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OAKS ATTRACTS A WELL-BALANCED FIELD

A full field of 14 will line up for Friday's GI Kentucky Oaks at Churchill Downs with 2-1 morning-line favorite



Balance Benoit photo

Balance (Thunder Gulch) leading the way. The GI Santa Anita Oaks and GI Las Virgenes S. heroine has been assigned the four-hole. Victor Espinoza will be in the irons. She looks to make amends after finishing a wellbeaten third as the 1-2 chalk in the Apr. 8 GI Ashland S. behind Bushfire (Louis Quatorze) last

out. "She didn't care for that racetrack," trainer David Hofmans commented. "She trained over it okay, but

she really didn't like it in the running. It rained that morning and it was just sort of weird. It wasn't muddy, but I watched the tapes a bunch of times and she was just all over the place. It wasn't like her at all." As for the post, Hofmans added, "I didn't want to be the 14 and I didn't want to be the one. The Bushfire four is just right. It's a tough race. There are some nice fillies



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in here. I think the nicest three-year-old fillies in the country are here." The Ashland victress will break from the 10-post with Cornelio Velasquez aboard. Wait a While (Maria's Mon), a dazzling 14-length victress of Gulfstream's GII Davona Dale S. Feb. 4, looks to get back on track after finishing third in the GII Bonnie Miss S. Mar. 5 and second in the Ashland. The gray has drawn the eight post. Garrett Gomez replaces the injured John Velazguez. Last season's GII Demoiselle S. winner Wonder Lady Anne L (Real Quiet) has been assigned the seven slot. She has only faced the starter twice so far this season, finishing third in the Davona Dale and second in the Bonnie Miss.

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- Miss Norman Morales 20-1 Artax O-Greg Norman; B-Craig Beam (Ky)
- Diplomat Lady Forestry 2 Solis 10-1 O-Charles Cono LLC; B-Mike G Rutherford (Ky)
- Real Quiet 3 Quiet Kim **Desormeaux 12-1** O-Chris Houchin: B-Man Bloodstock (Kv)
- 4 Balance Thunder Gulch Espinoza 2-1 O-Amerman Racing Stables LLC: B-Maverick Production Ltd (Kv)
- Red Cherries Spin With Approval Nakatani 50-1 5 O-Naveed Chowhan; B-Yoshio Fujita (Ky)
- **Ex Caelis** 6 **Fusaichi Pegasus Leparoux** 20-1 O-Circle C Group Stables; B-Barnett Enterprises (Ky)
- 7 Wonder Lady Anne L Real Quiet Prado 8-1 O-IEAH Stables, Joe Plumeri, et al: B-Dan White & Highland Farm (Kv)
- 8 Wait a While Maria's Mon Gomez 5-1 O-Arindel Farm: B-W.S. Farish & W Temple Webber Jr (Kv)
- 9 **Itty Bitty Pretty El Corredor** Valenzuela 12-1 O-STD Racing Stable and Jason Wood; B-Liberation Farm & Oratis Thoroughbreds (Ky)
- 10 Bushfire Louis Quatorze Velasquez 5-1 O-Homewrecker Stable LLC: B-Moreav Bloodstock Int. & Mandolvnn Hill Farm (FI)
- 11 Top Notch Lady Sultry Song Husbands 20-1 O-Robert J. Wilson; B-Charles Nuckels Jr. & Sons (Ky)
- 12 Ermine **Exchange Rate** Albarado 12-1 O-Oxbow Racing LLC; B-Amy Bondon-Peltz (Ky)
- Wild Rush 13 Last Romance Bejarano 15-1 O-Sanford Goldfarb; B-Meadow Oaks Farm (Ky)
- 14 Lemons Forever Lemon Drop Kid Guidry 20-1 O-Horton Leon, Willis and Terry; B-Farefellow Farms Ltd (Ky)

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Grade 1 Winner DIPLOMAT LADY (\$512,800), won the Stonerside Beaumont Stakes (G2) on April 13th establishing herself as one of the leading contenders for the historic Grade I Kentucky Oaks.



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STILL EXPECTED TO SHOW UP

A day after **Showing Up** (Strategic Mission) breezed four furlongs in :49.60 at Belmont Park, trainer Barclay Tagg was still expecting the GII Lexington S. winner to show up on the first Saturday in May. "He's doing well," Tagg commented. "As long as it stays that way, he's all set. He's ready, as long as the wound doesn't flare up. We have to stop treating him with antibiotics, because, of course, he can't race with them." Tagg won the Derby in 2003 with Funny Cide. "The only similarity between him and Funny Cide is that they are both fast horses," Tagg said. "But that's it. They're completely different horses. One's laid back and the other's a coiled spring."

'Derek' Gets the Day Off ...

Brother Derek (Benchmark) had an easy day Tuesday after putting in his final workout Monday. "He walked about a half hour, had his bath and is doing fine," trainer Dan Hendricks said of the GI Santa Anita Derby winner. The Cecil Peacock colorbearer stopped the clock at :49 1/5 in his four-furlong move at Churchill.

Flores to Ride Storm Treasure...

David Flores will ride **Storm Treasure** (Storm Boot) in the GI Kentucky Derby, according to trainer Steve Asmussen. The chestnut was a distant second behind Sinister Minister in the GI Blue Grass S. Apr. 15. "He ran fourth on More Than Regal in the [GII] Lane's End S. [Mar. 25] for us, most recently," Asmussen said of Flores. "He's a quality person, a quality rider." Storm Treasure turned in his final work at Churchill, going five furlongs in 1:00.40.

☆ NEWSTODAY ☆

MOTIVATOR PULLED Motivator (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}--Out West, by Gone West) has been withdrawn



from covering duty this season after suffering soreness following a slip, the Racing Post revealed yesterday. Last year's G1 Epsom Derby hero has stopped 35 short of his 115 book at the Royal Studs, Sandringham and syndicate Manager John Warren described the setback as "frustrating," although he stressed it was not linked to the injury which ruled him out of a tilt at the Breeders' Cup. "From what we can see, it's not serious, but there's no point in pushing him now--by the time he comes back it'll be mid-June," he told the

Motivator Ascot Racecourse

Post. "It's easier for the shareholders to make other arrangements for the season. It's frustrating, since he was going so well. But of the mares who've been covered, it's a very nice book. We'll get an indication [of his quality as a stallion], although it will not be nearly as big a crop as some of the other stallions."

KINANE RIDES HORATIO Aidan O'Brien yesterday ended speculation as to riding plans for Saturday's G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket when announcing that Mick Kinane would partner Susan Magnier and Diane Nagle's Horatio Nelson (Ire) (Danehill). The former retained jockey at Ballydoyle will come in for the plum mount on last year's G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere winner, with Johnny Murtagh booked to partner the G3 Killavullan S. scorer Frost Giant (Giant's Causeway). As expected, Kieren Fallon rides George Washington (Ire) (Danehill). "The Guineas horses seem in good form and I am happy with them and am hoping they will run well," O'Brien told *PA Sport*.

60th Stakes Winner and 32nd Graded Stakes Winner

3-year-old filly **ALLOWAY** (at right) on Monday won the Group 3 Prix Cleopatre in preparation for the Group 1 Prix de Diane (French Oaks).







[☆ NEWSTODAY ☆]

TOTAL BC PURSES NOW \$20 MILLION Total purses for the Breeders' Cup World Thoroughbred Championships have been raised to \$20 million, accord-



ing to a press release from Breeders' Cup Limited and the National Thoroughbred Racing Association. Last year's purses for the eight-race program totaled \$14 million. Each of the races will be worth at least \$2 million, with the GI Breeders' Cup Classic at

the top with a \$5-million purse. "Raising the purses to unprecedented levels makes the Breeders' Cup property more valuable than at any time in our history, said D. G. Van Clief, Jr., Breeders' Cup president and NTRA commissioner. "We feel that these purse increases will further strengthen domestic and international participation in our races, which is vital for the continued growth and expansion of the event as the pre-eminent day of global horse racing. We extend our gratitude to foal and stallion nominators who have supported us over the years and made this \$20-million Breeders' Cup a reality." The championship event was first run in 1984 with a total of \$10 million in purses. This year's races will be contested Nov. 4 at Churchill Downs.

The GI Breeders' Cup Turf has been upped to \$3 million after being run with a \$2-million purse since its inception. A trio of the day's races--the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies, GI Breeders' Cup Sprint and GI Breeders' Cup F/M Turf--were boosted from \$1 million to \$2 million each. The GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile and GI Breeders' Cup Mile, which had been increased to \$1.5 million apiece in 2003, will now be worth \$2 million. The GI Breeders' Cup Distaff will remain at its \$2-million level. In addition to the purse increases, there will be reductions in Breeders' Cup race entry fees beginning this year.

- Entry fees for all Breeders' Cup-nominated horses have been reduced from 3 percent to 2.5 percent of the total purse of a Breeders' Cup race.
- Supplemental fees for horses whose sires were not nominated to the Breeders' Cup have been reduced from 20 percent to 15 percent of the purse for a Breeders' Cup race.
- Owners of non-nominated horses by Breeders' Cup-nominated stallions will continue to pay 9 percent of the total purse for entry into a Breeders' Cup race.

Breeders' Cup Ltd. has also announced that effective this year, foal and stallion nominator awards will now be distributed through the fifth-place finisher. Previously, only the top three received awards.

TVG Renews Sprint Sponsorship...

In conjuction with Breeders' Cup Ltd. and the NTRA. Television Games Network has announced the renewal of its title sponsorship of the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint and the Sprint Division. "We're delighted to continue our partnership with TVG," said Van Clief. "Advance deposit wagering is the fastest growing segment of our business, and TVG's unique promotion of horse racing through a broad-based television distribution network and wagering platform is vital to the growth of our industry and to the Breeders' Cup World Championships specifically." Those sentiments were echoed by David Nathanson, general manager of TVG. "The Breeders' Cup World Thoroughbred Championships represent the best that Thoroughbred racing has to offer and we are thrilled to continue our association with this tremendous event," he said. "In addition to the Sprint sponsorship, our unique agreement with the NTRA and Breeders' Cup brings to our fans greatly expanded television coverage of Breeders' Cup events on TVG."

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Two 2YO starters, two debut winner in April: QUICK EMOTIONS - *New Track Record* at Woodbine BUFFALO PAUL - game victory at Hollywood Park









Wednesday, Belmont Park, post time: 4:40 p.m. WESTCHESTER H.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 8f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WΤ
1	Blazing Purrsuit	Tale of the Cat	Toner	114
2	Sir Greeley	Mr. Greeley	J Jerkens	117
3	Little Thunder	Sword Dance (Ire)	Capuano	116
4	Gygistar	Prospector's Music	Hennig	116
5	Kennel Up	Joyeux Danseur	H A Jerkens	114
6	Happy Hunting	Seeking the Gold	McGaughey	116
7	Love of Money	Not for Love	Dutrow	117

Racing in New York shifts back to Belmont Park for the Spring/Summer meeting and the stakes action gets underway immediately with the Westchester. The lightly raced **Love of Money** has run some big races in the past, including a dominating 8 1/2-length tally in the 2004 GII Pennsylvania Derby, but only faced the starter three times last season. The Jay Em Ess Stable colorbearer was third behind Rock Hard Ten in the GII Strub S. Feb. 5 and added a six-length optional claiming victory over this strip May 25, but hasn't been heard from since finishing a well-beaten sixth in the GI Met Mile May 30.

"He had a few issues coming out of the [Met Mile] and I didn't want to rush him back last year," trainer Rick Dutrow, Jr. explained. "He's a really nice horse when he puts things together." **Gygistar** (Prospector's Music) attempts to take this race for the third straight year. He was last seen finishing third in Gulfstream's Artax H. Apr. 1.

Wednesday, Lingfield, Britain, post time: 4:00 p.m. HESMONDS STUD SAGARO S.-G3, £50,000, 4yo/up, 2mT

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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WΤ
1	5	Alcazar (Ire)	Alzao	Morrison	132
2	1	Cover Up (Ire)	Machiavellian	Stoute	128
3	6	Larkwing (Ire)	Ela-Mana-Mou (Ire)	Wragg	125
4	7	Openide (GB)	Key Of Luck	Duke	125
5	8	Sworn In	Kingmambo	Rossiter	125
6	3	Tungsten Strike	Smart Strike	Perrett	125
7	4	Hearthstead Wings (GB)	In The Wings (GB)	Johnston	122
8	2	Casual Glance (GB)	Sinndar (Ire)	Balding	119

Friday, Churchill Downs

LOUISVILLE BREEDERS' CUP H.-GII, \$300,000a,

3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WТ
1	Oonagh Maccool (Ire)	Giant's Causeway	Bejarano	117
2	Capeside Lady	Cape Town	Bridgmohan	118
3	Leave Me Alone	Bold Badgett	Gomez	117
4	In the Gold	Golden Missile	Nakatani	117
5	La Reason	Labeeb (GB)	Castellano	114
6	Private Gift	Unbridled	Velasquez	119
7	Gallant Secret	Menifee	Leparoux	114

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BLACK MINNALOUSHE

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 * Another winner in Japan on Saturday.

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Tuesday, Chantilly, France

PRIX ALLEZ FRANCE-G3, €80,000, Chantilly, 5-2, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/4mT, 2:04.80, gd/sf. 1--PAITA (GB), 121, f, 4, by Intikhab 1st Dam: Prada (Ger) (SW-Ger), by Lagunas (GB)

2nd Dam: Pradera (Ger), by Abary (Ger) 3rd Dam: Pedra (GB), by Caracol (Fr) (10,000gns yrl '03 TATOCT; 32,000gns 2yo '04 TATAPR). O-Teruya Yoshida; B-Stiftung Gestut Fahrhof; T-Elie Lellouche; J-Olivier Peslier; €40,000. Lifetime Record: G1SW-Fr, GSP-Ger, 9 starts, 3 wins, 5 places, €302,395. *1/2 to Puntilla (Ger) (Acatenango {Ger}), GSW-Ger, \$106,095.

2--Bastet (Ire), 119, f, 4, Giant's Causeway--Benediction (Ire), by Day Is Done (Ire). O-Ecurie Wildenstein;
B-Dayton Investments Ltd; T-Elie Lellouche;
€16,000.

3--Ysoldina (Fr), 121, f, 4, Kendor (Fr)--Rotina (Fr), by Crystal Glitters. O-Mme Gilles Forien; B-Gilles & Mme Forien; T-Alain de Royer-Dupre; €12,000.

Margins: 2, HF, NK. Odds: 1.50, 5.00, 4.90.

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Group-placed SW ADAALA

Also ran: In Clover (GB), Saishu (Ire), Aunt Julia (GB), Afaf (Fr), Chavela (Ire).

Following her exploits when winning the 2004 G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud, Paita endured a frustrating winless sophomore campaign, but held her own in top company and was third behind Divine Proportions in the G1 Prix de Diane here in June. She filled that same position behind Shawanda (Ire) in the G1 Prix Vermeille at Longchamp in September and behind Montare (Ire) in her sign-off in the G2 Prix du Conseil de Paris back there the following month. Meeting lesser lights here, she stalked the honest fractions in third until grabbing the lead with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining. Pushed out to assert from there, she was always holding her rivals comfortably at bay as Bastet closed late to fill the runner's-up spot.

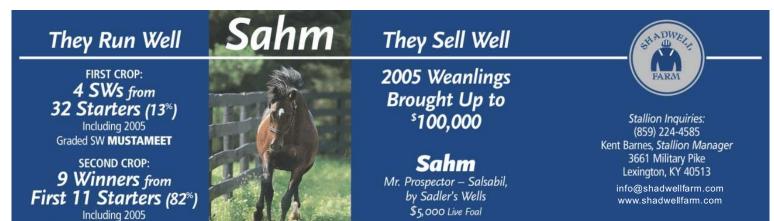
WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES by Alan Porter

Sunday, Kyoto, Japan

TENNO SHO SPRING CUP-G1-JRA (Listed), ¥281,560, Kyoto, 4-30, 4yo/up, c/f, 3200mT, 3:13.40, fm.
1--DEEP IMPACT (JPN), 128, c, 4, by Sunday Silence 1st Dam: Wind in Her Hair (Ire) (Hwt. Older Mare-Ger at 11-14f, G1SW-Ger, MSW & MG1SP-GB, \$311,770), by Alzao
2nd Dam: Burghclere (GB), by Busted (GB) 3rd Dam: Highclere (GB), by Queen's Hussar (GB) (¥70,000,000 fl '02 JPNJUL). O-Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co Ltd; B-Northern Farm (JPN); T-Y Ikee; J-Y Take; ¥135,738,000. Lifetime Record: Horse of the Year & Ch. 3yo Colt-Jpn, 10-9-1-0, ¥884,445,000. *1/2 to Veil of Avalon (Thunder Gulch), GSW-US, MSP-GB, \$286,468; and full to Black Tide (Jpn), SW-Jpn, \$970,096.

Sunday Silence died in August, 2003, but the great sire's influence has continued unabated. Over the past weekend, Sunday Silence had four runners in the Tenno Sho Spring Cup and wound up with the first three finishers. The victory went to Deep Impact (Jpn), who covered the 3,200 meters (a few yards short of two miles) in a record time of 3:13.4, sprinting the last half-mile in :44.8 and the last three furlongs in :33.5. Hero of last year's Japanese Triple Crown, Deep Impact has been defeated just once, and that was by another Sunday Silence horse, Heart's Cry (Jpn), in the G1 Arima Kinen.

Deep Impact will now be aimed at European group competition, and one of the features of the latter stages of Sunday Silence's stud career has been the appearance of his offspring on the international racing scene. Already this year, Heart's Cry captured the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic by 4 1/2 lengths, while Silent Name (Jpn)--a Listed winner in France--took the GII Arcadia H., and is now pointing towards Grade I competition.



Last year, Sunday Silence's son Zenno Rob Roy (Jpn) was beaten just a neck by subsequent G1 Dubai World Cup victor, Electrocutionist, in England's G1 Juddmonte International, while three-year-old Layman, a group winner in France the previous year, took England's G3 Sovereign S. From the same crop as Heart's Cry, Sunday Silence also sired Sundrop (Jpn), winner of the 2005 GIII Cardinal H. and runner-up in previous year's G1 English 1000 Guineas; Hat Trick, who defeated an international field for last year's G1 Hong Kong Mile; and French Listed winner Sunday Doubt. The sons of Sunday Silence are also getting in on the international act: last year Cesario (Jpn) (Special Week {Jpn}), took the GI American Oaks to become the first Japanese-bred to win a U.S. Grade I event, while Tayasu Tsuyoshi (Jpn) and Bubble Gum Fellow (Jpn) have top level winners sired from shuttle crops in Australia and New Zealand.

Appropriately for a horse with international aspirations, Deep Impact comes from a family which has enjoyed success in numerous countries. His dam, Wind in her Hair (Ire) (by the Lyphard stallion, Alzao), was a Listed winner in England who ran second in the G1 English Oaks and also defeated males to capture the G1 Aral-Pokal in Germany. Wind in her Hair began her stud career in the U.S., where the the best of her foals was the Thunder Gulch filly, Veil of Avalon, black-type placed in England and winner of the GIII De La Rose H. in the U.S. at five. Wind in her Hair was exported to Japan carrying a Danehill foal, which arrived in 2000. Bred to Sunday Silence that year, she produced Deep Impact's year older brother, Black Tide (Jpn), winner of the G2-Jpn Spring S. Her third Japanese-sired foal is another Sunday Silence colt, On Fire (Jpn), a winner and placed third in the G3-Jpn Sports Hai Nisai S. at two last year.

Wind in her Hair was half-sister to another good filly in Capo di Monte (Ire) (by Final Straw {GB}), a dual Listed winner in England and successful in the GIII Vineland H. in the U.S. Capo di Monte is now granddam of the GIII Royal Heroine S. victress Magic Mission (GB). That mare is bred on somewhat similar lines to Deep Impact, as she is by Machiavellian (out of a mare by Sunday Silence's sire, Halo), and is also out of a Northern Dancer-line mare. The cross of another Halo-line horse, Taiki Shuttle (by Devil's Bag) over Wind in the Hair's half-sister, Invite (by Be My Guest, another Northern Dancer-line horse), came up with Win Kluger (Jpn), winner of the G1-Jpn NHK Mile.

Deep Impact's granddam, Burghclere (GB) is a 3/4-sister to Height of Fashion (Fr), a three-time group winner in the colors of Her Majesty The Queen. She became the dam of six black-type winners headed by Nashwan (Blushing Groom {Fr}), winner of the G1 2000 Guineas, G1 Derby, GI Eclipse S. and G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S.; four-time Group 1 winner Nayef (Gulch); and the top-class 12 furlong horse--and very successful sire--Unfuwain. Height of Fashion is also the granddam of several notable winners, including MGSW Mustanfar.

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Horse	Race	BRIS Speed
Wanderin Boy	Ben Ali SG3	113
Bernardini	Withers SG3	110
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Willow O Wisp	Inglewood HG3	101
Proudest Moment	Warren's Thoroughbreds S.	100
Proposed	B. Thoughtful S.	100
Charmo (Fr)	San Francisco Breeders' Cup Mile SG2	100
Silver Bid	Chicagoland H.	100

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We can also note that half-sisters to Burghclere and Height of Fashion have produced such as Blueprint, winner of the GII San Luis Rey H. and GII Sunset H.; and Elegant Fashion (Aus), an Australian-bred filly who won the G1-HK Hong Kong Derby.

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Burghclere and Height of Fashion are out of Highclere (GB), who carried the Royal colors to victory in the G1 1000 Guineas and G1 Prix de Diane, and the family has been in the Royal Studs since the time of Highclere's third dam, Feola (GB). That mare finished second in the 1000 Guineas and third in the Oaks in 1936, and subsequently produced Hypericum (GB), winner of the 1946 1000 Guineas for King George VI. Feola is better known in North America, however, through Hypericum's half-sister, Knight's Daughter, dam of Horse of the Year Round Table.

The pedigree of Deep Impact is an outcross at five generations, although it does double both Turn-to (4x6) and Almahmoud (4x6), the grandsire and granddam of Sunday Silence's own sire, Halo. Of course, the Almahmoud duplication appears any time that Sunday Silence is crossed with a mare carrying Northern Dancer, a grandson of Almahmoud (like Halo). That said, the cross with Lyphard-line mares appears particularly fruitful for Sunday Silence, as in addition to Deep Impact and Black Tide, he has sired seven other graded stakes winners on the cross, including another of his standouts, Bubble Gum Fellow.





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The Turn-to duplication is interesting as it is via Halo and Sir Ivor. This pair have a very similar genetic background, as both are by sons of Turn-to. Also, while Halo's dam is by a son of Pharamond II out of a Mahmoud mare, Sir Ivor's dam is by a son of Mahmoud out of a mare by Pharamond II. Not surprisingly, Halo and Sir Ivor have tended to combine well, and the pair are also seen together in other Group/Grade 1 winners Almutawakel (GB) (Machiavellian), Goodbye Halo (Halo), Jolie's Halo (Halo), Southern Image (Halo's Image), Storming Home (GB) (Machiavellian) and Vettori (Ire) (Machiavellian).

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		Cosmah	Cosmic Bomb
Sunday Silence		CUSIIIdii	Almahmoud
Sulludy Shelice	Wishing Well	Understanding	Promised Land
		Understanding	Pretty Ways
		Mountain Flower	Montparnasse II
			Edelweiss
Wind in Her Hair	Alzao	lunhard	Northern Dancer
(Ire)		Lyphard	Goofed
Hwt. Older Mare-		Lady Rebecca	Sir Ivor
Ger at 11-14f,		Lauy nebecca	Pocahontas
G1SW-Ger, MSW	Burghclere (GB) Wnr 9Fls, 1Ch, 2GSW	Busted (GB)	Crepello (GB)
& MG1SP-GB,		Dusteu (GD)	Sans le Sou (GB)
\$313,357 9Fls, 1Ch, 2GSW, 1SW			Queen's Hussar (GB)
1011, 203 W, 13 W		13Fls, 1Ch, 2GSW	Hiahliaht (GB)

DEEP IMPACT (JPN), c, 2002

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Steppenwolfer	\$375,000 2yo '05 OBSAPR
Brother Derek	\$275,000 2yo '05 BESMAR
Flashy Bull	\$205,000 2yo '05 OBSFEB
Private Vow	\$180,000 2yo '05 KEEAPR
Storm Treasure	\$170,000 yrl '04 KEESEP
Keyed Entry	\$145,000 yrl '04 FTKJUL
Showing Up	\$60,000 2yo '05 FTMMAY
Keyed Entry	\$145,000 yrl '04 FTKJUL
Sinister Minister	\$40,000 2yo '05 BESMAR
Cause to Believe	\$30,000 2yo '05 OBSMAR
Seaside Retreat	\$13,000 yrl '04 KEESEP

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FROM THE DESK OF... Bill Oppenheim



CLASSIC WEEKEND

This isn't one of those Kentucky Derbies where a charismatic, high-profile favorite takes center stage. Brother Derek (Benchmark) is a completely worthy favorite: he's five-for-five around two turns, including his last four, and he's three-for-three this year, twice running Beyers of 108--good enough to win the Derby in five of the last ten years. The only time he's been beaten at a mile or more was in his one trip outside California, when he ran a bang-up fourth, from the 13 hole, at 56-1, in last year's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile at Belmont Park. Everybody who's ever been to Keeneland knows the breeder or her family--Mary Caldwell, widow of legendary Keeneland auctioneer Tom Caldwell and mother of Scott and Cris (Tom bred the third dam, Gavel Gertie, in 1971)--and he's trained by the popular and respected Dan Hendricks.

Yet Brother Derek is only a lukewarm favorite for Saturday's GI Kentucky Derby, probably rightly so. His two Beyers of 108 were earned in the four-horse GII San Rafael Jan. 14, in which he figured to, and did, dominate Stevie Wonderboy (Stephen Got Even), and in the April 8 GI Santa Anita Derby, in which he figured to dominate a five-horse field, and did. He should have won those races, but a 20-horse field and that 10th furlong are a different kettle of fish, as many Derby favorites with great nine-furlong form have found. Almost certainly he doesn't need to be on the lead, and his sire, Benchmark, was a late-developing son of Alydar out of a half-sister to GI Belmont S. winner Caveat--so his pedigree does give him every chance of getting that 10th furlong. He'll be a popular and deserving winner if he does, but it won't be a big shock, either, if he doesn't.

In what looks right now to be a very open year, you can make a case for at least nine horses. The others: Lawyer Ron (Langfuhr): has won his last six since being switched back from the grass. He's the most seasoned in the field, having started 10 times at two, and will be making his 15th start in the Derby. He swept the three Arkansas preps, taking the same route which has produced the last two champion three-year-olds, Smarty Jones and Afleet Alex. But his Oaklawn times and Beyers look too slow: 95, 94, 98. He won the Arkansas Derby in a slow 1:51:1, the last three-eighths in :40:2. Barbaro (Dynaformer): to my mind, he should be at least co-favorite, and I'm not guite sure why he's not. I suppose it's because there's a nagging feeling that he's still probably going to be better on the grass, and you wouldn't think that fits the profile of a Kentucky Derby winner.



But he's unbeaten in five starts, won the Apr. 1 GI Florida Derby last time out, and looks sure to stay, being by the dour stayer (in American terms) Dynaformer out of a mare who placed in graded stakes (on the turf) at 11 furlongs. How could he not get the trip? Fair enough, the sire is a better sire of grass horses, the dam was a grass mare, and this guy won his first three starts on grass. I think he's overpriced at 8-1 for an unbeaten Grade I winner who looks sure to stay the trip.

Sweetnorthernsaint (Sweetsouthernsaint): the most visually impressive prep winner, when he slaughtered what I thought was quite a reasonable field in the Apr. 8 GII Illinois Derby. He ran the last three-eighths in :36:3 that day, and his Beyer of 109 sustained an improvement which saw his last four races run in 102-104-104-109. That's the way you like the curve to be going. The only question is whether the Illinois Derby can produce the Derby winner for the second time in the last five years, after War Emblem in 2002.

Sharp Humor (Distorted Humor): a New York-bred, like Distorted Humor's previous Derby winner, Funny Cide, this colt has made a big impression in his two starts in Florida this winter, winning the Mar. 4 GII Swale S. over seven furlongs, then setting the pace and coming back for more when second to Barbaro in the Florida Derby.

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An avowed speed horse like him should have no chance in the Kentucky Derby, but the way he came back at Barbaro, plus the fact that he's by the best young sire in America--partially because guite a few by him do seem to keep coming back for more--means I'm definitely going to be keeping him in the gimmicks. A.P. Warrior (A.P. Indy): if you read Andrew Caulfield's column in Tuesday's paper, you'll be using this guy in the gimmicks, too. He's by America's number one sire, A.P. Indy, out of a mare (a pretty good one, too, Warrior Queen) by the superstar 'young' broodmare sire, Quiet American. In his two starts for John Shirreffs, he won the GII San Felipe S. Mar. 18, holding off Point Determined (Point Given) with Bob and John (Seeking the Gold) a disappointing third; then sacrificed himself giving vain chase to Brother Derek in the GI Santa Anita Derby, tiring to finish third, with Point Determined staying on for second. But plenty of 'wise guys' rightly observed the other two that day got their trips, while this colt did not. He beat Point Determined fair and square in the more truly-run San Felipe, and he could turn the tables on Brother Derek over that extra furlong, in a bigger field, in Kentucky.

Point Determined: my final three candidates all hail from the Baffert barn. This fellow, who played a big part in reviving his sire, Point Given, from his early 2006 status as one of the coldest sires on the planet, has run good seconds in each of his last two starts, staying on well, as described above, in both the San Felipe (to A.P. Warrior) and the Santa Anita Derby (to Brother Derek). Moreover, his Beyers progressed nicely (100-103), and he looks sure to keep progressing for another furlong.

Bob and John: two of his last three races would give you a lot of encouragement. He impressively won the GIII Sham S. in February, running a Beyer of 102, but then turned in a lackluster third behind A.P. Warrior and Point Determined in the San Felipe at even-money. He rebounded with a professional race under Gomez to win the Apr. 8 GI Wood Memorial in the slop (Beyer 99). Had he not run so poorly in the San Felipe, he'd be one of the favorites on Saturday. But it's always a mistake to underestimate the Wood. Sinister Minister (Old Trieste): if he runs back to his 116 in the Apr. 15 GI Blue Grass S., he wins, but they never do. Having said that, in the last five years both War Emblem and Funny Cide 'got good' right now and forgot to stop improving. You couldn't rule it out, but it's hard to see it happening. Even in that ultra-impressive Blue Grass, he came home the last three furlongs in :39:0. That won't win at Churchill Downs.

Hand Me the Saw, I'm Goin' Out on the Limb: 1-Barbaro; 2-Sweetnorthernsaint; 3-A.P. Warrior

While in the Land of Danzig...

In Newmarket, a few hours before the Kentucky Derby is run, another important Classic, the G1 English 2000 Guineas will be run, for three-year-old colts over one mile. Four colts really figure here; two of them are trained by Aidan O'Brien (who has actually not had a colt win a race yet this year) and, not surprisingly, both are by Danehill. They are, of course, long-time favorite George Washington (Ire), a half-brother to Grandera (Ire) who was Tattersalls' salestopper at the October, 2004 yearling sale; and homebred Horatio Nelson (Ire), the first foal of G1 Epsom Oaks winner Imagine (Ire). George Washington was beaten on his first start, when trainer O'Brien brought him over to contest a maiden two-year-old race at this meeting last year, but thereafter he ran four times at The Curragh, winning all four. His win in the six-furlong G1 Phoenix S. last August was the most impressive I have seen by a two-year-old in a long time--he ran a Racing Post Rating (RPR) of 121 that day--and he finished his season by winning the G1 National S., the key two-year-old race which traditionally O'Brien targets for his best two-year-old. For his part, Horatio Nelson won his first four starts, including the G1 Grand Criterium at Longchamp, then controversially lost his unbeaten record when going down, by a head, to Sir Percy in the G1 Dewhurst S. at Newmarket. Sir Percy, a bargain 16,000 guineas yearling find by rookie bloodstock agent Angie Sykes, comes into the Guineas four-for-four, and is a solid second favorite, at around 4-1.



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The O'Brien-trained Rumplestiltskin (Ire), winner of the G1 Moyglare at The Curragh and the G1 Marcel Boussac and champion two-year-old filly in Europe, was the solid winter favorite for Sunday's corresponding English 1000 Guineas, for fillies, but has drifted to cofavorite, at around 5-1 now. Guess what? She's by Danehill, oh, and out of a full sister to Kingmambo. In another open market, there are about eight main contenders: the other co-favorite is Flashy Wings (GB), from Zafonic's last crop and winner of last year's G2 Queen Mary S. Coolmore has a second string in Hawk Wing's half-sister by Fusaichi Pegasus, Race For The Stars; she is around 8-1, as are last year's Fillies' Mile (GI) winner Nannina (GB), from Medicean's (GB) first crop (and out of a Danehill mare); and Silca's Sister (GB), a Godolphin acquisition after beating colts in the G2 Prix Morny. Three more lively outsiders are all Danzig-line: G1 Cheveley Park winner Donna Blini (GB), from Bertolini's first crop, another I mentioned last week (and yes, she does keep Kinane); the Irish-trained darkhorse Alexander Alliance (Ire), by Danetime (Ire); and dual Newmarket seven-furlong Group winner (Rockel and Nell Gwyn) Speciosa (Ire), by sire-of-themoment Danehill Dancer (Ire). So the Danzig line is three-for-four among the top contenders for the 2000, and five-for-eight for the 1000--eight-for-12 overall. World domination.

Big Sale in South Africa...

Their TBA's big Germiston sale ended Monday with 30 percent gains in gross and average. With 472 sold, the gross was R136-million (about \$22.3-million), and the average was R288,199 (about \$47,245). There were 16 yearlings which brought R1-million plus, of which five each were by the sale's top sires, who both averaged over \$100,000. Western Winter (25, averaged R697,400; it's about 6.1 Rand to \$1) and Fort Wood (23, averaged R 681,522). Western Winter is another feather in Gone West's cap of a sire of sires. He finished second, splitting Langfuhr and Northern Afleet, in the 1997 GI Met Mile; Fort Wood, by Sadler's Wells out of Fall Aspen, was himself a Group One winner, of the then-10 furlong Grand Prix de Paris.



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05-22 150 Eclipse-III, Wo, 4/up, 8.5f (150), 05-03

05-27 100 Hanshin Cup-III, **AP**, 8f (75), **05-17** 05-29 600 Metropolitan H.-I, **Bel**, 8f (600), **05-13**

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WEDNESDAY. MAY 3, 2006





CENTRAL

Yesterday's Results:

9th-CDX, \$46,850, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:17 2/5, mv.

MAGGIE SLEW (f, 3, Seattle Slew--May Day Ninety, by Alydar) had been winless against stakes company since securing a 6 1/4-length maiden win at Monmouth last September, with a fourth-place effort in the Sorority, a sixth in the GII Alcibiades and a ninth in the GIII Pocahontas. Third in an Apr. 8 Oaklawn optional claimer in her 2006 debut, the dark bay was the 9-5 favorite here. After pressing the pace from the break, Maggie Slew took charge after a half and sailed clear down the lane to win by five lengths over Champagne Truffles (Five Star Day). The winner, the last foal of her Triple Crown-winning sire, is a half sister to Roza Robata (Fire Maker, MGSW & MGISP, \$732,780); Burger Day (Vicksburg, SW, \$270,077) and Go Underground (Skip Trial, GSP-UAE). Video, sponsored by Taylor Made. Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1, \$64,060. O-Swifty Farms. B-Swifty Farms Inc (IN). T-D Vance.

2nd-PRM, \$32,238, Alw, NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft.

SEEKINGTHEREINBOW (f, 3, Mutakddim--Reishelle, by Birdonthewire) debuted with a 5 3/4-length victory at Oaklawn Apr. 2 and added a 5 1/2-length win over this track last out Apr. 22. The 1-5 favorite made it three in a row with a front-running 5 1/4-length victory. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$57,660.

O/B-RPM Thoroughbreds (IA). T-Kelly R Von Hemel.

3rd-PRM, \$24,000, Msw, 3,4,5yo, f/m, 6f, 1:10, ft. + SENSUOUS MISS (f, 3, Kelly Kip--Miracle Miss, by Unite), second choice at 3-2, battled on the front end through fractions of :21.84, :44.39 and :56.87 before powering clear down the lane for a 4 1/4-length debut win. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$14,400. O-Frank Calabrese. B-Bert Lillie (FL). T-K R Spraggins.

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IN BRITAIN:

Count Cougar, g, 6, Sir Cat--Gold Script, by Seeking the Gold. Southwell, Britain, 5-2, Hcp, 4yo/up, 6f (AWT). B-Angus Glen Farm (1996) Ltd. *\$10,000 yrl '01 KEESEP; 3,200gns yrl '01 DONNOV.

IN ITALY:

+ Love Profusion, f, 2, Thunder Gulch. See "Italy."



3:36p 6th-BEL, \$44K, 3yo/up, 1m

- HURRAH (Pulpit) makes his second start for Bill Mott after TVG running a troubled fifth in a Dec. 10 off-the-turf maiden at Calder. Out of MGSW Wild Applause (Northern Dancer), the bay colt is a half to GSWs Eastern Echo, Blare of Trumpets, Roar and Yell and to the dam of Congrats. Pucci's Vision (Giant's Causeway) was never in the mix while running 10th in his debut over the turf at Gulfstream Mar. 6. Trying the main track here, the \$100,000 KEESEP yearling is out of GSW Til Forbid (Temperence Hill) and is a half brother to GSW Scoop (Gone West). brisnet.com pps
- 4:45p 9th-CDX, \$68K, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT
- TVG DAYANO (GER) (Lomitas {GB}), runner-up in German Group 1 company in 2004, made only one start in 2005 and begins his U.S. campaign for trainer Niall O'Callaghan off an absence of just over a year. brisnet.com pps
- 6:20p 5th-HOL, \$45K, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT

TVG POLAR KID (Lemon Drop Kid), a \$300,000 KEESEP yearling, was away slowly and finished fifth sprinting over Santa Anita's main track last October in her only start to date. The bay filly is a half sister to GSW Ocean Ridge and MGSP Fokine. brisnet.com pps

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Melhor Ainda (Pulpit), 4f, :50.67, 24/27 Reverberate (Thunder Gulch), 5f, 1:00.12, 1/10 **CHURCHILL DOWNS** English Channel (Smart Strike), 4f, :51.80, 9/14

He's Got Grit (Songandaprayer), 5f, 1:04.60, 5/7 Purim (Dynaformer), 5f, 1:00.20, 1/7 Splendid Blended (Unbridled's Song), 3f, :37.40, 2/8 HOLLYWOOD PARK Papi Chullo (Comeonmom), 4f, :50.40, 9/10

SANTA ANITA

Declan's Moon (Malibu Moon), 3f, :37.00, 6/15

STAKES CLOSINGS

<u>TODAY, WEDNESDAY, MAY 3:</u> 5-6 \$2,000,000 Kentucky Derby-I, CD, 3,10f (200000s) 5-13 \$250,000 Jim Murray H.-II, Hol, 3/up, 12fT (300) 5-13 \$150,000 Mervyn Leroy H.-II, Hol, 3/up, 8.5f (150) 5-13 \$300,000 Walmac Lone Star Derby-III, LS, 3,8.5f (0) 5-20 \$150,000 Marine-III, Wo, 3yo, 8.5f (150) 5-21 \$250,000 **Selene-III**, **Wo**, 3yo, f, 8.5f (250) 5-22 \$150,000 **Eclipse-III**, **Wo**, 4yo/up, 8.5f (150) 6-1 \$500,000 Labatt Woodbine Oaks, Wo, 3yo, f, S, 9f (250)

FOALING NEWS:

FUTURE GUEST, 16, Copelan--What A Future, by Roberto Foal born Apr. 29, a filly by Dixie Union. Will be bred back to Doneraile Court. Owned by Diamond A Racing Corp. Boarded at Diamond A Farms, Ky. Accomplishments: Dam of Ruler's Court (Doneraile Court), GSW & MGSP, \$235,900; and Wise River (Belong To Me), GSP.

EXOTIC WOOD, 14, Rahy--J.D. Flowers, by Dixieland Band

Foal born Apr. 30, a colt by A.P. Indy. Will be bred back to A.P. Indy. Owned by Mr. And Mrs. Martin J. Wygod. Boarded at Diamond A Farms, Ky. Accomplishments: MGISW, \$890,695.

HAPPY TUNE, 11, A.P. Indy--Hum Along, by Fappiano
Foal born Mar. 27, a colt by Tale of the Cat.
Will be bred back to Dixie Union.
Owned by Peachtree Stable.
Boarded at Taylor Made Farm, Ky.
Accomplishments: Dam of High Cotton (Dixie Union),
SW & MGSP, \$160,450; and Symphony Sid (Unbri-

dled), SP.

BALLY FIVE, 6, Miswaki--Charlotte Amalie (Fr), by Gay Mecene

Foal born Mar. 28, a colt by Unbridled's Song. Owned by Jane and Frank Lyon, Jr. Boarded at Summer Wind Farm, Ky. Accomplishments: Dam of Yarrow Brae (Deputy Minister), GSW, \$571,580; Summinitup (Summer Squall),

SP, \$166,559; To the Queen (Deputy Minister), GSP, \$191,335.

MINIMALIST, 7, Dynaformer--Gdansk's Honour, by Danzig

Foal born Mar. 28, a filly by Pulpit. Will be bred back to Northern Afleet. Owned by Robert S. Evans. Boarded at Taylor Made Farm, Ky. Accomplishments: SW.



SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT

Starters to Watch: Wed., May 3

Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2002 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available) AUSTINPOWER (JPN) (Sunday Silence), Lou-Roe, \$3K, 18/2/0 6-LS, Msw, 6f, +Rosemaui, 8-1

FRESHMAN FOCUS

First-crop progeny to watch: Wed., May 3 Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, Stud Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available) FESTIVAL OF LIGHT (A.P. Indy), Valor, \$4K, 56/0/0 3-LS, Msw, 4 1/2f, Courage to Fly, 30-1 SWAMP (Slew City Slew), Q6 Ranch, \$1K, 4/0/0 3-LS, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Beetle Bay, 7-2 TRIBAL RULE (Storm Cat), River Edge, \$5K, 54/1/0 8-HOL, Msw, 4 1/2f, Rockella, \$5K BAR OCT yrl

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STRONG HAND FOR O'BRIEN

Trainer Aidan O'Brien revealed that **Rumplestiltskin** (Ire) (Danehill), highweight juvenile filly in Ireland and France, and **Race For The Stars** (Fusaichi Pegasus), victorious in last term's Oh So Sharp S., would line up for Sunday's G1 1000 Guineas at Newmarket. Of the former, winner of the 2005 G1 Moyglare S. and G1 Prix Marcel de Boussac, O'Brien said, "I am happy with how far forward Rumplestiltskin is, but it is her first run of the season and I am hoping she runs a good race."

HILLS THREE-HANDED IN GUINEAS

Trainer Barry Hills will saddle three colts in Saturday's G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket, with son Michael still to decide on his mount for the mile Classic. With Jamie Spencer confirmed for Bill Gredley's Listed Fielden S. runner-up Olympian Odyssey (GB) (Sadler's Wells), Michael Hills has to choose between John Grant's G3 Craven S. winner Killybegs (Ire) (Orpen) or Ronnie Arculli's G3 Greenham S. scorer Red Clubs (Ire) (Red Ransom). In a statement issued to PA Sport yesterday, the Lambourn conditioner revealed that Richard Hills would take the ride on the runner passed over by Michael Hills. The latter was in a guandary vesterday over his decision. "I've not made my mind up yet, but I'm going down tomorrow morning to work the horses," he said. "There's not really much between the two, but I'm going to give myself a chance to see how they have both come out of their race. In the trials, both horses ran very well and both finished extremely well. Red Clubs probably blew a little bit more than Killybegs, but Killybegs has improved from two to three an awful lot. Red Clubs is a real professional and he ran a lot of times last year. He really came through a few battles and sometimes that can help you in the Guineas and he quickened up very well."

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Yesterday's Results:

EBF LANSDOWN FILLIES' S.-Listed, £28,000, Bath, 5-2, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f 11ydsT, 1:01.06, gd/fm.

- 1--INDIAN MAIDEN (IRE), 130, m, 6, Indian Ridge (Ire)--Jinsiyah (MSP-Eng), by Housebuster. (Ir£22,000 yrl '01 TATIRE). O-Chris Scott & Peter Hall; B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd; T-Malcolm Saunders; J-Ted Durcan; £15,898. Lifetime Record: GSP-Eng, MSP-Fr, 40-12-3-6, £152,367.
- 2--Dhekraa (Ire), 117, f, 3, Fasliyev--White Heat (GB), by Last Tycoon (Ire). (90,000gns yrl '04 TATOCT. £6,026.
- 3--Clear Impression (Ire), 126, f, 4, Danehill--Shining Hour, by Red Ransom. (52,000gns HRA '03 TATNOV). £3,016.

Margins: NK, 1, HF. Odds: 3-1, 7-1, 18-1. Also Ran: Sierra Vista (GB), Angus Newz (GB), Yomalo (Ire), Sweet Afton (Ire), Nigella (GB), Enchantment (GB), Waterline Twenty (Ire), Jewel In The Sand (Ire), Neverletme Go (Ire), Siena Gold (GB), Right Answer (GB). Scratched: Danjet (Ire).

Indian Maiden is a resilient mare and has found a consistent streak in her latter years that has garnered her four listed events. Coming late on the scene once again, she made it five when recording back-to-back successes in this race. Runner-up in the Listed Prix Cor de Chasse at Maisons-Laffitte Apr. 4, she never figured in the Listed Abernant S. at Newmarket two weeks later, but rebounded under a typically patient ride from Ted Durcan to wear down Dhekraa in the final 50 yards.

Bath, 3.00, Mdn, £5,000, 3yo, 10f 46ydsT, 2:10.01, gd/fm.

ADVENTURESS (GB) (f, 3, Singspiel {Ire}--Arriving {GB} {SW & GSP-Eng, GSP-Ity, \$165,917}, by Most Welcome {GB}) shaped with promise when fourth in a Newmarket maiden Apr. 19 and was the even-money favorite to build on that experience. Keen in the early stages, she stalked the steady pace before challenging wide to lead with 1½ furlongs remaining. Easing clear in the closing stages, the full to Attune (GB), SW-GB, \$113,026, was geared down to beat Sweet Spot (Ire) (Generous {Ire}) by 3½ lengths. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £3,622.

O/B-Wyck Hall Stud Ltd; T-Brian Meehan.



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(British report cont.)

Southwell, 3.10, Mdn, £5,000, 3yo, 1m (AWT), 1:44.38, st.

TEARS OF A CLOWN (IRE) (c, 3, <u>Galileo {Ire}</u>--Mood Swings {Ire}, by Shirley Heights {GB}), a \in 225,000 GOFORB yearling, holds a G1 Epsom Derby entry and was fourth in a seven-furlong polytrack maiden on debut at Lingfield in October. Always traveling easily in a stalking third, the even-money pick arrived at the front with 2½ furlongs remaining and strode clear before being eased to a facile 10-length success. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £3,588.

O-Mountgrange Stud; B-A Stroud and J Hanly; T-Jamie Osborne.

Wednesday, Lingfield, post time: 3:30 p.m. V DRINKS TRANSYLVANIAN RED VODKA PAVILION

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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WТ	
1	3	Strike Up The Band (GB)	Cyrano de Bergerac (Ire)	Nicholls	130	
2	1	Assertive (GB)	Bold Edge (GB)	Hannon	127	
3	4	Kingsgate Prince (Ire)	Desert Sun (GB)	Best	127	
4	6	Northern Empire (Ire)	Namid (GB)	Meehan	123	
5	5	River Thames (GB)	Efisio (GB)	Toller	123	
6	2	Clare Hills (Ire)	Orpen	Burke	122	

\star FRANCE \star

Yesterday's Results:

Bordeaux-Le-Bouscat, 2.05, Cond, €30,000, 3yo, 1 3/8mT, 2:20.10, gd/sf.

ARRAS (GER) (c, 3, Monsun {Ger}--Avocette {Ger} {SW-Ger}, by Kings Lake) went postward as the 3-5 choice coming back from a debut success at Saint-Cloud Dec. 3. Positioned fourth before moving into a stalking second at halfway, the chestnut took command with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining and eased clear in the latter stages to comfortably account for Valain (Ire) (Grand Lodge) by three lengths. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 2 wins, €30,500.

O-Baronne Karin von Ullmann; B-Gestut Schlenderhan; T-Andre Fabre.

Chantilly, 2.20, Cond, €26,000, 3yo, 1 9/16mT, 2:38.90, gd/sf.

DARSI (FR) (c, 3, Polish Precedent--Darashandeh {Ire} {GSP-Fr}, by Darshaan {GB}), runner-up on seasonal return at Longchamp Apr. 9, settled in second after the opening exchanges here. Pushed to the fore inside the final quarter, the imposing bay homebred accelerated clear passing the eighth pole before gearing down late to best Puit d'Or (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) by two lengths as the 1-2 favorite. Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 2 wins, 2 places, \in 33,000.

O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC; T-Alain de Royer-Dupre. Chantilly, 4.20, Cond, €21,000, 3, 7fT, 1:28.30, gd/sf. CHAMBORD (IRE) (c, 3, Green Desert--Kenmist {GB} {SW-GB, GSP-Ity}, by Kenmare {Fr}), third at Maisons-Laffitte Mar. 31, raced close to the pace in fourth from the outset here. Coming under pressure soon after turning for home, the 9-5 choice was pushed along to challenge Nobilita (Fr) (Orpen) at the quarter-mile marker and was ridden out in the closing stages to assert by a length from that plucky rival. The 290,000gns TATOCT yearling purchase is a half to Stedhal (Ire) (Polish Precedent), SP-Fr, \$171,611, and Grey Lilas (Ire) (Danehill), G1SW-Fr, \$553,665. Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 1 win, 2 places, €16,400. O-Umberto Saini-Fasanotti; B-Azienda Agricola II Tiglio; T-Andre Fabre.

\star GERMANY \star

Monday's Late Result:

Bremen, 2.10, Mdn, \in 5,100, 3yo, 6fT, 1:17.30, sf. AUENWORLD (GER) (f, 3, Big Shuffle--Auenglocke {Ger}, by Surumu {Ger}) went postward as the 7-10 favorite returning from a third at Krefeld Oct. 1. Stalking the pacesetter Calluna Nao (Ger) (Waky Nao {GB}) from flagfall, the homebred hooked up with that rival in the straight before grinding out a 3/4 of a length success, the pair 11 lengths clear of third. The winner is a full to Auenklang (Ger), Hwt 2yo-Ger & Co-Hwt 3yo-Ger at 5-7f, GSW-Ger, GSP-Fr, SW-Eng, \$163,100. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 1 place, \in 3,600. O/B-Gestut Auenquelle; T-Uwe Ostmann.



4.40p Nottingham, Mdn, £7,000, 3yo, f, 1m 54ydsT Miss Thailand (GB), f, 3, by Grand Lodge caught the eye finishing fast to fill third spot in a six-furlong Yarmouth maiden in September and is bred to want further, being from John Pearce's family of Asian Heights (GB) and St Expedit (GB). Both those campaigners won group races over middle distances under the meticulously patient care of trainer Geoff Wragg, who saddles this latest homebred.



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\star ITALY \star

Sunday's Results:

Rome, 2.45, Cond, €56,700, 3yo, f, 1 5/16mT, 2:17.10, sf.

BLACK PROFUSION (IRE) (f, 3, Desert Prince {Ire}--

Roman Walk {GB}, by Petorius {Ire}), off the mark last time at this track Apr. 16, was sent off at 15-1 for this Premio Lorenzo Camuffo, a traditional trial for the G1 Oaks d'Italia reserved to Italian-bred fillies. Held up off the early pace, the half to Robins (Ire) (Scenic {Ire}), GSW & G1SP-Ity, \$254,765, made smooth progress and kicked for home with three furlongs remaining before staying on strongly to hold Winga (Ire) (In the Wings {GB}) by a neck. Ekagra (GB) (Barathea {Ire}) was a further length back in third and all three are on course to meet again in the June 18 Classic. Lifetime Record: 7 starts, 2 wins, 4 places, €44,115. O/B-San Paolo Agri Stud; T-P Martometti.

Rome, 4.15, Debutantes, \in 27,000, Unraced 2yo, c/g, 5fT, 58.60, sf.

+ GOLDEN TITUS (IRE) (c, 2, Titus Livius {Fr}--Oraplata, by Silver Hawk) broke well from his wide draw and raced prominently throughout the early stages. Accelerating in the final quarter, the 13-8 pick drew away from the long-time leader Golden Sports (Ire) (Danetime {Ire}) to record an impressive six-length success. He will be pointed at the Listed Premio Alberto Giubilo at this venue May 28. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, \in 12,750.

O-Scuderia Millennium; B-Scuderia Golden Horse SRL; T-Armando Renzoni.

Rome, 3.15, Debutantes, €27,000, Unraced 2yo, f, 5fT, 59.20, sf.

+ LOVE PROFUSION (f, 2, <u>Thunder Gulch</u>--Clefairy {Ire} {MSW & MGSP-Ity & GSP-Fr, \$144,260}, by Sri Pekan), sent off the 7-2 second choice, stalked the 4-5 pick Golden Iron (Ire) (Iron Mask) before taking over at the quarter pole. Chased by that rival all the way to the line, the filly to held on to score by a length and the pair will return to play out the Listed Premio Alessandro Perrone May 28. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €12,750. O-Scuderia Quattro Mori; B/T-Luigi Riccardi.

Milan, 2.50, Debutantes, \in 18,000, Unraced 2yo, c/g, 5fT, time: n/a, gd.

+ BINDISTAR (ITY) (c, 2, Della Scala {Ire}--Jar and Graal {Ity}, by Jareer) raced in third off the strong early tempo before grinding his way to the fore passing the quarter pole. Pushed out to assert from there, the 9-2 chance had a comfortable $2\frac{1}{2}$ -length margin to spare over Strong Earthquake (Ire) (College Chapel {GB}) at the line. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €8,500. O-Soc New Coolmore di A Peraino; B-A di Piertogiacomo; T-Antonio Peraino. Milan, 3.25, Debutantes, €18,000, Unraced 2yo, f, 5fT, 1:00.60, gd.

+ CARRUBA (IRE) (f, 2, Marju {Ire}--Carhue Lass {Ire} {Hwt Older Mare-Ire at 5-7f, MSW & GSP-GB}, by Common Grounds {GB}), sent off the 11-8 crowd's choice, was up to lead early and soon had things under control. Running greenly alone in front, the \in 27,000 ITYSEP yearling had enough in the tank to best Pinky Tinky (Ity) (College Chapel {GB}) by six lengths without being asked any serious questions. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, \in 8,500.

O-Luciano Arcolini; B-Razza Pian del Lago; T-B Grizzetti.

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-DEL, \$38,600, NW1X, 3yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:06 1/5, ft. RITZY AFFAIR (f, 3, Sword Dance {Ire}--Ask Shananie {MSW & GSP, \$270,664}, by Shananie) Lifetime Record: 14-4-3-1, \$70,850. O-Susan Lebarron. B-Gilbert C Campbell (FL). T-Keith W Lebarron.

8th-HAW, \$27,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:46 1/5, ft.

ACATATLAST (g, 6, Sir Cat--Stormi Lizette, by Hello Gorgeous) Lifetime Record: 30-5-2-7, \$84,235. O/B-Lanny Yates (IL). T-Eddie M Essenpreis.

8th-FLX, \$20,600, NW3BX, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 5f, :59 1/5, ft.

FACTUAL CONTENDER (m, 5, Thunder Puddles--Factuallychallenge, by Triocala) Lifetime Record: 24-5-7-2, \$200,633. O-Thomas J Farone Jr. B-Flying Zee Stables (NY). T-Lisa L Lewis.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Please Be Quick, g, 3, Crowd Pleaser--Ok Be Quick, by Not for Love. FLX, 5-2, (S), 5f, 1:00 3/5. B-Roger L Toffolon (NY). *\$13,000 2yo 2005 OBSJUN. **Won via disqualification.

Flama Del Sol, f, 3, <u>Dove Hunt</u>--Red Zeal, by Unreal Zeal. HAW, 5-2, (S), 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:47 1/5. B-Moses Yanez (II). *1/2 to Miss Outrageous (Outflanker), MSW, \$146,154. **SP.

Oligopolist, g, 3, <u>Mutakddim</u>--Corporate Takeover, by Corporate Report. PHA, 5-2, 7f, 1:23 3/5. B-Catherine Hartsock (Ky).

Smoke Chamber, g, 3, <u>Smoke Glacken</u>--Bedchamber (SW), by Lord Avie. DEL, 5-2, (C), 6f, 1:11 2/5. B-Jane C Denby (Ky). *\$21,000 wlng '03 KEENOV; \$115,000 yrl '04 KEESEP; \$57,000 2yo 2005 FTMMAY.

Louiselle, f, 3, <u>Tale of the Cat</u>--Never Again, by Mining. PHA, 5-2, 6f, 1:12 3/5. B-Dr Ron Parker (Pa). *\$16,000 2yo 2005 FTMMAY.



BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Chantilly, 3.50, 5-2, €24,000, 4yo, 1mT, 1:38.70, gd/sf.

SATRI (IRE) (c, 4, Mujadil--Laramie, by Gulch) Lifetime Record: 8 starts, 2 wins, 6 places, €68,490. O-Enrico Ciampi; B-Petra Bloodstock Agency Ltd; T-Jean-Marie Beguigne. *1/2 to Latice (Ire) (Inchinor {GB}), Hwt 3yo-Fr at 9.5-11f, G1SW-Fr, GISP-US, \$688,923-US & Fr. **€12,000 yrl '03 GOFORB.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

- Deadshot Keen (Ire), g, 2, Invincible Spirit (Ire)--Madam Waajib (Ire), by Waajib (Ire). Bath, Britain, 5-2, Mdn, 2yo, 5f 11ydsT. B-R Auld. *4th winner for freshman sire (by Green Desert). **€38,000 yrl '05 GOFORB.
- + Literato (Fr), c, 2, Kendor (Fr)--La Cibeles (Fr) (GSP-Fr), by Cardoun (Fr). Tarbes, France, 5-1, Mdn, 2yo, 5 1/2fT. B-n/a. *€40,000 yrl '05 DEAAUG.
- Divina Fiora (Fr), f, 2, Michel Georges (GB)--Divina Primavera (Fr), by Rusticaro (Fr). Wissembourg, France, 5-1, Mdn, 2yo, 5fT. B-Eric Becq.
- Gabrielle (Ger), f, 3, Big Shuffle--Gabetta (Ger), by Lomitas (GB). Cologne, Germany, 5-1, Mdn, 3yo, 1mT. B-Gestut Auenquelle.
- Ut Majeur (GB), c, 3, <u>Brahms</u>--Bundle Up, by Miner's Mark. Tarbes, France, 5-1, Cond, 3yo, 1 7/16mT. B-The National Stud. *10,000gns yrl '04 TATOCT.
- **Castagne (Fr)**, f, 3, **Cardoun (Fr)**--Pleasant Bird, by Pampabird (Ire). Tours, France, 5-1, Mdn, 3yo, 1 3/8mT. B-SCEA de Maulepaire.
- + Traumchance (Ger), f, 3, Chato--Traummadchen (Ger), by Readily (Arg). Leipzig, Germany, 5-1, Mdn, 3yo, 9f 55ydsT. B-Peter Schmanns.
- King's Land (Ger), c, 3, Devil River Peek--Karuma (Ger), by Surumu (Ger). Munich, Germany, 5-1, Mdn, 3yo, 1 3/8T. B-Gestut Kussaburg.
- Sky Chart (Fr), f, 3, <u>Diesis (GB)</u>--Veiled Wings (Fr), by Priolo. Wissembourg, France, 5-1, Mdn, 3yo, 1 3/8mT. B-6C Stallions. *€8,000 yrl '03 DEADEC.
- Mannikko (Ire), c, 3, Green Desert--Cassandra Go (Ire) (MGSW & G1SP-Eng, \$349,964), by Indian Ridge (Ire). Bath, Britain, 5-2, Hcp, 3yo, 5f 11ydsT. B-Trevor Stewart.
- As You Leave (Fr), f, 3, Kaldounevees (Fr)--As If (Fr) (MSP-Fr, \$159,199), by No Pass No Sale (Ire). Wissembourg, France, 5-1, Cond, 3yo, 7fT. B-EURL du Chene, MIIe Murielle Caslant & Mme Magalen Bryant.
- + Bonne Amie (Ger), f, 3, Kayf Tara (GB)--Bassistin (GB), by Shareef Dancer. Cologne, Germany, 5-1, Mdn, 3yo, f, 9f 55ydsT. B-Wilhelm Stoll.
- Belord (Ger), c, 3, Lord of Men (GB)--Belmoda (Ger) (SP-Ger), by Jalmood. Bremen, Germany, 5-1, Mdn, 3yo, 1 5/16mT. B-Gestut Haus Hahn.

- Guajira (Fr), f, 3, Mtoto (GB)--Femme de Fer (Fr), by Iron Duke (Fr). Tarbes, France, 5-1, Mdn, 3yo, 1 5/16mT. B-Jose M Soriano. *1/2 to Juanaxto (Lyphard's Wish {Fr}), MGSW, \$542,799; Iron Deputy (Silver Deputy), GSW, \$370,900.
- Sesame Street (Fr), f, 3, <u>Night Shift</u>--Exit To Ville (Fr), by Exit To Nowhere. Libourne, France, 5-1, Mdn, 3yo, 1 1/4mT. B-Mme Micheline Boucheron. *€20,000 yrl '04 DEAAUG.
- Electric Roi (Ger), c, 3, Roi Danzig--Elle Plate (Ger), by Platini (Ger). Munich, Germany, 5-1, Mdn, 3yo, 1mT. B-Gestut Wittekindshof. *€49,000 yrl '04 BBASEP.
- Red Gard (Fr), c, 3, Simon Du Desert (Fr)--Rien de Rien (Fr), by Snurge (Ire). La Rochelle Chatelaillon, France, 5-1, Mdn, 3yo, 12f 55ydsT. B-Elias Zaccour.

SO. HEMISPHERE WINNERS BY EUROPEAN SIRES:

- Shoulder Arms (Aus), g, 3, Commands (Aus)--Tolstoy's Best (Aus), by Cossack Warrior (Aus). Canterbury (Sydney), 4-26, Mdn, 3yo/up, 6fT. B-J H Everett.
- California Bay (Aus), c, 3, Danehill--Tremone Bay (Aus), by Last Tycoon (Ire). Sandown (Melbourne), 4-28, Hcp, 3yo, 1 1/8mT. B-Caradale Pty Ltd & Eclipse Bloodstock.
- Nordic Dancer (NZ), f, 3, Generous (GB)--Danish Habit (Aus), by Danehill. Te Rapa (New Zealand), 4-29, Hcp, 3yo, 1 1/4mT. B-Glenmorgan Farm Ltd & G J & Mrs I Roddick.
- Just Grand (Aus), g, 3, Grand Lodge--Spirit Of Evita (Aus), by Nabirpour. Canterbury (Sydney), 4-26, Mdn, 3yo/up, 1 3/16mT. B-Mrs N F Calvert & The Estate of the Late A M Calvert.
- Upstaged (Aus), f, 3, In The Wings (GB)--Tambara, by Thunder Gulch. Caulfield (Melbourne), 4-29, Hcp, 3yo, f, 1mT. B-D B & A M Shadboult & T E Luke.
- Calaluna (Aus), f, 3, Mujahid--It's Not On (Aus), by Tierce (Aus). Canterbury (Sydney), 4-26, Hcp, 3yo/up, 6fT. B-Cook Thoroughbreds Pty Ltd.
- Trailblazers (Aus), g, 3, Octagonal (NZ)--Dollywaggon (Aus), by Lake Coniston (Ire). Doomben (Brisbane), 4-26, Mdn, 3yo/up, 1m 55ydsT. B-Woodlands Stud.
- Polish Princess (GB), f, 3, Polish Precedent--Repeat Warning (GB), by Warning (GB). Matamata (New Zealand), 4-26, Mdn, 3yo, 5 1/2fT. B-Meon Valley Stud.
- Aruso (NZ), g, 4, Cape Cross (Ire)--Iced Gem (NZ), by One Pound Sterling (GB). Matamata (New Zealand), 4-26, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT. B-B J McCashin.
- Lucky Diva (Aus), f, 4, Perugino--Lucky Witch (Aus), by Voodoo Rhythm. Caulfield (Melbourne), 4-29, Hcp, 4yo/up, f/m, 6fT. B-A S Bongiorno.
- He's A Perla (Aus), g, 5, Red Ransom--Perla Di Sasso (Ger), by Caerleon. Sandown (Melbourne), 4-28, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1 1/2mT. B-Dr G Footit.
- Smart And Mighty (Aus), g, 6, Baryshnikov (Aus)-Billie's Flurry (Aus), by Pag Asa (Aus). Caulfield (Mel bourne), 4-29, Hcp, 4yo/up, 7fT. B-Chatswood Stud Holdings Pty Ltd, G Albers & P Albers.