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'STAR' MAY SHOOT FOR SOMETHING ELSE

With rain in the forecast in the Arcadia, California area, today's GI Santa Margarita Invitational H. at Santa Anita may lose one of its big guns in GI Santa Maria H. victress **Star Parade (Arg)** (Parade Marshal). The seven-year-old is winless in two attempts over the off going



Seafree *Benoit photo*

and that may be enough for trainer Darrell Vienna to sit this one out if the rains come. "She doesn't run [over an off track]," Vienna told *Daily Racing Form*. "She works well over it, but doesn't run on it. If it's fast, I think she'll be hard to beat." Up-and-coming fillies **Seafree** (Chief Seattle) and **Play Ballado** (Saint

Ballado) appear ready to tackle the big girls, as both make their Grade I debuts here. Seafree, never off the board in seven attempts, has gone two-for-two since relocating to Southern California. She notched a Santa Anita \$62,500 optional claimer by a nose Jan. 5, then dueled her way clear to a 1 3/4-length tally over Play Ballado, while making her two-turn debut in the Feb. 12 La Canada S. last time. Play Ballado cruised to a 7 1/2-length victory in the Miss Oceana S. in her sophomore finale at the Big A Nov. 2 and made a respectable Santa Anita debut, finishing second behind **Proposed** (Benchmark) in the GII El Encino S. Jan. 15. The John Oxley colorbear appears to have bounced out of her runner-up effort in the La Canada in fine form, posting a :59 3/5 five-furlong move at Santa Anita Mar. 5.

Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 4:11 p.m. PST
SANTA MARGARITA H.-GI, \$300,000, 4yo/up, f/m,
1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Dream of Summer	Siberian Summer	Garcia	4-1
2	Seafree	Chief Seattle	Frankel	6-1
3	Healthy Addiction	Boston Harbor	Sadler	5-1
4	Santa Candida (Arg)	Espaciado (Arg)	Avila	30-1
5	Star Parade (Arg)	Parade Marshal	Vienna	3-1
6	Play Ballado	Saint Ballado	Ward	10-1
7	Hollywood Story	Wild Rush	Shirreffs	8-1
8	Bending Strings	American Chance	W Dollase	12-1
9	Proposed	Benchmark	Shirreffs	9-2
10	Awesome Lady	Bianconi	G Stute	30-1

Bending Strings Ready to Fire Fresh...

While the rain may scare away Star Parade, it may be just exactly what **Bending Strings** (American Chance)



Bending Strings
Adam Coglianese photo

needs to get the nine-furlong distance here. The dark bay is winless in four attempts at this trip, but owns two wins and two seconds from five chances over the wet going. Bending Strings was moved to conditioner Wally Dollase's shedrow after finishing second in the GII Molly Pitcher Breeders' Cup H. July 9 and the GI Go For Wand H. July 31 for trainer Kieran McLaughlin. She was fourth in her first two attempts for Dollase, including the GI Spinster S. Oct. 9, then posted a breakout performance when annexing the GII Chilukki S. at Churchill Nov. 6. The five-year-old has been freshened after finishing a dismal ninth in the GII Fall City H. Nov. 24. She appears ready for her seasonal debut though, drilling a best-of-29 six-furlong bullet in 1:11 2/5 over the Arcadia main oval Feb. 24.

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Saturday, Oaklawn Park, post time: 5:15 p.m. CST
AZERI BREEDERS' CUP S.-GIII, \$175,000, 4yo/up, f/m,
 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	Round Pond	Awesome Again	Servis	113
2	Happy Ticket	Anet	Leggio Jr	119
3	La Reason	Labeeb (GB)	Vance	117
4	Daddy's Petunia	Run Softly	Barnett	113
5	Took Out	Barkerville	Scarberry	113
6	Platinum Ballet	Skip Away	D K Von Hemel	115

Round Pond, became one of the top sophomore fillies last season after defeating Smuggler in the June 4 GI Acorn S., but was forced to the sidelines after finishing



Round Pond
 Jeff Coady photo

second in the July 16 Delaware Oaks. The Fox Hill Farms colorbearer returned to the races in impressive fashion, notching a six-furlong optional claimer at Oaklawn Feb. 16. "I'm excited about this race," trainer John Servis said. "But you have to realize this is only the second

start back for Round Pond and she has a ways to go to be at her best. Our main goal is the [GI] Apple Blossom H. [Apr. 8]." **Happy Ticket**, winner of last year's GI Ballerina S. at Saratoga, suffered her worst career defeat when 11th in the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff Oct. 29. The Louisiana-bred emerged from that start with an entrapped epiglottis and got back on track in her seasonal bow at Evangeline Downs, rolling home to a 5 1/2-length tally in the Louisiana Premier Night Distaff S. Feb. 18.

Saturday, Aqueduct, post time: 4:21 p.m. EST
TOBOGGAN H.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	Kazoo	Tabasco Cat	Dutrow	114
2	Bishop Court Hill	Holy Bull	Pletcher	117
3	Primary Suspect	Hennessy	Hennig	115
4	Banjo Picker	Swear by Dixie	Krebs	116
5	High Blitz	Lucky Lionel	Nixon	114
6	Wild Jam	Forest Wildcat	Perkins Jr	115

Saturday, Flemington, Australia, post time: 4:00 p.m.
CADBURY AUSTRALIA GUINEAS-G1, A\$750,000, 3yo,
 1600m

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	2	God's Own (Aus)	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Cummings
2	1	Darci Brahma (NZ)	Danehill	Walker
3	4	Red Dazzler (Aus)	Red Ransom	Price
4	8	Apache Cat (Aus)	Lion Cavern	Eurell
5	5	Langarza (Aus)	Langfuhr	Little
6	6	Zigotto (Aus)	Dolphin Street (Fr)	Barnes
7	9	Thin and Crispy (Aus)	Brief Truce	Moody
8	7	Colonel Parker (Aus)	Singspiel (Ire)	Ryan
9	3	Spielmeister (Aus)	Singspiel (Ire)	Hayes

All carry 123 pounds.

God's Own took the G1 Caulfield Guineas last Oct. 8, but was rested off an eighth to Makybe Diva (GB) in the G1 Cox Plate two weeks later. A first-up second to today's G1 Newmarket H. favorite Takeover Target (Aus) in the G1 Lightning S. Feb. 4, he was beaten a length by **Apache Cat** in the G3 Schweppes Cup Feb. 25, but was not suited by the heavy going that afternoon. **Darci Brahma**, a winner of eight of his 11 career starts, makes the trip over after capturing the G1 Otaki-Maori S. in his native land Feb. 25. **Red Dazzler** returns to his peers after finishing second to Fields of Omagh (Aus) in last weekend's G1 Futurity S.

Sunday, Santa Anita

SANTA ANITA OAKS-GI, \$300,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
1	Quiet Kim	Real Quiet	Valenzuela
2	Cheerily	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Farina
3	Horse B With You	Slewdledo	Court
4	Diplomat Lady	Forestry	Baze
5	Sweet Belle	Deputy Commander	Nakatani
6	Karlee's Kitten	Pioneering	Pedroza
7	Balance	Thunder Gulch	Espinoza
8	I Can See	Flying Chevron	John
9	Wild Fit	Wild Wonder	Solis

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Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 4:53 p.m. EST
CANADIAN TURF H., \$100,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	Gulch Approval	Gulch	Abreu	116
2	English Channel	Smart Strike	Pletcher	119
3	Flirt With Fortune	Touch Gold	Chapman	112
4	Everything to Gain	Sky Classic	Romans	114
5	Good Reward	Storm Cat	McGaughey	118
6	Muqbil	Swain (Ire)	McLaughlin	115
7	Silver Tree	Hennessy	Mott	117
8	Miesque's Approval	Miesque's Son	Ma Wolfson	116
9	Big Booster	Accelerator	Kimmel	114

Yesterday's Results:

8th-AQU, \$47,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$35,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09 4/5, ft.

RATHOR (IRE) (c, 4, Machiavellian--Raisonnable {GB} {SW & MGSP-Fr}, by Common Grounds {GB}), a half-brother to Sensible (Fr) (Sadler's Wells), SW & G1SP-Fr, \$132,202, paired up open-lengths wins at Pontefract July 5 and Nottingham July 23 under the guidance of Henry Cecil. The Niarchos homebred subsequently ran sixth in the G3 Sovereign S. Aug. 11 before concluding his British campaign with a fifth in a handicap at York Oct. 7. Training smartly ahead of his U.S. bow, he went postward as the 5-2 favorite. The dark bay secured a ground-saving trip in fourth, angled out in the stretch and drove past Introspect (In Case) for a 1 3/4-length success. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 8-3-3-0, \$57,303. O-Flaxman Holdings Ltd. B-The Niarchos Family (IRE). T-Robert J Frankel.

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Hip #	Sex	Sire	Distance	Time
28	f	Songandaprayer	1/8m	:10
37	f	Cherokee Run	1/8m	:10
101	c	Salt Lake	1/4m	:21 1/5
129	f	Rizzi	1/4m	:21 1/5
174	c	Trippi	1/4m	:21 1/5

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Aqu, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (100)

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3rd-SA (ALW) Lady Pegasus (Fusaichi Pegasus) leads home a Frankel one-two in a thrilling finish.

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3rd-AQU, \$44,100, Alw, NW2L, 4yo/up, 5.5f, 1:04 1/5, ft. MR. SHEA (g, 4, Metfield--Ashlyn's Devil, by Diablo) graduated for a \$35,000 tag going two turns Jan. 5 and came back to be fourth at the same distance Jan. 13. He lost the lead late when third over six panels on this track Feb. 18. Let go at 8-1 here, the bay raced in second before surging to the front late for a 1 1/4-length tally over Heretic (Holy Bull). He was a \$13,000 OBSJAN yearling and a \$35,000 OBSAPR two-year-old. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$45,350. O-Peter J Callahan. B-Lynn L Levatino (FL). T-Scott Everett.

4th-AQU, \$43,000, Msw, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft. + SMART CROWD (f, 4, Crowd Pleaser--Ten's Testamony, by Deputed Testamony), a half-sister to Duckhorn (Not for Love), MGSW, \$744,392, was ignored by the bettors here as a 32-1 shot. The Maryland-bred grey went up to set the pace while shadowed by Votecatcher (Indian Charlie), shrugged off that filly in the lane and opened up to defeat her by 3 3/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$25,800. O-James F Lewis. B-Lewisfield Farm (MD). T-Lisa L Lewis.

NYRA Board Adds Three:

The New York Racing Association has announced the addition of Leonard Riggio, Dennis Dammerman and NYRA President and CEO Charles Hayward to its Board of Trustees. "This is an incredibly talented, dedicated and accomplished group of trustees and the New York racing community should be proud and grateful that these extraordinary individuals will be working on their behalf," commented C. Steven Duncker, chairman of the Board of Trustees. Riggio, the chairman of Barnes and Noble, Inc., is a relative newcomer to the industry, having sent out Noble Causeway in last year's Kentucky Derby. "I am absolutely delighted to be joining the Board of NYRA and to help in any way I can to ensure a bright future for racing in New York State," Riggio commented. Dammerman, a resident of Saratoga Springs, is a former executive with General Electric, while Hayward, formerly the president and CEO of the *Daily Racing Form*, joined NYRA in 2004 as its president and CEO. He is a previous Board member, having served from 1995 to 1999.

TODAY'S INSIGHTS

3:55p HRTV 7th-GPX, \$32K, Msw, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m EDEN'S CAUSEWAY (Giant's Causeway), a 1/2 to a trio of top turf horses--champ Paradise Creek and GISWs Wild Event and Forbidden Apple--finished strongly in her 1-26 bow to finish 2nd by 3/4 of a length. The Appleton homebred adds Lasix here. Breaking to her right is **Prism (Albert the Great)**, the 1/2 to MGSW Sir Shackleton who missed by a nose in her turf debut 2-16. brisnet.com pps

4:24p HRTV 8th-GPX, \$33K, Alw, 3yo, 1m CHATAIN (Forest Wildcat) won in eye-catching fashion at first asking 2-11 over track and trip. The \$250K FTSAUG yrl meets a host of colts with something to prove. **Flanders Fields (A.P. Indy)**, a 3/4 to champ Surfside, adds blinkers for his first start since finishing a distant 4th in the What a Pleasure S. 12-3. **Throng (Silver Deputy)** aired by 6 1/4 at this distance 1-11 before running 6th to Corinthian in a 9f ALW 2-2. Also in the field are impressive MSW winners **Showing Up (Strategic Mission)** and **Shone (Menifee)**. brisnet.com pps

5:22p HRTV 10th-GPX, \$32K, Msw, 3yo, 7f MANOR LODGE (Dixieland Band) makes his debut for Todd Pletcher. A son of GISW Marley Vale, the Melnyk homebred is a 1/2 to MGSW Indian Vale. Another firster here is **Bridled Quest (Unbridled's Song)**, a 1/2 to GISW Heritage of Gold. brisnet.com pps

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★ EAST ★

Yesterday's Results:

4th-LRL, \$26,000, Msw, 3yo, 6f, 1:12, ft.
 + **DENOUNCE** (c, 3, [Honour and Glory](#)--Home Safely, by Horatius) debuted at 6-1 shipping in from his Tapeta Farm base. Never too far from the front, the bay finished up willingly to best Bold Print (Souvenir Copy) by 3/4 of a length. A \$40,000 FTMOCT yearling, he was produced by a 3/4-sister to sprint champion Safely Kept. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$14,820. O-Umbrella Sky. B-Doyle D Williams (KY). T-Michael W Dickinson.

★ CENTRAL ★

Year-Round Training to Begin at Turfway:

Turfway Park in Florence, Kentucky, which installed a Polytrack surface in August 2005, will keep its stable area and track open for training during its off seasons, it was announced yesterday. "Making our facility available to area horsemen throughout the summer is another important benefit of our Polytrack installation," said Robert Elliston, Turfway Park president. "Not having to remove the surface between race meets allows us to provide horsemen a consistent, safe training surface year round."

10th-OPX, \$35,700, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$35,000), NW2\$X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft.
CHARGING INDIAN (c, 4, [Indian Charlie](#)--Charging Water, by Marquetry) won at first asking over the Fair Grounds turf Mar. 19, then added a Keeneland allowance last out Apr. 15. Returning from the lengthy layoff here, the 4-5 chalk mixed it up with 30-1 Final Draft (Stauder) through :22 and :45 1/5 fractions and fought his way past that one to score by 1 1/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$73,791. O-Hargus S Sexton. B-Hargus & Sandra Sexton (KY). T-Walter M Bindner Jr.

★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

Yesterday's Results:

3rd-SAX, \$60,462, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:44 3/5, ft.
LADY PEGASUS (f, 4, [Fusaichi Pegasus](#)--Nastique {MGISW, \$843,121}, by Naskra), third in Belmont's Colonial Minstrel S. Sept. 29, missed by 3/4 of a length in a Churchill allowance Nov. 17 before finishing the year with a second going a mile over this surface Dec. 31. The 5-2 third choice set a pressured pace and, after being collared in the stretch and losing the lead, fought back to deny stablemate Notre Dame (Brz) (Royal Academy) by a neck. The Stonerside homebred is a half-sister to Thunder Kitten (Storm Cat), GSW, \$253,138; and Nobo True (Broad Brush), MSW-Jpn, \$5,173,677. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). Lifetime Record: SP, 10-3-3-1, \$142,130. O/B-Stonerside Stable (KY). T-Robert J Frankel.



Lady Pegasus as a foal [stonerside.com](#)

★ WEST ★

Saturday, Golden Gate, post time: 4:15 p.m. PST
CALIFORNIA DERBY, \$100,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	Sinister Minister	Old Trieste	Baffert
2	Sky Diving	Aptitude	Baffert
3	Passive Income	High Yield	Hollendorfer
4	Racketeer	Awesome Again	Frankel
5	Cause to Believe	Maria's Mon	Hollendorfer
6	Pop Icon	Two Punch	Edwards
7	The Five J's	Lost Soldier	Knapp

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

- ALBERT THE GREAT** (Go for Gin), Three Chimneys, \$10K, 125/19/0
7-GP, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Prism
- 8-PHA, Alw, 1m, Great Bridge, \$60K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1
- 10-GP, Msw, 7f, +Always Albert, 12-1
- APTITUDE** (A.P. Indy), Juddmonte, \$25K, 188/17/0
8-GG, Stk, 1 1/16m, Sky Diving, \$310K OBS MAR 2yo
- BLACK MINNALOUSHE** (Storm Cat), Ashford, \$15K, 167/24/1
2-TP, Msw, 5 1/2f, Get It Straight, \$27K KEE SEP yrl
- 9-OP, Msw, 6f, +Wheel Man, \$6K KEE JAN yrl
- BROKEN VOW** (Unbridled), Pin Oak, \$10K, 188/26/1
9-HAW, Msw, 1m, Well Timed, \$35K FTK JUL yrl, 9-2
- 7-GG, Stk, 1 1/16mT, Broken Tears, \$18K FTK OCT yrl
- 7-GG, Stk, 1 1/16mT, Loosends, \$72K EAS SEP yrl
- CLASH BY NIGHT** (Conquistador Cielo), Pensioned, \$2K, 45/4/0
3-AQU, Aoc, 6f, D. D. Night Star, \$3K EAS DEC yrl
- DELAWARE TOWNSHIP** (Notebook), Padua, \$7K, 84/16/2
9-PHA, Alw, 6f, Dela Doll, 6-1
- 9-PHA, Alw, 6f, Moonlight Mimosa, \$15K OBS APR 2yo, 12-1
- ECTON PARK** (Forty Niner), Wintergreen, \$15K, 119/14/2
8-GP, Alw, 1m, Big Lover
- EXCHANGE RATE** (Danzig), Padua, \$10K, 85/15/1
9-HAW, Msw, 1m, Dytryn, \$23K OBS JUN 2yo, 6-1
- FANTASTIC LIGHT** (Rahy), Darley, \$43K, 202/18/3
7-GG, Stk, 1 1/16mT, Peace and Love (Ire), \$57K TAT AUT 2yo
- FIVE STAR DAY** (Carson City), Wintergreen, \$10K, 126/17/3
7-SA, Msw, 7f, Judgment Day, \$70K FTK JUL yrl
- 3-EVD, Msw, 1m, Star of Autumn, 6-1
- FOREST CAMP** (Deputy Minister), Airdrie, \$10K, 167/19/2
7-TP, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Chacana, \$57K KEE SEP yrl
- LUFTIKUS** (Meadowlake), Taylor Mtn, \$3K, 78/11/2
1-CT, Msw, 7f, I'm a Little Kus, 8-5
- 1-CT, Msw, 7f, Summer Times Here, 8-1
- MINARDI** (Boundary), Walmac, \$13K, 68/8/0
9-OP, Msw, 6f, Iftheshoefits
- POINT GIVEN** (Thunder Gulch), Three Chimneys, \$125K, 151/8/0
4-AQU, Msw, 1 1/16m, Taken Not Given
- 7-TP, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Biblical Point, \$125K KEE NOV wnl
- SONGANDAPRAYER** (Unbridled's Song), Walmac, \$10K, 109/24/3
2-SA, Stk, 1mT, Golden Silk, \$100K BAR MAR 2yo
- STRATEGIC MISSION** (Mr. Prospector), Liberty Stud, \$8K, 19/2/0
8-GP, Alw, 1m, Showing Up, \$60K EAS MAY 2yo
- TIZNOW** (Cee's Tizzy), WinStar, \$30K, 190/13/1
11-OP, Aoc, 1 1/16m, So Busted, \$55K KEE SEP yrl
- TRIPPI** (End Sweep), Ocala, \$8K, 143/23/0
10-GP, Msw, 7f, Trippi's Storm, 5-2
- WEEKEND CRUISE** (A.P. Indy), Ups & Downs, \$2K, 60/5/0
7-SA, Msw, 7f, Indy Weekend, \$82K BAR MAR 2yo

★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday's Results:

Fontainebleau, 2.20, Cond, €29,000, 4yo/up,
1 7/8mT, 3:30.00, hy.

LIQUIDO (GER) (h, 7, Lomitas {GB}--Lolli Pop {Ger}, by Cagliostro {Ger}), fifth at Saint-Cloud last time Nov. 22, led early in this seasonal return. Settled second from halfway, the 19-10 favorite was ridden along with 500 meters remaining and came under the maximum drive to oust Petite Speciale (Atticus) by a nose in the bobber. The winner was a DM45,000 BBASEP yearling purchase. Lifetime Record: Hwt. Older Horse-Ger & Ity at 14f+, GSW-Ger, MSW-Ity, MSP-Fr, 33 starts, 9 wins, 15 places, €282,030.

O-Georg Engel; B-Gestut Evershorst; T-Horst Steinmetz.

Fontainebleau, 2.20, Mdn, €19,000, unraced 3yo, c/g,
1 1/8mT, 2:01.00, hy.

+ DOUBNOV (FR) (c, 3, Linamix {Fr}--Karmitycia {Fr}, by Last Tycoon {Ire}), an 11-2 chance, was settled under cover in sixth until making continued progress into third at the top of the stretch. Ridden along to close at the eighth pole, the €25,000 DEADEC weanling and €80,000 DEEAUG yearling swooped nearing the line to deny Best Timing (Fr) (King's Best) by 1 1/2 lengths. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €9,500.

O-Daniel-Yves Treves; B-D Vallery-Masson & SNC Lagardere Elevage; T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

Fontainebleau, 2.50, Mdn, €19,000, unraced 3yo, f,
1 1/8mT, 2:04.00, hy.

+ ARDIES (GB) (f, 3, Rainbow Quest--Priena {Ire} {MSP-Eng}, by Priolo) stalked the leaders during the opening exchanges and moved up to fourth before halfway. Asked for her bid inside the final quarter, the 19-5 second choice was ridden out to assert by a neck from Namdhur (Fr) (Villez). Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €9,500.

O-Mme Africa Cuadra-Lores; B-Almagro de Actividades Comercii; T-Carlos Laffon-Parias.

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BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

CHOCTAW NATION TO TRY WORLD CUP

Choctaw Nation (Louis Quatorze), who upset Pleasantly Perfect in the 2004 GII San Diego H., will start next in the Mar. 25 G1 Dubai World Cup and not the G2



Choctaw Nation
Sherackatthetrack photo

Godolphin Mile as originally planned. The six-year-old was purchased privately by Sheikh Rashid bin Mohammed al Maktoum following his seventh-place finish in the Jan. 1 GII San Gabriel H. "I think the way the race was shaping up, he wanted to take a chance," Mullins said of Choctaw Nation, who finished third in the 2005 World Cup. "And I can't argue with the man...The horse has got plenty of class and if we get second or third, it will be better than winning the mile." The conditioner added that Choctaw Nation may return to California following his trip to the desert. He was last seen taking a Santa Anita allowance by four lengths Feb. 10.

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PEARL GETS DUTY FREE GREEN LIGHT Hong Kong will be represented by two horses in the \$5-million G1 Dubai Duty Free S. Mar. 25 after the connections of **Russian Pearl (NZ)** (Soviet Star) accepted an invitation from the Dubai Racing Club. The recent Stewards' Cup winner's participation had been in doubt as late as last weekend, when it appeared that several higher-rated horses would keep him at home. But some crucial defections, including that of America's Badge of Silver, opened the door. "It gives [Hong Kong] a great chance in the race," Mark Player,



Russian Pearl (outside)
hkjc.com

manager of international racing for the Hong Kong Jockey Club told *South China Morning Post*. "I'm sure after the situation we had last year when Nash Rawiller on Elvstroem (Aus) stole the race from the front, we'll see a much more genuine pace this time which will suit both the Hong Kong horses." Russian Pearl has proved his class over the past year, finishing second to Vengeance of Rain (NZ) in the G1 QE II Cup last April, third to that foe in the Hong Kong Derby last March and fourth off an extended absence in the G1 Hong Kong Cup in December. Champion miler **Bullish Luck** (Royal Academy) will also contest the Duty Free, the second leg of the Asian Mile Challenge. Both horses are trained by Tony Cruz.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

10th-EVD, \$44,800, 3-9, NW2L, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:41 1/5, my.

TSARINA (f, 4, Zarbyev--Speedy Amanda, by Groovy) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$57,060. O-Barbara H Serio. B-Frank Serio (LA). T-John R Donaghey. *1/2 to Vitamin Bag (Bag), SW, \$137,519.

4th-HAW, \$39,200, Opt. Clm. (\$100,000), NW13MX, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09 2/5, ft.

FIFTEEN ROUNDS (g, 6, Fit to Fight--Star of the Dance, by Fast Play) Lifetime Record: MSW, 22-13-1-1, \$356,028. O-Carson Springs Farm & Ken Meeker. B-Emerald Ridge Farm (FL). T-Christine K Janks.

4th-CTX, \$33,000, 3-9, NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:28 3/5, ft.

YANKEE TRICK (f, 4, Yankee Victor--Phone Sophia, by Phone Trick) Lifetime Record: 19-5-2-0, \$106,797. O-Robert D Bone. B-Sez Who Thoroughbreds (NY). T-Pablo Cosme. *\$37,000 2yo '04 OBSAPR.

9th-GPX, \$33,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:33 1/5, fm.
PITCHNICHOLAS (g, 4, Wild Wonder--Bliss, by Morning Bob) Lifetime Record: 21-4-3-1, \$72,560. O/B-Alvin W Deloach (FL). T-Manuel J Azpurua.

8th-CTX, \$30,000, 3-9, NW3L, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:30 3/5, ft.

SHEIKH MOON (m, 5, Malibu Moon--So Sheikh, by Sheikh Albadou {GB}) Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-0, \$54,540. O-Ken Lowe Jr. B-Dr & Mrs Thomas Bowman, Quin C Bowman & Malibu Moon Syndicate (MD). T-Hubert Gaffney. *\$900 wIng '01 FTMDEC.

8th-LRL, \$30,000, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000-\$20,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:03 1/5, ft.

PUT UP YOUR DUKES (h, 5, Two Punch--Elsoma, by Tri Jet) Lifetime Record: 28-4-4-2, \$85,880. O/T-Donald Edward Campbell. B-Mrs Anderson Fowler (MD). *1/2 to Annie Cake (Gate Dancer), GSW, \$164,971.

1st-HAW, \$29,000, NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft.

STORM COMING (c, 4, Dave and Busters--Moving Cloud, by Illuminate) Lifetime Record: 11-3-2-1, \$47,910. O-Emmagene Schwan, Mike Harris, Jerry Fink & Rob Leahy. B-Elmer & Carmen Rorick (IL). T-Emmagene K Schwan.

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2nd-LRL, \$26,600, NW1X, 4yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:03 2/5, ft.

BUKAH (c, 4, Two Punch--Heavenly Tears, by Halo)
 Lifetime Record: 11-4-1-0, \$54,370. O-Manfred Roos.
 B-Josham Farms Limited (ON). T-John Rigattieri.
 *\$70,000 yrl '03 KEESEP.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Yessiremychickadee, f, 3, Maria's Mon--French Line,**
 by Boundary. SAX, 3-10, (C), 6f, 1:11.
 B-Quintessential Partners & Sally Anderson (Ky).
 *\$9,500 yrl '04 KEESEP; \$19,000 2yo 2005
 OBSAPR.

Triestes Song, f, 3, Old Trieste--Hekeepsmesinging, by
 Dixieland Band. OPX, 3-10, 6f, 1:10 3/5.
 B-Whisperwood Farms (Ky).

Precise Action, c, 3, Precise End--Joe's Nyna, by Go
 and Go (Ire). AQU, 3-10, (S), 6f, 1:11 2/5. B-Jo
 Halleck Finley & Glen Brok (NY). *\$6,500 yrl '04
 FTNAUG; \$12,000 2yo '05 FTMMAY.

Elzinas Secret, f, 3, Secret Odds--Elzina, by Nalees
 Man. EVD, 3-9, (S), 6f, 1:11 3/5. B-W A Darling (La).
 *1/2 to Zina Cause (Cause for Pause), SW,
 \$126,168.

Song and Delight, f, 3, Songandaprayer--Deputy's
 Delight, by French Deputy. GPX, 3-10, (C), 6 1/2f,
 1:16. B-Hobeau Farm Ltd (Fl). *Won by 9 1/2 lengths.

Lacewell, g, 3, Souvenir Copy--Aerial Meeting, by
 General Meeting. OPX, 3-10, (C), 6f, 1:11.
 B-Hopewell Investments LLC (Ky). *\$40,000 yrl '04
 KEESEP.

Neumie, f, 3, Stormy Atlantic--Jillaboo, by Slewpy.
 TAM, 3-10, 1 1/8mT, 1:53 1/5. B-Cheryl A Curtin
 (Fl). *\$13,000 yrl '04 OBSAUG.

Husker Nation, c, 3, Vision and Verse--Beau's Princess
 (SW), by Beau Genius. GPX, 3-10, (C), 6f, 1:10 2/5.
 B-James Barney (Ky). *\$95,000 yrl '04 FTKJUL;
 \$26,000 yrl '04 KEEJAN; \$80,000 2yo '05 OBSMAR.

Half Court, g, 4, Eastover Court--Kan't Katch Katie, by
 Feel the Power. CTX, 3-9, 6 1/2f, 1:23 3/5.
 B-Richard Cockrill (WV).

Halo Corley Girl, f, 4, Hay Halo--Engraving, by
 Sovereign Dancer. CTX, 3-9, 4 1/2f, :54 2/5. B-Sally
 Ann & Gerald B Yeckley Jr (Va).

Cat's Revelation, c, 4, Karen's Cat--Cool Express, by
 Special Secret. EVD, 3-9, 6f, 1:10 2/5. B-Raymond L
 Phillips (Tx).

Star'o My Heart, f, 4, Ole'--Jaklin's Blend, by Jaklin
 Klugman. SAX, 3-10, (C), 6f, 1:12 4/5. B-Dana Lee
 Rocheford (Ca).

+ **Coyote Fast, h, 5, Awesome Again--Raise a Carter,**
 by Dr. Carter. SAX, 3-10, (C), 6 1/2f, 1:16 3/5.
 B-Respite Farm Inc (Ky). *\$155,000 wlng '01
 KEENOV. ** 1/2 to Red Chili Pepper (Unbridled),
 MSW-Jpn, \$1,826,520.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Hidden Rainbow (Ire), g, 3, Spectrum (Ire)--Grecian Urn
 (Ire) (GSW & MG1SP-Fr, \$181,522), by Ela-Mana-
 Mou (Ire). Fontainebleau, France, 3-10, Mdn (Appren-
 tices), 3yo, 7fT. B-Ballymacoll Stud Farm Ltd. *1/2 to
 Grecian Dart (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}), SW-Fr; Dark Shell
 (GB) (Darshaan {GB}), SW & GSP-Eng, G1SP-Ger.

APPOINTMENTS...

- Craig R. Holtz, the director of operations at Oaklawn Park since 2001, has been named assistant general manager at Calder Race Course. He previously held this position at Calder from August 1998 to December 2000.

★ ON THE WORKTAB ★

GULFSTREAM PARK

Way Too Sober (Way West {Fr}), 5f, 1:02, 5/6

HOLLYWOOD PARK

A.P. Warrior (A.P. Indy), 6f, 1:17.6, 12/13
Halo Ola (Arg) (Southern Halo), 4f, :52.4, 47/49
Racketeer (Awesome Again), 6f, 1:13.8, 3/13
Sarafan (Lear Fan), 4f, :49.8, 36/49
Sharp Lisa (Dixieland Band), 6f, 1:15.6, 9/13

PALM MEADOWS

Adieu (El Corredor), 4f, :49.4, 12/29
He's Got Grit (Songandaprayer), 4f, :53, 26/29
Sangrita (Mr. Greeley), 5f, 1:02, 10/24
Smokey Glacken (Forestry), 5f, 1:01, 4/24
Sweet Talker (Stormin Fever), 4fT, :50.6, 16/18
T. D. Vance (Rahy), 4fT, :52, 18/18

SANTA ANITA

Bob and John (Seeking the Gold), 5f, :58.8, 2/71
Bordonaro (Memo {Chi}), 4f, :48.2, 14/58
Eleusis (Diesis {GB}), 5fT, 1:01, 4/7
Minister Eric (Old Trieste), 3f, :36.6, 13/34
Point Determined (Point Given), 6f, 1:11.8, 1/19
Point of Impact (Point Given), 5f, :59.4, 4/71
Sky Diving (Aptitude), 5f, :59.4, 4/71
Sweet Return (GB) (Elmaamul), 6fT, 1:20.8, 7/7
The Tin Man (Affirmed), 1m, 1:39.6