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RAGS TO RICHES RETIRED

Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith's champion **Rags to Riches** (A.P. Indy--Better Than Honour, by Deputy Minister) has been retired after reinjuring her right front pastern. The four-year-old filly was sidelined after suffering a hairline fracture to her pastern when second in the GI Gazelle S. last September. She returned to the work tab in March and had clocked a pair of three-furlong breezes at Palm Beach Downs. "Because of the timing, the decision was made to retire her as opposed to trying to bring her back in the fall," trainer Todd Pletcher from Palm Beach



Rags to Riches S. Andrew

Downs Monday. "It's a sad day for racing and all of her fans. She will go down in the history books as one of the best fillies ever to run. With the tremendous family that she comes from, she should make a terrific broodmare. We are excited for her and the prospects that lie ahead." Fourth in her career opener at Churchill Downs in June in her lone start at two, Rags to Riches returned to break her maiden at Santa Anita last January. It would be the last time she competed in anything but Grade I races. The blaze-faced chestnut reeled off victories in the GI Las Virgenes S., GI Santa Anita Oaks and GI Kentucky Oaks against fellow distaffers, then took on the boys in the GI Belmont S. She had to fight it out with Horse of the Year Curlin all the way down the stretch in that 1 1/2-mile "Test of the Champion," but proved worthy, winning by a head. Bred by Skara Glen Stables and purchased by Dr. Demi O'Byrne as a \$1.9 million KEESEP yearling, Rags to Riches retires with a record of 7-5-1-0 and earnings of \$1,342,528. She was scheduled to ship to Ashford Stud in Kentucky Monday, and will be bred to Giant's Causeway. "She is a lovely mare, and we feel she will cross with him very well," said Tabor.



Rags to Riches & Curlin
Sarah Andrew

SOLID START FOR MAGIC MILLIONS

The Conrad Jupiters Magic Millions 2008 Yearling Sale got off to a roaring start on Australia's Gold Coast yesterday despite pre-sale jitters, giving Magic Millions principal Gerry Harvey plenty of cause to celebrate. Harvey is also the co-owner of More Than Ready, sire of the Magic Millions 2YO Classic winner Augusta Proud (Aus); and With 99 horses offered, the MM opener attracted a capacity crowd from the racetrack across the road, and closed with a robust clearance rate of 85 percent and an average of A\$147,321, up from A\$132,984 for the corresponding session last year.



MM Topper
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"This is a great start, and there are a lot of really nice horses to come," commented Magic Millions Managing Director David Chester. "We have a way to go yet, but I am really pleased so far." A colt by Redoute's Choice (Aus) out of Marshow (Aus) (Marsday {Aus}), consigned by Baramul, brought the day's high bid of A\$775,000 when going to the Hong Kong Jockey Club. The colt is a half-sibling to G1SP Into The Night (Aus) (Rhythm), and to Harvey's homebred Britomart (Aus) (Zabeel {NZ}), who has recorded three wins since the catalogue went to press. "We thought he was one of the colts of the sale," said Mark Player, head of HKJC sales. "He's a lovely looking colt--well bred and put together. He's by a top-class stallion, and from a proven stakes-producing dam as well." **cont. p5**

RAGS TO RICHES

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Curlin, Well Armed Tune Up at Nad Al Sheba...

Horse of the Year **Curlin** (Smart Strike) had his final prep for Saturday's G1 Dubai World Cup yesterday morning, working four furlongs in an easy :50.16 under



Curlin Dubai Racing Club

a motionless Carlos Rosas. The four-year-old galloped out five-eighths in 1:06.18. The move was "perfect," according to Steve Asmussen's assistant Scott Blasi. "He's physically ready to do what we are going to ask him to do on Saturday," Blasi added. Also

stretching his legs on the Nad Al Sheba main track yesterday, **Well Armed** (Tiznow) went a half in :48 with Iggy Puglisi in the irons. "I just wanted him to go an easy half mile, which he did," trainer Eoin Harty said. "He galloped out strong. He's very fit and he's sound, so it was just a routine maintenance work." As for plans between now and the 10-panel World Cup, Harty remarked, "It's pretty much all done and dusted. [He'll have] some light galloping, a trip to the starting gate and that will be it." The five-year-old is no stranger to Nad Al Sheba, recording one win from three starts at the track in 2006. He is two-for-four in the U.S., most recently taking the Feb. 9 GII San Antonio H.

UAE Triple Crown Winner Looking to Rebound...

Asiatic Boy (Arg) (Not for Sale {Arg}), who captured the UAE Triple Crown last year, suffered his first Nad Al Sheba defeat when third in the G3 Burj Nahaar going a mile on "Super Thursday" Mar. 6. The bay colt looks to get back on track in the \$6-million Dubai World Cup. "I was too easy on him in the build-up to Super Thursday, but as you can see he is far tighter now and, hopefully, will be at his peak on Saturday," trainer Mike De Kock said. "We ran him over a mile to progress to the 10 furlongs gradually, and we will find out about his stamina on Saturday." Twice a winner going 1800 meters in Dubai, Asiatic Boy tried 2000 meters in the 2007 G1 Juddmonte International and finished fifth behind G1 Epsom Derby hero Authorized (GB).

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DUBAI WORLD CUP
Post Times
Mar. 29, 2008

5:40 p.m.	G2 Godolphin Mile
6:15 p.m.	G2 UAE Derby
6:55 p.m.	G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen
7:55 p.m.	G1 Dubai Duty Free
8:40 p.m.	G1 Dubai Sheema Classic
9:30 p.m.	G1 Dubai World Cup



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DWC MEETING

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Classic Contender for Duty Free...

Finsceal Beo (Ire) (Mr. Greeley), who captured the G1 1000 Guineas and G1 Irish 1000 Guineas last year, and was beaten just a neck by **Darjina (Fr)** (Zamindar) in



Finsceal Beo (Ire)
Dubai Racing Club

the French equivalent, the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches, will meet that rival again in the G1 Dubai Duty Free S. The chestnut filly, who was also a champion at two in England, Ireland and France, was off the board in her last three starts of 2007, but trainer Jim Bolger is confident she will be back on track in her 2008 debut. "Her

form tapered off in the latter part of the season, but she's back to herself again now," said Bolger. "We weighed her, and her weight is good. She'll just have a canter again [Tuesday], and have a little blow on the turf on Wednesday." Darjina, five-for-seven lifetime, was last seen finishing third in the G1 Hong Kong Mile in December.

Saturday, Nad Al Sheba

DUBAI WORLD CUP-G1, \$6,000,000, 4yo/up, 2000m

HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
Well Armed	Tiznow	Gryder
Asiatic Boy (Arg)	Not for Sale (Arg)	Murtagh
Jalil	Storm Cat	Dettori
Vermilion (Jpn)	El Condor Pasa	Take
Premium Tap	Pleasant Tap	Madrid
Lucky Find (SAf)	Rich Man's Gold	Shea
Happy Boy (Brz)	Ski Champ	McEvoy
Glória De Campeão (Brz)	Impression (Arg)	Lemaire
Curlin	Smart Strike	Albarado
Kocab (GB)	Unfuwain	Pasquier
A. P. Arrow	A.P. Indy	Dominguez
Sway Yed (KSA)	Nisnas (Ire)	Peslier
Great Hunter	Aptitude	Gomez

All carry 125 pounds.

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Saturday, Nad Al Sheba

NAKHEEL THOROUGHBREDS DUBAI SHEEMA

CLASSIC-G1, \$5,000,000, 4yo/up, 2400mT

HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
Oracle West (SAf)	Western Winter	Murtagh
Gravitas (GB)	Mark of Esteem (Ire)	Dettori
Sushisan (Aus)	Fuji Kiseki (Jpn)	Moore
Quijano (Ger)	Acatenango (Ger)	Starke
Youmzain (Ire)	Sinnandar (Ire)	Hughes
West Wind (GB)	Machiavellian	McEvoy
Sun Classique (Aus)	Fuji Kiseki (Jpn)	Shea
Mourilyan (Ire)	Desert Prince (Ire)	Kinane
Yellowstone (Ire)	Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)	Egan
Gower Song (GB)	Singspiel (Ire)	Durcan
Latency (Arg)	Slew Gin Fizz	Mendez
Viva Pataca (GB)	Marju (Ire)	Beadman
Doctor Dino (Fr)	Mutathir (GB)	Peslier
Spring House	Chester House	Gomez
Dansant (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Spencer

All carry 123 pounds, except West Wind, Gower Song, and Sun Classique, 119.

Saturday, Nad Al Sheba

DUBAI DUTY FREE-G1, \$5,000,000, NH4yo/SH3yo&up, 1777mT

HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
Lingari (Ire)	Indian Ridge (Ire)	Moore	125
Lord Admiral	El Prado (Ire)	Kinane	125
Bullish Luck	Royal Academy	Prebble	125
Creachadoir (Ire)	King's Best	McEvoy	125
Archipenko	Kingmambo	Shea	125
Jay Peg (SAf)	Camden Park	Marcus	125
Majestic Roi	Street Cry (Ire)	Holland	121
Literato (Fr)	Kendor (Fr)	Dettori	125
Seachange (NZ)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Durcan	121
Niconero (Aus)	Danzero (Aus)	Williams	125
Vodka (Jpn)	Tanino Gimlet (Jpn)	Take	121
Admire Aura (Jpn)	Agnes Tachyon (Jpn)	Ando	125
Floral Pegasus (Aus)	Fusaichi Pegasus	Mosse	125
Darjina (Ire)	Zamindar	Soumillon	121
Finsceal Beo (Ire)	Mr. Greeley	Manning	121
Notional	In Excess (Ire)	Gomez	125

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Saturday, Nad Al Sheba

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\$2,000,000, 4yo/up, 1200m

HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
Munaddam	Aljabr	Dwyer
Mutamarres (GB)	Green Desert	Hills
Drift Ice (SAf)	Western Winter	Shea
New Freedom (Brz)	Burooj (GB)	O'Shea
Diabolical	Artax	Dettori
Star Crowned	Kingmambo	Kinane
Sarissa (Brz)	Music Prospector	Lemaire
Calrissian (Ger)	Ef시오 (GB)	Moore
Colbalt Blue	Golden Missile	Durcan
Idiot Proof	Benchmark	Flores
Bushwacker	Outflanker	Talamo
Narc (SAf)	National Assembly	Murtagh
Barbecue Eddie	Stormy Atlantic	Gryder
Benny the Bull	Lucky Lionel	Prado
Esperamos	Stormy Atlantic	Gomez

All carry 125 pounds, except Sarissa, 121.

Saturday, Nad Al Sheba

AL NABOODAH UAE DERBY-G2, \$2,000,000, 3yo, 1800m

HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
Cocoa Beach (Chi)	Doneraile Court	Durcan	125
Honour Devil (Arg)	Honour and Glory	Murtagh	130
My Indy (Arg)	Indygo Shiner	Dettori	130
Royal Vintage (SAf)	Rich Man's Gold	Shea	130
Numaany	A.P. Indy	McEvoy	121
Ukrainian (Brz)	Urban Habitat	Mullen	130
Light Green (Brz)	Blush Rambler	Kinane	125
Strike the Deal	Van Nistelrooy	Moore	121
Rock Ascot (Uru)	Mantle Rock	Birrer	130
Iide Kenshin (Jpn)	Thunder Gulch	Fujita	121
Zain Alma Aenee (KSA)	K J's Appeal	Madrid	121
Massive Drama	Kafwain	Gomez	121

Saturday, Nad Al Sheba

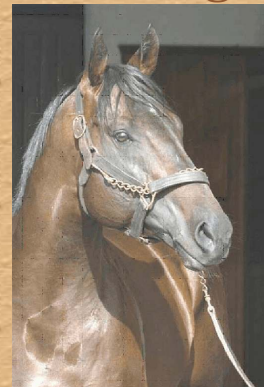
ETISALAT GODOLPHIN MILE-G2, \$1,000,000, NH4yo/SH3yo&up, 1600m

HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
Rosberg	A.P. Indy	O'Shea
Green Coast (Ire)	Green Desert	Gryder
Aleutian (GB)	Zafonic	Murtagh
Jet Express (SAf)	Jet Master (SAf)	Ffrench
Golden Arrow (Ire)	Danehill	Kinane
Don Renato (Chi)	Edgy Diplomat	Ramos
Blackat Blackitten (Ire)	Inchinor (GB)	Dettori
Halkin	Chester House	Smith
Elusive Warning	Elusive Quality	McEvoy
Brave Tin Soldiers	Storm Cat	Shea
Watch What Happens (Fr)	Stravinsky	Beadman
Baharah	Elusive Quality	Spencer
Barcola	Old Trieste	Gomez
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Nathan Fox on Storm Surge

“**STORM SURGE** possesses all of the attributes of the majority of **STORM CAT'S** best sons at stud. He was a very fast, sound stakes winner at two that went on to win graded stakes around two turns at three. He is by one of the best stallions in the world and out of a mare by another, which is also one of the best broodmare sires in the world. He is from a family that is known for producing great sires like Saint Ballado, Rahy, Singspiel, and Devil's Bag. **STORM SURGE** is a correct, well balanced individual with great scope and a terrific hind quarter, deep heart girth and long angular shoulder. This is a horse with tremendous potential, and I am breeding several of our best mares to him this year.”



Nathan Fox, Richland Hills Farm owner

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Triple Threats

Pyro Works...

Winchell Thoroughbred's **Pyro** (Pulpit) worked five-eighths in 1:02 2/5 over Keeneland's Polytrack surface Monday morning. The colt is the early favorite for the GI Toyota Blue Grass S. Apr. 12, which he is expected to use as his final prep for the GI Kentucky Derby May 3. "It went excellent," said trainer Steve Asmussen, who was on hand at Keeneland for the work. "It was exactly what we wanted to see and what we asked him for. He was very comfortable over the track and we hope that continues." With regular exercise rider Dominic Terry aboard, the bay recorded internal fractions of :26 2/5, :38 4/5, :50 4/5, and galloped out six furlongs in 1:15 2/5. Pyro arrived at Keeneland last week from Asmussen's winter base at the Fair Grounds, where he won the Feb. 9 GIII Risen Star S. and GII Louisiana Derby Mar. 8. For video, click [here](#).



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Where the Boys Are...

Gai Waterhouse went after colts yesterday, securing a son of Exceed and Excel (Aus) for A\$550,000. The yearling is out of a half-sister to G1 New Zealand 2000 Guineas winner Danske (NZ). Dean Hawthorne Bloodstock gave the same price for a Flying Spur (Aus) half-brother to stakes-winning juvenile Murphy's Blu Boy (Aus) (Blu Tusmani Aus}), out of Murphy's Arch (Aus) (Archregent). Charles Laird was active, securing four horses at the opening session. The quartet included a much-admired Encosta de Lago (Aus) colt for A\$490,000. Consigned by Strawberry Hill Stud, the half-brother to SW All American (Aus) (Red Ransom) is out a half Milva (Strawberry Road {Auds}), herself a half to MGISW Rock Hard Ten.

Book of Contention...

One issue causing plenty of debate is the heavy, unwieldy MM catalogue featuring no less than 1,811 horses from all eight sessions, although the buying bench for the first four select sessions, offering 900 horses, is considerably different to the bench that will attend the latter sessions. The result is that many have taken their catalogue and effectively halved it before taping it haphazardly back together. Buyers provided with hard-cover, embossed versions of the catalogue have chosen to leave the prestige version at home and come to Bundall with their ripped-in-half paperback copies. But Gerry Harvey is opposed to separating the sessions into individual catalogues, as occurs at other sales. "I like one big catalogue--it is a big sale," Harvey insisted. "Besides, it's good exercise to carry it around and lift it up and down." Managing Director David Chester ruefully pointed out that the fact it costs less to produce one whopping catalogue rather than several is not lost on the cost-conscious Harvey. "Plus, you can use it as a doorstop after the sale," Chester quipped. "Most catalogues get thrown out after the sale, but people keep ours for doorstops."



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A\$500+	3
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<u>Lot</u>	<u>sex</u>	<u>Sire</u>	<u>Dam</u>	<u>Price (\$A)</u>
<u>19</u>	c	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Marshow (Aus)	725,000
Consigned by Baramul Stud Purchased by Hong Kong Jockey Club				
<u>26</u>	c	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Mehitabel (NZ)	550,000
Consigned by Brooklyn Lodge (As Agent) Purchased by Gai Waterhouse				
<u>70</u>	c	Flying Spur (Aus)	Murphy's Arch (Aus)	550,000
Consigned by Southern Cross Breeders Purchased by Dean Hawthorne Bloodstock				
<u>36</u>	f	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Milva	490,000
Consigned by Strawberry Hill Stud Purchased by Laird Racing				
<u>29</u>	c	More Than Ready	Merlene (Aus)	325,000
Consigned by Coolmore Stud (As Agent) Purchased by Patinack Farm				
<u>03</u>	f	More Than Ready	Madam Bligh (Aus)	280,000
Consigned by Vinery Stud (As Agent) Purchased by Belmont Bloodstock Agency				
<u>78</u>	c	Flying Spur (Aus)	My Southern Bell (Aus)	280,000
Consigned by Brooklyn Lodge (As Agent) Purchased by Laird Racing				

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Lot 583 at the Conrad Jupiters 2008 Magic Millions Yearling Sale, a yearling filly by Zabeel - Carmina Burana, will be the first-ever thoroughbred with a registered color of white to step into the Magic Millions sales rung at Bundall. The three-quarter sister to Australian Horse of the Year Might and Power will go through the ring Wednesday, March 26. She is consigned by Amarina Farm, agent for breeders Pinnacle Thoroughbreds. © Georgina Lomax



Australian News cont.

Bolt from the Blue...

The purchase of Ingham bloodstock--with the exception of three horses believed to include Makybe Diva's three-quarter brother Musket (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), a A\$2.5 million yearling who has won his last two outings--has been warmly received by Australian Thoroughbred industry leaders. Negotiations over recent weeks were a well-kept secret, but Monday's announcement came a day earlier than both parties had initially planned. Aushorse chairman John Messara said Sheikh Mohammed's bold move franked the worth of the Australian industry in a global sphere. "This is fantastic news, it really underscores our place in a global industry, and the announcement of the deal has not done the market any harm," Messara said. "It has given the market extra confidence."

Magic Millions principal Gerry Harvey said large-scale foreign investment was crucial to the health of any industry that sought to be internationally relevant. "It is great news! We have the world's two biggest players investing significantly here, and this is going to put more people into the bloodstock industry," Harvey remarked.

Trainer Gai Waterhouse said Sheikh Mohammed's passion for Thoroughbreds was reflected in the scale of his investment. "He has major Thoroughbred operations in many countries, and it is very exciting that he has seen fit to expand his investment in Australia," Waterhouse said.

Darley Australia Manager Oliver Tait confirmed that, pending Foreign Investment Review Board (FIRB) approval of the purchase, the Woodlands brand would be subsumed into Darley. "The changeover will be from day one--the horses will be racing in our name and the bloodstock will be under Darley management," Tait explained. "At the same time, there are no plans to change anything dramatically from what is already in place."

Asked what appealed to Sheikh Mohammed about Woodlands, Tait said, "It is a very well-run organisation with terrific people in place. It is proven and there are a large number of very attractive horses."

Ingham's bloodstock manager Trevor Lobb came from Inglis in 1986 to join Woodlands; after 22 years he says he plans to stay on under a new boss, along with other key staff.

"It is a walk-in [takeover] and everyone is guaranteed a future, and we can look forward to improving the operation," Lobb said. "It is a global industry and this gives us the opportunity to breed and train on a global scale. We have got to look to the future this has happened, things change."

Trainer Peter Snowden indicated he would stay on, but admitted the takeover came as a surprise. "It came as a bit of a shock after 20 years with the Ingham family," he said.

☆ HIP HAPPENINGS ☆

129, c, Flying Spur (Aus)--Paris Nights (NZ), by Le Grand Seigneur (Aus)
Consigned by Willow Park Stud

This colt has a two-year-old half brother named Towering (Aus) (General Nediym {Aus}) and trainer Gary Portelli says the youngster is progressing well, having been beaten a nose in his only trial to date. Towering cost A\$220,000 and is among eight named horses from Paris Nights, who missed to Stratum (Aus) in 2006 and was covered by Danzero (Aus) in '07. "He is a stunning colt with so much quality, he just grabs your attention from the moment he walks out of his box. He is much bigger than the General Nediym, I guess he throws more to Flying Spur (Aus). He is such a mature horse he looks like you could throw a saddle on him and take him to the races, and therefore he is suited to the Magic Millions race concept," says Willow Park's Glenn Burrows.

133, c, Encosta de Lago (Aus)--Party Time (Aus), by Bletchingly (Aus)
Consigned by Coolmore Stud

Among 11 yearlings by Encosta de Lago in Coolmore's draft, this fetching dark bay colt oozes quality in every respect. He is bred on the same cross as four time Group 1 winner Racing To Win (Aus) who is out of a grand-daughter of Bletchingly (Aus) and to dual Group 1 winning filly Mnemosyne, out of a daughter of Bletchingly sire Canny Lad (Aus). The late Sir Tristan Antico bred Party Time (Aus) and she has been a prolific producer of nine named foals; six to race have all won, including SP Flash Bash (Aus) and Mega Me (Aus).

237, f, Encosta de Lago (Aus)--Sacred Hill (NZ), by Langfuhr
Consigned by Yarraman Park Stud

Sacred Hill is from the immediate family of Group 1 winner Sky Cuddle (Aus) (Snippets {Aus}) and MSW Sky Love (Aus) (Octagonal {NZ}). This is her second foal; the first is a General Nediym (Aus) two-year-old pin-hooked for A\$20,000 as a weanling and sold at MM '07 to Anthony Cummings for A\$120,000. Encosta de Lago has 40 yearlings catalogued; he is leading general sire with 10 stakes winners this season. Encosta de Lago covered 192 mares in Australia last spring at a fee of A\$220,000. "She is a great walking filly with an appealing pedigree," says Yarraman's Harry Mitchell.


236, f, Elusive Quality--Sabkha, by Green Desert
Consigned by Darley

Smartly-bred--3x3 to Mr. Prospector and 4x4 to Northern Dancer and Sir Ivor--this is the first filly from Darley homebred Sabkha, a daughter of Green Desert. Third in the 2003 Listed prix d'Angerville at Saint-Cloud, Sabkha has an Aug. 25 Dubawi filly at foot and was covered again by Elusive Quality last spring. "She is a lovely, balanced filly with a great constitution," says Darley Australia stud manager John Sunderland.





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HAPPY TICKET, 7, Anet--Love and Happiness, by Septieme Ciel

Foal born Mar. 16, a colt by Distorted Humor.

Will be bred back to Empire Maker.

Owned by Stewart Madison.

Boarded at Glencrest Farm.

Accomplishments: GISW, \$1,688,838.

POSSIBLY PERFECT, 18, Northern Baby--Avasand, by Avatar

Foal born Mar. 12, a colt by Elusive Quality.

Will be bred back to Bernardini.

Owned by Blue Vista Inc.

Boarded at Ashleigh Stud.

Accomplishments: Ch. Turf Mare, MGISW, \$1,377,273. Dam of Promontory Gold (Gone West), GSW, \$139,721.

MADCAP ESCAPEDE, 7, Hennessy--Sassy Pants, by Saratoga Six

Foal born Mar. 15, a colt by A.P. Indy.

Will be bred back to A.P. Indy.

Owned by Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Bruce Lunsford and Southern Equine Stables LLC.

Boarded at Hill 'n' Dale Farms.

Accomplishments: GISW of \$1,052,852.

ALIDIVA (IRE), 21, Chief Singer (Ire)--Alligatrix, by Alleged

Foal born Mar. 20, a filly by Distorted Humor.

Will be bred back to Giant's Causeway.

Owned by Charles Wacker.

Boarded at Taylor Made.

Accomplishments: SW-Eng. Dam of Taipan (Ire) (Last Tycoon {Ire}), Hwt. Older Horse-Ger, lty (2x) at 9.5-11f, MGSP-Eng, GSW & G1SP-Fr, MG1SW-lty, GSP-HK, \$1,185,265; Ali-Royal (Ire) (Royal Academy), Hwt. Older Horse-Eng at 7-9.5f, G1SW-Eng, \$328,190; Sleepytime (Ire) (Royal Academy), G1SW-Eng, \$240,036; Oonagh Maccool (Ire) (Giant's Causeway), MGSW, \$353,778.

ALPHA SAPPHIRE, 8, Alphabet Soup--Unbridled Woman, by Unbridled

Foal born Mar. 19, a colt by Awesome Again.

Will be bred back to Medaglia d'Oro.

Owned by and boarded at Adena Springs.

Accomplishments: SW of \$314,032.

What They're Saying At The Sales...

Mick Malone, Kitchwin Hills manager:

"The atmosphere is a bit mellow. We had a busy day on Sunday, but it was quieter today; I think horses at the mid to bottom of the market will really struggle. I think, unless trainers have orders, they won't be buying on spec; it is too hard. The changed sale dates have definitely created a bit of pressure. I am up here and I have seven [Inglis Easter] yearlings at home that could average A\$600,000; it is a critical period. If this sale does not go back to January, I will be very disappointed. We kept our good staff at home and found extra staff for this sale."

Lasca Bowcock, Alanbridge Stud:

"The sale season has been stretched out longer--the sales are normally over by now, and we are home on the farm getting jobs done. We have had to give two of our Easter horses to Yarraman to prepare, and we will be away for three weeks with Easter, the Classic sale, the Broodmare sale, and then we have yearlings for the Scone sale in May, so it is a logistical nightmare, but we will rise to the occasion."

Trainer David Payne:

"They always say there is no money at the sales, and there is always money. It has been that way since I started going to sales in 1970, so I wouldn't be too worried. [But] they definitely need to go back to January; this date interferes with our racing carnival and it is too difficult to be up here for a week."

Trainer Bart Cummings:

"Certainly it needs to comeback to January, it is a holiday period and that is when most people want to be here. I believe yearling sales follow the share market, and the Australian stock market has not yet been affected by global trends--I think our sale season will be over before it drops. I think horses with good pedigree and conformation will always make money."

Glenn Burrows, Willow Park Stud:

"I would say there are 25-percent fewer people here inspecting horses. Having all 1,811 horses in one catalogue--well, a lot of people have ripped their catalogue in half [so they have got only the first four sessions], and Magic Millions needs to produce separate catalogues like they do in New Zealand. It's just too unwieldy. This year, the sale falls at an awkward time in the racing calendar, and we are finding that people are less likely to look at the full draft of yearlings; they're just asking for one or two. There might be better types and they are not being brought out, so they might fall through the cracks. I think there will be a few bargains. You can sense that trainers are being cautious."



What They're Saying cont.

Magic Millions Gerry Harvey:

"I am very happy. Yes, the sale will definitely move [back] to January next year. Our good horses are selling as well as we could have hoped. We are in a tight financial position--sure we have a booming economy and good employment but there is a global credit crisis. If not for that our figures would be higher. We have to be extremely happy, and if it goes well on the first day it always carries on through the sale; plus, this was not an especially strong session [in terms of having top horses in it]".

John Messara, Aushorse:

"It has started with a bang but we have still got a long way to go with a catalogue of 900. It is a case of wait and see now. The sale will go back ot January, that is its rightful place, but so far so good."

Trainer Gai Waterhouse:

"I think the sale has inevitably been affected by El with some Victorian horses staying south of the border and a lot of people having to make up their minds whether to spend at Inglis Easter or here. But there are some terrific horses here and Magic Millions have a way of making things work."

Amanda Skiffington:

"The horses are very well presented but the sale is slightly up and down because of the numbers in the catalogue, I think it would benefit them to have the sale graded. But the hospitality is second to none."



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MISS MARY PAT, 4, Service Stripe--Missadryannaatto, by Green Dancer
 Foal born Feb. 6, a colt by Songandaprayer.
 Will be bred back to English Channel.
 Owned by James Scatuorchio.
 Boarded at Taylor Made.
 Accomplishments: MSW of \$102,863.

FANTASTIC WAYS, 20, Secretariat--Fantastic Girl, by Riva Ridge
 Foal born Feb. 9, a colt by Mineshaft.
 Will be bred back to Smarty Jones.
 Owned by Jane and Frank Lyon.
 Boarded at Summer Wind Farm.
 Accomplishments: SW of \$168,250. Dam of Worldly Ways (GB) (Generous {Ire}), MGSW, \$503,540; Trial By Jury (Deputy Minister), GSW, \$352,004; Miss Fortune (Deputy Minister), GSW, \$545,899.



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PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

BY ANDREW CAULFIELD

POWER OF THE NICK

As someone whose income is largely derived from drawing up mating suggestions for stud owners, should I be feeling increasingly threatened by the proliferating number of computer-generated nicking services now available?

Well, I suppose the answer depends on how much faith one has in the concept of a successful nick. Many breeders clearly find it reassuring that a particular cross has worked before, encouraging the belief that such a nick represents the surest route to success. On the other hand, Rob Whiteley--a breeder with a thorough grounding in statistics and logic--wrote to *TDN* on February 21 in support of Bill Oppenheim's contention that sample sizes are frequently too small to be reliable.

Bill had cited the Storm Bird/Secretariat nick as the perfect example of the way success rates tend to drop as the numbers bred on that cross increase. For the record, this cross got off to a magnificent start in 1985 when Storm Bird's first crop produced Storm Cat and the highly talented English-trained Storm Star, both of them out of daughters of Secretariat. Their success inevitably resulted in more Secretariat mares heading to Storm Bird's door and this further support was justified by the appearance of the Preakness winner Summer Squall and the fast English colt Mujadil. By now the Storm Bird/Secretariat cross was beginning to be regarded as the goose that laid golden eggs, to the extent that--by the end of Storm Bird's career--more than 11 percent of his foals were out of Secretariat mares. Yet this escalation in the number of foals bred on this cross yielded very little, with Storm Cat, Storm Star, Summer Squall and Mujadil remaining the only graded/group winners produced by the cross.

Storm Bird's name also crops up in another example. It was a daughter of Storm Bird who provided Gulch with his first champion, Thunder Gulch, and this resulted in Gulch siring more foals from Storm Bird mares than from daughters of any other broodmare sire. The total now stands at 56 but none of Thunder Gulch's successors has so far hit the Grade I target.

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Andrew Caulfield cont.

It's my belief that this apparent weakening of a popular cross owes plenty to conformation--or breeders' willingness to overlook conformation in the reckless pursuit of nicks. Virtually every stallion sires a wide variety of physical types, with a portion of their offspring inevitably showing the influence of their dam or broodmare sire. So, while Storm Bird may have been suited by a particular type of Secretariat mare, it is unrealistic to think that he was suited by ALL types of Secretariat mare. Seth Hancock once made some interesting observations to the *Blood-Horse* regarding the importance of conformation, as opposed to nicks:

"I never bred a good horse by Unbridled, and maybe the reason is he was a big horse and I tried to breed him to a smaller type of mare, many from the Northern Dancer line. I can't say that worked. I'm not so sure it is as much a blood thing as it is a physical thing. The longer I stay in it I believe the more I'm going to be a type-to-type guy. I believe I should have bred some mares more of Unbridled's type to him than I did."

Another aspect which needs taking into account is a broodmare's ability on the track. If the Storm Bird/Secretariat nick had been founded by comparatively low-achieving mares, we would really have been onto something. However, Storm Bird sired Storm Cat from the dazzling Terlingua; Summer Squall from a dual Grade III winner; Storm Star from a Grade III winner; and Mujadil from a winning mare who produced four stakes winners. It is surely also relevant that these four mares all produced graded winners to other stallions. In other words, Storm Bird's so-called nick with Secretariat mares was based on mares which were well above average in one respect or another. So were the breeders who sent comparatively ordinary daughters of Secretariat to Storm Bird fooling themselves in believing they were improving their chances of breeding a stakes winner?

Saturday's GII Lane's End S. will have bolstered many people's faith in nicks, as the impressive winner, Adriano, is no less than the 12th graded winner sired by A.P. Indy from daughters of Mr. Prospector. As these 12 come from a sample of 100 foals, they represent an impressive 12 percent, with the percentage rising still higher when a handful of other stakes winners are included. So here we have an example of a nick which has stood the test of time since its potential was highlighted by Pulpit, Tomisue's Delight and Accelerator, three members of A.P. Indy's first crop. Perhaps the nick has derived some of its staying power from the fact that A.P. Indy and Mr. Prospector have both been champion sire and Mr. Prospector has been champion broodmare sire on numerous occasions.

Costume, another of the weekend's Grade II winners, also represents a successful nick (even though she carries a Werk nick rating of B+). There are 25 foals by Danehill out of Nureyev mares--a mating which creates 3x3 inbreeding to Northern Dancer--and Costume is the fourth group winner to emerge from them. She follows Desert King (G1 Irish 2000 Guineas and Irish Derby), Danestorm (G1 Brisbane Cup) and Distinction (G2 Goodwood Cup).

While this cross was attractive, it has always been Juddmonte's priority to try to pair mares with stallions which suit their conformation. Danehill's progeny tended to be strong, more compact than lengthy, and he passed on his own good hind-leg and hocks. He was also a fairly reliable source of bone, the danger areas being a risk of back-at-the-knee conformation and upright pasterns. In the case of Costume's dam, the Group 3 winner Dance Dress, Danehill was considered an excellent match for this quality individual on the score of size, bone, pasterns and hocks. The theory became reality in the form of Costume. Correct enough and sound enough to have raced 12 times already, this admirably genuine filly seems to be still on the upgrade.

And while the nick which produced her now has 16 percent group winners to its credit, Juddmonte's holistic approach to matings has done even better. Costume is one of 13 group/graded winners among Juddmonte's 57 living foals by Danehill, which equals nearly 23 percent, and she is one of the sample's 17 stakes winners (nearly 30 percent).

It is going to be interesting to see whether Thousand Words, a four-year-old by Danehill's son Dansili out of a mare from Costume's family, can emulate the filly's success when he steps back into graded company following his impressive win at Santa Anita last month.

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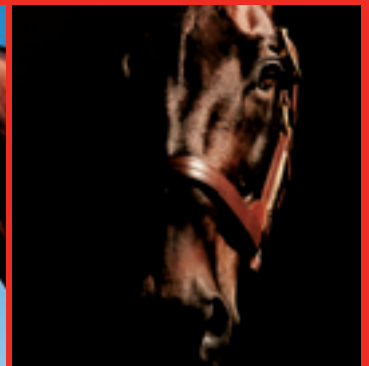
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DEADLINE FOR LATE TRIPLE CROWN NOMS SATURDAY Trainers and owners have until midnight Saturday, Mar. 29 to nominate their horses to the 2008 Triple Crown races. The fee, which was \$600 per horse in the early nomination period, is \$6,000 for late nominations. "We're eager to hear from horsemen from around the world who are interested in putting their horses forward for these Classic races," said Edward Seigenfield, executive vice president of Triple Crown Productions. The GI Kentucky Derby is May 3, followed by the GI Preakness S. May 17 and ending with the GI Belmont S. June 7.

★ **GULFSTREAM** ★

Yesterday's Results:

7th-GPX, \$46,500, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, f, 5f (off turf), :57 4/5, gd.

VALIDAIN (f, 3, [Kafwain](#)--Valid Annie, by Valid Appeal), who graduated second time out at Calder Dec. 23, was coming off a third-place effort in the Jan. 26 Sunshine Million Oaks. The 4-5 favorite set the pace through fractions of :22.75 and :45.52 and inched clear to a 1 1/4-length victory over Grand Obsession (Shore Breeze). Validain was a \$55,000 KEESEP yearling and a \$135,000 OBSMAR juvenile. Lifetime Record: SP, 4-2-1-1, \$83,320.

O-Circle C Group Stables. B-Brylynn Farm Inc (FL). T-Rebecca Maker.

8th-GPX, \$40,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12 1/5, gd.

SWANS NEST (f, 3, [With Approval](#)--Watercolourtwo, by Secreto) closed to be third over track and trip in her Feb. 20 debut. Sent off the tepid 3-1 favorite, the gray filly was allowed to settle into stride. She rallied three wide into the stretch, gained a command a furlong out and pulled away to win by 4 1/2 lengths over Break Point (Point Given). La Suenia (Storm Cat) pressed the pace before tiring to sixth. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$28,000. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

O-Sporting Life Stable. B-Carol Holden (KY). T-Ian R Wilkes.

★ **EAST** ★

Yesterday's Results:

9th-PHA, \$48,000, NW3X, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44, ft.

1--NEW MEXICO, 119, g, 5, [Gone West](#)--Relish The Thought (Ire) (SW & G1SP-Eng), by Sadler's Wells.

O-Frontier Stables; B-Gainsborough Farm LLC (KY); T-Steve Klesaris. Lifetime Record: 9-5-2-1, \$141,300.

2--Fly So Far, 117, g, 5, Holy Bull--I'm a Thriller, by Tri Jet. (\$130,000 yrl '04 KEESEP).

3--Kong the King, 117, c, 4, Storm Boot--Blue Ridge Miss, by Pleasant Colony.

Margins: 6 3/4, 4, 1. Odds: 0.60, 7.70, 8.30.

New Mexico returned from a three-month freshening to win for a \$35,000 tag at Laurel Feb. 18 before romping home an 11 1/4-length allowance winner at this track Mar. 3. Favored to make it four in a row, the dark bay gelding moved to the fore leaving the backstretch and powered clear down the stretch for an easy win.

8th-PHA, \$46,000, Alw, NW2X, 4yo/up, 1m70y, 1:41 2/5, ft.

SAMHOON (c, 4, [A.P. Indy](#)--Key to My Heart, by Mr. Prospector) graduated by 10 lengths over this track Jan. 29 and came back to win a Mar. 1 allowance last time out. Looking to take his third straight, the bay colt set the pace and drew clear in the stretch to score by 4 1/4 lengths at 7-2. The \$1,400,000 KEESEP yearling is a half brother to Love N' Kiss S. (Kris S.), GSW, \$383,150. Lifetime Record: 9-3-0-2, \$92,810.

O-Shadwell Stable. B-Darby Dan Stables (KY). T-Kiaran P McLaughlin.

★ **CENTRAL** ★

Yesterday's Results:

9th-WRD, \$18,900, Msw, 3yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:04 1/5, ft.

+ HAT TRICK MISS (f, 3, [Langfuhr](#)--Power Act, by Gulch), a \$47,000 KEESEP yearling, pressed the pace before taking charge in upper stretch and drawing clear to win by 3 1/2 lengths as the 8-5 favorite. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$10,548.

O-John E Smicklas Living Trust & Barbara R Smicklas Living Trust. B-W S Farish (KY). T-Joe Lucas.

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Central Report cont.

Pyro Horse of the Meeting at Fair Grounds:

Winchell Thoroughbreds' **Pyro** (Pulpit), winner of the Feb. 9 GIII Risen Star S. and Mar. 8 GII Louisiana Derby, was the unanimous choice as Horse of the Meeting at the conclusion of the Fair Ground's 136th season Sunday. The dark bay was also the Best Three-year-old Male in the annual vote of media and racing officials. Two others earned unanimous selection for divisional honors: (Three-year-old Filly) Brereton Jones's **Proud Spell** (Proud Citizen), winner of the GII Fair Grounds Oaks; and (Sprinter) James and Marilyn Helzer's **Euroears** (Langfuhr), victorious in three stakes this season. Trained by Bret Calhoun, Euroears also collected the title for Best Older Horse in 2008. Other divisional winners at the Fair Grounds meet included **Proudinsky** (Ger) (Silvano {Ger}) (Best Male Turf Horse); and **Danceroftherealm** (King of Kings {Ire}) (Best Turf Filly or Mare).

★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

Yesterday's Results:

7th-SAX, \$54,312, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$80,000), NW1X, 3yo, a6 1/2fT, 1:12 4/5, fm.

PROCESSOR'S TURF (c, 3, Sky Mesa--Procession, by Private Terms), a head runner-up on the Hollywood Cushion Dec. 22, stopped to a walk and finished last going a mile at Santa Anita Jan. 31. The bay rebounded with a maiden win in an off-the-turf test Feb. 23 and was let go at 10-1 in his grass bow. At the back of the pack through a half in :43.80, he charged down the outside in the lane to take the four-way photo. Capture the Call (Elusive Quality) was a nose back in second. The winner was a \$270,000 KEENOV weanling, \$240,000 KEESEP yearling and a \$425,000 FTFFEB juvenile. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$72,880.

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O-Edmund Gann. B-Castleton Lyons (KY). T-T Pletcher.

1st-SAX, \$51,100, Msw, 3yo, 1mT, 1:35 1/5, fm.
TIZ WEST (c, 3, Gone West--Tizso, by Cee's Tizzy) tried two turns for the first time, missing by just a half-length when third over the main track Mar. 1. Trying the turf for the first time, the even-money choice went right to the lead, cut out fractions of :23.44, :47.01 and 1:10.77 and kicked clear to a 2 1/4-length win over Giant Gem (Giant's Causeway). Tiz West is a half brother to Tizakitty (Distinctive Cat), SW, \$158,644. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-2, \$53,280.
 O/B-Diamond A Racing Corporation (KY). T-Richard E Mandella.

Coast Guard and Polonius Work at Santa Anita:

Coast Guard (Stormy Atlantic) and **Polonius** (Broken Vow), longshot candidates for the GI Santa Anita Derby Apr. 5, were on the work tab at Santa Anita yesterday. Coast Guard went seven furlongs in 1:27.40 for trainer David Hofmans, while Polonius, partnered by Victor Espinoza, breezed a half mile in :47.20 for trainer Mike Pender. "He went nice and easy, just breezing around the track," said Espinoza of the Florida-bred Polonius, who won the restricted Pasadena S. on the turf Mar. 15. "It was the first time I worked him, and I was impressed." Coast Guard, is coming into the nine-furlong test off a disappointing eighth in the GIII El Camino Real Derby at Bay Meadows Mar. 8. "He didn't handle the dirt at all," explained Hofmans. "He didn't handle it one bit. But [yesterday's] work was very good. He's right on schedule for the race."

Santa Anita Park Hosts 5K Run for Local Charities:

Santa Anita Park will host the 14th annual Santa Anita Derby Day 5K Run Saturday, Apr. 5, with proceeds from the event to benefit Arcadia High School, the Arcadia Police Explorer Program and the Arcadia Historical Museum. Given the large numbers of entrants in the past, there will be two starts; the first, for runners under 40 years of age, will be at 7:45 a.m. The second run/walk will start at 8:15 a.m., and will include runners 40 years and over and walkers of all ages. This year's Run features a \$700 prize for the top three men and women finishers in the Masters and Open Races. The top three age-group finishers will receive Saucony Merchandise. Youngsters and their families will also get an opportunity to participate; "The Kid's Six-Furlong Race" and "The Homestretch Dash" will be run on Santa Anita's inner training track and will be shown live on the infield big screen video board. All finishers in the kid's races will receive a custom commemorative medal. Entry forms and registration can be obtained by calling (760) 434-7706.

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★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN FRANCE:

Leonardo, c, 3, [Silver Deputy](#). See "Breeders' Edition Europe."

IN IRELAND:

Insiyaabi, c, 4, [Aljabr](#). See "Breeders' Edition Europe."

IN JAPAN:

Wishing Due, f, 4, [Devil His Due](#)--Chubasco, by Summer Squall. Chukyo, 3-22, Plate Race, 8.5f. Lifetime Record: 8-1-1-0, \$106,400. O-H Nakamura; B-Hopewell Investments LLC; T-Yutaka Masumoto.

Across the Star, c, 4, [Tiger Ridge](#)--Precious Acres, by Affirmed. Chukyo, 3-23, Plate Race, 5f. Lifetime Record: 10-2-1-2, \$194,300. O-Koji Maeda; B-Karla Wolfson; T-Kazuya Nakatake. *\$80,000 yrl '05 FTKJUL; \$160,000 2yo '06 FTFEB.

Marubutsu Boundary, h, 5, [Boundary](#)--Seek Easy, by Seeking the Gold. Hanshin, 3-23, Plate Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 16-3-4-2, \$429,000. O-Tsuyoshi Osawa; B-Runnymede Farm Inc & Catesby W Clay; T-Toshiaki Shirai.

Suteki Shinsukekun, h, 5, [Danzig](#)--Autumn Moon, by Mr. Prospector. Nakayama, 3-23, Kochi S., 8fT. Lifetime Record: MSW & GSP-Jpn, 17-4-2-2, \$1,552,200. O-Yoshinori Sakae; B-Monticule; T-Hideyuki Mori. **\$550,000 yrl '04 KESEP.

AMERICAN-SIRED WINNER IN JAPAN:

Implicit (Jpn), f, 3, [Stephen Got Even](#)--Value, by Belong to Me. Hanshin, 3-23, Novice Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$78,000. O-Tetsuya Ichimura; B-Masanori Murakami; T-Toshiaki Shirai. *\$57,000 in utero '04 KEENOV.

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PALM MEADOWS

ANAK NAKAL (Victory Gallop), 5f, •1:00.00, 1/9
 COOL COAL MAN (Mineshaft), 4f, :48.80, 7/14
 FIERCE WIND (Dixie Union), 4f, :46.80, 1/14
 LIEUTENANT RON (Graeme Hall), 5f, •1:00.00, 1/9
 SUGAR SWIRL (Touch Gold), 4f, :47.60, 6/14
 WICKED STYLE (Macho Uno), 3f, :38.00, 2/2

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POLONIUS (Broken Vow), 4f, :47.20, 9/46
 RUTHERIENNE (Pulpit), 4f, :51.00, 13/22

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 7-PHA, Msw, 1m, Doomer, 8-1

HOUSE OF SPORT (Deputy Minister), 16/0/0
 11-WRD, Msw, 6f, Herecomessweet, 25-1

JAZZMAN'S PROSPECT (Allen's Prospect), Equi-Center, \$1K, 14/1/0
 7-WRD, Msw, 6f, +Jazzin Java, 25-1

MONARCH'S MAZE (Kingmambo), Richland, \$2K, 19/1/0
 7-WRD, Msw, 6f, B.b.'s Maze, \$5K HER JAN yrl, 12-1

SEEKING DAYLIGHT (Seeking the Gold), Maryland Stln, \$7K, 55/9/0
 7-PHA, Msw, 1m, Seeking Flight, \$4K EAS SEP yrl, 8-1

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FAIR GROUNDS

BRILLIANT (War Chant), 4f, :50.40, 19/27
 RILEY TUCKER (Harlan's Holiday), 4f, •:48.00, 1/27

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COWTOWN CAT (Distorted Humor), 4f, :48.60, 23/44
 FIRST DEFENCE (Unbridled's Song), 5f, 1:00.40, 12/35
 MEAL PENALTY (Tale of the Cat), 4f, :47.40, 4/44
 PASSION (Came Home), 4f, :50.00, 37/44
 SHAMDINAN (FR) (Dr Fong), 6f, 1:13.80, 12/15

LAUREL

MY MAMMY (Came Home), 4f, :49.20, 4/5

KEENELAND

PYRO (Pulpit), 5f, 1:02.40, 15/18
 THE DARP (Proud Citizen), 5f, :59.00, 1/18

SANTA ANITA

COAST GUARD (Royal Academy), 7f, 1:27.40, 3/3
 DAYTONA (IRE) (Indian Ridge {Ire}), 5f, 1:01.40, 6/6
 EXHALE (Millennium Wind), 6f, 1:11.60, 2/13
 GOLDEN DOC A (Unusual Heat), 5f, 1:00.20, 18/60
 GREG'S GOLD (Lake George), 5f, 1:00.40, 22/60
 HEATSEEKER (IRE) (Giant's Causeway), 6f, 1:12.60, 7/13
 MAGNIFICIENCE (Stormy Atlantic), 5f, :58.60, 3/60
 SURF CAT (Sir Cat), 5f, :59.80, 12/60

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★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday's Results:

PRIX LA CAMARGO-Listed, €55,000, Saint-Cloud, 3-24, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:53.00, hy.

- 1--**TRIP TO GLORY (FR)**, 126, f, 3, by **Where or When (Ire)**
 1st Dam: **Trip to Fame (Fr)**, by **Lordmare (Fr)**
 2nd Dam: **Tryptophane (Fr)**, by **Lightning (Fr)**
 3rd Dam: **Tafarette (Fr)**, by **Ballymoss (GB)**

O-Exors of the Late Guy de Rothschild; B-Mme Anne-Marie d'Estainville Gedik; T-Jean-Claude Rouget; J-Christophe-Patrice Lemaire; €27,500.

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

Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 3 wins, 1 place, €75,700.

- 2--**Roscoff (Ire)**, 126, f, 3, Daylami (Ire)--Traou Mad (Ire), by Baratheia (Ire). €11,000.

- 3--**Blue Ciel (GB)**, 126, f, 3, Oasis Dream (GB)--Blue Fern, by Woodman. €8,250.

Margins: 2HF, 1, HF. Odds: 2.20, 6.00, 7.90.

Also Ran: Ossun (Fr), Deep Dish Pie, Saga d'Or (Fr), Kirkinola (GB). Scr: Ensis (Spa), Sandy Winner (Fr).

Trip to Glory closed her juvenile campaign with victory in the Listed Grand Criterium de Bordeaux last October and booked her ticket to the French 1000 Guineas with a dominant display in this seasonal return. Restrained in a close third after a smart break, she was sent to the front with 350 meters to go and stretched clear of the pack for an impressive win. "She won very well indeed and quickened nicely when she was asked to," enthused trainer Jean-Claude Rouget. "I'm not sure if she'll stay much further than a mile and, as I don't like to bring them back too quickly, I imagine she will come back in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains [at Longchamp May 11]."

PRIX DE LA PORTE DE MADRID-Listed, €52,000, Saint-Cloud, 3-24, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT, 2:47.90, hy.

- 1--**#INCANTO DREAM (GB)**, 123, c, 4, [Galileo \(Ire\)](#)--**Atlantic Blue**, by **Nureyev**. (€80,000 yrl '05

DEAAUG). O-Mme Louise Calamari; B-Ecurie Skymarc Farm; T-Carlos Lerner; J-Yann Lerner; €26,000.

Lifetime Record: 10 starts, 3 wins, 6 places, €85,100. *1/2 to Atlando (Ire) (Hernando {Fr}), MGSW-US, SW & GSP-Fr, \$419,201.

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

- 2--**Zibimix (Ire)**, 123, c, 4, Linamix (Fr)--Izibi (Fr), by Saint Cyrien (Fr). €10,400.

- 3--**Green Tango (Fr)**, 123, h, 5, Majorien (GB)--Miss Bonfosse (Fr), by Hard Leaf (Fr). €7,800.

Margins: 2, 1HF, 2. Odds: 25.20, 8.80, 7.10.

Also Ran: Latin Mood (Fr), Nickelle (Fr), Amadeus (Fr), Friston Forest (Ire), Baldoria (Ire).

Prix de la Porte de Madrid cont.

Incanto Dream followed up a course-and-distance third in the Sept. 28 Listed Prix Turenne with another third back here in the Nov. 24 Listed Prix Denisy and recorded a career best with an upset win in this. Reserved at the back of the field from flagfall, he closed under pressure from the quarter-mile marker and comfortably asserted superiority under a late drive. "He loves the ground, stays really well and has matured a lot from his three-year-old days," revealed winning conditioner Carlos Lerner. "We will probably take the stayers' route and bring him back for the G3 Prix de Barbeville [at Longchamp Apr. 27]."

PRIX OMNIUM II-Listed, €55,000, Saint-Cloud, 3-24, 3yo, c/g, 1mT, 1:52.30, hy.

- 1--**GRIS TENDRE (FR)**, 128, c, 3, by **Slickly (Fr)**
 1st Dam: **Tendre Pensee (Fr)**, by **Mujadil**
 2nd Dam: **Une Pensee (Fr)**, by **Kenmare (Fr)**
 3rd Dam: **Cleophis (Fr)**, by **Crepello (GB)**

O-Executors of the Late Baron Guy de Rothschild; B-Baron Guy de Rothschild; T-Jean-Claude Rouget; J-I Mendizabal; €27,500. Lifetime Record: 6 starts, 4 wins, 2 places, €93,400. **Werk Nick Rating: B+.** [Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.](#)

- 2--**Arcadia's Angle**, 128, c, 3, Aldebaran--Diane's Birthday, by With Approval. (\$12,000 yrl '06 KESEEP). €11,000.

- 3--**Bon Grain (Fr)**, 128, c, 3, Muhtathir (GB)--Such is Life (Fr), by Akarad (Fr). €8,250.

Margins: HD, SNK, 4. Odds: 2.90, 6.60, 8.60.

Also Ran: Hello Morning (Fr), Indigo Blue (Fr), Al Nasr Dream (Ire), Castiglione (Fr).

Stepping up from a conditions win at Cagnes-sur Mer Jan. 28, Gris Tendre posted a first stakes score in the Feb. 10 Listed Prix de la Californie back at that track last time and doubled his black-type tally with a gritty effort here. Settled three lengths off the pace for much of the contest, he grabbed the inside rail when making his bid with 300 meters remaining and kept on strongly under a power drive to withstand the late thrust of Arcadia's Angle. "At one stage in the straight I thought he was going to win much easier than he did," said winning trainer Jean-Claude Rouget. "He travelled and relaxed well during the race and I have to be happy with that performance. I have quite a few in the same league so I'll keep my options open before deciding where and when he will run again."

Saint-Cloud, 2.50, Mdn, €22,000, unraced 2yo, 4 1/2fT, :56.80, hy.

+ **CALYCHOPE (FR)** (f, 2, **Indian Rocket {GB}**--**Mahitica {Fr}**, by **Solicitor {Fr}**) broke well and raced in a close-up fifth from the outset of this first go. Pushed along with 350 meters remaining, the 32-5 chance was ridden out in the closing stages and kept on in determined fashion to wrest a nose victory from Caparros (Fr) (Sin Kiang {Fr}). Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €11,000. O-Mme Serge Zamparutti; B-A Chopard; T-D Guillemain.



★ BRITAIN ★

Yesterday's Result:

Warwick, 2.55, Mdn, £4,500, 2yo, f, 5fT, 1:04.72, gd/sf. + SHE'S A SHAW THING (GB) (f, 2, Reel Buddy--So Discreet {GB}, by Tragic Role), sent off at odds of 8-1, soon raced in a prominent third and was shaken up turning for home. Taking control at the furlong marker, the 5,000gns TATOCT yearling sprinted clear of Percolator (GB) (Kheleyf) to score by 4 1/2 lengths from that rival. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £3,071. O-R Cave; B-M Pennell; T-David Evans.



AUSTRALASIA



Yesterday's Results:

CONRAD JUPITERS MAGIC MILLIONS 2YO CLASSIC, A\$1,500,000, Gold Coast, 3-24, (R), 2yo, 1200m, 1:09.40, gd.

1--AUGUSTA PROUD (Aus), 119, f, 2, [More Than Ready--Kadasha \(Aus\), by Langfuhr.](#) O-Kerry O'Brien, D Larkin, J Canham, P Moran, et al; B-Kerry O'Brien Thoroughbreds; T-L M MacDonald; J-C Lindop. Lifetime Record: GSW-Aus, 6-6-0-0, A\$1,453,003.

2--She's Meaner (Aus), 119, f, 2, Falvelon--She's A Meanie (NZ), by Prince Salieri (Aus).

3--High Roll'n Woman (Aus), 119, f, 2, Noverre--Aspirant (Aus), by Native Aspen.

Margins: HD, 2 1/4. Odds: 5.00, 4.60, 7.00.

The connections of unbeaten homebred Augusta Proud plan to pay a A\$150,000 late entry fee for the Apr. 19 G1 Golden Slipper at Rosehill in the wake of this scintillating win. In a reversal of her usual free-running style, Augusta Proud sat in sixth as the Gai Waterhouse-trained She's Meaner set a cracking pace. She's Meaner surged around the home turn and seemed to have the A\$1-million first-prize purse in her keeping, but the winner unfurled a blinding sprint along the fence to snatch the victory by a head. Bred by former Olympic athlete Kerry O'Brien, she failed to reach her A\$50,000 reserve when offered by Mill Park at Magic Millions Adelaide. The filly opened her winning sequence Nov. 17 at Cheltenham, then repeated the dose with a two-length score Dec. 1 at Moonee Valley. After a 10-week let-up, she stepped up into stakes company and added the Feb. 9 Listed Thoroughbred S., Mar. 1 Marsh Breeders' S. and Mar. 12 Adelaide MM Classic to her resume. Partnered throughout her career by jockey Clare Lindop, the Leon MacDonald-trained filly became the first South Australian juvenile to capture Magic Millions' signature race. Augusta Proud gets her name from the fact that O'Brien, a track and field Olympian whose specialty was the steeplechase, and most of his partners in the horse, hail from Port Augusta. Her dam, Kadasha (Aus), died during foaling last October.

BREEDERS' EDITION
AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

4th-SAX, \$58,200, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/4mT, 2:01 2/5, fm.

LAKE MARINA (m, 5, Meadowlake--She's Something, by Affirmed) Lifetime Record: 24-3-3-3, \$148,065. O-Barry Abrams & M Auerbach LLC. B-Mr & Mrs Robert E Courtney (KY). T-Barry Abrams. *\$57,000 wIng '03 KEENOV; \$50,000 yrl '04 KEESEP.

7th-PHA, \$43,848, NW1X, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16 2/5, ft.

DRAGON FI (c, 4, [Gulch--Tjinouska, by Cozzene](#)) Lifetime Record: 15-3-2-3, \$112,036. O-Two Tone Farms. B-Stratford Place Stud (KY). T-Bruce N Levine. *\$90,000 yrl '05 KEESEP; \$120,000 2yo '06 FTFFEB.

3rd-HAW, \$40,464, Opt. Clm. (\$100,000-\$80,000), NW13MX, 4yo/up, 1m70y, 1:42 4/5, ft.

I'M WAITING FOR U (g, 5, [Service Stripe--Rose Center {MSW, \\$208,385}](#), by Sefapiano) Lifetime Record: 23-6-2-4, \$171,958. O/B-Sefa's Farm (KY). T-Brenda M Hill.

7th-HAW, \$31,320, NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m70y, 1:45 1/5, ft.

D' CODE (f, 4, [Boundary--Ms. Mallory, by Lost Code](#)) Lifetime Record: 18-5-5-0, \$79,020. O-William Tippett. B-Simmons & Associates Inc (TX). T-R O Goodridge.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Silent Kitten, f, 3, [Harlan's Holiday--Silent Rapids](#), by Unbridled. SAX, 3-24, (C), 6f (AWT), 1:09. B-Dr. K K & Dr. Vilasini Devi Jayaraman (KY).

Lotta Salt, f, 4, [Salt Lake--Plus Beau](#), by Beau Genius. HAW, 3-24, (S), 6f, 1:11 3/5. B-Judy Dorris (IL). *\$45,000 yrl '05 FTKOCT.

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Saint-Cloud, 2.20, 3-24, €23,000, 3yo, 7fT, 1:35.70, hy.

BLUE CAYENNE (FR) (f, 3, **Anabaa Blue {GB}**--Nakiya {Fr}, by **Kendor {Fr}**) Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €23,200. O-Ecurie Haras de Quetieville; B-Haras de Grandcamp; T-Sandrine Tarrou.

ITALY, Rome, 3.40, 3-23, €19,800, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:44.10, hy.

VENTANA (IRE) (f, 3, **Fath--Beyond Doubt {GB}**, by **Belmez**) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, €14,875. O-Doris Schoenherr; B-Ballina Stud Ltd; T-Domenico Gambarota. *€7,000 yrl '06 GOFORB.

ITALY, Rome, 4.10, 3-23, €19,800, 3yo, 7fT, 1:31.20, hy.

MARTIN SHADE (ITY) (c, 3, **Martino Alonso {Ire}**--**Universal Shade {Ity}**, by **Pursuit of Love {GB}**) Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-1, €36,312. O/B-Intra SRL; T-Alduino & Giuseppe Botti.

ITALY, Milan, 3.05, 3-23, €19,800, 3yo, 1 1/8mT, 1:52.80, gd.

SILVER ARROW (ITY) (c, 3, **Silver Wizard--Eros Love {Ity}**, by **Love the Groom**) Lifetime Record: 13-3-2-0, €35,054. O/B-Scuderia Razza Dell'Olmo SRL; T-Riccardo Menichetti. *1/2 to Rob's Love (Ity) (Rob's Spirit), SW & G1SP-Ity, \$256,189.

ITALY, Milan, 3.40, 3-23, €19,800, 4yo/up, 7 1/2fT, 1:32.30, gd.

CEPRIN (IRE) (h, 7, **Desert Prince {Ire}**--**Black Wood**, by **Woodman**) Lifetime Record: MSW & MGSP-Ity, 45-19-13-5, €459,442. O/B-Scuderia SIBA SPA; T-Alduino & Giuseppe Botti. *1/2 to Moriwood (Ity) (Morigi {GB}), SW-Ity, \$161,534.

FRANCE, Tarbes, 5.30, 3-23, €15,000, 3yo, 7 1/2fT, 1:35.52, vsf.

LEONALDO (c, 3, **Silver Deputy--Electric Talent**, by **Capote**) Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 2 wins, €14,500. O-Loic Geffroy; B-Mt Brilliant Farm LLC; T-Jean-Claude Rouget. *\$30,000 yrl '06 KEESEP.

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ITALY, Pisa, 4.20, 3-23, €10,800, 3yo, 7 1/2fT, 1:31.10, sf.

LADY PEANUT (IRE) (f, 3, **Mull of Kintyre--Lady Rath {Ire}**, by **Standiford**) Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-1, €20,145. O-Doris Schoenherr; B-Rory O'Brien; T-Domenico Gambarota. *€3,000 2yo '07 GORMAY.

ITALY, Pisa, 3.50, 3-23, €10,800, 4yo/up, 7 1/2fT, 1:29.20, sf.

POLYDORS (IRE) (h, 6, **Monashee Mountain--Polista {Fr}** {SW-Fr}, by **Persepolis {Fr}**) Lifetime Record: MSP-Ity, 31-16-1-5, €142,800. O/B-Scuderia SIBA SPA; T-Alduino & Giuseppe Botti.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Baldi (Ire), c, 3, **Kalanisi (Ire)**--Bessie Bennett (Ire), by Be My Guest. Milan, Italy, 3-23, Mdn, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/8mT. B-Razza Dormello Olgiata. *1/2 to Bening (Fr) (Shantou), MSW & G1SP-Ity, \$454,311.

Maiepomai (Ire), f, 3, **Kalanisi (Ire)**--Mocassino (Ire), by Turtle Island (Ire). Milan, Italy, 3-23, Mdn, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT. B-Marco Gasparini.

Albaqaa (GB), g, 3, **Medicean (GB)**--Basbousate Nadia (GB) (SP-GB), by Wolfhound. Redcar, Britain, 3-24, Mdn, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT. B-C Eddington & Partners. *50,000gns yrl '06 DONSEP; 18,000gns HIT '07 TATAUT.

+ **Komfort (Ire)**, c, 3, **Montjeu (Ire)**--Kabuki (Ger) (GSW-Ity), by Dashing Blade (GB). Tarbes, France, 3-23, unraced 3yo, 1 7/16mT. B-Dr Klaus Schulte. *45,000gns yrl '06 TATOCT.

Valentine Hill (Ire), f, 3, **Mujadil**--First Nadia (Ire), by Auction Ring. Cork, Ireland, 3-24, Mdn, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT. B-Thomas Downey. *€14,000 yrl '06 GOFORB.

+ **Magnitude (GB)**, g, 3, **Pivotal (GB)**--Miswaki Belle, by Miswaki. Warwick, Britain, 3-24, Mdn, 3yo, 7f 26ydsT. B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd. *1/2 to Danehurst (GB) (Danehill), Hwt. 3yo Filly-GB at 5-7f, Hwt. Older Mare-Ire & Ity at 5-7f, BSW-GB, Ire, Fr & Ity, MG1SP-GB, \$422,125; and full to Humouresque (GB), GSW-Fr; and Mighty (GB), MGSP-GB, \$160,055.

Insiaabi, c, 4, **Aljabr**--Elle Seule (GSW-Fr), by Exclusive Native. Cork, Ireland, 3-24, Mdn, 4yo/up, 6fT. B-Shadwell Farm LLC. *5,000gns HIT '07 TATDEC. **1/2 to Mehthaaf (Nureyev), Hwt. 3yo-Ire at 7-9f, G1SW-Ire, MGSW & G1SP-GB, MG1SP-Fr, \$381,798; Elnadim (Danzig), Hwt. 3yo-GB at 5-7f, Hwt. Older Horse-GB at 5-7f, G1SW-GB, SP-US, \$322,945; Ashraakat (Danzig), MSW & GSP-GB; and Khulood (Storm Cat), GSW-GB.

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