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**HEADLINE  
NEWS**

**BIG DAY FOR REDOUTE'S CHOICE AT INGLIS**

The Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale reached a spectacular crescendo Tuesday with Darley confirming it intends to be an increasing part of the picture Down Under by outlaying a shade over A\$19 million on 20 yearlings, including Tuesday's sale-topping pair of



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Redoute's Choice (Aus) colts. During three days of selling, Inglis sold 28 yearlings for A\$1-million or more, including four that topped the A\$2-million mark. Yesterday, Sheikh Mohammed's bloodstock advisor John Ferguson signed the ticket for a A\$2.7-million son of Redoute's Choice. The

yearling, out of Salameh (Aus) (Secret Savings), is a three-quarter brother in blood to Emirates Park freshman sire Al Maher (Aus) and was from the Emirates draft. Ferguson also purchased a Redoute's Choice half-brother to G1 Golden Slipper S. placegetter Portrillo (Aus) and to Group 1 winner Snowland (Aus) for A\$2.5-million. Ferguson went to Redoute's Choice one more time to take home a filly by the dominant sire out of Group 1 winner Regimental Gal for A\$1.5 million. "One of the reasons Sheikh Mohammed is very keen on being down here is that he has had such a wonderful reception here," said Ferguson. "Sheikh Mohammed is very keen to support this market as it is very clear he is looking forward to racing many more horses down here, and, with hopefully the Foreign Investment Review Board agreeing to the Woodlands deal, the future is very exciting."

Ferguson said he did not expect there would be problems gaining approval of the purchase of Woodlands bloodstock for a reported A\$498-million but commented, "One does not want to count one's chickens until they are hatched." He added, "We are very happy with the way the sale has gone. Breeders have been fantastically supportive...we are happy to support the people who support our stallions." Bolstered by a Tuesday session average of A\$445,992 and 17 horses making six figures, the sale average climbed to A\$376,352 with 381 sold for receipts of A\$143,390,000 and a clearance rate of 85 percent. The median increased by 25 percent to A\$250,000 and, although there were 86 fewer yearlings catalogued this year, the aggregate fell only marginally short of last year's figure. "The sale has exceeded all expectations given what has transpired over the past six months within the industry," Inglis Managing Director Mark Webster said. Tyreel Stud finished the sale as the leading vendor by average, with 12 sold at A\$930,000. Coolmore Stud topped the vendors by gross, with 39 selling for A\$16.415million, while Arrowfield Stud sold 22 for A\$13,145,000. Redoute's Choice contributed a gross of A\$38,795,000 to the sale, with 49 yearlings selling at an average of A\$791,735. Encosta de Lago had 45 yearlings sell for \$26,470,000 at an average of \$588,222. Session II of the sale, starting at 11 a.m. Thursday, is expected to be buoyant with 195 catalogued. **Inglis Easter cont. p2**

INGLIS EASTER YEARLING SALE		
TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2008		
CUMULATIVE	2008	2007
Catalogued	502	588
No. Offered	450	550
No. Sold	381	447
RNAs	69	103
% RNA	15.3%	18.7%
High Price	\$2.7M	\$3M
No. A\$800K+	39	36
Gross	A\$143,390,000	A\$148,375,000
Average	A\$376,352 (+13.4%)	A\$331,935
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**INGLIS EASTER YEARLINGS**

**TUESDAY'S TOP 10 COLTS**

Hip	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
<u>351</u>	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Salameh (Aus)	2,700,000
	Consigned by Emirates Park Purchased by Darley		
<u>377</u>	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Snowdrift (Fr)	2,500,000
	Consigned by Tyreel Stud Purchased by Darley		
<u>373</u>	EncostadeLago (Aus)	Skates (Aus)	1,700,000
	Consigned by Coolmore Purchased by Ingham Bloodstock		
<u>395</u>	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Stella Artois (Aus)	1,300,000
	Consigned by Arrowfield Purchased by Shadwell Stud		
<u>330</u>	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Republic Lass (Aus)	1,200,000
	Consigned by Tyreel Stud Purchased by Ingham Bloodstock		
<u>404</u>	Hussonet	Sunday Valentine (Aus)	1,200,000
	Consigned by Arrowfield Purchased by Tony Bott		
<u>464</u>	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Ylang Ylang (Ire)	1,200,000
	Consigned by Amarina Farm Purchased by S Ho		
<u>359</u>	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Sequin (Aus)	1,100,000
	Consigned by Highgrove Stud Purchased by Ingham Bloodstock		
<u>489</u>	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Angelic Smile (Aus)	1,100,000
	Consigned by Highgrove Stud Purchased by Darley		
<u>322</u>	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Red Hot Mama (Aus)	1,000,000
	Consigned by Bellerive Stud Purchased by BlueSky Thoroughbreds		

INGLIS EASTER YEARLING SALE		
TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2008		
SESSION TOTALS	2008	2007
Catalogued	182	241
No. Offered	163	227
No. Sold	132	190
RNAs	31	37
% RNA	19%	16.3%
Top Price	A\$2.7M	A\$2.2M
Gross	A\$58,805,000	A\$70,645,000
Average	A\$445,492 (+19.8%)	A\$371,816
Median	A\$280,000 (+40%)	A\$200,000
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**TUESDAY'S TOP SEVEN FILLIES**

Hip	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
<u>427</u>	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Tugela	1,800,000
	Consigned by Makybe Purchased by J Morrisey		
<u>328</u>	More Than Ready	Regrowth (Aus)	1,600,000
	Consigned by Segenhoe Stud, Purchased by Darley		
<u>327</u>	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Regimental Gal (Aus)	1,500,000
	Consigned by Cressfield Purchased by Darley		
<u>384</u>	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Special Harmony (Aus)	1,500,000
	Consigned by Coolmore Purchased by Ingham Bloodstock		
<u>412</u>	More Than Ready	Tambour (Aus)	1,200,000
	Consigned by Segenhoe Stud Purchased by Shadwell Stud		
<u>409</u>	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Sydney's Dream (Aus)	1,000,000
	Consigned by Tyreel Stud Purchased by Freyer Bloodstock		
<u>420</u>	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Toast of the Coast (Aus)	1,000,000
	Consigned by Arrowfield Stud Purchased by Darley		

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Inglis Easter cont.

**Darley Overdrive...**

Darley's phenomenal purchasing included the A\$2.7-million Redoute's Choice (Aus)--Salameh (Aus) colt offered by Emirates Park. Salameh is a half-sister to Al Maher (Aus), from the family of Dancing Show (Aus), the granddam of Redoute's Choice (Aus), Platinum Scissors (Aus) and Sliding Cube (Aus).



**John Ferguson**  
*Horsephotos*

"He's the spitting image of Al Maher," said Emirates Park's director of operations Dr Shalabh Sahu. "I was expecting \$1.5 million for him to be frank. I was wrong, he started at \$1.6-million. I'm absolutely amazed." John Ferguson also succeeded in securing the A\$2.5-million Redoute's Choice (Aus)--Snowdrift (Fr) colt offered by Tyreel Stud. "It is a fabulous family, he is an exceptional colt. Obviously Portillo (Aus) (Red Ransom) gave the family another boost last weekend and the colt, we felt, was one of the highlights of the week." An A\$1.6-million

More Than Ready--Regrowth (Aus) filly, who is out of a half-sister to the dam of Golden Slipper winner Forensics (Aus) consigned by Segenhoe Stud, also went to Darley. "To my mind she was among the best fillies in the sale in terms of conformation, athleticism and a serious, serious pedigree," said Ferguson. He also signed for the A\$1.5-million Redoute's Choice (Aus)--Regimental Gal (Aus) filly. "I was particularly pleased to buy a filly out of Regimental Gal because she was a star. The filly was beautiful, with a great profile, very athletic and has every chance of being a racehorse," Ferguson added.

**Golden Age...**

Sheikh Hamdan's Shadwell Australasia was among the most dominant buyers, with seven purchased at an aggregate of A\$5,110,000 and average of A\$730,000. Their purchases included a Redoute's Choice (Aus) colt out of the Geiger Counter mare Stella Artois (Aus), the



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dam of Group 2 winner Freestyle (Aus), for A\$1.3 million. Shadwell's Angus Gold said, "He was a lovely horse, possibly lacking a little in pedigree compared to some of them, but from quite a tough family. He had a great attitude and a bit of class to him." An

hour later, Gold, celebrating his birthday at the Newmarket sale complex, struck again to snare a More Than Ready filly for A\$1.2 million. The brown filly, out of Tambour (Aus) (Marauding {NZ}), is a half-sister to the MG1SW Grand Armee (Aus) and was consigned by Segenhoe Stud. "She was a beautiful, big, scopy, athletic filly," Gold said. "I have always been a fan of More Than Ready and I have been looking to buy one over the last few years and have not been able to find one that I really liked. This year, to me, they are a completely different class. It is interesting, breeders must be sending him a big, robust, scopier mare and they have had much more substance, scope, depth and class to them generally. He has had some beautiful yearlings. The Regrowth filly [purchased by Darley] was absolutely world class." Of yesterday's sterling session, Gold commented, "To be honest, I thought at the start of the week the strongest horses were today. It was strong the first two days, so I thought they were bound to make pretty good money today. It is amazing to see the sheer number of million-dollar horses."

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**Inglis Easter cont.  
On a Roll...**

Trainer Anthony Cummings came away with 18 purchased for a total of A\$7,635,000, including the A\$2.2-million full brother to Alinghi during Monday's session. He revealed that Yarraman Park had retained 25 percent of the colt and he would be syndicated with Patinack principal Nathan Tinkler and several of Tinkler's friends. But many of Cummings' purchases were around the median; he was among many trainers



**Anthony Cummings**  
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present doing the hard yards to find value in an elite catalogue. "I suppose I have built my record on doing exactly that," Cummings said. "It is all very well to pay high prices for yearlings, some are worth it and others are not, but the reality is you need to get value for

money," he said. "I paid A\$2.2-million for a horse yesterday that might seem ridiculous...if he doesn't get to the racetrack it doesn't mean he loses value, it just means it takes longer to get your money back. I think before you decide there is a way in, you have to be certain there is a way out. A lot of horses here don't always attract the attention of the main players; decisions made are always a matter of degree. It doesn't mean that the horse can't run, by any means. The reality is there are probably a greater number of horses in that [middle] sector of the sale, so you have a larger pool, and you are more likely to get fast horses come out of it. Value is paramount."

**Ingham Family Regathers...**

Not far behind Darley on the buying bench was Bob Ingham, who outlaid A\$17,875,000 on 23 yearlings at an average of A\$777,174 as he rebuilds his bloodstock portfolio, having sold all but three of some 12 horses under the Woodlands banner to Darley Australia. "It's been great," Ingham said of his three-day buying and bidding duels with Darley; the latter prevailed on the day's two toppers. Ingham, however, went after Coolmore's prized pair and purchased the Encosta de Lago (Aus)--Skates (Aus) (Danehill) colt for A\$1.7 million and the Encosta de Lago (Aus)--Special Harmony (Aus) (Spinning World) filly for A\$1.5-million. Coolmore's Peter O'Brien said, "We were delighted. They were our best colt and best filly and any time you can get over a million and a half for a horse it is a good day out. They are going to a good home. The Inghams have been great supporters of us over the years". Ingham revealed he had enlisted the help of Melbourne-based Lloyd Williams, owner of Melbourne Cup winner Efficient (NZ), in the selection process.

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Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
Ravalo	Mutakddim	Allen's Prospect S.	105
Foxysox (GB)	Foxhound	Santa Barbara H.-G2	104
Coyoteshighestcall	Regal Humor	Norristown S.	103
Golden Velvet	Seeking the Gold	Sixty Sails H.-G3	103
Ryan's for Real	Sword Dance (Ire)	Bill Hartack Memorial H.-G3	103
Sterwins	Runaway Groom	Ben Ali S.-G3	102
Carriage Trail	Giant's Causeway	Doubledogdare S.-G3	101
Powerful Touch	Touch Gold	Jim McKay S.	101
Jade's Revenge	Quiet American	Fort Harrod S.	100
Rite Moment	Vicar	Bed o' Roses H.-G2	100
Behindatthebar	Forest Wildcat	Coolmore Lexington S.-G2	99
Big Booster	Accelerator	San Juan Capistrano Invitational H.-G2	99
R Clear Victory	Victory Gallop	Kings Point H.	99
Stealth Cat	Magic Cat	JEH Stallion Station S.	99
Lexi Star	Crypto Star	Geisha S.	98
Peach Flambe	Flying Chevron	Cicada S.	98
Missed the Prom	Menifee	John Henry S.	97
Sheeler	Dixie Union	Star de Naskra S.	97
Stoneside (Ire)	Marchand de Sable	San Simeon H.-G3	96
Icabad Crane	Jump Start	Federico Tesio S.	94
One Lucky Buck	Thats Our Buck	Sunland Park H.	94
My List	Banker's Gold	Whimsical S.-G3	93
Hadavision	Vision and Verse	Peach Blossom S.	92
Alwajeeha	Dixieland Band	Appalachian S.-G3	91

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"Lloyd and I have been great mates for a long time, he has been at the sales with me for several days to help select and price horse--we argued about a few," said Ingham. "It's been great. I can come here and buy what I like and pay whatever I like and have no trouble paying for them! But I have always looked at it as a business, it is not a matter of, 'We've got money to spend and we are spending it.' I came with a budget and ended up within A\$20,000 of it." Ingham's wife Norma purchased two horses, including a Flying Spur (Aus) three-quarter sister to G1 BTC Doomben Cup winner Cinque Cento (Aus) (Nothin' Leica Dane {Aus}) for A\$750,000 and an Exceed and Excel (Aus) colt from G1 Newmarket H. winner Ruffles (Aus) for A\$500,000, bringing the family's purchases to 25 in total. "She blew her budget by a fair way," Ingham said ruefully. "I think the Ruffles (Aus) colt will go to trainer Kevin Moses."



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**Inglis Easter cont.  
Diva Delight...**

Queensland trainer John Morrissey secured a three-quarter sister to three-time Melbourne Cup winner Makybe Diva for \$1.8 million. The Redoute's Choice filly, out of Tugela, was offered as lot 427 by Tony



**Tugela's daughter Makybe Diva**  
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Santic's Makybe breeding operation, was purchased on behalf of Morrissey's long-time clients Gundaroo Stud. Morrissey and Gundaroo have enjoyed success at the highest level with Group 1 winners Camarena (Aus) and Lachlan River (Aus). "I was surprised to get the horse so cheap," Morrissey said. Santic later revealed the filly had a A\$1.2-million reserve. Makybe passed-in Tugela's Red Ransom filly here last year after she failed to reach her A\$2-million reserve. The

Ingham family purchased Tugela's Redoute's Choice colt for A\$2.5-million in 2006; named Musket (Aus), he is emerging as a highly promising horse.

**Redoute's Choice Return...**

Macau-based Stanley Ho's A\$2-million Redoute's Choice (Aus)--Lavishly (Sunday Silence) colt, purchased Monday, was returned to Arrowfield after failing a scope. That return did not deter the high-profile Asian owner from purchasing an Encosta de Lago (Aus)--Ylang Ylang (Ire) colt closely related to two-year-old stakes winner Believe 'n Succeed (Aus) (Exceed and Excel) and November Snow (Storm Cat) for A\$1.2-million on Tuesday.

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

**Bloodstock agent John Ferguson**

"The sale has been very strong, not only at the top, but through the middle as well. I think the quality of horses has been very high; there have been nice horses throughout the sale, but more nice horses today, on the last day, than on the first two days. As a result there have been higher prices. I think it is amazing how many horses have made in excess of a million dollars, but I think it says more about the quality of the catalogue than anything else. This is the first year when Redoute's Choice (Aus) got a number of very, very serious mares with serious pedigrees."

**Shadwell Australia's Angus Gold**

"The quality is second to none. It is certainly the best lot of horses I have ever seen here and the lovely thing is, a lot of them have the pedigrees to match. The standard of presentation gets higher every year I come. I have been really impressed. I am a great believer the Dubai World Cup carnival is a brilliant concept for inter-



**Angus Gold** *shadwellstud.com*

national racing in that horses from Australia, South Africa, South America, all over the southern hemisphere, have gone there and proven that they are world class. It makes people take notice. It is fascinating to me because you never know, you simply can't tell the strength of the opposition, you don't know how good the horses are compared with horses from other coun-

tries. I think [the success of southern hemisphere-bred horses in Dubai] has contributed significantly to the upturn in the market here. As well, I think the world is becoming a smaller place, we can all get here pretty easily now. But the over-riding factor is the success of racing in Australia. If you happen to get lucky with a colt there is now a stallion market to back it up and your horses are worth something. Before there just wasn't the market--when we had Zabeel (NZ) racing, we struggled to sell him as a stallion, nobody wanted him, and he has gone on to prove himself an exceptional stallion. Things have changed. The whole industry has grown up a lot in international terms."

**Darley Australia General Manager Oliver Tait**

"It has been a terrific sale overall. The quality of horses at the sale was fantastic and vendors have been rewarded for the sort of horses they brought here. Given the performance of Exceed and Excel's first two-year-olds, we expected them to sell well and they have. It is great to see, but it is not entirely unexpected. Shamardal was supported by some good mares in his first season and he has had a fantastic sale. He gets a nice-looking yearling, they are very strong, athletic good-moving horses."

**Bill Benson, Emerald Thoroughbreds**

"I just can't believe how many million-dollar horses we have had, the market seems to be getting stronger and stronger. A few months ago, if you had told me we would be getting these results consistently for our horses, I would have not have believed it with EI and the stock market. There is a lot of money out there and the stock market has not affected as many people as we thought. I think people are still making money and our horses are still cheap compared with the rest of the world."

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What They're Saying cont.

**Trainer Anthony Cummings**

"It is a very strong sale. Slowly but surely, Australia is being dragged onto the world market. Our horses are world class. We prove that every year with every horse that travels. Our horsemen are world class, in terms of the trainers and the breeders of the horses that come here, and now we have a world-class buying bench. And, in Australia, it is easier to grow a good horse."

**Arrowfield Managing Director John Messara**

"It has been an outstanding sale given the circumstances of the year, including EI and the stock market. I think Session II will follow up the old saying of [the late] Colin Hayes 'one up, all up' and that theory certainly stood up this year, after New Zealand and the Gold Coast were up. But I was surprised to see how strong it was this year...I think there was genuine apprehension, with stock markets falling over two or three months I really wasn't thinking we would have 28 yearlings sell for a million or more."

**Trainer John O'Shea**

"It is the strongest sale I have ever attended, but the quality is here and the buyers are here, and it is a great thing for our industry. There is [value around the median] but you have got to work hard. This is a bit of a tautology, but you have got to have a very long shortlist, work through the process and eventually you get the one you want. I saw a Commands (Aus) filly make A\$45,000, sold to Paul Moroney, who is a very good judge. Every sale throws up these horses, it is not all about A\$2-million horses."



**BIG BROWN READY TO BLOOM?**

It's likely that **Big Brown** (Boundary) will be favored in the GI Kentucky Derby next Saturday at Churchill Downs, and the unbeaten colt's staunchest fan just might be his trainer, Rick Dutrow Jr. "We've still got a couple more hurdles before we get the money," Dutrow



Eleanor Gustafson photo


admitted yesterday during a national teleconference. "I believe he is the fastest horse in the race...and I feel confident we're going to win." When asked if he was concerned about a poor draw in an expected 20-horse field, Dutrow replied, "I cannot imagine a post position is going to beat him." Sidelined by hoof problems after a spectacular debut at Saratoga, the

big bay colt trounced his rivals in an off-the-turf allowance before putting in a tour-de-force in the GI Florida Derby Mar. 29. Dutrow has been impressed by the colt's demeanor since that triumph. "He has gotten more involved in his training, and he's been looking for competition [in the morning]," said the conditioner. Time and glue-on shoes have taken care of his tender feet. "I don't see this being an issue now or in the near future," Dutrow said. In addition to having only three lifetime starts, Big Brown will have a slightly unorthodox preparation for the Run for the Roses. "He will breeze [tomorrow] at Palm Meadows," Dutrow confirmed. "He will fly to Churchill on 28th, and will blow out three-eighths two days before the Derby."

**Glory Revisited?...**

Trainer Louie Roussel III is back for another try at the Kentucky Derby, 20 years after Risen Star finished third before taking the next two jewels of the Triple Crown. This year he has **Recapturetheglory** (Cherokee Run), who leapt from obscurity when he wired his foes in the GII Illinois Derby Apr. 5. Co-owner Ronnie Lamarque serenaded Risen Star, but hasn't put pen to paper about their new Triple Crown prospect. "Ronnie has not written a song--he says the name Recapturetheglory is too long," Roussel quipped during a national teleconference. As for the colt himself, Roussel noted that they are different individuals. "He's a lot smaller than Risen Star," the affable conditioner remarked, "but he has a great stride and a tremendous way of moving."

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Triple Threats cont.

**Pletcher Lining Up His Posse...**

A few weeks ago, it was touch and go as to whether Todd Pletcher would have any runners to saddle in the Kentucky Derby. But with **Monba** (Maria's Mon) and **Cowboy Cal** (Giant's Causeway) comprising the exacta in the GI Toyota Blue Grass S. Apr. 12 and **Behindatthebar** (Forest Wildcat) upsetting the GII Coolmore Lexington S. this past Saturday, Pletcher's Derby outlook has altered considerably. While Pletcher is planning on running both Monba and Cowboy Cal, he's not sure about Behindatthebar at this point. "I need to see him train for a few days before we make a decision," Pletcher confirmed during a national teleconference. Monba, tabbed as a ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ in his winning debut at Keeneland in October, captured an allowance at Churchill before rallying for fourth in the GI CashCall Futurity. After a troubled effort in the GII Fountain of Youth S. Feb. 24, the grey colt surged over the Polytrack to defeat his stablemate in the Blue Grass. "One of the concerns was that he'd fallen too far back in the [CashCall Mile or Hollywood Futurity, or whatever they're calling it these days]," Pletcher explained. "We wanted to get him more into the bridle. He's adaptable to any pace scenario." Cowboy Cal, a graded stakes winner on grass, has been forwardly placed in all of his outings. "He's a light-mouthed horse," he stated. When asked to assess the Stonerside homebred's chances in the Derby, Pletcher explained, "He's got a stout-enough pedigree...it depends on the kind of trip he's able to work out; how he takes to the Churchill surface." Both colts will remain in Lexington until next week. "There's some rain in the forecast for this weekend," Pletcher noted. "They will breeze at Keeneland either Saturday or Sunday."

**TDN Quote du Jour**  
*"I got Curlin beat last year, so I know how hard a race it is to win."*  
 --Trainer Steve Asmussen, who will saddle Pyro and Z Fortune in the Kentucky Derby.

**Big Truck, Visionaire Turn In Maintenance Works...**

A pair of graded stakes-winning colts breezed yesterday over the Keeneland Polytrack as they prepare for a start in the GI Kentucky Derby. Eric Fein's **Big Truck** (Hook and Ladder), victorious in the GIII Tampa Bay Derby Mar. 15, went a half-mile in :48.80 for trainer Barclay Tagg. "He went a little faster than I wanted, but it's fine," said the conditioner, who took the 2003 Run for the Roses with Funny Cide. "I generally like their maintenance works to be around :49, but it's no problem." Tagg's other Derby contender, Charles Fipke's **Tale of Ekati** (Tale of the Cat), is slated to work five-eighths of a mile this morning at Keeneland. Team Valor International and Vision Racing LLC's **Visionaire** (Grand Slam) also went four furlongs yesterday morning, covering the distance in :49 3/5 in the company of a stablemate. "He just did a little maintenance work here and then he'll do one more at Churchill," trainer Michael Matz said of the GIII Gotham S. hero. Matz, who saddled Barbaro to Derby glory in 2006, said he did not know exactly when Visionaire would ship across Interstate 64, but that the final work is scheduled for Monday.

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**EUROPE 2008: DANZIG SO FAR**


The European flat turf season gets underway in earnest around the end of March or beginning of April. There's usually a lot of soft ground still about, so the season's early results may or may not provide reliable pointers to the rest of the year. In the first few weeks of this year's European turf season, there are two statistics which stand out. The first is that noted soft-ground sires (as distinct from specialist soft-ground sires) **Danehill Dancer** and **Pivotal** have each racked up over £200,000 in progeny earnings in Great Britain and Ireland combined, from Jan. 1 (per Monday's *Racing Post*). Danehill Dancer's 2008 runners in GB/Ire have banked £245,503 so far, while Pivotal, himself almost £100,000 ahead of third-placed Dansili, is the sire of the earners of £224,345. Since Mar. 30 each has sired four stakes winners, and seven stakes horses, in Britain and Ireland. Four of Danehill Dancer's seven are three-year-olds; five of Pivotal's are.

Always good as a soft-ground sire, Danehill Dancer proved two years ago that the transfer to faster ground didn't slow them down. Both sires now have plenty of top runners on good and firm ground. If that form holds up for the rest of this year, there's no doubt both of them should be considered among Europe's, and the world's, best contemporary sires.

The second statistic from the *Racing Post's* Top Flat Sires in Britain and Ireland is this: seven of the top 10 right now are Danzig-line sires. This is somewhere between 'very significant' and 'staggering.' Not only is Danehill Dancer first, other Danehill sons Dansili and **Danetime** are third and seventh, respectively. **Green Desert** is ninth; his sons **Cape Cross** and **Invincible Spirit** are fourth and eighth. **Bertolini**, like Green Desert by Danzig himself, is fifth. The only interlopers are second-ranked Pivotal and 10th-ranked **Royal Applause**, also Northern Dancer-line sires; and sixth-ranked **Red Ransom**, by Roberto, and the only non-Northern Dancer horse currently among the top 10.

Red Ransom's first English crop produced two weekend three-year-old group winners, both bred and owned by Sheikh Hamdan—if Red Ransom was counted as a second-crop sire he would surely lead the table after that. This is an interesting group of horses, which we'll review in detail once the first round of major Guineas races have been run. Things are going to get interesting. Speedball **Acclamation** (Royal Applause), runaway leading 2007 European freshman sire, does hold a slight lead over **Captain Rio** (by Pivotal, eighth last year) among second-crop sires on the 2008 GB/Ire Flat Sire list to date (this includes earnings since Jan. 1, which means the first three months were almost completely all-weather racing).

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Two other probable speed sires--they were both rocket sprinters--**Choisir** (by Danehill Dancer; third last year, and sire of Newmarket's listed Free H. one-two Stimulation and Fat Boy) and **Oasis Dream** (Green Desert, second last year) fill the next two places, followed by last year's fourth, **Dubai Destination** (a miler, by Kingmambo). But now the horses with the more Classic profiles start to surface. **High Chaparral**, winner of the G1 English and Irish Derbies and the G1 Breeders' Cup Turf twice, is bidding to become Coolmore's third home-run son of Sadler's Wells, following Montjeu and Galileo. He was only 20th on last year's European Freshman Sire List, but they're starting to show a lot more form at three, including Sunday's G3 Premio Parioli (Italian 2000 Guineas), won by the High Chaparral colt, Senlis. Also waiting in the wings, with Classic chances seemingly everywhere, is **Dalakhani** (Darshaan), the G1 Prix du Jockey-Club (the older, longer version) and G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner, and Europe's champion three-year-old of 2003; he was 16th last year. In Germany, as Christa Riebel reported in yesterday's paper, second-crop sires **Dai Jin** (Peintre Celebre) and **Sholokhov** (Sadler's Wells) had stakes winners last weekend. But it's still worth remembering that, if we counted him, at this moment, Red Ransom trumps them all.

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There haven't been many baby races, but the former French sire **Verglas** (Highest Honor) has already answered the question whether his good two-year-old form in France (2.27 two-year-old ABC Index from his French crops) would transfer to Ireland. He already has four two-year-old winners and is currently, at this very early stage, the Leading Sire of Two-Year-Olds in GB/Ire. Among the actual freshman sires, three have done something noteworthy: two winners each for Coolmore's **One Cool Cat** (Storm Cat) and Darley's **Kheleyf** (Green Desert); and the very promising **Art Connoisseur**, winner of both his races, for Dr. Fong's full brother, **Lucky Story** (Kris S.). He's also a Darley stallion, but stands at David Redvers' Tweenhills Stud.

One other horse I'd like to mention is another Darley stallion, Kildangan Stud's **King's Best** (Kingmambo). With a massive 500 year-starters in his first four crops through the end of 2007 (his first foals arrived in 2002, and are now six-year-olds), King's Best has an exactly average 1.00 A Runner Index, but is 1.50 for B Runners; 1.30 for Cs, and 1.28 for ABC Runners combined. He is holding his own, considering his two-year-old ABC Index is a paltry 0.32--meaning, more or less, forget them as two-year-olds. But his three-year-old ABC Index is a very respectable 1.89. He has 14 winners already this year, you do see a fair number of runners by him in good company, and the evidence so far is that Darley's still sending him decent mares. His name could come up in dispatches a few times this year.

**The All-Weather Conundrum...**

Meanwhile, back Stateside, the handicappers are screaming about the all-weather preps for the GI Kentucky Derby. Pyro (Pulpit) was an ignominious tenth in the G1 Blue Grass S., with the other fancied horses also off the board. Monba's winning Beyer figure was 92. Colonel John (Tiznow), the GI Santa Anita Derby winner (Beyer 95), has never run on conventional dirt, but his connections will hope his form transfers as well as that of Gayego (Gilded Time), who came off a second in Santa Anita's GII San Felipe S. to win the GI Arkansas Derby (Beyer 103). Tale of Ekati (Tale of the Cat) staggered home in the dirt GI Wood Memorial S. in a Beyer 93, leaving only GI Florida Derby winner Big Brown (Boundary), off a scintillating Beyer 106 on a dirt track, as the one horse who has run a near-Derby winning last-start figure on dirt. He inherits the mantle of Derby favorite, but he has only had three starts, a significant negative.

# Weekly Sales Ticker

by Bill Oppenheim

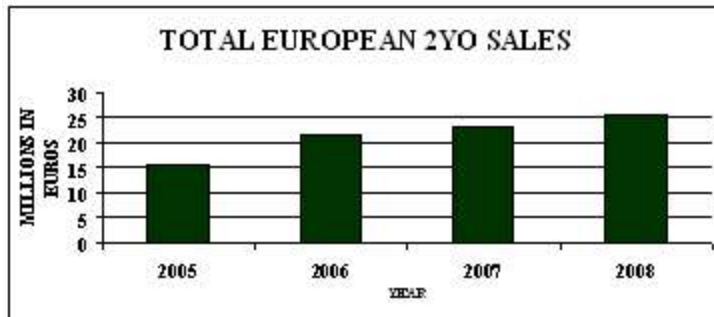
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"Want to see a growth market in these troubled times? Here it is: European Two-Year-Old in Training sales. Buoyed by what was likely a Darley spending spree (six different agents may have been signing tickets for them), and including the four Shadwell bought, the Maktoums could have bought a third of the horses and spent 43% of the gross, helping to explain the massive 35% rise in gross and 40% rise in average (to over the \$200,000 mark) at Tattersalls' Craven sale last week. It's now the first top two-year-old sale outside the U.S. Pinhooking yearlings in cheap dollars by U.S. sires proven in Europe didn't hurt, either. The table shows there's been a two-thirds rise in average and gross both at the European sales to date since 2005"

- Bill Oppenheim



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% S/C	GROSS	AVG
2008	620	522	384	61.9%	€25,524,875	€66,471
2007	699	605	430	61.5%	€23,216,269	€53,991
2006	584	490	398	68.2%	€21,665,378	€54,436
2005	580	498	383	66.0%	€15,426,324	€40,278



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So the Kentucky Derby lacks a convincing favorite with the right profile this year. It could just be a below-average year, we don't know that yet. But, whatever else may prove to be the case, handicapping the all-weather tracks is proving an elusive target for the people that are the lifeblood of the purse structure, the serious gamblers. It's possible Keeneland's reported drop in handle is attributable to big bettors shifting their focus to other tracks which they find easier to handicap. That could have serious consequences, medium-term.

To me, the argument for the right synthetic surfaces is compelling: safety. I gamble on horse races some myself, and I know how the racing and breeding industry tends to treat gamblers as second-class citizens, a necessary evil. That's off base. Serious gamblers are invariably smart people, just as smart as anybody else in the horse business. They deserve to be addressed seriously, and their views taken into account. Like the rest of us, they actually do have the best interests of the game at heart. Fair enough, we don't know yet, definitively, that synthetic surfaces are safer than dirt. The anecdotal evidence from the vast majority of horsemen and horsewomen out there in the trenches suggests it is safer. The early scientific evidence does suggest it is safer. You know, there is no divine right for there to be a horse racing business. If synthetic surfaces do prove to be safer, and the industry rejects the safer option because of pressure from handicappers, there might not be a horse business in North America in 20 or 30 years. Animal rights and welfare issues aren't going to go away.

In preparation for a new, safer, better horse racing world down the line, it might be more productive for racetracks, form publications, and gambling providers, as well as those industry organizations like the NTRA and Breeders' Cup that represent us, to reach out to serious gamblers. First, to make the case that safety is paramount; and then to work with the gamblers, through workshops, seminars, and contests, to try and help them reach conclusions about gambling on synthetic surfaces. Employ a few statisticians to apply themselves to the handicapping issues, consult with some of those uber-smart gamblers like Andy Beyer, and let's try and all move forward together. History evolves--new results every day in the horse racing world. Life is an inductive process. We have to keep learning as we go along. If we all have similar objectives, and we can work and learn together, we will have a stronger horse business.

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☆ NEWS TODAY ☆

**JOAN PHILLIPS PASSES AWAY AT 83** Joan G. "Jody" Phillips, daughter of Darby Dan Farm's patriarch John W. Galbreath and mother of the operation's current managing partner John W. Phillips, passed away Monday at the Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. She was 83. Born into one of racing's great families, Joan helped maintain the storied tradition of Darby Dan, which John W. Galbreath founded in Galloway, Ohio, in 1935, and later expanded to the old Idle Hour Stock Farm property in Lexington, Kentucky. Galbreath, who famously owned the Pittsburgh Pirates, bred a pair of Kentucky Derby winners in Chateaugay and Proud Clarion, as well as the English Derby winner Roberto, who was named after the Pirates celebrated Hall of Famer Roberto Clemente. Galbreath also bred 1988 GI Florida Derby winner Brian's Time, and that year's champion grass horse Sunshine Forever. Both were sons of Roberto. Sunshine Forever won the GI Man O' War S., GI Turf Classic S. and GI Budweiser International S. that year and was second, beaten a half-length by Great Communicator, in the GI Breeders' Cup Turf. Galbreath died in July of 1988. Galbreath's wife, Dorothy Galbreath, bred and raced Proud Truth, who won the GI Breeders' Cup Classic in 1985. In partnership with brother Dan Galbreath and under the Galbreath/Phillips Racing Partnership banner, Joan, who was married to the late James W. (Wally) Phillips, bred stakes winners Triumph at Dawn, Don't Read My Lips, Majestic Dream, Merit Wings, and Grade I winners Plenty of Grace, Tribulation and Memories of Silver. The last named represented the culmination of decades of Darby Dan breeding, being a paternal granddaughter of Roberto out of a mare by Little Current, Darby Dan's homebred winner of the 1974 Preakness S. and Belmont S. Little Current, in turn, was a son of another Darby Dan sire, \*Sea-Bird. Memories of Silver won nine of 19 races, including the 1996 GI QEII Challenge Cup S. and 1997 GI Beverly D. S. One of the last horses the siblings bred in partnership was Soaring Softly, who was named champion turf mare in 1999 after winning seven of eight starts, including the inaugural GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf S. Dan Galbreath died on Sept. 3, 1995. More recently, Joan and son John bred and raced Grade I winner Wonder Again and last year's MGSP Grace Anatomy, a daughter of the Darby Dan stallion Aldebaran. Joan is survived by her son and daughters Dianne Phillips Albrecht, Debbie Phillips Bower, and Cindy Phillips Close, as well as 13 grandchildren and one great-grandson. Friends of Joan may call at the Schoedinger Northwest Chapel in Columbus, Ohio, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Thursday. A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday at the First Community Church in Columbus. There will be a private interment at Sunset Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to [www.schoedinger.com](http://www.schoedinger.com).

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News Today cont.

**SPRING AT LAST RETIRED** J. Paul Reddam and WinStar Farm LLC's **Spring At Last** (Silver Deputy--Winter's Gone, by Dynaformer), winner of this year's GI Donn H., has been retired from racing and will begin his new career at stud at WinStar near Lexington, Kentucky. A stud fee has not been released. Trained during



**Spring At Last taking the 2007 Godolphin Mile** *Horsephotos*

the early portion of his career by Todd Pletcher for Bill Casner and Kenny Troutt's operation, Spring At Last won two of five starts, including an allowance race at Aqueduct on Nov. 11, 2006. Three days later, he was the next-to-last horse through the ring at the Keeneland November sale and realized a final bid of

\$675,000 from Reddam. Runner-up to Latent Heat in the GI Malibu S. in his

first start for his new owner, the dark bay was runner-up two starts later in the GII Strub S., at which point WinStar Farm had bought back into the colt. He registered the richest victory of his career in Dubai last March, besting an international field in the \$1-million G2 Godolphin Mile and returned from a nine-month absence in December 2007, winning a turf allowance at Santa Anita prior to a victory in this year's Donn over a field including Daaher. "It's very unfortunate that we have to retire this talented racehorse just as he was developing into a very special horse," commented Reddam, the majority owner. "But with his talent and pedigree, I am excited to participate with WinStar in the next phase of his career." Spring At Last is a half-brother to the WinStar-bred Sharp Lisa (Dixieland Band), who became a Grade I winner after being purchased privately by Reddam in 2004, and later topped the 2006 Fasig-Tipton November sale on a bid of \$3.4 million. He is also kin to MGSW & GISP Sharp Susan (Touch Gold). Said WinStar's Doug Cauthen, "He is a special kind of Silver Deputy. He had the speed you'd expect, like that exhibited by leading freshman sire Posse, but he also carried that speed 1 1/8 miles. The combination of speed and stamina makes him quite exciting as a stallion prospect." Spring At Last retires with a record of 13-5-5-2 and earnings of \$1,139,150.

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**WILSHIRE H.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	Shermeen (Ire)	Desert Style (Ire)	Walsh	114
2	Honored Gold	Double Honor	Mitchell	113
3	Colina Verde (Brz)	Know Heights (Ire)	Drysdale	116
4	Kris' Sis	Forestry	Baltas	115
5	La Tee	Broken Vow	Glatt	114
6	Gentle Gale	Storm Cat	Frankel	112
7	Star of Whitney	Bernstein	McFarlane	114
8	Unspoken Word	Catienus	Hollendorfer	114
9	<del>Macadamia</del>	<del>Artax</del>	<del>O'Neill</del>	<del>113</del>
10	Diamond Diva	Dansili (GB)	Cassidy	117

**Diamond Diva**, oft a bridesmaid in 12 starts overseas for trainer John Hills, made a successful U.S. debut, coming from just off the pace to take the Mar. 30 American Beauty H. at Santa Anita. She is the 3-1 morning-line favorite.

**Friday, Keeneland**  
**FIFTH THIRD ELKHORN S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	French Vintage	Mecke	Prado	118
2	Stream of Gold (Ire)	Rainbow Quest	Castro	122
3	Embossed (Ire)	Mark of Esteem (Ire)	Albarado	118
4	Pellegrino (Brz)	Nugget Point (Ire)	Castanon	118
5	Dancing Forever	Rahy	Douglas	118
6	True Cause	Storm Cat	Velazquez	118
7	Brass Hat	Prized	Martinez	118
8	Transduction Gold	Br mal Gold	Graham	120
9	Bee Charmer (Ire)	Anabaa	Matz	118
10	Silverfoot	With Approval	Theriot	118
11	Drilling for Oil	Giant's Causeway	Desormeaux	120
12	Cougar Bay (Ire)	Daylami (Ire)	Coa	118
<i>Also Eligible</i>				
13	Lauro (Ger)	Monsun (Ger)	Pedroza	118

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 **NORTH AMERICA** 

**30-PERCENT PURSE CUT AT CALDER** In light of the ongoing refusal by the Florida Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association to approve the distribution of the Calder simulcast to out-of-state wagering outlets, including advance-deposit wagering companies, officials at the Miami track have been forced to cut overnight purses by 30 percent, effective Sunday, Apr. 27. "The Florida horsemen's refusal to allow out-of-state wagering on Calder's races has left us with no option but to cut purses now in order to offset the amount of handle both Florida horsemen and Calder will lose every day that Florida horsemen refuse to send Calder's signal out of state," said Steve Sexton, executive vice president of Churchill Downs Incorporated, Calder's parent company. "Florida horsemen have chosen to single out and penalize Calder, as well as customers around the country who enjoy wagering on Calder's races. We find that hard to understand when TrackNet Media Group, which negotiates simulcast sales for both Churchill Downs- and Magna-owned racetracks, has nearly doubled the ADW host fee rate paid to horsemen in Florida compared to last year." The only wagering outlets currently permitted to accept bets on Calder racing are simulcast facilities within the state of Florida and the network of New York City Off-Track Betting. Florida horsemen granted that organization the right to simulcast Calder racing Apr. 21. Sexton indicated that the reduction would not effect Saturday's first Calder Turf Million.

**SILVER DEPUTY COLT TOPS DAY TWO** Fresh off the heels of their victory in the GII Coolmore Lexington S. last weekend, Satish Sanan's Padua Stables were out trying to acquire their next stakes winner, going to \$220,000 for a Silver Deputy colt during yesterday's second session of the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's April Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training. Consigned by Parrish Farms, agent, the bay colt, a \$72,000 acquisition out of last year's Keeneland September yearling sale was produced by Kris Star (Kris S.), a winning full sister to SW & GSP Tiger Hunt and to GSP Tiger Trap. A filly from the first crop of dual Grade I winner Toccet (Awesome Again) was the top seller of her sex, falling to Hal Earnhardt for \$210,000. The bay filly was consigned to the sale by pinhooker Murray Smith, who gave \$100,000 for her at last year's September sale. The May 11 foal is a granddaughter of Darling Danzig, herself a half-sister to Canadian champion and MGSW Pennyhill Park.

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**OBS APRIL 2YOS  
TUESDAY TOPPERS**

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
<u>577</u>	c	<u>Silver Deputy</u>	Kris Star	220,000
		(\$72,000 yrl '07 KEESEP) B-WinStar Farm (KY)		
		Consigned by Parrish Farms, agent Purchased by Padua Stables		
<u>475</u>	f	<u>Toccet</u>	Hunting Jade	210,000
		(\$50,000 yrl '07 KEEJAN; \$100,000 yrl '07 KEESEP) B-James, Janeane & J Arika Everatt (ON)		
		Consigned by Murray Smith, agent Purchased by Hal Earnhardt		
<u>536</u>	c	<u>Forestry</u>	Jurisprudence	180,000
		(\$500,000 i/u '05 KEENOV; \$30,000 yrl '07 FTKOCT) B-Twin Hopes Farm (KY)		
		Consigned by Sunrise Stable South, Agent I Purchased by Frank Fletcher Racing		
<u>504</u>	c	<u>Gilded Time</u>	Itsmylife	162,000
		(\$30,000 yrl '07 KEESEP) B-Mike G Rutherford (KY)		
		Consigned by Wavertree Stables (Ciaran Dunne), agent Purchased by Billy Badgett		
<u>383</u>	c	<u>Alphabet Soup</u>	Golden Corona	125,000
		(\$32,000 yrl '07 KEESEP) B-Adena Springs (FL)		
		Consigned by Eisaman Equine, agent Purchased by Martin Cherry		

**TODAY'S VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS**

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**6th-PHA (Msw) Blind Hero** (Unbridled's Song), missing his left eye, rallies up the center of the track in his career opener.  
**4th-DEL (Msw) Wawaset Park** (Distorted Humor) waltzes on the front end in his first start since August.

A # will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, a @ will indicate first-time graded stakes-winners, a ▲ will denote a first-time Grade/Group 1 winner, a + will indicate first-time starters.



★ EAST ★

**James Bracken Passes Away:**

Longtime horseman and South Florida trainer James Bracken died in the early-morning hours of Apr. 19 at the age of 90. Born in Charleston, Missouri, Bracken began galloping horses when he was 18 years old at Jefferson Park in New Orleans. After a brief stint as a jockey, he was an outrider, assistant trainer and agent. His clients included Johnny Adams, Bill Hartack, Bill Shoemaker, Walter Blum and Jacinto Vasquez. He was 68 years old when he started training horses and raced on the South Florida circuit. Some of the best horses he trained included Primal, a 10-time stakes winner, including the GI Donn H.; and Ponche, who he trained to 16 victories for Tartan Farm. A four-time leading conditioner at Calder, Bracken is fifth on the list of leading trainers by races won at the track with 793 victories. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Micki, and three daughters. Bracken was predeceased by a son, James Jr. Services are scheduled for Thursday, Apr. 24 at Boyd Funeral Home, 1600 N. University Dr., Pembroke Pines, FL. Viewing and visitation is from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. with a memorial service to begin thereafter. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation's Florida Farm Division located in Ocala.

**Yesterday's Results:**

**3rd-DEL, \$44,300, Alw, NW2X, 3yo/up, 1m70y, 1:41 4/5, ft.**


**DO I HAVE A WITNESS (c, 4, Include--Witness Post, by Gone West)**, a half-brother to Hello Liberty (Forest Camp), GSW & GISP, \$284,239, graduated in his first try on Turfway's Polytrack Dec. 7 before finishing fourth in an allowance over the same surface Jan. 18 in his final outing for Dale Romans. The chestnut resurfaced with a narrow score Mar. 20 at Laurel for Graham Motion and was the co-second choice at 9-5 this time. Unhurried early, the Brereton Jones homebred came running in the lane to deny even-money Commodore Way (Menifee) by a half-length. Lifetime Record: 9-3-0-4, \$79,382.

O/B-Brereton C Jones (KY). T-H Graham Motion.

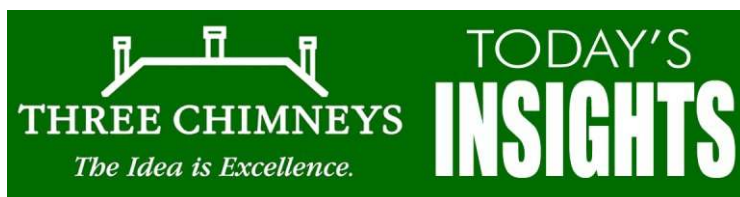
**4th-DEL, \$43,600, Msw, 3yo/up, 1m70y, 1:44 3/5, ft.**

**WAWASET PARK (c, 4, Distorted Humor--Music House, by Sadler's Wells)**, a \$90,000 KEENOV weanling who blossomed into a \$375,000 KEESEP yearling, was 17 lengths adrift when third for a \$40,000 tag last out Aug. 6 in an off-the-turf contest at this track. Sent off as the 9-5 second choice, the chestnut raced with his head high and was hard-held through soft fractions on the front end. Jockey Mario Pino asked the colt for some run in midstretch, and Wawaset Park opened up to score by 6 1/2 lengths. The Fox Hill colorbearer is a 3/4-brother to Allspice (Coronado's Quest), GSW, \$317,496. Video, sponsored by Taylor Made. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-2, \$38,222.

O-Fox Hill Farms Inc. B-John B Crook (KY). T-Steve Klesaris.

 <b>OBS APRIL 2YO SALE TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2008</b>		
<b>SESSION TOTALS</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
Catalogued	344	350
No. Offered	270	276
No. Sold	202	210
RNAs	68	66
% RNA	25.2%	24%
No. \$200K+	2	1
High Price	\$220,000	\$260,000
Gross	\$6,196,200	\$5,751,700
Average (% change)	\$30,674 (+12%)	\$27,389
Median (% change)	\$21,000 (+10.5%)	\$19,000
<b>CUMULATIVE</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
Catalogued	690	700
No. Offered	538	560
No. Sold	390	413
RNAs	148	147
% RNA	27.5%	26%
No. \$200K+	3	1
High Price	\$250,000	\$260,000
Gross	\$11,063,600	\$11,703,700
Average (% change)	\$28,378 (nc)	\$28,338
Median (% change)	N/A	N/A

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**1:40p TVG 2nd-KEE, \$50K, Msw, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT)**  
**STERLING QUALITY (Elusive Quality)**, a Dr. John Chandler homebred, is a half-brother to a slew of good performers, including MGISW Cetewayo and GSW Bowman Mill. The four-year-old has been training forwardly towards his belated debut for Alex Clarkson. [brisnet.com pps](http://brisnet.com pps)

**3:40p TVG 6th-KEE, \$50K, Msw, 3yo, 6f (AWT)**  
**SKY MISSION (Sky Mesa)**, a son of GI Kentucky Oaks heroine Gal in a Ruckus, comes into his career bow off a 5/8 breeze in :59 3/5 over this surface last week. Also in the field is **Full Charge (Mineshaft)**, a \$550K KEESEP purchase. Trained by Michael Matz, the son of GISW Twist Afleet made one start in 2007, finishing eighth in a Spa maiden won by Z Humor last August. He is a 1/2 to MSW A New Twist and MGSP Awesome Twist. [brisnet.com pps](http://brisnet.com pps)





**6th-PHA, \$43,200, Msw, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11, ft.**  
**+ BLIND HERO (c, 3, [Unbridled's Song--Goulash {SW & GSP, \\$162,975}](#), by [Mari's Book](#)), a half-brother to Ashado (Saint Ballado), Ch. 3yo Filly & Ch. Older Mare, MGISW, \$3,931,440, lost his left eye at the tender age**



*Equi-Photo*

of three days. He failed to find a buyer as a yearling at Keeneland September, RNA'ing for \$675,000, but he's gotten his racing career off on the right track. Sent off as the 4-1 third choice, the big grey colt raced in sixth and was caught very wide on the turn. He found

clear sailing on the far outside in the lane, reeled in favored Make Me Proud (Two Punch) and bounded past that rival to score by 1 1/2 lengths. In addition to Ashado, Blind Hero is a half to Sunriver (Saint Ballado), GISW, \$816,414; Saint Stephen (Saint Ballado), GSW, \$313,214; and Storm Creek Rising (Storm Creek), MSP, \$164,712. [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#) [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,000.

O-Jayeff B Stables. B-Aaron U & Marie D Jones (KY).  
 T-Alan E Goldberg.



## Provenance

Two years after his champion older sister Ashado won the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff and 10 months after she sold for a then-world record \$9 million as a broodmare prospect, Blind Hero, a son of Unbridled's Song--Goulash, entered the ring at 2006 Keeneland September with the pedigree power to be one of the sale's top-priced colts. A big, strapping gray, he had the looks, too. But the paddock accident that cost him an eye when he was just three days old also cost him any chance of bringing a seven-figure price. As it was, the Aaron and Marie Jones-bred horse was bought back for \$675,000--close to but not over his reserve. It was a disappointing moment for his consignors at Taylor Made Sales Agency.

"I've got to say, I've never tried to sell a horse harder than I tried to sell that horse," remembered Taylor Made's Frank Taylor, an advisor to the Joneses. "Right from the beginning I had loved him. Goulash threw nothing but good-looking runners, but I thought he was her best one."

Taylor's appreciation of the colt goes deep than aesthetics or pedigree, however. It was Taylor who discovered Blind Hero at three days olds, with one eye dangling, nursing from Goulash shortly after the accident.

"We're not sure how he lost the eye," he explained. "There was some black paint near the eye, so I don't know if he was running next to the fence and was bumped into or not. It's really hard to say."

Regardless, Taylor was so confident that Blind Hero would overcome his disability that he broke the colt before the September Sale, and made a video of the colt going in either direction on the lunge line to prove to buyers his one eye wouldn't be a hindrance.

The background music for the video? The Rocky theme song "Eye of the Tiger."

"When I broke him, he was such an unbelievably tough and athletic colt, and I just got the feeling that he was going to be a runner," said Taylor.

Buyers at September, however, were reluctant to take a chance on a horse missing his left eye, the one closest to the rail on the track.

"I think he would have brought \$2 or \$3 million if he'd had two eyes," Taylor said.

Despite his initial disappointment, Taylor soon found a buyer for the horse.

"Luckily, I talked to [bloodstock agent] Mike Ryan, and he agreed to take a shot on him."

Ryan purchased the horse on behalf of Richard Santulli's Jayeff "B" Stable, whose trainer Alan Goldberg recalled, "We went out to Taylor Made and saw him right after the sale, and he really was a gorgeous horse."

After being sent to Mike Boyd in Ocala, Florida to be broken, Blind Hero joined Goldberg at Colt's Neck Training Center in New Jersey last year, though the conditioner said he didn't push the horse to the races as a juvenile.

"He's such a big horse and he had a few minor issues," Goldberg explained. "We got him up to a half a mile in October, I think, but he started to get sore shins, so we just put him away for the winter."

Goldberg said he has been impressed by Blind Hero's ability to compensate for his lost eye, but said it has affected the colt's training to some extent.

"Little things bother him more than they would a normal horse, but he's pretty good," said Goldberg. "He lost the eye early on. I've trained a few other horses who lost an eye when they were older, and he's a lot better than those horses."

Goldberg said he was also impressed with the colt's professionalism in his first start.

"He overcame a lot," Goldberg said. "He had really never been to the racetrack before today. We shipped him to Monmouth Park once to breeze from the gate and he did okay, but every thing was really his first time today--first time in the paddock, first time getting tack on--and he handled everything."

Goldberg said he would likely point the colt toward a first-level allowance race before considering any stakes races.

"He always showed he could run in the mornings," he said. "I don't know what he beat today, but hopefully he'll learn from the race. And he doesn't want to sprint; he's a big, long-striding horse. And then we'll go from there. He should make a stallion for somebody someday, he's such a great-looking horse." -L Marquardt



**East Report cont.**

**1st-DEL, \$40,300, Msw, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f, :54 1/5, ft.**  
 + **GROSSO (f, 2, Concerto--L'Enfant, by A. P Jet),** the 5-2 third choice, vied for the lead throughout with Phone Flare Up (Kafwain) before forging ahead late by 3/4 of a length. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,000. O-Kenneth Taylor. B-John A Nerud Revocable Trust (NY). T-Timothy E Salzman.

**First-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, April 23**

*Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2005 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW  
 Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

**MOMENTUM** (Nureyev), Vessels, \$5K, 35/1/0  
 1-HOL, Msw, 4 1/2f, +J. P. Dupuis

**First/Second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, Apr. 23**

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

**CASTLE GANDOLFO** (Gone West), Dead, \$7K, 40/6/0  
 2-PEN, Msw, 1m, +Royal Citadel, \$10K KEE SEP yrl, 5-1  
**D'S BERTRANDO** (Bertrando), 26/0/0  
 3-BM, Msw, 2f, +Jaycee Moon, 12-1  
**PURE PRECISION** (Montbrook), Lou-Roe, 87/12/0  
 1-HOL, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Let'spickupthepace, \$17K OBS AUG yrl  
**WISEMAN'S FERRY** (Hennessy), Castleton Lyons, \$5K, 126/17/1  
 6-KEE, Msw, 6f, +Mr Natural, \$23K EAS MAY 2yo, 30-1

**STAKES CLOSINGS**

**TODAY, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23:**

05-03 \$100,000a **Inglewood H.-III, Hol, 3yo/up,** 8.5fT (100)

05-04 \$100,000a **Hawthorne H.-III, Hol, 3yo/up, f/m,** 8.5f (AWT) (100)

05-11 \$150,000 **Hendrie-III, Wo, 4yo/up, f/m, 6.5f** (AWT) (150)

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**Did You Know?...**  
 The last Kentucky Derby winner to finish worse than fourth in his previous start was Iron Liege in 1957. He finished fifth in the Derby Trial.

★ **CENTRAL** ★

**Churchill, Jacksons to Introduce Barbaro Artist:**

Officials from Churchill Downs will join owners Roy and Gretchen Jackson, who raced the 2006 GI Kentucky Derby hero Barbaro, to introduce the artist who will create a permanent memorial to the son of Dynaformer, who succumbed to laminitis in early 2007. A bronze sculpture will be placed outside of Gate 1 at Churchill Downs along with Barbaro's ashes sometime in 2009. A news conference is scheduled for Tuesday, May 1 in the Great Hall of the Kentucky Derby Museum. Following the news conference, a bronze marker will be placed in the spot outside Gate 1 where the memorial is to be installed.

**Biancone Facing New Probe:**

Trainer Patrick Biancone is the subject of a probe from the Kentucky Horse Racing Authority into whether he has violated certain terms of the one-year suspension he was handed last summer for possession of a banned substance, *Daily Racing Form* reports. Lisa Underwood, executive director of the Authority, told the publication that the investigation surrounds a provision which prohibits Biancone from training any horses during the first six months of the penalty. He was also forbidden from setting foot on any racetrack grounds from Nov. 1 to May 1, with the exception of the Keeneland January sale, and was also required to forego applying for a trainer's license in any jurisdiction for another six months. Biancone was also forced to turn over the horses in his care to a trainer who did not have any sort of financial agreement with him. Frank Becker, an attorney representing Biancone, denied any wrongdoing by his client. "He has not violated any terms of his suspension," he told *DRF*. Biancone's suspension stemmed from his illegal possession of three vials of cobra venom which were discovered during a search of his barn at Keeneland last June 22.

☆ **TRACK OPENING** ☆

**HOLLYWOOD PARK - Inglewood, CA**

**Opens: Wednesday, Apr. 23**  
**Closes: Sunday, July 13**  
**Racing Days: Wednesday through Sunday**  
**Post Time: 1:20 p.m.**  
**Stakes Schedule: 55 stakes worth \$8.5 million.**  
**Highlights: \$250,000 GI Shoemaker Mile-May 26 • \$250,000 GI Gamely S.-May 26 • \$300,000 GI Charles Whittingham Memorial H.-June 7 • \$750,000 GI Hollywood Gold Cup-June 28 • \$750,000 GI American Oaks-July 5 • \$750,000 GI CashCall Mile-July 5 • \$300,000 GI Triple Bend H.-July 5 • \$300,000 GI Vanity H.-July 5 • \$350,000 GI Swaps S.-July 12.**  
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## ★ INDUSTRY INFO ★

### NTRA Launches Horseplayers' Coalition:

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association has founded a Horseplayers' Coalition, a collection of horseplayers which seeks to find legislative and regulatory solutions to tax and business issues that impact racing fans and pari-mutuel tracks. "Our nation's horseplayers provide the capital that fuels so much of the horse industry, and the new Horseplayers' Coalition will finally give this group a means of speaking with a unified voice in Washington, D.C.," said Alex Waldrop, president and CEO of the NTRA. "The concerns of horseplayers are an important part of the NTRA's lobbying efforts," said Peggy Hendershot, senior vice president of legislative affairs for the NTRA. "We encourage all fans to take an active role in these efforts by joining the Coalition. Together we can make a real difference in addressing the many issues, like withholding and taxation, that affect players on a daily basis." The cost to join the Horseplayers' Coalition is \$25. Individuals may enroll online at [www.horseplayerscoalition.com](http://www.horseplayerscoalition.com). They may also join by sending a check for \$25, payable to NTRA, to Horseplayers' Coalition, c/o NTRA, 2525 Harrodsburg Road, Suite 400, Lexington, KY, 40504.

### • ON THE WORKTAB •

#### CHURCHILL DOWNS

Halo Najib (Halo's Image), 4f, :50.40, 1/2  
 Secret Gypsy (Sea of Secrets), 5f, :58.60, 1/29  
 War Monger (War Chant), 5f, 1:05.00, 7/8

#### HOLLYWOOD

Monterey Jazz (Thunderello), 4f, :47.20, 5/34  
 Romance is Diane (In Excess {Ire}), 5f, 1:01.80, 20/31  
 Zenyatta (Street Cry {Ire}), 4f, :48.60, 13/34

#### KEENELAND

Big Truck (Hook and Ladder), 4f, :48.80, 8/43  
 Boss Lafitte (Dynaformer), 4f, :50.00, 25/43  
 Lantana Mob (Posse), 4f, :53.40, 43/43  
 Red Birkin (Belong to Me), 3f, :37.60, 7/13  
 Rising Cross (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}), :37.40, 4/13  
 Visionaire (Grand Slam), 4f, :49.60, 16/43

#### SANTA ANITA

Medici Code (GB) (Medicean {GB}), 5f, 1:00.60, 5/27  
 Supah Blitz (Mecke), 4f, :46.40, 1/30  
 Surf Cat (Sir Cat), 5f, 1:01.00, 12/27

## ★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

### IN BRITAIN:

Thannaan, c, 3, [Elusive Quality](#). See "Britain."  
 Precision Break, c, 3, [Silver Deputy](#). See "Breeders' Edition Europe."

### WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR ME LATELY? Kentucky Derby Top 3 Finishers since 2000

Year	KY Derby 1-2-3	Previous Start (weeks)
2007	<b>Street Sense</b>	<b>3rd Blue Grass (3)</b>
	Hard Spun	1st Lane's End (6)
	Curlin	1st Arkansas Derby (3)
2006	<b>Barbaro</b>	<b>1st Florida Derby (5)</b>
	Bluegrass Cat	4th Blue Grass (3)
	Steppenwolver	2nd Arkansas Derby (3)
2005	<b>Giacomo</b>	<b>4th Santa Anita Derby (4)</b>
	Closing Argument	3rd Blue Grass (3)
	Afleet Alex	1st Arkansas Derby (3)
2004	<b>Smarty Jones</b>	<b>1st Arkansas Derby (3)</b>
	Lion Heart	2nd Blue Grass (3)
	Imperialism	2nd Santa Anita Derby (4)
2003	<b>Funny Cide</b>	<b>2nd Wood Memorial (3)</b>
	Empire Maker	1st Wood Memorial (3)
	Peace Rules	1st Blue Grass (3)
2002	<b>War Emblem</b>	<b>1st Illinois Derby (4)</b>
	Proud Citizen	1st Lexington (2)
	Perfect Drift	1st Spiral (6)
2001	<b>Monarchos</b>	<b>2nd Wood Memorial (3)</b>
	Invisible Ink	4th Blue Grass (3)
	Congaree	1st Wood Memorial (3)
2000	<b>Fusaichi Pegasus</b>	<b>1st Wood Memorial (3)</b>
	Aptitude	3rd Wood Memorial (3)
	Impeachment	3rd Arkansas Derby (3)

### *Did You Know?...*

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**O'REILLY RETIRES FROM GOFFS BOARD** Oliver

O'Reilly has retired as Chairman of the Board of Robert J Goff & Co plc and has been replaced by Eimear Mulhern with immediate effect. Having been with the sales company since 1999, O'Reilly has been instrumental in the major recent initiatives, such as the merger of RJG with Doncaster Bloodstock Sales and the obtaining of a major shareholding in Arqana. Mulhern, who was formerly the executive chairman of Goffs Bloodstock Sales, is responsible for the introduction of the Goffs Million Sale and associated races. She commented, "Robert J Goff & Co PLC has a long and proud tradition of providing a service to the bloodstock industry. In my new position as chairman, I look forward to working closely with group CEO Henry Beeby as we achieve our target of becoming a truly global auction house offering quality, value and unrivalled customer service. Oliver has played a central role in the growth of RJG, and on behalf of the board, I would like to thank him for his service to the group and wish him every health and happiness for the future." O'Reilly added, "Significant milestones have been reached in the last number of years in positioning Goffs as a global player in bloodstock auctioneering. I wish the team, under the chairmanship of Eimear Mulhern, continued success in the pursuit of that vision."

★ FRANCE ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

**Saint-Cloud, 3.20, Cond, €34,000, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:50.50, hy.**

**DESTARE (GB) (f, 3, Desert Prince {Ire}--Contare {GB} {MSW, \$106,184}, by Shirley Heights {GB})** hit the board in the Listed Prix Isonomy over course and distance last time Nov. 24, but was allowed off at 36-5 for this seasonal bow. Settled sixth until making progress under pressure in the straight, she challenged at the eighth pole and was ridden out to comfortably assert by 3/4 of a length from Belle et Celebre (Fr) (Peintre Celebre). Caesarine (Fr) (Pivotal {GB}) was handily placed through the early fractions, but did not figure at the business end of the contest and finished sixth. The winner is a half to Montare (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}), G1SW-Fr, \$852,834. Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 4 starts, 2 wins, 2 places, €46,000. O/B-George Strawbridge; T-Jonathan Pease.

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**Saint-Cloud, 2.50, Cond, €34,000, 3yo, c/g, 1mT, 1:50.30, hy.**

**IN CHAMBERS (GB) (c, 3, Oasis Dream {GB}--Cas Royaux, by Woodman),** third over course and distance Oct. 19, raced off the pace in sixth for most of this. Making wide progress once into the home straight, the 37-5 chance ran on strongly to fail by a nose to catch Raspoutine (Seeking the Gold), despite receiving a late bump from that rival. He was awarded the race in the stewards' room. Wifi (Ger) (Pivotal {GB}) didn't possess the necessary pace late and finished third. Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 1 win, 2 places, €26,300. O/B-Marquesa de Moratalla; T-Mikel Delzangles.

**Saint-Cloud, 2.20, Cond, €22,000, 4yo/up, 1 3/4mT, 3:21.60, hy.**

**BORA BLUES (GB) (f, 4, Peintre Celebre--Borgia {Ger} {Hwt. 3yo-Ger at 11-14f, Hwt. Older Horse-Fr & Eng at 11-14f, MG1SW-Ger, GSW-HK, GISP-US & Fr, \$1,175,168}, by Acatenango {Ger})** has been on the shelf since running fourth on debut at Longchamp last April and went postward as a 19-2 chance for this belated second go. Positioned third for much of the contest, she was pushed along upon turning for home and ran on well under a final-quarter drive to register a one-length success from Milongo (Fr) (Blush Rambler). Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €14,400. O/B-Gestut Ammerland; T-Andre Fabre.

**Observations**  
on today's European racing scene  
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**3.30 Nottingham, Cond, £20,000, 3yo, 10f 50ydsT**

**CURTAIN CALL (FR) (Sadler's Wells),** successful in last year's G2 Beresford S. and runner-up to New Approach (Ire) in the G2 Futurity S. at The Curragh, reappears in this rerouted Blue Riband Trial S. Saddled for the first time by Luca Cumani, the colt from the family of Hernando (Fr) meets a possible improver in Bjorn Nielsen's **Bold Choice (Ire) (Dubai Destination)**, who was impressive when winning a maiden here eight days ago. "He came to us in December and he's done very well over the winter," Cumani said. "So far, we've been pleased with his work and, given his breeding, you'd have to say he'd like soft ground."

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France cont.

**Lyon-Parilly, 2.05, Cond, €19,000, 3yo, 1 1/2mT, 2:44.79, sf.**

**ORGANISATEUR (IRE) (c, 3, Highest Honor {Fr}--Willamina {Ire}, by Sadler's Wells),** a last-out second at this track Apr. 8, raced in fourth going by the judge first time. Making smooth headway in the straight, the 7-10 pick cruised to the front with 300 meters remaining and coasted to the wire thereafter to score by an easy 5 1/2 lengths from Fligane (Fr) (Bering {GB}). Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 1 win, 2 places, €15,100. O/B-Wertheimer & Frere; T-Carlos Laffon-Parias.

## ★ BRITAIN ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

**Kempton Park, 2.25, Mdn, £4,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/2m (AWT), 2:36.81, stn.**

**EVER RIGG (GB) (f, 3, Dubai Destination--Bianca Nera {GB} {Hwt. 2yo Filly-Ire, G1SW-Ire, \$229,229}, by Salse),** a debut fourth at Lingfield Apr. 4, raced in fifth for most of this second go. Taking closer order rounding the home turn, the 26,000gns TATDEC foal and €360,000 GOFORB yearling came under a forceful drive inside the final quarter mile to deny the persistent Try Me (UAE) (Singspiel {Ire}) by a head at odds of 15-2. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £2,782.

O-St Albans Bloodstock LLP; B-Palm Tree Thoroughbreds; T-Ed Dunlop.

**Folkestone, 2.15, Mdn, £4,000, 3yo/up, 7fT, 1:29.25, gd/sf.**

**THANNAAN (c, 3, Elusive Quality--Lady Aloma {MSW-NA, \$110,359}, by Cozzene)** went postward as the 9-4 second choice coming back from a runner-up finish at Newbury Oct. 11. Assuming command from flagfall, the \$575,000 FTSAUG yearling enjoyed a healthy advantage with 100 yards to go, but just held on by a neck from Mega Watt (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}) after gearing down too early. The winner is a half brother to Karra Kul (Strawberry Road {Aus}, SW & GSP-NA, \$286,205) and to Chopinina (Lear Fan, Ch. Turf Mare-Can, GSW & GISP-NA, \$613,696). Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, £4,757.

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Walton Breeders; T-Barry Hills.



## AUSTRALASIA



### NEW ZEALAND LIFTS AUSSIE BAN MAF

Biosecurity New Zealand has lifted the suspension on equine imports from Australian that has been in place since last August. Imports were halted after the equine influenza outbreaks in New South Wales and Queensland.

## BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

**STAKES RESULTS:**

**BRISTOL S., \$75,000, PHA, 4-22, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m70y, 1:43 1/5, ft.**

1--**ALL NIGHT LABOR, 120, f, 4, Double Honor--All Nighter, by Notebook.** O/B-Porter Racing Stable LLC (FL); T-Randy Nunley; J-Stewart Elliott; \$43,700. Lifetime Record: 18-7-5-1, \$263,930. **Werk Nick Rating: C+.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Lil's Lassie, 116, m, 5, Lil's Lad--Fivetwentyone,** by Metfield. \$14,900.

3--**J. D. Safari, 116, m, 6, Power by Far--Jungle Dahlia,** by Nepal. \$8,420.

Margins: 1, HD, 4 3/4. Odds: 1.90, 1.80, 16.70.

**CLASICO JOSE DE DIEGO-GI-PR (Listed), \$57,869, CMR, 4-21, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44 2/5, ft.**

1--**#GALLANT RULER, 116, g, 5, Tiger Ridge--Spirited Affair, by Black Tie Affair (Ire).** (\$35,000 wlng '03 OBSOCT; \$62,000 yrl '04 OBSAUG). O-Fanucci Racing Inc; B-Bonny Doon Farm (FL); T-Jose D Velez; J-Edwin Castro; \$36,168. Lifetime Record: 31-5-7-7, \$109,635.

2--**Dazzling Dr. Cevin, 124, g, 6, Cutlass Fax--Dazzling Dixie,** by Dixieland Band. (\$7,500 yrl '03 OBSJAN). \$12,056.

3--**Classical Concerto, 119, c, 4, Concerto--Me and the Boys,** by Huckster. (\$8,500 2yo '06 OBSJAN). \$6,028.

Margins: HF, 4, 3. Odds: 2.10, 0.30, 3.35.

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**6th-DEL, \$44,000, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11, ft.**

**GHOST DANCING (f, 4, Silver Ghost--Ransom Dance, by Red Ransom)** Lifetime Record: 7-3-2-0, \$100,897. O/B-Edward P Evans (VA). T-Anthony W Dutrow. \*Full to Hidden Ransom, MSP, \$182,307; and 1/2 to Diamond Spirit (Holy Bull), MGSP, \$173,292.

**9th-MNR, \$28,400, 4-21, Opt. Clm. (\$30,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39 2/5, ft.**

**FAST AND FLUID (m, 7, Birdonthewire--Love Spiel, by Black Tie Affair {Ire})** Lifetime Record: SP, 54-5-11-10, \$190,078. O-Ruberto Racing Stable Inc. B-Adena Springs (KY). T-Louis V Ruberto Jr. \*\$6,500 2yo '03 ADNMR.

**8th-PRM, \$25,500, 4-21, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m70y, 1:45, wf.**

**PEGASUS PROSPECT (f, 3, Fusaichi Pegasus--Fine Prospect, by Meadowlake)** Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-0, \$34,690. O-William Stirtz. B-Pam Littrell (KY). T-Terry Gestes. \*\$60,000 yrl '06 FTKOCT.



**9th-TAM, \$20,400**, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, a5fT, :58 4/5, fm.  
**WILD PARTY GAL** (f, 4, **Wild Event--Restraining Order {MSP}**, by **Skip Trial**) Lifetime Record: 13-3-0-2, \$45,817. O/T-Lynne M Scafe. B-Arther I Appleton (FL). \*1/2 to Hey Byrn (Put It Back), GSW, \$266,000.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Frank's Friend**, c, 4, **Arch--Hancock**, by Wild Again. PHA, 4-22, 1m, 1:40 4/5. B-Susan Y Foreman (ON). \*\$87,000 yrl '05 KEESEP.

**Mahemsha**, g, 3, **Running Stag--Danceinthestreets**, by Citidancer. FLX, 4-22, 4 1/2f, :53 4/5. B-Ashby Thoroughbred's XXVI (KY). \*\$12,000 yrl '06 OBSAUG; \$14,000 2yo '07 OBSAPR.

**Glotona**, f, 3, **Tour d'Or--Free Bears**, by Tunerup. TAM, 4-22, a1mT, 1:41 4/5. B-Shadybrook Farm Inc (FL). \*\$33,000 2yo '07 OBSAPR.

+ **Cheese a Bay**, f, 3, **Wild Gold--Cheese Grits**, by Silver Ghost. PRM, 4-21, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06 1/5. B-Mamas Thoroughbreds (IA).

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

**Graceful Prize (Arg)**, f, 3, **Pure Prize--Graceful Lady**, by Turkoman. Argentina, Palermo, 4-21, Cond, 1400m, 1:24.86. Lifetime Record: 19-2-4-5, P23,000. O-Stud Alfa; B-Jose L De Camargo (Arg); T-Conrado Linares. \*Won by four lengths.



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**MULRAINY**, 9, **Star de Naskra--Malbay**, by Apalachee Foal born Mar. 5, a colt by Stormy Atlantic. Will be bred back to Gone West. Owned by Takahiro Wada. Boarded at Mill Ridge. Accomplishments: GSW & GISP, \$516,093.

**SLEEP EASY**, 16, **Seattle Slew--Dokki**, by Northern Dancer Foal born Mar. 5, a colt by Empire Maker. Will be bred back to Empire Maker. Owned by and boarded at Juddmonte Farms. Accomplishments: GISW of \$463,654. Dam of Relaxed (Royal Academy), SP.

**CRACOVIE (GB)**, 12, **Caerleon--Luth de Saron (Fr)**, by Luthier (Fr) Foal born Mar. 8, a filly by Zamindar. Will be bred back to Mr. Greeley. Owned by Haras du Mezeray SA. Boarded at Mill Ridge. Accomplishments: Dam of Coquerelle (Ire) (Zamindar), G1SW-Fr, G1SP-US, \$299,086.

## BREEDERS' EDITION

## EUROPE

**HANDICAP RESULTS:**

**BRITAIN, Bath, 6.45**, 4-22, £8,000, 4yo/up, 11f 144ydsT, 2:42.39, gd.

**SUGAR RAY (IRE)** (c, 4, **Danehill--Akuna Bay**, by Mr. Prospector) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-2, £13,931. O-Philip Newton; B-Barronstown Stud and Pacelco SA; T-Sir Michael Stoute. \*290,000gns yrl '05 TATOCT. \*\*3/4 to Gaspar Van Wittel (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), GSP-Eng.

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**FRANCE, Saint-Cloud, 4.20**, 4-22, €26,000, 4yo, 1 5/16mT, 2:28.40, hy.

**CASTELLINA (GB)** (f, 4, **Medicean {GB}--Protectorate {GB} {GSP-Eng}**, by **Hector Protector**) Lifetime Record: 10 starts, 4 wins, 6 places, €60,350. O-Comte Luis de Quintanilla; B-J Purcell; T-Jean-Claude Rouget. \*21,000gns yrl '05 TATOCT.

**ITALY, Varese, 4.00**, 4-21, €9,000, 3yo, 7 1/2f (AWT), time: n/a, stn.

**LUXURY BABY (IRE)** (c, 3, **Hawk Wing--Sopran Lori {SP-Ity}**, by **Irish River {Fr}**) Lifetime Record: 12-3-2-2, €20,264. O/T-Bruno Grizzetti; B-Lino Scarpellini.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Crimson Mitre (GB)**, c, 3, **Bishop of Cashel (GB)--Pink Champagne (GB)**, by Cosmonaut (GB). Southwell, Britain, 4-22, Mdn, 3yo, 1 3/8mT. B-R Withers. \*3,000gns yrl '06 TATOCT.

**Dunn'o (Ire)**, g, 3, **Cape Cross (Ire)--Indian Express (GB)**, by Indian Ridge (Ire). Bath, Britain, 4-22, Mdn, 3yo/up, 5f 11ydsT. B-R Hodgins. \*€55,000 yrl '06 GOFORB. \*\*1/2 to Ashdown Express (Ire) (Ashkalani {Ire}), GSW & MG1SP-Eng, \$634,317; Hoh Buzzard (Ire) (Alhaarth {Ire}), SW-Eng, GSP-Fr & GSW-US, \$319,771.

**White Cay (GB)**, f, 3, **Dalakhani (Ire)--Balnaha (GB)**, by Lomond. Chatillon, France, 4-21, Mdn, 3yo, 1mT. B-George Strawbridge. \*1/2 to Balisada (GB) (Kris {GB}), G1SW-Eng, \$287,108.

**Precision Break**, c, 3, **Silver Deputy--Miss Kitty Cat**, by Tabasco Cat. Folkestone, Britain, 4-22, Mdn, 3yo, 1 1/2mT. B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd.

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