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## HEADLINE NEWS

### RECORDS FALL AT MAGIC MILLIONS

Underpinned by unprecedented activity by Patinack Farm, the Conrad Jupiters Magic Millions Yearling Sale surged to new records late Thursday afternoon, with Patinack Farm Director Roger Langley signing for a pair of colts at A\$2.2 million apiece, eclipsing the A\$2 million Magic Millions record set last year for a Sadler's Wells {Ire}--



Lot 861 *Martin King Sportpix, courtes MM*

Sunday Joy (Aus) colt which was knocked down to trainer Gai Waterhouse. Coolmore bought the colt as a weanling at Magic Millions last May for an Australasian record A\$1.15 million, and over the last 10 months or so at the Jerry's Plains farm, the youngster has delivered a return on the investment that works out at around A\$3,500 per day--an enviable profit by any standard. The daring pinhook paid a A\$1.05 million dividend when Patinack outstayed trainer Tim Martin, acting on behalf of Perth businessman Paul Silvestro, to snare the Redoute's Choice (Aus)--Gypsy Dancer (Aus) colt, a three-quarter brother to multiple Group 1 winner Dance Hero (Aus). Coolmore's Tom Magnier was delighted with the sale of the highlight of their draft. "It's a great result," Magnier said. "Deep down I was hoping for A\$2 million, but at a sale you never know. This is the first colt we've pinhooked and it's been a great success."

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MAGIC MILLIONS YEARLING SALE		
Thursday, March 27, 2008		
2008 TOTALS	SESSION	CUMULATIVE
Catalogued	260	900
No. Offered	240	832
No. Sold:	196	686
RNAs	44	146
% RNA	18.3%	17.5%
Top Price	A\$2,200,000	A\$2,200,000
A\$500K+	9	33
Gross	A\$33,097,500	A\$107,922,500
Average Price:	A\$168,864	A\$157,321

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### DUBAI DREAMING

As 11 of the world's leading Thoroughbreds stepped onto Dubai's refurbished Nad Al Sheba racecourse on Mar. 27, 1996, one of racing's most ambitious dreams was realized. The brainchild of Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, UAE Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, the Dubai World Cup is a fitting tribute to his love of horses and of horseracing. Capping off a 10-week racing carnival is Dubai World Cup Day, which in 2008 features six International events, including the meeting's centerpiece, the World Cup, which at \$6-million holds the distinction of being the world's richest race. With that kind of fanfare and backing, the 10-furlong event has had no problem reeling in the champions, and during its 12-year history, no fewer than eighth international champions have scored in the famed event. **Dubai Dreaming cont. p6**



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**A Seven-Figure Salvo...**

The opening bid on hip 785 was A\$1 million and rapidly escalated in A\$100,000 increments to \$2.1 million, with Martin succumbing to pressure after his A\$50,000 salvo was answered by the same amount from Patinack. Langley said the colt was among the best in the catalogue. "You just have to look at his three-quarter brother [Dance Hero], probably one of the best two-year-olds ever to race," Langley said. "He won the Triple Crown [G1 STC Golden Slipper, G1 AJC Sires Produce S. and G1 AJC Champagne S.] and he also won the Magic Millions. We are definitely planning to bring this colt back



**Langley & Hip 785**

next year for the Magic Millions two-year-old race. He's a very strong, forward type of horse--an ideal two-year-old. He's got everything going for him, he meets all our criteria. He is an ideal sire prospect; quite simply, a very exciting horse to have," Langley added. A couple of hours later, Patinack again came with all guns firing to secure a Redoute's Choice (Aus) three-quarter-brother to last Saturday's G1 Chipping Norton S. winner Casino Prince (Aus) (Flying Spur {Aus}), himself a tried purchase for Patinack. The strongly made colt with a bold white blaze was offered by dominant vendor Baramul and bidding began at A\$1.05 million. Underbidders included trainer Graeme Rogerson. With principal Nathan Tinkler present, Patinack's sale-ring splurge continued unabated through Thursday. In total, Patinack has given A\$18,660,000 for 58 yearlings at an average of A\$322,069. Some 26 colts and 32 fillies--the least expensive being a A\$45,000 Choisir (Aus) filly--included eight by Redoute's Choice and six by Encosta de Lago (Aus).

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**MAGIC MILLIONS - THURSDAY'S TOP LOTS**

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$A)
<u>785</u>	c	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Gypsy Dancer (NZ)	2,200,000
Consigned by Coolmore Stud, agent Purchased by Patinack Farm				
<u>861</u>	c	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Lady Capel (Aus)	2,200,000
Consigned by Baramul Stud, Purchased by Patinack Farm				
<u>765</u>	c	More Than Ready	Gentle Genius (Aus)	830,000
Consigned by Strawberry Hill Stud Purchased by Paul Messara				
<u>706</u>	c	More Than Ready	Elle Duccio (Aus)	700,000
Consigned by Baramul Stud Purchased by Darley Australia				
<u>886</u>	c	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Light Up the World (Aus)	600,000
Consigned by Baramul Stud Purchased by Magic Millions, agent				
<u>740</u>	c	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Flames of Paris (Aus)	550,000
Consigned by Arrowfield Stud, agent Purchased by Tristarc Bloodstock, agent				
<u>643</u>	c	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	C'Yaonthotherside	505,000
Consigned by Strawberry Hill Stud Purchased by Dynamic Syndications				
<u>774</u>	f	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Golden Delicious (Aus)	500,000
Consigned by Widden Stud, agent Purchased by Pacific Heritage Farms				
<u>896</u>	f	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Luscilla (Aus)	500,000
Consigned by Brooklyn Lodge, agent Purchased by Magic Millions, agent				

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

**Andy Williams, World Wide Bloodstock, South Africa:**

"Good horses are fetching good prices and bad horses are going through the cracks. I would like to see more pedigree, at the end of the day, we have bought on type and the South African bench has 28 horses so far. The standard this year is down a bit, to be truthful, but anyone in the game must accept this is due to the impact of EI. Our National Yearling Sale in on Apr. 4 and there are a lot of South Africans involved in the Dubai World Cup meeting so a few people that were coming here have had to cancel because the timing was wrong--but there will be 30 or 40 South Africans here next year when the sale goes back to January. Timing-wise, it has panned out wrong, but we have done our bit and spent about A\$6 million between us."

What They're Saying cont. p3



**What They're Saying cont.**

**Mick Dittman, buyer for Singapore clients:**

"People have got plenty to spend and Magic Millions do a great job promoting the sale, and the raceday itself is fantastic, it is good for new owners and the quality of some of the horses here is pretty high--but there's a lot of horses. For the numbers they have got, the sale has stood up well and I would think breeders would be pretty happy. They are a bit expensive for Singapore, but we've bought well here with champion stayer and champion sprinter Lim's Objective and Lim's Figher; they cost A\$60,000 and A\$90,000 and they are top horses in Singapore. The horse doesn't have to be perfect, if they have the ability to run and they are managed well, it is surprising how far they can go."

**Kieran Moore, bloodstock agent:**

"The sale is long and arduous, there are too many yearlings and it should be seeded--there are too many ebbs and flows in the day and the sale loses its impetus. Perhaps what is starting to come through now is the influence of horses that are share foals and they come into the market unprotected, they have to be sold regardless, and that might be having an impact. All of the bigger buyers have teams and all of them seem to be on the same horses; if it is not on their lists then it is in the wilderness."

**Mark Kavanagh, trainer:**

"It has been a successful sale and I think vendors have been rewarded for presenting excellent horses at the top end, where it is very strong, and there are some bargains down the bottom end."

**Brian Nutt, Attunga Stud:**

"There is no tail, as far as I am concerned, and that has lessened the atmosphere at the sale. If you are willing to meet the market then they sell, we have had 100 percent clearance, but there is no fat in the market."

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Filly born 23 Mar ex. RAFINA, dam of Royal Lodge S.-Gr.2 winner Admiralofthefleet (by DANEHILL) and a full-sister to Machiavellian and Coup de Genie.

Filly born 2 Mar ex. MONEVASSIA, dam of Moyglare S.-Gr.1 & Prix Marcel Boussac-Gr.1 winner Rumpstiltskin (by DANEHILL) and a full-sister to Kingmambo.

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Saturday, Randwick, Australia

THRIFTY ROYAL RANDWICK GUINEAS-G1, A\$500,000, 3yo, 1600mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	5	Weekend Hussler (Aus)	Hussonet	R McDonald
2	10	Marching (Aus)	Commands (Aus)	Snowden
3	2	Triple Honour (NZ)	Honours List (Ire)	Waller
4	16	Kingda Ka (Aus)	Flying Spur (Aus)	Waterhouse
5	11	Pillar Of Hercules (Aus)	Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)	Moody
6	15	Steel Giant (Aus)	Carnegie (Ire)	Worthington
7	13	Solo Flyer (Aus)	Belong to Me	A Cummings
8	9	Kick 'N Chase (Aus)	Red Ransom	C Connors
9	7	Guillotine (NZ)	Montjeu (Ire)	Payne
10	8	Turffontein (Aus)	Johannesburg	A Cummings
11	14	Largo Lad (Aus)	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Ledger
12	1	Anavalanche (Aus)	Perugino	Smerdon
13	6	Arlington (Aus)	Red Ransom	Rogerson
14	3	Grand Dancer (NZ)	No Excuse Needed (GB)	Wallace
15	12	My Sweet Cookie (Aus)	Hussonet	Moses
16	17	Blinkin Easy (Aus)	Easy Rocking (Aus)	Cooper
17	4	Arapaho Miss (Aus)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Carey

All carry 124 pounds, except Arapaho Miss, 120.

Four-time Group 1 winner **Weekend Hussler** will undergo a precautionary veterinary examination ahead of this assignment after injuring his off-hind leg during a float trip on Wednesday. Racing NSW Chief Steward Ray Murrehy said, "Ross McDonald reported that there was some hair off the leg, but he walked the horse for 20 minutes and there was no puffiness in the area. At the moment it doesn't appear to be anything serious and the horse is well. The horse travelled well most of the way from Melbourne, but it appears he may have been a bit stirred up once they got into Sydney traffic." Weekend Hussler is the dominant favourite for the A\$1.8 million G1 Doncaster H. Apr. 26, but McDonald will not decide whether he runs until after he sees how he handles the Randwick 1600 meters in the Guineas.

Saturday, Morphettville, Adelaide

ROBERT SANGSTER S.-G1, A\$300,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1200mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	6	Miss Andretti (Aus)	Ihtiram (Ire)	Freedman	123
2	5	St Trinians (Aus)	Black Hawk (GB)	Stokes	123
3	1	Lucky Diva (Aus)	Perugino	Smerdon	123
3	4	Miss Fantabulous (Aus)	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Hayes	123
5	14	Juste Momente (Aus)	Giant's Causeway	O'Brien	123
6	9	Zipanese (Aus)	Bellotto	Cozamanis	123
7	2	Dollops (Aus)	Generous (Ire)	Jolly	123
8	8	Emilydelago (Aus)	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Maund	123
9	7	Bel Mer (Aus)	Bel Esprit (Aus)	Price	118
10	12	Serious Speed (Aus)	Royal Academy	L Macdonald	118
11	3	Royal Asscher (NZ)	Stravinsky	Freedman	118
12	10	Sleek Chassis (Aus)	Flying Spur (Aus)	Hayes	118
13	11	Gibraltar Champion (NZ)	Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)	Freedman	118
14	13	Spectacula (Aus)	Testa Rossa (Aus)	Maund	118

UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track
Mar. 29	GI 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	GI Wood Memorial S.	Aqueduct
	GI Santa Anita Derby	Santa Anita
	GI Carter H.	Aqueduct
	GI Ashland S.	Keeneland
	GI 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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**ROBERT SANGSTER S.-G1**

Miss Andretti is set to record her sixth Group 1 win here, her first appearance since a failed tilt at the Hong Kong International Sprint last December, and the reigning Horse of the Year demonstrated she is tuned for this with a smart gallop at the Freedman's Markdel



Miss Andretti

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property Wednesday. Michael Freedman, deputising for brother Lee who is at the sales, said Miss Andretti had been disinterested earlier in her preparation but a sizzling gallop a fortnight ago led jockey Craig Newitt to report the mare was "back in

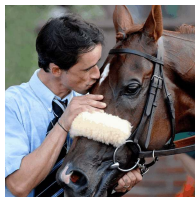
business." He said, "With mares, I guess you're always looking for things to come to an end--even Miss Finland seemed to bottom out--so it's been great to see her zest back in the last couple of weeks," Freedman said. Stablemates **Royal Asscher** and **Gibraltar Champion** will take on Miss Andretti, who has been installed a \$1.50 favourite. That owes at least partially to the fact that she has won seven of eight first-up runs. Lee Freedman all but ruled out a second trip to England for the June sprints at Royal Ascot after her triumph last year in the G2 King's Stand S. "Rarely do those sort of trips work twice and we achieved what we were after there last year," he said.

**Saturday, Morphettville, Adelaide**

**SCHWEPPE OAKS-G1**, \$250,000, 3yo, f, 2000mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	7	Zarita (NZ)	Pentire (GB)	Hyland
2	3	El Daana (Aus)	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Hayes
3	9	Truly Beautiful (Aus)	Beautiful Crown	Stokes
4	6	Moment In Time (Aus)	Archway (Ire)	Huxtable
5	2	Queen Of Queens (Aus)	King of Kings (Ire)	Price
6	13	Bashful Girl (Aus)	Perugino	Mayfield-Smith
7	4	Zodiac Queen (Aus)	King's Best	Clarcken
8	15	Gratis (Aus)	Orpen	Smerdon
9	16	Bird Of Fire (NZ)	Stravinsky	Vasil
10	14	Thebe (Aus)	Galileo (Ire)	C Connors
11	8	Little Alle (Aus)	Alannan	K O'Sullivan
12	11	Miss Maren (NZ)	Stravinsky	Price
13	5	Flute Of Bubbly (Aus)	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Jolly
14	12	Rangeraja (Aus)	Devaraja (NZ)	Frew
15	1	Vischelle (Aus)	Viscount (Aus)	Williams
16	10	Acamar (Aus)	Rancho Ruler (Aus)	Maud

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**WHAT A KNIGHT**, 17, Tough Knight--Run Tara Run, by Run For Nurse

Foal born Feb. 10, a colt by Songandaprayer. Will be bred back to Political Force.

Owned by Gulf Coast Farm & Pollock Farm. Boarded at Taylor Made.

Accomplishments: SW. Dam of What a Song (Songandaprayer), MGSW, \$179,700.

**COULDABEENABENZ**, 12, Marquetry--Betrothal, by Timeless Moment

Foal born Feb. 11, a colt by Sharp Humor. Will be bred back to Lion Heart.

Owned by and boarded at WinStar.

Accomplishments: Dam of One Smooth Ride (Victory Gallop), SW, \$206,949.



**TDN Feature Presentation... Continued**  
**GRADE 1 DUBAI WORLD CUP**

**Setting the Standard...**

For the inaugural edition of the World Cup, Cigar arrived in the United Arab Emirates following a stellar previous season, which culminated in a Horse of the Year title for owner Allen Paulson and trainer Bill Mott. A winner of 10 races--eight at the Grade I level--during his undefeated five-year-old campaign, the powerful son of Palace Music made his first (and only) start outside of the United States in Dubai. He came into the World Cup off 13 consecutive victories, including the previous season's GI Jockey Club Gold Cup, GI Pimlico Special, GI Woodward and GI Breeders' Cup Classic, and his sole prep for the World Cup, the 1996 GI Donn H. Facing the likes of G1 Queen King George VI and Elizabeth Diamond S. hero Pentire (GB) and two-time G1 Eclipse S. victor Halling, the robust bay confirmed his supremacy on a global stage with a 1/2-length victory over U.S.-bred Soul of the Matter, with another American representative, L'Carriere, further back in third. Richard Edmondson of *The Irish Times* summed it up best:



**Cigar** Dubai Racing Club

"America's great horse kept his reputation intact, the crowd saw the stunning animal they had been promised and, perhaps most of all, Sheikh Mohammed was granted a result which will give his nation maximum exposure around the world."

**Like Father, Like Son...**

It wouldn't take long for Shiekh Mohammed to get one for the home team with the help of the globetrotting Singspiel (Ire). Crowned North American Turf champion after a season which included victories in the G1 Japan Cup and GI Canadian International, as well as a runner-up finish in the GI Breeders' Cup Turf in 1996, the Darley representative had to wait for his date with destiny after torrential rains hit the area the week leading into the champion-



**Singspiel (Ire)** le-cheval-bleu.com

ship day. Originally slated for Mar. 29, 1997, Dubai World Cup day was postponed until the following Thursday, the only time the World Cup was not contested in March. With jockey Jerry Bailey in the saddle, the handsome bay rolled home a 1 1/4-length winner over Siphon (Brz), with Sandpit (Brz) back in third.

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Trained by Michael Stoute, the Irish-bred added scores in the G1 Coronation Cup and G1 Juddmonte International S. later in the season before retiring to an illustrious career at stud. The story would only come full circle six years later when Singspiel's son, Moon Ballad (Ire), winner of the G2 Dante S. and G3 Select S. at two, gave Sheikh Mohammed his fourth victory in the event, following a score by Godolphin's Dubai Millennium (GB) in 2000 and Street Cry (Ire) in the 2002 edition. In triumphing by five lengths, the second widest winning margin in World Cup history, the flashy chestnut beat home an accomplished bunch, including GISW Harlan's Holiday and multiple Group 1-winning Nayef. **Cont. p7**

**DUBAI WORLD CUP**  
 Card - EDT  
 Mar. 29, 2008

9:40 a.m.	G2 Godolphin Mile
10:15 a.m.	G2 UAE Derby
10:55 a.m.	G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen
11:55 a.m.	G1 Dubai Duty Free
12:40 p.m.	G1 Dubai Sheema Classic
1:30 p.m.	G1 Dubai World Cup

Dubai: Eastern Daylight Time + 8 hours



**New Millennium...**

If ever there was a horse that was destined to win the World Cup, it was Dubai Millennium. In the summer of 1998, Sheikh Mohammed met with David Loder to



**Dubai Millennium** *bbcnews.co.uk*

oversee some of the Darley stable's two-year-olds, and upon the advice of the English trainer, Sheikh Mohammed decided to rename the unraced Yaazer, calling him Dubai Millennium. The handsome bay marked his career debut-- and his sole start at two-- with a dazzling five-length victory at Yarmouth

Oct. 28, 1998. Back with another ridiculously easy score in a Doncaster allowance May 3, 1999, the colt added four more wins at three, including the G1 Prix Jacques Le Marois and G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. Despite his one and only loss in the G1 Epsom Derby, the statuesque bay closed out the season as the highweight three-year-old colt in England at 7-9.5f. In the year of the Millennium, Sheikh Mohammed had one goal in mind for his star colt, and that was to win the Dubai World Cup. To that end, trainer Saeed bin Suroor prepared Dubai Millennium for the big show with a course-record victory in the Maktoum Challenge Round 3 Mar. 2. Facing the likes of American Grade I winner Behrens, as well as Hong Kong star Indigenou (Ire) (Marju {Ire}), Dubai Millennium, accompanied by regular pilot Frankie Dettori, made short work of his rivals. He left his nearest pursuer, Behrens, six lengths behind and established a new track and stakes record of 1:59.50 in the process. Partnered by Jerry Bailey for his career finale, Dubai Millennium galloped home an easy winner in the G1 Prince of Wales's S. June 21, 2000, and after sustaining injury in August, was retired to stud. Seemingly poised for bigger and better things at Dalham Hall Stud in England, the superstar died of grass sickness with only one crop of foals to his credit.

**Foreign Invasion...**

Prior to this year's World Cup, only two horses have eclipsed the two-minute mark since the race's inception in 1996. Dubai Millennium accomplished the feat first in



**Invasor (Arg)**  
*Dubai Racing Club*

2000, and it was a runner campaigned by another member of the Dubai ruling family who realized the dream in 2007. Invasor (Arg), a Uruguayan champion and Horse of the Year at three, won all four of his U.S. starts for Sheikh Hamdan's Shadwell Stable in 2006, including the GI Whitney H. and GI Breed-

ers' Cup Classic. With an eye on Dubai, trainer Kiaran McLaughlin had the newly crowned U.S. Horse of the Year prep for the cross-Atlantic test in the GI Donn H., and the bay completed the task with relative ease, scoring by two lengths. Attracting an international cast of seven, which had amassed an imposing 19 Group 1/ Grade I victories between them, the Dubai jewel turned out to be merely a procession. Invasor battled GISW Premium Tap in the final furlong, but asserted his superiority in the drive to the wire, winning by 1 3/4 lengths. *Cont. p8*

**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
Apr. 12	GII Illinois Derby	Hawthorne
	GI Toyota Blue Grass S.	Keeneland
	GII Arkansas Derby	Oaklawn
Apr. 19	GIII Holy Bull S.	Gulfstream
	GII Coolmore Lexington S.	Keeneland
Apr. 26	GIII Withers S.	Aqueduct
May 3	GI KENTUCKY DERBY	Churchill



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When the call went out that there was a brand new \$4-million event contested over a Classic distance taking place half way around the world, the Americans responded by sending out their best to represent them in Cigar. A victory assured they would be back for more, and trainer Bob Baffert was among the most faithful of U.S.-based supporters. 'Dubai Bob' brought 1997 Kentucky Derby winner Silver Charm to the desert in 1998, and with the help of jockey Gary Stevens, the grey collected the trophy for Bob and Beverly Lewis. Back for another try--this time for the lion's share of a \$6-million purse--with Mike Pegram's Captain Steve in 2001, Baffert bagged another victory for America, the third in six



**Captain Steve**  
*Bill Selwyn*

years. The win represented the third score for Jerry Bailey, and the Hall of Famer would set the mark the very next year for most wins by a rider when guiding Street Cry (Ire) under the wire first in the marquee event. Subsequent American-based runners to win the World Cup are Diamond A Racing Corp.'s Pleasantly Perfect in 2004; Roses in May, who strode to a three-length score in 2005; and the most recent to accomplish the feat was Invador (Arg) in last year's edition. Saeed bin Suroor tops the training ranks with five victories, including four wins for Godolphin: Dubai Millennium (2000), Street Cry (Ire) (2002), Moon Ballad (2003) and Electrocutonist (2006). His remaining victory was realized with Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum's Almutawakel in 1999. - *Christina Bossinakis*

**Premium Tap Lucky to Be Back for DWC...**

That U.S. expatriate Premium Tap (Pleasant Tap) returns to try to improve on his runner-up effort to Invador (Arg) in last year's World Cup is something of a surprise. Purchased in late 2006 by Saudi King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz and his sons, Premium Tap was turned over to trainer Julio Gardel following last year's race and made a victorious debut for his new barn, winning the Crown Prince Cup for a second consecutive year in December. But the six-year-old disappointed in defense of his title in the G1 King's Cup Feb. 15, finishing just



**Premium Tap** *Adam Coglianesse*

fourth, rendering his participation in the World Cup--and, indeed, his career--in some doubt. "It's been well-publicized that Premium Tap has had several problems," commented Frank McGovern, racing manager to the owners. "He had a severe respiratory infection which kept him out of training for three weeks, so we had limited time to prepare him for the King's Cup. It took him a long time to recover from that race and we seriously considered retiring him afterwards." Connections regrouped and entered Premium Tap for a 1600-meter event at the Janadriah Racecourse Mar. 7 and, while he only won by a nose, there was a sense of relief. "It wasn't a great race, but he showed he retains his hunger," McGovern commented. Still, the racing manager is realistic about his chances of defeating the likes of Curlin this weekend. "Clinically the horse is fine, but if you are asking if he's the same horse as last year, I'd have to say no." Premium Tap will be equipped with blinkers for the first time on Saturday and will have Sebastian Madrid in the irons, replacing Kent Desormeaux. -*Alan Carasso*



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**TVG to Air Dubai World Cup**

TVG announced yesterday that it would cover Saturday's Dubai World Cup program. Coverage is set to begin at 9:40 a.m. Eastern Time with the G2 Godolphin Mile. Todd Schrupp, Simon Bray and jockey Corey Nakatani will host.

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**Asiatic Boy Set for Best...**

Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa al Maktoum's **Asiatic Boy (Arg)** (Not for Sale) rolled through his first five starts at Nad Al Sheba with condescending ease, so it came as a shock to all involved with the horse when he went down to defeat at odds-on in the G3 Burj Nahaar S. on Super Thursday Mar. 6. Trainer Mike de Kock has all but insured a more competitive performance in the World Cup. "He'll be a lot fitter, a lot tighter and a lot sharper," the conditioner commented. "He was carrying some condition—a bit like his trainer—and was lethargic when beaten last time. He's in better shape now and definitely readier, but the question is whether he's good enough. If the old Asiatic Boy turns up then you know he'll run a good race, but I guess the reality is that Curlin will have to run below his best if anybody else is going to win."



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**Has Romans Found Kindred Spirit in Massive Drama?**

While the saying goes that the personalities, and even sometimes the looks, of dogs and their owners can be very similar, the same kind of comparison hasn't typically been made of racehorses and their connections. Nonetheless, assistant trainer Henrietta Steele can't



*Benoit photo*

help but find similarities between her boss, Dale Romans, and G2 UAE Derby contender **Massive Drama** (Kafwain). Romans took over training the dark bay colt just last month for owner Ahmed Zayat. "He's such a laid back horse. He just takes everything in his stride," Steele said while standing against the rail on the Nad Al Sheba backstretch and watching the colt lope past on a long rein under rider Rudy Rodriguez. "I told Dale the horse was just like him," she added. When asked about the comparison, Romans chuckled. "That's prob-

ably true," said Romans, who saddled Roses in May to victory in the 2005 G1 Dubai World Cup. "He sure seems like he's laid back and nothing bothers him." Whether that attitude will serve him tomorrow when he goes up against the strong Southern Hemisphere pair of Honour Devil (Arg) (Honour and Glory) and Royal Vintage (SAf) (Rich Man's Gold)--who have a six-month age advantage on their Northern Hemisphere foes--remains to be seen. "I know they are older and have a little more experience, but I don't know how to evaluate the level of horses they've been running against," Romans said when asked about facing horses from south of the equator. -*Dubai Racing Club*

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**Dettori Excited about World Cup...**

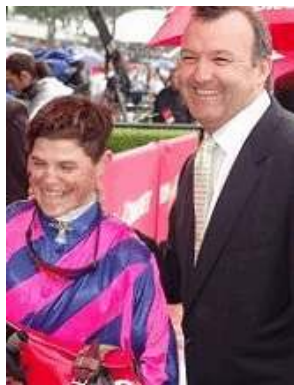
A crowd of 3,000 flocked to Nad Al Sheba for yesterday's "Breakfast with the Stars," watching as the Dubai World Cup meeting horses went through their final preparations. The palpable excitement of the fans was matched by one of those stars, jockey Frankie Dettori. "I'm waiting for the big day," Dettori enthused, adding that his status as a World Cup veteran hasn't lessened his passion for the event. "If anything it gets more exciting every year, this event just grows and grows," he said. Dettori has the first call on some of Godolphin's biggest threats tomorrow, including **Jalil** (Storm Cat) in the G1 Dubai World Cup, **Gravitas (GB)** (Mark of Esteem {Ire}) in the G1 Sheema Classic, **Literato (Fr)** (Kendor {Fr}) in the G1 Dubai Duty Free, and **Diabolical** (Artax) in the G1 Golden Shaheen. "There's a lot of pressure and I'll feel nervous; this is a big day for Godolphin," admitted Dettori. "It's our backyard, so to speak, so of course you feel it." Dettori declined to nominate what he thought was his best chance on the night, saying, "I've got a lot of good rides all with chances, but I'll be happy if I come away with just one." Dettori added that choosing Literato over the Creachadoir (Ire) (King's Best) might have been his toughest decision. "To be honest, it was a toss of the coin," he said. "I just felt his recent work was slightly the better. It's very competitive, there are probably five or six with good chances."



**Saturday, Nad Al Sheba, Dubai**

**DUBAI DUTY FREE S.-G1, \$5,000,000, 4yo/up, 1777mT**

The Duty Free is the second leg of the Asian Mile Challenge and the race has attracted the winner of the



**Williams and Hayes**  
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first of the four events, G1 Futurity S. hero **Niconero (Aus)** (Danzero {Aus}). Jockey Craig Williams has the call for trainer David Hayes and is bullish on his chances. "This is often the toughest race on the card and this year it's the strongest I've seen it," he said, "But my horse is the winner of the Futurity S. which is some of the best form we have in Australia at the moment." He added, "All of the other horses are dangers, but I only have to worry about my horse. This will be his third race

this season which has always been the plan. He's travelled over well and eaten up well and I hope he can run a good race."

To her credit, **Finsceal Beo (Ire)** (Mr. Greeley) took the G1 English and Irish 1000 Guineas last spring and would have made it three Classics in as many countries but for a narrow defeat at the hands of Darjina (Fr) (Zamindar) in the French equivalent. She proved less effective over 10 furlongs at the tail end of 2007, finishing last of six behind Dylan Thomas (Ire) in the G1 Irish Champion S. and fifth against her peers in the G1 Prix de l'Opera at Longchamp in October. "We are in the same boat that we were in before we went to Newmarket last May, and we won't know if Finsceal Beo is back on song until Saturday, but she has travelled and eaten well and her temperature and weight is just where we want her," commented trainer Jim Bolger. "The sunshine in Dubai clearly suits her, as, despite not yet having been clipped, she already has her summer coat. Last year she was woolly when she went to Newmarket, but she is a month ahead this time around."

**Saturday, Nad Al Sheba, Dubai**

**GODOLPHIN MILE-G2, \$1,000,000, 4yo/up, 1600m**

J. Paul Reddam, who took last year's Mile with Spring at Last, is represented this year by **Barcola** (Old Trieste), an interesting proposition as he cuts back to a one-turn mile for the first time since winning a Gulfstream allowance by 8 3/4 lengths last April. The chestnut drew widest of the 15 runners for tomorrow night's race, but connections are far from troubled about that development. "That's fine," commented trainer Mark Hennig. "When you have a big run to the first turn like that it's not such a big deal. He's got plenty of speed to get himself into a decent position." A three-time stakes winner, Barcola was last seen finishing second by a head in the 9 1/2-furlong GIII Queens County H. at Aqueduct Dec. 8.

**Saturday, Nad Al Sheba, Dubai**

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

When asked to assess Wednesday's post position draw for ante-post favorite **Viva Pataca (GB)** (Marju {Ire}), trainer John Moore put it to the South China *Morning Post* in a single word. "Difficult," he said of the



**Viva Pataca** HKJC.com

12 hole. He continued, "He's not a horse that we can push forward with because he can fire up early if you ride him like that, and to do so would bring him undone completely. "It's in [jockey] Darren Beadman's hands now. I've done all I can do--the horse will get to the race fit and well but negotiating the barrier is now [Beadman's] job. He's Australia's best jockey, and one of their best ever, and won an enormous number of Group 1 races. No doubt he's the right man for the big occasion so, like I said, it's all

over to him now." Viva Pataca defeated last year's Sheema Classic winner Vengeance of Rain (NZ) in a Hong Kong Group 1 over 2400 meters last June and enters this race off a convincing score over G1 Dubai Duty Free hopeful Floral Pegasus (Aus) in the G1-HK Hong Kong Gold Cup going 10 furlongs Feb. 24. His jockey is confident in his chances. "This horse has an almighty turn of foot when you let him go," Beadman stated. "If he can stalk them in a good spot, he'll take some beating."

**Latency (Arg)** (Slew Gin Fizz) lands here after plans to run in the World Cup were derailed by an eighth to Jalil in the G2 Maktoum Challenge-Round 3 last time. "We decided to switch him from the World Cup because we felt that the turf surface, the longer trip and the way the race will be run would suit him better," said Nicolas Fernandez Aramburu, a member of the Las Dos Manos Syndicate. "He's a very professional horse and I'm sure he'll run his race. We haven't decided yet whether we will take him home after the race--we might think about Hong Kong or Singapore." The seven-year-old is a proven commodity on the grass, having won the G1 Carlos Pellegrini in Argentina last December.

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## OUR AMBITIONS FOR THE MIDDLE EAST

By Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum

**NOTE FROM THE PUBLISHER:** This article originally appeared in the January 12-13 edition of the Wall Street Journal, just prior to President Bush's visit to Dubai. It seemed particularly appropriate to republish it, with the permission of Sheikh Mohammed and the WSJ, on the eve of the Dubai World Cup.

During President Bush's visit to Dubai on Monday, he will find a big city like no other that has risen from the Arabian desert. The joke making the rounds here is that the crane should be designated as Dubai's national bird,



Sheikh Mohammed  
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so extensive is the engineering activity. We also plan to keep on investing in markets and businesses abroad, including in our own neighborhood, where economic development has long been uneven.

Our plans do not flow from mere ambition; they are a necessity. Consider that only 3 percent of our revenue is from exports of diminishing crude-oil reserves; 30 percent is from tourism, and there's increasing revenue from manufacturing and other sectors such as hospitality, technology and transportation.

But to term our emirate "Dubai Inc.," as some do, suggests that commerce, more than anything else, is our leitmotif. It is true, of course, that Dubai has been a trading port and a commercial hub for several centuries. But the ethos of Dubai was, and is, all about building bridges to the outside world; it was, and is, about creating connections with different cultures.

As a child, I learned how important it was to establish an enabling economy where the government provided incentives and an ethics-based regulatory environment, but left it to the inventiveness and energy of the private sector to expedite economic growth.

I learned my capitalism in the bazaars and boardwalks of Dubai. And perhaps the fundamental question that I



Dubai Skyline  
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learned to always ask was: How can we serve as agents of positive change? That's why I prefer to call Dubai "Catalyst Inc."

We live in a tough neighborhood. We live in a country that has been surrounded by difficult issues for several decades--the Iraq-Iran war, the invasion of Kuwait, the current war in Iraq. Despite all that, Dubai has learned how to reinvent itself and cope.

We believe that helping to build a strong regional economy is our best opportunity for lasting social stability in the Middle East. That's why, for instance, we



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strongly support the new Gulf Common Market, which was launched on Jan. 1 and which will eventually lead to more regional economic integration, enhanced intra-Gulf trade, and a common currency for the six countries that form the Gulf Cooperation Council--Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

There are more initiatives underway, many of which are aimed at ensuring prompt payment of salaries, and improvements in working conditions for unskilled foreign workers. While capitalism doesn't always create egalitarian societies, I like to think that in Dubai we are making the effort to cast the net wide when it comes to sharing prosperity.

I also like to think that we in Dubai also learn from our mistakes. We have had some object lessons. The Dubai Ports episode in the U.S. last year was one.

We analyzed our experiences, and we now approach our international investments in a much more holistic manner. We take the time to analyze the social, political and economic landscape, identify the stakeholders, and then carefully prepare the way by ensuring that the concerns of all parties are properly addressed. When disputes occur, we generally find a way to work through them.

When there was resistance to our investment in some European bourses, we listened carefully to various arguments and then successfully negotiated our way through the situation. As with CEOs in corporate boardrooms, leaders of sovereign nations need to act collaboratively in order to engender progress.



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It doesn't take the visit of a capitalism-boosting American president for this region to freshly understand that it needs to accelerate economic progress.

When you look at the region, there are parts that are behind compared to the rest of the world--behind when it comes to the economy, business and social development. We would like these less-developed parts of the region to be like Europe, Japan, Singapore and the rest of the industrialized world.



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Nearly 1.5 billion people live in our neighborhood, and more than 50 percent of them are under the age of 25. In the Arab world alone, some 80 million young people--out of a total population of 300 million--are seeking jobs. I look at these young people as extraordinary resources for nation-building. If we can take our vision beyond Dubai, I think we can save a lot of young people from humiliating unemployment, from becoming extremists.

Education and entrepreneurship are the twin underpinnings for building a safer world. With these two institutions, we'll have fewer angry young people, fewer frustrated youths ready to embrace radicalism because they have nowhere else to turn.

I am often asked, "What does Dubai really want?" Well, here's my answer: What we want is the continuation of a journey that began with my forebears. I truly believe that human beings have a tremendous capability of changing and improving their lot. Change and modernization are inevitable in this age of galloping globalization. But we in the Middle East need to continually and carefully calibrate that change in the public interest.

I am also often asked, "What are Dubai's political ambitions?" Well, here's my answer: We don't have political ambitions. We don't want to be a superpower or any other kind of political power. The whole region is over-politicized as it is. We don't see politics as our thing, we don't want it, we don't think this is the right thing to do.

We are engaged in a different type of war that's really worth fighting--fighting to alleviate poverty, generating better education, creating economic opportunity for people, and teaching people everywhere how to be entrepreneurs, to believe in themselves.

Humility and tolerance run deep in the Maktoum family and are very important in trying to serve one's people. I am anchored in that tradition, which is why my favorite activity is listening.

I always ask: How can I help? What can I do for people? How can I improve people's lives? That's part of my value system.

It's too late for me to change that system, but it isn't too early for me to say to the world that the Dubai narrative is all about changing people's lives for the better through smart capitalism, willpower and positive energy.



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*Sheikh Mohammed has completed two years as ruler of the Emirate of Dubai, and vice president and prime minister of the United Arab Emirates. His memoir will be published later this year.*



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**WAR PASS SHARP IN PALM MEADOWS WORK**

Robert LaPenta's **War Pass** (Cherokee Run) zipped a half-mile in :47.80 at Palm Meadows Training Center yesterday morning, his first recorded work since his perplexing last-place effort in the Mar. 15 GIII Tampa Bay Derby. It was easily the fastest work of the distance and puts War Pass back on track for the GI Wood Memorial S. at Aqueduct Apr. 5.



*Equi-Photo/Sarah K. Andrew*

"The work went terrific, and we're glad to have another chance at the Wood Memorial," said Hall of Fame trainer Nick Zito, who has previously captured the Wood three times, with Thirty Six Red (1990), Adonis (1999) and Bellamy Road (2005). Zito, who is expected to arrive with his string at Aqueduct tomorrow, has seven horses nominated to the Wood, including Four Roses Thoroughbred's **Anak Nakal** (Victory Gallop). Meanwhile, Zito's Commentator also worked a half-mile yesterday at Palm Meadows. The seven-year-old gelding was the co-second-fastest of the day with a :48 1/5 move. Commentator is a possible for the GI Carter H. at seven furlongs, also on Wood Memorial Day.

**MIDNIGHT LUTE TO WAIT UNTIL SARATOGA?**

Santa Anita Park stable notes said yesterday that trainer Bob Baffert has decided to wait until the Saratoga meet to return last year's GI Breeders' Cup Sprint winner and divisional champ **Midnight Lute** (Real Quiet). The five-year-old had been considered a possible for the GII Commonwealth S. at Keeneland Apr. 12. The Saratoga meet starts July 23. Another California-based horse, GI Malibu S. winner **Johnny Eves** (Skimming), is also likely to skip the Commonwealth, opting instead for the Apr. 5 GII Potrero Grande H. at Santa Anita. "He would be on his surface and it would be a smaller field," trainer Jay Robbins explained.



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**TOBA AWARDS DINNER TO BE HELD AT LEXINGTON CONVENTION CENTER** The Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (TOBA) announced yesterday that its 2008 National Awards Dinner will be held at the Lexington Convention Center in Lexington, Kentucky on Saturday, Sept. 6. The TOBA Awards Dinner honors the achievements of Thoroughbred owners in the four major North American racing regions and breeders in 26 states. Also honored at the dinner are the National Breeders of the Year, National Owner of the Year, recipient of the Industry Service Award and New Owner of the Year. "The TOBA National Awards Dinner is a special event that recognizes outstanding achievement in our sport," said Dan Metzger, president of TOBA. "The spotlight of the evening will be on the national and regional award winners and we look forward to another successful evening." Entertainment for the evening will be announced at a later date. Past performers at the annual event have included Aretha Franklin, Uncle Kracker, Three Dog Night, Sawyer Brown, Clint Black, Blood Sweat & Tears, Alison Krauss & Union Station and Ray Charles.

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**RAJMATA**, 15, Known Fact--Begum, by Alydar  
 Foal born Feb. 11, a filly by War Chant.  
 Will be bred back to Broken Vow.  
 Owned by Mill Ridge Farm & Dr John A Chandler.  
 Boarded at Mill Ridge.  
 Accomplishments: Dam of Kumari Continent (Kris S.), GSW & GISP, \$263,590; Passion (Came Home), GSW, \$132,260.

**SUMMER WIND DANCER**, 8, Siberian Summer--Native  
 Wind Dancer, by Incinderator  
 Foal born Feb. 11, a filly by Ghostzapper.  
 Will be bred back to Empire Maker.  
 Owned by Mr & Mrs Roy Jackson.  
 Boarded at Mill Ridge.  
 Accomplishments: MGSW of \$898,762.

**THEGA**, 17, Conquistador Cielo--Toll o' Bells, by One for All  
 Foal born Feb. 11, a colt by Bluegrass Cat.  
 Will be bred back to Tiznow.  
 Owned by and boarded at WinStar.  
 Accomplishments: Dam of Tiger Trap (Kris S.), GSP, \$146,015; Tiger Hunt (Kris S.), SW & GSP, \$319,820.



**Take Two**  
With... **KENNETH MAIER**  
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**Owner of Liberty Bull**  
(c, 3, Holy Bull--Lasting Sensation, by Dehere)  
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When Liberty Bull came home two lengths clear in the \$600,000 WinStar Derby Mar. 16 at Sunland Park, he did more than pick up a \$300,000 check for his third win in six starts. The iron grey colt provided owner Ken Maier--who has just three horses in training--with his biggest payday yet in the business, a potential GI Kentucky Derby candidate and validation in Maier's own judgement.

After 21 years with Allstate Insurance, Maier accepted a severance package in 2006 and decided to dabble in another field.

"I wanted to do something a little different," the 48-year-old said. "I wanted to get involved with horses."

Having been involved with a few racehorses since 1993, the Gurnee, Illinois resident decided to try his hand at pinhooking. He bought a pair of yearlings at the 2006 Keeneland September Sale, including a \$50,000 daughter of Grand Slam--Belle Cherie and an Include--Woman's Touch colt for \$28,000. The following month, Maier had another colt catch his eye, but wound up missing out on the son of Holy Bull.

"I tried to buy this horse at Fasig-Tipton October," he recalled. "I liked him, and was the underbidder at \$36,000. I thought I might have him, but George Parrish bid \$37,000 and got him."

Maier sent his purchases to Gabriel Dixon, who offered them the following spring at OBS April. The Grand Slam filly, produced by a half-sister to MGISW Octave, was sold for \$50,000 to Highfield Stock Farm, but Maier wound up buying the Include colt back for \$47,000 after setting a \$49,000 reserve. While the experiment didn't go quite as planned, it gave him another chance to look at the colt now doing business as Liberty Bull.

"I saw that he was selling at OBS, where I was trying to sell some horses," Maier explained. "I figured I liked him in the fall, and I went back to take another look. I thought he would bring at least \$40,000. It was not a very good sale--a lot of horses were not bringing what they should have."



*Adriane Jaeckle El Paso Times*

**Take Two cont.**

The son of Lasting Sensation (Dehere) had grown up over the winter and, while the first two dams were pretty light on the page, Maier noted that the third dam, Courtney's Day (Roberto), was a full sister to Brian's Time.

"I remember Brian's Time winning the Florida Derby," Maier said. "And then he became a leading sire in Japan."

"I wanted [the colt] again," Maier continued. "He was a lot taller; more stout. As a yearling, someone said his back end looked a little weak. He had the same good walk at OBS and more of an engine behind."

"You can watch the videos and see how they move," Maier added. "As yearlings, they're not under tack yet; you rely more on pedigree and conformation. At a two-year-old sale you can see if they move through [their flaws]."

As he puts it, Maier "used some more of that severance package to buy this horse."

It's been a pretty good use of a golden parachute. Purchased for \$30,000 from the Parrish Farms consignment, Liberty Bull was sent to Tom Amoss. The colt graduated in his second start Nov. 14 at Churchill before closing out 2007 with a second to the streaking Sok Sok in the Sugar Bowl S. at Fair Grounds Dec. 22. He kicked off his sophomore campaign with a score in the Smarty Jones S. Jan. 21 at Oaklawn, then dead-heated for third behind Denis of Cork in the GIII Southwest S. Feb. 18. After his New Mexico payday, Liberty Bull will head back to deeper waters.

"He's a nice colt, but we don't know yet if he's a top-level horse," Maier acknowledged. "We were thinking about the [GII] Illinois Derby [Apr. 5 at Hawthorne], but we're leaning towards [GII] Arkansas Derby [Apr. 12]. We know he likes the track at Oaklawn, and it gives him an extra week after his last race. He does better with a little more time."

If he does make it to the big dance, the longtime handicapper Maier has an Illinois-bred mare named Court Lite (Illuminate) to thank.

"Back in 1993, I was going to apply for a mortgage," he explained. "I went in for a meeting the loan officer, who said the owner [of the company] is in the horse business. I did get the loan, and saw him at the track a few weeks later. We won some money that day. He called me later and said he and some partners were buying a horse Court Lite for \$6,000, and did I want to buy a quarter interest for \$1,500? So I did."

Maier went to see the five-year-old Dec. 29 at Hawthorne; she was in a \$5,000 state-bred claiming race. So how did it go?

"It was 30 degrees, with 45 mph winds," he remembered. "She won by six lengths, and I was hooked."

It hasn't been all smooth sailing--Maier has faced the usual disappointments of racehorse ownership--but he's certainly had an education.

"I learned a lot by hanging around people in the business," he said, "But sometimes you figure things out quicker if you go off on your own. If you've got someone buying for you that's working for a lot of different people, you may not get the one that's the best."

Liberty Bull may have filled the coffers for now, but Maier doesn't see himself changing his current philosophy.

"I come from a conservative Midwest background," he explained. "I can't bring myself to pay more than \$50-60,000 for a horse--you do need to get lucky."

"I'm not sure if I'm lucky, but if it's luck I'll take it." -M Kizenko

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NORTH AMERICA

**BROTHER DEREK'S RETURN DELAYED** Multiple Grade I winner **Brother Derek** (Benchmark), who was slated to make his first start in nearly 14 months in an allowance at Santa Anita this afternoon, will have his



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comeback delayed a bit because of a quarter crack in his right front foot. "It should only cost him four or five days, and he'll be fine," trainer Dan Hendricks said. In 2006, Hendricks sent Cecil Peacock's Brother Derek to victory in the GI Santa Anita Derby. A dead-heat fourth in that year's GI Kentucky Derby, the now

five-year-old horse hasn't raced since and ankle chip sidelined him following a third-place effort in the GII Strub S. in February of 2007.

★ GULFSTREAM ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

**8th-GPX, \$49,500, Alw, Opt. Clm.** (\$75,000-\$70,000), NW3X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09 2/5, ft.

1--**PRINCESS JANIE, 119, f, 4, Elusive Quality--Petite**

**Princess (GSP-Ire), by Dayjur.** (\$150,000 yrl '05 KEESEP). O-OI Memorial Stable & C E Glasscock; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Cam M Gambolati. Lifetime Record: MSW, 10-4-2-0, \$164,720. \*1/2 to Raylene (Tabasco Cat), MGSW, \$776,361.

2--**Debbie Got Even, 119, f, 4, Stephen Got Even--Lady Esther, by Seeking the Gold.**

3--**Miss Tizzy, 119, f, 4, Cee's Tizzy--Marquise Miss, by Marquetry.** (\$75,000 2yo 2006 ADNMR).

Margins: 3/4, 3HF, 7HF. Odds: 1.20, 1.80, 2.90.

Princess Janie, winner of the Just Smashing S. last term, took Monmouth's Mongo Queen S. in August, but failed to fire and had to settle for fifth after stumbling at the start of the GII Gallant Bloom H. Sept. 22. Seventh next time out in a sloppy edition of the GIII First Lady H. Jan. 13, the dark bay showed some early go in her turf bow, but faded badly to be 10th in the five-furlong Bienville S. at the Fair Grounds Mar. 8. Backed down to favoritism in this return to the main track, the filly stalked the early pace, steadied on the backstretch, but had enough in reserve to overcome her woes, and inch clear to a 3/4-length victory.

Gulfstream cont. p2

**TODAY'S INSIGHTS**  
*The Idea is Excellence.*

1:58p  
TVG

**3rd-AQU, \$55K, \$75 opt. cl., 4yo/up, 1m70yds**

**DIVINE PARK (Chester House)** kicked off his career with three consecutive victories last year, including a score over this track in the GIII Withers S. Apr. 28. A lackluster ninth over Santa Anita's Polytrack in the GI Malibu S. in December, the bay finished a distant seventh most recently, after breaking through the gate in the Feb. 18 GII General George H. at Laurel. **Greeley's Legacy (Mr. Greeley)**, fourth in the GII Lexington S. and GIII Gotham S. at three, is winless in this last year and finished third last time out under similar conditions Mar. 7. [brisnet.com pps](http://brisnet.com pps)

4:42p  
HRTV

**8th-GPX, \$42K, Msw, 3yo, 1m**

**ANEWDAY (Vindication)**, purchased for \$1-million at last year's FTFFEB sale, was a tired fifth in his bow going 6 1/2 panels at Saratoga Sept. 1. Off for the remainder of the season, the half brother to GISW Tout Charmant showed some speed in the early going of his return here Feb. 21, but failed to handle the slop and faded to be sixth in the mile event. **Forster Hall** (Deputy Minister) debuts for Melnyk Racing and trainer Tom Albertrani, who gets 17 percent winners with first-time starters. **Repenthouse (Repent)** never got into the mix of things when 10th in an 8 1/2-furlong test over the Belmont sod Sept. 13. A closing fourth in his most recent start going seven panels in an off the turf race there Oct. 21, the bay gets blinkers for the first time here. [brisnet.com pps](http://brisnet.com pps)

4:07p  
HRTV

**7th-SAX, \$68K, Alw, 4yo/up, 1m**

**SAHARA HEAT (A.P. Indy)**, winner of last year's GIII Marine S. at Woodbine, is winless in seven subsequent starts, including his latest, an eighth-place effort in the GII Strub S. Feb. 2. [brisnet.com pps](http://brisnet.com pps)

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AQUEDUCT

IRISH SMOKE (Smoke Glacken), 5f (I.T.), 1:03.44, 6/6

BELMONT

EVENING ATTIRE (Black Tie Affair {Ire}), 5f (tr.), 1:01.24, 8/28

NAUGHTY NEW YORKER (Quiet American), 5f (tr), 1:00.43, 4/28

GULFSTREAM PARK

DREAMING OF ANNA (Rahy), 4f, :49.20, 8/12

HOLLYWOOD

AWESOME GEM (Awesome Again), 4f, :47.60, 4/24





**Gulfstream cont.**

**6th-GPX, \$41,500, Alw, Opt. Clm.** (\$25,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:35 4/5, ft.

**SILVER KNOCKERS** (f, 4, **Silver Deputy**--**Knock Twice** {SP, \$118,160}, by **Two Punch**), runner-up in last season's GII Forward Gal S., filled the same spot in last May's GIII Miss Preakness S. before finishing third behind Dream Rush in the six-furlong GI Prioress S. at Belmont. Out of the money in her final two starts of the season, the bay returned with a fourth in the GIII Sabin H. over this track Jan. 6. Dropping back a panel for her latest, the filly was third behind Sugar Swirl in the GIII Hurricane Bertie H. Feb. 17. The well-supported 3-5 choice here, Silver Knockers pressed the early pace, took over nearing the quarter pole and drew clear to post a 5 1/4-length victory over So Glitzy (Gilded Time). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: GISP, 11-3-2-2, \$179,415. O-Elk Manor Farm. B-James M Moran Jr (MD). T-Nicholas P Zito.

**5th-GPX, \$48,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:35 3/5, fm.**

**RICH CITIZEN** (f, 3, **Proud Citizen**--**Higher Earnings, by Corporate Report**), who closed wide to be fourth in her bow while trying this trip at Arlington Aug. 31, was let go at 6-1 in her Florida debut. Settled in a tracking seventh early, the bay was forced to steady behind rivals on the backstretch, but recovered well to put herself into position turning for home. A close-up sixth a sixteenth from home, the filly got up in the final strides to eke out a head victory over Cherokee Queen (Cherokee Run). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$32,460. O-Brereton C Jones. B-A Francis & Barbara H Vanlangendonck (FL). T-Kenneth G McPeck.

★ KEENELAND ★

**Keeneland to Offer Two New Wagers for Spring Meet:**

Keeneland will offer fans two new wagers--the Super High Five and a Maker's Mark Mile/Toyota Blue Grass S. double--during its spring race meeting, to be held Apr. 4-25. The Super High Five, offered on the final Keeneland race each day, requires fans to select the first five finishers in exact order. If there are no winners, the pool carries over to the next day's race card. The minimum wager is \$1. "Santa Anita successfully inaugurated the Super High Five, and we look forward to offering it to Keeneland patrons each day during the spring meeting," said Jim Williams, Keeneland's director of communications. Fans also can try their hand at picking the winners of Keeneland's GI Maker's Mark Mile Apr. 11 and GI Toyota Blue Grass Apr. 12, respectively. The double is the first of its kind offered by Keeneland, and requires fans to test their handicapping skills for both turf and Polytrack racing. Also returning for the spring are several fan favorites, including the \$200,000-guaranteed Friday Pick Four, offered every Friday during the meet on races 7-10. On Toyota Blue Grass Day, Saturday, Apr. 12, Keeneland will conduct a \$100,000-guaranteed Pick Six. Both wagers are presented by TVG. Keeneland also will partner with Oaklawn Park on a Premier Pick Four on Toyota Blue Grass Day; comprised of Keeneland's GI Blue Grass S., GII Commonwealth S., and the GII Arkansas Derby and Instant Racing from Oaklawn Park. Throughout the meet, Keeneland will offer 50-cent Pick Four and Trifecta wagers, as well as 10-cent Superfectas.



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**5th-GPX (\$48K, Msw) RICH CITIZEN** (Proud Citizen) comes from off the pace to score.

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**1st-SAX (\$48K, Msw) ROSANGELA** (El Prado {Ire}) wins at first asking.

**STAKES CLOSINGS**

**TODAY, FRIDAY, MARCH 28:**

05-24 \$150,000 *Arlington Classic, AP, 3yo, 8.5fT (300 EB)*

07-12 \$250,000 *American Derby-II, AP, 3yo, 9.5fT (300 EB)*

08-09 \$400,000 *Secretariat-I, AP, 3yo, 10fT (300 EB)*

**TOMORROW, SATURDAY, MARCH 29:**

**TRIPLE CROWN NOMINATIONS (6000s)**

05-03 \$2,000,000 *Kentucky Derby-I, CD, 3yo, 10f*

05-17 \$1,000,000 *Preakness-I, Pim, 3yo, 9.5f*

06-07 \$1,000,000 *Belmont-I, Bel, 3yo, 12f*

04-10 \$150,000 *Count Fleet Sprint H.-III, OP, 3yo/up, 6f (100)*

04-12 \$150,000 *Comely-II, Aqu, 3yo, f, 8f (150)*

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## ★ NEW YORK ★

### Yesterday's Results:

**8th-AQU, \$52,000**, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11, ft.

**TIGHT STORM** (f, 4, **Stormin Fever**--Heirtight, by **Crafty Prospector**), a winner going a furlong longer over the Keeneland Polytrack in October, showed speed early but wilted to be fifth in a mile allowance Nov. 15. Back on an artificial surface for her latest, the bay was fourth while trying this trip at Turfway Dec. 19. Sent off the co-second choice at 5-2, she stalked the early pace in third, moved up to take command midstretch and drew off to score by 1 1/2 lengths over Mulligatawny (Crafty Prospector). Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-1, \$96,586. O-Winning Move Stable. B-Cheryl Green, Ashdown Farms & Malinda Fiveash (KY). T-Gary C Contessa.

## ★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

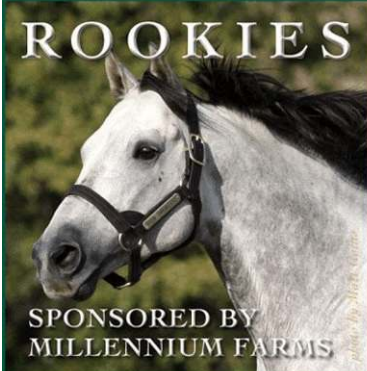
### Nakatani, Colonel John Reunited for SA Derby:

Following a one-race hiatus, jockey Corey Nakatani and **Colonel John** (Tiznow) will be reunited for the Apr. 5 GI Santa Anita Derby. Nakatani has ridden Colonel John in three of the colt's five starts, including a stretch that included Colonel John's maiden victory in October, his win in the Real Quiet S. Nov. 18 and his runner-up effort to Into Mischieff in the GI CashCall Futurity Dec. 22. Garrett Gomez was on Colonel John in his latest, a win in the Mar. 1 Gill Sham S., as Nakatani was on the sidelines with a fractured right collarbone, and with Gomez committed to Court Vision in the Wood Memorial S. at Aqueduct on the same day, Nakatani gets the return call. "[Trainer] Eoin [Harty] knows what I think of the horse," said the 37-year-old Nakatani, who is winless in 12 tries in the Santa Anita Derby, and who has never won the Kentucky Derby, also in 12 attempts. "He knows I have the utmost confidence in Colonel John going into the Triple Crown races. I know how far he's developed and where he's at. I thought he was probably at 80 percent in the Sham, so he should move forward in the Santa Anita Derby. Eoin probably was on the same page as me going into the Sham, and then I got hurt. Fortunately, I got him back and I'm looking forward to the Santa Anita Derby and the Triple Crown races."

### Yesterday's Results:

**1st-SAX, \$48,400**, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:09 2/5, ft. + **ROSANGELA** (f, 4, **El Prado {Ire}**--**Vivid Angel {GISW, \$314,196}**, by **Septieme Ciel**), sent off at 6-1 for her career bow, tracked the early pace in third through opening splits of :22.47 and :44.77. Up to challenge early leader Inspired Storm (Stormy Atlantic) in the stretch, the bay proved best under urging to score by 1 1/4 lengths. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$28,800.

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**AWESOME OF COURSE** (Awesome Again), Rising Hill, \$3K, 17/3/1

8-TAM, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Go Awesome Serena, \$2K OBS AUG yrl, 30-1

**CACTUS RIDGE** (Hennessy), Walmac, \$7K, 138/19/1

10-TP, Aoc, 6f, Cactus Conie

**EMPIRE MAKER** (Unbridled), Juddmonte, \$100K, 185/9/3

8-GP, Msw, 1m, Seattle Tuesday, \$125K KEE SEP yrl, 20-1

**FLATTER** (A.P. Indy), Claiborne, \$5K, 145/20/1

11-TP, Msw, 1m, +Joepaul'streasure

**GULF STORM** (Storm Cat), Lou-Roe, \$4K, 137/16/1

8-TAM, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Shannon Brook M D, \$4K OBS OCT yrl, 30-1

**HARLAN TRAVELER** (Harlan), 6/1/0

9-OP, Stk, 6f, Simply Angelina

**HARLAN'S HOLIDAY** (Harlan), Airdrie, \$18K, 169/30/5

5-SA, Alw, 1mT, Overland, \$50K BAR MAY 2yo

**HOOK AND LADDER** (Dixieland Band), Sequel NY, \$10K, 100/11/2

7-AQU, Msw, 1m, Digital Age, \$42K OBS APR 2yo

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

9-OP, Stk, 6f, Gone Dixie, \$20K TEX AUG yrl

**PARKER'S STORM CAT** (Storm Cat), Country Life, \$3K, 116/6/0

10-TP, Aoc, 6f, Gown

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

8-GP, Msw, 1m, +Citizen Soldier, \$40K FTK JUL yrl, 12-1

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

8-GP, Msw, 1m, Repenthouse, \$85K OBS MAR 2yo, 10-1

**SEEKING DAYLIGHT** (Seeking the Gold), Maryland Stallion, \$7K, 55/9/0

2-CT, Msw, 7f, Little Bobber, \$9K EAS DEC wnl, 5-1

**SHORE BREEZE** (Danzig), Eagle valley, \$5K, 58/12/0

4-HAW, Alw, 6f, Takenbythebreeze, 9-2

**SUNDAY BREAK (JPN)** (Forty Niner), Walmac, \$9K, 156/24/0

7-OP, Msw, 1 1/16m, Sevendaysmakeaweek, \$30K KEE SEP yrl

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

8-GP, Msw, 1m, Anewday, \$1000K FTF FEB 2yo, 8-1

**VOLPONI** (Cryptoclearance), Hopewell, 92/14/3

7-AQU, Msw, 1m, Hoist the Gala, \$33K OBS APR 2yo

**ZAVATA** (Phone Trick), Walmac, \$8K, 121/19/0

10-TP, Aoc, 6f, Primetime Lassie, \$16K KEE SEP yrl



★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN BRITAIN:

**Dodaa**, g, 5, [Dayjur](#)--Ra'a (SW-Eng), by Diesis (GB).  
Lingfield, Britain, 3-27, Hcp, 4yo/up, 5f (AWT).  
B-Silverleaf Farm, Inc. \* \$13,500 wnlg '03 KEENOV;  
50,000gns yrl '04 DONSEP. \*\*Full to Musafi, MSW-  
US, \$254,846.  
**Dancing Abbie**, f, 3, [Theatrical \(Ire\)](#). See "Britain."



★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday's Results:

**PRIX FRANCOIS MATHET**-Listed, €55,000, Saint-  
Cloud, 3-27, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/4mT, 2:26.20, vhy.  
1--**STARLISH (IRE)**, 123, c, 3, by [Rock of Gibraltar \(Ire\)](#)

1st Dam: **Stylish (GB)**, by **Anshan (GB)**  
2nd Dam: **Classic Design (GB)**, by **Busted (GB)**  
3rd Dam: **Alpine Niece (GB)**, by **Great Nephew (GB)**

O-Mme Daniel Malingue; B-Daniel Malingue; T-Elie  
Lellouche; J-Anthony Crastus; €27,500. Lifetime  
Record: 3 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €41,150. \*1/2 to  
Solent (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}), SW-Eng, \$217,120. [Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.](#) **Werk**  
**Nick Rating: B.**

2--**Indian Daffodil (Ire)**, 123, c, 3, Hernando (Fr)--Dan-  
seuse Indienne (Ire), by Danehill. €11,000.  
3--**Astarix (Fr)**, 123, c, 3, Sagamix (Fr)--Abaya (Ger), by  
Surumu (Ger). €8,250.  
Margins: 2, 4, NK. Odds: 8.40, 0.30, 10.00.  
Also Ran: Major d'Helene (Fr), Galitano (Fr).

Defeat for the hot favorite Indian Daffodil seemed almost inconceivable to the Saint-Cloud faithful, but the de Rothschild homebred met a comprehensive reversal for the first time here at the hands of the progressive Starlish. Third behind the subsequent listed winner Salsalavie (Fr) on debut at Deauville in July, the homebred was off the mark next time at this track in November and took advantage of a gifted lead to open his stakes account on his first try. Already clear of the eventual runner-up when kicking soon into the straight, the bay was beyond recall as that rival failed to close the sizeable gap. "This is a horse I quite liked last year, but he had a setback in his first run at Deauville," trainer Elie Lellouche explained. "After a long break, he did not let me down when winning at the end of the season. I was very happy to see him bowl along in front today as that is what he likes best. I want to take time to think about when and where he could run again. He is entered in all the major races."

[Click for the Racing Post chart.](#)

**Saint-Cloud, 2.50, Debutantes**, €22,000, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:57.50, vhy.  
+ **CAESARINE (FR)** (f, 3, **Pivotal {GB}**--**Carelaine**, by **Woodman**), sent off the 7-5 crowd's choice, stalked the early pace trapped wide before taking over at the quarter pole. Pushed out to assert, the homebred had carved a decisive three-length margin by the line, where Lady MB (Fr) (Golan {Ire}) won the war for second. The homebred is a half to Chesnut Bird (Ire) (Storm Bird), MSW-Fr; and Caesaron (Ire) (Danehill), GSW-Fr, SP-Ity, \$197,341. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €11,000. O/B-Haras de la Perelle; T-Andre Fabre.

★ "TDN Rising Star" ★

**Saint-Cloud, 3.50, Debutantes**, €22,000, 3yo, c/g, 1mT, 1:58.30, vhy.

+ **WIFI (GER)**, c, 3, by **Pivotal (GB)**  
1st Dam: **Welimina (Ire)** (SP-Fr), by **Sadler's Wells**  
2nd Dam: **Mabrova (GB)**, by **Prince Mab (Fr)**  
3rd Dam: **Makarova**, by **Nijinsky II**

Wifi started as the 10-3 favorite for this newcomers' event, but those odds were made to look generous as the grey made light work of this first trip to the races. Settled close to the early pace out wide, the homebred made smooth progress to lead approaching the quarter pole and asserted his superiority under a hand ride before being geared down for an easy 2 1/2-length defeat of Kougouar (Fr) (Verglas {Ire}). Conditioner Carlos Laffon-Parias is sweet on the striking colt. "You never know until they actually run, but this horse has shown great things in his morning work and I would have been disappointed if he hadn't won," he said. "I will go step by step and I will not rush him back for his next run. He is in all the Classics and I hope that is where he will eventually end up." The winner's dam is a half-sister to champion Kistena (Fr). Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €11,000. [Click for the Racing Post chart.](#)  
O/B-Wertheimer et Frere; T-Carlos Laffon-Parias.

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# TDN Q & A

## Q and A: Emmanuelle Bour, General Manager, France-Galop

*Emmanuelle Bour took over Louis Romanet's position at France Galop January 1, 2008. As the new General*



*Manager of the French Jockey Club, she faces a difficult issue: the European debate on control of the growth of online betting on horseracing. With the launch of several new sites by new bookmakers' organizations, principally based offshore, regulations are expected to be proposed in 2008 by the European Commission. Bour spoke with a reporter from the TDN's sister publication in France,*

**Emmanuelle Bour** *JDG the JDG, and said her principal goal was to influence those important regulatory measures.*

### Q: Why does the European Commission wish to force France to change its betting and racing system?

**Bour:** The betting market is, of course, a most unusual one and it is one of the few which has yet to be regulated by the Commission. For the time being, each member country draws up its own rules, but in the near future, the Commission wishes to bring these different regimes into a European norm. The first step in this process was to demand that each member state open its domestic market for betting on racing and sporting events to competition. If this is enforced, France will be obliged to break the PMU's monopoly on betting on racing and allow bookmakers to take bets and establish themselves in France. France Galop opposes this for obvious reasons and this was the beginning of its negotiations with the Commission.

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### Q: What is the current state of these negotiations?

**Bour:** At the moment, we are trying to construct a common legal framework acceptable to all member states. The aim of this framework is to protect the European Union from the negative side of online betting--money-laundering and breach of copyright, for example--and to set out the scope for each country to control its own betting system. If the framework is accepted, France will be able to maintain its pool-betting monopoly.

### Q: Why is France opposed to the introduction of bookmakers?

**Bour:** On March 6, the representatives of the majority of the European racing countries met in Brussels. Both thoroughbred and trotting organizations were represented and each outlined its anxieties. The German and Belgian representatives explained how the introduction of bookmakers to their countries had killed the racing business, which was progressively starved of funds. The French system is based on the PMU's monopoly and works well, but it is fragile and if the return to racing from betting were to decline steeply, then the racing business would surely follow suit and in 10 years' time, French racing and breeding would hardly exist at all.

### Q: Do you really believe that?

**Bour:** Yes, I do, and I would go further and say that if the French system is destroyed, the whole of European racing will be undermined. The European racing countries should be trying to emulate our model and build new foundations for long-term development. All of the racing professionals who took part in the March 6 meeting signed a joint statement to this effect, including representatives from Britain. All of those present, including those from countries where there are bookmakers, wish to establish the principle of financing racing through betting in an equitable manner which guarantees the integrity and transparency of racing, and provides a basis for long-term development.

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**SUPER STAFF**, 20, Secretariat--Prodigious (Fr), by Pharly (Fr)  
 Foal born Feb. 10, a filly by Mizzen Mast.  
 Owned by and boarded at Juddmonte Farms.  
 Accomplishments: GISW of \$555,948.

**THIRD STREET**, 13, Salt Lake--Bisque Doll, by Quadrangle  
 Foal born Feb. 10, a filly by Rockport Harbor.  
 Will be bred back to Invasor (Arg).  
 Owned by and boarded at Machmer Hall.  
 Accomplishments: Dam of Doc's Doll (Out of Place),  
 SW, \$207,985.



★ BRITAIN ★

**SAKHEE'S SECRET NEARS RETURN**

Bridget Swire's **Sakhee's Secret (GB)** (Sakhee) is set to return at Newmarket in the May 4 G3 Palace House S., trainer Hughie Morrison revealed yesterday. Last year's G1 July Cup hero will use the five-furlong contest as a warm-up for a campaign at the highest level in 2008. "He's fine and he's cantering away and the idea is for us to aim at the Group 1 sprints in the middle of the summer," he told *PA Sport* yesterday. "We'll try to give him a run before those and my present thinking is that he might start in the Palace House S. There are opportunities abroad, I think there's a six-furlong race at the Breeders' Cup that might be a possibility. There's also the G1 Hong Kong Sprint and there are the two races at Royal Ascot and the July Cup back here. It'll obviously depend on whether we're tackling five or six furlongs as to whether we'll try the G1 Nunthorpe S. and maybe we could go to France for the G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest if he's wanting further."

**Yesterday's Results:**

**Wolverhampton, 7.50, Mdn, £5,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 9f 103yds (AWT), 2:01.38, stn.**

**DANCING ABBIE (f, 3, Theatrical {Ire}--Sicy d'Alsace {Fr} {GISW, \$286,422}, by Sicyos)** was hammered into 4-5 on the strength of her debut third at Yarmouth in October and was rank on the front end early. Left in front approaching the quarter pole, the \$200,000 KEESEP yearling drew away to best Kayflaa (Ire) (Dubai Destination) by 2 1/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, £3,575.

O-Sheikh Marwan Al Maktoum; B-Trustee of Hines Family Trust; T-Michael Bell.

**Lingfield, 3.35, Mdn, £3,600, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:11.98, stn.**

**+ YAMAL (IRE) (c, 3, Green Desert--Pioneer Bride, by Gone West)** missed the kick and raced in rear throughout the opening exchanges. Making up ground comfortably on the backstretch, the 9-4 second choice reeled in Spin Again (Ire) (Intikhab) in the final strides for a neck success. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £2,332.

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Gainsborough Stud Management Ltd; T-Mark Johnston.



AUSTRALASIA



**DARLEY BUYS INTEREST IN VON COSTA DE HERO**

Darley Australia has confirmed it has purchased a 50-percent share of the David Hayes-trained G2 VRC Sires' Produce S. winner **Von Costa De Hero (Aus)** (Encosta de Lago {Aus}--Piavonic {Aus}, by Scenic {Ire}) for an undisclosed sum. "We are pleased to have secured 50 percent of Von Costa De Hero (Aus)," said Darley Australia manager Olly Tait of the colt bred by Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa and purchased by agent James Bester for A\$1.2 million at the 2007 Inglis Easter Yearling Sale. "We look forward to racing him with his current owners and think he has a bright future," Tait added. Von Costa de Hero (Aus) is on the fifth line of betting at 12-1 for the G1 Golden Slippers April 19 at Rosehill. The colt, raced by Tim Hughes, David Hayes, David Paradise and three others, was fifth on debut in the Listed Debutant S. behind Sugar Babe (Aus) Oct. 17 at Caulfield, then reappeared to finish fourth to Wilander (Aus) in the G3 Blue Diamond Prelude S. Mar. 3 at the same track. He won the G2 Sires' Produce S. Mar. 8 at Flemington. Hayes' bloodstock manager Mark Pilkington said, "It is safe to say he's probably the most expensive two-year-old in training ever sold in Australia". Von Costa De Hero becomes the first horse owned by Sheikh Mohammed's Darley Australia operation to race with the David Hayes stable. "David is very excited at the prospect of training a horse for Sheikh Mohammed and the colt will race in his colours in the Golden Slipper," said Pilkington. "We weren't prepared to sell the whole horse and the owners will all remain in the ownership. We are delighted that Darley have agreed to allow us to race the horse in partnership with them both in his racing and stud career." G1 Manikato S. winner Piavonic was purchased by Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa for A\$660,000 at the Inglis Easter Broodmare sale in 2002. Her three named foals, including Al Yamama (Aus) (Fusaichi Pegasus) and Khataaf (Aus) (Grand Lodge) are all winners. She has a Redoute's Choice yearling filly and an Encosta de Lago (Aus) weanling filly, and was not covered last spring.

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PALM MEADOWS

COMMENTATOR (Distorted Humor), 4f, :48.20, 2/26  
SARATOGA RUSSELL (Trippi), 4f, :50.00, 15/26  
WAR PASS (Cherokee Run), 4f, :47.40, 1/26

PAYSON PARK

REVVED UP (Sultry Song), 4f, :50.60, 4/11  
ARRAVAL (Arch), 5f, 1:02.80, 1/3

SANTA ANITA

BECRUX (ITY) (Glen Jordan {GB}), 7f, 1:32.80, 6/6



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## BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**2nd-SAX, \$57,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:35 2/5, fm.**

**BEL AIR SIZZLE (f, 3, Unusual Heat--Bel Air Belle, by Runaway Groom)** Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$80,600. O-David Abrams, Vincenzo Loverso & M Auerbach, LLC. B-Madeline Auerbach, David Abrams & Vincenzo Loverso (CA). T-Barry Abrams.

**7th-SAX, \$53,200, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:09, ft.**

**COST OF FREEDOM (g, 5, Cee's Tizzy--Freedom Dance, by Moscow Ballet)** Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$65,320. O/B-Harris Farms Inc (CA). T-Carla Gaines.

**4th-DED, \$40,000, 3-26, NW3L, (S), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39 4/5, ft.**

**KIMUA MAN (g, 4, Zarbyev--Kimua Silk, by Smokester)** Lifetime Record: SW, 12-3-1-1, \$75,670. O/B-Foxwood Plantation Ltd (LA). T-Ray Spencer.

**8th-LRL, \$36,000, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000-\$35,000), C, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40, ft.**

**MUSICAL START (f, 4, Jump Start--Saintly Music, by Saint Ballado)** Lifetime Record: 17-6-3-3, \$115,141. O-Paula Diaz-Martinez. B-Moonlighting Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY). T-A P Valdez. \*\$50,000 yrl '05 FTKJUL.

**8th-OPX, \$35,000, Opt. Clm. (\$55,000), NW1X, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:46 1/5, ft.**

**DAY OF VICTORY (f, 3, Victory Gallop--Gather the Day {MSP, \$245,908}, by Dayjur)** Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$37,542. O-Lewis G Lakin. B-A Lakin & Sons Inc (KY). T-Robert E Holthus.

**7th-HAW, \$30,000, NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11 2/5, my.**

**LIL BRIAN TOO (g, 5, Vicar--Lil Mary Too {SP}, by Stop the Music)** Lifetime Record: 6-3-2-0, \$49,760. O/B-W Dean West DDS (IL). T-Michael W Nance.

**8th-DED, \$30,000, 3-26, Opt. Clm. (\$30,000), NW4L, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:39 4/5, ft.**

**ROAR ON TOUR (g, 8, Roar--Fatal Romance, by Bates Motel)** Lifetime Record: SW, 63-21-5-10, \$395,141. O-KAT Racing Stable. B-Robert D Gibson (KY). T-Keith L Bourgeois. \*1/2 to Starlight Serenade (Dance Brightly), SP, \$177,157.

**8th-CTX, \$27,000, 3-26, NW3LX, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:21 3/5, ft.**

**THE VIN MAN (g, 4, Louis Quatorze--Pink Cadillac, by Man From Eldorado)** Lifetime Record: 9-2-3-0, \$47,470. O-Vincent A Arcieri Jr. B-E & D Enterprises (FL). T-Peter Bazeos. \*\$20,000 wlng '04 OBSOCT.

**6th-CTX, \$27,000, 3-26, NW3LX, 3yo, f, 4 1/2f, :54 3/5, ft.**

**ALEXANDER'S ROSE (f, 3, Reparations--Aroseformy-girls, by Pistols and Roses)** Lifetime Record: 13-2-2-4, \$54,550. O/B-Phillip J Brenner (WV). T-James R Berry Sr.

**7th-CTX, \$27,000, 3-26, NW3L, (S), 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:23, ft.**

**SHEIK SHALOM (c, 3, Yarrow Brae--Charging Ruby, by Rubiano)** Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$26,010. O-Big Lick Farm. B-Deep Rock Farm (WV). T-Homer R Kline Jr.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Je T'aime, f, 3, Gold Token--Open Marriage, by Deputy Minister.** AQU, 3-27, (S), 6f, 1:12 4/5. B-Paula Ann Cohn Hallman (NY). \*1/2 to Pentelis (Pentelicus), MSW, \$239,925; Chasin' Wimmin (Belong To Me), MSW & GSP, \$418,558.

**Dancing for More, f, 3, Gold Tribute--More Buck to Spend, by Spend a Buck.** DED, 3-26, 5f, :59 1/5. B-J Weldon Granger (LA).

**Brilliancy, f, 3, Exchange Rate--Raspberry Eggcream, by Time for a Change.** DED, 3-26, 1m, 1:41 2/5. B-Padua Stables (FL). \*1/2 to Electrify (Delaware Township), GSW, \$621,890; and full to Cream Only, SW, \$133,349.

**Book'em Babe, f, 3, Johannesburg--Book Babe, by Alydeed.** SAX, 3-27, (C), 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16 2/5. B-Mr & Mrs Larry Williams (KY).

**Splash of Bold, g, 4, Bold Anthony--Splashappy, by Williamstown.** OPX, 3-26, (S), 6f, 1:11 4/5. B-Five Star Racing Stable (AR).

**Union Scale, c, 4, Richter Scale--Ada Ruckus, by Bold Ruckus.** BMX, 3-27, 6f, 1:11. B-Rick & Nancy Kaster (KY). \*\$825,000 2yo 2006 BESMAR; \$85,000 yrl '05 KEESEP. \*\*Quite A Ruckus (Richter Scale), SW, \$219,650.

## BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**FRANCE, Marseille-Borely, 12.05, €22,000, 4yo/up, 1550mT, 1:36.17, gd.**

**AL KEN (FR) (c, 4, Kendor {Fr}--Al Duck {Fr}, by Al Mamoon)** Lifetime Record: SW-Fr, 10 starts, 7 wins, 1 place, €86,400. O/B-Jean-Claude Seroul; T-Jean-Marc Capitte.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Celtic Rod (Ire), c, 4, Dansili (GB)--Lady Golconda (Fr), by Kendor (Fr).** Saint-Cloud, France, 3-27, Cond, 4yo, 1mT. B-B van Daltsen. \*€65,000 yrl '05 DEAAUG. \*\*1/2 to Lady Vettori (Ire) (Vettori {Ire}), GSW & G1SP-Fr, \$116,309.