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Right on Track: Monday's Belmont Park Report...
 If you were looking for excitement at Belmont Park at 6 a.m. Monday morning, you weren't exactly in the right place. Up until about 8:30 a.m., the most entertaining thing to do on the Belmont backstretch was to watch photographers and camera crews jockey for position along the fence outside of Barn 3, former home to 2003 GI Belmont S. hero Empire Maker and the current digs of Triple Crown hopeful **Big Brown** (Boundary). Once the 'Big Horse' went under tack, the crowd quickly began to disperse throughout the barn area, searching for new positions. Finally led out by TVG analyst Frank Lyons, Big Brown emerged from the back entrance of Bobby Frankel's barn and made his way toward the paddock tunnel. (Ed. note: Lyons, also a bloodstock agent, recommended the purchase of IEAH's GI Santa Anita Oaks heroine *Ariege*, et al). After a quick trip through the saddling area, the IEAH Stables' colorbearer made it to the track beneath regular exercise rider Michelle Nevin following the renovation break.



Racing's next Triple Crown winner? *Sherackatthetrack*

Enjoying a cloudless clear blue sky and temperatures in the 70s, the GI Kentucky Derby and GI Preakness S. hero took in the gorgeous day, setting up shop along the outer rail just before the wire. **Cont. p2**

'DIVINE' OPENER FOR MAGIC MILLIONS
 As expected, there were fireworks at Monday's first broodmare session of the Magic Millions National Sale in Australia. MG1SW **Divine Madonna** (Aus) (Hurricane Sky {Aus}) brought a final bid of A\$2.7 million to set a new record for a broodmare on the Gold Coast. Consigned by Widden Stud, the five-year-old mare was purchased by Bill Mitchell, acting on behalf of Darley Australia. "It's obviously a lot of money, but we're delighted to be able to buy her," said Darley Australia's Stud Manager John Sunderland. "It's very hard to get mares of her quality and, accordingly, you have to spend a lot to buy them." Mating plans have not yet been finalized for the mare. An A\$80,000 yearling purchase, Divine Madonna won eight races, including four Group 1s, and earned more than A\$2 million on the track for owners P & H Ryan Racing Syndicate, D Thackeray, Ms. M Shephard and Mrs. I P Kavanagh, wife of trainer Mark Kavanagh. "I am a bit sad, but it opens another chapter to her life and now we can look forward to her producing quality offspring," Mark Kavanagh said. "We're delighted with the price...and with my wife being a part owner it makes me feel a lot better! It's been a memorable ride, and, as they say, while one door closes, another will open." **Cont. p3**



Divine Madonna
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MAGIC MILLIONS NATIONAL SALE	
Monday, June 2, 2008	
SESSION TOTALS	2008
Catalogued	205
No. Offered	179
No. Sold	123
RNAs	56
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Right on Track cont.

Roughly five minutes later, the strapping bay got down to business, going for an easy gallop around Big Sandy before being greeted at the gap on the clubhouse turn entrance by trainer Richard Dutrow Jr., IEAH co-president Michael Iavarone and Lyons--along with plenty of observers, photographers and reporters.

The crowd began to grow as Big Brown made his way back to the barn and, once again, they lined up along a fence to get another glimpse--this time of his bath. IEAH co-president Rich Schiavo was also on hand now, and along with Iavarone, chatted with famed hoof specialist Ian McKinlay. The unbeaten colt seemed to enjoy the large crowd lined up to watch, photograph and record his every move, and fed right into it, seemingly posing at times and taking several looks over. After his bath, which included a couple of playful nips at Nevin's hand, Big Brown was led back into the barn by jockey and Dutrow assistant Rudy Rodriguez.

The action figures to pick up at Belmont this morning, with Big Brown scheduled for his final breeze before the big day. With more beautiful weather in the forecast, hope to see you all at the track!...SS

No Patch for Big Brown's Work...

Ian McKinlay will not patch the quarter crack on Big Brown's left front foot before his final Belmont S. workout. "I'm not going to put a patch on it until Friday," McKinlay said. "And the only reason for that is to let it dry up as much as possible. It is coming along well, and everything is on schedule."



Big Brown
Sherackatthetrack

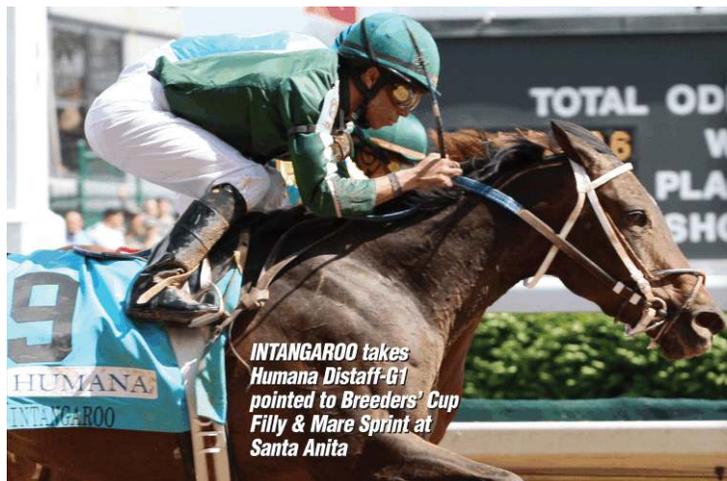
The Belmont Breezes...

GI Kentucky Derby third **Denis of Cork** (Harlan's Holiday) had his final workout for Saturday's "Test of the Champion" at Churchill Downs yesterday morning, going four furlongs in :48.60 with jockey Robby Albarado in the irons. "I was very, very happy with what I saw today," said trainer David Carroll. "Robby was very careful not to go too fast early. [Denis] is very deceiving. He can go fast because he covers a lot of ground, so he was under wraps the last eighth. Robby just let his head out and he immediately accelerated, and it was a beautiful thing to watch. We're excited."

The colt is scheduled to ship to New York with fellow Belmont contender **Macho Again** (Macho Uno) tomorrow. Macho Again jogged two miles at Churchill yesterday. "He's on his toes and looks awesome, so we're just hoping to go up there with a lot in the tank," trainer Dallas Stewart said.

Icabad Crane (Jump Start), third in the GI Preakness S., worked a half at Fair Hill Training Center in Maryland yesterday. His time on the synthetic surface was identical to that of Denis of Cork. Exercise rider Lisa Davidson was aboard for the move. "I just wanted to give him a nice blow out heading into the race," trainer Graham Motion said. "It's nice to see him doing so well, and I'm very excited to be running him in this race. He's really improved a lot since the Preakness. I know this might really sound crazy, but over the past three weeks he's really matured." The colt arrives at Belmont today.

Up at Saratoga, Four Roses Thoroughbreds' **Anak Nakal** (Victory Gallop) breezed a half-mile in :49.67 under exercise rider Maxine Correa on a fast Oklahoma Training Track. Trainer Nick Zito, who spoiled the Triple Crown bid of Smarty Jones with Birdstone in 2004, remarked, "He's ready. He's been ready for a long time now." Added Kasim Masri of Four Thoroughbreds, who was on hand for the work, "The gallop out was beautiful. He kept wanting to go more and more. That's what he's bred for." Anak Nakal's sire came between Real Quiet (and jockey Kent Desormeaux) and a Triple Crown in 1998, getting up in the very last jump to win the Belmont by a nose.



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**MM National Sale cont.
Zagalia Brings A\$875,000...**

The eight-year-old Zabeel (NZ) mare **Zagalia (NZ)** realized the day's second-highest price on the Gold Coast, with Magic Millions, agent, purchasing the Group 1 heroine for A\$875,000. Strawberry Hill Stud consigned. A full-sister to Group 2-placed Zaria (Aus), Zagalia was produced by December Blossom (Ire) (Condorcet {Fr}), herself a half to group winner Lomond Blossom (Ire) (Lomond). Zagalia enjoyed her best season as a three-



Redoute's Choice
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year-old, when she annexed the G1 Queensland Oaks. She would later add a pair of Group 1 placings to her resume while bankrolling A\$585,250. Bred to Redoute's Choice (Aus) in 2005, she foaled a filly by the leading sire the following year and in 2007 had an Encosta de Lago (Aus) filly. Zagalia sold in foal to Redoute's Choice on a Nov. 22 cover. In all, 123 mares sold at the National Sale Monday for A\$11,747,250, an average of A\$95,506. Fifty-six lots failed to find new homes, an RNA rate of 31.3 percent. Four additional broodmare sessions will run today through Friday, beginning at 11 a.m. each day, followed by three yearlings sessions, running from Tuesday, June 10 through Thursday, June 12. For more information, visit www.magicmillions.com.au.

**MAGIC MILLIONS NATIONAL BROODMARE
MONDAY'S TOP SIX**

Hip	Name	Covering Sire	Price (A\$)
<u>951</u>	Divine Madonna (Aus)	b'mare prospect (5, Hurricane Sky {Aus}--My Madonna {Aus}, by Prego {Ire}) Consigned by Widden Stud Purchased by FW Mitchell	2,700,000
<u>901</u>	Zagalia (NZ)	Redoute's Choice (Aus) (8, Zabeel {NZ}--Snow Quill {Ire}, by Bluebird) Consigned by Strawberry Hill Stud Purchased by Magic Millions, agent	875,000
<u>1069</u>	Sharp (Aus)	More Than Ready (7, Danzero {Aus}--Snarl {Aus}, by Don't Say Halo) Consigned by Racetree Purchased by Accomac Holdings Pty Ltd	500,000
<u>909</u>	Armanjena (Aus)	General Nediym (Aus) (3, Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}--La Veine, by Diesis {GB}) Consigned by Widden Stud Purchased by Deborah Ho	340,000
<u>1014</u>	Madam Bligh (Aus)	Holy Roman Emperor (Ire) (11, Nine Carat--Sparkling Bounty {Aus}, by Celestial Bounty {Ire}) Consigned by Vinery Stud Purchased by Patinack Farm Pty Ltd	340,000
<u>1057</u>	Regard (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus) (5, Zabeel {NZ}--Nanshan {Ire}, by Nashwan) Consigned by Vinery Stud, agent Purchased by Steve Brem	340,000



WORTH 1,000 WORDS

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**Which Keeneland Graduate
Will Make History On Saturday?**

BIG BROWN

- Undefeated winner of the Kentucky Derby and Preakness
- Would become the 12th Triple Crown winner in racing history



CASINO DRIVE

- Undefeated stakes winner in Japan and America
- Would become Better Than Honour's THIRD consecutive foal to win the Belmont

Good Luck To All Participants In The Belmont Stakes!





☆ RESULTS ☆

Monday, Naas, Ireland

SWORDLESTOWN STUD SPRINT S.-G3, €100,000, Naas, 6-2, 2yo, f, 6fT, 1:09.32, gd/fm.

1--@#**CUIS GHAIRE (IRE)**, 124, f, 2, by [Galileo \(Ire\)](#)

1st Dam: Scribonia (Ire), by Danehill
2nd Dam: Smaoineamh (Ire), by Tap on Wood (Ire)
3rd Dam: Fanghorn (GB), by Crocket (GB)

O-Mrs J S Bolger; B/T-Jim Bolger; J-Kevin Manning; €65,100. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €83,066. **Click for the [eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree](#)**. Werk Nick Rating: A + +.

2--**Marquesa**, 124, f, 2, Kingmambo--Dietrich, by Storm Cat. O-Susan Magnier; B-Eagle Holdings; T-David Wachman; €20,000.

3--**Undaunted Affair (Ire)**, 124, f, 2, Spartacus (Ire)--Party Bag (GB), by Cade aux Genereux (GB).

(47,000gns yrl '07 DONAUG). O-K Lee and L M Rutherford; B-J Collins; T-Kevin Ryan; €10,000.

Margins: 3HF, 2, 2HF. Odds: Evs, 8-1, 3-1.

Also Ran: Empress of France, Cool Tarifa (Ire), Sky Mystic (Ire), Daffodil Walk (Ire), Cary gali (Ire).

Bolger homebred Cuis Ghaire had to show guts when winning over this track and trip on debut May 14, continuing the rich vein of form being enjoyed by the Coolcullen juveniles; she demonstrated her speed this time. Blasting straight into the lead from the gate, she was asked to stretch at the quarter pole and was ridden out in the final eighth to score readily. "She's a very strong filly and pretty mature, even at this stage," revealed a satisfied Jim Bolger. "She's got a good attitude towards the game and could go a long way. She's giving all the right vibes." Cuis Ghaire will now point to the June 29 G2 Railway S. at The Curragh before stepping up in trip. Cuis Ghaire is bred on the same Galileo/Danehill cross that produced another nice homebred runner for Jim Bolger and his wife Jackie, 2006 European champion juvenile Teofilo (Ire). **Click for the [Racing Post chart](#)**.

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☆ PREVIEWS ☆

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STOCKHOLMS STORA PRIS-G3, SKr1,050,000, 4yo/up, 9f 165ydsT

SC HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1 Alnitak	Nureyev	Olsen
2 Crimson and Gold (GB)	Singspiel (Ire)	Reuterskiold
3 Angel de Madrid (Chi)	More Royal	Haugen
4 Peas and Carrots	Final Appearance (Ire)	Reuterskiold
5 Illustrious Blue (GB)	Dansili (GB)	W King
6 Fly Society (Den)	Flyinfact (Fr)	Jensen
7 The Pirate (Den)	Primatico	Petersen
8 Highway (Ire)	King's Theatre (Ire)	Castro
9 Alpacco (Ire)	Desert King (Ire)	Kelp
10 Luca Brasi (Fr)	Singspiel (Ire)	Castro
11 Calistoga (Den)	Richard of York (GB)	Reuterskiold
12 Tertullus (Fr)	Monsun (Ger)	Haugen
13 Appel au Maitre (Fr)	Starborough (GB)	Neuroth
14 Shareholder (Ger)	Act One (GB)	Kelp
15 Sheriffen (Ire)	Mull of Kintyre	Michanek

All carry 128 pounds.

Will Big Brown Win The Triple Crown?
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PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

BY ANDREW CAULFIELD

PRIX DU JOCKEY CLUB-G1, €1,500,000, Chantilly, 6-1, 3yo, c/f, 1 5/16mT, 2:08.60, sf.

1--@▲**VISION D'ETAT (FR)**, 128, c, 3, by **Chichicastenango (Fr)**

1st Dam: Uberaba (Fr), by **Garde Royale (Ire)**

2nd Dam: Ile d'Amour (Fr), by **Montevideo (Fr)**

3rd Dam: Old England (Fr), by **Wild Risk (Fr)**

(€39,000 yrl '06 DEADEC). O-Jacques Detre & Mme Eric Libaud; B-Gaetan Gilles; T-Eric Libaud; J-Iloritz Mendizabal; €857,100. Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 5 wins, €928,100. **Werk Nick Rating: A + +**.

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

Click for the [Racing Post chart](#) or the [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).

It's now more than 200 years since the French proletariat overthrew the aristocracy in their bid for liberty, equality and fraternity, but Sunday's Prix du Jockey-Club provided another example of a French upstart overpowering the nobility. The upstart--Vision d'Etat--is still unbeaten in five starts, even though he cost no more than €39,000 as a yearling and is by a stallion whose fee in 2004 was a mere €1,950 (roughly equal to \$2,460 at that time).

Vision d'Etat's victory acted as a reminder of the merits of the Grey Sovereign male line, which has supplied the American industry with such as Caro, Cozzene, In Excess and Indian Charlie. However, this male line's natural home in recent decades has been France, where it once supplied seven winners of the Poule d'Essai des Poulains in the space of 22 years and four winners of the Prix du Jockey-Club in 16 years. The fact that the last of those Classic victories was in 1992 suggested that this male line's glory days were over, but Vision d'Etat may be about to prove otherwise.

VISION D'ETAT (FR), c, 2005

Chichicastenango (Fr)	Smadoun (Fr)	Kaldoun (Fr)	Caro (Ire)
			Katana (Fr)
		Mossma (Fr)	Tip Moss (Fr)
			Ticma (GB)
	Smala (Fr)	Antheus	Northern Dancer
			Apachee (Fr)
Small Partie (Fr)		Fabulous Dancer	
		Summer Parties	
Uberaba (Fr) Wnr 9FIs, 1GSW	Garde Royale (Ire)	Mill Reef	Never Bend
			Milan Mill
		Royal Way (Fr)	Sicambre (Fr)
			Right Away (Fr)
	Ile d'Amour (Fr) Wnr 11FIs, OSW	Montevideo (Fr)	Honeyway (GB)
			Fair Nicolle (GB)
Old England (Fr) 4FIs, 1SP		Wild Risk (Fr)	
		Folie Douce (Fr)	

Eric Libaud's Classic winner is a great-grandson of Kaldoun, another individual who overcame modest beginnings. With nothing more important than three Listed wins to his credit during a four-year career, Kaldoun started out at a low fee, but he steadily climbed the rankings, to the extent that he became champion sire in 1994, at the age of 19. His record raised the question of whether any of his stallion sons could also rise from comparative obscurity, and a couple have done well. The dual Group 3 winner Kaldounevees has sired the international Group 1 winners Terre A Terre and Ange Gabriel, while the teak-tough Smadoun--a multiple Listed winner in the French Provinces--has also exceeded expectations by siring Vision d'Etat's sire, Chichicastenango.

The nearest Smadoun came to winning a group race was his 3/4-length second in the G3 Prix Andre Baboin as a four-year-old, and that effort earned him a weight no higher than 106 on the International Classifications. Smadoun was clearly some way removed from the top flight and his fee, when he retired to Haras des Sablonnets as a seven-year-old, was only 6,000 francs for Thoroughbreds or half as much for non-Thoroughbreds.



Chichicastenango APRH Photo

Amazingly, he sired Chichicastenango in his first crop. This grey colt was good enough to become a Group 3 winner at two in 2000, but, as a May foal, he was open to above-average improvement from two to three. He duly sprang a surprise when the outsider of five in the G1 Prix Lupin, which he won narrowly from the future Classic winners Anabaa Blue and Milan.

Although Anabaa Blue took his revenge by half a length in the Prix du Jockey-Club, Chichicastenango quickly gained another Group 1 success, this time wearing down Mizzen Mast to land the Grand Prix de Paris.

So why was Chichicastenango so much better than his sire? There must be a strong suspicion that he owed his Group 1 talent at least partly to the fact that his dam, the minor winner Smala, is inbred 2x3 to the great Northern Dancer. Smala's sire was Antheus, a Northern Dancer horse who won the G1 Gran Premio del Jockey Club, and his second dam Small Partie was by Fabulous Dancer, a Northern Dancer horse who became champion sire in France.

Unfortunately Chichicastenango didn't see action in 2002 and a blank year is never a help to a young stallion's prospects. Consequently, he began his stallion career at Haras de Victot at a fee of only €1,450 in 2003, but he has still managed to make an eye-catching start.



Insights cont.

With only 36 foals in his first crop, Chichicastenango did very well to sire a pair of Group 3 winners in Chinandega and Chichi Creasy. Chinandega's success came at two in 2006, which helped raise her sire's fee to €4,000 (live foal) in 2007.

Vision d'Etat leads Chichicastenango's second crop, which again numbers 36 foals. Three group winners,



Vision d'Etat (red cap)
www.france-galop.com

including a Classic winner, from 72 foals constitutes a very promising start, and it is going to be interesting to see whether the stallion can build on this solid foundation. We are probably going

to have to be patient, as his third and fourth crops number 26 and 15 foals, respectively, but Chichicastenango could be a name to remember from 2010 onwards.

Two of his group winners are out of mares by Garde Royale, who did his group winning over 1 1/2 miles. Although this good son of Mill Reef sired a Classic winner in Carling (Prix de Diane), his name is primarily associated with jump racing, thanks to such good winners as Royal Auclair, Iris Royal, Royal Rosa, Garde Champetre and Nicanor. Interestingly, the details given in the Brisnet catalogue-style pedigree don't tell the whole story about Vision d'Etat's female line, as they don't include jumping details. The colt's dam, Uberaba, won four times over hurdles at Auteuil as a three-year-old, with her last two successes coming in claiming company. She was also tried over fences, without much luck. Vision d'Etat's half-sister Diana La Belle, a winner of an 11-furlong handicap on the flat, is now the dam of Kadabelle, a Group 3 steeplechase winner who once contested the Grand Steeplechase de Paris. Two of Uberaba's other foals, Bronnsa and Royal Away, won steeplechases.

Vision d'Etat's second dam, Ile d'Amour, didn't manage to win until her 25th attempt, in a 1 7/16 mile race at Rouen. She, too, ran in claiming races. However, Vision d'Etat's third dam Old England (who appears to have been a very difficult breeder) was a very useful performer from an excellent family. Old England's half-sister Mi Carina won the Prix Vermeille and finished fourth in the Arc, while another half-sister, Sweet Folly, won the prestigious Ladies H. in the USA. Yet another half-sister, Peroxide Blonde, produced the champion American colt Stage Door Johnny. Their dam Folie Douce was a talented half-sister to four very good winners in France in the 1950s, so Vision d'Etat's family is no stranger to success at a very high level.

There is every reason to think that Vision d'Etat will be equally at home over 1 1/2 miles, the distance of the Prix du Jockey-Club until it was reduced by around 330 yards after the 2004 race.

I had no strong objections to the reduction at the time, but I'm not so sure now that it was such a good idea.

The *Racing Post* ran an interesting item by Desmond Stoneham in the build-up to the Chantilly Classic, headlined, "Jury still out on decision to drop distance of Jockey-Club." One person who has apparently no doubts that the race should not have been shortened is former champion jockey Christophe Soumillon, even though he has won the shorter version on Darsi.

"The Jockey-Club is now really for milers as they are quickly into their stride and have speed from the start, so can steal the race," Soumillon suggested.

"I had a nightmare race on Hurricane Run and, with 20 more metres, I would have won. That defeat still sticks in my throat. Frankie rode a great race on Shamardal and pinched four lengths early in the straight.

"Hurricane Run was an outstanding horse and at least I went on to win the King George on him the following year. I don't know why the race was shortened. If a horse isn't able to win a Jockey-Club over 2,400 metres, then he's not good enough."

However, the reduction seems to be popular with owners, as the four runnings of the shortened Classic have averaged 18 runners, whereas the last 10 editions of 2,400-metre Classic averaged only 12.6 runners. And therein lies a problem. With bigger fields and a shorter run to Chantilly's long, sweeping bend, traffic problems are almost inevitable and the horses drawn on the wide outside seem to be at a disadvantage. If this is so, the Prix du Jockey-Club is no longer guaranteed to fall to the best horse, which is surely the objective of any Classic race.

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Insights cont.

In last year's 20-horse contest, Sagara had the misfortune to draw the outside stall and, in the circumstances, he did well to run on strongly for seventh, after being last turning for home. That wasn't a fair reflection of his talents, though, and by the end of the season he was officially rated superior to five of the six horses which finished ahead of him. The inexperienced Zambezi Sun also struggled from the 14 draw, but came from a long way back to finish fourth, beaten less than two lengths. He had beaten Shamdinan, who finished just ahead of him from the number 1 draw, by two lengths on their previous meeting.

I was therefore far from thrilled to see that the Irish raider Famous Name had been allocated the number 17 box in Sunday's Classic. In failing by only a head to catch Vision d'Etat, the son of Dansili was the only one in the first six to come from a draw higher than 11. Only three of the 10 horses drawn from 11 to 20 managed to make the first 10. It looks as though Soumillon is right, and that a horse's best chance of overcoming a very wide draw is to be quickly into its stride.

Shamardal, a champion juvenile, was fast enough to do so when he overcame his 13 draw in 2005 and the admirable Natagora, a Group 1 winner over six furlongs, also had enough early pace for her 11 draw not to be a problem. No wonder some people believe the Grand Prix de Paris is now more worthy of being described as the French Derby than the revamped Jockey-Club.

PERFECT STING, 12, Red Ransom--Valid Victress, by Valid Appeal
 Foal born May 29, a filly by Smart Strike.
 Will be bred back to Street Cry (Ire).
 Owned by/boarded at Adena Springs.
 Accomplishments: Ch. Turf Mare, MGISW, \$2,202,042.

SPIN CONTROL, 8, A.P. Indy--Prospinsky, by Mr. Prospector
 Foal born Apr. 10, a colt by Elusive Quality.
 Will be bred back to Forestry.
 Owned by Robert S Evans.
 Boarded at Taylor Made, KY.
 Accomplishments: SW & GSP, \$118,912.



Q & A WITH THE BREEDERS' CUP BOARD CANDIDATES

There are 21 candidates up for election for the 12 openings on the 46-member Breeders' Cup Board of Members and Trustees. Ballots were mailed to current Breeders' Cup stallion and foal nominators June 2, and the election results will be announced at the BC Board meeting July 11. Bios of the candidates were included in the package sent to voters, but, as we did last year, TDN is responding to reader suggestions that we provide more information on the candidates' viewpoints. To that end, we posed the following question:

Why do you want to serve on the Breeders' Cup Board?

The candidates' responses will be published this week. Four are included today.

MARK TAYLOR

The Breeders' Cup, in my opinion, is the single greatest innovation in our sport in the last century. It is the



one institution that can even come close to unifying our fragmented industry. In these trying times of scrutiny from the media and turmoil between different industry factions, it is of paramount importance that the Breeders' Cup be propelled towards new levels of success and significance around the world.

In the last two years, the Breeders' Cup has undergone a great deal of change. This change was precipitated by our core constituents, who are the breeders that fund the organization through foal and stallion nominations. During the merger with the NTRA, the Breeders' Cup had a lapse in communication, transparency and accountability, in my opinion. I believe these fundamental responsibilities are the foundation of success for any organization which operates with the contributions of others.

Over the last 18 months, the structure of the Board has been revised in a very positive way. We now have the original large group of trustees, which elects a smaller board that meets more regularly and can vote to get things done in a more efficient manner. I have seen great improvement in communication over all. While we are a long way from being where we need to be in some areas, I believe Bill Farish and Greg Avioli have accomplished a great deal over the last year. I look forward to contributing in any way possible towards fostering a culture of open communication, transparency and innovation within the Breeders' Cup.



BC Board Candidates cont.

BOBBY FLAY

The Breeders' Cup, which has now doubled its card from one day to two, is a special event. Unfortunately, with very little exception, only the industry itself knows that. While the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont Stakes get their much deserved attention, most of it comes from history and tradition. The Triple Crown races in their earlier heyday had very little competition for the gambling dollar, unlike the Breeders' Cup, which broke into the public's conscience during a



nation-wide boom of casinos. I often wonder--if the Derby, Preakness and Belmont were started today, would they be able to gain as much attention?

Las Vegas had a virtual monopoly on the gaming dollar, especially when it came to slot machines and table games, until, of course, states like New Jersey, Connecticut and California approved their own gaming and Vegas started feeling the pinch! How did they fix it? They made their overall product better. Not the gaming, the whole environment and experience. Over the last decade, Las Vegas has once again regained its reputation as the mecca of all entertainment through great marketing, a tremendous food and beverage culture that rivals any city in America, cutting-edge style and hospitality and world-class entertainment. I've been able to study its evolution first hand, as well as participate in its success.

The Breeders' Cup will always have the equine stars from around the world racing under their banner; now all it needs is a supporting cast of other attractions and services that can match them. I want to serve on the Breeders' Cup Board simply because I think I might be helpful in this effort.

DON M. ROBINSON

First of all, I'm honored to be considered for this Board. As a third-generation Thoroughbred breeder, I feel the Breeders' Cup is the single greatest event/development our industry has given ourselves, and the racing public, in my generation. I will do all that I can to ensure its continued importance to Thoroughbred racing.

I bring a family farm business perspective--understanding the flexibility it takes, not only to survive, but to prosper into that next generation. This World Championship is vital to showcase our great ones to the entire globe for the betterment of this wonderful horse business and the protection of the lands to raise them.

ARNOLD KIRKPATRICK

After more than 45 years of active participation in many aspects of our business, I believe I have a combination of unique experience, perspective and useful skills that would make me particularly effective as a Board member.



I have learned over many years that we need to seek long-term solutions for our problems, rather than merely slapping band-aids on them. In the midst of desperate times, we certainly need to consider desperate measures; however, we also need to think things through and have the vision to foresee unintended consequences when we make decisions that will affect the long-term well being of our industry. I can and will contribute to those discussions.

Having served on the management teams of a major breeding farm and a struggling race track, I have developed a special empathy for everyday problems faced by most of the participants in the business. This hands-on understanding of our problems, together with a reputation for integrity and consensus-building skills, has helped me to be effective in previous leadership positions while working to be a positive influence on the Thoroughbred business. It may also be noteworthy that I played a major role in the original formation of the Breeders' Cup.

Finally, throughout my entire experience in the business--as Editor of The Thoroughbred Record (and Founding President of American Horse Publications); as Director of Research and the Racing Advisory Committee of the American Horse Council; as a board member of Thoroughbred Racing Associations of North America and the Australian Breeders Co-operative Society (providing me an international insight into racing and breeding); and as author of several books on the Thoroughbred industry--I have consistently campaigned to attract and educate new owners, to bring more transparency and integrity to the business, to attract and retain new fans, and to support research to improve the health of the business, as well as our most important asset, the horse.

I view this nomination as an important opportunity to continue my commitment to those goals and to the long-term quality and well being of our sport.



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ABC AND ESPN TO TELEVISION BREEDERS' CUP

The 2008 Breeders' Cup, to be held Oct. 24-25 at Santa Anita Park, will be featured during nine hours of live programming over the two days. The broadcasts will include 2 1/2 hours of live coverage on ABC, a first for the network. The first day of Breeders' Cup races, five distaff events offering total purses of \$8 million, will be televised on ESPN2 from 3:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday's coverage will begin with the ABC telecast, from 1-3:30 p.m., then switch to ESPN from 3:30 to 7 p.m. The Breeders' Cup Selection Show, set for Wednesday, Oct. 22, will be televised on ESPN2, at a time that has not yet been determined.

★ EAST ★

Yesterday's Results:

5th-DEL, \$40,300, Msw, 2yo, 4 1/2f, :52 3/5, ft.
HOLD THAT BROAD (c, 2, Hold That Tiger--Aggressive Broad, by Broad Brush) finished well to be third after a slow start in his two-furlong bow over this track May 18. The 6-1 shot broke smartly, opened a clear lead in the stretch and strode home a 3 3/4-length victor. Romo to T O (Outflanker) was second. The winner is a half brother to Awesomewithbroads (Awesome Again, SW, \$172,314). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$28,400. O/B-Karl M Hohensee (FL). T-Karin Wagner.

★ CENTRAL ★

Curlin Sharp for Foster:

Reigning Horse of the Year **Curlin** (Smart Strike), getting ready for the June 14 GI Stephen Foster H. at Churchill Downs, worked seven furlongs in 1:24.60 under the Twin Spires yesterday morning. He galloped out the mile in 1:37.74. Regular exercise rider Carmen Rosas was in the irons. "I was very pleased with his effort," said trainer Steve Asmussen. "We did plenty with him this morning. We want him to be sharp going a mile and an eighth." The four-year-old will be making his first start since taking the Mar. 29 G1 Dubai World Cup. Eight-for-11 lifetime, he will be bidding for his fifth consecutive victory.

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The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the **8th Race, \$42,000 Allowance, at Delaware Park.** For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).

3:54p HRTV 8th-DEL, \$42k, NW1X, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT
ANEWDAY (Vindication) failed to hit the board in his debut at Saratoga last September and in two starts this winter at Gulfstream, but graduated by the length of his nose when switched to Keeneland's Polytrack Apr. 25. The \$1-million FTFEB juvenile is stretching out and trying turf for the first time here for trainer Michael Matz. Out of GSW Charm a Gendarme (Batonnier), the dark bay colt is a half to MGISW Tout Charmant and to GSW Forest Grove.
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★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN BRITAIN:

+ **South Central, c, 2, Forest Camp.** See "Britain."
Meethaaq, c, 3, Kingmambo. See "Britain."

IN IRELAND:

My Girl Sophie, f, 3, Danzig. See "Breeders' Edition Europe."

IN ITALY:

Ad Honores, c, 2, Tejano Run. See "Breeders' Edition Europe."
Sweet Hearth, f, 2, Touch Gold. See "Italy."

IN JAPAN:

Hosho Loop, f, 4, Mr. Greeley--Gaily Funky (SW-Jpn, \$678,195), by Theatrical (Ire). Chukyo, 6-1, Plate Race, 9fT. Lifetime Record: 11-3-2-2, \$348,476. O-Yoshitaka Haga; B-Green Gates Farm; T-Yasuo Tomomichi. *Settled from mid-division under Hiroyuki Uemura, the filly angled out on the backstretch before accelerating clear turning for home. She had plenty in the tank and was never in danger, winning by 3/4 lengths. The victorious rider commented, "My horse quickened into a top gear in the closing stage of the race."

Ferrari Pisa, c, 4, Touch Gold--Dolly Talbo, by Capote. Tokyo, 5-31, Keyaki S., 7f. Lifetime Record: 14-4-4-0, \$1,162,667. O-Yoshimi Ichikawa; B-Sarum Farm; T-Toshiaki Shirai. *1/2 to Mogaamer (Dixieland Band), SW-UAE. **Ferrari Pisa jumped well from the gate and took second position under Hirofumi Uchida. He overtook the leader in final strides and got his head down on the line in a track-record-setting time of 1:21.90. "He traveled easily and took a bit of time to catch up, but showed a powerful performance," said the winning rider.



(American-bred winners cont.)

IN PERU:

Proud Chinch, f, 3, **Proud Citizen**--Morning In Seattle, by Seattle Dancer. Hipodromo de Monterrico, 6-1, Cond, 1300mT, 1:17.60. Lifetime Record: 10-3-3-2, R3,696. O-Stud Couet; B-Lothenback Stables Inc; T-Juan Suarez. *\$4,500 yrl '06 KEESEP.

Yamil Junior, c, 3, **Ritcher Scale**--Bayou Blues, by Cure the Blues. Monterrico, 6-1, Clasico Coronel Alfonso Ugarte-Listed, 8f, 1:40.40. Lifetime Record: 10-6-0-1, S12,220. O-Stud Miami; B-Richard Kaster; T-Juan Suarez. *\$2,700 yrl '06 KEESEP. ** Yamil Junior gradually wore down U.S. compatriot Gramsci, a sophomore son of Flatter, and middle-distance specialist Solamente Uno (Per) en route to posting his fourth stakes win for leading trainer Juan Suarez. The good-looking chestnut was making a quick return since taking the Clasico Asociacion de Periodistas Hipicos del Peru over nine furlongs May 18.

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

SAARLAND (Unbridled), Darby Dan, \$10K, 90/0/0
5-DEL, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Saar Treaty, \$9K EAS SEP yrl, 10-1

First/Second-crop starters to watch: Tuesday, June 3

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

ALDEBARAN (Mr. Prospector), Darby Dan, \$50K, 150/24/2
6-PHA, Msw, 6f, +Case Law, \$250K EAS MAY 2yo, 5-1

STAKES CLOSINGS

TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4:

06-07 \$1,000,000 **Belmont-I, Bel**, 3yo, 12f (100000s)

06-15 \$100,000a **Affirmed H.-III, Hol**, 3yo, 8.5f (AWT) (100)

06-22 \$200,000 **Scotts Highlander-III, Wo**, 3yo/up, 6fT (200)

06-22 \$150,000 **Singspiel-III, Wo**, 3yo/up, 12fT (150)

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★ IRELAND ★

Yesterday's Results:

COOLMORE CHOISIR NAAS SPRINT S.-Listed, €60,000, Naas, 6-2, 3yo/up, 5fT, 58.73, gd/fm.

1--**TAX FREE (IRE), 138, g, 6, Tagula (Ire)--Grandel (GB), by Owington (GB)**. (€16,000 wnlg '02 GOFNOV; 12,000gns yrl '03 DONSEP). O-Ian Hewitson; B-Denis & Teresa Bergin; T-David Nicholls; J-Adrian Nicholls; €39,060. Lifetime Record: GSW-Eng & Fr, 28-11-3-6, €429,644. [Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree](#). **Werk Nick Rating: C.**

2--**Day by Day (GB), 130, f, 4, Kyllachy (GB)--Dayville**, by Dayjur. (22,000gns yrl '05 TATOCT). €12,000.

3--**Snaefell (Ire), 136, g, 4, Danehill Dancer (Ire)--Sovereign Grace (Ire), by Standaan (Fr)**. €6,000.

Margins: 1 3/4, 3, 1 1/4 . Odds: 5-4, 10-1, 5-1. Also Ran: An Tadh (Ire), Osterhase (Ire), The Loan Express (Ire), Peak District (Ire), Littlemisssunshine (Ire), Contest (Ire), Fly By Magic (Ire), Inourthoughts (Ire).

Having beaten Dandy Man (Ire) in this race last year, Tax Free prepped for his repeat bid with a creditable fourth in the G2 Temple S. at Haydock last time May 24. Tracking the leaders in fourth through the frenetic early fractions, he was shaken up at halfway and hit the front under a drive inside the eighth pole to open his seasonal account.

Naas, 5.40, Mdn, €17,000, 3-4yo, f, 1 1/4mT, 2:09.42, gd/fm.

DRESS REHEARSAL (IRE) (f, 3, Galileo {Ire}--Sassenach {Ire}, by Night Shift), second in a similar event at Cork last time May 16, stalked the pace in second from the outset. She was still traveling strongly at the two-furlong marker, and two smacks sent the €300,000 GOFORB yearling to the front 150 yards out and on to an easy five-lengths score from Ebalista (Ire) (Selkirk) as the 5-2 second choice. Stairway to Glory (Ire) (Kalanisi {Ire}) threatened to be competitive under driving in the straight, but faded late to finish seventh. The winner is a half sister to Fairy of the Night (Ire) (Danehill), SW-Ire. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, €16,847.

O-Mrs B V Sangster; B-Sunderland Holdings; T-David Wachman.



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★ EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN JAPAN:

Millennium Wing (Ire), h, 5, [Sadler's Wells](#)--Angelic Song, by Halo. Tokyo, 6-1, Hcp, 12fT, Lifetime Record: 10-4-1-0, \$509,048. O-Hidetoshi Yamamoto; B-Western Bloodstock; T-Kazuo Fujisawa. *Full to Sligo Bay (Ire), GISW-US & G1SP-Fr, \$484,935; Wolfe Tone (Ire), SW & GSP-Ire; 1/2 to Lady Ballade (Ire) (Unbridled), MSW-Jpn, \$1,335,399.

★ BRITAIN ★

Yesterday's Results:

LEISURE S.-Listed, £26,000, Windsor, 6-2, 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:13.91, gd/sf.

1--**BALTHAZAAR'S GIFT (IRE)**, 126, h, 5, **Xaar (GB)**--**Thats Your Opinion (GB)**, by Last Tycoon (Ire). (€6,000 yrl '04 GOFFEB; €12,000 yrl '04 GOFORB; 20,000gns 2yo '05 DONAPR). O-Nicola Mahoney & de la Warr Racing; B-Pat Beirne; T-Luca Cumani; J-Jimmy Fortune; £14,760. Lifetime Record: Hwt. 3yo-Eng at 5-7f, GSW & MG1SP-Eng, GSW-Fr, 26-5-3-2, £274,263. **Werk Nick Rating: A+ . Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Lipocco (GB)**, 126, g, 4, **Piccolo (GB)**--Magical Dancer (Ire), by Magical Wonder. (14,000gns wnlq '04 TATDEC; 13,000gns yrl '05 DONSEP). £5,595.

3--**Prime Defender (GB)**, 126, c, 4, Bertolini--Arian Da (GB), by Superlative (Ire). (14,000gns yrl '05 DONSEP). £2,800.

Margins: NK, HF, HD. Odds: 10-3, 25-1, 13-2.

Also Ran: Confuchias (Ire), Hoh Mike (Ire), Edge Closer (GB), Pivotal Flame (GB), Sonny Red (Ire), Eisteddfod (GB), Cape (GB), Pivotal Point (GB).

Successful in the 2005 G2 Criterium de Maisons-Laffitte, Balthazaar's Gift had only enjoyed one success in the interim--in last term's G3 Hackwood S. at Ascot--and stepped into this off an eighth in the May 14 G2 Duke of York S. at the Knavesmire venue. Held up in rear until pushed along to take closer order at the two pole, he was ridden to challenge at the distance and came under a final furlong drive to prevail in a blanket finish. "He's coming into form now," trainer Luca Cumani told *PA Sport*. "Every year he needs a couple of runs and the signs were encouraging when he ran at York last time. He runs in the [June 21 G1] Golden Jubilee at Royal Ascot next."

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Windsor, 6.30, Cond, £5,600, 2yo, 5f 10ydsT, 1:01.44, gd/sf.

DANEHILL DESTINY (GB) (f, 2, [Danehill Dancer {Ire}](#)--**Comeraincomeshine {Ire}**, by **Night Shift**), who took a Newmarket maiden on debut Apr. 17, shared the early pacesetting duties. Eased clear at the at the quarter pole, the 62,000gns TATDEC foal and 120,000gns TATOCT yearling only required a couple of flicks of the whip in the closing stages to score by a cozy half-length from Prolific (Ire) (Compton Place {GB}) as the 6-4 second favorite. "She's very game and is still fairly immature, but she certainly coped with it tonight and was very impressive," enthused Cheveley Park Stud's Chris Richardson. "We've always thought a lot of her and she did it in very nice style. After Newmarket, she was off her food for 24 hours, but it was all sorted out by William Haggas and his team who have done a fantastic job. All being well, the G2 Queen Mary S. [at Royal Ascot June 18] is the plan and we're very excited to have a prospect for the Royal meeting." **Click for [Racing Post race chart](#).** Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, £8,160. O-Cheveley Park Stud; B-T G Mills & J Humphreys; T-William Haggas.

Leicester, 2.00, Mdn, £6,000, 2yo, 5f 218ydsT, 1:14.07, gd.

+ **FREE AGENT (GB)** (c, 2, **Dr Fong--Film Script {GB} {MSW-Eng}**, by **Unfuwain**), sent postward as a 12-1 shot, always raced in the vanguard. Pushed clear 1 1/2 furlongs out, the bay survived interference from Donativum (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}), and one smack of the whip was sufficient encouragement for him to score readily by five lengths from that rival. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £3,886. O/B-The Queen; T-Richard Hannon.

Carlisle, 2.15, Mdn, £4,000, 2yo, 5fT, 1:02.80, gd.

+ **SOUTH CENTRAL** (c, 2, **Forest Camp--Brittan Lee, by Forty Niner**), a 60,000gns DONAPR juvenile, broke well to grab the rail and the lead. Nudged along at the quarter-mile pole, the 11-1 chance strode away from his field to record a highly impressive 13-length victory from What a Fella (GB) (Lujain). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £2,590.

O-Transcend Bloodstock LLP; B-Tony Holmes & Walter Zent; T-Howard Johnson.

Leicester, 5.00, Mdn, £3,250, 3yo, 11f 183ydsT, 2:34.47, gd.

GRAVITATION (GB) (f, 3, [Galileo {Ire}](#)--**Guaranda {GB} {SP-Eng}**, by **Acatenango {Ger}**), fourth in a Newmarket maiden last time May 16, was a little keen in midfield initially. Shaken up 2 1/2 furlongs out, the 5-1 second choice was driven to the front 75 yards from home to best Maria di Scozia (GB) (Selkirk) by 1 1/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £2,490. O-Gillian, Lady Howard de Walden; B-Plantation Stud; T-William Jarvis.



Leicester, 4.30, Mdn, £3,250, 3yo, 11f 183ydsT, 2:36.38, gd.
MEETHAAQ (c, 3, Kingmambo--New Harmony, by A.P. Indy), runner-up in a Newmarket maiden first time May 23, sat in mid-division early. Pushed along with three furlongs remaining, the \$600,000 KEESEP yearling stayed on under pressure to nail Inquisitive Look (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}) right on the line and score by a neck as the 8-15 pick. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, £3,647. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-W S Farish & E J Hudson Jr Irrevocable Trust; T-Sir Michael Stoute.

★ FRANCE ★

BOUR TO STEP DOWN

Mme Emmanuelle Bour, who was appointed Executive Director of France-Galop last year before taking office Jan. 1, has decided to step down from the role after discussions with the authority's president, Baron Edouard de Rothschild. It is not yet known who will fill the vacancy, and a decision on her replacement is not expected until after a further period of consultation.

Yesterday's Results:

Saint-Cloud, 2.10, Cond, €29,000, 2yo, 6fT, 1:17.80, gd/sf.

JET D'EAU (FR) (f, 2, Numerous--La Fontainiere {Ire} {SW-Fr}, by Kaldoun {Fr}) was let go at a whopping 91-5 despite posting a debut success at Wissembourg last time May 1. Chasing the leaders in seventh through the early stages, she improved off the home turn to challenge wide at the two pole and was ridden out from there to deny the tenacious Alta Luna (Fr) (Fasliyev) by a short neck nearing the line. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 2 wins, €20,000. O/B-Peter Wetherill; T-Rupert Pritchard-Gordon.

Saint-Cloud, 2.35, Cond, €29,000, 3yo, c/g, 1mT, 1:43.80, gd/sf.

PRINCE APOLLO (GB) (c, 3, Dansili {GB}--Mooring {GB}, by Zafonic), a debut fourth in a course-and-distance conditions event Apr. 22, raced in a handy fifth after the initial strides of this second go. Coaxed forward approaching the final quarter mile, the 4-1 chance would not be denied under final-furlong urging and kept on well to deprive the unlucky-in-running Boisleduc (Ire) (Numerous) by a short head in the bobber. Prince Apollo was produced by a half-sister to the dam of G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe hero Rail Link (GB) (Dansili {GB}). Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €17,900. O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms; T-Andre Fabre.

★ ITALY ★

Yesterday's Results:

PREMIO ALBERTO GIUBILO-Listed, €50,400, Rome, 6-2, 2yo, c, 5 1/2fT, 1:05.60, gd.

1--#DIGLETT (IRE), 123, c, 2, by One Cool Cat

1st Dam: Rich Gift (GB) (SP-Eng), by Cadeaux Genereux (GB)

2nd Dam: Deep Divide (GB), by Nashwan

3rd Dam: Miss Fancy That, by The Minstrel

O/B-Azienda Agricola Valle Falcone SRL; T-Luigi Riccardi; J-Germano Marcelli; €28,000. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €37,350. *3/4 to Black Mambazo (Ire) (Statue of Liberty), SW & MGSP-Ity. **Third stakes winner for freshman sire (by Storm Cat). **Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A.**

2--Lui Rei (Ity), 123, c, 2, Reinaldo (Fr)--My Luigia (Ire), by High Estate (Ire). €12,320.

3--Capo Carbonara (Ire), 123, c, 2, Choisir (Aus)--Dreaming Rose (Ire), by Spectrum (Ire). €6,720.

Margins: SNK, 4HF, NK. Odds: 16.10, 1.70, 4.20.

Also Ran: Rocchettone (Ity), Spirit Light (Ity), Kalashnykov (Ire), Spirit of Sport (Ire).

Breaking through at the first attempt going five furlongs at this track May 4, Diglett was allowed to go off as the outsider of seven for this stakes bow, but made punters rue their doubts and added another black-type win for his freshman sire (by Storm Cat). Tracking the leaders under cover in fourth from the break, he made eye-catching progress to challenge approaching the final furlong and was ridden out in the closing stages to assert his superiority nearing the line. **Click for the Racing Post chart.**

PREMIO ALESSANDRO PERRONE-Listed, €50,400, Rome, 6-2, 2yo, f, 5 1/2fT, 1:04.80, gd.

1--#SWEET HEARTH, 123, f, 2, by Touch Gold

1st Dam: Sweet Gold, by Gilded Time

2nd Dam: Anti Social, by Pretense

3rd Dam: Wind Song, by Mr. Music

O-Scuderia Ri. Ma.; B-Westwind Farms; T-Riccardo Betti; J-Pierantonio Convertino; €28,000. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €36,500. *3/4 to Warners (Dehere), GSP, \$101,000; 1/2 to Santa Teresita (Lemon Drop Kid), SW & MGSP, \$183,130. **Werk Nick Rating: A+ . Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.**

2--Diva Cattiva (GB), 123, f, 2, Lujain--Silver Cache, by Silver Hawk. (€16,000 yrl '07 ITYSEP). €12,320.

3--Lan Force (Ity), 123, f, 2, Blu Air Force (Ire)--Lan Fei (Ity), by Love the Groom. €6,720.

Margins: 4, 1HF, 2. Odds: 1.80, 2.05, 1.45.

Also Ran: Eva Kant (GB), Tapioka Express (Ire), Kathy Ridge (Ire). Scratched: Common Market (GB).

Sweet Hearth tore up her debut when dishing out a six-length beating to subsequent easy winner Piperita (GB) going six furlongs at this track May 13, and registered more of the same to claim a first stakes success here. Stalking the leaders through the early stages, she took control at halfway and was pushed clear of out-classed rivals inside the final 300 meters to win in impressive fashion.



★ GERMANY ★

BRISEIDA A THIRD 2008 CLASSIC WINNER FOR PIVOTAL by Christa Riebel

Stall Litex' **Briseida (GB)** (Pivotal {GB}) made a dream come true for her Bulgarian owner--for whom she marks the first Classic and, indeed, first stakes winner--when securing victory in Sunday's G2 German 1000 Guineas at Dusseldorf (see *TDN 06/02*). The Peter Schiergen-trained chestnut had to overcome the disadvantage of making her seasonal debut, but did so in style, wearing down every challenge of the smart runner-up Rosenreihe (Ire) and the Clive Brittain-trained Love of Dubai, with last year's juvenile champion filly Love Academy (Ger) finishing fourth. Briseida marks the third Classic winner for her sire Pivotal this year, following the example set by Halfway to Heaven (Ire) in the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas and Falco in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains. Previously, Pivotal sired the filly Saoire (GB) to win the Irish 1000 Guineas in 2005, while Sylvester Lady succeeded in the Preis der Diana (German Oaks). Briseida was bred from the stakes-winning Be My Guest mare Party Doll (GB), who is also the dam of the group-winning sire Titus Livius (Fr); Be My Guest was also the damsire of the German 1000 Guineas runner-up Rosenreihe.

Gestut Hony-Hof's homebred Peintre Celebre filly **Salve Germania (Ire)** made a very promising winning debut to her racing career (*result follows*). She is the first foal bred from the G1 German Oaks winning mare Salve Regina (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}), who placed in four other Group 1 events, including seconds in the Deutsches Derby and Grosser Preis von Baden. Salve Regina is an own sister to the 2000 German Derby winner and prolific sire Samum (Ger) and the 2006 German Derby victor Schiaparelli (Ger), who won an additional three Group 1 races in 2007.

Gestut Schlenderhan's three-year-old filly **Irisijana (Ger)** (Diktat {GB}) was another maiden winner to make a very good impression (see "*Breeders' Edition Europe*"). She is the fourth foal out of the dual winning Rainbow Quest mare Iberi (Ger), whose previous progeny includes the listed-placed Tiger Hill filly Isotta (Ger). Iberi is a daughter of the listed-winning Green Dancer mare Iberica (Ger), the dam of the smart listed winner and group-placed miler Iberus (Ger). She is also the third dam of the G1 German Oaks heroine Iota (Ger), who shares Tiger Hill (Ire) as her sire with Isotta. The next dam Idrissa (Ger) also won the German Oaks, and is also the third dam of the recent G2 Grosser Preis der Badischen Unternehmen victor It's Gino (Ger).

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.

Sunday's Result:

Dusseldorf, 3.00, Mdn, €5,100, 3yo, 1 3/8mT, 2:19.24, gd.

+ **SALVE GERMANIA (IRE)** (f, 3, **Peintre Celebre--Salve Regina {Ger} {Hwt. Older Mare-Ger at 11-14f, G1SW-Ger, \$530,252}**), by **Monsun {Ger}**), the first produce of her Classic-winning dam, took a keen hold along the hedge in third until settling into a smooth rhythm down the backstraight. Swinging off the home turn to challenge in early stretch, the 2-1 favorite took a slight advantage into the final eighth and was pushed clear late to score by an easy 2 1/2 lengths from Secundus (Ger) (Daliapour {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €3,000.

O/B-Gestut Hony-Hof; T-Waldemar Hickst.



SOUTH AMERICA



GROUP WINNER BY U.S. SIRE:

Teamgeist (Arg), f, 4, **Mutakddim--Bavarian (Arg)**, by Southern Halo. Clasico Omega-G3, San Isidro, Argentina, 6-1, 1600mT, 1:32.61. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Arg, 7-4-2-1, P33,000. O-Stud El Catorce; B-Haras La Quebrada; T-Juan Carlos Etchechoury Jr; T-J-Jorge Ricardo. *1/2 to Barbaro (Arg) (Luhuk), GSW-Arg; full to Bromita (Arg) (Luhuk), GSP-Arg. **Claudio Pizarro's Teamgeist surged past the field with one scintillating burst along the rail under the world's leading rider Jorge Ricardo to win this for the second straight year. The winning margin was 3 1/2 lengths. The talented gray filly, who was making her first start since finishing second nearly one year ago in the G1 Gran Premio Carreras de las Estrellas Distaff at San Isidro, will likely take a second crack at Argentina's equivalent of the Breeders' Cup Distaff at Palermo June 28.



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UNBRIDLED FEMME, 8, Unbridled-Grechelle, by Deputy Minister

Foal born Apr. 14, a colt by Stormy Atlantic.

Will be bred back to Henny Hughes.

Owned by DuZee Stables.

Boarded at Bluewater Farm.

Accomplishments: SW, \$105,647.

SPEARATA (CHI), 12, Sam M.--Data (Chi), by Domineau

Foal born May 1, a colt by Indian Charlie.

Will be bred back to Rock Hard Ten.

Owned by Diamond A Racing Corp.

Boarded at Diamond A.

Accomplishments: MSW-US & G1SW-Chi, \$175,471-US.



BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-PHA, \$59,248, Opt. Clm. (\$35,000), NW2X, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:16 2/5, ft.

EXTRA SEXY PSYCHIC (f, 3, Freud--She's Pretty Too, by Housebuster) Lifetime Record: MSP, 6-3-2-1, \$123,130. O-Kirwan Equine Group, Inc and Ed Hipps. B-Toni M Kirwan & Edward Hipps (PA). T-Michael J Trombetta.

9th-PHA, \$58,080, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f (off turf), :58 4/5, ft.

ALYS BABY RED (m, 5, Twining--Lil Orphan Aly, by Alysheba) Lifetime Record: 19-4-1-1, \$98,632. O-806 Racing 1 LLC. B-David G Szymanski (PA). T-Donald R White.

7th-DEL, \$48,540, NW1X, 3yo/up, 5fT, :57 4/5, fm.

BLUES CLUB (c, 4, Jazz Club--It Was Inevitable, by Show'em Slew) Lifetime Record: 28-3-4-4, \$94,939. O-Puts and Calls. B-Thomas C Le Vine (PA). T-Carol Lynn Le Vine.

4th-DEL, \$44,600, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:43 3/5, fm.

SURVIVED (f, 4, Stravinsky--Sarath, by Twilight Agenda) Lifetime Record: 18-5-3-2, \$158,934. O-Winning Move Stable. B-Majestic Farms, LLC (KY). T-Gary C Contessa.

5th-FLX, \$20,500, NW1BX, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:07, ft.

A. P. GLITTER (m, 5, A. P Jet--Kristys Song, by Love That Mac) Lifetime Record: 21-7-4-0, \$76,093. O-Kaitlin Rice. B-Cheshire Ridge Farm LLC (NY). T-Dorothy Gentner.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Out Bounced, f, 2, **Outflanker**--Bounce, by Two Punch. DEL, 6-2, (C), 4 1/2f, :54 2/5. B-Stephanie Moffett Litz (MD). *\$1,000 wIng '06 FTMDEC.

Ordenez, c, 3, **Outflanker**--Gram's Pleasure, by Cherokee Run. PHA, 6-2, (C), 6f, 1:10 4/5. B-SMD Ltd. (PA).

Windication, g, 3, **Vindication**--Critical Eye (MGISW, \$1,060,984), by Dynaformer. FLX, 6-2, 1m70y, 1:45 3/5. B-Herbert T & Carol Schwartz (KY).

★ WINNERS BY U.S. SIRE ★

IN ARGENTINA:

Idilica Glory (Arg), f, 2, **Honour and Glory**--Idilica, by Confidential Talk. San Isidro, 6-1, Mdn, 1200mT, 1:09.48. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, P25,500. O-Tata y Tigre; B-Haras La Esperanza; T-Juan Carlos Maldotti. *Won by six lengths.

IN BRAZIL:

Davignon (Brz), c, 2, **Redattore (Brz)**--Darcy (Arg), by O Maior (Brz). Gavea, 6-1, Mdn, 1600m, 1:40.83. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, R6,000. O-Stud Azul e Branco; B-Haras Sao Jose da Serra; T-Dulcino Guignonni. *Won by 11 lengths.

• ON THE WORKTAB •

AQUEDUCT

Summer Doldrums (Street Cry {Ire}), 5f, 1:02.00, 3/5

BELMONT PARK

Behindatthebar (Forest Wildcat), 4f (tr), :48.91, 21/42

Forefathers (Gone West), 4f, :50.63, 43/50

Hunting (Coronado's Quest), 4f, :51.32, 49/50

In Summation (Put It Back), 4f, :48.49, 11/50

Keyed Entry (Honour and Glory), 4f (tr), :47.29, 2/42

J Be K (Silver Deputy), 4f, :50.43, 41/50

Majestic Warrior (A.P. Indy), 4f, :50.63, 43/50

Sharp Susan (Touch Gold), 4f, :49.84, 34/50

Sightseeing (Pulpit), 4f, :48.43, 9/50

CHURCHILL DOWNS

Curlin (Smart Strike), 7f, 1:24.60, 1/2

Denis of Cork (Harlan's Holiday), 4f, :48.60, 20/46

Forty Grams (Distorted Humor), 4f, :48.80, 23/46

Kodiak Kowboy (Posse), 4f, :51.40, 45/46

Pyro (Pulpit), 6f, 1:14.40, 1/4

FAIR HILL

Adriano (A.P. Indy), 4f, :48.60, 1/2

Icabad Crane (Jump Start), 4f, :48.60, 1/2

Ready Set (Touch Gold), 5f, 1:02.00, 1/2

Street Sounds (Street Cry {Ire}), 5f, 1:02.40, 2/10

Visionaire (Grand Slam), 5f, 1:02.00, 1/2

KEENELAND

Wicked Style (Macho Uno), 4f, :50.60, 13/17

MONMOUTH PARK

Praying For Cash (Songandaprayer), 4f, :48.00, 1/16

SANTA ANITA

Foxysox (GB) (Foxhound), 5f, 1:02.20, 36/47

Indian Blessing (Indian Charlie), 5f, 1:00.40, 8/47

Leonides (Richter Scale), 5f, 1:02.20, 36/47

Tiz Elemental (Cee's Tizzy), 5f, 1:02.40, 38/47

Tough Tiz's Sis (Tiznow), 6f, 1:14.80, 4/7

Well Armed (Tiznow), 4f, :48.80, 15/46

SARATOGA

Anak Nakal (Victory Gallop), 4f (tr), :49.67, 8/14

Atoned (Repent), 4f (tr), :50.14, 10/14

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BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Saint-Cloud, 4.35, 6-2, €29,000, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:46.90, gd/sf.

RAINBOW CROSSING (GB) (f, 3, **Cape Cross {Ire}**--**Rainbows For All {Ire} {GSW-Ire}**, by **Rainbows For Life**) Lifetime Record: 9 starts, 2 wins, 4 places, €33,877. O-Ecurie Skymarc Farm; B-Ecurie Skymarc Farm & Castlemartin Stud; T-Francois Rohaut.

IRELAND, Naas, 3.10, 6-2, €22,500, 3yo/up, 7fT, 1:21.70, gd/fm.

MY GIRL SOPHIE (f, 3, **Danzig--Just Fly**, by **Capote**) Lifetime Record: 11-3-2-0, €80,518. O-Mrs June Judd; B-Liberty Road Stables; T-Jim Bolger. *€300,000 yrl '06 KEESEP. **1/2 to Just Wonder (GB) (Hernando {Fr}), GSW & G1SP-US, \$289,299.

BRITAIN, Leicester, 3.30, 6-2, £20,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f 9ydsT, 1:25.68, gd.

DIXEY (GB) (f, 3, **Diktat {GB}**--**Hoh Dancer {GB}**, by **Indian Ridge {Ire}**) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, £16,901. O-T G Warner; B-Red House Stud; T-Michael Jarvis.

ITALY, Milan, 2.30, 6-1, €18,000, 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:12.30, gd/sf.

DANCER DRAWN (IRE) (c, 3, **Daggers Drawn --Brioney {Ire}**, by **Barathea {Ire}**) Lifetime Record: 10-2-3-1, €30,804. O-Scuderia Briantea SRL; B-J Hutchinson; T-Mario Ciciarelli. *€24,000 yrl '06 TATIRE.

FRANCE, Dax, 5.55, 6-1, €15,000, 3yo, 7 1/2fT, 1:28.20, vsf.

NARMER (GB) (c, 3, **Diktat {GB}**--**Ipanema Beach {GB}**, by **Lion Cavern**) Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €16,100. O-J Moreno-Fernandez; B-Jock Strap Partners; T-R Avial-Lopez. *1,000gns wnlg '05 TATDEC.

ITALY, Livorno, 4.50, 6-1, €10,800, 2yo, 5fT, time: n/a, gd.

PERFECT PARTNER (ITY) (c, 2, **Narrative {Ire}**--**Basic Woman {GB}**, by **Piccolo {GB}**) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, €10,200. O/T-Rosario Pecoraro; B-Scuderia Ri. Ma. SRL.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Golden Tiffany (Ire), f, 2, **Golden Pivotal (GB)**--Golden Carmen, by King of Kings (Ire). Naples, Italy, 6-1, Mdn, 2yo, 5fT. B-Scuderia Golden Horse SRL. *First winner for freshman sire (by Pivotal {GB}).

Balla Giacomo (Ire), c, 2, **Indian Ridge (Ire)**--Carhue Lass (Ire) (Hwt. Older Mare-Ire at 5-7f, SW & GSP-Ire, SW-Eng), by Common Grounds (GB). Milan, Italy, 6-1, Mdn, 2yo, 5fT. B-Razza Pian Del Lago.

Liddal (Fr), c, 2, **My Risk (Fr)**--Shamesteppe (Fr), by Saint Estephe (Fr). Lyon-Parilly, France, 6-1, Mdn, 2yo, 6fT. B-EARL Haras de La Gisloterie.

+ **Cotes d'Armor (Fr)**, f, 2, **Numerous--Macotte (Fr)**, by Nicolotte (GB). Nantes, France, 6-1, Mdn, 2yo, f, 5 1/2fT. B-Haras des Sablonnets. *38,000gns 2yo '08 ARQAPR.

Ad Honores, c, 2, **Tejano Run--Mad On Me**, by Proud Birdie. Naples, Italy, 6-1, Cond, 2yo, 5fT. B-Anthony Guida. *\$5,500 yrl '07 FTKOCT.

Nacella (Ger), f, 3, **Banyumanik (Ire)**--Navalde (Ger), by Alkalde (Ger). Dusseldorf, Germany, 6-1, Mdn, 3yo, 1 1/16mT. B-Gestut Niederrhein.

Irisijana (Ger), f, 3, **Diktat (GB)**--Iberi (Ger), by Rainbow Quest. Dusseldorf, Germany, 6-1, Mdn, 3yo, f, 7fT. B-Gestut Schlenderhan.

Lasos (Fr), c, 3, **Miesque's Son--Eriva (Fr)**, by Kendor (Fr). Lyon-Parilly, France, 6-1, Cond, 3yo, 1mT. B-Stilvi Compania Financiera SA.

Free Minded (Ger), g, 3, **Pentire (GB)**--Fackellilie (Ger), by Zinaad (GB). Bremen, Germany, 6-1, Mdn, 3yo, 1 5/16mT. B-Dr Werner Spangler. *38,000 yrl '06 BBASEP.

★ WINNERS BY EURO SIRE ★

IN JAPAN:

Swan (Jpn), f, 3, **High Chaparral (Ire)**--Consistency (Ire), by Polar Falcon. Chukyo, 6-1, Kodemari Sho, 6fT. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$185,810. O-Hokusei Murata Farm; B-Hokusei Murata Farm; T-Akihiro Iida.

IN BRAZIL:

Rebecca Lynn (Brz), f, 3, **Sagamix (Fr)**--Hello Charlotte (Arg), by Lode. Gavea, 5-31, Especial Joao Vieira S., 1500mT, 1:30.01. O-Stud Santa Maria; B-Haras Santa Maria de Araras; T-A C Apolonio.

Did You Ask Mix (Brz), c, 3, **Sagamix (Fr)**--Ola I Ask (Brz), by Grimaldi (Brz). Cidade Jardim, 5-31, Mdn, 2400mT, 2:32.84. O/B-Gianni Franco Samaja; T-O Jeronimo.

Boo (Brz), f, 3, **Sagamix (Fr)**--Thifty (Brz), by Stuka. Cidade Jardim, 6-1, Cond, 1500mT, 1:34.20. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, R4,300. O-Stud Red Rafa; B-Haras Phillipson; T-V Barbosa.

Onda Morena (Brz), f, 4, **Trempolino**--Only Immensity, by Ghadeer (Fr). Cidade Jardim, 6-1, Cond, 1500mT, 1:34.30. Lifetime Record: 12-3-4-0, R3,580. O/B-Haras Interlagos Ltda; T-Pedro Nickel.

IN ARGENTINA:

Said And Done (Arg), f, 3, **Numerous--Saint Donatila (Arg)**, by Saint Sever (Fr). San Isidro, 6-1, Mdn, 1600mT, 1:35.90. Lifetime Record: 9-1-1-2, P23,500. O/B-Haras Santa Maria de Araras; T-Juan Carlos Maldotti.

IN BRAZIL:

D'Argent (Brz), f, 4, **Trempolino**--Bonne Anna, by Bonsoir (Arg). Gavea, 5-31, Cond, 1300m, 1:22.34. O-Stud Mr Leed; B-Beverly Hills Stud; T-F Silva.



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When I knew I would be traveling to New York with my dad to watch our horse, Golden Spikes, race, I definitely wanted to eat at one of Chef Bobby Flay's restaurants. We chose Mesa Grill on 5th Avenue. The atmosphere was warm and comfortable. Our waitress was very friendly and informative. The goat cheese dip was a great appetizer, light and fabulous. The shrimp tamale was spicy and filling. The fried oysters were amazing! I had the lamb chops for dinner. They were perfectly seasoned and cooked just right. The chimichurri complemented the lamb. The fries were crispy, yet tender. I cannot wait to go back again. In fact, my dad and I purchased the Mesa Grill cookbook. We have been using these new recipes since we returned from New York. We love Bobby's short rib recipe. Don't miss Mesa Grill!

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On the same trip, we had lunch at the Cafe at the American Girl Place, which was fun and delicious. The pink decor was nice and feminine. You get started with delicious cinnamon rolls and pretzel bread. The French dip was flavorful, yet subtle. The chocolate mousse was light and chocolaty. The Cafe is well worth the trip.

P. S. Make sure your dad brings some extra \$ for shopping.

BOBBY FLAY, Chef:

*Chef and restaurateur Bobby Flay owns two of New York's finest eateries. **BAR AMERICAIN, at 152 West 52nd Street, New York, NY (www.baramericain.com),** has become an essential for many of the who's-who in the Thoroughbred industry. Located in midtown Manhattan, it is easily accessible, well worth the trek, and offers various foods of America at their very best. **MESA GRILL, at 102 5th Avenue, New York, NY (www.mesagrill.com)** is Flay's flagship restaurant, offering the best of American dining with an emphasis on the flavors of the Southwest. (See Scarlett Murphy's review above.) Reservations are highly recommended at each, and available to TDN readers by calling Sally Jackson at (212) 924-3076. But where does Bobby eat when he's not eating at one of the above?*

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Scarpetta (translated from *fare la scarpetta*, which means to wipe your plate clean with a chunk of bread) is a newly opened restaurant in the city offering fine Italian cuisine in an airy, skylit setting. The menu is divided between small plates, pasta and main courses offering anything between spaghetti with tomato and basil to tuna. The dishes are priced moderately and reservations are recommended.

(More tomorrow....)