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NIGHT FALLS ON KEENELAND APRIL

For the first time in the history of this auction, the Keeneland April Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale will be held over a pair of evening sessions, the first of which kicks off tonight at 7:00 p.m. The move from one afternoon session has elicited myriad opinions from consignors and buyers, some positive, some negative. "I like the idea, but after all the scratches, there are going to be so few horses selling that by the time buyers get into a groove, it's over," offered consignor Randy Hartley. "But I like the



'07 April grad Big Brown
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idea of the night sessions, where people come out to the track and socialize, go have dinner, come back to the sale and buy horses. The concept's good; Keeneland's trying to class it up." (for more opinions, see 'What They're Saying...p6-7).

The one and only breeze show for the April Sale--representing another change, from two under-tack shows--was held under idyllic blue skies at Keeneland yesterday afternoon. Like it did last year, the Polytrack surface yielded fast times, with seven horses working sub-:10 eighths.

Earning the world-record bullet for an eighth was consignor Niall Brennan's hip 7, a half-brother to GII Fountain of Youth S. winner Cool Coal Man (Mineshaft) by Langfuhr. The well-made gray zipped through the distance in :9 3/5 ([video](#)).



Hip 7 Z for Keeneland

Two shared the bullet for quarter-mile works. Hip 45, a bay full-brother to GISP Grace Anatomy (Aldebaran), stopped the clock in :20 2/5 ([video](#)). Kirkwood Stables consigns the colt, who was the very horse to breeze on the day. Also during the first of the three sets, hip 190, a Forestry colt from the consignment of McKathan Bros., Agent IV, equaled that time ([video](#)).
-L Marquardt

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LISTEN TO MISS GUINEAS

Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier and Michael Tabor's Listen (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), winner of last term's G1 Fillyies' Mile at Ascot, has met with a setback and will miss the G1 1000 Guineas, according to *Racing Post*. Prominent in ante-post lists for the May 4 Classic, the bay sophomore is also highly unlikely to make the June 6 G1 Juddmonte Oaks at Epson. She was reported to be 'slightly stiff' when commencing exercise yesterday, and a decision to put her on the easy list was taken after an examination by veterinarian John Halley. "That means she will miss the 1000 Guineas and, as she won't be going to Newmarket, it is unlikely that she will make the Oaks," trainer Aidan O'Brien told the trade daily. "Hopefully, we will have her back for the second half of the season." Listen's full sister, Liffey Dancer (Ire), sold for world-record 2.5-million guineas as a yearling last year at Tattersalls October.



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RECORD STAKES SCHEDULE AT DEL MAR

Del Mar Thoroughbred Club has announced a record \$7.35-million stakes schedule for its 2008 meeting, which will be held July 16-Sept. 3. The schedule, comprised of 31 races, will feature 19 graded stakes, including seven Grade I races. They are the \$1-million Pacific Classic, \$400,000 Eddie Read H., \$400,000 John C. Mabee H., \$400,000 Del Mar Oaks, \$300,000 Bing Crosby H., \$250,000 Del Mar Debutante and \$250,000 Del Mar Futurity. "Tom Robbins has put together another terrific package for the horsemen and the racing fans," said Joe Harper, DMTC's president and general manager. "If you like watching good horses hooking up in top-notch competition, Del Mar is the place you'll want to be this summer."



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End of an Era...

When [hip 140](#) exits the ring at the Keeneland April sale's final session Wednesday, it will mark the end of a long-established tradition in horseracing. The final draft of horses offered as part of the Cynthia Phipps Dispersal will be led by [hip 44](#), a dark bay filly by Saarland, who sells during today's session. Niall Brennan Stables will act as agent for the pair of juveniles. Phipps died tragically after sustaining injuries in a fire in her Manhattan apartment Oct. 24. Following the scratch of an Orientate filly, the Phipp's sole representation of the fairer sex will come from Beirhaus, a May 1 foal out of Preservation Hall (Dixieland Band). The filly is the second foal out of her seven-year-old dam, who is a daughter of graded stakes winner Lead Kindly Light and a half-sister to Grade I winner Gold Fever and Grade I-placed Emanating. "I really like the Saarland filly," said Brennan. "She has a lot of Unbridled about her. For a May foal, she's a big strapping filly, very well made, and has a very solid pedigree. The further she goes, the better she'll be. She's got some speed. There is a lot of improvement in her, and she's been breezing well. She's a nice big filly that is going to excel at a distance." The final horse due to sell at public auction from the Cynthia Phipps dispersal is hip 140, a bay colt by Cherokee Run. The Apr. 8 foal is out of Mood Music (Kingmambo), another daughter of the aforementioned Lead Kindly Light. The bay covered an eighth in :10.3 during the breeze show Monday. "They are both doing well and I think they will give a good account of themselves," said Brennan. Phipps, who raced Grade I winners Gold Fever and Versailles Treaty, also campaigned champion three-year-old filly Christmas Past. --C Bossinakis



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Hartley/DeRenzo Stick to Game Plan...

After an exceptionally strong 2006 two-year-old season, highlighted by the sale of the \$16-million The Green Monkey, pinhookers went into that year's yearling sales with plenty of confidence...and plenty of money. The momentum failed to carry into 2007, however, and many pinhookers opted for a more conservative approach during the latest round of yearling sales.

One operation that didn't scale back much on its yearling buys is Hartley/DeRenzo Thoroughbreds. Randy Hartley and Dean DeRenzo came to Keeneland with two of the sale's top five priciest pinhooks, though hip 60, a filly by Seeking the Gold that cost \$300,000, was subsequently scratched.

"For my me, I just want to buy the best horses, and it's hard to go for A-string horses and not spend a lot," explained Hartley. "It's just what we try to do, and for us, at least, when we do well, it's with those kinds of horses. So we just stuck with the same program last year. Because of it, we didn't buy too many horses--I think we only got, like, 12 horses."



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Hartley/DeRenzo, of course, were responsible for turning The Green Monkey from a \$425,000 yearling to an eight-figure juvenile, but they had been investing in expensive yearlings well before that, said Hartley.

"We've always done it that way," he said. "When we first started, we were buying \$300,000 Danzigs, \$350,000 Nureyevs."

Hartley added with a laugh, "It's scary, but I just like dealing with quality horses. There are some that pan out that you didn't pay a lot for, and some you raise that pan out, but for us, it's usually the ones we paid a lot for as yearlings."

Hartley/De Denzo's most expensive public purchase who will go under the hammer at April is [hip 130](#), a Medaglia d'Oro colt who was acquired for \$250,000 as a Fasig-Tipton Saratoga yearling.

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“He’s a really nice, two-turn horse,” said Hartley. “He looks like he’s four, and the great thing about this sale is that you can sell a horse like that--a horse that wants to go long. He’s out of a Kris S. mare, so he’s bred to run a mile and a half.”

But Hartley/DeRenzo’s most expensive pinhook of the sale is a horse it purchased privately. The operation acquired a 50-percent interest in [hip 123](#), a Storm Cat 3/4-brother to GI Kentucky Oaks heroine Summerly (Summer Squall) and, while Hartley didn’t reveal the cost of that interest, he did admit, “This is one of the most expensive horses we’ve ever bought. He’s from a great family, and since Storm Cat’s getting on in age, we felt this was the right time.”

The bay colt, who was bred by Tom VanMeter, Michael Lowenbaum and Dr. Rand E. Danker, worked an eighth in :10 1/5 during yesterday’s breeze show ([video](#)).

“He’s blocky, but he’s tall, too,” said Hartley when asked to describe the colt. “He’s your typical Storm Cat: short head, short ears. And he’s a handful. But he’s a really nice horse.” --L.M.

PINHOOK PROSPECTS - TOP 5 BY PRICE

Hip	Price (\$)	Sale
139	650,000	KEESEP
(c, Distorted Humor --Mombasa, by Dynaformer) Purchased by Jerry Bailey '08 Consignor: Jerry Bailey Sales Agency, agent		
188	260,000	KEESEP
(c, Dynaformer --Biscayne Bay, A.P. Indy) Purchased by C. Gordon-Watson, agent '08 Consignor: Kirkwood Stables, Agent XX		
130	250,000	FTSAUG
(c, Medaglia d'Oro --Kris's Intention, by Kris S.) Purchased by Hartley/DeRenzo Thoroughbreds '08 Consignor: Hartley/DeRenzo Thoroughbreds		
86	250,000	FTSAUG
(c, Vindication --American River, by Forty Niner) Purchased by Eighth Pole Enterprises '08 Consignor: Eddie Woods, Agent VII		
155	250,000	KEESEP
(f, More Than Ready --Riverboat Miss, by Storm Cat) Purchased by McMahon Bloodstock, agent '08 Consignor: Eddie Woods, Agent XXVI		

Note: outs not included

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5, c, Indian Charlie--Classic Breeze, by Regal Classic Consigned by Leprechaun Racing, agent

This is the second foal produced by Classic Breeze, a half-sister to Canadian champion three-year-old filly Hope for a Breeze (Briartic) and to the stakes-winning One More Breeze (Mythical Ruler), herself dam of MGSW Dr. Kashnikow. "He's gorgeous; he's as good a physical horse as we've had all year," said consignor Mike Mulligan. "He's a really nice colt." Purchased by Leprechaun for \$140,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale, hip 5 breezed an eighth in :10 1/5 yesterday ([video](#)).

6, f, Maria's Mon--Cloud's Ambre, by Two Punch Consigned by Scanlon Training Center, Agent I

A \$175,000 Keeneland November weanling, hip 6 RNA'd for \$180,000 at Fasig-Tipton Saratoga, then resold to Dave Scanlon for \$125,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton October Sale. "She's a real nice Maria's Mon filly with a lot of page," Scanlon said yesterday after the breeze show. "She's a big, two-turn filly that looks the picture of a Classic horse. And Maria's Mon was just a fantastic sire." A little while earlier, hip 6 had breezed an eighth in :10 1/5 ([video](#)). She hails from a family that has worked well with Maria's Mon; her full-sister is GISP Ilusoria, herself the dam of Peak Maria's Way (Pyramid Peak). Another sister, Unacounted For, is the dam of GISW Meadow Breeze (Meadowlake).

KEENELAND FORECAST

Tuesday: Sunshine and clouds mixed. High 72F.
Winds S at 5 to 10 mph

Wednesday: Rain with a few rumbles of thunder.
Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 50s.

7, c, Langfuhr--Coral Sea, Rubiano

Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent III

This attractive grey received a well-timed boost to his pedigree when his half-brother Cool Coal Man (Mineshaft) scored in the GII Fountain of Youth S. at Gulfstream Feb. 24. "I love him," said Brennan. "He's only a May foal, but a big stout colt, there is a lot of improvement in him yet." The colt is grandson of South Sea Dancer, who is the dam of MGSW Signal Tap and a sister to champions Storm Bird and Northernette. "He has a lot of Northern Dancer in him," observed Brennan. "We think he will go two



Hip 7 Lucas Marquardt

turns and, obviously, the pedigree has jumped up at the right time; it's a very active young pedigree. He's just a lovely young horse." Explaining the colt's inclusion in the Keeneland April catalog, Brennan added, "Being a May foal, we decided to keep him for this sale just to give him the extra time. But he has a very solid mind and getting better every week. The light seems to have just gone on. You can really see the change in his training, and he's become really focused. He hasn't been pushed because he's a May foal. He's bred to go two turns and, physically, we think he's going to improve."

49, f, Speightstown--Rhiana, by Runaway Groom Consigned by Leprechaun Racing, agent

From the first crop of champion sprinter Speightstown (Gone West), this miss was produced by GISP Rhiana and is thus a half-sibling to Behindthebar (Forest Wildcat). A percentage of that colt, a \$140,000 OBSJUN juvenile last term, was purchased by Padua Stables after an impressive maiden win at Santa Anita Feb. 2, and he more recently posted another impressive victory at the track facing allowance foes last Thursday. Hip 49, a \$75,000 Keeneland September yearling, posted a quarter-mile breeze in :21 flat yesterday ([video](#)). "She's a big stretchy horse, and her brother looks like he could be a nice one," said consignor Mike Mulligan.



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61, c, Include–Silver Gamber, by Prospectors Gamble
Consigned by Wavertree Inc (Ciaran Dunne), Agent VII

This handsome grey looks the part whether being paraded around in front of prospective buyers or taking a turn on the race track. The May 24 foal gave a good account of himself during Monday's breeze show, recording a :10.0 final time for an eighth of a mile ([video](#)). "He's a beautifully made horse," said consignor Ciaran Dunne. "He is put together like you would see in a drawing. He's a beautifully moving horse with plenty of speed."

70, f, Unbridled's Song–Sweet Nanette, by You and I
Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent XIII

By a top sire who needs no introduction, this bay put up an easy :10.1 for an eighth of a mile at Monday's breeze show ([video](#)). Out of multiple stakes winner and graded stakes placed Sweet Nanette, the May 1 foal is among three juveniles representing her sire at Keeneland. "She's a very pretty filly," said consignor Niall Brennan. "She's very racy and very athletic. She's quick and could turn out to be more like her mother, but she's deceptive in that she's really moves quickly over the racetrack. She's got speed, but she can stretch it out. She's only a May foal, but she has good size and a beautiful profile."

76, f, Trippi–United Bog, by Linkage

Consigned by Wavertree Inc (Ciaran Dunne), agent

The bay, by GISW and leading Florida sire Trippi, hails from a proven Florida family. She is a half-sister to Bog Hunter (Hunting Hard), a multiple stakes winner in the Sunshine State, and the Mar. 14 foal showed her best yesterday with a sparkling :10.0 flat breeze over the Polytrack ([video](#)). "We thought coming up here that she was probably our fastest horse, and the way she galloped out kind of affirmed that impression," said Ciaran Dunne. "You could pretty much run her next week if that's what you wanted to do."

88, c, Orientate--Art Student, by El Prado (Ire)

Consigned by Parrish Farms

Purchased by G. Ray Trisler, Mays Farm and G.W. Parrish for \$62,000 last year at the September Sale, this strapping chestnut was produced by a stakes winner and is a half to the stakes winner Art Show (Out of Place). Hip 88 was sent out to a quarter-mile move yesterday and stopped the clock in :21 2/5 ([video](#)). "For a horse his size, he's got quite a lot of speed," said consignor G.W. Parrish.



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KEEAPR cont.

Jump Start Colt Euthanized After Breeze...

A colt by Jump Start--Precisely (Summing) was euthanized at Keeneland shortly after completing a furlong breeze during the latter part of yesterday's breeze show. While racing down the lane, hip 43, who was consigned by Becky Thomas' Sequel Bloodstock, appeared to prop in the stretch and seemed to be in distress down to the wire. The colt, a half-brother to GIII Bay Shore S. winner Precise End, was euthanized shortly thereafter.

Consigner John Stephens, Stephens Thoroughbreds:

"I think the one breeze show is plenty. It's not always going to go your way, but you could have three breeze shows and it's not always going to go your way. As far as the sale being at night, I think they're just trying to get more people involved in the sale, to get results that are positive for the sale. As far as it affects us, we just bring our horses here, hope they breeze well, and hope for the best. The reality is, if the horses don't present themselves well, you're not going to do very well, and the sales company, no matter what they do, can't handle that for you. If the horses do well, there's usually someone there to buy them."

Todd Pletcher, Eclipse Award-winning trainer:

"I think probably the trickiest part we'll be the veterinary stuff; first looking at the horses to see which ones you like, then doing the necessary vet work. [The two sessions] help, but you can't necessarily approach it like, 'I've got all day tomorrow because they sell Wednesday.' You've got to have a plan [for the entire sale], because some people are working on a budget. You can't just assume you're going to buy something on Tuesday, then buy something on Wednesday; you have to look at the big picture. I guess if I was putting the sale together, I would have had just one evening session on Wednesday."

Terrie Baze, Old School Thoroughbreds, Consignor

"I'm very impressed with the Speightstowns. They come out as impressive weanlings, and they go on to become very impressive yearlings and two-year-olds. They have nice consistent times. They are just good-looking individuals. I also like Proud Citizen; he's doing really well. His horses appear to be better three-year-olds than two-year-olds, and in my book there is nothing wrong with that, since the majority of the money in this business is made with the three-year-olds and not with a two-year-old."

What They're Saying At The Sales...

Niall Brennan, Consignor

Discussing the new format at Keeneland this year and how it will affect consignors:

"I think [the two-day format] is worth trying. Fasig-Tipton tried something new this year, trying to get the action back to the scene. They tried to create a little more atmosphere there again. It seems to work at Saratoga when they have the night sale after racing. We'll see if it works here too. In the past, the breeze was always on Monday, and we were still scrambling to get all the vet work done. At least now it's night time, so people have all day to focus on the horses that are going to sell that day."

Consignor Randy Hartley:

"I love the single breeze show. It's hard to be away from home some 2 1/2 weeks. I hope they all do it; it saves expenses and, really, the first impression is everything. If your horse didn't make the cut the first time around, he's probably not going to make it the second, either. One of the things I wish would happen is for more trainers [on the grounds at Keeneland] would come over and see what we've got. I guess so many people have Derby fever right now, it's hard to get them off that train of thought."

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Consignor Mike Mulligan, Leprechaun Racing:

"If all those people that were in the grandstand and that were on the apron [Monday] actually buy a horse, this is going to be one hell of a horse sale. There were a helluva lot of people out there. Whether that equates to a lot of buyers, that will depend on the quality of the horses. All year, the buyers have been looking for horses, and every good, quality horse has brought plenty of money. In Miami, there was probably enough money there that if the horses vetted well and jumped through all the hoops, they would have spent another \$30 million. In March, every good horse around brought plenty of money."

Consignor Randy Miles:

"I loved the idea of one breeze show until today. It's 4 o'clock right now; I'm not sure what's taking them so long. I really thought we'd show some today, but I guess not. It's a good thing we didn't have 250 horses in the sale. (When asked about Keeneland's Polytrack) "I love this surface. When they come back, they're not blowing, they're not tired. I'm tickled to death with it."

Consignor Murray Smith:


"I like the change in format, but I'm not sure one sale night wouldn't be best because of the low number of horses. But I do like the night format, and I do like the one breeze. And I also think the buyers have plenty of time. The vets are here, it's close. From a yearling buyer's point of view, these guys get a lot of information. Sometimes too much information, and it takes them off horses. If your gut instinct tells you to buy the horse, and he vets well, buy him. Sometimes you can start doubting your own picks, and the more you critique a horse, the more faults you begin to find, and you talk yourself off a horse. As a yearling buyer, I can see a horse in the rear walking ring 10 minutes before he's supposed to sell, ask the consignor if they vet--'Yes they do'--and I buy him. A good horseman knows what he wants."



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Apr. 10	GII Beaumont S.	Keeneland
	GIII Count Fleet Sprint S.	Oaklawn
Apr. 11	GI Maker's Mark Mile	Keeneland

PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

BY ANDREW CAULFIELD

Saturday, Aqueduct

WOOD MEMORIAL S.-GI, \$750,000, AQU, 4-5, 3yo, 1 1/8m, 1:52 1/5, ft.

1--▲**TALE OF EKATI**, 123, c, 3, by [Tale of the Cat](#)

1st Dam: **Silence Beauty** (Jpn), by **Sunday Silence**

2nd Dam: **Maplejinsky**, by **Nijinsky II**

3rd Dam: **Gold Beauty**, by **Mr. Prospector**

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“Horses like Tale of the Cat are just a little too fast for their own good” was how trainer John Forbes assessed the situation after his colt had suffered a career-ending injury in 1998. The four-year-old had been injured in the process of working five furlongs in :59.4 in preparation for the GI Meadowlands Cup--a race which offered the son of Storm Cat a chance of gaining a long-overdue Grade I victory.

Tale of the Cat had been a little too fast for his own good throughout his career, but not too fast for his original owners, who had acquired him for \$375,000 as a yearling. Tale of the Cat showed spectacular speed in winning the GII King's Bishop S. over seven furlongs in 1997, when he set fractions of :21.69 and :43.58 on his way to a clear-cut victory. Tale of the Cat was so impressive that the bids

started to flow in. The competition was so strong that the price, reportedly, was \$7.1 million for a 50-percent interest. The remaining half-interest was priced at \$4.5 million, or \$7.1 million if he were to win a Grade I.

The King's Bishop represented the colt's third win from his first four starts. A pair of easy successes at around 1 1/16 miles at Monmouth had encouraged his connections to consider tackling longer routes in the Haskell Invitational or even the Travers. However, a fourth-place finish in the Haskell led to Tale of the Cat dropping down the distance scale, rather than moving up it, and he stuck to seven furlongs when third in the GI Vosburgh S. His next target was to be the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint, until inflammation in a joint put him on the sidelines, and he didn't race again until July 1998.

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Tale of the Cat at Saratoga
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Magadan
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Caulfield - Tale of Ekati cont.

Perhaps because top-level opportunities for sprinters were harder to find in 1998, or perhaps because his price meant he had to pursue more prestigious prizes over longer distances, Tale of the Cat started out at a mile on his return. Two allowance wins earned him a shot at Awesome Again in the GI Whitney H. over 1 1/8 miles and he was far from disgraced in finishing second, but it was back to seven furlongs for what turned out to be his final effort, another third in the Vosburgh.



Tale of Ekati
Adam Coglianese

I think it is fair to say that speed rather than stamina was his strong suit, judging by his subsequent exploits as a stallion. None of his best winners thus far has succeeded in winning a graded race over a distance longer than 1 1/8 miles, and only three had managed to score over that distance prior to Tale of Ekati's victory over the game War Pass in the GI Wood Memorial. One of Tale of Ekati's predecessors, Lion Heart, stayed 1 1/4

miles well enough to finish second to Smarty Jones in the GI Kentucky Derby. If any son of Tale of the Cat is going to be suited by the Derby distance, you would have to think that it is going to be the Wood winner, even though he is inbred 4x3 to Mr Prospector. His first two dams are by Sunday Silence and Nijinsky, winners of six classics between them, and he is also inbred 4x4 to Northern Dancer and 5x3 to Nijinsky.

Sunday Silence may have failed in the GI Belmont S., but that didn't stop him siring some outstanding stayers, such as Deep Impact, in Japan. Tale of Ekati's dam Silence Beauty hardly had a chance to display how well she stayed, following her purchase for \$1 million as a Keeneland July yearling. She raced only as a two-year-old, her best effort being a third over a mile in Ireland.

However, we know that her dam Maplejinsky stayed well enough to win the GI Alabama S. over 1 1/4 miles, even though she was a daughter of the champion sprinter Gold Beauty and a half-sister to the flying Dayjur.

Maplejinsky proved an outstanding buy at the \$750,000 she cost as a yearling. In addition to becoming a dual Grade I winner, she produced four foals--all fillies--for Georgia Hofmann before being sold to Japan, in foal to A.P. Indy, for \$2.7 million as a nine-year-old in 1994. Her first foal, by Blushing Groom, was that outstanding performer Sky Beauty, who recorded nine Grade I victories between the ages of two and four (when she was voted champion older female). Sky Beauty, who sold for \$2.85 million as a nine-year-old, stayed well enough to win the GI CCA Oaks and Alabama S., but her Group 3-winning Storm Cat colt, Hurricane Cat, seemed best at around a mile.

Coincidentally, the family has produced yet another Alabama winner in the luckless 2006 winner Pine Island. This daughter of Arch was out of Maplejinsky's granddaughter Matlacha Pass, a sister to the excellent Pleasant Home and the Grade II winner Country Hideaway (these three Seeking the Gold fillies being inbred 2x4 to Mr Prospector).

Pleasant Home triumphed in the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff in 2005, a year after Silence Beauty had been acquired by Charles Fipke for \$525,000.



Pleasant Home *Horsephotos*

Fipke's investment has already produced one major dividend in Tale of Ekati, the foal Silence Beauty was carrying at the time of her purchase, and there could be other gems in store. The mare has been a regular visitor to Fipke's stallion Perfect Soul and her first foal by him realised \$280,000 as a weanling, before reselling for \$775,000 as a yearling.

That price of \$775,000 dollars for a yearling by a \$15,000 stallion provides an excellent insight into how successful this female line has been, and Tale of Ekati is bred well enough for anything. But is he good enough to cope with the likes of Big Brown and Pyro? I'm not yet convinced that he is, especially as we are still awaiting the first Kentucky Derby winner from the Storm Cat male line.

TALE OF EKATI, c, 2005

Tale of the Cat	Storm Cat	Storm Bird	Northern Dancer
		Terlingua	South Ocean
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		Narrate	Crimson Saint
Silence Beauty (Jpn) 3-0-01 4Fls, 1GISW	Sunday Silence	Halo	Raise a Native
		Wishing Well	Gold Digger
	Maplejinsky GISW, \$293,196 10Fls, 1Ch, 1GISW	Nijinsky II	Honest Pleasure
		Gold Beauty 5Fls, 2GISW	State
			Hail to Reason
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PYRO PREPS FOR SATURDAY Winchell Thoroughbreds' **Pyro** (Pulpit) tuned up for the GI Toyota Blue Grass S. with a half-mile breeze in :50.60 yesterday morning over the Keeneland Polytrack. His final quarter-mile split was :23.80. "It was smooth, a typical Asmussen blowout," said Scott Blasi, assistant to trainer Steve Asmussen. Winner of the GII Louisiana Derby and GIII Risen Star S. this season, Pyro will have his first start on all-weather in the Blue Grass. "He's never raced on the Polytrack, so we'll get to see how he likes it," Asmussen told *Daily Racing Form*. "He trains great over it, but then they all do. I think he's coming up to the race just the way we'd like him to."



Pyro *keeneland.com*



Triple Threats

Around the Ovals...

Charles Fipke's **Tale of Ekati** (Tale of the Cat) arrived at trainer Barclay Tagg's Keeneland barn Sunday, a day after his determined success in the GI Wood Memorial S. at Aqueduct. The bay colt walked the shedrow yesterday. "He shipped great," Tagg said. "I led him off the van and he was full of himself." Stablemates **Big Truck** (Hook and Ladder) and **Elysium Fields** (El Prado {Ire}), listed as possibles for the Blue Grass, are slated to work at Keeneland this morning...A decision has yet to be made as to whether **Yankee Bravo** (Yankee Gentleman) contests the GI Kentucky Derby. Hero of the California Derby Jan. 27, the dark bay ran third to Pyro in the GII Louisiana Derby Mar. 8 before finishing fourth in Saturday's GI Santa Anita Derby. Trainer Paddy Gallagher indicated that he would discuss his options with the colt's owners and rider Alex Solis. "We'll see what they think about his race and go from there," he said.


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KARAKA HORSES GIVEN ALL CLEAR The 10 horses imported to New Zealand from the U.S. have cleared quarantine after a second round of tests showed the group is free of equine influenza. Samples initially taken from the horses at the Karaka quarantine facility tested positive for the disease, but MAF Biosecurity New Zealand announced Friday it would re-test the horses, who had all tested negative for EI prior to leaving the U.S. "We have completed a second round of tests and retested the original samples, and are now certain that the initial positive result was due to contamination in the laboratory," explained MAF Biosecurity New Zealand's Animals Imports Team Manager, Dr. Rachele Linwood. "While we are very pleased that all samples have now tested negative, it is disappointing that cross-contamination occurred." An investigation is currently underway to ascertain the cause of the contamination. All restrictions placed on the Karaka facility have now been lifted.



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Sunday, Gavea, Brazil

GRANDE PREMIO ZEILA GONZAGA PEIXOTO DE CASTRO-G1, R89,923, Gavea, 4-6, 3yo, f, 2400mT, 2:31.12, sf.

1--#@▲**PRINCESS ZUCA (BRZ)**, 123, f, 3, by Dubai Dust

- 1st Dam: Baby Rafaela, by Beau Genius
- 2nd Dam: Hurry Countess, by Hurry To Market
- 3rd Dam: Countess Carla, by Tulvar (Ire)

O/B-Stud TNT; T-Venancio Nahid; J-Tiago Josue Pereira; R45,763. Lifetime Record: 9-2-0-2, R55,643.

* 1/2 to Falcao do Deserto (Brz) (Candy Stripes), G1SP-Brz; Immortelle (Brz) (Vettori {Ire}), G1SW-Brz & GSP-US.

2--**Sensibilidade (Brz)**, 123, f, 3, New Colony--Sweet Sensation (Brz), by Baynoun (Ire). O/B-Haras Sao Jose da Serra; R13,729.

3--**Rainbow Bright (Brz)**, 123, f, 3, Blush Rambler--Lamparina (Brz), by Roy. O/B-Haras Santa Maria de Araras; R10,729.

Margins: NO, 3/4, 2 1/2. Odds: 9.70, 68.50, 8.50.

Goncalo Torrealba's TNT Stud homebred Princess Zuca got up in the final jump to post an upset victory over longshot Sensibilidade in the third and final leg of Rio de Janeiro's Filly Triple Crown for fillies. Haras Santa Maria de Araras's homebred Rainbow Bright finished just behind in third. Second leg heroine and early race favorite Right Idea was scratched due to a reported fever. The winner is a half-sister to Immortelle (Brz), heroine of the G1 Grande Premio Diana at Gavea last year; that filly, now in California, was recently an unlucky second in the GII Santa Ana H. at Santa Anita.

• 3YOs ON THE WORKTAB •

KEENELAND

Pyro (Pulpit), 4f :50.60, 25/28

OAKLAWN PARK

Z Fortune (Siphon {Brz}), 4f, :50.20, 15/30

SANTA ANITA

Medjool (Monarchos), 5f, 1:02.20, 35/55

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HONEST LADY, 12, Seattle Slew--Toussaud, by El Gran Senor
Foal born Jan. 29, a colt by Giant's Causeway.

Bred back to Street Cry (Ire).

Owned by/boarded at Juddmonte Farm, KY.

Accomplishments: GISW, \$894,168. Dam of Phantom Rose (Danzig), SW-Fr; and First Defence (Unbridled's Song), SW & GISP, \$216,195.

ANGUILLA, 13, Seattle Slew--Awesome Account, by Lyphard

Foal born Feb. 26, a colt by Giant's Causeway.

Will be bred back to Stormy Atlantic.

Owned by Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings and NETP.

Boarded at Hill 'n' Dale Farms.

Accomplishments: MGSW of \$541,564.

I BELIEVE IN YOU, 10, Pleasant Tap--I'll Get There, by Copelan

Foal born Feb. 26, a filly by A.P. Indy.

Will be bred back to Smart Strike.

Owned by Mace & Samantha Siegel.

Boarded at Taylor Made.

Accomplishments: GISW of \$244,270.

FIRE THE GROOM, 21, Blushing Groom (Fr)--Prospector's Fire, by Mr. Prospector

Foal born Mar. 5, a filly by Bernardini.

Will be bred back to Unbridled's Song.

Owned by R D Hubbard.

Boarded at Denali Stud.

Accomplishments: GISW-US & SW-Eng, \$785,698.

Dam of Stravinsky (Nureyev), Hwt. 3yo-Eng at 5-7f,

Hwt. 3yo-Ire at 5-7f, MG1SW-Eng, \$360,071; Moscow

Ballet (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), SW & GSP-Eng, GISP-US,

\$163,644; Sweet Firebird (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), GSP-Ire.

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Yesterday's Results:

7th-SAX, \$65,400, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$80,000), NW3X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:34 1/5, fm.

1--GREETINGS (BRZ), 119, m, 5, Choctaw Ridge--Groupie (Ire), by Great Commotion. O/B-Haras Interlagos Ltda (BRZ); T-Paulo H Lobo. Lifetime Record: GSW-Brz, MSP-UAE, 12-5-1-1, \$147,679. *Full to Grissini (Brz), SW-Brz.

2--Heathersdaddysbaby, 114, m, 5, Badge--Bonzo's Baldski, by Baldski. (\$3,000 2yo '05 OBSAPR).

3--Nottingham Forest, 119, f, 4, Forestry--Brilliant Blaze, by Seeking the Gold.

Margins: 1 1/4, 3/4, 3. Odds: 20.40, 3.90, 1.70.

Greetings ended her homestand with a Group 3 victory in September of 2006, then opened her Dubai campaign with a conditions score in January of 2007. The dark bay mare with the tiny star ran into Folk when second in the UAE 1000 Guineas and third in the UAE Oaks, but trailed throughout in the 2007 edition of the G2 UAE Derby. She had faced the starter twice since, finishing fifth in a Hollywood Cushion Track sprint allowance Nov. 18 and sixth in the Campanile S. going two turns on the Santa Anita all-weather Jan. 1. The longest shot on the board here, Greetings settled in third off an early speed duel. She went after front-running Heathersdaddysbaby in the final furlong, took over in the waning yards and edged clear.

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4th-SAX, \$49,200, Msw, 4/up, 7f (AWT), 1:22 1/5, ft. CHESTNUT TOUCH (g, 4, [Tactical Cat--Touch Your Toes, by Le Fabuleux](#)), a \$130,000 KEESEP yearling, was adding blinkers after finishing fifth in his career opener over this course Feb. 15. Sent off the 2-1 chalk at second asking, he was wrestled back into third off a solid early pace. The dark bay edged to the outside in the stretch and drove to the front as they neared the wire, holding off Waveland Avenue (Grand Slam) for a 3/4-length success. Positive Force (Storm Cat), a \$2.2 million FTFFEB juvenile, put pressure on the leader for a half, but faded late to be seventh. The winner is a 1/2 to Shannon River (Let's Go Blue), SP, \$326,931; Hot Pepper Hill (Regal Intention), SW, \$508,708; Touch Of Power (War Deputy), SW, \$194,607; and El Habanero (Whiskey Wisdom), SP, \$261,204. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$29,760. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) O-Michael House. B-Nick Andrews (ON). T-Mike R Mitchell.

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ALDEBARAN (Mr. Prospector), Darby Dan, \$50K, 150/16/1 5-PHA, Msw, 1m, Raisa, 3-1

COMIC GENIUS (Unbridled), Doubletree, \$3K, 50/6/0 7-SUN, Msw, 6 1/2f, T Fudge, 3-1

EARLY FLYER (Gilded Time), Valor, 63/9/1

9-WRD, Msw, 1 1/16m, Olympic Flyer, 10-1

EMPIRE MAKER (Unbridled), Juddmonte, \$100K, 185/9/3 5-PHA, Msw, 1m, Velvet World, 7-2

FIFTY STARS (Quiet American), 14/3/1 8-WRD, Alw, 6f, Tulsa Star, 20-1

MACHO UNO (Holy Bull), Adena South, \$15K, 136/19/2 8-SUN, Alw, 1m, Uno Mas Promesa, \$45K OBS AUG yrl, 9-2

REPENT (Louis Quatorze), Vinery Florida, \$5K, 158/29/5

9-PHA, Aoc, 6f, Springs Road, \$95K EAS MAY 2yo, 7-2 5-SUN, Msw, 1m, Road to Emmaus, \$10K FTK OCT yrl, 8-1

SWING LORD (A.P. Indy), Ascot Stud, \$4K, 9/3/0 10-SUN, Alw, 6 1/2f, Tejano Swinger, 10-1

• ON THE WORKTAB •

CHURCHILL DOWNS

Cowtown Cat (Distorted Humor), 4f, •:47.40, 1/27
Einstein (Brz) (Spend a Buck), 4f, :48.40, 9/27

HOLLYWOOD

Bilo (Bertrando), 5f, :59.40, 2/28

KEENELAND

Dreaming of Liz (El Prado {Ire}), 4f, :49.80, 22/28
Grasshopper (Dixie Union), 6f, 1:13.80, 3/6
Kip Deville (Kipling), 5f, 1:01.00, 15/51
Lady of Venice (Fr) (Loup Solitaire), 4f, :49.40, 18/28
Noonmark (Unbridled's Song), 5f, 1:01.40, 23/51
Say You Will (Ire) (A.P. Indy), 5f, 1:00.80, 14/51
Zanjero (Cherokee Run), 5f, 1:00.60, 12/51

SANTA ANITA

Ashley's Kitty (Tale of the Cat), 4f, :47.40, 3/54
Dixie Chatter (Dixie Union), 4f, :49.40, 25/54
Exhale (Millennium Wind), 6f, 1:14.40, 9/23
Perfect Drift (Dynaformer), 4f, :49.60, 28/54
Supah Blitz (Mecke), 4f, :49.80, 32/54



★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN ITALY:

Melody Break, f, 3, [Sunday Break \(Jpn\)](#). See "Italy."

IN JAPAN:

Faridat, c, 3, [Kingmambo](#)--Believe (Jpn) (Ch. Older Mare-Jpn, MSW & GSP-Jpn, \$3,836,758), by Sunday Silence. Hanshin, 4-6, Marguerite S., 7fT. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-2, \$327,059. O-Koji Maeda; B-North Hills Management; T-Shigeki Matsumoto. *Won by four lengths.

Cosmo Hanako, f, 4, [Include](#)--Ghazo, by Ghazi. Funabashi, 4-3, Friendly Stick Tokubetsu, 8.5f. Lifetime Record: 17-2-3-0, \$185,392. O-Big Red Farm; B-Brereton C Jones & Fred Trainor; T-Yasuhito Tamura. *1/2 to Yankee Master (Yankee Victor), SW, \$198,873. **\$70,000 yrl '05 FTKJUL.

World Hunter, c, 4, [Jade Hunter](#)--Doll (Jpn), by Secreto. Nakayama, 4-5, Harukaze S., 6f. Lifetime Record: 16-4-5-1, \$856,078. O-Motohide Aoki; B-Takao Zako; T-Masanori Sakaguchi. *SP-Jpn. **Won by 1 1/2 lengths.

Blue Leopard, h, 5, [Crafty Prospector](#)--Silky Melody, by Stop the Music. Hanshin, 4-6, Plate Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 24-3-4-5, \$380,000. O-Motohide Aoki; B-Green Hill Stud International; T-Ken Kozaki. *Won by 1 1/4 lengths.

IN PERU:

Gozada, f, 3, [Storm Creek](#)--Undoubtable, by Loup Savage. Monterrico, Peru, 4-6, Mdn, 6.5fT, 1:18.20. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$4,400. O-Stud Haras Cuatro Palos; B-Winning Ways; T-Juan Manuel Umbert. *Won by 3 1/4 lengths. **\$1,000 2yo '07 FTFFEB.

JAPANESE WINNERS BY AMERICAN SIRES:

Fusaichi P J (Jpn), c, 3, [Awesome Again](#)--Really Rising (SP), by For Really. Hanshin, 4-5, Novice Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$55,882. O-Fusao Sekiguchi; B-Shadai Farm; T-Yasutoshi Ikee. *1/2 to Buddy Gil (Eastern Echo), GISW, \$809,267. **Won by 3 1/2 lengths.

Break on Through (Jpn), c, 3, [Belong to Me](#)--Home Sweet Home, by Seeking the Gold. Hanshin, 4-6, Novice Race, 7f. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$59,804. O-Masatake Iida; B-Chiyoda Farm; T-Osamu Hirata. *Won by six lengths.

★ INDUSTRY INFO ★

NBC Sports Adds to Kentucky Derby Coverage:

NBC's May 3 telecast of the 134th running of the GI Kentucky Derby will be extended by 30 minutes, it was announced yesterday. The expanded 2 1/2-hour broadcast will air from 4 to 6:30 p.m. EDT.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9:

- 04-16 \$125,000 [Appalachian-III, Kee, 3yo, f, 8fT \(100\)](#)
- 04-18 \$125,000 [Doubledogdare-III, Kee, 4yo/up, f/m, 8.5f \(AWT\) \(100\)](#)
- 04-19 \$325,000 [Coolmore Lexington-II, Kee, 3yo, 8.5f \(200\)](#)
- 05-01 \$100/50,000 [Kentucky Breeders' Cup-III, CD, 2yo, 5f \(150\)](#)
- 05-02 \$200/100,000 [Louisville Breeders' Cup-II, CD, 3yo/up, f/m, 8.5f \(300\)](#)
- 05-02 \$150,000 [Alysheba-III, CD, 3yo/up, 8.5f \(150\)](#)
- 05-02 \$100,000 [Aegon Turf Sprint-III, CD, 3yo/up, 5fT \(150\)](#)
- 05-02 \$150,000 [Edgewood, CD, 3yo, f, 8.5fT \(150\)](#)
- 05-02 \$150,000 [Crown Royal American Turf-III, CD, 3yo, 8.5fT \(150\)](#)
- 05-03 \$300,000 [Humana Distaff H.-I, CD, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f \(300\)](#)
- 05-03 \$250,000 [Churchill Downs-II, CD, 4yo/up, 7f \(250\)](#)
- 05-03 \$150,000 [Churchill Distaff Turf Mile-III, CD, 3yo/up, f/m, 8fT \(150\)](#)
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★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday's Results:

PRIX JACQUES LAFFITTE-Listed, €52,000, Maisons-Laffitte, 4-7, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:56.30, vhy.

1--**KRATAIOS (FR), 123, g, 8, Sabrehill--Loxandra (GB), by Last Tycoon (Ire).** O-Leonidas Marinopoulos; B-Stilvi Compania Financiera SA; T-Carlos Laffon-Parias; J-Miguel Blancpain; €26,000. Lifetime Record: GSW & MG1SP-Fr, 24 starts, 10 wins, 10 places, €344,580. *Full to Iridanos (GB), MSW & MGSP-Fr, \$153,235; 1/2 to Keltos (Fr) (Kendor {Fr}), Hwt. Older Horse-Eng & Fr at 7-9.5f, MGSW-Fr & G1SW-Eng, \$462,069; Loxias (Fr) (Saumarez {GB}), GSW & G1SP-Fr, \$236,011; Kavafi (Ire) (Zafonic), GSW-Fr, \$236,778. **Werk Nick Rating: A + + . Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Echoes Rock (Ger), 128, g, 4, Tiger Hill (Ire)--Evening Breeze (Ger), by Surumu (Ger).** €10,400.

3--**Apophis (Ire), 123, c, 4, Rainbow Quest--Aiglonne, by Silver Hawk.** €7,800.

Margins: HF, 2, HF. Odds: 1.80, 2.40, 18.00. Also Ran: Solsiste (GB), Daly Daly (Fr), Noble Ginger (Fr).

Krataios enjoyed a confidence-boosting score at Nantes last time Mar. 25--his first success since the G2 Prix du Muguet in 2006--and continued the theme to earn a fourth stakes rosette here. Patiently ridden in a close fourth from flagfall, he was hustled along to take a slight lead approaching the final eighth and required a forceful drive in the closing stages to deny the persistent Echoes Rock.

PRIX RIGHT ROYAL-Listed, €52,000, Maisons-Laffitte, 4-7, 4yo/up, 1 15/16mT, 3:37.20, vhy.

1--**#ART MARTIAL (FR), 123, g, 4, Monsun (Ger)--Veiled Wings (Fr), by Priolo.** O-Eduardo Fierro; B-Aliette Forien & Rolling Hills Farm; T-Alain de Royer-Dupre; J-Christophe-Patrice Lemaire; €26,000. Lifetime Record: 9 starts, 5 wins, 1 place, €76,050. **Werk Nick Rating: A.**

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2--**Latin Mood (Fr), 128, h, 5, Acatenango (Ger)--Baranciaga, by Bering (GB).** €10,400.

3--**Aachen (GB), 123, c, 4, Rainbow Quest--Anna of Saxony (GB), by Ela-Mana-Mou (Ire).** €7,800.

Margins: 3/4, HF, 3. Odds: 4.10, 6.90, 1.30. Also Ran: High Maintenance (Fr), Distalino (Fr), Ponte Tresa (Fr).

Successful in a Saint-Cloud marathon on seasonal return Mar. 8, Art Martial made the transition to stakes winner with a determined effort in this stamina-sapping contest. Stalking Latin Mood throughout, he pushed ahead of that rival with 300 meters remaining and was ridden out to withstand that rival's rallying bid.



2.40 Lingfield, Mdn, £3,500, 3-4yo, 1m (AWT) CLEARING HOUSE (GB) (Zamindar), unraced as a juvenile, tackles the polytrack surface for this racecourse bow. The April-foaled chestnut represents the Ed Dunlop/Gainsborough axis which was also responsible for half-brother Court Masterpiece (GB), winner of the G1 Prix de la Foret and G1 Sussex S.

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**Maisons-Laffitte, 2.50, Cond, €34,000, 3yo, 6fT, 1:16.60, vhy.**

**VERBA (FR) (f, 3, Anabaa--Tambura {Fr}, by Kaldoun {Fr})** went postward as the 7-5 pick coming back from a third in the G3 Prix Miesque at this track Nov. 2. Breaking swiftly to lead from the bell, the €180,000 DEAAUG yearling was ridden along when headed at the distance and rallied to regain a half-length advantage from Equiano (Fr) (Acclamation {GB}) nearing the line. Verba is a half sister to Welcome Millenium (Fr) (Kendor {Fr}), SW & MGSP-Fr; and to Ximb (Fr) (Septieme Ciel), SW & G1SP-Fr, \$136,030. Lifetime Record: GSP-Fr, 3 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €39,500. O-Eduard Mordukhovitch & Valentin Bukhtoyarov; B-Gilles & Aliette Forien; T-Richard Gibson.

**Maisons-Laffitte, 3.20, Mdn, €22,000, unraced 2yo, 4 1/2fT, :58.20, vhy.**

+ **MAN RIVER (FR) (c, 2, Elusive City--Summer Dance {Fr}, by Machiavellian),** a €220,000 DEAAUG yearling, was sluggish from the gate and came under immediate pressure at the rear of the field. Coaxed into midfield at halfway, the 13-5 favorite kept on under continued urging to oust Pink Candie (Fr) (Fath) by a nose on the line. Man River is the first winner for his Group 1-winning freshman sire (by Elusive Quality). Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €11,000. O-Malcolm Parrish; B-Mme A Tamagni & Cocheese Bloodstock Anstalt; T-Alain de Royer-Dupre.

★ ITALY ★

**Sunday's Results:**  
**Milan, 3.05, Cond, €22,500, 3yo, 1 1/4mT, 2:03, gd.**  
**PAPETTI (ITY) (c, 3, Shantou--Pasionaria {Ire}, by Celtic Swing {GB}),** a conditions winner on sophomore debut here Mar. 16, tracked the leaders in third after the opening exchanges. Pushed to the front with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining, the 2-7 chalk was kept up to his work to come home by 2 1/2 lengths from Voila Ici (Ire) (Daylami {Ire}) and maintain his unbeaten record. Lifetime Record: 5-5-0-0, €49,725. O-Societa Al Besnate SRL; B-SAB SRL; T-B Grizzetti.



**Italian Report cont.**

**Milan, 2.35, Cond, €22,500, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:39.20, gd. MELODY BREAK (f, 3, Sunday Break {Jpn}--Lycalleged, by Alleged),** third in a similar event here last time Mar. 16, went straight to the lead in this one. He was asked to stretch at the quarter pole, and hand riding saw the 11-1 chance score by 3 1/2 lengths from A Touch Wild (Touch Gold). Melody Break was a \$27,000 FTKOCT yearling. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, €17,119. O-Growe SRL; B-Ted B Bates Jr; T-A & G Botti.

**Milan, 6.00, Mdn, €19,800, unraced 3yo, 9fT, 1:52.20, gd. + NEROLOTO (IRE) (c, 3, Almutawakel {GB}--Alma de Llaves {Ire}, by Be My Guest)** was settled in midfield early and made smooth headway once into the home straight. Taking control approaching the furlong marker, the 18-1 outsider was pushed 3 1/2 lengths clear of Clumsey (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}) to win easily at the line. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €9,350. O/B-Alfredo di Gesaro; T-Francesco Contu.

**Milan, 3.40, Cond, €19,800, 3yo, f, 1 1/4mT, 2:04.30, gd. GERIKA (FR) (f, 3, Galileo {Ire}--Green Tern {Ity}, by Miswaki Tern),** the winner of a Rome maiden in her last run Mar. 4, led from the gate here. Shaken up when pressed at the quarter pole, the 11-10 favorite was pushed out to comfortably prevail by 2 1/2 lengths from Maiepoimai (Ire) (Kalanisi {Ire}). The winner is a half sister to Cromo (GB) (Grand Lodge), SW-Ity, \$213,052; and to Donoma (Ire) (Beat Hollow {GB}), MSW & MGSP-Ity, \$182,641. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, €20,740. O/B-Razza La Tesa SPA; T-Alduino & Giuseppe Botti.



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**CAPTAIN AL FILLY TOPS NATIONAL FINALE** A filly by Captain Al (SAf) topped yesterday's final session of the Emperor's National Yearling Sale with a bid of R1.8 million (\$230,843). The bay filly, named Madame Al (SAf), was consigned by Klawervlei Stud and was purchased by Team Valor International. She is out of the Group 1-placed mare Main Emblem (SAf) (National Emblem {SAf}). The top-priced colt at yesterday's session was a son of Strike Smartly, a U.S. graded-stakes winning full brother to Smart Strike and half to Dance Smartly. Consigned by Ascot Stud, the yearling is out of Circle of Gold (SAf) (Al Mufti), a half sister to champion Enchanted Garden (Roland Gardens {Ire}). He was purchased by Form Bloodstock for R1.1 million (\$141,058). For complete sales results, visit [www.tba.co.za](http://www.tba.co.za).

**EMPEROR'S NATIONAL YEARLING SALE  
MONDAY'S TOP FOUR LOTS**

| Hip                                                                   | Sex   | Sire             | Dam                  | Price (R) |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| <u>563</u>                                                            | filly | Captain Al (SAf) | Main Emblem (SAf)    | 1,800,000 |
| Consigned by Klawervlei Stud<br>Purchased by Team Valor International |       |                  |                      |           |
| <u>352</u>                                                            | colt  | Strike Smartly   | Circle of Gold (SAf) | 1,100,000 |
| Consigned by Ascot Stud<br>Purchased by Form Bloodstock               |       |                  |                      |           |
| <u>372</u>                                                            | colt  | Rakeen           | Crystal Clear (SAf)  | 1,000,000 |
| Consigned by Middlefield Stud<br>Purchased by Dr J Hay                |       |                  |                      |           |
| <u>466</u>                                                            | filly | Jet Master (SAf) | Green Oasis (SNL)    | 1,000,000 |
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# BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

**STAKES RESULTS:**

**DAYLIGHT SPRINT THOROUGHBRED S.**, \$50,000, SUN, 4-6, 3yo, 6f, 1:09 2/5, ft.  
 1--#**STONESTREET SONG**, 118, c, 3, [Songandaprayer--Sydney's Kiss](#), by Boston Harbor. (\$300,000 wlng '05 KEENOV). O-Stonestreet Stables LLC; B-Devil Eleven Stable (FL); T-S M Asmussen; J-C T Lambert; \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 6-3-2-0, \$90,510.  
 2--**Vinny V.**, 118, c, 3, Matty G--Boat House, by Housebuster. (\$5,200 yrl '06 KEESEP). \$11,000.  
 3--**Chief of Thestreet**, 116, g, 3, City Street--Smoochen Squaw, by Commanchero. \$5,000.  
 Margins: 1 1/4, 2HF, 1 3/4. Odds: 0.80, 4.70, 10.60.

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**8th-PHA**, \$42,000, NW1X, 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:17 1/5, ft.  
**INDY JOE** (c, 3, [Indy King](#)--Perfect Pearl, by Holy Bull) Lifetime Record: SP, 6-2-0-2, \$71,800. O-Circle Z Stables. B-Adena Springs (FL). T-Mark Shuman. \*\$12,500 yrl '06 OBSAUG; \$4,000 yrl '06 OBSJAN; \$15,000 2yo '07 FTMMAY.

**7th-GPX**, \$41,085, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000-\$20,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m (off turf), 1:51 2/5, ft.  
**OH DEANNE O** (f, 4, [Dynaformer](#)--Color My Heart, by Marquetry) Lifetime Record: 11-3-0-4, \$100,782. O-Richland Hills Inc. B-DJR Thoroughbreds (KY). T-Cam M Gambolati.

**7th-HAW**, \$28,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:48 3/5, ft.  
**HOME'S THE BEST** (f, 4, Western Playboy--Home First {MSW, \$374,216}, by Home At Last) Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0, \$44,600. O-Nancy A Vanier. B-Mr & Mrs Harvey L Vanier (IL). T-Brian Williamson.

**8th-HAW**, \$28,000, NW1X, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:46 1/5, ft.  
**RAGS** (g, 4, [Aptitude](#)--Unaffordable, by Unbridled) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-3, \$51,860. O-Jim Tafel LLC. B-James Tafel (KY). T-Greg Geier.

**9th-MNR**, \$24,900, 4-6, NW2L, 3yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:06, ft.  
**PULPIT FICTION** (f, 3, [Pulpit](#)--Scope, by Devil's Bag) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$27,753. O-The Elkstone Group. B-Cherry Valley Farm LLC (KY). T-Ron G Potts. \*\$32,000 HRA '08 KEEJAN.

**Career Victory** Who: Jockey Christopher Zamora  
**#1,000** When: Sunday, Apr. 6  
 Where: 7th race, Sunland Park  
 With: Dixie Bandjo (Chimes Band)

**8th-WRD**, \$23,000, NW3L, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft.  
**EVERLASTINGLY** (f, 3, [Fistfite](#)--Balalaika Dolly, by Stop the Music) Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$38,268. O-Clark O Brewster. B-Sassy S Stables Inc (OK). T-Randy Oberlander.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Seattleshankypanky**, f, 3, [Chief Seattle](#)--Flip the Bird, by Storm Bird. SUN, 4-6, 6f, 1:11 1/5. B-Gary J. Falter & Cindy L Falter (KY). \*\$2,700 yrl '06 FTKFEB; \$6,000 yrl '06 TEXAUG. \*\*1/2 to FlipfortheGold (Strike The Gold), SW, \$173,571.  
**Flat Out Run**, f, 3, [Flatter](#)--Territory, by Forty Niner. MNR, 4-6, 6f, 1:12 4/5. B-David G. Harris (KY).  
**Sam's Queen**, f, 3, [Free House](#)--Queen of Pain, by Meadowlake. SAX, 4-7, (S), (C), 6f (AWT), 1:11. B-Patricia J Monroe (CA).  
**Kip Away**, g, 3, [Kipling](#)--Rahy's Sport, by Rahy. WRD, 4-7, 6f, 1:11 1/5. B-Center Hills Farm (OK).  
**Colie Z**, g, 3, [Meniffee](#)--Ruby City, by Carson City. GPX, 4-7, (C), 6f, 1:11 3/5. B-Overbrook Farm (KY). \*\$30,000 yrl '06 KEESEP.  
 + **Squirt's Souvenir**, f, 3, [Souvenir Copy](#)--Mary Rebecca, by Evansville Slew. WRD, 4-7, 1m70y, 1:44 2/5. B-Scott K. Garrison (KY).

**SO. HEMISPHERE WINNERS BY U.S. SIRES:**

**Kirvinsky (NZ)**, f, 2, [Stravinsky](#)--Kirtlington (Aus), by Scenic (Ire). Ascot (Perth), 4-2, Hcp, 2yo, 6fT. B-B K Taylor.  
**Rich Success (NZ)**, g, 3, [Black Minnaloushe](#)--Showplace (Aus), by Palace Music. Caulfield (Melbourne), 4-5, Hcp, 3yo, 1 1/4mT. B-Windsor Park Stud Ltd.  
**Bernicia (Aus)**, f, 3, [Elusive Quality](#)--Danelagh (Aus), by Danehill. Kembla Grange (New South Wales), 4-6, Keith F Nolan Classic-Listed, 3yo, f, 1mT, A\$97,500 to winner. B-Darley Australia Pty Ltd.

✓ APPOINTMENTS

**CRAIG BERNICK**

- Appointed to the position of President/Chief Operating Officer for Glen Hill Farm in Ocala, FL.
- Grandson of Leonard Lavin, founder and owner of Glen Hill.
- "Since he was a young boy, Craig has had the interest and the passion to follow and to learn every aspect of the racing business," Lavin said. "I am delighted to have been able to mentor him on that journey and to be in a position where I can continue to mentor him in this earned and deserved new role
- Will be responsible for breeding, racing and commercial operations.
- Graduate of Tulane University, Bernick has worked for both Lavin's Alberto-Culver Company and Glen Hill, and has raced several black-type performers, including You Go West Girl, a winner last Friday at Keeneland.



**So. Hemisphere Winners cont.**

**Gold Trail (Aus)**, g, 3, **Hussonet**--Trail of Gold (Aus), by Danewin (Aus). Randwick (Sydney), 4-1, Hcp, 3yo, c/g, 5 1/2fT. B-A L Atkinson.

**Van Der Merwe (NZ)**, c, 3, **Johannesburg**--Miss Angelina, by Brilliant Protege. Hawke's Bay (New Zealand), 4-3, Mdn, 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT. B-P J & P M Vela Ltd.

**Tip the Wink (NZ)**, f, 3, **Stravinsky**--Kape Dancer (NZ), by Kaapstad (NZ). Trentham (Wellington), 4-5, Mdn, 3yo/up, 6fT. B-J J Hope.

**Vandalo (NZ)**, g, 3, **Van Nistelrooy**--Riverly Lass (NZ), by Gleam Machine. Caulfield (Melbourne), 4-5, Hcp, 3yo, 7fT. B-J W Campin.

**Balousse (NZ)**, f, 4, **Black Minnaloushe**--Vinci (Aus), by Vain (Aus). Hawke's Bay (New Zealand), 4-3, Mdn, 3yo/up, 6fT. B-W G & Mrs H G Bax.

**Looking Fur Lang (Aus)**, g, 4, **Langfuhr**--Pretty Spectacular (Aus), by Spectacular Spy. Eagle Farm (Brisbane), 4-5, Cond, 3yo/up, c/g, 5fT. B-Luskin Lodge Pty Ltd.

**Strange Lady (Aus)**, m, 7, **Distorted Humor**--Guinea Girl (Aus), by Sovereign Red (NZ). Caulfield (Melbourne), 4-5, Hcp, 3yo/up, f/m, 6fT. B-J B Barry.

**BREEDERS' EDITION  
EUROPE**

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**ITALY, Rome, 2.45**, 4-6, €19,800, 3yo, 1 3/8mT, 2:18.70, gd.

**GIBRALTAR APPLIED (IRE) (c, 3, Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}--Warranty Applied {MSW & GSP-US, \$112,278}, by Monteverdi {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-1, €28,628. O-Scuderia L3C; B-Azienda Agricola Valtaro SNC; T-Fabrizio & Luigi Camici. \*€77,000 yrl '06 ITYSEP. \*\*1/2 to Our Golden Promise (Afleet), SP, \$214,085; Eishin Preston (Green Dancer), Ch. 2yo Colt-Jpn, MSW & MGSP-Jpn, MG1SW-HK, \$7,408,086.

**ITALY, Milan, 4.15**, 4-6, €22,500, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 2:03.80, gd.

**SELMIS (GB) (c, 4, Selkirk--Nokomis {GB}, by Caerleon)** Lifetime Record: MSP-Ity, 12-3-4-2, €82,093. O-Scuderia Incolinx; B-Scuderia Vittadini SRL; T-Vittorio Caruso.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**No Pardon (Ger)**, c, 3, **Dashing Blade (GB)**--No Merci (Ger) (MSP-Ger), by General Assembly. Cologne, Germany, 4-6, Mdn, 3yo, 1mT. B-Manfred Hofer. \*€49,000 yrl '06 BBAOCT.

**Pon Pon (Ity)**, c, 3, **Dashing Blade (GB)**--Sharfire (Ire), by Shareef Dancer. Rome, Italy, 4-6, Mdn, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/8mT. B-Dell'Elfo SRL.

**Volverta (Fr)**, f, 3, **Green Tune**--Vol Sauvage (Fr), by Always Fair. Nort sur Erdre, France, 4-6, Mdn, 3yo, 1 9/16mT. B-A, H & G Bozo & Mrs A F Charpy. \*1/2 to Jacira (Fr) (Sillery), GSP-Ity.

**Title Role (GB)**, g, 3, **Mark of Esteem (Ire)**--No Comebacks (GB), by Last Tycoon (Ire). Kempton Park, Britain, 4-7, Mdn, 3-4yo, 1 1/4m (AWT). B-Mrs S E Barclay. \*28,000gns yrl '06 DONSEP.

+ **Floriana (Ger)**, f, 3, **Seattle Dancer**--Florilla (Ger), by Big Shuffle. Cologne, Germany, 4-6, Mdn, 3yo, 9f 55ydsT. B-Gestut Auenquelle.

**Hurricane Card (Fr)**, f, 3, **Ultimately Lucky (Ire)**--First Card (Fr), by Tip Moss (Fr). Cholet, France, 4-6, Cond, 3yo, 1 5/16mT. B-SCEA Haras d'Orfausee.

**SO. HEMISPHERE WINNERS BY EUROPEAN SIRES:**

**Strawberry Field (Aus)**, f, 2, **Encosta de Lago (Aus)**--Red Labelle (Aus), by Blevic (Aus). Newcastle (New South Wales), 4-2, Mdn, 2yo, 6fT. B-Kambula Stud.

**Daffodil (NZ)**, f, 2, **No Excuse Needed (GB)**--Spring (NZ), by O'Reilly (NZ). Trentham (Wellington), 4-5, Hcp, 2yo, 6fT. B-G J & M J Chittick.

**Serunai (Aus)**, g, 2, **Piccolo (GB)**--Faris Jester (Aus), by Rory's Jester (Aus). Eagle Farm (Brisbane), 4-5, Hcp, 2yo, 5fT. B-J O'Brien.

**Baci Amore (Aus)**, c, 2, **Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)**--Coverage (Aus), by Covetous (Aus). Randwick (Sydney), 4-1, Hcp, 2yo, 6 1/2fT. B-Oakdale Park Stud.

**Baarassi (Aus)**, g, 3, **Anabaa**--Frisky Lady (Aus), by Kenmare (Fr). Moonee Valley (Melbourne), 4-4, Hcp, 3yo, 5fT. B-Mrs C B Remond. \*dead-heated for first.

**Fantene (Aus)**, f, 3, **Fasliyev**--Punchess (Aus), by Two Punch. Randwick (Sydney), 4-1, Hcp, 3yo, 5 1/2fT. B-R Kemister.

**Commodity (Aus)**, f, 3, **High Yield**--Bridie's Love (Aus), by Dehere. Moonee Valley (Melbourne), 4-4, Hcp, 3yo, 5fT. B-Limerick Lane Thoroughbreds. \*dead-heated for first.

**Goin to Jackson (Aus)**, g, 3, **Orpen**--Golden Vanity (Aus), by Kenvain (Aus). Cheltenham (Adelaide), 4-5, H C Nitschke S.-Listed, 3yo, 7f 65ydsT, A\$33,500 to winner. B-M D Daly.

**Donna Rossa (Aus)**, f, 3, **Testa Rossa (Aus)**--Bionic Babe (Aus), by Geiger Counter. Moonee Valley (Melbourne), 4-4, Hcp, 3yo, f, 1mT. B-P Fraser.

**Paymore (Aus)**, g, 4, **Fasliyev**--In Camera (Aus), by Scenic (Ire). Eagle Farm (Brisbane), 4-5, Hcp, 3yo/up, 7fT. B-Narish Holdings Pty Ltd.

**Nuclear Sky (Aus)**, g, 5, **Nuclear Freeze**--Sky Queen (NZ), by Hey Baba Riba (NZ). Canterbury (Sydney), 4-5, Sky High S.-Listed, 3yo/up, 1 3/16mT, A\$65,000 to winner. B-D N Fuller.

**Shamrock Star (NZ)**, g, 7, **Germano (GB)**--Foreign Coin (NZ), by Amyntor (Fr). Trentham (Wellington), 4-5, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1mT. B-I J Cunningham & C Waller.

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