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**Triple Threats**

**First Samurai Works Seven Panels at Churchill...**

Bruce Lunsford and Lansdon Robbins III's **First Samurai** (Giant's Causeway) continued his preparations yesterday in advance of the Apr. 15 GI Blue Grass S. at Keeneland. Over a Churchill Downs track labeled 'good' after heavy overnight rains, the chestnut covered seven furlongs in 1:25 1/5. Churchill clockers caught First Samurai in splits of :12 2/5, :24 2/5, :36 1/5, :48 1/5, 1:00 1/5, and 1:12 3/5. He galloped out



**First Samurai** A Coglianese

a mile in 1:40. Donna Barton Brothers was aboard for the move. "It's a little hard to judge over a 'wet-fast' racetrack, but I thought he worked all right," said his trainer, Frank Brothers. "It'll be six weeks between his races, so he needed a pretty good work. He'll probably come back with a half or five-eighths [of a mile work]--probably five-eighths--next week. He's breezed right along, but I just thought he needed a little tightener." First Samurai finished second in the Mar. 4 Gil Fountain of Youth S., but was promoted to victory over the since-derailed **Corinthian** (Pulpit). Brothers added that he was looking for a good effort in the Blue Grass from his charge to ensure a trip to the GI Kentucky Derby May 6. "He's doing fine--he's just got to step up to the plate next time, that's all," he said. "If he runs well there, then he buys his ticket."

**PEDIGREE INSIGHTS**

BY ANDREW CAULFIELD

FLORIDA DERBY-GI, \$1,000,000, GPX, 4-1, 3yo, 1 1/8m, 1:49, ft.

1--▲**BARBARO**, 122, c, 3, by **Dynaformer**

1st Dam: La Ville Rouge (MGSP, \$262,594), by Carson City

2nd Dam: La Reine Rouge, by King's Bishop

3rd Dam: Silver Betsy, by Nearctic

O-Lael Stables; B-Mr & Mrs M Roy Jackson (KY); T-Michael R Matz; J-E S Prado; \$600,000. Lifetime Record: 5-5-0-0, \$849,000. \*1/2 to Holy Ground (Saint Ballado), SW.

Click for the [brisnet.com](http://brisnet.com) chart or the [free.brisnet.com](http://free.brisnet.com) catalogue-style pedigree. Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.

So near and yet so far has been the story up to now concerning Dynaformer's lengthy quest for Kentucky Derby honors. Blumin Affair, a member of his initial crop, finished a four-and-a-half length third to Go For Gin in 1994 and then, eight years later, another son, Perfect Drift, was beaten a similar distance as he chased home War Emblem and Proud Citizen. In between these two thirds at Churchill Downs, another of Dynaformer's sons, Beat All, also filled the show spot in the Epsom Derby before going on to be fourth in Montjeu's Irish Derby.



**Barbaro**  
 Horsephotos

The question now is whether Dynaformer can finally make the progression to first this year, with the help of his unbeaten son Barbaro? This admirably talented and versatile colt will be seeking his third Derby success, following his victories in the Tropical Park and Florida versions.

Caulfield cont. p2

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Click to view the [GII Fountain of Youth S.](#)

**TDN TODAY**

Headline News ..... 4 pages

**APTITUDE IS THE #3 SECOND CROP SIRE WITH 2 STAKES HORSES ON THE SAME DAY**

On April 1st, Sky Diving ran second in the \$600,000 WinStar Derby and Princess Patricia placed in the \$250,000 WinStar/Sunland Park Oaks.

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**Andrew Caulfield cont.**

He wouldn't be the first member of the Hail to Reason male line to make his mark on the Churchill Downs classic, as Halo scored with both Sunny's Halo and Sunday Silence in the 1980s. Times have changed a bit since then, though, with the emphasis switching more to speedier elements, thanks to the Derby successes of sons of Elusive Quality, Distorted Humor, Our Emblem and Mr. Prospector.

**BARBARO, c, 2003**

<b>Dynaformer</b>	Roberto	Hail to Reason	*Turn-To
			Nothirdchance
	Andover Way	Bramalea	Nashua
			Rarelealea
		His Majesty	*Ribot
		On the Trail	Flower Bowl
<b>La Ville Rouge</b> MGSP 3 Fls, 1 GSW, 1 SW	Carson City	Mr. Prospector	Olympia
			Golden Trail
	La Ville Rouge SW 14 Fls, 1 GSW 1 SW	Blushing Promise	Raise a Native
			Gold Digger
		King's Bishop	Blushing Groom
			Summertime
		Silver Betsy	Round Table
		6 Fls, 1GSW, 1SW	Spearfish
	Nearctic		
	Silver Abbey		

Even Dynaformer's greatest admirers wouldn't describe him as speedy. The writers of the 1988 Classform Annual clearly weren't among those admirers, as their harsh assessment dismissed him as "a moderately useful, decidedly one-paced animal." Classform concluded that "Dynaformer was simply not good enough to compete with the best of his generation," but *The Blood-Horse's* distinguished team of handicappers, comprising messieurs Kilroe, Hale and Robbins, took a kinder view of his abilities. They assessed his three-year-old efforts at 116, just 11 lbs below the top-ranked Risen Star.

Even so, Dynaformer's lack of acceleration limited him to seven victories from 30 appearances, with two of his best wins coming over 1 1/4 miles in the GII Jersey Derby and in a mile-and-a-half allowance race on turf, in which he lowered Keeneland's track record. He was also second at Grade II level over 1 5/8 miles. Stamina clearly wasn't a problem.

Andrew Caulfield cont. p3

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**1. BANDINI (LEFT)** won G3 Skip Away H. to remain unbeaten in 2006. Starts next in the G1 Met Mile.

**2. CIRCLE THE WORLD** made a winning debut at Gulfstream Park for Todd Pletcher.

**3. MAGGIE JORDON** won an allowance at Turfway Park for Patrick Biancone to remain unbeaten.

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**Andrew Caulfield cont.**

Although Dynaformer was clearly effective on turf, five of his seven successes were gained on dirt (as was his dam's Grade I victory in the Top Flight H.) and *The Blood-Horse* handicappers rated his best dirt efforts four pounds superior to the best of his turf displays.



**Dynaformer**  
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Dynaformer's reputation as a turf sire also needs qualifying. It ignores the fact that he is responsible for such good dirt performers as Perfect Drift, Critical Eye, Starrer, Dynever and Blumin Affair. This year we have seen Dynaformer's sons Purim and Barbaro both make a successful transition from graded winners on turf to

graded winners on dirt.

Barbaro has every right to be effective on both surfaces, as he is the product of two versatile parents. His dam La Ville Rouge was second or third in four graded stakes, at the ages of two and four, with the four dividing evenly between dirt and turf. As two of these good graded efforts were achieved over 1 3/8 miles, Barbaro looks most unlikely to be troubled by the extra furlong he'll have to tackle at Churchill Downs.

He also appears to have enough speed to be able to hold a good early position--an asset he may well have inherited from his broodmare sire Carson City.

La Ville Rouge wasn't at all a typical daughter of this very speedy stallion, who spent the whole of his 15-race career contesting sprints on dirt. Not surprisingly, Carson City later established a reputation as a fertile source of quick-maturing juveniles, such as City Zip and Cuvee, and of high-class sprinters, such as State City, Lord Carson, Five Star Day and Good And Tough.

**DON'T MISS BILL OPPENHEIM IN TOMORROW'S TDN**

La Ville Rouge's sister Lucky Lavender Girl fitted this template far better, gaining all seven of her wins over sprint distances, as well as finishing third in the GI Acorn S. Lucky Lavender Gal's stakes-winning daughter Lavender Lass is another sprinter.

La Ville Rouge, on the other hand, has quickly shown that she is passing on at least a measure of her stamina, as her first two foals are both stakes winners over 1 1/8 miles, the other being her Saint Ballado colt Holy Ground. The source of her stamina isn't obvious, as her dam La Reine Rouge was by the sprinter King's Bishop out of a daughter of another fast performer in Nearctic. For the record, La Reine Rouge also produced Green Alligator (GIII California Derby) and she was a sister to La Reine Elaine, winner of the GIII Gallorette H.

Perhaps the most interesting aspect of Barbaro's pedigree is that he is out of a mare by a son of Mr.



**Barbaro and owner Roy Jackson**  
Equi-photo

Prospector. Dynaformer is building up a very encouraging record with granddaughters of Mr. Prospector, as he has also sired the excellent Riskaverse (a dual Grade I winner over 1 1/4 miles) from a daughter of Seeking The Gold and the very good mile-and-a-half filly Ocean Silk from a Kingmambo mare. Dynaformer also struck gold with a mare by Mr. Prospector, siring another Grade I winner in Film Maker, whose

stamina stretched to winning the GII La Prevoyante H. over 1 1/2 miles.

If you trace the family back far enough, you'll find that Barbaro's seventh dam is War Plumage, winner of the CCA Oaks and Alabama S. in 1939, but a more compelling piece of information is that Barbaro followed in the footsteps of Spectacular Bid, Swale, Unbridled, Thunder Gulch and Monarchos when he won the Florida Derby. And we all know what they achieved on the first Saturday of May.



**Officer-Frans Lass**  
Colt Hip 89 selling  
TODAY at Fasig-  
Tipton Texas

## Officer...Producing Fast 2YOs

- The Leading First Crop Sire by triple-digit ROR *Market Watch*, 10-14-05
- **Officer** 2YOs sold at Calder & OBS for \$275,000, \$240,000, \$230,000, \$200,000, etc.
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Sunday, Nakayama, Japan

**LORD DERBY CHALLENGE TROPHY-G3 (Listed),** ¥78,130,000, Nakayama, 4-2, 4yo/up, 1600mT, 1:32.40, fm.

1--**GREAT JOURNEY (JPN), 123, h, 5, by Sunday Silence**

1st Dam: **Ambrosine, by Mr. Prospector**

2nd Dam: **Barada, by Damascus**

3rd Dam: **Courtly Dee, by Never Bend**

O-North Hills Management Co Ltd; B-North Hills Management; T-Yasuo Ikee; J-Tetsuzo Sato; ¥41,581,000. Lifetime Record: 26-5-1-3. \*1/2 to No Reason (Jpn) (Brian's Time), \$1,431,735.

2--**King's Trail (Jpn), 123, c, 4, Sunday Silence--Santa Fe Trail (Jpn), by Northern Taste.** O-Sunday Racing Co. Ltd; B-Northern Farm. ¥16,166,000.

3--**Kinetics (Jpn), 123, h, 7, Forty Niner--Incurable Romantic, by Stop the Music.** O-North Hills Management Co Ltd; B-Masanobu Sasajima. ¥10,083,000. Margins: 1 3/4, NK, NK. Odds: 27.50, 8.20, 107.20.

Winless at the graded stakes level in over two years, Great Journey, let go at 27-1 this time, marked his return to the winner's circle with a rousing come-from-behind victory. "He was very impressive," said victorious jockey Tetsuzo Sato. "He relaxed and listened very well." Hero of the G3 Shinzen Kinen in 2004, the bay won last October's Ohara S. before taking the December S. in his seasonal finale. Fourth in the Kyoto Kim Pai Jan. 5, he ran eighth in the G2 Nakayama Kinen Feb. 26 before finishing third in the Kocki S. Mar. 19.

☆ FOALING NEWS ☆

**URBANE, 14, Citidancer--Dumfries Pleasure, by Pleasant Colony**

Foal born Mar. 8, a colt by A.P. Indy.

Will be bred back to A.P. Indy.

Owned by Mace & Samantha Siegel.

Boarded at Mill Ridge, Ky.

Accomplishments: MGISW of \$1,018,568. Dam of Suave (A.P. Indy), MGSW & GISP, \$1,124,583.

**MAYO ON THE SIDE, 7, French Deputy--Slewveau, by Slew o'Gold**

Foal born Apr. 2, a filly by Speightstown.

Will be bred back to A.P. Indy.

Owned by Twin Creeks Farm, Rancho San Miguel, Robert Lothenbach, Taylor Made Farm, George Saufley & Louis Brooks.

Boarder at Twin Creeks Farm, Ky.

Accomplishments: GISW, \$642,366.

**Don't Miss This Week's Blood-Horse**

■ **High Five**

An in-depth look at Barbaro's Florida Derby victory. The colt is now a perfect five-for-five and will wait five weeks for his next start in Kentucky Derby.

■ **Frank Lyons**

Analyst lends both humor and horsemanship to TVG telecasts.

■ **Old Friends**

Photographer Barbara D. Livingston's images and text on some of her old friends.

■ **United Regulating**

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Date	Race	Track
Apr. 7	GIII Transylvania S.	Keeneland
Apr. 8	GI Carter H.	Aqueduct
	GI Wood Memorial S.	Aqueduct
	GI Santa Anita Derby	Santa Anita
	GI Ashland S.	Keeneland
	GI Apple Blossom H.	Oaklawn
	GII Arcadia H.	Santa Anita
	GII Oaklawn H.	Oaklawn
	GII Illinois Derby	Hawthorne
	GIII Bay Shore S.	Aqueduct
	GIII Providencia S.	Santa Anita
	GIII John B Connally BC	Sam Houston



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### THIRD MRLS CASE CONFIRMED IN FLORIDA; MEETING SET

by Kimberly S. Herbert, courtesy of [www.bloodhorse.com](http://www.bloodhorse.com)

An Arabian mare in Marion County, Florida, aborted a 310-day gestation (the foal was born dead) on March 13 that was confirmed as having mare reproductive loss syndrome (MRLS), according to Dr. Dana Zimmel, of the University of Florida's College of Veterinary Medicine.

The first case was a Thoroughbred foal from the University of Florida research herd born on March 18 that died on March 20. The second case was a Quarter Horse foal born on March 25 that died on March 26 on a private farm. Both mares foaled in Alachua County, and both foals were born alive, were hospitalized, but were euthanized due to their deteriorating conditions.

Zimmel said there is still one suspect case that was a late-term abortion from a Thoroughbred mare from the University of Florida breeding herd. The University of Florida herd of research mares lives near Ocala, Fla., (in Marion County) until about 30 days prior to foaling, when they are brought to the university's farm in Alachua County. Eastern tent caterpillars, which have been linked to MRLS, were reported in fields with the dams of the first two foals; no report was available for the third foal. For the complete story, click [here](#).

**FASIG-TIPTON TEXAS TODAY** Fasig-Tipton holds its Texas Two-Year-Olds in Training sale today, with action getting underway at Lone Star Park in Grand



Prairie, Texas, at 10:00 a.m. A total of 319 horses were catalogued for the one-day event, including juveniles by the likes of Valid Expectations, Open Forum, Holzmeister, Officer, Dixie Union, and Yonaguska. A pair of youngsters shared the bullet for an eighth of a mile at Sunday's under-tack preview. Hip [89](#), a colt by Officer out of the consignment of Leprechaun Racing, agent; and hip [308](#), a filly by Ide from draft of Twin Oaks Training Center, agent, each

worked the distance in :10 flat. Going a quarter mile in :21 1/5, the fastest of the day, were hip [19](#), a colt by Service Stripe; and hip [103](#), a filly by Langfuhr. Hip 19 is consigned by Cashmark Farm (Cash Asmussen), agent. Diamond D Ranch, agent, consigns hip 103. Hip [30](#), a colt by In Excess (Ire), worked the fastest three furlongs when he stopped the clock in :35 flat. He's consigned by Werner Ranch, agent. For complete catalog and workout times, visit [www.fasigtipton.com](http://www.fasigtipton.com).

### STAKES CLOSINGS

**TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5:**

04-08 \$750,000 *Santa Anita Derby-I, SA, 3yo, 9f (15000s)*

04-14 \$250,000 *Maker's Mark Mile-II, Kee, 4yo/up, 8fT (250)*

04-15 \$400,000a *Commonwealth Breeders' Cup-II, Kee, 3yo/up, 7f (300)*

04-15 \$200,000 *Jenny Wiley-II, Kee, 4yo/up, f/m, 8.5fT (200)*

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3rd July Stakes-Gr.2  
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## ★ GULFSTREAM ★

### Yesterday's Results:

8th-GPX, \$33,000, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11, ft. LUCY VALENTINE (f, 3, [Langfuhr](#)--Three of a Kind, by Carson City) opened her career with a pair of third-place efforts at Delaware Park late last summer before securing a front-running 2 3/4-length maiden victory Oct. 29. Sidelined since then, the 3-1 shot attended the pace and gamely outbattled 28-1 longshot Travel Plans (Notebook) by a determined neck. Lucy Valentine was a \$42,000 KEESEP yearling and a \$290,000 OBSMAR juvenile. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-2, \$54,525. O-Puglisi Stables & Klesaris Steve. B-T/C Stable (IL). T-Steve Klesaris.

## ★ CENTRAL ★

### Keeneland to Stream Live Video of April Works:

Keeneland announced yesterday that it plans to stream live video of its two under-tack shows, Monday, Apr. 10 and Monday, Apr. 17, on its website at [www.keeneland.com](http://www.keeneland.com). Both shows start at 10:30 a.m. (EDT). "We are using new technologies to conveniently deliver information directly to buyers," said Keeneland Sales Director Geoffrey Russell. "For the first time, horsemen can watch the two-year-olds perform under tack in real time from any corner of the world in which they're doing business." TVG will broadcast works from the first preview during a 90-minute show that is scheduled to air Thursday, Apr. 13, at 10:30 a.m. Keeneland has cataloged 223 horses for the April sale, held in Lexington, Kentucky on Tuesday, Apr. 18. The one-day sale begins at 1:30 p.m.

## ★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

### IN BRITAIN:

Tamagin, c, 3, [Stravinsky](#)--Luia, by Forty Niner. Lingfield, 4-3, Hcp, 3yo, 1m (AWT). B-Stonehaven Farm LLC.

Count Cougar, g, 6, Sir Cat--Gold Script, by Seeking The Gold. Southwell, 4-3, Hcp, 4yo/up, 5f (AWT). B-Angus Glen Farm (1996) Ltd. \*\$10,000 yrl '01 KEESEP.

### IN ITALY:

Dionisia, f, 3, Tejano Run. See "Italy."

Distant Way, h, 5, [Distant View](#). See "Italy."

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the 8th Race, \$27,000 Allowance, at Hawthorne. For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).

## TDN ☆ Star of the Week ☆

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### DAVID COHEN

#### This week's accomplishment:

The 21-year-old jockey made his first trip to Dubai and came away with a 1 1/4-length win aboard Tricar Stable's Proud Tower Too in the \$2,000,000 G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen.

**Birthdate:** October 29, 1984

**Birthplace:** I was born in Torrance, CA, but raised in Las Vegas, NV

**Current Residence:** Arcadia, CA

**Education:** Graduated high school and went right to the University of Santa Anita.

**Family:** I have two siblings--a brother, 26, and a sister, 25--who is expecting a baby in early April 2006. That would make me an uncle for the first time in my life!

**Who has been your favorite horse and why?** It would have to be a mare by the name of Beneficial Bartok. She and I started our careers together. I groomed her for eight months, then galloped her for seven months, then progressed on to ride her when she broke her maiden; she has now made nearly \$400,000. (Cohen has ridden the mare in 18 of her 26 starts and accounted for all five of her wins; the two were second to Moscow Burning in the Sunshine Millions F/M Turf S. last time out).

**If you could change one thing about our sport, what would it be?** I would like there to be more unity between all horsemen, and more national public interest.

**Who were your biggest idols growing up?** Laffit Pincay Jr. and Patrick Valenzuela.

**What is your favorite vacation spot?** A cabin in the mountains, spending my time snowboarding.

**Favorite food or meal?** Rotisserie chicken.

**What is your drink of choice?** Pineapple juice.

**If you had the opportunity, would you bungee jump?** Only if my owners permitted it.

**What was your last purchase?** 2006 BMW 545i.

**CONGRATULATIONS!** from Fasig-Tipton's TWO Graded Stakes Winning Stars of the Week:

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**American-bred Winners cont.**

**IN JAPAN:**

**Queue du Pin**, c, 3, **Gold Case**--Dire Desire, by Pistols and Roses. Nakayama, 4-2, Novice Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 9-1-1-5, \$120,763. O-Tadashi Matsuo; B-Mary Jane Callander; T-Yoshihiko Ishige.

**Ceres Dynamic**, c, 3, **More Than Ready**--Jolly Ginny, by Broad Brush. Nakayama, 4-1, Plate Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-1, \$130,508. O-Koji Oka; B-Stonyfield Farm; T-Hajime Fukunaga. \*\$100,000 yrl '04 FTKJUL; \$100,000 2yo '05 FTFEB.

**Max Image**, f, 3, **Tiznow**--Polished Image, by Unbridled. Fukushima, 4-1, Novice Race, 9fT. Lifetime Record: 7-1-0-0, \$58,898. O-Tadashi Iida; B-WinStar Farm, LLC; T-Nobuhiro Suzuki. \*\$145,000 wnlg '03 KEENOV; \$165,000 yrl '04 KEESEP.

**Cafe Olympus**, h, 5, **Grand Slam**--Cognac Lady (SW), by Olympio. Hanshin, 4-1, Coral S., 7f. Lifetime Record: 18-6-4-0, \$1,497,542. O-Koichi Nishikawa; B-Mt. Brilliant Farm LLC; T-Yasuhisa Matsuyama. \*SW-Jpn, \$1,391,383. \*\*\$425,000 2yo '03 FTFEB.

**JAPANESE WINNER BY U.S. SIRE:**

**T M Hennessy (Jpn)**, h, 5, **Hennessy**--Versache, by Gulch. Hanshin, 4-2, Plate Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 23-3-4-6, \$376,186. O-Masatsugu Takezono; B-Yano Farm; T-Megumu Shinkawa.



★ FRANCE ★

**Tuesday, Maisons-Laffitte, post time: 2:50 p.m.**

**PRIX IMPRUDENCE**-Listed, €50,000, 3yo, f, 7fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	6	Thamarat (GB)	Anabaa	F Head
2	5	Beau Monde (GB)	Agnes World	Pantall
3	4	Mauralakana (Fr)	Muhtathir (GB)	Rouget
4	3	Mytographie (Fr)	Anabaa	Head-Maarek
5	1	Kezia (Fr)	Spectrum (Ire)	Laffon-Parias
6	2	Gwenseb (Fr)	Green Tune	Laffon-Parias

All carry 126 pounds.

**Tuesday, Maisons-Laffitte, post time: 3:20 p.m.**

**PRIX DJEBEL**-Listed, €50,000, 3yo, c/g, 7fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	2	Headache (Fr)	Muhtathir (GB)	Rob Collet
2	4	Stormy River (Fr)	Verglas (Ire)	Clement
3	1	Marchand d'Or (Fr)	Marchand de Sable	F Head
4	5	Fenice (Ire)	Woodman	Rob Collet
5	3	Tsar Xaar (Fr)	Xaar (GB)	Rohaut
6	6	Dream In Blue (Fr)	Munir (GB)	Rob Collet

All carry 128 pounds.

**Yesterday's Result:**

**Longchamp, 3.50, Cond (Lady Riders)**, €21,000, 3yo, 1mT, 1:47.40, hy.

**ZARIYAN (FR)** (c, 3, **Anabaa**--Zarkana {Ire}, by Doyoun {Ire}), runner-up at Lyon Parilly Mar. 19, spotted the leader four lengths through the early stages here.

Switched from the rail to challenge approaching the final furlong, the 23-10 second choice was driven out inside the closing panel to account for Kalken (Fr) (Kendor {Fr}) by 1 1/2 lengths. The Aga Khan hombred is a half to Zarkiya (Ire) (Catrail), GSW-Fr. Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €21,300.

O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC; T-Alain de Royer-Dupre.

★ BRITAIN ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

**Lingfield, 4.10, Hcp**, £8,371, 3yo, 7f (AWT), 1:25.85, stn.

**EASY AIR (GB)** (c, 3, **Zafonic**--Easy Option {Ire} {SW-GB, GSP-Fr}, by Prince Sabo {GB}), a G1 2000 Guineas entry, returned for this seasonal bow off a first-up track success Nov. 15. Slow from the traps, the 10-11 pick closed from the rear rounding the home turn and was ridden out inside the final furlong to assert by a cozy 1 1/4 lengths from Grimes Faith (GB) (Woodborough). The winner is a full to Maybe Forever (GB), GSW-Fr, and a half to Court Masterpiece (GB) (Polish Precedent), G1SW-Fr, GSW-Eng, \$696,604. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, £9,365.

O-Gainsborough Stud; B-Gainsborough Stud Management Ltd; T-Ed Dunlop.

★ "TDN Rising Star" ★

**Lingfield, 3.10, Mdn**, £4,924, 3yo, 1 1/4m (AWT), 2:07.29, stn.

+ **LENINGRAD (IRE)**, c, 3, by **Montjeu (Ire)**

**1st Dam: Sallanches, by Gone West**

**2nd Dam: Stresa (Ire), by Mill Reef**

**3rd Dam: Ileana (GB), by Abernant (GB)**

Leningrad was well touted before this debut and overcame a tardy start to justify a G1 Derby entry with a fluent success. Hammered down to 10-11 at the boards, the grey was sluggish from the gate, but soon recovered to race in sixth. Angled off the rail for his bid approaching the final quarter mile, the €82,000 GOFNOV weanling and €520,000 GOFORB yearling purchase made smooth headway from there to challenge on the bridle at the eighth pole and was coaxed clear under a hand ride to easily account for Alcyon (Ire) (Alhaarth {Ire}) by 1 1/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £3,239.

O-Philip Green & Michael Tabor; B-Kilcarn Stud; T-Michael Bell.





★ ITALY ★

**Sunday's Results:**

**Milan, 2.50, Cond, €31,500, 3yo, f, 1mT, time: n/a, sf.**  
**SABANA PERDIDA (IRE) (f, 3, Cape Cross {Ire}--Capriola, by Mr. Prospector),** winner of the Listed Premio Gino e Luciano Mantovani here in July, closed out her juvenile campaign with a conditions score at the Capannelle on her last outing in October. Stalking the early fractions, the 11-10 second choice took over at the quarter pole before asserting to beat Percristina (Ire) (Orpen) by 3½ lengths. The winner was a €38,000 GOFORB yearling purchase. Lifetime Record: SW-Ity, 7 starts, 5 wins, 1 place, €87,431.  
 O-Scuderia Zaro SRL; B-Musaed Abo Salim; T-Roberto Feligioni.

**Rome, 2.45, Cond, €31,500, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.40, gd.**  
**DISTANT WAY (h, 5, Distant View--Grey Way {GSW-Ity, GSP-US, \$173,449}, by Cozzene)** annexed the Listed Premio Natale di Roma last April and Listed Premio Bereguardo at the San Siro the following month, before rounding off his 2005 campaign with success in the G2 Premio Ribot at this track in November. Sent off the 1-4 crowd's choice, the €100,000 ITYSEP yearling was settled in rear and barely had to change gears to make a winning return, cruising past Absolut Taft (Ire) (King's Theatre {Ire}) in the final 150 yards to record a cosy 1 1/2-length success. Lifetime Record: GSW-Ity, 24 starts, 13 wins, 8 places, €397,672.  
 O-Allevamento La Nuova Sbarra; B-Grundy Bloodstock Ltd; T-Lorenzo Brogi.

**Rome, 3.15, Cond, €31,500, 3yo, 1mT, 1:37.30, gd.**  
**RATTLE AND HUM (ITY) (c, 3, Celtic Swing {GB}--Scuola Genovese {Ire}, by Ela-Mana-Mou {Ire})** ran fifth in the Listed Premio Giuseppe de Montel at the San Siro in July, but finished off with a six-length romp in a conditions event over this course in November. Settled adrift of the early leader Fiskardo (Ire) (Night Shift) throughout the early stages, the 1-3 pick cut down that rival inside the final quarter before asserting for a fluent five-length score. Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 4 wins, 0 places, €48,875.  
 O-Scuderia San Valentino; B-Loreto Luciani; T-Fabrizio & Luigi Camici.

**Rome, 4.15, Cond, €31,500, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:38.50, gd.**  
**DIONISIA (f, 3, Tejano Run--Essie's Maid, by Linkage)** was rated one of Italy's best juvenile Fillies last term after capturing four listed contests and finishing runner-up in the G1 Gran Criterium at the San Siro in October. Sent off the 1-2 favorite, the \$13,000 FTKOCT yearling purchase stalked the early pace before seizing the advantage approaching the quarter pole and drawing clear to beat Hands Clean (Ire) (Key of Luck) by 2½ lengths. Lifetime Record: MSW & G1SP-Ity, 10 starts, 6 wins, 2 places, €178,415.  
 O-Razza dell'Olmo; B-E H Beau Lane III; T-Riccardo Menichetti.

**Milan, 3.25, Cond, €27,000, 3yo, f, 5fT, time: n/a, sf.**  
**VELVET REVOLVER (IRE) (f, 3, Mujahid--Noble Kara {Fr} {MGSP-Fr}, by Noblequest {Fr}),** a €26,000 ITYSEP yearling, chased home Champion Place (GB) (Compton Place {GB}) when runner-up in a Rome conditions event on her last start in November and was settled off the early fractions carved out by that foe. Launching her challenge approaching the final eighth, the 21-1 outsider overhauled her arch-rival with 100 yards remaining before asserting to score by 3/4 of a length. Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 2 wins, 2 places, €27,965.  
 O-Christopher Wright; B-Agricola Ficomontanino SRL; T-L Riccardi.

**Milan, 5.35, Cond, €22,500, 3yo, 7fT, time: n/a, sf.**  
**SALAR VIOLET (IRE) (f, 3, Orpen--Sopran Lawka {Ity}, by Catrail),** winner of last year's Listed Premio Eupili at this venue, was only seventh in a conditions race most recently at the Capannelle Mar. 17. Sent to the front early, the 12-1 chance maintained the gallop to hold Re Barolo (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}) by a head. Lifetime Record: SW-Ity, 12 starts, 4 wins, 4 places, €68,595.  
 O-Scuderia Belforte di Cesare Bernasconi; B-Giovanni Latina; T-Bruno Grizzetti.

**Pisa, 5.20, Cond, €15,300, 3yo, 7 1/2fT, 1:28.70, gd.**  
**WINDHUK (GER) (f, 3, Platini {Ger}--Waconda {Ger}, by Pursuit of Love {GB}),** who took the Listed Criterium Labronico at Livorno last August, finished off with a second in the Listed Criterium di Pisa over course and distance in December. Looking to bounce back from a tame ninth in the Mar. 26 Listed Premio Pisa, the 5-2 pick was settled in third early before taking over with a quarter mile remaining and asserting to beat Hong (GB) (Dr Fong) by 1 1/2 lengths. The winner was a €5,500 BBASEP yearling purchase. Lifetime Record: SW-Ity, 12 starts, 4 wins, 3 places, €59,100.  
 O/T-Pierluigi Giannotti; B-Gestut Romerhof.

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★ EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS ★

EUROPEAN-SIRED WINNERS IN JAPAN:

**Sonic Ruler (Jpn)**, c, 3, **Barathea (Ire)**--Luczezia (GB), by Machiavellian. Nakayama, 4-1, Novice Race, 12.5fT. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$80,508. O-Noriyuki Hosoya; B-Sakurai Farm; T-Sakae Kunieda.

**Cosmo Merveille (Aus)**, f, 3, **Fasliyev**--Dane Ripper (Aus) (Hwt Older Mare-Aus at 5-7f, Mare of the Year-Aus, MG1SW-Aus), by Danehill. Nakayama, 4-1, Novice Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$66,102. O-Misako Okada; B-Pitt Place Pty Ltd; T-Kiyoshi Hagiwara.

**Halwa Sweet (Jpn)**, m, 5, **Machiavellian**--Halwa Song, by Nureyev. Hanshin, 4-2, Plate Race, 7f. Lifetime Record: 18-4-1-1, \$349,153. O-Kazumi Yoshida; B-Northern Farm; T-Yasuo Tomomichi.



EL MOXIE COLT TOPS DAY 1 AT INGLIS

**AUTUMN** A colt by El Moxie topped Monday's opening session of Inglis' two-day Autumn Yearling Sale at Oaklands. Purchased by bloodstock agent Robert Roulston for A\$100,000, the bay was consigned by Basinghall Farm. "Obviously I thought he was the best colt in the sale," said Roulston. **Lot 190** is out of the Canoise (Aus) mare Make the Grade (Aus), who is a half-sister to Oceanfast (Aus), the dam of Australian two-year-old champion Alinghi (Aus). Both average and gross figures climbed from last year's corresponding session. A total of 134 yearlings sold for A\$1,565,000, up from A\$1,434,100 last term, while average increased from A\$10,783 in 2005 to A\$11,679 this year.



STAKES RESULTS:

**RAINBOW S.**, \$50,000, OPX, 4-2, (S), 3yo, 6f, 1:12 1/5, ft.

1--**#HEART APPEAL**, 113, g, 3, **Smolderin Heart--Desert Appeal (MSP, \$119,404)**, by **Sezyou**. O/B-Libbie E & John Thiel (AR); T-W Howard; J-J Jacinto; \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-1, \$33,540.

2--**Catch That Moxie**, 122, g, 3, Cinnamon Creek--Proper Halo, by Proper Reality. O-Joe Roach. \$10,000.

3--**Meme's Boy**, 118, g, 3, Southern Forest--Supreme Vixen, by Seattle Knight. (\$7,500 yrl '04 TEXDEC). O-James Glover. \$5,000.

Margins: 4 1/4, 1, 1. Odds: 22.80, 5.30, 1.90.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**9th-SAX**, \$59,200, 4-2, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000), NW1X, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:49, fm.

**DANCING EDIE (f, 4, Moscow Ballet--Duchess of Ack, by Slewp)** Lifetime Record: GISP, 10-2-2-2, \$138,280. O-Julian Basin, Fast Lane Farms, J Paul Reddam, et al. B-Fast Lane Farms & Donald Reiker (CA). T-C Dollase.

**8th-GGX**, \$36,295, 4-2, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 1/5, gd.

**LION ANDTHE LAMB (g, 5, Lion Cavern--Angel Puss {SP}, by Wolf Power {Saf})** Lifetime Record: 16-3-4-2, \$93,939. O-Rancho San Miguel & George Todaro. B-Eigel & Glass LLP (KY). T-Jerry Hollendorfer. \*\$170,000 yrl '02 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to Lendell Ray (Regal Affair), GSW, \$190,154; U S S Tinosa (Foxhound), MSW & GSP, \$267,419; Hackendiffy (Willowy Ambassador), MSW & GSP, \$239,950.

**4th-HAW**, \$29,000, NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:46 4/5, wf.

**MEADOW SKIPPIN (f, 3, Skip Away--Meadow Concerto, by Meadowlake)** Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-0, \$54,870. O-Troy Hames III. B-E & D Enterprises & Skip Away LLC (FL). T-Larry Rivelli. \*\$37,000 yrl '04 OBSAUG. \*\*1/2 to Open Concert (Open Forum), SW & MGSP, \$656,078.

**8th-MNR**, \$27,800, 4-2, NW2L, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:42 3/5, ft.

**SALT ESTE (f, 3, Old Trieste--Dash of Salt {SW, \$205,806}, by Salt Lake)** Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-1, \$37,352. O-J B Stables Inc. B-Armanda, Holland, Shipp & Zast Partnership (KY). T-John W Baird. \*\$5,200 yrl '04 FTKOCT.

★ ON THE WORKTAB ★

CALDER

**Miesque's Approval** (Miesque's Son), 4f, :50.20, 6/16

CHURCHILL

**First Samurai** (Giant's Causeway), 7f, 1:25.20, 1/1

**Indigo Cat** (Storm Cat), 4f, :50.00, 12/20

**Noonmark** (Unbridled's Song), 6f, 1:14.40, 2/3

**Silverfoot** (With Approval), 5f, 1:01.40, 10/21

GULFSTREAM PARK

**Miss Matched** (Formal Gold), 5f, :59.60, 1/12

HOLLYWOOD PARK

**Giacomo** (Holy Bull), 5f, 1:03.80, 24/26

OAKLAWN

**La Reason** (Labeeb {GB}), 5f, 1:01.00, 3/19

PALM MEADOWS

**Better Talk Now** (Talkin Man), 5fT, 1:05.00, 10/19

**Brunilda (Arg)** (Mutakddim), 5fT, 1:03.00, 2/19

**Film Maker** (Dynaformer), 5fT, 1:07.00, 19/19

**Timo** (El Prado {Ire}), 4fT, :53.80, 6/7

SANTA ANITA

**Moscow Burning** (Moscow Ballet), 3f, :38.20, 14/22



**9th-MNR, \$27,800, 4-2, NW1X, 3yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:43 4/5, ft.**

**AMERICAN MAN (g, 4, Glitterman--American Heiress {SW}, by Quiet American) Lifetime Record: 13-2-2-0, \$62,465. O-Nancy & Richard Kaster. B-Richard Kaster & Nathan Fox (KY). T-Gregory Fox. \*\$120,000 yrl '03 KEESEP.**

**9th-PHA, \$24,782, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000), NW3X, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:22 4/5, ft.**

**BLISSFUL IGNORANCE (f, 4, Lil's Lad--Crystal Sky, by Conquistador Cielo) Lifetime Record: 19-5-5-1, \$98,505. O-Advantage Stable. B-Silverleaf Farms, Inc (FL). T-Gregory D Sacco. \*\$3,700 yrl '03 OBSJAN.**

**10th-SUN, \$24,300, 4-2, NW2L, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38 2/5, ft.**

**SHINE MISS COMET (f, 4, Comet Shine--Atlantic Miss, by Fatih) Lifetime Record: 10-2-2-3, \$41,492. O-Susan Vescovo. B-Michael Weatherly (NM). T-Joel H Marr. \*\$2,500 yrl '03 RUIAUG.**

**8th-PHA, \$24,150, NW1X, 3yo, a1m70yd, 1:43, ft.**

**HE'S MY PAL (c, 3, Devil's Bag--My New Pal, by Saratoga Six) Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$23,500. O/B-Timber Creek Farm (PA). T-Cynthia G Reese. \*1/2 to My New Love (Not for Love), MSP, \$210,855; Pal's Partner (Rakeen), SW, \$118,220; Forever Partners (Not For Love), SW & GISP, \$118,560.**

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Florida Jack Pot, c, 3, Cimarron Secret--Appealing Sandi, by World Appeal. TAM, 4-3, 7f, 1:24 2/5. B-Virginia L & William Rice (Fl).**

**Mixed Message, g, 5, Gulch--Pledge the Fifth, by Danzig. TAM, 4-3, 1 1/16m, 1:47. B-Bayard Sharp (Md).**

**Iwoman, f, 3, Storm Creek--Iman (SP), by Kris S. GPX, 4-3, (C), 1mT, 1:36. B-Haras Santa Maria de Araras S/A (Ky). \*\$57,000 yrl '04 OBSAUG.**

 **SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT**

**Starters to Watch: Tues., Apr. 4**

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

**ALBERT THE GREAT** (Go for Gin), Three Chimneys, \$10K, 126/21/0 7-HAW, Msw, 1 1/16m, Alby, 6-1

**DISCO RICO** (Citidancer), Murrur, \$4K, 74/5/2 10-TAM, Msw, 1mT, Heza Disco, \$10K EAS SEP yrl, 20-1

**FOREST CAMP** (Deputy Minister), Airdrie, \$10K, 167/21/2 5-TAM, Msw, 6f, Camp Counselor, 15-1

**UNCLE ABBIE** (Kingmambo), Key, \$2K, 47/2/0 1-SUN, Msw, 6 1/2f, Atomic Abbie, 6-1

**VISION AND VERSE** (Storm Cat), Hill N Dale, \$8K, 110/12/0 7-HAW, Msw, 1 1/16m, Southern Vision, 8-1

**BREEDERS' EDITION  
EUROPE**

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**ITALY, Pisa, 3.20, 4-2, €15,300, 3yo, 1 3/8mT, 2:20.30, gd.**

**WICKWING (GB) (f, 3, In The Wings {GB}--Chetwynd {Ire}, by Exit to Nowhere) Lifetime Record: 6 starts, 3 wins, 3 places, €23,800. O-Scuderia Francesca; B-G S Shropshire; T-Alduino & Giuseppe Botti. \*25,000gns yrl '04 TATDEC.**

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

+ **Lord Charles (GB), c, 2, Atrah (GB)--Just Run (Ire), by Runnett (GB). Lingfield, Britain, 4-3, Mdn, 2yo, 5f (AWT). B-Mrs M S Teversham.**

+ **Out Of Time (Fr), f, 2, Panis--Manettia (Fr), by Midyan. Mont-de-Marsan, France, 4-2, Mdn, 2yo, 5fT. B-Maxime Jarlan.**

+ **Chief Editor (GB), c, 2, Tomba (GB)--Princess Zara (GB), by Reprimand (GB). Southwell, Britain, 4-3, Mdn, 2yo, 5f (AWT). B-J R & Mrs P Good. \*9,000gns yrl '04 TATOCT.**

+ **Relight's Best (GB), f, 3, Grand Lodge--Relight My Fire, by Blushing John. Nantes, France, 4-2, Mdn, unraced 3yo, 1 1/2mT. B-Haras de la Perelle.**

**Royal Honor (Fr), g, 3, Highest Honor (Fr)--Nirvana, by Green Dancer. Longchamp, France, 4-3, Cond, 3yo, 9f 165ydsT. B-S Levent. \*10,060gns yrl '04 DEAAUG.**



**FOALING NEWS**

**PERSONAL GLORY, 18, Danzig--Andover Way, by His Majesty**

Foal born Mar. 9, a colt by Elusive Quality.

Will be bred back to Seeking the Gold.

Owned by and boarded at River Bend Farm, Ky.

Accomplishments: Dam of Supremo (Gone West), GSW, \$228,250; Personal Love (Diesis {GB}), MSW-Ger.

**RED ROSES STORY (FR), 14, Pink (Fr)--Roses for the Star, by Stage Door Johnny**

Foal born Mar. 9, a colt by Dr Fong.

Will be bred back to Anabaa.

Owned by and boarded at Newsells Park Stud, England.

Accomplishments: G1SW-Fr & SP-US, \$193,371.

**STAL QUEST, 8, Norquestor--Stalwart's Dream, by Stalwart**

Foal born Mar. 9, a colt by Ten Most Wanted.

Will be bred back to Pleasant Tap.

Owned by Costas Triantafilos.

Boarded at Summer Wind Farm, Md.

Accomplishments: SW of \$121,670.





## THE BALLYDOYLE REPORT

### O'BRIEN UNCOVERS HIS RICHES

by Tom Frary

Aidan O'Brien yesterday unveiled his main hopes for the 2006 campaign during the annual press day at Ballydoyle. Not surprisingly, it was last year's brilliant G1 Phoenix S. and G1 National S. winner **George Washington (Ire)** (Danahill) who was at the center of the attention. That is the way the colt likes it, according to his conditioner.

"He looks down on everyone and every horse," he said yesterday. "He has that arrogance about him. He just has so much ability, but he is a bit of a bully and that's what makes him so good."

George Washington is heading to Newmarket for the May 6 G1 2000 Guineas. He may have company in the mile Classic in the shape of last year's G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere hero **Horatio Nelson (Ire)** (Danahill) and the unbeaten **Art Museum** (Storm Cat), while **Rumplestiltskin (Ire)** (Danahill) will fly the flag in the fillies' equivalent May 7.

"Rumplestiltskin has wintered well and at the moment the plan is to go straight to Newmarket," he said.

O'Brien also has a select team of seven older horses to call upon, headed by last year's G1 St Leger winner **Scorpion (Ire)** (Montjeu {Ire}) and G1 Breeders' Cup Turf runner-up **Ace (Ire)** (Danahill), and he has a clutch of unexposed sophomores as back-up.

"You would be hoping that there is a nice bunch of horses there," he commented. "When the two-year-olds are as strong as last year you hope that they'll come good again at three, but we'll approach this year cautiously. We'll try and keep them right--the horses are reasonably fit, but they are not sharpened up yet, because of the soft ground. That is a lovely way to have them."

As in previous years, Ballydoyle will descend on The Curragh Sunday, when a host of Classic contenders will be put through their paces in separate gallops after racing.

"We hope to bring the likes of George, Horatio and Art Museum and a few more to The Curragh," O'Brien explained. "They all believe they are great at the minute, so its important that Kieren sits on them all." O'Brien also cast doubt on fielding a representative in this year's G1 Kentucky Derby. "I'd imagine Kentucky is out of the equation at the moment," he added. "The horses we were looking at were Art Museum, Frost Giant and Hurricane Cat, but I don't think any of them will be ready. I'd imagine probably not this year." Kieren Fallon was also on hand to talk up his hopes for the coming season and was particularly sweet on the Listed Blenheim S. scorer Art Museum.

"You can see how well they've done from two to three, which is a great sign, and George Washington is a serious horse," he said. "He was very good last year and you can see how well he has done. I have always loved Art Museum--he is one of my favorite horses. He has everything you'd like--he's a brilliant mover and travels well. He does everything for you and he has an engine, quickens and is a special horse to ride."

He added that the maiden **Hitchcock** (Giant's Causeway--Beware of the Cat, by Caveat) is his "dark horse" for this term.

## THREE-YEAR-OLDS

*What O'Brien said about the leading sophomores:*

**GEORGE WASHINGTON (IRE)**, c, Danahill--Bordighera, by Alysheba

"He put on 45-50 kilos over the winter and has grown up a lot. He is more relaxed than Footstepsinthesand and he has that natural confidence about him. He has the arrogance that often goes with brilliance, and he believes in himself so much that he would look over every horse and person in front of him. I don't think we've ever had a miler with such pace--he is very fast. Whether he gets the mile trip is a slight worry, but Kieren thinks he will. We won't know until we try and if he doesn't, he'll go back sprinting."

**HORATIO NELSON (IRE)**, c, Danahill--Imagine (Ire), by Sadler's Wells

"Kieren has always raved about him. He's a great model and is not a slow horse--not by a long way. Hopefully being out of Imagine, he'll get a mile and a half, and he's very well-balanced. If he doesn't go to Newmarket he could to Leopardstown for the [Apr. 23] G3 Ballysax S. That is a possible route, but I would hate to say that is more likely at the moment. He either goes to Newmarket [for the 2000 Guineas] and then goes straight for the [June 3] G1 Epsom Derby, or else there is the Ballysax and then the G2 Leopardstown Derby Trial [May 14]. He put on 55 kilos over the winter, so that usually says that they have done well. They have to have the physique to do that, but he is slowly coming back down now."

**ART MUSEUM**, c, [Storm Cat](#)--Totemic, by Vanlandingham

"He is a big horse and has done real well. He is a Storm Cat, so he is a real good ground horse and you mightn't see him until May, but he fits in there as a possible 2000 Guineas horse. He is the closest thing we have ever had, in the way he works and the way he behaves, to Giant's Causeway. He is relaxed and runs with his head out--there is always more there and he looks in the mold of 'your man.' His two runs were very nice last year and we'd be hoping he could get a mile--he might get a mile and a quarter."



**Ballydoyle Report cont.**

**RUMPLESTILTSKIN (IRE)**, f, **Danehill--Monevassia**, by Mr. Prospector

“Hopefully, we’ll get her to The Curragh next weekend for a racecourse gallop and if everything goes well there, we’ll be looking at Newmarket [for the G1 1000 Guineas] for her. She has won around Longchamp and acts around there, so could go for the G1 Poule d’Essai des Pouliches [French 1000 Guineas May 14]. She is a little bit tricky in that you just have to produce her late--she pulled herself up when she hit the front in the G1 Moyglare Stud S. After the Guineas, if everything goes well, you’d be thinking of the G1 Irish Guineas [at The Curragh May 28] and then the G1 Coronation S. [at Royal Ascot June 23]. You wouldn’t be sure that she’d be a filly that will get an Oaks trip.”

**IVAN DENISOVICH (IRE)**, c, **Danehill--Hollywood Wildcat**, by Kris S.

“He is in good shape and might go to Longchamp for one of the trials [Apr. 23 G3 Prix de Fontainebleau] He kind of lost his way after his run in France [when second in the G1 Prix Morny] and then he ran fourth in the G1 Middle Park S. and Kieren blamed the soft ground that day. We’ll try and keep him on a bit of nice ground this year and he is a possible for the G1 Poule d’Essai des Poulains [French 2000 Guineas at Longchamp May 14].”

**FROST GIANT**, c, **Giant’s Causeway--Takesmybreathaway**, by Gone West

“He is coming along lovely. It wouldn’t be fair to start him next week in the soft ground, but a lot of these horses have early May deadlines so if we don’t get them out in trials, we will take them away for a gallop. He has done very well.”

**HURRICANE CAT**, c, **Storm Cat--Sky Beauty**, by Blushing Groom (Fr)

“He won at Newbury [in the G3 Horris Hill S.], funnily enough in bad ground. He is lazy at home, so it’s just going to take a while to get him fit, but he could go further than a mile and could arrive around the time of the G2 Dante S. [at York May 18].”

**RACE FOR THE STARS**, f, **Fusaichi Pegasus--La Lorgnette**, by Val de l’Orne (Fr)

“She is a big filly and loved Newmarket when winning [the Listed Oh So Sharp S.] last year. She’d get a mile well and she is another possible 1000 Guineas filly.”

**SEPTIMUS (IRE)**, c, **Sadler’s Wells--Caladira (Ire)**, by Darshaan (GB).

“He ran third in the G1 Racing Post Trophy and the ground was very heavy that day--Kieren thought he didn’t handle it. He is going nice and he could start off in one of the Derby trials, possibly the Ballysax or something like that.”

**ALEXANDROVA (IRE)**, f, **Sadler’s Wells--Shouk (GB)**, by Shirley Heights (GB)

“Kieren loved her when he rode her [to be second] in the G1 Fillies Mile and she is an Oaks type filly. She is a filly that appreciates an ease in the ground and bends her knee plenty.”



Of the unexposed types, of which there is an abundance this year, O’Brien pointed to the unraced **Grafton Street (Ire)** (Danehill--Bells are Ringing, by Sadler’s Wells), **Benjamin Franklin (Ire)** (Danehill--Adjalisa {Ire}, by Darshaan {GB}), and the above-mentioned Hitchcock as “lovely horses who could be anything.” He added, “We’ve never had as many unraced three-year-old maidens of that caliber, but last year we were rolling with the two-year-olds doing so well, so we were not under pressure to run these ones. Of those that haven’t run, we think they are high-class maidens”

**\*\*Tomorrow--older horses and two-year-olds.**



**SKI DANCER**, 14, **Baldski--Dance Song**, by Run Dusty Run

Foal born Mar. 7, a colt by Empire Maker. Will be bred back to Vindication. Owned by Jane & Frank Lyon, Jr. Boarded at Summer Wind Farm, Ky. Accomplishments: MGSW & MGISP, \$578,344.

**SLEW OF COMFORT**, 12, **Seattle Slew--Close Comfort**, by Far North

Foal born Mar. 7, a colt by Dixie Union. Will be bred back to Grand Slam. Owned by/boarded at Diamond A Farm, Ky. Accomplishments: Dam of Sujimoto (Woodman), SW-Fr.

**PROSPECTIVE JOY**, 15, **Allen’s Prospect--Jovial Joy**, by Rollicking

Foal born Mar. 8, a filly by Malibu Moon. Will be bred back to Malibu Moon. Owned by Country Life Farm/Flaherty LLC. Boarded at Country Life Farm, Md. Accomplishments: SW. Dam of Hookedonthefeelin (Citidancer), GISW, \$488,554.

**RAVINE (GB)**, 9, **Indian Ridge (Ire)--Cubby Hole (GB)**, by Town and Country (GB)

Foal born Mar. 8, a colt by Red Ransom. Will be bred back to Pivotal (GB). Owned by/boarded Highclere Stud Ltd, GB. Accomplishments: Dam of Captain Squire (GB) (Desert Style {Ire}), GSW-GB, \$102,874.