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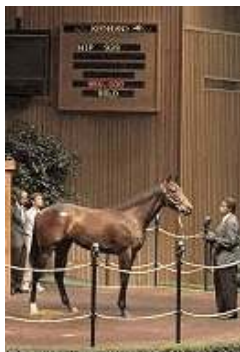
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ALL SYSTEMS GO AT KEENELAND

A total of 164 juveniles are set to go under the hammer in the last of the five select sales for the age group, the Keeneland April Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training. The auction house has left no stone unturned



Keeneland Sales Ring
Horsephotos

to remind their patrons that, despite its position at the end of the juvenile calendar, there are plenty of quality horses to be had and every reason to buy with confidence. "We have representation from all corners of the world," commented Keeneland Director of Sales Geoffrey Russell. "The leading buyers from previous two-year-old sales are all represented here and there's a great interest right now for the American horse." He added, "There's great strength in the entire Thoroughbred industry. September was unbelievable, November

carried it on and January was phenomenal. The two-year-old market has been strong--it hasn't been crazy, but it's been strong. You had a world-record priced horse, but you take that horse and the sales have still been very good."

Statistically Speaking....

Sales officials would love to rebound from last year's sale, during which the RNA rate remained above 40 percent, the average declined by over 25 percent and the median dipped by close to four percent. But, based on the quality of the book and the success of the first breeze-up show Apr. 10, Keeneland is looking ahead, not back. "This is really a top-drawer bunch of two-year-olds and some of the best physicals we've ever had given to us to sell," offered Tom Thornbury, associate director of sales. "Especially in the case of fillies, there are any number of pedigrees that anyone would like to have at the end of their racing careers. It should be a sparkling sale." Added Russell, "We had a very successful [first] under-tack show, wonderful weather, and we have great consignors who brought us very nice horses and a good buying base that's come here." The sale begins this afternoon at 1:30 p.m.

More From Keeneland April, p2

NO DERBY FOR FIRST SAMURAI

Bruce Lunsford and Lansdon Robbins III's **First Samurai** (Giant's Causeway) has been withdrawn from Kentucky Derby consideration after a fifth-place effort in Saturday's GI Toyota Blue Grass S.



First Samurai *Equi-Photo*

"He seems to have come out of his race in good order," said trainer Frank Brothers. "The race Saturday just didn't work for him. He's not going to run in the Kentucky Derby and there are no immediate plans for him right now.

We'll figure something out for him." Winner of last year's GI Hopeful S. and GI Champagne S., First Samurai was second in this year's GI Hutcheson S. and won the GI Fountain of Youth S. via disqualification. **Triple Threats p5**

LESS IS MORE AT INGLIS

William Inglis has trimmed the size of its Australian Easter Yearling Sale catalogue to 492 horses for 2006. The three-day sale at Newmarket in Sydney starts today at 10:30 a.m., and the reduction has received widespread applause from vendors. The sale rode on the crest of the Redoute's Choice (Aus) wave last year with 436 horses from 598 catalogued selling for gross receipts of A\$90,528,000, an average of A\$207,633 and a median of A\$20,000. The boom stallion has 41 yearlings set to feature at Easter this year. Others with big drafts include Encosta de Lago (Aus) (44), Rock of Gibraltar (Ire) (38) and Elusive Quality (30). There are 37 withdrawals to date, but many believe the move toward a tighter catalogue has cleared the deck for a truly select sale. "It is going to be a very strong sale," predicts Darley's Alastair Pulford. "The catalogue is, as usual, superb, with some fantastic female lines, but it is also very tight this year. Inglis has selected to a standard and not a number." Willow Park Stud's Glenn Burrows agrees. "I think following on from the success of the earlier sales this season, Easter is going to be particularly strong," Burrows said. "Inglis has done the right thing taking 100 lesser horses off the bottom for this elite market, it is a very sensible step, because if the average is not in excess of A\$200,000 then they are losing momentum. They should be commended for doing it." **More From Inglis p7**



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Nuances Could Provide a Boost....

Following last year's sale, there was a decided effort to recruit a broader base of buyers from ports of call both near and far. Russell even dispatched himself to Japan for the first time, where he visited farms and training centers on Hokkaido. Those efforts, in addition to some creative direct marketing, could help to buoy the market. "We are the last select sale, so we don't want people to forget about us," Russell explained. "This year we sent out a marketing piece in early February to remind people. It was sort of like a Rubik's Cube and it happens to be the anniversary of Rubik's Cube this year, so we sort of tied into that. We wanted something like that instead of a piece of paper that you look at once and never again. It is a puzzle to find out where your next graded-stakes winner should come from, so it kind of fit very well." Keeneland also hired former TVG personality Jeff Lifson and his wife Stephanie to put together the promotional program, which aired both on TVG and HRTV. The show featured interviews with consignors, who discussed their past successes--not just those limited to this sale, but anywhere. This, Russell submits, gives the buying public the confidence that the consignors are skilled at their art. It has also become a custom for sales companies to link video of the under-tack preview to their website. Keeneland decided to make a small adjustment this year and show not just the body of the work, but also the gallop out into the first turn. "You can watch your horse take that turn and see how it moves," Tom Thornbury offered. "People love that. That's what sells the horses. Time focuses on one individual, but people are looking around that hoping to find some value." Keeneland also made a live stream to both under-tack previews available at their website.

Weather Impacts Final Breeze-Up Show

Thunderstorms rolled through Lexington Sunday night into Monday morning, forcing a one-hour delay to the start of the second and final under-tack preview for the sale. Many consignors chose not to send their horses to the track, which was officially labeled 'good' and produced slower times than the Apr. 10 preview. Two youngsters were able to shade 11 seconds for an eighth of a mile. Hip [128](#), a Leprechaun Racing-consigned son of Buddha stopped the clock in :10.4 as did hip [162](#). The latter is a New York-bred daughter of Officer, represented by his first winner yesterday in England. The dark bay, from the draft of American Equistock Inc., also worked in :10.4. A colt by Orientate earned the two-furlong bullet, posting a time of :22 flat over the off going. Consigned to the sale by Kip Elser's Kirkwood Stables as agent, hip [12](#) was produced by the stakes-placed Pascali (Great Above). "You can't control the weather and unfortunately, we had a thunderstorm last night," Keeneland Director of Sales Geoffrey Russell said. "We're happy we had a good show last week. Some horses that didn't work spectacularly well last week were compromised by not being able to come back, but that's the nature of the beast where it comes to two-year-old sales. Now people will watch the videos and make their decisions."

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KEENELAND APRIL TWO-YEAR-OLDS				
Under-tack preview--April 17, 2006				
1/8-mile works				
Time	Sex	Hip	Sire	Dam
:10.4	c	128	Buddha	Comical Cat
	f	162	Officer	Genteel World
:11.1	c	29	Indian Charlie	Real Jenny
	c	30	Quiet American	Really Fancy
	c	77	Storm Cat	Turbo Launch
1/4-mile works				
Time	Sex	Hip	Sire	Dam
:22	c	12	Orientate	Pascali
:22.1	c	73	Maria's Mon	Triple Strike
	c	201	Our Emblem	Let's Roll



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☆ HIP HAPPENINGS ☆

Hip 13, c, [Ecton Park](#)--Peppy Lapeau (French Deputy)
 Consigned by Wavertree Stables Inc (C Dunne), agent
B-Richard Giacobelli (KY)

By Ecton Park, whose first crop included the outstanding two-year-old filly French Park, the chestnut colt is a half brother to Songster, who since the catalogue finished second to subsequent stakes winner Exclusive Quality and was most recently second in the GIII Bay Shore S. Apr. 8. The chestnut was clocked in :10.4 for his 1/8-mile breeze Apr. 10 ([video](#)).

Hip 77, c, [Storm Cat](#)--Turbo Launch (Relaunch)

Consigned by Kirkwood Stables, agent
B-Bertram Linder & Overbrook Farm (KY)

From the family of Point Given, this late May foal is a full brother to Close Secret, a \$1.5-million Fasig-Tipton Calder graduate of 2005, who debuted with a troubled third at the local race meet Apr. 12. The colt covered a furlong in :10.4 in the Apr. 10 preview ([video](#)) and came back with another eighth in :11.1 over yesterday. "I thought he worked extremely well," Kip Elser said of yesterday's move. "He's nearly a June foal and I couldn't ask for him to do any more, given the time he's had in training and his foaling date. He's doing exactly what you'd want him to do. All he needs is a chance."

Hip 99, c, [Five Star Day](#)--Authorized Staff (Relaunch)

Consigned by Kirkwood Stables, agent
B-Silver Oaks Farm (KY)

Nearly caused a short-circuiting of the Keeneland teletimer when he stopped the clock in a sparkling :20.3, the fastest work of the first under-tack show ([video](#)). "He's just a brilliantly fast, extremely well-balanced horse," commented Kip Elser. "We're expecting good things." By the sire of the late GSW Dance Daily and GSP Sabatini, the gray colt hails from a solid family, which includes MGSW House Party. A \$50,000 short yearling purchase at the 2005 OBS Winter Mixed sale, he was RNA'd for \$140,000 at Fasig-Tipton July.

Hip 104, c, [Smart Strike](#)--Belva (Theatrical {Ire})

Consigned by Kirkwood Stables, agent
B-Keene Ridge Farm (KY)

Produced by a full sister to Allen Paulson's outstanding turf runners Hap and Pharma, the colt is a full brother to English Channel, a \$50,000 Keeneland September graduate whose bankroll now stands at over \$1.2 million following a comeback win in the Canadian Turf H. at Gulfstream last month. Not surprisingly, this colt worked on the grass, covering a quarter mile in :22.2 last Monday ([video](#)).

Hip 110, c, [Officer](#)--Cajun Cat (Storm Cat)

Consigned by Sequel Bloodstock (Becky Thomas), agent
B-Sequel 2003 & Lynda Richter (KY)

This dark bay colt's page received a timely boost when his half sister, GISP Miss Norman (Artax), returned from a six-month absence and fought her way to a runner-up finish in last Friday's GII Fantasy S. at Oaklawn Park. Purchased in utero for \$67,000 at the 2004 Keeneland January sale, he breezed an eighth of a mile in :10.2 Apr. 10 ([video](#)).

Hip 123, f, [Storm Cat](#)--Christmas in Aiken (Affirmed)

Consigned by Sequel Bloodstock (Becky Thomas), agent
B-Barnett Enterprises (KY)

One of three for her sire in the sale and the lone filly, the dark bay is a 3/4 sister to Harlan's Holiday (Harlan), treble Grade I winner of over \$3.6 million. Purchased by her consignor for \$210,000 from last year's Keeneland September sale, the filly, named Costly Belief, is bred on the same cross that produced such runners as Bernstein, Caress and Country Cat. She worked a quarter mile in :21.4 at the Apr. 10 under-tack show ([video](#)).

Hip 144, f, [A.P. Indy](#)--Dream Supreme (Seeking the Gold)

Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, agent
B-Kinsman Farm (KY)

The second foal produced by multiple Grade I winner Dream Supreme, this Kinsman homebred is a full sister to Crystal Current, who, since the catalogue, won the Suncoast S. at Tampa and was third in that track's Florida Oaks.

Hip 167, f, [Point Given](#)--Golden Thatch (Slew o' Gold)

Consigned by Randy Miles, agent
B-Mr & Mrs G David Shashura & The Thoroughbred Corporation (KY)

This filly opened plenty of eyes with her black-type furlong in :10.1 last Monday ([video](#)), gliding effortlessly down the stretch with little encouragement from her rider. "She galloped out great and wasn't making any laboring noises, it was perfect," commented consignor Randy Miles. "She's the perfect, balanced horse and she's going to get bigger, but her biggest attribute is her mind. She's very confident all the time and she's going to be great on the racetrack." If she's quick, it comes as no surprise, as she is a half sister to Raw Gold (Rahy), one of the best filly/mare sprinters in California for the last 10 years.

More Hip Happenings p4

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Hip 196, c, Silver Deputy--Kopenhagen (Dynaformer)
 Consigned by Murray Smith, agent
B-Haras Santa Maria de Araras SA (KY)

Murray Smith struck gold last year with this colt's half brother, Strong Contender, who topped the sale with an \$800,000 bid from John Oxley. The latter's third-place effort in last Saturday's GI Toyota Blue Grass S. doesn't hurt at all for this colt, which Smith bought for just \$60,000 at the 2005 Keeneland September sale. He did not make an appearance at the first under-tack show.

Hip 211, c, Maria's Mon--Marquee Attraction (Storm Cat)
 Consigned by John D Stephens, agt for 2005 Elite Racing
B-Overbrook Farm (KY)

Maria's Mon is having a breakout season, with stakes winners such as Wait a While, High Limit, Gaff and Cause to Believe. This offering is bred on the exact same cross which produced the latter, winner of the GIII El Camino Real Derby and third in the recent GII Illinois Derby. A \$275,000 Keeneland September grad, this grandson of Golden Attraction breezed an eighth of a mile in :10.2 Apr. 10 ([video](#)).

Hip 216, f, Giant's Causeway--Million Stories (Exclusive Native)
 Consigned by Kirkwood Stables, agent
B-Buckram Oak Farm (KY)

Buckram Oak purchased this filly's half brother Tubrok (Rahy) at auction and liked him so much that they decided to buy the mare, carrying this foal, for \$150,000 at the 2003 Keeneland November sale. They immediately made a return on that investment when they sold the foal for \$385,000 at the Fasig-Tipton November sale in 2004, but the chestnut was a \$340,000 KESEF buyback last year. She worked a quarter mile on the grass in :21.4 last Monday ([video](#)).

Hip 217, f, Forest Camp--Mirror Me (Saint Ballado)
 Consigned by Scanlon Training Center, agent
B-Kidder, Cole, Griggs & Robenalt (KY)

Forest Camp finished the year as one of the leading freshman sires, as he was represented by 17 individual winners, including 11 who won their first career start. This one could turn out to be one of the leaders of his second crop, as the dark bay scorched her eighth in the co-fastest time of :10.1 Apr. 10 and then hugged the rail nicely on the gallop out ([video](#)). "She's a real nice filly and had that spectacular work," said consignor David Scanlon. "She's very sound and she's the kind of filly someone can take and race in the next 30 days. We're thrilled with her."

☆ RESULTS ☆

Monday, Randwick, Australia

DONCASTER H.-G1, A\$2,000,000, Randwick, 4-17, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:34.11, gd.

1--**RACING TO WIN (Aus)**, 112, g, 3, by **Encosta de Lago (Aus)**

1st Dam: **Surrealist (Aus)**, by **Kenny's Best Pal (Aus)**

2nd Dam: **Sunset Beach (Aus)**, by **Kenmare (Fr)**

3rd Dam: **Hula Gold (Ire)**, by **Rheingold (Ire)**

O-T K Stuckey & Ms P Yan; B-Boscabel Stud; T-John O'Shea; J-Glen Boss; A\$1,200,000. * 1/2 to Distilled (Aus) (Masterclass), SP-Aus.


2--**Johan's Toy (Aus)**, 111, f, 4, Johan Cruyff (GB)--Extra Bubbly (Aus), by Bellotto. O/B-R J & Mrs J K Bergstrom; T-Guy Walter; A\$390,000.

3--**Bentley Biscuit (Aus)**, 112, g, 4, Peintre Celebre--Tycoon Joy (Aus), by Last Tycoon (Ire). O-Mrs G M Waterhouse & G W Mooratoff; B-Davilora Lodge; T-Gai Waterhouse; A\$195,000.

Margins: HF, SNK. Odds: 13-4, 7-1, 25-1.


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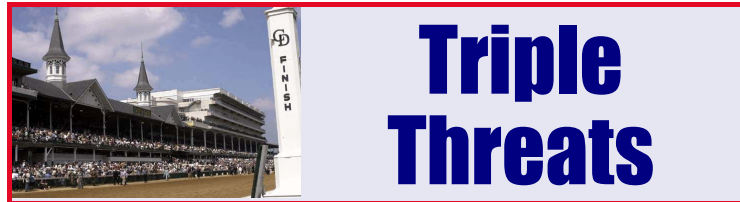


Monday, Longchamp, France

PRIX NOAILLES-G2, €130,000, Longchamp, 4-17, 3yo, c/f, 1 5/16mT, 2:11.00, gd.

- 1--@**GENTLEWAVE (IRE)**, 128, c, 3, by Monsun (Ger)
 1st Dam: Saumareine (Fr), by Saumarez (GB)
 2nd Dam: Charming Queen (Fr), by Habitat
 3rd Dam: Charming Friend (Fr), by Baldric
 (€55,000 yrl '04 DEAug). O-Gary A Tanaka; B-Haras de la Perelle; T-Andre Fabre; J-O Peslier; €74,100.
 Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 3 wins, €115,600.
 - 2--**Bremen (GB)**, 128, c, 3, Sadler's Wells--Anka Germania (Ire), by Malinowski. O-Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Exors of the Late Gerald W Leigh; T-Andre Fabre; €28,600.
 - 3--**Grand Couturier (GB)**, 128, c, 3, Grand Lodge--Lady Elgar (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. (3,500gns yrl '04 TATOCT). O-Daniel-Yves Treves; B-T Wilson; T-Jean-Claude Rouget; €13,650.
- Margins: SHD, NK, HF. Odds: 2.30, 5.90, 1.20.
 Also Ran: Linda's Lad (GB), Salsalava (Fr), Hello Sunday (Fr).

Andre Fabre held a vice-like grip on this G1 Prix du Jockey-Club prep and duly recorded a one-two with the least fancied of the trio of Gentlewave, Bremen and Linda's Lad (GB) (Sadler's Wells), who could only manage fourth as the favorite. Unraced at two, Gentlewave graduated first time at Saint Cloud Mar. 8 before returning there to annex the Listed Prix Maurice Caillault just 10 days later, prompting Gary Tanaka to make another of his notable acquisitions. In a muddling trial in which last year's G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud winner Linda's Lad was committed at the head of affairs early by Christophe Soumillon, Gentlewave was settled in rear by Olivier Peslier and had all rivals in front at the eighth pole. Bremen looked the winner after mastering the troubled Grand Couturier and Linda's Lad, but Gentlewave was switched wide soon after and quickened dramatically to inhale his stablemate in the final strides.



Pletcher Mulling Derby Options

Despite a disappointing fourth-place performance by **Bluegrass Cat** (Storm Cat) in Saturday's GI Toyota Blue Grass S., trainer Todd Pletcher may still have three starters in the May 6 GI Kentucky Derby. Pletcher listed both Bluegrass Cat and **Keyed Entry** (Honour and Glory), the third-place finisher in the GI Wood Memorial as "probable" Derby starters. He said he definitely wants to run **Sunriver** (Saint Ballado), the third-place finisher in the GI Florida Derby, but fears the colt may not have enough earnings to get into the field. The Florida Derby was Sunriver's lone start in a graded stakes. He earned \$100,000 for finishing third. "Keyed Entry is on a plane now to Churchill and he might run," Pletcher said. "I want to see him train first. He will breeze Sunday and we'll see how it goes. Bluegrass Cat came out of the Blue Grass well. I have no explanation for why he ran as poorly as he did other than that maybe the normal Keeneland bias got to him. There is no physical explanation as to why he didn't run better. He's probable, too. I'd really like to run Sunriver in the Derby. He's doing very well and I think the five-week gap between the Florida Derby and the Kentucky Derby will suit him well. It's just a matter of his earnings."

Asmussen Has Derby Duo

Trainer Steve Asmussen's **Private Vow** (Broken Vow) and **Storm Treasure** (Storm Boot) will both be pointed at the Kentucky Derby after hitting the board in Saturday's two major prep races. Private Vow was third in the GII Arkansas Derby, while Storm Treasure was second in the GI Toyota Blue Grass S. "Both of them ran promising races and both of them seem to be improving horses," said Asmussen. "They're both moving forward at the right time. It looks like they both have enough earnings to get in, so we haven't eliminated ourselves that way."

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Watchmaker Watch
Mike Watchmaker's weekly divisional rating

TURF MALES

1 - **Powerscourt**
All three of his U.S. races were huge

2 - **Leroidesanimaux**
Win machine was super in Atto Mile

3 - **Singletary**
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Like Now Unlikely, McLaughlin Still Has Two

Trainer Kiaran McLaughlin announced that Gill Gotham S. winner **Like Now** (Jules) will run in Saturday's GII Coolmore Lexington at Keeneland, but it is doubtful that he will go on to the Kentucky Derby. "It's just not a good year for a speed horse to be looking at the Derby," McLaughlin explained. "But we will run in the Lexington. If he does something crazy like Bob Baffert's horse did in the Blue Grass and wins by 16 lengths, we might have to rethink things. We are interested in running him in the Preakness." McLaughlin added that GI Wood Memorial runner-up **Jazil** (Seeking the Gold) and GII Fountain of Youth S. runner-up **Flashy Bull** (Holy Bull) are being pointed for the Derby. Flashy Bull is still another horse who may not have enough in graded-stakes earnings to get into the field. Also on the earnings fence is **Strong Contender** (Maria's Mon), third in Saturday's Blue Grass. "A lot of other people will have to decide not to go before we'll have enough in earnings to get in," commented trainer John Ward Jr.

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1	Discreet Cat	Forestry	\$1,200,000
2	Brother Derek	Benchmark	\$1,114,980
3	Lawyer Ron	Langfuhr	\$340,800
4	Barbaro	Dynaformer	\$750,000
5	Bob and John	Seeking the Gold	\$590,370
6	Sinister Minister	Old Trieste	\$465,000
7	Private Vow	Broken Vow	\$417,888
8	A.P. Warrior	A.P. Indy	\$323,185
9	Sweetnorthernsaint	Sweetsouthernsaint	\$320,000
10	With a City	City Zip	\$300,000
11	Sharp Humor	Distorted Humor	\$280,000
12	Bluegrass Cat	Storm Cat	\$275,480
13	Steppenwolf	Aptitude	\$230,000
14	Keyed Entry	Honour and Glory	\$205,000
15	Point Determined	Point Given	\$200,000
16	Cause to Believe	Maria's Mon	\$192,500
17	Deputy Glitters	Deputy Commander	\$163,750
18	Storm Treasure	Storm Boot	\$155,000
19	Jazil	Seeking the Gold	\$150,000
20	Seaside Retreat	King Cugat	\$125,807
21	Like Now	Jules	\$120,000
22	Mister Triester	Old Trieste	\$112,000
23	Flashy Bull	Holy Bull	\$109,000
25	Sacred Light	Holy Bull	\$97,300

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Tuesday, Newmarket, Britain, post time: 3:10 p.m.
SHADWELL NELL GWYN S.-G3, £50,000, 3yo, f, 7fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	8	Speciosa (Ire)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Sly
2	6	Dizzy Dreamer (Ire)	Spinning World	P Chapple-Hyam
3	3	I'm In Love	Zafonic	Magnusson
4	4	Mostaqeleh	Rahy	J Dunlop
5	2	Saabiq	Grand Slam	C Brittain
6	1	Salut d'Amour (Ire)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Noseda
7	7	Spinning Queen (GB)	Spinning World	B Hills
8	9	Sweet Travel (Ire)	Danzig	Fabre
9	5	Wasseema	Danzig	Stoute

All carry 124 pounds, bar Speciosa, 127.
Speciosa has to carry a three-pound penalty courtesy of her surprise win in the G2 Rockfel S. over course and distance in October. That was a step forward from her third placing in the G2 May Hill S. at Doncaster in September, where the mile might have proved beyond her. "She's done a couple of sharp bits on the all-weather, but what she really needs is a racecourse outing," trainer Pam Sly commented. "Although she carries a penalty, I think the ground staying good would be on her side. We will see where we are with her."
Wasseema is still a maiden, but represents powerful connections. The Shadwell homebred shaped with great promise when third on debut here in September.

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Inglis Easter Sale Starts Today

Inglis Director Jonathan D'Arcy says an expanded Melbourne Premier sale enabled Inglis to trim Easter numbers—a bold move as the rival Magic Millions catalogue gets fatter each year. “Easter yearlings are always selected on quality to ensure the sale proves the climax of the best-bred fillies and colts in Australasia and 2006 will be no different,” D'Arcy said. “One of the highlights this Easter will be the sale ring clash of Redoute's Choice, Encosta de Lago and Zabeel (NZ), the three top-tier stallions in this region. Redoute's Choice has 41 catalogued and, given his light selling schedule so far in 2006, that will prove to be a major drawcard for serious investors. Encosta de Lago's crop are from the best book of mares, resulting in 44 high-class yearlings making their way to Newmarket in 2006. In the 19 years I have been with the company, this is without doubt the best catalogue on pedigree and type that we have ever presented on behalf of vendors.”

Unanimous Verdict

Before the creme of Australasia's 2004 yearling crop began arriving at the Inglis Newmarket complex 10 days ago, consensus was generally that the money would be evenly spread, with particular strength in the A\$300,000-A\$400,000 price bracket at Easter this year. On the eve of the sale, a “must have” list of likely sales-toppers has crystallised, with the standout being Yarraman Park's full sister to four-time Group 1-winning filly Alinghi (Aus). She will be offered on Thursday as [Lot 451](#). “She is very much like Alinghi, a really strong filly and a lovely mover,” said Yarraman's Harry Mitchell. “She is definitely the best filly we have ever presented for sale.” The consignor is set for a bumper sale. [Lot 261](#), a colt by Redoute's Choice out of Slew o' Gold mare Deja Slew is among its likely stars; the colt is from the family of Green Dancer. The Yarraman draft also features a Redoute's Choice colt ([Lot 287](#)) out of a half-sister to My Juliet (Aus)—the dam of dual Group 1 winner Mnemosyne (Aus). “This is the best draft we have ever had, and we have individuals whose looks match their pedigree,” Mitchell added.

Still the Choice

Last year, a Redoute's Choice half-brother to Makybe Diva (GB) fetched A\$2.5 million and was among eight yearlings—six of them by Redoute's Choice—to make \$1 million or more. This year, the dominant Danehill stallion doesn't look to have any superstars, and it is fair to say he has covered substantially better books since the mares that visited him in 2003. Nevertheless, the “must have” list is top-heavy with yearlings by the sire of seven Group 1 winners.

Arrowfield's [Lot 51](#), a brother to stakes-winner Not a Single Doubt (Aus) out of a half-sister to the late sire Snippets (Aus), among them. A much-admired Redoute's Choice filly is Newhaven Park's [Lot 206](#), a daughter of Woodman mare Bounce, herself a daughter of champion two-year-old and Triple Crown winner Burst (Aus). The yearling is bred on an identical cross to G1 Slipper winner Miss Finland, who is out of the Woodman mare Forest Pearl.

Early Fireworks

Cambridge Stud's Zabeel (NZ) recently celebrated a 100-stakes winner milestone and he has 19 catalogued, including [Lot 3](#), a half-brother to VRC Derby winner Amalfi (Aus) to be offered by Trelawney Stud. Another youngster expected to really fire up proceedings is Tyreel Stud's [Lot 9](#). Danehill Dancer (Ire) attracted some plum mares in 2003, including Dean Fleming's champion stayer Republic Lass (Aus), and the resultant filly has been out for inspection almost constantly. Kia-Ora Stud will offer another much-admired Danehill Dancer filly ([Lot 483](#)) from Procrastinate (Jade Hunter), the dam of champion South African mare Laisserfaire (Aus), as well as Foreplay (Aus) and Galileo (Ire)'s first-crop stakes winner Personify (Aus).

Easter Debut for Elusive

Darley will offer its first ever Easter draft of 14 youngsters, including nine by flagship sire Elusive Quality, who has 30 catalogued overall. “The yearlings are from our own broodmares, there to support our stallions, and what we found at the Gold Coast was that the Darley draft provided a particular focus for our stallions and made the buying public well aware of them,” explains Darley's Alastair Pulford. “Fortunately, other breeders who had yearlings by our stallions did very well, and that is what it is all about, because ultimately we are a stallion farm.” Potential stars from Darley's draft include an Elusive Quality filly from dual Group 1-winner Camarena (NZ), and an Elusive Quality colt from G1 Coolmore Classic winner Porto Roca (Aus). Additionally, the Darley draft features yearlings by impressively bred imported mares representing contemporary international families, including daughters of champion broodmare sire and 14-time champion sire Sadler's Wells. One example is a colt by Elusive Quality from Sadler's Wells mare Goddess of Wisdom, a daughter of champion European three-year-old filly Golden Opinion ([Lot 318](#)), as well as a colt from Royal Academy mare Flinders, from the family of Mr. Prospector sire Miswaki ([Lot 299](#)), and a colt from the A.P. Indy mare Indy Rose ([Lot 339](#)).

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PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

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TOYOTA BLUE GRASS S.-GI, \$750,000, KEE, 4-15, 3yo, 1 1/8m, 1:48 4/5, ft.

1--@#**SINISTER MINISTER, 123, c, 3, by Old Trieste**
1st Dam: Sweet Minister (SW, \$139,962), by The Prime Minister
2nd Dam: Sweet Blue, by Hurry Up Blue
3rd Dam: Sugar Gold, by Mr. Prospector
 (\$40,000 2yo '05 BESMAR). O-Lanni Family Trust, Mercedes Stable LLC & Bernard Schiappa; B-Mr & Mrs L Michael Owens (KY); T-Bob Baffert; J-G Gomez; \$465,000. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$503,880.

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Robby Albarado faced a dilemma as soon as the gate opened in the 1998 Kentucky Derby. His mount Old Trieste stumbled and pitched on his nose, raising the question of whether Albarado should abandon the forceful tactics which had recently resulted in Old Trieste's impressively quick 10-length victory at Santa Anita? But a frightened Old Trieste, who had also shown considerable speed when he worked six furlongs in a stunning 1:09 before the Derby, was in no mood to hang around. Challenging Rock and Roll for the lead by the time they reached the first turn, the son of A.P. Indy then set fractions of :45.75 and 1:10.62. Although still third behind Real Quiet and Indian Charlie after a mile, his earlier exertions took their toll and Old Trieste faded into 10th place.

Old Trieste's subsequent career emphasized that his natural inclination was to run as fast as he could for as long as he could. His Derby failure was followed by four consecutive front-running victories in graded stakes. He took the GIII Affirmed H. by 4½ lengths, the GII Swaps S. by 12 lengths from Grand Slam and the GII Del Mar Breeders' Cup H. by five. Even a break of nearly nine months didn't end the sequence, and Old Trieste was especially impressive in taking the GII California S. by seven lengths in 1:46.55. His spectacular display qualified for that much-overused adjective "awesome" and his rider Chris McCarron was simply left muttering "my oh my oh my."

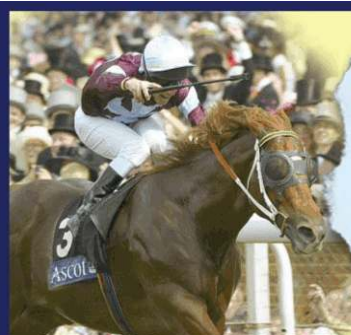
The long absence before the California was caused largely by a deep-seated hoof abscess. One could only wonder what heights Old Trieste was destined to scale but, sadly, he failed to build on this outstanding effort and three defeats followed. He suffered from a quarter crack prior to his final start, in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic, and finished a tired eighth to Cat Thief.

I'm not sure where Old Trieste got his headstrong nature. A.P. Indy came through from the rear on the day he won the Breeders' Cup Classic and Old Trieste's broodmare sire Vigors was a famous late closer. Perhaps the speed came from his very talented dam Lovlier Linda, who was fast enough to record graded victories over six and seven furlongs, while possessing enough stamina to become a Grade I winner over 1 1/8 miles. The next dam, Linda Summers, took the Santa Ysabel when it was over seven furlongs, so there was plenty of pace in Old Trieste's bottom line to balance A.P. Indy's stamina. In other words, Old Trieste was likely to sire quite a variety of good winners once he retired to Jonabell Farm.

Unfortunately Old Trieste had to be euthanized on January 2, 2003, after foundering, with his premature demise meaning that he had stood only three seasons. His legacy amounts to only 191 named foals, but they have done enough to make Old Trieste's death all the more regrettable. The latest to shine is his son Sinister Minister, who displayed all of his sire's verve as he wired the field to win the GI Blue Grass S. by nearly 13 lengths. His display recalled a comment McCarron made about Old Trieste after the California:

"You don't ask this horse leaving the gate," the former champion jockey said. "He's just very sudden. It takes awhile to coax him to get him to settle, especially when he's in fresh condition like this. His fuel tank is overflowing, and he's just very anxious."

Garrett Gomez continued the car metaphor in saying that Sinister Minister was "a little throttled up" early on. It took him a while to get the three-year-old to settle but you could spot the moment when the colt decided to cooperate and "get comfortable," as the rider put it. Old Trieste would have been proud of his son's fractions of :22.91, :45.88, 1:09.94 and 1:35.45.



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Sinister Minister has every right to be still improving, as he has raced only five times and made his debut less than four months ago. But can he carry his speed another furlong? If he does, he will be the first stakes winner by Old Trieste to score beyond 1 1/8 miles, and it is worth stressing that Old Trieste faded on both attempts at the Derby distance.

For the record, Old Trieste's previous stakes winners include Silver Train (GI Breeders' Cup Sprint and GII Jerome H.), Minister Eric (the GII San Fernando S. winner and Breeders' Cup Juvenile second who faded badly in the 2004 Derby), Maltese Heat (G3 Fairy S. in Japan) and Honolua Star (GIII Eclipse H. in Canada). There are also several graded-placed performers by Old Trieste, such as Mister Triester, Lalullah Lula, Dream Lady and Ellieonthemarch.

Before discounting the idea of Sinister Minister's being fully effective over 1 1/4 miles, is there anything in the bottom half of his pedigree to suggest that he will stay better than his sire?

His dam Sweet Minister was an Ohio resident who did fairly well in stakes company at Thistledown, River Downs and Beulah Park, notably winning a stakes over 1 1/16 miles. Her sire, The Prime Minister, was a half-brother to the champion sprinter Gold Beauty, but that didn't stop him leading throughout in the GII Goodwood H. over 1 1/8 miles. The Prime Minister was by Deputy Minister, who sired the dam of Old Trieste's good son Minister Eric. Pulpit, another son of A.P. Indy, sired the Grade II winner Oratory from another granddaughter of Deputy Minister.

The second dam, Sweet Blue, was a multiple winner over sprint distances, but her sire Hurry Up Blue enjoyed his finest moments over 1 1/4 miles, taking the GII American Derby and GI Gulfstream Park H. Three of Sweet Blue's half-brothers became stakes winners, with Prospector's Flag taking the GIII Discovery H. over 1 1/8 miles, so it isn't impossible that Sinister Minister will stay. But would you want to back him to do so?

SINISTER MINISTER, c, 2003

Old Trieste	A.P. Indy	Seattle Slew	Bold Reasoning	
		Weekend Surprise	My Charmer	
	Lovlier Linda	Vigors	Secretariat	
		Linda Summers	Lassie Dear	
Sweet Minister SW, 24-7-5-5, \$139,962 3FIs, 1GSW	The Prime Minister	Deputy Minister	*Grey Dawn II	
		Stick to Beauty	*Relifordie	
	Sweet Blue 56-11-8-11, \$50,472 7FIs, 4Wnrs, 1SW	Hurry Up Blue	Crozier	Queenly Gift
			Sugar Gold	Vice Regent
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Yesterday's Results:

10th-PHA, \$23,550, Msw, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:19, ft.
PIONEERING GAL (f, 3, Pioneering--Manhattan Gold, by Quadratic) was passed late and had to settle for second in her latest going a sixteenth shorter Apr. 1 and was installed the 9-2 second choice this time. Never far behind an honest early pace, the The half to Tri For The Gold (Triocala), GSW, \$282,760; and Golden Lake (Salt Lake), MSW, \$192,117, took over in deep stretch and drew clear to score by 2 3/4 lengths over Bella Baci (Successful Appeal). Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$21,200.
O-Plumstead Stbl. B-Roberta Seeger (PA). T-R Seeger.

★ **CENTRAL** ★

Music School Recovering from Surgery:

Music School (A.P. Indy), a three-quarter brother to Horse of the Year Mineshaft, is recovering from surgery to repair a leg fracture and the prognosis for the colt's return to racing is good, according to trainer Neil Howard. The three-year-old colt, fourth behind Lawyer Ron in the Southwest S. and eighth in the Gill Rebel S., suffered a condylar fracture of his right front cannon bone during a workout last week at Churchill Downs. Dr. Larry Bramlage performed the surgery at Lexington's Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital. "It'll be a few months before he goes back in training, so I don't know if he'll get back late fall or next winter," Howard said. "We just want to give him his first 30 days, see how the first set of x-rays look and go from there."

STAKES CLOSINGS

TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19:

04-26 \$150,000 **Bewitch-III, Kee, 4yo/up, f/m, 12fT (150)**

04-27 \$150,000 **Ben Ali-III, Kee, 4yo/up, 9f (150)**

04-29 \$300,000 **Texas Mile-III, LS, 3yo/up, 8f (0)**

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★ **INDUSTRY INFO** ★

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United Tote Co., a subsidiary of Youbet.com, Inc., contributed \$100,000 to the University of Arizona's Race Track Industry Program. The funds will support the University's racing industry endowed chair to head a Masters degree program and conduct industry research. The donation is just \$150,000 shy of the final goal that will enable them to fill the position and outline the research. "I am very grateful for United Tote's generosity and support," said Doug Reed, RTIP director. "Yobet.com got us out of the starting gate with the first \$100,000 donation last year and now their subsidiary, United Tote, has helped us reach the home stretch and we are very near the finish line."

★ **AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS** ★

IN BRITAIN:

Satulagi, f, 2, Officer. See "Britain."

Pearly King, c, 3, Kingmambo. See "Britain."

Rahy's Crown, c, 3, Rahy--Inca Princess, by Big Spruce. Warwick, 4-17, Hcp, 3yo, 10f 188ydsT. B-Gainsborough Stud Management LLC. *1/2 to Germany (Tremolino), MG1SW-Ger, \$820,053; and Senza Paura (Fly Till Dawn), SW & GSP-US, \$150,141.

High Treason, g, 4, Diesis (GB)--Fabula Dancer, by Northern Dancer. Yarmouth, 4-17, Hcp, 4yo/up, 11f 101ydsT. B-Helmut von Finck. *50,000gns yrl '03 TATDEC. **1/2 to Flamingo Paradise (GB) (Rainbow Quest), GSW-Ger, \$183,901; and Flamingo Road (Ger) (Acatenango {Ger}), MGSW & MG1SP-Ger, \$344,309.

Yakimov, g, 7, Affirmed--Ballet Troupe, by Nureyev. Warwick, 4-17, Hcp, 4yo/up, 10f 188ydsT. B-Jane & Jeff Wooder. *42,000gns HRA '03 TATAUT.

IN IRELAND:

Senor Benny, h, 7, Benny the Dip--Senora Tippy (SW-Fr & GSP-US, \$188,833), by El Gran Senor. Cork, 4-17, Hcp, 3yo/up, 6fT. B-Landon Knight. *3,000gns HRA '03 TATAUT. **1/2 to Tippet Witch (Affirmed), GSW-US, \$326,182. *SW.**

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(American-bred winners cont)

IN JAPAN:

Hanna Fragrance, f, 3, **Favorite Trick**--Eliza Donner, by Oh Say. Nakayama, 4-16, Plate Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-0, \$132,203. O-Yoshiro Kubota; B-Sharon A Maloney; T-Hirofumi Toda. *1/2 to For Rubies (Not for Love), GSW, \$354,743. **\$65,000 yrl '04 FTMOCT; \$65,000 2yo '05 OBSFEB.

Apollo Kingdom, c, 3, **Lemon Drop Kid**--Bella Gatto (SP), by Storm Cat. Nakayama, 4-15, Novice Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-2, \$88,136. O-Taiyo Sugawara; B-Northwest Farms; T-Yoshikatsu Sato. *\$110,000 yrl '04 KEESEP.

Red Sports Car, c, 3, **Trippi**--Precise Storm, by Storm Creek. Hanshin, 4-16, Novice Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 7-1-0-4, \$97,034. O-Yoshio Fujita; B-Gilbert G. Campbell; T-Hideaki Fujiwara. *\$57,000 yrl '04 OBSAUG; \$140,000 2yo '05 OBSMAR.

Fusaichi Weed, c, 4, **Friendly Lover**--Ruthenwood, by Baderwood. Fukushima, 4-16, Plate Race, 8.5f. Lifetime Record: 14-2-1-1, \$154,237. O-Fusao Sekiguchi; B-Mr & Mrs Charles McGinnes; T-Takaki Iwato. *\$27,000 yrl '03 FTMSEP; \$250,000 2yo '04 FTFFEB.

Solid Evidence, h, 5, **Gulch**--Line of Thunder (G1SP-GB, \$115,913), by Storm Bird. Hanshin, 4-15, Plate Race, 7f. Lifetime Record: 13-3-0-0, \$212,203. O-Takushi Hirai; B-Fontainebleau Farm; T-Yukihiro Kato. *Full to Thunder Gulch, Ch. 3yo Colt, MGISW, \$2,915,086; Battle Line (Ogygian), MSW-Jpn, \$2,038,153.

Champ de la Verite, g, 5, **Meadowlake**--Star Performer (SW), by Rare Performer. Nakayama, 4-15, Plate Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 11-2-0-0, \$123,729. O-Koji Mano; B-E & D Enterprises; T-Yoshihiko Ishige. *\$40,000 yrl '02 FTKJUL.

Northern Kids, h, 6, **Hennessy**--Northern Girl (SAf), (SW & MG1SP-SAf), by Northfields. Nakayama, 4-16, Kashima Tokubetsu, 6f. Lifetime Record: 23-4-3-3, \$532,542. O-Makoto Kaneko Holdings; B-John C Izon; T-Takayuki Yasuda. *\$105,000 yrl '01 KEESEP; \$100,000 2yo '02 FTFFEB.

AMERICAN-SIRED WINNERS IN JAPAN:

Shonan Ballade (Jpn), f, 3, **Carson City**--Saratogianna, by Saratoga Six. Nakayama, 4-16, Novice Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 8-1-2-1, \$97,881. O-Shonan Inc.; B-Shadai Farm; T-Yokichi Okubo. *1/2 to Annatoga (Concorde's Tune), SW, \$317,877; Sara's Success (Concorde's Tune), MSW, \$422,337.

Win Fantasia (Jpn), f, 4, **Hennessy**--Minamino Barretts, by Easy Goer. Hanshin, 4-16, Plate Race, 6fT. Lifetime Record: 10-2-1-2, \$170,763. O-Win Inc.; B-Kanaishi Stud; T-Yasuo Ikee. *1/2 to Million Bell (Jpn) (Forty Niner), MSP-Jpn, \$959,808.

Love is Gold (Jpn), h, 5, **Deputy Commander**--Seven Gold Stones, by Seeking the Gold. Fukushima, 4-15, Plate Race, 5.75f. Lifetime Record: 19-3-2-2, \$271,610. O-Y Eguchi; B-Suruga Farm; T-K Tani.

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the 8th Race, \$29,000 Allowance, at Hawthorne. For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).

★ **ON THE WORKTAB** ★

BELMONT

Smuggler (Unbridled), 4f, :48.16, 5/31
Funny Cide (Distorted Humor), 5f, 1:00.07, 1/10

CHURCHILL DOWNS

English Channel (Smart Strike), 4f, :48.80, 2/24
Flower Alley (Distorted Humor), 4f, :52.40, 20/24
J'Ray (Distant View), 4f, :50.20, 14/24
Summerly (Summer Squall), 5f, 1:02.40, 14/23

KEENELAND

Culinary (El Amante), 4f, :50.40, 3/13
Middle Earth (Dixieland Band), 5f (awt), 1:05.20, 3/8

SANTA ANITA

Brother Derek (Benchmark), 5f, 1:01.40, 12/40
Surf Cat (Sir Cat), 5f, 1:02.60, 32/40
Ticker Tape (GB) (Royal Applause), 6f, 1:14.20, 5/13

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Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum's unbeaten **Nakheel (GB)** (Sadler's Wells) may be forced to sidestep the May 6 G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket after trainer Mark Johnston revealed he had disappointed in his work this week. Last year's Listed Silver Tankard S. scorer had been pencilled in for a racecourse gallop at Newmarket this week, but his conditioner told *The Sportsman* that he would wait for positive signs before deciding on a Classic bid. "He worked disappointingly on Friday and was feeling pretty sorry for himself afterwards and was off his food," Johnston said. "It would be wrong to say that a Guineas bid is on hold, but it is still a worry with the Classic less than three weeks away, and there is no point in galloping him at Newmarket or anywhere else until he perks up again. I will talk to Angus Gold when he returns from Australia this week and we will review the situation and hope Nakheel is soon back on song."

Yesterday's Results:

Warwick, 4.30, Cond, £10,000, 4yo/up, 7f 26yT, 1:20.70, gd.

ETLAALA (GB) (c, 4, **Selkirk--Portelet {GB}**, by **Night Shift**), unsuccessful since landing the 2004 G2 Champagne S. at Doncaster, went postward as the 7-4 pick returning from an eighth in the Oct. 15 G2 Challenge S. at Newmarket. Leading from the bell here, last term's G1 July Cup third never came out of second gear and eased to the wire five lengths clear of Mac Love (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}). Etlala was a 160,000gns TATOCT yearling purchase. Lifetime Record: GSW & G1SP-Eng, 11-3-0-1, £103,969.

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Matthews Breeding and Racing Ltd; T-Barry Hills.

Warwick, 3.20, Mdn, £5,500, 3yo, 7f 26ydsT, 1:23.20, gd.

PORTLAND (GB) (c, 3, **Zafonic--Bayswater {GB}**, by **Caerleon**) ran unplaced in his only previous go at Doncaster Oct. 21. Breaking smartly to occupy second here, the 40-1 outsider was pushed to the fore at the top of the stretch and kept on well inside the final furlong to deny the determined Street Warrior (Ire) (Royal Applause {GB}) by a half length. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £3,562.

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Yarmouth, 3.35, Mdn, £5,400, 3yo/up, 1m 3ydsT, 1:40.65, gd/fm.

PEARLY KING (c, 3, **Kingmambo--Mother of Pearl {Ire}** {**GSW-Fr & SP-GB**}, by **Sadler's Wells**) was off the radar on debut at Newmarket Sept. 20, but justified favoritism with a dominant display in this sophomore bow. Tracking the leading wave in sixth, the 7-2 pick was coaxed clear approaching the final furlong and geared down late to best My Lovely Lady (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}) by three lengths. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £3,498.

O-Gainsborough Stud; B-Swettenham Stud; T-Sir Michael Stoute.

Yarmouth, 2.25, Mdn, £4,000, 2yo, 5f 43ydsT, 1:04.21, gd/fm.

SATULAGI (f, 2, **Officer--Shawgatny**, by **Danzig Connection**), third at Lingfield Mar. 23, was positioned close behind the leaders from the outset of this. Ridden along at the quarter-mile marker, the 6-4 joint favorite responded under a power drive to oust market rival Hucking Hill (Ire) (City On a Hill) by a neck in the bobber. Satulagi becomes the first winner for his freshman sire (by Bertrando). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, £3,168.

O-Mrs Fitri Hay; B-Lantern Hill Farm LLC; T-Stan Moore.



★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday's Results:

Longchamp, 3.20, Cond, €33,000, 3yo, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT, 1:53.90, gd.

ZIRIDE (FR) (f, 3, Valanour {Ire}--Zircon Lady {Fr}, by Kings Lake), second in a conditions event at Toulouse Mar. 15, stalked the early fractions here. Hemmed in when full of run in the straight, the 5-1 shot, an €11,000 DEAOCT yearling, was finally extricated and finished with a rush to reel in Nowisza (Fr) (Ocean of Wisdom) in the final strides and score by a neck. Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 3 wins, 2 places, €38,950. O-J F Gribomont; B-Haras du Bosquet & A Laborde; T-Henri-Alex Pantall.

Longchamp, 2.20, Cond, €33,000, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/8mT, 1:52.20, gd.

VISINDAR (GB) (c, 3, Sinndar {Ire}--Visor, by Mr. Prospector) scored impressively on debut at Saint-Cloud in November and the drums have been banging all spring regarding this Epsom Derby supplementary. Always in cruise control racing in a stalking third, the 1-5 pick was allowed to stride to the front passing the quarter pole and was unextended to secure a facile 2 1/2-length defeat of Racinger (Fr) (Spectrum {Ire}). Despite giving Christophe Soumillon time for some showboating in the saddle, Visindar covered the final two furlongs in :11.3 and :11. Racing Manager Georges Rimaud stated that the exciting colt's Classic destination will depend on the fortunes of last season's G1 Criterium International winner Carlotamix (Fr) (Linamix {Fr}). "According to his jockey, he is definitely a Derby horse and if he runs again, it could be in the G2 Prix Greffulhe [at Saint-Cloud May 15], but we'll make a definite decision after Carlotamix runs here in Sunday's G3 Prix de Fontainebleau," Rimaud said. Visindar is a half to Visionary (Fr) (Linamix {Fr}), SW & G1SP-Fr, \$109,631; Visionnaire (Fr) (Linamix {Fr}), MG1SP-Fr, \$103,224; and Visorama (Ire) (Linamix {Fr}), GSW & G1SP-Fr, \$181,554. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 2 wins, €25,500. O-HH the Aga Khan; B-SNC Lagardere Elev.; T-A Fabre.

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Yesterday's Results:

JEAN HARZHEIM-RENNEN (EX LAS VEGAS/SLENDERELLA-RENNEN)-Listed, €20,000, Cologne, 4-17, 3yo, f, 1 3/8mT, 2:39.98, hy.

1--#TURNING LIGHT (GER), 126, f, 3, by Fantastic Light
1st Dam: Turning Leaf (Ire), by Last Tycoon (Ire)
2nd Dam: Tamacana (GB), by Windwurf (Ger)
3rd Dam: Tammyra (GB), by Home Guard

O/B-Stall Anima Negra GmbH & Co KG; T-Mario Hofer; J-Andrasch Starke; €13,000. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 2 wins, €23,000.

2--Zakopane (Ger), 123, f, 3, Monsun (Ger)--Zayraba (Ire), by Doyoun (Ire). €4,000.

3--Donatessa (Ger), 126, f, 3, Sternkonig (Ire)--Donadea (Ger), by Dashing Blade (GB). (€12,000 yrl '04 BBASEP). €2,000.

Margins: 3/4, 4HF, 10. Odds: 1.70, 2.50, 2.80.

Also Ran: Quelle Amore (Ger), Aurea (Ger). Scratched: Elounesse (Ger), Jade Rheinberg (Ger).

Having won on debut at the San Siro in October, Turning Light entered this trial for the G1 Preis der Diana (German Oaks) June 4 as something of an unknown quantity, but the locals got an insight into what may follow if she takes the Classic route. Held up behind the leaders early, she quickened to lead at the quarter pole before holding the determined challenge of Zakopane in the drive to the line.

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GROSSER PREIS DER VGH VERSICHERUNGEN-Listed, €20,000, Hannover, 4-17, 4yo/up, 1 3/16mT, 2:05.70, sf.

1--**ARCADIO (GER), 132, c, 4, Monsun (Ger)--Assia (Ire) (MSP-Ger), by Royal Academy.** O/B-Gestut

Schlenderhan; T-Peter Schiergen; J-Andreas Suborics; €12,000. Lifetime Record: GSW & MG1SP-Ger, 6 starts, 3 wins, 3 places, €147,650. *1/2 to Assiun (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}), GSW-Ger, \$116,292;

2--**Academy Reward (Ire), 123, g, 6, Peintre Celebre--Avigail, by Miswaki.** €4,400.

3--**Sotelo (GB), 121, c, 4, Monsun (Ger)--Seringa (Ger), by Acatenango (Ger).** €2,400.

Margins: 3, 11, NK. Odds: 0.10, 16.80, 4.50.

Also Ran: Maybach (GB), Kelim (Ger). Scratched: Genios (Ger).

Arcadio, who took the G3 Bavarian Classic at Munich last May, could only manage third as favorite in the G1 Deutsches Derby at Hamburg in July. Off the track since finishing a length runner-up to Soldier Hollow (GB) in the G1 Grosser Dallmayr Preis back at Munich four weeks later, he showed no signs of rustiness to take command from the outset and lose his opposition in the backstretch before being eased to an impressive victory.

VGH SPRINT-CUP-Listed, €20,000, Hannover, 4-17, 4yo/up, 6 1/2fT, 121.80, sf.

1--**SOAVE (GER), 132, h, 7, Dashing Blade (GB)--She's His Guest (Ire) (GSP-Ger), by Be My Guest.** O-Stall Magic; B-Gestut Etzean; T-Andreas Trybuhl; J-Adrie de Vries; €12,000. Lifetime Record: Hwt. Older Horse-Ger at 5-7f, MGSW-Ger, GSW-Fr, 30 starts, 9 wins, 15 places, €307,343. *Full to Sacho (Ger), MSW & MGSP-Ger, SP-Fr, \$139,510.

2--**Key to Pleasure (Ger), 132, g, 6, Sharp Prod--Key to Love (Fr), by Alzao.** €4,400.

3--**Glad to be Fast (Ire), 132, g, 6, Big Shuffle--Glad to Be Here (Ire), by Waajib (Ire).** €2,400.

Margins: 6, 4, 2HF. Odds: 1.60, 7.80, 4.70.

Also Ran: Lord Areion (Ger), Polish Magic (GB), Miss Lips (Ger), King Quantas (Ire), Toysome (GB).

Hannover, 2.20, Mdn, €5,100, 3yo, 1 3/16mT, 2:07.55, sf.

SADDEX (GB) (c, 3, Sadler's Wells--Remote Romance, by Irish River {Fr}), off the board in a mile maiden at Bremen Oct. 30, tracked the leaders during the early stages of this second go. Let loose in the straight, the 3-10 favorite exhibited a smart turn of foot to settle the issue in a matter of strides and dipped under the wire nine easy lengths in advance of Diophas (Ger) (Acatenango {Ger}). The winner was a €115,000 DEAOCT yearling purchase. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 0 places, €3,000.

O-Stall Avena; B-The Niarchos Family; T-Peter Rau.

Cologne, 3.00, Mdn, €4,700, 3yo, 1mT, 1:48.33, hy.

SALDENBLATT (GB) (c, 3, Dashing Blade {GB}--Salde {Ger} {SW-Ger}, by Alkalde {Ger}), fourth on debut over course and distance Nov. 12, was keen for his head early. Seizing control around the home turn the 6-4 choice was unextended thereafter to record an impressive 14-length success from Pitti Donna (Ger) (Winged Love {Ire}). The €80,000 BBASEP yearling purchase is a half to Saldenschwinge (Ger) (In the Wings {GB}), Hwt Older Mare-Ger at 11-14f, MGSW-Ger, \$139,868; and Saldentigerin (Ger) (Tiger Hill {Ire}), GSW & MG1SP-Ger, GSP-Ity, \$295,114. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €3,300.

O-Eckhard Sauren; B-Gestut Wittekindshof; T-Mario Hofer.

Cologne, 2.00, Mdn, €4,700, 3yo, 1 3/8mT, 2:34.50, hy.

+ **SCHIAPARELLI (GER) (c, 3, Monsun {Ger}--Sacarina {GB}, by Old Vic {GB})** was settled third until shaken up at the top of the stretch run. Grabbing the lead inside the final furlong, the 1-2 favorite drew off late to comfortably account for Nestor (Ger) (Silvano {Ger}) by two lengths. The strapping chestnut is a full to Samum (Ger), Hwt 3yo-Ger at 11-14f, MG1SW-Ger and Salve Regina (Ger), Hwt Older Mare-Ger at 11-14f, G1SW-Ger. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €3,000.

O-Stall Blankenese; B-Gestut Karlshof; T-Peter Schiergen.

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IN JAPAN:

Karasi (Ire), g, 11, Kahyasi (Ire)--Karamita (Ire) (GSW-GB), by Shantung (Fr). Nakayama, 4-15, Nakayama Grand Jump, 21.25fT. Lifetime Record: 83-15-9-10, \$2,070,679. O-Pearse Morgan; B-His Highness the Aga Khan's Studs SC; T-Eric Musgrove. * 1/2 to Kartajana (Ire) (Shernazar {Ire}), Hwt. Older Mare-Fr at 9.5-11f, G1SW-Fr & Ger, MGSW & G1SP-GB, MGISP-US, \$527,168-U.S., Fr & GB; Karamiyna (Ire) (Shernazar {Ire}), SW-Fr. **SW & MG1SP-Aus. **95,000gns HIT '98 TATOCT.



Observations
on today's European
racing scene
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1.30p Newmarket, Mdn, £8,000, 3yo, c/g, 7fT.
Pescatorio, c, 3, by Storm Cat failed to make the track at two, but it did not stop him becoming one of the talking horses of 2005 courtesy of an ante-post gamble for the G1 2000 Guineas. This Sangster family-bred colt is a half to the G1 Epsom Oaks and G1 Irish Derby heroine Balanchine, G2 Jockey Club S. scorer Romanov (Ire) and G2 Sun Chariot S. winner Red Slippers and is a rare runner for Aidan O'Brien at this Craven meeting.

4.20p Newmarket, Mdn, £8,000, 3yo, 1 1/4mT.
Sixties Icon (GB), c, 3, by Galileo (Ire) has it all pedigree-wise, being by the 2001 Epsom Derby hero out of the winner of the Oaks at that venue a year previously. Trainer Jeremy Noseda usually introduces a smart prospect at this meeting, but this one will have to be to cope with a field including Galactic Star (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), a son of the G1 Coronation S. winner Balisada (GB) from the Sir Michael Stoute stable and the Aidan O'Brien-trained Brideshead (Ire) (Danehill), a half to Lit de Justice, Commander Collins (Ire) and Colonel Collins.



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Success Ga Win (Jpn), c, 3, Galileo (Ire)--Abi (GB), by Chief's Crown. 4-15, Novice Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$59,322. O-Tetsu Takashima; B-Kasamatsu Farm; T-Takashi Kubota.
B of the Bang (Jpn), c, 3, King's Best--Seazun (Ire) (G1SW-GB, \$184,773), by Zieten. Hanshin, 4-16, Hanamizuki Sho, 10fT. Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-0, \$152,288. O-Makoto Kaneko Holdings; B-Northern Farm; T-Kunihide Matsuda.

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STAKES RESULTS:

JOSE DE DIEGO-GI, \$68,000, ELC, 4-16, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44 4/5, gd.

1--**@#CRUSTACEO, 116, c, 4, Royal Anthem--**

Regal Grant, by Mr. Prospector. (\$14,000 yrl '03 KEESEP). O-Fanucci Racing; B-Hargus & Sandra Sexton (KY); T-Manuel Fernandez; J-J Santiago; \$40,800. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$40,800.

2--**Hero First (Brz), 120, h, 5, First American--Tapeada (Brz), by Restless Jet.** O-Golden Dream Stable; B-Stud Mapa (BRZ); T-Maximo Gomez; \$13,600.

3--**Dazzling Dr. Cevin, 121, g, 4, Cutlass Fax--Dazzling Dixie, by Dixieland Band.** (\$7,500 yrl '03 OBSJAN). O-Rey Wan Racing; B-Luis de Hechavarria (FL); T-Eliezer Velez; \$6,800.

Margins: 1 3/4, 1HF, 1. Odds: 3.10, 2.75, 3.95. Also Ran: Triano, Kylemore Abbey, Royal Marquet, Voice of Destiny, King Rizzi, Cross of Steel, Master Quality.

HANDICAP RESULTS:

12th-SUN, \$43,800, 4-16, (S), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37 4/5, ft.

CATTLEMAN PROSPECT (g, 5, Prospector Jones--Dam Stand {SW}, by Convincingly) Lifetime Record: MSP, 23-5-10-0, \$204,416. O-M H Barrett. B-James Brunacini (NM). T-J L Sparks. *\$11,000 yrl '02 RUIAUG.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-GGX, \$40,502, 4-16, NW1X, 4yo/up, 1m (off turf), 1:36 2/5, wf.

BLACK HORSE MONEY (g, 5, General Meeting--Bel Darling {MSP, \$286,275}, by Bel Bolide) Lifetime Record: SW, 34-8-7-1, \$170,708. O-Jerry Hollendorfer & George Todaro. B-Mr & Mrs John C Mabee (CA). T-Jerry Hollendorfer. *\$43,000 yrl '02 BESOCT. **Full to Sunday Stroll, MSW & GSP, \$313,533.

7th-HAW, \$29,000, NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 4/5, ft.

TEE LAK (f, 4, Gold Case--Erica Lyn {SP, \$137,171}, by Taylor's Falls) Lifetime Record: 13-3-2-0, \$64,950. O-Mel Silver Racing Ltd (IL). T-Terrel Gore.

4th-HAW, \$27,000, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:46 3/5, ft.

SOLO SURVIVOR (f, 4, Pleasant Tap--Dactique {SW & GSP, \$157,760}, by D'Accord) Lifetime Record: 15-2-3-4, \$63,960. O-Richard H Glantz. B-Live Oak Stud (KY). T-James P Divito. *\$3,000 yrl '03 OBSAUG. **1/2 to Transient Trend (Time For A Change), GSW, \$284,829.

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Birthplace: Alliance, Alberta, Canada

Current Residence: Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Education: Above average

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If you could change one thing about our sport, what would it be? More positive reports about the honesty and integrity of the people involved in the racing industry.

Who was your biggest racing idol growing up? Myself... just kidding! I did not get involved in racing until I was 45.

Favorite musician? Louis Armstrong.

What is your favorite vacation spot? Hawaii for leisure, weather and pleasure, Las Vegas for fun.

Where would you like to go that you haven't been yet? I've been everywhere, man!

Favorite food or meal? Alberta beef.

What is your favorite film? Shirley Valentine & Waking Ned Divine.

Childhood ambition? To make more money than my Dad and try to be as good a man as he.

First job? Doing janitor work and looking after the coal heater at my rural school between the ages of 9 and 13. Salary: \$5.00 per month.

Last purchase? Two-year-old in training at Barretts March Sale 2006, a Holy Bull colt (click [here](#) to see hip 21, purchased for \$65,000, work during an under-tack show).

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9th-PHA, \$24,300, NW2X, 3yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:41, ft. PROUD CHARM (c, 4, Silver Charm--Proud Run {MSW & MGSP, \$623,910}, by Proud Truth) Lifetime Record: 16-4-2-2, \$74,109. O-Stan E Fulton. B-Ivy Dell Stud (PA). T-Clifford W Sise Jr. *\$67,000 yrl '03 KEEJAN; \$675,000 yrl '03 KEESEP.

8th-PHA, \$22,627, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:16 3/5, ft.

MISS CHARTRES (m, 5, Prospect Bay--Austin's Blaze {MSW, \$235,435}, by Hula Blaze) Lifetime Record: 29-8-4-3, \$85,629. O-Klaass Stable. B-Hargus & Sandra Sexton (KY). T-William D Anderson. *\$8,200 2yo 2003 FTMJUL.

6th-FLX, \$20,100, NW2BX, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :53 2/5, ft.

SHEER SILK (f, 4, Western Expression--Flannel Sheets, by Triocala) Lifetime Record: 13-4-1-2, \$95,167. O/B-Flying Zee Stable (NY). T-Oscar S Barrera Jr.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Your Wish, c, 4, Preacherman--Wish I May, by Star de Naskra. FLX, 4-17, (S), 4 1/2f, :53 4/5. B-Yvonne Turchiarelli (NY).**

Sweet Aloe, f, 4, Sandpit (Brz)--Lull, by West By West. TAM, 4-17, a1 1/16mT, 1:46 2/5. B-Eclipse Bloodstock Int Inc (Fl).

FOALING NEWS:

CONFESSIONAL, 10, Holy Bull--Whisper Who Dares, by Green Dancer

Foal born Apr. 4, a filly by Cherokee Run. Will be bred back to Awesome Again. Owned by and boarded at Pin Oak Stud, Ky. Accomplishments: GISW of \$827,638.

DANCE ON THE GREEN, 16, Green Dancer--Hear Music, by Master Willie (GB).

Foal born Apr. 4, a colt by Smarty Jones. Will be bred back to Formal Dinner. Owned by Dr. James Culver. Accomplishments: Dam of Gold Pirate (Goldwater), SW, \$101,783; Green Riches (Rizzi), SP, \$179,450; and Formal Miss (Formal Dinner), MSW & GSP, \$384,040.

KENBU (FR), 17, Kenmare (Fr)--Tarlance (Ire), by Targowice

Foal born Apr. 4, a colt by Vindication. Will be bred back to El Corredor. Owned by Takahiro Wada. Boarded at Mill Ridge, Ky. Accomplishments: GSW-Fr & MG1SP-Fr & Eng, SP-US, \$267,487. Dam of Symboli Sword (Ire) (Green Desert), MSP-Jpn, \$1,578,916; Sweet Orchid (Gone West), SW-Jpn, \$875,275.

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EUROPE**

HANDICAP RESULTS:

BRITAIN, Yarmouth, 4.10, 4-17, £8,500, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 3yT, 1:40.69, gd/fm.

RED EVIE (IRE) (f, 3, Intikhab--Malafemmena {Ire} {SW-Ity & GSP-Fr}, by Nordico) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, £8,743. O-Terry Neill; B-Dermot Cantillon & Forenaghts Stud; T-Michael Bell. *€50,000 wnlg '03 GOFNOV; 58,000gns yrl '04 TATOCT.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Tarbes, 4.00, 4-16, €14,000, 3yo, 1 5/16mT, time: n/a, sf.

EUMENE (IRE) (c, 3, Grand Lodge--Pelagic {GB} {SP-Fr}, by Rainbow Quest) Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €16,000. O-R Bousquet; B-Haras d'Etream and Vision Bloodstock Ltd; T-Jean-Claude Rouget. *€125,000 yrl '04 DEAAUG.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Just Joey (GB), f, 2, Averti (Ire)--Fly South (GB), by Polar Falcon. Warwick, Britain, 4-17, Mdn, 2yo, f, 5fT. B-Mrs D O Joly. *5,200gns yrl '05 DONOCT.**

Millenium Sun (Ire), c, 2, Tendulkar--Millenium Love (Ire), by Great Commotion. Cork, Ireland, 4-17, Mdn, 2yo, 5fT. B-Second Chance Syndicate. *First winner for freshman sire (by Spinning World).

Moone Cross (Ire), f, 3, Cape Cross (Ire)--Cannikin (Ire), by Lahib. Cork, Ireland, 4-17, Mdn, 3yo, 6fT. B-Piercetown Stud. *€25,000 wnlg '03 GOFNOV; €65,000 yrl '04 GOFORB.

Sexy Lady (Ger), f, 3, Danehill Dancer (Ire)--Sky Dancing (Ire) (SW-Ity), by Exit To Nowhere. Hannover, Germany, 4-17, Mdn, 3yo, 7fT. B-Gestut Hof Ittlingen.

Latona (GB), f, 3, Fantastic Light--Grecian Slipper (GB), by Sadler's Wells. Lisieux, France, 4-16, Mdn, 3yo, 1 5/8mT. B-Darley. *1/2 to Graikos (GB) (Rainbow Quest), GSW-Fr; and Magna Graecia (Ire) (Warning {GB}), GSW-Fr.

Baskerville (GB), c, 3, Foxhound--Miss Up N Go (GB), by Gorytus. Warwick, Britain, 4-17, Mdn, 3yo, 7f 26yT. B-Mrs J A Prescott. *8,000gns yrl '04 TATOCT. **1/2 to Al Desima (GB) (Emperor Jones), GISP-US, \$219,312.

Long Fighter (Ger), c, 3, Lavirco (Ger)--La Vega (Ger), by Turfkoenig (Ger). Munich, Germany, 4-17, Mdn, 3yo, 1mT. B-Walter Mahler. *€8,000 2yo '05 BBAMAY.

Walk in Desert (Fr), f, 3, Simon Du Desert (Fr)--Walkoskaya (Fr), by Sicyos. La Rochelle Chatelaillon, France, 4-16, Mdn, 3yo, 2450mT. B-Gerard Lehmann. *€11,000 yrl '04 DEAOCT.

Morna (Fr), f, 3, Spectrum (Ire)--More Magic (Ger), by Dashing Blade (GB). Lisieux, France, 4-16, Mdn, 3yo, 1 3/16mT. B-Haras de la Perelle.

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FRESHMAN SIRE EDITION

April 18, 2006



FIRST UP by Bill Oppenheim

This year, the number one freshman sire prospect in the world stands in Europe: Coolmore's Rock of Gibraltar. He is by Danehill, broke Mill Reef's all-time record with seven consecutive Group 1 wins, and went to stud, initially, for €90,000 (he's standing for half that this year). In North America, by contrast, the highest entering stud fee for 2003 was Came Home at \$40,000. He is one of only four stallions in Kentucky who went to stud that year for \$25,000 or more (another option is 2000 GI Preakness S. winner Red Bullet in Florida). So this wasn't an expensive group of stallions, but, at the 2004 November sales, they had an unprecedented number of high multiples to stud fee, even for a group of first-year sires.

We had just seen two examples in Europe of blockbuster sires whose arrival had been signalled by very good sales when their first crops hit the market as weanlings: Cape Cross (for Darley) in 2001, and Montjeu (for Coolmore) in 2002. Both had impressed the judges in a big way with their first crops, and both went on to fairly instant sire success. With this year's North American freshman sires (first foals 2004), it's not quite the same. There isn't one sire whose foals just kept leaping out at the buyers; rather, there was a huge number--a dozen (six or more sold)--who were siring good-looking foals.

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**2001 Breeders' Cup Juvenile
Johannesburg (center) with Came
Home (yellow cap) & Officer (blinkers)**
Horsephotos

This was borne out in two tiers. There were four sires whose first foals averaged over \$80,000: Johannesburg, Came Home, Orientate and Street Cry. Then, of the next eight sires ranked by average with 13+ sold, six (Buddha, Yonaguska, Officer, Pure Prize, Include, and Jump Start) averaged more than \$45,000, and their averages were all more than four times their entering stud fees. That would be good even for yearlings, much less foals. The other two (Red Bullet and E Dubai) each had six sell, and the latter had a higher median than average. The 12 sires had a total of 227 weanlings sell, and the sires' 2004 weanling sales averages and medians tell you there were a lot of good-looking foals among those 227.

Though the averages for this group's commercial top four at the end of the November 2004 sales weren't at all in the stratosphere--only Johannesburg (\$125,189) and Came Home (\$100,667) even averaged over \$100,000--what was impressive was their consistency: with 29 and 20 sold, respectively, Johannesburg and Orientate both had medians which were 80 percent or more of their averages; Came Home (12 sold) actually had a higher median (\$102,500) than average. The consistency is reinforced by the statistic that the same six that we've mentioned above all had medians that were 3.6 times their stud fees, or higher.

At the 2005 yearling sales, nine of these 12 stallions had yearling averages over \$60,000. None of the nine had fewer than 29 yearlings sell, and they averaged 57 yearlings sold, so we are talking quantity here as well as quality.

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CAME HOME

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Orientate had 80 yearlings sell (of 93 offered), for an average of \$82,097; his 20 weanlings had averaged \$89,350. Johannesburg had 76 sell (of 107 offered); these averaged \$104,269, whereas, again, his 29 weanlings had averaged \$125,189. Came Home bucked the trend and was the clear commercial winner as a yearling sire: 35 sold (of 54 offered) for an average of \$148,377, whereas his 12 weanlings had averaged \$100,667. Street Cry (\$102,736) also averaged over six figures with his 47 yearlings sold (of 59 offered), while Buddha had 74 yearlings sell (of 99 offered) for an average of \$90,597. In both cases these were good advances of 2004 weanling averages, and Buddha thus joined what became this group's commercial 'top five' by virtue of his yearlings averaging \$8,500 more than Orientate's.

Here is a thumbnail sketch of the 16 North American sires who had 12 or more yearlings average over \$30,000 at the 2005 yearling sales (in yearling average order):

Came Home (Ky): A very fast two-year-old who went on to win the 10-furlong GI Pacific Classic, running a career-high Beyer 116 (equals about Timeform 128) at three. He is by proven sire of sires Gone West (Mr. Greeley, Elusive Quality, Grand Slam, Zafonic) out of a very fast mare by Clever Trick, with a second dam by Never Bend's fast son, Full Out. Has all the credentials, and already had his first winner, at Keeneland, last week.

Johannesburg (Ky): Unbeaten world champion two-year-old of 2001, when he went seven-for-seven and earned over \$1 million. He captured three Group I six-furlong wins in Europe before taking the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile. So he didn't win again as a three-year-old; neither did Raise a Native (who retired), Sharpen Up or Diesis, and it was no impediment to their sire success. The foal crop numbering 148 is liable to be a factor also.

Street Cry (Ky): One of the top American two-year-olds of 2000--he placed in three graded stakes, including the Breeders' Cup Juvenile--Street Cry came back after an abbreviated campaign at three to go three-for-four as a four-year-old in 2002. He won the G1 Dubai World Cup, running a Timeform figure of 127 + , and probably improved on that when he won the GI Stephen Foster, running a Beyer 118 (about Timeform 130), then running a 119 (about Timeform 131) when second to the ill-fated Left Bank in that year's GI Whitney. He was first or second in 11 of 12 career starts, and third in the other, and he has serious prospects.

Buddha (Ky): A spectacular gray, by Unbridled's Song out of a Storm Cat mare, Buddha won three of his four starts, but never ran again after defeating Medaglia d'Oro and Sunday Break in the 2002 GI Wood Memorial. He's sold himself to breeders, and Hill 'n' Dale has done a great job of letting him promote himself. In other words, you only need to go and look at him to see why he's so popular. Buddha is second only to Johannesburg, with a crop of 133 foals. He had 30 sell as weanlings (\$66,233), and 74 as yearlings (\$90,597), so breeders understandably haven't been shy about taking them to market, either.

Orientate (Ky): He won all six one-turn dirt races he contested as a four-year-old in 2002, including the GI Forego and GI Breeders' Cup Sprint, hands-down the champion sprinter of his year, and on each occasion ran Beyers between 109-116, or equivalent Timeforms between about 121-128. He had a foal crop of 117, including 20 weanlings and 80 yearlings sold, most of any of these sires. He was not precocious himself, and comes from quite a 'steady' family--his damsires are Cox's Ridge, Nodouble and T.V. Lark--but his dam was a Grade I winner at two.



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Mizzen Mast (Ky): Caro is having a much bigger impact these days than maybe people realize, mostly on the female side, but his best sire son, GI Breeders' Cup Mile winner Cozzene, already has a successful sire son in Alphabet Soup, and this horse could be a really big name, too. He was a Group 3 winner (Group 1 placed) when trained by Criquelette Head-Maarek in France, but, oddly, had to have firm turf. He evidently hated it soft, and when it rained and turned the course yielding at Arlington Park for the GI Secretariat, he floundered. When Bobby Frankel switched him to the dirt, it was awesome: he won the GI Malibu in his first start on dirt, then came back in February



Mizzen Mast
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2002 to score a four-length win in the GI Charles H. Strub, running a Beyer 119 (about a Timeform 131). You can bet Prince Khalid has bred some top mares to him, too. The Budweiser Longshot.

Officer (Ky): Another spectacular individual, Officer was a \$700,000 Barretts Two-Year-Old Sale graduate, trained by Bob Baffert for The Thoroughbred Corp. He is by the California sire Bertrando, and his dam was a two-year-old SW; her dam was a two-year-old SW who produced two other juvenile SWs. Bertrando won his first five races at two, culminating in the GI Champagne, before it all proved too much for him. He tired to finish fifth in Johannesburg's BC Juvenile. From a 2003 stud fee of \$12,500 (now \$15,000), Officer had 27 weanlings average \$56,763, and 46 yearlings (of 72 offered) average \$76,283, over six times the stud fee.

Include (Ky): A son of Broad Brush who raced for his breeder, Robert Meyerhoff, Include got seriously good early in his four-year-old year (2001). He won five in a row, earning Beyer figures of 117 (equal to about Timeform 129) in both the GI Pimlico Special and GI Mass Cap. From 23 first-crop weanlings, at Airdrie, and also off a \$12,500 stud fee, his median of \$47,000 was a very impressive 94 percent of his \$49,848 average. In 2005, 62 yearlings (of 80 offered) averaged \$73,732.

Sire	By...	Loc	03 Fee	06 Fee	# 2yos	2yo Sold	06 2yo Avg	Yrl Sold	05 Yrl Avg*	Wnl Sold	04 Wnl Avg*
Buddha	Unbridled's Song	KY	\$15,000	\$17,500	133	11	\$122,636	74	\$90,597	30	\$66,233
Came Home	Gone West	KY	\$40,000	\$40,000	77	2	\$207,500	35	\$148,377	12	\$100,667
E Dubai	Mr. Prospector	KY	\$15,000	\$15,000	47	0	N/A	29	\$79,402	6	\$38,167
Include	Broad Brush	KY	\$12,500	\$12,500	107	12	\$77,083	62	\$73,732	23	\$49,848
Johannesburg	Hennessy	KY	\$30,000	\$25,000	148	11	\$245,182	76	\$104,269	29	\$125,189
Jump Start	A.P. Indy	KY	\$5,000	\$10,000	81	5	\$139,300	50	\$39,844	17	\$47,765
Mizzen Mast	Cozzene	KY	\$15,000	\$15,000	87	3	\$101,667	33	\$43,804	18	\$28,028
Officer	Bertrando	KY	\$12,500	\$15,000	85	12	\$134,250	46	\$76,283	27	\$56,763
Oriente	Mt. Livermore	KY	\$25,000	\$20,000	117	14	\$192,121	80	\$82,097	20	\$89,350
Outofthebox	Montbrook	FL	\$7,500	\$7,500	72	3	\$72,333	23	\$33,949	4	\$29,750
Pure Prize	Storm Cat	KY	\$7,500	\$7,500	74	4	\$89,125	28	\$31,596	13	\$55,554
Red Bullet	Unbridled	FL	\$30,000	\$30,000	55	13	\$67,000	24	\$49,321	6	\$65,333
Snow Ridge	Tabasco Cat	FL	\$5,000	\$5,000	63	7	\$42,429	38	\$35,903	18	\$23,094
Street Cry (Ire)	Machiavellian	KY	\$30,000	\$30,000	88	5	\$99,900	47	\$102,736	9	\$84,778
Wheelaway	Unbridled	NY	\$6,500	\$6,000	59	2	\$88,000	12	\$42,500	3	\$7,333
Yonaguska	Cherokee Run	KY	\$10,000	\$10,000	105	15	\$80,167	65	\$63,231	35	\$61,171

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Yonaguska (Ky): A \$1.95-million Calder saletopper trained by Wayne Lukas for Michael Tabor, Yonaguska is another from this group who has been throwing very good-looking stock. At two, he dead-heated with City Zip in the GI Hopeful; at three, he won three graded races, beating City Zip in the GII Hutcheson, and defeated elders twice later in the year. His first crop of 105 foals at Vinery included 35 weanlings who averaged more than six times his \$10,000 stud fee (\$61,171), with a median 4.2 times his stud fee (\$42,000). Last year, 65 yearlings (of a massive 87 offered) averaged \$63,231, with a median of \$50,000. These numbers say he must be throwing uniformly nice stock.

Red Bullet (Fl): Bred on the same cross as the highly successful Unbridled's Song (Unbridled out of a Caro mare), Red Bullet ended Fusaichi Pegasus's Triple Crown dreams with a decisive upset in the Preakness S., running a Beyer 109 (about a Timeform 121) that day. He had previously finished in front of Aptitude twice, defeating him in the GIII Gotham, and running second to Fusaichi Pegasus, with Aptitude third, in the GII Wood Memorial. Red Bullet never managed to win another graded race, but his form as a three-year-old entitles him to be a big dog amongst this crop of Florida freshman sires, especially as he stands for \$30,000 and none of the rest stand for as much as \$10,000.

Wheelaway (NY): By Unbridled from the great Maryland family of Enchanted (one branch was End Sweep), he defeated Impeachment in the 2000 Tampa Bay Derby and ran third, behind High Yield and More Than Ready, in the GI Blue Grass. He stands at the successful McMahan Farm, and his first yearlings sold very credibly in New York last year, averaging \$42,500 at the sales we covered.

E Dubai (Ky): Never worse than second at the first call in seven graded races (all on dirt) at 8 1/2 furlongs or more at three and four, he was a horse with plenty of speed. He won two Grade IIs at Belmont, the Dwyer at three and Suburban at four, and ran second in three other Grade I/II races--the Peter Pan, Travers (to Point Given) and Super Derby. E Dubai is one of those with a fantastic ratio of median to average: though he had only six weanlings sell, the median was actually higher than the average. Among his 29 yearlings sold (an impressive 83 percent of the 35 offered), the median was 82 percent of their average. One of the last sons of Mr. Prospector, the Darley-at-Jonabell stallion is out of one of those ultra-tough Lord At War mares, Words of War.

Jump Start (Ky): It's a rare occurrence when a stallion's fee goes up each of his first three years at stud, but that is exactly what happened with Jump Start. Trained by Wayne Lukas, he ran only as a juvenile for Overbrook, winning the GII Saratoga Special and finishing second to Officer in the GI Champagne. He broke down in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile and entered stud at Overbrook. He started at \$5,000, went to \$7,500 the next year and, after 17 foals from his first crop sold for a median eight times his original stud fee (\$40,000; average was \$47,765), he went to \$10,000 last year. From a foal crop of 81, he had 50 yearlings sell last year, averaging \$39,844, with a median of \$36,000--over 90 percent of the average. He must be throwing some seriously good-looking stock.

KEENELAND APRIL 2006 - FRESHMAN SIRES

Stallion	Sire	Hip (s)
Buddha	Unbridled's Song	50 54 89 128 220
Came Home	Gone West	25 93
E Dubai	Mr. Prospector	109 112
Forbidden Apple	Pleasant Colony	183
Include	Broad Brush	61 69 91 145 161 174
Johannesburg	Hennessy	36 59 176 206 207
Jump Start	A.P. Indy	113 160
Mizzen Mast	Cozzene	198
Officer	Bertrando	3 110 142 162 190
Orientate	Mt. Livermore	9 12 153 169 172 222
Outofthebox	Montbrook	74
Pure Prize	Storm Cat	7
Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)	Danehill	58
Street Cry (Ire)	Machiavellian	66 133
Yonaguska	Cherokee Run	4 22 65 83 159 188

Top 10 by 2004 Weanling Average
3+ Sold

Sire	Ring	Sold	Average	Median
Johannesburg	41	29	\$125,189	\$100,000
Came Home	18	12	\$100,667	\$102,500
Orientate	27	20	\$89,350	\$75,000
StreetCry (Ire)	16	9	\$84,778	\$58,000
Buddha	37	30	\$66,233	\$57,500
Red Bullet	8	6	\$65,333	\$62,500
Yonaguska	44	35	\$61,171	\$42,000
Officer	34	27	\$56,763	\$45,000
Pure Prize	21	13	\$55,554	\$35,000
Include	28	23	\$49,848	\$47,000

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Snow Ridge (FI): Also trained by Wayne Lukas for Overbrook, Snow Ridge was the best horse sired by Tabasco Cat before he was sold to Japan (where he subsequently died). As a four-year-old in 2002, he won five graded sprints in his six such starts, including the GI San Carlos H. He ran a Beyer 117 (about a Timeform 129) winning the GII Palos Verdes, and a Beyer 114 (about Timeform 126) in the GIII Maryland BC H. He stands at Padua, in Florida, and you know what they did with another sprinter they stood, Yes It's True.

Outofthebox (FI): One of the horses who put his sire, Montbrook, on the national map, Outofthebox's big win came when he defeated E Dubai in the GI Super Derby in 2001, but he had previously finished second in the two key Florida Grade Is that year: he had been second to Songandaprayer in the Fountain of Youth, then second to subsequent Kentucky Derby winner Monarchos in the Florida Derby. He stands alongside his sire at Ocala Stud, which has already been much in the news this month, as it's also the home of Sweetsouthernst.aint.

Pure Prize (Ky): A full brother to the multiple Grade I winner Good Reward, this guy dripped class himself the day he outclassed his field in the GII Kentucky Cup Classic at Turfway, running a career-high Beyer 108 (about a Timeform 120) and looking like he would be a threat to all in the 2002 Breeders' Cup Classic. It was not to be, though: he unfortunately never ran again, and went to Vinery for \$7,500. His 13 first-crop weanlings averaged \$55,554, with a median of \$35,000 (4.67x stud fee), in November 2004. He had 28 yearlings sell, and though his average dropped (that happened with a few of these) to \$31,596, the median of \$26,000 was still almost 3.5x his stud fee, and was 82 percent of his average. They must still look the part.



WEIGHING IN...

Pedigree experts offer their analysis on the 2006 Freshman Sires.

Alan Porter, *Porter Pedigree Research*

1. JOHANNESBURG: This is an interesting year, with not so many horses which looked "nailed on," but a whole lot that it would be easy to envisage jumping up. In going for Johannesburg, we are not going to get a lot of points for originality, but the credentials for a leading freshman sire are obvious: he was a spectacular two-year-old on both dirt and turf; he is closely related to successful sire Tale of the Cat; and has more foals than any other horse in this group, so will be hard to top for number of winners.

2. CAME HOME: This might be one of the group which has a particularly good shot at making it long-term. When you look at the race-record, he was a very good and very versatile runner. He won the GI Hopeful S. and GII Hollywood Juvenile Championship sprinting at two, and at three stayed 10 furlongs well enough to beat older horses in the GI Pacific Classic. He is also by sire of sires, Gone West.

3. YONAGUSKA: Our third horse is a pick without a lot of conviction, not because we don't like Yonaguska, but because there are several other horses we could see coming through behind the two obvious picks (among them Officer, Buddha, Orientate, E Dubai, Red Bullet and Jump Start). Yonaguska was precocious enough to be a near \$2,000,000 two-year-old and went on to win a juvenile Grade I. He's got a lot of foals and they sold well, stud fee and numbers considered.

Of the less expensive Kentucky horses, I like **JUMP START**. He was very early for a horse of his breeding, and he has a good-sized first crop. He's by A.P. Indy, who already has five sons who have Grade I winners in their first or second crops (his profile is actually a little similar to Malibu Moon), and his granddam is a sister to Miswaki.

Alan Porter cont. p6

2006 U.S. FRESHMAN SIRES		
by # of winners		
<u>Stallion</u>	<u>Sire</u>	<u>Winner</u>
Came Home	Gone West	1
Gibson County	In Excess (Ire)	1
Officer	Bertrando	1
Three Wonders	Storm Cat	1
Unbridled Time	Unbridled's Song	1

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Alan Porter's picks cont.

REGIONAL: Florida is the usual spot to watch here. **RED BULLET** is a regional stallion in name only, as he is a Classic-winning son of Unbridled, bred on the same cross as Unbridled's Song. He comes from the "stallion making" Adena Springs operation, and looks sure to do well. Other contenders from Florida include **GRAEME HALL** (first crop pretty tightly controlled by his connections, and with a lot of mares specifically picked for the job; babies rumored to be training well) and **UNBRIDLED TIME**, an Unbridled's Song who was early enough to take the WHAS-11 S. on the Kentucky Derby undercard.

SLEEPERS/LATER DEVELOPERS: **STREET CRY** is an interesting horse. By a European-based son of Mr. Prospector (Machiavellian) out of a mare who won the Irish Oaks at 1½ miles on turf, he was actually very precocious at two, and turned into a standout dirt horse. It will be very interesting to see what direction his offspring take. **E DUBAI** doesn't have a lot of first year foals, but he is a son of Mr. Prospector who had blistering speed and could also go 10 furlongs. **MIZZEN MAST**, like Street Cry, has a pedigree which suggested turf, and he was successful on that surface in Europe. However, in the U.S. he shaped like a coming superstar on dirt, until injury halted his career. Note, too, that he is by the same sire as the surprising Alphabet Soup.

Vincent D'Angelo, Werk Thoroughbred Consultants

When searching for value in stallion prospect, there is no better reward for your dollar than the potential of **PURE PRIZE**. He is a Grade II-winning son of Storm Cat from the strong female family of Lady Pitt, which is responsible for GI Breeders' Cup Sprint hero Dancing Spree, MGISW Good Reward, and, of course, his dam, 1994 champion three-year-old filly Heavenly Prize. Pure Prize won or placed in 10 of his 17 starts. He is bred on the Storm Cat/Seeking the Gold cross, which has produced six unrestricted SWs, four of whom are graded. His stud fee is an attractive \$7,500.

The freshman stallion of 2006 who may not only get off to a quick start at stud, but who will also be a stallion later measured by his long-term success is **CAME HOME**. A son of Gone West, an excellent sire of sires, Came Home won nine of 12 starts, eight of which were stakes. What is even more impressive is the quality of the stakes races he won, and they were from distances of six to 10 furlongs. Three Grade Is, three Grade IIs, and a pair of Grade IIIs! His Grade I wins include the Hopeful and Santa Anita Derby against his own division, as well as the Pacific Classic against older horses. He is bred for early maturity, by Gone West out of a Clever Trick mare, and he should get off to a quick start at stud. He carries a pedigree free of Northern Dancer, which should ideally suit him, as Gone West and his sons have crossed extremely well with Northern Dancer-line mares.

For the 2006 freshmen, there are numerous intriguing stallions from Florida, Texas, California, Ontario, and New York. For me, the stallion who has a big shot to wear the crown for top regional freshman stallion for 2006 will be **THUNDERELLO**. He was a brilliantly fast colt who impressed everyone with his eye-catching maiden victory at Saratoga as a juvenile. He was razor sharp in the fall of 2002. His connections took the leap from Listed stakes company to the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint, where they were rewarded with an excellent runner-up effort. Thunderello set blistering fractions and led to deep stretch where he was caught on the wire by champion sprinter Orientate. Thunderello, like his sire Montbrook, is an outcross to a large portion of mares in North America, as he is free of Raise a Native and Northern Dancer. His runners should mature early and he should be well represented in the winner's circle in 2006.

Jack Werk, Werk Thoroughbred Consultants

Selecting in advance who will become the leading freshman sire each year is no easy task because it's generally determined by overall progeny earnings. Consequently, one or two runners often decide the outcome. Last year, for example, Tiznow won the title with \$1,276,285 in progeny earnings with 73 percent (\$927,500) of those earnings coming from a single filly, champion Folklore. Overall, Tiznow had just 11 juveniles winners from 85 foals last year with Forklore being his only stakes winner. On the other hand, fourth-ranked Songandaprayer had \$1,056,247 in progeny earnings with only 20 percent coming from his best runner. The son of Unbridled's Song had 18 juvenile winners from 53 foals, and was the leading freshman sire of stakes winners with three (two of them graded). During my publishing days with *OwnerBreeder*, I always based my selections long-term success rather than first-year success.

**Top 10 by 2005 Yearling Average
3+ Sold**

Sire	Ring	Sold	Average	Median
Came Home	54	35	\$148,377	\$110,000
Johannesburg	107	76	\$104,269	\$67,500
Street Cry (Ire)	59	47	\$102,736	\$55,000
Buddha	99	74	\$90,597	\$57,500
Orientate	93	80	\$82,097	\$55,000
E Dubai	35	29	\$79,402	\$65,000
Officer	72	46	\$76,283	\$52,500
Include	80	62	\$73,732	\$47,500
Yonaguska	87	65	\$63,231	\$50,000
Red Bullet	28	24	\$49,321	\$27,500



Jack Werk cont.

Having said that, my choice as 2006's leading freshman sire based on long-term success is also my selection to top the standings Dec. 31. That stallion is Ashford Stud's **JOHANNESBURG**. There isn't much more you could ask for in a stallion prospect. He was undefeated in seven starts at two, six of those stakes wins. He won Group/Grade 1 races in FOUR different countries as a juvenile and was named champion two-year-old colt in Ireland, England, France and the U.S. And he capped off his two-year-old campaign with an electrifying victory in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile on the dirt at Belmont Park! By Hennessy, one of Storm Cat's top sons as both a runner and a sire, Johannesburg is out of the Ogygian mare Myth, a half sister to GISW Minardi and GSW winner Tale of the Cat. Myth descends from is one of the great Claiborne families, tracing back to Monarchy. I find it incredible that breeders only had to pay \$25,000 to breed to him in 2006. Considering his outstanding race record and female family, Johannesburg's stud fee would almost certainly have been \$100,000 or more were he sired by Storm Cat, A.P. Indy or Mr. Prospector. But with Hennessy an unproven sire of sires, the market will not support such a stud fee...yet! Hennessy has, in my opinion, an outstanding chance to make his mark as a sire of sires with Johannesburg showing the way.



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My second choice is Lane's End Farm's **CAME HOME**. A little like Rodney Dangerfield throughout his career, Came Home has not gotten enough respect. He



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was twice bought back at sales for failing to meet his reserve and I have never really heard the kind of buzz about him as a stallion that I believe his pedigree and race record seems to warrant. He is by proven sire of sires Gone West and out of the GSW and multiple stakes producing Clever Trick mare Nice Assay. He won the GI Hopeful S. at two, the GI Santa Anita Derby and GI Pacific Classic at three, and retired with \$1.8 million in career earnings from two years of racing. In 12 lifetime starts, he had nine wins, including EIGHT in stakes races ranging from seven furlongs to 1 1/4 miles. With 77 registered two-year-olds, I expect Came Home to make a run at Johannesburg for leading freshman sire honors this year and go on to become a high-level stallion in the years to come.

My dark-horse selection for leading freshman sire, as well as the best stud fee value at \$10,000 or less, is Vinery's **YONAGUSKA**. By champion sprinter and successful sire Cherokee Run, and out of the Silver Ghost mare Marital Spook. Yonaguska hails from a prolific black-type producing family. In fact, Yonaguska's first three dams have produced 10 stakes winners between them. Yonaguska won two stakes at two, including the GI Hopeful, and placed in three other stakes. He came back at three to capture three more stakes, including the GIII Sport Page H. against older horses while placing in three others as well. Yonaguska was a pure sprinter with all of his victories coming at five, six or seven furlongs. There will be some question as to whether or not his progeny will stretch out, but with 105 two-year-olds, they should run early and they should be fast!



Yonaguska www.vinery.com

For a regional selection, I'm going with **MILLENNIUM WIND**, standing at Highcliff Farm. Though he is now a New York freshman sire, his first crop was actually conceived and foaled in Kentucky. Regardless, here are the facts: Millennium Wind was a \$1.2-million yearling; he was second to Point Given in the GI Hollywood Futurity; at three, he won the GI Blue Grass S. by 5 1/2 lengths, defeating Songandaprayer; he's a half-brother to Eclipse Award-winning Horse of the Year Charismatic. Finally, he is by Cryptoclearance, who, while never considered a sire of sires, nevertheless has a pretty good son at stud in Victory Gallop.

Top 15 by 2006 2yo Average
2+ Sold

<u>Sire</u>	<u>Ring</u>	<u>Sold</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Median</u>
Johannesburg	16	11	\$245,182	\$150,000
Came Home	3	2	\$207,500	\$207,500
Orientate	17	14	\$192,121	\$102,500
Jump Start	7	5	\$139,300	\$65,000
Officer	16	12	\$134,250	\$100,000
Buddha	14	11	\$122,636	\$72,000
Three Wonders	8	6	\$105,833	\$125,000
Mizzen Mast	3	3	\$101,666	\$100,000
Street Cry (Ire)	7	5	\$99,900	\$55,000
Pure Prize	4	4	\$89,125	\$26,500
Wheelaway	2	2	\$88,000	\$88,000
Yonaguska	23	15	\$80,166	\$35,000
Include	17	12	\$77,083	\$72,500
Outofthebox	9	3	\$72,333	\$75,000
Red Bullet	22	13	\$67,000	\$40,000



EUROPEAN SCENE

BY ANDREW CAULFIELD

Judging by the betting on which stallion will become Britain and Ireland's leading first season sire by number of winners, **ROCK OF GIBRALTAR** already has the competition sewn up. He is a hot favourite at 4-6, with the only opponents quoted at under 10-1 being Kyllachy (9-2), Invincible Spirit (6-1) and Noverre (13-2).

Rock of Gibraltar's price reflects the way he leads the field in several departments. For a start, he was one of the most precocious colts among the new sires of 2003, posting his first victory as early as Apr. 21 and his first group victory--a defeat of the mighty Hawk Wing--July 1. This very tough horse trained on so remarkably well that he recorded seven successive Group 1 victories, in the process establishing himself as the best three-year-old of 2002. His record made him the highest-priced new sire of 2003 by a sizeable margin and he was also the busiest, with his book growing to more than 150 when some mares were switched to him after the death of his sire, the magnificent Danehill, in May 2003.

Rock of Gibraltar goes to war with at least 117 two-year-olds, and the omens are good. Last year's leading freshman sire was Mozart, another son of Danehill based at Coolmore. And Rock of Gibraltar is inbred to Northern Dancer, as is Tiznow, the leading American freshman sire of 2005, with Rock of Gibraltar being inbred 3x3. This inbreeding has been a bit restrictive in a broodmare population steeped in Northern Dancer blood, and the most popular yearlings by Rock of Gibraltar were out of mares by Tirol, Top Ville, Selkirk, Valiyar, Indian Ridge and Shernazar. As Demi O'Byrne figured very prominently among the buyers of Rock of Gibraltar's higher-priced youngsters, we can expect to see Aidan O'Brien challenging for plenty of juvenile group events with the progeny of a horse bred by a partnership of O'Brien, his wife and his father-in-law.

As is usual these days, the Danzig male line is responsible for several of the new stallions likely to get off to a quick start. The quick-maturing Green Desert has established a flourishing branch of this line, thanks to Cape Cross and some of his antipodean sons, so it isn't surprising that the Irish National Stud's **INVINCIBLE SPIRIT** has been fast out the gate. It's tempting to think of Invincible Spirit as a late developer, as he won the G1 Sprint Cup as a five-year-old, but it might have been a different story had he not been injured after a promising juvenile career. Cape Cross also improved with age, but that didn't stop him becoming the leading first-crop sire of 2003. Invincible Spirit already has the winners Spoofer Master and Il Palio to his credit and his two-year-olds have sold for up to 110,000gns.

With a crop of 94, this son of the French Oaks heroine Rafka could be heading for a healthy total of winners.

Also off the mark is Danzig's Group 3-winning son **ISHIGURU**, who scored with his first runner, his top-priced yearling Hellvelyn. Himself a \$1.15-million yearling, Ishiguru is out of Strategic Maneuver, one of the best American two-year-olds of 1993, so he is well qualified to get winning two-year-olds. With 45 two-year-olds, he has a big enough crop to make an impression, but probably not big enough to play a leading role--Bertolini, the Danzig horse who did so well in last year's competition, had 115 representatives.

Danzig is also represented by **IRON MASK**, a precocious French performer from the same family as Danzig's exceptionally speedy son Dayjur. With an Alydar mare as his dam, Iron Mask is bred on the same cross as Bertolini, so it's reasonable to expect plenty of winners from this horse, whose biggest pay day came in a big sprint in Singapore. Another point in Iron Mask's favour is that he is based at Ballyhane Stud, an establishment which knows how to establish a young sprint stallion. Trainer Bryan Smart clearly has every faith in Iron Mask, as he paid 70,000, 50,000 and 40,000gns for yearlings by him, with Dermot Weld also investing 42,000gns in an Iron Mask youngster.

Rathasker Stud also stands an inexpensive well-bred Danzig horse in **FATH**. This Group 3-winning brother to the smart Dumaani comes from the same family as Cape Cross and Diktat, both of whom showed up well in their respective freshman sire competition. Fath, who was second in the G1 Middle Park S. at two, has made an impressive start, winning with his first two runners, Chjimes and Stir Crazy. With a crop of 67, Fath looks likely to notch up plenty of winners.

So which stallions could stand in the way of the Danzig line?

One of the features of last year's yearling sales was the widespread demand for the offspring of Cheveley Park Stud's **KYLLACHY**, who took up stallion duties alongside his extraordinary sire Pivotal at a fee of £7,500. Two of his yearlings--a half-brother to the G1 Fillies' Mile winner Nannina and a half-sister to the very speedy Wunders Dream--realised 300,000gns each and 16 made 50,000gns or more.

Kyllachy's admirers were no doubt motivated by the belief that this very fast horse is sure to sire quick-maturing progeny, and he scored with his third runner Twenty Questions. However, Kyllachy improved considerably with age, with Timeform rating him 91 at two, 111 at three and 129 at four. Kyllachy's sire Pivotal and broodmare sire Song both won the King's Stand S. over five furlongs and five furlongs also provided Kyllachy with his best victories, including the G2 Temple S. and G1 Nunthorpe S. His 94 two-year-olds can therefore be expected to make their mark well before the distances start to lengthen in the fall.



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NOVERRE, who has 87 representatives, is one of the harder stallions to assess. On the plus side, he matured very quickly--quickly enough to win the G3 July S. and G2 Champagne S.--and he trained on well enough to pass the post first in both the French 2000 Guineas and the Sussex S. Although it sounds strange to say it, the downside is that Noverre is a 3/4-brother to the brilliant Arazi, who showed even better form during an exceptional juvenile career. The pair share the same dam, the Northern Dancer mare Danseur Fabuleux, and Noverre is by Rahy, who shared the same sire, Blushing Groom, as Arazi. Arazi's failure as a stallion consequently casts some doubts over Noverre's own chances. However, Arazi achieved his best results with mares which produced inbreeding to Northern Dancer, a good example being Congaree, who is inbred 3x3. Plenty of the mares which visited Noverre in his first season possessed Northern Dancer blood, including some of the high-priced yearlings bought by the Maktoum brothers, so Noverre may benefit from some of the lessons learned from Arazi.

The Sadler's Wells line relies mainly on three Group 1 winners--his son Beat Hollow and grandsons Act One and Tobougg.

BEAT HOLLOW is one of only a handful Sadler's Wells' sons which have become Group 1 winners on both sides of the Atlantic, with the successful sires In The Wings and Barathea featuring among the others. Beat Hollow--like the very successful In the Wings--has the brilliant Mill Reef in the third generation of his pedigree, and--like In the Wings--is out of a high-class middle-distance mare, namely the Irish Oaks winner Wemyss Bight. Beat Hollow didn't stay as well as In the Wings, though, gaining his four Group 1 successes over nine or 10 furlongs. As his family has also produced the brilliantly speedy Oasis Dream and the Classic-winning miler Zenda, it isn't so surprising that some of his two-year-olds are reported to be showing speed. His problem is going to be lack of numbers, with a crop of 38.

ACT ONE provided an excellent demonstration of In the Wings' talents as a stallion. He started odds-on for the French Derby on the strength of five wins from five previous starts, including Group 1 events at two and three, and there was no disgrace in his second to Sulamani. Sadly, he was injured soon afterwards and then joined the Shadwell stallion team at a fee of £10,000. Singspiel, another son of In the Wings, had already shown distinct promise by then, and Act One was well supported. Perhaps he suffered from being a French horse in a British market and his yearlings generally weren't welcomed with open arms, the main exception being a 300,000-guinea filly bought by Shadwell. He has 68 representatives.



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The handsome **TOBOUGG** also has plenty to recommend him. The best son of Barathea, he has a Classic-winning dam (the French Oaks winner Lacovia) and he comes from the same female line as the very successful Miswaki. Tobougg was highly effective at two, when he collected Group 1 victories in the Prix de la Salamandre and Dewhurst S. Although he failed to win in nine subsequent starts, he was third in the Derby and second in the Champion S., and he proved popular when he retired, to the extent that he has 110 foals in his first crop. Darley bought his highest-priced yearlings, at 85,000 and 60,000gns. Expect to see them start to flourish in the summer.

Ali-Royal, a son of Royal Academy, sired the Dewhurst S. winner Tout Seul during his brief stallion career, so what can we expect of Royal Academy's Breeders' Cup Mile winner **VAL ROYAL**? He has 76 foals in his first Irish crop, conceived after a season in Australia. As he's got youngsters with Mick Channon and Richard Hannon, it shouldn't be long before Val Royal is making his mark.

Needless to say, the Mr. Prospector male line is going to have a say, too. His son **TRADITIONALLY** has already drawn attention to himself by siring a Group 3 winner in New Zealand from his first Southern-Hemisphere crop. This no doubt helped a pair of his two-year-old sons make 55,000 and 58,000gns at the recent Doncaster sale, continuing the good impression that Traditionally's progeny created at the yearling sales. Traditionally is a Grade I-winning brother to Our Emblem, sire of the Kentucky Derby winner War Emblem, and he is a son of that exceptional racemare Personal Ensign. As a good-sized horse who was at his best at four, it is going to be interesting to see how precocious his stock prove to be.

**TATTERSALLS APRIL
2006 FRESHMAN SIRES**

<u>Stallion</u>	<u>Sire</u>	<u>Hip</u>
Act One (GB)	In the Wings (GB)	8
Best of the Bests (Ire)	Machiavellian	91 160
Came Home	Gone West	3
Dilshaan (GB)	Darshaan (GB)	32
E Dubai	Mr. Prospector	4
Ishiguru	Danzig	12 116
Johannesburg	Hennessy	7 16 19 20 68 77 86 92 125 129
Kyllachy (GB)	Pivotal (GB)	25 125
Noverre	Rahy	76 80 123 157
Officer	Bertrando	162
Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)	Danehill	22 58 87 126 147
Sakhee	Bahri	17 24 59 169
Tobougg (Ire)	Barathea (Ire)	114
Val Royal (Fr)	Royal Academy	52



Mr. Prospector's son Machiavellian has an encouraging record as a sire of sires, with Medicean, Almutawakel, Titus Livius and Vettori all siring stakes winners, including some very effective performers. Next in line are the American-based Street Cry and the well-connected G1 Prix d'Ispahan winner **BEST OF THE BESTS**. A group winner at two, three and five, Best of the Bests has a first crop of 84, but they didn't produce many fireworks in the sales ring and Best of the Bests has left Newmarket for Devon. Can the Machiavellian effect allow him to surprise those who largely ignored his yearlings?

Two of the best racehorses among these new sires--**SAKHEE** and **GOLAN**--have to overcome the handicap of being middle-distance specialists--not the most valued of species nowadays. Don't forget, though, that Sakhee won two of his three juvenile starts, while Golan won his only start at two from a colt who went close to Classic success.

Sakhee, who is inbred 4x3 to Northern Dancer through his exceptional sons Nijinsky and Sadler's Wells, did encouragingly well with the sales yearlings from his 65-strong first crop. Two of his daughters sold for 260,000 and 220,000gns, off a £20,000 fee. You can also expect some classy Shadwell homebreds by this remarkable horse, who went very close to adding the Breeders' Cup Classic to his impressive victory in the Arc. His female line produced the successful American stallions Broad Brush and Capote, so the omens are good, and Sakhee could mount a challenge to the speedier stallions towards the end of the season.

Golan labors under the handicap of being by a stallion who now stands in South Africa after failing to come up to expectations in the Northern Hemisphere. Consequently, his fee has fallen from its original €20,000 to €7,500, with this fall also reflecting some disappointing yearling prices. Yet Golan was good enough to win the 2000 Guineas and the King George, and to finish second in the Derby, so you ignore this well-bred, good-looking horse at your peril. As his first three dams were all sired by Derby winners, it is likely to be the autumn before most of the 79 Golans begin to shine.

Another middle-distance horse is **DILSHAAN**, who never raced again after finishing seventh at 5-1 in the 2001 Derby. He had previously won the G1 Racing Post Trophy and G2 Dante S. Dilshaan has only 33 foals, but several sold quite well.

More likely to get off to a quick start are **REDBACK**, **AUCTION HOUSE** and **TENDULKAR**. Redback, a winner of three of his 10 juvenile starts before finishing third in the 2000 Guineas, already has his first winner under his belt. He has been well supported by his former trainer Richard Hannon, and this tough horse can be expected to sire plenty of winners. He's the type to figure prominently in some of the valuable sales-linked races.

Auction House was at his best at two, when he won the G2 Champagne S. Some of his yearlings sold very well and, with 50 youngsters, he has enough representatives to stand a chance. Tendulkar managed only two starts after he'd finished a close third to the future Classic winners Rock of Gibraltar and Landseer in the Dewhurst S., but he covered plenty of mares in his first season and has nearly 80 foals. Although two respected trainers paid 50,000gns or more for colts by him, most of Tendulkar's yearlings sold cheaply. A similar fate awaited the yearlings by Indian Ridge's admirably tough son **TUMBLEWEED RIDGE**, a group winner at two, five, six and seven, and by **WARNINGFORD**, a group winner at five, seven and eight.

France has some interesting new sires this year in the French Derby winner Anabaa Blue, the Criterium de Saint-Cloud winner Sagacity and the highly accomplished Slickly.

ANABAA BLUE has the attraction of coming from the same family as King's Best and Galileo, so it isn't surprising that he was well supported. He has a first crop of around 70 foals, but it remains to be seen how precocious his progeny are going to be. **SAGACITY** shares the same sire, Highest Honor, as Verglas, who has proved a surprise packet as a sire, and he shares the same dam as the Arc winner Sagamix. However, **SLICKLY** has the potential to be the best of these, even though his first crop is smaller. This son of Linamix retired with four Group 1 wins to his name, including one in the Prix du Moulin, and was a very good horse on his day.

Some of America's new sires are also likely to play a significant role in the European battle for freshman honors, none more so than Johannesburg. He had three sons sold for big prices at the European sales. I will also be surprised if Street Cry and the ex-French Mizzen Mast doesn't also draw attention to themselves with their European runners, but logic dictates that all these stallions are going to be hard pressed to beat Rock of Gibraltar.

STALLION SNAPSHOT...

<u>Stallion</u>	<u>'03 Fee</u>	<u>'05 Yrl Avg*</u>	<u>#2yos**</u>
Act One	£10,000	34,211gns	68
Beat Hollow	£15,000	29,328gns	38
Dilshaan	€6,000	12,159gns	33
Golan	€20,000	17,604gns	79
Invincible Spirit	€10,000	21,165gns	94
Kyllachy	£7,500	38,272gns	94
Noverre	€15,000	36,511gns	87
Rock of Gibraltar	€90,000	103,361gns	117
Sakhee	£20,000	61,171gns	65
Traditionally	Private	25,297gns	58

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