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REDOUTE'S CHOICE COLT BRINGS A\$1 MILLION



Redoute's Choice, sire of
yesterday's topper
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Lot 246 sirecam.com

The morale booster the Australian industry needs in its post-El recovery phase was delivered with the first seven-figure horse of the 2008 Conrad Jupiters Magic Millions Yearling Sale during yesterday's second session at the Gold Coast Sales Complex. Dean Watt of Dynamic Syndications outstayed three other participants to secure a Redoute's Choice (Aus) half-brother to G1 Cox Plate winner and freshman sire Savabeel (Aus) (Zabeel {NZ}) for A\$1 million, heading another solid day of trading. The seven-figure colt, who hailed from the draft of Gerry Harvey's Baramul Stud, may be viewed here on sirecam.com.
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**MAGIC MILLIONS YEARLING SALE
TUESDAY - TOP 6 LOTS**

Lot	sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$A)
<u>246</u>	c	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Savannah Success (Aus)	1,000,000
Consigned by Baramul Stud Purchased by Dynamic Syndications				
<u>201</u>	c	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Redwood (Aus)	800,000
Consigned by Baramul Stud Purchased by Patinack Farm				
<u>296</u>	f	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Smart Company (Aus)	725,000
Consigned by Lomar Park Stud Purchased by Coolmore				
<u>337</u>	f	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Strawberry Girl (Aus)	725,000
Consigned by Strawberry Hill Stud Purchased by Patinack Farm				
<u>175</u>	c	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Punchess	580,000
Consigned by Brooklyn Lodge Purchased by Charles Laird				
<u>277</u>	c	Zabeel (NZ)	Shovoff (Aus)	560,000
Consigned by Strawberry Hill Stud Purchased by Badgers Bloodstock				

MAGIC MILLIONS LEADING SIREs
(ranked by average - two+ sold)

SIRE	Sold	Average
Redoute's Choice (Aus)	5	A\$745,000
Encosta de Lago (Aus)	15	A\$339,333
Exceed and Excel (Aus)	10	A\$263,500
More Than Ready	8	A\$220,000
Flying Spur (Aus)	14	A\$217,857
Falbrav (Ire)	2	A\$217,500

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ALBARADO READY FOR MAIN EVENT

Jockey Robby Albarado set out to achieve certain objectives when he made a decision to take up Thoroughbred racing at the age of 17. Win a Triple Crown race--check. Win a Breeders' Cup race--check. And now, to win the G1 Dubai World Cup. Well, that race isn't in the bag just yet, but the Louisiana native, who now calls Louisville home, will look to fulfill that dream this coming weekend when he pilots Horse of the Year Curlin (Smart Strike) in the \$6-million centerpiece of a \$21-million program. Cont. p2



Albarado, Curlin at Monmouth
Sarah K Andrew



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“It would definitely be a highlight of my career,” Albarado said during a national teleconference yesterday. “It’s what all of us try to do and I’m very excited about the opportunity.”

Courtesy of Curlin, Albarado soared to new heights in 2007, finishing second to Garrett Gomez in earnings



Curlin at the Gate
DRC/Monica Pinheiro

with nearly \$19.4 million and earning a spot on the Eclipse Award ballot. He also posted Grade I wins with Jambalaya in the Arlington Million and with Wicked Style in the Lane’s End Breeders’ Futurity.

Albarado made his first visit to Dubai about four weeks ago to ride Curlin in the Jaguar Trophy, a race written specifically for the strapping chestnut. He says he gained valuable experience, but added, “A racetrack is a racetrack and you just go out there and ride your race.”

For his part, Curlin walked the shedrow yesterday, one day after breezing an easy half-mile in :50.16. “He came out of his work great,” commented Scott Blasi, overseeing the training for Steve Asmussen. Owner Jess Jackson has also arrived in the desert, accompanied by his wife, two children and bloodstock advisor John Moynihan. A.C.

Vermilion Looking to Improve...

Vermilion (Jpn) (El Condor Pasa), Japan’s best dirt horse, cantered one lap of the triangular track at Nad Al Sheba yesterday and looks for a fifth consecutive Group 1 victory on Saturday. A distant fourth to



Vermilion *jair.jrao.ne.jp*

Invasor (Arg) in last year’s renewal, the six-year-old faces an equally daunting task this time around, but appears to be in top form. “I have not seen him for a week since he left Japan, but he seems to be in good form and looks good,” commented trainer Sei Ishizaka. “His jockey Yutaka Take will be riding

him in a fast workout [this] morning.” Winner of the 2007 G1 Japan Cup Dirt, Vermilion enters the World Cup off a convincing victory in the G1 February S. at Tokyo Racecourse Feb. 24.

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(left) winner of 6 straight takes the \$1.5 million Magic Millions Classic

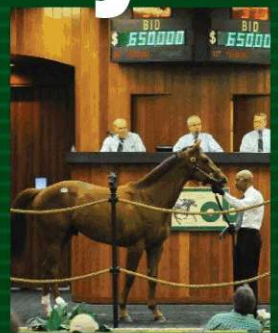


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A Homecoming of Sorts for Well Armed...

WinStar Farm’s **Well Armed** (Tiznow) knows a thing or two about Nad Al Sheba Racecourse. After beginning his career with seven losses over a variety of British turf courses, the gelding broke his maiden over the Lingfield all-weather in his final start at two, then traveled to the desert to win a conditions race impressively in his first sophomore appearance.



Well Armed *Michele MacDonald*

He failed to factor in the G3 UAE 2000 Guineas and was well beaten behind Discreet Cat in the G2 UAE Derby prior to being repatriated. The five-year-old is two-for-four since being switched to the U.S., including a head success in the GII San Antonio H. Feb. 9. Well Armed had an easy morning Tuesday, a day after he worked a half-mile in :48. “He just walked today,” said John Vinci, assistant to trainer Eoin Harty. “He’s fine. He came out of it well. He ate. It’s just like we were back home, basically. He’s doing good.”

Dubai World Cup Meeting notes cont. p3



Massive Drama Tunes Up...

Zayat Stables' **Massive Drama** (Kafwain) was timed in :46.59 for 800 meters yesterday ahead of his tilt in the \$2-million G2 UAE Derby. "He looked great and handled




Massive Drama
Dubai Racing Club

the track real well," said trainer Dale Romans, who saddled 2005 G1 Dubai World Cup hero Roses in May. "He was in hand and he did it easily. And I just wanted whatever he did to be done easily. It was very exciting to see." Winner of the Gill Hollywood Prevue S. Nov. 22, the big colt is coming off three straight thirds,

including the GII San Vicente S. Feb. 10 in his final outing for Bob Baffert. He is the first American-based sophomore to ship over for this race since Outta Here, who finished fourth in 2003. Romans isn't sure how his new charge will stack up to Saturday's challengers, a number of whom are Southern Hemisphere-bred. "It's a hard race to handicap, at least for me," he said. "I know [some of the others, including Royal Vintage and Honour Devil] are older and have a little more experienced, but I don't know how to evaluate the level of horses they've been running against." In other UAE Derby news, Saudi hopeful **Zain Alma Aenee (KSA)** (K.J.'s Appeal) has been withdrawn on veterinary grounds.

Big Day Sold Out...

The Dubai Racing Club announced yesterday that Saturday's showcase event is sold out; it is the first time that World Cup tickets have sold out before the day itself. "The event has steadily grown since its inception, but we are surprised at the level of demand for tickets this year," said Tarini Vosper, hospitality and reservations manager. "It's unfortunate we are not able to issue any more tickets, but we have to stress that there are absolutely no more left, so there is no point travelling to the event or contacting the Badge Sales Office. We do hope anyone missing out will try again next year--only a little earlier."



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'Change' of Pace...

Kiwi star **Seachange (NZ)** (Cape Cross {Ire}) finished sixth in her local bow, the G2 Jebel Hatta Mar. 6, but trainer Ralph Manning thinks his charge is shaping up for the \$5-million G1 Dubai Duty Free. "I wouldn't say I was confident going into Saturday's race, but I am very happy with her," he said. "She's really come forward since her last race--I'm at least confident of that." Manning added, "We weren't unhappy with that run. She went a lot further than we expected, actually, given her lead-up. After a 25-hour trip to get here we had to be a bit soft on her and really couldn't push the work into her. She's done much better since that first run here, and we've been able to give her the sort of work we've wanted to without any worries." The seven-time Group 1 winner is a handy sort, according to Manning. "She always puts herself in the race regardless, but if you draw wide, you obviously have to do that much more work early, so we'd be happy if she gets a good draw and she can tuck up on the fence and be put to sleep," he said. "Racing forward means you eliminate the bad luck, but then it's in the lap of the gods after that. I don't know a lot about the opposition on Saturday, but I do know my horse is very well. We've had everything we've wanted here, the Dubai Racing Club has been great and the mare is in great shape. Now we just hope for the best. Let's hope she can run well and that we can come back here again at some time. With the ever increasing prizemoney in Dubai and the great facilities, I am sure we will see many more trainers from home coming here in the future." Seachange, bidding to become the first distaffer to capture this 1777-meter event since Ipi Tombe (Zim) in 2003, is one of five members of the fairer sex here. She is joined by a trio of 2007 European Group 1 winners--**Darjina (Fr)** (Zamindar), **Finsceal Beo (Ire)** (Mr. Greeley) and **Majestic Roi (Street Cry {Ire})**--as well as Japanese heroine **Vodka (Jpn)** (Tanino Gimlet {Jpn}).



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Triple Threats

Big Brown Has Dutrow Positively Giddy...

Trainer Richard Dutrow Jr. paid a high compliment to **Big Brown** (Boundary) saying that, at this point in his career, he is further along and has flashed more talent than Saint Liam, a horse trained by Dutrow to Horse of the Year honors in 2005. Big Brown, owned in partnership by IEAH Stables and Paul Pompa Jr., tuned up for Saturday's G1 Florida Derby yesterday, zipping five furlongs in :59 1/5 at Palm Meadows, the fastest of 41 works at the distance. "He went really good, we were really happy with that," Dutrow commented. "When [jockey Kent] Desormeaux got off of him this morning, he said, 'Rick, I've got goose bumps.'" Big Brown broke his maiden at first asking by 11 1/4 lengths at the tail end of the Saratoga meeting, but popped a quarter crack while preparing for a possible start in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf, a race which Dutrow has previously said he would have won. Sent to Florida for the winter, Big Brown was sidelined and did little more than walk the shedrow for the entire month of January. After getting the colt back on a more regular routine, Dutrow began shopping around for a spot. "I went to the racing office and told them I needed a race, preferably at two turns, on the dirt or the turf, I didn't really care," the trainer explained. Big Brown was entered for a 1 1/16-mile turf race Mar. 5, but the weather gods intervened and the race was moved to the fast main track.



Big Brown *ieah.com*

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3 STAKES WINNERS IN 3 DAYS

FRIDAY - WAR OFFICER (Pictured) won PRIX MONTENICA-L.R. by 3 L. at Deauville.
SATURDAY - AMAZING RESULTS won GRINDSTONE STAKES-L.R. at FGX.
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Big Brown cont.

That proved a fortuitous move, as Big Brown won by 12 3/4 lengths under a Desormeaux hammerlock. "I'm glad that they brought it off the turf, because maybe things would be different," Dutrow offered. "Just the way that horse ran in his race, the way that he did it, it got us to thinking, 'Let's strike now.' If they would have kept it on the grass--I'd be guessing--his next race would have been at Keeneland [the GI Toyota Blue Grass]. Since he ran so big on this track, we decided to keep him here for that race. So far, we're hoping we made the right move." A.C.

Dogwood Dreaming with Atoned, Blackberry Road...

Dogwood Stable announced jockey plans and next starts for three-year-old colts **Atoned** (Repent) and



Atoned Horsephotos

Blackberry Road (Gone West).

Atoned, a good second in his 2008 bow, the GIII Tampa Bay Derby, will be ridden by Joe Bravo in the GII Illinois Derby next out Apr. 5; Blackberry Road will run next in the GII Arkansas Derby Apr. 12, with Calvin Borel in the irons. "Obviously we want to keep the horses separated while

we seek a final prep for each in our quest to add graded-stakes earnings for Kentucky Derby participation," said Dogwood's principal Cot Campbell. "These are exceedingly busy days for top riders, and we're quite pleased to have these two jockeys for our horses." He continued, "In a perfect world these two races--both at a mile and an eighth--are our targets. The Derby trail is shifting and unpredictable, however, and we will be ready to readjust our plans." A half-brother to champion Vindication, Blackberry Road kicked off 2008 with a second in the GIII LeComte S. Jan. 12, but is coming off a fourth to Pyro in the GII Louisiana Derby Mar. 9. He is trained by David Carroll, while Atoned is conditioned by Todd Pletcher.

• 3YOs ON THE WORKTAB •

CALDER

Smooth Air (Smooth Jazz), 5f, 1:02.00, 1/5

GULFSTREAM PARK

Elysium Fields (El Prado {Ire}), 5f, 1:00.00, 3/19
 Jockey Ridge (Broken Vow), 5f, :59.60, 1/19

PALM MEADOWS

Big Brown (Boundary), 5f, :59.20, 1/41
 Tale of Ekati (Tale of the Cat), 4f, :47.80, 3/37

PAYSON PARK

Court Vision (Gulch), 5f, 1:04.00, 4/9
 Majestic Warrior (A.P. Indy), 4f, :50.00, 4/22

BRIS Speed Ratings
Top Weekly Stakes Races

Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
Korbyn Gold	Gold Case	St. Patricks Day H.	108
Boule D'Or (Ire)	Croco Rouge	San Luis Rey H.-G2	107
Eternal Star	Five Star Day	Bensalem S.	102
Adriano	A.P. Indy	Lane's End S.-G2	101
Junior College	Ide	Hot Springs S.	101
Rite Moment	Vicar	Distaff H.-G2	98
Sweet Vendetta	Stephen Got Even	Andover Way S.	98
Double Or Nothing	Double Honor	Private Terms S.	97
Good and Lucky	Wild Rush	Gulf Coast Classic S.	97
Carson City Babe	Carson City	Lagniappe Ladies Sprint S.	96
Ceasers March	Leestown	Lagniappe Sprint S.	96
Desert Code	E Dubai	Joe Hernandez S.	96
Ide Like a Double	Ide	Crescent City Derby	96
Mitigation	Cherokee Run	Hansel S.	96
Candy Ball	Lemon Drop Kid	Fortin H.	95
Big Glen	Cactus Ridge	Rushaway S.	94
Costume (GB)	Danehill	Santa Ana H.-G2	93
Pola's Place	Out of Place	Queen S.	93
Grand Minit	Grand Slam	Lagniappe Classic S.	92
Sweepstake (Ire)	Acclamation	Bedanken S.	92
Goosey Moose	Shaquin	Spring S.	91
Unforgotten	Northern Afleet	Goddess S.	91
Amazing Results	Grand Slam	Grindstone S.	90
Lightmyfirebaby	Unusual Heat	Irish O'Brien S.	90
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A Sav-y Purchase...

Tuesday's topper was produced by the top racemare Savannah Success (Aus). The colt's successful brother Savabeel was himself a \$400,000 purchase at the 2003 renewal of this sale by trainer Graeme Rogerson and syndicated by Dean Watt before the pair's well-publicised and acrimonious parting. Rogerson trained the dual Group 1-winning dam Savannah Success and gave A\$1.55 million for Arlington (Aus) (Red Ransom), younger brother of Savabeel, in 2006; that colt has recorded two stakes-placings.



Savabeel Baramul Stud photo

"This was the horse we wanted from the very beginning; I was involved in Savabeel and we liked Arlington, but did not value him as highly," said Watt. "He is nothing at all like Savabeel; he has thrown directly to the mare--he is a lot like [broodmare sire] Success Express."

Watt added the colt's page ultimately determined the purchase price.

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Magic Millions cont.

“The Danehill--Success Express cross has produced Excites (Aus) and Gold Edition (Aus), and they are both Group 1 winners,” Watt said. “Even if this horse never wins a race, he represents outstanding value in a limitless blue-sky market for stallions; this horse is recession-proof, and he is from arguably one of the best working female families in the stud book.”

While Watt admitted to being sentimental about the colt due to his connection to Savabeel, he added that veterinarian Tim Roberts “took the emotion out,” explaining, “It doesn’t matter how much we love the horse; if Tim doesn’t give him the stamp of approval, we don’t bid. Tim has looked at 78 sets of X-rays for us. I am also very confident buying a horse from Gerry [Harvey of Baramul Stud]. Gerry is a realist; his investment is great for the racing industry, and the horses are raised naturally--they are quality horses with good bone.”

Watt said Melbourne-based executive recruitment company owner Bill Vlahos, who was among the purchasers of Pillar of Hercules (Aus) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}) for A\$1.8 million last spring, would take 25 percent of the colt and a 30-percent share would be syndicated to owners, including Bill Benson’s Emerald Thoroughbreds. Within an hour, Watt further confirmed that Harvey had bought back a 25-percent interest in the colt.

Asked if he thought the colt would be an early two-year-old, Watt said he envisaged pointing toward the 1200-meter G1 Golden Slipper or G1 Sires Produce S. over 1400 meters.

“Savabeel was competitive at two, but outstanding at three,” Watt said. “We thought he would be a smart two-year-old and we trialed him in the first two-year-old trials of that season and he ran second. We drove home ready to kick the cat--but it turned out the horse that beat him in the trial was [subsequent two-year-old Triple Crown winner] Dance Hero (Aus).”

Rogerson, who trained Savabeel to a remarkable Cox Plate victory at three, said he did not bid on the colt.

“I didn’t like him, to my eye he did not have the same quality as Savabeel and Arlington, but each to his own, and time will tell if I am wrong in my judgment.”

Early and Often for Tinkler...

Principal Nathan Tinkler was absent, but that has not stopped fledgling Patinack Farm purchasing with near monotonous regularity. By 7 p.m., representative Roger Langley, flanked by trainer Anthony Cummings, had displayed relentless stamina to acquire 27 horses for A\$7.5 million. Among their more expensive acquisitions was an A\$800,000 colt by Redoute’s Choice (Aus) out of the Timber Country mare Redwood (Aus), herself a half-sister to dual Group 1 winner Lotteria (Aus) (Redoute’s Choice {Aus}). The colt, offered by Baramul Stud, is the second foal from Redwood, a daughter of Group-1 placed Rose Reward (NZ) (Sir Tristram {Ire}).

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“He is a quality horse with size and scope, from a proven family,” said Langley. “This is one of the best colts in the sale and he will be trained by Gai Waterhouse, who knows the family well. She says it is an exciting opportunity to build this colt into an exciting racehorse, and, with a bit of luck, into a stallion prospect.”

Langley also signed for a A\$725,000 Redoute’s Choice (Aus) filly from Strawberry Girl (Aus) offered by Strawberry Hill Stud. The filly is a half-sister to four winners, including Danroad (Aus) (Danehill).

A Familiar Pattern...

The more things change, the more they stay the same, or so the saying goes. And from the outset, it was evident that, despite the upheaval of a radically altered sale calendar due to the EI outbreak, the sale was going to settle into a familiar pattern where yearlings by Redoute’s Choice (Aus) and Encosta de Lago (Aus) dominated, with impressive cameo roles by freshman sires. By his own lofty standards, Redoute’s Choice is having a quiet period on the racetrack, but the same cannot be said for Encosta de Lago, who is cementing his reputation as the sire of smart two-year-olds, Classic three-year-olds, milers and middle-distance horses.

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Magic Millions cont.

Encosta de Lago is currently leading general sire and he was leading sire on average at Inglis Premier in Melbourne, with six yearlings averaging \$241,667. So far he is averaging A\$351,667. Coolmore, with Demi O'Byrne present, has been quiet on the buying bench, but signed for Lot 296, a filly by Encosta de Lago out of Smart Company (Aus) for A\$725,000 late in the afternoon.



Lot 296 Lomar Park photo

What They're Saying At The Sales...

Rob Ferguson, Magic Millions co-owner and breeder:

"We have got a lot more horses to sell, and at the moment the average is down and the quantity is up, but we are in the business of selling people horses and, given the increased numbers, the sale is moving along well, on par with our expectations."

Graeme Rogerson, trainer:

"It is very hard to buy right now because Patinack Farm is on most of the top horses and they are doing a good job; they have bought some lovely horses. Magic Millions is going from strength to strength--the two-year-old race is worth A\$2 million next year, and the year after that--it is anyone's guess. I don't think Gerry [Harvey] will rest on his laurels."

Marc de Chambure, owner of Haras D'Etreham, France:

"The idea is to buy and race these horses here in Australia; the animals we have seen are very nice. Australia has the whole package. In my opinion, it is very good here. There's a wide range of people who can buy horses, which in turn creates a very deep market, meaning you can find a buyer for horses from A\$10,000 up to and over a million dollars. There is definitely more awareness in Europe now about the Australian horse. It seems the level of competition in Australia has considerably improved in the last 15 years. People are more open-minded now; we are getting used to seeing the Australian horses winning in Europe."

Marc Antone Bergracht, M.A.B. Agency, France:

"The pedigrees of these horses continue to improve. I expect you will see more [international] people investing here, like Darley. I don't think Sheikh Mohammed is investing here just for fun--I think he expects a return. Australia seems to be a place where you can race horses and break even, or even make a profit."

Georges Rimaud, manager Aga Khan Studs, France:

"This is my first time on the Gold Coast, and calling it a 'fact-finding mission' is a good way to describe it. I'm trying to get a feel for the overall market."

Mark Player, Hong Kong Jockey Club:

"We want to continue to improve the quality of horses we offer our members. We have had great success with Australian horses and we intend to increase the number of horses we buy for both our International sale and the Subscription Griffin ballot. The style of horse that Australia produces--they excel in the sprinter-to-mile area--suits the Hong Kong style of racing, which means Australia suits our preference. We look at the strong influence of Danehill and the emergence of Encosta de Lago, but the range of international bloodlines on offer here are outstanding now. This is a very strong sale. Competition on horses we are looking at has been extremely strong."

☆ HIP HAPPENINGS ☆

CONRAD JUPITERS MAGIC MILLIONS - WEDNESDAY

398, f, Redoute's Choice (Aus)--Tully Thunder (Aus), by Thunder Gulch

Consigned by Kitchwin Hills

The second foal from G1 Australasian Oaks winner Tully Thunder has drawn favourable comparisons with champion filly Miss Finland (Aus) as a powerfully built, athletic daughter of Redoute's Choice with tons of presence. "She is an absolute ripper and she has been out a lot--quite a few people who have inspected her have said she is among the best fillies here. We're optimistic, but ultimately she is here for sale," says Kitchwin Hills' manager Mick Malone. The filly is bred on the same cross as Group 2 winner Get Square (Aus). Tully Thunder's first foal, a filly by Reset (Aus), fetched A\$110,000 at Inglis Easter '07.

406, c, Elusive Quality--Upstate (GB), by Sadler's Wells

Consigned by Darley

The third foal of consistent middle-distance mare Upstate has attracted plenty of admirers. "He is a nice, strong, well-grown colt with an impressive, loose walk," reports John Sunderland, stud manager for Darley Australia. Upstate is a half-sister to G1SP Lord of Men (GB) and Her Ladyship (GB), dam of SW Dignify (GB). Not covered in 2006, Upstate visited Darley resident sire Reset (Aus) last spring.

408, f, Exceed and Excel (Aus)--Valadon (Aus), by Woodman

Consigned by Rothwell Park

Danehill's first-season sire Exceed and Excel is off to a cracking start with seven stakes performers from eight individual winners to date. This filly is out of a 3/4-sister to G1SP Timbourina (Aus) and G1SP Media (Aus). Valadon's first foal is a two-year-old Rock of Gibraltar (Ire) filly named Sail Rock (Aus), who was an A\$170,000 Inglis Easter buy. Valadon has a full sibling to this filly at foot, and returned to Exceed and Excel last spring. **Magic Millions cont. p8**



Magic Millions - Wednesday Hip Happenings cont.

**477, f, Encosta de Lago (Aus)--Allez France (Aus),
by Hennessy**

Consigned by Coolmore Stud as agent

Hennessy is starting to make his mark as a broodmare sire in Australia with this filly's half-sibling, the Listed Widden S. winner Superfly (Aus) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), and Golden Slipper contender and G2SP Krupt (Aus) (Flying Spur {Aus}) also out of a Hennessy mare. "She's a beauty," enthuses Coolmore Australia General Manager Michael Kirwan. "Allez France always throws a lovely horse and her [full-sibling to Superfly foaled on Oct. 23] is a beauty too." Kirwan said it was likely Superfly (Aus), a A\$430,000 MM graduate and close-up fourth in a race on the Magic Millions card yesterday, would likely be offered for sale at the Magic Millions June Broodmare Sale. Allez France is also the dam of Montelimar (Aus) (Fusaichi Pegasus), a A\$330,000 Karaka purchase last year for James Best-er; she placed on debut for trainer David Hayes and owner John Camilleri. Allez France, herself a Listed winner at two, descends from the prolific Newhaven Park family that produced the champion Burst (Aus) and Group 1 winners Victory Prince (Aus) and Bush Padre (Aus).

510, f, Fastnet Rock (Aus)--Back Pass, by Quest for Fame (GB)

Consigned by Glenlogan Park

A 3/4-sister to the A\$900,000 Inglis Easter graduate Sharkbite (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), a Group 3 placegetter, this filly has been popular in pre-sale inspections. Back Pass is out of a half-sister to the re-versed Hasili (Ire), the dam of Banks Hill (GB), Cacique (Ire), Intercontinental (GB), et al. "She is a very athletic, neat, feminine filly with a great walk and obviously an exceptionally strong female family with great residual value," says Steve Morley of Glenlogan Park. Sharkbite, a last-start winner of the Listed Lord S. Dec. 26 at Caulfield, is being set for a first-up tilt at the G1 Good-wood S. in Adelaide Mar. 29.

**516, c, Encosta de Lago (Aus)--Battonage (Aus),
by Kenmare (Fr)**

Consigned by Yarraman Park Stud

A half-brother to SP Fullazz (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), among three winners from three to race, this colt has been among the most popular to parade at the Bundall sale complex. The bright chestnut stands over plenty of ground and has his sire's characteristic power. "He is simply an out-standing individual," asserts



Yarraman Park photo

Yarraman's Harry Mitchell.



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SUMMERLY, 6, Summer Squall--Here I Go,
by Mr. Prospector
Foal born Feb. 5, a colt by Distorted Humor.
Will be bred back to Distorted Humor.
Owned by and boarded at WinStar Farm.
Accomplishments: GISW of \$907,652.

SHEILA PURPLE (BRZ), 18, Purple Mountain--Ecoute
(Brz), by Tumble Lark
Foal born Feb. 4, a filly by Bluegrass Cat.
Will be bred back to Any Given Saturday.
Owned by and boarded at WinStar Farm.
Accomplishments: Dam of Pico Central (Brz) (Spend a Buck), Ch. Sprinter & Horse of the Year-Brz, MG1SW-Brz, MGISW-US, \$1,139,000-US.

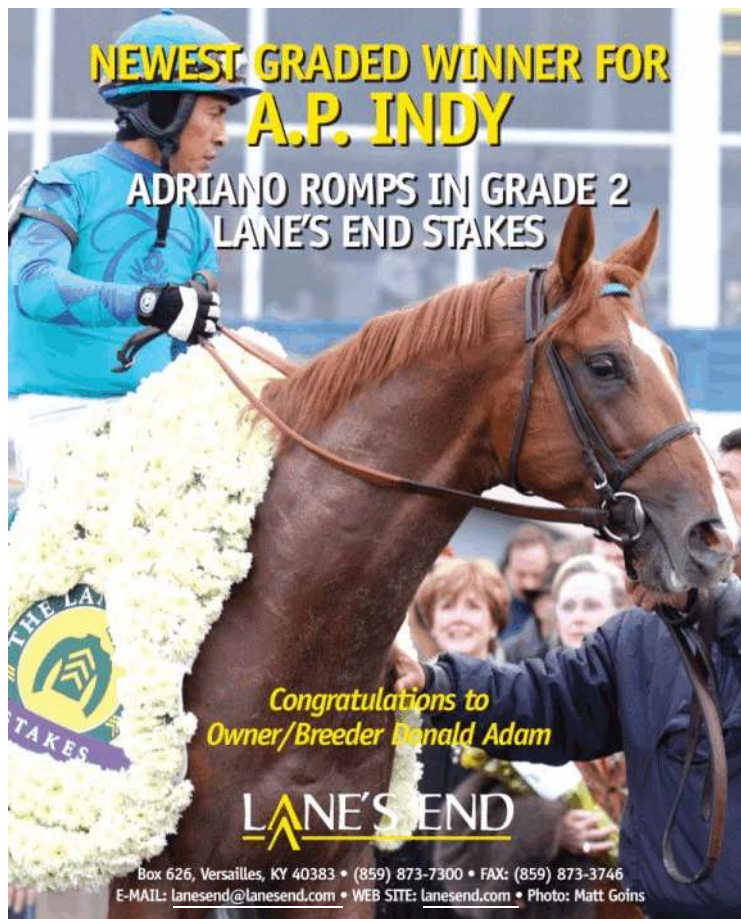


FROM THE DESK OF...
 Bill Oppenheim 

PYROMANIA

Going into this weekend's GI Florida Derby and G2 UAE Derby, not a single major two-turn prep race on the Kentucky Derby trail has been won by a three-year-old running a Beyer figure above 100. This is worrying. It could be that this is a really weak crop of three-year-olds, but there is another possible explanation, which is actually more likely. We already know that the advent of all-weather surfaces has resulted in a shift in jockeys' riding tactics, from the hell-for-leather, go-from-the-gate style which has characterized American racing from time immemorial, to a more 'European' style, where strong finishers actually run faster at the end of a race than they do at the beginning. But speed figures are a more reliable gauge of a horse's ability when the pace is flat out from the start, or at least even. If it's a crawl, no matter how fast a horse finishes, it won't make up the time. Very likely, that has been the case in some of the key preps so far this year.

Though **Pyro** (Pulpit)'s two ultimately decisive wins in New Orleans, the GIII Risen Star and the GII Louisiana Derby, were not run on an all-weather track, they almost could have been. The pace in both races was slow-to-dawdling, so for Pyro to get up at all is probably impressive enough. The Beyers were slow: 90 in the Risen Star, 95 in the Louisiana Derby, but in both cases you could see how slowly they were going, and the splits confirmed it. Pyro had already run Beyers of 100 and 105 when second to War Pass in the GI Champagne and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, respectively, so it's far more likely that his two Louisiana Beyer figures require mental adjustment to accurately reflect his ability (if not, in these cases, his speed). We do have one important clue: **Visionaire** (by Grand Slam; what a tear he's on, winners everywhere, and up to seventh on the 2008 General Sire List), ran only a Beyer 85 when he was third, beaten 2 3/4 lengths by Pyro in the Risen Star, but bounced back to win the GIII Gotham at Aqueduct, running a Beyer 98--a 13-point improvement from the Risen Star. It's not as simple as this, but if Visionaire actually didn't improve 13 points, the slow pace suppressed the Risen Star figure (which I think it did), you could make a case that Pyro's 'practical' figure in the Risen Star was 90 + 13, or a Beyer 103. If you then take another leap of logic, that a similar slow pace compromised the Louisiana Derby figure in exactly the same way, Pyro still ran five points higher than he did in the Risen Star, arguably a 108. Street Sense won the GI Kentucky Derby with a 110 last year; Curlin won the GI Preakness in 111. It's not the biggest reach in history to say that Pyro might already have done enough to win the Derby.



Interestingly, Pyro's final prep is scheduled to be the GI Toyota Blue Grass S. at Keeneland Apr. 12, where he is due to clash with GII Fountain of Youth winner (in a Beyer 98) **Cool Coal Man**, from Mineshaft's first crop. Carl Nafzger proved with Street Sense last year that you don't need to win the Blue Grass to win the Derby, you just have to perform well. I had first been told this 26 years ago, by the late, great Eddie Gregson, when he was preparing to ship Gato del Sol east for the Blue Grass. At that time, of course, Keeneland was the old dirt surface, which invariably favored inside speed. Gregson knew his late-closing stayer would be at a disadvantage, but he said then, these exact words, which I've never forgotten: "You don't need to win the Blue Grass, you just need to run well in it. The timing is right, and you're already in Kentucky." So Pyro doesn't even need to win the Blue Grass; he can run another figure in the 90's, get beat, and still win the Derby with a 108 on May 3. **Cont. p10**

HOW THEY GOT THERE:
 RECENT KENTUCKY DERBY WINNERS' PREPS

Year	Winner	Last Prep
2007	Street Sense	2nd, Blue Grass
2006	Barbaro	1st, Florida Derby
2005	Giacomo	4th, Santa Anita Derby
2004	Smarty Jones	1st, Arkansas Derby
2003	Funny Cide	2nd, Wood Memorial
2002	War Emblem	1st, Illinois Derby



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Cool Coal Man is owned by Robert LaPenta and trained by Nick Zito, as is last year's juvenile champion War Pass, the obvious Derby favorite until he forgot the script in the GIII Tampa Bay Derby. Cool Coal Man goes to Keeneland, while War Pass will try and redeem himself in the Apr. 5 GI Wood Memorial, where he is scheduled to clash with the horse I rate as the number two Derby favorite right now, Oaklawn's GIII Southwest S. winner **Denis of Cork**, who is from Harlan's Holiday's first crop. His Beyer number when winning the Southwest was a 96, but there is reason to believe that underestimates him, too. Both the second and (deadheat) third, Sierra Sunset and **Liberty Bull** (Holy Bull), came back and won their next starts, improving their Beyers by six and four points, respectively. Sierra Sunset (Bertrando), unfortunately since injured and off the Derby trail, won the GII Rebel, running a Beyer 99, while Liberty Bull won the WinStar Derby, worth \$600,000 at Sunland Park, running a 95. Using these figures it isn't hard to project that Denis of Cork probably actually ran a Beyer 102 (96 + 6) in the Southwest. So I make Denis of Cork my number two Derby prospect with a projected 102, and Cool Coal Man number three, with his actual 98.

Left Coast Candidates...

The Derby preps at Santa Anita have all been run on their AW Cushion Track surface this year, so no one really knows yet whether or to what extent their form will transfer to the dirt track at Churchill Downs. The three leading Derby candidates from California figure to meet in the April 5 GI Santa Anita Derby. **Georgie Boy** (Tribal Rule) has won both his starts this year, the GII San Vicente at seven furlongs in January (Beyer 102) and the GII San Felipe S., at 8 1/2 furlongs earlier this month (Beyer 92). That 92 won't win the Kentucky Derby, so we'll have to see another race before we know if the San Felipe was another fluke slow time, or whether Georgie Boy is slowing down as he stretches out. Last year's GI CashCall Futurity second **Colonel John** (Tiznow) defeated GII San Rafael S. winner **El Gato Malo** (El Corredor) in the Mar. 1 GIII Sham at nine furlongs, but the Beyer was a desultory 85. However, El Gato Malo recorded a 100 Beyer when winning the San Rafael, so there's reason to hope the 85 was another impossibly slow fig. The Santa Anita Derby should hopefully clarify the picture out west. **Cont. p11**

**HOW THEY GOT THERE:
RECENT KENTUCKY DERBY WINNERS' PREPS**

Year	Winner	Last Prep
2001	Monarchos	2nd, Wood Memorial
2000	Fusaichi Pegasus	1st, Wood Memorial
1999	Charismatic	1st, Coolmore Lexington
1998	Real Quiet	2nd, Santa Anita Derby
1997	Silver Charm	2nd, Santa Anita Derby
1996	Grindstone	2nd, Arkansas Derby
1995	Thunder Gulch	4th, Blue Grass

Weekly Sales Ticker

by Bill Oppenheim

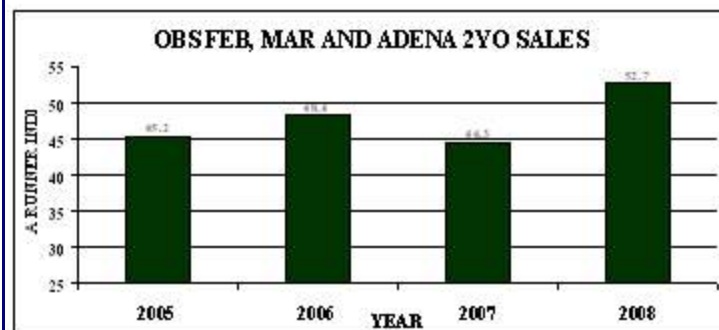
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YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% S/C	GROSS	AVG
2008	460	345	233	50.7%	\$33,380,000	\$143,262
2007	520	379	253	48.7%	\$26,541,000	\$104,905
2006	535	394	286	53.5%	\$31,044,000	\$108,545
2005	630	472	323	51.3%	\$26,399,000	\$81,731



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This Saturday's two Derby preps are, as mentioned, the GI Florida Derby and the G2 UAE Derby, both nine furlongs on conventional 'dirt.' The latter will be interesting, not just because Godolphin will try to uncover any candidates for Kentucky, but also because Zayat Stables has sent **Massive Drama**, from Kafwain's first crop, to contest the \$2-million race. Third to Into Mischief and Colonel John in last year's CashCall Futurity, Massive Drama has run twice in California this winter, finishing third both times, to El Gato Malo in the GII San Rafael, then to Georgie Boy in the GII San Vicente. He makes his first start here for new trainer Dale Romans. But they all look up against it with the two 3 1/2-year-olds trained by Mike de Kock in the race, **Royal Vintage (SAf)** (Rich Man's Gold) and **Honour Devil (Arg)** (Honour and Glory). They were one-two in the Listed Al Bastakiya over nine furlongs at Nad Al Sheba earlier this month.

In the absence of Cool Coal Man, Saturday's GI Florida Derby looks unusually wide open. GII Fountain of Youth runner-up **Elysium Fields** (El Prado {Ire}), still a 'non-winner of one other than,' will be well supported, as will up-and-coming recent impressive allowance winners **Hey Byrn** (by my favorite new find, Put It Back) and **Big Brown** (Boundary). Elysium Fields ran a Beyer 97 in the Fountain of Youth; Hey Byrn's last allowance win was also a 97, and Big Brown's near-13 length romp earned a 104. You'd hope the winner here can break 100. Incidentally, with last weekend's GII Lane's End S. one-two **Adriano** (A.P. Indy) and **Halo Najib** (Halo's Image) having been ninth and sixth, respectively, in the Fountain of Youth, and with the race being won with a Beyer 92, it doesn't look like the Lane's End is going to have much impact on this year's Derby.

SHE WUZ ROBBED

Irish Field editor Leo Powell and I were very honored to be included on a seminar panel during the wildly successful Irish Thoroughbred Breeders' Trade Fair, held at Goffs at the end of January. The panel also included Horse Racing Ireland chairman Denis Brosnan, and the CEOs of British and Hong Kong racing, respectively, Nic Coward and Winfried Engelbrecht-Breges. One of the topics that came up was the attempt, in which Britain and Hong Kong are both involved, to construct an international racing program which would attract top horses to top races around the world. But what to do about the Americans, they wondered? There's the drug issue, the fact that the Breeders' Cup won't consider trying to really become a World Championship day by moving outside of North America (or at least doing more to attract top European horses away from Japan and Hong Kong), and that, generally, Americans are relatively unconcerned about what goes on outside their shores. How can they be incorporated into the ideas being discussed? They sort of directed the question at me, since I still claim to be American.

The answer I gave them was "then drop them. The rest of the world should just set it up in the most sensible way possible, and if the Americans can't figure out if or how to be involved, just go on and set up your program without them." There was an audible gasp: do it without North America? But why not? If American racing can't survive without drugs, and if American racing finds it impossible to unite because most of it is administered by the states, not federally, why should a great idea for the rest of the world languish because North American racing won't make the effort to belong to the club?

Now we have the Green Girl debacle. You remember the case: Green Girl tossed her jockey twice before making it to the gate for the Feb. 3 GIII Suwannee River H. The jockey got back on in the gate, and she went on to win the race. The owner of the second objected, citing a 'pillar-to-post' rule (the jockey must be on board from pillar to post, with some exceptions) which some bright spark thought up, ostensibly to somehow protect gamblers from the "unfair advantage" of not having a jockey on board. Heaven knows what this was even doing in the rule book; anybody who has been around a horse can figure out a jockeyless horse running loose on a racetrack for three-eighths of a mile is just as likely to be freaked out as it is to benefit from not having the jockey on its back. You can't blame arbiter Bill Greely: he read the rule and said, 'Yep, this is what the rule says.' But it is a stupid rule, and should be excised from the Gulfstream House Rules as soon as possible. There is no way Green Girl deserved disqualification, but that ship has sailed. Meantime, the aggrieved owners of Green Girl have good reason to be disgusted with American racing. With this kind of unsportsmanlike insistence on winning a graded race on a technicality, it just makes American racing look ridiculous to the rest of the world. Maybe American racing really doesn't care what the rest of the world thinks, but it's this sort of behavior which should be disqualified, not the deserving winner. At this rate American racing won't just be a difficult relative for the rest of the world, it will be a laughingstock. **Cont. p12**

• 3YOs ON THE WORKTAB •

HOLLYWOOD

Country Star (Empire Maker), 6f, 1:11.00, 1/9

KEENELAND

Liberty Bull (Holy Bull), 4f, :51.40, 23/24

OAKLAWN

Z Fortune (Siphon {Brz}), 4f, :51.60, 27/33

SANTA ANITA

Colonel John (Tiznow), 6f, 1:13.60, 8/13



Oppenheim cont.

And Finally...

The European turf racing season is just getting underway. There was a very interesting listed race for three-year-olds run at Saint-Cloud on Monday: the Prix Omnium II, traditionally the first real look at the new Classic generation in France. It was won by Gris Tendre (Slickly), winning his third consecutive race this year, following two successes at Cagnes-sur-Mer, by a dirty nose from seasonal debutant Arcadia's Angle, from Aldebaran's first crop. It was Aldebaran's second stakes horse this month, following a six-furlong stakes winner in Japan. Slickly is an interesting one, too. A son of former French champion sire Linamix, Slickly won the G1 Prix Jean Prat when it was still a 10-furlong prep for the old French Derby (G1 Prix du Jockey-Club), but ultimately proved best at a mile, winning three subsequent Group 1s at that trip. His oldest are four this year, and hadn't cut much ice up until now, but he has already had three individual listed winners this year. The corresponding fillies' race, the Listed Prix La Camargo, saw a second stakes win for Trip to Glory, from the first crop of Danehill Dancer's son, Where or When. Both winners were trained by Jean-Claude Rouget.

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SUMMER COLONY, 10, Summer Squall--Probable Colony, by Pleasant Colony
Foal born Feb. 10, a filly by Distorted Humor.
Will be bred back to Street Cry (Ire).
Owned by and boarded at Lane's End, KY.
Accomplishments: GISW of \$1,448,930.

WONDER AGAIN, 9, Silver Hawk--Ameriflora, by Danzig
Foal born Feb. 12, a filly by Gone West.
Will be bred back to Smart Strike.
Mare owned by Flay, Santulli & Phillips Racing Partnership.
Foal owned by Phillips Racing Partnership.
Boarded at Darby Dan Farm, KY.
Accomplishments: MGISW of \$1,439,602.

HOLLYWOOD STORY, 7, Wild Rush--Wife for Life, by Dynaformer
Foal born Feb. 13, a colt by Storm Cat.
Will be bred back to Storm Cat.
Owned by George Krikorian.
Boarded at Starwood Farm, KY.
Accomplishments: MGISW of \$1,171,105.

2008 3-YEAR-OLDS
by Earnings in Graded Stakes Races
(through Mar. 23)

Horse	Sire	Trainer	Graded \$
War Pass	Cherokee Run	Zito	1,320,000
Pyro	Pulpit	Asmussen	1,020,000
Z Humor	Distorted Humor	Mott	524,000
Kodiak Kowboy	Posse	Asmussen	441,373
Turf War	Dixie Union	Casse	405,407
Georgie Boy	Tribal Rule	Walsh	390,000
Adriano	A.P. Indy	Motion	310,000
Tale of Ekati	Tale of the Cat	Tagg	288,000
Colonel John	Tiznow	Harty	270,000
Court Vision	Gulch	Mott	256,872
Cool Coal Man	Mineshaft	Zito	212,767
Massive Drama	Kafwain	Romans	205,200
Big Truck	Hook and Ladder	Tagg	194,500
Anak Nakal	Victory Gallop	Zito	189,716
Visionaire	Grand Slam	Matz	180,000
Majestic Warrior	A.P. Indy	Mott	164,000
Halo Najib	Halo's Image	Romans	157,996
Denis of Cork	Harlan's Holiday	Carroll	150,000
El Gato Malo	El Corredor	C Dollase	130,000
Z Fortune	Siphon (Brz)	Asmussen	129,000
Blackberry Road	Gone West	Carroll	123,417
Indian Sun	Indian Charlie	Hendricks	104,000
Golden Yank	Yankee Gentleman	Thomas	115,000
Atoned	Repent	Pletcher	100,000

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UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track
Mar. 29	G1 Florida Derby	Gulfstream
	GII Bonnie Miss S.	Gulfstream
	GIII Next Move H.	Aqueduct
	GIII Palm Beach S.	Gulfstream
	GIII Tokyo City Cup	Santa Anita
Mar. 30	GIII Orchid H.	Gulfstream
	GIII Santa Paula S.	Santa Anita
Apr. 4	GIII Transylvania S.	Keeneland
Apr. 5	G1 Wood Memorial S.	Aqueduct
	G1 Santa Anita Derby	Santa Anita
	G1 Carter H.	Aqueduct
	G1 Ashland S.	Keeneland
	G1 Apple Blossom H.	Oaklawn
	GII Illinois Derby	Hawthorne
	GII Oaklawn H.	Oaklawn
	GII Arcadia H.	Santa Anita
	GII Potrero Grande H.	Santa Anita
	GIII Providencia S.	Santa Anita
	GIII Pan American H.	Gulfstream
	GIII Bay Shore S.	Aqueduct
	GIII Excelsior BC H.	Aqueduct
	GIII John B. Connally H.	Sam Houston



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SOMETHINABOUTLAURA RETIRED

Somethinaboutlaura (Dance Floor--Crystals of Ice, by It's Freezing), winner of the 2006 and 2007 renewals of the GII A Glean Invitational H., has been retired from racing and will be bred to Stormy Atlantic. "As versatile and consistent a sire as Stormy Atlantic is, we felt he was a perfect fit for this mare," explained co-owner and trainer Jerry Hollendorfer. The six-year-old mare was third in the 2006 GII El Encino S. and again in this year's GI Santa Maria H. On the board in 27 of 34 starts, she retires with 18 wins and earnings of \$1,129,365.



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★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

No Training Disruptions at HollyPark:

Track officials do not expect training to be affected when Hollywood Park's Cushion Track is refurbished Apr. 2. Fibers and wax will be added to the track, weather permitting. A similar procedure took place following the 2007 Spring/Summer meet. The upcoming meet, which begins Apr. 23 and runs through July 13, will be the fourth Hollywood Park meet run over the Cushion Track, which was installed prior to the 2006 Autumn Meet.



James Micheil, of Duarte, CA, nailed a winning Pick Six ticket worth \$131,295 Mar. 24 at Santa Anita. As part of a promotion with Sierra Auto Group, the 43-year-old also won a brand new Chevy Corvette, which was offered to any winning Pick Six ticket purchased on-track at the Winter/Spring meeting. *Benoit Photo*

★ EAST ★

Yesterday's Results:

LANGHORNE S., \$75,000, PHA, 3-25, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:16 1/5, ft.

1--**JET AWAY JANE**, 120, m, 5, Unbridled Jet--Mints First Star, by Beyond the Mint. O-Golden Oak Farm LLC; B-Theodore T & Robin R Stepanoff (PA); T-Thomas R Miller; J-Angel Rodriguez; \$43,700. Lifetime Record: 24-8-10-4, \$338,397.

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2--**You Asked**, 120, f, 4, Yes It's True--Dixie Deb, by Dixieland Band. (\$145,000 wIng '04 KEENOV; \$200,000 yrl '05 KEESEP). \$14,900.

3--**Oelectra**, 118, m, 5, Gulch--Oedy's Appeal, by Valid Appeal. \$8,420.

Margins: 2, 3/4, 4 1/4. Odds: 3.40, 3.40, 9.00.

Jet Away Jane, on the board in 21 of her previous 23 outings, captured a stakes over this turf course last June. She returned from a three-month freshening to earn a narrow victory over state-bred foes on the main track in the Feb. 2 Foxy J G S. last time out. Last in the early stages of this affair, the bay mare powered to the lead on the turn and pulled clear to the wire. Favored Devil House (Chester House) set the pace before tiring to fourth.



Equi-Photo

7th-PHA, \$52,080, Msw, 3yo, 1m70y, 1:43 3/5, ft. **FLIGHT BRIEFING** (c, 3, [Smoke Glacken--Glide Slope](#), by [Broad Brush](#)), a well-beaten sixth on debut at Laurel Feb. 6, improved to third over that strip second time out Feb. 29. Sent off at 2-1, the bay colt gained command leaving the backstretch and opened up down the lane to win by 3 1/4 lengths. Everythingismagic (Talk Is Money) completed the exacta. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$38,920.

O-Augustin Stable. B-George Strawbridge Jr (PA). T-H Graham Motion.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26:

04-04 \$150,000 **Central Bank Transylvania-III**, Kee, 3yo, 8fT (150)

04-05 \$150,000 **Pan American H.-III, GP**, 4yo/up, 12fT (150)

TOMORROW, THURSDAY, MARCH 27:

04-05 \$200,000 **Potrero Grande Breeders' Cup H.-II, SA**, 4yo/up, 6.5f (200)

04-05 \$150,000 **Arcadia H.-II, SA**, 4yo/up, 8fT (150)

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East Report cont.

5th-PHA, \$49,600, Msw, 3yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:04 3/5, ft. SHINING SEA (f, 3, Stormy Atlantic--Golden West, by Gone West) was second, beaten 10 lengths by Phantom Income, in her debut at Belmont last July. Making her first start since, the 2-1 favorite sat just off the pace, moved to the lead turning for home and pulled clear down the stretch to win by three lengths over Hurricane Hennessy (Hennessy). Shining Sea was a \$27,000 KEEJAN yearling and a \$100,000 OBSFEB juvenile. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$44,000. O-Mark B Grier. B-Chadds Ford Stable, et al (PA). T-Mark A Hennig.

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN BRITAIN:

+ Khazina, f, 3, [Kingmambo](#). See "Britain."

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AQUEDUCT

Karakorum Starlet (Skip Away), 3f, :36.00, 1/4
Love of Money (Not For Love), 5f, 1:01.21, 1/2

BAY MEADOWS

Hystericalady (Distorted Humor), 6f, 1:12.40, 1/1

FAIR HILL

Miraculous Miss (Mr. Greeley), 3f, :35.20, 1/1
Roman Emperor (Empire Maker), 5f, :59.80, 1/4

GULFSTREAM PARK

Bit of Whimsy (Distorted Humor), 6f, 1:13.20, 1/1
Interpatation (Langfuhr), 5f, 1:01.00, 6/19
Saint Daimon (Saint Ballado), 4f, :48.40, 4/31

HOLLYWOOD

Crested (GB) (Fantastic Light), 6f, 1:13.60, 5/9
Ginger Punch (Awesome Again), 6f, 1:11.00, 1/9

KEENELAND

Wild Gams (Forest Wildcat), 5f, :59.20, 2/13

PALM MEADOWS

Chelokee (Cherokee Run), 5f, 1:01.00, 9/41
Kip Deville (Kipling), 6f, 1:14.00, 1/3
Summer Doldrums (Street Cry {Ire}), 5f, 1:01.00, 9/41
Wanderin Boy (Seeking the Gold), 4f, :48.40, 14/37

PAYSON PARK

Altesse (A.P. Indy), 3f, :39.20, 6/7
In Summation (Put It Back), 3f, :38.00, 2/7
Life Is Sweet (Storm Cat), 4f, :50.00, 4/22

OAKLAWN PARK

Kettleoneup (Victory Gallop), 4f, :52.00, 30/33

SANTA ANITA

Hamoodly (Johannesburg), 3f, :35.80, 4/10
Sailors Sunset (Petionville), 4f (tr), :48.40, 1/1

First/Second-crop starters to watch: Wed., March 26

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

- AUTHENTICATE (Gone West), Le Mesa, \$3K, 110/11/0
- 1-DED, Msw, 5f, Verify and Confirm, 30-1
- DISTRICT (Broad Brush), 6/0/0
- 10-OP, Msw, 6f, +Two Fourty Three
- [FULL MANDATE](#) (A.P. Indy), Hartley, 173/19/1
- 5-TAM, Msw, 8.5ft, Storm Mandate, \$180K OBS AUG yrl, 15-1
- GREEN FEE (Green Dancer), Blue Spruce, \$1000, 22/3/0
- 7-CT, Alw, 6 1/2f, Green Key, 20-1
- LIDO PALACE (CHI) (Rich Man's Gold), Lambholm, \$9K, 88/9/0
- 5-TAM, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Palace Boxer, 4-1
- 5-TAM, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Pookie Arnold, 20-1
- MESNE PROCESS (Tremolino), 4/0/0
- 5-TAM, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Storminprocess, 30-1
- PARKER'S STORM CAT (Storm Cat), Country Life, \$3K, 116/6/0
- 8-AQU, Aoc, 1m, Parky, \$12K EAS SEP yrl
- RICH DEEDS (Alydeed), Piece of the Rock, 12/1/1
- 7-CT, Alw, 6 1/2f, Pow Wow Power, 6-1
- [SUNDAY BREAK \(JPN\)](#) (Forty Niner), Walmac, \$9K, 156/24/0
- 6-CT, Alw, 4 1/2f, Sunday Soon, \$4K EAS MAY 2yo, 6-1
- [VINDICATION](#) (Seattle Slew), Hill 'n' Dale, \$50K, 229/26/1
- 1-DED, Msw, 5f, Chita Girl, \$55K KEE SEP yrl, 9-2
- VOLPONI (Cryptoclearance), Hopewell, 92/14/3
- 5-TAM, Msw, 8.5ft, +W. C. Jones, \$50K SAR AUG yrl, 5-1
- WINDSOR CASTLE (Lord Carson), Taylor Mountain, \$3K, 26/3/0
- 7-CT, Alw, 6 1/2f, Henry the Lover, 9-5
- [YANKEE GENTLEMAN](#) (Storm Cat), Airdrie, \$10K, 114/23/2
- 9-TAM, Alw, 7f, Whataclassybroad, \$19K KEE SEP yrl, 2-1

2008 ROAD TO THE CLASSICS

DATE	RACE	TRACK
Mar. 29	GI Florida Derby	Gulfstream
Apr. 5	GI Santa Anita Derby	Santa Anita
	GI Wood Memorial S.	Aqueduct
	GII Illinois Derby	Hawthorne
Apr. 12	GI Toyota Blue Grass S.	Keeneland
	GII Arkansas Derby	Oaklawn
	GIII Holy Bull S.	Gulfstream
Apr. 19	GII Coolmore Lexington S.	Keeneland
Apr. 26	GIII Withers S.	Aqueduct
May 3	GI KENTUCKY DERBY	Churchill



★ BRITAIN ★

Yesterday's Results:

Pontefract, 2.10, Mdn, £7,000, 3yo, 10f 6ydsT, 2:20.35, gd/sf.

BOUGUEREAU (GB) (c, 3, Alhaarth {Ire}--Blessed Honour {GB}, by Ahonoora {GB}) was hammered into 4-9 on the strength of his fourth in the Listed Criterium du Fonds Europeen de L'Elevage at Deauville in August and latest third in a decent Goodwood maiden the following month. Keen before being settled under cover close to the early pace, the 25,000gns TATDEC weanling and 65,000gns TATOCT yearling took over on the final turn and faced no danger throughout the final quarter en route to a five-length success from St Jean Cap Ferrat (GB) (Domedriver {GB}). The victor is a half to Icicle (GB) (Polar Falcon), GSW-Eng; and Crucial (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), MSW & MGSP-Ity, \$247,035. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, £13,595.

O-A Black; B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd; T-Peter Chapple-Hyam.

Pontefract, 4.50, Mdn, £5,000, 3yo, 6fT, 1:22.09, gd/sf.

+ **KHAZINA (f, 3, Kingmambo--Easy Now {GISW, \$359,466}, by Danzig)** was friendless in the market and drifted to 5-1, but showed a professional attitude to race close to the early pace. After running greenly at the top of the stretch, the \$160,000 KEESEP yearling straightened up alongside Everything (GB) (Namid {GB}) and overcame that rival in the final 50 yards for a neck success. The winner's dam, a daughter of champion Relaxing (Buckpasser), is a half-sister to champion Easy Goer (Alydar) and GISW Cadillacing (Alydar). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £3,238.

O-Saeed Manana; B-Jayeff 'B' STables; T-Clive Brittain.

CORRECTION: Tuesday's *TDN* misquoted Jean-Claude Rouget, trainer of Monday's Listed Prix La Camargo **Trip to Glory (Fr)** (Where or When {Ire}). Rouget said, "I imagine she will come back in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches [at Longchamp May 11]."

All horses in the *TDN* are bred in North America, unless otherwise indicated

★ FRANCE ★

NATAGORA GEARS UP

Stefan Friberg's **Natagora (Fr)** (Divine Light {Jpn}) was the subject of a positive bulletin from trainer Pascal Bary yesterday during her preparations for the G1 1000 Guineas at Newmarket May 4. Partnered by Christophe-Patrice Lemaire in a workout at Chantilly, the G1 Cheveley Park S. heroine is being aimed at the Apr. 14 Listed Prix Imprudence at Maisons-Laffitte, where she will race beyond six furlongs for the first time.

"Christophe rode her this morning on the sand gallop in Chantilly and I think later this week she will be out on the grass," the jockey's agent Helen Barbe told *PA Sport*. "Everything went well and Christophe said he found her a lot more mentally laid back. The plan remains for her to go to Maisons-Laffitte for the Prix Imprudence on April 14 and then, hopefully, all systems go for Newmarket. Everyone is confident she will stay the trip."

Yesterday's Results:

Compiegne, 3.20, Mdn, €22,000, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/4mT, 2:17.61, hy.

CHIRANGO (FR) (c, 3, Chichicastenango {Fr}--European Style {Fr}, by Ezzoud {Ire}), fourth behind

Thewayouare in the G3 Prix Thomas Bryon at Saint-Cloud in October, was only in the same berth after his three-year-old bow back at that track last time Mar. 8. Fitted with cheekpieces, the 2-1 second choice sat on the tail of Nouveau Roi (Fr) (Poliglote {GB}) throughout and needed minimal encouragement to roll by the long-time leader in the final eighth for a facile two-length success. The winner is a full brother to Chinandega (Fr), GSW-Fr, \$117,624. Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 1 win, 2 places, €22,400.

O-Mme P Demercastel; B/T-Philippe Demercastel.

Compiegne, 3.50, Mdn, €22,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/4mT, 2:19.42, hy.

RECAMBE (IRE) (f, 3, Cape Cross {Ire}--Razana {Ire} {MSP-Fr}, by Kahyasi {Ire}), a half to Hong Kong Classic Mile and Hong Kong Derby hero Helene Mascot (Ire) (Peintre Celebre) (previously Salford Mill {Ire}), SW-Eng & MSW-HK; and to Ovambo (Ire) (Namaqualand), GSP-Eng, \$123,494, was fourth in a course-and-distance conditions event last time Mar. 3. Let go at 22-1, she faced an uphill battle after dwelling at the start and raced in a detached last. Moving through the pack in the final half mile, the 20,000gns TATOCT yearling got to the front at the eighth pole and fought hard to keep Shadiyna (Ire) (Dubai Destination) at bay and score by a half length. Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €13,900.

O-Maurice Clifford; B-Mrs H McCalmont; T-Robert Collet.



BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-WRD, \$25,600, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09 1/5, ft.
DES MOINES (f, 4, Evansville Slew--Sarouka, by Beau's Eagle) Lifetime Record: SW, 17-7-3-2, \$156,618.
 O-Black Oak Farm. B-Buckboard Stable (IA). T-Ray E Tracy, Jr.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Stolen Chevy, g, 3, Flying Chevron--Dixie too Cute, by Dixieland Heat. MNR, 3-24, 1m, 1:39. B-University of Kentucky (KY). *\$1,000 yrl '06 FTKFEB.

+ **One Cookie Edna, f, 3, Patton--Angel Eyes, by Stop the Music.** PHA, 3-25, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:05 2/5. B-John Hulak (PA).

Special Cast, c, 3, Proudest Romeo--Hermi, by Hermitage. WRD, 3-25, 6f, 1:11 1/5. B-Dr. K. K. & Dr. V. Devi Jayaraman (FL).

Whispered Strike, g, 3, Smart Strike--Whispered Wishes, by With Approval. SUN, 3-25, 6f, 1:11 3/5. B-Kinghaven Farms Limited (KY). *\$47,000 yrl '06 KEESEP. **1/2 to Tall Cool One (Whiskey Wisdom), MSP, \$156,342; Quiet Action (Forest Wildcat), SW & GSP, \$251,266.

Freeboard, c, 4, Mizzen Mast--Free Question, by Unbridled. TAM, 3-25, a1 3/8mT, 2:21 4/5. B-Millsec Ltd (KY).

✓ APPOINTMENTS

BARBARA FITZGERALD

- To join Tattersalls as part of the marketing team for the Newmarket based bloodstock auctioneers.
- Will take up her new appointment beginning on Monday, Mar. 31 with the primary emphasis of her role being the development and expansion of new and existing overseas markets.
- Commenting on the appointment, Tattersalls Chairman Edmond Mahony said, "Barbara brings a wealth of international experience to this new role and her appointment underlines the commitment at Tattersalls to developing and expanding our vitally important overseas markets. In addition to her detailed knowledge of the racing and bloodstock world, Barbara also speaks five languages which is enormously beneficial in such a global business and she will be a hugely important point of contact for many of our overseas clients."

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Compiegne, 2.50, 3-25, €29,000, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:47.66, hy.

NERA DIVINE (FR) (f, 3, Divine Light {Jpn}--Nera Zilzal {Ire}, by Zilzal) Lifetime Record: 19 starts, 6 wins, 9 places, €97,200. O-Diego Fernandez-Ortega; B-K & B Chehboub; T-Mathieu Boutin.

FRANCE, Marseille Pont de Vivaux, 2.30, 3-24, €23,000, 3yo, 10f 138ydsT, 2:18.12, vsf.

JANO LA STAR (FR) (f, 3, Fly to the Stars {GB}--Janou La Belle {Fr}, by Shining Steel {GB}) Lifetime Record: 14 starts, 3 wins, 7 places, €36,625. O-Mme Josiane Picone; B-EARL Haras du Camp Benard; T-T Larriviere. *1/2 to Rock of Cashel (Fr) (Mujadil), MSW-Fr, \$129,727.

FRANCE, Nantes, 2.35, 3-25, €21,000, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:41.36, vsf.

KRATAIOS (FR) (g, 8, Sabrehill--Loxandra {GB}, by Last Tycoon {Ire}) Lifetime Record: GSW & MG1SP, 23 starts, 9 wins, 10 places, €318,580. O-Leonidas Marinopoulos; B-Stilvi Compania Financiera SA; T-Carlos Laffon-Parias. *1/2 to Keltos (Fr) (Kendor {Fr}), Hwt. Older Horse-Eng & Fr at 7-9.5f, G1SW-Eng & MGSW-Fr, \$462,069; Loxias (Fr) (Saumarez {GB}), GSW & G1SP-Ger, \$236,011; Kavafi (Ire) (Zafonic), GSW-Fr, \$236,178; and full to Iridanos (GB), MSW & MGSP-Fr, \$149,035.

ITALY, Milan, 4.50, 3-24, €19,800, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT, 1:52.30, gd.

BELLE ISNARDE (ITY) (f, 3, Desert Prince {Ire}--Attitre {Fr} {SW-US, G1SP-Ity, GSP-Eng, \$195,223}, by Mtoto {GB}) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, €22,865. O-Scuderia Incolinx; B-Azienda Agricola Loreto Luciani; T-Vittorio Caruso.

ITALY, Milan, 3.40, 3-24, €19,800, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:49.90, gd.

FA A MEZZ (GB) (h, 5, Halling--Sispre {Fr}, by Master Willie {GB}) Lifetime Record: MSP-Ity, 19-7-3-6, €142,936. O-Scuderia Rencati SRL; B-Azienda Agricola Francesca; T-Alduino & Giuseppe Botti. *Full to Fisich (GB), GSW & G1SP-Ity, \$547,691.

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the
 7th Race, \$46,000 Allowance, at Aqueduct.
 For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).



ITALY, Rome, 3.10, 3-24, €19,800, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT, 2:37.40, hy.

COCODRAIL (IRE) (h, 7, **Croco Rouge {Ire}--Seattle Jey {Ity} {Hwt. Older Mare-Ity at 14 + f, SP-Ity}**), by **Seattle Dancer**) Lifetime Record: SW & GSP-Ity, 57-17-16-9, €349,750. O-Giuseppa Latino; B-Scuderia Siba SPA; T-Fabio & Lorenzo Brogi.

FRANCE, Le Lion d'Angers, 4.00, 3-24, €15,000, 3yo, 1 7/16mT, 2:43.76, hy.

STAR GROOM (FR) (c, 3, **Starborough {GB}--Exit Chilia {Fr}**), by **Exit to Nowhere**) Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 2 wins, 0 places, €13,000. O/B-Michel Pehu; T-Etienne Leenders.

ITALY, Pisa, 2.35, 3-24, €10,800, 3yo, 1 3/8mT, 2:28.00, hy.

BARBARESCHI (GB) (c, 3, **Alhaarth {Ire}--Al Durrah, by Darshaan {GB}**) Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-1, €28,458. O/T-Emilio Borromeo; B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd. *8,500gns yrl '06 TATDEC.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Cross My Heart (Fr)**, c, 3, **Cape Cross (Ire)**--Sharenara, by **Vaguely Noble (Ire)**. Le Lion d'Angers, France, 3-24, Mdn, unraced 3yo, 1 1/4mT. B-Vicomtesse Caroline de Rose. *1/2 to Sharekann (Ire) (Be My Guest), MSW & MGSP-US, \$411,333.

Kalpyrnia (Ire), f, 3, **Captain Rio (GB)**--Kinnincha (Fr), by **Nabeel Dancer**. Cologne, Germany, 3-24, Mdn, 3yo, 7ft. B-John Flynn. *€24,000 wnlg '05 GOFNOV; 30,000gns yrl '06 TATOCT.

Duellant (Ire), c, 3, **Dashing Blade (GB)**--Dapprima (Ger) (SW & MGSP-Ger, \$139,472), by **Shareef Dancer**. Cologne, Germany, 3-24, Mdn, 3yo, 1 5/16mT. B-Dr Klaus Schulte. *1/2 to Davidoff (Ger) (Montjeu {Ire}), GSW-Ger, \$113,494; full to Denaro (GB), GSW-Ger.

Timahah (Ire), c, 3, **Desert Prince (Ire)**--I Feel Good (Ire), by **Irish River (Fr)**. Rome, Italy, 3-24, Mdn, 3yo, 1mT. B-Allevamento La Nuova Sbarra SRL.

Anna Ivanovna (Fr), f, 3, **Fasliyev** --Quest for Jokes (GB), by **Rainbow Quest**. Royan-la-Palmyre, France, 3-24, Cond, 3yo, 1mT. B-Ship Commodities International Inc & Aerial Bloodstock.

Speedy Silver (Fr), c, 3, **Kutub (Ire)**--Speedgirl (Fr), by **Monsun (Ger)**. Nantes, France, 3-25, Mdn, 3yo, 1 1/2mT. B-Chevotel de la Hauquerie.

Defaillance (Ire), f, 3, **Marju (Ire)**--Difesa Indiana (Ire) (SP-Ity), by **High Estate (Ire)**. Rome, Italy, 3-24, Mdn, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT. B-Francesca Turri.

Tutto Pepe (Ity), c, 3, **Mutamam (GB)**--Lowell (Ity), by **Sikeston**. Milan, Italy, 3-24, Mdn, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/16mT. B-Andrea Salmoiraghi.

Voluptuous (Fr), f, 3, **Numerous**--Volunia (GB), by **In the Wings (GB)**. Orleans, France, 3-24, Mdn, 3yo, 1 3/8mT. B-Ecurie de Meautry.

Trincot (Fr), c, 3, **Peintre Celebre**--Royal Lights (Fr), by **Royal Academy**. Compiègne, France, 3-25, Cond, 3yo, c/g, 1mT. B-SCEA Ecurie Bader.

Angelhid (Fr), g, 3, **Septieme Ciel**--Hidden Secret (Ire), by **Fairy King**. Nantes, France, 3-25, Cond, 3yo, 1mT. B-M Pehu.

Anchrobate (Fr), c, 3, **Take Risks (Fr)**--Anchors Away (Fr), by **Fabulous Dancer**. Marseille Pont de Vivaux, France, 3-24, Mdn, 3yo, 10f 138ydsT. B-Robert Michel. *€37,000 yrl '06 DEAOCT.



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PALMAROLA (ARG), 11, **Kitwood**--Pescara (Arg), by **Fitzcarraldo (Arg)**
 Foal born Jan. 29, a filly by **Bluegrass Cat**.
 Will be bred back to **Bluegrass Cat**.
 Owned by and boarded at **WinStar Farm, KY**.
 Accomplishments: **MGSW & G1SP-Arg**.

PRIME INVESTOR, 12, **Deputy Minister**--Starushka, by **Sham**
 Foal born Jan. 29, a filly by **Fusaichi Pegasus**.
 Will be bred back to **Street Cry (Ire)**.
 Owned by and boarded at **Mt. Brilliant Farm, KY**.
 Accomplishments: **Dam of Miss Moses (Gulch), SW, \$103,890; Lemonline (Lemon Drop Kid), SW.**

NANY'S SWEEP, 12, **End Sweep**--Nany's Appeal, by **Valid Appeal**
 Foal born Feb. 6, a colt by **Bluegrass Cat**.
 Will be bred back to **Bernardini**.
 Owned by and boarded at **WinStar Farm, KY**.
 Accomplishments: **GISW of \$499,213. Dam of She's Indy Money (A.P. Indy), GSW, \$329,864.**

MY REEM, 15, **Chief's Crown**--Fabulous Salt, by ***Le Fabuleux**
 Foal born Feb. 9, a colt by **Elusive Quality**.
 Will be bred back to **Bernardini**.
 Owned by **Larry Goichman**.
 Boarded at **Edition Farm, KY**.
 Accomplishments: **Dam of Willard Straight (Lion Cavern), MSW & GSP, \$302,029; Jesse's Justice (Lear Fan), SW, \$166,090.**

KITHIRA, 9, **Danehill**--Atropa, by ***Vaguely Noble**
 Foal born Feb. 10, a filly by **Empire Maker**.
 Will be bred back to **Empire Maker**.
 Owned by and boarded at **Juddmonte Farm**.
 Accomplishments: **SW-US, SW & MGSP-Fr, \$118,292.**