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LAST CHANCE LEXINGTON

With nearly all the preps for the May 3 GI Kentucky Derby in the books, Saturday's \$325,000 GII Coolmore Lexington S. at Keeneland represents one of the last chances for graded earnings for those still wishing for a spot in the starting gate on the first Saturday in May. A field of 11 has been drawn for the 1 1/16-mile contest, the winner of which has gone on to Churchill seven times in the last 10 years. While the Lexington's first money of \$201,500 essentially guarantees a Derby spot for the winner, the \$65,000 runner-up prize might get two of the runners-- Tomcito (Street Cry {Ire}) and Atoned (Repent)--into the Derby, should their connections opt to go to Louisville. One Lexington entrant already ensured of a spot in Derby, earnings wise, is Southern Equine's Salute the Sarge (Forest Wildcat). The colt won his seasonal debut in the six-furlong San Miguel S. at Santa Anita Mar. 29, but trainer Eric Guillot understands that time is against him. "If he wins the Lexington impressively, he's still only got two weeks [to the Derby], and [he's] going from three-fourths off a layoff to 1 1/16 miles to 1 1/4 miles in six weeks," said Guillot, adding that he considered the Sarge a "questionable distance horse."



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Saturday, Keeneland Race Course

COOLMORE LEXINGTON S.-GII, \$325,000, 3yo,
 1 1/16m (AWT)

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Atoned	Repent	Prado	117
2	Salute the Sarge	Forest Wildcat	M Baze	117
3	Samba Rooster	Songandaprayer	Gomez	117
4	St. Joe	Trippi	Mena	117
5	Racecar Rhapsody	Tale of the Cat	Albarado	117
6	Felon	Stephen Got Even	Leparoux	117
7	Behindatthebar	Forest Wildcat	Flores	117
8	Tomcito	Street Cry (Ire)	Chavez	123
9	Big Glen	Cactus Ridge	Douglas	119
10	Riley Tucker	Harlan's Holiday	Velazquez	117
11	Red Sandy	Yes It's True	Theriot	117

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Wednesday, Keeneland

APPALACHIAN S.-GIII, \$125,000, KEE, 4-16, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:37 1/5, fm.

1--#**@ALWAJEEHA**, 117, f, 3, by [Dixieland Band](#)

1st Dam: Ridaa, by Seattle Slew

2nd Dam: Zakiyya, by Dayjur

3rd Dam: Affirmatively, by Affirmed

O-Shadwell Stable; B-Shadwell Farm LLC (KY);

T-Kiaran P McLaughlin; J-John R Velazquez;

\$77,500. Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, \$137,760. **Click**

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Rating: A+.

2--**Sweepstake (Ire)**, 117, f, 3, Acclamation (GB)--Dust Flicker (GB), by Suave Dancer. (22,000gns wlng '05 TATDEC; €65,000 yrl '06 GOFORB). O-Forging Oaks Farm; B-Calley House UK (IRE); T-David M Carroll; \$25,000.

3--**I Lost My Choo**, 119, f, 3, Western Expression--Fairy Queen, by Tom Rolfe. O/B-Flying Zee Stables (NY); T-Philip M Serpe; \$12,500.

Margins: HD, NO, 1 1/4. Odds: 4.90, 4.70, 2.80.

Also Ran: Vancy Pants, Namaste's Wish, Much Obligated, Absolutely Cindy, Lickety Lemon, Mrs Petoski, Fashion Rocks (Ire). Scratched: Fareena, Magger Bags.

The connections of Shadwell homebred Alwajeeha opted to scratch out of a race last week in favor of the Appalachian, and the three-year-old miss rewarded



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them with a dead-game effort in yesterday's feature at Keeneland. The Kiaran McLaughlin-trained filly broke her maiden on Aqueduct's lawn last November, then closed to be second to Bsharpsonata in the Tropical Park Oaks at Gulfstream on New

Year's Day. She was second again, to Life is Sweet, in a Gulfstream allowance Feb. 22 and was sent off co-third choice here. Breaking from post nine under John Velazquez, she raced wide into the first turn and backstretch a few lengths off the pacesetter, who set modest :24 2/5 and :49 2/5 splits. Moved wider yet for the stretch drive, Alwajeeha closed resolutely to take the lead and fought hard between favored I Lost My Choo and Sweepstake to gain her first graded score. "She's a super filly," said Neal McLaughlin, assistant to and brother of the trainer. "I want to congratulate Rick Nichols [vice president of Shadwell Stable] for talking to Kiaran. We decided to scratch her out of a race last week and run in the stakes today. He was right. She's a stakes filly. We're going to have a lot of fun with her this year." **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or the [brisnet.com PPs](#). [Video](#), sponsored by Taylor Made.**

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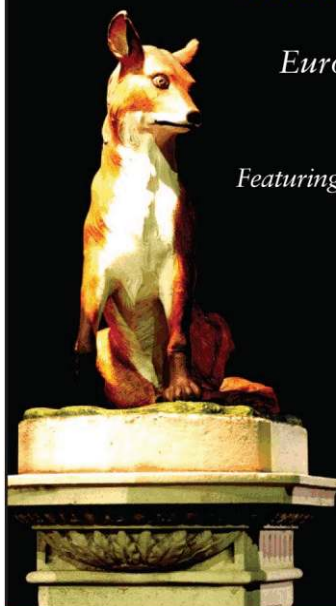
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Wednesday, Newmarket, Britain

LESLIE HARRISON MEMORIAL NELL GWYN S.-G3, £50,000, Newmarket, 4-16, 3yo, f, 7fT, 1:27.15, gd. 1--#**@INFALLIBLE (GB)**, 124, f, 3, by **Pivotal (GB)**

1st Dam: **Irresistible (GB) (SW-Eng & GSP-Ire)**, by **Cadeaux Genereux (GB)**

2nd Dam: **Polish Romance**, by **Danzig**

3rd Dam: **Some Romance**, by **Fappiano**

O/B-Cheveley Park Stud; T-John Gosden; J-Jimmy Fortune; £28,385. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, £33,242. **Werk Nick Rating: A + +**. [Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Kylayne (GB)**, 124, f, 3, **Kyllachy (GB)**--**Penmayne (GB)**, by **Inchinor (GB)**. (10,000gns wnlg '05 TATDEC; 15,000gns yrl '06 TATDEC). O-Jan Harris; B-D P and Mrs J A Martin; T-Paul d'Arcy; £10,760.

3--**Festivale (Ire)**, 124, f, 3, **Invincible Spirit (Ire)**--**Cephalonie**, by **Kris S**. O-Prince A A Faisal; B-Nawara Stud Co Ltd; T-John Dunlop; £5,385.

Margins: 3HF, 3, 1. Odds: 7-2, 66-1, 10-1.

Also Ran: **Rosaleen (Ire)**, **Spinning Lucy (Ire)**, **Nijoom Dubai (GB)**, **Rinterval (Ire)**, **Highland Daughter (Ire)**, **Shabiba**, **Gone Fast**, **Albabilia (Ire)**, **Quiet Elegance (GB)**, **Anosti (GB)**, **Crying Aloud**.

Just 24 hours after breaking the news that **Sense of Joy (GB)** was out of the G1 1000 Guineas picture, **John Gosden** was filling the void with the impressive **Infallible** in this chief trial. Not sighted until early November, the homebred took to the task straightaway with a fluent score over course and distance and was the subject of support to better more experienced rivals here. Held up in last place early, she changed gear passing halfway and had all rivals covered by the full long marker on her way to an emphatic success.

"Her work has pleased me this spring and she's got a lot of talent," her trainer commented. "Jimmy [Fortune] was quite keen to get her covered up and fortunately she got left--she's cruised up and pricked her ears when she's in front. It's only her second run and she's still learning--she needed the experience and she has to go to the [May 4] Guineas. Good ground is fine for her, but firm wouldn't necessarily be her cup of tea and a mile will be her trip." Fortune added, "We thought she'd come on for the race and she won like a high-class filly, so hopefully she'll go all the way." [Click for the Racing Post chart.](#)

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Another \$1,000,000 Race And Derby Prep Goes To A Keeneland Graduate.

GAYEGO, winner of the \$1,000,000 Arkansas Derby, joined Florida Derby winner **BIG BROWN** and Illinois Derby winner **RECAPTURETHEGLORY** as Keeneland-sold horses that notched impressive victories in Kentucky Derby preps.

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GRANDE PREMIO CRUZEIRO DO SUL-G1, R\$115,497, Gavea, 4-13, 3yo, 2400mT, 2:30.04, sf.

1--#**▲TIME FOR FUN (BRZ)**, 123, c, 3, by Yagli

1st Dam: Tarradine (Brz), by New Colony

2nd Dam: Tavira (Brz), by Effervescing

3rd Dam: Tropical Girl (Brz), by Mauser (Brz)

O-Stud Yatasto; B-Haras Sao Jose da Serra (Brz); T-Dulcino Guignoni; J-Marcelo Cardoso; R\$41,822. Lifetime Record: 10-3-3-0, R\$57,902.

2--**Amigo Gaucho (Brz)**, 125, c, 3, Public Purse--England's Rose (Brz), by Clackson (Brz). O/B-Stud Art & Ort (Brz); R\$13,729.

3--**Paul Garden (Brz)**, 123, c, 3, Crimson Tide--Point De Mire, by Sunshine Forever. O-Stud Sao Francisco da Serra; B-Fabio Linck Waihrich (Brz); R\$9,546.

Margins: NO, NK, 2. Odds: 14.00, 9.70, 5.70.

Front-running longshot Time For Fun tenaciously fended off a late bid from runner-up Amigo Gaucho and a determined challenge down the stretch from third-place finisher Paul Garden to pull off the upset and score a breakthrough victory in Rio de Janeiro's Derby, the third and final leg of Jockey Club Brasileiro's Triple Crown series for sophomore colts. Second leg winner Belo Purse (Brz) (Public Purse) finished seventh. Trainer Dulcino Guignoni saddled his fourth Cruzeiro do Sul winner and added his 124th career group stakes winner. Time for Fun entered off an eighth-place finish in the Grande Premio Francisco Eduardo de Paula Machado on Mar. 16, the series second leg. Time For Fun's dam Tarradine, a half-sister to Brazilian Group 1 winners Tale e Quale (Brz) and Top Hat (Brz), descends from Tavira, a half to Group 1 winner King of Iron.

☆ NEWS TODAY ☆

BIG TRUCK CONFIRMED FOR DERBY Trainer Barclay Tagg confirmed yesterday that Eric Fein's **Big Truck** (Hook and Ladder), a disappointing 11th in last Saturday's GI Toyota Blue Grass at Keeneland, is being pointed toward the May 3 GI Kentucky Derby. "I won't deny him the chance if he continues to train forwardly and is okay that day," Tagg commented. Regarding Big Truck's race in the Blue Grass, Tagg said, "We thought he loved the track



Adam Coglianese

in the morning, but he didn't like it in the afternoon. I'm just guessing though, I really don't know. I was pretty dismayed; he didn't fire at all. We just have to throw that race out." Big Truck, 21st on the graded earnings list for the Derby, earlier won the GIII Tampa Bay Derby Mar. 15. Tagg said his other Derby hopeful, GI Wood Memorial S. winner **Tale of Ekati** (Tale of the Cat), is also training well at Keeneland.

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2008 3-YEAR-OLDS by Graded Earnings (through 4-16)

	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Sire</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Graded \$</u>
1	War Pass	Cherokee Run	Zito	1,470,000
2	Pyro	Pulpit	Asmussen	1,020,000
3	Tale of Ekati	Tale of the Cat	Tagg	738,000
4	Colonel John	Tiznow	Harty	720,000
5	Gayego	Pleasant Tap	Lobo	640,000
6	Big Brown	Boundary	Dutrow Jr	600,000
7	Z Humor	Distorted Humor	Mott	579,000
8	Monba	Maria's Mon	Pletcher	515,000
9	Kodiak Kowboy	Posse	Asmussen	441,373
10	Court Vision	Gulch	Mott	331,872
11	Z Fortune	Siphon (Brz)	Asmussen	329,000
12	Adriano	A.P. Indy	Motion	310,000
13	Recapturetheglor	Cherokee Run	Roussel	300,000
14	Smooth Air	Smooth Jazz	Stutts Jr	290,000
15	Salute the Sarge	Forest Wildcat	Guillot	258,940
16	Cool Coal Man	Mineshaft	Zito	212,767
17	Anak Nakal	Victory Gallop	Zito	212,216
18	Eight Belles	Unbridled's Song	Jones	210,000
19	Cowboy Cal	Giant's Causeway	Pletcher	207,660
20	Visionaire	Grand Slam	Matz	202,500
21	Big Truck	Hook and Ladder	Tagg	194,500
22	Bob Black Jack	Stormy Jack	Kasparoff	180,000
23	Denis of Cork	Harlan's Holiday	Carroll	165,000
24	Halo Najib	Halo's Image	Romans	157,996
25	Indian Sun	Indian Charlie	Hendricks	154,000
26	Globetrotter	Street Cry (Ire)	Motion	152,775
27	Tomcito	Street Cry (Ire)	Zanelli	151,292
28	My Pal Charlie	Indian Charlie	Stall	150,000



BREEDERS' CUP CHALLENGE TO EXPAND TO EUROPE Breeders' Cup officials announced that the Breeders' Cup Challenge will expand to Europe for the first time with the addition of three 'Win and You're In' races. The newest races, all run at a mile at Ascot Racecourse in England, are the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S., sponsored by Sony; the G1 Meon Valley Stud Fillies' Mile; and the G1 Juddmonte Royal Lodge. The three new qualifying races will be held Sept. 27--during Ascot's Festival--and will be televised on BBC and TVG networks. "Ascot is one of the world's greatest racing venues, and for centuries has been the hallmark of the finest competition in international racing," said Breeders' Cup President and CEO Greg Avioli. "It is an honor and a privilege for us to be able to include these tremendous races from Ascot in this year's Challenge." The additions bring the total 2008 Breeders' Cup Challenge series races to 53, up from 24 races in 2007. The Queen Elizabeth II is an automatic qualifier for the Breeders' Cup Mile; the Fillies' Mile grants an automatic berth in the Juvenile Fillies Turf and the Royal Lodge is a qualifier for the Juvenile Turf. "We would like to think that this will have a positive effect on nominations for the three races as they are perfectly positioned as launch pads to the new turf races at the expanded Breeders' Cup World Championships," said Charles Barnett, Chief Executive at Ascot.

Barnett continued, "Also, the Queen Elizabeth II S., Europe's undisputed Mile Championship and the highest rated race in the world over that trip in 2007, has consistently produced runners that go on to contest the Breeders' Cup Mile." Since its inception in 1984, 29 horses from Europe have won Breeders' Cup races. This year's Breeders' Cup Challenge begins in the United States on July 5 with races from Monmouth Park in New Jersey, and is one of seven new North American markets and tracks that will hold 2008 Breeders' Cup Challenge races. The others are Emerald Downs, Suffolk Downs, Delaware Park, Calder Race Course and Woodbine. Belmont Park, Saratoga, Arlington Park, Del Mar, Keeneland and Santa Anita will also host Challenge races again this year.

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ARIEGE TO BYPASS OAKS? Bobby Frankel is planning to bypass the May 2 GI Kentucky Oaks with IEAH Stables and Pegasus Holding Group Stable's Grade I winner **Ariege** (Doneraile Court) and instead run the three-year-old filly in the \$150,000 Edgewood S. on the Oaks undercard, according to Keeneland barn notes. The Edgewood is run on the grass at a mile and a sixteenth. Last week, Ariege won the GII Stonerside Beaumont S.



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at Keeneland, a month after capturing the GI Santa Anita Oaks. Both of those victories came over synthetic tracks. Ariege broke her maiden at first asking on the grass in Ireland last July. Frankel still has a big gun for the Oaks in the form of Stonerside Stable's **Country Star** (Empire Maker), who ran fifth in the GI Ashland S. at Keeneland in her seasonal debut.

PRADO TO RIDE ADRIANO; DOMINGUEZ ON MONBA Jockey Edgar Prado announced yesterday that he will ride GII Lane's End S. winner **Adriano** (A.P.



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Indy) in the GI Kentucky Derby by May 3. Prado chose the colt over a pair of horses he guided to Grade I victories in recent weeks: **Monba** (Maria's Mon), winner of last Saturday's GI Blue Grass S.; and Apr. 5 GI Wood Memorial hero **Tale of Ekati** (Tale of the Cat). "We went back and forth, back and forth," Bob Frieze, Prado's agent, told *Daily Racing Form*. "We won on Adriano in the Lane's End before we rode the other two. We felt obligated toward Graham [trainer Ramon Dominguez]. We had told Graham to let Edgar work the horse first, then we'd make a decision." Adriano got the green light for the Derby when he breezed four furlongs at Churchill Downs in :50 flat (29/42) on Sunday. Replacing Prado on Monba is Ramon Dominguez, who, incidently, rode Adriano in his first three starts. Dominguez hasn't ridden the Todd Pletcher-trained Monba.

OBS APRIL 2YO IN TRAINING SALE

Under-Tack Show--Tuesday, April 15

1/8-mile works (:10)

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam
314	f	Stormin Fever	First Class Donna
342	c	Yes It's True	Frenchglen

1/4-mile works (:21)

163	c	Double Honor	Cool Grades
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3/8-mile works (:33 4/5)

166	f	Valid Expectations	Copy Queen
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Under-Tack Show--Wednesday, April 16

1/4-mile works (:21)

586	f	Is It True	Lady Blue Eyes,
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1/8-mile works (:10)

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam
382	f	Deputy Wild Cat	Gold Choice
412	c	Pure Precision	Half Gold
531	f	Buddha	Judith's Gamble
638	c	Black Mambo	Listentothebells

3/8-mile works (:33 3/5)

614	f	Omega Code	Laurica
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(Beyer Speed Figures earned by Kentucky Derby winners in their final prep races)

Year	KY Derby Winner	Prep BSF	KD BSF
1993	Sea Hero	91	105
1994	Go for Gin	107	112
1995	Thunder Gulch	101	108
1996	Grindstone	100	112
1997	Silver Charm	110	115
1998	Real Quiet	107	107
1999	Charismatic	108	108
2000	Fusaichi Pegasus	111	108
2001	Monarchos	103	116
2002	War Emblem	112	114
2003	Funny Cide	110	109
2004	Smarty Jones	107	107
2005	Giacomo	95	100
2006	Barbaro	103	111
2007	Street Sense	93	110

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HAAFHD FILLY HEADS THE WAY AT TATTS

With several of the world's biggest owners--including Sheikh Mohammed, Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum and Michael Tabor--in attendance, Tattersalls' Craven Breeze-Up Sale began last night in Newmarket with its most successful session ever. Agent Luke Lillingston, acting for an undisclosed client, topped the session when he bid 380,000gns for a filly from the first crop of G1 2000 Guineas winner Haafhd (GB) (Alhaarth {Ire}). The juvenile, out of Allespagne (Tremolino), is a half sister to Cruzpiel (Ire) (Singspiel), third in the 2003 G3 Queen's Vase at Royal Ascot. Jamie McCalmont was underbidder on the filly, who had been bought in for 48,000gns at Tattersalls in October. She was offered from John Hassett Jr's Bloodstock Connection.



380,000gns Haafhd filly
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Lillingston later bought a 300,000gns Mr. Greeley filly from Willie Browne's Mocklershill Stables. The juvenile, out of GSP Miss Gazon (Ire) (Royal Academy) had cost \$90,000 as a yearling at Keeneland September.

"They are both for an existing owner who is a new client to me. I don't know who will train them, but the Mr. Greeley could go to France or Ireland," said Lillingston. "The Haafhd was one of the best fillies here and obviously we don't know about the sire, but I have a great feeling about him."

Sheikh Hamdan bought four lots for a total of 1.055-million guineas. The quartet was headed by a 375,000gns colt by Gainesway stallion Mr. Greeley, who was represented by three of yesterday's top six lots. The two-year-old, out of stakes-placed Dehere of the Dog (Dehere), was a \$260,000 Keeneland September yearling offered by Eddie O'Leary's Lynn Lodge Stud. Kuwaiti owner Saleh Al Homaizi was underbidder.

TATTERSALLS CRAVEN BREEZE-UP WEDNESDAY'S TOP FIVE COLTS

Hip	Sire	Dam	Price (gns)
<u>78</u>	<u>Mr. Greeley</u>	Dehere of the Dog	375,000
		(\$260,000 yrl '07 KEESEP)	
		Consigned by Lynn Lodge Stud	
		Purchased by Shadwell Estate Company Limited	
<u>81</u>	<u>Dansili (GB)</u>	<u>Merle (GB)</u>	300,000
		(155,000gns wnlg '06 TATDEC;	
		160,000gns yrl '07 TATOCT)	
		Consigned by Yeomanstown Stud	
		Purchased by John McCormack Bloodstock	
<u>52</u>	<u>Arch</u>	<u>Annul</u>	300,000
		(\$160,000 yrl '07 KEESEP)	
		Consigned by Bansha House Stables	
		Purchased by Shadwell Estate Company Limited	
<u>40</u>	<u>Dalakhani (Ire)</u>	<u>Blue Oasis (Ire)</u>	220,000
		(120,000gns wnlg '06 TATDEC)	
		Consigned by Mocklershill Stables	
		Purchased by Shadwell Estate Company Limited	
<u>67</u>	<u>Pivotal (GB)</u>	<u>Clear Spring</u>	210,000
		(€90,000 YRL '07 TATIRE)	
		Consigned by Bansha House Stables	
		Purchased by Richard O'Gorman Bloodstock Ltd	



TATTERSALLS CRAVEN BREEZE-UP SALE WEDNESDAY, APR. 16, 2008

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
No. Catalogued	100	108
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No. Sold	64	69
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Tattersalls Craven Breeze-Up cont.

Sheikh Hamdan Purchases Arch Colt...

Before Sheikh Hamdan landed the day's top-priced colt for 375,000gns, he paid 300,000gns for a son of Arch out of Annul (Conquistador Cielo). Mike Ryan was underbidder on the half brother to GSP Brief Bliss (Navarone), who had been bought for \$160,000 by Con Marnane at Keeneland in September.



300,000gns Arch colt
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"We started buying here a couple of years ago and we've been attracted by the quality of the

horses," said Sheikh Hamdan's Shadwell Stud director Richard Lancaster. "Once they were almost exclusively two-year-old types, but now you have a wide range and horses you'd look on as ones for the future."

A Mr. Greeley filly, who had cost Marnane €75,000 at Deauville in August, was sold for 340,000gns to Blandford Bloodstock's Tom Goff.

"She's for a long-standing UK-based client and was a very racy filly," Goff said of the two-year-old out of Danse du Diable (Ire) (Sadler's Wells). The filly is a half sister to GSP Wicked Clutch (Fr) (Arctic Tern).

Dublin-based agent John McCormack was also acting for an undisclosed client when spending 300,000gns on a Dansili (GB) colt consigned from Gay O'Callaghan's Yeomanstown Stud.

"He's by a sire doing the right things, got a page behind him, so blue sky is what you hope for at the moment," said McCormack. "The horse spoke for himself and he is for a new British-based client."

The colt is out of the unraced Merle (GB) (Selkirk), a half sister to MGSW Solo Mio (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) and from the family of Sakura Reiko (Fr) and Marienbard (Ire).

During yesterday's session, Tattersalls sold 64 two-year-olds for a total of 6,477,000gns. The average of 101,203gns increased 36 percent from a year ago, while the median rose 30 percent to 67,500gns. The sale's finale begins tonight at 5:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY' TOP FOUR FILLIES

Hip	Sire	Dam	Price (gns)
46	Haafhd (GB)	Allespagne	380,000
Consigned by the Bloodstock Connection Purchased by Kern/Lillingston Association			
83	Mr. Greeley	Danse du Diable (Ire)	340,000
(€75,000 yrl '07 DEAAUG) Consigned by Bansha House Stables Purchased by Blandford Bloodstock Ltd			
75	Mr. Greeley	Miss Gazon (Ire)	300,000
(\$90,000 yrl '07 KEESEP) Consigned by Mocklershill Stables Purchased by Kern/Lillingston Association			
8	Lion Heart	Attasliyah (Ire)	200,000
(\$105,000 yrl '07 KEESEP) Consigned by Mocklershill Stables Purchased by Jane Chapple-Hyam			

☆ **HIP HAPPENINGS** ☆

TATTERSALLS CRAVEN BREEZE-UP

Hip **116**, c, **Mineshaft**--Witching Hour (Fr), by Fairy King
Consigned by Milltown Stables

Both representatives of the Lane's End champion breezed professionally and this half to last year's G1 Prix Jacques le Marois runner-up Holocene from the family of Titus Livius (Fr) possesses plentiful speed.

Hip **134**, c, **Smoke Glacken**--Circle of Gold (Ire),
by Royal Academy

Consigned by Kirkwood Stables

This February-foaled son of the Gainesway resident is out of a group-winning sister to Crystal Crossing (Ire), who has produced the 2004 G1 St Leger winner Rule of Law. His breeze on Tuesday was impressive.

Craven Hip Happenings cont. p9

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Craven Hip Happenings cont.

**Hip 147, c, Cape Cross (Ire)--Flirtation (GB),
by Pursuit of Love (GB)**

Consigned by Malcolm Bastard

This is a half-brother to the brilliant Attraction (GB), champion juvenile and later winner of the G1 English and Irish 2000 Guineas, G1 Coronation S., G1 Sun Chariot S. and G1 Matron S.

**Hip 160, c, Giant's Causeway--Sweeping Story,
by End Sweep**

Consigned by Mocklershill Stables

One of three sons of the "Iron Horse" in the catalogue, this March-foaled offering from Willie Brown's operation is out of the 1999 GI Kentucky Oaks third Sweeping Story, herself a half to the 2001 GI Met H. hero Exciting Story.

Friday, Keeneland Race Course

**DOUBLEDOGDARE S.-GIII, \$125,000, 4yo/up, f/m,
1 1/16m (AWT)**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Marquee Delivery	Marquetry	Velazquez	117
2	Say You Will (Ire)	A.P. Indy	Leparoux	117
3	Indescribable	Pleasant Tap	Prado	117
4	Carriage Trail	Giant's Causeway	Desormeaux	117
5	Meribel	Peaks and Valleys	Castellano	117
6	Panty Raid	Include	Gomez	123
7	I'm in Love	Zafonic	Husbands	117

Saturday, Santa Anita

**SANTA BARBARA H.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, f/m,
1 1/4mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Double Trouble (Brz)	Wild Event	Bejarano	117
2	Immortelle (Brz)	Vettori (Ire)	Rosario	115
3	Black Mamba (NZ)	Black Minnaloushe	Valdivia Jr	115
4	Forest Melody	Forest Camp	T Baze	112
5	Foxysox (GB)	Foxhound	Espinoza	116
6	Lemonette	Lemon Drop Kid	Talamo	112
7	Colina Verde (Brz)	Know Heights (Ire)	Blanc	115
8	Lavender Sky	Mt. Livermore	Solis	116
9	Solva (GB)	Singspiel (Ire)	Gryder	115
10	Persian Express	Bahri	Migliore	114
11	I Can See	Flying Chevron	Court	112

Saturday, Santa Anita

SAN SIMEON H.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, a6 1/2fT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	El Manuel (Chi)	Hussonet	Espinoza	116
2	Stoneside (Ire)	Marchand de Sable	Pedroza	114
3	Scat Thief	Cat Thief	Garcia	113
4	Unusual Suspect	Unusual Heat	T Baze	115
5	Carrilero (Arg)	Royal Academy	Valdivia Jr	115
6	Soul City Slew	Slew City Slew	Bejarano	114
7	Don't Ya Lovett (NZ)	Lord Ballina (Aus)	Talamo	114
8	Cheroot	Smokester	Nakatani	116
9	Tenga Cat	Storm Cat	Quinonez	114
10	Giovanni (NZ)	Bertolini	Rosario	113
11	Night Chapter (GB)	Night Shift	Blanc	115
12	Council Member	Seattle Slew	Migliore	116

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Thursday, Newmarket, Britain, post time: 4:20 p.m.

WEATHERBYS EARL OF SEFTON S.-G3, £50,000,

4yo/up, 1 1/8mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	8	Halicarnassus (Ire)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Channon
2	2	Stotsfold (GB)	Barathea (Ire)	Swinburn
3	4	Kandidate (GB)	Kabool (GB)	C Brittain
4	7	Multidimensional (Ire)	Danehill	Cecil
5	1	Phoenix Tower	Chester House	Cecil
6	6	Pipedreamer (GB)	Selkirk	Gosden
7	5	Smokey Oakey (Ire)	Tendulkar	Tompkins
8	3	Traffic Guard	More than Ready	J Chapple-Hyam

All carry 124 pounds, bar Halicarnassus & Stotsfold, 127.

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**TDN Feature Presentation... Continued
GROUP 3 CRAVEN S.**

Passing the First Test...

Bringing the all-important G1 Dewhurst S. form into the race is the likely hot favorite **Raven's Pass** (Elusive Quality), who bids to emulate the 2004 hero Haafhd (GB) in coming off a third placing in that seven-furlong juvenile championship. Trainer John Gosden, who saddled Emperor Jones to collect in 1993, has revealed that Stonerside Stable's G3 Solario S. winner is here predominantly to take some fizz out before the main feature in just over two weeks' time, but he will be tough to beat. "He's too fresh and well and needs the race to settle down a bit," Gosden told *PA Sport* yesterday. "You could describe him as ebullient, effervescent and all of those type of words, but at least he is well. This is a trial and he is there to do his best, but Thursday is not D-Day."



Stonerside's Raven's Pass
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Feature Presentation cont. p11

BRIS Speed Ratings
Top Weekly Stakes Races

Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
Mr. Nightlinger	Indian Charlie	Shakertown S.-G3	104
Semaphore Man	Formal Gold	Count Fleet Sprint H.-G3	104
Prom Shoes	Include	Fifth Season S.	103
Rebellion (GB)	Mozart (Ire)	Commonwealth S.-G2	102
Ariege	Doneraile Court	Stonerside Beaumont S.-G2	101
Buy the Barrel	E Dubai	Bayakoa S.	101
Gayego	Gilded Time	Arkansas Derby-G2	101
Seattle Smooth	Quiet American	Bay Meadows Oaks	101
Ventura	Chester House	Vinery Madison S.-G2	101
Kip Deville	Kipling	Maker's Mark Mile S.-G1	101
Monba	Maria's Mon	Toyota Blue Grass S.-G1	97
Sherine	Precise End	Comely S.-G2	97
Euphony	Forest Wildcat	Instant Racing S.	96
Teagues Fight	Devonwood	Sales H.	96
Tiz West	Gone West	La Puente S.	96
Devereux	Forestry	Inaugural S.	95
Palanka City	Carson City	Prima Donna S.	95
Ruthienne	Pulpit	Jenny Wiley S.-G2	95
Sebastian County	Hennessy	Northern Spur S.	95
Stuck in Traffic	Kiridashi	Achievement H.	95
Lady Digby	Grand Slam	Dahlia S.	94
Santa Teresita	Lemon Drop Kid	Santa Lucia H.	94
Illybilly	Commendable	Czarina H.	93
Sandburr	Sandpit (Brz)	Premiere S.	92

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Thursday, Newmarket, post time: 3:45 p.m.

BANSHAHOUSESTABLES.COM CRAVEN S.-G3, £50,000, 3yo, c/g, 1mT

SC	PP	HORSE	OWNER	BREEDER	TRAINER/JOCKEY
1	3	City Leader (Ire)	The Sangster Family	Swettenham Stud	Meehan Spencer
<i>(c, Fasliyev--Kanmary {Fr}, by Kenmare {Fr})</i>					
2	5	Scintillo (GB)	White Beech Farm	Woodcote Stud Ltd	Hannon Hughes
<i>(c, Fantastic Light--Danseuse du Soir {Ire}, by Thatching {Ire})</i>					
3	7	Alexander Castle	Noel O'Callaghan	Helen Groves Revokable Trust	K Ryan Callan
<i>(c, Lemon Drop Kid--Palapa, by Storm Cat)</i>					
4	4	Alfathaa (GB)	Sh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum	Miss G Abbey	Haggas R-Hills
<i>(c, Nayef Aretic Char {GB}, by Polar Falcon)</i>					
5	10	Declaration of War (Ire)	Violet Mercer	St Simon Foundation	P Chapple-Hyam Havlin
<i>(Okawango--Date Mate, by Thorn Dance)</i>					
6	11	Great Rumpuscat	M Tabor, S Magnier & Niarchos Fmly	Quay Bloodstock/ Niarchos Fmly	A O'Brien McCabe
<i>(c, Storm Cat--Monevassia, by Mr. Prospector)</i>					
7	1	Indian Skipper (Ire)	Roalco Limited	Calley House Syndicate	Tompkins J Quinn
<i>(c, Indian Danehill {Ire}--Rosy Lydgate {GB}, by Last Tycoon {Ire})</i>					
8	8	Perfect Stride (GB)	Saeed Suhail	Bloomsbury Stud	Stoute Moore
<i>(c, Oasis Dream {GB}--First {GB}, by Highest Honor {Fr})</i>					
9	12	Raven's Pass	Stonerside Stable	Stonerside Stable, Llc.	Gosden Fortune
<i>(c, Elusive Quality--Ascutney, by Lord at War {Arg})</i>					
10	6	River Proud	Mrs Michael Spencer	B C Jones & B Ned Jones	Cole T Quinn
<i>(c, Proud Citizen--Da River Hoss, by River Special)</i>					
11	2	The Bogberry	E M Stockwell	March Thoroughbreds	A O'Brien Murtagh
<i>(c, Hawk Wing--Lahinch {Ire}, by Danehill Dancer {Ire})</i>					
12	9	Twice Over (GB)	Khalid Abdullah	Juddmonte Farms Ltd	Cecil Durcan
<i>(c, Observatory--Double Crossed {GB}, by Caerleon)</i>					

All carry 124 pounds, bar City Leader & Scintillo, 127.



Bog Standard...

While Aidan O'Brien has yet to win this race, his runners have not been from the top tier of Ballydoyle's sophomores. Evie Stockwell's **The Bogberry** (Hawk Wing) has to overcome a 299-day absence since injuring himself when trailing in Royal Ascot's Listed Chesham S., but his trainer is expecting better things. "We were expecting a good run from him [at Ascot], but he ran badly and came home lame behind," O'Brien told the *Racing Post*. "He needed a good break after that and was back working very well late on, but we just ran out of time last season and he didn't have another run. He's been working well on the bridle." Peter Chapple-Hyam, who scored with Painter's Row (Ire) in 1995 relies on Violet Mercer's **Declaration of War (Ire)** (Okawango), who was battle hardened at two. Successful in Epsom's Listed Woodcote S. on Derby day, he was runner-up in both the G2 Superlative S. on the July Course here and Longchamp's G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere before signing off with a sixth in Doncaster's G1 Racing Post Trophy in October. "The more rain we have the better for him," his trainer said. "I've been happy with his recent work and I hope he runs a big race for all concerned." Facing a tough task is Roalco Limited's **Indian Skipper (Ire)** (Indian Danehill {Ire}), who has to find enormous improvement off an impressive maiden win on Lingfield's Polytrack Mar. 28. "I'm throwing him in at the deep end, but I've always thought he was a very nice horse," trainer Mark Tompkins told *PA Sport*.

Alfathaa Out...

Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum's **Alfathaa (GB)** (Nayef) will miss today's Craven S. after being found to have a foot abscess. Trainer William Haggas broke the news on the ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆, who was fifth in the G2 Royal Lodge S. on his last start in September. "We thought it would improve, but it's got worse," he told *PA Sport*. "Until it bursts, he is very sore but he is out of the Craven. We were taking him to the race to find out where we were with him. I hope this is short term and it is not a million to one that he could go straight to the Guineas, although it's not ideal going there without a prep."

QUOTES FOR THE CRAVEN S. (Ladbrokes)

Raven's Pass	6-4
Twice Over	3-1
Perfect Stride	5-1
Alexander Castle	10-1
Scintillo	12-1
City Leader	14-1
River Proud	14-1
Declaration of War	25-1
Great Rumpuscat	33-1
The Bogberry	33-1
Indian Skipper	50-1



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TERMINAL BLUSH, 21, Silent Screen--Brag, by Bold Lad
Foal born Feb. 27, a colt by Johar.
Will be bred back to Johar.
Owned by and boarded at Mill Ridge.
Accomplishments: Dam of It's Over (Stop the Music), SW.

THIS ONE FOR ABBEY, 7, Prospectors Gamble--This
One for Dan, by Fortunate Moment
Foal born Feb. 27, a colt by Harlan's Holiday.
Will be bred back to Teufflesberg.
Owned by Ben Berger.
Boarded at Woodstock, LLC.
Accomplishments: SW of \$136,534.

DIESE, 19, Diosis (GB)--Monroe, by Sir Ivor
Foal born Feb. 29, a filly by Mizzen Mast.
Will be bred back to Aptitude.
Owned by and boarded at Juddmonte Farms.
Accomplishments: GSW-Fr, \$110,366. Dam of Terrazzo (Nureyev), MGSP-Fr, \$269,324; Senure (Nureyev), MGISW, \$764,267; Speak in Passing (Danzig), GSW, \$284,718; Dexterity (Kingmambo), SW-Fr, \$109,776.

CHARTREUSE, 14, Danzatore--Timotara, by Secretariat
Foal born Feb. 28, a colt by Elusive Quality.
Will be bred back to Hard Spun.
Owned by Pollock Farms.
Boarded at Taylor Made.
Accomplishments: SW. Dam of Unbridled Danz (Unbridled's Song), SW.

DIPLOMAT LADY, 5, Forestry--Playcaller, by Saratoga
Six
Foal born Feb. 28, a filly by Distorted Humor.
Will be bred back to Distorted Humor.
Owned by Southern Equine Stables, LLC.
Boarded at Hill 'n' Dale Farms.
Accomplishments: GISW of \$552,784.




Question of the month

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Q: A recent study in Australia of 80,000 repository X-rays demonstrated that most common bone abnormalities revealed in X-rays of sales yearlings have no effect on subsequent racing performance. As a buyer, how do radiographic findings affect your sales purchases? As a buyer or seller, have you had any good fortune with yearlings you bought or sold which had veterinary issues?

TOM RYAN, CHEROKEE EQUINE:



I am thrilled with the findings of this study and the debate that it has generated. Finally, we have solid data that seems to demonstrate that, in our pursuit of perfection, we often bypass clinically sound racing prospects due to lesions that have little or no effect on performance. I'm not saying that veterinarians are totally at fault here, as in most cases they are only providing a service that is generally straight forward, allowing the buyer make an informed decision on their purchase. With that said, I've experienced both sides of the fence as both buyer and seller, and I am convinced that some veterinarians are incapable of saying yes [how they ever managed marriage, I don't know!] I feel that there are a few vets who wish to earn a living from overanalyzing X-rays and producing negative reports which, of course, is always the safe bet. Are we not all in this industry to breed, buy and sell racehorses?

How do radiographic findings affect my sales purchases?

X-ray reports have a great effect on my sales purchases because I may fall in love with a yearling and know, in my heart, this horse has all the right parts, but if I bring him to OBS or Calder as a two-year-old and he still has a little 'this or that,' the same vet who said no to the pinhook but will be okay as a racehorse at the yearling sales will most likely say no as a racehorse six months later. I buy yearlings every year for end-users and enjoy it when they're willing to give a horse the necessary time to mature and don't have an unrealistic need for early speed. **Cont. p13**

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Tom Ryan cont.

Have I ever had any good fortune with yearlings I've bought or sold with veterinary issues?

The ones I've bought to go racing rather than pinhooking have been very productive, and the ones I've tried to sell with veterinary issues at an auction have cost me a fortune. Some were horses with clinical problems that needed to become riding horses; others were failed due to a negative mindset rather than a real problem. As a breeder, buyer and seller of yearlings, I am all too familiar with the escalating costs of getting the product to the marketplace. Because of the scope of this industry, we have little control over who makes the final decisions: Is he a suitable pinhook or only clean enough to become a racehorse? Who becomes accountable when he develops into the next Premium Tap and you have just sold a Grade I winner for \$4,500. Accountability???

TRAINER KEN MCPEEK:

Many years ago, I bought a yearling that six OCDs in his front legs. He was an excellent bodied horse and I was able to purchase him for a very reasonable price. We gave him time for the bone issues and he ultimately set a track record and started more than 100 times in his career. Without that experience, I may not have purchased Curlin. All vet issues need to be analyzed by the individual horse. As a trainer, I have dealt with an enormous amount of soundness situations and that experience helps me decide which veterinarian findings that I can accept or decline when recommending the purchase of a racehorse for my clients.



ROB WHITELEY, LIBERATION FARM:

The Australian study is monumental in that it uses 2,700+ horses and 80,000 X-rays, and is the first large research effort to relate sales repository X-ray findings to later racing success. Let's hope it is the first of many such studies and that we will see a comparable American study in the near future. Furthermore, let's hope that it also inspires our American veterinary clinics to conduct similar research relating corrective limb procedures and other surgical interventions to racing performance.



Meanwhile, I continue to have great compassion for sales vets as they perform their duties. They function somewhat in the dark and between a rock and a hard place. With very limited research data to point to that relates repository findings to later racing success, sales vets are asked to do the impossible.

They are asked to make guesses about the probability that a horse's career may be impaired by certain irregularities, even though they are missing an empirical basis for making prescient or accurately predictive judgments. This unhappy situation puts sales vets in a no-win predicament: If they approve the purchase of a horse that has "issues," and it fails to perform successfully, the big finger of disappointment and blame can point back at them. On the other hand, if they turn down one of the many sales horses with perceived "issues," and it goes on to a stellar career, frustrated buyers who missed out on "the big horse" may also blame the sales vet for the lost opportunity. Either way, sales vets are vulnerable to criticism.

This vulnerability is magnified because, without having significant scientific data as a reference, sales vets are reduced to using their own anecdotal experience or professional inference as the basis for supporting their opinions and predictions. This puts the onus squarely on them and their personal experience, rather than on scientific data. In layman's terms, sales vets, therefore, become personally accountable for their educated guess work. Anyway it's looked at, sales vets are on the hot seat. Being asked to make predictive statements without having reference to empirical data is a little bit like walking through a minefield with only a part of the map. No wonder, therefore, that sales vets often adopt conservative or ultra-conservative positions, and sometimes simply just report a list of findings, without commentary, which often puts buyers off of horses that they otherwise like and want to buy.

And why shouldn't sales vets be conservative, given this scenario? It's a scary and lonely spot to be in, having to make predictive statements that are not grounded in statistical fact. Some cynics say that sales vets are overly conservative in order to "cover their ass;" or that they turn down horses to "create more business for themselves." But this is not fair. Their conservatism is a natural instinct in the face of uncertainty. Operating largely in the realm of guess-work without hard science to back up their guesses and prognostications, sales vets in general are merely being prudent.

Simply put, however, vets will be on firmer ground, and sellers and buyers will benefit, if we have more research data like that in the recent Australian study.

Meanwhile, until more research is conducted, buyers who miss out on good horses because of veterinary issues and input should lighten up on blaming vets. Instead, buyers should empower themselves and take more responsibility for the decision making process. Rather than blame their vet when they miss out on an eventual Derby horse, or another World Cup Champion like Curlin, buyers should instead seek to inform themselves better about the many "normal" irregularities in young horses. They should also avoid being overly picky and try to be more forgiving, while focusing on identifying athletes that can overcome little issues.



Rob Whiteley cont.

It is often self-defeating to go searching for the illusory "perfect" horse. In that regard, reading the CBA booklets on "Scoping," "OCDs," and "Buying Sales Yearlings" (available at consignorsandbreeders.com) would be time well spent.

Another good use of time would be phone calls to vets or clinics to encourage research in America that builds on the Australian effort by correlating X-ray findings and vet procedures to later racing success. Phone calls to the sales companies to encourage their participation in a joint effort would also be a good idea, as they installed the repositories (which now contain a wealth of essential data) and collect entry fees and commissions that could help fund meaningful research, thereby serving the sales scene and their full spectrum of constituents in the best way possible.

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BARRY BERKELHAMMER, ABRACADABRA FARM

I definitely try to use the veterinary findings in our favor. I believe the majority of the veterinary findings do not affect their racing performance. If all the findings in yearlings did have an affect, I think the breed as we know it would be tainted. I think with the repositories, having all the X-rays and using them as a tool has given everybody a chance to get more educated. We have more information than we did in the past. Now, everybody has the chance to digest all the findings that are out there.

I try to be fairly lenient when it comes to racing horses and any lesions that we find. I depend heavily on my veterinarian to buy horses as opposed to just finding horses to be failed. I look to him to help me determine which lesions will have an affect and which ones won't. We try to be very open-minded about buying a horse, overlooking some things and taking a little bit of a price break when we can get it.

The most notable horse that we bought was Grade I winner Purge. He had a lot of veterinary findings, but they were all fairly benign in nature. There were a few different findings in different places, but my veterinarian, Dr. Ruel Cowels, told me to go in there and have confidence and buy because he thought, as a racehorse, it would really never hurt him.

TERRY FINLEY, WEST POINT THOROUGHBREDS:

Of course, we spend quite a bit of money performing vet exams at the sales. Plenty of other buyers do as well. The findings of this study don't surprise me in a big way. We know that a good number of these "radiographic issues" identified at the sales can, and are, successfully managed by racetrack vets in conjunction with the trainers. Most professional buyers look at the entire picture when buying horses. So, if we come upon a fairly correct, balanced horse that has a good look to him, we would be more inclined to take a shot after learning of the presence of a bone defect.



I think it helps to have someone like Buzz Chace on our buying team. He was a vet tech for Dr. Devine in New Jersey for many years, and he has looked at and evaluated racehorses for almost 50 years. Certainly, I think the relationship a buying team has with a sales vet is vital. We use Dr. Bill Baker [of the Woodford Clinic in Lexington] for most of our sales work. He consults on our entire stable, not just at the sales. He does all of our surgeries and is really part of the team. He knows he doesn't always have to be on the "conservative side" when evaluating prospects.

So, in summary, it really comes down to gut feel, experience and risk tolerance. We try to stay away from vet issues that render horses train wrecks, but we'll take a good number of shots buying horses we think can overcome bone problems. A good horse makes owners, trainers, jockeys and vet look smart.



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FABULOUS BALLET, 17, Moscow Ballet--A Fabulous Time, by Somethingfabulous
 Foal born Feb. 28, a filly by Point Given.
 Will be bred back to Empire Maker.
 Owned by Jack Mandato.
 Boarded at Stone Farm.
 Accomplishments: Dam of She's a Sensation (Flying Sensation), SP; Stoney (Bold Badgett), SW, \$254,235; Leave Me Alone (Bold Badgett), GISW, \$653,329.

GABRIELES PRINCESS, 9, Our Emblem--Rachele'sprincess, by Summing
 Foal born Feb. 28, a colt by Silver Train.
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STALLION PROSPECTS - OLDER HORSES

Rank (Prev.Rank) Name	Owner	Breeder	Trainer	Last Race - Video	Best '07/'08 (if started) BRIS STATUS
1(1)- CURLIN (Smart Strike) ('08: 2-2-0-0, \$3,705,000; '07: 9-6-1-2, \$5,102,800) <i>(The 2007 Horse of the Year stamps himself a world leader, dismantling an honest bunch in the World Cup...Christina Bossinakis)</i>	Stonestreet et al	Fares Farm	Asmussen	1st G1 Dubai World Cup	121 undecided
2(2)- HEATSEEKER(IRE) (Giant's Causeway) ('08: 4-1-2-1, \$768,000; '07: 8-3-3-0, \$190,238) <i>(A graded stakes winner at four and a Grade I winner at 5, the spirited chestnut showed his grit at Oaklawn...Christina Bossinakis)</i>	W Deburgh	R. Barnes	Hollendorfer	2nd GII Oaklawn H.	105 undecided
3(3)- DAAHER (Awesome Again) ('08: 2-0-0-1, \$8,123; '07: 7-4-0-1, \$447,039) <i>(Full to MGISW Spun Sugar, topped sprint champ Midnight Lute in GI Cigar Mile and begins his stud career at \$30,000...Jessica Martini)</i>	Shadwell	Y&D Schwabe	McLaughlin	3rd Stymie H.	100 RETIRED TO SHADWELL
4(4)- CHAMPS ELYSEES (Danehill) ('08: 2-1-0-1, \$210,000; '07: 6-1-3-1, \$235,630) <i>(A full to leading sire Dansili, Grade I-placed on two continents last year, is GSW and GISP in the U.S in 2008...Jessica Martini)</i>	Juddmonte	Homebred	Frankel	3rd GI Santa Anita H.	103 6/7 GI C. Whittingham H.
5(6)- TIAGO (Pleasant Tap) ('08: 4-1-1-1, \$444,000, '07: 8-4-0-1, \$1,234,750) <i>(MGISW beat his elders at three, the half to Ky Derby hero Giacomo appreciated the move to Oaklawn...Steve Sherack)</i>	Moss	Homebred	Shirreffs	1st GII Oaklawn H.	101 5/31 GII Californian
6(5)- SPRING AT LAST (Silver Deputy) ('08: 2-1-0-0, \$301,500; '07: 5-2-1-0, \$722,000) <i>(By the sire of last year's leading freshman sire Posse, the Grade I winner failed to fire at the Big A ...Jessica Martini)</i>	J Reddam/WinStar	WinStar LLC	O'Neill	8th GI Carter H.	104 undecided
7(7)- MIDNIGHT LUTE (Real Quiet) ('07: 6-2-2-0, \$1,368,000) <i>(Champion sprinter will get a freshener before kicking off his 2008 campaign in New York this summer...Alan Carasso)</i>	Watson & Weitman	Evans/Macon	Baffert	2nd GI Cigar Mile H.	112 undecided
8(8)- CIRCULAR QUAY (Thunder Gulch) ('08: 3-1-0-0, \$328,000; '07: 10-4-2-0, \$1,177,434) <i>(GI Hopeful hero may have bounced after his gritty New Orleans victory...Marie Kizenko)</i>	Tabor	Homebred	Pletcher	4th GII Oaklawn H.	103 undecided
9(9)- NOBIZ LIKE SHOBIZ (Albert the Great) ('07: 13-7-2-1, \$1,544,730) <i>(GISW on dirt and G2SW on turf has had a few setbacks of late and could return by the summer...Lucas Marquardt)</i>	Valando	Homebred	Tagg	8th GI Hollywood Derby	103 undecided
10(*)- KIP DEVILLE (Kipling) ('08: 1-1-0-0, \$186,000; '07 7-3-1-1, \$1,965,780) <i>(Last year's BC Mile winner looked sharp at Keeneland, but won't see action again for a while...Lucas Marquardt)</i>	IEAH/Pegasus	Center Hills	Dutrow Jr.	1st GI Maker's Mark Mile	96 9/7 GI Woodbine Mile

AT THE GAP: Air Commander (Point Given), A.P. Arrow (A.P. Indy), Benny the Bull (Lucky Lionel), Chatain (Forest Wildcat), First Defence (Unbridled's Song), Go Between (Point Given), Grasshopper (Dixie Union), Idiot Proof (Benchmark), In Summation (Put it Back), Student Council (Kingmambo) Thorn Song (Unbridled's Song).

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★ **KEENELAND** ★

Yesterday's Results:

7th-KEE, \$58,000, Alw, NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:09 2/5, ft.

VICTORIANNA (f, 4, [Tale of the Cat](#)--Savanna Anna, by Vice Regent) had never missed the trifecta in five previous attempts over Polytrack and kept that record intact here. A 2 1/4-length winner up at Turfway Park Jan. 12, the chestnut filly finished a troubled third in a Feb. 16 allowance in Florence, and was coming into this off a narrow defeat when second in the Mar. 22 Queen S. in Northern Kentucky. Favored at 8-5 in her Keeneland debut, the \$250,000 KEESEP yearling sprinted to the lead from the outside stall, set a comfortable pace and reported home three lengths better than Runaway Cat (Forest Wildcat). The winner is a half-sister to Miss Indy Anna (Apalachee), MGSW & GISP, \$349,175; and Time Limit (Gilded Time), MGSW, \$379,129. Lifetime Record: SP, 9-3-3-1, \$93,702. O/B-Gaines-Gentry Thoroughbreds (KY). T-Eddie Kenneally.

6th-KEE, \$51,565, Alw, NW2X, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:44 1/5, fm.

NISTLE'S CRUNCH (c, 3, [Van Nistelrooy](#)--Sam Eye Am {SW, \$127,695}, by Island Whirl) was an intended runner in the GI CashCall Futurity in December, but bypassed that spot in favor of the grassy Eddie Logan S. at Santa Anita Dec. 29 and finished third to Yankee Bravo. Shipped back east, the bay was runner-up in a main-track allowance at Gulfstream Jan. 30 before taking a similar event by two lengths Mar. 1. The New Jersey-bred colt added blinkers for the GI Florida Derby Mar. 29 and showed early speed before drifting back to be seventh. Removing the shades and getting back on the grass here, he rated in sixth behind a tepid early tempo, angled out for the drive and glided by his rivals for a 1 1/2-length success as the 17-10 chalk. Celestial Comet (Smart Strike) completed the exacta. Lifetime Record: SP, 8-3-2-2, \$111,174. O-Alien Farm LLC & Alan Furst. B-Alien Farms LLC (NJ). T-Kenneth G McPeek.

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9th-KEE, \$49,150, Msw, 3yo, f, a7f (AWT), 1:28, ft.
A. P. FORTUNE (f, 3, [A.P. Indy](#)--Fortune Pending {SW, \$304,420}, by Fortunate Prospect) flashed some early speed in her Feb. 23 debut at Gulfstream Park, but gave way readily and crossed the line ninth, beaten over 20 lengths. Sent off at odds of 7-1 in her Polytrack debut, the \$450,000 KEESEP yearling settled slightly worse than centerfield while saving ground, angled out for the stretch drive and rallied in the final yards to post a 3/4-length victory. Anna Bella (Touch Gold) was second, a nose ahead of Night Fever (Perigee Moon) The winner is a half to Palmeiro (Pleasant Tap), GSW, \$475,338; and 3/4 to Slews Final Answer (Seattle Slew), MSW & GSP, \$358,567. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$31,655. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) O-Spring Hill Reardon Farms. B-Grousemont Farm (KY). T-Michael R Matz.

5th-KEE, \$47,025, Msw, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f (AWT), :50 4/5, ft.

+ TERRIFFANY (f, 2, [Fusaichi Pegasus](#)--Pesci {GISP, \$152,001}, by Stormy Atlantic) turned in a bullet work at Palm Beach Downs in mid-March and had registered a trio of fast three-furlong works over this surface for



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her debut. Sent off as the 5-2 second choice, the homebred filly broke like a shot and covered her opening quarter-mile in :21.80. Still well clear after a half in :44.50, the chestnut raced on her left lead to deep stretch, but had enough in reserve for a 1 1/2-length victory. Iberian Gate (Chapel

Royal) outlasted Tiffany Royal (Seneca Jones) for second. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$31,255. [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#) [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) O/B-Joe Pesci, Mark Giardino & Wesley A Ward (KY). T-Wesley A Ward.

Dominican Returns to the Races Friday:

Silverton Hill Farm's **Dominican** (El Corredor), who beat Street Sense in last year's GI Toyota Blue Grass S. at Keeneland, is slated to make his 2008 debut over the Polytrack Friday in a 1 1/16-mile allowance event. Eleventh in the GI Kentucky Derby, the gelding has been on the sidelines since running sixth in the GIII West Virginia Derby Aug. 14. "He's an allergy kind of horse, so we just gave him some time off," trainer Darrin Miller said. "This looked like a good place to start. I just want to get through the first race and go on from there."

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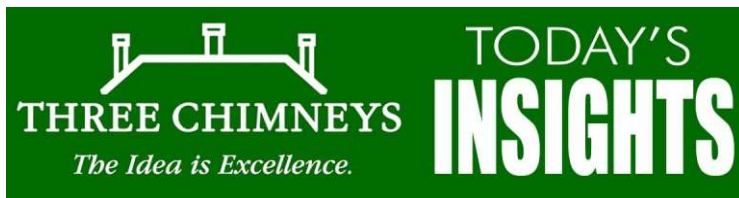


Pick Six Pays \$18,342.20 at Keeneland:

Yesterday's Pick Six at Keeneland proved fairly formful, but a record carryover into the day produced a healthy payoff of \$18,342.20 to 41 ticket holders, 10 on track. The Pick Six had not been hit for seven consecutive days, creating a track record carryover of \$307,049. A total of \$733,900 was bet Wednesday, creating a pool of \$1,040,949. Winners in races four through nine, respectively, were Holiday Cruise (\$4.40), Teriffany (\$7.40), Nistle's Crunch (\$5.40), Victorianna (\$5.40), Alwajeeha (\$11.80) and A.P. Fortune (\$17). Tickets selecting five of six winners netted a \$113.80 return.

Lear Elected to Keeneland Board:

William M. Lear Jr. was elected to Keeneland's Board of Directors and appointed a Keeneland trustee yesterday during the corporation's semi-annual meeting. He succeeds William T. "Buddy" Bishop III, who died April 3. Louis Lee Haggin III and William S. Farish also serve as Keeneland trustees. Lear has deep ties to Keeneland and the Thoroughbred industry, currently serving as chair of the board of directors of Stoll Keenon Ogden PLLC, longtime legal counsel for the racetrack. Lear also has represented the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association/Kentucky Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders, and several Central Kentucky Thoroughbred farms. "This is a bittersweet occasion for me," Lear said. "I am truly honored to have been chosen as trustee, but deeply saddened by the events that prompted my election. Buddy Bishop was a dear friend and a stalwart in the horse industry. The best tribute I can pay him will be to serve in a fashion that would make him proud."



2:40p TVG 4th-KEE, Alw, \$58K, 4yo/up, 6f (AWT)
RALLYING CRY (War Chant) had the misfortune of running into Asiatic Boy (Arg) in Dubai last winter, finishing third to that foe in the G3 UAE 2000 Guineas and the Al Bastakiya conditions race before a fourth-place effort in the G2 UAE Derby. He makes his first start since an eighth in the Listed Thoroughbred S. at Glorious Goodwood Aug. 4 and gets jockey Kent Desormeaux for his Polytrack debut. brisnet.com pps

3:40p TVG 6th-KEE, Alw, \$54K, 3yo, 6f (AWT)
Stonerside Stables' FOREST PRINCE (Mineshaft), a son of MGSW Forest Heiress (Forest Wildcat), was a good third in an off-the-turf maiden going 6 1/2 furlongs at Santa Anita Feb. 23 before graduating in a down-the-hiller Mar. 9. **Orangspangledgator (Gold Case)** drew off to break his maiden by 7 1/4 lengths on the Lane's End S. undercard Mar. 22, but faces a much more talented bunch today. **Far East Gold (Orientate)** has been favored in each of his four previous trips to the post and was runner-up in Fair Grounds allowance company Mar. 20. brisnet.com pps


3:55p TVG 7th-AQU, Msw, \$49K, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT
Ned Evans' COLONIAL KID (Lemon Drop Kid) was a distant fifth in an inner-track maiden Feb. 9, but tries the surface for which he was bred this afternoon. A son of Colonella (Pleasant Colony), the dark bay is a half to Pleasant Strike (Smart Strike), a GSW on the grass in 2007. **Forbidden Thought (Aldebaran)**, a 3/4-brother to GSW Scoop (Gone West), adds Lasix for his turf debut. brisnet.com pps

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- 6th-KEE (Alw \$51K) Nistle's Crunch** (Van Nistelrooy) makes a winning return to the turf.
- 8th-AQU (Alw \$51K) Cosmic** (El Prado {Ire}) makes it two in a row.
- 9th-KEE (Msw \$49K) A. P. Fortune** (A. P. Indy) gets it done at second asking.
- 7th-AQU (Msw \$49K) Raw Silk** (Malibu Moon) stays up this time.
- 5th-KEE (Msw \$47K) Teriffany** (Fusaichi Pegasus) streaks home to score at first asking.

STAKES CLOSINGS 

TODAY, THURSDAY, APRIL 17:
 02-26 \$300,000 **Texas Mile-III, LS, 3yo/up, 8f** (0)

TOMORROW, FRIDAY, APRIL 18:
 08-09 \$1,000,000 **Arlington Million-I, AP, 3yo/up, 10fT** (500)
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Yesterday's Results:

8th-AQU, \$51,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$75,000), NW1X, 3yo, 1 1/8m, 1:50 3/5, ft.

COSMIC (c, 3, **El Prado {Ire}**--**Heavenly Prize {Ch. 3yo Filly, MGISW, \$1,825,820}**, by **Seeking the Gold**) was fourth to Nistle's Crunch in a Keeneland maiden Oct. 25, was freshened and returned to miss by a troubled neck in an off-the-turf event at Gulfstream Park Jan. 20. Buoyed by that effort, the gray colt remained on the main track for his latest and broke through with a 2 1/4-length success in Hallandale Feb. 24. Hammered down to even-money in the penultimate leg of the rich Pick Six sequence, the half to Pure Prize (Storm Cat), GSW, \$475,459; and Good Reward (Storm Cat), MGISW, \$1,087,687, caboosed the field for the opening half-mile, rallied into the lane and was along late to best Sebastian Cat (Catienuus) by a neck, despite lugging in badly. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-2, \$78,300.

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O/B-Phipps Stable (KY). T-Claude R McGaughey III.

7th-AQU, \$49,000, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:37, fm.

RAW SILK (f, 3, **Malibu Moon--Silken Sash {Ire}**, by **Danehill**), a \$460,000 FTFFEB juvenile purchase, was seventh as the favorite in a six-furlong maiden at Saratoga Aug. 12, then added blinkers and ran third to subsequent GSW Mushka going a mile at Belmont Oct. 19. In her most recent outing, the bay made all the running in her turf debut at this track Nov. 9, but was demoted to second by the stewards. Favored at 19-10 in her sophomore bow, she employed similar front-running tactics and proved elusive, drawing off to score by an easy 5 1/4 lengths. Jelly Roll (Smart Strike) was second best. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$45,548.

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O-Darley Stable. B-Joseph LaCombe Stables Inc (KY). T-Thomas Albertrani.

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NTRA CEO Waldrop Launches Blog:

Alex Waldrop, CEO of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association, has begun a blog on www.ntra.com called "Straight Up." In a release, Waldrop stated, "Through my blog, you'll be able to read about my personal experiences and perspectives on horse racing and our industry--and I encourage you to talk back in the comments section. I want to continue our dialogue about the state of horse racing, to share and comment on some of your ideas and to solicit more feedback from fans like you."

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BELMONT PARK

Christmas Kid (Lemon Drop Kid), 4f (tr), :49.27, 17/35
 Giant Moon (Giant's Causeway), 5f, 1:00.10, 2/12
 Throng (Silver Deputy), 4f (tr), :48.46, 8/35

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Cannonball (Catienuus), 5f, 1:01.40, 12/20
 Go Between (Point Given), 4f, :47.40, 3/26
 Likely (Yes It's True), 5f, •58.00, 1/20
 Red Birkin (Belong to Me), 3f, :36.80, 7/9
 Seaside Retreat (King Cugat), 5f, 1:00.40, 4/20

PAYSON PARK

Around the Cape (Carson City), 3f, :36.00, 1/1
 Majestic Warrior (A.P. Indy), 4f, :49.80,
 Ruban Bleu (Broken Vow), 4f, •:48.20, 1/15

SANTA ANITA

Boboman (Kingmambo), 1m, 1:40.00, 1/1
 Bonfante (Fruition), 4f, :49.80, 23/30
 Medici Code (GB) (Medicean {GB}), 5f, 1:00.60, 9/30



PATH HAS JOCKEY CLUB OPTION Khalid Abdullah's unbeaten **Coastal Path (GB)** (Halling) may be asked to step back a mile and a half for Newmarket's G2 Jockey Club S., for which 30 were entered at yesterday's stage. Trained by Andre Fabre, who also has the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe fourth **Getaway (Ger)** (Monsun {Ger}) in the May 4 contest, the four-year-old rounded off his campaign with a comfortable success in the G2 Prix Chaudenay over nearly two miles at Longchamp in October. "He has various options, but we're going to see if he can be top-class over a mile and a half," the owner's Racing Manager Teddy Grimthorpe commented. "He could go for the G3 Prix d'Hedouville [at Longchamp May 5] or come to the Jockey Club." Among the others entered in the £90,000 race is Susan Roy's 2006 G1 St Leger hero **Sixties Icon (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}), who will be back to defend his title, Patrick Fahey's G1 Canadian International runner-up **Ask (GB)** (Sadler's Wells) and Paul Reddam's 2006 G1 Breeders' Cup Turf hero **Red Rocks (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}). David Elsworth intends to run Usk Valley Stud's G3 Dubai City of Gold heroine **Gower Song (GB)** (Singspiel {Ire}) after she has run in Saturday's G3 John Porter S. "She has been pleasing in her work since returning from sunnier climes, is fit and in the best form of her life," he commented. "She is a very good filly."

O'BRIEN OUTLINES HARADASUN PLAN Aidan O'Brien may start **Haradasun (Aus)** (Fusaichi Pegasus) in the G1 Juddmonte Lockinge S. at Newbury. Last year's G1 George Ryder S. and G1 Doncaster H. winner and G1 Cox Plate third is a possible for the May 17 contest, according to his conditioner. "Haradasun could be a bit special," O'Brien told the *Racing Post*. "He is naturally very quick and is quite fit. He cantered at the Curragh on Sunday and it is just possible that he could go for the Lockinge S., although I would say it is more likely that we will wait and start him off in the [June 17] G1 Queen Anne S. at Royal Ascot." The Ballydoyle trainer also revealed that last year's G2 Lonsdale Cup and G2 Doncaster Cup winner **Septimus (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells) could run in the G2 Yorkshire Cup at York May 16 and the G1 Irish Champion S. runner-up **Duke of Marmalade (Ire)** (Danehill) was being aimed at the G1 Prix Ganay at Longchamp Apr. 27.

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MYBOYCHARLIE TETRARCH BOUND Susan Magnier's G1 Prix Morny winner **Myboycharlie (Ire)** (Danetime {Ire}) is set to return in the G3 Tetrarch S. at The Curragh. Not seen since finishing third in the G1 National S. at the Kildare venue in September, he will tackle seven furlongs again in that May 5 Classic prep. "Myboycharlie will start off in the Tetrarch and how he gets on in that race will help decide whether he goes for the [May 24] G1 Irish 2000 Guineas or goes sprinting," trainer Tommy Stack's son and assistant Fozzy told the *Racing Post*.



1.30 Newmarket, Mdn, £9,250, unraced 3yo, 1mT
AMAAKIN (Gone West) hails from Peter Chapple-Hyam's local base and represents the Saleh Al Homaizi and Imad Al Sagar combination which enjoyed G1 Epsom Derby success with Authorized (Ire) last year. The bay retains an entry in the G1 2000 Guineas and will need to impress in this to justify that May 3 engagement.

2.00 Newmarket, Mdn, £9,250, unraced 3yo, 1mT
ZULU CHIEF (Fusaichi Pegasus) tries the now familiar route across the Irish Sea for trainer Aidan O'Brien in this first go. Susan Magnier's half-brother to former stable star Hawk Wing faces 10 untested rivals, including Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum's **Khateeb (Ire)** (King's Best), who is out of G1 E P Taylor S. winner Choc Ice (Ire); and **Stone of Scone (GB)** (Pivotal {GB}), a Cliveden Stud homebred half-brother to G1 Criterium International hero Mount Nelson (GB).

4.55 Newmarket, Mdn, £8,000, 3yo, f, 7fT
LIGHT HEARTED (GB) (Green Desert) is a out of the G1 Cheveley Park S. victress Gay Gallanta and is thus a full sister to dual Group 2 winner Byron (GB). Representing the Cheveley Park Stud-Jeremy Nosedo axis, she lines up against Juddmonte Farms' newcomer **Portodora (Kingmambo)**, who is from the family of Reams of Verse and Elmaamul; and Bjorn Nielsen's **Melodramatic (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells) who is closely related to G1 Haydock Cup Sprint heroine Tante Rose (Ire).



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SACKVILLE JOINS LILLINGSTON BLOODSTOCK

Ed Sackville, a graduate of the inaugural Darley Flying Start class, has joined Lillingston Bloodstock. Based at the agency's new office in Hungerford, England, Sackville will specialise in broodmares, stallions, yearling purchases, and bloodstock portfolio management. He replaces Rachel Boffey. "I am thrilled that Ed is joining our team," said Luke Lillingston. "The global experience he has gained with the Darley Flying Start will fit in very well with Kern Lillingston's worldwide network. Also, the time Ed spent with one of the industry's consummate professionals in John Warren is certain to serve him well in his new career."

Yesterday's Results:

EUROPEAN FREE H.-Listed, £30,000, Newmarket, 4-16, 3yo, 7fT, 1:27.17, gd.

1--**#STIMULATION (IRE)**, 129, c, 3, by [Choisir \(Aus\)](#)

1st Dam: **Damiana (Ire)**, by **Thatching (Ire)**

2nd Dam: **Derena (Fr)**, by **Crystal Palace (Fr)**

3rd Dam: **Dedra (Fr)**, by **Faunus (Fr)**

(92,000gns yrl '06 TATOCT). O-Michael Kerr-Dineen; B-Illuminatus Investments; T-Hughie Morrison; J-Steve Drowne; £17,031. Lifetime Record: GSP-Eng, 4-2-2-0, £33,061. **Werk Nick Rating: A.** [Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Fat Boy (Ire)**, 132, c, 3, **Choisir (Aus)**--**Gold Shift**, by **Night Shift**. (€46,000 yrl '06 GOFORB; £70,000 2yo '07 GOFMAR). £6,456.

3--**Royal Confidence (GB)**, 125, f, 3, **Royal Applause (GB)**--**Never a Doubt (GB)**, by **Night Shift**. £3,231.

Margins: NO, NK, 2. Odds: 15-8, 5-1, 12-1.

Also Ran: **Nacho Libre (GB)**, **Maze (Ire)**, **Exclamation (GB)**, **Philario (Ire)**, **Spirit of Sharjah (Ire)**, **Berbice (Ire)**, **Cake (Ire)**, **Brave Prospector (GB)**.

Runner-up to **Confront (GB)** in an above-average conditions event at Ascot in mid-October, **Stimulation** was back a fortnight later to run **Beacon Lodge (Ire)** to a head when filling the same spot in Newbury's G3 **Horris Hill S.** Racing without cover in the centre of the track as **Fat Boy** dictated the early fractions, he took time to find top gear, but closed on the uphill climb to nail the long-time leader with a final thrust. "He just does enough--he's not unkind, he's just so laid-back," trainer **Hughie Morrison** explained. "We were concerned there were a lot of sprinters in there and I think he'll get further than a mile, so we were never going to see a spectacular zip from him. On another day on better ground, he might quicken up more and, despite his pedigree, his attitude and the way he races suggests you have to look further. He is the best three-year-old I've got and we've never had a Classic contender, so where else do you go than the [May 3] G1 2000 Guineas?" [Click for the Racing Post race chart.](#)

FEILDEN S.-Listed, £30,000, Newmarket, 4-16, 3yo, 1 1/8mT, 1:54.15, gd.

1--**#CAMPANOLOGIST**, 125, c, 3, by [Kingmambo](#)

1st Dam: **Ring of Music (GB)**, by **Sadler's Wells**

2nd Dam: **Glorious Song**, by **Halo**

3rd Dam: **Ballade**, by **Herbager (Fr)**

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Darley; T-Mark Johnston; J-Joe Fanning; £17,031. Lifetime Record: 6-4-0-0, £52,951. **Werk Nick Rating: A + +.**

[Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Kandahar Run (GB)**, 125, c, 3, **Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)**--**Kenmist (GB)**, by **Kenmare (Fr)**. (50,000gns yrl '06 TATOCT). £6,456.

3--**Poet (GB)**, 125, c, 3, **Pivotal (GB)**--**Hyabella (GB)**, by **Shirley Heights (GB)**. (250,000gns yrl '06 TATOCT). £3,231.

Margins: HF, 4HF, 1 1/4. Odds: 9-2, 5-4, 4-1.

Also Ran: **Redolent (Ire)**, **Yahrab (Ire)**, **Pegasus Again**.

Fourth behind the impressive winner **Fast Company (Ire)** in York's G3 **Acomb S.** in August, **Campanologist** returned to winning ways in a Haydock conditions race and ran down the field in the G2 **Royal Lodge S.** at Ascot the following month. Back on track when taking a Kempton conditions event last time Mar. 15, the homebred drew on race fitness to outbattle the favorite **Kandahar Run** on his seasonal bow. Sharing the lead throughout the first half of the contest, the bay strode on at the half-mile marker and knuckled down gamely when joined and briefly threatened by that rival in the final quarter. Connections of the first and second are looking at stepping up in trip for one of the upcoming traditional Derby trials. [Click for the Racing Post race chart.](#)

Newmarket, 2.35, Cond, £10,000, 2yo, 5fT, 1:03.59, gd.

ART CONNOISSEUR (IRE) (c, 2, **Lucky Story**--

Withorwithoutyou {Ire}, by **Danehill**), a first-up winner at Leicester Apr. 3, stalked the front rank in sixth from the outset of this second go. Given a slap down the neck at the two pole, he quickened to the fore approaching the final eighth and surged clear up the hill to register a 2 1/4-length success from **Servoca (El Prado {Ire})**. "I thought he was very professional and put the race to bed quickly," said winning trainer **Michael Bell**. "He looks like a Royal Ascot horse in the making and might run in the Listed National S. [at Sandown May 29] beforehand." Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, £8,419. O-R A Green; B-D McDonnell; T-Michael Bell.

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Newmarket, 4.55, Mdn, £8,000, 3yo, c/g, 7fT, 1:28.51, gd.
VIRTUAL (GB) (c, 3, Pivotal {GB}--Virtuous {GB} {SP-Eng}, by Exit to Nowhere), runner-up to the smart Almajd (Ire) over course and distance last time Oct. 5, was alert from the gate and enjoyed a slender advantage until beyond halfway in this sophomore bow. Coming under pressure when tackled by Otaared (GB) (Storm Cat) approaching the final quarter mile, the 11-10 chalk bounded away from that rival in the closing stages to prevail by 1 1/2 lengths. The winner is a half brother to Iceman (GB) (Polar Falcon, GSW & G1SP-Eng, \$195,098). Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, £8,456. O/B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd; T-John Gosden.

Newmarket, 2.00, Mdn, £8,000, 3yo, 1 1/4mT, 2:09.03, gd.
+ PAMPAS CAT (c, 3, Seeking the Gold--Golden Cat {SP-Ire}, by Storm Cat) grabbed the rail and shadowed the leaders in fourth from the break in this opening show. Pushed along to challenge at the quarter-mile marker, the 20-1 outsider was coaxed clear out of the dip to score by five lengths from Daraahem (Ire) (Act One {GB}). Tale of Two Cities (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) was handily placed through the early fractions, but was unable to land a telling blow and finished seventh. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £5,181. O/B-Carwell Equities Ltd; T-John Gosden.

Beverly, 1.40, Mdn, £3,750, 2yo, 5fT, 1:06.78, gd/sf.
+ VINTAGE STEPS (IRE) (f, 2, Bahamian Bounty {GB}--Red Melodica, by Red Ransom), a 7,500gns DONSEP yearling, broke well and settled third after the early steps of this racecourse bow. Making headway to challenge at the distance, the 7-2 chance was ridden out to better the late effort of Woteva (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}) by 3/4-of-a-length. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £2,428. O-J C Parsons & J J Gilmartin; B-J Browne & J Cullinan; T-Richard Fahey.

OMISSION: In Wednesday's edition of the *TDN*, a story titled 'TOBA Offers Support to THG' inadvertently left out the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association as one of the THG's new members.

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the 6th Race, \$54,000 Allowance, at Keeneland. For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).



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AUSTRALASIA



ARROWFIELD ATTAINS ALL AMERICAN

INTERST Arrowfield Stud has purchased a 50-percent interest in group-winning G1 Golden Slipper hopeful **All American (Aus)** (Red Ransom--Milva, by Strawberry Road {Aus}), the Australian stud announced yesterday. The colt will race in Arrowfield's colours in Saturday's Golden Slipper and will be managed by Arrowfield, while David Hayes will continue training duties. All American will stand at Arrowfield Stud, Scone, at the conclusion of his racing career. The colt has won three of four lifetime starts, including the G3 Skyline S. In his only loss to date, he was second in the G1 Arrowfield Blue Diamond S. "I think All American is a very prospective colt and, being by Red Ransom out of a Strawberry Road mare, he is relatively free of Northern Dancer," explained Arrowfield Managing Director John Messara. "However, with the sire influences of Roberto and Mr. Prospector close up, he is well served to make a stallion. There are outstanding performers in every generation of his pedigree and he looks like a colt for the future. I hope he runs well in the Golden Slipper, but I really think he's more of a three-year-old and what he's done to date has been achieved purely on class."

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

11th-SUN, \$37,900, 4-15, (S), NW1X, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:15 2/5, ft.

TY'S PACHE (g, 4, Copelan's Pache--B. T's Bounty, by Pirate's Bounty) Lifetime Record: 17-4-2-2, \$69,838. O-Charles Henderson and Mike & Penny Rust. B-Douglas L Lee (NM). T-Blake Rust.

10th-SUN, \$37,500, 4-15, NW2X, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:01 4/5, ft.

WIND WATER (g, 6, Bold Badgett--Feng Shui, by French Deputy) Lifetime Record: MSW, 42-15-6-8, \$609,351. O-Adam R Lewis. B-SLU Inc (CA). T-Chris A Hartman.

9th-MNR, \$24,900, 4-15, NW2L, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:40 1/5, ft.

PISTOLS N PEARLS (f, 3, Posse--Fapany {MSP}, by Fappiano) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$31,553. O-Media Thoroughbred Group. B-Robert & Lawana Low (KY). T-Jason G Cook. *1/2 to Mississippi Queen (Dixieland Band), GSP, \$139,200. **\$12,000 yrl '06 KEESEP.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

- Alberta's Book**, f, 3, **Albert the Great**--Oka No Book (SW, \$176,955), by Mari's Book. MNR, 4-15, 1m, 1:42 3/5. B-Ron & Tom Kirby (KY).
- Monteleone**, c, 3, **Dixieland Band**--Falling Springs, by Mr. Prospector. KEE, 4-16, (C), 6f (AWT), 1:09 4/5. B-Brookdale (KY).
- Shegoestoeleven**, f, 3, **Service Stripe**--Book the Devil, by Notebook. TAM, 4-16, a1mT, 1:40 3/5. B-Bridle Oaks Farm Inc (FL).
- Shinny Season**, g, 3, **Silver Season**--True Brilliance, by Time to Explode. SUN, 4-15, (S), 1m, 1:38 1/5. B-Wesley Gray (NM). *1/2 to Johnnygetachex (Tilt the Odds), MSW, \$285,772. **\$9,200 yrl '06 RUIAUG; \$10,000 2yo '07 OBSAPR.
- Fair Millie**, f, 4, **Have Fun**--Plumb Dizzie, by Fair American. WRD, 4-15, 5 1/2f, 1:04. B-Robert L Listen (OK).
- Sky Dragon**, c, 4, **Sky Classic**--She's a Dragon (Ire), by Infantry (GB). AQU, 4-16, (S), 1 1/16mT, 1:45 1/5. B-Amherst Stable LLC, Jeffrey Foong & Mun-Yet Lum (NY). *\$17,000 yrl '05 KEEJAN.
- Mystery Guest**, c, 4, **Touch Gold**--Meadow Mystery (SP), by Meadowlake. KEE, 4-16, (C), 6f (AWT), 1:10 3/5. B-Adena Springs (ON). *\$200,000 yrl '05 FTSAUG.

SO. HEMISPHERE WINNERS BY U.S. SIRE:

- Kindermusic (Arg)**, c, 3, **Salt Lake**--Scolaire (MGS1P-Arg), by Southern Halo. Argentina, Palermo, 4-14, Cond, 1000m, :57.45. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, P20,000. O-Stud S. de B.; B-Haras La Quebrada (Arg); T-Gustavo Scarpello. *Won by 1 1/2 lengths.
- My Fashion (Arg)**, f, 4, **Mutakddim**--Macy Halo (Arg), by Southern Halo. Argentina, Palermo, 4-14, Cond, 1000mD, :57.07 Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1, P28,000. O-Stud El Alba II.; B-Haras La Quebrada; T-D.R. Cima.

**BREEDERS' EDITION
EUROPE**

HANDICAP RESULTS:

- BRITAIN, Newmarket, 5.30**, £18,000, 3yo, 6fT, 1:14.68, gd.
- PROHIBIT (GB)** (c, 3, **Oasis Dream {GB}**--**Well Warned {GB}** {MGSP-Eng}, by **Warning {GB}**) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, £17,409. O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms; T-John Gosden. *1/2 to Prior Warning (GB) (Barathea {Ire}), MSW-Fr, \$126,437.
- BRITAIN, Beverley, 4.30**, £7,000, 3yo, 9f 207ydsT, 2:16.22, gd/sf.
- WILLIAM BLAKE (GB)** (c, 3, **Rainbow Quest--Land of Dreams {GB}** {MGSW-Eng, \$113,701}, by **Cadeaux Genereux {GB}**) Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, £11,091. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Gainsborough Stud Management Ltd; T-Mark Johnston. *Full to Into the Dark (GB), MSW & GSP-Eng, \$169,423.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

- Soul Sista (Ire)**, f, 2, **City on a Hill**--Fraamtastic (GB), by Fraam (GB). Beverley, Britain, 4-16, Mdn, 2yo, 5fT. B-T Berwanger & Aaron Quinn.
- Tris di Donne (Ire)**, f, 3, **Almutawakel (GB)**--Twist Again (Ger), by Turfkonig (Ger). Rome, Italy, 4-15, Mdn, 3yo, 6f (AWT). B-Francesca Turri.

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