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BARBARO CONTINUES TO MEND

Kentucky Derby winner **Barbaro** (Dynaformer) continued to impress officials at New Bolton Center as he mends from surgery to repair his broken right hind ankle. "He's doing incredibly good," New Bolton's Chief of Surgery Dr. Dean Richardson said during a press conference at the Pennsylvania facility yesterday. "He's doing far better than I ever would have hoped for, so far." Richardson stressed again, "So far." Initially after the surgery, Richardson listed Barbaro's chances at survival at 50-50, but he upgraded that analysis yesterday. "Every day that goes by is a big day. There is no



Edgar Prado busses Barbaro
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question that things are much better now in terms of prognosis, but he's still a long way from being discharged from the hospital." Richardson added that, while catastrophic infections are considered a threat through the first two weeks after surgery, complications such as laminitis exist beyond that time period. Jockey Edgar Prado, whose quick reaction to Barbaro's injury in the Preakness is credited with saving the colt's life, visited the Derby winner at New Bolton yesterday. "I'm very happy to see he's doing a lot better," Prado said after the visit. "I saw him today and he looked so great. I can't thank all the people here enough. Hopefully he continues to do well. I know he's not out of the woods yet, but I know he's in the best hands." The colt's owners, Roy and Gretchen Jackson, were also at New Bolton yesterday. "We want to thank the general public," Roy Jackson said, acknowledging the countless get-well letters, carrots and apples sent Barbaro's way. "It's been unbelievable. I don't know why it's happened, but we'd like to thank the general public. We're so glad he's doing as good as he is. We're looking forward to his further recovery."

REVERENCE (GB) (Mark of Esteem {Ire}) takes G2 Temple S. at Sandown.....p2

HALL ELECTS HANFORD, BOLAND, COUGAR II

For the first time ever, there will be no inductees to the National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame from the contemporary categories, while Carl Hanford, trainer of five-time Horse of the Year Kelso, Kentucky Derby-winning jockey Bill Boland and turf champion *Cougar II were elected by the museum's Historical Review Committee. The trio will be inducted during ceremonies on Aug. 7 at the Fasig-Tipton Sales Pavilion in Saratoga Springs, New York, where the Museum is located. None of the 12 finalists in the contemporary divisions received the necessary 75-percent of the votes cast to be inducted. The Historical Review Committee, which meets only in even-numbered years, considers nominees who have not been active in racing for 25 years. "I just can't see myself with guys like Ben Jones and Preston Burch, those type of trainers, but I guess when you're the Horse of the Year five years in a row, you might have to be considered," said Hanford, who also saddled Kelso to five consecutive wins in the Jockey Club Gold Cup. "I had a few stakes horses, but I never had anything else like Kelso, but I don't think any of them in the Hall of Fame had a Kelso, either." (**For more on the inductees, see p9**) That there were no inductions in the contemporary categories will likely spark debate over the Museum's voting process, which was amended two years ago so that candidates now need 75 percent of the votes in order to make the Hall. In April, 186 ballots were sent out to voters, of which 175--94 percent--returned their ballots to the auditing firm that oversees the Hall of Fame voting. The instructions asked for "yes" or "no" votes on each of the three finalists in the jockey (Eddie Maple, Craig Perret, Alex Solis), trainer (Mel Stute, John Veitch, Robert Wheeler), contemporary male (Best Pal, Manila, Silver Charm), and contemporary female (Inside Information, Silverbulletday, Sky Beauty) divisions. In all, the leader in the jockey category received 47.43 percent of the votes cast; the trainer 55.43 percent of the vote; the leading contemporary male leader 67.43 percent; and the contemporary female leader 63.43 percent. Officials declined to identify who the top vote-getters were in each category.



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Tuesday, Sandown, Britain

BETFAIR.COM TEMPLE S.-G2, £90,000, Sandown, 5-30, 3yo/up, 5f 6ydsT, 1:02.10, sf.

1--**@#REVERENCE (GB)**, 130, g, 5, by Mark of Esteem (Ire)

1st Dam: Imperial Bailiwick (Ire) (GSW-Eng, GSP-Fr}, by Imperial Frontier

2nd Dam: Syndikos, by Nashua

3rd Dam: Court Action, by Court Martial (GB)

O/B-Mrs & Mrs G Middlebrook; T-Eric Alston; J-Kevin Darley; £51,102. Lifetime Record: 10-6-1-1, £96,598.

*1/2 to Helm Bank (GB) (Wild Again), SW-GB, \$123,383.

2--**The Trader (Ire)**, 134, g, 8, Selkirk--Snowing (GB), by Tate Gallery. (23,000gns yrl '99 TATOCT). O-Mrs C J Ward; B-Lady Bland; T-Michael Blanshard; £19,368.

3--**Mecca's Mate (GB)**, 127, m, 5, Paris House (GB)--Clancassie (GB), by Clantime (GB). (3,500gns yrl '02 DONOCT). O-David T J Metcalfe; B-Miss C Tagart; T-David Barker; £9,693.

Margins: 1 1/4, 3/4, HF. Odds: 9-4, 33-1, 20-1.

Also ran: Orientor (GB), Eisteddfod (GB), Indian Maiden (Ire), Out After Dark (GB), Les Arcs, The Tatling (Ire), Balmont, Resplendent Glory (Ire), Godfrey Street (GB). Scratched: First Order (GB).

Two breaks to his pelvis kept the chestnut off the track until last May, but Reverence has quickly scaled the ladder. He finished third on his seasonal return in the Listed Cammidge Trophy over six furlongs at Redcar Mar. 25. Back at five furlongs in the May 6 G3 Palace House S. at Newmarket, he encountered ground on the firm side for the first time and acquitted himself creditably to be fourth. The chestnut broke best of all against the fence this time and had something to give at the finish when asked by Kevin Darley. Taking over at the quarter pole, he carved out a decisive advantage which proved enough to hold the late flourish of The Trader. Connections are aiming at the G2 King's Stand S. at Royal Ascot June 20, with the primary target the G1 Prix de l'Abbaye at Longchamp Oct. 1.

Click for the [Racing Post chart](#) or the [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).

Tuesday, Sandown, Britain

BETFAIR.COM BRIGADIER GERARD S.-G3, £50,000, Sandown, 5-30, 4yo/up, 10f 7ydsT, 2:13.92, sf.

1--**NOTNOWCATO (GB)**, 129, c, 4, by Inchinor (GB)

1st Dam: Rambling Rose (GB) (SW & MGSP-Eng, GSP-Fr, \$104,662), by Cadeaux Genereux (GB)

2nd Dam: Blush Rambler (Ire), by Blushing Groom (Fr)

3rd Dam: Nikitina (Ire), by Nijinsky II

O-Anthony & David de Rothschild; B-Southcourt Stud; T-Sir Michael Stoute; J-Michael Kinane; £28,390. Lifetime Record: 10-4-2-2, £89,439.

2--**Boule d'Or (Ire)**, 126, h, 5, Croco Rouge (Ire)--Saffron Crocus (GB), by Shareef Dancer. (€62,000 yrl '02 GOFOCT; 10,000gns 2yo '03 TATAPR).

O-Friends & Family; B-Major K R Thompson; T-John Akehurst; £10,760.

3--**Hattan (Ire)**, 126, c, 4, Halling--Luana (GB), by Shaadi. O-Saeed Manana; B-Darley; T-Clive Brittain; £5,385.

Margins: 1 1/4, HF, SHD. Odds: 5-4, 12-1, 9-1.

Also ran: Common World, Grand Passion (Ire), Bandari (Ire).

Notnowcato looked a smart handicapper last term when finishing second in a class 3 race at Newmarket in September. A winner in a class 2 contest back there on his final sophomore start in October, he stepped up from that form on his return for his four-year-old bow when he swooped late to take the G3 Earl of Sefton S. at Newmarket Apr. 19. A warm order to follow up here, he stalked the early pace throughout, was full of run when arriving at the front at the quarter pole and quickly asserted. Pushed out up the punishing climb to the line, he was always holding the latecomer Boule d'Or to continue his upward progression.

Click for the [Racing Post chart](#).

NOTE: The result of the G3 Stockholms Stora-Pris at Taby will appear in Thursday's TDN.

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GEORGE WASHINGTON INJURED Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith's G1 2000 Guineas hero **George Washington (Ire)** (Danehill) is lame and trainer Aidan O'Brien stated that plans are "on hold." After finishing two lengths behind Araafa (Ire) when second in Saturday's G1 Irish 2000 Guineas in testing ground at The Curragh, the colt was found to have pulled muscles over a hip Monday. "George Washington seemed to be fine when we walked him on Sunday, but when we trotted him this morning we discovered that something wasn't right," O'Brien told *Racing Post*. "It will be a few days before we know how long it will be before he can run again."

Odyssey Direction Undecided...

Bill Gredley's **Olympian Odyssey (GB)** (Sadler's Wells) may sidestep Saturday's G1 Vodafone Derby at Epsom in favor of the French version the following afternoon, his owner said yesterday. Chantilly's G1 Prix du Jockey Club, now run over 1 5/16 miles, has become a tempting option for the G1 2000 Guineas third-place finisher, despite trainer Barry Hills looking toward the Blue Riband. "We haven't made our minds up and are going to leave it pretty late," Gredley said yesterday. "We think he's a mile-and-a-quarter horse and the trip at Chantilly will suit, but, having said that, everyone would like to win the Derby. I don't think the horse will get a mile and a half around Epsom, as there is a lot of speed on the dam's side, but one never knows. Understandably, I think Barry's very keen, because he thinks he's a Derby horse, but I've yet to be convinced--it's no great mystery as everyone can read his pedigree and see his races and [jockey] Jamie [Spencer] thinks he has plenty of speed. You only get one chance to win a Derby, and if I feel he's got a good chance in France, we'll go for it." The bay colt was produced by the Selkirk mare Field of Hope (Ire), winner of the G1 Prix de la Foret in 1999.

Wolf Headed to the Jubilee...

Connections of **Amadeus Wolf (GB)** (Mozart {Ire}) have confirmed that the sophomore will drop back to six furlongs for the June 24 G1 Golden Jubilee S. at Royal Ascot. Owned by a syndicate involving the Irish National Stud, last year's G1 Middle Park S. and G2 Gimcrack S. hero was ninth while trying a mile in the G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket May 6. "He's come out of the race great and will go straight to Ascot now for the Jubilee," conditioner Kevin Ryan commented. "Even if had stayed in the Guineas, he wouldn't have beaten the winner and, in fairness, he was the only one who looked like a sprinter beforehand, so the writing was probably on the wall. He's working great, so we'll stay down the sprinting road for the rest of the year."



HIGH FINANCE CONFIRMED FOR BELMONT

West Point Thoroughbreds has confirmed that **High Finance** (Talk is Money) will start next in the \$1-million G1 Belmont S. June 10. An impressive allowance winner May 4 ([video](#)), the chestnut breezed a mile in 1:38.49 Sunday over the Belmont main track. "The plan had been to use this work a lot like a prep race to gauge where High Finance stood and determine how far he can go," explained the colt's trainer, Rick Violette Jr. "Watching him work, and taking into account that his last Beyer figure [101] ranks up there with almost anyone's career best that's likely to run in the Belmont, I'd have to say he answered a lot of questions. The current plan is for him to work once more, probably next Sunday, and, if all goes well, move onto the Belmont." His addition makes 11 three-year-olds definite for the Classic, with three others--**Cause to Believe** (Maria's Mon), **Sweetnorthern**saint (Sweetsouthern) and **Wilentz** (Grand Slam) still on the fence.

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REACH FOR THE STARS

Three of the top four sophomore sires in Europe ranked by cumulative earnings are still Danzig-line. Mozart, by Danehill and whose only crop this is, still leads Bertolini (by Danzig himself). Mull of Kintyre, a G2 Gimrack winner over six furlongs at two and by Danzig out of an Easy Goer half-sister to Broad Brush, moved into a definite fourth place as a result of Arafaa's upset Classic win in last Saturday's heavy-ground G1 Irish 2000 Guineas.

But it is Galileo, by Sadler's Wells out of Arc winner Urban Sea, who has been rocketing up the charts this year, as Andrew Caulfield was detailing in his *TDN* column yesterday. The accompanying table, updated through Monday by Hyperion Promotions, shows that Galileo's progeny earnings this year of £533,121 are absolutely miles ahead of the competition: Mull of Kintyre is next in 2006 earnings with £291,640, followed by Mozart, with £253,399. Moreover, Galileo has sired three stakes winners and five more stakes-placed runners for eight stakes horses already this season (making 11 total). Mozart and the ex-German (now South African) horse Silvano are next with four each, followed by Fantastic Light and Kingsalsa with three each. (cont. p6)

**LEADING EUROPEAN 2nd CROP SIRES
In Order of Cumulative Earnings**

Sire	(YOB)	Grandsire	-----Cumulative-----				-----2006-----			
			Rnrs	Wnrs	Total £	SW SP	Wnrs	Total £	SW SP	
1 MOZART	(1998)	Danehill	75	30	823,397	4 4	16	253,399	2 2	
2 BERTOLINI	(1996)	Danzig	112	41	682,395	3 0	19	124,928	0 0	
3 GALILEO	(1998)	Sadler's Wells	74	28	662,571	4 7	17	533,121	3 5	
4 MULL OF KINTYRE	(1997)	Danzig	91	36	538,533	1 3	15	291,640	1 0	
5 KING CHARLEMAGNE	(1998)	Nureyev	87	32	470,742	1 1	24	198,146	0 0	
6 MEDICEAN	(1997)	Machiavellian	50	20	459,580	3 0	9	102,317	1 1	
7 OBSERVATORY	(1997)	Distant View	67	21	356,501	2 0	9	68,661	0 0	
8 KINGSALSA	(1996)	Kingmambo	38	7	337,952	2 2	4	107,620	2 1	
9 FANTASTIC LIGHT	(1996)	Rahy	72	21	310,664	3 2	10	101,518	1 2	
10 KALANISI	(1996)	Doyoun	45	16	296,174	1 2	9	132,885	1 0	
11 DISTANT MUSIC	(1997)	Distant View	47	16	263,255	0 2	7	105,141	0 2	
12 MUNIR	(1998)	Indian Ridge	18	3	191,680	1 1	2	75,681	1 0	
13 OCEAN OF WISDOM	(1997)	Mr Prospector	26	8	186,391	0 0	5	101,758	0 0	
14 COMMANDS	(1996)	Danehill	15	7	165,562	0 2	6	92,479	0 2	
15 CITY ON A HILL	(1997)	Rahy	50	16	165,481	0 0	12	85,459	0 0	
16 MAJORIEN	(1994)	Machiavellian	38	9	165,143	0 1	6	84,464	0 1	
17 FRUITS OF LOVE	(1995)	Hansel	46	14	152,823	0 0	9	73,880	0 0	
18 SILVANO	(1996)	Lomitas	26	11	135,686	0 4	8	89,055	0 4	
19 PANIS	(1998)	Miswaki	22	11	126,871	0 0	6	62,797	0 0	
20 BARATHEA GUEST	(1997)	Barathea	29	13	106,945	0 0	10	53,470	0 0	
21 BECKETT	(1998)	Fairy King	49	17	98,627	0 0	11	39,193	0 0	
22 SWIFT GULLIVER	(1994)	Gulch	30	14	98,586	0 0	10	52,608	0 0	
23 SPADOUN	(1996)	Kaldoun	7	2	86,422	0 1	0	23,978	0 0	
24 BLACK MINNALOUSHE	(1998)	Storm Cat	17	7	83,558	0 1	1	15,953	0 0	
25 GOLDEN SNAKE	(1996)	Danzig	11	5	82,367	0 0	4	48,308	0 0	
26 BANYUMANIK	(1996)	Perugino	10	3	58,659	1 1	3	23,967	1 1	
27 SUPERIOR PREMIUM	(1994)	Forzando	16	7	57,111	0 0	4	29,994	0 0	
28 PRIMO VALENTINO	(1997)	Primo Dominie	30	4	55,636	0 0	0	9,992	0 0	
29 TERTULLIAN	(1995)	Miswaki	16	5	55,085	0 1	2	12,326	0 0	
30 TENBYSSIMO	(1995)	Tenby	8	5	46,753	0 0	4	32,815	0 0	

Includes Northern Hemisphere earnings for European stallions, excluding Japan. Statistics by Hyperion Promotions Ltd. Results received to May 29th inclusive.

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Sire	(YOB) Grandsire	Rnrs	Wnrs	Wins	Total £	SW	SP
1	INVINCIBLE SPIRIT (1997) Green Desert	29	7	8	84,388	0	1
2	REDBACK (1999) Mark Of Esteem	12	4	10	74,977	2	0
3	KYLLACHY (1998) Pivotal	20	6	6	43,921	0	0
4	NOVERRE (1998) Rahy	15	2	3	30,154	0	0
5	CHICHICASTENANGO (1998) Smadoun	3	1	1	29,579	0	0
6	FATH (1997) Danzig	12	4	4	27,965	0	1
7	SAGACITY (1998) Highest Honor	3	2	3	25,799	0	0
8	ROB'S SPIRIT (1997) Theatrical	9	2	2	21,702	0	0
9	IRON MASK (1998) Danzig	9	2	2	18,659	0	0
10	AUCTION HOUSE (1996) Exbourne	18	3	3	17,371	0	0
11	ROCK OF GIBRALTAR (1999) Danehill	4	2	2	16,434	0	0
12	TENDULKAR (1999) Spinning World	8	3	3	16,213	0	0
13	ISHIGURU (1998) Danzig	7	1	2	14,182	0	0
14	BEST OF THE BESTs (1997) Machiavellian	6	2	2	10,577	0	0
15	GOLAN (1998) Spectrum	6	2	2	10,547	0	0
16	UNTIL SUNDOWN (1998) Smart Strike	1	1	1	8,210	0	0
17	SPYMASTER (1997) Seeking the Gold	7	1	1	7,899	0	0
18	TOBOUGG (1998) Barathea	10	2	2	7,881	0	0
19	ANABAA BLUE (1998) Anabaa	3	1	1	5,324	0	0
20	JOHANNESBURG (1999) Hennessy	5	0	0	3,327	0	0
21	OFFICER (1999) Bertrando	1	1	1	3,169	0	0
22	DOUBLE HEART (1996) Akarad	3	0	0	2,955	0	0
23	DANANEYEV (1996) Goldneyev	2	0	0	2,680	0	0
24	ACT ONE (1999) In the Wings	2	0	0	2,428	0	0
25	MISTERO (1998) Portrait Gallery	3	0	0	1,963	0	0
26	BAD AS I WANNA BE (1998) Common Grounds	1	1	1	1,472	0	0
27	NIL (1993) Danehill	2	1	1	1,460	0	0
28	WARNINGFORD (1994) Warning	4	0	0	1,459	0	0
29	DARO SOPRAN (1996) Royal Academy	3	0	0	1,402	0	0
30	DISTINCTLY DANCER (1998) Distinctly North	1	0	0	1,262	0	0

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Nighttime first.....daylight second!



GALILEO

Classic winner & first-crop Classic sire
by sire of sires **Sadler's Wells**.

28 May NIGHTIME won Irish 1,000 Guineas - Gr.1 by 6L.
27 May RED ROCKS won Fairway Stakes - L.R. by 4L.

Unbeaten at 3 and runs next in the Group 2 King Edward VII Stakes at Royal Ascot.

11 May GALATEE won Blue Wind Stakes - Gr.3 by 3¹/₂L.
Unbeaten and second favourite for the Oaks at Epsom.

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Progeny earnings
Individual winners (10)
Stakes winners (3).



Of Galileo's three 2006 stakes winners--one, obviously, was Nighttime, impressive winner of the admittedly heavy-ground G1 Irish 1000 Guineas last Sunday. Another is Galatee, trained by Jim Bolger, who reportedly ran the fastest speed figure by a three-year-old filly anywhere in Europe this year when she won the G3 Blue Wind S. over 10 furlongs at Naas. She is currently the second favorite for Friday's G1 Epsom Oaks. Galileo's third 2006 stakes winner is Red Rocks, decisive in the Listed Fairway S. at Newmarket last Saturday. Hee will be one of the favorites for the G2 King Edward VII S. at Royal Ascot. Among Galileo's five stakes-placed horses this year is Rockmaster, third in the G1 Italian Derby. And these statistics are all for his Northern Hemisphere foals; he seems to be doing pretty well with his first crop, two-year-olds now, in Australia, too.

One or two commentators have mentioned that Galileo may be showing a little bit more of a propensity to work with speedily bred mares, or mares with speed, than perhaps other sons of Sadler's Wells or the old man himself. Certainly the four three-year-olds mentioned above all have an interesting pedigree wrinkle for a son of Sadler's Wells. Both of this year's Group-winning fillies have a cross of Storm Bird on the dam's side: Nighttime is out of a mare by Mountain Cat, son of Storm Cat, while Galatee's second dam is by Storm Bird's son, Bluebird. If this is a Sadler's Wells who works over Storm Bird--and the early indications are certainly positive--that would be big news in the pedigree department. Also, the two colts mentioned above--Red Rocks and Rockmaster--are both out of Machiavellian mares. This is interesting not only because owners of Machiavellian mares will be lining up to breed to Galileo, but also because Galileo himself is out of a mare by Miswaki, albeit a very untypical one in that she happened to win the Arc. But many sires who are themselves out of Mr. Prospector-line mares don't really seem to like another cross of Mr. Prospector as the damsire; again, if Galileo proves to be an exception to that, also, it just opens up that many more options. If he has the Oaks winner as well as the Irish 1000 winner in the space of two weeks, this will seem a really obvious thing to say: at this rate he will be standing alongside Montjeu next year as another viable heir of Sadler's Wells. From the evidence we have so far this year, that's probably going to be the case whether Galatee wins the Oaks or not.

The new Italian stallion, King Charlemagne, leads this sire group in 2006 winners, with 24. The top five sires in cumulative earnings are also the top five (though not in the same order) in 2006 winners. Among the next ten, the horse who is perhaps poking his head out of the pack is Kalinisi, whose 2006 earnings of £132,885 rank him fifth in that category among these sires, marginally ahead of Bertolini (£124,928 in 2006) in sixth.

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ANOTHER GR.1 WINNER

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MY TYPHOON - Gr.2 winner

NAISSANCE ROYALE - Gr.2 winner

OONAGH MACCOOL - Dual Gr.2 winner

DIAMOND OMI - Gr.2 winning 2-y-o

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FRESHMAN SIRES: IT'S A DANZIG

In Monday's 2:05 from Redcar on a bank holiday, a colt called Steelcut, from the first crop of Iron Mask, defeated previous winner Fathom Five, from the first crop by Fath. It took a minute before it registered that both sires were good sprinting sons of Danzig. The third in the race, the filly No Worries Yet, is by Orpen, who is by Lure, by Danzig.

That was the third, and actually least impressive, 1-2-3 sweep for Danzig at the weekend. The other two came at the Curragh on Saturday: first was a Danzig trifecta in the Listed Isabel Morris S. for two-year-olds over five furlongs. The winner, Drayton (now three-for-three), is by Danetime, by Danehill, by Danzig; the second, King of Swords, is by Desert Prince, by Green Desert, by Danzig; and the third, Little White Lie, is by the aforementioned Orpen. But that was just the warm-up act: in the main event, the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas, the winner was from the first crop by Mull of Kintyre, by Danzig; the second was George Washington, by Danehill; and the third was Decado, by Danehill Dancer, by Danehill. At this rate, pretty soon we won't be talking about whether inbreeding with Danzig and other branches of Northern Dancer works, we'll be talking about Danzig over Danzig.

It was almost a welcome relief to see another branch of Northern Dancer dominate the Listed National S. at Sandown for two-year-olds Monday night. There were only four runners, but interestingly, all four were from the Nureyev branch of Northern Dancer. The impressive winner, Excellent Art, is by Pivotal, who is by Polar Falcon, by Nureyev. Second and third, Cav Okay and Dress to Impress, are both among something like 30 two-year-old runners already this year by 2003 champion European freshman sire, Fasliyev. The fourth was previous winner Urban Warrior, who is by Zilzal, by Nureyev. It's especially interesting because Irish 2000 winner Arafaa is by Mull of Kintyre, a son of Danzig, out of a sister to Pivotal, by Polar Falcon, by Nureyev.

So it won't come as a surprise to hear that this season's leading freshman sire thus far is Invincible Spirit, a Group 1-winning sprinter by Green Desert, by Danzig. Invincible Spirit was a six-furlong specialist: at two, he won the Listed Champion Trophy at Ripon at six furlongs. At four, he broke the Curragh six-furlong track record when winning the G3 MacDonagh Boland S., and at five, he won the G1 Haydock Park Sprint. He's had a massive 29 runners before the end of May, of which seven have won eight races and placed another 28 times.

Three freshman sires have really come out of the blocks in Europe so far, and the news flash is that the other two are not Danzig-line sires. Number three on the hit parade right now is Kyllachy, winner of the G1 Nunthorpe S. over five furlongs. He's by Pivotal from a family short on black type, but whose first three dams were by the sprinters Song, Crooner, and March Past. Though his best season and Group 1 win came at four, his runners, too, were predicted to be precocious, and so they have been: Kyllachy now has six winners from 20 runners, including last Saturday's 3 1/2-length (could have been 10) soft-ground Newmarket winner, Tariq. He's a Royal Ascot candidate.

Splitting the two Northern Dancer-line sires, Invincible Spirit for the Danzig branch and Kyllachy for Nureyev, is Redback, a horse who maybe figured to be precocious, but not a horse I would have predicted would already have two stakes winners before the end of May. But two stakes winners he has, among four winners who have already won 10 races among them--the most for any European freshman sire. By Darshaan's son Mark of Esteem, who has been in rehabilitation in a major way in the last two years--including 2000 Guineas second and potential Epsom Derby winner, Sir Percy as well as last night's five-furlong G2 Temple S. winner, Reverence--Redback was an ultra-tough seven-furlong Group 3 winner at two and three. Maybe very significantly, he finished third, behind only Rock of Gibraltar and Hawk Wing, in the 2000 Guineas in 2002.

It's so early in the season that we really know nothing meaningful about any but these three sires. There are 12 others whose runners have earned between £10,000-£30,000; of those, nine have sired either two or three winners. Four of those 12 (besides Invincible Spirit, among the top three), are Danzig-line, by Danzig or Danehill; these include, of course, Rock of Gibraltar.

UPCOMING EUROPEAN GROUP 1 RACES

Date	Race	Track
June 2	Oaks S.	Epsom
	Coronation Cup	Epsom
June 3	Derby S.	Epsom
June 4	Prix du Jockey-Club	Chantilly
	Preis der Diana	Dusseldorf
June 11	Prix de Diane	Chantilly
June 18	Oaks d'Italia	San Siro
	Gran Premio di Milano	San Siro



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WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

by Alan Porter

Monday, Belmont

METROPOLITAN H.-GI, \$600,000, BEL, 5-29, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:34 1/5, ft.

1--**SILVER TRAIN, 119, c, 4, by Old Trieste**

1st Dam: **Ridden in Thestars (MSP, \$178,998)**, by **Cormorant**

2nd Dam: **Shelter Strait**, by **Far North**

3rd Dam: **Illustrative**, by **Cornish Prince**

(\$140,000 yrl '03 FTKJUL). O-Buckram Oak Farm;

B-Joe Mulholland Sr, Joe Mulholland Jr, et al (KY);

T-Richard E Dutrow Jr; J-E S Prado; \$360,000.

Lifetime Record: 14-5-3-3, \$1,127,345.

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It was widely expected that last year's GI Breeders' Cup Sprint would fall to a three-year-old. That expectation was fulfilled, but there was a major surprise in that the winner was not the previously undefeated favorite, Lost in the Fog, but the 11-1 shot, Silver Train. Silver Train came into the Sprint off his only previous stakes score, a five-length tally in the GII Jerome H. He was beaten in his first two starts this year, but on Monday, he confirmed his status as a top-class sprinter/miler with a win in the GI Metropolitan H.

Silver Train is something of a rarity in that he's a top-notch speedster from a male line more associated with classic-distance ability, that of A.P. Indy. The trend towards speed actually started with Silver Train's sire, Old Trieste, a member of A.P. Indy's second crop. Old Trieste was out of the Vigors mare, Lovlier Linda, a talented and versatile performer who scored her most imported victory in the GI Santa Margarita H. at nine furlongs, but was also an extremely effective at six and seven furlongs.

At two, Old Trieste was precocious enough to break his maiden and finish second in the GII Norfolk S. This following year, he went into the GI Kentucky Derby off only a pair of allowance starts, the second of which he won by 10 lengths. But after leading for the opening half, he dropped back to finish 10th, beaten 24 lengths. However, he showed his true mettle with his last three performances of his sophomore season, taking the GIII Affirmed H. (by 4 1/2 lengths), the GII Swaps S. (by 12 lengths) and the GII Del Mar Breeders' Cup H. (by five lengths).

At four the flashy chestnut commenced in a similar vein, taking the GII Californian H. (by seven lengths over Budroyale). At this stage, Old Trieste had captured four consecutive graded stakes by a total of 28 1/2 lengths and looked to be turning into a monster. However, he was away from the races for just over three months, and when he returned he was nowhere near as formidable, ending his career with thirds in a pair of Grade II events and an unplaced run in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic.

SILVER TRAIN, c, 2002

Old Trieste	A.P. Indy	Seattle Slew	Bold Reasoning My Charmer
		Weekend Surprise	Secretariat Lassie Dear
	Lovlier Linda	Vigors	*Grey Dawn II Relifordie (Fr)
		Linda Summers	Crozier Queenly Gift (GB)
Ridden in TheStars MSP, 34-5-9-4, \$178,998 5Fls, 1G1SW	Cormorant	His Majesty	*Ribot Flower Bowl
		Song Sparrow	Tudor Minstrel (GB) Swoon's Tune
	Shelter Strait Wnr 5Fls, 1SW, 2SP	Far North	Northern Dancer Fleur
		Illustrative 10Fls, 1SW	Cornish Prince Miss Love Field

Sadly, after siring just three crops, Old Trieste was euthanized in January of 2003 due to acute laminitis. On the basis of his record to date, that death looks to have been a considerable loss. From Old Trieste's first crop has come the the GII San Fernando S. winner and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile runner-up, Minister Eric; Japanese graded winner Maltese Heat; GIII Eclipse H. victor Honolua Storm, and stakes winners Trieste's Honor, Fond and Mr. Trieste. Silver Train and graded-placed stakes winner Sandra's Rose are from his second crop, and his third crop has already been represented by runaway GI Blue Grass S. winner Sinister Minister as well as the graded-placed duo of Mister Triester and Talullah Lula.

Silver Train's dam, Ridden in Thestars, is a daughter of Cormorant, himself a very fast horse who won eight of 12 starts, including the GI Jersey Derby. Ridden in Thestars was stakes placed in New York restricted company, and she is half-sister to New York-bred stakes winner Pro Cove. **Cont. p9**

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Silver Train's second dam, the Far North mare Shelter Strait, is a half-sister to stakes winner Sunset Strait (dam of stakes winning and Grade I-placed sprinter Placid Fund) and to Such a Nut (granddam of GIII Regret S. winner Sister Star). The family goes back to the notable tap-root mare Throttle Wide, who by coincidence, is also in the tail-female line of the GI Preakness S. winner Bernardini (by A.P. Indy).

Silver Train is the product of a cross--A.P. Indy/His Majesty--which hasn't been a particularly prolific one (although it has also produced Old Trieste's 2006 stakes winner Sandra's Rose), but Old Trieste's broodmare sire, Vigors, is by Grey Dawn II, a horse who has combined quite well with His Majesty. We can also note that Silver Train's broodmare sire, Cormorant, goes back to the notable mare, Recce. Grey Dawn II's dam, Polamia; Boudoir II, the third dam of His Majesty; and Recce are all daughters of Mahmoud, and Recce and Polamia have some similarities in their dam. Oddly enough, another 2006 Grade I-winning sprinter, Bishop Court Hill, has Grey Dawn II in the dam and Cormorant as the broodmare sire. The pedigree also has a combination of related English speedsters, as Cormorant is out of a mare by Tudor Minstrel, while Old Trieste's fourth dam is by Fair Trial, a close genetic relative to Tudor Minstrel.

Hall of Fame Class of 2006

Trainer Carl Hanford

Conditioned five-time Horse of the Year Kelso, winner of 39 of 63 starts, including the Jockey Club Gold Cup five years in a row; Born in Fairbury, Nebraska, in 1916; began training at Charles Town in West Virginia in 1939; Served in the Army in World War II; Retired and lives in Delaware.

Jockey Bill Boland

Was just 16 when he won the 1950 Kentucky Oaks (Ari's Mona) and Kentucky Derby (Middleground) on successive days; Also rode Middleground to victory in the Belmont S. after a runner-up effort in the Preakness S.; Won 1966 Belmont aboard Amberoid; Stakes wins included Santa Anita H., Jockey Club Gold Cup, Met Mile, Acorn S., Alabama S., Whitney H., Wood Memorial; Retired and lives in Florida. During his career, Boland rode 1,980 winners from 16,639 mounts and had purse earnings of \$14 million.

*Cougar II (Tale of Two Cities {GB}--*Cindy Lou II, by Madara {GB})

Owned by Mary Jones Bradley, who bought the Chilean-bred on the advice of her trainer, Hall of Fame member Charlie Whittingham; First foreign-bred to become a millionaire in North America; Turf champion in 1972; Won Century H., Californian S., Carlton F. Burke H., and Oak Tree Invitational on turf, Santa Anita H. on dirt; In 38 starts over four seasons in the U.S., had a record of 15-7-11; In total earned \$1,162,725.

BRIS Speed Ratings

Top Weekly Stakes Races

Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
Magnum (Arg)	El Compinche	Lone Star Park H.-G3	113
Silver Train	Old Trieste	Metropolitan H.-G1	109
Johnie Bye Night	Langfuhr	George W. Barker H.	107
Big Apple Daddy	Precise End	Donald LeVine Memorial H.	105
Gouldings Green	Charismatic	Hanshin Cup H.-G3	104
Aragorn (Ire)	Giant's Causeway	Shoemaker Breeders' Cup Mile S.-G1	103
Unbridled Belle	Broken Vow	Go for Wand S.	103
High Blitz	Lucky Lionel	Wolf Hill S.	102
Quiet Cash	Real Quiet	John Longden 6000 H.	102
My Miss Storm Cat	Sea of Secrets	Desert Stormer H.	101
Honey Ryder	Lasting Approval	Sheepshead Bay H.-G2	101
Arch Hall	Archers Bay	Eclipse S.-G3	100
Sweepingly	End Sweep	Beck Auto Group Turf Sprint H.	100
Solo Cat	Tabasco Cat	Memorial Day H.	100
Park Avenue Ball	Citidancer	Frisk Me Now S.	100
Sweet Talker	Stormin Fever	WinStar Distaff H.-G3	100
Dynamic Deputy	Deputy Minister	Shine Again S.	99
Siphon City	Siphon (Brz)	Memorial Day H.-G3	99
Extra Bend	Twining	Spend a Buck S.	98
No Sleep	Robyn Dancer	Fort Monmouth S.	98
Ever Elusive	Forestry	Winning Colors S.	98
Spanish Highway	Cahill Road	Fox Sports Network H.	98
Lady Grace	With Approval	Decoration Day H.	97
Silverfoot	With Approval	Louisville H.-G3	97

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FOALING NEWS

WESTER WIND, 11, Gone West-- Pharlette (Fr) by Pharly (Fr)

Foal born Apr. 20, a colt by Dynaformer.

Will be bred back to Dynaformer.

Owned by Dr. John A. Chandler.

Boarded at Mill Ridge Farm, Ky.

Accomplishments: Dam of Western Ransom (Red Ransom), GSW, \$229,290.

VID KID, 17, Pleasant Colony--Loren's Baby, by Czaravich

Foal born Apr. 26, a colt by Menifee.

Will be bred back to Seeking the Gold.

Owned by Arthur Hancock.

Boarded at Stone Farm, Ky.

Accomplishments: MSW of \$289,556. Dam of Early Warning (Summer Squall), MGSW, \$521,085; Classical West (Gone West), SP; Vivid Sunset (Mt. Livermore), MGSP, \$243,842; and Wanderin Boy (Seeking the Gold), GSW, \$171,009.

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SURF CAT TO MISS CALIFORNIAN, GOLD CUP


Surf Cat (Sir Cat) will be forced to skip the June 17 GII Californian S. and the July 8 GI Hollywood Gold Cup after missing training time with a bruised foot, according to *Daily Racing Form*. The four-year-old Bruce Headley-trained colt is unbeaten in three starts this year with wins in the GII San Carlos H., GII Potrero Grande Breeders' Cup S. and the GII Mervyn LeRoy H. Surf Cat resumed jogging at Santa Anita Sunday after missing two weeks of training and Headley said the dark bay could be ready for the July 22 GII San Diego H. at Del Mar. On the board in 10 of 11 starts to date, Surf Cat has won seven races for Headley's wife, Aase, and Marsha Naify and has earned \$562,420.



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VELAZQUEZ RETURNS FRIDAY AT MONMOUTH

John Velazquez, who has been on the sidelines since being injured in a spill at Keeneland Apr. 20, is slated to make his return this Friday at Monmouth Park, reports *Daily Racing Form*. Velazquez has been named to ride trainer Todd Pletcher's **Scat Daddy** (Johannesburg) in a juvenile maiden special weight, the only race on the card he is scheduled to compete in. Velazquez suffered a fractured shoulder blade and a cracked rib when Up An Octave broke down in the Forerunner S. The Puerto Rican's recovery has been quicker than expected, putting him on track to ride Pletcher's **Bluegrass Cat** (Storm Cat) in the June 10 GI Belmont S. Velazquez's agent, Angel Cordero, Jr., told the *Form*, "He feels good, he's been on horses all week. It's a decision he made." Cordero added that Velazquez would ride sparingly prior to the Belmont, taking one or two mounts a day in the days leading up to the race.


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**TODAY'S
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4:20p
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1st-HOL, \$51K, NW1X, 3yo, 1 1/16m
PRIME MERIDIAN (GB) (Observatory) put up two solid efforts over the Wolverhampton dirt track last fall, including a maiden-breaking score Nov. 25, but was a well-beaten 11th while tackling the Santa Anita turf in his U.S. debut Feb. 18. Trainer Bob Baffert's **Three Points (Point Given)** battled to a 3/4-length maiden win in his sixth start, but was a dull sixth when thrown into stakes company in the May 14 Alydar S.
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Yesterday's Results:

6th-DEL, \$38,900, Alw, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, a5fT, :57 4/5, fm.

BEAUTIFUL SKY (f, 3, Forestry--Forty Carats, by Forty Niner) won on debut at Laurel last December, then was sidelined until running fifth over Delaware's main track May 2. Trying the turf for the first time, the dark bay filly, sent off the 5-2 favorite, went right to the lead, set all the fractions and just held off Diggin' the Gold (Brahms) by a neck. Beautiful Sky was a \$260,000 KEESEP yearling. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$38,760. O-Win & Place Stable. B-William L Pease (KY). T-Anthony W Dutrow.

8th-CRC, \$25,000, Alw, NW3L, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:49, ft.

MANNAKISH (c, 3, Commendable--Here's Kitty, by Kitwood) was looking for his third straight win in his two-turn bow after taking a \$32,000 maiden at Gulfstream Apr. 22 and a May 14 allowance at Calder. The bay colt, sent off at 2-1, set a pressured pace, had a two-length advantage in upper stretch and bested Foreign Ruckus (Strike the Anvil) by 1 1/4 lengths. Mannakish was a \$22,000 KEESEP yearling and a \$26,000 OBSAPR two-year-old. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, \$39,630. O-Tanourin Stable. B-Lois & Jim Hawkins (KY). T-Rodolfo Garcia.

5th-PHA, \$21,000, Msw, 3yo/up, 7 1/2fT, 1:30 3/5, fm.

+ **DANCING TIN MAN** (g, 3, Woodman--Pattern Step {GISW, \$273,225}, by Nureyev), sent off at 8-1, was content to rate off the pace, rallied along the hedge to take charge in upper stretch and pulled away to win by 4 3/4 lengths over Chaplain Charlie (Service Stripe). The \$65,000 KEESEP yearling is a full brother to Woodman's Dancer (MGSP, \$298,486) and a half to Seattle Pattern (Seattle Slew, SW, \$206,993). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$12,000. O-Mike S Ryan. B-Hill 'n' Dale Farm (KY). T-Michael V Pino.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, MAY 31:

06-10 \$300,000 **Charles Whittingham Memorial**
H.-I, Hol, 3yo/up, 10fT (300)

06-11 \$150,000 **Hollywood Breeders' Cup Oaks-II, Hol,**
3yo, f, 8.5f (150)

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Monday Night Results:

BAY MEADOWS BREEDERS' CUP OAKS, \$81,250, BMX, 5-29, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:44 1/5, fm.
 1--**#SOL MI FA (IRE)**, 117, f, 3, by Distant Music
 1st Dam: Sil Sila (Ire) (SW & MGSP-Eng, G1SW-Fr, \$314,581), by Marju (Ire)
 2nd Dam: Porto Alegre (GB), by Habitat
 3rd Dam: Powerscourt (Ire), by Salvo (GB)
 (56,000gns wlng '03 GOFNOV; €60,000 yrl '04 DEAAUG). O-Don Van Racing Inc; B-L A C International (IRE); T-James M Cassidy; J-D G Lopez; \$41,250. Lifetime Record: 8-3-3-1, \$85,647.
 2--**Soothsay (Ire)**, 122, f, 3, Mujadil--Second Omen (GB), by Rainbow Quest. (€5,000 2yo '05 GOFFEB). O-Bruno Or Rachel Deberdt Or Deron Pearson. \$15,000.
 3--**Make a Pass**, 117, f, 3, Pikepass--West Amerigirl, by Gone West. (\$7,200 yrl '04 FTKOCT). O-Rancho San Miguel. \$15,000.
 Margins: 3/4, 3HF, 2HF. Odds: 5.00, 3.40, 7.30.

Sol Mi Fa, who ended her juvenile campaign with a runner-up effort behind subsequent French 1000 Guineas winner Tie Black (Ire) at Toulouse, completed her European campaign with an allowance win at Marseille Apr. 5. Never far back, the bay filly rallied four wide into the stretch, drew clear in the final furlong and held sway late for the victory.

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN BRITAIN:

Fann, f, 3, **Diesis (GB)**--Forest Storm, by Woodman. Sandown Park, Britain, 5-30, Hcp, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT. B-Skymarc Farm Inc and Castlemartin Stud.

IN FRANCE:

+ Sandwaki, c, 2, **Dixieland Band**. See "France."

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Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2002 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW
Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)
CITY ZIP (Carson City), Lane's End, \$8K, 120/33/3
 7-PHA, Msw, 1mT, +Make Me Shine, \$13K EAS MAY 2yo, 12-1
LUFTIKUS (Meadowlake), Taylor Mtn, \$3K, 78/16/2
 7-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Uncle Eukie, 9-2

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CHURCHILL DOWNS

Ay Caramba (Brz) (Roi Normand), 5f, 1:02.60, 23/26
Ex Caelis (Fusaichi Pegasus), 3f, :37.60, 11/16
He's Got Grit (Songandaprayer), 4f, :52.40, 31/31
More Than Pretty (More Than Ready), 4fT, :49.60, 3/5
Purim (Dynaformer), 5fT, 1:02.00, 2/5
Rush Bay (Cozzene), 4fT, :48.80, 1/5
Storm Treasure (Storm Boot), 7fT, 1:32.80, 1/2
Tahoe Warrior (Carson City), 4fT, :49.60, 3/5

CHURCHILL TRAINING

Perfect Drift (Dynaformer), 5f, 1:03.20, 2/2

HOLLYWOOD PARK

Battle Won (Honour and Glory), 4f, :48.40, 3/29
King's Drama (Ire) (King's Theatre {Ire}), 6f, 1:14.60, 2/3
Leprechaun Kid (Alphabet Soup), 4f, :50.00, 18/29
Your Tent or Mine (Forest Camp), 5f, 1:01.00, 7/21

SANTA ANITA

Saint Buddy (Saint Ballado), 5f, 1:00.40, 7/19
Shamoan (Ire) (Monashee Mountain), 5f, 1:00.20, 4/19
Star Parade (Arg) (Parade Marshal), 4f (tr), :48.20, 1/1



★ CLASSIC CORNER ★

GUILIA ON TARGET

The Hornets Synidcate's **Guilia (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}) will tackle Friday's G1 Vodafone Oaks at Epsom, connections announced yesterday. She was facing the starter for only the second time when runner-up to Scottish Stage (Ire) in the Listed Swettenham Stud Fillies' Trial S. at Newbury May 19 and trainer Rae Guest is hopeful. "Scottish Stage was supposed to be well-fancied and backed heavily during the week, so it was a very encouraging run," he commented. "She is a long-striding filly, but we'll just have to wait and see if she'll handle Epsom. The more it dries out the better."

GROUND DRYING OUT

Epsom's Clerk of the Course Andrew Cooper yesterday dispelled the prospect of soft ground for the two-day Derby meeting, which gets underway on Friday. Despite constant rainfall during May, the forecast dry spell leading up to the Classic festival is expected to produce good ground. "I'd definitely call it good to soft today and it really looks as if its going to stay dry over the next few days," Cooper said. "I would say we'll certainly be calling it good on Friday and the thought of soft or testing ground can be forgotten. Hopefully, we'll have perfect flat-racing ground."

★ BRITAIN ★

Wednesday, Beverley, post time: 7:10 p.m.

HILARY NEEDLER TROPHY-Listed, £25,000, 2yo, f, 5fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	7	Cassiara (GB)	Diktat (GB)	Pearce
2	3	Eloquent Rose (Ire)	Elnadim	Duffield
3	11	Fly Time (GB)	Fraam (GB)	Channon
4	10	Hucking Hot (GB)	Desert Prince (Ire)	Best
5	12	Just Joey (GB)	Averti (Ire)	Weymes
6	1	Kerry's Dream (GB)	Tobougg (Ire)	T Easterby
7	6	Miss Otis (GB)	Danetime (Ire)	Winkworth
8	5	Nina Blini (GB)	Bertolini	Meehan
9	4	Onenightinlisbon (Ire)	Bold Fact	Midgley
10	2	Sunken Rags (GB)	Superior Premium (GB)	Burke
11	9	My Lovely Lesley	Hennessy	Meehan
12	8	Roxan (Ire)	Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)	K Ryan

All carry 124 pounds, bar My Lovely Lesley & Roxan, 121.

Yesterday's Results:

Leicester, 3.50, Cond, £20,000, 3yo, f, 7f 9ydsT, 1:29.55, gd/sf.

RED EVIE (IRE) (f, 3, Intikhab--Malafemmena {Ire} {SW & GSP-Ity}, by Nordico), a €50,000 GOFNOV weanling and 58,000gns TATOCT yearling purchase, followed a brace of Yarmouth wins with a handicap victory at Newbury last time May 20 and continued the streak with another easy score here. Settled third until easing to the fore at the two pole, the 1-2 pick remained in command from there to easily dismiss Star Cluster (GB) (Observatory) by 1 1/2 lengths. Lifetime Record: 5-4-0-0, £27,684.

O-Terry Neill; B-Dermot Cantillon & Forenaghts Stud; T-Michael Bell.



2.10p Yarmouth, Cond, £6,000, 2yo, 6f 3ydsT

Captain Marvellous (Ire), c, 2 Invincible Spirit (Ire) was tenderly handled on debut behind subsequent impressive listed winner Excellent Art (GB) at Newmarket Apr. 20 before overcoming a slow start on the unforgiving turns of Chester to graduate for the Ronnie Arculli-Barry Hills axis last time May 10. He will have to live up to his name to defy a seven-pound penalty against four newcomers, including Princess Haya of Jordan's **Massenzio (Ire)** (Green Desert), out of a half to the G2 Blandford S. winner Monturani (Ire) and Zayat Stables' **Justy** (Danehill), a son of the G3 Princess Margaret S. scorer Saintly Speech.

6.30p Leopardstown, Mdn, €19,820, 2yo, 7fT

Admiralofthefleet, c, 2 Danehill is the latest from the prolific production line of the late Danehill to hail from Ballydoyle, who got off the mark with their juveniles on Sunday. Michael Tabor's newcomer is from one of the best families around, being a full to the Niarchos family's Machiavellian, as well as the top-class G1 Prix Morny and G1 Prix de la Salamandre winner Coup de Genie and sire Ocean of Wisdom. He tackles **Bluegrass Hill (Ire)** (Danehill), a debutante from the Dermot Weld barn out of a sister to King of Kings (Ire) and Jim Bolger's **Slaney Time (Ire)** (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), fourth on debut behind Drayton (Ire) in the Listed Coolmore S. at The Curragh May 1.

9.00p Leopardstown, Mdn, €14,865, 3yo, 1mT.

Benjamin Franklin (Ire), c, 3, by Danehill was third behind Medico (GB) over 10 furlongs on debut at this track May 14 and drops back two panels here. George Washington (Ire) aside, Aidan O'Brien's colts have all come on for their first outing and Derrick Smith's color bearer should prove no different in this maiden won by the smart Mingun three years ago.

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British Report cont.

Leicester, 2.20, Mdn, £10,000, 2yo, f, 5f 2ydsT, 1:04.24, gd/sf.

TOP ROYELLE (GB) (f, 2, Royal Applause {GB}--Colchica {GB}, by Machiavellian), a close second at Windsor May 22, enjoyed a slight lead from the outset of this third go. Strongly pressed by Vale Of Belvoir (Ire) (Mull of Kintyre) approaching the final eighth, the 4-11 choice was ridden out to reassert by 3/4-of-a-length from that rival. The winner was a 17,000gns TATOCT yearling purchase. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, £7,657.

O-The Hill Top Partnership; B-John & Susan Davis; T-Richard Hannon.

Sandown, 8.50, Mdn, £7,000, 3yo/up, 10f 7ydsT, 2:15.44, sf.

SENIOR DALI (IRE) (c, 3, Peintre Celebre--Far Fetched {Ire}, by Distant Relative {Ire}), third behind a leading G1 Epsom Derby contender Championship Point (Ire) in the May 6 Listed Predominate S. on his latest start, was sent off the 10-11 crowd's choice to get off the mark. Close to the early pace, the 20,000gns TATOCT yearling took over with three furlongs remaining before recording a comfortable three-length success from Accompanist (GB) (Pivotal {GB}). Lifetime Record: SP-Eng, 5-1-0-1, £9,079.

O-Mrs M E Slade; B-Frank Dunne; T-John Dunlop.

Redcar, 2.10, Mdn, £6,000, 2yo, f, 6fT, 1:14.50, gd/fm.

+ **EMMA'S SURPRISE (GB) (f, 2, Tobougg {Ire}--Selvi {GB}, by Mummy's Pet {GB})** dwelt from the gate and raced in rear until coaxed into contention at halfway. Responding to a forceful drive inside the final quarter, the 12-1 chance ran on in determined fashion to deny Ponty Rossa (Ire) (Distant Music) by a neck in the shades of the post. With the victory, the filly becomes the third winner for her freshman sire (by Baratheia {Ire}). The 28,000gns TATOCT yearling is a half to Indian Rocket (GB) (Indian Ridge {Ire}), GSW & G1SP-Eng, SW & GSP-US, SW-UAE, \$273,363-US & Eng and The Bonus King (GB) (Royal Applause {GB}), SW & MGSP, \$100,225. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £3,886.

O-M G White; B-Red House Stud; T-Kevin Ryan.

Chepstow, 2.30, Mdn, £5,200, 2yo, 5f 16ydsT, 1:03.21, sf.

TOM TOWER (IRE) (c, 2, Cape Cross {Ire}--La Belle Katherine, by Lyphard), fifth at Pontefract last time May 3, shadowed the leading pair after the opening exchanges of this. Pushed to the front approaching the furlong marker, the 8-1 second choice was ridden out to comfortably account for Montemayorprincess (Ire) (Fath) by two lengths. The winner was a 110,000gns TATNOV weanling purchase. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, £3,368.

O-Jumeirah Racing; B-C J Foy; T-Mick Channon.

Redcar, 4.40, Mdn, £5,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 2:08.34, gd/fm.

HOPEFUL PURCHASE (IRE) (c, 3, Grand Lodge--Funoon {Ire}, by Kris {GB}), a €100,000 GOFORB yearling, went postward as the 1-4 favorite following a debut third to Olympian Odyssey (GB) at Newmarket Oct. 29 and a fourth to Ivy Creek at Sandown Apr. 28. Content to take the lead into the home straight, the crowd's choice cruised to the fore at the distance and was pushed clear late to defeat Moonhawk (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}) by 2 1/2 lengths. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, £4,522.

O-Jack Hanson; B-Barronstown Stud & Orpendale; T-William Haggas.

★ FRANCE ★

Wednesday, Longchamp, post time: 2:20 p.m.

PRIX DE L'AVRE-Listed, €47,500, 3yo, 1 1/2mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	2	Britannic (GB)	Rainbow Quest	Fabre
2	3	Sudan (Ire)	Peintre Celebre	Lellouche
3	1	Lauro (Ger)	Monsun (Ger)	Schiergen
4	4	Belle du Ma (Fr)	Zamindar	Chotard

All carry 126 pounds bar Belle du Ma, 122.

Yesterday's Results:

Maisons-Laffitte, 1.50, Cond, €35,000, 2yo, 5fT, 1:02.40, gd/sf.

+ **SANDWAKI (c, 2, Dixieland Band--Wakigoer, by Miswaki)**, a half to Acago (Royal Academy), GSW-Fr, GSP-US, \$165,747, and Quiet Royal (Royal Academy), GSW & G1SP-Fr, \$181,949, was sluggish from the gate and raced in rear through the first fraction. Taking closer order from halfway, the 41-10 chance was pushed to the front with 150 meters remaining and kept on well thereafter to best Pont des Arts (Fr) (Kingsalsa) by a cozy length. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €17,500.

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

Maisons-Laffitte, 3.20, Cond, €26,000, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:44.70, gd/sf.

KEZIA (FR) (f, 3, Spectrum {Ire}--Kresna {Fr}, by Distant Relative {Ire}) placed third in the Apr. 4 Listed Prix Imprudence at this track and occupied the same berth at Longchamp last time May 4. Positioned in fourth until pushed along to challenge approaching the final furlong, the 39-10 took control with 150 meters remaining and safely held the late thrust of Jane Eria (Ire) (King's Best) by a neck. Lifetime Record: MSP-Fr, 11 starts, 2 wins, 9 places, €59,850.

O-Leonidas Marinopoulos; B-Stilvi Compania Financiera SA; T-Carlos Laffon-Parias.

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Maisons-Laffitte, 3.55, Cond (Lady Riders), €21,000, 3yo, 7fT, 1:26.70, gd/sf.

SCARLETT'S PRIDE (FR) (f, 3, Singspiel {Ire}--Brisk Waters, by Saratoga Six) ran fifth in both G2 Prix Robert Papin and Listed Priz Zeddaan at this track last term and came here off a conditions' fourth at Chantilly May 2. Restrained under cover from the outset, the 53-10 chance benefitted from a superbly-judged Hayley Turner ride and closed under sympathetic handling in the latter stages to oust Brescello (Fr) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) by a head on the line. Lifetime Record: 7 starts, 2 wins, 4 places, €35,250.

O/B-Pierre Talvard; T-Nicolas Clement.

★ SWEDEN ★

Yesterday's Results:

TABY VARSPRINT-Listed, SKr400,000, Taby, 5-30, 4yo/up, 1150mT, 1:10.20, gd.

1--**WAQUAAS (GB), 128, g, 10, Green Desert--Hamaya, by Mr. Prospector.** (2,500gns HRA '99 TATJUL). O-Harriet & Goran Hesse et al; B-Shadwell Estate Company Limited; T-Bendik Bo; J-Kim Andersen; SKr200,000. Lifetime Record: GSW-Swe & Nor, 62-17-10-6, SKr4,118,335.

2--**Muskateer Steel (Ire), 128, h, 5, Indian Rocket (GB)--Lady of the Mist (Ire), by Digamist.** (11,500gns 2yo '03 TATAPR). SKr100,000.

3--**Aramus (Chi), 128, h, 9, Royal Danzig--Anysha (Chi), by Baalbek (Chi).** SKr48,000.

Margins: HF, HF, HF. Winner's odds: 8.07.

Also ran: Pipoldchap (Chi), Solvana (Ire), King Nov (Arg), Soudelor (Ire), Steve's Champ (Chi), Cavorting (GB), Lucky Heart (Swe). Scratched: Miyasaki (Chi).

★ IRELAND ★

Yesterday's Results:

Ballinrobe, 6.20, Mdn, €10,406, 3-4yo, 1 1/8mT, 2:03.90, gd.

MARSAM (IRE) (c, 3, Daylami {Ire}--Dancing Prize {Ire} {SP-Eng}, by Sadler's Wells) was runner-up to Puerto Rico (Ire) at The Curragh before finishing third in a Navan maiden in October. Breaking well, the 11-10 pick stalked the early pace before challenging on the final turn. Hitting the front on the approach to the final furlong, the 110,000gns TATNOV weanling was pushed out to beat Misskinta (Ire) (Desert Sun {GB}) by a half length. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-1, €15,689. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Derek Veitch and Saleh Ali Hammadi; T-Dermot Weld.

PRETTY POLLY FOR GOLDRUN

Noel and Miriam O'Callaghan's **Alexander Goldrun (Ire)** (Gold Away {Ire}) is being aimed at the G1 Pretty Polly S. at The Curragh July 1, trainer Jim Bolger announced yesterday. Runner-up to Hurricane Run (Ire) in Sunday's G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup at that track, the five-year-old will attempt to win back-to-back renewals of the 10-furlong contest. "She's very well," he told *PA Sport* yesterday. "She seems nice and fresh and she's been eating up."



★ HONG KONG ★

HKJC ANNOUNCES PURSE INCREASES

The Hong Kong Jockey Club announced yesterday an increase in prize money in Class 2 events and above. "We want to give an incentive to owners to import horses with genuine Class 1 and Group race potential, so it's time to boost prize money where the rewards are greater," explained Winfried Engelbrechts-Bresges, HKJC Executive Director of Racing. "It's also important to note that prize money levels have risen throughout the world during a time when the value of the Hong Kong dollar has dropped against other currencies." All existing Premier class races will be elevated to Group 3 status, raising prize money from HK\$2-million to HK\$2.3-million. Among other owner incentives, the HKJC will award a 'first win bonus' of HK\$400,000 for horses successful in a Class 2 event in their first season to race, while HK\$600,000 will be paid out to winning owners of a Class 1 or Group horse.

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STAKES RESULTS:

MEMORIAL DAY H., \$75,000, MNR, 5-29, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:34 2/5, fm.

1--**#SOLO CAT, 116, g, 6, Tabasco Cat--Remote, by Seattle Slew.** O-James Brunner; B-G Watts Humphrey (KY); T-Byron G Hughes; J-O M Pereira; \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 27-5-4-3, \$190,911.

2--**Touched By Madness, 119, g, 4, Sword Dance (Ire)--Marilyn's Madness, by Shananie.** \$15,000.

3--**Spruce Run, 121, h, 8, Repriced--Spruce Luck, by Big Spruce.** (\$52,000 yrl '99 FTKOCT). \$7,500.

Margins: 1 3/4, 1 1/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 5.80, 3.00, 3.00*.



DECORATION DAY H., \$75,000, MNR, 5-29, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:35 1/5, fm.

1--**LADY GRACE, 120, m, 8, With Approval--Magic Sister (SW, \$116,000), by Mr. Redoy.** O-Loren G Cox III; B-Clement Hirsch (KY); T-L Cox; J-R A Stokes; \$45,750. Lifetime Record: 43-12-5-6, \$349,655.

2--**Solid Platinum, 115, m, 5, Mr. Greeley--For a Night,** by *Forli. \$15,000.

3--**Kaylan's Rose, 121, m, 6, Jambalaya Jazz--Paula's Birthday,** by Strawberry Road (Aus). \$7,500.

Margins: 3/4, 1 1/4, 3 1/4. Odds: 2.80, 5.00, 2.00.

FOX SPORTS NETWORK H., \$40,000, EMD, 5-29, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:14 2/5, ft.

1--**SPANISH HIGHWAY, 116, h, 5, Cahill Road--Prado's Joy, by El Prado (Ire).** O-David & Elaine Parks & K J Star Stable; B-David & Elaine Parks (WA); T-Bill Tollett; J-K Tohill; \$22,000. Lifetime Record: 30-5-6-4, \$159,715.

2--**Flamethrowintexan, 121, g, 5, Way West (Fr)--Willalady,** by Citidancer. (\$11,000 wlng '01 OBSOCT). \$8,000.

3--**Norm's Nephew, 118, g, 4, Jazzing Around--My Lady Mary,** by Son of Briartic. \$6,000.

Margins: NK, 1 3/4, NK. Odds: 6.20, 1.80, 15.40.

HONOR THE HERO TURF EXPRESS S., \$40,000, CBY, 5-29, 3yo/up, 5fT, :56 1/5, fm.

1--**NICOLE'S DREAM, 117, m, 6, Northern Trend--Flying Twosie, by Two's a Plenty.** O-Dare to Dream Stable LLC; B-Frank & Irene Weaver (FL); T-Larry Rivelli; J-E T Baird; \$24,000. Lifetime Record: 44-21-7-3, \$592,774.

2--**America West, 116, h, 6, West By West--Ruby Duby Do,** by Jolie's Halo. (\$4,500 wlng '00 KEENOV). \$8,000.

3--**Rocky River, 122, c, 4, Concorde's Tune--Valid Silk,** by Valid Appeal. (\$220,000 2yo 2004 OBSAPR). \$4,800.

Margins: 3 3/4, 3/4, HF. Odds: 0.40, 13.40, 4.80.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-DEL, \$38,900, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, a5fT, :57 2/5, fm.

MAJESTIC SLEWVILLE (f, 4, Evansville Slew--Majestic Goose, by Simply Majestic) Lifetime Record: 16-4-5-2, \$74,075. O-D and F Stable and Home Team Stables. B-C Green (KY). T-S Lake. *\$2,400 yrl '03 TEXAUG.

7th-DEL, \$38,000, NW1X, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft.

LADY OF SUMMER (f, 3, El Corredor--Muffies Muffin {SW, \$180,368}, by Lord Gaylord) Lifetime Record: SP, 7-2-1-1, \$62,602. O-CJZ Racing Stable. B-Mr & Mrs Charles McGinnes (MD). T-Timothy F Ritchey. *\$150,000 yrl '04 FTKJUL; \$150,000 2yo 2005 FTMMAY. **1/2 to Col. Ralph (Baederwood), MSW, \$143,599; Wicapi (Waquoit), MGSW, \$671,616; Cranberry Muffin (Shelter Half), SW, \$132,005; All The Marbles (Caveat), MSW, \$255,807.

6th-CRC, \$28,000, NW3L, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:42 1/5, fm.

PROSPECT OF LOVE (f, 3, Suave Prospect--Truly Romantic, by Robyn Dancer) Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-1, \$108,655. O-lone & Herbert Elkins. B-Farnsworth Farms (FL). T-William A Kaplan. *\$50,000 2yo 2005 OBSAPR.

8th-PHA, \$21,577, NW1X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09 4/5, ft.

JACOB'S ARCH (h, 5, Arch--Naughty Natisha, by Known Fact) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-4, \$52,010. O-Malvern Stable Inc. B-Dr William B Wilmot & Dr Joan M Taylor (KY). T-Robert Mosco. *\$110,000 yrl '02 KEESEP. **1/2 to Pupil (Unbridled), SW & MGSP, \$204,280; Naughty New Yorker (Quiet American), MSW & MGSP, \$400,352.

8th-FLX, \$20,100, NW2BX, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12 2/5, ft.

THATSWHYWEBOUGHTTO (g, 5, Sea Salute--Marital Ransom, by Red Ransom) Lifetime Record: 18-5-2-2, \$106,129. O-The Nine Horsemen. B-Roger L Toffolon (NY). T-Linda Rice.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Stash McCann, c, 2, Fappie's Notebook--Extra Appealing, by Montbrook. CRC, 5-30, (C), 4 1/2f, :55 1/5. B-Virginia L & William Rice (FL). *\$22,000 yrl '05 OBSAUG. **First winner for freshman sire (by Notebook).

+ **El Bandido Rojo, c, 2, Star of Valor--Win Not Place,** by Out of Place. CRC, 5-30, (C), 5f, :59 2/5. B-Charles Spence (FL).

Crafty Chip, c, 3, Crafty Prospector--Chickapee, by Alleged. DEL, 5-30, (C), 6f, 1:10 3/5. B-Marvin Little Jr & James Iselin (Ky). *\$20,000 yrl '04 KEESEP; \$95,000 2yo 2005 OBSJUN. **1/2 to Strike Me Lucky (Smart Strike), SW & GSP, \$115,300.

Our Dilemma, f, 3, Sword Dance (Ire)--Pleasant Dilemma (MSW, \$262,295), by Premiership. CRC, 5-30, (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:41 4/5. B-G Campbell (FL).

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Cnoc Rua (Ire), g, 2, Redback (GB)--Tuft Hill (GB), by Grundy (Ire). Ballinrobe, Ireland, 5-29, Mdn, 2yo, 6fT. B-Tally-Ho Stud. *€7,000 yrl '05 TATIRE. **Fourth winner for freshman sire (by Mark of Esteem {Ire}).

Kersimon (Fr), c, 3, Simon du Desert (Fr)--Blue Mary (Fr), by Fabulous Dancer. Maisons-Laffitte, France, 5-30, Cond, 3yo, c/g, 1mT. B-SCEA des Prairies & Patrick Kienlen. *€55,000 yrl '04 DEAOCT.