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## N • E • W • S T O D A Y

**DANEHILL COLT TOPS AUSSIE SALE** The top-priced honors during yesterday's first session of the three-day Inglis Australian Easter Sale in Melbourne went to the Danehill--Princess Tracy (Ire) (Ahonoora {GB}) colt, with former top French trainer Patrick Biancone, now based in Hong Kong, securing the full-brother to stakes-winner Cullen (Aus) for A\$800,000 (\$503,720). Biancone outstayed several underbidders, including Hong Kong trainer David Hayes and South African buyer Laurence Jaffee. "You do not have to be very smart to see he was the best colt in the sale, but it was not so easy to buy him," said Biancone. Newmarket-based bloodstock agents Andrew Mead and Marion Goodbody's first foray to Australia's major yearling sale proved extremely worthwhile, with the pair taking home a colt by Nureyev--Miss Bold Appeal (Valid Appeal) for A\$700,000 (\$440,755). Two undisclosed bidders offered A\$500,000 and A\$600,000 for the half brother to MGISW Jersey Girl (Belong to Me) before the colt was knocked down to Mead, acting on behalf of a group of London businessmen operating as Alydar International. "I just think he was a very reasonably priced horse," said Mead. "If he'd gone through the ring in the Northern Hemisphere, bidding would likely have started at \$1 million. What we've seen go around here today is a stallion, all he has to do is win a Group race. You can't overestimate the value of Nureyevs, and we are coming to the end of them now. There were two bids, and I thought I better get in here, I am not that familiar with the Australian style. It is very different, much friendlier." Roselands Stud principal Lynden Burns, who did not put a reserve on the colt, agreed it was possible the locals were frightened away by the colt's pedigree and the pre-sale hype. "I am not entirely convinced that Australian buyers understand the international bloodstock market," said Burns. Not even an hour-long power outage could halt the momentum of a record-breaking first session of the three-day sale, with Canberra trainer John Morrissey giving A\$650,000 (\$409,273) for a colt by Danehill--Peruzzi (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}), who is a three-quarter sister to Australian Horse of the Year Octagonal (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}). This year's first session average of A\$130,447 (\$82,136) was up 26 percent over last year's average of A\$103,132 (\$64,937), the highest since 1989, when the market subsequently crashed. The second session kicks off Wednesday night following racing at Randwick. The sale concludes Thursday afternoon.

## S • T • A • K • E • S P R E V I E W

Today, Keeneland, post time 4:26 p.m. EDT  
**LAFAYETTE S.-GIII, \$100,000a, 3yo, 7f**

PP	HORSE (Sire)	TRAINER	WT
1	Trickey Crew (Hadif)	Petalino	118
2	Yes It's True (Is It True)	Lukas	123
3a	Fantastic Finish (Formal Dinner)	Walden	115
4	Fort La Roca (Runaway Groom)	Pletcher	115
5a	Mark's Mane Man (Mane Minister)	Walden	115

In the absence of any other speed in this event, **Yes It's True** will attempt to show his heels to the field past every pole. The bay was most recently the winner of the Gill Swale S. on Florida Derby Day after dueling through scintillating fractions. In his only start at this distance, **Fantastic Finish** aired an allowance field at Gulfstream Park Jan. 10 winning that day by 6 1/2 lengths. He was most recently fourth in Oaklawn Park's Gill Rebel S. Mar. 20.

Today, Oaklawn Park, post time 4:54 p.m. CDT  
**FIFTH SEASON BREEDERS' CUP S.-III, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE (Sire)	TRAINER	WT
1	Slide To The Left (Strike the Gold)	Berthold	114
2	Excellent Luck (Lucky North)	Barnett	117
3	Battle Mountain (Blushing John)	D Von Hemel	114
4	Relic Reward (Prospector's Halo)	Borel	117
5	Mr Ross (Slewacide)	DK Von Hemel	117
6	Rock and Roll (Cure the Blues)	Mott	114
7	Truluck (Conquistador Cielo)	Walden	114
8	Black Tie Dinner (Black Tie Affair {Ire})	Wiggins	114

### STAKES CLOSINGS

**TODAY, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7:**

04-17 \$250,000 *Santa Barbara H.-II, SA, 4yo/up, 10fT, (250)*

04-17 \$125,000a *Beaumont-II, Kee, 3yo, f, 7f 184ft, (100)*

04-17 \$100,000 *San Simeon H.-III, SA, 3yo/up, a6.5fT, (100)*

04-18 \$325,000a *Coolmore Lexington-II, Kee, 3yo, 8.5f, (200)*

04-18 \$300,000 *Lone Star Derby, LS, 8.5f, (0)*

04-18 \$250,000 *Texas Mile-III, LS, 3yo/up, 8f, (0)*

04-18 \$100,000a *Las Cienegas H.-III, SA, 4yo/up, f/m, a6.5fT, (100)*

04-30 \$150/100,000a *Louisville Breeders' Cup-II, CD, 3yo/up, f/m, 8.5f, (250)*





(News cont.)

**HANDLE UP AT TURFWAY** Turfway Park's recently concluded Winter/Spring Meet posted solid gains in handle. Total handle during the 56-day meet which ended Apr. 1, reached \$232,782,253. That's up six percent from the \$219,580,160 wagered during last year's 60-day meeting. The average daily handle totaled \$4,156,826, up 13.6 percent from a year ago. On-track handle averaged \$497,526--an increase of 4.6 percent from last year's \$475,453. On-track attendance decreased 1.4 percent to 2,121. "This was a solid meet, especially when you factor in the nine weather-related cancellation days," said Turfway President Mark Simendinger. "We will continue our efforts to improve our on-track business, but it is gratifying that the combination of large fields and one of the lowest takeout rates in the country is being well received by our national simulcast customers."

**BAFFERT BRIGADE TOPS DERBY POOL THREE**

Bob Baffert trains the top three choices in the third and final pool of Churchill Downs' inaugural Kentucky Derby Future Wager, which is set to open its four-day run on Thursday, Apr. 8. Churchill oddsmaker Mike Battaglia installed GI Santa Anita Derby **General Challenge** (General Meeting) as the 5-1 morning-line favorite in the field of 24 wagering interests. **Prime Timber** (Sultry Song) is the 8-1 second choice and the champion filly **Silverbulletday** (Silver Deputy) is third choice at 10-1. Baffert also trains the co-fourth choice **Excellent Meeting** (General Meeting). With her at 12-1 are GI Florida Derby winner **Vicar** (Wild Again), Florida Derby runner-up **Wondertross** (Chief's Crown), GII Gallery Furniture.com S. winner **Stephen Got Even** (A.P. Indy), and the mutuel field. Fans will have access to real-time odds via the Internet throughout the four-day wagering period at [www.kentuckyderby.com](http://www.kentuckyderby.com). Wagering on Pool Three continues through Apr. 11 at 4:30 p.m. EDT.

**MISSING DERBY TROPHY ON-LINE A 1961**

Kentucky Derby trophy stolen from the house of jockey John Sellers in 1978 was recently offered for sale on the Internet Web site eBay, according to a report on *The Blood-Horse* on-line. The current owner of the trophy placed it on eBay, an auction site, with a reserve of \$4,500. When the auction ended seven days later, the highest of 41 bids had a final price of \$4,200. The owner has agreed to return the trophy to Sellers, who won it for his winning trip aboard Carry Back.

◆ **TRIPLE THREATS** ◆

**Wood Work:**

David (Mt. Livermore) worked a half mile in :49 2/5 on Belmont Park's fast training track yesterday morning in preparation for Saturday's GII Wood Memorial at Aqueduct. "This race will tell us a lot about David," said trainer Mike Hushion. "I personally wish we had another race into him, but we missed a week or two last fall and that has put us on a tight schedule. In fact, I consider it lucky that we have this shot on Saturday." A stakes winner against state-bred competition last year, David defeated New York-breds by 8 1/2 lengths in a Mar. 19 allowance in his only 1999 start.

**Epic Honor Works:**

Golden Gate Derby winner Epic Honor (Honor Grades) breezed a half mile in :49 1/5. The colt could start next in Saturday's GI Toyota Blue Grass S. or in the Apr. 18 GII Coolmore Lexington S.

**Triple Crown Program at Racing Museum:**

*Countdown to the Triple Crown*, a panel discussion and video presentation, will be held at the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame in Saratoga Springs, NY, on Saturday, Apr. 24 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. The free program includes videotapes of prep races and discussion of leading contenders for this year's Kentucky Derby.

◆ **FOREIGN** ◆

**Inglis Australian Easter Sale Results:**

**TOP FIVE FOALS**

Hip#	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (US\$)
168	colt	Danehill	Princess Tracy (Ire)	\$498,163
			Consigned by Arrowfield Stud	
			Purchased by Patrick Biancone	
104	colt	Nureyev	Miss Bold Appeal	\$435,829
			Consigned by Roselands Stud	
			Purchased by Mead Goodbody Co	
153	colt	Danehill	Peruzzi (NZ)	\$404,757
			Consigned by John Morrisey	
			Purchased by Philipa Duncan Bloodstock Ltd.	
50	filly	Danehill	Leica Pretender (NZ)	\$280,216
			Consigned by Twin Palms Stud	
			Purchased by Wyllie Group	
18	filly	Geiger Counter	Joie Denise (Aus)	\$280,216
			Consigned by Arrowfield Stud	
			Purchased by Bury Management	

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**French Stakes Results:**

**PRIX COR DE CHASSE**-Listed, \$43,189, Maisons-Laffitte, France, 4-6, 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT, 1:05.60, sf.  
 1--#**DIABLENEYEV**, 131, c, 4, Nureyev--La Pitie, by Devil's Bag. O/B-Wertheimer et Frere; T-Criquette Head; J-O Doleuze; \$23,255.  
 2--**Symboli Kildare** (Ire), 131, g, 6, Kaldoun (Fr)--Quiche (GB), by Formidable. \$7,973.  
 3--**Pinmix** (Fr), 131, c, 4, Linamix (Fr)--Pinaflore (Fr), by Formidable. \$5,980.  
 Margins: NK, NK, HD. Odds: 3.60, 13.00, 9.00.

**South American Stakes Results:**

**G.P SATURNIO J UNZUÉ-G1**, \$34,000, Hipódromo Argentino De Palermo, 4-2, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:12.34, ft.  
 1--**LA GALERIE** (ARG), 121, f, 3, by Southern Halo  
 1st Dam: Aquarelle (Arg) (SW & GSP-Arg), by Logical  
 2nd Dam: Always Tracks (Arg), by Make Tracks  
 3rd Dam: Always Sun (Arg), by Solazo  
 O-Robert Clay & Gary Biszantz; B-La Quebrada (Arg); T-J C Etchehoury; J-Edwing Talaverano; \$25,000.  
 \*Full to Gouache (Arg), MG1SW-Arg.  
 2--**Scolaire** (Arg), 121, f, 2, Southern Halo--Student Body Pres by Mr. Leader. O/B-Hs La Quebrada; \$5,000.  
 3--**Petit West** (Arg), 121, f, 2, Westbridge--Petit Mot (Arg) by Causerie. O/B-N/A.  
 Margins: 6, 2. Odds: 1.05.

◆ **E A S T** ◆

**Yesterday's Results:**

**6th-HIA**, \$16,500, Msw, 3yo, a8.5fT, 1:42 2/5, fm.  
 +**TALLOW** (c, 3, Lord At War {Arg}--Tall 'n Tan, by Bold Bidder), sent off at 4-1 in his debut, raced off the pace early, moved four wide on the far turn and rallied late to score by a head. He is a half to Palashall (Palace Panther {Ire}), SW, \$240,175; Stallan (Stacked Pack), SW, \$152,887. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$8,400. O/B-Kenneth Avanzino (Ky). T-Tom Skiffington.

**6th-HIA**, \$16,500, Msw, 2yo, 3f, :33 1/5, ft.  
**BEFORE THE RACE** (c, 2, Wheaton--Foolin Ego, by Bold Ego) finished third, beaten 3 1/4 lengths in his Mar. 25 debut at Hialeah. The 3-2 favorite versus five others, he battled down the straight for the lead, put a head in front at the sixteenth pole and just held on for a neck win. He represents the first winner for freshman sire Wheaton (Alydar), who is a nine-year-old half-brother to Storm Cat. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$12,300. O-Monarch Stables. B-High Mark Farm (FL). T-L Pilotti.

◆ **M I D W E S T** ◆

**Sensors to Time Fasig-Tipton Works:**

Workouts during Fasig-Tipton's under-tack show for its Apr. 26 sale of two-year-olds in training at Churchill Downs' Sports Spectrum will be timed by "on-board" sensors. The riders on each horse breezing will carry a computer-linked sensor, which will automatically register interval times at specific poles around the Sports Spectrum training track.

◆ **W E S T** ◆

**Handle Record at Emerald Downs:**

Emerald Downs handled a record \$959,206 on 14 simulcast cards of racing on Saturday, Apr. 3. The total is a track-record multi-card simulcasting handle, excluding Breeders' Cup days. Overall, Emerald Downs multi-card simulcasting has an average daily handle of \$485,523, up 6.2 percent over the corresponding dates in 1998.

◆ **I N D U S T R Y I N F O** ◆

**TrackPower Joins TV Racing Fray:**

American Digital Communications and EchoStar Communications announced the launch of TrackPower, a direct-to-home simulcasting service providing live horse racing video to paying subscribers throughout North America, according to yesterday's *Harness Tracks of America Newsletter*. The program can be received through a 90-cm dish, using a SkyVista set-top box and access card.

**FOALING NEWS:**

**PEARLIE GOLD**, 14, Lot o' Gold--Verbal Contract (Verbatim) Foal born 3-6-99, a colt by Jade Hunter.

Will be bred back to Geri.

Boarded at Brookside Farms, Ky.

Owned by Allen E. Paulson.

Accomplishments: MSW, \$230,669; dam of Oturi (Strawberry Road {Aus}), SW.

**QUEEN TUTTA**, 7, Kris S.--Tutta (In Reality)

Foal born 3-6-99, a filly by Storm Cat.

Will be bred back to Coronado's Quest.

Boarded at Taylor Made Farm, Ky.

Owned by Edward P. Evans.

Accomplishments: SW, \$293,057.

**MIKE BATTAGLIA**, Kentucky race caller and Churchill Downs oddsmaker (Kentucky Derby Future Pool 3 opens tomorrow), will be the Guest Moderator **TONIGHT** at 7 p.m. Eastern on

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**STAKES RESULTS:**

**CAROUSEL H.**, \$48,000, OPX, 4-6, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:08 4/5, ft.

1--**PROSPECTOR'S SONG**, 118, f, 4, Prospector's Music--Music Bell, by Stop the Music. O-Robert S. Mitchell Trust; B-Edward Evans; T-Randy Morse; J-T T Doocy; \$30,000. Lifetime Record: MSW, 13-7-1-1, \$195,543. \*1/2 to Silver Music (Silver Ghost), GSW, \$351,905.

2--**Zuppardo Ardo**, 120, m, 5, Zuppardo's Prince--Alice Petite, by Ramirez. (\$35,000 2yo '96 OBSMAR). \$10,000.

3--**Little Sister**, 116, m, 5, Valid Appeal--Mepache, by Iron Constitution. (\$125,000 yrl '95 OBSAUG). \$5,000.

Margins: 1 1/2, 3/4, 3 1/2. Odds: .90, 1.00, 6.70.

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

7th--**HAW**, \$27,000, (S), 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:17 3/5, ft. **COME SEPTEMBER** (f, 3, Stars n' Stripes--No Buzzers, by Drone) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, \$39,240. O/B-L J Gaudreau & L Gillen (IL). T-Joe P McKellar. \*1/2 to Testimony (Never Tabled), SW, \$369,944.

7th--**OPX**, \$25,000, (S), 3/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft. **CHY'S TEMPER** (m, 5, Cheyenne Cheree--Goree Gal, by Temperance Hill) Lifetime Record: 26-6-5-6, \$66,510. O-Dan W Uglow. B-W. A. Lofton (AR). T-Brandt Foley.

9th--**PHA**, \$18,990, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10, ft. **CATHERINE JOAN** (m, 5, Homebuilder--Cupcake Girl, by Settlement Day) Lifetime Record: 40-6-8-8, \$88,514. O-Two C Stables. B-John Franks (FL). T-Anthony Correnti.

**MAIDEN WINNERS:**

+ **Before the Race**, c, 2, Wheaton--Foolin Ego, by Bold Ego. HIA, 4-6, 3f, :33 1/5. B-High Mark Farm (FI). \*1st winner for freshman sire (by Alydar).

+ **Brief Sunrise**, f, 3, Brief Ruckus--Amazing Sunrise, by Amazing Prospect. TAM, 4-6, 6f, 1:12 1/5. B-Marcey Richard J (FI).

+ **Lil Irene**, f, 3, Lil E. Tee--Classy Irene (MSW, \$146,753), by El Baba. OPX, 4-6, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:05 1/5. B-W C Partee (Ky).

+ **Tallow**, c, 3, Lord At War (Arg)--Tall 'n Tan, by Bold Bidder. HIA, 4-6, a1 1/16mT, 1:42 2/5. B-Kenneth Avanzino (Ky). \*1/2 to Palashall (Palace Panther {Ire}), SW, \$240,175; Stallan (Stacked Pack), SW, \$152,887.

**Klondike Creek**, c, 3, Strike the Gold--Savage Creek (SW), by Jungle Savage. HIA, 4-6, 1 1/8m, 1:50 3/5. B-Combs Wilhelmina (Ky). \*\$60,000 yrl '97 KEESEP.

**FOALING NEWS:**

**RUSTIC BELLE**, 9, Mr. Prospector--Ragtime Girl (Francis S.)

Foal born 3-6-99, a colt by Mejiro Ryan. Owned/boarded at Northern Farm, Jpn. Accomplishments: SW-Jpn, \$455,355.

**THIRTY EIGHT GO GO**, 14, Thirty Eight Paces--Dronette (Drone)

Foal born 3-6-99, a colt by Jade Robbery. Boarded at Shiraoi Farm, Jpn. Owned by Shadai Corporation Ltd. Accomplishments: MGSW, \$871,229.

**BROAD DYNAMITE**, 5, Broad Brush--Subtle Raise (Raise a Native)

Foal born 3-7-99, a filly by Deputy Minister. Will be bred back to Saint Ballado. Boarded at Taylor Made Farm, Ky. Owned by Aaron & Marie Jones. Accomplishments: GSW, \$157,210.

**CAPTIVE MISS**, 10, Acaroid--Captivating Gal (Secretariat)

Foal born 3-7-99, a filly by Sky Classic. Will be bred back to With Approval. Boarded at Taylor Made Farm, Ky. Owned by Zeke Minassian. Accomplishments: MGSW, \$386,776.

**FABULOUS LA FOUINE (FR)**, 6, Fabulous Dancer--Mercalle (Fr) (Kaldoun {Fr})

Foal born 3-8-99, a filly by Sunday Silence. Boarded at Shadai Farm, Jpn. Owned by Shadai Corporation Ltd. Accomplishments: Ch. 3yo Filly-Jpn, MSW-Jpn, \$2,194,105.

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