

BROTHER DEREK RETIRED TO AIRDRIE

Cecil Peacock's **Brother Derek** (Benchmark--Miss Soft Sell, by Siyah Kalem), a Grade I winner at two and three, has been retired from racing and will stand the 2009 breeding season at Mr. & Mrs. Brereton C. Jones's Airdrie Stud near Midway, Kentucky. A stud fee has not yet been determined. Bred in California by Mary Caldwell, Brother Derek was purchased for \$150,000 as a Keeneland September yearling, then was resold at the 2005 Barretts March sale for \$275,000 after breezing a quarter-mile in :20 4/5. Put into training with Dan



Brother Derek
Horsephotos

Hendricks, he won three of his five starts at two, capturing the GII Norfolk S. before finishing a highly creditable fourth in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile. He closed his freshman campaign with a victory in the GI Hollywood Futurity, then took his first three outings at three, the GII San Rafael S., the GII Santa Catalina S. and the GI Santa Anita Derby. Third in last year's GII San Fernando BC S. and GII Strub S., he most recently returned from a 14-month absence to be second to subsequent GI Hollywood Gold Cup hero Mast Track in an Apr. 20 allowance at Hollywood Park. "Our single most important criteria for selecting our stallions is brilliance, and Brother Derek had brilliance in spades," said Airdrie Stud's Bret Jones. "To be able to come through a two-year-old sale after going :20 4/5, break his maiden that May going 4 1/2 furlongs, win a Grade I at the end of his two-year-old year and then train on to dominate the GI Santa Anita Derby going a mile and an eighth shows the brilliance, versatility and true toughness that we believe will ultimately lead to his great success at stud. He's also an outstanding individual that the commercial breeder can really get excited about." Brother Derek retires with a record of 17-6-2-3 and earnings of \$1,611,138.



Brother Derek
Horsephotos

HENRY ODDS-ON FOR SUSSEX CROWN?

Despite his likely short price for today's G1 Sussex S. at Goodwood, it is impossible to find holes in **Henrythenavigator** (Kingmambo), and Susan Magnier's crack miler will have the bookmakers running scared as he heads to post. Like the stable's 2002 winner Rock of Gibraltar (Ire), Henrythenavigator has annexed both Newmarket's G1 2000 Guineas May 3 and the Irish equivalent at The Curragh three weeks later, before adding the G1 St James's Palace S. to his tally at Royal Ascot June 17. He has the beating of most of his rivals on that form, hails from a Ballydoyle stable in almost unbelievable form and is in the hands of Johnny Murtagh, whose confidence is well founded. "Henry is going very well at home and is a class act," Murtagh said. "He loves fast ground and I think he'll show everyone what he's really made of. He doesn't lack courage and what all the great ones have--a real will to win."



Henrythenavigator
Horsephotos

SPEIGHTSTOWN
WANTED...AND WINNING
AROUND THE WORLD
Champion Speightstown is already the sire of 2 TDN Rising Stars
in America, \$775,000 2YO Reynaldothewizard
and \$1,700,000 2YO Munnings, who earned a
90 Beyer Speed Figure in his debut on Whitney Day at Saratoga.
In Europe, he is the sire of Group-placed Lord Shanakill
who runs in the Group 2 Vintage Stakes today at Glorious Goodwood.
Look for Speightstown's next star at Saratoga Select:
Hip#s 46, 48, 103, 114, 118, 126, 134, 144 and 167
A TAYLOR MADE/WINSTAR VENTURE
STANDING AT WINSTAR: (859) 873-1717
www.winstarfarm.com



TDN Feature Presentation
GRADE 1 HASKELL INVITATIONAL



brought to you by
LANE'S END

BELONG TO ME
9 GRADE 1 WINNERS WITH
FOREVER TOGETHER'S DIANA H. WIN!

'Brown' Back In the Arena...

Fresh off an impressive six-furlong move in 1:10 4/5 at Aqueduct July 26, IEAH and Paul Pompa Jr.'s **Big Brown** (Boundary) appears poised to bounce back from a disappointing performance in the June 7-Belmont S. in Sunday's GI Haskell Invitational at Monmouth Park. "He looks like he's ready to run," said trainer Rick Dutrow Jr. yesterday. The GI Kentucky Derby and GI Preakness S. hero is expected to breeze three-eighths at Aqueduct Friday and ship to Monmouth Saturday morning. "I can't see any kind of issue with him in any way. He looked good, he breezed really good and he looks as good as he can right now." While abundantly confident throughout the Triple Crown, the New York horseman adopted a slightly more reserved approach when discussing the bay's chances this weekend. "From what happened in his last start [Belmont S.], it is hard for me to feel as confident as I was before the Derby and his other races, but I still am as confident as I can be that he will go out there and run his race. I can't see him running anything other than good. I don't know why he wouldn't."


While the colt's name made headlines on a regular basis following a disappointing Belmont performance, IEAH President Michael Iavarone opted to contest the Haskell with Big Brown, who reportedly will receive a bonus for appearing at the Oceanport oval. With little chance of rain expected for Sunday's race, Dutrow was optimistic that his colt will handle the track surface and conditions. "I think he'll handle the track just fine," said Dutrow. "Except for his last start, he has done everything you would ever want a horse to do. I don't see him not getting along with the track over there, it seems like it's tailor made for him."

According to Dutrow, the ultimate goal for Big Brown is the GI Breeders' Cup Classic at Santa Anita Nov. 1, however, the trainer did not completely rule out a tilt at Saratoga's GI Travers S. Aug. 23 along the way. "The Breeders' Cup is definitely on top of the list, even though [the Haskell] is more important than any race for him right now," said Dutrow.



Big Brown
Sherackatthetrack


3yo KODIAK KOWBOY posts a determined win in Saratoga's Amsterdam S-G2 over favored Desert Key ■■■



Another Kodiak Moment...

Owners: Vinery Stables and Fox Hill Farm,
 Breeder: Hartwell Farm, Trainer: J. Larry Jones

Posse
 SILVER DEPUTY – RASKA, by RAHY



VINERY LTD
 vinery.com

"We're going to have to see what happens [at Monmouth], how he comes out of the race, and what is next for him. Depending on how things shake out at Monmouth, I have no idea what is going to happen with the Travers. I believe that Big Brown is a horse that *should* run in the Travers, because it is such a prestigious race. I really want to run the horse in the Travers, but coming back in three weeks doesn't seem like it would be necessary. If everything looks beautiful and he runs his race, I am going to try to talk Mike into it--if I get the feeling. But the Breeders' Cup Classic is more important to us than the Travers, and we would want to do everything right to come to that race the right way."

Asked if he still worries about what happened in the Belmont, Dutrow was pragmatic about revisiting the past. "If Big Brown finishes his year out the right way, I'm going to try and forget about trying to figure it out," he offered. "I am still kind of concerned about Sunday because I know that he went into the Belmont in very good condition and I have no idea what happened in that race. But if he does that again, then I will know something is wrong with him, and maybe we will have to discuss not running him anymore. We just have to wait and see."



Today's Graded Stakes
brought to you by



VINERY LTD

Click for
brisnet.com PPs
brisnet.com PPs

9:50a **Vintage S.-G2**, GDW
10:30a **Sussex S.-G1**, GDW
All Times Eastern Daylight Time.

Kodiak Kowboy, by POSSE,
wins GII Amsterdam at Saratoga!
Click [here](#) for more...

☆ **PREVIEWS** ☆

"Tariq could do with a bit of rain, as it was probably too fast for him at Ascot last time, but he is in really good form and I am happy with him," said Chapple-Hyam. "With Winker, it is more of a finding-out mission. I am sure he stays the mile, but we want to find out whether he stays it at that level or whether we need to drop down a peg or two. That said, I think he will run well."

Wednesday, Goodwood, Britain, post time: 2:50 p.m.
VINTAGE S.-G2, £85,000, 2yo, 7fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	1	Firth of Fifth (Ire)	Traditionally	Dascombe
2	8	Baycat (Ire)	One Cool Cat	Portman
3	5	Instalment (GB)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Hannon
4	11	Lord Shanakill	Speightstown	Burke
5	7	Orizaba (Ire)	Orpen	Channon
6	2	Ryehill Dreamer (Ire)	Catcher in the Rye (Ire)	Stack
7	4	Sayif (Ire)	Kheleyf	P Chapple-Hyam
8	10	Set Sail (Ire)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	A O'Brien
9	3	Shaweel (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Johnston
10	9	Soul City (Ire)	Elusive City	Hannon
11	6	Westphalia (Ire)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	A O'Brien

All carry 126 pounds bar Firth of Fifth, 129.

Firth of Fifth has to defy a penalty following his all-the-way win in Newmarket's G2 Superlative S. last time July 11, a feat achieved by Strategic Prince (GB), who beat none other than Duke of Marmalade (Ire) two years ago. Trainer Tom Dascombe is hopeful he can hold his own despite the extra burden. "It was a cracking performance at Newmarket," Dascombe said. "People have knocked him and have said that the jockey stole the race, but the horse won by a length and a quarter, so it's not like it was a fluke. He really wants a mile and, I should think, depending on how we get on, we need to step him up in trip." Ballydoyle, yet to win this race despite being represented by the likes of the aforementioned Duke of Marmalade and Aussie Rules, bids to put that right with **Westphalia**. He was sent off the 4-5 favorite when comfortably beaten by Bushranger (Ire) in the G3 Anglesey S. at The Curragh last time July 12 and tackles further here. Peter Chapple-Hyam relies on **Sayif**, who was beaten a short head by Classic Blade (Ire) in the G2 July S. at Newmarket last time July 10. **Lord Shanakill** brings the form of Royal Ascot's G2 Coventry S. into the equation here, having had **Orizaba**, **Shaweel** and **Instalment** behind when third in that June 17 contest. Shaweel, who finished third behind Firth of Fifth at Newmarket, warrants respect from the Mark Johnston stable successful with Lucky Story and Shamardal in 2003 and 2004, respectively.

Wednesday, Goodwood, Britain, post time: 3:30 p.m.

SUSSEX S.-G1, £300,000, 3yo/up, 1mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	2	Major Cadeaux (GB)	Cadeaux Genereux (GB)	Hannon
2	5	Tariq (GB)	Kyllachy (GB)	P Chapple-Hyam
3	7	Dream Eater (Ire)	Night Shift	Balding
4	3	Henrythenavigator	Kingmambo	A O'Brien
5	6	Raven's Pass	Elusive Quality	Gosden
6	1	Windsor Palace (Ire)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	A O'Brien
7	4	Winker Watson (GB)	Piccolo (GB)	P Chapple-Hyam

All carry 125 pounds bar Major Cadeaux & Tariq, 133.

Stonerside's **Raven's Pass** followed home Henrythenavigator when fourth in the Newmarket Guineas and when runner-up in the St James's Palace, when only 3/4 of a length separated the pair. With Twice Over (GB) back in third there, the homebred avenged an earlier defeat by that rival in Newmarket's G3 Craven S. Apr. 17, and he went on to complete the exacta again next time in the G1 Prix Jean Prat at Chantilly July 13. The Comic Strip Heroes's **Winker Watson**, out of action since winning the G2 Norfolk S. at Royal Ascot and Newmarket's G2 July S. last summer, returned to finish seventh in the Jean Prat, but trainer Peter Chapple-Hyam retains faith. He also saddles last year's G2 Lennox S. hero **Tariq**, who represents the Saleh Al Homeizi and Imad Al Sagar partnership. The four-year-old needs to rebound from a disappointing ninth in the G1 Queen Anne S. at the Royal meeting last time June 17.

Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Fall Yearlings

Mon. **Oct. 20** Tues. **Oct. 21** Wed. **Oct. 22**

Entries Close
August 15



Since 1898
FASIG-TIPTON
859-255-1555 fasigtipton.com



Thursday, Goodwood, Britain

GOODWOOD CUP-G2, £100,000, 3yo/up, 2mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	9	Yeats (Ire)	Sadler's Wells	Murtagh	138
2	5	Allegretto (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Moore	135
3	7	Bulwark (Ire)	Montjeu (Ire)	Crowley	133
4	10	Distinction (Ire)	Danehill	Fortune	133
5	3	Honolulu (Ire)	Montjeu (Ire)	No rider	133
6	8	Mad Rush	Lemon Drop Kid	Sanders	133
7	2	Peppertree Lane (Ire)	Peintre Celebre	Fanning	133
8	1	Regal Flush (GB)	Sakhee	Dettori	133
9	4	Sagara	Sadler's Wells	Durcan	133
10	11	Sergeant Cecil (GB)	King's Signet	Munro	133
11	6	Tungsten Strike	Smart Strike	Holland	133

☆ **RESULTS** ☆

Tuesday, Goodwood, Britain

BETFAIR CUP (REGISTERED AS THE LENNOX S.)-G2, £155,000, Goodwood, 7-29, 3yo/up, 7fT, 1:26.59, gd. 1--**PACO BOY (IRE)**, 121, c, 3, by **Desert Style (Ire)**

1st Dam: **Tappen Zee (Ire)**, by **Sandhurst Prince (Ire)**

2nd Dam: **Rossaldene (GB)**, by **Mummy's Pet (GB)**

3rd Dam: **Palestra (GB)**, by **Palestine (GB)**

(€18,000 wnlg '05 GOFNOV; €16,000 yrl '06 TATFLT; 30,000gns 2yo '07 DONAPR). O-The Calvera Partnership No 2; B-Joan Browne; T-Richard Hannon; J-Richard Hughes; £87,994. Lifetime Record: 7-5-0-1, £160,585. **Werk Nick Rating: A +**.

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

2--**Stimulation (Ire)**, 121, c, 3, Choisir (Aus)--Damiana (Ire), by Thatching (Ire). (92,000gns yrl '06 TATOCT). O-Michael Kerr-Dineen; B-Illuminatus Investments; T-Hugh Morrison; £33,356.

3--**Dunelight (Ire)**, 128, h, 5, Desert Sun (GB)--Badee'a (Ire), by Marju (Ire). (€110,000 yrl '04 GOFORB). O-Mr & Mrs P Hargreaves; B-D & B Egan; T-Clive Cox; £16,694.

Margins: NK, 2HF, HD. Odds: 7-1, 14-1, 12-1.

Also Ran: Il Warrd (Ire), Infallible (GB), Arabian Gleam (GB), Al Qasi (Ire), King of Dixie, Racer Forever.

Paco Boy took the Listed Spring Cup at Lingfield Mar. 15 before doubling his tally in Newbury's prestigious G3 Greenham S. Apr. 19. Sidestepping the G1 2000 Guineas, he was sent to Longchamp to contest that country's equivalent, the May 11 G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains, but finished seventh after a bumpy ride. The bay was freshened up and had been the subject of positive bulletins due to his homework with today's G1 Sussex S. contender Major Cadeaux (GB). Settled wide in fourth early out of trouble by Richard Hughes, he hit the front approaching the fur-long marker and was game as Stimulation rallied on his inner. "He was a bit feely going down and I wasn't happy with the ground, but he would die for you and is some brave horse to go through with it," Hughes said.

On behalf of their clients **NICOMA** has purchased 91 Broodmares.

After their purchase ...

13.2% of those produced **GRADE 1 WINNERS**.

26.3% of those produced **GRADED STAKE WINNERS**.

36.2% of those produced **GRADED RUNNERS**.

NICOMA .COM

Including:

ARTIE SCHILLER (G1), **ARCHERS BAY (Champion)**, **HABIBTI (G1)**, **IS IT TRUE (G1)**, **AL BAHATHRI (G1)**, **ZAVATA (G2)**, **STRUT THE STAGE (G2)**, **NAISSANCE ROYALE (G2) ...**

We thank our clients for the opportunity.

Headley Bell ■ Gatewood Bell ■ 859.224.1000

An affiliate of **MILL RIDGE**

"He just didn't act in France and got interfered with six or seven times at least, but today he relaxed lovely going the long way round and picked up real good." The runner-up's trainer Hughie Morrison is looking at the G2 Hungerford S. at Newbury Aug. 16. As for the 5-4 favorite Infallible (Pivotal {GB}), who traveled like the winner until staying on at one pace to be fifth, jockey Ryan Moore offered, "I thought she was going to win two out, but she flattened out and has maybe had a hard enough time of it. I'm sure she's high class, but it was maybe one too many hard races." Click for the [Racing Post chart](#) or the [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).



Actually, they're already here. Click here to sign up.



Tuesday, Goodwood, Britain

GORDON S.-G3, £70,000, Goodwood, 7-29, 3yo, 1 1/4mT, 2:37.14, gd.

1--#**@CONDUIT (IRE)**, 126, c, 3, by Dalakhani (Ire)

1st Dam: Well Head (Ire), by Sadler's Wells

2nd Dam: River Dancer (Ire), by Irish River (Fr)

3rd Dam: Dancing Shadow (Ire), by Dancer's Image

O/B-Ballymacoll Stud; T-Sir Michael Stoute; J-Ryan Moore; £39,739. Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-2, £127,158.

*3/4 to Hard Top (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}), GSW-GB, \$340,537. **Fifth SW/fourth GSW for sophomore sire (by Darshaan {GB}). **Werk Nick Rating: A +**.

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

2--**Donegal**, 126, g, 3, Menifee--Vickey's Echo, by Clever Trick. (80,000 yrl '06 FTSAUG). O-The Donegal Partnership; B-Arthur B Hancock III; T-Andrew Balding; £15,064.

3--**Hebridean (Ire)**, 129, g, 3, Bach (Ire)--Delphinium (Ire), by Dr Massini (Ire). O-Adrian F Nolan; B-Whisperview Trading Ltd; T-Aidan O'Brien; £7,539.

Margins: HD, 1HF, 1 3/4. Odds: 1-2, 14-1, 5-1.

Also Ran: Bouguereau (GB), Scintillo (GB), Alan Devonshire (GB).

Conduit burst onto the scene with an impressive success in a handicap on Epsom Derby day June 7 before stepping up to finish 3/4-length runner-up to Campanologist in the G2 King Edward VII S. at Royal Ascot last time June 20. Settled in the middle of the runners throughout the early stages here, the homebred made hard work of landing his cramped odds when edging ahead passing the quarter pole, but dug in to withstand the persistent challenge of Donegal. "It was a messy, stop-start race and he was doing too much early, didn't come down the hill well and then I had to go a long way from home," jockey Ryan Moore explained. "Things weren't really going his way today and he wasn't at his best, but he could do with faster ground." Ballymacoll Stud's Manager Peter Reynolds added, "He's a nice horse for the future--there is no target at the moment. He'll make a nice four-year-old and Sir Michael is the champion at training older horses." Conduit is out of Well Head, an unraced half-sister to G1SW Spectrum (Ire) and to the dam of champion Petrushka (Ire). **Click for the [Racing Post chart](#).**

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.

© Copyright Thoroughbred Daily News.
 This newspaper may not be reproduced in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, without prior written permission of the copyright owner, MediaVista. Information as to the American races, race results and earnings was obtained from results charts published in Daily Racing Form and utilized here with the permission of the copyright owner, Daily Racing Form.

8 SW'S IN 2008 INCLUDING...

- | | |
|---------------|-------------------------------|
| SAGEBURG | 1st Prix d'Ispahan-Gr.1 |
| EATON'S GIFT | 1st Swale S.-Gr.2 |
| LOOKY YONDER | 1st Vagrancy H.-Gr.2 |
| AFRICAN SKIES | 1st Princess Margaret S.-Gr.3 |
| TEN MEROPA | 1st Baldwin S.-Gr.3 |

Leading Third-Crop Sires in U.S.A. in 2008

RK	STALLION	WNRS	SWS	EARNINGS
1	Street Cry	34	5	\$2,886,711
2	JOHANNESBURG	64	8	\$2,797,193
3	Jump Start	47	9	\$2,455,962
4	Mizzen Mast	54	4	\$2,447,805

www.bloodhorse.com, 29th July 2008

Johannesburg

An outstanding young sire of top performers like multiple Gr.1 winner Scat Daddy



AFRICAN SKIES looks a very exciting juvenile when winning the **Princess Margaret S.-Gr.3** at Ascot on 26th July

ASHFORD · COOLMORE® · ASHFORD ·
 A M E R I C A

Aisling Duignan, Dermot Ryan, Charlie O'Connor or Andre Lynch
 Tel: 859-873-7088. Fax: 859-879 5756.
www.coolmore.com



Tuesday, Goodwood, Britain

MOLECOMB S.-G3, £60,000, Goodwood, 7-29, 2yo, 5fT, :57.88, gd.

1--#**@FINJAAN (GB)**, 126, c, 2, by Royal Applause (GB)

1st Dam: Alhufoof, by Dayjur

2nd Dam: Cheval Volant, by Kris S.

3rd Dam: Flight, by Barachois

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd; T-Marcus Tregoning; J-Richard Hills; £34,062. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, £48,403. **Werk Nick Rating: A + .**

Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--**Bonnie Charlie (GB)**, 126, c, 2, Intikhab--Scottish Exile (Ire), by Ashkalani (Ire). (46,000gns yrl '07 DONAUG). O-Thurloe Thoroughbreds XXII; B-C D S & Mrs M Bryce; T-Richard Hannon; £12,912.

3--**Jargelle (Ire)**, 123, f, 2, Kheleyf--Winter Tern, by Arctic Tern. (€23,000 wnlng '06 GOFNOV; 28,000gns yrl '07 TATOCT). O-B Smith, A Duke, J Netherthorpe & G Goddard; B-Mrs A Robinson; T-William Haggas; £6,462.

Margins: HD, 1 1/4, HD. Odds: 5-1, 8-1, 7-1.

Also Ran: Rievaulx World (GB), Spin Cycle (Ire), Flashmans Papers (GB), Thunderous Mood, Effort (GB), Global City (Ire), Icesolator (Ire), Noverre to Hide. Scratched: Art Preview, Light the Fire (Ire), Mrs Kipling (Ire), White Shift (Ire).

This was a case of the quick and the dead, and Finjaan came through the lightning test with a slither of an advantage over Bonnie Charlie. Having beaten the subsequent winner Ouqba (GB) on debut at Newmarket May 4, the homebred found only Icesolator (One Cool Cat) too strong on unsuitably soft ground in the Listed National S. at Sandown last time May 29. Showing dash to stalk the furious early fractions forged in the duel between Rievaulx World (Compton Place {GB}) and Jargelle, the bay got the better of that duo in the final 100 yards and had enough in reserve to hold the late rush of Bonnie Charlie. "The front two went very quick, but this horse has got a lot of speed and I knew he would finish," jockey Richard Hills commented. "Martin Dwyer has been riding him a lot in his work and said he was one of the fastest two-year-olds he's ridden, so we were confident going into this." Trainer Marcus Tregoning added, "He's very quick and pretty useful, but is still a bit green and has more to learn yet. We haven't gone at him too much at home and I'm glad we didn't run him at Royal Ascot and gave him time to develop. The unsettled forecast made us run in this rather than the Richmond over six, but he'll get six and maybe even further. He's a very sharp two-year-old, and I will suggest to Sheikh Hamdan that we run him a few more times and go for the G1 Middle Park S. [at Newmarket Oct. 3]." **Click for the [Racing Post chart](#).**



The new order

STREET CRY

Leading stallions ranked by number of G1 winners, with first foals midway through their four-year-old season:


Street Cry	6
Danzig	5
A.P. Indy	3
Distorted Humor	2
Kingmambo	2
Mr. Prospector	2
Storm Cat	2

Darley

859-255-8537 www.darleyamerica.com


All horses in the *TDN* are bred in North America, unless otherwise indicated





**FROM THE DESK
OF...**

Bill Oppenheim



GHOSTZAPPER

Back in the old days--the last century--the most exciting time of the sales year came right after the Fasig-Tipton July yearling sale Keeneland July. In a time when glitz and showmanship still helped sell horses, when the September sale was more a stepchild than the great yearling supermarket it now is, there was nothing we looked forward to more than the new 'July Sale' sires. The first Secretariats (whoops), the first Seattle Slews, the first Affirmeds (whoops) and Alydars--the anticipation was palpable. We don't really have sales like that anymore. Saratoga and Deauville, those great August holiday destinations, do put on the style as much as they can, but Keeneland July was in a league of its own.

The demise of the Keeneland July sale after 2002, ultimately, was probably ascribable more to one factor above all others: sire power. In the old days, there was enough July Sale firepower to sustain a two-day sale. But as the old great July Sale sires started to die off, the two-day sale became essentially one day of the old July-type sires, and one day of what we now know as September Book 1 sires. Finally, after the 2002 July sale, Keeneland surrendered to the inevitable, and the stepchild (September) swallowed the parent (July) whole. Sounds almost mythic, doesn't it?

One worry for Keeneland was that they were then handing the opening top-tier 'barometer' sale of the year to their rivals at Fasig-Tipton, namely the Saratoga yearling sale (Fasig July, which always came the weekend before Keeneland July, has always been a barometer of a middle sector of the market, not the top). But the gift proved short-lived, because, even with no Keeneland July, in 2005 the Saratoga sale was reduced from three days to two. Keeneland September Book 1 ate one of Saratoga's days, too.

This short history is worth recalling because this year we get a sort of flashback to the days when the first yearlings by a July Sale sire grabbed the headlines. His name is Ghostzapper, and, if

last November's foal prices are anything to go by (two averaged \$755,000), he could singlehandedly add \$3-\$4 million to Saratoga's gross, which last year was just over \$41 million. And there are sure to be plenty more by him in Keeneland Book 1.



Ghostzapper
adenastallions.com

**TWO MORE WINNERS FOR MINESHAFT
OVER THE WEEKEND, INCLUDING THE
2YO LANE'S END SALES GRAD MISS OCEAN CITY
WHO MADE HER DEBUT AT SARATOGA &
WON BY 3 3/4 LENGTHS.**



Congratulations to her connections!

LANE'S END

Box 626, Versailles, KY 40383 • (859) 873-7300 • FAX: (859) 873-3746
E-MAIL: lanesend@lanesend.com • WEB SITE: lanesend.com

Photo: Barbara Livingston

Ghostzapper is a half brother to GI Hopeful S. winner and successful sire City Zip, a son of the sprint sire Carson City. A homebred for Frank Stronach's Adena Springs Farm trained by Bobby Frankel, Ghostzapper was from the first crop of the 1998 GI Breeders' Cup Classic winner Awesome Again. Ghostzapper never ran further than seven furlongs until August of his four-year-old season. After winning three of his first four races, and finishing third behind Valid Video and Great Notion in the GI King's Bishop S., Ghostzapper looked a pretty useful horse, but no superstar. His King's Bishop third earned a 106 Beyer, his highest to that date. But all that was about to change, dramatically, for the better.

In his final six career starts, spread over three seasons, Ghostzapper was unbeaten, and never ran a Beyer below 114 (when just beating the following year's GI Breeders' Cup Classic winner Saint Liam in the 2004 GI Woodward S.). His sequence began in his final start at three, when he trounced older horses in the GI Vosburgh, run that year at 6 1/2 furlongs in September. The son of Baby Zip won by 6 1/2 lengths and earned a 116 Beyer Speed Figure. **Oppenheim cont.**



The bay didn't reappear until the following July, when he recorded a 120 Beyer while winning the seven-furlong Gill Tom Fool H. by 4 1/4 lengths. Ghostzapper then caught a sloppy track at Monmouth in the Gill Iselin H., and won by almost 11 lengths, breaking the track record by three-fifths of a second and running a stunning 128 Beyer. Over the years I've learned to be skeptical of 'boxcar' figures run on off tracks, though. His next race was when Saint Liam gave him a run for his money in the Woodward. He then completed his four-year-old campaign with a three-length win, leading virtually all the way over Roses in May and Pleasantly Perfect, in the 2004 GI Breeders' Cup Classic, registering a Beyer 124 and deservedly claiming Horse of the Year honors. Ghostzapper ran just once at five, dusting Silver Wagon by more than six lengths in the 2005 GI Met Mile, running a 122 Beyer. If you use my rule-of-thumb conversion formula of (Beyer + 12 = Timeform), his last six races were run in the Timeform equivalents of 128, 132, 140, 126, 136 and 134. Personally, I throw out the Iselin figure, so my assessment is that Ghostzapper should be rated Beyer 124/Timeform 136. If that's not a proper 'July Sale' sire prospect, I don't know what is. In my opinion, he's the best racehorse we've seen in North America in the last 10 years.

Loony Tunes...

Try telling this story in other, centrally regulated international sports like soccer, tennis, golf, Formula One auto racing: they'd laugh you off the stage. It involves my good friend, BBA Ireland bloodstock agent Patrick Cooper, in his role as a Racing Manager to two operations which have been victimized--there's no other word for it--by two Stewards' decisions, based on wildly different rules, in two different countries. The first is the notorious Green Girl case, in the Gill Suwanee River H., at Gulfstream Park in February. This, you'll remember, was when the winner, Green Girl (owned by Ronchalon Stable, Patrick Cooper, Racing Manager) tossed her jockey and ran free for 10 minutes before eventually being caught, remounted in the gate, and then winning the race. Connections of the second objected, and it later went before the stewards, who upheld the original result: Green Girl the winner. Then there was an appeal, the decision to be made by a single arbitrator, who was former Keeneland president Bill Greely. He read the very absurd rule (jockey must be aboard from the time he gets on the horse until they break from the gate) and threw out Green Girl.

That was enough for one lifetime, but Patrick got slighted by stewards twice in six months. This time it was in no less a race than the June 29 G1 Irish Derby, and involved our horse, Curtain Call, managed by Patrick and part-owned by him, and a group including Jimmy George and this (disgruntled) journalist.

Oppenheim cont.

Weekly Sales Ticker

by Bill Oppenheim

Sponsored by
BRADLEY THOROUGHBRED BROKERAGE

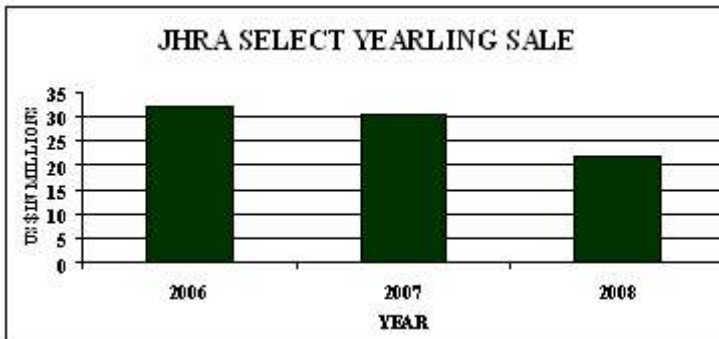
The Japanese economy must be in a little bit better shape than ours: their signature July Select Foal Sale was down 11 percent in gross, four percent in average from last year. More worrying is that the yearling section of their sale has dropped almost \$100-million in gross (31 percent), and almost \$84,000 in average (29 percent) since its inauguration in 2006.

-Bill Oppenheim



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% S/C	GROSS	AVG
2008	336	314	222	66.1%	\$69,099,242	\$311,258
2007	372	317	240	64.5%	\$77,500,000	\$322,917
2006	315	304	221	70.2%	\$77,948,598	\$352,709
2005	315	302	242	76.8%	\$74,504,673	\$307,871

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley



NEED ADVICE ON YEARLING PURCHASES?

BTB will be attending all major yearling sales in the US. We would be happy to shortlist according to your order and purchase a yearling on your behalf.

We have a proven track record – see our website:

www.bradleythoroughbreds.com



In this race, you may remember, Johnny Murtagh's mount, Alessandro Volta, abruptly turned left, running away from a right-hand whip, colliding with Curtain Call and carrying Tartan Bearer halfway to the outside fence. In Florida, Alessandro Volta would have come down, no questions asked, and been placed behind the two horses he impeded. But no, not in Ireland. There, as in Britain, disqualification is based on some gibberish to do with whether the horse improved his placing versus the horse he interfered with. The stewards decided Alessandro Volta had improved his placing vis-à-vis Tartan Bearer, but not Curtain Call, and reversed their placings, leaving Curtain Call in fifth. Aghast at this breach of natural justice, we naturally appealed. In the ensuing month before the appeal was heard, we heard all sorts of opinions from racing professionals, including 'he (Curtain Call) wasn't going anywhere anyway'; 'he (Curtain Call) never broke stride', etc. Do me a favor. If you were running full tilt and somebody collided into you doing 35 miles an hour, you're going to tell me it didn't affect the result? Stuff and nonsense. As have most of you readers, I have watched thousands and thousands of races, and my professional opinion--forget I own a piece of the aggrieved horse--is that no one can say what would have happened if they'd all run straight. Personally, I thought our jockey, Fran Berry, was just going for everything when Alessandro Volta collided with him. I wasn't surprised Curtain Call didn't make up ground on the perpetrator after the incident happened; would you, if you'd been run into at 35 mph? Nobody argues there was contact.

In France, all members of an entry are disqualified when one member is taken down. If they'd run the race in France, we'd have ended up third, because the winner, Frozen Fire, would have come down, along with his stablemate. But here's an even more sinister interpretation. I know Johnny Murtagh didn't do this--he was as surprised as anyone when his horse turned left. But let's just imagine he knew his horse was starting to tire (and, by the way, I'm told that's sometimes why horses run away from the whip, because they're tiring), and he knew the two horses on his outside were going to go by him. He could have deliberately gone for his horse right-handed, knowing he would drift left, take the other two out of the race, and leave it clear for his stablemate Frozen Fire, who sailed through outside of all the trouble. Of course he didn't do that--but here's the really disturbing thing: if he had done that, the stewards could have still made the exact same decision they did make.

I know I have the advantage of this 'bully pulpit,' which others do not, but these two incidents do illustrate why horse racing is in such a mess. One set of rules for everybody, please. Other sports do it, and they flourish. Our sport doesn't, and we're losing ground at every turn. Yes, I now know about the fickleness of rule-writing and stewards' decisions, but it could be the rules on race-day medication, registration of owners, you name it.

It Pays to Stay in Kentucky

Kentucky Breeders' Incentive Fund

August 1 Deadline

For mares covered in 2008.

Online registration available.

www.khra.ky.gov

888-KY-BREDS (888-592-7337)

RACING AND BREEDING IN KENTUCKY: IT'S A WIN-WIN PROPOSITION.



Oppenheim cont.

There is no uniformity in this sport, and that isn't helping our profile at a time when this business definitely needs a serious shot of credibility. The ship might sink even if there was international uniformity like there is in other sports, but at least we wouldn't look ridiculous by comparison.

☆ SALES NEWS ☆

RECORD CATALOG FOR KEESEP A record number of 5,555 yearlings have been catalogued for the Keeneland September Yearling sale, which will be held Sept. 8-23. "Keeneland September Sale graduates dominate racing, from the Classics to the regional markets; making this sale the one place to find a 'Saturday' horse," said Geoffrey Russell, Keeneland's director of sales. "Both international and domestic buyers will find quality and value here at all price levels. You can truly fill your orders at one stop, Keeneland September." The catalog will be available on Keeneland's website Aug. 5; it will be mailed beginning Aug. 18.

TDN TODAY

Headline News..... 9 pages

WILKO

Awesome Again - Native Roots, by Indian Ridge

- Breeders' Cup Juvenile Champion.
- On-the-board in 11 of 12 starts as a two-year-old.
- Earned \$2,435,133 racing on three continents.



ADENA SPRINGS

Classic Bloodlines • Classic Performance

Mike Recio • mrecio@adenastallions.com • (800) 975-5641 • cell (859) 221-1809 • Jack Brothers (877) 945-2020 • www.adenastallions.com

KY: AWESOME AGAIN • CONGAREE • EL PRADO • GHOSTZAPPER • GIACOMO • MACHO UNO • NORTH LIGHT • SILENT NAME • TOUCH GOLD

FL: ALPHABET SOUP • ARISTOCRAT • GREATNESS • INDY KING • MILWAUKEE BREW • OLMODAVOR • RED BULLET • SLIGO BAY • WILKO

WEDNESDAY,
JULY 30, 2008

TDN
THOROUGHBRED DAILY NEWS



**AROUND
THE WORLD**

 **NORTH AMERICA** 

★ **SARATOGA** ★

Saratoga Next Stop for Unbeaten Indyanne:

Indyanne (Indian Charlie), who ran her record to four-for-four with a tally in the July 12 GIII Azalea S. at Calder, will ship in from Greg Gilchrist's Northern California base for the GIII Victory Ride S. at Saratoga Aug. 23, according to *Daily Racing Form*. Gilchrist decided to pass on the GI Test S., which will be run Aug. 2. "That would have been pretty tough to run back in three weeks [for the Test] after running in the heat in Florida and coming back to California," Gilchrist told *DRF*.

'Halo' an Angel for Children's Hospital:

Brian Prichard, who trains four horses at Calder Race Course, recently announced that he will donate 1% of stable star's **How's Your Halo** (Halo's Image) earnings to Joe DiMaggio's Children's Hospital in Hollywood, Florida. The five-year-old, winner of Calder's Ellio S., finished second in the GII Smile Sprint H. behind the classy Benny the Bull at Calder Race Course July 12. During his 50-minute commute from his West Palm Beach home to Calder, Prichard was inspired by the stories he heard on local country radio station WKIS 99.9 FM, which was holding a "radiothon" to benefit the hospital. Calder's miniature horse mascots, Thunder and Lightning, were also at the fund-raiser as the track was making a \$10,000 donation to the hospital. Prichard indicated that he will donate 1% of the \$101,548 that How's Your Halo has already earned in 2008, which totals \$1,015, and will donate the same percentage for the remainder of the season. "This is for the kids," said Prichard, a retired polo player whose wife Marti is a former pediatric intensive care unit nurse. "We are lucky to have what we have and are blessed with two healthy children [Brandon, 7, and William, 4]. This horse has also been a blessing, and hopefully, he'll be one for the kids [at Joe DiMaggio's], too. He has the perfect name." According to Prichard, the bay will make his next start in either the GII Pat O'Brien BC H. Aug. 24 at Del Mar or the GI Forego H Aug. 30 at Saratoga. For donations, visit the Joe DiMaggio's Children's Hospital website at www.jdch.com.

New York Jocks Play Ball for Charity:

In an effort to raise money for The Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund, the Race Track Chaplaincy of New York has organized a charity basketball game, pitting several New York jockeys against the AAU ranked 6th Grade Texas Titans. The event, which last year raised \$75,000 for disabled jockey Andrew Lakeman, will be held Thursday, Aug. 7, at 7:00 pm at Saratoga Springs High School Gymnasium located at 1 Blue Streak Boulevard in Saratoga Springs, NY. "The Race Track Chaplaincy of America, is committed to helping the physical and spiritual needs of the people on the backside, and all the disabled jockeys definitely need our prayers, our time, and our generosity," said Elliott Walden, vice president of WinStar Farm. The Titans, will go toe-to-toe with the likes of Robby Albarado, John Velasquez and Kent Desormeaux and this year's two coaches--representing the jockeys--are Billy Gillispie, coach of the University of Kentucky Wildcats and Eclipse Award-winning trainer Todd Pletcher. The jockeys won last year's renewal. Leading owners, including Stonerside Stable, Circle E Racing, Padua Stables, IEAH Stables, West Point Thoroughbreds, WinStar Farm, Darley Stable, James Scatuorchio, Lael Stables, Earle Mack, Courtlandt Farms, and Mike Repole have each donated \$5,000 to have their silks represented in what is anticipated to be a very entertaining event for an extremely important cause. All proceeds raised from this event will benefit The Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund. Tax deductible donations can be made to the Race Track Chaplaincy of America, Inc., Post Office Box 91640, Los Angeles, California, 90009.

★ **DELMAR** ★

Student Council to Pacific Classic:

Millennium Farms' **Student Council** (Kingmambo) exited his second-place finish behind Commentator in Saturday's GI Whitney H. in good order and will attempt to defend his title in the Aug. 24 GI Pacific Classic next. "I wanted to scratch him because of the outside post position, and because I wanted to be fresh for the Pacific Classic," Millennium Farms' owner Ro Parra said. "But [trainer] Steve [Asmussen] assured me he would run big, no matter what. Steve was right! Student Council performed like the top-class horse he is, and I am glad we made the right call."

FOREVER TOGETHER

Wins Grade 1 Diana S. at Saratoga on 7/26

Congratulations to

Owner George Strawbridge

Trainer Jonathan E. Sheppard

**Breeder White Fox Farm
(Dewey and Karen White)**



**ALISTAIR RODEN
BLOODSTOCK**

Cell 859 621-9768
rodenbloodstock@yahoo.com



★ INDUSTRY INFO ★

eNicks Unveils New Mating Research Feature:

Jack Werk's Thoroughbred Consultants eNicks service has launched a new mating research tool, it was announced yesterday. With MareMatch, users enter a mare name, select a geographic location, specify a stud fee range, and sponsored eNicks stallions that have the best Werk Nick Ratings for that mare are displayed. "This has been, by far, the feature most requested by eNicks.com users, and I know it will instantly become the most popular feature on Enicks.com," Werk said. "We've made it very user friendly and the searches are lightning fast."

★ EAST ★

Yesterday's Results:

4th-DEL, \$42,600, Alw, NW1X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft.

MT. GLITTERMORE (c, 3, Oriente--Spanish Glitter {MSW, \$450,600}, by Glitterman) cruised to a 3 1/2-length maiden win over track and trip last time out July 13. The 7-5 favorite to make it two in a row, the bay colt chased the pacesetters from fourth, moved into contention on the turn and wore down Twopunchestogo (Two Punch) to win by 3/4 lengths. Mt. Glittermore was a \$250,000 FTSAUG yearling and a \$35,000 FTMJUL juvenile. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$61,900.

O-Ted Hoover. B-Fred Kissling (KY). T-Randy Nunley.

THREE CHIMNEYS TODAY'S INSIGHTS
The Idea is Excellence.

2:08p TVG/HRTV 3rd-SAR, \$63K, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT
PLEASANT SONG (Unbridled's Song), a \$700,000 KEESEP yearling, makes her turf bow after a pair of off-the-board finishes in main-track sprints at Churchill in June. The Dallas Stewart trainee is out of MGSW Pleasant Temper (Storm Cat) and is a half to MSP Nice Nelly (Seattle Slew). The four-year-old **Queenofalldiamonds** (Kingmambo), a \$2.7-million KEESEP yearling, was sixth at this distance in her debut over the Belmont lawn in May and is coming off a runner-up effort over seven furlongs June 25. The Bobby Frankel trainee is a daughter of champion Escena (Strawberry Road {Aus}). **Kapanga** (Hussonet) overcame traffic in the stretch to run a solid second over the Belmont lawn July 2. brisnet.com pps

TDN TODAY
Around the World. 9 pages

DISTORTED HUMOR

A Great Sire

WHAT WOULD YOU EXPECT OF A GREAT SIRE...

DURABILITY

SEVEN-YEAR-OLD COMMENTATOR
BECOMES ONLY THE
THIRD HORSE IN HISTORY TO WIN THE GRADE 1 WHITNEY MORE THAN ONCE.
MULTIPLE GRADE 1 WINNER
COMMENTATOR POSTED A 120 BEYER SPEED FIGURE IN THE \$750,000 WHITNEY AND NOW OWNS THE **TWO HIGHEST BEYER SPEED FIGURES OF 2008.**
Look for Hip#s 44, 54 and 68 at FTSAR.

WINSTAR
(859) 873-1717
www.winstarfarm.com

LGB, LLC 2008 / Photo: Adam Cogliandro

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN BRITAIN:
Timber Treasure, g, 4, Forest Wildcat--Lady Ilsley (MSP-Fr), by Trempolino. Beverley, 7-29, Hcp, 3yo/up, 5fT. B-London Thoroughbred Services & Derry Meeting Farm. *\$340,000 2yo '06 FTFEB; 16,000gns HIT '07 TATAUT. **1/2 to Lord Admiral (El Prado {Ire}), MGSW-UAE, GSW-Ire & MGSP-US, \$920,079.
Gulf Express, c, 4, Langfuhr. See "Britain."

IN FRANCE:
+ **Sahpresa**, f, 3, **Sahm**. See "France."

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, JULY 30:

08-09 \$1,000,000 **Arlington Million-I, AP**, 3yo/up, 10fT (2000-late)

08-09 \$750,000 **Beverly D.-I, AP**, 3yo/up, f/m, 9.5fT (1500-late)

08-09 \$400,000 **Secretariat-I, AP**, 3yo, 10fT (800-late)

TOMORROW, THURSDAY, JULY 31:

08-06 \$150,000 **Sorrento-III, Dmr**, 2yo, f, 6.5f (AWT) (150)

08-09 \$150,000 **La Jolla H.-II, Dmr**, 3yo, 8.5fT (150)

08-10 \$150,000 **Best Pal-II, Dmr**, 2yo, 6.5f (AWT) (150)



ROOKIES *sponsored by*
MILLENNIUM FARMS
A Full Service Operation

Stallions - Boarding
Foaling - Lay-Ups
Sales Prep - Consignments

MILLENNIUM FARMS | (859) 294-5439 | www.MILLENNIUMFARMS.com



★ **BRITAIN** ★

Yesterday's Results:

Goodwood, 2.15, Hcp, £50,000, 4yo/up, 9f 192ydsT, 2:06.09, gd.

GULF EXPRESS (c, 4, [Langfuhr](#)--Wassifa {GB} {SP-US}, by **Sure Blade**), runner-up in a Sandown handicap last time July 4, was anchored at the back of the field until turning for home here. Making smooth headway from the three-furlong marker to challenge wide at the distance, the bay was ridden out in the closing stages to best Pinpoint (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}) by 1 1/4 lengths at odds of 10-1. Gulf Express, a \$290,000 KEESEP yearling, is a half-brother to Hold to Ransom (Red Ransom), SW-US. Lifetime Record: 13-4-3-0, £61,694. O-Saeed Suhail; B-Gracefield & Brad Ray; T-M Stoute.

Goodwood, 5.50, Mdn, £20,000, 2yo, c/g, 6fT, 1:12.16, gd.

GYR (IRE) (c, 2, **Pivotal** {GB}--**Rafha** {GB} {G1SW-Fr & GSW-GB, \$320,035}, by **Kris** {GB}), a half-brother to leading sire Invincible Spirit (Ire) (Green Desert), Hwt. Older Horse-Ire at 5-7f, G1SW-GB, GSW-Ire & GSP-Fr, \$375,106, debuted with a fourth over course and distance. The chestnut raced handily in the front rank from the outset of this second go. Coming under pressure approaching the two pole, the 4-1 chance kept finding more under a final-furlong drove to best Run for the Hills (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) by a neck. The winner, who went through the TATOCT ring for 180,000gns as a yearling, is also a half to Sadian (GB) (Shirley Heights {GB}), MGSW-GB, \$188,182; Aquarius (Ire) (Royal Academy), GSP-GB; Massarra (Ire) (Danehill), SW & GSP-GB, GSP-Fr; Kodiak (GB) (Danehill), GSP-GB, \$155,795; and Acts of Grace (Bahri), GSW-GB & SW-Fr. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £13,217.

O-Prince A A Faisal; B-Nawara Stud Company Ltd; T-John Dunlop.

First-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, July 30

Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2005 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW

Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

- HIGH CASCADE** (Woodman), 31/1/0
- 3-EVD, Msw, 5f, Too Hi to Keep, \$5K LSA BDR yrl, 8-1
- JOHAR** (Gone West), Mill Ridge, \$20K, 75/1/0
- 5-SAR, Msw, 5 1/2fT, +Original Ray, \$25K EAS SEP yrl, 15-1
- MEDAGLIA D'ORO** (El Prado {Ire}), Stonewall, \$35K, 150/7/0
- 2-SAR, Msw, 5 1/2f, Glory Gold, \$150K EAS SEP yrl, 3-1
- OLMODAVOR** (A.P. Indy), Adena Springs South, \$10K, 65/4/0
- 1-AP, Msw, 5f, +R Indy Anna, 4-1
- OMEGA CODE** (Elusive Quality), Hartley, 96/7/0
- 7-ELP, Alw, 6f, Cheyenne Code, \$20K FTK JUL yrl, 20-1
- PERFECT SOUL (IRE)** (Sadler's Wells), Darby Dan, \$15K, 86/1/0
- 5-MTH, Msw, 5f, +Bob's Big Bunch, \$22K EAS SEP yrl, 10-1
- SAARLAND** (Unbridled), Darby Dan, \$10K, 90/2/0
- 2-SAR, Msw, 5 1/2f, Saarlandisourland, \$20K SAR AUG yrl, 30-1
- TEN MOST WANTED** (Deputy Commander), Gainesway, \$13K, 81/0/0
- 5-MTH, Msw, 5f, Thunderstruck, 6-1
- TENPINS** (Smart Strike), Walmac, \$7K, 72/0/0
- 3-AP, Msw, 5f, Winpins, \$22K ILL HRA 2yo, 3-1

First/Second-crop starters to watch: Wed., July 30

Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2004 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW

Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

- DECARCHY** (Distant View), Magali, \$5K, 99/18/2
- 7-DMR, Stk, 1 1/2m, Harlene, \$29K BAR OCT yrl, 20-1
- SHORE BREEZE** (Danzig), Eagle Valley, \$5K, 58/13/1
- 3-AP, Msw, 5f, +Illinois Breeze, 15-1
- SLIGO BAY (IRE)** (Sadler's Wells), Adena South, \$10K, 128/28/1
- 3-AP, Msw, 5f, +Sligo Knows, 20-1
- VOLPONI** (Cryptoclearance), Hopewell, 92/24/3
- 5-SAR, Msw, 5 1/2fT, +Spencerific, 20-1
- WAKE AT NOON** (Cure the Blues), Select Stud, \$6K, 4/0/0
- 8-WO, Msw, 7f, +Awake by Noon, 8-1



Wouldn't it be nice to be the first person to secure a season to STREET CRY for 2009?

You can be, if you attend the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation fundraiser Sun., Aug. 3 at 7 p.m. at the Saratoga National Golf Club!

An option to breed to Street Cry at his 2008 fee (\$100,000 live foal, stands and nurses) will be auctioned off at the event, along with unique experiences and options to breed to other hot stallions.

For tickets, call 732-747-8060 or email suefinley@thoroughbreddailynews.com



★ FRANCE ★

Wednesday, Vichy, post time: 2:35 p.m.

PRIX DES JOUVENCEAUX ET DES JOUVENCELLES-Listed, €55,000, 2yo, 7fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	3	Takyro (Fr)	Take Risks (Fr)	Pelat
2	9	Sokar (Fr)	Slickly (Fr)	Boisnard
3	5	Yes Mate (Fr)	Lord of Men (GB)	Gibson
4	2	Full Snow Moon	Vindication	Rouget
5	8	Voie de Printemps (Fr)	Della Francesca	Rossi
6	6	Cotes d'Armor (Fr)	Numerous	Pantall
7	7	Ponte di Legno (Fr)	Sinndar (Ire)	de Nicolay
8	4	Kameruka (Gb)	Auction House	Pritchard-Gordon
9	1	Queen America (Fr)	American Post (GB)	Rob Collet

All carry 125 pounds bar Takyro & Sokar Slickly, 128.

Yesterday's Results:

Maisons-Laffitte, 2.20, Cond, €29,000, 3yo, 7fT, 1:31.50, gd/sf.

TIME TO BEAT (GER) (f, 3, Areion {Ger}--Torbay {Ire}, by Surumu {Ger}), a last-out fifth in the Apr. 19 Listed Dusseldorfer Stutenpreis, was sent straight to the front. Coaxed along when pressed, the 6-1 chance was ridden from the eighth pole to hold Dixie Girl (Fr) (Green Desert) by a neck. The winner was a €22,000 BBASEP yearling. Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €23,500. O-Rennstall Gestut Hachtsee; B-Frau Lore Zieger-Dickerhoff; T-Werner Baltromei.

Maisons-Laffitte, 3.20, Mdn, €22,000, 3yo, 1mT, 1:39.90, gd/sf.

+ SAHPRESA (f, 3, Sahm--Sorpresa, by Pleasant Tap) raced prominently from the outset of this first go, but spooked right away from an observation tower with two furlongs remaining. Recovering to take control approaching the final eighth, the 54-5 chance coasted clear to account for Second Act (GB) (Sadler's Wells) by eight lengths. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €11,000. O-Douglas McIntyre; T-Rodolphe Collet.

★ IRELAND ★

Yesterday's Results:

Galway, 7.35, Mdn, €20,000, 2yo, f, 7fT, 1:32.62, yl/sf.

RARE RANSOM (GB) (f, 2, Oasis Dream {GB}--Rapid Ransom {GSP-Ire}, by Red Ransom), runner-up to the subsequent G3 Silver Flash S. runner-up Chintz (Ire) on debut at Leopardstown June 11, started as the 4-5 favorite representing the Dermot Weld stable, successful with the likes of Dance Design (Ire) and Market Booster. Up to lead early from her inside post, the homebred bay had all rivals in trouble by the time she kicked decisively at the top of the stretch and had little trouble recording a seven-length success. Rare Ransom's dam is a half-sister to the fleet Warrior Queen (Quiet American). [Video, courtesy attheraces.](#) Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, €17,020. O-Lady O'Reilly; B-Castlemartin Stud & Skymarc Farm; T-Dermot Weld.



AUSTRALASIA



SUPPLEMENT ANNOUNCED FOR NZ WINTER SALE

New Zealand Bloodstock has announced that a 33-strong supplementary catalogue has been added to the Winter Mixed Bloodstock Sale, which will be held Sunday Aug. 3 at Karaka. They will be offered at the end of the main sale, for which 101 lots, including broodmares, racehorses and yearlings, have been catalogued. Among the new offerings is **Electricity (Aus)** (Geiger Counter), who will go under the hammer as [lot 116](#). The 11-year-old half-sister to G1SW Mr Bureaucrat (Aus) is carrying a foal from the first crop of Nadeem (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), winner of the G1 Blue Diamond S. Catalogues are available on-line at www.nzb.co.nz.

Stallion season options up for auction at the TRF party Sunday, Aug. 3 at Saratoga:

Stallion's Name	Farm	Live Foal Fee	Due	Donor
First Samurai	Claiborne Farm	\$30,000 (reduced fee)	stands and nurses	Lansdon Robbins
Medaglia d'Oro	Stonewall	\$40,000	stands and nurses	Stonewall Stallions
Street Cry	Darley	\$100,000	stands and nurses	Darley

TODAY'S NEW ADDITIONS!

Broken Vow	Pin Oak Stud	\$30,000 (08 fee)	October 1	Pin Oak Stud
Friends Lake	Airdrie Stud	\$15,000 (08 fee)	Sept. 1	Airdrie Stud
Macho Uno	Adena Stallions	\$20,000 (08 fee)	stands and nurses	Adena Stallions
Pure Prize	Vinery	\$12,500 (08 fee)	November 1	Vinery

More added daily! Watch this space!

Sunday, Aug. 3 at 7 p.m. at Saratoga National Golf Club, 458 Union Ave., Saratoga Springs

Tickets still available @ \$450 per. For information, call (732) 747-8060.



BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

5th-PHA, \$61,364, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:46 3/5, ft.

TALE OF THE DIVA (f, 4, [Tale of the Cat](#)--Graceful Manor, by Cure the Blues) Lifetime Record: 12-2-2-2, \$96,290. O/B-Daniel Inverso (PA). T-Guadalupe Preciado. *Full to Tale of a Dream, MSW, \$159,515.

8th-PHA, \$57,290, NW2X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09 2/5, ft. WHISTLE PIG (g, 4, [Patton](#)--Yanni's Girl, by Commadore C.) Lifetime Record: MSW, 23-8-6-3, \$374,554. O-HACK Stable. B-E Houghton (PA). T-A Carter.

8th-DEL, \$49,280, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44 4/5, ft. DEMPSEY (g, 4, [Marciano](#)--No Time to Write, by Staff Writer) Lifetime Record: 15-4-3-2, \$138,729. O-Win More Stable, Inc. B-Lisa S Fender (MD). T-Timothy F Ritchey. *1/2 to Perfect to a Tee (Parfaitement), MSW, \$585,339; Timely Irony (Iron), MSP, \$176,246.

7th-PHA, \$46,250, NW2X, 3/up, 5f (off turf), :57 2/5, ft. SLY (g, 4, [Elusive Quality](#)--Stormin Cat, by Storm Cat) Lifetime Record: 23-4-6-3, \$174,167. O-Michael Dubb. B-Mace & Samantha Siegel (KY). T-Anthony W Dutrow.

6th-CNL, \$46,200, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT, 1:03 2/5, fm. ANGEL I B (f, 4, [Hay Halo](#)--Princess Falcon, by Imperial Falcon) Lifetime Record: 17-4-3-3, \$107,450. O-Jean B Morris. B-Rose Burns & L McDade (VA). T-E Begley, Jr.

• ON THE WORKTAB •

BELMONT PARK

Baroness Thatcher (Johannesburg), 4f, :48.89, 15/58
Discreet Empire (Empire Maker), 3f, :36.05, 2/22
J Z Warrior (Harlan's Holiday), 4f, :49.55, 26/58
Majestic Warrior (A.P. Indy), 4f, :49.59, 30/58
Sharp Susan (Touch Gold), 4f, :48.10, 6/58

CALDER

Golden Spikes (Seeking the Gold), 4f, :49.20, 10/31

CHURCHILL DOWNS

Magna Graduate (Honor Grades), 5f, 1:01.00, 1/25

DEL MAR

Surf Cat (Sir Cat), 5f, 1:01.60, 24/38

SARATOGA

Boca Grande (A.P. Indy), 5f (tr), :50.43, 12/19
Ketchikan (Mr. Greeley), 4f, :49.18, 11/25
Minister's Bid (Deputy Minister), 4f (tr), :51.04, 17/19
Reynaldthewizard (Speightstown), 5f, :59.44, 1/23
Spanky Fischbein (Hook and Ladder), 5f, 1:00.25, 4/23
Steppenwolfer (Aptitude), 4f, :49.76, 15/25

BRIS Speed Ratings Top Weekly Stakes Races

Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
Kodiak Kowboy	Posse	Amsterdam S.-G2	113
Commentator	Distorted Humor	Whitney H.-G1	109
Stormin Normandy	Stormin Fever	High Rock Spring S.	108
Forever Together	Belong to Me	Diana S.-G1	104
Abraaj	Carson City	Alfred G. Vanderbilt H.-G2	103
Mr. Nightlinger	Indian Charlie	Taylor's Special S.	103
Street Boss	Street Cry (Ire)	Bing Crosby H.-G1	101
Mambo in Seattle	Kingmambo	Henry Walton S.	101
Macho Again	Macho Uno	Jim Dandy S.-G2	101
Karelian	Bertrando	Sea O Erin H.	100
Wild Promises	Wild Event	Luther Burbank H.	99
Storm Mesa	Sky Mesa	San Clemente H.-G2	98
Fellow Crasher	Graeme Hall	Tyro S.	98
Wayzata Bay	Roar	Prairie Meadows H.	97
Seacrettina	Sea of Secrets	Silver Spur S.	97
One Union	Dixie Union	Wickerr H.	96
Test Boy	Brahms	Don Fleming H.	95
Authenticat	D'Wildcat	Passing Mood S.	95
Artie Hot	Black Minnaloushe	Seagram Cup S.-G3	95
Shopton Lane	Quiet American	Skip Away S.	95
Northern Kraze	Aljabr	Wonder Where S.	95
Chhaya Dance	A.P. Indy	Mt. Rainier H.	94

Bloodstock Research Information Services
801 Corporate Dr, Lexington, KY 40503
800.354.9206 • 859.223.4444 • www.brisnet.com

brisnet.com
information is our business

6th-FLX, \$21,000, NW1BX, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m70y, 1:44 3/5, ft.

YET AGAIN (f, 3, [Catienus](#)--Folly Go Rightly, by Distinctive Pro) Lifetime Record: 13-4-3-2, \$84,995. O-Seahorse Stable. B-Cary Shapoff (NY). T-K Grusmark. *1/2 to Carlow (Forever Silver), MSW, \$310,764.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Extreme Ways, f, 3, [Gold Case](#)--Flying Renee (SW), by Fly Till Dawn. DEL, 7-29, 6f, 1:11. B-Dr. Ronald Harris Parker (PA). *\$19,000 2yo '07 FTMMAY.

Stonewall Harlan, g, 3, [Harlan's Holiday](#)--Laurel Hall, by Sovereign Dancer. CNL, 7-28, 6 1/2f, 1:16 4/5. B-Kinney Hounshell & Ruth Fitzgerald (KY). *\$20,000 yrl '06 KEESEP.

Caller Trust, f, 3, [Trust N Luck](#)--Call Your Beau, by Caller I. D.. MNR, 7-28, 6f, 1:12 2/5. B-Bradley Purcell & Charles Parker (KY).

Western Pine, c, 3, [West Acre](#)--Pine Baroness (MSP, \$150,192), by Sheikh Albadou (GB). DEL, 7-29, (C), 6f, 1:10 2/5. B-Gilbert G. Campbell (FL). *\$4,000 wlng '05 OBSOCT; \$25,000 2yo '07 OBSAPR.

Googleized, g, 4, [Behrens](#)--Mr. T.'s Tune (MSW & MGSP, \$255,560), by Al Hattab. FLX, 7-29, 1m70y, 1:45 2/5. B-Donald & Anne Rudder (NY). *1/2 to One Accord (El Gran Senor), MSW, \$153,169.

Royal Liaison, g, 4, [Royal Academy](#)--Quiet Liaison, by Vice Regent. MNR, 7-28, 1mT, 1:36 1/5. B-Carolyn T Groves (KY).



BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

HANDICAP RESULT:

IRELAND, Galway, 7.00, 7-29, €160,000, 3yo/up, 1m 100ydsT, 1:51.28, yl/sf.

CELTIC DANE (IRE) (g, 4, Danetime {Ire}--Quelle Celtique {Fr}, by Tel Quel {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 13-3-2-1, €138,699. O-Gareth McCann; B-Don Collins; T-Kevin Prendergast. *€15,000 yrl '05 GOFORB.

BRITAIN, Goodwood, 4.40, 7-29, £25,000, 3yo/up, 1 3/4mT, 3:03.70, gd.

SANBUCH (GB) (c, 4, Tobougg {Ire}--Monte Calvo {GB}, by Shirley Heights {GB}) Lifetime Record: 12-3-3-2, £59,475. O-Scuderia Rencati SRL; B-The Lavington Stud; T-Luca Cumani. *34,000gns yrl '05 TATOCT.

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, an (S) will be used for state-bred races, a (C) will be used for maiden-claiming races and an (R) will be used for other restricted races.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Riotista (Ire)**, f, 2, **Captain Rio (GB)**--Elitista (Fr), by Linamix (Fr). Beverley, Britain, 7-29, Mdn, 2yo, f, 5fT. B-Martin Donovan.

Ladouce (Fr), f, 2, **Ski Chief--Veliana (Fr)**, by Vettori (Ire). Maisons-Laffitte, France, 7-29, Cond, 2yo, 5 1/2fT. B-Ecurie Vallin.

Rijaiyma (Fr), f, 3, **Desert Prince (Ire)**--Ridafa (Ire), by Darshaan (GB). Plesse, France, 7-28, Mdn, 3yo, 1 1/8mT. B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC.

Border Owl (Ire), g, 3, **Selkirk--Nightbird (Ire)** (MSW-GB), by Night Shift. Windsor, Britain, 7-28, Mdn, 3-4yo, 1m 67ydsT. B-Gainsborough Stud Management Ltd. *€31,000 yrl '06 GOFFEB; 17,000gns yrl '06 TATOCT.

TDN CRITERIA

The races covered in the TDN are as follows:

Stakes - purses of \$50,000/up

Allowance Races - purses of \$20,000/up

Optional Claiming Races - purses of \$20,000/up and a minimum claiming price of \$25,000

Maiden Special Weight Races - purses of \$18,000/up

Maiden Claiming Races - purses of \$18,000/up and a minimum claiming price of \$40,000

WANT TO SEE THE LAST GAME IN YANKEE STADIUM, BUT DIDN'T THINK YOU COULD GET TICKETS?

The TRF will auction off the following item, along with many others, at our upcoming gala Aug. 3 at the Saratoga National Golf Club.

Great Seats At The Last-Ever Three Games in Yankee Stadium!

You and a friend will sit in box seats behind home plate for the last-ever three regular season games at Yankee Stadium September 19, 20 and 21.

Warm up for the experience at a Yankees game at Oriole Park at Camden Yards August 22, 23 or 24.

Get a private tour of Camden Yards, watch batting practice from the dugout, and come to home plate to throw out a ceremonial first pitch. Watch the rest of the game with your friends in front-row seats next to the dugout, and go home with your first-pitch ball and other autographed Orioles items.

Donated by John Angelos



Tickets are going fast! Call Sue Finley at 732-747-8060 or email suefinley@thoroughbreddailynews.com to purchase them.



WRITERS UP

REVIVING HIALEAH *By Bill Finley, special to ESPN.com*

Halsey Minor doesn't seem daunted by the task he has chosen for himself--bringing Hialeah back to life. He should be. Reviving Hialeah won't just be difficult; it will be all but impossible. The once-beautiful old track needs some \$30 million worth of renovations, no longer has a barn area and will never get the prime winter dates it had in its heyday all to itself. That's if Minor gets his hands on it. Hialeah is still owned by the notoriously difficult John Brunetti, who says the dormant track isn't for sale.

Yet, Minor says that not only will he purchase Hialeah and re-open it, he will create something special, a track that will be economically viable, the same sort of racing showcase it once was and a model for the rest of the industry to follow. The odds of that happening may be 1,000-1, but Halsey Minor is clearly one longshot worth betting on. If determination, enthusiasm, business savvy, love of the sport and, yes, deep pockets, mean anything, then maybe Minor is the one person that can actually pull this off.

"I have been part of starting three multi-billion dollar companies and that hasn't been because I haven't been determined," Minor said. "The difference between that and me starting those companies is that this is so much more personal than any of the other things I have done in my life. I can't equate anything else I have done to the importance I put on saving Thoroughbred racing. I view Hialeah as a big part of that. I don't want my Thoroughbreds to turn into a petting zoo."

Halsey grew up in a horse-crazy family in Virginia, where he fell in love with the animal and decided one day he would own his own a stable of racehorses. His success in the business world gave him that chance. Minor, 43, is a technology entrepreneur and the co-founder of Nasdaq 100 technology news site CNet. In 2004, Forbes listed him as the nation's 15th richest person under 40, estimating his net worth at \$286 million.

While becoming more immersed in the racing game as an owner, he grew disillusioned with the current state of the slumping sport and wanted to do something major to help bring racing back.

"When I temporarily retired in 2002, I was going to start buying horses and living out my dream," he said. "It was really the first time I had taken a hard look at the state of the industry and, compared to where it was when I was a child, I was shocked. I was blown away by how much the industry had declined. I decided that rather than go buying a lot of horses I'd take a shot at helping to turn things around."

Initially, he concentrated on organizing a racing series that would encompass major events at tracks across the country. He also flirted with the idea of buying his own track. But as he became more cognizant of Hialeah's past and its subsequent demise, he decided

that's where he would focus his attention.

"Hialeah already does so many things right," Minor said. "The act of bringing it back and bringing it back to where it was on its best day would be another way to signal the rebirth of Thoroughbred racing in America. I realized I would get a twofer: I would get a track that has a lot of proven elements and I would get a symbolic victory by taking something that has declined as the industry has declined and turned it around and brought it back to its glory days."

Minor willingly talks about how racing still doesn't get it when it comes to customer service and how his Hialeah would treat the \$2 bettor and the \$200 bettor alike--like royalty. As far as other ways he would bring people back to Hialeah, he may be short on specifics but he doesn't lack confidence that it can be done. One thing he will not rely on, he said, is slot machines.

"If the state of Florida forced me to put slot machines in at Hialeah I'd refuse," he said. "I'd rather go to jail. I think they are utterly corrosive. There is no overlap between the people who plays slots and the fans of horseracing. Slots are the industry's attempt to ask government for a handout. It's like they're saying they don't believe they can make their industry work anymore, so the government has to give us something."

One thing he doesn't have to worry about is Brunetti's insistence that he will not sell Hialeah. The track has been closed since 2001 and there's no hope that the track will ever re-open under his stewardship. Nor will he be able to develop the property with Halsey lurking out there promising to restore racing. He'd be crazy not to take Minor's money.

Hialeah's biggest problem will be finding a place on the racing calendar to call its own. Back when Hialeah worked, it had control of the prime mid-winter dates, which now belong to Gulfstream Park. Gulfstream obviously isn't going to give them up, which means Hialeah's only alternative may be to go head-to-head against the track to its north.

With the new Gulfstream facility so unpopular with fans and with its parent company Magna Entertainment in serious financial trouble that may not be as difficult as it once was.

"If they choose to put their dates on top of mine, so be it," Minor said. "They'll be going up against a beautifully refurbished Hialeah where the track is 100 percent attuned to the fan experience. I have competed with many companies in my life and I would not view this as one of the more significant competitive threats that I would face."

Still, it won't be that easy. There aren't enough horses in Florida to support two tracks and the established stables figure to stick with Gulfstream, at least initially. Finding horses to run at Hialeah could be a huge problem.

That's just one of many reasons Minor has his work cut out for him. Maybe bringing Hialeah back just can't be done. A bright guy with a lot of willpower says it can. Let's hope Halsey Minor is right. *Reprinted with the permission of espn.com. For more stories on horse racing by Bill Finley, click <http://sports.espn.go.com/sports/horse/index>.*