

'SPLENDID' BACK FROM RETIREMENT

Peter Vegso's homebred MGISW **Splendid Blended** (Unbridled's Song), whose retirement was announced last August, has been put back into training and is slated to make her first stop on the comeback trail in Saturday's GIII Hurricane Bertie S. at Gulfstream. "We've got a lot of hope for her," explained Chuck Patton, farm manager of Vegso's Racing Edge operation in Ocala, Florida. "When we got her here, she was doing great. She just looked too good to quit on. If she doesn't run well, we can always retire her to the breeding shed. We're just hoping she does well." Now four, Splendid Blended was retired from trainer Neil Drysdale's barn with what was described in published reports as a suspensory injury. The dark bay is now conditioned by Bill Mott, who handles the majority of Vegso's East Coast runners. While Splendid Blended has just one listed workout since returning, a five-furlong breeze from the gate in 1:03 4/5 at Payson Park Feb. 10, Patton said the filly had in fact breezed several times at Racing Edge. "She had some really nice works there," he commented. The Hurricane Bertie is contested at 6 1/2 furlongs over the main track. Splendid Blended won the GI Hollywood Starlet S. as a juvenile and the GI Vanity Invitational H. last year.



Splendid Blended
Horsephotos

87 NOMINEES FOR HALL OF FAME

Trainers Neil Howard and Bruce Headley, jockeys Alex Solis and Cash Asmussen and equine stars Inside Information and Giant's Causeway are among 87 names submitted for consideration for the National Museum of Racing's Hall of Fame. Nominations are made by Hall of Fame voters, fans and industry insiders. Horses become eligible for nomination after they have been retired for five full calendar years. Trainers are eligible after 25 years and jockeys may be nominated after they have been licensed for 20 years. Finalists from the previous three years are automatically included on the nominations list. A committee of 14 people will select three finalists in each category and then a panel of approximately 190 people will receive ballots in April. The inductees will be announced in May.



"Steppenwolver...a \$375,000 OBSAPR Juvenile...favored here at 3-2, the gray colt was steadied hard leaving the clubhouse turn and was shuffled back to last. Taken to the four path for the run around the final turn, he inhaled the field in a matter of strides and drew off to a decisive 4 1/2-length victory... The winner could make his next start in the \$250,000 Southwest S. Feb. 20."

- Thoroughbred Daily News / February 4, 2006

☆ RESULTS ☆

Sunday, Kyoto, Japan

KISARAGI SHO (NHK SHO)-G3-JRA (Listed),

¥81,130,000, Kyoto, 2-12, 3yo, 1800mT, 1:47.40, fm.

1--**#DREAM PASSPORT (JPN)**, 123, c, 3, by Fuji Kiseki (Jpn)

1st Dam: Graceland (Jpn), by Tony Bin (Ire)

2nd Dam: Golden Sash (Jpn), by Dictus (Fr)

3rd Dam: Dyna Sash (Jpn), by Northern Taste

O-Joy RaceHorse K; B-Shiraoi Farm; T-Hiroyoshi Matsuda; J-Katsumi Ando; ¥42,441,000. Lifetime Record: 6-2-3-1.

2--**Meisho Samson (Jpn)**, 125, c, 3, Opera House (GB)--

My Vivien (Jpn), by Dancing Brave (GB). O-Yoshio

Matsumoto; B-Koki Hayashi; T-Tsutomu Setoguchi;

¥17,126,000.

3--**Meiner Scherzi (Jpn)**, 123, c, 3, Grass Wonder--

Aladeya, by Machiavellian. O-K Thoroughbred Club

Ruffian; B-Yasushi Tomita; T-Ryuichi Inaba;

¥11,063,000.

Margins: HF, HF, HF. Odds: 3.20, 2.40, 14.90.

Dream Passport took a step toward the G1 Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas) with a game victory Sunday at Kyoto. The sophomore grandson of Sunday Silence broke his maiden in October and was twice second in Listed events last autumn. On the sidelines since November, he raced near the back of the pack after a slow start, but rallied powerfully down the lane. "I did not want to run over the rough going [on the turf course], and the field was small, so it was no problem," said winning jockey Katsumi Ando. "He showed his impressive late kick in the stretch today."

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(Stakes results cont.)

Sunday, Kyoto, Japan

DIAMOND S.-G3-JRA (Listed), ¥ 78,090,000, Kyoto, 2-12, 4yo/up, 3400mT, 3:30.30 (NCR), fm.

1--**MACKY MAX (JPN)**, 119, h, 6, by Dance in the Dark (Jpn)

1st Dam: Clear Chance (Jpn), by Dictus (Fr)

2nd Dam: Northern Clear (Jpn), by Northern Taste

3rd Dam: Shadai Clear (Jpn), by Guersant (Fr)

O-Toru Makiura; B-S Yoshida; T-H Fujiwara; J-Shinji Fujita; ¥41,553,000. Lifetime Record: 17-3-1-3.

2--**Mejiro Tonkinese (Jpn)**, 110, f, 4, Dance in the Dark (Jpn)--Mejiro Kurohime (Jpn), by Mogami (Fr).

O-Mejiro B; B-Mejiro Stud; T-Yutaka Takahashi; ¥16,158,000.

3--**Tokai Trick (Jpn)**, 119, c, 4, El Condor Pasa--Zoonqua, by Silver Hawk. O-M Uchimura; B-Ms Fumiko Tsuchida; T-Yutaka Takahashi; ¥10,079,000. Margins: 2HF, NK, 4. Odds: 4.10, 16.90, 19.80.

Overcoming a rough stretch run, Macky Max rallied to victory and set a new course record in the process. The six-year-old took the Listed Kotobuki S. in January of 2004, but had gone winless over the next 24 months. He most recently ran third in the Manyo S. Jan. 7, his seasonal debut. Settled in mid-pack here, he was forced to check as the pacesetter backed out of it and found himself in tight quarters along the rail. A seam opened, however, and Macky Max drove through under his jockey's urging. "He almost stood up because of the interference turning for home, but he recovered," said winning rider Shinji Fujita. "He had a lot left in the closing stages of the race." The final time for the 3400 meters over the firm turf, 3:30.30, established a new mark for the course. Macky Max may be pointed to the G1 Tenno Sho (Spring) Apr. 30.

2006 HALL OF FAME NOMINEES

Contemporary Female

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Monday, Saga, Japan

SAGA KINEN-G3-NAR (Listed), ¥51,000,000, Saga, 2-13, 4yo/up, 2000m, 2:09.10, gd.

1--**MEINER BOWKNOT (JPN)**, 123, h, 5, by Bubble Gum Fellow (Jpn)

1st Dam: Sanei Ribbon (Jpn), by In Extremis

2nd Dam: Yellow V. Ribbon (Jpn), by Northern Answer

3rd Dam: Masei Jo-Oh (Jpn), by Shinzan (Jpn)

O-Thoroughbred Club Ruffian; B-Koki Fukunaga; T-Kiyoshi Hagiwara; J-Hiroki Goto; ¥30,000,000. Lifetime Record: 20-8-2-2, ¥144,891,000.

2--**Don Cool (Jpn)**, 127, c, 4, Genuine (Jpn)--Meisho Makibako (Jpn), by Yamanin Zepher (Jpn). O-Koichi Yamada; B-Nissei Farm; T-Shinobu Umechi; ¥10,500,000.

3--**On Your Mark (Jpn)**, 123, h, 8, White Muzzle (GB)--Sugar Daddy Girl, by Spend a Buck. O-Kumiko Hara; B-Shadai Farm; T-Motonori Mashima; ¥6,000,000. Margins: 4, 5, 2. Odds: 0.80, 2.70, 71.00.

2006 HALL OF FAME NOMINEES

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2006 HALL OF FAME NOMINEES

Jockeys

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Sunday, Gavea, Brazil

GRANDE PRÊMIO HENRIQUE POSSOLO-G1, R\$95,275, Gavea, 2-12, f, 3yo, 1600mT, 1:35.40, gd.

1--**EVER LOVE (BRZ)**, 123, f, 3, by Nedawi (GB)

1st Dam: Sea of Love (Brz), by Ghadeer (Fr)

2nd Dam: Kabesky (Ire), by Northfields

3rd Dam: Kabyliya (Fr), by Dancer's Image

O-Stud Raca; B-Fazenda Mondesir; T-M R Campos; J-L Duarte; R\$40,764. Lifetime Record: Ch. 2yo Filly-Brz, 9-6-1-2, R\$259,382.

2--**Madame Castelo (Brz)**, 123, f, 3, Dubai Dust--Eden's Garden (Brz), by Minstrel Glory. O-Stud Doce Ilusao

3--**Giz Dal (Brz)**, 123, f, 3, Astor Place (Ire)--Guess Up (Brz), by Choctaw Ridge. O-Stud Raca.

Margins: NO, 4 1/4, 1 1/4.

Ever Love went three-for-five as a two-year-old in Brazil, capturing the G1 GP Margarida Polak Lara and



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the G3 GP Presidente Guilherme Ellis last spring on her way to earning a title as the nation's champion juvenile filly. The chestnut, a daughter of 1998 G1 St. Leger S. hero Nedawi, picked up where she left off after her third birthday. She landed the G1 GP Barao de Piracicaba (Brazilian

1000 Guineas) Aug. 20 at Cidade Jardim and added the G1 Grande Premio Diana Oct. 8 at 2000 meters over the same course, but her streak came to an end next out Dec. 3 in the 2400-meter G1 GP Guathemozin Nogueira. After crossing the line fourth, she was placed third, and rebounded here with a gritty effort. Ever Love collared Madame Castelo in the stretch and prevailed by the slimmest of margins to record her fourth Group 1 victory.

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Sunday, San Isidro, Argentina

GRAN PREMIO MIGUEL A. MARTINEZ DE HOZ-G1, P35,665, San Isidro, 2-12, 3yo/up, 2000mT, 1:57.81, fm.

1--**LATENCY (ARG)**, 132, c, 4, by Slew Gin Fizz

1st Dam: Latencia (Arg) (MGSW & MG1SP-Arg), by El Asesor (Arg)

2nd Dam: Histeria (Arg), by *Con Brio II

3rd Dam: Emotive (Arg), by Tang (Fr)

O-Stud Las Dos Manos; B-Haras Las Dos Manos (ARG); T-J B Udaondo; J-J C Mendez.

2--**El Fanfante (Arg)**, 119, c, 3, Missionary--La Flautista (Arg), by (Baranof). O-Stud Las Hormigas.

3--**Flag's Boy (Arg)**, 133, h, 5, Flag Down--Faraluna (Arg), by Ahmad (Arg). O-Stud La Reina Mora.

Margins: HF, 1HF, 1HF. Odds: 2.35, 3.70, 7.05.



FOALING NEWS

RUSSIAN RHYTHM, 6, Kingmambo--Balistroika, by Nijinsky II

Foal born Feb. 9, a filly by Pivotal (GB).

Will be bred back to Pivotal (GB).

Owned by and boarded at Cheveley Park Stud, England.

Accomplishments: Hwt. 3yo Filly-Eng at 7-9.5f & 9.5-11f, Ch. 3yo Filly-Eur, MG1SW-Eng, \$1,260,634.

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PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

BY ANDREW CAULFIELD

LAS VIRGENES S.-GI, \$250,000, SAX, 2-11, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:36 2/5, ft.

1--▲@BALANCE, 120, f, 3, by [Thunder Gulch](#)

1st Dam: **Vertigineux**, by **Kris S.**

2nd Dam: **For the Flag**, by *Forli

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

(\$260,000 yrl '04 KEESEP). O-Amerman Racing Stables; B-Maverick Production, Ltd (KY); T-D Hofmans; J-V Espinoza; \$150,000. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-1, \$333,300. *1/2 to Where's Bailey (Aljabr), SW, \$107,075

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When an accomplished young stallion comes up with an outstanding son, which would you rather use, the father or the son? Quite often the question answers itself, with the father's achievements putting him out of the financial reach of many breeders. But this didn't apply to Thunder Gulch and Point Given as the 2002 breeding season approached.

Thunder Gulch had been having a rather mercurial time since the glory days of 1995, when his Grade I victories in the Florida Derby, Kentucky Derby, Belmont S. and Travers S. earned him the title of champion three-year-old colt. He spent his fourth season in Japan in 1999 and I'm convinced that this Asian sabbatical has contributed to his fluctuating fortunes in subsequent years.

He certainly struggled on his return, attracting a mere (by Ashford standards) 64 mares at a fee of only \$25,000 in 2000. His fee for 2001 was originally announced as \$30,000, but then came a remarkable turnaround in his fortunes. Breeders' Cup Day in 2000 saw his daughter Spain record a shock triumph in the GI Distaff and later in the afternoon his strapping son Point Given failed by only a nose to catch Macho Uno in the GI Juvenile. Point Given quickly followed up with a victory in the GI Hollywood Futurity and, with Spain, Mystic Lady and Point Given keeping up the good work during the first part of 2001, Thunder Gulch was inundated with mares--216 to be exact.

But then 1995's champion three-year-old faced direct competition from Point Given, the champion three-year-old of 2001. Point Given, with the Horse of the Year title also under his belt, was priced at \$125,000 in his first season at Three Chimneys, with Thunder Gulch being more reasonably priced at \$80,000 (especially as he had also been represented in 2001 by the GI CCA Oaks winner Tweedside and the Kentucky Derby runner-up Invisible Ink). Although Point Given proved a strong enough counter-attraction to reduce Thunder Gulch's book from 216 to 145 mares, Thunder Gulch was still busier than his son, who attracted 104 mares.

With the foals from Thunder Gulch's \$75,000 and \$80,000 coverings now being four years old and three years old, respectively, there is every chance that his racecourse results are going to be much better than one might expect of a stallion standing the 2006 season at a competitive \$25,000. His fee has been falling gradually, from \$65,000 in 2003 to \$50,000 in 2004 and then to \$40,000 in 2005, with this slide coinciding with his having no American juveniles in 2002 and no three-year-olds in 2003. In other words, the one-year lease to Japan may have paid an immediate dividend, but there has been a price to pay in subsequent years.

Both of Thunder Gulch's high-priced crops have now produced a Grade I-winning filly. Sense of Style heads the 2002 crop, thanks to her victory in the Matron S., and now Balance has emerged from the class of 2003 to win the Las Virgenes S.

TDN TODAY

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LAUREL RESCHEDULES RACES

Laurel Park has rescheduled the GII Barbara Fritchie BC S. and the GII General George BC H.

The Barbara Fritchie will be run on Mar. 4 and nominations will close Feb. 23.

The General George will be run on Mar. 18 and nominations will close Mar. 8.

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(Pedigree Insights cont. from p4)

Balance, who has crossed the line in front in four of her five starts, is one of several talented three-year-old fillies by Thunder Gulch, others being Better Now (Gill Tempted S.), Love Locket and Private World. Balance, Private World and Better Now all ranked among the 19 fillies weighted at 112 or above on the Experimental Free Handicap.

The broodmare sires of some of these fillies reinforce the theory that the diminutive Thunder Gulch benefits from mares by big stallions. Balance's broodmare sire, Kris S., stood around 16.3 hands, and so did Unbridled, the broodmare sire of Better Now. Point Given's dam is by the 16.2-hands Turkoman and Spain's dam was by another 16.2-hands individual in Regal and Royal. Other leading winners by Thunder Gulch are out of granddaughters of such sizeable horses as Hail to Reason and Buckpasser, but this isn't a hard-and-fast rule, as Thunder Gulch has also succeeded with daughters of some smaller stallions, such as Alzao, Kings Lake and Blushing Groom.

BALANCE, f, 2003

Thunder Gulch	Gulch	Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native
		Jameela	Gold Digger
	Line of Thunder	Storm Bird	Rambunctious
		Shoot a Line (GB)	Asbury Mary
			Northern Dancer
			South Ocean
Vertigineux 7-2-0-0, \$60,480 3Fls, 1G1SW, 1SW	Kris S.	Roberto	High Line (GB)
		Sharp Queen	Death Ray (GB)
	For the Flag 9-1-2-0, \$7,230 13Fls, 3SW, 1GSP	Forli (Arg)	Hail to Reason
		In the Offing 9Fls, 1GSW	Bramalea
			*Princequillo
			Bridgework

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As Balance's dam, the four-year-old winner Vertigineux, has a name which suggests dizzy heights, I'm guessing that she inherited some of Kris S.'s size. Vertigineux had several half brothers and sisters who did well in Europe, including the very talented filly On the Staff. Most of them were suited by a mile and a quarter, so Balance should have no trouble in staying 1 1/8 miles or more, if required. Perhaps she could become Thunder Gulch's second CCA Oaks winner, following Tweedside, whose broodmare sire Roberto also sired Kris S.

Balance's yearling price of \$260,000 reflects in part the fact that her fourth dam is the celebrated Mrs Peterkin. This daughter of Tom Fool and Legendra made quite an impact on the list of the highest-priced yearlings sold in the U.S. Mrs Peterkin's daughter Kinema (now the dam of the high-class Mizzen Mast) was sold for \$2.2 million as long ago as 1984, three years after one of Mrs Peterkin's grandsons, the future Irish Derby winner Shareef Dancer, made \$3.3 million.

Dancing Champ, a Grade II-winning son of Mrs Peterkin, was connected to another of last weekend's major winners. He sired the dam of Perfect Promise, the South African-bred mare who defeated the males in Australia's G1 C. F. Orr S.

 **FOALING NEWS**

SILVERBULLETDAY, 10, Silver Deputy--Rokeby Rose, by Tom Rolfe
Foal born Feb. 10, a filly by Vindication.
Will be bred back to Elusive Quality.
Owned by Michael Pegram.
Boarded at Hill 'n' Dale, Ky.
Accomplishments: Ch. 2yo & 3yo Filly, MGISW, \$3,093,207.

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TWO TRAIL SIOUX RETIRED Graded stakes winner **Two Trail Sioux** (Indian Charlie--Quiet Trail, by Quiet American) has been retired and will be bred to Ghostzapper, according to a press release. The five-year-old will be boarded at Glennwood Farm in Versailles, Kentucky. A \$55,000 Keeneland September purchase, the bay carried the colors of John D. Gunther and Donald Winton to victory in six of 12 career outings. She captured the GII Fleur de Lis H. and the Bayakoa S., and also posted a second in the GII Delaware H. and a third in the GI Personal Ensign H. Trained by Wally Dollase, the daughter of the stakes-placed Quiet Trail heads to the breeding shed with a bankroll of \$664,960.



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TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15:

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- 03-25 \$5,000,000 **Dubai Duty Free-G1, Nad**, 1777mT (5000s)
- 03-25 \$5,000,000 **Dubai Sheema Classic-G1, Nad**, 2400mT (5000s)
- 03-25 \$2,000,000 **UAE Derby-G2, Nad**, 3/4yo, 1800m (2000s)
- 03-25 \$2,000,000 **Dubai Golden Shaheen-G1, Nad**, 1200m (2000s)
- 03-25 \$1,000,000 **Godolphin Mile-G2, Nad**, 3yo/up, 1600m (1000s)



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FASIG BIDDERS FIND SOMETHINABOUTLAURA

Somethinaboutlaura (Dance Floor) sold for an auction-record \$375,000 to top yesterday's final session of the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Winter Mixed Sale in Lexington. The four-year-old racing or broodmare prospect was consigned by Paramount Sales, as agent for Turf Express Inc. and was purchased by Bluegrass Thoroughbred Services. Winner of last year's Palo Alto H., the California-bred mare won the Feb. 4 Foster City H. and was third in the Jan. 15 GII El Encino S. this year. Also topping the \$300,000-plateau, **Dance Alexa** (Southern Halo) attracted a final bid of \$370,000. Also consigned by Paramount Sales, agent, the eight-year-old mare was purchased by Matthews Stable. The unraced dam of graded stakes winner Dance Daily (Five Star Day) is in foal to Northern Afleet. For the two-day sale, 444 horses sold for \$7,772,700 and an average of \$17,506. The median was \$5,000. **Complete Stats p.5**

WINTER MIXED SALE -- MONDAY'S TOP MARES

Hip#	Name	Covering Stallion	Price
<u>671</u>	Somethinaboutlaura	racing/b' mare prospect	\$375,000
	<i>(4, Dance Floor--Crystals of Ice, by It's Freezing)</i>		
	Consigned by Paramount Sales, agent for Turf Express Purchased by Bluegrass T'Bred Services, agent		
<u>512A</u>	Dance Alexa	Northern Afleet	\$370,000
	<i>(8, Southern Halo--Phantom Dancer, by Restless Native)</i>		
	Consigned by Paramount Sales, agent Purchased by Matthews Stable		
<u>650</u>	Raging Beauty	b' mare prospect	\$235,000
	<i>(4, Saint Ballado--Raging Apalachee, by Apalachee)</i>		
	Consigned by Paramount Sales, Agent XII Purchased by John Sikura		
<u>434</u>	Risky Double	Tiznow	\$210,000
	<i>(6, Unbridled--Bonnie Byerly, by Dayjur)</i>		
	Consigned by Darby Dan Farm, agent Purchased by Buzz Chace, agent		
<u>636</u>	Offshore Breeze	b' mare prospect	\$180,000
	<i>(3, Thunder Gulch--Harbor Springs, by Vice Regent)</i>		
	Consigned by Mill Ridge Sales, agent for Overbrook Farm Purchased by Peter Blum		

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Uncertain Future for Silver Train:

Last year's GI Breeders' Cup Sprint winner **Silver Train** (Old Trieste), who worked six furlongs at Palm Meadows Sunday, remains in limbo following the death of owner Mahmoud Fustok last week. "I was happy with the work," said trainer Rick Dutrow Sunday after the 1:13 drill. "I've been training him toward the [Mar. 4 GI Richter Scale Breeders' Cup], so if things are cleared up by the time the race comes around, that's where we'll go."

Yesterday's Results:

8th-GPX, \$35,000, Alw, NW2X, 4yo/up, 5fT, :55 2/5, fm.

AROUND THE CAPE (c, 4, Carson City--Song of Africa {SW & GSP, \$223,538}, by Alzao), a \$290,000 FTSAUG yearling, broke his maiden over Gulfstream's main track last January, and was good enough to complete the exacta under Lost in the Fog in the GII Swale S. in March. His form began to tail off after that, though. A third in the Lost Code BC S. at Hawthorne in April was followed by a fifth in the restricted Lite the Fuse S. at Belmont in May, and he was put away for the year after finishing fourth in a Belmont allowance in June. Returning to the spot of his last win but trying a new surface, Around the Cape was offered a 5-1 chance to succeed. On the engine from the word 'go,' he sped through a half in :44 flat and lengthened clear en route to the 2 1/2-length victory. British Blue (Storm Cat) was second. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: GSP, 9-3-2-2, \$118,962. O-Live Oak Plantation. B-Betz Farm, William Werner, Steve Humphreys & Needham/Betz Thoroughbreds (KY). T-William I Mott.

TRACK CANCELLATIONS

Still feeling the effects of the weekend's Nor'easter, **Philadelphia Park** called off racing yesterday. Racing is scheduled to resume today at 12:25 p.m. EST.



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6th-GPX, \$33,000, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT, 1:46 1/5, fm.

AMANSARA (f, 3, [War Chant--Marianna's Girl {GSW, \\$202,538}](#), by Dewan) rallied for third in a turf sprint at Saratoga in August, but went missing for five months off the effort. Even-money in her comeback, she employed a smart turn of foot down the lane to capture a 1 1/16-mile Tampa Bay grass maiden Jan. 10 and was facing a tough group of horses here as she moved downstate. Among the trailers as they rounded the first turn, she began to pick it up leaving the backstretch as pacesetter Aunt Henny (Hennessy) set honest fractions. The latter kicked clear in upper stretch and looked home free a furlong out, but Amansara got up with a late flurry to prevail by a neck. A \$150,000 KEESEP yearling, the victress is a half to Christine's Outlaw (Wild Again), GSW, \$351,358; Marastani (Shahrastani), GSW, \$499,276; Crimson Classic (Sky Classic), MSW & MGSP, \$559,338; and Foret Noire (Time for a Change), SW, \$118,163. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$33,600. O-Hill Stable. B-Lorraine N & John W Clay (KY). T-George Weaver.

7th-GPX, \$32,000, Msw, 4yo, 1m, 1:38 1/5, ft.

SPECIAL EVENT (c, 4, Saint Ballado--Dream Deal {GISW, \$215,222}, by Sharpen Up {GB}), a half brother to the high-class Clear Mandate (Deputy Minister), MGISW, \$1,085,588; and Dream Scheme (Danzig), GSW, \$431,821; ran to his 34-1 odds first out, finishing a well-beaten seventh over trip and track Jan. 19. Posting a three-furlong blowout in :36 3/5, the best of 16 Feb. 7 at Gulfstream, in the interim, he took more play this time at 6-1. Content to track in fourth through six furlongs in 1:11 3/5, he was asked to pick it up and, rallying wide, caught He's So Royal (Kingmambo) in deep stretch and bounded away to win by three lengths. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$19,520. O/B-G Watts Humphrey Jr (KY). T-George R Arnold II.

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★ INDUSTRY INFO ★

Race for Education Receives Federal Grant:

The Race For Education has been selected to receive an Assets for Independence grant in the amount of \$164,000 from the Federal Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Community Service. The project assists individuals with significant financial need in becoming economically self-sufficient by helping them establish Individual Development Accounts to save for a first home, a business or higher education. By saving a pre-determined amount of money by their junior year, Race for Education's scholarship recipients will receive \$2,000 from the AFI grant, on top of their RFE award. The Race for Education awards scholarships to children of horse industry workers and to young people studying for a career in the equine industry. To date, the organization has awarded scholarships to 58 students from 17 states.

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN JAPAN:

Red Bar Spin, c, 3, [Giant's Causeway](#)--How Could You (MSP, \$152,320), by Boundary. Tokyo, 2-12, Cattleya Sho, 8f. Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-3, \$169,661. O-Yoshio Fujita; B-W G Lyster; T-Masanori Sakaguchi.

Pretty Cowgirl, f, 3, [Gone West](#)--Dreams of Success, by Dixieland Band. Kokura, 2-11, Novice Race, 5f. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, \$83,051. O-Chizu Yoshida; B-Craig Bandoroff & Barry Weisbord; T-Kunihide Matsuda. *\$500,000 2yo '05 FTFEB. **Recovered from a stumble at the start to graduate by 2 1/2 lengths.

Fusaichi Giga Dia, c, 3, [Storm Cat](#)--Bless, by Mr. Prospector. Kyoto, 2-12 Novice Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$66,102. O-Fusao Sekiguchi; B-ClassicStar; T-Hideyuki Mori. *\$3,400,000 yrl '04 KEESEP. **Came from the rear to graduate by 1 1/4 lengths. "This was his first time over dirt and he acted well," commented winning rider Yutaka Take.

American-Bred Winners in Japan:

Satono Throne, c, 3, [Woodman](#)--Zarani Sidi Anna (G1SP-GB & US, \$146,942), by Danzig. Tokyo, 2-12, Novice Race, 7f. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$42,373. O-Osamu Satomi; B-Forging Oaks LLC; T-Kazuo Fujisawa. *Showed an excellent turn of foot to win by seven lengths. "It was an easy race and he was very strong," said winning rider Hiroshi Kitamura.

Genkina Shacho, h, 5, [Meniffee](#)--Another Rage, by Farma Way. Tokyo, 2-11, Plate Race, 8f. Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1, \$188,475. O-Mikihouse Inc; B-Ben P Walden Jr, W Elliott Walden & Crescent City Stables; T-Kiyoshi Hagiwara. *\$87,000 yrl '02 KEESEP; \$200,000 2yo '03 FTFEB.

AMERICAN-SIRED WINNER IN JAPAN:

Madam Cherokee (Jpn), m, 5, [Cherokee Run](#)--Unfoiled, by Unbridled. Kyoto, 2-12, Plate Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 34-4-5-10, \$571,271. O-Ichikawa Farm; B-Kiyoshige Yamashita; T-Toru Miya.

TODAY'S VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS



2006 Fee
\$20,000 LF

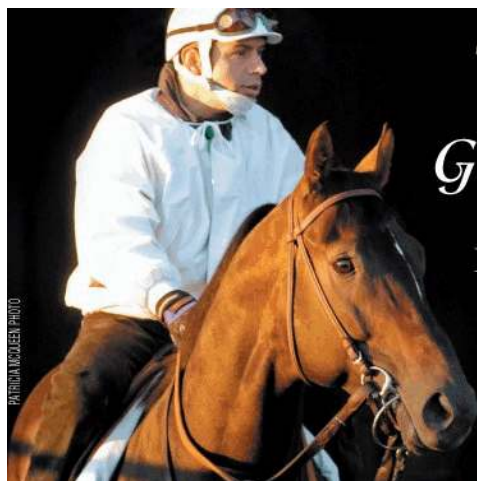
**Mare in foal to Northern Afleet
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6th-GPX (Alw) Amansara (War Chant) rallies strongly to take her second straight.

7th-GPX (MSW) Clear Mandate's little brother **Special Event** (Saint Ballado) wins second time out.

8th-GPX (Alw) **Around the Cape** (Carson City), runner-up in last year's GII Swale S., wins his turf bow.



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★ EUROPE ★

RUSSIAN RHYTHM FOALS A FILLY Champion **Russian Rhythm** (Kingmambo--Balistroika, by Nijinsky II) produced her first foal, a filly by Pivotal (GB) at



Pivotal Cheveley Park photo

Cheveley Park Stud Feb. 9. "Her first foal...appears to be a very exciting mix of both sire and dam," commented Chris Richardson, Cheveley Park's managing director. "A lovely filly of quality with a white star like her mum, she weighed in at 55 kilograms." The six-year-old Russian Rhythm will be bred back to Pivotal. A

multiple group winner at two, the chestnut landed the G1 1000 Guineas, the G1 Coronation S. and the G1 Nassau S. as a three-year-old before finishing second to Falbrav (Ire) in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. She had one outing at four, taking the G1 Lockinge S., before being retired. Russian Rhythm received a Cartier Award as Europe's top three-year-old filly of 2003 and also was the highweighted filly miler that year.

★ BRITAIN ★

Yesterday's Result:

Wolverhampton, 3.20, Mdn, £4,924, 3yo/up, 12f 50yds (AWT), 2:41.40, stn.

+ **MAGIC MOTH (GB) (c, 3, Mtoto {GB}--Majoune {Fr} {GSW-Fr}, by Take Risks {Fr})** was sluggish from the gate, but recovered to set a modest pace soon after the start of this debut. Exhibiting signs of inexperience throughout, the 15-8 second choice knuckled down to his task nonetheless and kept finding enough in the straight to maintain a length buffer over Opera Comica (GB) (Dr Fong) at the wire. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £3,239.

O-Mrs Renata J Jacobs; B-Newsells Park Stud Ltd; T-Mark Johnston.

★ IRELAND ★

GOFFS' FEBRUARY MIXED SALE PREVIEW

Goffs' 2006 sales season begins in earnest this morning with the first of a four-session February Mixed Sale. Day one concentrates on horses-in-training, unbroken stock and two-year-olds, with yearlings following on Wednesday and Thursday. The sales concludes with a large section of breeding stock on Thursday and Friday. Sires represented with weanlings include Montjeu (Ire), Selkirk, Linamix (Fr), Dalakhani (Ire), Bertolini, Hawk Wing, Kings Best, Danehill Dancer (Ire), Anabaa and Machiavellian. Among the offerings is Cornagher House's Hip [566](#), a Touch of the Blues (Fr) half-sister to last term's G2 Criterium de Maisons-Laffitte winner Balthazaar's Gift (Ire). There are also noteworthy lots on offer during the sale of breeding stock. Cumbres (Fr) (Kahyasi {Ire}), a 13-year-old half-sister to Montjeu, is offered in foal to Danehill Dancer by Seskin Stud as Hip [686](#). Storming Home (GB)'s five-year-old half-sister Storming Kate (Ire) (Lion Cavern), offered in foal to Noverre, hails from Mount Eaton Stud and sells as Hip [1000](#). Selling commences at 10 a.m. on each of the four days and the catalogue is available online at www.goffs.com.

★ ITALY ★

Sunday's Results:

Pisa, 2.00, Cond, €13,500, 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:14.20, gd. **IBISCUS (IRE) (c, 3, Zafonic--Yazmin {Ire}, by Green Desert)** finished third in the Aug. 6 Listed Criterium Varesino. Dead-heating for third in the Aug. 14 Listed Criterium Labronico, he came back for this seasonal bow off a last-out fifth at Rome Oct. 28. Shadowing the leading pair from the bell, the 11-8 pick, an 8,500gns DONSEP yearling, lugged right inside the final quarter, but overcame those antics to shade Ifa (Ire) (Dansili {GB}) by a neck nearing the line. Lifetime Record: MSP-Fr, 13 starts, 4 wins, 6 places, €58,522. O-Scuderia Razza Dell'Olmo; B-Frank Dunne; T-Riccardo Menichetti.

The new Apex figures through 2005 are now on thoroughreddailynews.com!

LEADING SIRE'S BY 'ABC' RUNNER INDEX

	SIRE	FYR	ST	Rnr Tot	A Totals	A Index	ABC Rnrs	ABC Index
1.	STORM CAT	1989	KY	957	101	5.28	226	2.95
2.	A.P. INDY	1994	KY	1025	102	4.98	231	2.82
3.	DANZIG	1982	U-	578	52	4.5	128	2.77
4.	SMART STRIKE	1998	KY	595	45	3.78	126	2.65
5.	DISTORTED HUMOR	2000	KY	384	31	4.04	79	2.57
6.	SUNDAY SILENCE	1992	J-	2835	215	3.79	581	2.56
7.	DANEHILL	1991	E-	1463	131	4.48	298	2.55
8.	BROAD BRUSH	1989	U-	795	52	3.27	162	2.55
9.	SINGSPIEL	1999	GB	389	21	2.7	74	2.38
10.	SADLER'S WELLS	1986	IR	1579	137	4.34	292	2.31

Click [here](#) to see them all.



Pisa, 3.00, Cond, €12,600, 4/up, 7 1/2ft, 1:29.50, gd. POLYDORS (IRE) (c, 4, Monashee Mountain--Polista {Fr} {SW-Fr}, by Persepolis {Fr}) ran third in last summer's Listed Premio d'Estate at Milan and returned here off a conditions third at Siracusa Jan. 15. Sent into a clear lead from the outset, the 16-3 chance was gently coaxed throughout the final quarter to account for Scabiun (Ire) (Dolphin Street {Fr}) by an unchallenged 12 lengths. Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 10 starts, 3 wins, 4 places, €44,652.

O/B-Scuderia Siba SPA; T-Alduino & Giuseppe Botti.

★ EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN JAPAN:

Seeking the Best (Ire), h, 5, Seeking the Gold--Mackie (GSW & GISP, \$164,579), by Summer Squall. Kyoto, 2-12, Yamato Tokubetsu, 7f. Lifetime Record: 9-5-2-0, \$484,661. O-K Yoshida; B-Britton House Stud; T-H Mori. *\$1,000,000 yrl '02 KEESEP. **1/2 to Mr. Mellon (Red Ransom), GSW-US, \$278,580.



AUSTRALASIA



INGLIS CLASSIC SALE CONCLUDES The 2006 Inglis Classic Yearling Sale wrapped up at Newmarket yesterday with new records for average and median. Over the course of the two-day auction, 376 yearlings sold for A\$14,303,500, an average of A\$38,041 and a median of A\$30,000. The average and median both increased by nearly 10 percent from the A\$34,611 and A\$27,500 achieved in 2005, respectively. "A great result, and it is especially pleasing to achieve a new record average and record median, a good indication of the strength of the market at the moment," said Managing Director Reg Inglis. "There has been a great crowd here over the last two-day's selling and I'd like to say a big thank you to all the vendors and buyers for supporting this sale. We look forward to the Premier and Easter sales with great anticipation." Monday's highest price of A\$160,000 was shared by a pair of youngsters, lot 472, a colt from the first crop of Bel Esprit (Aus); and lot 523, a filly by Choisir (Aus). Huntsworth Stud offered the Bel Esprit colt out of Floribunda (Aus) (Brief Truce). The bay sold to Lee Curtis. "I think he is outstanding," said the trainer. "He looks an early-coming type and just a beautiful-looking colt." Little Wych consigned the day's top filly, a chestnut by Choisir from the stakes-producer Icecapade (Aus) (Genghiz). Trainer Anthony Cummings purchased the filly from the family of Elvstroem (Aus). "I thought she was a lovely filly from a sensational family," said Cummings. "It's very much a fillies family, too, and having tried several times already this year to buy a Choisir yearling, I also think she represents exceptionally good value." Complete results are available on www.inglis.com.au.

BREEDERS' EDITION
AMERICA

STAKES RESULTS:

CLASICO LUIS MUNOZ MARIN-GI-PR (Listed) , \$65,600, ELC, 2-12, (R), 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:46 4/5, gd.

1--**ROJIZO, 116, c, 4, by Goldwater--Alheli, by Wolf Power (SAf).** O-Establo Angel Cruz; B-Haras Santa Isabel Inc (PR); T-Julio Diaz Jr; J-John Bisono; \$39,360. Lifetime Record: 16-6-4-1, \$110,900.

2--**Roble Temible (PR), 112, h, 5, Goldwater--Lucy G., by Sejm.** \$13,120.

3--**Lightning Al Boy (PR), 113, c, 4, Lightning Al--Winner's Design, by Sejm.** \$6,560.

Margins: 2HF, 2 1/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 1.95, 15.05, 3.80.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-GGX, \$34,060, 2-12, NW1X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09 1/5, ft.

SEA MY HALO (g, 4, Hay Halo--Sea My Point, by North Sea) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$31,250. O-J Paul Reddam. B-Donna M Hayes (VA). T-Doug F O'Neill.

APPOINTMENTS...

- Frances Relihan has joined Vinery in Lexington, Kentucky, working in stallion season sales. She will also assist with sales of shares and all bloodstock matters at Vinery. Relihan has served as farm manager for Ben Walden's Gracefield Farm for the past five years.



FASIG-TIPTON WINTER MIXED SALE
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2006

<u>Session Totals</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
No. Offered	320	230
No. Sold	237	183
RNAs	83	47
% RNAs	25.9%	20.4%
Gross	\$5,436,000	\$4,640,700
Average	\$22,937 (-9.6%)	\$25,359
Median	\$6,000 (29.4%)	\$8,500
<u>Cumulative Totals</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
No. Offered	630	473
No. Sold	444	377
RNAs	186	96
% RNAs	29.5%	20.3%
Gross	\$7,772,700	\$6,966,700
Average	\$17,506 (-5.3%)	\$18,479
Median	\$5,000 (-19.4%)	\$6,200

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