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**DUBAI FESTIVAL AN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIR**

A total of 159 horses representing 13 different countries have been nominated at the first stage for the \$6-million G1 Dubai World Cup scheduled for Saturday, Mar. 25 at Nad Al Sheba Racecourse. American horses



**Flower Alley** *A Coglianese*

have been successful in five of the 10 runnings of the 2000-meter event. A total of 42 horses from the U.S. have been entered for this year, including G1 Travers S. winner and G1 Breeders' Cup Classic runner-up **Flower Alley** (Distorted Humor); **Magna Graduate** (Honor Grades) and **Suave**

(A.P. Indy), first and second, respectively, in the G1 Clark H. in November; **Wilko** (Awesome Again), winner of the 2004 G1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile; and blue-collar **Lord of the Game** (Saint Ballado), a dual graded-stakes winner in 2005. Trainer Richard Mandella, responsible for 2004 World Cup hero Pleasantly Perfect, has entered four horses, led by **Congrats** (A.P. Indy), a well-beaten fifth in last year's feature. Also prominent among the nominees are Japanese Triple Crown hero **Deep Impact** (Jpn) (Sunday Silence) and compatriots **Heart's Cry** (Jpn) (Sunday Silence), runner-up in the G1 Japan Cup and conqueror of the newly elected Horse of the Year in the Arima Kinen Dec. 25; and Japan Cup Dirt winner **Kane Hekili** (Jpn) (Fuji Kiseki {Jpn}). **Grey Swallow** (Ire) (Daylami {Ire}), the 2004 G1



**Deep Impact** *JRA*

Irish Derby winner, is possible for the race, as are Godolphin's **Cherry Mix** (Fr) (Linamix {Fr}) and South Africa's **Yard-Arm** (SAf) (Western Winter). **David Junior** (Pleasant Tap), upset winner of the G1 Champion S., the globetrotting **Alexander Goldrun** (Ire) (Gold Away {Ire}) and **Badge of Silver** (Silver Deputy) top the list for the \$5-million G1 Dubai Duty Free S. Supermare **Ouija Board** (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}), defending champion **Phoenix Reach** (Ire) (Alhaarth {Ire}), G1 Breeders' Cup Turf victor **Shirocco** (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}) and G1 Canadian International S. hero **Relaxed Gesture** (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}) are among those who could contest the \$5-million G1 Dubai Sheema Classic. *Cont. p2*

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3yo/up, 1200m

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	5	Heart Alone (Brz)	Music Prospector	Pereira
2	10	Botanical	Seeking the Gold	Mohammed
3	14	Candidato Roy (Arg)	Roy	de Kock
4	12	Commandocourageous (SAf)	National Assembly	Maroun
5	9	Conceal (GB)	Cadeaux Genereux (GB)	Bouresly
6	6	Conroy	Gone West	A Selvaratnam
7	3	Karlo Guitar (Brz)	Mountain Lark (Brz)	Morgado
8	1	Kay Two (Ire)	Monashee Mountain	Crowley
9	2	Safsoof	Gilded Time	Mohammed
10	8	Sleeping Weapon	Gulch	Watson
11	11	Starpix (Fr)	Linamix (Fr)	Brown
12	4	Tableau	Marquetry	Bouresly
13	7	Thajja (Ire)	Daylami (Ire)	Watson
14	13	Tropical Star (Ire)	Machiavellian	Al Raihe

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**Other Races Equally Popular** American dominance runs even deeper in the \$2-million G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen, and some of this country's best sprinters are liable to line up this year. **Gaff** (Maria's Mon), the impressive winner of the GIII Mr. Prospector H. in his most recent appearance, would take a great deal of beating in a field which could also include **Tropical Star (Ire)** (Machiavellian) and **Botanical** (Seeking the Gold), second and third, respectively in last year's running; each will have their seasonal debuts in today's G3 Al Shindagha Sprint. **Estimraar** (Holy Bull), winner of the G3 Mahab al Shimaal last season, carries the hopes of the locals. **Grand Emporium (SAf)** (National Assembly), the 1 1/2-length winner of the \$1-million G2 Godolphin Mile, could represent the formidable stable of trainer Mike de Kock in his title defense. In the \$2-million G2 UAE Derby, last week's impressive conditions winner **Well Armed** (Tiznow), trained by Clive Brittain on behalf of WinStar Farm, heads a list peppered with American-based sophomores, including **Bob and John** (Seeking the Gold), **Catcominatcha** (Tale of the Cat), **Dawn of War** (Catienus) and **Private Vow** (Broken Vow). Among the entries for locally based three-year-olds are GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile runner-up **Henny Hughes** (Hennessy) and **Discreet Cat** (Forestry), purchased privately by Godolphin off his maiden win last year. For a complete list of nominees, click [here](#).

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☆ RESULTS ☆

Wednesday, Kawasaki, Japan

**KAWASAKI KINEN-G1-NAR (Listed)**, ¥102,000,000, Kawasaki, 1-25, 4yo/up, 2100m, sy.

- 1--**ADJUDI MITSUO (JPN)**, 126, h, 5, by **Adjudicating**  
 1st Dam: **Orimitsu Kinen (Jpn)**, by **Judge Angelucci**  
 2nd Dam: **Usa Roman (Jpn)**, by **Tompson**  
 3rd Dam: **Beat Flower (Jpn)**, by **Never Beat (GB)**  
 O-Masao Orido; B-Fujikawa Farm; T-Masayuki Kawashima; J-Hiroyuki Uchida; ¥60,000,000. Life-time Record: 15-7-2-2, ¥374,903,000.
  - 2--**Seeking the Dia**, 126, h, 5, Storm Cat--Seeking the Pearl, by Seeking the Gold. O-Yoichi Aoyama; B-Jayeff "B" Stables; T-Hideyuki Mori.
  - 3--**Time Paradox (Jpn)**, 126, h, 8, Brian's Time--Jolie Zaza (Ire), by Alzao. O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shiraoi Farm; T-Hiroyoshi Matsuda.
- Margins: NK, 1HF, HF. Odds: 1.70, 1.10, 3.50.



**SUNSHINE MILLIONS**  
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**STEVENS JOINS NBC FOR MILLIONS**

Recently retired Hall of Fame jockey Gary Stevens will join NBC Saturday for the network's coverage of the Sunshine Millions at Santa Anita. The telecast begins at 4:30 p.m. ET. Stevens will serve as an analyst alongside commentator Tom Hammond. "I'm really excited about calling this event and about beginning a new chapter in my career," Stevens said. "I'm looking forward to working with NBC on what should be a terrific day of racing."

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★ **GULFSTREAM** ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

**4th-GPX, \$33,000, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:41 4/5, fm.**


**SPRIGHTLY (f, 3, Wild Rush--Worthy of Silver {SP}, by Silver Ghost)** graduated second time out, while under the tutelage of trainer Bobby Frankel, going seven panels at Woodbine Sept. 30. Moved to the barn of Brian Lynch for her next start, the roan almost lasted, but was passed in the final jump and had to settle for second in the Cherokee Frolic S. at Calder Dec. 10. Content to track the early pace, the 5-2 co-second choice challenged Delmarva (Unbridled's Song) in deep stretch and poked her nose in front at the wire. Lifetime Record: SP, 4-2-1-0, \$72,055. O-Stronach Stables. B-Adena Springs (ON). T-Brian A Lynch.

**9th-GPX, \$33,000, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:15 1/5, ft.**

**DUBAI ESCAPADE (f, 4, Awesome Again--Sassy Pants {MSW, \$239,262}, by Saratoga Six),** a world record \$2-million filly at the 2004 Barretts Two-year-old Sale, was out of the money in a Nottingham maiden in her sole start of 2004. Back from a nine-month layoff, she galloped home an easy 5 1/4-length winner at Nad al Sheba last March, but hadn't faced the starter since. Sent off a well-supported 3-5 choice for her U.S. debut, she was on the engine early, extended her advantage to six turning for home and cruised home an easy 7 3/4-length winner. The \$75,000 KEESEP yearling and \$2,000,000 BESMAR juvenile is a half to 1/2 sister to Madcap Escapade (Hennessy), GISW, \$1,052,852. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$36,050. O-Darley Stable. B-Needham/Betz Thoroughbreds & James Blackburn (KY). T-Eoin G Harty.

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 **TODAY'S  
INSIGHTS**  
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**3:14p HRTV 6th-GPX, \$32K, Msw, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT**  
**TIFFANY TWISTED (Thunder Gulch)** makes her turf debut for trainer Bill Mott and owner/breeders William Willmot and Joan Taylor. The 1/2 to Incurable Optimist, a MGSW on grass, hasn't started since Saratoga, where she made two starts last year, finishing unplaced in a pair of main-track sprints. Also racing for the first time since last summer is St. Hildegard (Arch), a Cynthia Phipps homebred who was produced by a 1/2 to GSW Saarland. The dark bay ran a close third in a 5 1/2-furlong maiden at Saratoga Aug. 22. [brisnet.com pps.](#)

**4:14p HRTV 8th-GPX, \$32K, Msw, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT**  
**EDEN'S CAUSEWAY (Giant's Causeway),** an Arthur Appleton homebred, has the pedigree of a serious turf horse. The debutante from Christophe Clement's barn is a 1/2 to grass champ Paradise Creek, GISWs Wild Event and Forbidden Apple, and to the dam of 2005 G1 Champion S. winner David Junior. Also in the field is Brindle Bug (Smart Strike), 2nd to subsequent SW Christmas Stocking in her turf bow at Laurel Nov. 11; and Away Away (Dixie Union), who gets Lasix in her first out since finishing third at Belmont Oct. 21. [brisnet.com pps](#) ALL TIMES EASTERN

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7th-GPX, \$32,000, Msw, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:41 1/5, fm.

**OUTPERFORMANCE** (c, 3, **Aptitude**--Devine Pet, by Bel Bolide), a well-beaten seventh going six furlongs in his debut at the Spa Aug. 13, was given a 10-1 chance for his route and turf bow. He stalked the early pace, but was forced to steady on the first turn. Up to take the lead at the eighth pole, the bay edged clear late to win by two lengths over Western Sky (Gone West). The \$240,000 FTMMAY juvenile is a half to Richter Scale (\*Habitony), GISW, \$1,139,958. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$19,500.

O-Klaravich Stables Inc. B-Richard Kaster & Nancy Kaster (KY). T-Richard A Violette Jr.

10th-GPX, \$32,000, Msw, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:41 3/5, fm.

**LOCONIA** (c, 3, **Rahy**--Freedom of Speech, by Danzig), second while sprinting on the dirt at Delaware last spring, was let go at almost 10-1 for his route and turf debut. Settled behind the early pace, the half to T. D. Vance, GSW, \$325,915, made his move from the outside on the far turn, rallied to catch Solewisher (Dynaformer) in the final strides and stuck his neck out at the wire to get the victory. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$26,400.

O-Courtlandt Farms. B-Holdings Inc Tac (KY). T-H S Motion.

★ NEW YORK ★

Coa Wins Five at Big A:

Eibar Coa dominated Wednesday's card at Aqueduct, winning five races and opening a clear lead in the meet's top jockey race. The 34-year-old Venezuelan won the second aboard Thunder's Comin, the third with Saint Jules, the sixth with Lightning Strips, the seventh with Toy Thief and the ninth with Gold Gunner.

STAKES CLOSINGS	
<b>TODAY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 26:</b>	
02-04 \$300,000 <b>Strub-II, SA, 4yo, 9f (300)</b>	
02-04 \$100,000a <b>Sham-III, SA, 3yo, 9f (100)</b>	
02-05 \$250,000 <b>San Antonio H.-II, SA, 4yo/up, 9f (250)</b>	
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★ EAST ★

Yesterday's Results:

6th-LRL, \$24,700, Msw, 3yo, 5 1/2f, 1:06 4/5, ft.  
 + **LEMONS OF LOVE** (c, 3, **Not for Love**--Limes 'n Lemons, by Deputy Minister), sent off the 5-2 second choice, settled at the back of the pack early and closed to within a half-length of favorite In Tandem (Black Minnaloushe) at the wire, but was moved up into the win spot after the favorite's disqualification to third. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,460.

O-Erdenheim Farm. B-F Eugene Dixon Jr (MD). T-John R S Fisher.

★ CENTRAL ★

Memorial Service for Osborne

There will be a service to celebrate the life of Dr. Michael Osborne Monday, Jan. 30 at 6 p.m. The service will be held at Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary located at 601 Hill 'n' Dale Road in Lexington. Refreshments following the service at Mulligan's Gardenside Caf, on Alexandria Drive, all are welcome.

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Churchill Downs announced yesterday that the owner of the 2006 Kentucky Derby winner will be awarded an



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## ★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

### Choctaw Nation Sold to Saudi Interests:

Millionaire **Choctaw Nation** (Louis Quatorze) has been sold for an undisclosed price to an unnamed Saudi Arabian owner, according to *Daily Racing Form*. The six-year-old will continue to be trained by Jeff Mullins for the G2 Godolphin Mile at Nad al Sheba Mar. 25 before being turned over to his new connections. Claimed for \$40,000 in 2004, the bay defeated Pleasantly Perfect in the GII San Diego H. that summer. He went on to finish third in the 2005 G1 Dubai World Cup and later defended his title in the San Diego. In his most recent start, the gelding was seventh on the turf in the GII San Marcos H. on New Year's Day.



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### Danish Dessert Tops Barretts Finale:

**Danish Dessert** (Regal Classic), in foal to In Excess (Ire), brought a final bid of \$44,000 to top Tuesday's session of the Barretts January Mixed Sale in Pomona, California. The 13-year-old mare, sold as [hip 490](#), was consigned by NexStar Ranch, agent, and was purchased by N W Management. Out of Stray Flight (Viceregal), Danish Dessert is a full sister to Danish Alamode, the dam of Texcess (In Excess {Ire}). Texcess topped Monday's session of the Mixed Sale with a price tag of \$300,000.



### BARRETTS JANUARY MIXED TUESDAY, JAN. 24, 2006

Cumulative Totals	2006	2005
No. Offered	541	583
No. Sold	441	493
RNAs	100	90
% RNAs	18.5%	15.4%
Gross	\$3,481,300	\$3,214,300
Average	\$7,894	\$6,520
Median	\$3,500	\$3,500

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The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the 9th Race, \$46,000 Allowance, at Aqueduct. For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).

### Cindago Sidelined:

Three-year-old **Cindago** (Indian Charlie), an impressive maiden winner on Santa Anita's opening day, will be out for three months after a hairline fracture was detected in his right knee, according to *Daily Racing Form*. Surgery will not be required for the bay, who was acquired by trainer John Sadler as agent for \$900,000 at last year's Barretts March Sale. He was produced by the Turkoman mare Tupelo Belle. Cindago had finished second in his Nov. 5 career opener before taking a 6 1/2-furlong maiden in 1:15 2/5 Dec. 26 ([video](#)) while earning a 97 Beyer Speed Figure. Finishing behind him that day were Latent Heat and Point Determined, both of whom graduated next out.

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**7th-GPX, \$32K, Msw** **Outperformance** (Aptitude) shines in his turf bow.

**9th-GPX, \$33K, Alw** **Dubai Escapade** (Awesome Again) romps in her first start since March.

**1st-SAX, \$46K, Msw** **Firster Really Indian** (A.P. Indy) opens up late for a 5 1/2-length win.

**4th-SAX, 46K, Msw** **Quasimodo** (A.P. Indy) records his first start on the turf for new trainer Julio Canani.

**Impressive Luck H. (7th-SAX)** **Siren Lure** (Joyeux Danseur) fights to a narrow victory.

**8th-SAX, 44K, Msw** **Touchdown Kid** (Rodeo) powers clear to easy win.

BARRETTS JANUARY MIXED		
Session Totals	2006	2005
No. Offered	270	296
No. Sold	201	240
RNAs	69	56
% RNAs	25.6%	18.9%
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(So California report cont.)

**Yesterday's Results:**

**IMPRESSIVE LUCK II H.**, \$86,850, SAX, 1-25, 4yo/up, 6 1/2fT, 1:12, fm.

1--**SIREN LURE, 121, g, 5, Joyeux Danseur--Cantamar, by Gulch.** O-Stuart Kesselman & Tony & Marilyn Melkonian; B-Desperado Stables (KY); T-Art Sherman; J-A O Solis; \$47,790. Lifetime Record: 15-8-0-2, \$286,561.

2--**Shadow of Illinois, 118, g, 6, Illinois Storm--My Annie T, by Trempolino.** (\$22,000 yrl '01 BESOCT; \$65,000 2yo 2002 BESMAY). O-W D & Ella Sivage. \$20,430.

3--**Brand Name, 114, h, 5, Unbridled's Song--Nocciolina, by Dixieland Band.** (\$100,000 yrl '02 KEESEP). O-James Mcingvale. \$12,258.

Margins: NO, 1HF, NO. Odds: 1.60, 18.20, 30.00.

Siren Lure, claimed for \$50,000 out of a Bay Meadows optional claimer victory last May, had not been out since a narrow victory in the Oct. 1 Blue Jay Way S. over this course and trip, but prepared for his return with a string of strong works. Allowed to settle off the pace, the gelding angled out four wide for the stretch run and just nipped longshot Shadow of Illinois at the wire for his sixth win in nine turf outings. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

4th-SAX, \$48,400, Msw, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:35 2/5, fm. **QUASIMODO (c, 4, A.P. Indy--Miss Lenora {GSW, \$109,305}, by Theatrical {Ire})**, second for trainer Jason Orman going a sixteenth longer over this track last February, went off the 3-1 choice for his turf debut. Settled off the early pace in sixth, the half to Tangazi (Jade Hunter), MGSP, \$325,715 and Stylish (Thunder Gulch), MGSW, \$588,226, bid four wide leaving the second turn, moved up to take over in the stretch and drew clear late to win by 1 3/4 lengths over Higher Cause (Giant's Causeway). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$39,960. O-Mercedes Stables LLC. B-Madeleine A Paulson & Ernest Moody (KY). T-Julio C Canani.

Post times are listed in local time.

★ **"TDN Rising Star"** ★

1st-SAX, \$46,800, Msw, 3yo, 1m, 1:37 1/5, ft. + **REALLY INDIAN, c, 3, A.P. Indy**

1st Dam: Really Polish (GSW & GISP, \$399,569), by Polish Numbers

2nd Dam: Good 'n Smart, by Smarten

3rd Dam: Smiling Cece, by \*Forli

Really Indian, a \$375,000 KEESEP yearling purchase, was coming off a solid three-furlong work in :36 4/5 Jan. 18, but wasn't exactly pounded at the windows, going off at 9-1 behind the 1-5 entry of Point of Impact (Point Given) and Overland Trail (Gone West). With Point of Impact all but out of the race when he blew the first turn, Really Indian bided his time near the back of the pack before moving up to challenge Three Points (Point Given) a sixteenth from home. Quickly in front of that foe, he galloped clear late to win by 5 1/2 lengths. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record:

1-1-0-0, \$27,600.

O-P Vegso. B-Newsells Park Stud (KY). T-N Drysdale.

8th-SAX, \$45,200, Msw, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:22.93, ft. **TOUCHDOWN KID (g, 4, Rodeo--College Year, by Half a Year)** was caught late in his 6 1/2-furlong debut at this track Oct. 27. The chestnut gelding, sent off the 4-5 favorite, pulled jockey Pat Valenzuela to the early lead and opened up on the field leaving the backstretch. He appeared to be tiring in upper stretch, but found another gear and powered clear to the wire to score by 5 1/4 lengths. The winner is a half brother to Flagshipenterprise (Avenue of Flags, SW, \$107,581). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$34,400. O/T-Paula Capestro. B-Kathleen Schonefeld (NY).

★ **AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS** ★

**IN FRANCE:**

**Tigron, h, 5, Lion Cavern--Tidy Tune, by The Minstrel.** Cagnes-Sur-Mer, 1-25, Hcp, 5yo/up, 7 1/2fT. B-G A Hoskins. \*SP-Fr. \*\*1/2 to Miesque's Encore (Miesque's Son), MSP, \$117,788. \*\*\*\$10,000 yrl '02 KEEJAN.

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★ WEST ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

**2nd-BMX, \$30,233, Msw, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:39 1/5, ft. TOPPISME (f, 3, Saint Ballado--Top Order {SP}, by Dayjur)** had finished second in three consecutive races, including a 10 1/2-length defeat in the Arizona Juvenile Fillies S. at Turf Paradise Dec. 31. Sent off the 1-2 choice for her first try going a mile, the dark bay led at every call and had enough left in reserve late to win by 1 1/4 lengths over Sail On Sunshine (Stephen Got Even). Lifetime Record: SP, 5-1-3-1, \$46,310. O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (KY). T-Gary Mandella.

**6th-BMX, \$29,517, Msw, 3yo, 1m, 1:36 1/5, ft. SKY DIVING (c, 3, Aptitude--Ayril Delight {MSW, \$458,990}, by Quick Dip)** was sixth after a wide trip while stretching out for the first time at Santa Anita last time out Dec. 29. With blinkers on here for his second start for trainer Bob Baffert, the dark bay colt ducked in sharply at the break, but recovered to set the early fractions on a clear lead and cruised home a 14-length winner as the 7-5 favorite. Sky Diving was a \$75,000 FTKJUL yearling and a \$310,000 OBSMAR two-year-old. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$25,750. O-B Wayne Hughes. B-Mary Leigh Patrick (KY). T-Bob Baffert.

**A # will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, a + will first-time starters, an (S) will be used for state-bred races, a (C) will be used for maiden-claiming races.**

★ ON THE WORKTAB ★

AQUEDUCT

**Byanosejoe** (Cherokee Run), 5f, 1:03.18, 6/18

BELMONT

**Papua** (Louis Quatorze), 3f (tr.), :37.75, 14/16

GULFSTREAM

**Strong Contender** (Maria's Mon), 4f, :47.40, 1/12

**Amorama (Fr)** (Sri Pekan), 5f, 1:01.60, 10/17

**Better Now** (Thunder Gulch), 5f, 1:02.60, 15/17

**Silverfoot** (With Approval), 5f, 1:01.00, 6/17

**Silver Wagon** (Wagon Limit), 7fT, 1:26.00, 1/1

PALM MEADOWS

**Silver Train** (Old Trieste), 4f, :47.60, 2/16

**T. D. Vance** (Rahy), 4fT, :52.00, 7/8

**Balto Star** (Glitterman), 5fT, 1:01.00, 2/12

**Gulch Approval** (Gulch), 6fT, 1:15.00, 1/1

SANTA ANITA

**Dance Daily** (Five Star Day), 5f, :59.80, 5/44

**Talullah Lula** (Old Trieste), 5f, :59.40, 4/44

**Too Much Bling** (Rubiano), 5f, 1:01.00, 11/44

**Senor Swinger** (El Prado {Ire}), 6fT, 1:13.80, 1/3

**Sort it Out** (Out of Place), 6fT, 1:13.80, 1/3



AUSTRALASIA



**VINERY PROPERTY SOLD** Vinery Victoria, downsized over the past year from its original 1100-acre holding to 170 acres with modern pre-training facilities, has been sold to Melbourne accountant Geoff Guest and will be known as Rockmount from Feb. 1. Vinery Victoria manager Damian Murphy said the Melbourne-based Guest would be an active participant in the thriving business with the current team, including Murphy and his foreman Chris Harvey, staying on. The property, 15 kilometers south of Euroa at the foot of the Strathbogie Ranges, will continue to provide services for a blue-chip client base including Vinery Racing and Darley Australia as well as trainers Peter Moody, Mick Price, Brian Mayfield-Smith, Lee Freedman and Danny O'Brien. "We're just off the Hume Highway and we have a very modern infrastructure with a 1400-meter rubber-based low-concussion track, a 2000-meter sand track, an aquasizer that is a great tool to aid horses recovering from knee or fetlock surgery, or keeping horses freshened between races," said Murphy. "We have 60 pre-training boxes that are constantly full and we can comfortably spell upwards of 35 horses at a time, predominantly colts, because it is a very safe environment and suited for colts." Originally known as Roselands and managed by Lynden Burns as the foundation of Dr Simon's interest, the property boasts a pre-training graduate honor roll that includes Fashions Afield (Aus), Benecio (Aus), Bollinger (Aus), Amalfi (Aus), Keeper (Aus), Elegant Fashion (Aus), Halibery (Aus), French Bid (Aus) and Subscribe (Aus).



SOUTH AMERICA



**GROUP WINNERS:**

**#@Visa Parade (Arg), c, 2, Parade Marshal--Visalia** (Arg) (GSW & G1SP-Arg), by Ahmad (Arg). Premio Congreve-G3, San Isidro, 1-21, 1000mT. O-Stud Aladino; B-Agrofarm SA (ARG); T-R Pelegatta. \*1/2 to Valiente Fitz (Arg) (Fitzcarraldo {Arg}), MSW & G1SP-Arg; and Vistoso Nov (Arg) (Romanov {Ire}), GSP-Arg; Full to Victoria Parade (Arg), GSW-Arg.

**#@E Do Sul (Brz), c, 3, Irish Fighter--Important Daisy** (Brz), by Ghadeer (Fr). GP Presidente do Jockey Club-G3, Cidade Jardim, 1-21, 1600m. O-Haras Clemente Moletta; B-Haras Simpatia; B-J Borges. \*1/2 to New Export (Brz) (Exile King), MG1SW-Brz; and Makenji (Brz) (Patio de Naranjos {Chi}), MGSP-Brz.

**#@O'Connell's (Brz), c, 4, Jules--Cover Model** (Brz) (MSW-Brz), by Hang Ten. GP Prefeitura da Cidade do Rio de Janeiro-G3, Gavea, 1-22, 2000m. O-Stud Rio Aventura; B-Haras Santa Maria de Araras (BRZ); T-N Marinho.

**@Gal's Honey (Arg), c, 4, Lode--Gala Event**, by Academy Award. Premio Claursura-G2, La Plata, 1-22, 2000m. O/B-Haras Santa Maria de Araras (ARG); T-J C Maldotti.



**SO. AMERICAN GROUP WINNERS (cont.)**

@Sei Mil (Arg), c, 4, **Mutakddim**--Seine (Arg), by Logical. Premio Latinoamerica-G3, La Plata, 1-22, 1600m. O-Stud El Bobo; B-Haras Las dos Manos; T-J B Udaonda. \* 1/2 to Seinita (Arg) (Gold Trophy), MGSW-Arg; and Sei Mi (Arg) (Potrillazo {Arg}), Ch. Older Horse & Ch. Stayer-Arg, MG1SW-Arg, G1SP-UAE, MSP-KSA.

**BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA**

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**10th-SUN, \$35,700, 1-24, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:36 3/5, ft.**

**PLAID (m, 5, Deputy Commander--Sapphire Beads {MSW, \$241,340}, by Unreal Zeal)** Lifetime Record: 26-6-6-4, \$179,167. O-J Kirk & Judy Robison. B-McKee Stables Inc (KY). T-Steven M Asmussen. \*\$55,000 yrl '02 FTKJUL. \*\*1/2 to Ashmore (Saint Ballado), GSP, \$187,920.

**7th-LRL, \$33,000, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000-\$28,000), NW3X, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:53, ft.**

**SERIOUS LIGHTNING (g, 4, Storm Broker--Crying in the Rain, by Baederwood)** Lifetime Record: SP, 15-4-1-6, \$82,545. O-Charles Moneypenny. B-Mr & Mrs Charles McGinnes (MD). T-Christopher W Grove. \*\$1,500 yrl '03 FTMSEP. \*\*1/2 to Water Cannon (Waquoit), MSW, \$227,195.

**9th-SUN, \$27,800, 1-24, NW2L, (S), 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:17 3/5, ft.**

**SPEEDY GO GET'EM (h, 5, Szatan--Fincher's Special, by Woodland Adventure)** Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-1, \$40,886. O/B-Gilbert E Gonzales (NM). T-Mitch T Lane.

**8th-MNR, \$25,300, 1-24, NW2L, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:06 4/5, sy.**

**LADY CHEROKEE (f, 4, Cherokee Run--Flapper Dancer, by Fappiano)** Lifetime Record: 11-2-3-0, \$28,397. O-Jack L Boggs. B-J Mack Robinson (KY). T-Jeffrey A Radosevich. \*1/2 to Virginia Pride (Virginia Rapids), MSP, \$202,670.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Whenluccomestotown, g, 4, A. P Jet--Changeable Queen, by Noble Nashua.** AQU, 1-25, (S), 6f, 1:13 4/5. B-Brendan Mullery (NY).

**Night Tripper, c, 4, Moonlight Dancer--Two South, by Major Impact.** MNR, 1-24, 6f, 1:12 3/5. B-Albert M Stall Sr (La).

**SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT**

**Stakes/First-time Starters to Watch: Thursday, Jan. 26**

*Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2002 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW*

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

**BROKEN VOW** (Unbridled), Pin Oak, \$10K, 188/15/1 6-GP, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Broken Romance, \$20K KEE SEP yrl

**CITY ZIP** (Carson City), Lane's End, \$8K, 118/20/2

8-AQU, Alw, 1 1/16m, Epigrammatic, \$77K FTM AUG yrl

**DISCO RICO** (Citidancer), Murmur, \$4K, 74/5/2

2-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, Super Annette, 15-1

**FIVE STAR DAY** (Carson City), Wintergreen, \$10K, 126/13/3

8-AQU, Alw, 1 1/16m, Trailing Twelve, \$85K FTF FEB 2yo

**SONGANDAPRAYER** (Unbridled's Song), Walmac, \$10K, 109/21/3

6-GP, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Redskin Rhumba, \$105K KEE APR 2yo

**TIZNOW** (Cee's Tizzy), WinStar, \$30K, 189/12/1

8-GP, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Secret Witness, \$200K FTS AUG yrl

**VALID BELFAST** (Valid Appeal), Judice, \$1000, 83/2/0

3-EVD, Msw, 6f, +Streakin Appeal, \$36K EVA MAR 2yo, 8-1

**BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE**

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**FRANCE, Cagnes-Sur-Mer, 2.50, 1-25, €20,000, 4yo/up, 1m (AWT), 1:39.20, stn.**

**SEARCH (GB) (h, 6, Rainbow Quest--Bellarida {Fr} {GSW-Fr}, by Bellypha {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 23 starts, 4 wins, 12 places, €135,190. O-Mme J Shalam; B-George Strawbridge; T-P Monfort. \*1/2 to In Clover (GB) (Inchinar {GB}), GSW-Fr, \$144,393; Fumarelli (Tremolino), SP-Fr, \$106,441; and Bayourida (Slew O' Gold), SW & GSP-Fr. \*\*€30,000 HRA '05 DEADEC.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Babcary (GB), f, 3, Bertolini--Midnight Break (GB), by Night Shift.** Lingfield, Britain, 1-25, Mdn, 3yo, 1m (AWT). B-Stowell Hill Ltd & Major & Mrs R B Kennard.

**Che Lippa (Ire), f, 3, Indian Danehill (Ire)--Lippe Lippe (Ire), by College Chapel (GB).** Rome, Italy, 1-25, Mdn, 3yo, 1m (AWT). B-Villa Dosia SRL. \*5,000gns yrl '04 TATOCT.

**Marie (Ire), f, 3, Observatory--Marie de Bayeux (Fr) (SW & GSP-Fr, GSP-US, \$157,734), by Turgeon.** Cagnes-Sur-Mer, France, 1-25, Mdn, 3yo, 6 1/2f (AWT). B-Knocktoran Stud. \*40,000gns yrl '04 TATOCT.

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## These Days

***The comments below were excerpted from a speech made by Alan Marzelli to the Ad-Hoc Committee on the Future of Racing in New York City yesterday.***

For the past 22 years I have worked for The Jockey Club, serving in the capacities of controller, chief financial officer, and since 2003, president and chief operating officer.

Since its formation as the North American Thoroughbred breed registry back in February of 1894, the organization has remained dedicated to the improvement of Thoroughbred breeding and racing...specifically, we are responsible for maintaining the integrity of *The American Stud Book*, but matters of integrity concerning the sport in general are also at the heart of everything we do.

So we appreciate and applaud what this committee is doing to ensure a long and healthy future for Thoroughbred breeding and racing in New York State.

Prior to joining The Jockey Club I worked for eight years in the auditing division of the international accounting firm now known as Deloitte & Touche. Although no longer in public practice, I remain a member of both the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Having spent my entire life in New York and the last 22 years in the Thoroughbred industry, I think it is safe to say that I care deeply about the fortunes of both the State of New York and the racing & breeding industry within it.

For all its recent troubles, New York remains the centerpiece of Thoroughbred racing in this country. New York has always been a place where champions come to race. Each year, the racing industry selects the Horse of the Year. Thirty-one of the last 35 recipients of that title raced in New York during their championship year!

The race meets at Aqueduct, Belmont and Saratoga combined account for the highest quality of racing in the world. While these 3 racetracks accounted for just 4 percent of the total races in the United States in 2004, they accounted for 11 percent of total purses paid and 23 percent of total wagering. And of the 492 "graded stakes" races in the U.S. that attracted the highest caliber of horses, 123—a staggering 25 percent—took place in New York.

The Breeders' Cup World Thoroughbred Championships have been held in New York no less than five times since their inception 21 years ago. Similar to other world-class sporting events, like the U.S. Open that was hosted at Bethpage State Park on Long Island in 2002—and I must take a moment and recognize Ms. Castro's leadership in making that event a reality—the

Breeders' Cup generates significant tourism—and entertainment-related dollars for New York's economy and priceless international exposure for the State. In fact, a recent study estimated the impact of hosting a Breeders' Cup at \$50 million or more to the local economy.

Speaking of major events, let's look at the recent upswing in popularity of New York's signature race—the Belmont Stakes.

An attendance record that stood for 28 years was shattered on Belmont Stakes day in 1999. But that was only a prelude to the crowds that followed in subsequent years as one colt after another made that mile-and-a-half trip toward racing immortality with the Triple Crown on the line.

Attendance crossed the 100,000 mark for the first time for in 2002 and nearly 102,000 were on hand a year later when the ever-popular Funny Cide made his bid for history.

And then came Smarty Jones in 2004. Over 120,000 fans—more than twice the size of the largest crowd at Yankee Stadium—witnessed one of the most memorable moments in sports in this decade.

Major events like the Belmont Stakes and Breeders' Cup are not only good for racing in New York and around the country, they are good for New York itself.

But sadly, the excitement of the races themselves contrast sharply with the business reality of racing in New York. New York racing's financial troubles have been well documented in both the print and broadcast media in the past few years. But while reports of fraud and corporate mismanagement have garnered headlines, they do not begin to tell the real story.

The real root of today's financial problems can be summed up as follows:

The business model is broken, and the structure of racing and the pari-mutuel industry in New York is dysfunctional.

But before the business model can be fixed, the racing industry and the State need to realize that they share common interests, and that what is good for one is good for the other. They need a partnership...or, at the very least, the spirit of a partnership...not just a peaceful co-existence.

I think it's safe to say that for the past 35 years the interests of the State have not been properly aligned with the interests of the Thoroughbred industry in New York.

From a revenue standpoint, the business model created when all pari-mutuel wagering was done on-track doesn't work today, with close to 90 percent of all wagers made off-track! Unfortunately, the business model and underlying legislation that provides the structure for racing in New York have not evolved as the pari-mutuel landscape has changed.

Let's look at some current-day scenarios...involving wagers on races run at Aqueduct, Belmont Park and Saratoga.



*(These Days at the Jockey Club cont.)*

For every on-track dollar bet on a race at one of those facilities, NYRA gets 9.3 percent and 5.9 percent goes to purses. New York State receives 1.6 percent of that dollar.

But for every dollar bet off-track, NYRA receives a blended rate of approximately 2.5 percent and the same percentage goes to purses. But the State only receives a 1 percent share of wagers placed within New York State. For all out-of-state and offshore wagers, the State receives nothing.

Let's take a look at the wagering activity from Friday, Jan. 13 at Aqueduct as an example of how revenues are split:

On track handle was \$427,000—less than 7 percent of total wagering on New York racing that day. Intra-state handle, which includes OTB's and harness tracks within the state, was \$2,018,000—31 percent of the total, and total handle generated from out of state sources was \$4,057,000—62 percent of the total.

Because of the difference in revenue splits between on- and off-track wagering, NYRA received just \$179,000 of revenue on a total of \$6.5 million bet legally on NYRA races that day, a mere 2.8 percent of total wagering dollars!

Horsemen fared only slightly better, receiving \$187,000 for purses, or 2.9 percent.

New York State was the biggest loser, receiving just \$27,017 from that day's wagering on New York races - a ridiculous 4/10 of 1 percent!

Had NYRA, the horsemen and the State received the on-track commission from all of these wagers, they would have instead received \$605,000; \$386,000 and \$104,000, respectively. And that's just one day of racing!

So how did we get here?

The genesis of this problem was the launch in 1971 of New York City OTB, followed by the creation of five additional corporations throughout the State. These six corporations act in a competitive and often adversarial manner with the very racing association whose product they sell. Today, although 40 percent of the handle on NYRA's races is being generated by these six individual corporations:

- \* NYRA cannot freely set pricing on its own products
- \* NYRA does not control branding and marketing
- \* NYRA does not have the ability to provide a consistent customer experience.

On the last point alone, consider that there are three separate companies that provide wagering platforms to the six OTBs and NYRA itself. So New York racing fans are confronted with different wagering terminals, inconsistent levels of customer service, and the inability to cash a ticket from one retail outlet at another.

Can you name one successful business in the world that operates in this fashion? Where the manufacturer has no control over pricing, marketing, branding and customer service for 40 percent of his business.

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### 3yo/up, dirt, sprint

(Closing date in bold)

#### NATIONAL:

02-18 150 San Carlos H.-II, **SA**, 4/up, 7f (150), **02-09**  
 02-20 225 General George H.-II, **Lrl**, 7f (50), **02-09**  
 03-04 200 Richter Scale BC Sprint H.-II, **GP**, 7f (200), **2-22**  
 03-25 2000 Dubai Golden Shaheen-G1, **Nad**, 1200m (2000s), **2-15**  
 04-02 200 Potrero Grande BC H.-II, **SA**, 4/up, 6.5f (200), **03-23**  
 04-08 300 Carter H.-I, **Aqu**, 7f (300), **03-25**  
 04-13 150 Count Fleet Sprint H.-III, **OP**, 6f (100), **4-01**

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*(These Days at the Jockey Club cont.)*

Off-track wagering has proven successful in many other states as a natural extension of the on-track experience. But it is no wonder that this tortured model of off-track wagering has never been imitated by any other racing jurisdiction in the country in 35 years!

Sadly, the OTB situation in New York is just one aspect of the problem with today's business model. Interstate wagering, off-shore wagering and Internet wagering have all grown and prospered at the expense of on-track wagering. And in all three cases, revenue generated by the host track are a fraction of what they are for wagers made on track, and as I mentioned previously, the State's portion of that revenue is zero.

Yet current racing law in the State of New York and the dysfunctional relationship among NYRA, the OTBs and the State itself is actually encouraging racing fans to wager in ways that return less money to the racetrack and horsemen, and nothing to the State.

Off-shore wagering shops have the ability to provide rebates of 5 to 10 percent to their customers by arbitraging the spread between the typical 5 percent simulcast fee they pay to the host track and total take-out. These wagering shops are thus able to do what New York Racing Association itself cannot do under current racing law—use cash rebates and customer loyalty programs to attract and retain their highest volume customers.

While the current management of NYRA has cut off its signal to these rebate shops for both economic and legal reasons, bettors who have become accustomed to receiving rebates have simply turned their attention to other racetracks that continue to send their signals to these wagering outlets. So the racetrack, horsemen and the State lose needed revenues because the racing association does not have the ability to compete on a level playing field with downstream distributors in the retail sale of its own product.

Again I would ask the question: can you name one successful business that operates in this fashion? The entire situation defies logic.

Internet wagering has been the largest growth area for pari-mutuel wagering in the last five years. Yet New York holds on to the antiquated "telephone-only" access for advance deposit wagering. And while racing's stakeholders in New York argue about the technical differences between voice and data-transmission networks that have long since converged for all other forms of e-commerce, the rest of the world is embracing online gaming and beginning to generate billions of dollars annually from it.

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So how can this business model be fixed?

The Committee on the future of racing should advocate for the enactment of new racing legislation in 2006 that would:

- \*Permit customer access to legal advance deposit wagering via any electronic means, not just telephone account wagering;
- \*Permit racetracks, OTBs and Advanced deposit wagering operators to institute customer loyalty programs, including cash rebates to high-volume players;
- \*Give racetracks more ability to make their own economic decisions.

The Committee should further call for all interested parties to address and resolve the OTB situation. The overall goal of the State policymakers should be to encourage and actively promote the eventual consolidation of racetracks and OTBs in order to avoid duplication and waste; provide the capital necessary to modernize facilities and create a consistent and appealing customer experience.

While each of the six regional OTBs will need to decide for itself whether or not to merge operations, enter into joint ventures or otherwise align business interests with racetracks, revisions to the State law that would expressly permit the municipal owners of the OTBs to enter into such transactions could greatly facilitate this process.

In addition, we heartily endorse the recommendations contained in the Friends of New York Racing final report. We concur that the Ad-Hoc Committee should use of the current RFP process to ensure that the Thoroughbred breeding and racing business is preserved by seeking answers from prospective franchisees on matters such as:

- \*Percentages of pari-mutuel and video gaming revenue that the applicant proposes to allocate to items including purses and breeder awards, capital improvements, racing and wagering integrity programs, rider & equine health and safety programs, and improvements to backstretch living conditions.
- \*Specific plans for increasing on-track attendance and wagering
- \*Specific plans for capital improvements
- \*Minimum number of racing days that are proposed, and
- \*The applicant's experience and record with regard to each of the above.

The "notice of public hearing" that this committee published included some sample topics and this question: *How should the Committee balance maximization of revenues to the State with maintaining the historical traditions of the industry?*

From my perspective, it's not a matter of weighing one against the other. The State can maximize revenues AND maintain the historical traditions of industry by working together with the racing industry to develop a new and better business model for racing.