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THREE CHIMNEYS
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Three Chimneys Grad READY SET Wins West Virginia Derby (see p5)

A HEAVENLY RUN

Aidan O'Brien, the Ballydoyle team and Johnny Murtagh are making the extraordinary commonplace at present and it was another tale of glory yesterday as **Halfway to Heaven (Ire)** (Pivotal {GB}) captured a thrilling G1 Nassau S. at Goodwood. Sent off the 5-1 second favorite in the face of strong support for **Lush Lashes (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}), Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith and Susan



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Magnier's G1 Irish 1000 Guineas heroine was in front where it mattered as that foe charged late to narrow the verdict to a head at the line. After notching an amazing 17th Group 1 for his stable in 2008, Murtagh was giving his now customary lowdown on how another major prize had gone their way. "She had to be brave and got every yard of the trip," he said. "She's very tough and I feel she has come on physically from the Irish Guineas and has strengthened up. The roll continues." Cont. p2

Saturday, Goodwood, Britain

NASSAU S.-G1, £200,000, Goodwood, 8-2, 3yo/up, f/m, 9f 192ydsT, 2:09.73, gd/fm.

1--**HALFWAY TO HEAVEN (IRE)**, 122, f, 3, by Pivotal (GB)

1st Dam: **Cassandra Go (Ire)** (MGSW & G1SP-Eng, GSP-Ire, \$349,964), by Indian Ridge (Ire)

2nd Dam: **Rahaam**, by **Secreto**

3rd Dam: **Fager's Glory**, by **Mr. Prospector** (€450,000 yrl '06 GOFORB). O-Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith & Susan Magnier; B-T Stewart; T-A O'Brien; J-J Murtagh; £113,540. Lifetime Record: G1SW-Ire, G1SP-Fr, 6-3-2-1, £333,440. *1/2 to Theann (GB) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), GSW-Eng, MGSP-Ire, \$144,905. **Werk Nick Rating: A+.** Click for the [eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree](#).

2--**Lush Lashes (GB)**, 122, f, 3, Galileo (Ire)--Dance for Fun (GB), by Anabaa. (€80,000 yrl '06 GOFORB). O-Mrs J S Bolger; B-Mrs A M Jenkins; T-Jim Bolger; £43,040.

3--**Passage of Time (GB)**, 131, f, 4, Dansili (GB)--Clepsydra (GB), by Sadler's Wells. O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd; T-Henry Cecil; £21,540. Margins: HD, HD, NK. Odds: 5-1, Evens, 8-1. Also Ran: Muthabara (Ire), Classic Remark (Ire), Soft Morning (GB), Majestic Roi, Sugar Mint (Ire).

INDIAN BLESSING ROMPS IN TEST.....p4
ZENYATTA ROLLS TO HIRSCH WIN.....p5
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BIG BROWN COMES TO TOWN

G1 Kentucky Derby and G1 Preakness hero **Big Brown** (Boundary) arrived at Monmouth Park yesterday morning and schooled in the paddock in the afternoon. His connections will have their fingers crossed as he takes to the track for today's G1 Haskell Invitational S. "It is a make-or-break race for sure--how can it not be?" co-owner Michael Iavarone told *Daily Racing Form*. "He just got pulled up at 1-5 [in the June 8 G1 Belmont S.]; if that happens again, then something is wrong with the horse, and where do you go from there?" Cont. p3



Big Brown in Monmouth paddock Equi-Photo

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A Blip on the Radar...

Halfway to Heaven stayed under the radar at two and while the stable's Listen (Ire) was carrying all before her in the top fillies' heats, the grey was starting late when breaking her maiden at Leopardstown at the end of October. Runner-up to Caribbean Sunset (Ire) back there on her sophomore bow in the Apr. 6 G3 1000 Guineas Trial S., she excelled when staying on strongly to be third in a vintage renewal of the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches at Longchamp May 11. Passed over by Murtagh for the Curragh version a fortnight later, she battled to a head defeat of the subsequently disqualified Tuscan Evening (Ire) under Seamus Heffernan and was given time off to recover from her exertions. With stamina to prove here, she was helped by the pedestrian early gallop dictated by Muthabara (Ire) (Red Ransom) and her rider's initiative after she was allowed a lead from that rival after showing best for a furlong. Given a kick at the top of the straight, she joined battle with the long-time leader while Lush Lashes and Kevin Manning were holed up in behind. Wrestling the advantage passing the furlong marker, her travails had already ensured victory as the eventual runner-up found daylight. "I was in the right spot because no one wanted to go and we did our own thing in front and doddled around the bends," Murtagh added. "I wanted to save as much as I could, as I knew when I let her go in the straight she was going to extend and Aidan had said she was very straightforward. She is very genuine and always toughs it out--she ran very well on firm ground in the French Guineas and came back to win the Irish Guineas doing just enough. She's won two Group 1s now, so she has to be exceptional. She can run a fast mile or a mile and a quarter, so she has plenty of options." [Click for the Racing Post chart](#), the [brisnet.com PPs](#) or the [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).

Luckless Lush...

While the even-money favorite Lush Lashes did not receive a clear run and looked short of luck, her trainer Jim Bolger was taking it on the chin afterwards. "These things happen," he told *PA Sport*. "Kevin gave an accurate assessment of what happened and I'm not in the blame game. I'm not sure where we will go now. She is in the G1 Yorkshire Oaks [at York Aug. 21] and we'll have a look at that and there is also Leopardstown [for the Sept. 9 G1 Irish Champion S.]." **Passage of Time (GB)** (Dansili {GB}) fared best of the older brigade and was a head back in third, which delighted connections. "She has run really well, she probably would have preferred a better pace and the weight-for-age has probably made the difference," owner-breeder Khalid Abdullah's Racing Manager Teddy Grimthorpe told *PA Sport*. "She will either go for the Yorkshire Oaks or a Group 2 at Deauville."

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GIII Arlington Oaks (9th-ARL) Sky Mom (Maria's Mon) comes from off the pace.

GII Clement Hirsch H. (9th-DMR) Zenyatta (Street Cry {Ire}) rolls to another win.

GI Test S. (10th-SAR) Indian Blessing (Indian Charlie) humbles her rivals.

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the **GIII TAYLOR MADE MATCHMAKER S. AT MONMOUTH**. For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).



TDN Feature Presentation... Continued
GRADE 1 HASKELL INVITATIONAL S.

The Pretenders...

Can anyone spoil Big Brown's return? It seems unlikely, but trainer Todd Pletcher has opted to change equipment on his Haskell runner, **Atoned** (Repent), in the hopes that the addition of blinkers will make a difference. The dark bay has come out on the losing end of the photo in no less than five of his last eight appearances, including the June 14 Spend A Buck S. and July 12 Long Branch S., both at Monmouth. "I don't know whether he has been unlucky or underachieving or overachieving," Pletcher admitted. "We're putting blinkers on him for this race to see if we can get him more focused." The Dogwood colorbearer has not visited the winner's circle since taking the off-the-turf Continental Mile S. at the Oceanport oval last August.



Equi-Photo

Do You Believe in Magic?

Magical Forest (Forest Camp) goes for his third straight victory, and his fourth from five two-turn starts. The dark bay could do no better than fifth over a muddy Monmouth strip in the six-furlong Rumson S. May 31, but rebounded to take the June 9 Floor Show S. at Delaware Park by a neck. Let go at 15-1 in the July 13 Gill Barbaro S. at that track, he battled on the front end from the start and hung in there gamely for a half-length tally. "This colt has been getting better and better," trainer Joe DeMola said. "He and [jockey Jorge Chavez] put it together in the Barbaro, and I'm hoping they can do it again."

HASKELL FACTS AND FIGURES...

- Stakes Record - 1:47** (Bet Twice '87 & Majestic Light '76)
- Largest Winning Margin - 7 lengths** (Bluegrass Cat '06)
- Smallest Winning Margin - nose** (Forty Niner '88 & Holding Pattern '74)
- Winningest Post Position - Post 4** (8)
- Winning Favorites - 18 of 40** (45%)
- Last Year's Winner - Any Given Saturday** (Distorted Humor)

Sunday, Monmouth Park, post time: 6:14 p.m. EDT

41st Running of the HASKELL INVITATIONAL S.-GI, \$1,000,000, 3yo, 9f

PP	HORSE	OWNER	BREEDER	TRAINER/JOCKEY	ODDS
1	Magical Forest <i>(c, Forest Camp--Silken Magic, by Naevus)</i>	Paraneck Stable	Gulf Coast Farms Bloodstock LP (KY)	Demola Chavez	10-1
2	Cool Coal Man <i>(c, Mineshaft--Coral Sea, by Rubiano)</i>	Robert LaPenta	W S Farish & EJ Hudson Jr Irrevocable Trust, et al (KY)	Zito Castro	4-1
3	Alaazo <i>(c, A.P. Indy--Atelier, by Deputy Minister)</i>	Zayat Stables LLC	Alexander, Groves & Matz LLC (KY)	Mott Lezcano	30-1
4	Big Brown <i>(c, Boundary--Mien, by Nureyev)</i>	IEAH Stables, Pompa, et al	Monticule (KY)	Dutrow Jr Desormeaux	1-2
5	Nistle's Crunch <i>(c, Van Nistelrooy--Sam Eye Am, by Island Whirl)</i>	Alien Farms LLC	Alien Farms LLC (NJ)	McPeek Trujillo	15-1
6	Coal Play <i>(c, Mineshaft--Wiscaet, by Kris S.)</i>	Robert LaPenta	Emory A Hamilton (KY)	Zito Bravo	8-1
7	Atoned <i>(c, Repent--Amidst, by Icecapade)</i>	Dogwood Stable	Anthony & Mitzi Robinson (FL)	Pletcher Prado	6-1

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Saturday, Saratoga

TEST S.-GI, \$250,000, SAR, 8-2, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:22 3/5, ft.

1--**INDIAN BLESSING**, 122, f, 3, by [Indian Charlie](#)

1st Dam: Shameful (SW & MGSP, \$241,345), by Flying Chevron

2nd Dam: Lady's Legacy, by Matchlite

3rd Dam: Wavering Lady, by Wavering Monarch

O/B-Hal & Patti Earnhardt (KY); T-Bob Baffert; J-John R Velazquez; \$150,000. Lifetime Record: Ch. 2yo Filly, 9-7-2-0, \$1,997,200. **Werk Nick Rating: A+**.

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

2--**Sweet Hope**, 116, f, 3, Lemon Drop Kid--High Heeled Hope, by Salt Lake. (\$75,000 yrl '06 KEESEP; \$320,000 2yo '07 KEEAPR). O-High Bank Syndicate; B-Castleton Lyons & Kilboy Estate Inc (KY); T-J Larry Jones; \$50,000.

3--**Ms. Margaret H.**, 116, f, 3, Point Given--Cherry d'Or, by Cassaleria. O-James W Brady; B-Bradyleigh Farms Inc & The Thoroughbred Corporation (KY); T-Ian R Wilkes; \$25,000.

Margins: 7, 3, 2 3/4. Odds: 0.40, 5.40, 20.70.

Also Ran: Palanka City, J Z Warrior, Tequilas Dayjur.

She's a perfect four-for-four at under a mile, and

★ **"TDN Rising Star"** ★ Indian Blessing proved herself a premier sprinter with this runaway score.



Horsephotos

Unbeaten in three starts at two, the dark bay capped off her championship season with a front-running romp in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies. The Earnhardt homebred opened 2008 with back-to-back wins in the GII Santa Ynez S. Jan. 13 and GIII Silverbulletday S.

Feb. 9, but had to settle for second in the GII Fair Grounds Oaks. Freshened after her first career loss, she came back in the June 7 GI Acorn S., but weakened late to fill the runner-up spot again, and her connections decided to drop her back to a sprint. The decision has paid off. Indian Blessing came from just off the pace to gallop home an easy winner in the July 5 GI Prioress S. at Belmont, and she made it two straight Grade I victories yesterday. Content to press pacesetter Palanka City (Carson City) from the outside down the backstretch, the champ took over under her own courage at the top of the lane and powered away to another decisive success. "After that last race, we found a dimension where she can relax," trainer Bob Baffert said. "We were afraid to take her back and thought it would be disastrous. She's matured and learned how to relax. It's fun to be in this situation. Today, she reminded me of the great fillies I had trained: Silverbulletday and Chilukki." Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#), the [brisnet.com PPs](#) or the [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.



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Saturday, Greyville, South Africa

CANON GOLD CUP H.-G1, R1,200,000, Greyville, 8-2, 3yo/up, 2mT, 3:20.37, gd.

1--#▲**DESERT LINKS (SAF)**, 126, g, 5, by Kahal (GB)

1st Dam: Selborne Park (SAf) (GSP-SAf), by Home Guard

2nd Dam: Godille (Fr), by Bolkonski (Ire)

3rd Dam: Pram (Fr), by Fine Top (Fr)

O-E A Braun, E G Bouwer, P S Loomes & S P Marcus; B-Gainsborough Stud Management Ltd; T-Basil Marcus; J-Greg Cheyne; R750,000. Lifetime Record: 19 starts, 7 wins, 7 places, R1,282,250.

Werk Nick Rating: B. Click for the [eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree](#).

2--**Membrado (Arg)**, 117, g, 5, Roy--Melody Girl, by Solford. O-C J H van Niekerk; B-Haras Vacacion; T-Sean Tarry; R240,000.

3--**Omaha Beach (SAf)**, 121, g, 7, Allied Flag--Joy of Spring (SAf), by Sharp Romance. O-Mrs J von Garnier, et al; B-D E Ferraris; T-J Ramsden; R120,000. Margins: 1 1/4, 1HF, HF. Odds: 7-2, 15-1, 11-2.

Desert Links was last home in the May 3 G1 Gommagomma Challenge at Turffontein before returning to winning ways in Clairwood's G3 Cup Trial June 14 and finishing fifth in the G1 Durban July on his latest start here July 5. Benefitting from a positive ride from Greg Cheyne, the bay was positioned near the moderate early pace before taking over passing the quarter pole and readily accounting for Membrado.



Saturday, Del Mar

CLEMENT L. HIRSCH H.-GII, \$300,000, DMR, 8-2, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:41 2/5, ft.

1--**ZENYATTA**, 124, f, 4, by [Street Cry \(Ire\)](#)

1st Dam: Vertigineux, by Kris S.

2nd Dam: For the Flag, by *Forli

3rd Dam: In the Offing, by Hoist the Flag

(\$60,000 yrl '05 KEESEP). O-Mr and Mrs Jerome S Moss; B-Maverick Production Limited (KY); T-John A Shirreffs; J-Mike E Smith; \$180,000. Lifetime Record: 7-7-0-0, \$914,580. *1/2 to Where's Bailey (Aljabr), SW, \$116,313; and Balance (Thunder Gulch), MGISW, \$1,048,491. **Werk Nick Rating: C + .**

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

2--**Model**, 112, f, 4, Giant's Causeway--Snowfire (GB), by Machiavellian. O-Abergwaun Farm; B-Neil Jones (KY); T-Neil D Drysdale; \$60,000.

3--**Tough Tiz's Sis**, 119, f, 4, Tiznow--Leaseholder, by Taylor's Falls. O-Watson & Weitman Performances LLC; B-Gary Tussey (KY); T-Bob Baffert; \$36,000. Margins: 1, 5 1/4, HF. Odds: 0.60, 29.40, 6.80.

Also Ran: Romance Is Diane, West Coast Swing, Silver Swallow, Silver Z, Dawn After Dawn. Scratched: Placid Lake.

She had to weave her way through the field, but undefeated Zenyatta found a seam when she needed it and rolled to a handy score over Model. Recognized as a ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ after breaking her maiden by three lengths at Hollywood Park on Thanksgiving 2007, the strapping filly was never really threatened in her next four starts. She proved she could handle something other than a synthetic surface when taking the Apr. 5 GI Apple Blossom H. at Oaklawn and made it five in a row in the May 31 GII Milady H. Tough Tiz's Sis got to within a half-length of her at the finish of the July 5 GI Vanity H., but the Del Mar faithful still made her the 3-5 chalk to keep her perfect record intact. At the back of the pack early, Zenyatta cruised to the front in the stretch and was geared down in the final sixteenth, winning much easier than the final margin might suggest. "The fans go crazy over her, and she never lets them down," jockey Mike Smith said. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#), the [brisnet.com PPs](#) or the [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#) [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)**

Saturday, Mountaineer

WEST VIRGINIA DERBY-GIII, \$750,000, MNR, 8-2, 3yo, 1 1/8m, 1:52, ft.

1--**#@READY SET**, 111, c, 3, by [Touch Gold](#)

1st Dam: Party Cited (GSW & MGISP-US, G1SP-Eng, \$377,943), by Alleged

2nd Dam: Dream Play, by Blushing Groom (Fr)

3rd Dam: Go On Dreaming, by Dewan

(\$800,000 yrl '06 KEESEP). O-Lael Stables; B-Rancho San Peasea SA (KY); T-M Matz; J-J Leparoux; \$450,000. Lifetime Record: 11-4-2-2, \$596,040.

*Full to Composure, MGISW, \$731,300. **Werk Nick**

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

2--**Web Gem**, 111, c, 3, Fusaichi Pegasus--Chasing September, by Storm Boot. (\$170,000 yrl '06 KEESEP). O-Richard Brand; B-Stonestreet Mares LLC (KY); T-Nicholas P Zito; \$150,000.

3--**Real Appeal**, 116, c, 3, Successful Appeal--Formal Process, by Diablo. (\$80,000 yrl '06 FTKJUL; \$80,000 yrl '06 KEEJAN; \$47,000 2yo '07 FTMMAY). O-Roulette Racing LLC; B-Fred Allor (KY); T-T Amoss; \$75,000.

Margins: HD, 3, HF. Odds: 4.60, 24.80, 39.20. Also Ran: Cherokee Artist, My Pal Charlie, Proud Kentuckian, I've Heard It All, Z Fortune, Recapturetheglorry, Stolen Chevy, Acting Zippy. Scratched: Marble Cliff.

Purchased for \$800,000 as a KEESEP yearling, Ready Set was tabbed ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ after breaking his maiden by 10 lengths at Delaware Park in his second start last September. The bay had a horrific trip in the GI Lane's End Breeders' Futurity the following month and finished ninth, but came back to be second in a Delaware allowance test Nov. 4. He capped off the campaign with a Calder allowance score Dec. 28. Off the board in two starts at Gulfstream, including a 10th in the Feb. 24 GII Fountain of Youth S., he got back on track with the return to Delaware this spring. Ready Set captured an allowance test May 11, then was beaten a neck when second in the June 9 Floor Show S. and a half-length when third in the July 13 GIII Barbaro S. Content to sit off the pace here, he closed ground on the turn, grabbed the lead in the stretch and held off longshot Web Gem at the wire. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or the [brisnet.com PPs.](#)**

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Saturday, Arlington Park

ARLINGTON OAKS-GIII, \$100,000, APX, 8-2, 3yo, f, 1 1/8m (AWT), 1:52 4/5, ft.

1--@**SKY MOM**, 122, f, 3, by [Maria's Mon](#)
 1st Dam: **Swiftly Classic**, by **Sky Classic**
 2nd Dam: **Swift Alliance**, by **Afleet**
 3rd Dam: **Stately Bride**, by **Tom Rolfe**
 (\$27,000 yrl '06 KEEJAN). O-Heather Stark;
 B-Woodlynn Farm Inc (KY); T-Steven M Asmussen;
 J-Ramsey Zimmerman; \$58,800. Lifetime Record:
 15-6-4-2, \$452,891. **Werk Nick Rating: B.**
 Click for the [eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree](#).

2--**Dreaming of Liz**, 120, f, 3, El Prado (Ire)--Silver Maiden, by Silver Buck. O/B-Frank Carl Calabrese (KY); T-Wayne M Catalano; \$19,600.

3--**Apple Martini**, 122, f, 3, Giant's Causeway--Crafty Oak, by Crafty Prospector. O/B-Virginia H Tarra Trust (IL); T-Chris M Block; \$10,780.

Margins: 1, 2 3/4, 1HF. Odds: 2.20, 3.20, 11.60.

Also Ran: Day of Victory, French Kiss, Miss Mafioso, Temper Temper. Scratched: Rasierra.

Sky Mom had two stakes wins already to her credit this season, the Feb. 17 Martha Washington S. at

Oaklawn and the Mar. 16 WinStar Oaks at Sunland Park. Fourth in Oaklawn stakes company Apr. 12, the bay had finished second to Storm Mesa in her last two appearances. She finished 13 lengths from the winner in the May 26 Cinemine S. at Lone Star and was just a length in arrears in the June 27 GIII Iowa Oaks at



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Prairie Meadows. Finally getting out of that rival's shadow, she was the crowd's second choice to get the job done here. Rated in fifth through an easy six panels in 1:13.69, Sky Mom eased to the outside and went after front-running Dreaming of Liz in the stretch. She got a head in front at the eighth pole, but had to fight all the way to the wire before getting the better of the persistent runner-up. Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or the [brisnet.com PPs](#). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

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Saturday, Woodbine

ROYAL NORTH S.-GIII, \$159,085, WOX, 8-2, 3yo/up, f/m, 6fT, 1:07 4/5, fm.

1--**@AKRONISM**, 119, f, 4, by Not For Love

1st Dam: Jerry Bomb, by Explosive Bid
2nd Dam: Shibumi, by Stage Door Johnny
3rd Dam: Dusk, by Olden Times

O/B-Robert S Evans (KY); T-Timothy F Ritchey; J-Eurico Rosa Da Silva; \$87,624. Lifetime Record: 20-8-2-3, \$431,496. **Werk Nick Rating: A.** [Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Becky Sharp**, 117, m, 6, Favorite Trick--Lucky Minister, by Bold Ruckus. O/B-Patricia A Martin (ON); T-Andrew Smith; \$38,944.

3--**Marina Ballerina**, 117, f, 4, Outflanker--Tactical Tracey, by Tactical Advantage. O-Robert L Pastor; B-Linda Pastor (FL); T-Sam Di Pasquale; \$16,064.

Margins: 3 3/4, NK, NK. Odds: 3.35, 9.25, 1.80.

Also Ran: Half Sister, Sea the Joy, Eeny Meeny.

Scratched: Green Door.

Akronism has spent a lot of time on the road this season. The bay started the year at Oaklawn Park, taking an allowance test Feb. 10, then was off the board in a pair of stakes tries. Making her next appearance at Delaware Park, she was a solid second in the May 3 Dashing Beauty S., and got back to the winner's circle after

the May 17 Skipat S. at Pimlico. The Evans homebred was a bit over her head in the July 4 GII First Flight H. at Belmont, finishing fifth in the mud, but improved to be third when switched to the turf for the Light Hearted S. at Delaware Park. Looking for her first graded score after the trip across the northern border, Akronism broke well and up to press the pace from third through a half in :44.23. She angled outside for the stretch drive and found another gear, dashing to the front and pulling away to a handy win. The final time was just two ticks off the course record. "I had a chance to be in a good position, and she was traveling perfectly," said jockey Eurico da Silva. "When she was warming up, she was very relaxed. It looked like she had run here 10 times already." [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or the [brisnet.com PPs](#).



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Saturday, Deauville, France

PRIX DE PSYCHE-G3, €80,000, Deauville, 8-2, 3yo, f, 1 1/4mT, 2:09.80, sf.

1--**TOP TOSS (IRE)**, 123, f, 3, by Linamix (Fr)

1st Dam: Tossup (SW-Ire), by Gone West
2nd Dam: Tovalop, by Northern Dancer
3rd Dam: Queen of Capri, by Forli (Arg)

O/B-Ecurie Skymarc Farm; T-Yves de Nicolay; J-Christophe Soumillon; €40,000. Lifetime Record: 8 starts, 4 wins, 3 places, €160,700.

Werk Nick Rating: A +. [Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Changing Skies (Ire)**, 123, f, 3, Sadler's Wells--Magnificent Style, by Silver Hawk. O-Sangster Family; B-Swettenham Stud; T-Brian Meehan; €16,000.

3--**Proviso (GB)**, 123, f, 3, Dansili (GB)--Binche, by Woodman. O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms; T-Andre Fabre; €12,000.

Margins: SNK, NO, HF. Odds: 1.90, 23.00, 2.70.

Also Ran: Albisola (Ire), Lady Deauville (Fr), Goathemala (Ger), Caesarine (Fr), Prudenzia (Ire), Loutka (Fr), Zina Blue (Fr), Myakoda (Fr).

Successful in last September's G3 Prix d'Aumale at Chantilly, Top Toss followed up in the Mar. 15 Listed Prix Rose de Mai at Saint-Cloud next time before running second in the G3 Prix Penelope on her return to Saint-Cloud Apr. 11. She dropped to seventh when attempting a career best in the G1 Prix de Diane in her penultimate outing at Chantilly June 9, and posted another stakes placing when runner-up in the July 6 G3 Prix Chloe at Maisons-Laffitte last time. Top Toss broke best here, but was reserved off the pace after the field settled into a rhythm. Making progress on the inside once turning for home, she engaged turbo at the eighth pole and sliced through the pack, swooping late to deny game pacesetter Changing Skies in the dying strides. "She's a brave, genuine filly who has never run a bad race and always fights with her heart," insisted trainer Yves de Nicolay. "It seems logical, now that she's a dual Group 3 winner, to try and go on to better things. We will give her a shot at the G1 Prix de l'Opera [at Longchamp Oct. 5] because I don't want to run her over a mile and a half in the G1 Prix Vermeille [at Longchamp Sept. 14]." [Click for the Racing Post chart.](#)



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Sunday, Del Mar, post time: 8:30 p.m. EDT
JOHN C. MABEE H.-GI, \$400,000, 3yo/up, f/m,
1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Black Mamba (NZ)	Black Minnaloushe	Sadler	EVEN
2	Solva (GB)	Singspiel (Ire)	Cecil	6-1
3	Green Lyons (Ire)	Green Desert	Drysdale	8-1
4	Ransom Captive	Red Ransom	Hollendorfer	15-1
5	Foxysox (GB)	Foxhound	Gaines	9-2
6	Passified (GB)	Compton Place (GB)	Cassidy	5-1
7	Placid Lake	Greenwood Lake	Cerin	20-1
8	I Can See	Flying Chevron	Knapp	15-1

John C. Mabee cont.

John Sadler considered taking **Black Mamba** to Arlington for the GI Beverly D. Aug. 9, but has opted for the Mabee instead. After arriving from New Zealand, the five-year-old mare won her first start in North America, an allowance race last year at Del Mar. She then placed in eight consecutive stakes in Southern California, including a third the GI Yellow Ribbon S. last September. Second GII Buena Vista H. in February, third in the American Beauty H. in March, and second by a nose in the GII Santa Barbara in April, she put it together with a 1 1/4-length victory in her most recent start, the GII Beverly Hills H. June 29. However, she may have to gun down **Passified**, who figures to be placed prominently and might be able to control a slow pace on a course that has played kindly to speed. Last year's GII San Clemente winner, she captured the restricted Redondo Beach S. at Hollywood June 7 and was fourth in the GII Cash Call Mile July 5.

Sunday, Dusseldorf, Germany, post time: 5:10 p.m.
150TH PREIS DER DIANA-G1, €400,000, 3yo, f,
1 3/8mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	6	Peace Royale (Ger)	Sholokhov (Ire)	Wohler
2	13	Rosenreihe (Ire)	Catcher in the Rye (Ire)	Schiergen
3	4	Lady Marian (Ger)	Nayef	Baltromei
4	9	Baila Me (Ger)	Samum (Ger)	Baltromei
5	14	Tres Rapide (Ire)	Anabaa Blue (GB)	Pantall
6	12	Themelie Island (Ire)	Montjeu (Ire)	A Trybuhl
7	3	Umirage (GB)	Monsun (Ger)	Blume
8	2	Auentime (Ger)	Dashing Blade (GB)	Ostmann
9	8	Salve Germania (Ire)	Peintre Celebre	Hickst
10	18	Larella (Ger)	Anabaa	Rau
11	16	Azalee (Ger)	Lando (Ger)	J Hirschberger
12	7	Dawn Dew (Ger)	Montjeu (Ire)	Schiergen
13	19	Bella Amica (Ger)	Black Sam Bellamy (Ire)	Rotering
14	11	Porta Westfalica (Ire)	Noverre	Hickst
15	1	Ianapourna (Ger)	Dai Jin (GB)	J Hirschberger
16	5	Affair (Fr)	Montjeu (Ire)	Rau
17	10	Bittersweetsymphony (Ger)	Hawk Wing	Mader
18	17	Carolina Directa (Ger)	Black Sam Bellamy (Ire)	Sprengel
19	15	Perseida (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Schiergen

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Preis der Diana cont.

Peace Royale is the name on everyone's lips as she bids to prove her stamina in this Classic. She had looked among the best of her sex over a mile when winning the G3 Schwarzgold-Rennen at Cologne May 12 and the July 2 G3 Hamburger Stutenpreis and was forced to miss her shot at the G2 German 1000 Guineas due to a setback. Chief opposition will come from the unbeaten **Baila Me**, who captured the G2 Diana-Trial at Cologne last time June 15 and that rival's stable companion **Lady Marian**, who was impressive when winning the July 4 G3 Fahrhofer Stutenpreis at Hamburg. An intriguing member of the cast is **Salve Germania**, the first foal of the 2002 heroine *Salve Regina* (Ger). She needs to improve on her fifth in the aforementioned Fahrhofer Stutenpreis.

Sunday, Deauville, France, post time: 3:15 p.m.

PRIX ROTHSCHILD (EX PRIX D'ASTARTE)-G1, €250,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	7	Darjina (Fr)	Zamindar	de Royer-Dupre	126
2	6	Sabana Perdida (Ire)	Cape Cross (Ire)	de Royer-Dupre	126
3	1	Barshiba (Ire)	Barathea (Ire)	Elsworth	126
4	3	Nahoodh (Ire)	Clodovil (Ire)	Johnston	119
5	8	Natagora (Fr)	Divine Light (Jpn)	Bary	119
6	4	Raymi Coxa	Van Nistelrooy	M Botti	119
7	2	Briseida (GB)	Pivotal (GB)	Schiergen	119
8	5	Goldikova (Ire)	Anabaa	F Head	119
9	9	Spring Touch	Elusive Quality	F Head	119

Trainer Alain de Royer-Dupre has issued a warning over the participation of last year's winner **Darjina** and **Sabana Perdida**, who are dependent on fast ground to deliver their best. The former, who captured last term's G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches and G1 Prix du Moulin at Longchamp in May and September, has come unstuck on a soft surface more than once and was scratched from Newmarket's G1 Falmouth S. last month after the rains came. Both were last seen at Royal Ascot. Darjina was runner-up to Haradasun (Aus) in the June 17 G1 Queen Anne S. and Sabana Perdida won the G2 Windsor Forest S. 24 hours later. "We decided not to run Darjina at Newmarket and I'm afraid, because the forecast is not good in Deauville," their conditioner, who is seeking a third consecutive renewal, told *PA Sport*. "Unfortunately Sabana Perdida needs the ground fast too, just as it was at Ascot when she ran so well." **Natagora** heads the sophomore challenge in receipt of seven pounds due to the weight-for-age system, and that will make the task harder for her elders if she can reproduce the form of her win in the G1 1000 Guineas May 5. Freshened after finishing third in the June 1 G1 Prix du Jockey-Club, the grey will handle any cut in the ground. **Nahoodh**, who appeared unlucky not to be in the shake-up when hampered late in the Newmarket Guineas, rebounded from below-par efforts in the Irish equivalent and G1 Coronation S. at Royal Ascot to win the Falmouth July 9.

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Sunday, Saratoga, post time: 5:20 p.m. EDT

FOURSTARDAVE H.-GII, \$150,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Red Giant	Giant's Causeway	Pletcher	5-1
2	War Monger	War Chant	Mott	9-2
3	Prince Rahy	Rahy	Alexander	20-1
4	Thorn Song	Unbridled's Song	Romans	4-1
5	Danak (Ire)	Pivotal (GB)	McLaughlin	6-1
6	Stalingrad	Glitterman	Hushion	15-1
7	Jungle Fighter	Wild Rush	Nixon	12-1
8	Distorted Reality	Distorted Humor	Pletcher	15-1
9	Cosmonaut	Lemon Drop Kid	C Martin	5-1
10	Inca King	Sir Cat	Asmussen	10-1
11	Elusive Fort (SAf)	Fort Wood	Malek	15-1

Thorn Song is undefeated in two previous Saratoga starts, including an optional-claiming score at the Spa last summer. The grey bids for his third straight after taking an optional claimer June 8 and the GII Firecracker H. July 4, both at Churchill. **Inca King**, a modest \$9,000 KESEF yearling, ran his record on the grass to seven-for-11 with a front-running score in the May 31 Opening Verse S. at Churchill Downs. The four-year-old is perfect in three starts at this trip. **Red Giant** has never been worse than second in his seven turf starts, taking the GII Virginia Derby and running second in the GI Secretariat S. last year. The four-year-old has not been out since a runner-up effort in the GIII Jamaica H. last October.



Stakes Previews cont.

Sunday, Monmouth park, post time: 5:35 p.m. EDT

OCEANPORT S.-GIII, \$150,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	Gentleman Chester	Chester House	Nicks	118
2	Hotstufanthensome	Awesome Again	Pompay	116
3	Ruff and Ready	More Than Ready	Pletcher	116
4	Silver Tree	Hennessy	Mott	120
5	Giant Wrecker	Giant's Causeway	A Dutrow	116
6	Baron Von Tap	Pleasant Tap	Tesher	116
7	Presious Passion	Royal Anthem	Hartman	123
8	Buffalo Man	El Prado (Ire)	Gambolati	120
9	A.P. Magic	A.P. Indy	Benning	116

Sunday, Monmouth Park, post time: 4:31 p.m. EDT

TAYLOR MADE MATCHMAKER S.-GIII, \$150,000,

3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	Cozzi Capital	Cozzene	Wilensky	116
2	Dancing Band	Dixieland Band	Ma Wolfson	116
3	J'ray	Distant View	Pletcher	116
4	Waquoit's Love	Not For Love	Hills	116
5	Paris Winds (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Mott	116
6	Dyna's Lassie	Dynaformer	Fout	118
7	Eclisse (Fr)	Ski Chief	Ma Wolfson	116
8	Social Queen	Dynaformer	Goldberg	118
9	Prop Me Up	Reparations	Orseno	116

Sunday, Deauville, France, post time: 2:10 p.m.

PRIX DE CABOURG - JOCKEY-CLUB DE TURQUIE-G3,

€80,000, 2yo, 6fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	5	Abbeyside (GB)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Cole	123
2	3	Silver Frost (Ire)	Verglas (Ire)	de Nicolay	123
3	1	Bargouzine	Stravinsky	Fabre	120
4	2	Madda's Force (Ity)	Blu Air Force (Ire)	Betti	120
5	4	Enchanting Muse	Fusaichi Pegasus	Rob Collet	120

Sunday, Klampenborg, Denmark, post time: 3:55 p.m.

SCANDINAVIAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP-G3,

DKr500,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/2mT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	Lumen (Fr)	Verglas (Ire)	Larsen	123
2	Alnitak	Nureyev	Olsen	128
3	Dan Tucket (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Olsen	117
4	Pecoiquen (Chi)	Hussonet	Castro	128
5	Jagodin (Ire)	Be My Guest	Reuterskiold Jr	128
6	Mick Jerome (Ire)	Kahyasi (Ire)	Haugen	128
7	Bongo Bello (Den)	Asaasy	Christensen	128
8	Hot Fudge (Swe)	Lomitas (GB)	Reuterskiold Jr	123
9	Chinese Mandarin	Kingmambo	Van Doorn	128
10	Alpacco (Ire)	Desert King (Ire)	Kelp	128
11	Appel Au Maitre (Fr)	Starborough (GB)	Neuroth	130
12	Django (Swe)	Acatenango (Ger)	Stromberg	128
13	Peas and Carrots (Den)	Final Appearance (Ire)	Reuterskiold Jr	130
14	Alpino Chileno (Arg)	Alpino Fitz	Haugen	128
15	Eko Arabian Night (Den)	Final Appearance (Ire)	Runoe	128

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George Strawbridge Jr

Accomplishment: Forever Together, owned by Strawbridge's Augustin Stables, won the GI Diana S. at Saratoga July 26.

Birthdate: Oct. 20, 1937

Birthplace: Philadelphia, Penn.

Family: Wife Nina; sons George III, Andrew and Stewart; and stepdaughters Sanna and Katherine.

Current Residence: Unionville, Penn.

First win as an owner? It was a steeplechase race, a horse by the name

of Gaddo.

Can you tell us of your involvement in steeplechase racing? I used to be president of the National Steeplechase Association. I still have jumpers. I used to ride timber and brush races from the late 60s to the middle 80s.

If you could change one thing in our sport, what would it be? Stop the use of steroids. They are banned in every sport in this country and banned everywhere else in the world. They're just not necessary.

If you could win any race you haven't won already, what would it be? The English Derby.

Who was your biggest idol growing up? The man I most admire, Winston Churchill. He was such a great orator. He could change a nation's mind with one speech.

If you could have dinner with one historical figure, who would it be, and why? Samuel Johnson. He wrote so well and seemed to have such wisdom and insight into human being and human nature.

What is your favorite vacation spot? Where I am right now: Mt. Desert Island off the coast of Maine.

Favorite food or meal: New York Strip

What's your favorite film? Because I'm a romantic, probably any film with Audrey Hepburn.

What is your drink of choice? Red burgundy.

Where would you like to go that you haven't already been? I don't think anywhere. I just like to revisit my favorite places.

But have you been to Lucarno, Italy, yet? You're right about that. I'd like to visit Italy and see Lucarno. Especially if he wins another race. (Strawbridge's champion homebred Lucarno {Dynaformer}, winner of the 2007 G1 St. Leger S. and this year's G2 Prince of Wales's.)

Childhood ambition? To get decent grades.

Perfect day? Anytime you wake up in the morning is a pretty perfect day.

Favorite book? War and Peace, but that takes quite an amount of time to read.

Favorite time of year and why? Spring time. Everything is blooming.

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Sunday, Woodbine, post time: 5:08 p.m. EDT

BREEDERS' S., (S), \$500,000, 3yo, 1 1/2mT.

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	East End Tap	Pleasant Tap	Baker	10-1
2	Palmers	Grand Slam	Casse	4-1
3	Sligovitz	Sligo Bay (Ire)	Lynch	7-2
4	Marlang	Langfuhr	England	8-1
5	Deputiformer	Silver Deputy	De Paulo	12-1
6	Pronger	Stormin Fever	De Paulo	15-1
7	Go in Peace	Northern Strike	Drake	20-1
8	Mamma's Knight	Ascot Knight	Di Pasquale	12-1
9	Solitaire	Victory Gallop	Bond	5-2
10	Cryptonite Kid	Cryptoclearance	Vella	15-1

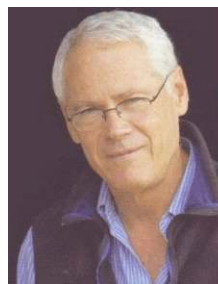
Monday, Saratoga Race Course

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF RACING HALL OF FAME S.-

GII, \$150,000, 3yo, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Wesley	El Prado (Ire)	Castellano	115
2	Adriano	A.P. Indy	Prado	115
3	Willsboro Point	Point Given	Coa	120
4	Picou	With Approval	Leparoux	115
5	Deal Making	Empire Maker	Dominguez	117
6	Thou Swell	Aptitude	Samyn	115
7	Field Sport	Jade Hunter	Albarado	115

MINT LANE INJURED GII Dwyer S. winner **Mint Lane** (Maria's Mon), who pressed the pace before fading to sixth in the July 27 GII Jim Dandy S., has suffered a condylar fracture of his left hind leg, the *Daily Racing Form* reports. The three-year-old will be sidelined until next year. Trainer Jimmy Jerkens told *DRF* that the colt would ship to Hogan Equine Clinic in Cream Ridge, New Jersey, for surgery, and will miss at least four months of training. A \$270,000 KEESOP yearling purchase for Pinebloom Stable, Mint Lane has compiled a record of 10-4-2-1, and earnings of \$298,412. He captured the Postponed S. at Belmont and was runner-up in the GII Peter Pan S. and the Federico Tesio S.



op/ed
by rob whiteley

THE GAME HAS CHANGED, NOT THE HORSE

There's been a lot of high-profile, loose talk floating around lately about how we are allegedly producing weaker, softer, more fragile Thoroughbreds. A Congresswoman from Illinois said so in a Congressional Hearing. Randy Moss announced it to the nation on ESPN. And veteran story teller Bill Nack even made up a story about it. I'm not sure what qualifies any of them to weigh in on the issue, but I know for sure that they speak from hear-say or anecdotes, and personal opinion, rather than from supportable or researched facts.

Quite a few folks lately seem to be looking at the steady decline in average starts per foal as an indication that our breeding and in-breeding practices are causing racehorses to be less "durable." This notion is merely a simplistic, knee-jerk response without any substantive base. It is nothing more than a red herring. Based on my 25 years of experience breeding racehorses, I see no change in the horses themselves. It's *the game* that has changed. *It's what we do to and with our Thoroughbreds that accounts for the decline in average starts.*

☆ NEWS TODAY ☆

PEEPING FAWN RETIRED **Peeping Fawn** (Danehill-Maryinsky {Ire}, by Sadler's Wells) has been retired, trainer Aidan O'Brien has announced. Successful in last year's G1 Pretty Polly S., G1 Irish Oaks, G1 Nassau S. and G1 Yorkshire Oaks, Michael Tabor and Susan Magnier's four-year-old failed to make it back to the track in 2008. "We took her away from home to work before she was due to run in the Pretty Polly S. in June and things weren't quite 100 percent with her afterwards," O'Brien told the *Racing Post*. "While the problem wasn't a major one, she didn't come back the way we had thought she would. As she has been such a great filly, we took the decision on Friday morning to retire her." Peeping Fawn is a half to last year's G1 Criterium International winner Thewayyouare, and her dam is a half to Better Than Honour. She won five of her 10 starts and banked \$1,387,274 in earnings.

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I'm thinking that our contemporary horses may even be *tougher* than earlier models to be able to hold up as well as they do despite everything we put in their way.

Speculation that in-breeding to Native Dancer, Mr. Prospector, etc., has weakened our breed is simply unsubstantiated opinion, and it is nonsense to think that we could alter the breed in a few generations. So, if the horses themselves haven't changed significantly, what else might explain the decline in average starts?

A structural analysis of how *the game has changed* points to a complex interaction of many factors which, taken together, explain the decline. One factor alone would only explain part of the decrease; but all of the factors listed below, in combination, likely account for most of the downward trend. The reader may even be able to think of additional circumstances that contribute to the drop in average starts.

First, it is important to note that average starts began to decline steadily with *the advent of year-round racing*. In the '40s, '50s, '60s, and '70s, horses would typically race on a circuit and then be given a season off for rest and recuperation. They might race seven or eight months a year and spend the rest of their time rejuvenating their bodies and spirits and transitioning back into racing fitness. In our "modern" era, it seems we forget that horses are herd animals and living creatures. They are not meant to be cooped up in cell-like stalls year round. Twelve months in confinement with a brief time each day for exercise in repetitive routines is not merely tough on them physically, it is unnatural for a horse and stifling to the spirit. As thinking, feeling creatures, horses need time off to, well, *just be horses*, out picking grass with their heads down and some sunshine on their backs.

Second, and equally important, we too often substitute *veterinary intervention* for good, old-fashioned horsemanship. Racetrack vets have a stranglehold on many racing barns. Just look at your vet bills each month. Relying on medications may get a horse to the next race, but it generally lowers the probability of getting that horse through the next six or eight.

It is not surprising to most of us, therefore, that career starts have declined in an era of increasing drug use.

Third, our *emphasis on speed* in relation to two-year-old sales likely has a negative effect on the career longevity of many young horses who go through the rigors of preparing to breeze as fast as they can on a given day. Instead of bringing the babies along patiently, and within themselves, based on each horse's own developmental needs, predispositions, and time-table, we push them along on our own imposed schedule, to get a return on investment. The minority of sales horses that hold up to this regimen are testimony to the concept of survival of the fittest, and some of them go on to be major horses. But how many potential stars are compromised along the way? This Darwinian process could be easily altered to benefit buyers, sellers, and horses alike by simply returning to the previous practice of showing the babies in a strong gallop without causing them to fly through the stretch faster than most of them will ever run again. Because this current fascination with speed still reigns supreme, however, about 60% of the two-year-olds catalogued are not sold at auction, and an untold number likely have their long-term durability affected in negative ways, contributing to the decline in average career starts.

Fourth, *trainer stats* have been published for about 15 years, causing trainers' reputations to be judged in part by their win percentage. Thus, some trainers, wishing to maintain an edge in public perception and recruitment of horses, pick their spots very carefully and sometimes scratch a horse when they don't like their chances, in order to protect their win percentage.

When a horse is scratched, it typically has to sit out for several days before it can be entered again for another race, thereby causing more wear and tear from training without having made another start when it was ready. This modern phenomenon probably contributes incrementally to the overall annual reduction in starts.

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FORESTRY

NEW STAKES WINNER FOR FORESTRY

AWSUGAHNOW, a 4YO filly, becomes Forestry's Newest Stakes Winner by capturing the W.V. Secretary of State Stakes at Mountaineer. An hour earlier, promising 2YO BEACON HILL ROAD breaks his maiden impressively at Monmouth while later on the same day, Gary & Mary West's WEST EXPRESS wins a \$67,000 Allowance race at the Spa.

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Fifth, economics figure heavily into the puzzle. Just chart the 40-year average cost of Thoroughbreds against the decline in average starts and you will see that as investment cost goes up, average starts go down in an inverse or similarly linear way. The inference here is that one way *the game has changed* is that managers and trainers *protect the investment*. Clearly, expensive foals race less today, and cheaper foals race more. This is fully supported by recent *Blood-Horse* research data which show that, during the last decade, foals by stallions with a stud fee of \$50,000 or more started 20% fewer times than foals by stallions with fees from \$10,000 to \$50,000. Furthermore, average starts per foal in the latter group were 17.8, not that far from the 20.4 of the 1970s.

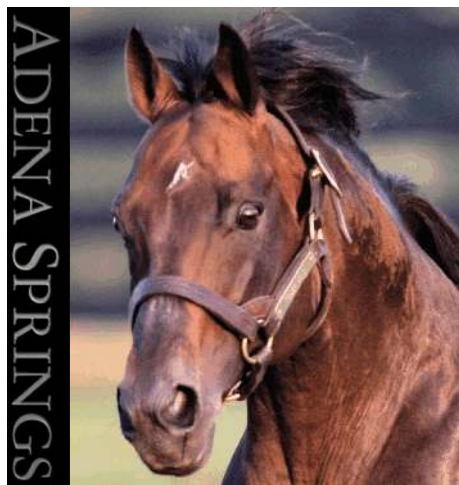
Our sport is not unique in the way the game has changed to protect investment. Take Major League Baseball, for example. In the '70s, Major League pitchers typically pitched 300 or more innings per year and it was commonplace for a starter to throw 200 pitches in a game. Today, in an era of expensive ball players and huge investment, pitchers average closer to 130 - 140 innings per year and managers often yank their starters when they approach 100 pitches. Are pitchers softer or more fragile today? Not likely. The economics and logistics of the game have changed, and some of the change occurs to protect a large investment. I don't hear anyone blaming the pitchers' Moms and Dads (or great-great grandfathers) because their boys' pitch counts have declined from those in the '70s.

Sixth, given the *steadily rising costs of training* and the gouging nature of veterinary charges, the annual expense of keeping a horse in training (\$30,000 - 50,000+) enters heavily into the average starts equation. The influence of economics on the decline in average starts is especially influential because purses are declining when adjusted for inflation. Thus, many "modern" owners are quicker than their historic counterparts to pull the plug on their horses in training, thereby shortening their careers if they are not sufficiently productive.

Owners of well-bred fillies, for example, will typically try them a few times to see if they have potential to earn black type, but will retire them early to be broodmares if they are not measuring up and paying their way. This aspect of the changing game is even more noticeable and dramatic with regard to stallion prospects who are quickly pulled from the track to the breeding shed.

Seventh, *inefficiencies* in modern condition books and the writing of races often *restrict opportunity* and, therefore, play some role in a horse's number of annual starts. As Yogi Berra might say, "They can't run if they can't start." Horses are trained on and trained on. When it is time to run, they need to run. Trainers point to a particular race in the condition book, and when the race is "not used" or their horse does not "draw in," the horse does not get to run when it is ready. Missing a race when the horse is ready to race merely produces more training, with all the wear and tear that continuous training entails. A comparative study describing the frequency of missed opportunities in the '40s, '50s, '60s, and '70s needs to be conducted to assess the extent that our game may have changed to delay or postpone racing opportunity. My guess is that in the previous era, because of fewer horses and fewer races, when a horse was ready to run, it had a greater chance to race.

Obviously, a lot of complex variables are mixing and interacting together to reduce the number of starts our horses make. The economic realities of keeping a horse in training are currently so daunting, we need to identify and quickly address the causes in order to fix this serious problem. At a time when we are desperate to attract new owners and keep the ones we have, we need our horses running much more often. They can't earn money or bring sufficient excitement and joy to their owners when standing in a stall or merely working themselves into the ground while training on the track morning after morning. Meanwhile, let's focus on the real causes of fewer starts per foal, and stop trying to say it's the breeders or the breed. *Comments? Please email TDN at suefinley@thoroughbreddailynews.com.*



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No. Offered	160	188
No. Sold	130	142
RNAs	30	46
% RNAs	18.8%	24.5%
No. Over \$500K	20	16
No. Over \$1 Million	6	2
High Price	\$1,600,000	\$2,200,000
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Irwin Finding Value in Yearling Market...

Team Valor International's Barry Irwin caused a splash at last year's Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale, taking home the sales-topping son of Mr. Greeley for \$2.2 million. That colt, now named **Kinsella** had been training with Todd Pletcher, but has been given some time off. "He had a chip removed from one ankle; not a big deal, but a little deal," Irwin explained. "He's basically a horse who is very immature. He's big, he's muscular, but his bone structure is such that he needed more time. We could have left this little thing in there. It wasn't that big a deal, but since we had to give him time anyway, we went in there and flushed both of his ankles out." Irwin expects Kinsella to return to the Pletcher barn in November and he didn't rule out a juvenile appearance for the colt, although he is more likely to make his first start next year.



Irwin Horsephotos

Irwin is fresh off a buying spree at Fasig-Tipton July, where he found the market much to his liking.

"[The July sale] suited me perfectly, I can tell you that," Irwin said. "I bought seven horses, six of them between \$60,000 and \$95,000. I bought one for \$170,000. I think the market is very restrictive right now. The middle has kind of sunken down a little bit. I was able to get every horse I wanted, but one. The only one I got outbid on went for \$295,000, and I couldn't see any difference between him and the ones I was buying for \$75,000 and \$80,000. So I just stopped bidding." **Cont. p2**

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Afleet Alex (Northern Afleet)	C: 12 , 42 , 50 .
Closing Argument (Successful Appeal)	C: 105 .
Consolidator (Storm Cat)	C: 160 .
Eddington (Unbridled)	C: 101 . F: 98 .
Forest Danger (Forestry)	C: 112 .
Ghostzapper (Awesome Again)	C: 50 , 141 . F: 02 , 32 , 62 , 92 , 179 .
Limehouse (Grand Slam)	C: 20 , 25 , 33 .
Purge (Pulpit)	C: 70 , 79 .
Rock Hard Ten (Kris S.)	C: 53 , 75 , 189 . F: 128 .
Roman Ruler (Fusaichi Pegasus)	C: 163 . F: 140 , 191 .
Saint Liam (Saint Ballado)	C: 113 , 192 . F: 04 , 175 .
Value Plus (Unbridled's Song)	F: 169 .

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Irwin is finding more value in the yearling market this year.

"This year we decided we weren't going to buy any more American racehorses for the rest of the year--because the yearling market is going to suit us, because the prices are good for the first time in a long time, and you get the bonus depreciation and the expense allowance which makes it easier to sell," he said.

And he is expecting more of the same at Saratoga.

"I think [Saratoga] is going to be like most of the sales," he said. "I think the average and median will go down a little bit. The marginal horses are probably going to be hard-pressed to sell, but if there is a really good one, it will be an effort [to buy it]. People will spend whatever it takes. But I think, generally speaking, everything is going to be a little bit down. There isn't as much competition as there has been because money is not as free."

Irwin has definite ideas about the market, but don't ask him about this year's Saratoga catalogue.

"I don't look at catalogues; I look at horses," Irwin said. "And then when I'm finished looking, then I'll look at the catalogue. When I go to the consignor, I say, 'Don't give me the name of the sire and don't give me any updates, or I'm walking away.' I buy strictly on conformation. I don't care what the pedigree is. I have them walk the horse back and forth so I can determine what its front legs look like. If its front legs look good, then I'll look at it from the side. If I don't like the front legs, then I'll say, 'Next.'"

That game plan worked well with last year's Saratoga topper.

"He just blew me away," Irwin said of the \$2.2-million yearling. "You don't see a horse that is that big and is that well-proportioned. His front legs were perfect. He just had everything I wanted."

Irwin will employ those same tactics at Saratoga this year, with no definite idea of how many yearlings he'll buy or what price range he'll be buying in.

"What I do is, I just look at everything, and if I see something truly outstanding and I have to have it, then I'm buying it," he explained. "It just depends on if that special horse is there. Generally I try to buy one or two good fillies or one or two good colts. I just went a little ape at the Fasig-Tipton sale because the prices were so good, I just couldn't resist."

Consignors will be hoping Irwin sees plenty of yearling he can't resist at Saratoga. *-Jessica Martini*

As Blue as the Grass...

Bluegrass Thoroughbreds Services' John Stuart and Peter Bance know what a good yearling looks like.

Having previously offered Grade I winner Eddington, graded-stakes winners Bwana Bull, What a Song, Coy

Coyote and Group 2 winner Rio de la Plata as yearlings through their operation, the Bluegrass team brings eight yearlings to this season's Saratoga sale and expect the newest alum to build on the companies burgeoning reputation. Included among this year's offering is [Hip 194](#), a bay filly by Silver Deputy. The Apr. 3 filly, owned by Mueller Farms, is the second foal out of GSP Literary Light (Ide), a full sister to MGSW & GSP Junior College. The nine-year-old mare was purchased by Mueller Farms for \$380,000 at Keeneland November in 2005.

"I love her sire, Silver Deputy," said Stuart. "Her mother was an out-and-out, tough, New York sprinting stakes mare. She's just a lovely filly."

Another filly sure to draw interest is [Hip 155](#), a bay by Elusive Quality. Offered on behalf of North Wales LLC, the Feb. 2 foal is out of Galeta (Arg), a multiple Group 1 winner in her native Argentina. The Kentucky-bred is a half-sister to Lokoya (Woodman), who was second by a desperate nose behind Marylebone in the 2003 GI Matron S. and Argentine stakes winner High Flight (Arg) (Mutakddim).

"I really like the way that she is made," explained Stuart. "I also sold her half sister [Lokoya] at this sale."

Also one of the primary players in the Stallion Company--a stallion brokerage firm launched early last year--Stuart was quick to express his enthusiasm about another member of this year's consignment: a member of Afleet Alex's first crop of foals.

[Hip 42](#), the bay, who is the property of BAN Partners, is out of MGSW & GISP Restored Hope, the dam of Sabellina (Langfuhr), winner of the GIII Cardinal H. and earner of \$531,237.

"I work with a guy who has seen most of the Afleet Alex yearlings and he tells me that I have the best colt he's seen," offered Stuart. "As a first-year stallion prospect, [Afleet Alex] was a very sought-after horse, so I bred my best mare to him."



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And while impressed by the tough-knocking nature of the colt's New York-bred dam, Stuart was overflowing in praise for the yearling's GI Preakness S. winning sire.

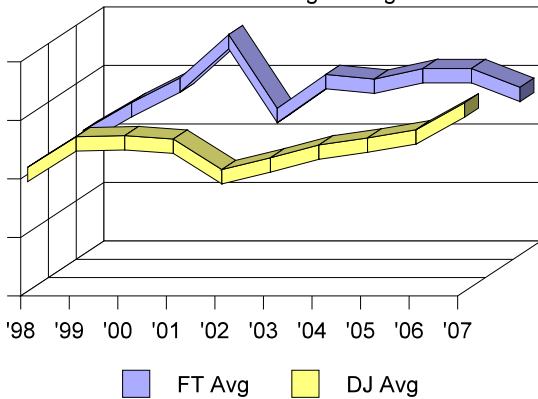
"You know, I am in the stallion business and I can tell you that the hardest one to buy was Afleet Alex, because I tried to buy him [with Castleton Lyons Farm's Tony Ryan]," explained Stuart. "We came within a hair of buying him. We negotiated for a month, and then Jess Jackson came in and scooped him up. Nobody will ever forget his athleticism and gameness when he ran in the Preakness."

With Fasig-Tipton's July yearling sale already in the bag, Stuart surmised that the Saratoga equivalent would keep things rolling in a positive direction.

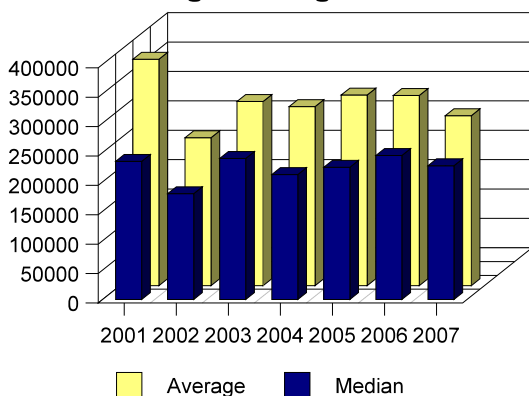
"I think the Saratoga sale will have the best chance to hold up to its averages and its gross, because everybody says that the buyers who will be least affected by economic woes are the ones who want the most select yearlings. Well, *these* are the most select that Fasig-Tipton offers and there are not that many of them on the market. It wouldn't be a surprise if things were off a little bit, but in theory, I think, they will be off less here than other sale we see all year."--C Bossinakis

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BUYING AT THE TOP OF THE MARKET AT THE 2007 FASIG-TIPTON SARATOGA SALE

There were 16 yearlings purchased for \$500,000 or more at 2007 F-T Saratoga (down from 20 in 2006)

Buyer	\$500K+ '07	\$500K+ '06
Arc Bloodstock Inc	0	1
B Lunsford	1	0
B Wayne Hughes	2	0
Blandford Bloodstock	1	0
Courtlandt Farm	0	1
Dale Romans	1	0
Dixiana Stables Inc	0	1
Dr Dermot O'Byrne	1	4
Fox Hill Farms	0	1
Hartley-DeRenzo Tbred	0	1
John Ferguson	4	2
Lazy F Ranch	1	0
Live Oak Plantation	0	1
Lukas Enterprises	2	0
Mike Ryan	0	1
Richard Greeley Jr	0	1
Ridgewood Racing	0	1
Shadwell Estate Co Ltd	0	3
Team Valor Int'l	1	0
W S Farish	1	0
Zayat Stables	1	2
Total:	16	20



A King and His Court...

Television magnate and horse owner Roger King was certainly one of a kind. Nowhere was that more evident than at the 2001 renewal of this very sale. King, alongside bloodstock agent Buzz Chace, was locked in a bidding duel with Padua Stable's Satish Sanan. Both men were set on landing the third horse through the ring, a striking colt from the third crop of Unbridled's Song. Sanan seemed to have launched the winning salvo at \$1.8 million, prompting King, seated just a few rows up, to abruptly stand up and storm out of the pavilion. King theatrically lit a cigarette just outside as folks waited to see what he would do next. After a few moments, he came back in and bid \$1.85 million. This time it was Sanan's turn to stand up. He walked over and calmly asked King if he would like to go in together on the colt. King, in a somewhat impolite and salty manner, declined. Not quite the normal way of going about bidding, but the colt was his.

In the end, Sanan probably had the last laugh. Two nights later, Sanan purchased Vindication for \$2.15 million, while King's Mister C's Song--a half to GISW Harmony Lodge and MGSW Graeme Hall--won in his only start before dying prematurely.

But the story (which is superbly captured in Glenye Cain (Oakford)'s *The Home-Run Horse*) is vintage King--brash, competitive, unafraid to go it alone. Those traits shone through in his TV dealings, too. Back in 1983, when King, through his King World Productions, was setting out to syndicate the game show "Wheel of Fortune," he took the unusual step of bypassing the major markets of New York, Los Angeles and Chicago in order to let the show grow. A year later, "Wheel" was showing in 181 markets, including the big three, and was the top-ranked syndicated game show in American, according to *tvweek.com*. King would later go on to strike gold with "Jeopardy!," "The Oprah Winfrey Show" and "Dr. Phil." In 1999, King sold King World Productions to CBS for \$2.5 billion.

Sadly, King died last December after suffering a stroke. He was 63.

On Tuesday, a horse bred by King goes through the ring at Fasig-Tipton, a fitting tribute to a man who enjoyed spending time at the Spa. Hip 184, an A.P. Indy filly out of Jewel for a King, is consigned by Eaton Sales, which regularly did business with King.

"I talked to him about twice a month," said Eaton's Tom VanMeter. "He was quite the character. He was a great guy and a good friend, and we miss him dearly."

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16	18	26	41	44	58	85	92
115	117	122	123	129	147	149	153
179	190						

As for the filly, VanMeter said the Apr. 3 foal is a sterling example of what A.P. Indy can throw.

"I really like her," he said. "I don't want to jinx her, but it wouldn't surprise me if she was one of the top fillies up there. She's really nice."

VanMeter said that King's estate owns two mares, both of which are boarded at Eaton. Jewel for a King (Storm Cat), an unraced daughter of GI Breeders' Cup Distaff heroine Jewel Princess which King paid \$1.4 million for at this sale in 2004, is one. The A.P. Indy filly is her first foal. She produced a Distorted Humor filly this spring and was bred back to Ghostzapper.

King's other mare is King Shooting Star, another daughter of Storm Cat, which King purchased for \$1.1 million at the 2004 Keeneland September Sale. From the family of Gold Beauty, Maplejinsky, et al, the five-year-old King Shooting Star was unplaced in one start and is now a broodmare. She produced a Dynaformer filly last year, optimistically named Miss Barbaro, who is slated to go through the ring in September, and has an Unbridled's Song colt at her side at the moment. She was bred back to Unbridled's Song.

VanMeter said that King's estate and his wife, Raemali, are undecided if they will disperse King's Thoroughbred holdings, or continue to race and breed.

"They have talked about selling the mares, but we'll work through that this fall," said VanMeter. "I think she's enamored enough with it because of Roger. He was pretty passionate about it; he loved it. He liked to go to the track and bet, and I think he liked racing horses, too." -Lucas Marquardt

**2007 FASIG-TIPTON SARATOGA YEARLINGS
TOP FOUR LOTS**

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
142	colt	Mr. Greeley	Win My Heart	2,200,000
Consigned by Gainesway, Agent I Purchased by Team Valor Int'l				

*Named Kinsella, will return to Pletcher barn in Nov.
Work Tab: 4-17 Bel 3f (tr), :39.0 • 4-28 Sar 3f (tr), :40.1 • 5-5 3f (tr) :37.3*

086	colt	Unbridled's Song	Ribolletta (Brz)	1,050,000
Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency Purchased by John Ferguson <i>Unnamed</i>				

082	colt	Distorted Humor	Queen of Money	875,000
Consigned by Bluegrass Thoroughbred Services Purchased by B Wayne Hughes				

*Named Keep 'em Movin Dan
Second in debut at Saratoga July 31 for Todd Pletcher*

160	filly	Storm Cat	Blissful	875,000
Consigned by Eaton Sales, agent Purchased by Lukas Enterprises				

*Named Cats
Sixth on debut over a sloppy Saratoga track July 24 for D. Wayne Lukas*



Bluewater Returning to the Well...

Bluewater Sales kicked off the yearling sale's season the right way last month when a bay by Saint Liam realized the top price for a filly at the opening session of the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky July Yearling Sale. Purchased by John Fort for \$300,000, the filly was a member of the sole crop produced by the Breeders' Cup Classic winner. Looking to replicate that feat at Saratoga, Bluewater sales will present seven yearlings, including [Hip 192](#), a colt by the ill-fated 2005 Horse of the Year.



Sire of Hip 192, Saint Liam
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Offered on the second day of selling, the Feb. 1 foal is out of Ling (Fusaichi Pegasus), daughter of GSW Voodoo Lily.

"He is a very athletic colt who is representative of his sire," said Bluewater Sales' Meg Levy. The champion older horse, who died at the age of six in 2006, boasted a weanling average of \$148,050 in 2007.

"This is a very nice one," added Levy. "We like him and his pedigree."

Also among Bluewater's consignment at the aforementioned July sale was a colt by freshman sire Medaglia d'Oro, who was the sixth highest priced colt of the first session with a \$260,000 final price from Starlight Partners. Bluewater is hoping to work that same magic here, this time with a filly by the three-time Grade I winner. Selling early during Tuesday's session, [Hip 104](#) is out of Atlantic Ocean (Stormy Atlantic), winner of the GIII Miesque S. and GIII Santa Ysabel S. and earner of \$678,210.

"She is one of the best fillies I have seen this year," affirmed Levy. "Definitely one of the best Medaglia's I've ever seen. Her dam speaks for herself, she's everything you would expect out of that mare. I hope she will do well, especially with everything that Medaglia has done recently. Hopefully, he'll have another winner at Saratoga."

Also expected to be a bit of a novelty at Saratoga is [Hip 169](#), a filly by Value Plus, whose first foals are yearlings of 2008.

"She is an absolutely gorgeous individual," commented Levy. "She is out of Hermione's Magic, a filly who was graded stakes placed at Saratoga in the [GIII] Schuylerville S. She is a fantastic individual and we thought that her pedigree and physical warranted her being at Saratoga."

Levy pointed out that while Bluewater somewhat coincidentally came up with a stronger group of yearlings out of young stallions for this sale, she was quick to acknowledge the value of a younger, and often, unproven stallion with youngsters on offer at the Spa.

"Saratoga is a great place to have first- or second-season sires, because sometimes you can get lucky with races right around the Saratoga meet, and have have an nice update for the progeny of the sire," she explained. "We do like to bring those types of horses up there."

And according to Levy, case in point is Medaglia d'Oro, who is currently ranked second in earnings--only behind Lion Heart--on the freshman sire list of 2008.

"Medaglia is doing very well right now," Levy said. "No body expected [Medaglia d'Oro] to have good two-year olds, and suddenly, he has as many winners as the others sires of his year and already has a graded stakes placed horse. So they seem to be more precocious than expected."

Levy added that while pedigree is a very important factor in the equation, the market at Saratoga dictates that only animals that can back up the catalog page have a chance of doing well. "We only pick the best physical representatives to bring to Saratoga," she confirmed. "We don't bring too many, we only bring the right kind."--C Bossinakis

Stoney Lane Makes Spa Debut...

Stuart Turlington has come a long way since mucking out stalls as a youngster in North Carolina. Then, Turlington was learning all he could from the horsemen who cared for his father's burgeoning weanling-to-yearling pinhooking operation, which sold under the moniker Stoney Lane Farm. These days, however, Turlington is at the helm of Stoney Lane, which makes its debut at the Saratoga sale with small but select two-horse consignment.

"We felt it is the right time to come up and give Saratoga a chance," said Turlington, 35, who is now based in Lexington, Kentucky. "We've sold here before, but just through other consignors. We're trying to grow and build up our numbers, and we feel like we've got two nice horses. Fasig-Tipton liked both of them, and really wanted us to come here."

Though Stoney Lane is new to the Humphrey S. Finney sales pavilion at the Spa, the operation has been around for the better part of 2 1/2 decades. Stoney Lane was launched by Ed Turlington, a real estate developer based in North Carolina who was fond of race horses, especially Quarter Horses. Ed Turlington eventually bought a few Thoroughbreds, and both father and son were hooked. Ed Turlington eventually got into the pinhooking game, buying weanlings and re-selling them as yearlings. Early on, Stuart was put to work on the farm. He absorbed everything he could. He especially liked the hustle and bustle of the weanling and yearling sales.

At that point, Stoney Lane was selling primarily in Maryland at Timonium, but in 2000, Stuart moved tack to Lexington. The Stoney Lane moniker came too, and the farm now sits on 150 acres off Parkers Mill Rd. Stoney Lane's biggest pinhooking coup came not long after the move. At Fasig-Tipton July in 2002, Stoney Lane sold Consistent, an Unbridled's Song colt, for a sales-topping \$700,000. They had purchased the colt privately as a weanling for \$95,000 nine months earlier. Marshall Silverman consigned the horse for them.

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Stoney Lane typically buys about 20 to 25 weanlings to pinhook, usually paying in the range of “nothing to \$100,000,” said Turlington.

Last year, though, the Turlingtons decided to extend their budget on a few prospects. Their most expensive buy came at the Keeneland November Sale, when they paid \$300,000 for a striking daughter of Mr. Greeley out of the GSP Twilight Encounter (Regal Classic). It was the most Stoney Lane had ever paid for a horse, and it was the most anyone spent for a Mr. Greeley weanling filly in the States in 2007.

“We were really stretching it with her,” laughed Turlington. “But that’s what the market is demanding these days--just those top, top individuals--and last year we decided to take a chance and buy a few of those kinds of horses for our program. And Mr. Greeley is a really hot sire.”

Monday, they’ll find out if their gamble paid off when the chestnut filly sells as hip [82](#).

On Tuesday, Stoney Lane’s second-most-expensive weanling buy, a colt by Successful Appeal, goes under the hammer. Catalogued as hip [193](#), the colt is a half-brother to stakes winners Link to Jimmy (The Name’s Jimmy) and Fager’s Island (Storm Boot) and was acquired for \$145,000 as a Keeneland November weanling.

“They’re both gorgeous horses,” said Turlington. “I’m really pleased with the way both have progressed since last year; we look for both to be well received; they’re racey horses, with good size and scope.”

--Lucas Marquardt

Antonellis Hope They Have a Tale to Tell...

Piedras Negras is the modern name for a ruined city of the pre-Columbian Maya civilization. To John Antonelli and his wife Marsha, the name is synonymous with a mare who landed them on the map as a breeder and one which carries the hopes of the couple at Saratoga Monday evening in the form of hip [23](#).

Antonelli, who felt the recent Southern California earthquake at his home in Whittier--right between Los Angeles and Anaheim--got his start in the Thoroughbred business when he and a friend claimed and successfully raced a horse.

“This looked like an easy business,” Antonelli said last week.

But the thrill of racing just wasn’t as fulfilling as he’d hoped and he opted to broaden his horizons.

“I decided I wanted to get into breeding horses instead of racing horses,” he explained. “It just fit me better as an individual.”

The Antonellis purchased a farm in Santa Ynez, California, and began to assemble a broodmare band, which today numbers 10. With the intent of building a high-quality group of horses, Antonelli found himself at the 2003 Keeneland November sale. He knew exactly what he was after.

“First and foremost, I was looking for a family with Unbridled, looking for Fappiano,” he stated. “He had such success and we knew we were looking for an Unbridled mare. We came across this mare that was correct and good looking. We found out she had some problems as a yearling and a two-year-old and didn’t make it to the races, but she had everything we were looking for in a mare--quality and conformation.”

That mare was Piedras Niegras, then four years old and in foal to 2001 champion juvenile Johannesburg.

“The fact that she was in foal to a young, precocious sire, we thought this would give us a good opportunity to produce a good runner,” Antonelli reasoned.

Some \$95,000 later, the mare was his, and Antonelli shipped her back to the Golden State, where, on Feb. 1, 2004, she produced a dark bay filly. The owner could not have been happier, all things considered.

“For that price, she was a no-brainer,” he explained. “As soon as she dropped her foal, we were like ‘wow.’ She was such a good-looking filly. Every baby she has dropped has been just beautiful.”

The couple returned the mare’s first foal to Keeneland the following November, and the \$75,000 they received for their filly represented a solid start. They sold a Holy Bull colt for \$85,000 as a weanling the following November.

In the meantime, the value of Piedras Niegras continued to rise. The first foal from the mare was a \$112,000 FTKJUL yearling, but made headlines the following winter when she was hammered down for \$1.1 million as a FTFFEB juvenile to Team Coolmore. The filly was turned over to trainer Patrick Biancone and, named La Traviata, went on to be one of the top sprinting fillies and mares in the nation, winning her first three starts by a combined 27 1/2 lengths, including the GIII Victory Ride S. at Saratoga.

The Antonellis decided to retain the mare’s 2006 offspring, a full brother to their Johannesburg filly. Named Ducane and in training in New York with Todd Pletcher, the couple have very high hopes for him.

“He’s just a gorgeous animal, he’s got everything that La Traviata had,” Antonelli said. “We are extremely impressed with him.”

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**2007 FASIG-TIPTON SARATOGA
LEADING BUYERS**

<u>Name</u>	<u>No. Sold</u>	<u>Gross</u>
John Ferguson Bloodstock	5	\$3,675,000
Team Valor	3	\$2,830,000
Lukas Enterprises	3	\$1,925,000
B Wayne Hughes	2	\$1,675,000
Zayat Stables	5	\$1,645,000



Antonellis cont.

Three Chimneys Sales consigns Piedras Negras's colt by Tale of the Cat to Monday night's session. The decision to sell the colt as a yearling as opposed to how they'd done things heretofore was simple.

"It had to do with the fact of watching what was going on with La Traviata and if she did very, very well, the value of him would probably be higher," Antonelli offered. "It was a risk-versus-reward decision."

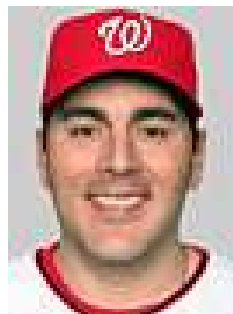
The fruits will be borne tomorrow night in the sales ring, and Antonelli is hoping for the best.

"There are so many variables right now," he says. "The economy has changed. A breeder needs to adapt and look at the marketplace and make decisions based upon the market. Like any breeder, you look at it and you fantasize about hitting the home run, but the reality is that this is a very good colt. He's got a great hip and chest. His conformation is great and he's got a wonderful attitude about him. All horses should have this guy's attitude. He's got some real dynamics to him."

Piedras Negras is the dam of a weanling colt by Bluegrass Cat and is currently in foal for one final time to Johannesburg.--*Alan Carasso*

Lo Duca Taking a Swing as a Breeder...

He didn't exactly plan it this way, but professional Major League baseball player Paul Lo Duca may just be a spectator at the sale Monday evening. Having played the last few seasons with the New York Mets, Lo Duca hooked on with the Washington Nationals this season. But it has been a trying year for the 36-year-old backstop, as he struggled both at the plate and with a couple of injuries which limited his playing time and, ultimately, led to his unconditional release from the Nats. Temporarily unemployed, Lo Duca may benefit from the time off and may join the cheering section for hip 24, an colt by A.P. Indy he bred in partnership with former Major



Paul Lo Duca
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Leaguer Rob Murphy and Pablo Suarez's Suarez Racing.

"The breeding aspect is one of the more intriguing aspects of the sport," Lo Duca said by phone late last week. "A lot of people don't know the intricacies of breeding, how much the horses pick up from their mother and father. A lot of people just see them as racehorses and not as individuals. I enjoy that part of it."

A self-proclaimed lifelong fan of racing, Lo Duca was a downstairs neighbor of jockey Mike Smith while he was catching for the Los Angeles Dodgers, and the two became fast friends. Lo Duca dabbled mostly in lower-level horses in the early 2000s, employing Simon Bray before he left the business for television.

In recent times, Lo Duca has been part of the ownership group which races GISP Grace Anatomy and is partners with Murphy on GII Carry Back S. hero Golden Spikes (Seeking the Gold).

Hip 24 is a son of Platinum Tiara (Cozzene), raced by Murphy's M375 Thoroughbreds to a runner-up finish in the 2000 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies at Churchill Downs. It is the first time Lo Duca will offer a horse co-bred in his name, and he is relishing the opportunity.

"I've never had one go through the sale and I am sure my heart is going to be pounding," he commented. "When we bought Golden Spikes, I was online and Murph and I were talking back and forth. We wanted to go to a certain amount and we hit that number. We were the bid and we weren't going to go any higher and luckily no one went higher than us." He added, "It's going to be exciting. I don't really know what my reaction is going to be when the horse goes into the ring."

Things could get more interesting still a few Saturdays from now across Union Avenue. Once a Triple Crown aspirant, Golden Spikes has successfully shortened back up in distance for his last few starts, and is slated to make an appearance in the GI King's Bishop S. on the Travers undercard Apr. 23.

"That day is going to be just awesome," Lo Duca said. "When he won the Carry Back I went nuts. He's really gotten better since we backed him up to one turn. I really think he's going to run a huge race in the King's Bishop."

As for his colt Monday night, Lo Duca took time away on a recent road trip to check in on him at the farm.

"He's an awesome-looking individual," he commented. "I went to go see him on the farm in Kentucky when we were playing the Reds. He looks a lot like A.P. Indy and obviously his mom could run too."

Platinum Tiara is the dam of a weanling filly by Storm Cat, which Murphy and team will retain, Lo Duca reports.

Well, he won't be wearing a number 16 on the back of his shirt if he shows up Monday night, but he's certainly a motivated seller and observer, and may not be too tough to pick out if things go the right way.

"I might drive down if I haven't been picked up by anyone," he said. "I really want to see him go through the ring, I hear it's really amazing."--*Alan Carasso*

**2007 FASIG-TIPTON SARATOGA
LEADING CONSIGNORS**

<u>Name</u>	<u>No. Sold</u>	<u>Gross</u>
Taylor Made Sales Agency	31	\$9,107,000
Eaton Sales	28	\$8,540,000
Gainesway	15	\$6,775,000
Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency	10	\$2,625,000
Bluegrass T'bred Services	7	\$1,685,000



Shift in Strategy for Adena...

Over the last few years, Frank Stronach's Adena Springs, a five-time Eclipse Award winner as Outstanding Breeder, has offered the vast majority of its horses at Adena's annual two-year-old sale near Ocala in the spring. But with an abundance of yearlings this year, plus a slew of weanlings waiting in the wings, Adena announced on Friday that it has cancelled the 2009 two-year-old sale and will instead focus on the yearling markets at OBS August, Keeneland September, and here at Saratoga. It's been a few years since Adena sold at the Spa, and it returns with a strong eight-horse draft that is being handled by Hidden Brook.

"We've tested the waters here before," said Jack Brothers, who works for both Adena and Hidden Brook. "We last came here in 2005, and we actually had a few nice grads that year, including a horse named Ron Bob and Dave. He's a Touch Gold four-year-old who's won three of his last four in California--he looks like he's an up-and-comer. And we also sold Cobalt Blue here, who won the GII San Felipe S. last year and also the Select S. at Monmouth."

Commenting on the decision to return to the yearling market in force, Brothers said, "The numbers are pretty big this year; the broodmare band is pretty large at the moment, so the direction is to shift and offer them as yearlings. Plus we've also had a lot of success selling yearlings over the years. I think it's a great opportunity for the buyers to get on board with an operation like Adena early."

Brothers points out that the buying bench for yearlings is comprised not only of end users, but of a substantial number of yearling-to-two-year-old pinhookers.

"When you offer horses as two-year-olds, there's a very limited market," he said. "When you sell as yearlings, the pool of buyers is substantially larger."

Among the Adena horses set to go under the hammer are two from the first crop of Horse of the Year Ghostzapper, two by Awesome Again, and one each by Distorted Humor and late Horse of the Year Saint Liam.

"Across the board, it's a real salty group," said Brothers. "It would be hard to separate them on a whole."

As for Hidden Brook, the operation--owned by Brothers, Sergio de Sousa, Dan Hall, Mark Roberts and Danny Vella--is in the midst of a sensational year. The operation bought Big Brown for Paul Pompa Jr. as a juvenile in training and watched as that colt took two legs of the Triple Crown. In February, Pompa and Hidden Brook sold a Street Cry (Ire) to Darley for \$2.1 million, the top price for a two-year-old at auction this spring. The colt, Desert Party, had been acquired for \$425,000 as a yearling and is now undefeated in two starts, having won the GII Sanford S. at Saratoga a week and a half ago. Back restocking last month at Fasig-Tipton July, Hidden Brook and Pompa acquired an Unforgettable Max colt for \$330,000, top price for a colt at the sale.

"It's been a great year and it'll be a tough act to follow, but we'll try," Brothers laughed. -Lucas Marquardt

Finley Hoping for a Big Return...

West Point Thoroughbreds capped a successful 2007 racing season with an impressive return in the sales ring. The company auctioned off MGISW Dream Rush for \$3.3 million and GISW Irish Smoke for \$750,000 at the Fasig-Tipton November Kentucky select mixed sale.



Horsephotos

West Point President Terry Finley and pinhooking partner Lewis Lakin found a quick outlet to reinvest the profits, buying a weanling from the first crop of Horse of the Year Ghostzapper (Awesome Again) for \$735,000 at the Keeneland November sale.

That filly returns to the ring Monday at Saratoga, selling as hip 32 as part of the Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency consignment.

"We just fell in love with her," Finley said of the weanling. "We would have loved to have gotten

her for less money, but obviously there was someone else in the pavilion that thought just as highly of her as we did. We thought she was a top-class filly, by the right sire with the right pedigree. I don't like to say 'the best horse in the sale'--when I hear agents and owners talk about that, I'm not a big fan of using that. But I thought she was a really, really exceptional filly."

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PINHOOK PROSPECTS - TOP 5 BY PRICE

Hip	Price (\$)	Sale
<u>32</u>	735,000	KEENOV
	f, <u>Ghostzapper</u> -- <i>Questress</i> , by <i>Seeking the Gold</i> Purchased by Buzz Chace, agent '08 Consignor: Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, agent	
<u>102</u>	350,000	KEENOV
	c, <u>Mr. Greeley</u> -- <i>Arcadiana</i> , by <i>Deputy Minister</i> Purchased by Olin B Gentry, agent '08 Consignor: Eaton Sales, agent	
<u>12</u>	300,000	KEENOV
	c, <u>Afleet Alex</u> -- <i>My Sweet Country</i> , by <i>Bold Ruckus</i> Purchased by Zayat Stables '08 Consignor: Eaton Sales, agent	
<u>77</u>	300,000	KEEJAN
	f, <u>Smart Strike</u> -- <i>Tash Dash</i> , by <i>Coronado's Quest</i> Purchased by B W J Bloodstock '08 Consignor: Dromoland Farm, Inc., Agent IV	
<u>82</u>	300,000	KEENOV
	f, <u>Mr. Greeley</u> -- <i>Twilight Encounter</i> , by <i>Regal Classic</i> Purchased by Stoney Lane Farm '08 Consignor: Stoney Lane Farm, agent	



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West Point cont.

Finley, who said West Point bought six weanlings last year, admitted the filly's price tag was a little high for a pinhooking prospect.

"We usually don't like to spend that kind of money, but it is what it is and we ended up with her. We'll see how it turns out. We had just sold \$4 million worth of horses the night before, so that might have worked into play, too."

The dark bay yearling is out of Questress (Seeking the Gold) and is a half sister to multiple Grade I winner Pomeroy (Boundary), as well as the stakes-placed Acquileia (Arch). Questress, with this foal in utero, sold to Blandford Bloodstock for \$925,000 at the 2006 Keeneland November sale.

According to Finley, his investment from last November continues to improve and impress.

"She's a big stout, beautiful-moving filly," he said. "And she's developed the right way. John Sikura and his team have done a super job."

While the filly was bought last fall with the specific intention of re-selling, Finley would have no problem racing the filly.

"We are hoping for the best [at the sale]," he said. "Without a doubt, we'd be happy racing her."

Finley admits the economy may be working against pinhookers.

"The economy has changed substantially," he commented. "Anybody that is bullish--optimistic is one thing--but to represent that you are bullish in a market like this, I don't think you are being accurate and true to what the indicators are telling us. This is a tough environment and a tough economy for a lot of people."

But, Finley adds, the economy alone will not dictate his actions.

"You can make it a lot more complex than it needs to be," he explained. "You are going to sales and you're looking for value. And over the years, you kind of refine your outlook on a certain type of individual and a certain type of pedigree and what that combination represents in terms of value. If you can buy horses, you can buy them. If you can't, you can't. That doesn't mean I'm not cognizant of [economic conditions]."

West Point purchased seven yearlings at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky July sale and Finley is expecting to purchase a similar number at Saratoga.

"I was fairly pleased with the Fasig sale," said Finley who signed for seven yearlings at the July auction. "I thought, obviously the market overall has weakened some and it's drawn back some, but that's not a negative in every case. It does give the end-user a chance to get a little bit of a better shot to make a return on investment when he can get into a horse at a reduced price. It's just economics."

Finley would like to see more people buy with the intent to race.

"I pinhook," he admitted. "It's not a huge part, but it is a part of our business. But now it just seems like, aside from a few people, most people at the sale are there with the intent to resell. I hope that the number of people who want to end up on the racing side doesn't continue to get smaller and smaller. That's a trend that I would like to see reduced."

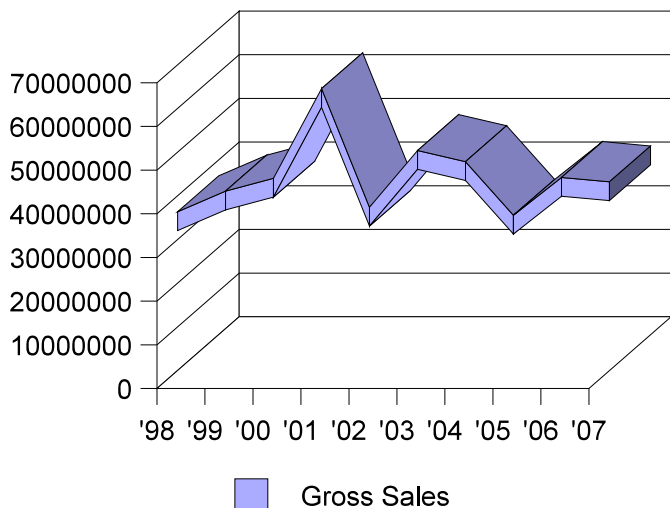
Finley noted another affect of the economy has been an increase in the number of established owners interested in joining West Point partnerships.

"More and more people that have been involved as sole owners are starting to say, 'Wow--I have a better shot to have some fun by getting involved with a partnership,'" Finley said. "Partnerships aren't for everybody. But for owners doing it by themselves, partnerships are certainly a way to augment their portfolio. And we just have to continue to attract [new] people by showing people how exciting the business is. How it can be a whole new world to them. What we call it is a lifestyle investment. It doesn't matter what age they are, if they step into this business and they take a liking to it, it can be such a positive part of their family and their personal life." *-Jessica Martini*

Saratoga Sales Grads Will Have Stakes Fees Waived...

Yearlings sold at this year's Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Select Sale will have their graded-stakes nomination and entry fees at the 2009 Saratoga meet waived, the sales company and the New York Racing Association announced Saturday. Horses purchased at the sale--which will be held Aug. 4 and 5--will receive free entry into Saratoga's nine graded two-year-old stakes. "We look forward to working on this and other racing projects with NYRA, which is being very creative in improving purses and opportunities for owners," said Fasig-Tipton President Walt Robertson.

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TOM DURKIN, NYRA Announcer:
THE OLDE BRYAN INN, 123 Maple Ave, Saratoga Springs, NY, (www.oldebryaninn.com)

Among my favorites in Saratoga is a place that I can walk to from my house. The Old Bryan Inn is not named fancifully to give the impression of an old inn; it is the real deal and goes back prior to the Revolutionary War. To eat, I go no farther than the bar. It has a low wood beamed ceiling, great thick walls of stone, a fireplace and above that, a bawdy oil depiction of Leda and the Swan. It is easily the most charming bar in town and it is full of fun folks much of the time. The food at the "OBI," as we locals call it, is hearty. All of the soups are terrific and the chefs seem to take great pride in their variety. I often go for the Reuben sandwich as well. The staff is experienced and well trained, there are a lot of staff members that have been there for years. The bar selections are extensive, the dress is casual, prices are moderate and it has a very authentic atmosphere.

ANDY SERLING:
CHEZ SOPHIE, 534 Broadway (www.chezsophie.com)
 Chez Sophie is located in The Saratoga Hotel. The food is influenced by the chef's great-grandmother, who learned about her love for food on a farm in Northern France. They work with local farmers to supply organic and high quality food and also have a large wine and beer selection (400 wines and 40 Belgian beers). Reservations are recommended.

THE BEEKMAN STREET BISTRO, 62 Beekman St. (www.thebeekmanstreetbistro.com)
 The Beekman Street Bistro is a casual restaurant that puts a particular emphasis on the freshness of their ingredients and the farming communities make the "fresh" philosophy relatively easy to achieve. When I visit, I usually order the rabbit. The prices are moderate and reservations are recommended.

LANCI'S RISTORANTE, 68 Putnam St. (www.lancisristorante.com)
 Lanci's is a very small place that offers authentic Italian cuisine. The menu is fairly simple but everything is exceptionally good. The dress is casual and they do not take reservations. It is always busy, but definitely worth the try!

SARAH WEISBORD:
MAX LONDON'S, 466 Broadway (www.maxlondons.com)

This is the new hot spot in town. Max, the son of Mrs. London of Mrs. London's Bakery, has opened his new Mediterranean restaurant right next to the Bakery on Broadway. I haven't had the pleasure of dining there since they opened in December, but I've eaten Max's delicious creations many times when he was the chef at Eartha's Bistro. Here, he offers small plates, pastas, salads, pizzas, and daily specials with extensive cocktail, beer and wine lists in a contemporary hip setting. Max London's tops my list of favorites to try this season.

BILL WILMOT, Stepwise Farm:
BLOOMERS, 2853 Route 9, Malta, NY, (518) 584-4484

Bloomers is an America Bistro and is one of my favorites. The menu is varied and eclectic, ranging from bison to a killer vegetarian meat loaf, and they have an excellent wine list. One of the proprietors is a huge fan of the legendary Chicago R & B guitarist, Mike Bloomfield; hence, the name. Fabulous photos of this South Side icon adorn the walls. Finally, not only are the owners and staff courteous and very knowledgeable, but they also take reservations, which are highly recommended.

LEE EINSIDLER:
CHIANTI IL RISTORANTE, 18 Division St, (518) 580-0025

Located in downtown Saratoga Springs Chianti Il Ristorante has a casual and rustic, yet elegant atmosphere. The service and the authentic, affordable Italian cuisine offers everything needed for a wonderful dining experience. The menu is extensive, as is the wine list, there is even a special martini list. Prices are moderate, dress is smart casual and reservations are suggested.

SERGIO'S, 707 Rte. 9, Wilton, NY (www.sergiossarotoga.com)

Sergio's is a family style Italian restaurant that is fabulous and popular with the racetrack goers. Their keys to success include great food (in hearty portions), great wine and great service. They also offered outdoor dining in the warm months and a great bar. Only five minutes from Saratoga Racecourse, this is a great place to stop for a casual yet wonderful dining experience!

SIRO'S, 168 Lincoln Ave (www.sirosrestaurant.com)
 Siro's specializes in their four-star cuisine, elegant atmosphere and service that is second-to-none. It is located adjacent to Saratoga Racecourse and is a landmark for regulars at the track. Their food is imaginative and delicious. This is the place to go if you are looking for a nice and unique dinner out. Prices are a bit expensive, but well worth the quality. Reservations are recommended.

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DEL MAR TO CUT PURSES 3.5 PERCENT Del Mar will reduce purses 3.5 percent--or about \$10,000 a day--starting with the third condition book Aug. 13. The track cited a decline in on-track handle and a "slow-down" in account wagering as the reasons for the cut. Five stakes will see their purses decreased. The GI Del Mar Oaks Aug. 16 and the GII Del Mar Derby Aug. 31 will have their purses cut \$50,000, down to \$350,000. In addition, the Solana Beach H., El Cajon S. and Torrey Pines S. will see their purses trimmed by \$25,000. Track officials placed part of the blame on the end of an account wagering experiment, which allowed California residents to wager on all of the state's tracks using any wagering platform licensed by the California Horse Racing Board. Del Mar and TVG did not reach an agreement to continue the experiment. "Had we got that accomplished, we would not be having this conversation [about purse cuts]," said Del Mar Senior Vice President and CFO Mike Ernst.

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Yesterday's Results:

FLANDERS S., \$82,750, SAR, 8-2, (R), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft.

1--**PORTE BONHEUR, 118, f, 3, Hennessy--Sous Entendu (GSP-Fr), by Shaded.** (\$250,000 yrl '06 KEESEP). O-Johanna Murphy-Leopoldsberger; B-Gainsborough Farm LLC (KY); T-David P Duggan; J-Ramon A Dominguez; \$49,650. Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-1, \$137,306. *1/2 to Banafsajee (Pleasant Colony), MSW-Fr; and Slip Stream (Irish River {Fr}), GSW-Ger, G1SP-Fr, SW & GSP-Eng, \$141,688.

2--**Lovely Isle, 120, f, 3, Double Honor--Eleven Islands,** by Island Whirl. (\$15,000 yrl '06 OBSAUG; \$20,000 2yo '07 OBSAPR). O-Michael Bello. \$16,550.

3--**Morakami, 118, f, 3, Fusaichi Pegasus--Astrid,** by Concern. (\$225,000 yrl '06 KEESEP). O-G Watts Humphrey Jr. \$8,275.

Margins: 2, 3 3/4, HF. Odds: 7.50, 1.55, 16.50.
Also Ran: More Happy, Looney Lynda, Irish Smoke, Lenawee. **Flanders S. cont. p2**

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, SUNDAY, AUGUST 3:

08-17 \$250/50,000 **Longacres Mile H.-III, EmD,** 3yo/up, 8f (250)

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1:00p 1st-SAR, Alw, \$68K, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT
HR/TVG Philip Friedman's **CABLE (Dynaformer)** twice altered course in her July 13 debut at Belmont, but overcame that adversity to post a 1 1/2-length victory. Designated a **★ "TDN Rising Star" ★** off that effort, the half-sister to Three Chimneys sire Exchange Rate looks tough right back. **Song of Love (Changeintheweather)**, a half to GISW Nobiz Like Shobiz, also endured a rough trip in her turf bow at Belmont June 20, and has every right to improve off that third-place finish. brisnet.com pps

1:32p 2nd-SAR, Msw, \$62K, 2yo, f, 6 1/2f
HR/TVG Mike Pegram's **MISS BODINE (Vindication)** was bet into 7-10 favoritism for her July 3 unveiling at Belmont and finished willingly to be second by a neck. The bay is a half to GSW & GISW Icecoldbeeratreds; and to MSW & GSP Controlled, the dam of millionaire MGSW Bear Now. **Wickedly Spicely (Speightstown)**, a half to GISW turf Man From Wicklow, goes for the always dangerous Steve Asmussen barn. brisnet.com pps

3:41p 6th-SAR, Msw, \$62K, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT
HR/TVG **DARK SKY (Storm Cat)** was a very good second in her June 14 debut racing over the Churchill main track, but is really bred to excel on this surface. The Overbrook-owned/Juddmonte-bred filly is a full sister to French Classic winner Nebraska Tornado and a half to the outstanding grass horses Burning Sun and Mirabilis. **Phi Beta Mom (Johannesburg)**, a \$325K FTFFEB grad, is a full sister to GSW Teufflesberg, and was runner-up in a six-furlong turf maiden at Belmont July 6, her first start in over 10 months. brisnet.com pps **Cont. p2**

SKY MESA



Two 2YOs Earn Black Type

Sky Mesa's 2YO crop has been dominant from coast to coast and in between with wins at Del Mar, Saratoga, and yesterday a confident victory in the Mountaineer Juvenile S. and a respectable 2nd in the Colleen S. at Monmouth.

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Flanders S. cont.

A maiden winner at second asking, Porte Bonheur took the Oct. 21 Open Mind S. at Belmont Park before closing the year with a fourth in Aqueduct's Xtra Heat S. Dec. 6. The chestnut returned to action in a second-level allowance at Belmont July 10 and was bothered and steadied at the quarter pole before finishing third to Lovely Isle. Well placed for the run up the backstretch as More Happy (Vindication) led the way, Porte Bonheur remained at the fence, cut the corner smoothly into the stretch and went on to turn the tables on Lovely Isle. Irish Smoke (Smoke Glacken), last year's GI Spinaway S. winner, disputed the early pace, but weakened late. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

3rd-SAR, \$69,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft.

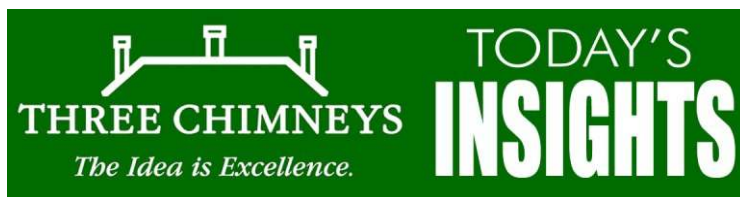
I'M SO LUCKY (c, 3, [Langfuhr](#)--Pettit, by A.P. Indy) was fifth in his debut at this track last Aug. 29, then improved to be third in a Keeneland maiden Oct. 19. Sidelined thereafter, the blaze-faced chestnut has been flawless since, graduating by seven lengths in Lexington Apr. 25 before tacking on a 4 1/4-length allowance win at Churchill June 11. Always within easy striking distance beneath Robby Albarado, the \$240,000 KEESEP yearling edged forward under his own courage approaching the stretch, took command under a hand ride and raced away to a promising 4 1/4-length victory over On Board Again (Awesome Again). The winner is out of an unraced half-sister to MGSW Concerto, GSWs Illusioned and Sweet Fervor and GISP Wondertross. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, \$106,546.

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O-John C Oxley. B-B P Walden, C Montgomery, P Mad-den & Dearborn Stable (KY). T-John T Ward Jr.

7th-SAR, \$68,000, Alw, NW1X, 3/up, 8.5fT, 1:43 3/5, fm. COMPROMISE (g, 4, [Point Given](#)--Mediation {Ire} {SW & MGSP-Ire, GSP-US, \$194,746}, by Caerleon), a full brother to Go Between, MGSW & GISP, \$2,183,880; and a half to Extreme Beauty (Rahy), GSP-Eng, debuted a winner over the Belmont turf last June 1 and was runner-up in a June 27 allowance before being shelved. Off 10 months, the homebred was second over the Keeneland turf Apr. 25 and was last seen finishing fourth, beaten a neck, at Belmont Park June 28. One of the last to make the Saratoga stretch, Compromise was steered widest into the lane and accelerated away from the field for a comfortable 2 1/4-length victory as the 4-5 chalk. Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, \$88,160.

O-Peter Vegso. B-Vegso Racing Stable (FL). T-W Mott.



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5:53p 10th-SAR, Alw, \$67K, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f

HR/TVG Juddmonte's **DULCET TONE ([Empire Maker](#))**, a debut third in a Monmouth maiden June 19, was back 10 days later to graduate by 6 1/4 lengths at Belmont Park. The dark bay is from the extended female family of Danehill. Peter Blum's **Elope ([Gone West](#))**, a half to SW Initiation, made a winning debut over Turfway's Polytrack Sept. 28 and makes her first start for Bruce Levine this afternoon. She is out of a full sister to MGSW Multiple Choice from the family of GISW Well Chosen. [brisnet.com pps](#)

7:30p 6th-DMR, Msw, \$53K, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f (AWT)

TVG John Shirreffs trains **SCARBOROUGH FAIR ([Vindication](#))**, a Padua homebred and first foal out of that operation's MSW Class Above (Quiet American). Vindication hits with nearly one of every five first-time starters. [brisnet.com pps](#)

9th-SAR, \$67,000, Alw, NW2L, 3/up, 6 1/2f, 1:17, ft.

WEST EXPRESS (c, 3, [Forestry](#)--Lacie Girl {MSW & GSP, \$314,390}, by Editor's Note), a well-beaten ninth behind champion War Pass in his Saratoga debut last term, earned his diploma at Keeneland Apr. 13 and followed with a second-place finish in a Churchill allow-ance May 14. Stretched to two turns at the Louisville oval last time June 18, he could do no better than fourth as the 1-2 chalk. Given a 6-1 chance here, the \$230,000 KEESEP yearling stalked 20-1 Super Shape (Arg) (American Chance) from second and fought his way past that game foe to take it by 3/4 of a length. National Pride (Macho Uno), the 9-5 favorite, never got involved after a stumbling start and finished seventh. Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-0, \$91,237.

O-Gary L & Mary E West. B-Canyon Capital Inc (KY). T-Eddie Kenneally.



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Saratoga Report cont.

2nd-SAR, \$62,000, Msw, 2yo, 6 1/2f, 1:17 1/5, ft. PRECIOUS PACKAGE (c, 2, Golden Missile--Silver Ridan, by Silver Deputy) was away slowly and raced greenly in his July 6 debut at Monmouth, but showed some late interest to register a third-place finish. Sent off the 5-1 third choice against a significantly tougher bunch, the Siegel homebred raced just off the flank of second favorite Spaniard (Candy Ride {Arg}) through a half in :45.30, went by that one easily in upper stretch and coasted home to score by 6 3/4 lengths. Viscount (Orientate) came from last to finish third. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$41,640. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

O-Jay Em Ess Stable. B-Mace Siegel & Samantha Siegel (KY). T-Richard E Dutrow Jr.

★ EAST ★

Sweetnorthernst Returns to Action:

J. J. Balsamo and Ted Theos's **Sweetnorthernst** (Sweetsouthernst), the 2006 GI Kentucky Derby post-time favorite and second in that year's GI Preakness S., makes his first start in six months and first for trainer Leo Azpurua in today's seventh race at Calder. The five-year-old missed by a neck to Bob and John in the 2007 renewal of the GIII Lone Star Park H., then went missing for seven months. Sixth in the Holiday Cheer S. at Turfway Park Dec. 29, he was last seen finishing ninth to Well Armed in the GII San Antonio H. in his final appearance for trainer Mike Trombetta. Drawn outside in a field of six, the dark bay faces the likes of GSW **Dry Martini** (Slew Gin Fizz), **Rehoboth** (Wagon Limit) and **Finallymadeit** (Concerto) in the one-mile money allowance event.

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2nd-SAR (Msw) Precious Package (Golden Missile) breaks alertly to earn his diploma in his second start.

3rd-SAR (Alw) I'm So Lucky (Langfuhr) gets the hat trick.

Colleen S. (8th-MTH) Smokin Bayou (Smoke Glacken) makes the successful jump to stakes competition.

Flanders S. (4th-SAR) Port Bonheur (Hennessy) skims the rail to prevail at the Spa.

Yesterday's Results:

WEST VIRGINIA GOVERNOR'S S., \$125,000, MNR, 8-2, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44 3/5, ft.

1--**ZANJERO, 112, c, 4, Cherokee Run--Checkered Flag, by A.P. Indy.** (\$700,000 yrl '05 KEESEP). O-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Tony Holmes & Walter Zent (KY); T-Steven M Asmussen; J-Shaun Bridgmohan; \$76,250. Lifetime Record: MGSW & GISP, 17-5-5-4, \$1,400,526. *1/2 to Victory Lap (Touch Gold), MSW & MGSP, \$265,311; and full to Acacia, GSP. [Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.](#) **Werk Nick Rating: A + .**

2--**Better Than Bonds, 115, h, 6, Sweetsouthernst--Jabesh, by Vanlandingham.** (\$30,000 yrl '03 KEESEP; \$67,000 2yo '04 OBSAPR). \$25,000.

3--**Barbican, 109, h, 5, A.P. Indy--Colour Chart, by Mr. Prospector.** \$12,500.

Margins: 4 3/4, 3, 1 1/4. Odds: 1.00, 2.60, 22.50.

The winner of last year's GIII West Virginia Derby, Zanjero closed a profitable season with a score in the GII Indiana Derby Oct. 6. Runner-up to Monterey Jazz in the GIII Texas Mile S. Apr. 26, the dark bay filled the same spot behind Giant Gizmo in the GIII Lone Star Park H. May 26, but was a disappointing fourth last time in the GIII Cornhusker H. at Prairie Meadows June 28. Well placed behind a swift pace, Zanjero made a menacing move on the turn, took command after cornering for home and eased away from his rivals.

MOUNTAINEER JUVENILE S., \$85,000, MNR, 8-2, 2yo, 6f, 1:11, ft.

1--**#TERRAIN, 118, g, 2, by Sky Mesa**

1st Dam: Minery (SW), by Forty Niner

2nd Dam: Orseno, by In Reality

3rd Dam: Gana Facil, by *Le Fabuleux

O/B-Adele B Dilschneider (KY); T-Albert M Stall Jr; J-Jamie Theriot; \$51,850. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$63,754. *3/4 to Clergy (Pulpit), SP, \$154,477.

**Third stakes winner for sophomore sire (by Pulpit).

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

Werk Nick Rating: A + .

2--**Retap, 116, c, 2, Tapit--Free Spin, by Olympio.** \$17,000.

3--**Wynning Pursuit, 116, c, 2, Black Tie Affair (Ire)--Shocking Life, by Boundary.** \$8,500.

Margins: 1 3/4, 2 3/4, 8HF. Odds: 4.40, 1.60, 6.80.

Terrain was offered up for a \$50,000 tag in his July 3 debut at Churchill Downs and came from just off the pace to get up by a neck. Never far from the front in his stakes debut, Terrain advanced four wide to challenge at the quarter pole, drew on even terms in upper stretch and was going away late.



East Report cont.

MOUNTAINEER JUVENILE FILLIES S., \$85,000, MNR, 8-2, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:12 1/5, ft.

1--**#CORLETT, 118, f, 2, Outofthebox--Hold Your Hush (SP), by Alwuhush.** (\$7,500 wlng '06 OBSOCT; \$50,000 yrl '07 KEESEP). O-Silverton Hill LLC; B-Carlos Rafael & Briggs & Cromartie (FL); T-Darrin Miller; J-Jamie Theriot; \$51,850. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$76,724. **Werk Nick Rating: First SW. Click for the [eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree](#).**

2--**Lola B.**, 116, f, 2, Texas Glitter--Loretta Irene, by Northern Prospect. (\$12,000 yrl '07 FTKOCT). \$17,000.

3--**Shining Moment**, 121, f, 2, Yes It's True--Shimmering Night, by Meadowlake. \$8,500. Margins: 2 1/4, 2, 6. Odds: 1.40, 3.30, 2.50.

Sixth on debut at Keeneland Apr. 19, Corlett held on by a neck to graduate at Churchill Downs June 5 and was most recently a close fourth in the Gill Debutante S. in Louisville June 28. A stalking third early on, the Hamilton colorbearer overtook Shining Moment on the turn and outfought Lola B. To the wire.

NICK SHUK MEMORIAL S., \$75,300, DEL, 8-2, 3yo, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:44 2/5, wf.

1--**#STONES RIVER, 116, c, 3, Monarchos--Little Bold Belle (SW), by Silver Buck.** O-Two Bucks Stable & Glenn Bromagen; B-J D Squires (KY); T-J Larry Jones; J-Terry J Thompson; \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 7-4-0-0, \$124,185. *1/2 to Unbridled Belle (Broken Vow), MGSW & GISP, \$1,469,340. **Click for the [eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree](#). Werk Nick Rating: A.**

2--**Knight in Armour**, 116, g, 3, Lion Hearted--Matti's Pic, by Piccolino. O-Country Roads Ltd. \$15,000.

3--**Sinners Repent**, 116, g, 3, Repent--Napeno, by Nepal. (\$5,000 yrl '06 OBSAUG; \$18,000 2yo '07 OBSAPR). O-Willowbrook Farm LLC. \$8,250.

Margins: 4HF, HF, 3/4. Odds: 0.90, 16.50, 2.80.

Stones River, a half to 2007 Gill Delaware H. winner Unbridled Belle, ran his record to four-for-four at this track. The gray broke his maiden by 4 1/4 lengths May 10 and added a 9 1/4-length allowance win June 8. He made it three straight in the slop July 14 and was favored in this off-the-turf test, for which he was entered as main track only. Always in touch, Stones River responded when asked and pulled away to a popular success.

COLLEEN S., \$65,000, MTH, 8-2, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:04 4/5, gd.

1--**#SMOKIN BAYOU, 117, f, 2, [Smoke Glacken](#)**
1st Dam: Aly McBell, by Danzig
2nd Dam: Toga Toga Toga, by Saratoga Six
3rd Dam: Northern Neck, by Northern Baby
 O/B-Gulf Coast Farms LLC (KY); T-Steven M Asmussen; J-Jose Lezcano; \$39,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$67,035.

2--**Sky Haven**, 117, f, 2, Sky Mesa--Shouldn't We All, by Woodman. (\$150,000 2yo 2008 KEEAPR). O-Elite Racing Partners LLC. \$12,350.

3--**Fools in Love**, 117, f, 2, Not For Love--Parlez, by French Deputy. (\$80,000 yrl '07 FTMOCT). O-George & Lori Hall. \$7,150.

Margins: 5, HF, NK. Odds: 3.50, 2.80, 3.20.

Smokin Bayou was a troubled fourth at 3-1 in her June 13 debut at Churchill Downs, but put it together in her latest, fighting back late for a one-length victory June 29. The co-third choice in a large field, the homebred raced with the pace three wide to the turn, took command approaching the stretch and edged clear under steady handling. Sky Haven ran on to complete an Asmussen exacta. **[Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)**

JAMESTOWN S., \$60,000, CNL, 8-2, (S), 2yo, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft.

1--**#SO VAIN, 115, f, 2, [Mr. Greeley--Weather Vane \(GSW, \\$724,533\), by Willard Scott.](#)** O/B-R Larry Johnson (VA); T-Michael J Trombetta; J-Julian Pimentel; \$36,000. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$46,710.

2--**Perfect Pet**, 112, f, 2, Marquetry--Red Devilette, by Oh Say. (\$1,100 wlng '06 FTMDEC). \$12,000.

3--**Purrfect Smoke**, 112, f, 2, Smoke Glacken--Sure Can Purr, by Tale of the Cat. \$6,600.

Margins: 6HF, 2, 2 3/4. Odds: 2.30, 8.40, 11.40.

So Vain led nearly all the way in a five-furlong maiden at this track July 4, losing by a head on the wire. Elevated to stakes competition for this second go, the homebred was bumped at the break, but then rated kindly in centerfield. Sent up after the lead at the quarter pole, she hit the front in upper stretch and pulled away as much the best.

3rd-MTH, \$37,000, Msw, 2yo, 1m, 1:40 2/5, gd.

BEACON HILL ROAD (c, 2, [Forestry--Road to the Ball, by Cahill Road](#)), a half-brother to Park Avenue Ball (Citidancer), MGSW & GISP, \$1,037,660, finished just ahead of yesterday's Saratoga graduate Precious Passion in second in their matchup going five furlongs at this track July 6. Trying two turns for the first time as the 9-5 favorite, the \$110,000 KEESEP yearling dueled heads apart with Rockaroundthepark (Ecton Park) to the eighth pole and edged clear from that foe to win it by 1 3/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$29,600. O-Char-Mari Stable. B-C J Hesse Inc (KY). T-Benjamin W Perkins Jr.





1st-PEN, \$23,744, Msw, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:04 3/5, ft. + OUR KHRYSTY (f, 2, [Newfoundland](#)--The Hess Express {MSP, \$154,993}, by Lord Carson), hammered down to 1-2, showed the early way and drew off to win by nine lengths. The victress, a \$3,500 KEENOV weanling, \$6,000 FTKOCT yearling and \$25,000 FTMMAY juvenile, becomes the fourth winner for her freshman sire (by Storm Cat). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$13,440. O-Renpher Stable. B-Brad Anderson (KY). T-Lester J Stickler Jr.

★ CANADA ★

Yesterday's Results:

8th-WOX, \$61,392, Msw, 2yo, 6fT, 1:10 2/5, fm. WAR LAP (c, 2, [War Chant](#)--Indy Five Hundred {GISW, \$244,510}, by A.P. Indy) ran third in a pair of starts over the Churchill main track May 21 and June 14, and was the 2-1 favorite in his turf bow. Drawn in the 10 hole, the \$150,000 KEESEP yearling, out of a Grade I winner on the grass, raced in midfield early on, rallied in the stretch and got up to hand the debuting Conflicting Report (Graeme Hall) a nose defeat. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-2, \$43,330. O-Mike McCarty. B-Georgica Stable LLC (KY). T-Steven M Asmussen.

★ CENTRAL ★

Yesterday's Results:

1st-APX, \$28,000, Msw, 2yo, f, 1m (AWT), 1:40 2/5, ft. + PHOLA (f, 2, [Johannesburg](#)--Humbling {Ire}, by Petionville), the lone first-time starter in a field of six, was made the 5-2 second choice to get the job done at first asking. The \$50,000 KEESEP yearling rated kindly off the pace for Rene Douglas, ranged up to poke a head in front at the eighth pole and drew off to win by 4 1/2 lengths. Swiftbrookbdancing (Montbrook) completed the exacta. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$16,800. O-Jake J Pletcher. B-Andover Way & N & P Horse RacingVenture LC (KY). T-Todd A Pletcher.



★ DELMAR ★

Friday Night's Results:

CERF H., \$81,650, DMR, 8-1, (R), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:09, ft.

- 1--#HIGHLAND TORREE, 111, f, 3, Menifee--Highland Tootsie, by Highland Blade. (\$35,000 yrl '06 KEEJAN). O-Richard J O'Neill Trust; B-Mr & Mrs Hugh G King (KY); T-Rafael DeLeon; J-Martin Garcia; \$47,910. Lifetime Record: GSP, 15-5-1-2, \$178,950. *1/2 to Cape Town Lass (Horse Chestnut {SAf}), MGSP, \$215,142.
- 2--La Tee, 115, f, 4, Broken Vow--Ashcreek, by Stalwart. (\$50,000 yrl '05 WASSEP). O-Branch, Allen and Susan. \$15,970.
- 3--Tizsweetdreams, 115, f, 4, Our Emblem--Tizsweet, by Cee's Tizzy. Michael Cooper & Pamela Ziebarth. \$9,582.

Margins: 1, 1, 1HF. Odds: 3.00, 9.60, 1.70.

Seventh as a 51-1 outsider in the Gill Railbird S. at Hollywood Park May 11, Highland Torree atoned for that effort with a nose success in a June 8 entry-level allowance in Inglewood. The dark bay made it two straight with an impressive win in a June 27 optional claimer at Hollypark and was well supported in this restricted stakes. Allowed to gallop along towards the rear of this field, Highland Torree commenced her rally leaving the turn, came out for the drive and outran La Tee to the wire.

CERF H., \$79,935, DMR, 8-1, (R), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:08 4/5, ft.

- 1--COCO BELLE, 120, f, 4, Storm Boot--Nezzi, by Meadowlake. O/B-Mr and Mrs Jerome S Moss (KY); T-John W Sadler; J-Mike E Smith; \$47,961. Lifetime Record: GSP, 15-5-3-5, \$332,798.
- 2--Silky Smooth, 118, f, 4, Mr. Greeley--Sapphire n' Silk, by Pleasant Tap. (\$70,000 yrl '05 KEESEP). O-Edward K Gaylord II. \$15,987.
- 3--Unspoken Word, 117, f, 4, Catienus--Silent Emotion, by Ghazi. O-Rancho San Miguel & Twin Creeks Farm. \$9,593.

Margins: NO, 2 3/4, 1. Odds: 2.80, 2.10, 2.50.

The two-length winner of the Miss Woodford S. on the Breeders' Cup undercard Oct. 27, Coco Belle was put away for the season and resurfaced with a sixth in the Feb. 24 Honest Lady S. at Santa Anita. The chestnut was coming into this off a pair of thirds in turf sprints, the Monterey H. at Bay Meadows Apr. 19 and the Great Lady M. H. at Hollywood June 11. Back on the main track for this, Coco Belle sped to the front and set the pace off the rail, carried a clear advantage past midstretch and was all out late for the victory.

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Del Mar Report cont.

6th-DMR, \$64,578, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$80,000), NW1X, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:35, fm.

YASINISI (IRE) (f, 3, Kalanisi {Ire}--Yazmin {Ire}, by Green Desert), a maiden winner in three European starts for Eoghan O'Neill, made a favorable impression in her U.S. bow, finishing fourth in the Dec. 30 Blue Norther S. at Santa Anita. Seventh in the GIII La Habra S. in Arcadia Feb. 2, she was fifth in Santa Anita allowance company Mar. 20 and most recently third over the Hollywood turf Apr. 24. A 6-1 chance for this comeback, the half to Ibiscus (Ire) (Zafonic), MSP-Ity, settled in midpack, came out for the stretch run and was up to take it by a neck over Comeback Queen (GB) (Nayef). Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-1, \$59,537.

O-Bienstock, Winner Stables & Harlequin Ranches. B-Frank Dunne (IRE). T-Patrick Gallagher.

5th-DMR, \$54,600, Msw, (S), 2yo, 6f (AWT), 1:10 2/5, ft.

+ ESCALON (c, 2, Spanish Steps--Lady Button Eyes (SP), by Belong to Me) became the third winner for his freshman sire (by Unbridled) with this debut success. Dismissed at 13-1 despite the presence of jockey Rafael Bejarano, the dark bay settled off the pace, raced three deep on the far turn and pulled away late to score by two lengths. A \$21,000 FTMOCT yearling, he was resold for \$45,000 as an OBSAPR juvenile. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$31,800.

O-Joseph Lacombe Stable Inc. B-Martin Stables Inc (CA). T-Doug F O'Neill.

Yesterday's Results:

CALIFORNIA DREAMIN' H., \$128,380, DMR, 8-2, (S), 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:40 1/5, fm.

1--**BOLD CHIEFTAIN, 122, h, 5, Chief Seattle--Hooked On Music (SP), by Seattle Dancer.** O-Hall, Langbein Trust & Robinson, et al; B-Ernest L Langbein, William Morey, Kenneth Robinson & Dwaine Hall (CA); T-William J Morey Jr; J-Russell A Baze; \$78,600. Lifetime Record: MGSP, 20-11-2-2, \$713,327. *1/2 to Capt. Fly Hook (Fly Till Dawn), SP, \$167,300; Hooked On Niners (Mr. Greeley), MGSP, \$184,500.

2--**Comoros, 115, c, 4, Comic Strip--Mariah Reyna,** by Far North. O-Clark & Janine Hansen. \$26,200.

3--**Epic Power, 120, g, 7, Epic Honor--Petite n Powerful,** by Eighty Below Zero. O-La Canada Stables LLC. \$15,720.

Margins: 1 1/4, 2, 16. Odds: 1.40, 3.00, 7.20.

Bold Chieftain reeled off three straight stakes victories in Northern California earlier this term, including the grassy Bay Meadows Breeders' Cup H. Apr. 26. Most recently a decent fourth over the Hollywood Cushion in the GIII Ack Ack H. June 7, he lined up as the chalk in this four-horse affair. Settled in second as Comoros led by seven lengths through a half in :46.62, he began to roll in the stretch and was along in time.

7th-DMR, \$55,800, Msw, 2yo, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:03 4/5, ft.

+ BELIEVE IN HOPE (c, 2, Thunder Gulch--Hope Rises {SW, \$170,855}, by Mr. Greeley) was let go at 13-1 in his career opener. Rated off a swift early half in :45.04, he moved to the outside for the stretch drive, took over at the eighth pole and edged clear. Gold Aly (Medaglia d'Oro) came on to be second. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$31,800.

O-Jay Em Ess Stable. B-Mace Siegel & Samantha Siegel (KY). T-Ronald W Ellis.

UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Track</u>
Aug. 3	GI Haskell Invitational	MTH
	GI John C. Mabee H.	DMR
	GII Fourstardave H.	SAR
	GIII Oceanport H.	MTH
	GIII Matchmaker S. Breeders' S.	WO
Aug. 4	GII Nat'l Mus. of Racing/HOF S.	SAR
	GII Nijinsky S.	WO
Aug. 6	GII Sorrento S.	DMR
Aug. 9	GI Arlington Million XXVI	AP
	GI Beverly D. S.	AP
Aug. 10	GI Secretariat S.	AP
	GII La Jolla H.	DMR
	GIII Monmouth BC Oaks	MTH
	GII Best Pal S.	DMR
	GII Adirondack S.	SAR
Aug. 13	GII Saratoga Special S.	SAR
Aug. 14	GII Lake Placid S.	SAR
Aug. 15	GII Alabama S.	SAR
	GI Sword Dancer Inv.	SAR
Aug. 16	GI Del Mar Oaks	DMR
	GIII Philip Iselin BC S.	MTH
	GIII Gardenia H.	ELP
Aug. 17	GIII Longacre Mile BC H.	EMD
Aug. 21	GII Ballston Spa H.	SAR
Aug. 22	GI Personal Ensign H.	SAR
Aug. 23	GI Travers	SAR
	GI King's Bishop	SAR
	GII Bernard Baruch	SAR
	GII Del Mar	DMR
	GII Play the King	WOX
	GIII Victory Ride	SAR
	GIII Canadian Derby	NPX



★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN BRITAIN:

Lucky Art, c, 2, [Johannesburg](#). See "Britain."
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Without Prejudice, c, 3, [Johannesburg](#). See "Britain."
Dijeerr, c, 4, **Danzig**. See "Britain."
Battle Paint, c, 4, [Tale of the Cat](#). See "Britain."
Nanton, g, 6, [Spinning World](#)--Grab the Green (MGSW-US, \$454,023), by Cozzene. Doncaster, 8-2, Hcp, 3yo/up, 10f 60ydsT. B-Mr & Mrs Samuel H. Rogers Jr. *\$75,000 yrl '03 SEP.

IN ITALY:

Wood White, c, 2, [Aljabr](#). See "Breeders' Edition Europe."

IN CHILE:

Art Fort, f, 4, **Artax**--Miss Fort Knox, by Quiet American. Club Hipico de Santiago, 8-1, Hcp, 1000mT. O/B-Haras Carioca. T-Roberto Maggi.



First-crop starters to watch: Sunday, August 3

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

ALEX'S PAL (Valid Expectations), Randolph, \$3K, 32/0/0
 2-SAR, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Abundantia, \$25K OBS AUG yrl, 6-1
ALKE (Grand Slam), Vinery FL, \$4K, 64/3/0
 1-WO, Msw, 5f, Broadway Al, \$120K OBS FEB 2yo, 9-5
BLACK MAMBO (Kingmambo), Bridlewood, \$5K, 73/2/0
 2-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, Eric's Mambo, \$5K ESM AY 2yo, 6-1
 8-CRC, Msw, 6f, +Viva Summer, \$12K OBS AUG yrl
CANADIAN FRONTIER (Gone West), Airdrie, \$10K, 41/0/0
 6-DMR, Msw, 5 1/2f, Hey Feathers, \$26K KEE SEP yrl
CONGAREE (Arazi), Adena Springs KY, \$15K, 93/5/2
 6-DMR, Msw, 5 1/2f, Sugaree Gold, \$65K KEE SEP yrl
CUVEE (Carson City), Gainesway, \$10K, 115/2/0
 7-NP, Stk, 6 1/2f, Quiet Approach, \$28K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1
DOMESTIC DISPUTE (Unbridled's Song), Northview, \$5K, 71/0/0
 3-LAD, Msw, 5f, +Peppertown, 10-1
DURING (Cherokee Run), Claiborne, \$5K, 69/1/0
 2-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Damion's Pride, \$1,000 ESM AY 2yo, 5-1

GIMMEAWINK (Elusive Quality), Hidden Point, \$5K, 60/1/0
 1-PID, Msw, 5 1/2f, Gimmesatisfaction, 4-1
GREAT NOTION (Elusive Quality), Northview, \$4K, 38/1/0
 2-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, Great Norton, \$1,000 EAS SEP yrl, 12-1
HAASIL (IRE) (Machiavellian), Rivendell, \$1K, 5/1/0
 4-SR, Stk, 6f, Bold Reward, 8-1
HIGH CASCADE (Woodman), 31/1/0
 3-LAD, Msw, 5f, +Dekalb Delight, \$2K LSA BDR yrl, 20-1
JOHAR (Gone West), Mill Ridge, \$20K, 75/1/0
 6-DMR, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Princess Windsharp, \$74K KEE SEP yrl
LION HEART (Tale of the Cat), Ashford, \$30K, 181/10/2
 4-SAR, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Aoja, \$15K SAR AUG yrl, 5-1
OMEGA CODE (Elusive Quality), Hartley, 96/7/0
 7-NP, Stk, 6 1/2f, Gold Omega, \$18K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1
RAINMAKER (Storm Cat), All Star Tbreeds, \$2K, 48/0/0
 1-PID, Msw, 5 1/2f, Rainshine, 7-2
READ THE FOOTNOTES (Smoke Glacken), Sequel New York, \$9K, 54/4/0
 4-SAR, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Rereadthefootnotes, \$80K OBS MAR 2yo, 3-1
 8-CRC, Msw, 6f, +Lady Valencia, \$14K OBS APR 2yo
SPEIGHTSTOWN (Gone West), WinStar, \$40K, 100/4/0
 2-SAR, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Wickedly Spicey, \$200K FTS AUG yrl, 3-1
 2-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Old Man Bill, \$14K ESM AY 2yo, 7-2
 9-ELP, Msw, 6f, +Despeightitall, 6-1
TAPIT (Pulpit), Gainesway, \$15K, 96/3/0
 2-SAR, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Tapitha, \$25K OBS MAR 2yo, 10-1
TOMAHAWK (Seattle Slew), Park Stud, \$9K, 53/3/0
 4-WO, Stk, 6f, Spanish Native, 8-1
WHERE'S THE RING (Seeking the Gold), Gardiner, \$4K, 65/1/1
 4-WO, Stk, 6f, Cawaja Beach, 6-5

First/Second-crop starters to watch: Sunday, August 3

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

AUTHENTICATE (Gone West), Le Mesa, \$3K, 110/19/0
 6-LAD, Msw, 5fT, +Real Fast, 6-1
D'WILDCAT (Forest Wildcat), Vinery, \$10K, 68/22/3
 4-WO, Stk, 6f, D' Country, \$35K KEE NOV wnl, 10-1
 4-WO, Stk, 6f, Cataleenda, \$9K CAN SEP yrl, 7-2
EMPIRE MAKER (Unbridled), Juddmonte, \$100K, 188/22/6
 7-EMD, Stk, 1 1/16m, Seattle Tuesday, \$125K KEE SEP yrl
 7-DEL, Msw, 5fT, +Common Channel, 6-1
EXPRESSIONIST (Wild Again), Harrison, \$, 8/1/0
 1-DMR, Msw, 6f, +Already Wild, \$1K BAR SUM 2yo
GREATNESS (Mr. Prospector), Adena South, \$5K, 83/22/0
 8-CRC, Msw, 6f, +Bedda Victoria, \$22K OBS WIN yrl
HARLAN'S HOLIDAY (Harlan), Airdrie, \$18K, 170/50/6
 5-MTH, Stk, 1 1/16mT, White Holiday, \$50K KEE SEP yrl
 3-LAD, Msw, 5f, +Louisiana Legend, \$24K TEX AUG yrl, 20-1
KAFWAIN (Cherokee Run), Darley, \$10K, 180/32/5
 9-ELP, Msw, 6f, +Son of Destiny, \$85K OBS MAR 2yo, 8-1
LODGE HILL (Cozzene), Norse Ridge, \$2K, 23/0/0
 3-LAD, Msw, 5f, +Lucky Seventeen, \$4K TEX DEC wnl, 6-1
MAYAKOVSKY (Matty G), Mill Creek, \$3K, 56/8/0
 4-SAR, Msw, 5 1/2f, +J T Moore, 7-2
MINESHAFT (A.P. Indy), Lane's End, \$100K, 151/18/3
 13-MTH, Stk, 1 1/8m, Coal Play, \$280K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1
 13-MTH, Stk, 1 1/8m, Cool Coal Man, \$850K FTF FEB 2yo, 4-1
 2-SAR, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Abigail's Gold, \$300K KEE SEP yrl, 7-2



Rookies cont.

PROUD CITIZEN (Gone West), Airdrie, \$13K, 210/40/4 6-LAD, Msw, 5fT, +Sainly Citizen, \$15K KEE SEP yrl, 20-1
REPENT (Louis Quatorze), Vinery Florida, \$5K, 159/43/5 5-MTH, Stk, 1 1/16mT, Sinners Repent, \$18K OBS APR 2yo 13-MTH, Stk, 1 1/8m, Atoned, \$165K OBS FEB 2yo, 6-1
SLIGO BAY (IRE) (Sadler's Wells), Adena South, \$10K, 128/28/1 9-WO, Stk, 1 1/2mT, Sligovitz, \$32K ADS SPR 2yo, 7-2
TRUST N LUCK (Montbrook), Vinery, \$9K, 118/30/2 7-EMD, Stk, 1 1/16m, Fear No Evil, \$15K KEE SEP yrl
VAN NISTELROOY (Storm Cat), Ashford, \$8K, 200/53/8 13-MTH, Stk, 1 1/8m, Nistle's Crunch, \$55K KEE SEP yrl, 15-1 3-LAD, Msw, 5f, +Van Missiletote, \$9K TEX AUG yrl, 15-1
VINDICATION (Seattle Slew), Hill 'n' Dale, \$50K, 231/44/3 6-DMR, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Scarborough Fair 7-NP, Stk, 6 1/2f, It's Good to Be Me, \$47K KEE SEP yrl, 25-1 7-AP, Msw, 1m, +Scene Control, \$90K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1
VOLPONI (Cryptoclearance), Hopewell, 92/24/3 7-EMD, Stk, 1 1/16m, Reel Prime, \$17K FTK OCT yrl
YANKEE GENTLEMAN (Storm Cat), Airdrie, \$10K, 114/32/3 7-EMD, Stk, 1 1/16m, Gentleman Lawyer, \$10K WAS OCT yrl

Thoroughbred S. cont.

★ **"TDN Rising Star"** ★ River Proud, who was runner-up in Newmarket's G2 July S. and successful in the G3 Somerville Tattersall S. on the Rowley Mile there in October, was only fourth in the G3 Craven S. back at that venue on his three-year-old debut Apr. 17. Taking a major step forward, the bay was finishing with a rattle when third in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains at Longchamp May 11. Returning off an enforced break, he raced keenly when left in front by his reluctant rivals, but soon settled and quickened in the final quarter to take it in style. "That was a relief, as he has a lot of talent and speed, but also an aversion to the stalls," trainer Paul Cole commented. "Ideally, he'd be better off covered up, and we think he'll get further. We've got the [Aug. 23] G2 Prix Guillaume d'Ornano at Deauville pencilled in."



★ BRITAIN ★

Yesterday's Results:

THOROUGHBRED S.-Listed, £50,000, Goodwood, 8-2, 3yo, 1mT, 1:38.29, gd/fm.
 1--**RIVER PROUD, 126, c, 3**, by **Proud Citizen**
 1st Dam: Da River Hoss, by River Special
 2nd Dam: Jolly Saint (Ire), by Welsh Saint (GB)
 3rd Dam: Jolly Widow (Ire), by Busted (GB)
 (\$75,000 yrl '06 FTKJUL). O-Mrs Michael Spencer; B-Brereton C Jones & B Ned Jones; T-Paul Cole; J-Richard Hughes; £28,385. Lifetime Record: GSW-Eng & G1SP-Fr, 8-3-1-1, £119,649. **Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.** Werk Nick Rating: **A**.
 2--**Alexandros (GB)**, 126, c, 3, Kingmambo--Arlette (Ire), by King of Kings (Ire). £10,760.
 3--**Atlantic Sport**, 126, c, 3, Machiavellian--Shy Lady (Fr), by Kaldoun (Fr). (\$500,000 yrl '06 KEESEP). £5,385.
 Margins: 2HF, NK, 3/4. Odds: 5-2, 9-2, 12-1.
 Also Ran: Moyenne Corniche (GB), Duntulm (GB), Perfect Stride (GB), Meeriss (Ire), Alfathaa (GB). Scratched: Stubbs Art (Ire).

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.

STEWARDS' CUP (Hcp), £100,000, Goodwood, 8-2, 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:11.91, gd.

1--**CONQUEST (IRE), 121, g, 4**, **Invincible Spirit (Ire)--Aguinaga (Ire)**, by Machiavellian. (€80,000 wnlg '04 GOFNOV; 135,000gns yrl '05 TATOCT). O-Highclere Thoroughbred Racing XXXVIII; B-Gerrardstown House Stud; T-William Haggas; J-Dane O'Neill; £62,310. Lifetime Record: GSW-Eng, 22-4-2-1, £187,397.
 2--**King's Apostle (Ire)**, 128, c, 4, King's Best--Politesse, by Barathea (Ire). £18,660.
 3--**Borderlescott (GB)**, 136, g, 6, Compton Place (GB)--Jeewan (Ire), by Touching Wood. (13,000gns yrl '03 DONOCT). £9,330.
 Margins: HD, HF, 2HF. Odds: 40-1, 12-1, 7-1.

Conquest is one of racing's Jekyll and Hyde characters, and even his staunchest supporters would find it difficult to defend his reputation after nine off-the-board efforts in his last 10 starts. His good days have seen him win the G2 Gimcrack S. in 2006 and the Listed Hever Sprint S. on Lingfield's Polytrack on his seasonal bow Mar. 15, but subsequent efforts had earned him the notorious "squiggle" from analysts Timeform denoting unreliability. Turning that logic on its head off the back of a tame effort when trailing in a handicap at Chepstow July 11, the bay traveled strongly in the centre of the track and, by the time he edged across to the stands rail and to the lead with 100 yards remaining, he had the race in safe keeping. King's Apostle, who denied last year's runner-up Borderlescott the silver medal with a late rush, provided William Haggas with a one-two. He said, "Conquest is talented when it all goes his way and, sadly, he only does it about once every 10 runs. Hopefully, they will take that squiggle off at Timeform now. King's Apostle needs holding up and is a progressive horse."

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Newmarket, 4.40, Cond, £20,000, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:38.76, gd.

DIJEERR (c, 4, Danzig--Sharp Minister, by Deputy Minister), winner of the 2006 G3 Horris Hill S., went postward as the 11-8 chalk returning off a second in the Feb. 28 Listed Zabeel Mile at Nad Al Sheba. Leading after the initial steps, the \$500,000 KEESEP yearling was shaken up at the two pole and kept on under a drive up the hill to register a 2 3/4-length score from Drumfire (Ire) (Danhill Dancer {Ire}). The winner is a half to Sharp Writer (Capote), MSW & GSP-US, \$212,450. Lifetime Record: GSW-Eng & SP-UAE, 11-3-7-0, £109,267.

O-Godolphin; B-Monticule; T-Saeed bin Suroor.

Doncaster, 3.25, Cond, £15,000, 3/up, 6fT, 1:12.20, gd.

BATTLE PAINT (c, 4, Tale of the Cat--Black Speck, by Arch), runner-up in the 2006 G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere, was let go at 9-2 coming off the shelf after a fourth in last year's G3 Prix Paul de Moussac at Chantilly in June. Positioned in a midfield sixth from the break, he challenged wide at the quarter-mile marker and was ridden out in the closing stages to hold Pawan (Ire) (Cadeaux Geneux {GB}) by a length. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Fr, 7-2-2-0, £98,673. [Video, courtesy of attheraces.com.](#)

O-Cheveley Park Stud; B-Joseph Allen; T-John Gosden.

★ NEW "TDN Rising Star" ★

Goodwood, 4.25, Mdn, £20,000, 2yo, c/g, 7fT, 1:28.61, gd/fm.

+ JUKEBOX JURY (IRE), c, 2, by Montjeu (Ire)

1st Dam: Mare Aux Fees (GB), by Kenmare (Fr)

2nd Dam: Feerie Boreale (Fr), by Irish River (Fr)

3rd Dam: Skelda (Fr), by La Varende (Fr)

Handed a wide draw around this notoriously tricky and undulating circuit, Jukebox Jury's first start proved a baptism of fire, but the grey--from a stable not renowned for debut winners--defied all the odds. Trapped wide throughout the early stages, the €270,000 DEAAUG yearling had no choice but to race in rear, and had handed the leader Full Toss (GB) (Nayef) five lengths at the top of the straight. Asked to quicken by Johnny Murtagh, the 14-1 shot responded with a sustained burst of acceleration down the center of the track to inhale that rival in the final strides for a neck success. "We've always liked him, but we have taken our time, and Johnny suggested another educational run next time," trainer Mark Johnston commented. The victor is a half to Pierrot Solaire (Fr) (Dancing Spree), SW-Ity, \$258,320; The Mask (Fr) (Saint Estephe {Fr}), SW & MGSP-Fr, GSP-Eng, \$131,813; and Belle Allure (Ire) (Numerous), GSW-Fr. Khan Tengri (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), a son of the high-class Ela Athena (GB), never got involved after a slow break and trailed in 13th.

Click for the [Racing Post chart](#) or the [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £12,952.

O-A D Spence; B-Paul Nataf; T-Mark Johnston.

Thirsk, 2.00, Mdn, £8,500, 2yo, 5fT, :58.61, gd.

LUCKY ART (c, 2, Johannesburg--Syrian Summer, by Damascus), fourth at Beverley July 5, broke sharply and claimed an immediate lead. Maintaining control throughout, the \$12,000 KEESEP yearling and 46,000gns DONAPR breezer was ridden along when pressed approaching the eighth pole and kept on well in the latter stages to comfortably hold Enderby Spirit (Ger) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) by 2 1/4 lengths as the 5-2 choice. Charles Dickens (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}) was outpaced in sixth throughout and was unable to improve that position. Lucky Art is a half to Marlin (Sword Dance {Ire}), MGISW-US, \$2,398,879. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, £5,805.

O-Matthew Green & Howard Johnson; B-Gaines-Gentry Thoroughbreds; T-Howard Johnson.

Newmarket, 4.05, Mdn, £8,000, 2yo, f, 7fT, 1:26.80, gd.

+ SPY EYE (f, 2, Tale of the Cat--Surya {MGSW-US, \$400,965}, by Unbridled) broke swiftly and raced in a handy fifth from flagfall in this opening show. Ridden along to challenge approaching the closing panel, the 10-1 chance kept on well up the climb to best Peninsula Girl (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}) by a length. Sri Kandi (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) raced in the vanguard through the early fractions, but was outpaced in the closing stages and finished 10th. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £5,181. O-Niarchos Family; B-Flaxman Holdings Ltd; T-Sir Michael Stoute.

Lingfield, 7.50, Mdn, £4,000, 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:11.80, gd/fm.

WITHOUT PREJUDICE (c, 3, Johannesburg--Awesome Strike, by Theatrical {Ire}), a last-up second at Haydock June 12, stalked the pace for most of this one. Never coming out of second gear, the 1-8 chalk joined Ma Vie en Rose (Ire) (Red Ransom) full of run with 100 yards to go and was not extended to score by a half length from that rival in facile fashion. The winner was a €130,000 GOFORB yearling and a 310,000gns TATAPR breezer. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, £4,324.

[Video, courtesy of attheraces.com.](#)

O-Michael Tabor; B-Skymarc Farm & Castlemartin Stud; T-Jeremy Nosedá.



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British Report cont.

Doncaster, 5.10, Mdn, £5,000, 3-4yo, 10f 60ydsT, 2:10.30, gd.

SORTITA (GER) (f, 3, Monsun {Ger}--Sacarina {GB}, by Old Vic {GB}) went postward as the 7-4 favorite following a seasonal-return third at Goodwood May 8. Sent to the front after the opening exchanges, the €750,000 DEAAUG yearling was shaken up approaching the final quarter mile and kept on strongly under urging in the closing stages to easily account for Censored (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) by 3 1/4 lengths. The victress is a full to Samum (Ger), Hwt. 3yo-Ger at 11-14f, MG1SW-Ger, \$852,801; Salve Regina (Ger), Hwt. Older Mare-Ger at 11-14f, G1SW-Ger, \$530,252; and Schiaparelli (Ger), Hwt. 3yo-Ger at 14f+, Hwt. Older Horse-Ity at 11-14f, MG1SW-Ger, G1SW-Ity, \$925,972. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, £5,453. [Video, courtesy of attheraces.com.](#)

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Gestut Karlshof; T-Michael Jarvis.

★ FRANCE ★

Sunday, La Teste de Buch, post time: 4:30 p.m.

CRITERIUM DU BEQUET - CHATEAU

FONT-MERLET-Listed, €55,000, 2yo, 6fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	9	Diablieside (Fr)	Diableneyev	Durepaire	128
2	3	Soliste Bere (Fr)	Until Sundown	Martin-Sanchez	128
3	4	Milanais (Fr)	Dyhim Diamond (Ire)	de Montzey	128
4	6	Sirenita (Ire)	Mull of Kintyre	L Gallego	125
5	5	Alta Luna (Fr)	Fasliyev	Rouget	125
6	2	Becquamille (Fr)	Sin Kiang (Fr)	Guillemin	125
7	8	Kenz (Fr)	Indian Rocket (GB)	Baillet	125
8	10	Aseena (Ire)	Verglas (Ire)	Thomas-Demeaulte	125
9	7	Arakawa (Fr)	Indian Rocket (GB)	Baillet	125
10	1	Marychope (Fr)	Indian Rocket (GB)	Guillemin	125

Yesterday's Results:

Deauville, 2.10, Mdn, €22,000, unraced 2yo, c/g, 6 1/2fT, 1:21.50, sf.

+ **NAAQOOS (GB) (c, 2, Oasis Dream {GB}--Straight Lass {Ire}, by Machiavellian)**, a half to Barastraight (GB) (Barathea {Ire}), GSW-Fr, \$125,493, was let go at 39-10 for this first go and raced in rear after a tardy exit. Making smooth progress into contention with 500 meters remaining, the €280,000 DEAAUG yearling was pushed to the front approaching the final furlong and kept on well under urging in the closing stages to score by 1 1/2 lengths from Aston Hill (Fr) (Bahhare). Anticenter (Kingmambo), who raced in rear, was tenderly handled once beaten and finished ninth. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €11,000.

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Serge Boucheron; T-Freddy Head.

Deauville, 3.50, Mdn, €22,000, unraced 2yo, f, 6 1/2fT, 1:21.90, sf.

+ **ALL SPEEDY (FR) (f, 2, Pyramus--Alpina {Ger}, by Lavirco {Ger})**, a 29-1 outsider, raced in a close seventh for most of this first at-bat. Coming under pressure with 350 meters remaining, she found an extra gear under a final-furlong drive to oust Soneva (Cherokee Run) by a head on the line. Miss Number One (Ire) (Numerous) raced prominently in the early stages, but was unable to land a telling blow and finished 10th. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €11,000.

O/B-Ecurie Haras de Quetieville; T-Sandrine Tarrou.

★ IRELAND ★

Yesterday's Result:

Galway, 5.05, Mdn, €20,000, 2yo, 1m 100ydsT, 1:50.11, gd.

INDIAN OCEAN (IRE) (c, 2, Montjeu {Ire}--Dance Desire {Ire}, by Caerleon), a debut seventh at The Curragh July 13, broke well, but was restrained in third after a furlong. Improving into second rounding the home turn, the €370,000 GOFMIL yearling was sent to the front with 150 yards to go and drew off late to score by 3 1/2 lengths from Dark Humour (Ire) as the 4-1 second choice. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €13,020. [Video, courtesy of attheraces.com.](#)

O-Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith; B-Rockhart Trading Ltd; T-Aidan O'Brien.



EUROPEAN VIDEO LINKS

[Galway, 5.05 \(Mdn\) Indian Ocean \(Ire\) \(Montjeu {Ire}\)](#) graduates by 3 1/2 lengths.

[Doncaster, 3.25 \(Cond\) Battle Paint \(Tale of the Cat\)](#) returns from the bench a winner.

[Doncaster, 5.10 \(Mdn\) Sortita \(Ger\) \(Monsun {Ger}\)](#) earns her diploma at third asking.

[Lingfield, 7.50 \(Mdn\) Without Prejudice \(Johannesburg\)](#) goes one better.



AUSTRALASIA



STAKES WINNER BY EUROPEAN SIRE:

#**@Commanding Hope (Aus)**, g, 4, **Commands (Aus)**--
Divine Hope (Aus), by Prego (Ire). Caulfield
(Melbourne), 8-2, Bletchingly S.-G3, 3yo/up, 6fT,
A\$60,000 to winner. B-G S Adkins, J Graham,
D Vince, P Tulloch, J Finemore & K McAuliffe;
T-Chris Hyland.

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

STAKES RESULTS:

WEST VIRGINIA SENATE PRESIDENT'S S., \$110,000,
MNR, 8-2, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m70yT, 1:39 2/5, fm.

- 1--**#SHYTOE LAFEET, 115, m, 5, King of Kings (Ire)**--
Hightshift, by **St. Jovite**. O/B-Avalon Farms Inc (KY);
T-J Larry Jones; J-Gabriel Saez; \$66,000. Lifetime
Record: 28-5-5-9, \$271,123. **Werk Nick Rating: A +**.
[Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.](#)
- 2--**Si Si Mon Amie, 118, f, 4, El Corredor--French Al-**
lure, by Lear Fan. (\$35,000 yrl '05 KEESEP).
\$22,000.
- 3--**Beautiful Venue, 118, f, 4, Came Home--Avenue**
Shopper, by Avenue of Flags. \$11,000.

Margins: NO, 1 3/4, HF. Odds: 3.80, 2.40, 8.70.

JOHN FRANKS MEMORIAL SALES S., \$100,000, EVD,
8-1, (R), 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:06 2/5, ft.

- 1--**#TENSAS COOL TOWN, 116, f, 2, Leestown--Cool**
Kiss, by **Cozzene** (\$11,500 yrl '07 TEXAUG). O-A
Philip Henderson; B-Curt Leake (LA); T-Anthony Agilar;
J-Billy Charles Patin; \$60,000. Lifetime Record:
5-2-1-0, \$83,586.
- 2--**Diamond Mission, 116, f, 2, Deputy Diamond--**
Buddy's Mission, by Missionary Ridge (GB). (\$3,000
yrl '07 LOUOCT). \$20,000.
- 3--**Miss Silver Pistol, 117, f, 2, Chapel Royal--Whata**
Gem, by Maria's Mon. (\$32,000 yrl '07 KEESEP).
\$10,000.

Margins: 3/4, 4HF, NK. Odds: 3.30, 2.90, 1.30.

PENNSYLVANIA GOVERNOR'S CUP H., \$100,000,
PEN, 8-1, 3yo/up, 5fT, :55, fm.

- 1--**HEROS REWARD, 124, g, 6, Partner's Hero--Lifes**
Passage, by **Caveat**. O-Rob Ry Farm & Slys; B-G
Mobberley (MD); T-D Capuano; J-J Castellano; \$60,000.
Lifetime Record: MGSW, 25-10-6-2, \$803,600. **Werk**
Nick Rating: A. Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.
- 2--**Rouse the Cat, 119, g, 4, Sir Cat--Crouse Mill**, by
Strike Gold. \$20,000.
- 3--**Hesa Big Star, 120, g, 6, Hesabull--Starbuster**, by
Housebuster. (\$1,400 wlng '02 OBSOCT). \$11,000.

Margins: 1 3/4, NK, NK. Odds: 0.40, 10.80, 11.40.

VICTORIA S., \$100,000, LAD, 8-2, (S), 3yo/up, f/m,
6f, 1:10 2/5, ft.

- 1--**#CALMED, 116, m, 5, Belek--Too Calm (MSP,**
\$128,900), by **I'ma Hell Raiser**. O/B-Charlene Touzet
Thorson (LA); T-Connie Tassistro; J-Kerwin D Clark;
\$60,000. Lifetime Record: 13-5-2-3, \$195,195. *1/2
to Lash (Irgun), SW, \$166,891.
- 2--**Coach Mike, 124, f, 4, Toolighttoquit--Smart Lady**,
by Northern Prospect. \$20,000.
- 3--**Leesa Lee, 116, m, 5, Leestown--I Told You So**, by
Plain Dealing. (\$7,500 yrl '04 LOUSEP). \$10,000.

Margins: HF, 3, NK. Odds: 11.40, 0.80, 6.00.

CAJUN S., \$100,000, LAD, 8-2, (S), 3yo/up, 6f,
1:10 3/5, ft.

- 1--**TORTUGA STRAITS, 122, g, 4, Gold Tribute--**
Tortuga Band (MSP), by **Dixieland Band**. (\$42,000 yrl
'05 LOUOCT; \$21,000 2yo '06 EVDMAR). O-Karla P
Balensiefen; B-Joseph Adcock & Neal McFadden (LA);
T-Ralph R Irwin; J-Luis S Quinonez; \$60,000.
Lifetime Record: 14-8-3-1, \$500,200. *1/2 to
Lightsnatcher (Wild Zone), SW, \$107,020; Tortuga
Flats (Wild Zone), MSW, \$456,940.
- 2--**Captain Buddy, 122, g, 4, Ide--Eyes On Molly**, by
Malagra. \$20,000.
- 3--**Stoney Gold, 122, g, 4, Gold Tribute--Rock It Flyer**,
by Wind Flyer. \$10,000.

Margins: HD, HF, NK. Odds: 2.20, 19.20, 15.10.

SHISKABOB S., \$99,000, LAD, 8-2, (S), 3yo/up,
1 1/16mT, 1:42, fm.

- 1--**DIGGY FRESH, 116, g, 7, Indian Charlie--Passionate**
Pidgeon, by **Flying Pidgeon**. O-Robert Asaro
Enterprises Inc; B-R Bar S Thoroughbreds LLP (LA);
T-Keith G Bourgeois; J-Gerard Melancon; \$60,000.
Lifetime Record: 33-6-5-6, \$309,372.
- 2--**Autobeacat, 122, g, 5, Autocracy--Storm the Lane**,
by Storm Boot. \$20,000.
- 3--**Desert Wheat, 124, h, 5, Wheaton--Absoluta (Ire)**,
by Royal Academy. \$10,000.

Margins: HD, 2, 2. Odds: 5.70, 12.80, 1.20.

LOUISIANA BREEDERS' DERBY, \$99,000, LAD, 8-2,
(S), 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:43, ft.

- 1--**#STAR PRODUCTION, 122, g, 3, Run Production--**
Zarb's Star (SW, \$132,700), by **Zarbyev**.
O/B-Foxwood Plantation Ltd (LA); T-James E Hodges;
J-Carlos Gonzalez; \$60,000. Lifetime Record:
12-3-4-1, \$158,820.
- 2--**Ide Like a Double, 122, c, 3, Ide--Make Mine a Dou-**
ble, by Carr de Naskra. \$20,000.
- 3--**Lee's Spirit, 122, g, 3, Leestown--Spirit Catcher**, by
Dahar. (\$5,000 yrl '06 LOUOCT). \$10,000.

Margins: 8, 3/4, 7. Odds: 2.60, 1.00, 4.50.

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LOUISIANA BREEDERS' OAKS, \$99,000, LAD, 8-2, (S), 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:45 1/5, ft.

1--**SUPERIOR STORM**, 122, f, 3, [Stormy Atlantic](#)--

Alittlebitsuperior (MSP), by **Total Departure**. O-Jac Mac Stable LLC; B-Jack Dickerson (LA); T-Richard D Jackson; J-John Jacinto; \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 12-8-1-1, \$355,098. *1/2 to Taffy (Saratoga Six), MSW, \$322,744.

2--**Go Atm**, 122, f, 3, Fifty Stars--Money Unlimited, by Fire Dancer. \$20,000.

3--**E Z Time**, 122, f, 3, Zarbyev--Time to Pour, by High Brite. \$10,000.

Margins: 5, 6 3/4, 4HF. Odds: 0.90, 3.50, 31.30.

WALMAC FARM MATCHMAKER S., \$98,000, LAD, 8-2, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:43, fm.

1--**#ROYAL MADAME**, 116, m, 5, **Royal Strand (Ire)**--**Flashy Madame**, by **Ei Mandingo**. O-Micheal Almerico; B-Double Dam Farm LLC (LA); T-Harry L Hahn III; J-Cody Meche; \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 29-4-5-3, \$204,900.

2--**Tensas Yucatan**, 122, f, 4, Ide--Xylophone, by Dehere. (\$14,500 yrl '05 TEXAUG; \$270,000 2yo '06 TEXMAR). \$20,000.

3--**Tortuga Flats**, 124, m, 5, Wild Zone--Tortuga Band, by Dixieland Band. \$10,000.

Margins: 3/4, HD, 2HF. Odds: 22.90, 3.90, 0.90.

HARVEY ARNEAULT MEMORIAL S., \$95,000, MNR, 8-2, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09 4/5, ft.

1--**ARE YOU SERIOUS**, 118, g, 6, **You and I--Iron Feather**, by **Crafty Prospector**. (C\$32,000 yrl '03 FTCSEP). O-Charles W Everett & Todd Beattie; B-Gardiner Farms Limited (ON); T-Todd M Beattie; J-Dana G Whitney; \$51,000. Lifetime Record: GSP, 35-12-4-4, \$524,733. **Werk Nick Rating: A + . Click for the [eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree](#).**

2--**Vicarian**, 121, g, 4, Vicar--American Slew, by Quiet American. \$22,000.

3--**P. Kerney**, 118, g, 7, Pleasant Tap--Substantial, by Stalwart. \$11,000.

Margins: 3/4, 1 1/4, 3/4. Odds: 1.10, 4.30, 3.60.

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE CHAIRMAN'S CUP S., \$85,000, MNR, 8-2, 3yo/up, 4 1/2f, :51 2/5, ft.

1--**#LACEWELL**, 118, g, 5, **Souvenir Copy--Aerial Meeting**, by **General Meeting**. (\$40,000 yrl '04 KEESEP). O-The Elkstone Group; B-Hopewell Investments LLC (KY); T-Michael T Beck; J-Sylvester Joseph Carmouche, III; \$51,000. Lifetime Record: 12-8-2-1, \$218,700. **Werk Nick Rating: A + + . Click for the [eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree](#).**

2--**Pete's Wonder**, 121, c, 4, Three Wonders--Wish for Candi, by Candi's Gold. (\$57,000 yrl '05 OBSJAN). \$17,000.

3--**Bernie Blue**, 121, g, 6, Bernstein--Blue Sword, by Crusader Sword. \$8,500.

Margins: NK, 1 1/4, 2. Odds: 2.90, 1.60, 3.50.

WEST VIRGINIA SECRETARY OF STATE S., \$85,000, MNR, 8-2, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11, ft.

1--**#AWSUGAHNOW**, 117, f, 4, [Forestry](#)--**American Jewel**, by **Quiet American**. O-Randall Bloch, Phil Milner, Keith Basso & John Seiler; B-Nesco II (KY); T-Ian R Wilkes; J-Calvin H Borel; \$51,000. Lifetime Record: 19-3-4-2, \$183,414. **Werk Nick Rating: A + . Click for the [eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree](#).**

2--**Pola's Place**, 118, m, 5, Out of Place--Pola, by Strawberry Road (Aus). \$17,000.

3--**A Little Wild**, 115, m, 5, Wild Wonder--Pam's Delight, by Slew the Slewor. \$8,500.

Margins: 1, 1HF, NK. Odds: 6.70, 7.30, 18.90.

WEST VIRGINIA HOUSE OF DELEGATES SPEAKER'S CUP S., \$85,000, MNR, 8-2, 3yo/up, 1m70yT, 1:38, fm.

1--**#SALINJA**, 118, g, 6, **Boundary--Lasha (MSP, \$118,514)**, by **Rahy**. (\$85,000 wlng '02 KEENOV; \$90,000 yrl '03 KEESEP). O-Priscilla Graham; B-Craig Beam (KY); T-H Graham Motion; J-Garrett K Gomez; \$51,425. Lifetime Record: 35-6-11-5, \$335,364. **Werk Nick Rating: B + . Click for the [eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree](#).**

2--**Jungle Fighter**, 118, g, 7, Wild Rush--Joustabout, by Apalachee. \$17,000.

3--**Buckeye Buddy**, 109, g, 6, Horse Chestnut (Saf)--Classic Collection, by General Meeting. \$8,500.

Margins: 3/4, 2 3/4, 10HF. Odds: 2.00, 2.00, 3.80.

LAUREL LANE S., \$75,000, LAD, 8-2, (S), 2yo, f, 6f, 1:12 2/5, ft.

1--**#RUN DON'T STROLL**, 118, f, 2, **Stroll--Cotton Jenni**, by **Clever Trick**. O-Robert Wilensky & Randolph Schneider; B-Bob Wilensky (LA); T-James E Hodges; J-Kirk Paul LeBlanc; \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$72,800.

2--**Reckon**, 120, f, 2, Devil His Due--Little Evon, by Gold Case. (\$7,200 yrl '07 LOUOCT). \$15,000.

3--**Enjoy the Score**, 118, f, 2, Even the Score--Time to Enjoy, by Distorted Humor. (\$19,000 2yo '08 TEXMAR). \$7,500.

Margins: 3 3/4, 2, HF. Odds: 2.40, 4.00, 5.30.

GTOBA JUVENILE FILLY TURF DASH S., \$75,000, CRC, 8-2, (R), 2yo, f, 5fT, :57 1/5, gd.

1--**#MY SWEET NATALIE**, 120, f, 2, **Bring the Heat--Our Country Dancer**, by **Citidancer**. O-Raymond V Feldman & Wesley A Ward; B/T-Wesley Ward (CA); J-Pascacio Lopez; \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$81,216.

2--**Jungle Jill**, 116, f, 2, Express Tour--Orange Orchid, by Regal Search. \$15,000.

3--**Wild Actress**, 114, f, 2, Wild Event--Act Foolish, by Noactor. \$8,250.

Margins: 5, 1 1/4, HD. Odds: 1.90, 2.90, 29.20.



COUNT LATHUM H., \$73,020, NPX, 8-2, 3yo,
1 1/16m, 1:44 4/5, ft.

- 1--**#PAPA TIME, 118, g, 3, Gilded Time--Te Papa Crystal, by Roy.** (\$45,000 yrl '06 KEESEP). O-Bar None Ranches Ltd; B-North Wales LLC (KY); T-Ron Grieves; J-Jake Barton; \$43,812. Lifetime Record: 10-2-3-2, \$103,865.
- 2--**Saratoga Avenue, 116, g, 3, Hold That Tiger--Halo Femme, by Halo.** (\$50,000 yrl '06 KEESEP). \$14,604.
- 3--**Ballintoy, 119, g, 3, Rosetti--Ribbon Falls, by Regal Classic.** (C\$3,151 yrl '06 ALBAUG). \$7,302.
- Margins: HF, 2 3/4, 4HF. Odds: 1.95, 4.05, 5.10.

- STARDUST S.**, \$72,750, LAD, 8-2, (S), 2yo, 6f,
1:12 3/5, ft.
- 1--**#GASTON, 116, g, 2, Count the Time--Glorita, by Honour and Glory.** O/B-Heiligbrodt Racing Stable (LA); T-Brett Brinkman; J-Gerard Melancon; \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-2, \$65,700.
- 2--**Cajun Thunder, 118, c, 2, Storm Day--Am Flippy, by Hazaam.** (\$33,000 2yo '08 TEXMAR). \$15,000.
- 3--**Zarb's Whirl, 114, c, 2, Zarbyev--Nanie's Whirl, by Pancho Villa.** \$7,500.
- Margins: 1, 1HF, 3/4. Odds: 0.70, 0.70, 4.60.

- STAYBRIDGE SUITES S.**, \$68,900, MTH, 8-2, 3yo, f,
1 1/16mT, 1:41 1/5, gd.
- 1--**#ONE MAN TO BEAT, 116, f, 3, Menifee--Global Star (MGSP, \$154,830), by Relaunch.** (\$10,000 yrl '06 FTMOCT). O-High Five Stables; B-Frank A Bonsal Jr (KY); T-H Graham Motion; J-Elvis Trujillo; \$39,000. Lifetime Record: 9-4-2-0, \$113,099.
- 2--**Open Skies, 122, f, 3, Defrere--Raspberry Ice, by Stop the Music.** (\$44,000 yrl '06 FTMOCT). \$16,900.
- 3--**Yippety Yip, 118, f, 3, Broken Vow--Fighting Words, by Lord At War (Arg).** \$7,800.
- Margins: 1HF, HF, 1 3/4. Odds: 9.20, 3.30, 3.10.

- CRANK IT UP S.**, \$60,000, MTH, 8-2, 3yo, f, a5 1/2ft,
1:02 2/5, gd.
- 1--**#KOSMO'S BUDDY, 118, f, 3, Outflanker--Vaulted (MSP, \$130,908), by Allen's Prospect.** O-Arnold K & Adam M Smolen; B-Arnold Smolen (MD); T-Timothy E Salzman; J-Eric Camacho; \$36,000. Lifetime Record: 15-4-4-3, \$160,185.
- 2--**Ready for Fortune, 120, f, 3, More Than Ready--Fortunate Card, by Fortunate Prospect.** (\$100,000 yrl '06 FTKJUL; \$150,000 2yo '07 FTFEB). \$11,400.
- 3--**Dacey D J, 120, f, 3, Milwaukee Brew--Dr. Nunn, by Mt. Livermore.** (\$70,000 yrl '06 FTMOCT). \$6,600.
- Margins: 1 1/4, HF, 1. Odds: 7.90, 3.50, 2.00.

- CHESAPEAKE S.**, \$60,000, CNL, 8-2, 3yo/up, 6f,
1:08 4/5, ft.
- 1--**#CHASIN TIGER, 120, g, 6, Jade Hunter--Eliza Donner, by Oh Say.** O-PTK LLC; B-Sharon A Maloney (KY); T-Rodney Jenkins; J-Christopher VanHassel; \$36,000. Lifetime Record: 25-11-4-1, \$206,424.
*1/2 to For Rubies (Not For Love), GSW, \$354,743.
- 2--**Great Seneca, 120, g, 5, Allen's Prospect--Icy Island, by North Pole.** \$12,000.
- 3--**Celtic Innis, 120, g, 6, Yarrow Brae--Harp Innis, by Phone Trick.** \$6,600.
- Margins: 1HF, HF, 3 1/4. Odds: 3.40, 4.30, 1.60.

- VALID VIDEO S.**, \$55,000, CRC, 8-2, 3yo, 6 1/2f,
1:18 1/5, ft.
- 1--**#HYPOCRITE, 118, c, 3, Outofthebox--Nandys Gold, by Gold Meridian.** (\$19,000 yrl '06 OBSAUG). O-Jacqueline Tortora & Toni & Richard Ancona; B-Save Tortora & Toni Ancona (FL); T-Emanuel Tortora; J-Pedro Monterrey Jr; \$35,000. Lifetime Record: 8-3-0-2, \$101,935.
- 2--**Wise Answer, 118, c, 3, Wised Up--All the Answers, by Colony Light.** (\$4,500 yrl '06 OBSAUG). \$10,000.
- 3--**Make Me Zach, 120, g, 3, First Tour--Makememoneyhoney, by Double Honor.** \$5,500.
- Margins: 1 3/4, HF, 1. Odds: 1.80, 3.00, 5.30.

- HORIZON S.**, \$55,000, RDX, 8-2, (S), 3yo, 1 1/16mT,
1:43 3/5, fm.
- 1--**#CALL IT THE BLUES, 121, c, 3, Part the Waters--Call for Fall, by Phone Trick.** O/B-Fred A Nemann (OH); T-Kris Nemann; J-Nathan Solomon; \$31,680. Lifetime Record: 9-4-0-0, \$47,268.
- 2--**Type A Personality, 122, c, 3, Lived It Up--Personality Counts, by Personal Hope.** \$10,560.
- 3--**Indian Ink, 115, f, 3, Gold Market--Great Times Ahead, by A.P. Indy.** \$5,280.
- Margins: 2 3/4, 1, 1HF. Odds: 6.10, 0.90, 14.10.

- OLD IRONSIDES S.**, \$50,000, SUF, 8-2, 3yo/up,
a1 1/16mT, 1:47 2/5, fm.
- 1--**#NERGAL (FR), 123, g, 5, Simon Du Desert (Fr)--Noemie (Fr), by Beaudelaire.** O-Richard Bassett; B-Dr Georges Sandor (FR); T-Christophe Clement; J-Tammi Piermarini; \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 13-5-0-2, \$145,996.
- 2--**Riversrunrylee, 120, g, 4, Outflanker--Ponderway, by Prized.** \$10,000.
- 3--**British Event, 115, m, 6, Wild Event--British Princess, by Salydar.** \$5,000.
- Margins: 1 3/4, 1, 4 1/4. Odds: 0.70, 3.50, 4.80.

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CLIFF GUILLIAMS MEMORIAL S., \$50,000, ELP, 8-2, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:45 2/5, fm.

1--**CHEROKEE TRIANGLE**, 122, c, 3, [Cherokee Run](#)--**Brief Bliss (GSP)**, by Navarone. (\$35,000 2yo '07 FTMMAY). O-Skychai Racing LLC & Sand Dollar Stable LLC; B-Sally Andersen (KY); T-Michael J Maker; J-Victor Lebron; \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 10-4-1-1, \$238,075.

2--**Veiled Prophet**, 116, c, 3, Kingmambo--Costume Party, by Storm Cat. \$10,000.

3--**El Aleman**, 116, c, 3, Point Given--Deep Magic, by Gone West. (\$11,000 2yo '07 FTKFEB). \$5,500.

Margins: HD, NK, 1. Odds: 3.00, 6.40, 58.10.

REGAL GAL S., \$50,000, CRC, 8-2, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:40 3/5, ft.

1--**JOFFE'S RUN**, 119, f, 3, [Giant's Causeway](#)--**Laguna Seca (SW & GSP, \$131,330)**, by Seattle Slew.

(\$500,000 yrl '06 KEESEP). O-Andrew Rosen; B-Dr Masatake Iida (KY); T-Martin D Wolfson; J-Jermaine V Bridgmohan; \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 10-4-1-1, \$83,405.

2--**Amazing**, 117, f, 3, Greatness--Total Wonder, by Awesome Again. (\$145,000 2yo '07 OBSAPR). \$10,000.

3--**Tidal Dance**, 117, f, 3, Pleasant Tap--Sweet Summer, by Summer Squall. \$5,500.

Margins: 2HF, HF, HF. Odds: 0.20, 16.20, 19.40.

ARCTIC QUEEN H., \$50,000, FLX, 8-2, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 1/5, gd.

1--**FLY TO ME**, 120, m, 5, [Belong to Me](#)--**Flying Nightengale**, by Clever Trick. O-Langpap Stables; B-Dennis & Deborah Petrisak (NY); T-Michael A Lecesse; J-John R Davila, Jr; \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 29-10-9-4, \$322,861.

2--**Sweet Lorena**, 122, f, 4, Langfuhr--Shaz, by Geiger Counter. \$10,000.

3--**Street Sass**, 120, f, 4, Street Cry (Ire)--Dissa Six, by Saratoga Six. (\$55,000 2yo '06 FTFFEB). \$5,000.

Margins: HD, HD, 4HF. Odds: 5.90, 0.70, 2.45.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

10th-WOX, \$70,776, NW2L, (S), 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:35 1/5, fm.

SWINTON (g, 4, Perigee Moon--Pirate Brat, by Exuberant) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1, \$97,620. O-Openwood Farm. B-Susan Rasmussen (ON). T-Robert Earl Barnett.

5th-SAR, \$70,000, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:43 1/5, fm.

STORM ON THE TRACK (h, 5, Stormy Atlantic--Dance On the Green, by Green Dancer) Lifetime Record: 17-4-2-0, \$137,501. O-Mark S Raney. B-Mr & Mrs Paul Hoffner & Mr & Mrs Mark Raney (FL). T-Mark E Casse. *1/2 Gold Pirate (Goldwater), SW, \$101,783; Green Riches (Rizzi), SP, \$179,705; and Formal Miss (Formal Dinner), MSW & GSP, \$495,690.

9th-WOX, \$67,215, NW1X, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16 3/5, ft.

YUMMY WITH BUTTER (g, 4, Silvador--Sophisticatedbagel {SP}, by Kris S.) Lifetime Record: MSP, 11-4-2-3, \$168,179. O-Bruno Schickedanz. B-Richard L Lister (ON). T-Mark Fournier.

2nd-WOX, \$65,036, NW3L, (S), 3/up, 7f (AWT), 1:23 4/5, ft. **AGNICO (g, 6, Crown Attorney--Elusive Affair, by Bold Revenue)** Lifetime Record: 23-3-1-6, \$164,356. O/B/T-Ronald H Sadler (ON).

6th-DMR, \$64,800, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW2X, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:15 2/5, ft.

HURRY UP AUSTIN (c, 4, Lake Austin--Hurry Up Marya, by Who's for Dinner) Lifetime Record: MSP, 23-3-7-2, \$226,569. O-Raymond & Janet Glaze & Annabelle Stute. B-Sunrise Stable South (FL). T-Melvin F Stute. *\$10,000 2yo '06 BESJUN.

4th-DMR, \$63,800, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:44, ft.

SMOOTH PERFORMER (f, 3, Benchmark--Smooth Player {MGSW & GISP, \$760,496}, by Bertrando) Lifetime Record: GSP, 10-2-4-1, \$142,600. O/B-John Spohler & Martin J Wygod (CA). T-Clifford W Sise Jr. *1/2 to Imagine (Giant's Causeway), MSW, \$267,059.

8th-SAR, \$61,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT, 1:02 4/5, fm.

HEATHER'S ANGEL (f, 3, Hennessy--Taghkanic {SP}, by Indian Charlie) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$71,520. O-Oak Cliff Stable & Galatyn Stables. B-Oak Cliff Breeders, Berkshire Stud & Galatyn Stables (NY). T-R Frankel.

9th-PHA, \$48,750, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW3X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09, ft.

MOBO (g, 4, Yonaguska--My Smart Lady, by Smart Strike) Lifetime Record: 8-4-0-1, \$116,480. O-Mercedes Stables LLC. B-Mr & Mrs G David Shashura (KY). T-A W Dutrow. *\$125,000 yrl '05 FTKJUL.

7th-CNL, \$48,060, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:37 1/5, fm.

BANKCARD (m, 5, Banker's Gold--Diplomatic Cover, by Roberto) Lifetime Record: 22-6-3-2, \$95,835. O-R Blue, Jr. B-Mr & Mrs C O Iselin III (VA). T-Ann W Merryman.

7th-DEL, \$47,840, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW3X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10, wf.

YES IT'S THE TRUTH (c, 4, Yes It's True--Lady Ironwood, by Housebuster) Lifetime Record: 29-7-6-4, \$249,649. O-Jacobson Racing Stable. B-Padua Stables (FL). T-David Jacobson.

7th-CNL, \$45,360, 8-1, NW1X, 3/up, 1mT, 1:37 1/5, fm.

WYE (g, 4, Capote--Toe in the Water, by Bertrando) Lifetime Record: SP, 17-4-2-1, \$109,280. O-B J Houck. B-Audley Farm (VA). T-D Barr. *\$38,000 yrl '05 FTMOCT.



8th-PHA, \$44,250, NW1X, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:18, ft.
BIG EASY (f, 3, [Gulch](#)--**Summer Exhibition**, by Royal Academy) Lifetime Record: SP, 12-4-4-3, \$145,134.
 O-Jan Rooney. B-Paradigm Thoroughbreds Inc (KY).
 T-Steve Klesaris. *\$11,000 yrl '06 FTKOCT.

5th-CNL, \$43,740, NW2L, 3yo, 5fT, :57 2/5, fm.
NAN'S REAL LOVE (g, 3, **Not For Love--Real Concern**, by Concern) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$49,580.
 O-Pewter Stable LLC. B-Mary S Iselin (VA). T-Kathleen A Demasi. *\$30,000 yrl '06 FTMOCT.

8th-APX, \$42,445, NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:46 3/5, ft.
MONGOOSE GOLD (f, 4, **Mongoose--A Golden Rose**, by Strike the Gold) Lifetime Record: 20-6-4-0, \$178,919.
 O-Eight Balls of Racing. B-77 Double Lucky Ltd (IL).
 T-James M Gulick. *\$2,000 yrl '05 FTKFEB; \$18,000 yrl '05 KEESEP.

7th-PID, \$37,620, 8-1, NW1X, 3yo/up, 1m70y (AWT), 1:43 2/5, ft.
PIRATE'S BID (g, 6, **Daufuskie Pirate--Timeless Bidder**, by Timeless Moment) Lifetime Record: 52-10-12-5, \$131,597.
 O-Douglas C Wilson & Brandywine Stables. B-Doug & Mona Wilson & Jerry & Suzanne Walker (IN).
 T-Bert Crawford. *1/2 to Mr. Postmaster (Little Missouri), MSP, \$150,959.

3rd-APX, \$36,018, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW3\$X, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f (AWT), 1:24 2/5, ft.
FUNNY GIRL RACHEL (f, 4, [Distorted Humor](#)--**Fast 'n Fleet**, by Mr. Greeley) Lifetime Record: 16-4-2-2, \$104,220.
 O-Ronald J Armstrong. B-Needham/Betz Thoroughbreds, Butler & Jim Betz (KY). T-Jerry D Calvin.

4th-CTX, \$36,000, 8-1, (S), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:20 3/5, ft.
DONALD'S PRIDE (g, 8, **Deputed Testamony--Pamela's Trial**, by Rollicking) Lifetime Record: MSW, 45-14-9-8, \$490,429.
 O-Gaynor Hough Stable. B-Nancy Gaynor (WV). T-Dayton B Slaughter.

3rd-CRC, \$27,000, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05 4/5, ft.
SILVER ENVOY (f, 4, **French Envoy--Karin Chriss**, by Silver Hawk) Lifetime Record: 8-4-1-1, \$77,175.
 O-Peter A Lawson. B-Betty King (FL). T-Kirk Ziadie.

6th-CRC, \$24,000, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:37, gd.
JUSTIN RULES (g, 4, [Mr. Greeley](#)--**Victorious Vice**, by Vice Regent) Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-0, \$61,847.
 O-Helene & Stephen Weicholz. B-Dr & Mrs A C Asbury & Chet Blackey (KY). T-Edward Plesa Jr. *\$110,000 yrl '05 FTKJUL; \$525,000 2yo '06 FTMMAY. **1/2 to Forest Princess (Hansel), SW, \$302,812.

2nd-CBY, \$23,000, NW13MX, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37 2/5, ft.
R'S STAR (g, 5, **Hacker--Imelda R**, by Suave Prospect) Lifetime Record: 26-5-3-4, \$119,915.
 O/B-John Thomas Taylor (WI). T-Kim S Ewing.

11th-ELP, \$22,550, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:45 2/5, fm.
HARK (f, 4, [Street Cry {Ire}](#)--**Bal Boree**, by Seattle Slew) Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, \$59,298.
 O-Lynn Carlisle & Darlene Anderson. B-Lynn Carlisle (KY). T-John T Ward Jr.

5th-FLX, \$21,000, NW1BX, (S), 3yo/up, 1m70y, 1:44 2/5, gd.
JACKSON CROSSING (g, 4, **Millions--Are You Ready**, by Slew City Slew) Lifetime Record: 15-4-1-2, \$51,342.
 O-Windylea Farms. B-Windylea Farm (NY). T-Jonathan B Buckley.

3rd-FLX, \$20,500, NW1BX, (S), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05 1/5, gd.
HIDDEN EXPENSE (g, 4, **Sea of Secrets--Yamila's Jewels**, by Cox's Ridge) Lifetime Record: 15-5-2-3, \$66,339.
 O-My Purple Haze Stables. B-Thomas/Lakin/Kintz (NY). T-Bruce D Anderson.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Saxxy Rose Lee**, f, 2, [Bernstein](#)--Lenarose, by Canaveral. ELP, 8-2, 6f, 1:12 3/5. B-W D York (IL).
Zack Cape, c, 2, **Cape Canaveral**--Come On Jenna, by El Prado (Ire). CBY, 8-2, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05 2/5. B-JerMar Stables LLC (MN).

C Karma, f, 2, [Exchange Rate](#)--C B Carm, by Slick. WOX, 8-2, 5f (AWT), :58. B-Pamela F Edel (FL).
Indy Cue, f, 2, **Flatter**--French Cue, by French Deputy. PRM, 8-1, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06 2/5. B-Lane Thoroughbreds, LC (IA).

Westline, f, 2, [Gone West](#)--Servaline, by Storm Cat. PID, 8-2, (S), 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:06 2/5. B-Brushwood Stable (PA). *\$250,000 yrl '07 KEESEP.

The Bat Signal, g, 2, **Gotham City**--High Flying Honor, by Avenue of Flags. DMR, 8-1, (C), 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:04 1/5. B-Sunset Stables (CA).

+ **Ring of Greatness**, g, 2, [Greatness](#)--Phone Change, by Phone Trick. WOX, 8-2, (C), 5f (AWT), :57 3/5. B-Adena Springs (FL). *\$5,200 yrl '07 OBSJAN.

Innovative, f, 2, [Johannesburg](#)--Sparkler, by Carson City. CNL, 8-2, 5fT, :58 1/5. B-Douglas S Arnold (KY). *\$290,000 yrl '07 KEESEP.

+ **Key Lee**, f, 2, **Leestown**--Dontcallmemary (SP), by Imperial Falcon. LAD, 8-2, (S), 5f, 1:00 3/5. B-J Adcock (LA). *\$12,000 yrl '07 LTBOCT.

Big Drama, c, 2, **Montbrook**--Riveting Drama, by Note book. CRC, 8-2, 6f, 1:12 2/5. B-Harold L Queen (FL).

Steel Trap, c, 2, [Northern Afleet](#)--Crystal Lady, by Stop the Music. CBY, 8-1, (S), 5f, :58 1/5. B-Jeff Hilger & Debora Hilger (MN). *1/2 to Leslie's Lady (Tricky Creek), SW, \$187,014.



Control Seeker, g, 2, **Sought After**--Red Table, by Red Ransom. SRX, 8-1, 5 1/2f, 1:03 2/5. B-Miraleste Inc. (CA).

Vicarious Affair, c, 3, **Black Tie Affair (Ire)**--Vicarious Sara, by Deposit Ticket. MTH, 8-2, (S), 6f, 1:11 3/5. B-La Marca Stable (NJ).

Charlie Baby, g, 3, **Cartwright**--Dr Sharen G, by Go for Gin. APX, 8-2, (S), 6f (AWT), 1:12. B-Charles & Janell Bettis (IL).

Fly Express, f, 3, **Concorde's Tune**--Law N Order, by Valid Appeal. CRC, 8-2, 5fT, :57. B-White Cross Farm (FL).

Atheist, g, 3, **Devil His Due**--A Real Sweetheart, by Our Emblem. APX, 8-2, 5fT, :58. B-Charles Nuckols Jr & Sons (KY).

+ **Cease Fire**, g, 3, **Forest Camp**--Becky's Banner, by Talc. MNR, 8-1, 5 1/2f, 1:06 4/5. B-Greg Peach (KY). * \$13,000 wlng '05 KEENOV; \$26,000 yrl '06 KESEP.

+ **Takeitopapa**, f, 3, **Gulf Storm**--Takeitoffthetop, by Smart Alec. PEN, 8-1, (S), 5fT, :57. B-Mr & Mrs John R Stepusin (PA). * \$5,700 yrl '06 FTMOCT.

Ginobili, g, 3, **In Excess (Ire)**--Chelsea Fields (NZ), by Bataan (Aus). DMR, 8-2, 1 1/16mT, 1:42 1/5. B-Roger Stein (CA). * 1/2 to Dirty Diana (Flying Continental), SW & GSP, \$154,197.

Danny, g, 3, **Marquetry**--Northern Saint, by Sunny's Halo. MNR, 8-1, 6f, 1:11 3/5. B-Elmer P Bauer (KY). * 1/2 to My Sweet Bug (Slew City Slew), MSW, \$123,761.

Pyramid Pitch, c, 3, **Pyramid Peak**--Misspitch, by Waquoit. LAD, 8-2, (S), 1mT, 1:38. B-Autumn Hill Farms Racing Stables Inc. (LA).

Tanguray, g, 3, **Sweetsouthernsaint**--Select Key, by Mi Selecto. MTH, 8-2, (C), 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:47. B-Harold J Plumley (FL). * \$15,000 yrl '06 OBSAUG.

Pano's Love, g, 4, **Cape Town**--Ionika, by Steinlen (GB). SAR, 8-2, (S), 5 1/2fT, 1:03 1/5. B-Peter Vangelatos (NY).

+ **Forestlee**, g, 4, **Forestry**--Forty Carats, by Forty Niner. PRM, 8-2, 5 1/2f, 1:03 4/5. B-William L Pease (KY). * \$350,000 yrl '05 FTKJUL.

Refuge, g, 5, **Partner's Hero**--Holy Quest (SP), by Norquestor. MTH, 8-2, (S), 1m70y, 1:43 4/5. B-D'Arrigo Racing Stables (NJ).

★ WINNERS BY U.S. SIRE ★

IN ARGENTINA:

Celebrity Sun (Arg), f, 4, **Honour and Glory**--Magic Blaze, by Broad Brush. San Isidro, 8-2, Mdn, 1400mT, 1:25.74. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0. O/B-Haras De La Pomme; T-Facundo Bunge Frers.

Pure Credit (Arg), f, 4, **Pure Prize**--Ma Crepinette (Arg), by Mountdrago (Arg). Palermo, 8-1, Cond, 1600m, 1:33.05. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0. O-Stud Rubio B.; B-Haras La Biznaga; T-Juan Javier Etchechoury.

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IRELAND, Galway, 4.05, €40,000, 2yo, 7fT, 1:31.22, gd. **THECREDITCRUNCHIE (IRE)** (c, 2, **Danetime {Ire}**--**Defined Feature {Ire} {SP-Eng}**, by Nabeel Dancer) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-2, €37,769. O-D Wylie; B-Tally-Ho Stud; T-T Stack. * \$34,000gns yrl '07 TATOCT.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Deauville, 4.25 (Female Riders), 8-2, €22,000, 4yo/up, 1 3/16m (AWT) 2:00.70, stn. **OR VIOLET (FR)** (c, 4, **Kendor {Fr}**--**Rose Violette {Fr}**, by Muhtarram) Lifetime Record: 15 starts, 2 wins, 8 places, €52,350. O-Ecurie Chalhoub; B-Fernand Krief; T-Philippe van de Poele. * €47,000 yrl '05 DEAOCT.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Wood White, c, 2, **Aljabr**--Off You Go, by Seattle Slew. Naples, Italy, 8-1, Mdn, 2yo, 7 1/2fT.

B-Gainsborough Farm LLC. *\$7,000 yrl '07 KEESEP.

Nashmiah (Ire), f, 2, **Elusive City**--Fronde (GB), by Alzao. Lingfield, Britain, 8-2, Mdn, 2yo, 7f 140ydsT.

B-Deerpark Stud. *\$55,000gns wnlg '06 TATDEC; 30,000gns yrl '07 TATOCT. **1/2 to Portcullis (GB)

(Pivotal {GB}), Horse of the Year-Hol & MSW-Hol. ***9th winner for freshman sire (by Elusive Quality).

Olynard (Ire), c, 2, **Exceed and Excel (Aus)**--Reddening (GB), by Blushing Flame. Lingfield, Britain, 8-2, Mdn, 2yo, 5f (AWT). B-Redmyre Bloodstock & John

Cullinan. *€52,000 yrl '07 GOFMIL. **1/2 to Pivotal Flame (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), G1SP-Eng, \$211,007.

***13th winner for freshman sire (by Danehill).

Diddums (GB), g, 2, **Royal Applause (GB)**--Sahara Shade, by Shaded. Doncaster, Britain, 8-2, Mdn, 2yo, 6fT. B-J B Haggas. *8,000gns yrl '07 TATOCT.

Wallonia (Ire), f, 3, **Barathea (Ire)**--Flanders (Ire) (SW & MGSP-Eng, \$387,113), by Common Grounds (GB).

Thirsk, Britain, 8-2, Mdn, 3yo/up, f/m, 7fT.

B-Kildaragh Stud. *1/2 to Louvain (Ire) (Sinndar {Ire}), GSW-US, MSP-Fr, \$223,742.

Earlsmedic (GB), g, 3, **Dr Fong**--Area Girl (GB), by Jareer. Hamilton Park, Britain, 8-2, Mdn, 3yo/up, 6f 5ydsT. B-W N Greig. *30,000gns yrl '06 TATOCT.

**1/2 to Clarion (GB) (First Trump {GB}), Ch. Miler-Austria, SP-Ger.

★ WINNERS BY EURO SIRE ★

IN CHILE:

Indian Fashion (Chi), f, 3, **Dushyantor**--Italian Fashion (Chi), by Roy. Club Hipico de Santiago, 8-1, Mdn, 1600mT, 1:41.82. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1. O-Stud Ninita; B-Haras Matancilla; T-M Medina.

Laplace (Chi), c, 3, **Dushyantor**--Lady Ivor (Chi), by Superbity. Club Hipico de Santiago, 7-25, Mdn, 1300mT, 1:19.32. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0. O-Stud Dona Sofia; B-Haras Matancilla; T-Oscar Mansilla

IN ARGENTINA:

+ **Run For Love (Arg)**, f, 3, **Numerous**--Love For Life (Arg), by Robin Des Bois. Palermo, 8-1, Mdn, 1400m, 1:22.22. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0. O/B-Haras De La Pomme; T-Juan Carlos Etchechoury Jr.

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