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### TIME IS NOW FOR COLONEL JOHN

WinStar homebred **Colonel John** (Tiznow) was widely considered to be the best horse on the West Coast this spring after taking the Gill Sham S. and GI Santa Anita Derby in consecutive starts. But after running 14 1/4 lengths adrift of Big Brown (Boundary) when sixth as the second choice in the GI Kentucky Derby, he quietly slipped off the radar as Big Brown and company commandeered much of racing's attention.



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Returned to California and given a freshening with an eye on the second half of the season, Colonel John came back 2 1/2 months later and ran a somewhat disappointing third in the Gill Swaps S. in a small four-horse field. But despite that effort, it's fair to say that Saturday's GI Travers S.-Presented by Shadwell represents the true return of Colonel John, and the 1 1/4-mile event could go a long way in re-asserting his prominence in the division. For his trainer, Eoin Harty, the prestige of the Midsummer Derby speaks for itself.

"The Travers, with the exception of the Kentucky Derby, is the three-year-old race to win," said Harty, who joined a national teleconference yesterday via cell phone as he awaited a plane in Chicago bound for Albany, New York. "It's important to a stallion's career, and from a personal standpoint, I love to win it--it's an important race that defines a horse's and a trainer's career."

Harty added that he was confident that his charge would have no problem with the dirt at Saratoga--he opined that Colonel John's chances in the Derby were compromised less by the surface and more by the fact that he was slammed at the break by a rival--and said that he had no doubts about the colt's ability to stay the mile and a quarter of the Travers.

"He probably has to prove it to the racing public, but I truly believe that 10 furlongs is right up his alley," Harty said. **Travers notes cont. p2**

### WATERLOGGED YORK OFF

Heavy rain has claimed the first two days of York's Ebor meeting after the Northern track was waterlogged yesterday. Having abandoned the opening day's action in the morning, officials announced the loss of today's card by mid-afternoon and are looking at the possibility of rescheduling the G1 Juddmonte International S. and other group races lost. While the International had initially been penciled in for Friday as soon as the abandonment was announced yesterday, York and the British Horseracing Authority are working together on a definite plan regarding the fate of the feature race. An inspection is due at noon today to decide whether racing can take place on Thursday. Clerk of the Course William Derby said, "It's hugely disappointing for everyone. It's our flagship meeting, and it's desperately disappointing to lose two days. It had dried out nicely during the afternoon with some strong wind and sunshine and we were heading in the right direction, but then we got an absolute soaking, and the Met Office issued a severe weather warning. That put paid to Wednesday's racing and it's a very unsettled picture, as there are showers and brighter spells around, so if we could have a period of consistently drying conditions, we would be hopeful for Thursday. We will look again at noon on Wednesday, and we may have to look again in the afternoon."



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Travers Notes cont.

**Big field? No Problema for Macho Again...**

Big fields can sometimes spell trouble for late-closing types, as traffic trouble can stop a rally in its tracks. But West Point Thoroughbreds' **Macho Again** (Macho



**Macho Again** Horsephotos

Uno) is used to crowds--four of his 11 starts have come against 12-horse affairs, including his good runner-up effort to Big Brown in the GI Preakness S. Trainer Dallas Stewart isn't worried about the number of horses leaving from the starting gate in Saturday's GI Travers

S.-Presented by Shadwell. Officials at Saratoga are expecting some 11 runners for the Travers, which would make it the biggest Travers field in over decade.

More of a concern for Stewart is the pace--or lackthereof--that Macho Again will get to run at. The trainer feels that a big field might work to his advantage--there are bound to be a few to keep GI Belmont S. winner **Da' Tara** (Tiznow) company--and he added the race's 10-furlong distance should keep everyone honest.

"It's not a mile or a mile and an eighth--it's a mile and quarter, so I'm sure it will develop," Stewart said yesterday during a national teleconference. "I don't think you'll see a :50 half or 1:15 three quarters. I think you'll see good racehorse time and, hopefully, we'll have some good racing luck and be able to be strong in the last part."

Macho Again has shown an affinity for the Spa oval, coming off a breakout win over fellow Travers hopeful **Pyro** (Pulpit) in the July 27 GII Jim Dandy S.

"My horse has done very well at Saratoga--he ran a good second here as a two-year-old, and he's done well [since the Jim Dandy]," said Stewart. "His appetite has increased since he ran and his weight's gotten better. He seems to really have taken to Saratoga."

Not all has gone smoothly, however. There were a few nervous moments last Friday when Macho Again got loose from his handlers for a brief time.

"They were taking the bridle off him, and he just happened to rear up; he knocked two guys over and got loose," explained Stewart. "It happens from time to time. We're just very fortunate no one was hurt. On the backside at Saratoga, there are a lot of people walking around and it could have been a disaster. But he didn't get hurt and I don't think it affected him at all--he galloped today and seems focused."

As far as future plans go, Stewart mentioned the GII Super Derby at Louisiana Downs in September as a possibility.

"But I really have to talk to Terry [Finley, West Point president] about what our plans are after this," said the conditioner. -LM

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**Mambo in Seattle Readies for Travers Tango...**

**Mambo in Seattle** (Kingmambo) worked a half-mile yesterday over Saratoga's main track in :48.19 in preparation for Saturday's GI Travers S. presented by Shadwell Farm. He galloped out six furlongs in 1:14 1/5. "He worked good, he came back good," trainer Neil Howard reported after the drill. "He has come around good and he's done well. There's not much to say at this point. He's a nice colt. He started late in his three-year-old season, but he will be fine and should do well." Out of a full sister to A.P. Indy, Mambo in Seattle broke his maiden second time out at Churchill last November. He resurfaced with a sixth-place effort at Keeneland in April and a runner-up finish at Churchill on Derby Day before reeling off three straight victories. He most recently defeated Travers contender **You and I Forever** (A.P. Indy) in the July 27 Henry Walton S. at Saratoga.

Also working towards a Travers engagement yesterday was GII Swaps S. winner **Tres Borrachos** (Ecton Park), who went four furlongs at Hollywood Park in :48.80. The gelding is expected to arrive at Saratoga today, along with fellow Southern Californian invader Colonel John (Tiznow).-JM





☆ NEWS TODAY ☆

**PROUD SPELL COTILLION BOUND?** Proud Spell (Proud Citizen), a determined winner of the GI Alabama S. last Saturday, could make her next start in the \$750,000 GII Fitz Dixon Cotillion S. Sept. 20 at Philadelphia Park, according to *Daily Racing Form*.



Adam Coglianesse

Trainer Larry Jones previously indicated that the Brereton Jones homebred would almost certainly skip the Breeders' Cup; the bay filly is now based at Fair Hill base in Maryland.

"I don't know what we're going to do just yet," Jones told *DRF*, adding that he and the former Governor would discuss their options later this week. "The Cotillion is a possibility--the money is what you need to chase. She's already won two Grade 1's, and they're the two biggest Grade 1's the way I rank them." Heroine of the GI Kentucky Oaks earlier this season, Proud Spell currently has a bankroll of \$1,975,110 in winning seven of 11 career starts.

**Music Note to Gazelle...**

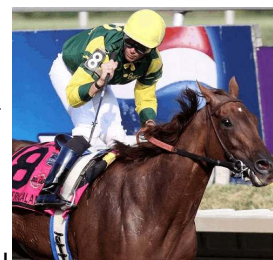
Godolphin's A.P. Indy fillies **Music Note** and **Little Belle**--second and third, respectively, to Proud Spell in the Alabama--will head on divergent paths, *DRF* reports. GI Mother Goose S. and GI CCA Oaks winner Music Note will likely run in the GI Gazelle S. Sept. 13 at Belmont, while Little Belle may return to the scene of her GI Ashland S. triumph for the GI Spinster S. at Keeneland Oct. 5. "[Trainer] Saeed [bin Suero] indicated to me that all things being well, we'll probably run Music Note in the Gazelle," Rick Mettee, who manages Godolphin's New York string, told *DRF*.

**BETTER TALK NOW TARGETING CANADA**

**Better Talk Now** (Talkin Man) will make his next appearance in the \$2-million GI Canadian International Oct. 4 at Woodbine, according to *Daily Racing Form*. "That's going to be the logical thing to do," trainer H. Graham Motion told *DRF*. The nine-year-old will skip the GI Breeders' Cup Turf, which he won in 2004, ran second in 2006 and fourth last year. He is coming off a runner-up effort in the GI Sword Dancer Invitational at Saratoga Aug. 16.

**HYSTERICALADY DEFENDING MOLLY**

**PITCHER TITLE** Multi-millionaire **Hystericalady** (Distorted Humor) is scheduled to defend her title in the GII Molly Pitcher S. this Sunday at Monmouth, according to *Daily Racing Form*. Winner of the 2007 GI Humana Distaff at Churchill and runner-up in the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff, the chestnut has shipped out of her Golden Gate base several times this year. She captured the GIII Azeri BC S. at Oaklawn in April, missed by a head when third in the Humana Distaff, romped in the GII Fleur de Lis H. in June at Churchill and comes here off a four-length score in the GII Delaware H. July 13. "It's kind of funny, but I actually think she likes getting on the plane and going to different places," trainer Jerry Hollendorfer told *DRF*. "She seems very happy wherever she goes." He added, "I need a race for this filly," Hollendorfer said. "Having won the race there last year and running well in the Breeders' Cup, I do know that our filly likes that racetrack."



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## The Tale Of 2008

Leading Sires  
by North American Earnings

RK	STALLION	SW's	EARNINGS
1	Distorted Humor	6	\$5,232,128
2	<b>TALE OF THE CAT</b>	9	\$5,066,337
3	Tiznow	9	\$5,005,803
4	<b>GIANT'S CAUSEWAY</b>	16	\$4,896,276

Source: www.bloodhorse.com, 18th Aug 2008

Top 2008 performers include Wood Memorial S.-Gr.1 winner **TALE OF EKATI** & Virginia Derby-Gr.2 winner **GIO PONTI**. Also sire of the 2008 leading freshman sire **LION HEART**.

# Tale Of The Cat

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**Magnificence Heads Big Sunday for Headley Barn...**

The four-year-old filly **Magnificence** (Stormy Atlantic) returns Sunday in the GII Rancho Bernardo H. at Del Mar, where she'll try to rebound after suffering her first career loss in the GII A Gleam H. at Hollywood June 28. She also represents probably the best chance for graded stakes success on Sunday for a busy Bruce Headley barn. On the same card, Headley is scheduled to send out the veteran **Surf Cat** (Sir Cat) in the GI Pacific Classic and **Arson Squad** (Brahms) in the GII Pat O'Brien H. Each race is a "Win and You're In" event for the Breeders' Cup.

Magnificence made a big splash in Southern California last year when she won her first two starts by a combined 11 lengths, including an easy romp in the GIII Santa Paula S. in April. But the handsome chestnut was found to have a minor chip in an ankle and was turned out for several months. Magnificence returned from a 13 1/2-month absence to win a Hollywood allowance race this May, but had to settle for second in the A Gleam after a poor start.



Magnificence  
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"We got killed with that start," said Karen Headley, assistant to her father and his substitute during a national teleconference yesterday. "Her first race back, she really needed to get fit. And she's training really well; she'll blow out a half-mile [today]. Hopefully, she comes back and can redeem herself."

While Magnificence will be one of the favorites for the Rancho Bernardo, Surf Cat goes into the Pacific Classic as a bit of a longshot despite being one of the most consistent horses in Southern California over the past few years. The six-year-old has been first or second in 16 or 20 races and missed the board just twice, but the 1 1/4-mile distance of the Pacific Classic remains a big question mark. Surf Cat has started at nine furlongs or beyond just three times in his career.

Surf Cat won the 1 1/8-mile GII Swaps Breeders' Cup S. back in 2005, but appeared to not see out the distance in that year's running of the Pacific Classic, finishing sixth.

In 2008, Surf Cat was beaten seven lengths by Heatseeker (Ire) (Giant's Causeway) in the May 31 GII Californian S. at nine furlongs and, in his most recent, was a good second to **Well Armed** (Tiznow) in the 1 1/16-mile GII San Diego H. over this strip July 14.

Since then, Team Headley clearly has been thinking stamina during Surf Cat's morning drills in anticipation of this.

"We have sent him out to two one-mile works, one in 1:39 3/5 [Aug. 5] and one in 1:38 [Aug. 12], and he blew out [five furlongs] in :57 3/5 [Tuesday]," Karen Headley said. Surf Cat's was the fastest of 36 works at the distance yesterday morning at Del Mar.

Karen Headley added that Sunday will go a long ways in determining where Surf Cat will wind up in the Breeders' Cup this October. A top effort in the Pacific Classic could pave the way for a tilt in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic, while anything but could mean the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile will be the target.

"Sunday's going to be huge for us," she said. "Around six o'clock that night, we could be shot down. But he's such a versatile horse--he's got a great kick going short, medium and long--and I would love to see him get into any Breeders' Cup race. The Dirt Mile would be great." -LM

UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track
Aug. 21	GII Ballston Spa H.	SAR
Aug. 22	GI Personal Ensign H.	SAR
Aug. 23	GI Travers S.	SAR
	GI King's Bishop S.	SAR
	GII Bernard Baruch H.	SAR
	GIII Victory Ride S.	SAR
	GII Del Mar H.	AP
	GIII Canadian Derby	NP





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**Going for the Gold.**

Like uncle, like nephew? Rob Murphy sure hopes so. Murphy, whose M375 Thoroughbreds co-owns the three-year-old **Golden Spikes** (Seeking the Gold), knows full well what a win in Saturday's GI King's Bishop S. at



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Saratoga would mean for the value of his progressive sprinter. Golden Spikes, who was produced by a half-sister to 1999 King's Bishop winner Forestry (Storm Cat), will be one of the favorites for the seven-furlong King's Bishop, which has developed a reputation as a sire-producing race in the last decade. In

recent years, winners like Forestry, Salt Lake, Honour and Glory, Tale of the Cat and More Than Ready have gone on to success in the breeding shed, not to mention the success of Disorted Humor, Elusive Quality, Successful Appeal and City Zip, each of whom hit the board in the King's Bishop.

"It could be a home-run race for us," Murphy, a former Major League pitcher, said yesterday during a national teleconference. "He's from the female family of Mr. Prospector, Seattle Slew, Elusive Quality--it's a very unique family, to have top-flight sires like that."

Representing a partnership that includes fellow ballplayer Paul Lo Duca and Pablo Suarez, Murphy purchased Golden Spikes for \$250,000 as a Keeneland September yearling. The colt was produced by the winning A.P. Interest (A.P. Indy), a half to Forestry and to GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies champ Cash Run (who, like Golden Spikes, is by Seeking the Gold).

"When I opened the catalogue page in September of 2006 and saw this family, I said to myself, 'Boy, I hope this horse looks good, but hopefully not *too* good, so that everybody's on him and able to outbid our partnership," said Murphy. "He's a beautiful horse, but he's a May foal and was maybe a little immature at the time. But it was exactly the price we were looking for."

As good as the price was then, it's a lot better now. Briefly on the Triple Crown trail this spring--he ran a decent second in the GI Illinois Derby--Golden Spikes has really blossomed since reverting to sprints. He posted a good number winning the six-furlong Unbridled S. at Calder in June, then overcame a troubled trip to take the GI Carry Back S. at that track July 12 (he earned a 107 BRIS fig in each).

Murphy said those wins--let's call them bronze and silver medals--have already generated plenty of interest from "Central Kentucky farms," and Saturday his colt goes for the gold. -LM

**DASCOMBE WEIGHS UP CLASSIC OPTIONS**

Trainer Tom Dascombe is looking at either the weekend's Tattersalls Ireland Sales S. or G1 Prix Morny for the G2 July S. winner **Classic Blade (Ire)** (Daggers Drawn). The Classic Strollers Partnership's colt would race under a five-pound penalty due to his success in the July 10 Newmarket contest if tackling Saturday's Curragh event. He also has the option of tackling Deauville's feature juvenile race 24 hours later. "As of yet, I haven't made up my mind, as the draw can be quite important at The Curragh and I'd hate to go there and get a bad one," Dascombe commented yesterday. "There will be less runners in France and that would be helpful for a horse that likes to bowl along and make the running. There are also the travel arrangements, so it's going to be tricky." The Lambourn conditioner also had news of Daniel Perchard's G2 Superlative S. winner **Firth of Fifth (Ire)** (Traditionally), who was seventh in Goodwood's G2 Vintage S. July 30. "He had a penalty and a bad draw and Goodwood doesn't suit front-runners on the round course, so he wasn't disgraced, but he is having a break at the moment," Dascombe added.



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**RENAISSANCE**

In a year when revenues have been declining by 10-15 percent, Arqana's new-look Deauville August yearling sale, which finished Monday, was a resounding success. There's not a thing wrong with having a few generally efficient days in Deauville, and the reports



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coming back to those of us who foolishly imagined we had other places we needed to be were unanimously positive. The consensus was it was a better catalogue with better individuals, and more consignors got paid--77

percent of the yearlings through the ring were listed as sold (excluding 'private' sales afterwards reported by the sales company), down 2 percent from last year, but probably 10 percent better than most of the rest of the sales will do. Though the number of yearlings sold (360) was down 6 percent from last year, gross revenues were actually up by 7 percent. The average recorded a double-digit 11-percent increase and, most impressive of all, the median was up 17 percent, from €60,000 last year to €70,000. There was high praise for the job the new Arqana team has done, and generally the sort of good feeling emanating from the seaside resort that makes it really fun to be in the business. Alas, it looks like Arqana's accomplishment will prove to be increasing their market share in a generally declining market; it seems unlikely that we'll be reporting increasing gross and double-digit increases in average in the next couple of months. But it sure makes a nice change from saying "the average was marginally up, but the gross and clearance rate were down..." like we've been saying so far in this yearling sales season, anyway. Unfortunately, the OBS yearling sale, which got underway Monday, saw a 40-percent drop in gross and a 13-percent drop in average for its opening session. (see ATW p1 for Tuesday's results)

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The Arqana team's successful recruitment efforts produced, a strong catalogue which was, most importantly, backed up by a strong group of individuals, and attracted a potent mix of veteran and new buyers. Sheikh Mohammed returned to the sale for the first time in several years, joining his brother, Deauville regular Sheikh Hamdan. Coolmore was out in force, and the new buyers were headed by Saudi Prince Mithab bin Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz, buying under the initials SKAS; and Australian businessman Nathan Tinkler's Patinack Farms, represented by Bernard le Metayer. They had plenty to choose from, too. For example, there were 18 yearlings catalogued by Galileo. He stood the 2006 season for just €37,500; his first two-year-olds had just finished racing, and they hadn't really set the world on fire. **Cont. p7**



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Rank	Sire	Cat	Ring	Sold	Average (€)	Median (€)	'06 Fee	'08 Fee	Camp
1	Shamardal	8	7	5	163,000	170,000	€40,000	£25,000	Darley
2	Oratorio	6	6	6	146,167	112,500	€30,000	€25,000	Coolmore
3	Whipper	9	9	8	129,625	65,000	€12,000	€12,000	Neutral
4	Dubawi	9	8	6	109,167	57,500	£25,000	€40,000	Darley
5	Footstepsinthesand	13	12	8	68,375	75,000	€25,000	€20,000	Coolmore
6	Country Reel	8	7	5	54,400	50,000	€4,500	€4,500	Darley





**Bill Oppenheim cont.**

That was about to happen--his 2007 stud fee was €150,000--but it hadn't yet. So it's some testimony to the level of individuals he throws that 14 sold (of 16 offered; two scratched) for an average of €243,751 (including the saletopping €770,000 filly, to Patinack) and a median of €180,000, which is nearly five times his 2006 stud fee. I'll bet they'd like to see those multiples sustained next year, since his stud fee for 2007 had quadrupled!

An interesting group of European sires with their first crops born in 2007 (F2007)



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made their major sales debuts, featuring six horses which each had five or more yearlings sell. No Ghostzappers, maybe, but two major prospects each from Darley and Coolmore, plus the hot 'neutral' sire, **Whipper** (Miesque's Son), who stands at Ballylinch, in Ireland, and a minor Darley sire in France, **Country Reel** (Danzig).

The four major Darley and Coolmore prospects were all top-class three-year-olds in 2005 with intertwining form lines. Deauville average leader was **Shamardal** (Giant's Causeway), whose dam is a full sister to none other than Street Cry. Unbeaten in three starts at two for trainer Mark Johnston, Shamardal was transferred to Godolphin, for whom his initial target was the G1 Kentucky Derby. But after a disappointing run in the G2 UAE Derby on the dirt in Dubai,

he was rerouted for a European campaign, which consisted of wins in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains, the G1 Prix du Jockey-Club (under a brilliant ride by Dettori, in its first year at 10 1/2 furlongs), and the G1 St. James's Palace S. at the Royal meeting. Undefeated in six career starts on the grass, his five Deauville yearlings sold (of seven offered) averaged €163,000, with an impressive €170,000 median. **Cont. p8**



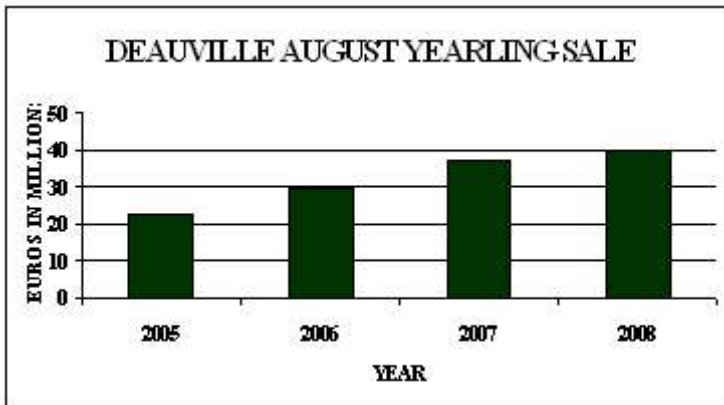
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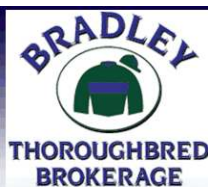
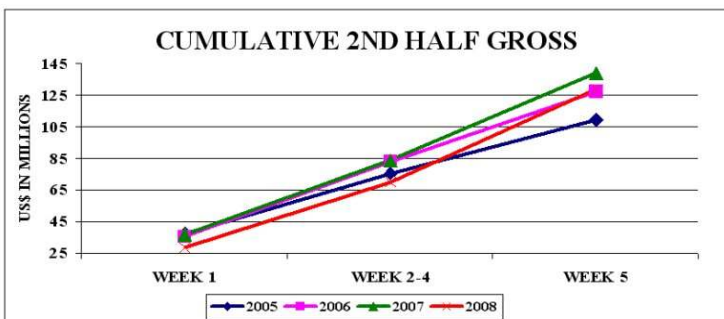
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 -Bill Oppenheim



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% S/C	GROSS	AVG
2008	515	469	360	69.9%	€39,966,000	€111,017
2007	513	486	382	74.5%	€37,448,000	€98,031
2006	518	475	366	70.7%	€29,772,000	€81,344
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Coolmore's **Oratorio**, by the mighty Danehill, had won the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Legardere (formerly the Grand Criterium) and finished second to Shamardal in the 2004 G1 Dewhurst S., both at seven furlongs. At three, he ran fourth in the G1 English 2000 Guineas (to stablemate Footstepsinthesand), second in the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas (to Dubawi), and third in the G1 St. James's Palace S. (to Shamardal), all at a mile. Stepped up to 10 furlongs, he defeated 'olders' in both the G1 Eclipse S. and G1 Irish Champion S. He had six catalogued at Deauville; all sold, averaging €146,167. Third on average was neutral Whipper, who had won Group 1 races at two, three, and four at Deauville, so was returning to his happy hunting ground. He had eight yearlings average €129,625--over 10 times his stud fee--though his median was a more predictable multiple of €65,000.



**Oratorio** coolmore.com

Headed by a €400,000 colt bought by Sheikh Hamdan, Darley's G1 Irish 2000 Guineas winner **Dubawi** (Dubai Millennium), who also scored a rare



**Dubawi** darleystallions.com



**Footstepsinthesand** coolmore.com

English win in the G1 National S. at The Curragh at two, and added the G1 Prix Jacques le Marois at three, had six yearlings average €109,167--though his median of €57,500 was not as impressive. Coolmore's **Footstepsinthesand** (Giant's Causeway) had eight yearlings sell, which averaged less, €68,375. But five of the eight sold for €70,000 or higher, meaning his median of €75,000 was both higher than his average, and higher than Dubawi's median, even though the latter's average was considerably higher. I'd call it a commercial draw all round.

A pleasant surprise package for Darley was that the five yearlings sold by Country Reel averaged €54,400, with a median of €50,000, off a stud fee of only €4,500 at the Haras du Logis, which stands several stallions for Darley in France. Though his only stakes win came as a two-year-old in 2002--in the G2 Gimcrack S. for the late Sheikh Maktoum--Country Reel is a 3/4-brother to Anabaa, a recommendation clearly not lost on Deauville buyers. **Cont. p9**

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**Hip No. 1084**

**Filly, Medaglia d'Oro - Amizette**

*Major Update:  
New G2 Winner!*

**1st dam**

AMIZETTE, by Forty Niner. Placed at 3, \$6,930. Sister to **TWINING**.

**KING OF ROME** (c. by Montjeu). 3 wins at 2 & 3, 2008 in UK, £160,158.

★ **8/17/08, 1 in Royal Whip S. (G2), LEP**

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★ **7/24/08, 1 in Meld S. (G3), LEP**

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**2nd dam**

COURTLY DEE, by Never Bend. 4 wins at 3 and 4, \$19,426. Broodmare of the year in 1983. Dam of 18 foals, 17 to race, 15 winners, including --

**ALTHEA** (f. by Alydar). 8 wins to 3, \$1,275,255, champion 2-year-old filly, Arkansas Derby-G1-etr, Hollywood Starlet S.-G1, etc. Dam of **YAMANIN**

**PARADISE** (f. by Danzig, Total: \$1,457,353, champion 2-year-old filly in Japan), **DESTINY DANCE [G3]** (f. by Nijinsky II, Total: \$86,596, dam of **BALLETTO** (UAE) [G1], f. by Timber Country, \$1,151,850; etc.),

**AURORA [L]** (f. by Danzig, 7 wins, \$285,236, dam of **FESTIVAL OF LIGHT [G3]**, g. by A.P. Indy, Total: \$632,291, horse of the year in United Arab Emirates, sire; etc.),

**ALYSSUM [L]** (f. by Storm Cat, 5 wins, \$190,655).

**ALI OOP** (c. by Al Hattab). 7 wins at 2 and 3, \$174,020, Sapling S.-G1, etc.

**KETOH** (c. by Exclusive Native). 3 wins in 5 starts to 3, \$173,550, Cowdin S. [G1], Bolsa Chica S. [LR] (SA, \$41,700), 4th Champagne S. [G1].

**TWINING** (c. by Forty Niner). 5 wins in 6 starts at 3, \$238,140, Peter Pan S. [G2], Withers S. [G2], 2nd Dwyer S. [G2]. Sire.

**AQUILEGIA** (f. by Alydar). 8 wins, 2 to 5, \$446,081, New York H. [G2], etc.

**AISHAH** (f. by Alydar). 6 wins to 3, \$169,340, Rare Perfume S. [G2], etc.

**NATIVE COURIER** (g. by Exclusive Native). 14 wins, 3 to 7, \$522,635, Seneca H.-G3, Brighton Beach H.-G3, Bernard Baruch H.-G3, etc.

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**Bill Oppenheim cont.**

And a word for two horses raced by Sheikh Hamdan: first-crop sire **Meshaheer** (Nureyev), a two-year-old



Meshaheer *petittellier.com*

Group 3 winner who now stands for only €2,500, had only two yearlings catalogued, but they sold for €70,000 and €110,000, respectively; and eight yearlings were catalogued by Sheikh Hamdan's 2000



Muhtathir *mezeray.com*

G1 Jacques le Marois winner **Muhtathir**, who is by Diesis's otherwise unaccomplished sire son, Elmaamul. Sire of Satwa Queen, Doctor Dino, and Muralakana in his first two crops, Muhtathir had eight yearlings catalogued, eight through the ring, and eight sold, for an average of €135,875 (off a €10,000 stud fee), including an €570,000

colt bought by Sheikh Hamdan.

**Surfaces...**

Interesting to read that connections of Horse of the Year Curlin (Smart Strike), and now leading three-year-old filly Proud Spell (Proud Citizen), have announced they will bypass this year's Breeders' Cup, to be run on a synthetic surface at Santa Anita. So much for being the World Championships; this year, for once, the Breeders' Cup meeting may not even determine all the domestic championships. There is evidence that, while all horses seem to benefit from training on synthetic surfaces, not all horses like to actually race on it; some do clearly run better on dirt in the afternoon. But, as everybody has said all along, it's an emerging picture. There's certainly no reason not to continue with the search for safety, because safety is paramount, and the evidence so far is that synthetic surfaces are safer. Nobody needs to panic; it's only three years since North American races even began to be run on synthetic tracks. Evolution generally takes longer.

☆ PREVIEW ☆

**Thursday, Saratoga**

**BALLSTON SPA H.-GII**, \$200,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 8.5fT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Wait a While	Maria's Mon	Velazquez	119
2	Valbenny (Ire)	Val Royal (Fr)	Dominguez	118
3	Sharp Susan	Touch Gold	Desormeaux	117
4	Rutherienne	Pulpit	Leparoux	119
5	Carriage Trail	Giant's Causeway	Prado	115

**Friday, Saratoga**

**PERSONAL ENSIGN S.-GI**, \$400,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 10f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	So Glitzy	Gilded Time	Velasquez	116
2	Lemon Drop Mom	Lemon Drop Kid	Caraballo	116
3	Indescribable	Pleasant Tap	Desormeaux	116
4	Unbridled Belle	Broken Vow	Dominguez	118
5	Ginger Punch	Awesome Again	Bejarano	122
6	Golden Velvet	Seeking the Gold	Coa	116
7	Spring Waltz	Silver Charm	Castellano	118

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**TOP 10 BUYERS**

Buyer	Lots	Average (€)	Total (€)
John Ferguson	15	332,667	4,990,000
Shadwell France	10	307,000	3,070,000
MAB Agency	23	96,826	2,227,000
Paul Nataf	23	92,608	2,130,000
SKAS	6	350,000	2,100,000
B Le Metayer B'stock	4	303,000	1,212,000
Agence FIPS	14	85,143	1,192,000
Peter Doyle B'stock	9	128,889	1,160,000
D O'Byrne	4	290,000	1,160,000
DeBurgh Equine/	6	162,500	975,000
Farrington B'stock			

**CORRECTION:** Yesterday's *TDN* incorrectly identified the location of the stallion Ransom o'War. The stallion stands at Gestut Auenquelle. We regret the error.

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**NORTH AMERICA**

**WESTERN PRIDE FILLY TOPS OBS TUESDAY**

The only yearling to break the six-figure barrier at Tuesday's first open session of the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company August Sale was hip [375](#), a filly by Western Pride. Eddie Woods as agent signed the ticket at an even \$100,000. Bred in Florida by William Schettine and consigned by Signature Sales, the chestnut is the first foal from SW & MGSP So Much More (Chimes Band). With a slightly bigger catalogue this year, statistics were down across the board, while the buyback rate jumped to 34.8 percent this year, compared to 21.6 percent during the comparable session in 2007. The average and median dropped to \$11,444 and \$5,600, respectively, from \$13,104 and \$8,000. Complete results are available on [www.obssales.com](http://www.obssales.com). The sale continues today with a session beginning at 10:30 a.m.

<b>OBS AUGUST OPEN SALE TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2008</b>			
<b>SESSION TOTALS</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	
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No. Sold	204	218	
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Gross	\$2,334,500	\$2,856,600	
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Median (% change)	\$5,600 (-30%)	\$8,000	
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**THREE CHIMNEYS** **TODAY'S INSIGHTS**  
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**1:33p 2nd-SAR, \$63K, Msw, 2yo, 1 1/16mT**  
**HR/TVG HERR MOZART** ([Mr. Greeley](#)) debuts for Zayat Stable and trainer Bill Mott, who gets 15 percent winners from first time turf starters. In his most recent work, the \$260,000 KEESEP yearling purchase breezed five panels in 1:00 2/5--the sixth fastest of 37 moves at the distance--over this track Aug. 16. [brisnet.com PPs](#)

**2:06p 3rd-SAR, \$61K, Alw, 3yo, f/m, 7f**  
**HR/TVG PRETTY CARINA** ([Seeking the Gold](#)) was third for trainer Eduardo Caramori in her career bow at Churchill Downs last November before joining the Bobby Frankel string. Given ample of time off, the Stud TNT owned and bred filly romped home a 7 1/2-length winner going six panels over a drying out track at the Spa July 27. **Awesome I Am** ([Awesome Again](#)) finished third going seven panels at Belmont June 15 before tiring late to be third again in Monmouth's Serena's Song S. July 13. [brisnet.com PPs](#)

**3:13p 5th-SAR, \$62K, Msw, 2yo, f, 5.5fT**  
**HR/TVG CLOSING SPEED** ([Cherokee Run](#)) has been training steadily of late, including a four-furlong move in :49 2/5 over a yielding Saratoga turf course Aug. 15. She gets her start for trainer Mark Casse, who gets 22 percent winners from first time starters. Trainer George Weaver saddles **Warm Springs Girl** ([City Zip](#)), related to a slew of useful runners. Coming into this off a string of sharp works, including her latest a four-furlong move in :49 1/5, the chestnut gets the services of Edgar Prado. [brisnet.com PPs](#)

**5:30p Albany S. (9th-SAR), 3yo, (S), 1 1/8mT**  
**HR/TVG TIN CUP CHALICE** ([Crusader Sword](#)), undefeated in six lifetime starts, won the seven-furlong Mike Lee S. against state-breds June 22 before taking the 1 1/16-mile New York Derby in his latest try July 12. [brisnet.com PPs](#)

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## ★ SARATOGA ★

### Buckley Dies After Training Accident:

Former jockey Parker Buckley died Tuesday, one day after sustaining fatal injuries after he was thrown during training hours at Saratoga Monday. Buckley was 40. According to reports, the incident occurred on Saratoga's Oklahoma during training hours, when Buckley--who is an exercise rider for trainer Steve Asmussen--was thrown from his mount. Following the fall, Buckley was taken to Albany Medical Center Hospital, and it was later determined that there were signs of cerebral hemorrhage. Soon after his arrival at the hospital, Parker was placed in a medically induced coma and was taken off life support the following morning. "Parker was a great guy," Asmussen told *DRF*. "I met him in 1987 at Birmingham Race Course. I never met anybody who didn't like him. He was loved by everybody who worked with him. He was an all-around great guy." Parker, who was the regular exercise rider of MGSW Pyro, spent most of his career as a jockey at Finger Lakes before retiring with 947 wins from 7,306 mounts and earnings of \$9,213,807. Funeral arrangements are pending.

## ★ EAST ★

### Additional Day for Monmouth:

Monmouth Park has added an additional live racing card for Wednesday, Sept. 3. The track was originally scheduled to be dark that day; it will also conduct racing on Labor Day, Monday Sept. 1.

### Yesterday's Results:

**1st-FLX, \$19,000, Msw, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:08 1/5, wf. CRAFTY SHOCKED (f, 2, Crafty C. T.--Juniors Fortune, by Imperial Falcon) broke slowly and made a good run late to be third in her bow over this track July 28. A well-beaten fourth in the slop here Aug. 8, the bay was let go at 6-1 this time. Settled in fifth in the early going, the New York bred eased out for the stretch drive and responded when asked to score by two lengths over Secret Embrace (Newfoundland). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$14,250. O/B-Timothy Ray Banks (NY). T-Ralph D'Alessandro.**

## • ON THE WORKTAB •

### SARATOGA

MAMBO IN SEATTLE (Kingmambo), 4f, :48.19, 1/1  
 BARONESS THATCHER (Johannesburg), 4f, :51.22, 8/10  
 PROUDINSKY (GER) (Silvano {Ger}), 4f, :48.43, 4/10  
 MUNNINGS (Speightstown), 6f (tr.), 1:14.88, 1/2

## BRIS Speed Ratings Top Weekly Stakes Races

Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
Ferocious Fires	Lite the Fuse	Troy S.	106
Honest Man	Unbridled's Song	Philip H. Iselin S.-G3	104
Thanks for the Tip	Evansville Slew	Minnesota Distaff Sprint Champ. S.	104
Ide Like a Double	Ide	Evangeline Mile H.	102
Shot Gun Ela	Elajud	Rainbow Connection S.	102
Summer Patriot	Unbridled's Song	John's Call S.	102
Backseat Rhythm	El Corredor	Lake Placid S.-G2	101
Get Funky	Straight Man	Green Flash H.	101
Proud Spell	Proud Citizen	Alabama S.-G1	101
Classify	Unbridled's Song	Incredible Revenge S.	100
America's Friend	Unusual Heat	Solana Beach H.	99
Magical Fantasy	Diesis (GB)	Del Mar Oaks-G1	99
Mani Bhavan	Storm Boot	Adirondack S.-G2	99
Suddenly Silver	Silver Ghost	Minnesota Classic Championship S.	99
Grand Couturier (GB)	Grand Lodge	Sword Dancer Invitational S.-G1	98
Pretty Jenny	Pioneering	Iowa State Fair S.	98
Seeyouinthecity	Slew City Slew	Humphrey S. Finney S.	98
Finallymadeit	Concerto	Band Is Passing S.	96
Hypocrite	Outofthebox	Donthelumbertrader S.	96
Run Away and Hide	City Zip	Saratoga Special S.-G2	96
Swift Temper	Giant's Causeway	Gardenia H.-G3	96
Drop a Line	Lemon Drop Kid	Windward S.	95
Pretty as a Smile	Vision and Verse	Minnesota Distaff Classic Champ. S.	95
Wasserman	Cahill Road	Longacres Mile H.-G3	95

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## ★ CENTRAL ★

### Something's Fishy in the State of Ohio:

River Downs Stewards have ruled that the owners of Marble Cliff (Jump Start) must return \$110,140 in purse money won by the three-year-old gelding in Ohio-bred races due to the fact that he was not actually bred in the Buckeye State, *Daily Racing Form* reports. Marble Cliff romped by 13 lengths in the restricted Cleveland Gold Cup at Thistledown June 28, earning \$60,000; he has been disqualified from that victory and four previous starts versus state-breds, in which he earned \$50,140. That purse money will be redistributed. Marble Cliff's owners, the Foxwood Stable of Charlie Ruma--owner of Beulah Park--and Joe Sugar, have appealed the decision and will have a hearing before the Ohio Racing Commission. A date for the hearing has not yet been announced. Another horse co-owned by Sugar, Houston Heist (Cat Thief), has also been disqualified from four races in which she ran as an Ohio-bred. The three-year-old filly won two of those, earning \$26,510. Sugar owns a 25-percent interest in the filly along with three other partners in Shazam Stable, which has also appealed the ruling. ORC Deputy Director Izzo told *DRF* that an investigation determined that neither Marble Cliff nor Houston Heist were actually bred or foaled in Ohio, according to the registration guidelines.





## ★ INDUSTRY INFO ★

### Aulisi Named Museum Director:

Joseph Aulisi has been named Director of the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame. Aulisi has been serving as acting director since 2006 and has been the museum's development officer since 2000. He will continue to serve in that role. "With his many years of experience as a trustee and in a key staff position, Joe is the ideal person to be the on-site leader of the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame," Museum President Stella Thayer said. "He has worked closely with the trustees on fund-raising initiatives and is well-versed in all facets of the operation of the Museum."

### NTRA Adds Seminar to Marketing Summit:

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association has announced that its Marketing Summit, which will be held Sept. 21-23 at Red Rock Casino, Resort and Spa near Las Vegas, will feature a special session called "Reaching a New Generation." It will be moderated by John Della Volpe, founder and president of SocialSphere Strategies and director of polling at Harvard's Institute of Politics. "The presentation will be a living, breathing Web 2.0 collaboration with some of racing's best fans," said Della Volpe. "We have scoured the Internet for racing's most ardent supporters, then we created an online community and gave them an assignment: Develop a plan to market the sport to a new generation of fans. Over the course of about six weeks, the group will be spending dozens of hours meeting, debating, and challenging each other's assumptions--the results of which they will present to the industry at the NTRA Marketing Summit." The group includes active bloggers, handicappers and online contributors Dana Byerly, Jessica Chapel, Patrick Patton, Troy Racki and Kevin Stafford. Registration for the NTRA Marketing Summit can be done online at [www.ntra.com](http://www.ntra.com) (\$250 for NTRA members; \$400 for non-members), and accommodations at Red Rock can be reserved at a special rate by calling (866) 767-7773 by Aug. 21. For additional information on the Marketing Summit, contact Michele Ravencraft of the NTRA at (859) 422-2657 or [mravencraft@ntra.com](mailto:mravencraft@ntra.com).

## • ON THE WORKTAB •

### DEL MAR

SURF CAT (Sir Cat), 5f, :57.60, 1/36  
WELL ARMED (Tiznow), 5f, 1:00.80, 21/36


### HOLLYWOOD

ROMANCE IS DIANE (In Excess {Ire}), 3f, :35.80, 2/27  
TRES BORRACHOS (Ecton Park), 4f, :48.80, 9/16

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### IN BRITAIN:

**Drumming Party**, g, 6, **War Chant**--Santaria (SW & GISP, \$266,937), by Star de Naska. Brighton, 8-19, Hcp, 3yo/up, 5f 59ydsT. B-Robert N Clay & The Albert G Clay 1990 Revocable Trust. \*1/2 to Medallist (Touch Gold), MGSW & GISP, \$466,951; Air Commander (Point Given), GSW, \$248,680.

### IN FRANCE:

**Exciting Night**, f, 2, **Grand Slam**. See "France."  
**Naval Officer**, f, 2, **Tale of the Cat**. See "France."

## STAKES CLOSINGS

### TODAY, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20:

09-07 \$1,000,000 **Woodbine Mile-I**, Wo, 3yo/up, 8fT (1000)  
09-07 \$650/100,000 **Northern Dancer Breeders' Cup Turf-II**, Wo, 3yo/up, 12fT (650)  
09-07 \$300,000 **Canadian-II**, Wo, 3yo/up, f/n, 9fT (300)

### TOMORROW, THURSDAY, AUGUST 21:

08-30 \$200,000 **Palomar H.-II**, Dmr, 3yo/up, f/m, 8.5fT (200)  
08-31 \$400,000 **Del Mar Derby-II**, Dmr, 3yo, 9fT (400)  
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★ **EUROPE** ★

**LORENZO BROGI DIEA** Lorenzo Brogi, one of the stalwarts of the Italian racing scene for almost four decades, died suddenly following a respiratory crisis at Lavinio, near Rome, last Saturday morning. "Sir Lorenz," as he was affectionately known, trained for most of the major Italian stables, including Carlo d'Alessio's Scuderia Cieffedi, the Palmieri family's Razza Spineta, AJB Stable and Sergio Scarpellini's Allevamento La Nuova Sbarra. He made the Premio Parioli (Italian 2000 Guineas) his own by taking six renewals of that Classic and garnered most of Italy's major prizes apart from the G1 Derby Italiano. Speaking upon his retirement last December, Brogi said, "I would have won the Derby Italiano with Vol de Nuit as he was a different class, but he got injured before the race." His picturesque stables near the Ciampino training track in Rome were taken over by son Fabio and nephew Simone, but he did not disappear from the scene immediately and acted in an advisory role for that partnership. His last champion was the dual G1 Premio Presidente della Repubblica hero **Distant Way** (Distant View). Brogi's funeral was held near Rome's Capanelle racetrack on Monday afternoon.

**First-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, Aug. 20**

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

- CAPPUCHINO** (Capote), Highfield Stock, \$2K, 13/0/0  
1-PEN, Msw, 5f, Cupofmud, \$2K OBS APR 2yo, 8-1
- CAT DREAMS** (Storm Cat), Tommy Town, \$4K, 40/4/0  
5-SAR, Msw, 5 1/2FT, +Swirly Girl, \$12K KEE JAN yrl, 10-1
- CETEWAYO** (His Majesty), Godstone, \$3K, 11/0/0  
1-PEN, Msw, 5f, +J D's Firecracker, \$10K OBS AUG yrl, 5-1
- EAVESDROPPER** (Kingmambo), Walmac, \$8K, 53/2/0  
1-PEN, Msw, 5f, Poldini, \$11K MNT SRG 2yo, 7-2
- HIGH CASCADE** (Woodman), 31/1/0  
3-EVD, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Cascading Tower, \$4K TEX AUG yrl, 12-1  
3-EVD, Msw, 4 1/2f, Too Hi to Keep, \$5K LSA BDR yrl, 5-1
- JOHAR** (Gone West), Mill Ridge, \$20K, 75/1/0  
3-LRL, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Original Ray, \$25K EAS SEP yrl, 8-1  
5-SAR, Msw, 5 1/2FT, +Oh Yes I Pray, 10-1  
5-DMR, Msw, 1mT, Princess Windsharp, \$74K KEE SEP yrl, 15-1
- LION HEART** (Tale of the Cat), Ashford, \$30K, 181/11/2  
5-SAR, Msw, 5 1/2FT, +Code Name, \$160K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1
- ROAR OF THE TIGER** (Storm Cat), Hartley, \$, 74/9/0  
5-SAR, Msw, 5 1/2FT, +Catniche, \$9K OBS APR 2yo, 15-1
- STRONG HOPE** (Grand Slam), Claiborne, \$30K, 90/2/0  
5-SAR, Msw, 5 1/2FT, +Stayawaystella, \$110K KEE SEP yrl, 5-1
- TAPIT** (Pulpit), Gainesway, \$15K, 96/7/0  
2-SAR, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Keeping the Honor, \$200K FTF FEB 2yo, 5-1
- TEMPERED APPEAL** (Valid Appeal), Bar None, \$2K, 16/2/0  
2-WO, Alw, 6f, Mountain Echo, \$30K KEE NOV wnl, 6-1

**First/Second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, Aug. 20**

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

- HOOK AND LADDER** (Dixieland Band), Sequel NY, \$10K, 100/23/3  
9-SAR, Stk, 1 1/8m, Big Truck, \$90K EAS MAY 2yo, 7-2
- POSSE** (Silver Deputy), Vinery, \$10K, 154/42/7  
5-SAR, Msw, 5 1/2FT, +O Sabina, \$290K OBS MAR 2yo, 8-1

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★ **BRITAIN** ★

**Yesterday's Result:**

**Brighton, 2.00, Mdn, £5,500, 2yo, 6f 209ydsT, 1:25.80, gd/sf.**  
+ **AL SABAHEYA (GB)** (f, 2, **Kheleyf--Baalbek {GB}**), by **Barathea {Ire}**), a 36,000gns TATOCT yearling, kept within range of the leaders through the early stages of this first go. Seizing control approaching the final furlong, the 16-1 chance was soon clear and kept on well for minimal urging in the latter stages to easily account for Today's the Day (GB) (Alhaarth {Ire}) by 3 3/4 lengths. Al Sabaheya is the 22nd winner for her freshman sire (by Green Desert). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £3,562.  
O-Saeed Manana; B-Genesis Green Stud Ltd; T-Clive Britain.

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## ★ FRANCE ★

### Yesterday's Results:

**Clairefontaine, 3.25, Cond, €29,000, 2yo, f, 7fT, 1:27.20, sf.**

**DORIANA (FR) (f, 2, Kendor {Fr}--Urgence {Fr}, by Snurge {Ire})** shed her maiden status at Maisons-Laffitte last time June 23 and soon held sway here. Coming under pressure as the pack closed in with 350 meters to go, the 27-10 second choice was driven out to hold the late rush of Pride Dancer (Ire) (Fasliyev) by a head. Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €26,900.

O/B-Ecurie La Perrigne; T-Alain de Royer-Dupre.

**Clairefontaine, 2.50, Cond, €29,000, 2yo, c/g, 7fT, 1:26.10, sf.**

**NAVAL OFFICER (c, 2, Tale of the Cat--Wandering Star {GSW-NA & SW-Eng}, by Red Ransom)**, an impressive debut winner at Deauville July 12, was settled in third after the initial strides of this second go. Coaxed along turning for home, the 2-5 pick challenged at the quarter-mile marker and was ridden out from there to assert a one-length superiority over Good Bye My Friend (Fr) (Kendor {Fr}). Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 2 wins, €25,500.

O/B-Joseph Allen; T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

**Clairefontaine, 2.20, Cond, €29,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT, 1:53.10, sf.**

**SNOW BLOSSOM (GB) (f, 3, Beat Hollow {GB}--Roupala, by Vaguely Noble {Ire})**, a last-out winner at Compiègne July 17, stalked the leading pair in third after the opening exchanges of this return. Making her bid upon turning for home, the 12-5 chance took a slight lead with 300 meters remaining and was ridden out thereafter to hold Place de l'Etoile (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) by 3/4 lengths. The winner is a half-sister to Danefair (Daneshill, GSW-Fr); Erudite (GB) (Generous {Ire}, SW & G1SP-Fr); Prove (GB) (Daneshill, GSW-Fr); and Vortex (GB) (Daneshill, MSW-Swe & Eng, GSP-Eng & Fr, \$483,701). Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €26,600.

O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms; T-David Smaga.

**Vichy, 2.35, Cond, €18,000, 2yo, 1mT, 1:46.19, gd/sf.**

**EXCITING NIGHT (f, 2, Grand Slam--Perilous Night {SW-US, \$129,880}, by Coronado's Quest)**, the 19-10 chalk, broke through at Senonnes-Pouance last time July 27 and was out sharply to take early control of this return. Shaken up approaching the final furlong, the \$200,000 KEESEP yearling was pushed out in the closing stages to comfortably account for Prize Magic (Elusive Quality) by 2 1/2 lengths. Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €14,200.

O-Ecurie I M Fares; B-Fitzhugh LLC; T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

## ★ GERMANY ★

### Weekend Review, by Christa Riebel

The opposition did not take **Oriental Tiger (Ger)** (Tiger Hill {Ire}) seriously enough in the G1 Grosser Rheinland-Pokal der Sparkasse at Cologne, and the Gestut Auenquelle colorbearer was allowed to open up a lead of 20 lengths. He was able to maintain that substantial lead into the straight where he ran on well to defeat the G1 Deutsches Derby hero **Kamsin (Ger)** (Samum {Ger}) and the English runner **Papal Bull (GB)** (Montjeu {Ire}), who both tried in vain to catch him (*see Monday's TDN*). Oriental Tiger's jockey Terence Hellier rode a terrific race on the five-year-old entire, who becomes very hefty and almost unmanageable without a free run. This victory marked the first Group 1 win for Oriental Tiger and it was his third pattern victory this season, all of which have come at Cologne. He is the third individual Group 1 scorer for his sire (by Daneshill), whose total tally of group winners now stands at 10 and whose first British- and Australian-conceived crops are two-year-olds this season. Oriental Tiger is the best foal bred from the unbeaten champion juvenile Oriental Flower (Ger), a daughter of Gestut Auenquelle's leading sire Big Shuffle, and he is now set to tackle the Oct. 5 G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp.

The second highlight on the Cologne race card was the BBAG Auktionsrennen for two-year-olds (*see Tuesday's TDN*). This race saw trainer Christian von der Recke saddle the exacta when **Sabantuy (GB)** (Mujahid), from the family of Surumu (Ger), won easily from stablemate **Spirit of Duke (Ger)** (Bachelor Duke). The first race on the card was a two-year-old maiden which saw the well-related filly **Dubai (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) make a winning debut to her racing career (*see Tuesday's TDN*). She is a daughter of the listed-winning Shareef Dancer mare Dapprima (Ger), who also placed in the 1996 G2 German 1000 Guineas and the same season's G3 Prix de Flore. She is the dam of group winners Denaro (Ger) and Davidoff (Ger), as well as this year's three-year-old listed winner Duellant (Ire).

The Frankfurt race meeting saw Gestut Ittlingen's **First Lilly (Ger)** (Tiger Hill {Ire}) make a winning debut (*see Tuesday's TDN*). She is the ninth foal bred from the listed-scoring Surumu (Ger) mare First Smile (GB), herself a daughter of the Dortmunder Stutenpreis-winning Limbo (Ger) mare First Love (Ger), whose other progeny includes German St Leger victor First Hello (Ger) and stakes-winning and stakes producing Bustino (GB) mare First Class (Ger). Gestut Schlenderhan's three-year-old **Abydos (Ger)** (Monsun {Ger}) made a belated start to his career--the attractive colt has been suffering from growing pains--and the half-brother to last year's G1 Deutsches Derby winner and this term's G1 Deutschland-Preis winner Adlerflug (Ger) looked very promising when scoring an easy first-time victory (*see Tuesday's TDN*).



## BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Momsboy**, g, 2, **Good and Tough**--Rainmom (MSP, \$313,600), by Over the Rainbow. FLX, 8-19, 5 1/2f, 1:06 1/5. B-John Tebbutt & Camille Sarrouf (NY).

**Its a Grandslam**, c, 3, **Grand Slam**--Joyita (Arg) (SW & GSP-Arg), by Southern Halo. PHA, 8-19, (C), 6f, 1:11 3/5. B-Cobra Farm & John Fulton Bloodstock (KY). \*\$17,000 yrl '06 KEESEP.

**Bough Breaker**, f, 4, **Kokand**--Baughter, by Comet Shine. MNR, 8-18, (S), 6f, 1:14 3/5. B-James Sanford Morris Jr (WV).

## BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Lone Star (Ger)**, c, 3, **Kalatos (Ger)**--Luzelia (Ger), by Stanford (Ire). Clairefontaine, France, 8-19, Cond, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/8mT. B-Martina & Thomas Ahrens. \*€15,000 yrl '06 BBAOCT.

**Touch of Pep (Ire)**, c, 3, **Lando (Ger)**--Touch of Class (Ger), by Be My Guest. Clairefontaine, France, 8-19, Cond, 3yo, 1 13/16mT. B-Dieter Burkle Turfmarketing. \*50,000gns yrl '06 TATDEC. \*\*Full to Touch of Land (Fr), Hwt. Older Horse-Fr at 9.5-11f, GSW-Ger & UAE, MGSW-Fr, G1SP-HK, SP-Tur, \$850,311.

UPCOMING EUROPEAN GROUP 1 RACES

Date	Race	Track
Aug. 19	International S.	York*
Aug. 21	Yorkshire Oaks	York
Aug. 22	Nunthorpe S.	York
Aug. 24	Prix Morny	Deauville
Aug. 31	Moyglare Stud S.	The Curragh
Sept. 6	Irish Champion S.	Leopardstown
	Matron S.	Leopardstown
	Sprint Cup	Haydock
Sept. 7	Prix du Moulin	Longchamp
	Grosser Preis von Baden	Baden-Baden
Sept. 13	St. Leger S.	Doncaster
	Irish St. Leger S.	The Curragh
Sept. 14	Prix Vermeille	Longchamp
	National S.	The Curragh
Sept. 27	Queen Elizabeth II S.	Ascot
	Fillies' Mile	Ascot
Oct. 3	Cheveley Park S.	Newmarket
	Middle Park S.	Newmarket
Oct. 4	Sun Chariot S.	Newmarket
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09-07 650/100 Northern Dancer BC Turf-II, **Wo**, 12fT (650), **8-20**  
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