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STORM CAT RETIRED FROM STUD DUTY

Overbrook Farm's **Storm Cat** (Storm Bird--Terlingua, by Secretariat), North America's Leading Active Sire by Progeny Earnings and two-time Leading Sire, has been retired from stud duty due to declining fertility, according to Overbrook's Manager of Stallion Operations, Ric Waldman. "It was a privilege to be able to manage all but two years of his stallion career and to see him grow in popularity, value and success, from a stallion who was not desirable and not popular to the highest-priced stallion in the world," Waldman told the *TDN*. "A decline was expected because we saw decline last year, and obviously he's a year older. We didn't expect the precipitous decline that we saw this season. His in-foal rate last year was 70 percent, but he was erratic throughout the year." According to Waldman, the 25-year-old has gotten three mares in foal this season. From 18 crops to race, Storm Cat has sired 12 champions, 32 Grade I/Group 1 stakes winners and the earners of more than \$111 million. He stood the 2008 season for \$300,000. According to Waldman, Storm Cat will remain at Overbrook Farm. **Cont. p2-6**



Storm Cat & Ric Waldman
Horsephotos

BLACK-EYED SUSAN ATTRACTS NINE

Cloverleaf Farm's **Bsharpsonata** (Pulpit), who set the pace and faded to finish fifth behind Proud Spell in the GI Kentucky Oaks, headlines a field of nine in Friday's GI Black-Eyed Susan S. at Pimlico. The GI Ashland S. runner-up has been assigned the five slot. Regular rider Eric Camacho has the call aboard the 9-5 morning-line favorite. "In the Oaks, she broke from the 10 hole, so you have to get up and get over," trainer Tim Salzman said. "She did it easy and without much speed, we just inherited the lead. In the Ashland, Little Belle got the lead on that Poly surface and we let her get away with such easy fractions and I think that got us beat. In the Oaks, Proud Spell was just a better horse." **Shes All Eltish** (Eltish), a 6 3/4-length victress of Gulfstream's GI Bonnie Miss S. Mar. 29, enters off a fourth-place finish in the grassy Calder Oaks Apr. 26. The bay will exit the stalls from post eight with Garrett Gomez. "Her turf-back-to-dirt races are really strong," trainer Marty Wolfson said. "That will help her. Plus, the distance doesn't concern me like it would if I were some of those fellows in there. I'm not so sure 1 1/8 miles is right for [Bsharpsonata]." **Sherine** (Precise End), upset winner of the GI Comely S. Apr. 12, is coupled with May 3 Churchill Downs maiden winner **Pious Ashley** (Include).



Bsharpsonata *A Coglianese*

CHAMPIONS BY STORM CAT

Champion (Broodmare Sire)	Championship
Ambitious Cat (Roberto)	'05 Ch. Turf Mare-Can
Black Minnaloushe (Green Dancer)	'01 Hwt. 3yo-Ire at 7-9.5f
Catrail (Majestic Light)	'93 Hwt. 3yo-Eng at 5-7f & '94 Hwt. Older Horse-Eng at 5-7f
Denebola (Mr. Prospector)	'03 Hwt. 2yo Filly-Fr
Giant's Causeway (Rahy)	'00 Hwt. 3yo-Ire at 7-10.5f & Hwt. 3yo-Eng at 9.5-11f
Hold That Tiger (Caveat)	'02 Ch. 2yo Colt-Eur
Mistle Cat (Maribeau)	'96 Hwt. Older Horse-Ity at 7-9.5f
Munaaji (Blushing Groom {Fr})	'94 Hwt. 3yo-Ger at 5-7f
One Cool Cat (Mr. Prospector)	'03 Ch. 2yo Colt-Eur
Silken Cat (Chieftain)	'04 Hwt 3yo-Eng/Ire at 5-7f
Storm Flag Flying (Easy Goer)	'95 Ch. 2yo Filly-Can
Sweet Catomine (Kris S.)	'02 Ch. 2yo Filly-US
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Owned and bred by William T. Young and trained by Jonathan Sheppard, Storm Cat faced the starter only eight times in his career, but certainly made the most of his opportunities. The Pennsylvania-bred graduated at historic Saratoga in his second career start as a two-year-old in 1985, then added an allowance at the Meadowlands. He crossed the wire first in the World Appeal S., but was demoted to second due to interference.



Storm Cat
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The dark bay posted a career high when victorious in the GI Young America S. at the Big M, then came up a nose short of Tasso when second in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile at Aqueduct in his two-year-old finale. Early in his three-year-old season Storm Cat underwent arthroscopic surgery to remove bone chips in his knee, and returned off a lengthy layoff to win an allowance at the Meadowlands in late October. He only started one more time following that tally, placing fourth in Laurel's Annapolis S. the following month. Back in training at four, Storm Cat developed inflammation in one of his forelegs, and although it was too late for him to make the 1987 breeding season, Young made the decision to stop on the colt. Storm Cat retired to Overbrook with a record of 8-4-3-0 and \$570,610 in earnings.

A Champion in the Breeding Shed...

Storm Cat sired no fewer than 12 champions during his illustrious breeding career, including six-time Group 1 winner and GI Breeders' Cup Classic runner-up **Giant's Causeway**. Giant's Causeway, champion freshman sire in Europe in 2004, stands at Coolmore's Ashford Stud for \$125,000. Storm Cat sired six two-year-old champions. Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies' winners **Storm Flag Flying** and **Sweet Catomine** were honored as champion juvenile fillies in the United States in 2002 and 2004, respectively. **Hold that Tiger**, winner of the G1 Gran Criterium, and MG1SW **One Cool Cat** were champion two-year-old colts in Europe in 2002 and 2003. **Silken Cat**, subsequent dam of champion Speightstown, was Canada's champion two-year-old filly in 1995 and **Denebola** was the 2003 highweight two-year-old filly in France. **Black Minnaloushe**, hero of the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas and G1 St. James's Palace S., was the 2001 highweight three-year-old colt in Ireland. Champions **Ambitious Cat**, **Catrail**, **Mistle Cat** and **Munaaji** round out the dozen.



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Moving Up His Mares...

Daughters of Storm Cat have gone on to produce a total of 69 stakes winners, 10 of those in Group/Grade I company, and seven champions, including **Speightstown** (Gone West) and **Folklore** (Tiznow) in the United States and European highweight **Mujahid** (Danzig). Storm Cat is also the broodmare sire of Group/Grade I winners **Buddha** (Unbridled's Song); **Sky Mesa** (Pulpit); **Nobiz Like Shobiz** (Albert the Great); and **Unfurl the Flag** (Bertrando). He is the broodmare sire of South American Group 1 winners **Rocking Trick** (Arg) (Phone Trick); **Randy Cat** (Arg) (Roy); and **Hail Glory** (Brz) (Minstrel Glory). Storm Cat is also the broodmare sire of an additional 21 group/graded winners worldwide.

Champions Produced By Daughters of Storm Cat

<u>Horse (Sire)</u>	<u>Country</u>
Dream Impact (Royal Academy)	Italy (2x)
Folklore (Tiznow)	United States
Hail Glory (Brz) (Minstrel Glory)	Brazil
In the Night (Ity) (In the Wings {GB})	Italy
Mujahid (Danzig)	England
Phalaenopsis (Jpn) (Brian's Time)	Japan
Speightstown (Gone West)	United States



As Blue As The Grass...

If ever there was a stallion destined to succeed based on his pedigree, it was Storm Cat. The handsome dark bay was produced by Storm Bird, who was purchased for \$1,000,000 by Robert Sangster at Keeneland July in 1979. Storm Bird went on to win all five of his starts at two, including the G1 Dewhurst S. over stalwarts To-Agori-Mou (Ire) and Miswaki and, based on that form, the son of Northern Dancer was proclaimed the top rated juvenile in both England and Ireland in 1980. Storm Cat's dam, Terlingua, brought equally impressive credentials to the table.



Storm Cat at Overbrook
Horsephotos

Campaigned by trainer D. Wayne Lukas and owners Larry French and Barry Beal, the fleet filly was by Triple Crown hero Secretariat out of the bluehen mare Crimson Saint, whose most notable offspring included Grade 1/ Group 1 winner Royal Academy and multiple graded stakes winner Pancho Villa. Winner of the GII Hollywood Lassie, GII Del Mar Debutante S. and Nursery S. in 1978, Terlingua also scored against the colts in the GII Hollywood Juvenile Championship S. before finishing runner-up in the GI Frizette S. and GII Alcibiades S. At three, the chestnut filly added the GIII Santa Ynez S. and was second in the GI Santa Susana S.

Businessman and philanthropist William T. Young, who was responsible for developing Big Top peanut butter--later named Jif--entered the racing game in the early 70's and began buying property, the initial building blocks of present-day Overbrook Farm. Looking to expand his broodmare band, the Kentucky native came upon a stroke of luck in the early '80s. Dr. Bill Lockridge, who was operating Ashford Stud in partnership with Robert Hefner at the time, offered Young a package of three young mares through various partnerships. Heading the group was G1 Prix de L'Arc de Triomphe heroine Three Troikas (Fr), GSW Cinegita and Terlingua. While Three Troikas was inconsistent in the breeding shed, Cinegita produced a pair of stakes winners, as well as the filly Starlet Storm, eventual dam of juvenile filly champion Flanders and granddam of champion three-year-old filly Surfside. Young purchased 50 percent of the group initially, but later bought out the remaining 50-percent interest in the mares when Ashford encountered financial difficulties.

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In the spring of 1983, Terlingua foaled Storm Cat at Derry Meeting Farm in Pennsylvania, where she was boarded while she awaiting a scheduled visit to Northern Dancer in neighboring Maryland. Raised at Derry Meeting, Storm Cat was entered in the Keeneland July sale a year later, but was subsequently withdrawn when he tested positive for equine viral arteritis. Opting to race the colt instead of offer him at Keeneland September, Young sent the colt to trainer Jonathan Sheppard. --C.B.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY...

May 14, 1978...Seattle Slew won his first start as a four-year-old in an allowance race at Aqueduct.

May 14, 1989...E.P. Taylor, owner of Windfields Farms and breeder of Northern Dancer, died at age 88.

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ADDITIONAL GRADE I WINNERS BY STORM CAT

Horse (Broodmare Sire)	Major Grade I Wins
After Market (Rahy)	'07 Eddie Read H. & C Whittingham Mem'l H.
Aldiza (Alydar)	'98 Go For Wand H.
Aljabr (Baillamont)	'99 Sussex & '00 Lockinge
Bluegrass Cat (A.P. Indy)	'06 Haskell Invitational
Catinca (Saratoga Six)	'99 Ruffian H.
Cat Thief (Alydar)	'99 BC Classic
Consolidator (Crystal Glitters)	'04 Breeders' Futurity
Desert Stormer (Damascus)	'95 BC Sprint
Dessert (Lear Fan)	'03 Del Mar Oaks
Finder's Fee (Mr. Prospector)	'00 Acorn S. & '99 Matron S.
Forestry (Pleasant Colony)	'99 King's Bishop
Good Reward (Seeking the Gold)	'04 Hollywood Derby, '05 Manhattan H.
Harlan (Halo)	'94 Vosburgh S.
Hennessy (Hawaii)	'95 Hopeful S.
High Yield (Forty Niner)	'00 Blue Grass S. & Fountain of Youth, '99 Hopeful S.
Missed the Storm (Blushing Groom)	'93 Test S.
Nebraska Tornado (Lycius)	'03 Pr de Diane Hermes & Pr du Moulin
November Snow (Alydar)	'92 Alabama & Test S.
Raging Fever (Seattle Slew)	'00 Frizette S. & Matron S., '02 Ogden Phipps H.
Sardula (Hoist the Flag)	'94 Kentucky Oaks, '93 Hollywood Starlet
Sharp Cat (Ack Ack)	'98 Beldame S. & Ruffian H., '97 Santa Anita Oaks & '96 Hollywood Starlet
Sophisticat (Rahy)	'02 Coronation S.
Tabasco Cat (Sauce Boat)	'94 Preakness & Belmont S.
Tactical Cat (Caro)	'98 Hollywood Futurity

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1	GIANT'S CAUSEWAY (1997, Storm Cat)	Ashford Stud	7	2,648,052
2	Boundary (1990, Danzig)	Pnsd	2	2,590,496
3	TALE OF THE CAT (1997, Storm Cat)	Ashford Stud	4	2,515,833

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A Sale Sire Like Few Others...

Now, after the champions, the Classic winners and the Breeders' Cup heros, it might be hard to remember the time when Storm Cat was just another freshman sire, a new kid on the block whose offspring were trying to prove their worth on the track. And in the sales ring. Also, after the many dozens of seven-figure yearlings, it may be equally hard to remember a time when Storm Cat's youngsters weren't the valued commodities they are today.

It was 1990 when Storm Cat's first yearlings hit the sales. It was hardly love at first sight for buyers, as many shared the conformation faults of their father, namely offset knees. While his youngsters were far from shunned, the 13 that found new homes averaged a modest \$54,769. That group included stakes winner Blue Tiger, Storm Cat's top-priced yearling that year at \$160,000 (the only one to eclipse six figures), as well as multiple Grade I heroine November Snow, knocked down to Silverbrook Stable for just \$35,000.

D. Wayne Lukas, incidently, who would go on to be associated with Storm Cat's offspring perhaps more than any other trainer, was on the bandwagon early: he bought Meteor Storm out of that first crop for \$67,000. That colt never won a stakes, but did have the distinction of being one of Storm Cat's heartiest runners, making 100 starts and competing until he was 10.

Storm Cat's first runners reached the races in 1991, and their immediate success meant Storm Cat's second crop of sale horses was better received than the first, averaging \$78,735. Darley bought that year's topper, Nebaal, for \$375,000. Nebaal never made the races, but Darley did better with another Storm Cat it purchased that year, Catrail. Knocked down for \$250,000 as a KEESEP yearling in 1991, Catrail won a pair of group races as a three-year-old and was twice named highweighted sprinter in Great Britain.

Crop number three would mark the last time Storm Cat yearlings would average less than \$100,000. In 1992, 30 of his yearlings averaged a still-unspectacular \$74,050. The group included Sardula, a \$110,000 purchase by Pope McLean who would go on to capture the 1995 GI Kentucky Oaks. Gainsborough stud landed Munaaji, later named champion sprinter in Germany, for \$110,000.

By 1993, Storm Cat had become a hot young sire, and his fourth crop reflected the respect that buyers were giving to the son of Storm Bird. His yearling average improved to \$109,500. A year later, a superb group of horses averaged \$136,903.

Lukas acquired Hennessy, subsequent hero of the GI Hopeful S. and runner-up in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, for \$500,000, easily the most money paid for a Storm Cat yearling up to that point. Sam-Son Farm had to go to only \$95,000 to buy Silken Cat, who was named champion juvenile filly the following year in Canada.



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She would later go on to be the dam of champion sprinter Speightstown.

In 1995, Storm Cat's yearling crop included the brilliant Sharp Cat (a \$205,000 buy for Fox Hill Farms) and Tale of the Cat (knocked down to John Forbes for \$375,000).

The answer: Paragata King. The question: Who was Storm Cat's first seven-figure yearling? Fusao Sekiguchi was the buyer of record when Paragata King was hammered down for \$1.6 million at the 1996 Keeneland July Sale. The colt failed to live up to expectations, though, failing to hit the board in his lone start.

Forestry became Storm Cat's second seven-figure horse in 1997, selling to Bob Baffert--agent for Aaron and Marie Jones--for \$1.7 million (Exploit, who would later be trained by Baffert, RNA'd for \$1.475 that year). The 1997 season also marked the first time Storm Cat's yearling average eclipsed the half-million mark.

In 1998, five Storm Cat yearlings made seven figures as his average soared to \$816,563. They were led by Saudi Poetry (\$1.7 million), who validated her price tag for The Thoroughbred Corp. The \$1.1 million Magicalmysterycat earned her keep for Padua, as did the very talented Grade I winner High Yield, a \$1.05-million acquisition by Coolmore's Demi O'Byrne.

From there, it was onward and upward.

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Storm Cat cont.

For the first time in 1999, his yearling average reached seven figures (\$1,045,556). By 2000, Coolmore, which had acquired Tale of the Cat as a stallion prospect, was aggressively going after yearlings by Storm Cat, much in the same manner Coolmore principals had gone after yearlings by Northern Dancer--Storm Cat's grandsire--three decades earlier. That was evidenced by Coolmore's purchase of Tasmanian Tiger, who came with an astounding \$6.8-million price tag, in 2000. The next year, Coolmore purchased Van Nistelrooy for \$6.4 million.

And so it went over the next eight years that Storm Cat would solidify his status as one of the premier sale sires of all time. Of the top eight yearlings ever sold by Keeneland, three are by Storm Cat--the \$9.7 million Jalil, the \$8.2 million Act Of Diplomacy (out of Awesome Humor, an unraced three-year-old of this year), and the \$8 million Mr. Sekiguchi. Storm Cat has also accounted for seven of the 10 highest-priced yearlings of all time at the Keeneland September sale.



Jalil
Horsephotos

Notably, Storm Cat's grandson The Green Monkey became the most expensive horse to ever sell at public auction on Demi O'Byrne's \$16-million bid.

Through Storm Cat's career thus far, a total of 413 of his yearlings have sold for \$290,081,929, good for an average of \$702,378 and a median of \$300,000. More fireworks will undoubtedly follow, and after the last Storm Cat yearling goes through the ring sometime around September of 2010, a brilliant and lucrative chapter will come to a close.

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Gayego Joins Preakness Field...

Gayego (Gilded Time), winner of the GII Arkansas Derby, will take another shot at Big Brown in the GI Preakness S. following a troubled 17th-place finish in the GI Kentucky Derby. He is scheduled to make the trip to Pimlico from California today. "He's an extremely good shipper," trainer Paulo Lobo said. "He came back very well [from the Derby]. He's been eating everything. He's feeling happy." Gayego finished a good second in the GII San Felipe S. prior to his Arkansas Derby heroics.



Gayego Horsephotos

Giant Moon Works at Belmont...

Preakness hopeful **Giant Moon** (Giant's Causeway) turned in a bullet four-furlong workout in :47.77 at Belmont Park Tuesday. The GI Wood Memorial fourth-place finisher is trained by Rick Schosberg. "Actually it was a little quicker than we had anticipated," Schosberg said. "I was looking at somewhere between :48 and :48 2/5, but he seemed to have done it in good order. He jumped on the bit right away at the beginning of the work, which for him is a bit unusual when he's working by himself. But he's pretty sharp right now and he went the first quarter pretty quick. It was more like a good three-eighths blowout and he galloped out in :47 3/5 for the half."



Giant Moon Horsephotos

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Top Weekly Stakes Races

Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
Barcola	Old Trieste	Brandywine S.	111
Casino Drive	Mineshaft	Peter Pan S.-G2	109
Lucky Island (Arg)	Lucky Roberto	Bold Ruler H.-G3	105
Street Boss	Street Cry (Ire)	Los Angeles H.-G3	104
Main Executive	Bold Executive	New Providence S.	103
On the Acorn (GB)	Inchinor (GB)	Jim Murray Memorial H.-G2	103
Banrock	Go For Gin	Kingston H.	100
El Gato Malo	El Corredor	Lone Star Derby-G3	100
Parading	Pulpit	Volponi S.	100
Ravalo	Mutakddim	Decathlon S.	99
Holy Nova	Pure Prize	Brighthouse Belles S.	98
Groomedforvictory	Victory Gallop	Screenland S.	97
Million Dollar Run	Tejano Run	Railbird S.-G3	97
Casino Transaction	Carson City	Red Cross S.	96
My List	Banker's Gold	Hendrie S.-G3	96
Repenting	Repent	Tall Ships S.	95
My Princess Jess	Stormy Atlantic	Gaviola S.	94
Snug	Swamp	Texas Stallion S.	94
Reata's Quik Punch	Two Punch	Wonders Delight S.	93
Ride Em Cowgirl	Mazel Trick	Inaugural S.	93
Whistle Pig	Patton	Lyman Sprint H.	93
Wild Promises	Wild Event	Mother's Day H.	93
Balian	Hennessy	Danzig S.	92
Fear No Evil	Trust N Luck	Auburn S.	92

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Stevil & Tres Borrachos Breeze at Churchill...

Stevil (Maria's Mon) geared up for the Preakness with a four-furlong workout in :47.80 at Churchill Downs yesterday. Exercise rider Megan Smillie was aboard the GI Blue Grass S. fourth-place finisher. "It was pretty nice, and he galloped out real nice," trainer Nick Zito said. "He's a very consistent horse, and hopefully he'll run well Saturday." Stevil has failed to get his picture taken in five starts since annexing a Belmont maiden special weight last October at Belmont. **Tres Borrachos** (Ecton Park), third in the GII Arkansas Derby, breezed four furlongs in :50.40 beneath the Twin Spires Tuesday. "It went very well," trainer Beau Greeley said of the workout. "He went nicely, came home in :11 and change, so that was good. [Jockey] Tyler [Baze] seemed to be happy with it, and he seemed to come back ready."

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1--#**@TRINCOT (FR)**, 128, c, 3, by [Peintre Celebre](#)

1st Dam: Royal Lights (Fr), by Royal Academy

2nd Dam: Fire Flash (GB), by Bustino (GB)

3rd Dam: Dazzling Light (GB), by Silly Season

O/B-Ecurie Bader; T-Philippe Demercastel;

J-Christophe Soumillon; €40,000. Lifetime Record:

9 starts, 3 wins, 6 places, €92,000.

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2--**In Chambers (GB)**, 128, c, 3, Oasis Dream (GB)--

Cas Royaux, by Woodman. O/B-Marquesa de

Moratalla; T-Mikel Delzangles; €16,000.

3--**Mayweather (GB)**, 128, c, 3, Nayef--Misplace (Ire),

by Green Desert. (€85,000 yrl '06 DEAAUG).

O-Robert Bousquet; B-Petra Bloodstock Agency Ltd;

T-Jean-Claude Rouget; €12,000.

Margins: NK, 1, 2. Odds: 2.20, 4.50, 4.90.

Also Ran: Putney Bridge, In Seclusion.

In the money, yet winless, after six freshman starts, Trincot opened his account--at the expense of subsequent G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains hero Falco--in a Compiègne conditions event on sophomore return Mar. 25 and doubled his win tally in another conditions race at Saint-Cloud last time Apr. 11. Settled in fourth for most of this pattern-race bow, he made progress under pressure inside the final quarter to challenge at the distance and was ridden out in the closing stages to assert superiority in cozy fashion. "He was unable to get his head in front as a two-year-old, but he was tender and immature at the time and met some very nice horses along the way," said trainer Philippe Demercastel. "His win at Compiègne was a little flattering as I don't think the runner-up was fully wound up and we already had plenty of experience, but that form still gave him a good chance here." This race was utilized as a springboard to G1 Prix du Jockey-Club success by Lawman (Fr) last year and Trincot might now point for that June 1 Classic, according to Demercastel, who added, "With regard to the future, we will let his owner decide if he wants to have fun on Derby Day [at Chantilly]."

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☆ **PREVIEWS** ☆

Wednesday, York, Britain, post time: 3:10 p.m.

DUKE OF YORK S.-G2, £100,000, 3yo/up, 6fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	13	Soldier's Tale	Stravinsky	Noseda	138
2	1	War Artist (Aus)	Orpen	Eustace	138
3	4	Haatef	Danzig	K Prendergast	136
4	6	Assertive (GB)	Bold Edge (GB)	Hannon	133
5	11	Balthazaar's Gift (Ire)	Xaar (GB)	Cumani	133
6	5	Beaver Patrol (Ire)	Tagula (Ire)	Johnson Houghton	133
7	7	Beckermet (Ire)	Second Empire (Ire)	Fisher	133
8	9	Big Timer	Street Cry (Ire)	Perratt	133
9	15	Galeota (Ire)	Mujadil	Hannon	133
10	18	Garnica (Fr)	Linamix (Fr)	Nicholls	133
11	3	Hoh Mike (Ire)	Intikhab	Bell	133
12	14	Honoured Guest (Ire)	Danehill	A O'Brien	133
13	2	Prime Defender (GB)	Bertolini	B Hills	133
14	8	Rising Shadow (Ire)	Efisio (GB)	Wilson	133
15	16	Sonny Red (Ire)	Redback (GB)	Hannon	133
16	17	US Ranger	Danzig	A O'Brien	133
17	10	Utmost Respect (GB)	Danetime (Ire)	Fahey	133
18	12	Wi Dud (GB)	Elnadim	K Ryan	133

Doubt surrounds the participation of last year's G1 Golden Jubilee S. winner **Soldier's Tale**, who was third in last year's edition before going on to success in Royal Ascot's feature sprint. Trainer Jeremy Noseda will ensure the ground is safe before committing the brittle seven-year-old. "The fast ground will not be ideal for Soldier's Tale, but I am very keen to get a run into him prior to Royal Ascot," he said. "I will walk the track on Wednesday and decide if it is safe enough for his participation." **US Ranger** and **Honoured Guest** are rare Ballydoyle participants in this contest and it looked as if the former would hold his own in this division when winning the Listed Waterford Testimonial S. at The Curragh in September. Subsequently fourth in the G1 Prix de la Foret at Longchamp on Arc weekend, he found the heavy ground against him when third on his return in the Apr. 13 G3 Gladness S. back at The Curragh.

Duke of York S.

Luca Cumani saddled Three Legs (GB) to win this back in 1976 and relies on the 2006 Golden Jubilee runner-up **Balthazaar's Gift**, who showed he retained all his ability last term when taking Ascot's G3 Hackwood S. in July and finishing third in the G1 Haydock Sprint Cup in September. He was unplaced on his return in the Listed Abernant S. at Newmarket Apr. 17 and needs to rebound. **Haatef** reappears for the first time since winning the G2 Diadem S. at Ascot in September and is still unexposed as a relative newcomer to the sprinting division.

Wednesday, York, Britain, post time: 2:40 p.m.

TATTERSALLS MUSIDORA S.-G3, £60,000, 3yo, f, 10f 88ydsT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	7	Cape Amber (Ire)	Cape Cross (Ire)	P Chapple-Hyam
2	5	Comeback Queen (GB)	Nayef	Kirk
3	6	Cruel Sea	Mizzen Mast	B Hills
4	1	Dar Re Mi (GB)	Singspiel (Ire)	Gosden
5	2	Lush Lashes (GB)	Galileo (Ire)	Bolger
6	8	Moonstone (GB)	Dalakhani (Ire)	A O'Brien
7	3	Sayyedati Symphony	Gone West	C Brittain
8	4	Sovereign's Honour	Kingmambo	Stoute

All carry 124 pounds.

★ **"TDN Rising Star"** ★ **Dar Re Mi** faces a stern test of her Classic credentials here, but she could hardly have been more impressive in routing some useful sorts including **Sovereign's Honour** by seven lengths in a Sandown maiden last time Apr. 25. Her trainer John Gosden collected the 1993 edition with Marillette and will be hoping she can hold her own against the G1 1000 Guineas sixth **Lush Lashes**, the well-touted Newmarket maiden scorer **Cape Amber** and Ballydoyle's **Moonstone**, who was second on her sole start at Leopardstown Apr. 20.

Wednesday, Naas, Ireland, post time: 7:20 p.m.

BLUE WIND S.-G3, €90,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/4mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	7	Arkadina (Ire)	Danehill	Wachman	135
2	4	Profound Beauty (Ire)	Danehill	Weld	135
3	6	Marjalina (Ire)	Marju (Ire)	K Prendergast	124
4	3	Adored (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	A O'Brien	121
5	1	Allicansayis Wow	Street Cry (Ire)	Bolger	121
6	5	Sweet Sixteen (Ire)	Sadler's Wells	A O'Brien	121
7	2	Tiffany Diamond (Ire)	Sadler's Wells	A O'Brien	121

Thursday, York, Britain

DANTE S.-G2, £150,000, 3yo, 10f 88ydsT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
1	3	Centennial (Ire)	Dalakhani (Ire)	Fortune
2	2	Frozen Fire (Ger)	Montjeu (Ire)	Murtagh
3	1	McCartney (Ger)	In the Wings (GB)	McEvoy
4	6	Tartan Bearer (Ire)	Spectrum (Ire)	Moore
5	5	Twice Over (GB)	Observatory	Durcan
6	4	Young Pretender (Fr)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Dettori

All carry 126 pounds.



Friday, Pimlico

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1 Sweet Vendetta	Stephen Got Even	Hill	122
2 Maren's Meadow	Meadowlake	Saez	122
3a Sherine	Precise End	Garcia	122
4 Highest Class	Mineshaft	Albarado	116
5 Bsharpsonata	Pulpit	Camacho	122
6 Seattle Smooth	Quiet American	Prado	122
7 One Step Ahead	Include	Morales	116
8 Shes All Eltish	Eltish	Gomez	122
9a Pious Ashley	Include	Desormeaux	116

WILLIAM 'BUFF' BRADLEY, TRAINER

Speaking as a horseman, I believe that racetrack management, manufacturers, and installers should ask for much greater input from horsemen who use the surfaces on a daily basis for training and racing. In addition, I think horsemen should be part of an inspection team that reviews the surface each day to assess the safety and characteristics of the track.



AL LONDON

It has long been said that you cannot win public arguments with people who buy ink by the barrel. In today's electronic world, I suppose that includes folks who disseminate daily newspapers by e-mail.

There seems to be a growing movement in the belief that whips, medicine and dirt tracks are a major problem. While little to no scientific proof is offered for the condemnation of the first two, the repetition of those opinions, if repeated often enough, start to appear to be facts.

As for the belief that dirt racetracks can be unsafe: At times, that is a fact. Those surfaces need to be maintained by experts who truly know their business.

The solution of the three stated "problems" appears to be from the detractors, "throw them away!" Outlaw drugs, whips and the use of dirt surfaces.

Until some responsible science shows that the first two are harmful, we should ignore the shrill voices.

As for synthetic surfaces as a cure-all, I would like to refer you to an article that appeared in *The Blood-Horse*. It was written by Tom LaMarra and posted on Feb. 12, 2007. It is still available online.

A fact that seems to be ignored by all of the "experts" came out as the result of a study that examined breakdowns at NYRA tracks; it viewed 18 years of statistics. The study was written by W. Theodore Hill, VMD. Catastrophic breakdowns occur one-third as often on grass as compared to dirt. That takes into account, statistically, the difference in the number of races. They also occur significantly less frequently on muddy tracks.

Taken those two undeniable facts into consideration throws cold water on the opinions that it is drugs and/or whips that cause the breakdowns. Medicines and whips were used equally on all surfaces. The only conclusion is that it is the surface and only the surface that is causing the problems. Unfortunately, if synthetic surfaces are safer, that still remains to be proven.

Before we turn our industry upside down to fix or outlaw things that are not harmful, we need responsible studies by competent scientists who start without any bias. While we are waiting, we need the Racing Commissions to take a hard look at who the track superintendents are and what qualifies them for the position.

What are some positive steps racing should take in the wake of the Eight Belles tragedy, both for the safety of the horses and in light of the mounting public criticism of the sport?

BARRY IRWIN, TEAM VALOR INTERNATIONAL

Lisa Underwood, head of the Kentucky Horse Racing Authority, should immediately hold a public hearing with representatives of Churchill Downs, including the racetrack superintendent, and question them vigorously about the preparation of the racing surface for the Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks, starting with the Derby won by Monarchos through this year. Until such time as a governmental body publicly scrutinizes the rationale for sealing and deliberately speeding up racing surfaces on big racing days, thereby putting our best stars in harm's way, the biggest immediate problem facing our sport and industry will not be solved. How many of these tragedies must we witness before somebody high up enough makes the racing associations and their track superintendents accept responsibility for the welfare of our animals?





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We need to know on a daily basis the depth of the cushion at randomly measures spots. We need the condition of the base monitored daily as well. We need to know the angle of banking on turns and, from engineers, whether it is sufficient considering the degree of the turns and the forces exerted on the horse's legs.

If we have problems, we need to fix them. But the fixers should know what really needs to be fixed and not throw money at unproven ideas.

What are some positive steps racing should take in the wake of the Eight Belles tragedy, both for the safety of the horses and in light of the mounting public criticism of the sport??

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An anecdote from personal experience from over 15 years ago while training: Two people in a racing stable had the same sore-footed horse injected by different veterinarians. Neither party knew the other had done it, the horse was entered, won the race, and, after crossing the finish line, fractured both sesmoids, went down and was euthanized on the racetrack.

For every action of a pharmaceutical drug there is a chemical reaction and a detrimental side effect. Just open the "The Physicians Desk Reference Drug Manual" for the horrifying reviews. All pharmaceuticals are poisons. The PDR Manual sites the side effects we are witnessing in our horses.

How about owners and trainers banning pre-race medications and all medications for racing, and allow the horse to have clean DNA, which will ultimately make the breed stronger and more durable?

Whatever happened to Darwins' "survival of the fittest?" We could level the playing field without the use of drugs.

The Thoroughbred industry has shoveled so much "under the rug." Many positive drug tests have been tabled and trainers never reprimanded for ordering the administration of those drugs. A virtual fantasy horse racing world has gone on to create stallions who couldn't have done it without their pharmaceutical help, and, unfortunately, the jury is still out on whether or not those horses at stud can produce a runner because of what's in their DNA.

Literally, foals born to two racetrack junkies are junkies and exhibit the actual side effects of the drugs that have been given to their parents.

Unfortunately and/or conveniently, no tests exist for many of the "designer drugs" being administered pre-race. Historically, by the time the committees and laboratories have caught up to a test for a particular drug, we have moved on to get yet another toxic DNA-altering performance enhancer.

Eight Belles is the wake up "bell." Just say "neigh" to drugs as owners--the horses would.

**For more information, see "Issue 13 Spring 2006" of European Trainer Magazine. Visit, <http://www.gilesanderson.com/europe/index.php>.*

☆ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ☆

IF THEY CAN'T GO STRAIGHT THEY SHOULDN'T GO
by Joanne Humphrey

Eight Belles's sad death is like the horse racing industry's "straw that broke the camel's back." It took this sad wake-up call for PETA to force a meeting of the not-so-free-thinking minds of the politically appointed "panel" to study and make recommendations.

Everything the panel is studying is a superficial component to the puzzle. Granted, things such as track surface, horseshoes and the whip are all potentially troublesome components to the breakdowns so-called puzzle. However the internal components of the horse are by far the most relevant. Just as in human beings, horses are what they eat, ingest, or have been administered.

All of these internal and DNA-making cells are being altered by:

- 1) Feed (genetically engineered)
- 2) Water (especially harmful are chlorine and fluoride)
- 3) Nutritional supplements (scrutinize the sources)
- 4) Pharmaceutical drugs (especially those being injected).
- 5) Environmental chemicals and toxins, especially pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, heavy metals
- 6) Disease myasms (of the "weakest" body link)

SYNTHETIC SURFACES IN NORTH AMERICA

<u>Track</u>	<u>All-Weather Surface</u>
Arlington Park	Polytrack
Del Mar	Polytrack
Keeneland	Polytrack
Turfway Park	Polytrack
Woodbine	Polytrack
Hollywood	Cushion Track
Santa Anita	Cushion Track
Golden Gate	Tapeta Footings
Presque Isle Downs	Tapeta Footings



FROM THE DESK OF...
 Bill Oppenheim

CLASSICS: THE EURO ZONE

The Classic races are coming thick and fast now. Last weekend the main events were in Europe, while, in North America, the Japanese-based Casino Drive, from **Mineshaft's** first crop, punched his ticket to the GI Belmont S. with an easy win in the GII Peter Pan S. It's a big boost for his first-crop sire, and it means Casino Drive will attempt to become the third consecutive GI Belmont S. winner produced by his dam, Better Than Honour, who is by Deputy Minister out of Blush With Pride. That would just about rank with Woody Stephens' feat of saddling five consecutive Belmont winners. Although, in keeping with the rest of his crop except Big Brown, Casino Drive's winning Beyer figure was a fairly pedestrian 101. Still, it was only his second career start; he's bound to still be improving. In Texas, Preakness dropout El Gato Malo, a gelding by **El Corredor**, prevailed in a tight finish in the GIII Lone Star Derby. Otherwise it was reasonably quiet on the U.S. front, with the GI Preakness due up on Saturday.

There were Classics and Classic trials all over the place in Europe last weekend, highlighted by the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains and Poule d'Essai des Pouliches at Longchamp on Sunday. There were 19 runners in a very open-looking French 2000, and the winner was the Wertheimer brothers' Falco, the seventh individual three-year-old stakes horse this year by **Pivotal**, with Godolphin's Rio de la Plata, by **Rahy**, second, and River Proud, from **Proud Citizen's** first crop, third from the outside post. That put Proud Citizen \$7,000 ahead of stablemate **Harlan's Holiday** on the 2008 North American second-crop sire list, according to *bloodhorse.com*. Only the win by the **Galileo** colt Cima de Triomphe (out of a Danehill mare, so bred on the same cross as 2006 European champion two-year-old Teofilo, if you want to start one of those 'nicking' stampedes) in Sunday's G1 Italian Derby, worth €455,000 to the winner, keeps Pivotal from the top spot among all European sires thus far in 2008 (see accompanying table). As it is, Galileo takes the top spot, with Pivotal second, over £185,000 ahead of current third-placed **Montjeu**. The Wertheimers had a banner day at Longchamp on Sunday: not only did Falco win the colts' Classic, their filly Goldikova (**Anabaa**) ran second in the French 1000, and their four-year-old filly, Only Answer (**Green Desert**), won the Group 3 five-furlong sprint, the Prix des Saint-Georges.

The French 1000 was another impressive win for the Aga Khan's unbeaten Zarkava, who became the third French 1000 Guineas winner sired in just four full British crops by **Zamindar** (Gone West).



Filly out of SW Deputy Sue



Colt out of GSW Spectacular Moon

1st Foals by Multiple G1 SW

First Samurai



Filly out of GSW Arches of Gold, dam of GSW Inspiring



Colt out of SW Apasionata Sonata, dam of GSW Bsharpsonata



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What an interesting story he is. Originally Zafonic's 'little' (16.3 hands) brother, Zamindar was a useful two-year-old for Andre Fabre, winning the G3 Prix de Cabourg and placing in the G1 Prix Morny and the late, lamented G1 Prix de la Salamandre. I remember him running a very unlucky fifth, behind Entrepreneur, in the 1997 G1 English 2000 Guineas. He was undoubtedly the paddock eye-catcher that day, but his luck didn't improve on the racetrack, and he only ran twice more, failing to add to his Group 3 win at two. He stood for only £7,000 in his first season in 1998, but before his 1999 foals got to the races, he had been hit by a health scare which resulted in only one foal of 2001 from the 2000 season, and he was sent out to Florida, where he stood for \$5,000 in 2001 and 2002. In that year, Zenda became the first of his Pouliches winners, and he returned to Banstead Manor, Juddmonte's stud farm in Newmarket, for the 2003 covering season. Princess Zahra, the Aga Khan's daughter, won the French 1000 Guineas last year with Darjina, from his first crop back, and now her father has added to the total with Zarkava. Interestingly, all seven of Zamindar's A Runners thus far have been fillies.

With G1 English 2000 Guineas one-two Henrythenavigator and New Approach scheduled to renew rivalry in the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas at the Curragh on May 24 among the milers, the European Derbies and Oaks are just around the corner.



The G1 Prix du Jockey-Club, controversially shortened to 10 1/2 furlongs (2100m), will be run on June 1, with the G1 Epsom Derby on June 7, the same day as the G1 Belmont S. in New York. The G1 Epsom Oaks will be June 6, with France's G1 Prix de Diane, which has long been run at 10 1/2 furlongs, on June 8. Zarkava should be hot favorite for that.

I'm still not prepared to agree that the new Prix du Jockey-Club is truly the French Derby, especially when the G1 Grand Prix de Paris, to be run on Bastille Day (July 14), will be run at 12 furlongs (2400m). But that shouldn't detract from what's shaping up as a very hot contest at Chantilly on June 1. A few of the runners from the French 2000 are likely to be among the starters, including Rio de la Plata, River Proud, and sixth-placed Thewayyouare, a **Kingmambo** half-brother to Peeping Fawn trained by Andre Fabre for Sean Mulryan. At last report, Sunday's impressive G2 Derrinstown Derby Trial winner in Ireland, Casual Conquest (**Hernando**), was more likely to point for Chantilly than for Epsom, to which he was not nominated and would have to pay a £75,000 supplementary nomination to run. It's even possible that the current Epsom favorite, Twice Over, the first good horse sighted by **Observatory**, could end up at Chantilly. Winner of the G3 Craven S. over Raven's Pass last month, Twice Over's connections passed on the English 2000 itself to point for Thursday's G2 Dante S. at York, where he will meet a promising bunch, including G3 Sandown Classic Trial winner Centennial (from **Dalakhani's** first crop) and recent impressive maiden winner Tartan Bearer, a full brother to G1 English 2000 Guineas winner Golan, from **Spectrum's** last European crop. There will also be last-gasp contenders from Godolphin and Ballydoyle. If Twice Over wins impressively and looks like he'll go further, he'll go to Epsom. But if it looks like 10 furlongs is far enough for him, he could easily be diverted to France, according to connections. Evidently he's been working the barn down at home.

One colt who is definitely pointing to Epsom is the current second favorite, Curtain Call, who definitely has the pedigree to win the Derby, as he's from another crop of good middle-distance three-year-olds by the great **Sadler's Wells**, out of a **Darshaan** half-sister to Hernando and Johann Quatz. Trained in Ireland by Jessica Harrington as a two-year-old, he split New Approach and Henrythenavigator in the G2 Futurity S. over seven furlongs last August, then came back to win the G2 Beresford S. over a mile a month later in impressive fashion. He laid an egg when only fifth in the G1 Racing Post Trophy in his final start of the year, but, after a transfer to Luca Cumani, he came back to register an impressive six-length win in a 10-furlong conditions race, which is usually run at Epsom, but was run this year at Nottingham due to redevelopment at Epsom. That means they are only running the Oaks-Derby weekend at Epsom this year.

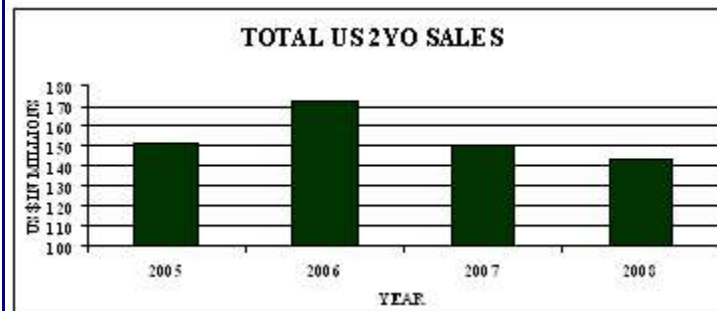
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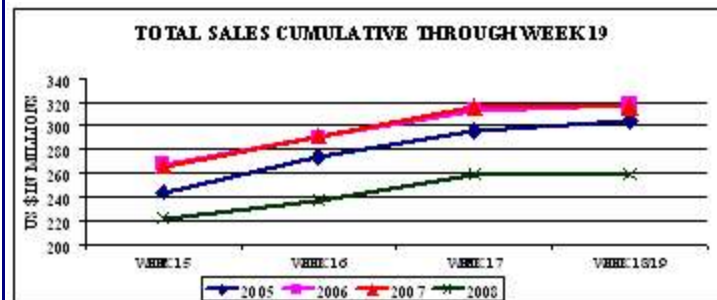
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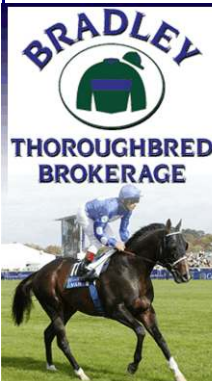
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YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% S/C	GROSS	AVG
2008	10,328	7,860	5,466	52.9%	\$304,157,575	\$55,640
2007	11,567	9,040	6,343	54.8%	\$317,671,015	\$50,078
2006	10,751	8,480	6,427	59.8%	\$316,300,100	\$49,214
2005	9,840	8,109	5,852	59.5%	\$259,317,293	\$44,313



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Curtain Call was due to run in last Saturday's G3 Lingfield Derby Trial in which Ballydoyle Montjeu colts Alessandro Volta and King of Rome ran one-two, with Godolphin's Campanologist (by Kingmambo, and another heading for the Prix du Jockey-Club) third. But trainer Cumani felt the ground was too firm to risk him and called an audible. Curtain Call now goes straight to Epsom. I hope this reads as a totally objective report, because it's not. I have to declare my interest, as I'm lucky enough to be one of the owners of Curtain Call, along with our leader, BBA Ireland's Patrick Cooper, who unearthed the colt at the sales; and Jimmy George, Tattersalls' popular marketing director. So if you want to root for a horse who's owned by some 'little people,' who many of you actually know, vote for us!

Acclamation Still Top Euro Soph...

With cumulative progeny earnings nearly double his closest pursuer, Rathbarry Stud's runaway 2007 leading European Freshman Sire **Acclamation** (Royal Applause) still tops the charts among what are now sophomore (second-crop) sires in Europe. Interestingly, though, if you look at *TDN's* progeny count of number of individual horses by European sophomore sires to get a mention in the last 90 days (since mid-February), second-placed **Oasis Dream** (Green Desert) leads the list, with 14. Acclamation is third in that time period, with 10; overall sixth-placed **Dubai Destination** (Kingmambo) has 11. The top of the cumulative progeny list (printed herewith) is still dominated by the mostly sprint sires, with **Choisir** and **Captain Rio** fourth and fifth--but one place higher if you don't count **Red Ransom** as a 'real' European sophomore sire, which of course he isn't. But, having tailed off pretty good in Kentucky, his first European crop would rank him third, and includes, most prominently Moqien. That one was third last weekend in the G2 Derrinstown Derby Trial, having previously run second to G1 Irish 2000 Guineas contender Famous Name (**Dansili**) in the G3 Leopardstown 2000 Guineas Trial, then winning the G3 Ballysax S., stepped up to 10 furlongs. Red Ransom is also represented by the filly Muthabara, winner of the G3 Fred Darling S.; and Yorktown, fourth in the G1 French 2000 Guineas last Sunday.

Other sires with a more middle-distance profile are advancing up the ladder. Dubai Destination, as mentioned, has 11 which have hit the Progeny PP list in the last 90 days, and now ranks sixth (if we include Red Ransom). **Hawk Wing** (by Woodman, nine in the last 90 days) is seventh. **Nayef** (Gulch, also nine) is up to ninth placing, now with five stakes horses. **Dalakhani** (Darshaan) may only have had six mentions, but three of them are stakes winners: G3 Sandown Classic Trial winner Centennial, who, as mentioned, runs in tomorrow's G2 Dante; last week's G2 Prix Hocquart winner Democrate; and the filly Chinese White, winner of a listed race in Ireland and one of the leading fancies for the G1 Irish Oaks.

Another climbing the ladder this year is **High Chaparral** (Sadler's Wells), with nine on the Progeny PP list, including G3 Premio Parioli (Italian 2000 Guineas) winner Senlis, and last week's Cheshire Oaks second Sugar Mint (first and third more good three-year-olds this year by High Chaparral's sire, Sadler's Wells).

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Missing the mollusk in your life? Well, get your "slurp" on and head over to Baltimore's Mama's on the Half Shell. Located on "The Square" in the hip, bustling, urban neighborhood of Canton, this seafood house will fix you up "Bawlmer" style. The downstairs bar/raw bar feels like it's been there for years, with a long dark wood bar, pressed ceilings and just loud enough music. It gets crowded on weekends, but locals are happy to endure the wait (sometimes over an hour) while sipping on a refreshing Orange Crush (the House Cocktail, made with fresh pressed orange juice) or a minty Mojito. But bivalves are the thing here. Oysters are served on the half-shell, grilled or fried, "on horseback" (wrapped in bacon) or as "shooters." From Malpeques to Blue Points, the hand-written chalkboard announces the varieties of the night. Slurp them out of the half shell for the real experience, HON (as they say in Baltimore). No forks allowed. There are a few tables downstairs in the bar, but a majority in the cozier, Victorian style upstairs. Start off with the Tuna Tartare, Oyster Stew or Peel-and-Eat steamed shrimp. For entrees, try the Crabcake, which is true Maryland style, broiled with little evidence of breading or filler. The pan-seared scallops are a delight, as well. A side of Mac-and-Cheese will top it off (some say it is the world's best). The menu is full of fresh fish and traditional burgers and sandwiches (for the non-seafood eater). Owning a Bar/Restaurant has never truly appealed to me, but if it did, I would recreate "Mama's." Hours: Monday-Thursday: 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday: 11 a.m.-midnight Sunday: 9 a.m.-11 p.m. The raw bar serves until 1 a.m. daily Bar open until 2 a.m. daily.

GEORGANNE HALE, Maryland Jockey Club
Michael's Cafe, Raw Bar and Grill, 2119 York Road, Timonium, MD. 410-252-2022
www.michaelscafe.com.

If anyone has attended the Timonium Sales or Timonium Race Track, more than likely they have dined at Michael's Bar and Grill. It is a stone's throw from the Timonium Sales Pavilion. It has been a family owned and operated restaurant for 24 years. When people arrive in Maryland, what is the first meal they always want? Maryland Crabs!

Michael's is famous for their "World, (not country, city or state) Famous Crab Cakes." My grandfather owned a seafood store years ago in Baltimore. These crabcakes are just as good as the ones he use to make. Big lumps of backfin crab, all crab meat. No stuffing or breading. If seafood isn't for you they also serve steaks, veal, pastas, salads, soups, and burgers. Michael Dellis continues his mother and father's tradition for serving good food by having the majority of the menu being homemade. Finally, for those horsemen looking to quench their thirst after a long day at the sales, Michael's offer an excellent "Happy Hour." Any type of drink you want, they can make. (Remember it's directly across the street, so you won't have to drive, but you might need a crossing guard to get across York Road.)

DAVID HAYDEN, Dark Hollow Farm
THE BLACK OLIVE, 814 S. Bond St., Baltimore, MD. (410) 276.7141. www.theblackolive.com

The Black Olive sits in quiet elegance in a converted row house on the cobblestone section of Bond Street in old Fells Point. This Greek restaurant is owned by the Spiliadis family, whose heritage and passion for food as art is grounded in a basic aesthetic principle: cook your food with an eye towards simplicity and tradition, and use only the finest ingredients, no matter what it takes to find them. They do not hide their elegant presentations with fancy sauces. Be sure to accept your waiter's invitation to select your dinner from the refrigerated case in the kitchen where you'll find fish and seafood that's moments removed from the sea and perfectly aged beef. Select from gorgeous Dover Sole, Barbouni, Black Sea Bass, St. Peter's Fish, Dorade Royal and Wild Turbo, plus platters of vibrantly fresh beef, veal and kebobs. The wait staff will artfully fillet your whole fish selection table side. The wine cellar is to die for, and they were among "America's 50 Most Amazing Wine Experiences" in Food & Wine Magazine in October, 2004. The Spiliadis family has patiently selected and cellared over 5,000 bottles of the finest wines from around the world with a special eye on the wines that come from the tradition of Greek winemaking. If it's available, reserve the wine cellar for your private dinner party. If you're a foodie or a wine-o, this is a must place to go. Seating is limited, so be sure to make your reservations early.



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DAVID DIPIETRO, Maryland Stallion Station
 The Oregon Grille, 1201 Shawan Road, Hunt Valley, MD.
 410-771-0505. www.theoregongrille.com

This very high-end spot, which consistently earns a four-star rating from the Mobil Travel Guide, in the heart of Maryland's horse country is the perfect spot for dinner with great friends during your Preakness visit. The setting is a renovated 19th century stone farmhouse within minutes of the Maryland Hunt Cup Course and scores of beautiful nurseries, including Sagamore Farms. The walkway leading to the restaurant is lined with lawn jockeys adorned in the colors of all 11 Triple Crown winners as well as other noteworthy stables. You have the option of dining inside in the dark paneled rooms of the farmhouse or outside on a wonderful bluestone patio under large umbrellas. Men must wear jackets after 5 p.m. for inside dining.

The cuisine is classic American at its finest, featuring great steaks, lamb and seafood all creatively prepared. While steaks highlight the offerings, most everything is first-rate and the appetizer selections are classic and outstanding. The wine list is ample and consistent with the restaurant's fine dining standards. The wait staff is very professional, but won't unnecessarily interfere with your evening. If you arrive early, the bar is a cozy, equine-themed room perfect for a quick starter or two before attacking the menu.

The Oregon Grille is only 20 minutes from Pimlico, a half hour from downtown Baltimore and slightly longer from the airport. While most GPS and mapping software will send you there via I-83 north and Shawan Road, I highly recommend travelling north on Parks Heights Ave (the road that Pimlico fronts) or Greenspring Avenue, which is parallel to it and approaching from the west on Tufton Avenue, which becomes Shawan Road. That route takes only a few extra minutes, but the last four miles are a beautiful drive through farm country and will take you past Sagamore, the historic Vanderbilt property now owned by Under Armour founder Kevin Plank, and of course, the Maryland Stallion Station, which you are welcome to visit on your way to lunch or dinner at the Grille.

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
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LEADING SIRES IN EUROPE IN 2008 In Order of Prize Money

	Sire	(Born)	Grandsire	Rnrs	Wnrs	Wins	Total £	SW	SP
1	GALILEO	(1998)	Sadler's Wells	93	23	27	791,354	4	4
2	PIVOTAL	(1993)	Polar Falcon	104	38	51	737,323	5	6
3	MONTJEU	(1996)	Sadler's Wells	94	25	27	552,004	4	8
4	VERGLAS	(1994)	Highest Honor	133	36	42	466,709	0	1
5	DANEHILL DANCER	(1993)	Danehill	125	28	34	445,281	5	7
6	ANABAA	(1992)	Danzig	94	22	29	435,294	3	3
7	SLICKLY	(1996)	Linamix	55	16	26	431,495	2	2
8	ORPEN	(1996)	Lure	138	43	58	394,509	1	1
9	CAPE CROSS	(1994)	Green Desert	138	35	43	377,492	2	1
10	DESERT PRINCE	(1995)	Green Desert	120	41	54	370,848	1	5
11	KINGMAMBO	(1990)	Mr. Prospector	41	10	13	359,597	2	0
12	SAKHEE	(1997)	Bahri	31	14	15	357,011	1	1
13	SADLER'S WELLS	(1981)	Northern Dancer	79	14	15	347,894	6	6
14	ZAMINDAR	(1994)	Gone West	40	8	12	332,619	1	1
15	MARJU	(1988)	Last Tycoon	90	23	26	332,132	2	4
16	HERNANDO	(1990)	Niniski	76	26	31	329,788	1	4
17	ROCK OF GIBRALTAR	(1999)	Danehill	66	24	29	309,753	4	1
18	BARATHEA	(1990)	Sadler's Wells	119	29	37	304,557	3	1
19	KING'S BEST	(1997)	Kingmambo	116	28	33	299,485	1	1
20	DANSILI	(1996)	Danehill	93	24	31	298,812	4	2
21	DR FONG	(1995)	Kris S.	137	33	49	297,405	1	3
22	SINGSPIEL	(1992)	In the Wings	95	27	41	297,005	0	2
23	ANABAA BLUE	(1998)	Anabaa	56	12	14	291,843	3	2
24	INVINCIBLE SPIRIT	(1997)	Green Desert	88	29	37	288,909	2	3
25	FASLIYEV	(1997)	Nureyev	136	31	39	288,169	0	1
26	DIVINE LIGHT	(1995)	Sunday Silence	8	3	4	283,118	1	0
27	PEINTRE CELEBRE	(1994)	Nureyev	88	17	19	270,104	0	3
28	CADEAUX GENEREUX	(1985)	Young Generation	74	26	35	261,677	2	2
29	POLIGLOTE	(1992)	Sadler's Wells	68	16	21	259,683	0	1
30	LINAMIX	(1987)	Mendez	71	17	20	255,306	1	1
31	KENDOR	(1986)	Kenmare	62	13	21	248,114	1	0
32	ROYAL APPLAUSE	(1993)	Waajib	116	24	42	244,817	0	2
33	DANETIME	(1994)	Danehill	95	34	54	242,106	0	0
34	LOMITAS	(1988)	Niniski	78	19	26	238,907	2	0
35	SPECTRUM	(1992)	Rainbow Quest	101	25	31	237,910	0	2
36	VETTORI	(1992)	Machiavellian	92	27	32	237,773	0	0
37	GREEN DESERT	(1983)	Danzig	72	21	26	235,933	1	2
38	RED RANSOM	(1987)	Roberto	68	20	20	235,687	2	0
39	DIKTAT	(1995)	Warning	124	22	28	234,648	0	2
40	MEDICEAN	(1997)	Machiavellian	86	20	25	232,786	1	1
41	BIG SHUFFLE	(1984)	Super Concorde	107	27	35	229,178	1	5
42	BERTOLINI	(1996)	Danzig	135	32	37	227,596	0	2
43	KING CHARLEMAGNE	(1998)	Nureyev	89	27	35	227,559	0	0
44	HALLING	(1991)	Diesis	57	21	22	221,542	2	1
45	MARCHAND DE SABLE	(1990)	Theatrical	69	11	12	221,175	0	0
46	DR DEVIOUS	(1989)	Ahonoora	93	32	41	219,314	0	0
47	MUJAHD	(1996)	Danzig	70	17	25	219,074	0	2
48	DANEHILL	(1986)	Danzig	47	10	10	216,892	1	3
49	XAAR	(1995)	Zafonic	99	21	28	215,974	0	0
50	NAMID	(1996)	Indian Ridge	115	18	27	215,377	0	0

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LEADING EUROPEAN 2nd CROP SIREs In Order of Total Lifetime Earnings

	Sire	(born)	Grandsire	Rnrs	Wnrs	Wins	Total £	SW	SP
1	ACCLAMATION	(1999)	Royal Applause	80	36	65	1,309,950	4	6
2	OASIS DREAM	(2000)	Green Desert	80	33	50	687,944	6	4
3	*RED RANSOM	(1987)	Roberto	86	36	44	615,416	3	3
4	CHOISIR	(1999)	Danehill Dancer	91	39	60	563,447	4	3
5	CAPTAIN RIO	(1999)	Pivotal	117	43	66	484,771	2	1
6	DUBAI DESTINATION	(1999)	Kingmambo	76	27	41	480,397	3	3
7	HAWK WING	(1999)	Woodman	103	35	40	466,179	1	5
8	STATUE OF LIBERTY	(2000)	Storm Cat	88	38	48	454,700	1	3
9	NAYEF	(1998)	Gulch	56	15	22	357,151	2	3
10	BLU AIR FORCE	(1997)	Sri Pekan	53	26	57	354,796	1	1
11	MODIGLIANI	(1998)	Danzig	28	8	17	323,425	1	0
12	DALAKHANI	(2000)	Darshaan	39	13	17	298,215	3	2
13	CATCHER IN THE RYE	(2000)	Danehill	52	24	42	292,248	0	1
14	OKAWANGO	(1998)	Kingmambo	44	17	26	276,300	1	0
15	CLODOVIL	(2000)	Danehill	39	18	30	264,348	2	1
16	HIGH CHAPARRAL	(1999)	Sadler's Wells	50	16	18	261,146	1	1
17	SPARTACUS	(2000)	Danehill	52	19	28	225,402	1	1
18	VAN NISTELROOY	(2000)	Storm Cat	10	6	10	201,880	2	0
19	EKRAAR	(1997)	Red Ransom	34	17	24	166,093	0	1
20	KRIS KIN	(2000)	Kris S.	21	10	21	164,474	0	1
21	WHERE OR WHEN	(1999)	Danehill Dancer	38	9	13	159,964	1	0
22	DOMEDRIVER	(1998)	Indian Ridge	35	10	16	133,968	0	0
23	CHEVALIER	(2000)	Danehill	33	13	20	132,877	0	0
24	ACADEMY AWARD	(2000)	Danehill	21	13	18	116,204	0	0
25	PROUD CITIZEN	(1999)	Gone West	6	3	4	113,015	1	0
26	REEL BUDDY	(1998)	Mr. Greeley	32	8	11	93,992	0	1
27	MEDECIS	(1999)	Machiavellian	14	7	14	91,620	0	1
28	TIMBOROA	(1996)	Salse	9	4	7	74,909	0	0
29	BERNEBEAU	(1999)	Green Tune	18	2	4	74,670	0	0
30	**SHOLOKHOV	(1999)	Sadler's Wells	28	6	8	73,359	1	2
31	BLACK SAM BELLAMY	(1999)	Sadler's Wells	34	7	8	66,264	0	0
32	SUNDAY BREAK	(1999)	Forty Niner	5	5	9	62,708	0	1
33	STORMING HOME	(1998)	Machiavellian	24	8	11	62,036	0	0
34	SECRET SINGER	(1999)	Singspiel	3	2	7	60,306	0	0
35	NO EXCUSE NEEDED	(1998)	Machiavellian	16	7	12	60,178	0	0

* First European crop in 2005

** Note: after these results were compiled, Sholokhov sired Peace Royale, winner of Monday's Schwarzgold-Rennen, earning €65,000 euro.

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NORTH AMERICA

READY'S IMAGE RETURNS TODAY James Scatuorchio's **Ready's Image** (More Than Ready), one of the better two-year-olds on the East Coast last year, returns from a seven-month absence in today's third



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race at Belmont, the 6 1/2-furlong Adjudicating S. Ready's Image was sidelined after emerging from a last-place finish in the Oct. 6 GI Champagne S. with a chip in his left front ankle that required surgery. Prior to that, the Todd Pletcher-trained colt won the Tremont S. and beat Tale of Ekati in the GII Sanford S. He also ran second to Majestic Warrior in the GI Hopeful S. in early September.

Pletcher is using the race as a prep for the seven-furlong GII Woody Stephens S. on the Belmont S. undercard June 7, and he believes his charge is prepared for the comeback. "Physically, he's grown a bit," Pletcher told *Daily Racing Form*. "He's gotten a little taller, he's gotten a little wider, he's always trained well. He's done enough in the mornings to be fit."

★ EAST ★

Yesterday's Results:

TREVOSE S., \$75,000, PHA, 5-13, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:16 1/5, ft.

1--**#DULCE REALIDAD, 118, f, 3, Sweetsouthernstaint--Cope With Reality, by Marco Bay.** O-Stud El Aguila; B-Eric A DelValle (FL); T-Richard Vega; J-Jose Luis Flores; \$43,700. Lifetime Record: 4-3-1-0, \$101,300. **Werk Nick Rating: A + .**

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2--**Yankee Victoria, 116, f, 3, Yankee Victor--Buy the Dips, by Meadowlake.** (\$24,000 2yo '07 OBSAPR). \$14,900.

3--**Outside Lane, 116, f, 3, Outflanker--Promenade Lane, by Woodman.** (\$5,000 yrl '06 FTMOCT). \$8,420.

Margins: 4, 1, NK. Odds: 5.70, 1.30, 14.20.

Dulce Realidad romped home a front-running 5 3/4-length winner of her debut at this oval Jan. 27 and,



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after tiring to a well-beaten second in a track-and-trip allowance Apr. 6, returned to the winner's circle with another 5 3/4-length tally Apr. 27. The chestnut filly pressed pacesetting Phantom Income (Montbrook)

through a half in :45.19, took over on the turn and motored clear to an easy win. Phantom Income tired to fourth.

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TODAY'S
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2:04p
TVG

3rd-BEL, \$75K, Adjudicating S., 3yo, 6 1/2f

In addition to the return of GSW **Ready's Image** ([More Than Ready](#)), this race features a few up-and-coming young three-year-olds. Paraneck Stable's **TRUE QUALITY** ([Elusive Quality](#)) looked sharp romping by daylight in his last two against maiden and allowance foes and is a gate-to-wire threat. **Desert Key** ([E Dubai](#)) broke his maiden in 1:08 3/5 last out at The Big A Apr. 26. **Smoke'n Coal** ([Smoke Glacken](#)) topped the '07 OBSFEB Sale on Darley's \$550k bid. Winner of a minor stakes here last year, he was third in his return at Keeneland Apr. 12. [brisnet.com pps](#)

2:48p
HRTV

4th-CDX, \$42K, Msw, 2yo, 5f

From his sire's first crop, **CHAPEL RUN** ([Chapel Royal](#)) is the lone member of this six-horse field with a race under his belt. A well-beaten second to **"TDN Rising Star"** Mr Mistoffelees, he needs a better break from the rail than he got in his debut. Bookending the field on the outside is the \$100k yearling **Awesome Preacher** ([Touch Gold](#)), who was produced by a half-sister to Macho Uno and Awesome Again. [brisnet.com pps](#)

4:45p
TVG

8th-BEL, \$58K, Alw/Opt Clm, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT

The five-year-old gelding **BEST ALIBI** (IRE) ([King's Best](#)) ran third in the 2006 G1 Irish Derby and captured that year's G2 York S. for Godolphin. He didn't figure much in three starts last term, his best being a third in a conditions event in October at York, and he adds Lasix as he tries to get his career back on track in the States. **Stalingrad** ([Glitterman](#)) has good tactical speed in a race that lacks a clear pacesetter. [brisnet.com pps](#)

7:20p
TVG

7th-HOL, \$65K, Long Beach S., 4yo/up, 1mT

WAKE UP MAGGIE (Ire) (Xaar {GB}), a dual Group 3 winner in England, got off to a slow start in her U.S. unveiling, but closed well to be third in the 6 1/2-furlong GIII Las Cienegas H. Apr. 13. She gets a bit more ground to work with and should be sharper in her second outing of 2008. Last year's GII Fair Grounds Oaks upsetter **Mistical Plan** ([Game Plan](#)) tries out the sod for the first time. The granddaughter of Danzig tired to fourth in her first off a long break in a restricted stakes Apr. 27. [brisnet.com pps](#)

Yesterday's Barretts May Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training ended too late to be included in this edition. Results will appear in tomorrow's TDN.



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Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)
CHAPEL ROYAL (Montbrook), Ashford, \$10K, 173/2/0
 4-CD, Msw, 5f, Chapel Run, \$60K OBS AUG yrl, 3-1
CITY PLACE (Storm Cat), Hartley, 44/0/0
 4-PEN, Msw, 2f, +Shaker Place, \$21K EAS SEP yrl, 15-1
CUVEE (Carson City), Gainesway, \$10K, 115/1/0
 4-CD, Msw, 5f, +Saber Dancer, \$87K FTK JUL yrl, 8-1
TAPIT (Pulpit), Gainesway, \$15K, 96/1/0
 4-CD, Msw, 5f, +Retap, 2-1

First/Second-crop starters to watch: Wed., May 14
Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2004 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW
Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)
EARLY FLYER (Gilded Time), Valor, 63/11/2
 3-BEL, Stk, 6 1/2f, Api Mohkat, \$30K EAS SEP yrl
MACABE (Gone West), Landlock, \$1K, 54/5/0
 3-EVD, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Macabe Who, \$2K LSA BDR yrl, 9-2
MILWAUKEE BREW (Wild Again), Adena South, \$15K, 162/30/2
 4-PEN, Msw, 2f, +Milwaukee's Finest, \$7K KEE NOV wnl, 5-1
 4-PEN, Msw, 2f, +Winning Brew, \$15K ADS SPR 2yo, 10-1
SKY MESA (Pulpit), Three Chimneys, \$30K, 177/26/1
 4-CD, Msw, 5f, +Join in the Dance, \$90K FTF FEB 2yo, 5-1
SPECIAL TIMES (Seeking the Gold), Godstone, \$3K, 20/3/0
 4-PEN, Msw, 2f, +Special Velvet, 6-1
SUNDAY BREAK (JPN) (Forty Niner), Walmac, \$9K, 156/28/0
 3-EVD, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Break Up, 8-1

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, MAY 14:

05-17 \$1,000,000 **Preakness-I, Pim**, 3yo, 9.5f (100000s)

05-24 \$100,000 **Hanshin Cup H.-III, AP**, 3yo/up, 8f (AWT) (100)

05-24 \$200,000 **American 1000 Guineas, AP**, 3yo, f, 8fT (200)

05-24 \$150,000 **Arlington Classic, AP**, 3yo, 8.5fT (500)

05-26 \$150,000 **Arlington Matron H.-III, AP**, 3yo/up, f/m, 9f (AWT) (150)

05-31 \$300,000 **Nassau-II, Wo**, 3yo/up, f/m, 8.5fT (300)

TOMORROW, THURSDAY, MAY 15:

05-26 \$400,000 **Lone Star Park H.-III, LS**, 3/up, 8.5f (0)

05-26 \$200,000 **Dallas Turf Cup-III, LS**, 3yo/up, 9fT (0)

05-26 \$200,000 **Ouija Board Distaff-III, LS**, 3yo/up, f/m, 8fT (0)

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★ INDUSTRY INFO ★

TCA Establishes Eight Belles Memorial Fund:

The Thoroughbred Charities of America (TCA) has announced the formation of the Eight Belles Memorial Fund. Donations made to the fund will be earmarked specifically towards the retraining of Thoroughbreds for secondary careers and research into catastrophic breakdowns. Thoroughbred retraining and research are two of the five sectors of TCA grant giving. Following the injury which claimed the life of Eight Belles after her runner-up effort in the GI Kentucky Derby, donations began to pour in to the organization to "help Thoroughbreds like Eight Belles." According to Liz Harris, executive director of the TCA, "Many of the donations that have come in were actually cashed winning tickets that people didn't want to spend on themselves." For additional information, please visit www.ThoroughbredCharities.org.

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN FRANCE:

+ **Bargouzine**, f, 2, **Stravinsky**. See "France."
Izanagi, c, 3, **A.P. Indy**--Insight (Fr) (GISW-US, GSW & G1SP-Fr, \$542,484), by Sadler's Wells. Chantilly, 5-13, Hcp, 3yo, 1 1/4mT. B-Flaxman Holdings Ltd. *\$350,000 yrl '06 KEESEP. **1/2 to Ershaad (Kingmambo), G1SP-Fr, \$111,523.

IN BRITAIN:

Musaalem, g, 4, **Aljabr**--Atyab, by Mr. Prospector. Yarmouth, 5-13, Hcp, 4yo/up, 7f 3ydsT. B-Shadwell Farm LLC.

IN IRELAND:

Castle Bar Sling, c, 3, **Diesis (GB)**--Lady of the Woods, by Woodman. Killarney, 5-13, Hcp, 3yo, 1m 100ydsT. B-Hopewell Investments LLC. *37,000gns 2yo '07 DONAPR.

IN ITALY:

+ **Sweet Hearth**, f, 2, **Touch Gold**. See "Italy."

IN GERMANY:

Walzertraum, c, 3, **Rahy**. See "Breeders' Edition Europe."

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5.50 Naas, Mdn, €13,000, 2yo, f, 6fT

EMPRESS OF FRANCE (Storm Cat) is a half-sister to speedball and former stable incumbent Fasliyev and debuts for the Ballydoyle operation in the colors of Susan Magnier. She is opposed by stablemate and fellow newcomer **Heart Shaped (Storm Cat)**, a half-sister to G1 Champagne S. victor A P Valentine; and **Silver Shoon (Ire) (Fasliyev)** who is a half sister to G1 Haydock Sprint Cup heroine Pipalong (Ire) and bidding to better a debut third at Navan last month.

7.50 Naas, Mdn, €13,000, 3yo/up, c/g, 1 1/4mT

CENTRAL STATION (IRE) (Indian Ridge {Ire}), a full-brother to G1 Canadian International victress Relaxed Gesture (Ire), represents the in-form combination of Moyglare Stud, Dermot Weld and Pat Smullen and has been found a tender spot for this first attempt. He lines up against the Charles O'Brien-trained **Burning Sky (GB) (Rainbow Quest)**, who is out of a half-sister to the G2 Preis der Diana (German Oaks) winner and G1 Deutsches Derby third Flamingo Road (Ger).



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PARKNASILLA HOTEL GOFFS MILLIONS DATE

SET The Parknasilla Hotel Goffs Millions has been set for Sept. 28, the day before the Million Sale gets underway at Goffs, according to Goffs Chief Executive Henry Beeby. Graduates of last year's Goffs Million Sale will compete for a total of €3,200,000, spread across two races each worth €1,000,000 to the winner. "We believe that staging the races on the eve of the sale has the potential to transform the sale and create a truly unique atmosphere," Henry Beeby said. "Goffs' Irish and international clients will be in town and a fantastic race day when Goffs clients will win €3,200,000 will encourage potential purchasers to come to Goffs the following day and begin the search for the Million winners of 2009."

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★ **BRITAIN** ★

Yesterday's Results:

Yarmouth, 2.30, Mdn, £6,000, 2yo, 6f 3ydsT, 1:14.29, gd/fm.

COOL ART (IRE) (c, 2, One Cool Cat--Fee Faw Fum {Ire}, by Great Commotion), a first-up fifth at Newmarket May 4, broke best to take immediate control of this second go. Pushed along approaching the final furlong, the 4-11 favorite was ridden out in the latter stages to comfortably hold Yokozuna (GB) (Efisio {GB}) by 1 1/4 lengths. With the victory, the €58,000 GOFNOV foal and 100,000gns TATOCT yearling purchase becomes the eighth winner for his freshman sire (by Storm Cat). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £3,785. O-Matthew Green; B-Azienda Agricola Angelo Robiati; T-Simon Callaghan.

Brighton, 2.10, Mdn, £4,000, 3yo/up, 5f 213ydsT, 1:07.47, gd/fm.

LIGHT HEARTED (GB) (f, 3, Green Desert--Gay Gallanta {G1SW-Eng, \$209,799}, by Woodman) finished off the board on debut at Newmarket Apr. 17 and raced on the front end from flagfall in this lesser spot. Assuming outright control at the quarter-mile marker, the 10-11 chalk was coaxed clear thereafter to score by eight lengths from Great Knight (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}). The winner is a half to Gallant (GB) (Rainbow Quest), GSW, \$216,529; and a full to Byron (GB), MGSW-Eng, G1SP-Fr, \$285,034. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £2,590. O/B-Cheveley Park Stud; T-Jeremy Nosedá.

Great Leighs, 8.20, Mdn, £4,000, 3-5yo, 1m (AWT), 1:39.66, stn.

SLAM (GB) (c, 3, Beat Hollow {GB}--House Hunting {GB}, by Zafonic) went postward as the 4-9 pick coming back from a last-out third at Doncaster Oct. 26. Leading after the initial strides, he came under pressure off the home turn and was ridden out inside the final furlong to score by 2 3/4 lengths from Once a Gulch (Gulch). Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-1, £7,359. O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms; T-Barry Hills.

★ **FRANCE** ★

Yesterday's Result:

Chantilly, 2.50, Mdn, €22,000, unraced 2yo, 5fT, :59.10, gd.

+ **BARGOUZINE (f, 2, Stravinsky--Bailonguera {Arg} {GSW-Arg}, by Southern Halo)** raced prominently from the outset, but looked booked for second as Smooth Operator (Ger) (Big Shuffle) took control approaching the final furlong. However, that rival's jockey mistook the winning post and the 3-1 chance was ridden out in the closing stages to claim a neck victory nearing the line. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €11,000. O/B-Elisabeth Fabre; T-Andre Fabre.



★ ITALY ★

Yesterday's Result:

Rome, 4.25, Mdn, €18,000, 2yo, f, 6fT, 1:11.00, sf.
+ SWEET HEARTH (f, 2, Touch Gold--Sweet Gold, by Gilded Time) was rushed from the gate and seized command after a furlong of this first go. Leading her 12 rivals a merry dance thereafter, the 39-10 chance was cajoled further clear of the pack approaching the closing panel and switched to cruise control in the latter stages to easily best Piperita (GB) (Observatory) by six lengths. The winner is a half sister to Warners (Dehere), GSP, \$101,000; and Santa Teresita (Lemon Drop Kid), SW & GSP, \$146,270. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €8,500. O-Scuderia Ri.Ma.; B-Westwind Farms; T-R Betti.



AUSTRALASIA



NZB NATIONAL SALE CONCLUDES A successful conclusion to the New Zealand Bloodstock's three-day National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Bloodstock Sale has seen the remaining broodmares on offer met with solid demand to record increases across the board. The highlight of Tuesday's broodmare offering was Lot 561, a six-year-old Fusaichi Pegasus mare. Out of the Group 2 winner Precious Glitter (Aus) (Danehill), Glitter Woman (Aus) sold for NZ\$250,000. In foal to Zabeel (NZ), the bay, who was consigned by Curraghmore Stud, was purchased by Margaret and Murray Hardy's Camray Trust. The second highest price of the evening was given for Lot 617, from the draft of Seaton Park Ltd, agent. Make Me Dream (Ire), an unraced Sadler's Wells mare, was secured by the Hong Kong Breeders Club for NZ\$210,000. Out of French listed winner Heavenly Calm (Diesis {GB}), the nine-year-old mare is in foal to Pins (Aus). A positive atmosphere around the sale grounds translated into good results for the newly united broodmare and weanling sessions, including a 78-percent clearance rate for the broodmare portion of the sale, up from 66 percent last year. With 312 broodmares catalogued, the largest at Karaka since 2004, 222 sold for NZ\$2,681,150, up 81 percent from NZ\$1,482,550 realized for 138 last year. The median price for the broodmares climbed 33 percent to NZ\$4,000, up from NZ\$3,000 in 2007. The average of NZ\$12,077 was up 12 percent from NZ\$10,743 in 2007. Leading all broodmare buyers was the Hong Kong Breeders Club, with five bought for NZ\$262,100. John O'Flaherty's Oughterard Farm in Te Aroha led the broodmare vendors by average with three sold for an average of NZ\$36,000, while Rachel Spriggins' Walnut Hill Farms in Matamata was the leading vendor by aggregate with 17 mares sold for NZ\$334,800. At the conclusion of the three-day sale, total turnover was NZ\$7,376,550 for 588 horses sold from the 777 catalogued. The overall average weighed in at NZ\$12,545, with a median of NZ\$5,000, and a healthy clearance rate across all three days of 84 percent.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

3rd-DEL, \$44,000, NW2X, 3/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 2/5, wf.
MY HEAVENLY SIGN (f, 3, Forest Camp--Winner's Ticket, by Jolie's Halo) Lifetime Record: SP, 7-3-1-2, \$93,940. O-Cindy Jones and Susan Knoll. B-Brian Kahn, Taylor Made Farm, H&B Brahm & Brambly Lane Farm (KY). T-J Larry Jones. *\$50,000 wlng '05 KEENOV; \$55,000 2yo '07 KEEAPR. **1/2 to Skip to the Stone (Skip Trial), GSW, \$270,829.

4th-DEL, \$42,600, NW1X, 3/up, 8.5f (off turf), 1:46, wf.
KLEBER (c, 4, Lite the Fuse--S S N Phoenix, by Woodman) Lifetime Record: 19-4-4-1, \$100,805. O-McCarty Racing. B-Amin Saiden (FL). T-Scott A Lake.

6th-DEL, \$42,000, Alw, NW1X, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:45 1/5, wf.
KRIS APPEAL (c, 3, Kissin Kris--Miss Appealing, by End Sweep) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$36,100. O-Daniel M Ryan. B-Rolando Rodriguez (FL). T-Michael V Pino.

4th-PRM, \$34,169, 5-12, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09, ft.
SHARKIOWA (g, 3, Sharkey--Kiowa Cat, by Mountain Cat) Lifetime Record: 7-3-2-0, \$74,850. O-Octavian Vasilescu. B-Teresa McFarlin (IA). T-Norman Ashauer.

9th-MNR, \$24,900, 5-12, NW1X, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05 3/5, gd.
LIGHTNING ROAD (g, 4, Montbrook--Am Sensational, by Deputy Minister) Lifetime Record: 14-3-1-3, \$70,303. O-Equinox, Inc. B-Kinsman Farm (FL). T-Eduardo Caramori. *1/2 to Erlton (Buckaroo), MSW & MGSP, \$352,339.

5th-WRD, \$22,000, NW2L, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04, ft.
SWEETWATER BAY (f, 3, Major Henry--Jesse's Bee Bopper, by Lightning Leap) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$25,550. O-Becker Family Trust. B-George Alley (OK). T-Joe Lucas.

8th-FLX, \$21,000, NW1BX, (S), 3yo/up, 1m70y, 1:45 1/5, ft.
UNDOCUMENTED (g, 4, Distant View--Slacks, by High Brite) Lifetime Record: 17-5-5-3, \$81,034. O-Undocumented Racing Stable. B-Stoneybrook Farm (NY). T-Karl M Grusmark.

8th-WRD, \$20,000, NW2X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:08, ft.
DENIA'S CHIEF (g, 5, Inca Chief--Gardenia {Mex}, by Parlando) Lifetime Record: 11-4-3-0, \$53,429. O/B-J W Small (OK). T-Kenneth Nolen.



ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

T C's Sweetie, f, 3, **Broken Vow**--Grand Prix, by A.P. Indy. PRM, 5-12, 1m, 1:40 3/5. B-Max Hugel & Edward Keelan (KY). * \$60,000 wIng '05 KEENOV.
Rockfish, f, 3, **Diamond**--Barracouta (MSW, \$204,300), by Corridor Key. PHA, 5-13, 6 1/2f, 1:19 2/5. B-Thomas C. Le Vine (PA).
Arty'skentuckygirl, f, 3, **Golden Missile**--Arty'svirginiagirl (MSW, \$301,016), by My Boy Adam. DEL, 5-13, (C), 6f, 1:12 3/5. B-E H Beau Lane III (KY).
Prettyenufftochase, f, 3, **It'sallinthechase**--Talcum Dee, by Talc. WRD, 5-13, 1 1/16m, 1:48. B-Nelda Kettles (OK). * 1/2 to Miss Sandy Dee (Line in the Sand), MSW, \$183,349; Yo (Valid Wager), MSW, \$255,296.
Mega Wonder, g, 3, **Wild Wonder**--Maga Women, by Magabird. MNR, 5-12, 5 1/2f, 1:05 2/5. B-B S Dance (KY).
Drift to the Lead, f, 3, **Yonaguska**--Drifa, by Tabasco Cat. DEL, 5-13, 1m70y, 1:43. B-Joseph M Bryan Jr & Sandy Lane Farm (KY). * \$195,000 yrl '06 KEESEP.
Ziggy Irgun, m, 5, **Irgun**--Ziggy Lady, by Zignew. WRD, 5-12, 6f, 1:11. B-H & S Farms, LLC. (OK).

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ARLINGTON

Cowtown Cat (Distorted Humor), 5f, 1:00.80, 13/28

BELMONT PARK

First Defence (Unbridled's Song), 4f, :48.16, 3/26
 Giant Moon (Giant's Causeway), 4f, :47.77, 1/26
 Lantana Mob (Posse), 4f (tr), :50.42, 15/18

CHURCHILL DOWNS

Acacia (Cherokee Run), 6f, 1:16.40, 1/2
 Silverfoot (With Approval), 6f, 1:13.80, 1/2
 Silver Knockers (Silver Deputy), 4f, :47.20, 1/61
 Stevil (Maria's Mon), 4f, :47.80, 6/61
 Tres Borrachos (Ecton Park), 4f, :50.40, 43/61

FAIR HILL

Valbenny (Ire) (Val Royal {Fr}), 4f, :51.40, 4/5

HOLLYWOOD

Costume (GB) (Danehill), 6f, 1:13.80, 5/13

KEENELAND

Transduction Gold (Formal Gold), 3f, :35.20, 2/9

SANTA ANITA

Magnum (Arg) (El Cominche {Arg}), 6f (tr), 1:11.80, 1/1
 Surf Cat (Sir Cat), 1m, 1:40.60, 1/2

SARATOGA

Coal Play (Mineshaft), 4f (tr), :49.75, 3/24



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ASIAN, 23, Damascus--Bamesian, by Buckpasser
 Foal born Mar. 20, a colt by Value Plus.
 Owned by Barry & Shelly Simpson and Mr & Mrs Mitch Frisby.
 Boarded at Springwell Farm.
 Accomplishments: SW.

CHAMROUSSE, 9, Peaks and Valleys--Loose Park, by Stop the Music
 Foal born Apr. 13, a filly by Bluegrass Cat.
 Will be bred back to Elusive Quality.
 Owned by and boarded at Stone Farm.
 Accomplishments: GSW & GISP, \$359,585.

AMERICAN DYNASTY, 14, Quiet American--Northern Dynasty, by Northern Jove
 Foal born Apr. 14, a colt by More Than Ready.
 Will be bred back to Tiznow.
 Owned by and boarded at Keene Ridge Racing LLC.
 Accomplishments: MSW of \$328,935.

CRYPTOS' BEST, 7, Cryptoclearance--Uniquely Appealing, by Valid Appeal
 Foal born Apr. 14, a colt by First Samurai.
 Will be bred back to Indian Charlie.
 Owned by and boarded at Lazy Lane Farms.
 Accomplishments: SW & GSP, \$158,090.

DYNA DA WYNA, 8, Doc's Leader--Dyna Peak, by Dynaformer
 Foal born Apr. 14, a filly by Elusive Quality.
 Will be bred back to Street Sense.
 Owned by and boarded at Stone Farm.
 Accomplishments: GSW of \$394,540.

UNACLOUD, 11, Unaccounted For--Cloud's Ambre, by Two Punch
 Foal born Apr. 14, a filly by Dixie Union.
 Will be bred back to Forestry.
 Owned by Diamond A Racing Corp.
 Boarded at Diamond A Farm.
 Accomplishments: Dam of Meadow Breeze (Meadowlake), GISW, \$301,301.



BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Tarbes, 3.30, 5-12, €15,000, 3yo, 7 1/2fT, 1:31.27, gd/fm.

BOCASTAR (FR) (f, 3, **Kaldounevees {Fr}**--**Bocanegra {Fr}**, by **Night Shift**) Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €16,600. O-Famille Rothschild; B-Baron Guy de Rothschild; T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

FRANCE, Tarbes, 4.00, 5-12, €15,000, 3yo, 1 7/16mT, 2:17.60, gd/fm.

NARALINA (FR) (f, 3, **Linamix {Fr}**--**Narasimha**, by **Nureyev**) Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 2 wins, 2 places, €19,700. O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC; T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

ITALY, Merano, 6.05, 5-12, €13,500, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT, time: n/a, gd.

WYCHERLEY (IRE) (c, 4, **Thunder Gulch**--**Wynsleydale**, by **Theatrical {Ire}**) Lifetime Record: 12-3-2-1, €37,111. O-Allevamento La Nuova Sbarra SRL; B-Razza Pian Del Lago; T-L d'Auria. *€35,000 yrl '05 SGASEP.

ITALY, Merano, 4.30, 5-12, €13,500, 4yo/up, 1mT, time: n/a, gd.

ADORABLE FONG (GB) (h, 5, **Dr Fong--Divine Secret {GB}**, by **Hernando {Fr}**) Lifetime Record: SW & MGSP-Ity, 28-11-4-3, €171,139. O-Luigi Zocchi; B-Mrs C Regalado-Gonzalez; T-Maurizio Guarnieri. *17,000gns 2yo '05 TATAPR.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Douce Bainai (Fr), f, 2, **Bahhare**--**Douceur Creole (Fr)**, by Highest Honor (Fr). Salon-de-Provence, France, 5-12, Mdn, 2yo, 5 1/2fT. B-Jean-Francois Gribomont. *€12,000 yrl '07 DEAOCT.

Kalashnykov (Ire), c, 2, **Fasliyev**--**Golden Center (Ire)**, by Brief Truce. Rome, Italy, 5-13, Mdn, 2yo, c/g, 6fT. B-Rodolfo Casieri. *€6,000 yrl '07 ITYSEP.

+ **Los Gigantes (Fr)**, c, 2, **Kendor (Fr)**--**Suerte (GB)**, by Halling. Tarbes, France, 5-12, Mdn, unraced 2yo, 5.5fT. B-Jedburgh Stud. *€80,000 yrl '07 DEAAUG.

Arbalette (Ire), f, 3, **Anabaa**--**Arme Ancienne (GB)** (SP-Fr), by Sillery. Wissembourg, France, 5-12, Mdn, 3yo, f, 1 3/8mT. B-Wertheimer & Frere.

Californie Dreamer (GB), f, 3, **Barathea (Ire)**--**Californie (Ire)**, by Rainbow Quest. Merano, Italy, 5-12, Mdn, 3yo, 1mT. B-Eurostrait Ltd.

Valdino (Ger), g, 3, **Black Sam Bellamy (Ire)**--**Valdina (Ger)** (SP-Ger), by Lomitas (GB). Cologne, Germany, 5-12, Mdn, 3yo, 1 3/8mT. B-Gestut Auenquelle.

Chevie (Ire), g, 3, **Chevalier (Ire)**--**Omanah**, by Kayrawan. Killarney, Ireland, 5-13, Mdn, 3yo, c/g, 1m 100ydsT. B-D Mac A Bhaird. *€26,000 yrl '06 GOFORB.

+ **Sea Road (Ger)**, f, 3, **Dashing Blade (GB)**--**Serenata (Ger)** (SP-Ger), by Lomitas (GB). Cologne, Germany, 5-12, Mdn, 3yo, f, 1mT. B-Gestut Hof Vesterberg. *1/2 to Santiago (Ger) (Highest Honor {Fr}), MGSW-Ger, GSW-Ity, \$298,688.

Zack Dream (Fr), c, 3, **Dream Well (Fr)**--**Halawa (Ire)**, by Dancing Brave. Chantilly, France, 5-13, Cond, 3yo, c/g, 1 5/16mT. B-Zakaria Hakam. *1/2 to Afaf (Fr) (Spectrum {Ire}), GSW-Fr, \$188,280.

Corps de Garde (Fr), c, 3, **Kingsalsa**--**Jazzie (Fr)**, by Zilzal. Salon-de-Provence, France, 5-12, Mdn, 3yo, 1 1/2mT. B-Jean-Pierre-Joseph Dubois. *€150,000 yrl '06 DEAAUG.

Montiano (Ire), g, 3, **Kris Kin**--**Ruby Setting (Ire)**, by Gorytus. Munich, Germany, 5-12, Mdn, 3yo, 7fT. B-Michelle & Robert Dore. *€14,000 wnlng '05 GOFNOV.

+ **Royal Groom (Ger)**, c, 3, **March Groom**--**Romita (Ger)**, by Lomitas (GB). Merano, Italy, 5-12, Mdn, 3yo, 1 3/8mT. B-Gestut Martinushof. *€15,000 2yo '07 BBAMAY.

Oro Lamb (Fr), c, 3, **Miesque's Son**--**Oro Julia (Fr)**, by Anabaa. Strasbourg, France, 5-13, Cond, 3yo, 11f 165ydsT. B-Ecurie Pelder.

Totoman (GB), c, 3, **Mtoto (GB)**--**Norcroft Lady (GB)**, by Mujtahid. Yarmouth, Britain, 5-13, Mdn, 3yo, 10f 21ydsT. B-Norcroft Park Stud.

Mamili (Ire), c, 3, **Namid (GB)**--**La Risposta (GB)** (SP), by Halling. Rome, Italy, 5-13, Mdn, 3yo, 5 1/2fT. B-Allevamento La Nuova Sbarra SRL.

Longevity (GB), c, 3, **Olden Times (GB)**--**Gevity (GB)**, by Kris (GB). Southwell, Britain, 5-13, Mdn, 3-5yo, 7f (AWT). B-Plantation Stud.

+ **Moonlight Dance (Ger)**, f, 3, **Pentire (GB)**--**Moonlight Dream (Ger)**, by Law Society. Hannover, Germany, 5-12, Mdn, 3yo, f, 1 3/8mT. B-Gestut Isarland. *€49,000 yrl '06 BBASEP.

Walzertraum, c, 3, **Rahy**--**Walzerkoenigin** (Hwt Older Mare-Ger at 9.5-11f, Hwt Older Mare-Ity at 7-9.5f, G1SW-Ger, GSW-Ity, GISP-US, \$410,591), by Kingmambo. Munich, Germany, 5-12, Mdn, 3yo, 1 1/4mT. B-Gestut Schlenderhan.

+ **Dragonheart (Ger)**, f, 3, **Royal Dragon**--**Dawn's Dancer (Ire)**, by Petardia (GB). Cologne, Germany, 5-12, Mdn, 3yo, 7fT. B-Guido Werner Hermann Schmitt.

Party Lover (Fr), f, 3, **Tobougg (Ire)**--**Zaneton (Fr)**, by Mtoto (GB). Chantilly, France, 5-13, Cond, 3yo, f, 1 5/16mT. B-Eric Puerari, Oceanic Bloodstock & Alain Decron. *€60,000 yrl '06 DEAAUG.

EUROPEAN-SIRED WINNER IN CHILE:

Bruscolino (Chi), c, 4, **Dushyantor**--**Ogalgyn**, by Ogygian. 5-12, Club Hipico de Santiago, 1000m. Lifetime Record: 20 starts, 5 wins. B-Haras Jockey; O-Stud Laguna Blanca; T-Patricio Baeza. *1/2 to Stagyn (Chi) (Stagecraft {Chi}), GSW-Chi.