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DARLEY IN COMMAND AT OBS OPENER

Neither sand, nor lack of sleep, nor the span of several thousand miles can keep John Ferguson and Sheikh Mohammed from a horse they've set their sights on. With the local time just past one o'clock in the morning in Dubai, Ferguson, on the phone with American agent Jimmy Gladwell in Ocala, saw off all bidders yesterday to land the topper at yesterday's first session of the



OBS in the Rain
L Marquardt

Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's Selected Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale. The reason for the late night was hip [241](#), a Deputy Commander colt that was knocked for \$475,000. Niall Brennan Stables consigned the handsome, leggy juvenile, and Brennan was happy to see his charge go to the Darley operation.

"It's always a compliment and very gratifying when they buy a horse from us," he said. "We hope he's a good horse for them; we think he is. He's a very powerful individual, and he's got great rhythm and great athleticism. He's a very attractive colt." The sale of the colt highlighted a solid opening session at OBS, which saw the average jump 12.5 percent, from \$79,707 to \$89,645, and the median improve 50 percent to \$75,000. "Overall, it was a very solid sale," OBS director of sales Tom Ventura said. "It started a little slow, I'm not sure why, but it picked up as it went along. The buyback was up from last year, but I think that last year's figure for this session was pretty low. Overall buyback for last year was about 30 percent, which is in line with most two-year-old sales. Today fell in line with other sales." **More From OBS p2**

OBS MARCH - TUESDAY'S TOP SEVEN LOTS

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price
241	c	Deputy Commander	Regrets Only	\$475,000
			<i>B-Brereton C Jones (Ky)</i>	
			(\$105,000 yrl '05 KEESEP)	
			Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent XVII	
			Purchased by Darley Stable	
37	f	Cherokee Run	Glory Way	\$440,000
			<i>B-River Bend Farm (Ky)</i>	
			(\$80,000 yrl '05 KEESEP)	
			Consigned by Mayberry Farm, agent	
			Purchased by Zayat Stables	
264	c	Five Star Day	Saucy Maisie	\$400,000
			<i>B-Ironwater Farms Joint Venture (Ky)</i>	
			(\$150,000 yrl '05 FTSAUG)	
			Consigned by Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds, agent	
			Purchased by Castletop Stable	
205	c	A.P. Indy	Poolesta (Ire)	\$250,000
			<i>B-Dr George Veloudis (Ky)</i>	
			(\$110,000 in utero '04 KEENOV)	
			Consigned by W.D. North, Agent II	
			Purchased by Darley Stable	
47	f	Officer	Guilty Pleasure	\$230,000
			<i>B-Breeder Sequel 2003 & Lynda Richter (NY)</i>	
			(\$105,000 yrl '05 FTSAUG)	
			Consigned by Sequel Bloodstock (Becky Thomas), agent	
			Purchased by Zayat Stables	
215	f	El Corredor	Previewed	\$210,000
			<i>B-Liberation Farm & CHO (Ky)</i>	
			(\$90,000 yrl '05 KEESEP)	
			Consigned by Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds, agent	
			Purchased by Never Tell Farm	
104	f	Rahy	Lady Tabitha	\$205,000
			<i>B-Indian Springs Farm (Ky)</i>	
			Consigned by Nick de Meric, Agent XII	
			Purchased by Charles H. Boden, agent for Bobby Flay	

OBS MARCH SALE		
TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2006		
SESSION TOTALS	2006	2005
No. Offered	196	244
No. Sold	141	188
RNAs	55	56
% RNA	28%	23%
Gross	\$12,640,000	\$14,985,000
Average (% change)	\$89,645	\$79,707
Median (% change)	\$75,000	\$50,000

OBS MARCH OUTS - WEDNESDAY

271, 274, 275, 279, 285, 287, 288, 292, 294, 296, 299, 304, 325, 326, 328, 332, 337, 343, 350, 355, 367, 380, 386, 387, 391, 394, 396, 397, 418, 426, 428, 432, 445, 465, 466, 467, 480, 486, 491, 495, 498, 503, 509, 512, 521, 524, 525, 533

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Commanding Attention...

With a sharp :21 3/5 quarter-mile work at the under-track preview Mar. 10, hip 241 put buyers on notice that, in addition to a pedigree steeped in stamina influences, he had plenty of zip, too. One of those who did take notice was Martha Gladwell, who, along with her husband Jimmy, works for Sheikh Mohammed's Darley. "He's got a good stride and is a good-looking horse on the track," said Martha Gladwell, who kept a keen eye on the colt all week. Her husband agreed. "This colt did everything we thought he needed to do," said Jimmy Gladwell. "He had a quick turn of foot, and looks like a horse that may run two turns that might show up for us in the fall. He's the kind of horse we're looking for in our stable." By 1997 GI Travers S. winner Deputy Commander, hip 241 is out of the winning Regrets Only (Black Tie Affair {Ire}), and is a full brother to Commander's Affair, who ran third in the GIII Lone Star Derby in 2003. Hip 241 was purchased for \$105,000 out of last year's Keeneland September Sale. He is now slated to be moved to the Scanlon Training Center in Ocala, where, according to Gladwell, "he'll be evaluated in the next 30 days before a decision is made [on what trainer he'll be sent to]." Gladwell added that he expected the colt to stay in the States. "We sure hope he will for the time being," said Gladwell. "But sometimes that changes. Sheikh Mohammed actually makes all those decisions himself."

Brennan Happy With Results...

Consignor Niall Brennan said he wasn't surprised by the attention his Deputy Commander colt was party to, both before the sale and in the ring. "All these people were coming back to look at him and he was vetted quite a lot and was clean; he jumped through all the hoops," said Brennan. So was the price about right? "We valued him in the \$350,000-\$400,000, with the interest he's had and this market. I think everything fell into place with the stakes [GIII Tampa Bay Derby, won by Deputy Commander's son Deputy Glitter over the weekend]. He's a very nice individual in his own right, but with Deputy Commander having a big weekend, it worked perfectly."

Heading North...

The Darley team also employed trans-Atlantic communications to secure hip 205, a colt by A.P. Indy out of MGSW Poolesta (Ire) (Hero's Honor), for \$250,000.



Hip 205 L Marquardt

The bay worked two furlongs in :22 flat at the Mar. 10 show and hailed from the consignment of W.D. North, who came to OBS March with only two horses. The other, a filly by Black Minnaloushe cataloged as 162, sold for \$32,000 earlier in the afternoon. Commenting on the A.P. Indy colt, North said, "He's an average-size colt, very precocious looking. He's very correct, very sound, and a beautiful mover. We expected somewhere around that number in terms of price, and we were happy with that." North consigned the homebred for the Lexington-based George Beloudis, who bought Poolesta carrying this colt in utero for \$110,000 at the 2003 Keeneland November Sale.



George Beloudis (2nd from left) and W.D. North (far right) L Marquardt

Asked if he considered keeping hip 205 to race, Beloudis said, "Well, we've got horses in training, but you can only race so many. And you have to sell a few to pay for the rest of the operation." Beloudis still owns Poolesta, now 17, and reports the mare was bred to Lane's End stallion Rock Hard Ten earlier this year.

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(OBS coverage cont.)
Zayat Back on Top...

A relative newcomer at last year's Thoroughbred sales, Ahmed Zayat gave every indication yesterday that the Egyptian businessman will punch up his activity in 2006 after giving \$440,000 for a colt by sprint champion Cherokee Run. Out of the unraced mare Glory Way, a three-quarter sister to dual graded stakes winner Supremo, the filly is from the family of GISW Andover Way, the dam of Dynaformer. "She is a lovely filly, very strong and has a great stride," said Blandford Bloodstock's Richard Brown, who signed the ticket on behalf of Zayat. "She brought about what we thought she would bring." Consigned by Mayberry Farm, agent, the Feb. 29 foal was purchased by DuCharme Stables for \$80,000 at last year's Keeneland September Sale. The score was even better than the operation's April Mayberry expected. "She's beautiful," said Mayberry. "She's balanced, she's correct. She's got everything you look for: she's got a nice way about her, she has a good mind, nice head, beautiful hip, beautiful body. If you wanted to see a really nice, physical body, take a picture of her." The purchase of the Cherokee Run colt continued a recent trend for Zayat. He proved active in two earlier juvenile sales this year, buying the fifth-highest priced two-year-old (a son of Freud for \$400,000) at OBS' February Sale before hitting with the top-priced filly (a daughter of Distorted Humor for \$700,000) at the Barretts March sale. Zayat purchased three horses yesterday. In addition to the Cherokee Run colt, Zayat purchased an Officer filly for \$230,000 and hip 89, a bay colt by Prime Timber, bought for \$75,000.

Mayberry, March and the Mosses...

The sale of hip 37 represented the best-ever pinhook yesterday for consignor Mayberry Farms, the operation made up of the mother-daughter team of Jeanne and April Mayberry and David Ingordo. Based just five miles down the road from the OBS complex, one of Mayberry Farms most notable patrons are Jerry and Ann Moss, owners of Kentucky Derby winner Giacomo. The Mayberry's didn't break or buy the big gray, but Jeanne and her late husband Brian Mayberry did have a connection to the son of Holy Bull.

"My parents bought his dam," explained April Mayberry of Set Them Free, who was purchased as a two-year-old in training for \$45,000 at the 1992 Fasig-Tipton February sale. Set Them Free went on to bank \$173,275 as a four-time stakes-winner for the Mosses, before earning greater fame in the breeding shed. The Mayberrys made another successful purchase for the Mosses in 1992, picking up a daughter of Storm Cat later named Sardula at the Keeneland September sale for \$110,000. Sardula went on to capture the GI Hollywood Starlet and GI Kentucky Oaks, earning over \$880,000. More recently, the Mayberry/Moss connection can boast the purchase of GII San Antonio H. winner Spellbinder and Tarlow, who annexed the GI Santa Margarita Invitational H. last year. Mayberry Farms returns with two more offerings today. Hip [312](#), a colt by Honour and Glory; and hip [430](#), a colt by Trippi.

Arresting Filly for Sequel...

Sequel Bloodstock's Becky Thomas, who is in the process of developing a strong contingent of New York-breds to sell at the juvenile sales, saw her program pay dividends yesterday when hip 47, a bay filly by freshman sire Officer, brought a \$230,000 final bid from Ahmed Zayat. Consigned by Sequel and bred in partnership with Lynda Richter, the \$105,000 Saratoga August yearling purchase is out of the unraced Pine Bluff mare Guilty Pleasure, a half-sister to multiple graded-stakes winner Ready's Gal, winner of last weekend's GIII Hillsborough S.

What They're Saying At The Sales...

Tom Ventura, OBS Director of Sales

"I think this is the first sale of the year which is a really good gauge of the market because of its high numbers. Our Calder sale is harder to evaluate because of the limited catalog size. The upper end of the market has been very particular, but strong. Here, we have a broader group of horses and we hope to attract a broader group of people to buy those horses."

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All Star Day...

With only five horses left to go through the ring, a bay by Five Star Day punctuated the first day of action at OBS. Out of the stakes-winning mare Saucy Maisie (Sauce Boat), the bay, who was consigned by Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds, was purchased by Castletop Stables for \$400,000. "He has a huge shoulder and a huge walk," said Randy Hartley. "He had a bullet work last week [:10.2 Mar. 18]. He was just floating down the track. Our rider never even hit him." Sold to Hidden Brook Farm for \$100,000 at Keeneland November in 2004, the Mar. 22 foal realized \$150,000 as a yearling at Fasig-Tipton's Saratoga sale.

Boy Meets Horse...

Food Network star and restaurateur Bobby Flay threw his hat into the sales game when he went to \$205,000 to secure a bay filly by Rahy out of the stakes-winning mare Lady Tabitha (Lyphard). While previously acquainted with racehorse ownership, having raced GISW Wonder Again in partnership, the Iron Chef was making his first purchase for his own interests at public auction. A \$37,000 RNA at last year's Keeneland September Sale, the Apr. 4 foal, who is from the family of GI Belmont S. runner-up Vision and Verse, was consigned by Nick de Meric, agent. "She has a good disposition and great balance," said Flay, explaining the purchase. "We were looking at some other horses in Nick's [de Meric's] barn and she caught our eye. She is just a great looking filly." Charlie Boden, who signed the ticket on the filly, added, "She vetted as clean as anything we could find out there. She received very high marks physically and she is very well bred." By Rahy, who has produced the likes of top-rung fillies Serena's Song and Exotic Wood, the bay is somewhat of a rarity in the Thoroughbred racehorse gene pool. "She is completely void of Raise a Native blood," explained Boden. "Also, she has Northern Dancer four generations back. From a breeding standpoint, she is very versatile." Flay further explained the draw to filly and her 21-year-old sire. "Rahy is one of those sires that can come in under the radar. He throws a lot of good horses. We think she'll make a nice grass horse. If she can get some black-type, then she'll have some residual value."

☆ **HIP HAPPENINGS** ☆

Hip 273, c, Vicar--September Passion, by Way West (Fr)

Consigned by Southern Chase Farm (Greg & Karen Dodd), agent

Hip 273 was a \$15,000 short yearling buy at the KEEJAN sale before being picked up by Greg and Karen Dodd for \$62,000 at the OBSAUG sale. He worked a sharp quarter in :21 4/5 at the Mar. 11 show, and has drawn comparisons by his consignors to another horse they consigned to OBS March, sprint champ Lost in the Fog. "He's a big, pretty horse," said Dodd. "He's got the body. He's got a real similar body type to 'Fog.'



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He's got a big hip on him--my kinda horse. Got to have a big butt." [\(video\)](#)

Hip 290, f, Songandaprayer--Sister James, by Diablo

Consigned by Off the Hook, LLC, Agent II

One of three horses to share the bullet with a :10 flat breeze Mar. 11, this young lady is out of Sister James and is thus closely related to her dam's half brother Wedding Singer (Songandaprayer). Wedding Singer was twice placed in stakes last year, including the GII Summer S. at Woodbine. [\(video\)](#)

Hip 295, f, Orientate--Smellin Salty, by Salt Lake

Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent I

A few weeks ago, Niall Brennan sold an Orientate half to Folklore for \$900,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Calder Sale and returns here with another promising juvenile from the freshman sire. "She's a big, scopey filly," said Brennan. "I really liked the one I had at Fasig, and this one is equally as nice. She's a real quality horse with a lot of class." Hip 295 displayed some of that class with a smart :10 1/5 breeze working an eighth at the Mar. 11 show. [\(video\)](#)

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Hip 315, f, Delaware Township--Striking Irish, by Strike the Anvil

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Acquired for \$30,000 as an OBSWIN short yearling, hip 315 is out of the MSP mare Striking Irish. "From day one, we knew she was going to be fast," consignor Robert Smith commented. "I had her in the [OBS] August sale [last year], and she popped an abscess just two days before the sale, so I said, 'Ah, I'll just sell her as a two-year-old.' All along, she's

trained real well, and when we started breezing her, it was just a case of teaching her to relax and do her thing, because we knew she'd be fast. And she came over here and proved it." Sent out to breeze an eighth at the Mar. 11 under-tack preview, the chestnut, named Irish Gypsy Rose, stopped the clock in :10 1/5.

[\(video\)](#)

Hip 329, c, Allen's Prospect--That Ends Well, by Ends Well

Consigned by O&H Bloodstock (Bo Hunt & Terry Oliver), Agent VI

A half brother to the stakes-placed Rico Ends Well (Amerrico's Bullet), hip 329 is a handsome, well-balanced colt that worked :10 1/5 Mar. 11.



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"He's a big, athletic-looking horse, a real pretty mover," added consignor Terry Oliver, who noted the colt holds additional appeal being a registered Pennsylvania bred. "With slots coming in the near future, a real race horse like this that can run against restricted company holds a huge advantage."

[\(video\)](#)

Hip 349, f, Silver Charm--Trusty Lady, by Deputy Minister

Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent LII

Hip 349 zipped an eighth in :10 1/5 during the Mar. 11 preview and has plenty of pedigree appeal to back up her work. Her second dam is MGSW Klassy Kim (Silent Screen), who earned \$647,107 on the track, and dam Trusty Lady was a \$500,000 Keeneland July yearling that went on to become a winner. Hip 349 was purchased in utero for \$270,000 at the 2003 Keeneland November Sale and returned to the venue two years later to sell as a September yearling, bringing a \$75,000 bid. "She's a really good-looking filly," commented consignor Eddie Woods. "She's had a lot of looks." [\(video\)](#)

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Hip 357, c, Songandaprayer--Valid Expression, by Valid Appeal
Consigned by Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds, agent
 Consignors Randy Hartley and Dean De Renzo are



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very high on this strapping colt, who worked a furlong in :10 1/5 Mar. 11. The chestnut, a \$105,000 OBSAUG buy, is out of a full sister to stakes-winner Appealing Sara, and is bred along the same lines as Splendid Blended. Winner of Saturday's GII Shirley Jones H. at Gulfstream,

Splendid Blended is by Unbridled's Song--the sire of Songandaprayer--out of the Valid Appeal mare Valid Blend. Hip 357 is from the extended family of champion Leallah and the top turf filly Wend. ([video](#))

Hip 362, c, Belong to Me--Vassar, by Royal Academy
Consigned by Wavertree Stables, Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), Agent VI

Hip 362 was the fastest colt at a quarter mile during the Mar. 11 breeze show, boasting a :21 flat final time. Sent through the ring at last year's Keeneland September sale, he failed to meet his reserve on a \$105,000 final bid. The Feb. 26 foal is from the family of Irish champion Sequoyah (Ire) and was produced by a winning half sister to Remington Oaks winner Dixie Fine (L'Emigrant). Hip 362 is bred along the same Danzig/Royal Academy cross that produced Australian Group 1 winner Fastnet Rock (Aus). ([video](#))

Hip 373, c, Tiznow--Western Woman, by West by West
Consigned by Solitary Oak (Danny Pate), Agent III

Hip 373 is a large, powerful-looking son of dual Breeders' Cup Classic hero Tiznow with plenty of bone. The colt showed plenty of zip, too, during the Mar. 11 under-tack preview, stopping the clock in :21 3/5. "He does everything so easy," said Solitary Oak's Julie Dickson. "And he's such a nice colt, he doesn't have a mean bone in his body." Named Tis A Man, hip 373 is the second foal out of his stakes-winning dam. He sold for \$77,000 as a KEEJAN short yearling and resold for \$55,000 at KEESEP. ([video](#))



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Hip 376, c, Johannesburg--Whenourshipcomesin, by General Assembly
Consigned by CloverLeaf Farms II & Brent Fernung, agent



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Johannesburg, a champion on two continents and an impressive winner of the 2001 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, has gotten off to a good start in 2006. The freshman sire, by Hennessy, sired a \$1.2-million filly at the Fasig-Tipton Calder Sale, and could have another star on his hands here. "He's a big, racy-looking colt," CloverLeaf's Brent Fernung explained the appeal of hip 376. "He carries around a good amount of flesh. He looks to me to be a two-turn horse with one-turn speed." The unnamed Jan. 26 foal is out of a stakes-placed half to three stakes winners, and is himself a half to stakes winner Cleaning House (End Sweep). He worked an eighth in :10 1/5 Mar. 11. ([video](#))

Hip 402, c, Unbridled's Song--Always Ready, by Dixieland Band
Consigned by Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds, agent

Produced by a half sister to GI King's Bishop S. winner and promising young sire More Than Ready, this filly, named Siempre Lista, worked a quick eighth in :10 1/5 during the Mar. 11 show. She's the first foal out of her winning dam, who made \$550,000 as a KEESEP yearling in 2000. ([video](#))

Hip 497, c, Songandaprayer--Daisy Dukes, by Ghazi
Consigned by Eisaman Equine

"He looks very much like his daddy," said consignor Barry Eisaman of hip 497, a son of the 2001 GI Fountain of Youth winner. "He's big and athletic." Named Streme, hip 497 fired a :10 bullet for the furlong work Mar. 11, one of three juveniles to do so. The Apr. 8 foal is the first from his stakes-winning dam. And breeding a mare named Daisy Dukes to Songandaprayer? Waylon Jennings would approve. ([video](#))



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Officer-Ocean View Colt
 Hip 181 sold for \$190k at OBS

Immediate Market Acceptance for Officer

- **Hip 47** Officer-Guilty Pleasure Filly previewed in :10 1/5 and sold for \$230k to Zayat Stables
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Fields for the five stakes races on the undercard of Saturday's G1 Dubai World Cup program at Nad Al Sheba were drawn yesterday. A competitive field of 14 will go postward in the \$5-million G1 Dubai Sheema Classic, with world-travelling super mare **Ouija Board (GB)** (Cape Cross {Ire}) leading the way. Winner of the



World Cup hopeful Brass Hat at Nad Al Sheba
A Watkins

2004 GI Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf, the Ed Dunlop trainee was second in the F/M Turf and won the G1 Hong Kong Vase during an abbreviated 2005 campaign. She'll look to get 2006 off to a rousing start while breaking from post post eight in Saturday's 2400-meter contest and Dunlop is optimistic about his charge's chances. "Although she has never run at this time of year, she is giving the right signs and appears to have trained on from four to five," he told *Racing Post*. Some 80 Thoroughbreds are expected to compete at Nad

Al Sheba on World Cup day, representing 13 countries. The U.S. and UAE will have 19 runners in the six stakes races, followed by nine from Japan and Britain and eight from South Africa, as well as entrants from Saudi Arabia, Hong Kong, Australia, France, Singapore, Turkey, Brazil and Ireland. The field for the G1 Dubai World Cup will be drawn today.

MARAAHEL FACES CUP CHALLENGE

Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum's **Maraahel (Ire)** (Alzao) will contest Saturday's G1 Dubai World Cup at Nad Al Sheba, with jockey Richard Hills hopeful that the five-year-old can handle the switch to dirt. He finished third in York's G1 International S., the G1 Champion S. at Newmarket and G1 Hong Kong Cup at Sha Tin last term, and his connections have opted to try the new surface in a bid to break his duck. "He's been running in Group 1s for a while now and he is due to win one, which is why we have now switched him to the dirt," Hills said. "He's tough, but it's very competitive. The draw always makes a difference, though, especially with the European horses, particularly because of the kickback. You want to be drawn in the middle or towards the outside--if you're drawn on the inside you know you're going to get the kickback, and it can unnerve some horses."

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Top Weekly Stakes Races

Horse	Race	BRIS Speed
Wild Gams	Cicada S.-G3	110
Like Now	Gotham S.-G3	108
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Ball Four	Tejano Run S.	106
Reckless Ways	Harrison E. Johnson Memorial H.	106
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Cambiocorsa	Irish O'Brien S.	101
Splendid Blended	Shirley Jones Breeders' Cup H.-G2	101
Western Kind	Holiday Inn Express Turf Dash S.	101
That Tat	Hot Springs S.	101
Super Strut	Crystal Water H.	99
Maryfield	Flower Girl H.	99
Absolutely True	Charlie Iles Express H.	98
Lawyer Ron	Rebel S.-G3	98
Andanight	Spring S.	97
Bushfire	Florida Oaks	95
Silly Little Mama	Cactus Cup H.	95
Dreams Come True (Fr)	Sun City H.	94
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DUBAI SHEEMA CLASSIC-G1, \$5,000,000, 4yo/up, 2400mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
1	12	Alayan (Ire)	Sri Pekan	Kinane
2	3	Collier Hill (GB)	Dr Devious (Ire)	McKeown
3	2	Falstaff (Ire)	Montjeu (Ire)	Murtagh
4	9	Greys Inn	Zabeel (NZ)	Marwing
5	13	Heart's Cry (Jpn)	Sunday Silence	Lemaire
6	1	Layman	Sunday Silence	McEvoy
7	5	Mustanfar	Unbridled	Hills
8	10	Norse Dancer (Ire)	Halling	Egan
9	4	Oracle West (SAF)	Western Winter	Shea
10	6	Punch Punch (Brz)	Aksar	Almeida
11	14	Relaxed Gesture (Ire)	Indian Ridge (Ire)	Nakatani
12	11	Shanty Star (Ire)	Hector Protector	Avranche
13	7	Alexander Goldrun (Ire)	Gold Away (Ire)	Manning
14	8	Ouija Board (GB)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Fallon

All carry 123 pounds, except Alexander Goldrun and Ouija Board at 119.

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Saturday, Nad Al Sheba, Dubai

DUBAI DUTY FREE-G1, \$5,000,000, 4yo/up, 1777mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
1	9	Asakusa Den'en (GB)	Singspiel (Ire)	Take
2	15	Bullish Luck	Royal Academy	Soumillon
3	1	David Junior	Pleasant Tap	Spencer
4	3	Fields of Omagh (Aus)	Rubiton (Aus)	King
5	13	Hat Trick (Jpn)	Sunday Silence	Peslier
6	7	Host (Chi)	Hussonet	Velazquez
7	4	Linnhari (Ire)	Indian Ridge (Ire)	Shea
8	16	Russian Pearl (NZ)	Soviet Star	Coetzee
9	5	Seihali (Ire)	Alzao	Murtagh
10	2	The Tin Man	Affirmed	Espinoza
11	10	Touch of Land (Fr)	Lando (Ger)	Lemaire
12	14	Tyson (SAf)	Silvino	Kinane
13	12	Valixir (Ire)	Tremolino	Dettori
14	11	Whilly (Ire)	Sri Pekan	Martinez
15	6	Irridescence (SAf)	Caesour	Marwing
16	8	Perfect Promise (SAf)	Caesour	McEvoy

All carry 126 pounds except Irridescence and Perfect Promise, 121.

Saturday, Nad al Sheba, Dubai

DUBAI GOLDEN SHAHEEN-G1, \$2,000,000, 3yo/up, 1200m

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
1	8	Agnes Jedi (Jpn)	Agnes World	Yoshihara
2	13	Captain Squire	Flying Chevron	Espinoza
3	6	Conroy	Gone West	Dettori
4	9	Gaff	Maria's Mon	Bridgemohan
5	5	Heart Alone (Brz)	Music Prospector	McEvoy
6	7	Howick Falls	Stormin Fever	O'Shea
7	10	Jet West	Western Fame	Gomez
8	2	Proud Tower Too	Proud Irish	Cohen
9	3	Raging Creek	Storm Creek	Murtagh
10	11	Thajja (Ire)	Daylami (Ire)	R Hills
11	14	The Lord (Arg)	Southern Halo	Falero
12	12	Thor's Echo	Swiss Yodeler	Nakatani
13	4	Tropical Star (Ire)	Machiavellian	Ffrench
14	15	Azul da Guanabara (Brz)	Aracai (Brz)	Domingos
15	1	Perfectly Ready (Aus)	More Than Ready	Durcan

All carry 126 pounds, except Azul da Guanabara and Perfectly Ready at 122.

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Saturday, Nad al Sheba, Dubai

UAE DERBY-G2, \$2,000,000, 3yo, 1800m

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
1	5	Dominguin (Per)	Domingo	Velazquez
2	3	Gaburin (Aus)	Fusaichi Pegasus	Peslier
3	4	Gold For Sale (Arg)	Not For Sale (Arg)	Kinane
4	2	Invasor (Arg)	Candy Stripes	R Hills
5	13	Jackson (Brz)	Clackson (Brz)	Almeida
6	6	My Royal Captain (NZ)	Zabeel (NZ)	no rider
7	12	Simpatico Bribon (Chi)	Election Day (Ire)	Murtagh
8	9	Discreet Cat	Forestry	Dettori
9	1	Flamme de Passion (Jpn)	Kurofune	Take
10	7	Testimony	Yes It's True	Gomez
11	8	Unification	Dixie Union	McEvoy
12	11	Well Armed	Tiznow	Moore
13	10	Where's That Tiger	Storm Cat	Marwing

All carry 130, except Discreet Cat, Flamme de Passion, Testimony, Unification, Well Armed and Where's That Tiger at 121.

Saturday, Nad al Sheba, Dubai

GODOLPHIN MILE-G2, \$1,000,000, 3yo/up, 1600m

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
1	10	Blatant (GB)	Machiavellian	McEvoy
2	3	Court Masterpiece (GB)	Polish Precedent	Fallon
3	2	Holiday Camp	Chester House	W Smith
4	8	Jack Sullivan	Belong to Me	E Ahern
5	7	Lundy's Liability (Brz)	Candy Stripes	Marwing
6	6	Marbush (Ire)	Linamix (Fr)	Murtagh
7	5	Shamoan (Ire)	Monashee Mountain	Velazquez
8	1	Utopia (Jpn)	Forty Niner	Take
9	4	Win River Win	Virginia Rapids	Karatas
10	9	Island Fashion	Petionville	Pedroza

All carry 126 pounds, except Island Fashion at 121.

☆ RESULTS ☆

Monday, Kochi, Japan

KUROFUNE SHO-G3-NAR (Listed), ¥51,000,000, 4yo/up, 1400m, 1:28.4, hy.

- 1--**BLUE CONCORDE (JPN)**, 130, h, 6, by Fusaichi Concorde (Jpn)
 1st Dam: Ebisu Family (Jpn), by Brian's Time
 2nd Dam: Ebisu Veloce (Jpn), by Venture VII (GB)
 3rd Dam: Yamayuri (Jpn), by Never Beat (GB)
 O-Ogifushi Racing Club; B-Etsuo Kawakami (JPN); T-Toshiyuki Hattori; J-H Miyuki; ¥30,000,000.
 Lifetime Record: 28-9-4-0, ¥388,169,000.
- 2--**Rocky Appeal**, 126, h, 8, Valid Appeal--Dame's Rocket, by Timeless Moment. (\$100,000 2yo '00 OBSFEB). O-M Kaneko; B-Mockingbird Farm; T-H Yamazaki.
- 3--**Nihon Pillow Cert (Jpn)**, 126, h, 8, Star of Cozzene--Nihon Pillow Paulina (Jpn), by Nihon Pillow Winner (Jpn). O-H Kobayashi; B-M Hashizume; T-T Meno. Margins: 6, NO, 2. Odds: 1.10, 45.40, 5.80.

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FROM THE DESK OF...
Bill Oppenheim



STATES RIGHTS--AND WRONGS

Like American expatriates for nearly a century, I am a devoted reader of the *International Herald Tribune*. When I first started reading it 25 years ago on my first trip to Britain as a professional racing journalist (we'd better gloss over any previous trips, in my student days in the early 70s), it was edited and printed in Paris, and was then a joint venture between *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*. In recent years, the New York paper has taken over the publication entirely, and technological advances means it now advertises itself as "edited in Paris and Hong Kong," and printed all over the place.

Last Thursday's edition (Mar. 16) included an article which I thought was relevant in some way to our little racing world, and I mean 'little,' too. The article compared the GDP (gross domestic product) of both the U.S. and the 25-nation European Union as \$13-trillion each, annually. I know my annual summary of top yearling and mixed sales (a record \$1.2-billion in 2005) is maybe only a tenth of the 'breeding and sales' sector's annual GDP. Nonetheless, the idea that we might constitute 1/2000th (.05 percent) of the U.S. and Europe's combined \$26-trillion GDP does kind of put our pastime in perspective. We are a small segment of the entertainment and leisure industries, with a liberal sprinkling of agriculture thrown in.

The front-page article in Thursday's *IHT* was headlined 'Viceroy's long gone, EU grows in Asia.' Written by Thomas Fuller from Bangkok, it talks about how many Asian companies are now manufacturing products to EU, rather than American, standards. The reason? Because the strict (also confusing, and often infuriating) standards developed by the EU apply to all 25 member countries, whereas standards for the U.S. can vary by state.

Fuller quotes John Thomson, General Motors' marketing director for Southeast Asia: "Europe has one standard that applies to so many countries," he quotes Thomson as saying. Then he adds: "Few countries use U.S. emissions standards...you can't follow a country that has different rules for different states."

You see where I'm going with this; it applies to horse-racing and gambling, too. Different rules for different states. Why is it that the one area in which the NTRA can unreservedly be said to be effective is in Washington, D.C.--like its predecessor lobbying organizations, going back to the American Horse Council? Latest example: wangling an exemption for "horse racing and the pari-mutuel industries" from something called the Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act. Just from the title, I don't like the sound of that Act one little bit, but I'm sure I'm awfully glad horse racing has been exempted from it, and all credit to NTRA for managing it, so far.

But this is my point: in so many ways, national unity is vital in 'growing' racing, yet the industry seems hamstrung by being unable to overcome disparate state interests. Since we're not likely to effect constitutional change (gambling and horse racing are likely to remain matters decided by the states), the practical question is: how can the industry speak with one voice, nationally, in the light of an administrative structure which is essentially hostile to national unity?

The quest for national unity in important policy matters is now complicated by the Jess Jackson/Narvick case, because everyone is very worried about what laws 'undisclosed commissions' might actually violate. One thing for certain is that virtually every time racing's practices appear in court, racing comes out worse. In a way, though, here's another example of how a national policy might clarify matters.

I profoundly dislike people who go into meetings with their one good idea, determined to sacrifice any progress which might be achieved through consensus to the undying advocacy of their particular 'hobby-horse.' So I'm not going to go on and on about my hobby-horse, believe me. **Cont. p10**

ON THE TRIPLE CROWN TRAIL



A.P. INDY
A.P. WARRIOR
 1st San Felipe S.-G2
 Earnings: \$287,185

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LAWYER RON
 1st Rebel S.-G3
 Earnings: \$620,008





(Bill Oppenheim cont.)

But I was very interested to read in Ray Paulick's on-line article on *Bloodhorse.com* yesterday, this statement: "Jackson contends Narvick's role was limited to private transactions in which he was to seek five-percent commission from the sellers..." In this respect, I think some owners are their own worst enemies: you're already spending millions--in Jackson's case, \$60 million--so why shouldn't the people that represent you in these transactions get paid by you? Not only would it be fairer, but this: agents (possibly brokers, too--they are different) could refuse to work without a signed contract, by the owner, agreeing to pay five percent, or whatever commission is agreed upon. The owners have responsibilities here, too. They're actually fostering the conditions in which larceny can occur by being tricky about commissions, right off the bat. Make it simple: the owner agrees to pay a commission, and the agent agrees, in writing, to either take no other commission, or to take other commission only with written approval of the owner (in split-commission situations). Then the owner really can hold the agent's feet to the fire. There is no reason on earth why agreements like this shouldn't be practical--and it might keep the feds from intervening, too, so we could get back to the important business of national unity.

Young Sires...

It just got better and better for the Irish at Cheltenham last week. They finished off with an Irish-trained 1-2-3 in the Cheltenham Gold Cup, won by War Of Attrition over 2005 Grand National winner Hedgehunter and Forget The Past. War Of Attrition was sired by Presenting, a son of Mtoto who was trained by John Gosden for George Strawbridge, and third to Lammtarra in the 1995 Epsom Derby. Without any doubt a top 'young' (meaning 'living') jumps sire, Presenting, also the sire of the high-class Denman, second in one of the top novice hurdle races at Cheltenham, is one of three top jumps sires standing in Ireland with important European Derby form. The other two are sons of Sadler's Wells: Old Vic, unbeaten at three in

1989, when he won the Irish and French Derbies, was the sire of last year's Gold Cup winner, Kicking King; and youngster Oscar, second to Peintre Celebre in the 1997 French Derby (and therefore now only 12 years old) when trained by Pascal Bary, sired the meet's most impressive novice hurdle winner, Black Jack Ketchum. It's maybe a sad comment on the fate, at stud, of many horses good enough to place in, if not win, European Derbies, but there you are: good Derby form can translate into a top jumps sire.

Two weeks ago we ran a table of North American second-crop (oldest now three-year-olds) sires of 2006, noting that Aptitude and Point Given had been the big movers among this group, meaning they were coming up with two-turn Classic contenders. Both sustained their momentum last weekend: Aptitude had the 3-4 finishers in the GIII Rebel, while Point Given's Point Determined ran second in the GII San Felipe. Aptitude remained in fourth spot in 2006 earnings among North American second-crop sires, while Point Given jumped two more spots, to fifth. The two Carson City sons, City Zip and Five Star Day, are first and third, with El Corredor second. Eight of the top nine second-crop sires are Mr. Prospector-line (including two from the Fappiano branch, through Unbridled); the highest-ranked Northern Dancer-line sire, at this point, is 12th-ranked Brahms. **Bill Oppenheim may be contacted at bopp@erb.com. Please cc TDN management at suefinley@thoroughbreddailynews.com.**

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WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

by Alan Porter

Saturday, Santa Anita

SAN FELIPE S.-GII, \$250,000, SAX, 3-18, 3yo,
1 1/16m, 1:42 2/5, ft.

1--@#A. P. WARRIOR, 119, c, 3, by [A.P. Indy](#)

1st Dam: **Warrior Queen** (Hwt. 3yo-GB & Ire at 5-7f,
SW-Ire & GSP-GB), by **Quiet American**

2nd Dam: **Call Me Fleet**, by **Afleet**

3rd Dam: **Ocean's Answer**, by **Northern Answer**

(\$1,300,000 yrl '04 KEESEP). O-Stan E Fulton; B-Jim Fleming (KY); T-John A Shirreffs; J-C S Nakatani; \$150,000. Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-0, \$287,185.

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When A.P. Warrior broke his maiden going 5 1/2 furlongs at Hollywood Park last July, he immediately became a hot item. That performance showed rare speed and precocity for a son of A.P. Indy, and it stamped the \$1.3-million yearling as a horse with a big future. However, the next few months for the colt's connections would prove to be what are frequently described as "character building." The likely favorite for his next race, the GII Best Pal S., he threw his rider in the post parade and ran off, causing him to be scratched. He was again a handful before the start of the GII Del Mar Futurity, and during the race, blasted through the early fractions before fading to finish sixth, 6 1/2 lengths behind the winner Stevie Wonderboy.

Favored for the GII Norfolk S., A.P. Warrior pulled hard when restrained in the early stages, but still finished well to take second, just 3/4 of a length behind Brother Derek. When this performance was followed by a four-length win over Bob and John and the speedy Da Stoops in a one-mile allowance race, it finally appeared as if A.P. Warrior might have turned a corner. These two efforts proved to be something of a false dawn, however. In the GI Hollywood Futurity, A. P. Warrior once again wasted his energy fighting restraint in the early stages and wound up fourth to Brother Derek. On his seasonal reappearance, he was even more disappointing. Starting favorite for the GIII El Camino Real Derby, A.P. Warrior was rank in the early stages, and could do no better than fourth, nearly nine lengths behind the winner Cause to Believe. That effort brought a change of trainers, with the bay moving to the barn of John Shirreffs, trainer of last year's upset GI Kentucky Derby winner Giacomo. In his first start for his new handler, which came in this past weekend's San Felipe, A.P. Warrior showed a new professionalism, relaxing in mid-pack, moving into a daylight lead in the stretch and then digging deep to hold off the late challenge of Point Determined.

A.P. Warrior's yearling price made him the third-most expensive son of his sire sold at auction that year. Of course, A.P. Indy has for some time been established as the nation's leading sire of classic distance horses. He has 87 stakes winners--54 graded--in his first 10 crops, including Eclipse Award winners Mineshaft and Tempera, as well as the likes of Golden Missile, Aptitude, Tomisue's Delight, Secret Status, Stephen Got Even, Symboli Indy, Secret Status, A.P. Valentine, Passing Shot, Friends Lake, Jilbab, Pulpit, Old Trieste, and Sweet Symphony. He is also beginning to make his mark as a sire of sires with sons Pulpit, Old Trieste, Malibu Moon, Stephen Got Even and Golden Missile, all getting Grade I winners in their first or second crops.

Oddly enough, A.P. Indy's prime influence--for classic stamina on dirt--stands in direct contrast to the aptitude displayed by A.P. Warrior's dam, Warrior Queen. Bred in the U.S., but trained in Ireland, Warrior Queen made her name as a sprinter on turf. At two, she finished third in the five-furlong G3 Queen Mary S. at Royal Ascot and won the six-furlong Round Tower S. at The Curragh. Shipped over for the GI Breeder's Cup Juvenile Fillies, she appeared to be either unsuited by the surface, or more probably the distance, fading to finish eighth of nine, 21 lengths behind the winner Cash Run, after being close up for six furlongs. Warrior Queen failed to win at three, although she gained another stakes placing when second in the Rockingham S. She also produced a good effort against older males when seventh of 23, beaten only three lengths, in the five-furlong G2 King's Stand S. at Royal Ascot. Her form at that age was good enough for her to be weighted as the top Irish-trained three-year-old filly of her year, and the highweighted English three-year-old filly at five to seven furlongs. Warrior Queen is a daughter of Quiet American, a horse who, despite having sired his early crops at a very modest stud fee, is quickly making something of a name for himself as a broodmare sire. He is already broodmare sire of at least 16 stakes winners, with the others including another weekend graded winner in Wild Gams, as well Horse of the Year Saint Liam, Group/Grade I winners Cherry Mix and Whywhywhy, and other graded scorers Two Trail Sioux, Spellbinder, Flying Glitter, Lunarpal, Ugo Fire and Congressionalhonor.

Quiet American is a grandson of Mr. Prospector, via Fappiano, and Warrior Queen is closely inbred 3x3 to Mr. Prospector, as her dam, Call Me Fleet, is by Mr. Prospector's son, Afleet. Call Me Fleet was unraced, but she owns a strong pedigree. To begin with, she is 3/4-sister to the Mr. Prospector mare Soundings, the dam of four stakes winners, including French champion two-year-old filly, Pas de Reponse; and Green Tune, winner of G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains at three, and champion older horse in France at four. What's more, her dam, Ocean's Answer, a Windfields Farm-bred daughter of Northern Answer, won the Natalma S., and was a 3/4-sister to two excellent Northern Dancer products in Storm Bird (European champion two-year-old and a leading sire) and Northernette (winner of the GI Top Flight H., and dam of GISW Scot). **Cont. p12**



(Pedigree Insights cont.)

Since Warrior Queen was inbred to Mr. Prospector, A.P. Indy must have appealed as an obvious mate. It's no secret that Seattle Slew and his sons in general have enjoyed a considerable affinity with Mr. Prospector (both go back to the great tap-root mare, Frizette, and Seattle Slew's granddam has Frizette's daughter, Frizeur 5x4). A.P. Indy has been particularly successful with this cross, and he already has at least 26 stakes winners out of Mr. Prospector-line mares, among them Mineshaft, Tempera and four other Grade I winners. The Seattle Slew/Fappiano version of the cross had not always been the most successful one (other than for Seattle Slew's son Capote), perhaps because Fappiano is a rather different physical type from most Mr. Prospectors, taking far more after his maternal grandsire, Dr. Fager (doubled 3x2 in Quiet American). A.P. Indy is beginning to reverse that trend, however, and in addition to A. P. Warrior, he has already sired Grade I winner A.P. Adventure, and graded scorers Aratama Indy and Teammate out of Fappiano-line mares. It could be worth noting that, with regard to Dr. Fager, he is out of a mare by Better Self. This horse was by La Troienne's only son, Bimelech, out of a War Admiral mare. A.P. Indy carries three mares--Busher, Striking and Busanda--who are by War Admiral out of daughters of La Troienne, and are therefore genetic relatives to Better Self (in fact, all three have other components which make even more closely related). Dr. Fager and Buckpasser (one of the La Troienne sources in A.P. Indy) already combine in the pedigrees of GI Kentucky Derby winners Unbridled and Real Quiet (by Quiet American), so it will be interesting to see if A.P. Warrior can make it a three-timer for the combination. **Alan Porter may be contacted at portrpedigree@msn.com. Please cc TDN management at suefinley@thoroughbreddailynews.com.**

A.P. WARRIOR, c, 2003

A.P. Indy	Seattle Slew	Bold Reasoning	Boldnesian Reason to Earn
		My Charmer	Poker Fair Charmer
	Weekend Surprise	Secretariat	Bold Ruler Somethingroyal
		Lassie Dear	Buckpasser Gay Missile
Warrior Queen Hwt. GB & Ire, SW-Ire & GSP-GB, 9-2-1-1, \$55,150 3FIs, 1GSW	Quiet American	Fappiano	Mr. Prospector Killaloe
		Demure	Dr. Fager Quiet Charm
	Call Me Fleet Unraced 8FIs, 1SW, 1GSP	Afleet	Mr. Prospector Polite Lady
		Ocean's Answer 17FIs, 8wnrs	Northern Answer South Ocean

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FOALING NEWS

ALLSPICE, 6, Coronado's Quest--Music House, by Sadler's House
Foal born Mar. 1, a colt by Empire Maker.
Will be bred back to Ghostzapper.
Owned by Jim Tafel, LLC.
Boarded at Mill Ridge, Ky.
Accomplishments: GSW of \$317,496.

GOLDEN TEMPER, 10, Forty Niner--Falling In Love (Ire), by Sadler's Wells
Foal born Mar. 1, a filly by Vindication.
Will be bred back to Elusive Quality.
Owned by Pollock Farms.
Boarded at Taylor Made Farm, Ky.
Accomplishments: GSW of \$347,413.

MELISMA, 13, Well Decorated--Marathon Girl, by Fleet Nasrullah
Foal born Mar. 1, a colt by Vindication.
Will be bred back to Mineshaft.
Owned by Jane & Frank Lyon, Jr.
Boarded at Summer Wind Farm, Ky.
Accomplishments: Dam of Choctaw Nation (Louis Quatorze), MGSW-US & G1SP-UAE, \$1,224,800.

SUMMER WIND DANCER, 6, Siberian Summer--Native Wind Dancer, by Incinerator
Foal born Mar. 1, a colt by Unbridled's Song.
Will be bred back to Empire Maker.
Owned by Mr & Mrs M Roy Jackson.
Boarded at Mill Ridge, Ky.
Accomplishments: MGSW & GISP, \$898,762.

BOOTS 'N JACKIE, 16, Major Moran--Cherokee Ace, by Cherokee Fellow
Foal born Mar. 2, a filly by Unbridled's Song.
Will be bred back to Vindication.
Owned by Gulf Coast Farms.
Boarded at Taylor Made Farm, Ky.
Accomplishments: GSW & GISP, \$647,580. Dam of Major Mecke (Mecke), SP, \$259,496; Supah Blitz (Mecke), MGSW & GISP, \$1,319,210.

JERSEY GIRL, 11, Belong to Me--Miss Bold Appeal, by Valid Appeal
Foal born Mar. 2, a colt by Speightstown.
Will be bred back to Perfect Soul.
Owned by Charles Fipke.
Boarded at Darby Dan Farm, Ky.
Accomplishments: MGISW of \$571,137.

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★ **EAST** ★

Tampa Boosts Purses:

Tampa Bay Downs will increase purses by \$500 per overnight race, effective Mar. 25. The boost brings overnight purses to an all-time record level of \$133,000 per day, eclipsing last year's previous record overnight purse level of \$121,000 per day. Track officials attribute the increase to the overwhelming response with all-source wagering on Tampa's Festival Day.

★ **CENTRAL** ★

Yesterday's Results:


1st-SUN, \$20,100, Msw, 3yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:03 1/5, ft. + MYTHICAL EVENT (f, 3, [Event of the Year--Myth of the Day, by Dayjur](#)), overlooked at 13-1 in her career opener, was head-and-head for the lead from the outset and proved much the best in the final furlong, drawing off to a six-length victory. Boo Dee Shaker (Valid Wager) completed the exacta. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$12,060. O-Connie & Richard Snyder. B-Betty L Mabee (KY). T-Jimmie D Claridge.

High Hope Steeplechase on Tap:

The High Hope Steeplechase's 40th anniversary running will be held May 21 at the Kentucky Horse Park for the benefit of several local charities, including the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation-Makers Mark Secretariat Center, Central Kentucky Riding for Hope and the Blue Grass Farms Chaplaincy. The card features four National Steeplechase Association-sponsored events and two flat races. The day's feature is the Ashford/Coolmore Sportsman's Challenge, in which local farms compete for a silver trophy. Chris McCarron will ride for the North American Racing Academy in this year's event; Pat Day will also be on hand. Entries for the Ashford/Coolmore Sportsman's Challenge close May 10; inquiries may be directed to Mark McEntee at (859) 621-1604. Tickets and other event information are available at www.highhopesteeplechase.com.

Trackside at Churchill Offers Dubai Simulcast:

Trackside at Churchill Downs will offer a special morning session of simulcast wagering Saturday, featuring the G1 Dubai World Cup and five other stakes races from Nad al Sheba Racecourse. Admission gates will open at 8:30 a.m. ET and the first of the Dubai World Cup races, the G2 Godolphin Mile, has a scheduled post time of 8:40 a.m. Also on tap: the G2 UAE Derby (with post time of 9:15 a.m.), the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen (9:55 a.m.), G1 Dubai Sheema Classic (10:50 a.m.), G1 Dubai Duty Free (11:30 a.m.) and World Cup (12:20 p.m.).

 **TODAY'S
INSIGHTS**
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4:00p 1st-SAX, \$36K, Msw, (S), 2yo, f, 2f

HRTV The first two-year-old race of the season in So. Cal features Cal-bred fillies by freshman sires Tribal Rule (Storm Cat), who was first or second in all four starts before suffering a career-ending injury, and MGISW Skimming (Nureyev). But the one to watch is **Sylvana (Indian Charlie)**, who has been working bullets for trainer Marcelo Polanco. Brisnet.com pps

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22:

04-01 \$1,000,000 *Florida Derby-I, GP, 3yo, 9f* (2500) 
04-01 \$150,000 *Pan American H.-III, GP, 3yo/up, 12ft* (150)
04-01 \$150,000 *Orchid H.-III, GP, 3yo/up, f/m, 12ft* (150)
04-01 \$100,000 *Skip Away H.-III, GP, 3yo/up, 9f* (100)
07-01 \$150,000 *Arlington Classic-III, AP, 3yo, 8.5ft* (300)
07-22 \$250,000 *American Derby-II, AP, 3yo, 9.5ft* (300)
08-12 \$400,000 *Secretariat-I, AP, 3yo, 10ft* (300)

TOMORROW, THURSDAY, MARCH 23:

04-02 \$200,000 *Potrero Grande Breeders' Cup H.-II, SA, 4yo/up, 6.5f* (200)

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EUROPE



‘06 Breeders’ Cup Ticket Applications Available:

Ticket applications for this year’s Breeders’ Cup World Championships are now available. The 23rd Breeders’ Cup will be held Nov. 4 at Churchill Downs. Ticket applications may be obtained at www.ntra.com or www.churchilldowns.com and must be received no later than June 1 to be included in a random drawing that will determine the order in which applications will be processed. Applications received after the deadline will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets will be limited to six per household.

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN ITALY:

Mrs Colony, f, 3, [Hennessy](#). See “European Breeders’ Edition”

IN FRANCE:

Trezene, c, 4, [Atticus](#). See “European Breeders’ Edition”

SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT

Stakes/First-time Starters to Watch: Wed., Mar. 22

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

CITY ZIP (Carson City), Lane’s End, \$8K, 118/28/2

7-AQU, Aoc, 1m, Epigrammatic, \$77K SAR AUG yrl

DIXIE DOT COM (Dixie Brass), Cardiff, \$6K, 74/8/0

5-SA, Str, 5 1/2f, Moon Over Hemet

MIDDLESEX DRIVE (Pine Bluff), Godstone, \$3K, 31/1/0

3-EVD, Msw, 6f, +Rigoli From Sicily, 15-1

SMOLDERIN HEART (Two Punch), Dead, \$2K, 37/5/0

2-OP, Msw, 5 1/2f, Courtesan’s Song, 20-1

VALID BELFAST (Valid Appeal), Judice, \$1K, 83/3/0

3-EVD, Msw, 6f, +Santana’s Sueno, 8-1

FRESHMAN FOCUS

First-crop progeny to watch: Wednesday, Mar. 22

Sire (Sire’s Sire), Farm, 2003 Fee, #2yos/Winners/SW

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

SKIMMING (Nureyev), Cardiff, \$7500, 69/0/0

1-SAX, Msw, (S), 2f, + Tami’sinherjammies

TRIBAL RULE (Storm Cat), River Edge, \$5K, 56/0/0

1-SAX, Msw, (S), 2f, +Rockella

PERCY ON TARGET Connections of Anthony Pakenham’s **Sir Percy (GB)** (Mark of Esteem {Ire}) have issued an upbeat bulletin on the G1 Dewhurst S. hero ahead of his tilt at the May 6 G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket. Conditioner Marcus Tregoning revealed to the *Racing Post* that regular jockey Martin Dwyer had paired up with the unbeaten colt last week. “Martin gave Sir Percy a sharp canter the other morning and was thrilled,” he told the publication. “He looks marvelous and I couldn’t be more pleased. We’ll step up his work from next week, and everything is on schedule for Newmarket on May 6. Fortunately, the cold weather hasn’t held us up.”

★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday’s Results:

Maisons Laffitte, 1.50, Mdn, €19,000, 3yo, f,
1 5/16mT, 2:26.50, vsf.

ANNA MONA (GER) (f, 3, **Monsun {Ger}**--**Anna Oleanda {Ire}**, by **Old Vic**) ran sixth at Saint-Cloud Nov. 12, her only other go, and was restrained early here. Asked for an effort at the quarter-mile marker, the 21-10 second choice finished strongly to deny Gift Lucky (Fr) (Ultimately Lucky {Fr}) by a short head on the line. The winner was a 70,000 TATOCT yearling. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 0 places, €9,500.

O-Ecurie Mister Ess SA; B-Gestut Rottgen; T-Nicolas Clement.

Maisons Laffitte, 2.20, Mdn, €19,000, 3yo, c/g,
1 5/16mT, 2:22.70, vsf.

RINGBOW (IRE) (c, 3, **Rainbow Quest--Ring Beaune, by Bering {GB}**) went postward as the 9-5 pick returning from a debut second at Fontainebleau Nov. 28. Reserved off the pace until making headway in the straight, he swept beyond pacesetter Sazoum (Fr) (Sagamix {Fr}) inside the final furlong to best that rival by two lengths. The Wertheimer homebred is a half-brother to Special Ring (Nureyev), MGISW-US, MSW & GSP-Fr, \$915,279 Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €13,100.

O/B-Wertheimer & Frere; T-Carlos Laffon-Parias.

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★ BRITAIN ★

DONCASTER LINCOLN

While Doncaster hosts no racing until next year due to its redevelopment, the town's sales venue continues its trading, and today's Doncaster Bloodstock Sales Company's Lincoln Handicap Sales offer a mix of horses in training. Included in the one-day auction is a group of two-year-olds who have failed to make the cut for the Breeze-Up Sale next month. Shadwell present a clutch of horses in training including hip 90, a yearling daughter by Mujahid out of group winner Lady Carlotta (Ire) from the Moyglare family of Grey Swallow (Ire) and Simple Exchange (Ire). Of the older horses, Cheveley Park Stud consign hip 97, the four-year-old handicap winner **National Trust (GB)** (Sadler's Wells), who hails from the family of Baratheia (Ire) and Gossamer (GB). Selling gets underway at 11a.m. Full catalogue and updates can be found on www.dbsauctions.com.



AUSTRALASIA



WAR TRACE TO WATTLE BRAE The regally bred **War Trace** (Storm Cat--Memories of Silver, by Silver Hawk) will begin his stud career later this year at Wattle Brae Thoroughbreds in Queensland, Australia. His stud fee will be announced at a later date. A son of multiple Grade I winner Memories of Silver from a famed Darby Dan family, the dark bay captured the Choice S. at Monmouth as a three-year-old in 2004 before an injury ended his racing career. "War Trace was more than a good horse--he was very good," said Jimmy Toner, who trained the colt for the Phillips family. "His ability to change gears and accelerate in deep stretch would have put him in the company of the country's elite had injury not intervened." War Trace won three of his five turf starts.



War Trace Equi-Photo

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-HAW, \$27,000, NW1X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12 4/5, ft. **RIVERSON** (g, 4, **Afternoon Deelites**--El Gato Loco, by **Crafty Prospector**) Lifetime Record: 24-4-4-5, \$74,168. O/T-Owen L Rainwater. B-John J Greely III (KY). *\$3,700 yrl '03 FTKOCT.

9th-PHA, \$21,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft. **ROJO GRANDE** (h, 5, **Shuailaan--Devils Lake {SW, \$103,785}**, by **Lost Code**) Lifetime Record: 16-4-4-1, \$99,620. O-Willowbrook Farm. B-Hargus & Sandra Sexton (KY). T-Steve Klesaris. *\$44,000 2yo 2003 FTMJUL.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Sand Arroyo**, c, 3, **Classified Facts**--Stolen Gance (MSW), by Aferd. HAW, 3-21, (S), 6f, 1:14 2/5. B-Sharon Kirby (IL). *1/2 to Nicky D. Taylor (Major Impact), SW, \$186,994.

Hail to Truth, g, 3, **Shanawi (Ire)**--Truthfull, by Notebook. TAM, 3-21, 1 1/16m, 1:48 2/5. B-Penny Lewis & Evelyn & Marjorie Hale (FL). *\$10,000 wlng '03 OBSOCT.

Swiss Reserve, g, 3, **Swiss Yodeler**--Slewpy's Leader, by Slewpy. SUN, 3-21, 1m, 1:38 3/5. B-Eagle Oak Ranch (Ca). *\$4,000 yrl '04 BESJAN; \$6,000 yrl '04 ARZOCT.

Boulder Tiger, c, 4, **Giant's Causeway**--Devil's Needle, by Nureyev. TAM, 3-21, 1 1/16mT, 1:44. B-ClassicStar LLC (Ky). *\$55,000 yrl '03 KEESEP.

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Maisons Laffitte, 2.50, €24,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT, 2:45.40, vsf.

TREZENE (c, 4, **Atticus**--Trevilla, by **Lyphard**) Lifetime Record: 8 starts, 3 wins, 3 places, €45,100. O-Woodside Farms LLC; B-Edward Stephenson; T-David Smaga. *1/2 to Treble (Riverman), G1SW-Fr, \$127,437.

ITALY, Rome, 2.50, €9,000, 3yo, 1m (AWT), time: n/a, stn.

MRS COLONY (f, 3, **Hennessy**--Sun Colony, by **Pleasant Colony**) Lifetime Record: 9 starts, 3 wins, 0 places, €22,488. O-Gaetano Drago; B-Payson Stud Inc; T-Giovanni Colella. *\$37,000 yrl '04 KEESEP.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Jilmar (Ire)**, c, 3, **Elmaamul**--Jeu (Ire), by Miswaki Tern. Rome, Italy, 3-21, Mdn, 3yo, 1mT. B-Scuderia Neva di M Fiochetti.

★ ON THE WORKTAB ★

GULFSTREAM PARK

More Smoke (Smoke Glacken), 4f, :50.40, 9/10
Smokume (Smoke Glacken), 5f, :58.80, 1/6

OAKLAWN PARK

Alumni Hall (A.P. Indy), 4f, :50.40, 9/23

PAYSON PARK

Palladio (Lycius), 5f, 1:03.40, 1/1