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DUBAI WORLD CUP
Nad Al Sheba
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WILKO ON TRACK FOR WORLD CUP

J. Paul Reddam and Susan Roy's **Wilko** (Awesome Again), third in last Saturday's GI Santa Anita H., is scheduled to make his next start in the \$6-million G1 Dubai World Cup at Nad Al Sheba Mar. 25. "We'll know more in a few days," commented trainer Craig Dollase, who explained that the chestnut has yet to return to the track since the Big 'Cap. Twice a winner in England for trainer Jeremy Noseda, the four-year-old still has just one victory to his credit in this country, his triumph over Afleet



Wilko Horsephotos

Alex, et al in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile in 2004. Though unable to crack the winner's circle since, Wilko has placed in the GI Hollywood Futurity and last year's GI Santa Anita Derby. He will be back under Noseda's tutelage for his Dubai venture, according to a statement on the trainer's website. "Having spoken to Craig Dollase in California, he felt that with me having a team of people in Dubai that it was a sensible decision for us to take over Wilko's preparation for the World Cup," he said on jeremynoseda.com. "Therefore, one of my staff will fly to collect the horse this weekend. Wilko will then be shipped to Dubai where he is scheduled to arrive on Wednesday. The hand-over should be very smooth as the same people will be dealing with the horse in Dubai as dealt with him when he was with us at two, which included his preparation ahead of the Breeders' Cup. I hope the horse travels well and that we have a problem-free last stage of his preparation into the World Cup. Craig is a key element in that he has had the horse for almost a year and a half. He is in charge of the horse until he leaves America. Craig and myself will be communicating to make sure that we present the horse in as good a shape as possible for the World Cup."

FOO FIGHTER IN DUTY FREE

Brian Martin, the manager for the No Big Deal syndicate which campaigns evergreen **Fields of Omagh (Aus)** (Rubiton {Aus}), had declared an end to the eight-year-olds' globetrotting days. But Martin has apparently had a change of heart and announced that the winner of last Saturday's G1 Futurity S. will make the trip to Dubai for the \$5-million G1 Duty Free S. "Fields of Omagh is in great form, and I really think he'll be competitive in the Dubai Duty Free," trainer David Hayes said. "He leaves next Tuesday [Mar. 14] and Tony McEvoy will travel with the horse to settle him in, along with his usual track rider [Warren Hughes], and I will join them in Dubai in the last few days before the race." Martin is completely supportive of the decision. "David is a great trainer with a wonderful record with travelling horses," Martin observed. "The horse has come through the Futurity S. extremely well and is on an upward spiral. The Dubai Duty Free fits in with our timeframe and the right distance range. It's a wonderful opportunity and we are all looking forward to taking up the challenge." The addition of Fields of Omagh means there will likely be no fewer than 10 Group/Grade I winners in the starting gate for the Duty Free.

EINSTEIN TO STAY AT HOME

Trainer Helen Pitts has confirmed that **Einstein (Brz)** (Spend a Buck) will remain in the U.S., bypassing the chance to run in the \$2-million G2 UAE Derby. "He's young and he's still got a real good campaign here," Pitts said. "He's still got plenty of years ahead of him to go over there." The four-year-old, owned by Bill Gallion and Midnight Cry Stable, has won each of his three starts in 2006, including a 7-1 upset of the GI Gulfstream Park Breeders' Cup S. Feb. 25. The dark bay colt is likely to make his next appearance in the GI Pan American H. on the Florida Derby undercard Apr. 1, which could be followed by the GI Woodford Reserve Turf Classic on the Kentucky Derby program May 6.



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KENDOR DINE takes G3 Prix Exbury...p3

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Banshee Winds, **THE DAM OF MULTIPLE GRADE 1-WINNING MILLIONAIRE BANSHEE BREEZE (\$2,784,798)**, is one of the numerous outstanding mares with a yearling by Vindication in 2006.



‘TENT’ FOLDS Graded stakes winner **Your Tent or Mine** (Forest Camp), out of action since a runner-up finish to Brother Derek in the GI Hollywood Futurity Dec. 17, will not make the GI Kentucky Derby due to problems in his right front foot, according to *Daily Racing Form*. “He bruised it, then it abscessed in his toe and it came out his coronet band,” trainer Neil Drysdale told *DRF*. “We’re going to have to give him a little time off. He’ll probably be able to run by late April, provided everything goes smoothly. It’s quite aggravating, but there’s no loss of life.” The bay colt captured his first two career starts, including the GIII Hollywood Prevue S., prior to the Hollywood Futurity. He had not posted an official workout since...*DRF* also reports that **Peace Chant** (War Chant), second-place finisher in the GII San Vicente S. Feb. 12, is off the Derby trail. The son of champion Safely Kept recently had surgery to remove a bone chip from an ankle behind and will be out for several months.

Simon Says...

Trainer D. Wayne Lukas is considering entering **Simon Pure** (Silver Deputy) in next Saturday’s GII San Felipe S., according to *DRF*. A son of the Lukas-trained champion Life’s Magic, the dark bay graduated Mar. 2 at Santa Anita ([video](#)). “He made a quantum leap going two turns, which is what you want to do,” Lukas told *DRF*. “We’ll probably step up because we have to get some earnings. My only concern is we’re back in 16 days, but there’s a lot to be said about running out of your own stall...He’s so laid back and takes things in stride.” Simon Pure, a \$665,000 FTSAUG yearling, races under the green and yellow colors of Beverly Lewis and the Estate of Robert Lewis.

Velazquez to Ride Bluegrass Cat Mar. 18...

Jockey John Velazquez has confirmed that he will ride WinStar Farm’s **Bluegrass Cat** (Storm Cat) in the GIII Tampa Bay Derby Mar. 18, according to *The Blood-Horse*. That colt is trained by Todd Pletcher, who will also send out **Keyed Entry** (Honour and Glory) the same day in the GIII Gotham S. at Aqueduct. Velazquez, Pletcher’s first-call rider, was aboard Keyed Entry during that colt’s track-record setting victory in the GII Hutcheson S. Feb. 4. “As much as I wanted to ride Keyed Entry, I’m not losing anything at all riding Bluegrass Cat, because he’s the horse to beat right now in the Kentucky Derby,” Velazquez told *The Blood-Horse*. “If Keyed Entry wins the Gotham, he would be one of the horses to beat, too. I hope [Keyed Entry’s co-owner] Jack [Wolf] understands and doesn’t close the door on me, because I really want to ride his horse. I believe both horses are going to win. They’re training super and they’re both very talented. I like Keyed Entry because he ran very fast in his last race and does things so easily. I’m not saying this because I ride for Todd, but in all honesty, of all the Kentucky Derby contenders I see in the *Daily Racing Form* past performances, they would be my first two picks.”

Achilles of Aqueduct...

Achilles of Troy (Notebook) went five-eighths in 1:02.87 over Aqueduct’s inner track yesterday in preparation for the GIII Gotham S. Mar. 18. The grey has dominated in his last two starts over the surface, the Count Fleet S. Jan. 7 and the Whirlaway S. Feb. 11. “He was aggressive going to the pole, which shows he’s feeling good, but once he gets going, he’s very laid back,” explained rider Ramon Dominguez. “It’s like he’s got one long stride all the way around.” Among his likely Gotham opponents are Keyed Entry (*see above*) and Maryland standout **Sweetnorthern**saint (Sweetsouthern)saint).



Achilles of Troy
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☆ RESULTS ☆

Wednesday, Ellerslie, New Zealand

SKYCITY AUCKLAND CUP-G1, NZ\$600,000, Ellerslie (Auckland), 3-8, 3yo/up, 2mT, 3:21.52, dead.

1--#**▲PENTANE (NZ)**, 117, g, 4, by Pentire (GB)

1st Dam: Tuff One (NZ), by Prince Raider (NZ)

2nd Dam: Poppy (NZ), by Old Soldier (GB)

3rd Dam: Cocachin (NZ), by Marco Polo (Fr)

O/B-M G & P A Fraher; T-Lance O'Sullivan; J-Michael Walker; NZ\$375,000.

2--**Zabeat (NZ)**, 120, g, 6, Rhythm--Zabest (NZ), by Zabeel (NZ). O-A M Goodwin & Mrs D M Logan; B-P Hogan, M A, M, Mrs P M & Mrs S L Treweek; T-Donna & Dean Logan; NZ\$120,000.

3--**Zarius (NZ)**, 117, g, 4, Zabeel (NZ)--Sadlers Home (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. O/B-R A Emery; T-Mark Walker; NZ\$60,000.

Margins: SNK, 3 1/4, 1HF. Winner's Odds: 17-4.

Click for the [Racing Post chart](#).

FOALING NEWS

RED CAMELLIA (GB), 12, Polar Falcon--Cerise Bouquet (GB), by Mummy's Pet (GB)

Foal born Feb. 16, a filly by Selkirk.

Will be bred back to Selkirk.

Owned by/boarded at Cheveley Park Stud, GB.

Accomplishments: Hwt. 2yo Filly-GB, GSW-GB & G1SP-Fr, \$103,187. Dam of Red Bloom (GB) (Selkirk), G1SW-GB, GSW & G1SP-Ire, GSP-Fr, \$612,249.

ESCENA, 13, Strawberry Road (Aus)--Claxton's Slew, by Seattle Slew

Foal born Feb. 27, a colt by A.P. Indy.

Will be bred back to A.P. Indy.

Owned by Madeleine Pickens & Diane Snowden.

Boarded at Diamond A Farm, Ky.

Accomplishments: Ch. Older Mare, MGISW, \$2,962,639.

Wednesday, Saint-Cloud, France

PRIX EXBURY-G3, €80,000, Saint-Cloud, 3-8, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 2:15.6, hy.

1--**KENDOR DINE (FR)**, 126, g, 4, by Kendor (Fr)

1st Dam: Michellisa (GB), by Indian Ridge (Ire)

2nd Dam: Land Line (GB), by High Line (GB)

3rd Dam: Dark Finale (GB), by Javelot (Fr)

O-Didier Kahn; B-EURL Eskade; T-Yves de Nicolay; J-Stephane Pasquier; €40,000. Lifetime Record: 13 starts, 4 wins, 7 places, €151,100.

2--**Special Kaldoun (Ire)**, 128, h, 7, Alzao--Special Lady (Fr), by Kaldoun (Fr). (FF340,000 yrl '00 DEAAUG).

O-Ecurie Chalhoub; B-Pontchartrain Stud & A O Scemama; T-David Smaga; €16,000.

3--**Gold Sound (Fr)**, 126, c, 4, Green Tune--Born Gold, by Blushing Groom (Fr). O/B-Wertheimer & Frere;

T-Carlos Laffon-Parias; €12,000.

Margins: 5, 6, 5. Odds: 5.90, 1.30, 6.90.

Also Ran: Geordieland (Fr), Petit Colibri (Fr), Ianina (Ire). Scratched: Corre Caminos (Fr).

Kendor Dine spent his nine-race sophomore campaign exclusively in stakes company but only held the winning ticket for the Apr. 24 G3 Prix La Force at Longchamp. Returning off a last-out ninth in the Oct. 13 G3 Prix Andre Baboin at Lyon Parilly, the grey gelding added to his stakes portfolio with an impressive score in this. Dictating solid fractions from the outset, he kicked on in early stretch and coasted to the line in the closing stages for a pillar-to-post success. Trainer Yves de Nicolay nominated the Apr. 9 G2 Prix Harcourt at Longchamp as next stop for the winner, whereas runner-up Special Kaldoun remains on target for the G1 Dubai Duty Free at Nad Al Sheba Mar. 25.

Click for the [Racing Post chart](#).

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FINAL NEGATIVE TESTS FOR EHV-1 The final four horses being held in isolation in Maryland have tested negative for equine herpesvirus, allowing the Maryland Department of Agriculture to lift the "General Animal Hold Orders" on the detention barn at Pimlico and an isolated barn at Bowie. Those four horses are free to return to their original barns and resume normal activities. "These negative tests bring this EHV-1 outbreak to official closure in Maryland, as all hold orders have been lifted and there are no reported signs of the virus anywhere in the state," said State Veterinarian Guy Hohenhaus. "This is good news for all of Maryland's horse owners and related businesses. We thank all parties involved for their patience and diligence in stopping the spread of the virus. While this event is now over, we remind all horse owners that a robust vaccination program is important." The outbreak of the virus resulted in the euthanization of three horses at Pimlico and one at Laurel. Nearby states banned shippers from Maryland, and Laurel was forced to cancel its Grade II stakes on Presidents' Day weekend.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, THURSDAY, MARCH 9:
03-18 \$250,000 *San Felipe-II, SA, 3yo, 8.5f*
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LAST SONG RETIRED Buckram Oak Farm's graded-stakes winner **Last Song** (Unbridled's Song--Queen of Spirit, by Deputy Minister) has been retired from racing and sent to Hill 'n' Dale Farms in Kentucky. The five-year-old will be bred to A.P. Indy. A \$190,000 KEESEP yearling acquisition, the bay captured the GII Bonnie Miss S. as a three-year-old at Gulfstream before running third to Madcap Escapade and Ashado in the GI Ashland S. She added a victory in Belmont's Ajina S. this past October. Trained throughout her career by Carl Nafzger, Last Song heads to the breeding shed with a record of 17-5-2-2 and earnings of \$336,483.

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GPX-3rd (MSW) The well-bred **Prize Cat** (Storm Cat) wins on debut for the Todd Pletcher barn.
GPX-8th (ALW) **Seeinsbelieven** (Carson City), in her second start on the sod, rallies to victory.
SAX-4th (MSW) **Proxenia (GB)** (Pursuit of Love {GB}) looks good winning by open lengths.

Congratulations to the best customers in the world on THREE Grade 2 winners!

BROTHER DEREK, Winner of the **Santa Catalina S. (GII)** March 4 *(See video)*

O-Cecil Peacock; B-Mary Caldwell (CA); T-Dan Hendricks
Sold Keeneland September 2004 for \$150,000; Earnings now \$712,080
Consigned by Brookdale Sales, agent; Purchased by John Brocklebank

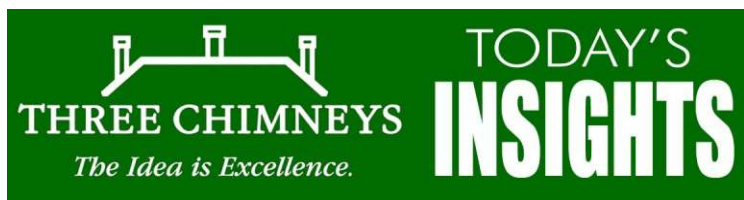
HARLINGTON, Winner of **Gulfstream Park H. (GII)** March 4 *(See video)*

O-Melnyk Racing Stables, Inc.; B-Lewis Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Todd Pletcher
Sold Keeneland September 2003 for \$2,800,000; Earnings now \$278,400
Consigned by Denali Stud, Craig Bendoroff, agent; Purchased by Eugene Melnyk

MIRACULOUS MISS, Winner of **Foward Gal S./Stonerside S. (GII)** March 5 *(See video)*

O-Puglisi Stables & Steve Klesaris; B-Dr Akijiro O'Hara (KY); T-Steve Klesaris
Keeneland September 2004 for \$65,000; Earnings now \$207,120
Consigned by Hartwell Farm, agent; Purchased by Ryston Stables





4:14 p.m. HRTV **8th-GPX, \$32K, MSW, 3yo, 1 1/16mT**
JADE QUEEN (Giant's Causeway) didn't turn any heads in her debut in a 6 1/2-furlong event on the dirt here Feb. 5. Off slowly, the chestnut never got into the mix and had to settle for seventh, but should not be disregarded this time given that she hails from the Todd Pletcher barn. With 43 victories at Gulfstream already to his credit, Pletcher packs an impress win rate of over 30 percent with second-time starters and over 25 percent of winners making their turf debut. Making her bow for trainer John Kimmel is **ROYAL IRISH LASS (Saint Ballado)**, out of multiple graded stakes winner and millionaire Irish Linnet. She has been training forwardly of late and gets Lasix for this one. brisnet.com pps

4:44 p.m. HRTV **9th-GPX, \$33K, ALW, 4yo/up, 6.5f**
WOODFORD GALE (Distorted Humor), a \$975,000 OBSAPR graduate, was an impressive 4 1/4-length winner in his debut Feb. 2 and his most recent work, a nifty :47 4/5 work at Palm Meadows Mar. 2, give reason to believe that he'll continue to improve for Team Darley. brisnet.com pps

5:16 p.m. HRTV **10th-GPX, \$32K, ALW, 3yo, 1 1/16mT**
JUDITH BASIN (Danzig) is likely to take her fair share of early money given that she is by Danzig, who gets 22-percent winners with first-time turfers, and out of Serengeti Day, winner of her own turf bow. Throw in her Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott and this filly fits the bill. brisnet.com pps

2:04 p.m. HRTV **3rd-SAX, \$46K, ALW, 4yo/up, 6.5fT**
TOLERANCE (Seeking the Gold) is making a late start to the racing game at four, but if she can produce the level of ability exhibited by her siblings, Juddmonte is sure to profit handsomely. Out of MGSW Toussaud, the bay is a half-sister to GISW Honest Lady (Seattle Slew) and Classic hero Empire Maker (Unbridled), and a 3/4-sibling to GISWs Chester House (Mr. Prospector) and Chiselling (Woodman) as well as MGSW Decarchy (Distant View) brisnet.com pps

ALL TIMES EASTERN

★ GULFSTREAM ★

Good Reward Returns:

Good Reward (Storm Cat), who breezed a half-mile in :47 4/5 Monday, will make his first start in over six months when he lines up in Saturday's 8 1/2-furlong Canadian Turf H. at Gulfstream Park. Winner of the GI Manhattan H. at Belmont last June, the son of champion Heavenly Prize finished sixth in his most recent start in the GII Hawthorne Gold Cup on the main track Sept. 24. "He's always been fine on the turf, but I wanted to try to do something with him on the dirt," said trainer Shug McGaughey, explaining the Phipps homebred's poor showing at Hawthorne. "He didn't like it [the main track at Hawthorne] much, but he's been doing well here all winter." McGaughey conceded that "a mile and a sixteenth in not his gig," but felt the bay needed a tightener before trying longer trips. Good Reward also captured the 10-furlong GI Hollywood Derby in 2004. "If he runs well [Saturday] we know we can look at something at Keeneland," said McGaughey, referring to the GII Makers Mark Mile Apr. 14, a race in which he finished third to Artie Schiller last year.

Yesterday's Results:

9th-GPX, \$35,000, Alw, NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:39 1/5, fm.
GO ROBIN (m, 5, Furiously--Parcae, by Woodman), off the board in a pair of grass events in New York this past fall, was an improved third when moved south to contest a Gulfstream allowance Jan. 29. The second choice at 5-2, the dark bay tracked in fourth and overhauled favored Aristocratic Lady (Kris S.) in deep stretch to notch the 1 1/2-length win. Lifetime Record: GSP, 12-3-3-2, \$134,365.
 O-Camelia Casby, Mark Hennig & Robby Radar.
 B-Hargus & Sandra Sexton (KY). T-Mark A Hennig.

ROAD TO THE CLASSICS

DATE	RACE	TRACK
Mar. 11	California Derby	Golden Gate
Mar. 18	GII San Felipe S.	Santa Anita
	GIII Gotham S.	Aqueduct
	GIII Rebel S.	Oaklawn
	GIII Tampa Bay Derby	Tampa Bay
Mar. 25	GII Lane's End S.	Turfway
	Rushaway S.	Turfway
	Private Terms S.	Laurel

BREEDERS' CUP STAKES CLOSINGS

CLOSES	TRACK	RACE	CONDITIONS	PURSE	RUNS
3/11	AQU	Distaff Breeders' Cup S. (GII)	3YO/UP, f/m, 6f	\$150,000	3/25
3/15	TP	Bourbonette Breeders' Cup (GIII)	3YO, f, 1m	\$150,000	3/25

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Gulfstream Report cont.

4th-GPX, \$35,000, Alw, NW2X, 4yo/up, 5fT, :54 4/5, fm.

TERRIFIC CHALLENGE (c, 4, [Royal Academy](#)--[Clever Empress {GB}](#), by [Crafty Prospector](#)) won the Bergen Co. S. at the Meadowlands Oct. 21, ran second by a neck in the Jan. 2 Lola Bella S. at Calder and most recently was a tired third sprinting vs. similar foes over course and distance Feb. 13. Sent off the well-supported 8-5 chalk here, the \$73,000 FTMMAY two-year-old chased the pace as Lox and Kippers (Kipper Kelly) blazed through a half in :43 1/5. The latter came out in the stretch and bumped Penn Pacific (Stormy Atlantic) into Terrific Challenge, who got up regardless to win by a neck. Stewards promoted third-place finisher Penn Pacific to second over the lugging-out Lox and Kippers. Lifetime Record: SW, 10-4-3-2, \$127,200. O/T-Stanley M Hough. B-Lantern Hill Farm LLC (KY).

8th-GPX, \$33,000, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:16 4/5, ft.

SEEINSBELIEVEN (f, 4, [Carson City](#)--[Coragil {SP}](#), by [Metfield](#)), sixth in her lone turf start in a Ellis Park handicap last July, was coming into this off a well-beaten third over Gulfstream's main track Jan. 25. Settled in mid-pack after steadying early, she kicked into gear as they straightened for home and was along in plenty of time to hand Kelly K's Pleasure (Kelly Kip) the two-length defeat. The victress, a half to Softly (Binalong), GSW, \$373,783, was a \$200,000 KEESEP yearling. Lifetime Record: 10-2-2-1, \$75,624. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) O-Miles A Stevens Jr. B-Jim Tafel, LLC (KY). T-Ian R Wilkes.

FOALING NEWS:

BEL'S STARLET, 19, Bel Bolide--Vigor's Star, by Vigors Foal born Jan. 26, a filly by Grand Slam. Will be bred back to Tale of the Cat. Owned by Thomas/Lakin/Kintz. Boarded at Burleson Farms LLC, Ky. Accomplishments: MSW & MGISP, \$863,802.

3rd-GPX, \$32,000, Msw, 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:16, ft.
 + **PRIZE CAT (c, 3, [Storm Cat](#)--[Plenty of Light {GISW}](#), \$510,420), by [Colony Light](#))** came armed with a series of smart works and was no secret as the public's 3-5 pick. The smartly bred Aaron and Marie Jones homebred was hustled up to contest the lead, drew away in tandem with Sinkwich (Trippi) in upper stretch and, showing good heart, shook loose of that foe late to win by two lengths. Sinkwich held for second. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,200. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) O/B-Aaron U & Marie D Jones (KY). T-Todd A Pletcher.

★ NEW YORK ★

Yesterday's Results:

8th-AQU, \$45,080, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:39 2/5, ft.

GOLDEN HARPOON (c, 4, [Golden Missile](#)--[Lake Music {SW}](#), by [Salt Lake](#)) began his career with three straight third-place finishes at Aqueduct last fall before breaking his maiden by 4 1/2 lengths in a 1 1/16-mile event Jan. 29. Making his third start beyond two turns here, he made every pole a winning one, staving off Hunter's Tale (Jade Hunter) to take this by a head at 2-1 odds. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-3, \$67,000. O-Stronach Stables. B-Adena Springs (FL). T-Todd A Pletcher.

7th-AQU, \$42,000, Msw, (S), 3yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:44 4/5, ft.

+ **COLORS OF ART (c, 3, [Carry My Colors](#)--[Cam's Art Model](#), by [Cam a Rhett](#))**, a 10-1 shot debuting sans Lasix, was away quickly and opened up a 2 1/2-length lead that he carried into the stretch. The recently returned Richard Migliore roused his mount as Raff and Tumble (Raffie's Majesty) came charging, and Colors of Art found enough to hold his rival at bay by 1 1/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$25,200. O-Fonzenia K Gladden. B-Clarence Fields Jr (NY). T-Kristina Dupps.

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New York Report cont.

NYTB States Position in NY Franchise Talks:

A day after the newly formed Empire Racing Association, Inc. (ERA), a coalition of Thoroughbred owners and breeders, announced its interest in the franchise to run the three major New York tracks, the New York Thoroughbred Breeders, Inc. (NYTB) released a statement outlining its position. The tracks--Aqueduct, Belmont and Saratoga--are currently operated by the embattled New York Racing Association (NYRA), whose franchise runs through Dec. 31, 2007. Bidding for the franchise is expected to begin this year. NYTB's statement read:

The NYTB is committed to legislative initiatives calculated to guaranteeing that New York Thoroughbred breeders, owners, and horsemen continue to have the necessary incentives and rewards that will insure the ongoing success of Thoroughbred racing in New York. The NYTB believes that the successful operation of the NYRA franchise is a matter of overarching importance to the entire Thoroughbred industry and that the NYTB has a vital role to play in the ongoing dialogue concerning the future of the NYRA franchise. The Board of Directors of the NYTB has not endorsed any prospective successor to the NYRA for the NYRA franchise and, at the present time, has no intention of aligning itself with any of the groups seeking the franchise. The NYTB recognizes that under existing legislation the NYRA will remain the franchisee until Dec. 31, 2007.

The ERA has the backing of, and is closely associated with, the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (NYTHA), which has an equity position in the venture. In related news, NYTB Executive Director Dennis Brida issued a statement yesterday to clarify that he was not an ERA board member and that he was "in full accord with the position of the Board of Directors of the NYTB."

★ EAST ★

Yesterday's Results:

7th-LRL, \$27,440, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, 5 1/2f, 1:04 3/5, ft.

STORMATIC (c, 3, **Stormy Atlantic**--Thunder Wonder, by **Tactical Advantage**), a \$17,000 KEENOV weanling and \$22,000 FTMOCT yearling, won by open lengths at Delaware his second career start last June, but was shelved for the remainder of the year after to off-the-board efforts. Returning as the crowd's 2-1 second choice, he rallied from fourth to prevail by 1 3/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$46,650.

O-Linda Gaudet & Morris Bailey. B-James Mawhinney Tim (FL). T-Edmond D Gaudet.

★ CENTRAL ★

KY Milkshake Testing Suspended Due to Lack of Vets:

The Kentucky Horse Racing Authority has suspended pre-race testing for milkshakes due to the dismissal of two veterinarians, according to *Associated Press*. That leaves only three veterinarians to run the tests instead of the five that are authorized. Jim Gallagher, the KRHA's executive director, indicated that testing could resume once one of the vacancies is filled. According to Gallagher, there have been no positive tests since the testing was implemented in 2005. Both Ellis Park and Churchill Downs began random pre-race testing for milkshakes last year. Turfway followed suit, but an outbreak of equine herpesvirus in December led to a halt in the testing, and the suspension continued once concerns over the disease abated.

Yesterday's Results:

6th-OPX, \$32,700, Msw, (S), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft. + STORMY DESTIN (f, 3, Storm and a Half--Destin's Chance, by American Chance) was disregarded at 10-1 in his debut, but left a crowded 12-horse field behind in a strong, wire-to-wire 5 1/4-length winning effort. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,620. O/B-Millsap Stables Inc (AR). T-Terry J Brennan.



Stakes/First-time Starters to Watch: Thursday, Mar. 9

Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2002 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

- APTITUDE** (A.P. Indy), Juddmonte, \$25K, 188/17/0 8-GP, Msw, 1 1/16mT, +Anxiety, \$75K EAS MAY 2yo
- BROKEN VOW** (Unbridled), Pin Oak, \$10K, 188/26/1 6-LRL, Msw, 1m, Silent Vow, \$75K EAS SEP yrl, 10-1
- MONARCHOS** (Maria's Mon), Claiborne, \$25K, 131/8/2 10-GP, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Queendom
- SMOLDERIN HEART** (Two Punch), Dead, \$2K, 37/4/0 2-OP, Msw, 6f, Blacktop

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN FRANCE:

- Oh So Awesome**, c, 3, **Awesome Again**--Identify (Ire) (SW-Ire, SP-Ata), by Persian Bold (Ire). Saint-Cloud, 3-8, Hcp, 3yo, 1 5/16mT. B-Highland Farms. *\$115,000 wnlg '03 KEENOV; \$90,000 yrl '04 KEESEP.
- Le Byzantin**, g, 5, **Dynaformer**--Venize (Ire) (GSW-Fr), by Kaldoun (Fr). Saint-Cloud, 3-8, Hcp, 4yo/up, 1 5/16mT. B-J Maeder.

IN ITALY:

Miles Gloriosus, c, 3, **Repriced**. See "Italy"



★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

Yesterday's Results:

7th-SAX, \$49,200, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, a6 1/2fT, 1:14 2/5, fm.

CHAMPAGNE DREAM (f, 4, [Siphon {Brz}](#)--**Bag Lady Jane {MSW & GSP, \$233,736}**, by **Devil's Bag**) had a few close calls before graduating at Del Mar Aug. 28. The Stronach homebred made just one start at Oak Tree, finishing fifth Oct. 20, and didn't race again until Dec. 30, when she finished third in a down-the-hill allowance. Fifth in a similar contest Jan. 22, the chestnut was beaten just a half-length when third over course and distance Feb. 11 and was the 9-5 second choice here. After a stalking trip, Champagne Dream took to the outside in the stretch and came flying to get the win. A half-length behind her was Great Opinions (Rahy), with pacesetter Sweet Fitz (Arg) (Alpino Fitz {Arg}) a head back in third. Lifetime Record: 11-2-2-3, \$98,734.

O-Stronach Stables. B-Adena Springs (KY). T-Robert J Frankel.

4th-SAX, \$49,600, Msw, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT, 1:49 3/5, fm.

PROXENIA (GB) (f, 3, **Pursuit of Love {GB}**--**Radiant {GB}**, by **Machiavellian**), a 1,700gns TATDEC weanling purchase, was the bridesmaid in five of eight outings in England last year for trainer Richard Hannon. In her stateside bow Jan. 6 going a mile over this surface, the chestnut came on for third to Harriet Lane, a subsequent stakes winner. She followed that with a head loss at a mile Feb. 10 and was the 5-2 second choice to go one better this time. Never too far from the front, the British-bred rallied three wide, hit the front in the stretch and, despite drifting in, came home three lengths clear of Decisive Blow (Impeachment). The winner hails from the family of leading British sire Pivotal (GB). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). Lifetime Record: 11-1-6-2, \$68,399.

O-Harlequin Ranches. B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB). T-Patrick Gallagher.

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the 7th Race, \$59,000 Allowance, at Santa Anita. For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).



Get another look at Rising Stars like **BERNARDINI** (A.P. Indy). Catch up [here](#).

Sweet Belle Heads to Santa Anita Oaks:

Sweet Belle (Deputy Commander), a 3 1/2-length winner in her 2006 debut in a mile allowance at Santa Anita Feb. 9, will make her next start in Sunday's GI Santa Anita Oaks. "I know she's moving in the right direction," said Corey Nakatani, who partnered the filly in her latest start. "She won very impressively and I think she has a very good chance." The chestnut, who has now won two of three starts, is likely to face GISWs **Balance** (Thunder Gulch) and **Wild Fit** (Wild Wonder).

EQUIX APPOINTMENTS...

- Randy Thayer joins Equix as an Equine Analyst. A mathematics major at Colorado, Thayer has served as a farm manager and also assisted Lane's End during sales.
- Kristi Fly is also a new Equine Analyst. Since graduating with a degree in Animal Science/Pre Vet from Oregon State, she has been a trainer, exercise rider, groom and veterinary assistant and is also certified in equine massage.
- Cornell graduate Bill Hickey is the third new Equine Analyst. He previously worked as an assistant to trainer George Weaver and also gained experience in Todd Pletcher's operation.
- Steve Smith has been named EQUIX's Director of System Operations. The Navy veteran will be responsible for all administrative, equine and online systems, and has experience in digital video recording and remote security monitoring systems.

★ ON THE WORKTAB ★

AQUEDUCT

Achilles of Troy (Notebook), 5f, •1:02.87, 1/3

GULFSTREAM PARK

Master of Disaster (Dance Master), 4f, :47.00, 2/25

Swap Fliparoo (Exchange Rate), 4f, :49.40, 18/25

Aristocrat (Awesome Again), 5f, 1:00.80, 10/16

Saint Daimon (Saint Ballado), 5f, 1:03.80, 16/16

HOLLYWOOD PARK

Mass Media (Touch Gold), 4f, :49.00, 9/13

OAKLAWN PARK

Maggie Slew (Seattle Slew), 5f, 1:00.00, 2/41

PALM MEADOWS

Artie Schiller (El Prado {Ire}), 6f, •1:14.60, 1/2

PAYSON PARK

Survivalist (Danzig), 3f, :38.00, 3/7

Balletto (UAE) (Timber Country), 1:04.60, 4/4



★ EUROPE ★

★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday's Results:

Saint-Cloud, 2.35, Cond, €33,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/4mT, 2:17.90, hy.

ALIX ROAD (FR) (f, 3, Linamix {Fr}--Life On the Road {Ire}, by Persian Heights {GB}) was let go at 24-5 returning from an eighth in the Oct. 18 G3 Prix des Reservoirs at Deauville and a second at Fontainebleau Nov. 10. Ridden with patience here, the half-sister to Fils de Viane (Fr) (Kadounor {Fr}), SW & GSP-Fr, came under pressure to challenge inside the final quarter and proved best in a driving finish to deny Pearl Sky (Fr) (Kahyasi {Ire}) by a neck. She was an €80,000 DEAAUG yearling purchase. Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 1 win, 2 places, €27,350.

O-Mme Guy de Chatelperron; B-Francois Bayrou; T-Myriam Bollack-Badel.

Saint-Cloud, 2.05, Cond, €33,000, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/4mT, 2:15.80, hy.

+ GENTLEWAVE (IRE) (c, 3, Monsun {Ger}--Saumareine {Fr}, by Saumarez {GB}), the 23-5 second choice, made a sluggish start, but recovered to smother his rivals once into the home straight and was pushed out in the latter stages to best Low Budget (Fr) (Kaldounevees {Fr}) by an easy three lengths. He was a €55,000 DEAAUG yearling purchase. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €16,500.

O-Bob Lalemant; B-Haras de la Perelle; T-Andre Fabre.

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★ ITALY ★

Tuesday Night's Results:

Rome, 3.00, Cond, €22,500, 3yo, 1 1/8mT, 1:53.30, gd.

MILES GLORIOSUS (c, 3, Repriced--Treasure Coast, by Foolish Pleasure) won last season's Listed Premio Campobello and returned with a victory at Naples Feb. 27. Positioned in a stalking second into the straight here, the 9-20 pick swamped Power On Demand (GB) (Nashwan) approaching the final furlong and comfortably held that rallying rival by 3/4 lengths. The winner, a half to No. One Gem (Geiger Counter), MSP, \$170,018, was a \$12,500 FTKOCT yearling purchase. Lifetime Record: SW-Ity, 9 starts, 4 wins, 4 places, €49,496.

O-Scuderia Razza Dell'Olmo SRL; B-Justice Farm, Greg & Steve Justice; T-Riccardo Menichetti.

MIDDLE EAST ★

★ DUBAI ★

Thursday, Nad Al Sheba, Dubai, post time: 9:35 p.m.
AL TAYER GROUP UAE OAKS-Listed, \$250,000, 3yo, f, 1800m

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	8	Imperial Ice (SAf)	Western Winter	Brown	130
2	5	Kalaforte (SAf)	Fort Wood	Brown	130
3	4	Nawassi (Chi)	Columbus Day	Al Darmaki	130
4	7	Princess Woodman (Brz)	Roi Normand	Morgado	130
5	1	Quality Special (Brz)	Burooj (GB)	Morgado	130
6	10	Rock Opera (SAf)	Lecture	Laird	130
7	9	Donna Dubai (Ire)	Docksider	Bouresly	121
8	3	Dont Dili Dali (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Moore	121
9	2	Give Me the Night (Ire)	Night Shift	Watson	121
10	6	Zeina of Arabia (GB)	Capote	Watson	121

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UAE Oaks preview cont.

Imperial Ice looks to benefit from the absence of Vauge in this featured event on the final Carnival program ahead of World Cup night. Hailing from the inform barn of South African Herman Brown, the chestnut filly seems to have adapted nicely to dirt racing, as evidenced by her runner-up finish to Vague in the Listed UAE 1000 Guineas Feb. 16. **Rock Opera** was third in a Jan. 19 handicap on the turf and filled the same spot in the 1000 Guineas. She was last of 11 in a handicap back on the grass Feb. 23 and should improve with a return to the dirt.



NO SERIES, NO PROBLEM FOR QE II CUP Despite the abolition of the World Racing Series, the G1 Audemars Piguet Queen Elizabeth II Cup has attracted 90 nominations at the first closing stage, including 22 Group or Grade I winners from 14 racing jurisdictions. The top-ranked horse among the early nominees is **David Junior** (Pleasant Tap), who upset the G1 Champion S. at Newmarket last October. **Pride (Fr)** (Peintre Celebre) and **Maraahel (Ire)** (Alzao), second and third in that event before filling the same positions in the G1 Hong Kong Cup in December, are also possible, as is **Touch of Land (Fr)** (Lando {Ger}), recent winner of the G2 Jebel Hatta in Dubai and fourth in the Hong Kong Cup. Two previous winners from the International Races are also among the early nominees. **Ouija Board (GB)** (Cape Cross {Ire}), victorious in last year's G1 Hong Kong Vase, and **Alexander Goldrun (Ire)** (Gold Away {Ire}), successful in the 2004 Hong Kong Cup, could pay a return visit to Sha Tin. Ouija Board is eligible for a bonus of HK\$1 million should she tack on a win in the QE II Cup. **Greys Inn** (Zabeel {NZ}) joins **Irridescence (SAf)** (Caesour) and **Tyson (SAf)** (Silvino) as entrants from the South African stable of Mike de Kock. American-based horses comprise seven entries, including Grade I winners **Shakespeare** (Theatrical {Ire}), **Einstein (Brz)** (Spend a Buck), **Relaxed Gesture (Ire)** (Indian Ridge {Ire}) and **Host (Chi)** (Hussonet). The QE II Cup, run over 2000 meters Apr. 23, carries purse money of HK\$14 million (\$1.8 million).

**BREEDERS' EDITION
AMERICA**

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-HAW, \$42,160, 3-7, Opt. Clm. (\$35-\$30,000), NW3X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft.

PROVEN CAT (m, 5, Peruvian--Pretentious Cat, by The Flips Comin) Lifetime Record: 23-7-9-0, \$161,090. O-James B Cristel. B-Karen A Narta (IL). T-Mark J Cristel. *\$3,500 yrl '02 FTKOCT.

11th-SUN, \$34,600, 3-7, Opt. Clm. (\$30,000), NW26MX, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:37, ft.

HOMEMAKER (m, 5, Afternoon Deelites--Open House, by Deputy Minister) Lifetime Record: SW, 19-6-5-5, \$212,155. O-William L Clifton Jr. B-Brereton C Jones (KY). T-William F Leach. *\$32,000 yrl '02 KEESEP.

8th-LRL, \$30,000, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000-\$20,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:52 1/5, ft.

TERRIFIC TOM (g, 4, Southern Halo--Poppy's Passion, by Miswaki) Lifetime Record: 8-3-3-0, \$66,120. O/B-Carol F Horning-Woerhle (MD). T-Lawrence E Horning Jr. *1/2 to Captain Chessie (Summer Squall), SW, \$222,915.

9th-HAW, \$29,000, 3-7, NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:44 3/5, ft.

FROST ALERT (c, 4, Alaskan Frost--Classic Artist, by Arts and Letters) Lifetime Record: 21-3-8-4, \$103,910. O-Wimp Free Racing Stables. B-Barbara J Burton & Robin Brown (IL). T-W Calhoun.

8th-MNR, \$27,800, 3-7, NW2L, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:06 1/5, ft.

MARCH DANCER (c, 4, Storm Boot--Fit n' Pretty, by Fit to Fight) Lifetime Record: SW, 6-2-1-1, \$50,073. O-Hiltop Farm. B-Catherine E & William R Sheppell (OH). T-William R Connelly. *\$47,000 yrl '03 KEESEP.

10th-SUN, \$24,300, 3-7, NW2L, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:15 2/5, ft.

DUCKY DRAKE (c, 4, Benchmark--Alice May, by Pleasant Colony) Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-1, \$25,402. O/B-Ralph & Aury Todd (CA). T-Bart G Hone.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Sans Serif, c, 3, Marquetry--All Grace, by Alleged. SUN, 3-7, 1m, 1:39 3/5. B-Barbara K Lantaff (Ca). *\$2,000 2yo 2005 BESJAN.

Joel's Touch, g, 3, Regal American--Gleaming Valay, by Ameri Valay. LRL, 3-8, (C), 7f, 1:24 4/5. B-Julie Bassford Bryant (Md).

Karakorum Thunder, c, 3, Storm Creek--Lake Veronica (SP), by Salt Lake. AQU, 3-8, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05 4/5. B-Dr Jerry Bilinski & Martin Zaretsky (NY). *\$7,000 yrl '04 FTNAUG.

Secret Looker, c, 4, He's a Looker--Fiery Secret, by Strike Gold. SUN, 3-7, (S), 6f, 1:11 3/5. B-Charlene Alexander Marr (NM).

Beauty On Deck, f, 4, Polish Navy--Delaroy Beauty (Aus), by Red Anchor. AQU, 3-8, (S), 1 1/16m, 1:48 3/5. B-William Southard (NY). *\$53,000 2yo '04 OBSAPR.

+ Saalb, c, 4, Unbridled--Majestic Legend (SW, \$200,853), by His Majesty. AQU, 3-8, (C), 6f, 1:11 1/5. B-ClassicStar LLC (Ky). *\$300,000 yrl '03 KEESEP. **1/2 to Binalegend (Binalong), MSW, \$288,245.