 Halo Najib Halo's Image Desormeaux 7-2

Has shown he can handle synthetic surfaces, but there are issues concerning his Thoro-Graph pattern. A big effort in his second start set him back badly, and he hasn't been able to improve on that level in three starts this year. In fact, just returning to that level at Ocala caused another big bounce, albeit on short rest. This is not a healthy pattern, which makes him tough to use as one of the favorites.



Hip 258, an attractive son of Posse from the consignment of Murray Smith, agent, brought \$375,000 from George Bolton at OBS March. Sherack photo



9 Cannonball Catienus Solis 9-2

Has done a lot of developing and loves the grass, which often means a horse will like Polytrack. Additionally, Catienus runners have shown an affinity for synthetic surfaces (*see profile*). But this one jumped way forward last time to a new top making another forward move right away unlikely, though a repeat could get him in the exotics.

10 El Aleman Point Given Mojica 99-1

Way too slow to compete with these.

11 Turf War Dixie Union Husbands 5-1

Is another by Dixie Union and, after four starts on Poly, improved dramatically when switched to dirt. His last, also on dirt, was better than it looked, but it's tough to like him going back to Poly. Down the line there should be a chance to bet this horse at a price on dirt.

12 Medjool Monarchos M Baze 8-1

Has a nice pattern that culminated with a new top last time out, but he would need to improve even more to get involved here, and the post doesn't help. *All carry 121 pounds.*

Bottom Line: Racecar Rhapsody looks like the right one, with Duke of de Buqe, Adriano, and maybe Cannonball usable in exotics.

Jerry Brown formed Thoro-Graph in 1982 to service the needs of horsemen and professional handicappers. Since then, Thoro-Graph has been responsible for the purchase of Belmont winner and champion Victory Gallop, two-time Breeders' Cup Mile winner Da Hoss, multiple track record setter and leading sire Distorted Humor--a total of 70 horses who have gone on to win stakes for their clients. Additionally, the last three NTRA national handicapping championship winners used Thoro-Graph data. Thoro-Graph performance figures take into account weight, ground loss, effect of wind on the time of the race, and track speed. The lower the figure, the better the performance. Among Thoro-Graph's innovations are the figure-based profiles, which enable horsemen and serious handicappers to accurately assess the tendencies of trainers in different situations, and sires and dam's runners at different distances, over different surfaces, and at different ages. For more information about Thoro-Graph data and consulting services, go to www.thorograph.com.



Hip 132, a striking daughter of freshman sire Roar of the Tiger, was purchased for \$370,000 by trainer Greg Gilchrist on behalf of Harry Aleo. She was from the draft of Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds LLC, agent. *Sherack photo*

OBS MARCH 2YO SALE		
Leading Sires by Average (2 or more sold)		
SIRE	NO. SOLD	AVG.
MORE THAN READY	2	\$397,500
DIXIE UNION	3	\$333,333
PURE PRIZE	2	\$322,500
LEMON DROP KID	2	\$285,000
FOREST WILDCAT	5	\$263,000
TAPIT	4	\$233,750
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1	ENCOSTA DE LAGO	10
2	Commands	7
3	ROCK OF GIBRALTAR	5

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(by no. of individual winners)

Rk	Stallion	Wnrs	SW's
1	ROCK OF GIBRALTAR	24	5
2	CHOISIR	23	1
3	Hussonet	22	3
4	Bel Esprit	22	3

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SATURDAY,
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AROUND
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★ GULFSTREAM ★

Yesterday's Results:

9th-GPX, \$42,000, Msw, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:41 3/5, fm.

BLUE LION (c, 3, [Stormy Atlantic](#)--[Leeward City](#), by [Carson City](#)) broke slowly in his career opener on the main track at Gulfstream Feb. 1 and never made an impact, finishing sixth. A 13-1 outsider in his turf debut, he chased the pace while saving ground early, changed lanes for the stretch drive and motored past Ndongo (Horse Chestnut {SAf}) for a 2 3/4-length victory. Furillo (Thunder Gulch), the 2-1 chalk, challenged for the lead at the eighth pole, but weakened to be fourth. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$25,600. O-W G Lyster III, Brent Rice & Helen Laughery. B-Wayne G Lyster III (KY). T-George R Arnold II.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, SATURDAY, MARCH 22:

- 04-05 \$750,000 [Santa Anita Derby-I, SA](#), 3yo, 9f (2500)
 - 04-05 \$750,000 [Wood Memorial-I, Aqu](#), 3yo, 9f (750)
 - 04-05 \$500,000 [Apple Blossom H.-I, OP](#), 4yo/up, f/m, 8.5f (200)
 - 04-05 \$300,000 [Carter H.-I, Aqu](#), 3yo/up, 7f (300)
 - 04-05 \$500,000 [Oaklawn H.-II, OP](#), 4yo/up, 9f (200)
 - 04-05 \$100/100,000 [Excelsior Breeders' Cup H.-III, Aqu](#), 3yo/up, 9f (100)
 - 04-05 \$150,000 [Bay Shore-III, Aqu](#), 3yo, 7f (150)
 - 04-06 \$250,000 [Fantasy-II, OP](#), 3yo, f, 8.5f (100)
 - 04-12 \$1,000,000 [Arkansas Derby-II, OP](#), 3yo, 9f (1000)
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TODAY'S
INSIGHTS

4:42p 8th-GP, \$40K, Msw, 3yo, 7f
HRTV **FWHYEYE** ([Unbridled's Song](#)), a full to GSW Rare Blend and a Triple Crown nominee, prepped for his first start with a half in :48 1/5 (3/37) out of the gate at Palm Meadows Mar. 16.
Le Grand Cru ([Dynaformer](#)), a \$230K KEESEP yearling, has readied for his career opener with a series of solid trials at Gulfstream. The dark bay is a half to Argentine Group 1 winners Ice Point (Arg) (Roy) and Ice Horse (Arg) (Roy).
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5:19p 10th-AQU, \$48K, Msw, 3yo, 6f
TVG Edward Evans homebred **ELUSIVE GIFT** ([Elusive Quality](#)) makes his debut off a series of solid works. The bay is a half to GISW Christmas Kid (Lemon Drop Kid). He faces fellow firsters **Royal Lord** ([Mr. Greeley](#)), a half to GSW U Can Do It (Gold Alert); and **P.R. Paul** ([Elusive Quality](#)), a half to GSW Dazzle Me (Tactical Cat). brisnet.com pps

Gulfstream Report cont.
5th-GPX, \$40,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 5fT, :55 2/5, fm.
+ **REEF BAY** (f, 3, [Danzig](#)--[Morena Park](#) {GB} {MSW-Ity & SP-US, \$189,009}, by [Pivotal](#) {GB}) was let go at 5-1 in her first start. Outsprinted early, she raced in the middle of the pack through an opening quarter in :21.12. The bay was urged into contention as they entered the turn and hit the gas in the stretch, collaring 5-2 choice Antepova (Stravinsky) in the final strides for a head success. The winner is from the last crop by Danzig, which numbers just 26 foals. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,000. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)
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O/B-Augustin Stable (PA). T-Jonathan E Sheppard.



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Yesterday's Results:

3rd-AQU, \$49,000, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m70y, 1:43 2/5, ft.

FADA RUN (f, 3, **Cherokee Run**--Danseur Fabuleux {GSP-Fr}, by Northern Dancer), a 1/2 to Arazi (Blushing Groom {Fr}), Ch. 2yo Colt-US, Hwt 2yo Colt-Fr, GISW-US, MG1SW-Fr, \$1,213,307 ; and Noverre (Rahy), Hwt 3yo Colt-GB at 7-9.5f, G1SW-GB, SW & MG1SP-Fr, G1SP-UAE, \$1,429,344, has progressed steadily since running fourth in a six-furlong maiden test at Aqueduct in her Jan. 9 debut. The Darley homebred came back to be third Feb. 10, then tried her hand at routing and was second Mar. 2. The 2-1 second choice to graduate this time, she pressed the pace through a half in :47.16, moved off the rail for the final drive and got up in the shadow of the wire for a 3/4-length tally over Mafietta (Giant's Causeway). Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$46,400. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

O/B-Darley (KY). T-Kieran P McLaughlin.

★ CENTRAL ★

Saturday, Turfway Park, post time: 6:14 p.m. EDT

RUSHAWAY S., \$100,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	Acting Out	Exploit	G Hofmans	115
2	Tejanos Eliminator	Tejano Run	McPeek	115
3	Holidaze	Harlan's Holiday	Pletcher	117
4	Miner's Claim	Mineshaft	Casse	115
5	Targe	Monarchos	Maker	117
6	Cape of Storms	Cape Town	Sanders	117
7	Big Glen	Cactus Ridge	Brothers	121
8	Icabad Crane	Jump Start	Motion	117
9	My Sea of Fire	Sea of Secrets	Primiano	115

Two unbeaten colts meet in their stakes bows.

Miner's Claim has not been out since taking a two-turn Woodbine allowance test Nov. 2. New York-bred **Icabad Crane** comes into this off a restricted allowance score going a mile and 70 yards on the Aqueduct inner track Jan. 20. [Click here](#) for the BRIS PPs.

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Friday Cancellation
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(races 5-9)

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Central Report cont.

Yesterday's Results:

BEDANKEN S., \$59,400, FGX, 3-21, 3yo, f, a1 1/16mT, 1:44 3/5, fm.

1--**SWEEPSTAKE (IRE)**, 116, f, 3, **Acclamation (GB)--Dust Flicker (GB)**, by **Suave Dancer**. (22,000gns wlng '05 TATDEC; €65,000 yrl '06 GOFORB). O-Forging Oaks Farm; B-Calley House UK (IRE); T-David M Carroll; J-Robby Albarado; \$36,000. Lifetime Record: SW & GSP-GB, 6-3-1-1, \$89,223.

2--**Magger Bags**, 116, f, 3, **Indian Charlie--Rhapsody Blues**, by **Homebuilder**. (\$50,000 yrl '06 KEESEP). O-Circle C Group Stables. \$12,000.

3--**Serenity Lake**, 116, f, 3, **Alphabet Soup--Meadow Peace**, by **Meadowlake**. (\$32,000 2yo '07 ADNMAR). O-Richard L Lister. \$6,000.

Margins: 6, NK, 3/4. Odds: 2.50, 4.60, 9.10.

Sweepstake opened her career with back-to-back wins in Britain, including the May 31 Listed National S. at Sandown, but faltered in the G2 Queen Mary S. at Royal Ascot and finished 19th. The bay filly closed out her UK stint with a third in the July 29 G3 Princess Margaret S. at Ascot, then shipped across the Atlantic. The 13-10 chalk in her U.S. opener, the Feb. 5 Mardi Gras S. going 5 1/2 furlongs, she finished well to get second, and was the second choice stretching beyond six furlongs for the first time here. Sweepstake went right to the front, cut out a half in :49.47 and six panels in 1:14.26, and pulled away for a decisive win.

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6th-FGX, \$40,000, Msw, 3yo, f, a8.5fT, 1:44 1/5, fm.
+ **CLOSEOUT (f, 3, Repriced--Deep Discount, by Relaunch)**, a full to **Capital Request, GSW, \$295,934**; and **Bricks and Ivy, SW, \$144,250**, was off at 4-1 in her first start. Under stout restraint as she caboosed the field early, the bay closed some ground down the backstretch and as they negotiated the turn. The Glen Hill homebred burst into the lead when they straightened for home and galloped away to a 5 3/4-length victory. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$23,400. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

O/B-Glen Hill Farm (FL). T-Thomas F Proctor.

10th-OPX, \$34,000, Msw, 3,4,5yo, f/m, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft.

+ **DOWD CHAPEL (f, 3, Stormy Atlantic--Queen's Code {SP, \$195,250}, by Lost Code)**, a \$55,000 KEESEP yearling, led from gate to wire in her first start en route to a 1 1/4-length win at 3-1 odds. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$20,400.

O-Charles & Scott Heider. B-John C Harvey Jr (ON). T-Kelly R Von Hemel.

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[3rd-AQU \(Msw \\$49K\) Fada Run](#) (Cherokee Run), a 1/2 to champions Arazi and Noverre, rallies for a narrow score.

[5th-GP \(Msw \\$40K\) Reef Bay](#) (Danzig) gets up to win by a head in her career opener.

[6th-FG \(Msw \\$40K\) Closeout](#) (Repriced) romps in her debut.

[Bedanken S. \(\\$60K, 6th-FG\)](#) British import **Sweepstake (Ire)** (Acclamation {GB}) storms to a six-length score in her two-turn bow.

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PALM MEADOWS

DUVEEN (Horse Chestnut {SAF}), 4fT, •:48.60, 1/17
VISIONAIRE (Grand Slam), 4f, :50.00, 14/28

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EL SULTRY SUN (Eltish), 4f, :50.80, 2/12
LEONNATUS ANTEAS (Stormy Atlantic), 4f, •:50.40, 1/12



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Yesterday's Results:

7th-BMX, \$37,996, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000), NW1X, 3yo, 6f, 1:09 3/5, ft.

BAMAHA BREEZE (c, 3, Lord Carson--Excessive Angi, by In Excess {Ire}) was claimed for \$20,000 after breaking his maiden at Golden Gate Jan. 12 and has done nothing but win for his new connections. The bay followed with a starter-allowance score at Bay Meadows Feb. 7 and added a Santa Anita allowance to his tally two weeks later. The 7-10 choice after the return to Northern California, he battled on the front end through a half in :45.42 and drew clear late to added to his unbeaten streak with a 4 1/2-length triumph. Lifetime Record: 4-4-0-0, \$78,780.

O-ETF Racing Partners, Lopez, & Raygoza. B-Jim Robinson & Robert Bone (CA). T-Steven Miyadi.

First/Second-crop starters to watch: Saturday, Mar. 22

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

- A. P. DELTA** (A.P. Indy), 37/3/1
6-FG, Stk, 1 1/16m, Biduadeau, \$14K LOU OCT yrl, 6-1
- CACTUS RIDGE** (Hennessy), Walmac, \$7K, 138/19/1
7-OP, Aoc, 6f, Hadnot, 8-1
- 11-TP, Stk, 1 1/16m, Big Glen, \$10K KEE SEP yrl
- CASTLE GANDOLFO** (Gone West), Dead, \$7K, 40/4/0
2-TP, Msw, 6f, Reachforthecastle
- COMIC GENIUS** (Unbridled), Doubletree, \$3K, 50/6/0
10-SUN, Alw, 6f, Unbridled April, \$700 RUI AUG yrl, 15-1
- CRAFTY C. T.** (Crafty Prospector), Windfall, \$5K, 50/4/1
5-AQU, Msw, 6f, +Crafty C J, \$9K OBS APR 2yo
- EASYFROMTHEGITGO** (Dehere), 519 Tbreds, 56/4/0
6-FG, Stk, 1 1/16m, Peachsfromthegitgo, \$32K TEX APR 2yo, 20-1
- EMPIRE MAKER** (Unbridled), Juddmonte, \$100K, 185/9/3
4-TP, Msw, 6f, Empiricism
- ESSENCE OF DUBAI** (Pulpit), Hartley, 119/12/0
4-GP, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Brave Apache, \$37K OBS FEB 2yo, 12-1
- 5-SA, Msw, 1mT, ++Crespo, \$14K FTK OCT yrl, 30-1
- FIFTY STARS** (Quiet American), 14/3/0
6-FG, Stk, 1 1/16m, Go Atm, 8-1
- FLATTER** (A.P. Indy), Claiborne, \$5K, 145/19/1
2-TP, Msw, 6f, Silver Flatters, \$5K KEE SEP yrl
- FULL MANDATE** (A.P. Indy), Hartley, 173/19/1
4-TAM, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Bonnistar, \$37K OBS AUG yrl, 4-1

- GREATNESS** (Mr. Prospector), Adena South, \$5K, 83/10/0
1-GP, Msw, 6f, Amazing, \$145K OBS APR 2yo, 6-1
- GULF STORM** (Storm Cat), Lou-Roe, \$4K, 137/16/1
8-TAM, Msw, 1mT, Shannon Brook M D, \$4K OBS OCT yrl, 30-1
- HARLAN'S HOLIDAY** (Harlan), Airdrie, \$18K, 169/29/5
5-SA, Msw, 1mT, Home for Harlan, \$82K FTK JUL yrl, 15-1
- 11-TP, Stk, 1 1/16m, Holidaze, \$70K FTK JUL yrl
- HIGHLAND GOLD** (Slew o' Gold), 37/0/0
5-BM, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Mocito
- HOLD THAT TIGER** (Storm Cat), Ashford, \$15K, 250/33/2
5-BM, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Hold the Advantage, \$29K KEE SEP yrl
- 2-TP, Msw, 6f, Hungry Tigress, \$55K KEE SEP yrl
- 5-SA, Msw, 1mT, Catastaire, \$130K KEE APR 2yo, 6-1
- KAFWAIN** (Cherokee Run), Darley, \$10K, 179/16/4
8-TAM, Msw, 1mT, English Rose, 5-2
- 7-CT, Alw, 7f, I'm a Slugger, \$35K KEE SEP yrl, 3-1
- MACHO UNO** (Holy Bull), Adena South, \$15K, 136/19/2
12-TP, Stk, 1 1/8m, Macho Again, \$150K OBS FEB 2yo, 10-1
- MINESHAFT** (A.P. Indy), Lane's End, \$100K, 151/13/2
11-TP, Stk, 1 1/16m, Miner's Claim, \$175K KEE SEP yrl
- MORLUC** (Housebuster), Buck Pond, \$5K, 34/1/0
4-TAM, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Runs With Angels, 12-1
- NAJLAN** (Runaway Groom), Hopewell, \$8K, 129/14/0
10-LRL, Stk, 1m, Cap' N Jack, \$19K EAS JUL 2yo, 30-1
- POSSE** (Silver Deputy), Vinery, \$10K, 154/30/7
10-AQU, Msw, 6f, Destry, \$75K EAS MAY 2yo
- PROUD CITIZEN** (Gone West), Airdrie, \$13K, 210/23/3
2-TP, Msw, 6f, Dbsecretprobation
- REPENT** (Louis Quatorze), Vinery Florida, \$5K, 158/28/4
4-TAM, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Preachin Heat, \$50K OBS AUG yrl, 5-2
- 10-LRL, Stk, 1m, Springs Road, \$95K EAS MAY 2yo, 8-1
- ROCK SLIDE** (A.P. Indy), Maryland Stallion, \$8K, 76/3/0
3-CT, Msw, 1 1/8m, Deep Impact, \$10K EAS DEC wnl, 2-1
- SKIP TO THE STONE** (Skip Trial), Lou-Roe, \$3K, 57/1/0
4-TAM, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Quick N Pink, 30-1
- SKY MESA** (Pulpit), Three Chimneys, \$30K, 177/19/1
5-SA, Msw, 1mT, Red Door Drive, \$110K BAR MAR 2yo, 15-1
- 5-SA, Msw, 1mT, Cavanal, \$310K FTF FEB 2yo, 6-1
- 8-GP, Msw, 7f, +Sky Mission, \$65K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1
- SLIGO BAY (IRE)** (Sadler's Wells), Adena South, \$10K, 128/12/1
7-FG, Stk, 1 1/16mT, Addicted Bay, \$5K KEE SEP yrl, 12-1
- SUNDAY BREAK (JPN)** (Forty Niner), Walmac, \$9K, 156/24/0
4-FG, Msw, 5 1/2f, Sunday Ride, \$14K KEE NOV wnl, 4-1
- VINDICATION** (Seattle Slew), Hill 'n' Dale, \$50K, 229/26/1
8-GP, Msw, 7f, Anewday, \$1000K FTF FEB 2yo, 12-1
- VOLPONI** (Cryptoclearance), Hopewell, 92/14/3
10-TP, Stk, 1m, Clearly Foxy, \$40K EAS MAY 2yo
- WHYWHYWHY** (Mr. Greeley), Gainesway, \$8K, 100/19/2
3-GP, Alw, 7f, Orinoquia, \$85K OBS MAR 2yo, 2-1
- 5-FG, Stk, 1 1/16m, Tensas Why Gin, \$20K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1
- WISEMAN'S FERRY** (Hennessy), Castleton Lyons, \$5K, 126/11/0
6-HAW, Msw, 6f, +Ben's Best Boy, \$20K KEE JAN yrl, 4-1
- YANKEE GENTLEMAN** (Storm Cat), Airdrie, \$10K, 114/22/2
9-TP, Stk, 6f, Stormin Yank, \$27K OBS MAR 2yo
- 2-TP, Msw, 6f, Lady Yankee, \$75K FTK JUL yrl
- 11-OP, Msw, 6f, Numismatist, \$40K BAR MAR 2yo
- 10-TP, Stk, 1m, Lovers Spat, \$12K KEE SEP yrl
- ZAVATA** (Phone Trick), Walmac, \$8K, 121/19/0
11-OP, Msw, 6f, Zavata Flash



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EUROPE



NTRA to Host Equine Tax Seminar:

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association will host an equine tax seminar on the first floor of the Keeneland grandstand in Lexington on Monday morning, Apr. 7. The seminar will be led by Thomas A. Davis, a partner in the D.C. law firm Davis & Harman, LLP, and topics will include the benefits of the recently passed Economic Stimulus Act and the proposed Equine Equity Act. It will begin at 9:30 a.m., and is scheduled to conclude at 10:30 a.m., just prior to the under-tack preview for the Keeneland April sale. "We encourage current and prospective horse owners as well as consignors and sellers to take this opportunity to learn about changes to the Federal tax code that can positively impact their business," said Peggy Hendershot, NTRA senior vice president of legislative affairs. Seating is limited. To reserve a spot, contact Joe Bacigalupo at (800) 792-6872, ext. 677, or via email at joeb@ntra.com.

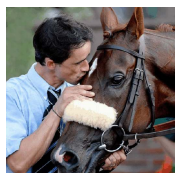
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IN FRANCE:

War Officer, c, 3, [Grand Slam](#). See "France."

IN UAE:

Mannjal, g, 6, [Storm Cat](#)--Society Lady, by Mr. Prospector. Jebel Ali, 3-21, Hcp, 1400m, 1:26.91. O-Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Darley (KY); T-Dhruba Selvaratnam. *1/2 to Bint Allayl (GB) (Green Desert), Hwt. 2yo Filly-GB, MGSW-GB, \$143,084; Kheleyf (Green Desert), GSW-GB, \$136,029.



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★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday's Results:

PRIX MONTENICA-Listed, €55,000, Deauville, 3-21, 3yo, c/g, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.90, stn.

1--**#WAR OFFICER, 123, c, 3**, by [Grand Slam](#)

1st Dam: **Wonder Woman**, by Storm Cat

2nd Dam: **Wandering Star**, by Red Ransom

3rd Dam: **Beautiful Bedouin**, by His Majesty

O/B-Joseph Allen; T-Jean-Claude Rouget;

J-Christophe-Patrice Lemaire; €27,500. Lifetime

Record: GSP-Fr, 7 starts, 3 wins, 4 places, €77,600.

Werk Nick Rating: A + +.

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2--**Flying Blue (Fr)**, 123, c, 3, Fly to the Stars (GB)--

Viking's Cove, by Miswaki. (€30,000 yrl '06

DEAOCT). €11,000.

3--**Trevez (Ire)**, 123, c, 3, Alhaarth (Ire)--Agapimou

(Ire), by Spectrum (Ire). €8,250.

Margins: 3, 3/4, 1HF. Odds: 0.80, 9.00, 2.60.

Also Ran: Salut l'Africain (Fr), Water View.

Following two conditions wins over this track and trip in August and at Chantilly in September, War Officer took his next step up the ladder when third in the G3 Prix Eclipse back at the latter venue the following month. He was making his sophomore bow here. Always traveling easily in second, the dark bay struck passing the quarter pole and required only hand riding to outclass his opponents. The Joe Allen homebred is the first foal from a winning daughter of GSW Wandering Star. "I'm quite pleased with the way the horse won," said trainer Jean-Claude Rouget. "There is a strong possibility we will take him to the Listed Prix Djebel [at Maisons-Laffitte Apr. 14], but the long-term plan is to take him to Royal Ascot for the [G3] Jersey S. [June 18]." Click for the [Racing Post chart](#).

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PRIX RONDE DE NUIT-Listed, €55,000, Deauville, 3-21, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:18.50, stn.

1--#**LESSING (FR)**, 123, f, 3, by **Orpen**

1st Dam: **Lady Morgane (Ire)**, by **Medaaly (GB)**

2nd Dam: **Flutixoa (Fr)**, by **Linamix (Fr)**

3rd Dam: **Flutiskoa (Ire)**, by **Caerleon**

(€28,000 yrl '06 DEAAUG). O-Javier Martinez Salmean; B-Mlle F Perree; T-Yan Durepaire; J-Olivier Peslier; €27,500. Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €50,100. **Werk Nick Rating: A.** [Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Lette Spirituelle (GB)**, 123, f, 3, **Invincible Spirit (Ire)** --**Epistole (Ire)**, by **Alzao**. (€100,000 HIT '08 GOFFEB). €11,000.

3--**White Spire (Fr)**, 123, f, 3, **Septieme Ciel--White Love (Fr)**, by **Northern Crystal (GB)**. €8,250. Margins: 1HF, 1HF, 1. Odds: 13.00, 9.00, 25.00. Also Ran: **Alsace (GB)**, **Dixie Girl (Fr)**, **Rafine (GB)**, **Kadance Blue (Fr)**, **Masque Rose (GB)**, **Luna Royale (Ire)**, **Fleurina (Fr)**, **Genoveva (GB)**.

Lessing struck for the burgeoning Spanish racing scene here to capture this competitive prize for trainer Yan Durepaire's Hipodromo de la Zarzuela base in Madrid. The bay earned this shot in the dark hwnw winning the Premio Antonio Blasco at that venue in November, and proved up to the standard in the hands of Olivier Peslier. Restrained exiting the gates to race behind the frontrunners, she challenged wide in the stretch and overhauled the long-time leader **Lette Spirituelle** passing the eighth pole. "It is quite a trip and, when you come such a long way, you need to have a horse capable of competing in this company," acknowledged Durepaire. "She was quite fit coming into the race, but I believe she still has room for improvement. She is in the same ownership as [G1 Man o'War S. and G1 Hong Kong Vase winner] **Doctor Dino (Fr)** and, now that she has proved her class at this level, she will remain in training in France with Richard Gibson. I wish him all the best with her."

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Deauville, 1.50, Cond, €29,000, 3yo, c/g, 1 3/16m (AWT), 2:01.40, stn.

HOPES AND FEARS (IRE) (c, 3, **Captain Rio {GB}**--**Saibhreas {Ire}**, by **Last Tycoon {Ire}**), successful over course and distance on his last start in November, was backed into 4-5 favoritism. The bay colt raced behind the early leaders in mid-pack. He was denied a gap at a crucial stage, but got out in time to inhale **Be My Risk (Fr)** (**Take Risks {Fr}**) in the final stride and register a short-neck success. **Hopes and Fears** was a 31,000gns TATDEC weanling and 60,000gns TATOCT yearling. Lifetime Record: 6 starts, 3 wins, 3 places, €41,450. O-Beatrice Hermelin & Frank McNulty; B-K Foley; T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

Deauville, 2.50, Cond, €29,000, 3yo, f, 1 3/16m (AWT), 1:56.70, stn.

LEO'S STARLET (IRE) (f, 3, **Galileo {Ire}**--**Premiere Creation {Fr}** {**GISP-US & GSP-Fr**}, by **Green Tune**), a half-sister to **Anabaa's Creation (Ire)** (**Anabaa**), SW & G1SP-Fr, \$190,846, won at first asking over this track and trip in November and returned as the 6-5 crowd's choice to follow up. Positioned wide early stalking the fractions, the chestnut quickened to lead with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining before asserting under mainly hand riding to best **La Marea (Fr)** (**Green Tune**) by three lengths. "She's definitely a filly with some class, and I thought it would be easier to run on the all-weather surface, rather than a heavy turf course, first time out [this year]," explained trainer Alain de Royer-Dupre. "She is stronger and quickens much better than her half-sister, and we will aim her at a listed race, at the very least, next time." Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 2 wins, €25,000.

O-William J Preston & Hubert Guy; B-Prestonwood Farm Inc; T-Alain de Royer-Dupre.

★ G E R M A N Y ★

SCHONINGH SECURES HOPPEGARTEN

Racing at the Berlin racecourse Hoppegarten will continue after it was announced that Gerhard Schoningh has purchased the 140-year-old establishment. After fears that the venue could be turned into a shopping centre, a change in the regulations allowed the investor and former fund manager to obtain the site. Among Schoningh's horses--which fly the banner of Ennismore Racing--is the Henry Cecil-trained Listed Harvest S. winner and G2 Park Hill S. third **Brisk Breeze (Ger)** (**Monsun {Ger}**). Having also been instrumental in the safeguarding of the Krefeld racetrack in the nineties, Schoningh has been keen to assure the racing authorities that all planned eight-race meetings at Hoppegarten for 2008 will take place.

Yesterday's Results:

BREMER FRUHJAHR'S SPRINT-CUP-Listed, €20,000, Bremen, 3-21, 4yo/up, 6 1/2fT, 1:27.67, hy.

1--**ALASKA RIVER (GER)**, 128, c, 4, **Anabaa--Ariosta (Ger)** (SW-Ger), by **Scenic (Ire)**. O/B-Gestut

Ammerland; T-Peter Schiergen; J-Andrasch Starke; €12,000. Lifetime Record: 11 starts, 6 wins,

3 places, €68,200. **Werk Nick Rating: A + .**

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2--**Shinko's Best (Ire)**, 123, g, 7, **Shinko Forest (Ire)**--**Sail Away (Ger)**, by **Platini (Ger)**. (Ir£16,000 wnlg '01 GOFNOV; €38,000 yrl '02 BBAAUG). €4,400.

3--**Signum (Ger)**, 121, h, 5, **Kalatos (Ger)**--**Southern Bird (Ger)**, by **Law Society**. €2,400.

Margins: 2HF, 2HF, 2. Odds: 0.20, 8.30, 11.90.

Also Ran: **Konig Speed (Ger)**, **Lord Areion (Ger)**, **Owentuo (Ger)**, **Tyberior (GB)**. Scr: **Smokejumper (Ger)**.



★ EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN UAE:

- Donia Dubai (Ire)**, m, 5, **Docksider--Dafrah**, by Danzig. Jebel Ali, 3-21, Hcp, 1600m, 1:42.20. O-Bouresly Racing Syndicate; B-Bernard Cooke (IRE); T-Rashed Bouresly. *5,000gns wnl '03 TATDEC.
- For Once (GB)**, g, 5, **Green Desert--Belle Argentine** (Fr) (SW & G1SP-Fr, SP-GB, \$124,329), by Fijar Tango (Fr). Jebel Ali, 3-21, Hcp, 1600m, 1:41.37. O-Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Darley (GB); T-D Selvaratnam. *1/2 to Alzerra (UAE) (Pivotal {GB}), GSW-GB, \$114,780; Matloob (GB) (Halling), GSP-GB.
- Singing Poet (Ire)**, g, 7, **Singspiel (Ire)--Bright Finish** (GSP-Fr), by Zilzal. Jebel Ali, 3-21, Cond, 1950m, 2:01.28. O-Sh Majid bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Gainsborough Stud Management Ltd (IRE); T-Erwan Charpy. *SW & GSP-UAE. **Won by 6 lengths. ***1/2 to Goldtown (Aus) (Sunday Silence), GSP-Aus.
- Janadel (Ire)**, h, 9, **Machiavellian--Insijaam** (MSW-Fr), by Secretariat. Jebel Ali, 3-21, Hcp, 1400m, 1:28.60. O-Sh Mohammed bin Maktoum Al Maktoum; B-Gainsborough Stud Management (IRE); T-D Watson. *1/2 to Pictavia (Ire) (Sinndar {Ire}), GSW & G1SP-GB, G1SP-Ire, SW & GSP-US, \$450,233.

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STAKES RESULTS:

- RED CAMELIA S.**, \$60,000, FGX, 3-21, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, a1 1/16mT, 1:45 1/5, fm.
- 1--**LEESTOWN LIGHT, 118, m, 5, Leestown--Iwannabeacigar**, by **Country Light**. (\$4,500 yrl '04 LOUSEP; \$11,000 2yo '05 TEXMAR). O-David Beard; B-Latnie L Brewton III (LA); T-Larry Robideaux Jr; J-Lonnie Meche; \$36,000. Lifetime Record: 26-7-4-1, \$227,480.
- 2--**Exciting Empress**, 118, f, 4, Stormy Atlantic--Exciter, by Tom Rolfe. \$12,000.
- 3--**Sammie Sam**, 118, m, 5, Autocracy--Isle of Grey, by Digression. \$6,600.
- Margins: NK, 3/4, 1HF. Odds: 4.40, 1.00, 4.90.
- LAGNIAPPE LADIES SPRINT S.**, \$60,000, FGX, 3-21, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:03 1/5, ft.
- 1--**#CARSON CITY BABE, 120, m, 5, Carson City--Miss Cort'n**, by **A.P. Indy**. O/B-Keith Plaisance (LA); T-Edward J Johnston; J-Lonnie Meche; \$36,000. Lifetime Record: 11-4-2-1, \$141,610. *1/2 to Pressed (Chester House), SW, \$182,130.
- 2--**Calmed**, 118, m, 5, Belek--Too Calm, by l'ma Hell Raiser. \$12,000.
- 3--**Cutie Sabrina**, 116, m, 5, Toolighttoquit--Blue Bracelet, by Blue Buckaroo. \$6,600.
- Margins: 6HF, HF, NK. Odds: 2.30, 3.10, 34.30.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

- 3rd-SAX**, \$58,426, NW1X, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:48, fm. **TENT (IRE)** (g, 5, **Distant Music--Cheeky Weekly {GB}**, by **Cadeaux Genereux {GB}**) Lifetime Record: SP, 25-2-2-4, \$112,459. O-Gould Family Trust. B-Peter Gibbons & Dermot Forde (IRE). T-James M Cassidy. *47,000gns wlng '03 TATDEC.
- 8th-AQU**, \$52,000, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft.
- YES IT'S THE TRUTH** (c, 4, **Yes It's True--Lady Ironwood**, by **Housebuster**) Lifetime Record: 25-5-5-4, \$180,349. O-CP Racing Stables. B-Padua Stables (FL). T-Randi Persaud.
- 7th-AQU**, \$47,040, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW2X, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10, ft.
- TWO TURN HALO** (m, 5, **Southern Halo--Caveatta**, by **Caveat**) Lifetime Record: 21-5-2-3, \$143,185. O-Roddy J Valente. B-Mr & Mrs D Petrisak (NY). T-B N Levine. *\$5,000 yrl '04 KEESEP; \$15,000 2yo '05 BESMAY.
- 8th-OPX**, \$36,000, NW2\$X, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05 1/5, ft.
- STAR OF IDABEL** (m, 6, **Idabel--Daring Appeal {SP}**, by **Daring Jim**) Lifetime Record: SP, 30-9-7-4, \$184,042. O-B Mondello. B-J R & C A Phelps (AR). T-Paula Bacon.
- 9th-OPX**, \$35,000, Opt. Clm. (\$55,000), NW1X, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft.
- MINEWANDER** (f, 3, **Mineshaft--Wander Storm**, by **Storm Bird**) Lifetime Record: GSP, 8-2-1-2, \$69,430. O-Carl F Pollard. B-Jaime S Carrion, Trustee (KY). T-David R Vance. *\$120,000 yrl '06 KEESEP. **1/2 to Wander Mom (Maria's Mon), GSW, \$399,656.
- 6th-DED**, \$32,750, 3-20, NW2L, (S), 3yo, 7f, 1:28, ft.
- NOTHINBUTTROUBLE** (g, 3, **Naevus--Minneapolis {MSP}**, by **No Louder**) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1, \$49,220. O-Heiligbrodt Racing Stable. B-Foxwood Plantation (LA). T-J Hudson. *Full to Minneapolis Babe, SW, \$142,800.
- 3rd-HAW**, \$30,000, NW2X, (S), 3/up, 1m70y, 1:45, my.
- MUST TRUST** (g, 4, **Langfuhr--Good Humor**, by **Smart Strike**) Lifetime Record: 9-3-3-1, \$75,470. O/B-Richard L Duchossois (IL). T-Chris M Block.
- 7th-LRL**, \$30,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:24 2/5, ft.
- ARCHOMAN** (h, 5, **Arch--Western Music**, by **Lord At War {Arg}**) Lifetime Record: 10-4-2-1, \$57,880. O-Cristal Farms. B-D J Stable (KY). T-Ann W Merryman. *\$13,500 yrl '04 FTMOCT.
- 8th-DED**, \$27,230, 3-20, NW1X, 3yo, 1m, 1:41 1/5, ft.
- MY SWEET WILLIAM** (c, 3, **Johannesburg--Make Yourself Go**, by **Track Barron**) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$30,510. O-Louis & Kerry A Yaeger. B-M G G Holdings (KY). T-Paul Shamsie. *1/2 to Rochelle's Terms (Private Terms), GSW, \$248,636.



8th-CTX, \$27,000, 3-20, NW4LX, 4/up, 4.5f, :52 1/5, ft. MISSACITY LUKE (g, 7, Malibu Moon--Noble's Satin Doll, by Noble Nashua) Lifetime Record: MSW, 32-7-8-1, \$228,523. O/T-Keisy Cartagena. B-S C Brown (WV).

4th-PEN, \$25,792, 3-20, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 4/5, gd. CHISELING NICKIE (f, 4, Dominique's Act--Legal Dora, by Judge Smells) Lifetime Record: 10-4-2-1, \$52,071. O/T-Karen M Kunes. B-Sinatra Thoroughbred Racing & Breeding LLC (PA).

9th-TAM, \$20,200, NW1X, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:24 1/5, ft. HOLIDAY MOMENT (g, 5, Double Honor--Moment of Revenge, by Timeless Moment) Lifetime Record: 44-10-5-11, \$116,927. O/T-Rafael Ramos. B-Anne & Frank Ambrosio (FL).

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Turbo Call**, g, 2, **Nineeven**--Better Day, by Afleet. SAX, 3-21, (S), 2f (AWT), :21 1/5. B-T Lovingier (CA). * 1/2 to Jazz Sweep (Loup Sauvage), SW-Fr, \$181,266.

Irish Witch, f, 3, **Bernstein**--Crimson Belle, by Royal Academy. FGX, 3-21, 6f, 1:10. B-Peter Salmen Jr & Peter Kirwan (KY).

Malitzin, f, 3, **Dynaformer**--Secret Partner (MSW, \$149,624), by Rahy. TAM, 3-21, a1mT, 1:41 1/5. B-Jamm Ltd. & W Lazy T Ltd. (KY). *\$155,000 yrl '06 KEESEP.

Track Exchange, c, 3, **Exchange Rate**--Englands Angel (SP), by Houston. FGX, 3-21, 6f, 1:10 3/5. B-On Target Racing LLC (FL).

Classic Angel, f, 3, **Gift of Gib**--She's a Classic, by Laabity. DED, 3-20, (S), 7f, 1:28. B-Chad White (LA).

Two Tone Roan, g, 4, **Cee's Tizzy**--Freedom Dance, by Moscow Ballet. SAX, 3-21, (S), 1mT, 1:35 1/5. B-Harris Farms Inc. (CA).

Pacific Gulf, c, 4, **Chester House**--Strawberry Lady (MSP), by Strawberry Road (Aus). FGX, 3-21, 1m, 1:38. B-William R & Judy I Parke (KY). *\$50,000 yrl '05 KEESEP. ** 1/2 to Strawberry Affair (Black Tie Affair {Ire}), GSP, \$125,460.

Raiderrose, f, 3, **Confide**--Adelita Rose (SP), by Lode. SUN, 3-21, (S), 6f, 1:11 2/5. B-David Carter (NM).

Come Over Again, c, 4, **Victory Gallop**--Hennessy Waltz, by Hennessy. SAX, 3-21, (C), 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:14 2/5. B-Arnold & Tew (KY). *\$210,000 wlng '04 KEENOV; \$100,000 2yo '06 BESMAR.

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Deauville, 4.50, 3-21, €22,000, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.70, stn.

FAREION (GER) (h, 5, Areion {Ger}--Fanfare {Ger}, by Surumu {Ger}) Lifetime Record: 16 starts, 5 wins, 5 places, €32,650. O-Andre Behling; B-Gestut Lindenhof; T-Sascha Smrczek. *€7,000 yrl '04 BBAOCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Solapur (Ger), c, 3, Ekraar--Shina (Ger), by Lomitas (GB). Bremen, Germany, 3-21, Mdn, 3yo, 1 5/16mT. B-Gestut Fahrhof Stiftung. *Dam is a full sister to German champion Silvano (Ger) and a 1/2 to MG1SW Sabiango (Ger) (Acatenango {Ger}).

Famcur (GB), c, 3, Indian Ridge (Ire)--Fanofadiga (Ire) (Co-Hwt. Older Mare-Ity at 11-14f, \$101,267), by Alzao. Pisa, Italy, 3-20, Mdn, 3yo, 6fT. B-Azienda Agricola Francesca.

Black Out (Ger), c, 3, Second Set (Ire)--Bella Vista (Ger), by Konigsstuhl (Ger). Bremen, Germany, 3-21, Mdn, 3yo, 1mT. B-Gestut Rheinberg AG.