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Only one stallion has more GSWs in 2008 than RAHY

ZARKAVA DECISION IMMINENT

Trainer Alain de Royer-Dupre yesterday revealed that a decision as to whether His Highness the Aga Khan's unbeaten **Zarkava (Ire)** (Zamindar) remains in training will be made in "four or five days" as he reflected on her



Christophe Soumillon & Zarkava
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success in Sunday's G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. While ruling the five-time Group 1 winner out for the rest of 2008, de Royer-Dupre told *PA Sport*, "We have finished with her for this year. I spoke with His Highness and we do not have to rush into a decision about her career, whether she races at four or goes off to stud. We will make a decision in four or five days, because it is a big decision to make. We have to respect the filly and there is not much left for her to do. You can't ask them to do too much in their lives." De Royer-Dupre also praised the ride of Christophe Soumillon, who steered the filly to a two-length defeat of Youmzain (Ire) in the Longchamp feature without recourse to the whip. "Christophe was the perfect man to have on board, because the Arc is not an easy race to ride," the trainer said. "We decided before the race to come very late, not too early. It was a great ride." The Chantilly-based conditioner refused to be drawn into comparisons to his 2003 Arc hero Dalakhani (Ire). "He was a great horse, because he had two accelerations," he said. "He could quicken, and then quicken again. The filly is different, because she has only the one acceleration, but that is a very strong one."



You can also pick up a copy of the TDN today on the Keeneland backstretch courtesy of **Shadwell Farm**

YEARLINGS ON TAP AT TATTERSALLS

In spite of the global economic downturn and falling yearling figures at Goffs and Keeneland, both buyers and vendors were yesterday approaching this week's Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 1) with cautious optimism. The three-day sale begins today at 11 a.m. Representatives of many of the major buyers were inspecting yearlings at Tattersalls' Park Paddocks in Newmarket. Among them, Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum was present Sunday with an entourage including Shadwell's U.S.-based vice president Rick Nichols. Sheikh Mohammed's advisor John Ferguson and representatives of the Maktoum offshoot Rabbah Bloodstock were also seen inspecting the wares at Park Paddocks, as were John Magnier and members of his Coolmore team. Japanese yearling viewers included representatives of the Yoshida family's Shadai and Oiwake Farms, as well as Koji Maeda of North Hills Management. Representing a host of U.S.-based interests were trainer Patrick Biancone, Darby Dan Farm's John Phillips, Dan Rosenberg of Three Chimneys, owner Andrew Rosen and Renato Gameiro Alvares of the Lexington-based Albatroz Bloodstock. **Cont. p2**

EASY BREEZE FOR CURLIN AT SANTA ANITA

Jess Jackson's Stonestreet Stables and partners' **Curlin** (Smart Strike) breezed an easy four furlongs yesterday in his first work over Santa Anita's Pro-Ride surface. Curlin stopped the clock in :52 4/5. Trainer Steve Asmussen and company are in the process of evaluating how Curlin handles the underfoot conditions at Santa Anita as they ponder a defense of the GI Breeders' Cup Classic Oct. 25. Curlin is coming off a repeat win in the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup Sept. 27. "The work today was just to put his mind at ease, to just be a little patient. We have a little time between now and the race," Asmussen told TVG. "I spoke to Mr. Jackson and [wife] Barbara [Banke] immediately after the Gold Cup about being in this position; to get him out here to acclimate and start going through the motions. We felt that if we were on target but hadn't put all the variables into play, that it would be a lot more difficult." Asmussen confirmed that Curlin would continue to work on Mondays leading up to the Breeders' Cup until a decision is made.

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Tattersalls October cont.

Girls, Girls, Girls...

With many vendors keen to sell in Book 2 next week, there are 611 lots catalogued in Book 1, a total of 122 fewer than last year. Heading into this year's sale, many appeared to be impressed with what they have seen so far. Nicely bred fillies with residual value look sure to be in big demand, and that is a sector of the market that Eamonn Reilly of BBA Ireland was focusing upon.

"I've not seen too many colts, I've mainly looked at well-bred fillies, and the individuals have generally matched up to the pages," said Reilly. "The whole way through this year, from Deauville on to Keeneland and then Goffs, demand has been very strong for these fillies who are correct individuals. They will always be in demand, whatever the economic climate. I'm sure it will be strong at the top end, but the middle and lower markets will be a different market."

Consignor Jamie Railton, based at his usual position by the sales ring exit, said that yesterday was much his busiest day after a bout of bad weather.

"We've been showing since Friday, but the weather had been very bad over the weekend and we needed to be busy [yesterday], which we have been," explained Railton, who has 17 catalogued. "We've had a good day. I think we've got an even group of horses and I would be pretty positive, although it might be a different story next week [for Books 2 and 3]."

The Buzz Word...

Blandford Bloodstock has been busy at all the yearling sales this year and Richard Brown, who runs the Newmarket agency with Tom Goff, was another who reported more of a buzz yesterday.

"It was a bit quiet at the weekend and there seemed a really good feel about the place [Monday]," said Brown. "They are a good solid group of horses, but maybe they are missing one or two real stars. We've got a few orders and we'll be working away through this week and next."

Agent Larry Stratton was another in a positive frame of mind. "The standard of individuals is very high, it's commensurate with the quality of the catalogue," Stratton said. "I see no reason why it shouldn't be a solid sale."

Tattersalls Marketing Director Jimmy George admitted that it was inevitable that global events would have some impact on the sale, but was still hopeful of a good week.

"None of us are immune from what's going on in the wider world, but on the positive side, we've got a very good catalogue, consignors have been busy over the last two or three days, and the buyers looking have said that these are a smart bunch of yearlings," said George. "The demand for quality has always been robust and the feedback we're getting is that there's some quality out there."

The sale runs today through Thursday, starting at 11 a.m. each day. Books 2 and 3 are scheduled to follow October 13 through the 17th.

TATTERSALLS - 2008 SALES DATES

October Yearlings - 1	Oct. 7-9
October Yearlings -2	Oct. 13-15
October Yearlings - 3	Oct. 16-17
Autumn HIT	Oct. 27-30
October Yearlings - 4	Oct. 31
December Yearlings	Nov. 24
December Foals	Nov. 25-29
December Breeding Stock	Dec. 1-5

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Coverage begins at 11 a.m. and continues through 2 p.m. on Sky Channel 432 & Virgin Media 536.

After the start of racing at Catterick, *Racing UK* will make intermittent live updates from Tattersalls before returning to full live coverage of the sale at 5:30 p.m., continuing through to the end of the day's selling.



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☆ HIP HAPPENINGS ☆

TATTERSALLS OCTOBER YEARLINGS

Hip 34, f, Pivotal (GB)--Lurina (Ire), by Lure
Consigned by Newtown Stud

One of the picks of day one, this is a March-foaled half-sister to this year's G2 Great Voltigeur S. and G3 Sandown Classic Trial winner Centennial (Ire) (Dalakhani {Ire}) from one of the world's best families. The second dam is Alligatrix, matriarch of Croco Rouge (Ire) and the great broodmare Alidiva (Ire).

Hip 73, c, Dansili (GB)--Miss Meltemi (Ire), by Miswaki Tern
Consigned by Hillwood Stud

By Juddmonte's ever-popular sire, this is a March-foaled son of the 2001 G1 Oaks d'Italia third and is therefore a full-brother to the very smart Dont Dili Dali (GB), who scored at listed level and placed in group company, and the useful Ada River (GB), who was runner-up in last month's Listed Atalanta S.

Hip 89, c, Oasis Dream (GB)--Musical Treat (Ire), by Royal Academy
Consigned by Rathbarry Stud

Oasis Dream is responsible for Sunday's impressive G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere hero Naaqoos (GB) and this is a stand-out, being a half-brother to the brilliant dual Guineas heroine Finsceal Beo (Ire) (Mr. Greeley). Musical Bar (Ire) (Barathea {Ire}) is another to add weight to the dam's reputation this year with a listed second, while under the second dam, Whistledownwind (GB) was runner-up in this year's G3 Sandown Classic Trial.

Hip 99, f, Monsun (Ger)--Nenuphar (Ire), by Night Shift
Consigned by John Osborne, agent

One of only five by Gestut Schlenderhan's star sire in the book, this is an opportunity to get in to a solid German black-type family. Her half-siblings include the 2003 G3 Preis der Winterkonigin heroine and champion juvenile Night Lagoon (Ger) (Lagunas {GB}) and the 2005 G1 Deutsches Derby runner-up Night Tango (Ger) (Acatenango {Ger}).

Hip 122, c, Galileo (Ire)--Peace Time (Ger), by Surumu (Ger)
Consigned by Gestut Etzean

Just one of several eye-catching representatives of Coolmore's giant, this is a three-parts brother to this year's G3 Schwarzgold-Rennen and G3 Hamburger Stutenpreis winner Peace Royale (Ger) (Sholokhov {Ire}) and the 2005 G3 Fahrhofer Stutenpreis scorer Peaceful Love (Ger) (Dashing Blade {GB}).

**TATTERSALLS OCTOBER
 TUESDAY OUTS**

**3, 22, 27, 31, 40, 52, 64, 65, 92, 97, 108, 115, 117,
 128, 135, 142, 147, 153, 164, 169, 185, 189, 193**

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Tattersalls Hip Happenings cont.

Hip 133, f, Montjeu (Ire)--Pieds de Plume (Fr), by Seattle Slew
Consigned by Voute Sales Ltd, agent

This is a February-foaled half-sister to last year's G3 Kilternan S. winner Hearthstead Maison (Ire) (Peintre Celebre), who dead-heated in the Listed Foundation S. last month and a close relation of three smart Sadler's Wells fillies in Rave Reviews (Ire), Fermion (Ire) and Sail (Ire). All were listed winners and the former was also runner-up in the G1 Premio Lydia Tesio three years ago. This is the excellent family of sires Groom Dancer, Tagel and Slew the Slewor, as well as this year's G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches hero Falco, Saturday's G2 Prix de Royallieu heroine Balladeuse (Fr) and Sunday's G1 Prix Marcel Boussac fourth Plumania (GB).

**Hip 161, f, Galileo (Ire)--Rainbow Goddess (GB),
 by Rainbow Quest**

Consigned by Kirtlington Stud

From Chris Budgett's establishment, this is an April-foaled full-sister to Mahler (GB), who was successful in the G3 Queen's Vase before filling the runner-up spot in the G1 St Leger and finishing third in the G1 Melbourne Cup last year. The dam is a sister to the group scorer Glatisant (GB), whose progeny include Footstepsinthesand (GB) and the dam of the 2005 G2 Ribblesdale S. scorer Thakafaat (Ire). Other high-class female members of the family include Rockerlong (GB), Superstar Leo (Ire) and her daughter Enticing (Ire).

Hip 163, f, Galileo (Ire)--Ramona (GB), by Desert King (Ire)
Consigned by Jockey Hall Stud

Prima Luce (Ire) captured the G3 Athasi S. in May for Jim Bolger, who had paid 270,000 guineas for this filly's full-sibling two years ago. The dam is a half to the brilliant sprinter Cassandra Go (Ire), whose Halfway to Heaven (Ire) has carried all before her this term with a trio of Group 1 successes, including Saturday's G1 Nassau S. at the local track.

☆ NEWS TODAY ☆

CHURCHILL DOWNS TO HOST 2010 BREEDERS' CUP Churchill Downs has been selected as the venue for the 2010 Breeders' Cup, the *Daily Racing Form* reported. According to the *DRF*, Breeders' Cup Ltd. and Churchill Downs Inc. will make an official announcement Wednesday. It will be the seventh time Churchill has hosted the event, twice more than any other track. The *DRF*'s source confirmed that the 2010 Breeders' Cup had initially been given to Belmont Park, but a change was made in Churchill's favor. Darren Rogers, media relations director for Churchill Downs, said the track has "nothing to announce at this time," according to *DRF*.

NO CUP FOR PACO Richard Hannon yesterday revealed that **Paco Boy (Ire)** (Desert Style {Ire}) will not take in the Breeders' Cup following his impressive success in Saturday's G1 Prix de la Foret at Longchamp. Having beaten Natagora (Fr) by three lengths in the seven-furlong contest, the Calvera Partnership's sophomore will wait until 2009 to tackle the major mile events. "There is no doubt that he is definitely getting better and next year he will stay a mile well," Hannon explained. "Next year he could be taking in the best mile races. We've knocked out the Breeders' Cup, as I don't think he'd want to go round there on very firm ground, so we can look forward to a whole season next year. It was a hell of a time too, the fastest for 16 years, so he's going forwards."

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☆ RESULTS ☆

Sunday, Maronas, Uruguay

GRAN PREMIO SELECCION-G1, P1,350,000, 10-5, 3yo, f, 2000m, 2:02.01, gd.

1--▲**ESSA FRAGRANCIA (URU)**, 123, f, 3, by **Essayons**
 1st Dam: **Shy Fragancia (Arg)**, by **Shy Tom**
 2nd Dam: **Frau Auriga (Arg)**, by **Frari (Arg)**
 3rd Dam: **Auriga (Arg)**, by **Carapalida (Arg)**
 O/B-Haras El Rancho (Uru); T-Juan Pablo Gonzalez;
 J-Mario Hampstead Gonzalez; P810,000. Lifetime
 Record: 6-3-2-1, P1,574,800. *1/2 to Secretarial
 (Uru), MSP-Uru.

2--**Every Dame (Uru)**, 123, f, 3, Decisive (Arg)--Evenly
 (Arg), by Halo Sunshine. O-Stud El Record; B-Haras
 Don Julio (Uru); T-Walter R Baez; P283,500.

3--**Saga (Uru)**, 123, f, 3, Asidero (Arg)--Jally Star
 (Arg), by Perfect Parade. O-Stud La Capannelle;
 B-Haras Don Alfredo (Uru); T-Elio A. Umpierrez;
 P175,500.

Margins: 1 3/4, 2 1/2, NO. Odds: 3.15, 26.95, 17.30.

Haras El Rancho homebred filly **Essa Fragancia**,
 runner-up to One Thousand Guineas heroine **Fade Amita**
 (Fadeyev) and third to the same rival in the inaugural
 Juvenile Fillies Serie de Campeones, rebounded on
 Sunday to capture the Uruguayan Oaks.

Piloted by Mario Gonzalez, the daughter of **Essayons**
 put away favorite **Fade Amita** entering the straight and
 burst away to prevail by a clear margin despite his rider
 dropping the stick in the closing strides. Winner at two
 of the G2 Gran Premio Criterium on Jun. 28, **Essa**
Fragancia secured her second group stakes victory and
 third career win from six starts.

Sunday, Club Hipico de Santiago, Chile

CLASICO NACIONAL RICARDO LYON-CRUZ DEL SUR-G1,
 10-5. Club Hipico de Santiago, 3yo c&f, 2000m, 1:58,
 gd.

1--▲**BAMBURI (CHI)** c, 3, by **Dushyantor**
 1st Dam: **Brusela (Chi)**, by **Seeker's Reward**
 2nd Dam: **Brescia II (Arg)**, by **Tough Critic**
 3rd Dam: **Cremona II (Arg)**, by **Our Talisman**
 O-Stud Zarabiqu; B-Haras Paso Nevado; T-Patricio
 Baeza; J-Hector I Berrios; P24,000,000. Lifetime
 Record: 10-4-4-0, P53,620,000.

2--**Gitana de Cristal (Chi)** f, 3, by **Mon Pote Le Gitan--De**
los Alpes (Chi), by **Dancing Groom**. O/B Haras Santa
 Amelia; T-Jose Allende.

3--**Margal (Chi)**, c, 3, by **Dushyantor--Marsiglia (Arg)**, by
Parade Marshal. O-Stud Masaiva; B-Haras Matancilla;
 T-Jorge Inda M.

Margins: 3/4, 3/4. 1HF. Odds: 2.90, 1.80, 3.10.

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PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

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DARLEY ALCIBIADES S.-GI, \$500,000, KEE, 10-3, 2yo, f, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:43 4/5, ft.

1--#**@DREAM EMPRESS**, 118, f, 2, by [Bernstein](#)

1st Dam: **Chinese Empress (SW & GSP, \$163,814)**, by Nijinsky II

2nd Dam: **Execution**, by The Axe II

3rd Dam: **House of Cards**, by Promised Land

(\$60,000 yrl '07 KEESEP). O-Livin the Dream Racing

LLC; B-Hopewell Investments LLC, Glencrest Farm &

Bryan Cross (KY); T-Kenneth G McPeck; J-Robby

Albarado; \$310,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0,

\$348,850. **Werk Nick Rating: D.** Click for the

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

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FRIZETTE S.-GI, \$400,000, BEL, 10-4, 2yo, f, 1m, 1:37 2/5, ft.

1--#**@SKY DIVA**, 120, f, 2, by [Sky Mesa](#)

1st Dam: **Swift Girl**, by Unbridled

2nd Dam: **Gather the Clan (Ire)**, by General Assembly

3rd Dam: **What a Summer**, by What Luck

(\$100,000 yrl '07 KEESEP; \$250,000 2yo '08

FTFFEB). O-Puglisi Racing; B-John D Murphy (KY);

T-Steve Klesaris; J-Ramon A Dominguez; \$240,000.

Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$264,000. *1/2 to Quick

Little Miss (Freud), MSW & GISP, \$287,080. **Werk Nick**

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

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Mares capable of producing four graded/group winners are all too hard to come by, but La Affirmed--a three-parts sister to the champion juvenile filly Outstandingly--achieved that notable feat, with considerable help from Storm Cat. Coincidentally, La Affirmed



Bernstein's Dream Empress *Horsephotos*

made her presence felt again last week through Bernstein and Caress, two of her three Group 3 winners by Storm Cat. Bernstein was responsible for Dream Empress, who took the GI Darley Alcibiades S. in decisive fashion to become her sire's first American-bred

Grade I winner. The next day saw Caress's son Sky Mesa reach the same milestone when his daughter Sky Diva was just as dominant in the GI Frizette S.

It seems that Bernstein is finally fulfilling the very high hopes held of him virtually from the day he was born. Bred by Brushwood Stable, the weanling Bernstein was offered at Keeneland's 1997 November Sale, where his price of \$925,000 was \$250,000 higher than the next-highest-priced weanling.

Bernstein was also outstanding on his next public appearance, when he made his two-year-old debut in a six-furlong maiden at the Curragh on May 23. Trained by Aidan O'Brien and carrying the colors of Michael Tabor, Bernstein led virtually all the way for an effortless victory which prompted his handler to describe him as "very special."

Big weekend for Ashford

G1 Spinster S.

G2 Jerome H.

G3 Senator Ken Maddy H.

G3 Summer S.

G2 Jamaica H.

G2 Prix Daniel Wildenstein

G1 Cheveley Park S.

G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere

1st Carriage Trail

2nd Model

1st Tale of Ekati

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"It's a big problem to get horses to lead him even cantering," O'Brien added. "I'm not ruling out Royal Ascot for him, but it is a long year and he is a big colt, so we might take things slowly with him in the immediate future."

Sure enough, O'Brien relied on Fasliyev, the year's champion juvenile, for the Coventry S. at Royal Ascot,



Bernstein

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and Bernstein was reserved for the G3 Railway S. 12 days later. The son of Storm Cat turned in a repeat performance of his debut win and it looked as though the sky would be the limit. Bookmakers reacted by naming Bernstein favorite for the following year's 2000 Guineas.

Then the bubble burst. You can gauge Bernstein's reputation from the fact that he started at the prohibitive odds of 4-11 when he next appeared, in the G1 National S. in September. Unfortunately, he raced too freely following his lengthy absence and lost the lead inside the final eighth, fading into fifth behind the future star Sinnidar. A subsequent examination unearthed a respiratory abnormality.

Bernstein's effort in the 2000 Guineas persuaded his connections to return him to sprinting and he narrowly won two of his next three starts, including the G3 Concorde S. over seven furlongs.

As he rated much better in the Concorde, the Breeders' Cup Mile was mentioned as a possible target, but he ended up contesting a nine-furlong Grade III at Churchill Downs the following day and faded to fifth.

BERNSTEIN, h, 1997

Storm Cat	Storm Bird	Northern Dancer	Nearctic	
		South Ocean	Natalma	
	Terlingua	Secretariat	New Providence	
		Crimson Saint	Shining Sun	
La Affirmed 8-1-2-0, \$20,875 15Fls, 4GSW, 1SP	Affirmed	Exclusive Native	Bold Ruler	
		Won't Tell You	Somethingfabulous	
	La Mesa 12-1-2-4, \$11,850 12Fls, 1Ch, 2GSW	Round Table	Crimson Satan	
		Finance	Bolero Rose	
		4Fls, 3wnrs		Raise a Native
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In no time it had been announced that Bernstein had been sold to Doug Arnold to stand at Buck Pond Farm, at a fee of \$10,000. A career which had promised so much had yielded just two Group/Grade 3 victories.

With plenty of more familiar sons of Storm Cat available in Kentucky, Bernstein wasn't inundated with mares, but his 37-strong first crop quickly established his potential. Among his first runners in 2004 were Toll Taker, winner of the GIII Astarita S., and Berbatim, a stakes winner who trained on to land the GIII Providencia S. at three. Their early success prompted a change of location for Bernstein, and it was announced in November 2004 that the seven-year-old was transferring to Castleton Lyons, at an increased fee of \$15,000.

Further evidence of Bernstein's potential emerged from the exploits of his first Argentine crop, conceived in the second half of 2001. Storm Mayor, Storm Military and Stormy Kiss all became Group 1 winners in Argentina, with Storm Mayor taking two editions of the prestigious G1 Gran Premio Internacional Carlos Pellegrini. The group winners have continued to flow in South America, with the filly Savoir Bien doing extremely well this year. Some of these have continued to thrive after being transferred to the U.S., including Stormy Kiss and Storm Military. **Caulfield cont. p8**



Caulfield cont.

Bernstein duly covered 164 mares in 2005, for 123 live foals. This crop has quickly proved that Bernstein merited greater support and Dream Empress is its third graded winner. First off the mark was Doremifasollatido, a \$110,000 yearling who won the GII Matron S. and who has yet to finish out of the first two. Next came West Side Bernie, who maintained his unbeaten record in the GIII Kentucky Cup Juvenile S. Interestingly, Dream Empress is out of Chinese Empress, a daughter of Nijinsky II, while Doremifasollatido is out of a granddaughter of the 1970 Triple Crown winner. Bernstein now has 18 winners from 39 juvenile runners and he stands second among the juvenile list, one place below Sky Mesa.

It is a feather in Bernstein's cap that he has succeeded in siring a Grade I winner from Chinese Empress. As a stakes-winning daughter of an outstanding stallion, Chinese Empress was given every chance as a broodmare, producing two foals to Mr. Prospector, three to Gone West and one to Unbridled. None of them earned black type. Dream Empress is the fourth daughter of the unraced Execution to have produced a

graded winner and they have seven between them, including three by sons of Storm Cat.

If Bernstein started his stallion career with plenty to prove, Sky Mesa was in the much more fortunate position of being considered a pretty safe bet for stallion success. When his first yearlings reached the sales ring in



Sky Mesa *threechimneys.com*

2006, they achieved an average of nearly \$130,000 and a median of \$100,000, off a fee of \$30,000. One of his fillies realized \$1,150,000.

SKY MESA, h, 2000

Pulpit	A.P. Indy	Seattle Slew	Bold Reasoning
		Weekend Surprise	My Charmer
			Secretariat
	Preach	Mr. Prospector	Lassie Dear
		Narrate	Raise a Native
			Gold Digger
Caress MGSW, 29-13-4-2, \$666,076 10FIs, 2GSW, 2SP	Storm Cat	Storm Bird	Honest Pleasure
		Terlingua	State
			Northern Dancer
	La Affirmed 8-1-2-0, \$20,875 15FIs, 4GSW, 1SP	Affirmed	South Ocean
		La Mesa 12FIs, 1Ch, 2GSW	Secretariat
			Crimson Saint
		Exclusive Native	
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Bearing in mind that Sky Mesa had won all three of his juvenile starts, including the GI Hopeful S., he seemed certain to make an immediate impact.

Imagine the disappointment, then, when he could finish no higher than 20th on the first-crop sires' table of 2007, with only one of his 43 runners managing to earn black type.

However, anyone who rushed to write him off may have to think again. The Three Chimneys stallion has had four graded winners in 2008



Sky Mesa's Sky Diva *A Coglianese*

and recently scored a graded double, when Skylighter took the GII Indiana Oaks and Sky Diva landed the Frizette. He also collected second in the GI Lane's End Breeders' Futurity with Terrain, so the future is looking much brighter.

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**AROUND
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 **NORTH AMERICA** 

BUSTIN STONES RETIRED TO WALDORF Roddy Valente's undefeated Grade I winner **Bustin Stones** (City Zip--Shesasurething, by Prospectors Gamble) has been retired due to a recurring foot injury. As previously announced, the four-year-old New York-bred will take



Adam Coglianese

up stud duties in the Empire State at Waldorf Farm in North Chatham. Bustin Stones, who will be syndicated, will stand for a fee of \$6,500. The chestnut arrived at Waldorf yesterday afternoon, according to the farm's owner, Dr. Jerry Bilinski. Unbeaten in three starts at three, all against state-bred competition, Bustin Stones showed he could handle open company as a four-year-old.

After taking the restricted

Promonroe S. at Aqueduct this January, he wired the GI General George H. at Laurel in February. Bustin Stones came right back and added the GI Carter H. at The Big A in April in what would be his career finale. Trainer Bruce Levine had pointed Bustin Stones toward the GI A.G. Vanderbilt H. at Saratoga July 24, but withdrew him after the colt suffered a bruised right front hoof. Bustin Stones, who was never headed in any of his races, retires with a record of 6-6-0-0, \$480,150.

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the **9th Race, \$48,000 Allowance, at Philadelphia Park.** For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).

NUMBERS PLUMMET AT OBS OPENER The OBS Fall Mixed Sale, which began with a single consignor preferred session in Ocala yesterday, got off to an inauspicious start with numbers down across the board. Of significant concern was the big 45.5 percent dip in median from a year ago--\$22,000 to \$12,000. Not surprisingly, that number was coupled with a high RNA rate--53 percent--a slight increase from 2007's 50.9 percent. In all, 230 weanlings, mares and other prospects went through the ring, with 122 failing to find new homes. The 108 that did sell grossed \$1,979,600, an average of \$18,330 (down 34.9 percent). Last year, the consignor preferred portion of the sale was held over two sessions and was significantly larger than this year's; comparative numbers reflect the figures after Day 1 in 2007. Topping yesterday's action was hip **328**, a weanling filly by Exchange Rate who was knocked down to Twin Peeks Racing for \$105,000. Consigned by Horses of Course, Inc., the Mar. 8-foaled bay was produced by the nine-year-old Passionate Bird (Birdonthewire), a multiple stakes winner of just over \$275,000. The filly was the lone horse to eclipse the six-figure mark. The sale continues with open sessions today and tomorrow. Action begins each day at 10:30 a.m. For outs, catalogue and results, visit www.obssales.com.



**OBS FALL MIXED SALE
Monday, Oct. 6, 2008**

<u>SESSION TOTALS</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Catalogued	348	332
No. Offered	230	259
No. Sold	108	127
RNAs	122	132
% RNA	53%	50.9%
High Price	\$105,000	\$120,000
Gross	\$1,979,600	\$3,578,500
Average (% change)	\$18,330 (-34.9%)	\$28,177
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BARBARA CAMP DIES Barbara Pease Camp passed away Friday at her residence in Charlottesville, Virginia, after a long battle with cancer. She was 77 years old. With her husband Clay, Camp worked as an agent at the Saratoga Yearling Sale and sold many top yearlings, including the sale topper at the Saratoga Sales in 1975 and again in 1984. The latter, a \$4.6-million colt by Northern Dancer out of Bubbling later named Parlando, set a Saratoga record that still stands. Barbara was born Apr. 15, 1931 in Buffalo, New York, attended Syracuse University, and was an outstanding horse-woman. She was the 1948 National Champion Equestrian Good Hands Medal and Maclay Medal winner, and founder and president of the Virginia Pony Breeders Association. She owned and showed the 1960 national high point horse Sunset Hill. She also served as a navigator on her husband's U.S.E.T. combined driving team in three World Championships, held in England, the Netherlands and Germany. She was inducted into the Virginia Horse Show Association Hall of Fame. Camp and her husband owned and restored Glenmore Farms near Charlottesville and Highview Farm in Nelson County. Survivors include her husband; daughter Bunny Gibbons; son Jeff; two step children, Page and Clay; two grandchildren and two step grandchildren. There will be a private memorial held at a later date. The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA, P.O. Box 7047, Charlottesville, VA 22906; the Hospice of the Piedmont, 2200 Old Ivy Rd. Suite #2, Charlottesville, VA 22903; or to the American Cancer Society, 3042-D Berkmar Dr., Charlottesville, VA 22901.

• ON THE WORKTAB •
SARATOGA

Commentator (Distorted Humor), 4f (tr), :49.03, 3/36
Cowboy Cal (Giant's Causeway), 5f (tr), 1:03.50, 8/22
Distorted Reality (Distorted Humor), 4f (tr), :51.95, 27/36
Malibu Moonshine (Malibu Moon), 5f (tr), 1:05.19, 19/22

STAKES CLOSINGS

TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8:

- 10-17 \$150,000 *Pin Oak Valley View-III, Kee, 3yo, f, 8.5fT (100)*
- 10-18 \$300,000 *Lexus Raven Run-II, Kee, 3yo, f, 7f (AWT) (150)*
- 10-18 \$100/50,000 *Sycamore Breeders' Cup-III, Kee, 3yo/up, 12fT (100)*
- 10-25 \$250,000 *Sky Classic-II, Wo, 3yo/up, 11fT (250)*
- 10-26 \$100,000a *Ack Ack H.-III, CD, 3yo/up, 8f (100)*
- 11-28 \$400,000 *Citation H.-I, Hol, 3yo/up, 8.5fT (2500)*
- 11-30 \$500,000 *Hollywood Derby-I, Hol, 3yo, 10fT (3000)*
- 11-30 \$500,000 *Matriarch-I, Hol, 3yo/up, f/m, 8fT (3000)*



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Greg Gilchrist

Accomplishment: Gilchrist has yet another top three-year-old sprinter, as his filly Indyanne (Indian Charlie) held on to win the GIII Thoroughbred Club of America S. at Keeneland Oct. 4.
Birthdate: April 24, 1948
Birthplace: Crescent City, CA.
Family: Sister, Wyvonna
Current Residence: Castro Valley, CA
You've have a lot of success with fillies, such as Soviet Problem (Moscow Ballet), Work the Crowd (Political Ambition) and Victorina (Delaware

Township). What do you attribute that to? You gotta be lucky. With fillies, you need to be patient and find the right spots. As the saying goes, you try to keep yourself in the best of company and your horse in the worst.

How did you become involved in racing? I was pretty much born and raised at the racetrack. My father, Boots Gilchrist, was a trainer. He raced anywhere between Caliente and Colorado.

Favorite racetrack? Saratoga.

If you could have dinner with one historical figure, who would it be, and why? Sitting Bull and other great warriors. They had principles and stood up for what they believed in.

What is your favorite vacation spot? Barbados in the Caribbean.

Where would you like to go that you haven't already been? Ireland. I have a Scotts-Irish background.

Favorite food or meal? Steak and potatoes.

What's your favorite film? "The Deer Hunter."

Perfect day? To start six horses and have them all win.

Childhood ambition? Just to train horses.

What would you do if you weren't in horse racing? I would have become a race car driver. I like things that go fast.

What's your favorite auto racing league? The stock cars. In the past [before stock car racing was more popular], I used to have to wake up at three in the morning to watch the races.

Who is your favorite driver? Until he retired, my favorite driver was Ricky Rudd. Now I like Greg Biffle.

First job? I worked in a lumbermill in Del Norte, CA.

Favorite book? "A Wild Ride." It's about the rise and fall of Calumet Farm.

What is your drink of choice? Crown Royal.

What's in your CD player right now? I don't have a CD player, but my favorite music is country and western.

Last purchase? Probably gasoline.

Proudest moment? Anytime someone who has worked for me goes out and becomes successful.

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★ EAST ★

Yesterday's Results:

9th-PHA, \$46,000, Alw, NW1X, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:45 1/5, ft.

BOLD DESPERADO (c, 3, Seeking the Gold--Rhum {MSW, \$406,234}, by Go for Gin) had not been out since breaking his maiden over this track last Oct. 29. The 7-2 shot chased the pace from third, swept to the outside for the drive and overtook Deputy General (French Envoy) late to win by a neck. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$62,200.

O/B-D J Stable LLC (KY). T-John C Servis.

4th-DEL, \$40,920, Msw, 2yo, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft.

+ **OLD FASHIONED (c, 2, Unbridled's Song--Collect Call {MGSW & MGISP, \$434,000}, by Meadowlake)**, an \$800,000 KEESEP yearling, was dismissed at 12-1 in his debut. Never far back, the gray colt loomed a threat with a four-wide move into the lane and closed with a strong late rally to just overtake favored Sunday Blitz (Sunday Break {Jpn}) at the wire to win by a nose. Wickaninnish (Giant's Causeway) bobbed at the break and never got on track, finishing sixth. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#). Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.** Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$25,920.

O-Fox Hill Farms Inc. B-Rod & Lorraine Rodriguez (KY). T-J Larry Jones.

2nd-MED, \$36,000, Msw, 2yo, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft.

LAND GRANT (c, 2, West Acre--Classic Beauty, by Sword Dance {Ire}), a \$150,000 OBSMAR juvenile, had not been seen since running third in his six-furlong debut at Saratoga Aug. 17. The prohibitive 3-5 favorite was soon at the head of affairs, setting fractions of :22.28, :45.74 and :58.23. He carried a five-length advantage into the lane and came home an easy 4 1/4-length winner. Fore Pals (E Dubai) closed for second. Storm Proof (Storm Cat) was never a threat and finished fifth. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$27,800.

O-West Point Thoroughbreds. B-Gilbert G Campbell (FL). T-Kieran P McLaughlin.

• ON THE WORKTAB •

BELMONT PARK

Red Rocks (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), 7fT, 1:33.42, 1/1
Sir Whimsey (Jump Start), 5f (tr), 1:03.92, 4/7

CALDER

Sweetnorthernsaint (Sweetsouthernsaint), 5f, 1:03.00, 8/19

First-crop starters to watch: Tuesday, Oct. 7

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

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

CONGAREE (Arazi), Adena Springs KY, \$15K, 93/11/3

8-DEL, Str, 6f, Conga Gold, 6-1

OLMODAVOR (A.P. Indy), Adena Springs South, \$10K, 65/7/1

8-DEL, Str, 6f, Clair Bear, \$5K KEE SEP yrl, 9-5

• ON THE WORKTAB •

CHURCHILL DOWNS

Acacia (Cherokee Run), 5f, 1:03.80, 23/29

Magna Graduate (Honor Grades), 4f, :51.60, 34/39

Ocean Colors (Orientate), 4f, :50.40, 27/39

Rated Feisty (Exchange Rate), 5f, 1:04.20, 26/29

FAIR HILL

Better Talk Now (Talkin Man), 5f, 1:01.40, 3/11

Control System (Lion Hearted), 3f, :36.00, 1/1

HOLLYWOOD PARK

Delta Storm (Storm Boot), 5f, 1:01.40, 25/31

KEENELAND

Acoma (Empire Maker), 5fT, 1:04.00, 8/8

Ariege (Doneraile Court), 5f, 1:00.40, 9/28

Hatta Fort (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}), 4f, :51.00, 21/24

Mr. Nightlinger (Indian Charlie), 5fT, 1:00.00, 1/8

Myboycharlie (Ire) (Danetime {Ire}), 5fT, 1:01.60, 2/8

Spring Awakening (In Excess {Ire}), 4fT, :48.60, 1/2

Transduction Gold (Formal Gold), 5f, 1:04.80, 28/28

MONMOUTH PARK

Lawrence the Roman (Point Given), 3f, :37.40, 4/5

SANTA ANITA

Albertus Maximus (Albert the Great), 4f, :48.80, 13/31

Coronet of a Baron (Pure Prize), 6f, 1:13.40, 5/10

Curlin (Smart Strike), 4f, :52.80, 30/31

Indian Blessing (Indian Charlie), 5f, 1:00.40, 13/40

Student Council (Kingmambo), 6f, 1:15.60, 10/10



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IN BRITAIN:

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Noble Storm, c, 2, **Yankee Gentleman**--Changed Tune (MSW & GSP, \$315,920), by Tunerup. Warwick, Britain, 10-6, Hcp, 2yo, 6fT. B-B C Jones. *\$52,000 wnlq '06 KEENOV; 10,500gns yrl '07 DONOCT.

IN FRANCE:

Tejaara, f, 3, **Kingmambo**. See "Breeders' Edition, Europe."

IN JAPAN:

Air McCool, c, 3, **Giant's Causeway**--Macarena Macarena, by Gone West. Nakayama, 10-5, Edogawa Tokubetsu, 9f. Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-2, \$366,250. O-Lucky Field Inc; B-Winchester Farm; T-Masanori Ito.

Smart Spider, c, 2, **Grand Slam**--Dolly Talbo, by Capote. Hanshin, 10-5, Novice Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$65,385. O-Toru Okawa; B-Occidental Thoroughbreds & Sarum Farm; T-Kunihide Matsuda. *\$240,000 yrl '07 KEESPE. **1/2 to Ferrari Pisa (Touch Gold), MSW-Jpn, \$1,754,240.

Faridat, c, 3, **Kingmambo**--Believe (Ch. Older Mare-Jpn, MSW & GSP-Jpn, \$3,836,795), by Sunday Silence. Hanshin, 10-5, Dotombori S., 7fT. Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-2, \$589,808. O-Koji Maeda; B-North Hills Management; T-Shigeki Matsumoto.

Fickle Berry, f, 3, **Cryptoclearance**--Fickle Friends (MGSP-US, \$254,130), by Demons Begone. Sapporo, 10-5, Plate Race, 7.5fT. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$205,481. O-Carrot Farm; B-Shadai Corporation Ltd; T-Ryuji Okubo. *1/2 to Rewrite (Editor's Note), MSW, \$465,343.

Wish Be One, c, 3, **Boundary**--Compel, by Seeking the Gold. Sapporo, 10-5, Kushiroshitsugen Tokubetsu, 8.5f. Lifetime Record: 10-2-2-1, \$273,750. O-Academy Inc; B-March Tbreds; T-Kazuya Nakatake.

Golden Lowe, c, 3, **Kingmambo**--Little Firefly (GSP-Eng, MSP-US), by Danehill. Kawasaki, 10-1, October Star Sho, 8f. Lifetime Record: 11-2-1-0, \$112,091. O-Hiroo Race; B-Barnett Enterprises; T-Hideyuki Mori.

ARAZAN DEWHURST DOUBT Arazan (Ire) (Anabaa), who previously earned ♂ "TDN Rising Star" ♂ status, may be forced to sit out the G1 Darley Dewhurst S. after sustaining a stone bruise, trainer John Oxx announced yesterday. His Highness the Aga Khan's G2 Futurity S. winner and G1 National S. third was described as "50-50" to be in the line-up for the Oct. 18 Newmarket contest. "Arazan is due to run in the Dewhurst S. on Saturday week, but he had a nasty enough foot bruise at the weekend, and he has missed some work, so he'll need to make a quick recovery," Oxx told *PA Sport*. "He was, however, much better this morning. It's unwelcome and has put his chances of running down to about 50-50. It would have been better if this had happened a week earlier and it just stopped him from stepping up his work at the weekend. We will wait and see how it goes."

DEWHURST BOOKED FOR ASHRAM Trainer John Hills yesterday confirmed that Thursday's G3 Somerville Tattersall S. winner **Ashram (Ire)** (Indian Haven {GB}) will tackle the G1 Darley Dewhurst S. Impressive when winning the seven-furlong contest at Newmarket by 4 1/2 lengths, Mountgrange Stud's colt is set for a return to that track and trip in the Oct. 18 feature. "He seems great, he was quite bouncy the next day, the wheels are still good and everything else," Hills told *PA Sport*. "We are going to confirm him this time next week for the Dewhurst. As it stands right now, if we are happy with him, it's very likely he'll go there. He's earned a shot at it. Obviously, he won beautifully the other day but this is going to be tougher." The juvenile is a winner of two of three starts to date, having amassed earnings of \$72,212.

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★ FRANCE ★

Tuesday, Chantilly, post time: 3:50p.m.

PRIX CHARLES LAFFITTE-Listed, €55,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/4mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	8	Sanjida (Ire)	Polish Precedent	Fabre	128
2	7	Sea Sex Sun (GB)	Desert Prince (Ire)	Fabre	128
3	2	Changing Skies (Ire)	Sadler's Wells	Meehan	128
4	5	Virana (Ire)	King's Best	de Royer-Dupre	123
5	6	Kareemah (Ire)	Peintre Celebre	Hammond	123
6	3	Rainbow Dancing (GB)	Rainbow Quest	van Zuylen	123
7	1	Montagne Lointaine (Ire)	Numerous	Lellouche	123
8	4	Lune Rose (GB)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Bary	123



2.10 Leicester, Mdn, £8,000, 2yo, f, 7f 9ydsT

BURGUNDY ICE (Storm Cat) is a Darley homebred jewel as a half-sister to the world-class Bernardini (A.P. Indy) and a full-sister to the 2002 GI Santa Anita Oaks third Ile de France. Godolphin unleash the daughter of Cara Rafaela, who was successful in the 1995 GI Hollywood Starlet S. and was five-times second at the top level, including in that year's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies.

2.50 Chantilly, Debutantes, €22,000, 2yo, c/g, 1mT

BASIC MIND (IRE) (Domedriver (Ire)) is a half-brother to the top-class Saddex (GB) (Sadler's Wells), whose career highs included wins in the 2007 G1 Rheinland-Pokal and G2 Grand Prix de Chantilly and this year's G1 Premio Presidente della Repubblica. From the family of Chimes of Freedom, Denon and Imperfect Circle, the Niarchos homebred starts out for Pascal Bary against Susan Magnier's **Rendezvous (Ire) (Sadler's Wells)**, an Andre Fabre-trained full-brother to this year's G1 Prix de Diane (French Oaks) and G1 Irish Oaks placegetter Gagnoa (Ire) and George Strawbridge's **Orzare (Ire) (Montjeu (Ire))**, a full-brother to the 2006 G1 Prix Royal-Oak heroine Montare (Ire) who also hails from the Jonathan Pease stable.

3.20 Chantilly, Debutantes, €22,000, 2yo, f, 1mT

TOWARDS (Fusaichi Pegasus) is another notable Niarchos newcomer as a half-sister to none other than Spinning World who is closely related to the Group-placed Rangoon Ruby, dam of last year's G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe third Sagara, Jonathan Pease, who trained most of her immediate relatives, introduces her against the Wertheimer brothers' **Only Green (Ire) (Green Desert)**, an Freddy Head-trained half-sister to their 1997 G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest and G1 Prix de la Foret heroine Occupandiste (Ire) (Kaldoun {Fr}).

5.10 Leicester, Mdn, £8,000, 2yo, f, 7f 9ydsT

JULY JASMINE (Empire Maker) makes her debut in the Khalid Abdullah silks for the Sir Michael Stoute stable, which houses her half-brother Rob Roy, the 2006 Sandown Mile winner who was also placed in that year's G1 Champion S. and G1 Sussex S. and the following year's GI Eddie Read H. She encounters a Godolphin newcomer in **Mezenah (GB) (CapeCross (Ire))**, whose Group-winning dam Saytarra (Seeking the Gold) is a half to Lammtarra.

★ BRITAIN ★

Yesterday's Results:

Pontefract, 15.40, Cond, £15,000, 3yo/up, 2m 1f 216ydsT, 4:09.37, gd.

VERACITY (GB) (c, 4, Lomitas {GB}--Vituisa {GB}, by Bering {GB}), fifth in the Listed Stand Cup S. at Chester on his seasonal bow Sept. 13, raced in a clear second to the wide-margin leader Bogside Theatre (Ire) (Fruits of Love) for the first two miles. Ridden along on the home turn, the 7-4 crowd's choice wore down the pacesetter at the eighth pole and was hand ridden thereafter en route to a 1 1/4-length victory. Lifetime Record: MGSP-Eng, 9-3-3-0, £75,256. O-Godolphin; B-Darley; T-Saeed Bin Suroor.

Pontefract, 14.10, Mdn, £8,000, 2yo, 10f 6ydsT, 2:19.59, gd.

MADAMLILY (IRE) (f, 2, Refuse to Bend {Ire}--Rainbow Dream {GB}, by Rainbow Quest), runner-up in a seven-furlong Beverley maiden last time Sept. 17, was settled in mid-division initially. Still traveling well at the quarter pole, she took it up a furlong later and was driven out to hold the closing Orthology (Ire) (Kalanisi {Ire}) by a head at odds of 15-2. The €20,000 GOFMIL yearling and 52,000gns TATGNS juvenile is a half to River Melody (Ger) (Keos), GSP-Ger. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, £6,337.

O-Bob McMillan; B-Dermot Brennan and Associates Ltd; T-John Quinn.

Warwick, 13.50, Mdn, £6,000, 2yo, 6fT, 1:14.41, gd/sf.

+ **PURISSIMA (f, 2, Fusaichi Pegasus--Willstar, by Nureyev)** raced keenly as she tracked the early leader in second. Eased to the front with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining, minimal encouragement saw the 7-1 shot shoot 4 1/2 lengths clear of Nemorosa (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) for a bloodless victory. The winner is a half to Etoile Montante (Miswaki), G1SW-Fr, MGSW & GISP-US, \$658,959. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £3,886.

O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Inc; T-Sir Michael Stoute.

Warwick, 15.20, Mdn, £4,500, 2yo, 7f 26ydsT, 1:29.07, sf.

GLOWING PRAISE (GB) (c, 2, Fantastic Light--Beading {GB}, by Polish Precedent), who caught the eye finishing fifth in a Newmarket maiden first time up Sept. 19, took a keen hold in the second rank from the outset. Asked to stretch inside the quarter pole, the 14,000gns DONAUG yearling was ridden to the front 75 yards out to score by a neck from Dr Jameson (Ire) (Orpen) as the 5-4 chalk. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £2,914.

O-John Fretwell; B-Wyck Hall Stud Ltd; T-Ed McMahon.



★ ITALY ★

Sunday's Results:

Rome, 17.05, Cond, €13,500, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:41.80, hy.

FREEMUSIC (IRE) (c, 4, CelticSwing {GB}--Favignana {Ger}, by Grand Lodge) ran fifth in the G3 Prix la Coupe at Longchamp last time June 14, having previously finished third in the G1 Premio Presidente della Repubblica here May 18. Settled in midpack initially, the 10-11 pick was shaken up passing the quarter pole and overhauled Tibroso (Ity) (Tibullo) 150 yards out to win comfortably by two lengths. Lifetime Record: SW & G1SP-Ity, 17-3-4-5, €150,293.

O/B-Allevamento la Nuova Sbarra; T-L Riccardi.

★ GERMANY ★

MARIAN ANOTHER INTERNATIONAL STAR

by Christa Riebel

Gestut Hachtsee's three-year-old filly **Lady Marian (Ger) (Nayef {GB})** became the latest German campaigner to register a Group 1 win overseas when a brilliant winner of Sunday's Prix de l'Opera de Longchamp. Bred by Graf and Gräfin von Stauffenberg, Lady Marian is a half to the 2006 G3 Grosser Preis der Freien Hansestadt Bremen victor Lucidor (Ger) (Zafonic), who shares the Mr. Prospector sire line with Nayef. Trainer Werner Baltromei, who was enjoying a third win at the highest level following the exploits of Le Miracle (Ger) and Baila Me (Ger), is thinking of the Breeders' Cup now.

On the domestic scene, Helga Endres was celebrating the widely expected Classic victory of Valdino (Ger) (Black Sam Bellamy {Ire}) in the G3 Deutsches St Leger at Dortmund (see Monday's TDN). Winning his fourth consecutive race and third stakes event, the gelding was getting Gestut Fahrhof's sire, who has been leased to stand at Scarvagh House Stud in 2009, off the mark at group level. Trainer Uwe Ostmann said, "He is a really good stayer. He won't run again this year, but hopes are high for the coming season."

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BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

STAKES RESULTS:

JACK DIAMOND FUTURITY, \$98,709, HST, 10-5, (S), 2yo, 6 1/2f, 1:18 1/5, wf.

1--**#ALMOST TIME, 117, g, 2, Finality--Vainglorious (MSP, \$121,351), by Cutlass Reality.** O-Swift Thoroughbreds Inc; B-S Anderson & D Deyagher (BC); T-Dino K Condilenios; J-Francisco Perez Fuentes; \$59,225. Lifetime Record: 5-2-3-0, \$99,981.

2--**Gotta Find Bubba, 117, g, 2, Vying Victor--La Belle Creole, by Ascot Knight.** (C\$31,000 yrl '07 BRCSEP). \$19,741.

3--**Millwright, 117, g, 2, Finality--Summertime Satin, by Cryptoclearance.** (C\$21,000 yrl '07 BRCSEP). \$10,858.

Margins: 1 3/4, 3, 2HF. Odds: 2.20, 58.95, 13.50.

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO H., \$60,000, ALB, 10-5, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39, gd.

1--**MIDNITE PROSPECTOR, 119, g, 7, Corwyn Bay (Ire)--Not Soon Forgotten, by Tank's Prospect.** (\$7,700 yrl '02 RUIAUG). O-Maria G Gonzalez; B-R D Hubbard & E C Allred (NM); T-Andres Gonzalez; J-Anthony J Lovato; \$36,000. Lifetime Record: 39-11-4-3, \$305,880.

2--**Slewjoe, 115, g, 5, Sadler Slew--Shelletta, by Native Supreme.** \$12,000.

3--**Cattleman Prospect, 125, g, 7, Prospector Jones--Dam Stand, by Convincingly.** (\$11,000 yrl '02 RUIAUG). \$6,000.

Margins: 1, 2 3/4, 3. Odds: 6.40, 28.70, 0.70.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-MED, \$50,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m70y, 1:44 2/5, ft.

FREUGLIT (f, 4, Freud--Glitterrock {SP, \$161,774}, by Fast Gold) Lifetime Record: 15-3-2-0, \$65,823. O/B-Merrywind Farm (NJ). T-Dennis J Manning.

7th-PHA, \$46,000, NW1X, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:44 3/5, ft.

STALWART WOODSMAN (c, 4, Mt. Livermore--Greene Road, by Green Dancer) Lifetime Record: 17-5-1-4, \$102,160. O-Kildare Stables. B-Charles H Deters (KY). T-Cathal A Lynch.

8th-PHA, \$45,000, NW1X, 3yo, 6f, 1:09 4/5, ft.

TRUE RAISE (c, 3, Yes It's True--Wild Raise, by Wild Again) Lifetime Record: 13-3-3-3, \$74,155. O-Winners Circle Partners V. B-Stanley M Ersoff (FL). T-Scott A Lake. *1/2 to Askforaraise (Indian Charlie), MSP, \$168,153.



(Allowance results cont.)

4th-ZIA, \$32,200, NW2L, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft.
BON VOYAGE (g, 4, **Parentheses--Paris Sail**, by **Corwyn Bay {Ire}**) Lifetime Record: 11-2-1-1, \$41,115.
 O/B-Osborne Farms (NM). T-Eric D Mikkelson.

8th-FLX, \$20,500, NW1BX, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft.
SWING LANE (f, 4, **War Deputy--Tormenta**, by **Storm Boot**) Lifetime Record: 32-6-5-7, \$110,826. O-Albert R Tassone. B-Mr & Mrs William Sienkewicz & Lands End Farm (NY). T-Michael A Lecesse.

★ WINNERS BY U.S. SIRE ★

IN JAPAN:

#**Daiwa Prevail** (Jpn), c, 2, **Empire Maker**--Miss Vegas (Hwt. 2yo Filly-Ity, GSW-US, MSW-Ity), by Efisio. Nakayama, 10-4, Fuyo S., 8fT. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$223,846. O-Keizo Oshiro; B-Shadai Farm; T-Masahiro Ikegami.
 + **Red Borsalino** (Jpn), c, 2, **Vindication**--Sicy d'Alsace (GISW, \$286,422), by Sicyos. Hanshin, 10-4, Mdn, 8fT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$67,308. O-Tokyo Horse Racing; B-Northern Farm; T-Hidetaka Otonashi.
Setono Antaeus (Aus), c, 3, **Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)**--Miss Chanel, by Splendent. Nakayama, 10-4, Plate Race, 6fT. Lifetime Record: 9-2-3-1, \$245,288 O-Sumiko Namba; B-Mr F Peisah; T-Ippo Sameshima. *1/2 to Miss Fantabulous (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}), G1SW-Aus.

IN ARGENTINA:

Along the Ocean (Arg), f, 3, **Easing Along**--Ballina (Arg), by Ocean Falls (Ire). San Isidro, 10-5, Mdn, 1000mT, :55.86. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-1. O/B-EI Tatu; T-Maria Cristina Munoz.
Cibrian (Arg), c, 3, **Salt Lake**--Le Grand (Arg), by Southern Halo. San Isidro, 10-5, Mdn, 1000mT, :55.97. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0. O-Stud JCG; B-Haras La Quebrada; T-Arnaldo Vigil.
Possible Glory (Arg), f, 4, **Honour and Glory**--Potrillona (Arg) (GSW & G1SP-Arg), by Ahmad (Arg). San Isidro, 10-5, Clasico Espirita-Listed, 1800mT, 1:48.14. Lifetime Record: 7-2-4-0. O-Stud La Pomme; B-Haras La Madrugada; T-Juan C Etchechoury Jr. *1/2 to Minollo (Arg) (Flag Down), GSP-Arg.

IN BRAZIL:

Right Line (Arg), f, 4, **Put It Back**--Haute Fidelite (Brz), by Tokatee. Gavea, 10-5, Classico Julio Capua-Listed, 1600mT, 1:37.21. Lifetime Record: 9-5-2-1. O-Stud Quintella; B-Haras Santa Maria de Araras; T-L.G.F. Ulloa.

IN CHILE:

Spnnessy (Chi), f, 3, **Hennessy--Spray**, by Roy. Club Hipico de Santiago, 10-5, Mdn, 1100m. O-Stud Macul; B-Haras Carioca; T-Jorge Inda M. *1/2 to Poseida (Chi) (Pick Up {Chi}), MG1SW-Chi.
Wilfred (Chi), c, 3, **Hennessy--Wild Rumour**, by Sadler's Wells. Club Hipico de Santiago, 10-5, Clasico Nacional Machos, 1600m. O/B-Haras Carioca; T-Jorge Inda M.

**BREEDERS' EDITION
EUROPE**

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

ITALY, Rome, 16.25, 10-5, €15,300, 2yo, 6fT, 1:10.90, hy.
MADDA'S FORCE (ITY) (f, 2, **Blu Air Force {Ire}**--**Madda'sblueeyes {GB}**, by **Selkirk**) Lifetime Record: GSP-Fr, 3-2-0-1, €17,425. O/T-Riccardo Betti; B-Azienda Agricola Luciani Loreto.
FRANCE, Le Mans, 17.30, 10-5, €15,000, 3yo, 9f 165ydsT, time: n/a, gd/fm.
PROCEAN (FR) (g, 3, **Ocean of Wisdom--Premiere {Fr}**, by **Highest Honor {Fr}**) Lifetime Record: 13 starts, 2 wins, 6 places, €23,350. O/T-C Diard; B-M Lalanne and Mme A Lalanne. *€5,000 wnlg '05 DEADEC; €1,500 yrl '06 DEADEC.
ITALY, Milan, 15.55, 10-5, €12,600, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:47.80, gd.
IUTA (IRE) (f, 3, **Lujain--Ivy Cascade {Ire}**, by **Sadler's Wells**) Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, €16,660. O-Vitale Bonaccorso; B-Razza Pian del Lago di Fattoria Marcianella; T-Emilio Borromeo.
ITALY, Milan, 14.35, 10-5, €10,800, 3yo, 1 3/8mT, 2:19.20, gd.
BALDI (IRE) (c, 3, **Kalanisi {Ire}**--**Bessie Bennett {Ire}**, by **Be My Guest**) Lifetime Record: 11-3-4-0, €31,722. O/B-Razza Dormello Olgiata; T-Ovidio Pessi. *1/2 to Bening (Fr) (Shantou), MSW & G1SP-Ity, \$454,311.
ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Cueto (Fr), c, 2, **American Post (GB)**--Aristi (Fr), by Synefos. Mont-de-Marsan, France, 10-5, Mdn, 2yo, c/g, 7fT. B-Haras du Bosquet, J Layus and Mrs J Layus. *€16,000 yrl '07 DEAOCT. **Sixth winner for freshman sire (by Bering {GB}).
Yakhy (Fr), f, 2, **Ballingarry (Ire)**--Faintly (Fr), by Dominion (GB). Mont-de-Marsan, France, 10-5, Mdn, 2yo, f, 7fT. B-T & Mrs D de la Heronniere. *€5,000 yrl '07 DEAOCT. **First winner for freshman sire (by Sadler's Wells).
Little Texane (Fr), f, 2, **Berkoutchi (Fr)**--Little Spinita (Fr), by General Holme. Strasbourg, France, 10-5, Mdn, 2yo, 7fT. B-R Monnier and J P J Dubois.



- Osservatorio (Ity)**, c, 2, **Colossus (Ire)**--Oropa (Ire) (MSP-Ity), by Indian Ridge (Ire). Milan, Italy, 10-5, Mdn, 2yo, 7 1/2fT. B-Azienda Agricola Boesso Antonio. *Seventh winner for freshman sire (by Danehill).
- Muriel (Ire)**, f, 2, **Fath**--Hoodwink (Ire), by Selkirk. Dortmund, Germany, 10-5, Cond, 2yo, 6fT. B-Airlie Stud. *€9,000 wnlg '06 GOFNOV; €11,000 yrl '07 BBAOCT.
- Chapon (Ity)**, f, 2, **High Chaparral (Ire)**--First One (Arg) (G1SW-Arg), by Southern Halo. Rome, Italy, 10-5, Cond, 2yo, f, 7 1/2fT. B-Azienda Agricola Sant 'Agostino e Vulci.
- Amber Sunset (GB)**, f, 2, **Monsieur Bond (Ire)**--Quantum Lady (GB), by Mujadil. Warwick, Britain, 10-6, Mdn, 2yo, 7f 26ydsT. B-Southill Stud. *4,500gns yrl '07 TATOCT. **Eighth winner for freshman sire (by Danehill Dancer {Ire}).
- + **Anjella (Ger)**, f, 2, **Monsun (Ger)**--Attilia (Ger) (MSW-Ger), by Tiger Hill (Ire). Hannover, Germany, 10-5, Mdn, 2yo, f, 1mT. B-Gestut Schlenderhan.
- Sworn Pro (Ger)**, f, 2, **Protektor (Ger)**--Sweet Tern (Ger), by Arctic Tern. Dortmund, Germany, 10-5, Mdn, 2yo, 1mT. B-Gestut Wittekindshof.
- Call It On (Ire)**, c, 2, **Raise a Grand (Ire)**--Birthday Present (GB), by Cadeaux Genereux (GB). Windsor, Britain, 10-6, Mdn, 2yo, 1m 67ydsT. B-Martyn J McEnergy. *€36,000 yrl '07 GOFMIL. **1/2 to May Day Queen (Ire) (Danetime {Ire}), GSP-Ire.
- Celtic Park (Fr)**, g, 3, **Cardoun (Fr)**--Coup de Colere (Fr), by Pistolet Bleu (Ire). Montlucon Neris-les-Bains, France, 10-5, Mdn, 3yo, 1 1/16mT. B-P G Roulois. *€5,000 yrl '06 DEADEC.
- Motivated Choice (GB)**, f, 3, **Compton Place (GB)**--Makhsusah (Ire), by Darshaan (GB). Windsor, Britain, 10-6, Mdn, 3yo/up, 6fT. B-Biddestone Stud. *32,000gns yrl '06 TATOCT.
- Jaadull (GB)**, g, 3, **Dubai Destination**--Saafeya (Ire) (MSW & GSP-Eng, GSP-Fr), by Sadler's Wells. Pontefract, Britain, 10-6, Mdn, 3yo, 1m 4ydsT. B-Darley.
- Tejaara**, f, 3, **Kingmambo**--Ma-Arif (Ire) (SP-Eng), by Alzao. Le Mans, France, 10-6, Mdn, 3yo, 7fT. B-Shadwell Farm. *€6,000 HIT '07 DEADEC.
- Marchando (Fr)**, g, 3, **Marchand de Sable**--Kharish Kali, by Lure. Le Mans, France, 10-5, Mdn, 3yo, 1 7/16mT. B-Haras de Bernesq.
- Ameela (Ger)**, f, 3, **Mondrian (Ger)**--Aluna (Ger), by Konigsstuhl (Ger). Hannover, Germany, 10-5, Mdn, 3yo, 1 3/8mT. B-Rainer Kirgasser. *€4,000 yrl '06 BBAOCT.
- La Martina (Ger)**, f, 3, **Seattle Dancer**--Luna de Miel (GB), by Shareef Dancer. Dortmund, Germany, 10-5, Mdn, 3yo, 1 1/4mT. B-Graf and Graf von Stauffenberg.
- Rubiana (Ger)**, f, 3, **Sholokhov (Ire)**--River Pearl (Ger), by Turfkönig (Ger). Dortmund, Germany, 10-5, Mdn, 3yo, 7fT. B-Gunter Merkel.

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IN AUSTRALASIA:

- Agamemnon (NZ)**, g, 5, **Generous (Ire)**--Oratorio (NZ), by Oregon. Te Rapa (New Zealand), 10-3, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1mT. B-R W E Moore.
- She's in the Guide (Aus)**, m, 5, **Mull of Kintyre**--Treasure Box (Aus), by Wild Harmony. Doomben (Brisbane), 10-4, Hcp, 3/up, 5f 10ydsT. B-D Foster.



By Jon Forbes

It was February 2006, and Turfway Park was midway through its second meet over its Polytrack surface. In less than two months, Sinister Minister would win the GI Blue Grass S.--the final renewal contested over Keeneland's notoriously biased dirt track--by 12 3/4 lengths in gate-to-wire fashion. Santa Anita's Cushion Track headaches were still two years away. That month, turf writer and handicapper Andrew Beyer made a prediction about what sort of impact synthetic surfaces would have on racing.

Horseplayers had been able to profit from studying biased tracks, wrote Beyer, who feared "if the Polytrack advocates prevail, and all racetracks are basically the same, the game will lose many of its subtleties." He continued, "It might suffer the same fate as harness racing--becoming too understandable and predictable, producing too many small payoffs, driving gamblers to other activities that offer more challenge and better opportunities for profit."

Two-and-a-half years later, we now know otherwise. Synthetic tracks have only complicated, not simplified, the handicapping process. Instead of eliminating biases, synthetic tracks have created new ones. But cheer up beleaguered synthetic track horseplayers! Help is here in the form of Bill Finley's **Betting Synthetic Surfaces: Conquering Racing's Newest Frontier** (DRF Press, \$24.95, www.drf.com). (Finley is the sportswriter husband of TDN co-publisher Sue Finley.)

Those who want the secret to easy all-weather money will be disappointed, but anyone who has taken a financial risk in this industry--whether it's a \$5 exacta part-wheel or dropping six figures on a yearling--knows there are no shortcuts in racing.

There are many unproven-yet-perpetuated myths at the track, and synthetic surfaces have only compounded this problem. What makes *Betting Synthetic Surfaces* valuable are the statistics Finley has compiled, which separate rumor from fact.

For example, it has been accepted that turf horses do just as well over all-weather surfaces as they do on grass. Not necessarily, says Finley, who uses numbers to prove his point. **Cont. p9**



Finley has put together a 552-horse study of how sires have fared with synthetic tracks. The abysmal \$0.39 ROI for every \$2 bet on the progeny of Theatrical (Ire) every time they try a synthetic track for the first time shows that an aptitude for sod is not a sufficient condition for synthetic success. Meanwhile, his research shows that the sons and daughters of Lear Fan have returned \$7.45 when they make their all-weather debut. As always, there are no sure-things in racing.

He also lists the winning percentages of running styles over the different synthetic surfaces. For example, 32 percent of the final 200 races contested over Woodbine's old dirt track were won gate-to-wire, compared to 23 percent on Polytrack. Unfortunately, the data for Santa Anita's Cushion Track is already obsolete. The maligned Cushion Track has been replaced with Pro-Ride, which hosted races for the first time Sept. 24, and will be the venue for the main track Breeders' Cup races in 2008 and 2009.

The research shows that every synthetic surface plays differently, but, unfortunately, Finley has been forced to make generalizations to fit his findings into 159 pages. Finley almost entirely neglects Golden Gate's Tapeta surface and says it "played fair throughout the meet," but there are horseplayers who say inside speed is often at disadvantage at the Northern California oval.

But even if there is no substitute for diligently following the day-in and day-out trends of individual tracks, *Betting Synthetic Surfaces* still provides much-needed analysis of why synthetic tracks play differently than traditional dirt tracks.

Temperature and how much a surface is watered appear to make a difference in whether a synthetic track favors speed horses or closers, Finley suggests. And despite an overall drop in gate-to-wire winners, perhaps synthetic tracks don't so much give closers an advantage, but rather they negate a *disadvantage* stretch runners encounter on dirt: kickback.

Tidbits like these, in addition to sire data, should benefit horseplayers who have been relying on conjecture and hearsay to make their selections in races over synthetic surfaces.

It's easy to feel overwhelmed as a horseplayer as we have to cope with a constantly changing game. But it's the horseplayers who learn how to adapt to change who will find success at the windows. Synthetic surfaces, with all of their benefits and drawbacks, are here to stay, so we might as well learn to cope with them, says Finley.

"The world of horse racing is rapidly changing and synthetic tracks are going to be a big part of the sport," Finley predicts. "The handicapper is going to have no choice but to change with the times." One thing is for certain: Racing will never become "too understandable and predictable."

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