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PLETCHER TAKES CLASSIC AIM

Todd Pletcher has won numerous training titles and has secured Eclipse Awards as the nation's top conditioner the past two years, but he has yet to saddle a winner of a Triple Crown race. That could change Saturday, when he sends out the two favorites on the



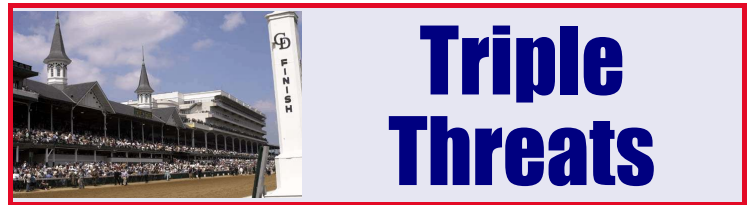
Bluegrass Cat Horsephotos

morning line for the \$1-million GI Belmont S., **Bluegrass Cat** (Storm Cat) (3-1) and **Sunriver** (Saint Ballado) (4-1). Sunriver, who will break from post two with Rafael Bejarano in the irons, is coming off a rallying win in the GII Peter Pan S. May 20. "I thought it was a perfect prep for the Belmont," said Pletcher. "He's a horse that has steadily improved every day

that we've had him. Around the barn, we were talking about him being our sleeper in January, February and March." Bluegrass Cat has been away since his runner-up finish to Barbaro in the GI Kentucky Derby May 6, and attempts to become the fourth colt in the last six years to win the 12-furlong Classic after skipping the GI Preakness S. The bay has Pletcher's main man John Velazquez aboard and has drawn the nine hole. That Velazquez is able to take the mount on Bluegrass Cat is significant. It originally was thought that the Puerto Rican, injured in a spill Apr. 20, would be on the sidelines until late summer. But fans of Velazquez had to wait just six weeks to see him return to the saddle. Last Friday, he won a Belmont allowance race in his first start back. The horse's trainer? Todd Pletcher. "He's recovered quicker than we could have hoped for," said Pletcher. "We weren't sure when it first happened whether he would be back for Saratoga, even. So he's healed really quickly, and he's come back and ridden well a couple of times already in the past week." Velazquez, who like Pletcher has never won a Classic race, has been aboard Bluegrass Cat in six of the colt's eight races, including his win in the GIII Nashua S. over the Belmont strip last October. **Belmont cont. p2**



Sunriver Adam Coglianese



Saturday, Belmont Park

BELMONT S.-GI, \$1,000,000, 3yo, 1 1/2m

PP HORSE SIRE ODDS
1 Platinum Couple Tale of the Cat 30-1
 O-Team TriStar Stable; B-Tri Star Stables LLC (NY); T-Joseph Lostritto; J-J Espinoza. Lifetime Record: SW, 10-2-1-2, \$125,457.

Last Start: 6th May 20 GI Preakness S.

2 Sunriver Saint Ballado 4-1
 O/B-Aaron & Marie Jones (KY); T-Todd Pletcher; J-R Bejarano. Lifetime Record: GSW & GISP, 7-3-2-1, \$281,400.

Last Start: 1st May 20 GII Peter Pan S.

3 Hemingway's Key Notebook 15-1
 (\$210,000 2yo '05 OBSFEB)
 O-Kinsman Stable; B-Ocala Stud Farm (FL); T-Nicholas Zito; J-J Rose. Lifetime Record: GISP, 7-2-0-1, \$159,498.

Last Start: 3rd May 20 GI Preakness S.

4 Bob and John Seeking the Gold 5-1
 O/B-Stonerside Stable (KY); T-Bob Baffert; J-G Gomez. Lifetime Record: GISW, 10-4-1-3, \$680,070.

Last Start: 17th May 6 GI Kentucky Derby

5 High Finance Talk is Money 12-1
 (\$72,000 wnl '03 KEENOV; \$120,000 yrl '04 FTKJUL)
 O-West Point Stable; B-Dan Borislow (KY); T-Richard Violette Jr; J-E Coa. Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-1, \$75,145.

Last Start: 1st May 4 alw BEL

6 Oh So Awesome Awesome Again 20-1
 (\$115,000 wnl '03 KEENOV; \$90,000 yrl '04 KESEP)
 O-Team Valor Stable; B-Highland Farms (KY); T-James Jerkens; J-M Smith. Lifetime Record: SP, 7-1-2-2, \$33,262.

Last Start: 3rd May 19 Match the Hatch S. BEL

7 Deputy Glitters Deputy Commander 15-1
 O/B-Joseph LaCombe Stable (KY); T-Tom Albertrani; J-E Prado. Lifetime Record: GSW, 8-2-1-0, \$205,548.

Last Start: 8th May 6 GI Kentucky Derby

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- 8 Jazil** **Seeking the Gold** **10-1**
 (\$725,000 yrl '04 KEESEP)
 O-Shadwell Farm LLC; B-Skara Glen Stables (KY);
 T-Kiaran McLaughlin; J-F Jara. Lifetime Record: GISP,
 7-1-3-0, \$272,217.
Last Start: 4th (DH) May 6 GI Kentucky Derby
- 9 Bluegrass Cat** **Storm Cat** **3-1**
 O/B-WinStar Farm LLC (KY); T-Todd Pletcher;
 J-J Velazquez. Lifetime Record: MGSW & GISP,
 8-4-2-0, \$761,280.
Last Start: 2nd May 6 GI Kentucky Derby
- 10 Double Galore** **Grand Slam** **30-1**
 O/B/T-Myung Kwon Cho (KY); J-M Luzzi. Lifetime Re-
 cord: 5-1-0-1, \$38,720.
Last Start: 1st May 19 msw HOL
- 11 Steppenwolver** **Aptitude** **9-2**
 (\$25,000 yrl '04 KEESEP; \$375,000 2yo '05 OBSAPR)
 O-Robert & Lawana Low; B-Nursery Place & Partners
 (KY); T-Daniel Peitz; J-R Albarado. Lifetime Record:
 GISP, 9-3-2-2, \$561,520.
Last Start: 3rd May 6 GI Kentucky Derby
- 12 Sacred Light** **Holy Bull** **15-1**
 O/B-Amerman Racing Stables LLC (KY); T-David
 Hofmans; J-V Espinoza. Lifetime Record: MGSP,
 7-1-2-2, \$148,340.
Last Start: 2nd May 6 alw CD

Belmont Notes cont.

High Finance Schools at Belmont...

After taking a few questions from emcee Tom Durkin at yesterday's draw breakfast at Belmont Park, trainer Rick Violette, Jr. rushed out of the Garden Terrace restaurant and down to the track's paddock to oversee the schooling of **High Finance** (Talk Is Money), who will break from post five in the Belmont. If all goes well Saturday for the colt, who comes off an impressive one-mile allowance win at Belmont May 4, Violette may be rushing to the winner's circle, instead. "He's really starting to mature physically into an exceptional three-year-old," the conditioner said. Violette added that the chestnut's versatility is a major advantage when it comes to drawing up tactics for the Belmont. "I'm not going to ask [jockey] Eibar Coa to throw him down not to be on the lead," said Violette. "Handicapping the race, we're probably the quickest, and if that comes to us easily and unpressured, we'll be glad to take it. But we don't have to be there, either."

Closers to be Closer?

Steppenwolver (Aptitude) and **Jazil** (Seeking the Gold) have earned reputations as deep closers, and the style has paid dividends for both. Steppenwolver got up for third in the GI Kentucky Derby, while Jazil, a come-from-the-clouds second in the GI Wood Memorial S., rallied to be a dead-heat fourth in the Derby. With no confirmed speedballs in the Belmont and at a marathon 12 furlongs, expect them to be closer to the pace than normal, say their trainers. "I'm not expecting him to be that far back in the race, going a mile and a half," said Danny Peitz, Steppenwolver's conditioner. "I don't see him more than five lengths back early. The distance of the Belmont separates a lot of these horses, and I don't think we'll have a problem with that." Jazil's trainer, Kiaran McLaughlin, had similar sentiments. "I don't see him being as far back as he was in the Wood or in the Derby," he said. "It looks like there should be an honest pace, and that can only help us."

From Derby Loser to Belmont Winner...

During the last 50 years of the 20th century, not a single horse went straight from a loss in the Kentucky Derby to a win in the Belmont Stakes without at least one race in between. However, three of the six Belmont winners since the turn of the century have used just that strategy. They are:

Year	Horse	Derby Finish
2000	Commendable	17th
2003	Empire Maker	2nd
2004	Birdstone	8th

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☆ RESULTS ☆

Wednesday, Leopardstown, Ireland

BALLYOGAN S.-G3, €69,300, Leopardstown, 6-7, 3yo/up, f/m, 6fT, 1:14.38, gd.

1--#**@YOMALO (IRE)**, 132, m, 6, by Woodborough

1st Dam: Alkariyh, by Alydar

2nd Dam: Khwlah, by Best Turn

3rd Dam: Priceless Fame, by Irish Castle

(5,000gns yrl '01 TATOCT). O-F Nowell; B-Ballyhane Stud; T-Rae Guest; J-Pat Smullen; €45,500. Lifetime Record: SP-GB, 35-6-10-2, €128,924.

2--**Noelani (Ire)**, 135, f, 4, Indian Ridge (Ire)--Dawnsio (Ire), by Tate Gallery. O-Lady Clague; B-Newberry Stud Company; T-John Oxx; €14,000.

3--**Mecca's Mate (GB)**, 132, 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; €7,000.

Margins: HF, NK, HD. Odds: 9-1, 8-1, 9-2.

Also Ran: Miss Sally (Ire), Modeeroch (Ire), Moone Cross (Ire), Grandfield (Ire).

Like many older sprinters, Yomalo's career took off without warning, and she has barely stopped improving since her second in the Listed Cathedral S. at Salisbury last June. Fourth in the valuable and highly competitive Ayr Gold Cup H. in September, she had been kept busy on the all-weather through the winter and finished sixth after a break in the Listed Lansdown S. back on turf at Bath last time May 2. The chestnut settled in third early, challenged wide in the straight and overhauled the game long-time leader Noelani in the final 50 yards. "She loves fast ground and has improved a lot in the last two years," trainer Rae Guest explained. "She's just changed and got stronger with maturity, and will probably creep into the Wokingham H. [at Royal Ascot June 24] with that penalty." [Click here for the Racing Post chart.](#)

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☆ PREVIEW ☆

Saturday, Belmont Park

MANHATTAN H.-GI, \$400,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Good Reward	Storm Cat	Castellano	118
2	Relaxed Gesture (Ire)	Indian Ridge (Ire)	Desormeaux	119
3	Sabre d'Argent	Kris S.	Coa	114
4	Cacique (Ire)	Danehill	Prado	120
5	Grey Swallow (Ire)	Daylami (Ire)	Solis	122
6	Interpatation	Langfuhr	Turner	113
7	Silver Whistle	Alphabet Soup	C Velasquez	116
8	English Channels	Smart Strike	J Velasquez	122
9	Dreadnaught	Lac Ouimet	Gomez	115

Saturday, Belmont Park

ACORN S.-GI, \$250,000, 3yo, f, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
1	Last Romance	Wild Rush	Prado
2	Adieu	El Corredor	Gomez
3	Bushfire	Louis Quatorze	Solis
4	She's Excellent	Senor Speedy	Jara
5	Wonder Lady Anne L	Real Quiet	Bejarano
6	Miraculous Miss	Mr. Greeley	Desormeaux
7	Teammate	A.P. Indy	C Velasquez
8	Hello Liberty	Forest Camp	Arroyo Jr.
9	Ermine	Exchange Rate	Albarado

Saturday, Belmont Park

JUST A GAME H.-GII, \$300,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Ozone Bere (Fr)	Verglas (Ire)	Castellano	116
2	Gorella (Fr)	Grape Tree Road (GB)	Leparoux	120
3	Wend	Pulpit	Prado	119
4	Bright Abundance	Quiet American	Migliore	115
5	Mirabilis	Lear Fan	Gomez	119
6	Pommes Frites	Dynaformer	C Velasquez	116

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***WOODY STEPHENS BREEDERS' CUP S.-GII,**
\$250,000, 3yo, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Too Much Bling	Rubiano	Gomez	123
2	Likely	Yes It's True	Leparoux	123
3	Noonmark	Unbridled's Song	Bridgmohan	115
4	Fabulous Strike	Smart Strike	Vega	119
5	Keyed Entry	Honour and Glory	J Velazquez	123
6	Doc Cheney	Saint Ballado	Hill	115
7	Dontfearthereaper	Stormin Fever	Espinoza	115
8	Saint Daimon	Saint Ballado	Samyn	119
9	Songster	Songandaprayer	Prado	123

*Formerly the Riva Ridge Breeders' Cup S.

Saturday, Belmont Park

TRUE NORTH H.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Vicarage	Vicar	J Velazquez	116
2	Mach Speed	A.P. Indy	Luzzi	113
3a	Tiger	Storm Boot	Coa	116
4	Celtic Innis	Yarrow Brae	C Velasquez	113
5	Spanish Chestnut	Horse Chestnut (SAf)	Leparoux	117
6	Uncle Camie	Abaginone	Migliore	115
7a	Voodoo	Petionville	Castellano	114
8	Anew	Awesome Again	Garcia	113

☆ NEWS TODAY ☆

ECLIPSE OPTION FOR PERCY Anthony

Pakenham's G1 Epsom Derby winner **Sir Percy (GB)** (Mark of Esteem {Ire}) may sidestep the Irish equivalent in favor of a tilt at the G1 Eclipse S. at Sandown July 8. Trainer Marcus Tregoning is looking at the 10-furlong contest for last Saturday's Blue Riband hero, who was initially thought certain to be headed to The Curragh for the July 2 G1 Irish Derby after his short-head success. "He stayed a mile and a half really well, but I want him to have the chance to show his speed," Tregoning said yesterday. "He showed plenty of speed as a two-year-old and won the G1 Dewhurst S., but it would be nice to see if he can win a top-class mile-and-a-quarter race, so I want to monitor it. Having said that, he would take on his own age group in Ireland and will be much more solid and stronger in the autumn, when it is much easier to take on the older horses." The Lambourn conditioner believes there is more to come from the colt, who had troubled preparations before finishing runner-up in the May 6 G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket and the Epsom Classic. He is drawing on his time working for Dick Hern, who prepared Nashwan to win the G1 2000 Guineas, G1 Epsom Derby, G1 Eclipse S. and G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond S., before flopping in his prep for the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. "His preparation for the Guineas was not straightforward, as he wrenched a joint and it held him up and he won the Derby off two pieces of work," Tregoning continued. "He's still physically and mentally immature and if we rush his next race, it could be his undoing, so it is fairly crucial to what happens in the autumn. We cannot expect him to go spring, summer and autumn, and if he is to run in the [Oct. 1] Arc, he will need a lengthy summer break before one prep race. It was incredible what Dick Hern did with Nashwan, but he had gone over the top by the autumn, and we don't want to go to the well too often."

★ BELMONT S. WORKTAB ★

BELMONT PARK

Oh So Awesome (Awesome Again), 4f(tt), :48.61, 7/38

THE SIX FASTEST BELMONTS

Year	Horse	1/4	3/4	1m	Final
1973	Secretariat	:23 3/5	1:09 1/5	1:34 1/5	2:24
1989	Easy Goer	:23 1/5	1:11 1/5	1:35 4/5	2:26
2001	Point Given	:23 4/5	1:11 3/5	1:35 2/5	2:26 2/5
1992	A.P. Indy	:23 1/5	1:11 4/5	1:36 1/5	2:26 2/5
1988	Risen Star	:23 2/5	1:11 4/5	1:36 2/5	2:26 2/5
1978	Affirmed	:25 2/5	1:14	1:37 2/5	2:26 4/5

Now **5** Group/Listed winners in 2006...

1. CHAIBIA (3yo) won **Prix Finlande-L.R.** for David Smaga and 4th in **Prix Saint-Alary-Gr.1** on May 21.
2. ART DECO (3yo) won **Dee Stakes-Gr.3** and 4th (btn 1L.) in **Prix du Jockey Club-Gr.1** on June 4.
3. LOUVRE ROYALE won **Top Corsage Handicap-L.R.** at Churchill Downs on May 28.
4. PRIDE won **Prix Corrida-Gr.2** for Alain de Royer-Dupre at Saint-Cloud on May 29.
5. CELEBRE VADALA (3yo) won **Prix Melisande-L.R.** for Andre Fabre at Fontainebleau yesterday.

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Also at Fontainebleau
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2yo runner of 2006,
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NORTH AMERICA ★

FAVORITE TRICK, SARATOGA SIX DIE IN BARN FIRE *Courtesy of www.bloodhorse.com.*

Favorite Trick (Phone Trick--Evil Elaine, by Medieval man), the 1997 Horse of the Year as a two-year-old, and **Saratoga Six** (Alydar--Priceless Fame, by Irish Castle), a Grade I winner, died last night in a barn fire at Jim and Marilyn Helzer's JEH Stallion Station near Hondo, New Mexico. They were among six stallions, including three Quarter Horses, that died in the blaze. "It came about 9:00 last night," said farm manager Dr. Donald McDonald. "The night watchman came to check the stallions about 30 minutes before. Everything was fine, and he turned out the lights. At 9:00, he came out of another barn and saw the stallion barn engulfed with flames. They didn't have a chance." An investigation into the cause of the fire is underway. Eleven-year-old Favorite Trick began his stallion career at John T.L. Jones Jr.'s Walmac International near Lexington and later stood at John Sykes' Cloverleaf Farms II in Florida. Twenty-four-year-old Saratoga Six started out at Franklin Groves' North Ridge Farm near Lexington, then later stood at Walmac. Each stood at JEH for a syndicate.

For the complete story, click [here](#).

STAKES CLOSINGS

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★ **ON THE WORKTAB** ★

BELMONT

Flashy Bull (Holy Bull), 4f (tr.), :47.63, 1/38
Oh So Awesome (Awesome Again), 4f (tr.), :48.61, 7/38

HENNY HUGHES NEARS RETURN Unraced since running second in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile at Belmont Park last fall, **Henny Hughes** (Hennessy) has been training steadily and, if all goes well, will make his return in the GIII Jersey Shore Breeders' Cup S. at Monmouth Park July 1. Henny Hughes opened his career at Monmouth last summer, winning a maiden test by six lengths in June, then romped to a 15-length victory in the Tremont S. at Belmont July 4. Bought by Sheikh Rashid bin Mohammed al Maktoum for a reported \$4.3 million after that impressive effort, he came right back to make it three-for-three in the GII Saratoga Special July 28. The chestnut was not disgraced when second in the GI Hopeful S. at Saratoga in August and the GI Champagne S. at Belmont in October, and was beaten just a length and a quarter by champion Stevie Wonderboy on Breeders' Cup day. He was sent to Dubai over the winter, returning to McLaughlin Apr. 1. "He's doing great," he said. "He looks even better than last year; he has matured nicely." The three-year-old dashed a half in :47.56 at Belmont May 29 and could be ready to roll in time for the six-furlong Jersey Shore. "He has been working pretty much weekly and, if he keeps moving forward, we are hopeful of making the race at Monmouth," McLaughlin said.



Henny Hughes *A Coglianese*

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2nd-BMX (MSW, \$30K) Mattie Camp (Forest Camp) debuts with the victory.

BREEDERS' CUP STAKES CLOSINGS

	CLOSES	TRACK RACE	CONDITIONS	PURSE	RUNS
	6/10	BEL New York Breeders' Cup H. (GII)	3YO/UP, f/m, 1 1/4mT	\$250,000	6/24
	6/14	HOL Cinema Breeders' Cup H. (GIII)	3YO, 1 1/8mT	\$150,000	6/25

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TODAY'S INSIGHTS

3:36p TVG **6th-BEL, \$47K, Alw/Opt Clm, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f**
LITTLE MONEY DOWN (West Acre) won two in a row before running second by a half-length in the GII Forward Gal S. at Gulfstream. She has not been out since that Mar. 5, 2005 outing, but trainer John Ward Jr. fires at a 25-percent clip off the extended layoff. **Yolanda B. Too (Two Punch)**, third in the GI Gazelle H. and second by a nose in the GII Cotillion H., makes her first start since running 12th in the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff. [brisnet.com pps](http://brisnet.com)

5:53p TVG **4th-HOL, \$45K, Msw, 2yo, 5f**
MR. NEGOTIATOR (Stormin Fever), a \$210K BESMAR juvenile, makes his first start for trainer Bob Baffert. The dark bat has been working sharply for his bow. **Silver State (Carson City)** and **Spark of Dubai (E Dubai)** have also been training forwardly for their debuts. [brisnet.com pps](http://brisnet.com)

6:23p TVG **5th-HOL, \$53K, Alw, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT**
ZAP (A.P. Indy) looks for his fourth straight. The dark bay comes off a head score going 10 panels on the Hollywood turf May 18. **Fort Dignity (Seeking the Gold)**, a Listed winner in Britain, closed to win his U.S. bow, a Hollywood allowance test May 21. [brisnet.com pps](http://brisnet.com)

★ **NEW YORK** ★

Yesterday's Results:

5th-BEL, \$47,000, Alw, NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (off turf), 1:11, sy.
FIGHTING SPEEDY (f, 4, Senor Speedy--Scraping, by Fight Over) got up for third as a 25-1 outsider against fellow New York-breds in the Mar. 12 Broadway H., then tried her luck against open-company allowance foes at Aqueduct Apr. 7 and cruised to a four-length score as the 19-10 chalk. An even-fourth in an optional claimer at May 18, the chestnut was let go at 9-1 to get back on track in the slop here. Fifth early, Fighting Speedy went after the leaders after a half in :46.20 and outfinished New Dimension (Golden Missile) for a head victory. Lifetime Record: SP, 23-5-7-5, \$205,120. O-Castle Village Farm. B-R Perez (NY). T-Leah Gyarmati.

4th-BEL, \$44,000, Msw, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37 2/5, sy.
SALTY AND SAINTLY (c, 3, Pulpit--One Wild Ride, by Southern Halo), despite racing greenly, closed well to finish fourth in a 6 1/2-furlong maiden over this track May 6. Given Lasix this time as the 2-1 second choice, the \$160,000 KEESEP yearling was on the engine early, maintained a comfortable cushion throughout and had enough left to fend off Act of Contrition (Broken Vow) by 3/4 of a length. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](http://Video) Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$28,550. O-Weyhill Farms. B-Cross Ranch Ltd A (KY). T-W Mott.

BRIS Speed Ratings
Top Weekly Stakes Races

Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
Lost in the Fog	Lost Soldier	Aristides Breeders' Cup H.-G3	107
Gold Storm	Seeking the Gold	Need For Speed S.	105
High Expectations	Peaks and Valleys	Zen S.	102
Wait a While	Maria's Mon	Sands Point S.	102
Rush Bay	Cozzene	Opening Verse H.	102
Carthage	Smoke Glacken	Bay Meadows Breeders' Cup Sprint H.-G3	101
Yucatan	Favorite Trick	Texas Glitter H.	101
Mama Nadine	A.P. Indy	Little Silver S.	97
Joint Effort	Runaway Groom	Dogwood Breeders' Cup S.-G3	97
She's That Cat	American Chance	Ohio Valley H.	97
One Way Flight	Precise End	New York Stallion Spectacular Bid S.	96
Lord Robyn	Robyn Dancer	Blazing Sword S.	96
Fin (GB)	Groom Dancer	John W. Rooney Memorial S.	96
Naissance Royale (Ire)	Giant's Causeway	Nassau S.-G2	96
Catlaunch	Noble Cat	Mike Rowland Memorial H.	96
Equal Opportunity	Rahy	Awad S.	95
Modjadji	Pioneering	Your Ladyship S.	95
Venomous	Rare Brick	King's Court S.	95
No Reason	Precise End	New York Stallion Cupecoy's Joy S.	94
Katy Smiles	Limit Out	Hoist Her Flag S.	94
Halo Steven	Halo's Image	Jim Coleman Province H.	93
Pipers Thunder	Thunder Gulch	Plate Trial S.	93
Proposed	Benchmark	Milady Breeders' Cup H.-G2	93
Beau Watch	Beau Genius	Wild Rose S.	92

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★ **EAST** ★

Suffolk Cancels Racing:

Suffolk Downs was forced to cancel its live race card Wednesday due to high winds and heavy rain in the East Boston area. Live racing is scheduled to resume at the track on Saturday with a first post time of 12:45 p.m.

Yesterday's Results:

6th-DEL, \$40,000, Alw, NW2X, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:41, ft.
LES RY LEIGH (f, 3, Broken Vow--Azusa {MSW, \$189,272}, by Flying Paster) came from off the pace to take a six-furlong allowance over this track May 16 and was backed down to 4-5 favoritism to take her first try at a mile. Never far behind early leader Zoey Power (Wolf Power {SAf}), the dark bay overtook that foe a furlong out and drew clear to score by 2 1/4 lengths. The \$12,000 KEESEP yearling purchase is a half to Najjm (Dynaformer), SW-Stp, \$146,321; and Unforgettable Too (You And I), MSP, \$207,777. Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-1, \$71,584. O-M Pressley. B-Bittersweet Farm (MD). T-J G Jones.



★ CENTRAL ★

Foster Hopefuls Work:

GISW **Brass Hat** (Prized), runner-up in the G1 Dubai World Cup last time out, and multi-millionaire **Perfect Drift** (Dynaformer) prepped for the June 17 GI Stephen Foster H. at Churchill's Trackside Louisville training center this week. Brass Hat worked five panels in 1:02.80 Wednesday, while Perfect Drift went the same distance in 1:00.20 Tuesday. Now five, Brass Hat capped a three-race winning streak with a 4 3/4-length victory in the GI Donn H. at Gulfstream in February. The gelding was 1 1/2 lengths behind Electrocutonist in the Dubai World Cup, but lost out on the purse money in that event after testing positive after the race. "All systems are go--[jockey Willie Martinez, aboard for the breeze] said he's as strong as he's ever been," trainer "Buff" Bradley said. Perfect Drift won the Foster in 2003 and has been third in the event the last two years. Tenth in the May 6 GI Woodford Reserve Turf Classic last time out, he bids for his first win since taking the GII Washington Park H. last July. "Everything's looking really good," trainer Murray Johnson said. "We'll work one more time and we should be should be good."

Yesterday's Results:

6th-CDX, \$50,000, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:38 2/5, fm.

REDI ROLLER (f, 3, Twining--Launch the Dream, by Danzig Connection) passed plenty of tired rivals, but couldn't get near the winner when third last time in a six-furlong test at Keeneland Apr. 27. Overlooked at 18-1 here, the \$2,200 KEESEP yearling settled in midpack early before encountering some traffic at the three-furlong marker, but soon moved clear. Swung wide for the stretch drive, the chestnut came on strong late to win by 3/4 of a length over Supple (Grand Slam). Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-1, \$37,585. O-William B Robinson. B-Mr & Mrs Robert M Clinkinbeard (KY). T-Craig T Holstein.

4th-CDX, \$48,000, Msw, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:43 1/5, ft.

STUDENT COUNCIL (c, 4, Kingmambo--Class Kris {MGSW, \$582,129}, by Kris S.) couldn't get his act together in three starts in 2004, and the 2005 season did little to redeem him. A well-beaten fourth in his only start last year, a seven-furlong maiden at Keeneland Oct. 22, the 1/2 to Gradepoint (A.P. Indy), GSW, \$144,285, filled that same spot in his 2006 reappearance going 6 1/2 panels last time out at Churchill Downs May 14. The homebred, given a 4-1 chance graduate, settled behind early pacesetter Royal Treasury (Louis Quatorze), took over a sixteenth out and inched clear to post a 3/4-length victory. Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-0, \$39,058. O/B-William S Farish (KY). T-Neil J Howard.

★ WEST ★

Yesterday's Results:

2nd-BMX, \$30,225, Msw, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f, :52, ft.
+ MATTIE CAMP (f, 2, Forest Camp--Mattie Kate, by Major Impact) tracked the early pace, came three wide turning for home and ran clear late to hand No Name Just Game (Good and Tough) a two-length defeat. The 3-1 chance was a \$50,000 KEENOV weanling and \$85,000 KEESEP yearling purchase. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$16,500. O-Erik Amlie, Mark Dedomenico & Jerry Hollendorfer. B-Brereton C Jones (KY). T-Jerry Hollendorfer.

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN BRITAIN:

And Again, f, 3, In the Wings (GB). See "Britain."
Librettist, c, 4, Danzig. See "Britain."

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Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2003 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

- E DUBAI** (Mr. Prospector), Darley, \$15K, 47/0/0
4-HOL, Msw, 5f, +Spark of Dubai, \$6K KEE SEP yrl
- INCLUDE** (Broad Brush), Airdrie, \$13K, 107/1/0
1-HOL, Msw, 5f, +Kisses Included, \$75K OBS MAR 2yo
- OFFICER** (Bertrando), Gainesway, \$13K, 85/2/0
1-HOL, Msw, 5f, +Against the Law, \$55K KEE SEP yrl
- SNOW RIDGE** (Tabasco Cat), Padua, \$5K, 63/0/0
7-LS, Msw, 5f, +Ridge of Fury, \$12K KEE SEP yrl, 20-1

Second-crop starters to Watch: Thursday, June 8

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

- BROKEN VOW** (Unbridled), Pin Oak, \$10K, 188/36/2
4-HOL, Msw, 5f, +Agreed Affair, \$100K BAR MAR 2yo
- CLASH BY NIGHT** (Conquistador Cielo), Pensioned, \$2K, 46/5/0
5-PEN, Stk, 6f, Miss Artic Night, \$5K EAS DEC yrl
- KING CUGAT** (Kingmambo), Lane's End, \$10K, 101/11/2
4-HOL, Msw, 5f, +King At Play, \$3K KEE SEP yrl
- SAILOR'S WARNING** (Storm Cat), Dead, \$3K, 23/2/0
4-MTH, Msw, 6f, +Don't Question, 6-1

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★ **ON THE WORKTAB** ★

CHURCHILL DOWNS

Bending Strings (American Chance), 5f, 1:00.40, 1/27
Greater Good (Intidab), 5f, 1:02.60, 16/27
Wild Desert (Wild Rush), 6f, 1:16.20, 3/4
Brass Hat (Prized), 5f (tr.), 5f, 1:02.80, 4/5

HOLLYWOOD

Sagitta Ra (Run Softly), 3f, :38.60, 17/21

SANTA ANITA

Declan's Moon (Malibu Moon), 5f, 1:00.00, 3/39



NTRA REPORT FROM
Capitol Hill

Congressional Horse Caucus Meets

Members of the Congressional Horse Caucus met in Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, June 6 to receive updates on federal legislation that pertains to horse racing, including Internet gaming, equine identification, immigration and the Equine Equity Act. Co-chaired by Reps. [Ben Chandler](#) (D-KY) and [John Sweeney](#) (R-NY), the 60-member Caucus includes representatives from 23 states.

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CORRECTION: In Wednesday's *TDN* we incorrectly listed the sire to which Buffalo Berry would be bred back. She will be bred back to El Prado (Ire). The correct foaling report appears below, and we regret the error.

BUFFALO BERRY (IRE), 9, Sri Pekan--Palm Dove by Storm Bird
Foal born May 4, a colt by Unbridled's Song.
Will be bred back to El Prado (Ire).
Owned by Edmund J Loder.
Boarded at Mill Ridge Farm, Ky.
Accomplishments: GSW-US, MSW & G1SP-Ire, \$144,075. Dam of Chattahoochee War (War Chant), GSW, \$465,821.

BELMONT T.V. COVERAGE

Thursday: "Citgo Wire-to-Wire"	1-1:30 p.m.	ESPN2
Friday: "Today at Belmont Park"	5-6 p.m.	ESPN2
Saturday: "Today at the Belmont S."	12-3 p.m.	ESPN
Saturday: "The Belmont S. Special"	3-5 p.m.,	ESPN
Saturday: "The Belmont Stakes"	5-7 p.m.	ABC
Saturday: "Triple Crown 2006"	7:30-8 p.m.	ESPN

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June 11, ESPN, 3:30-5:30 a.m.
June 12 at 2-4 a.m., ESPN2 and 8-10 a.m. on ESPN Classic



SPECIOSA FOR CORONATION Trainer Pam Sly has confirmed the G1 2000 Guineas heroine **Speciosa (Ire)** (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) on course for the June 23 G1 Coronation S. at Royal Ascot. Fourth to Alexandrova (Ire) in Friday's G1 Epsom Oaks, the May 7 Newmarket Classic victress will return to a mile for her next outing. "She's absolutely fine and has been out in her pen every day for about four hours and on the walker," Sly said yesterday. "She's in the Coronation S., which I think I'm probably best going for, keeping her with the three-year-old fillies. The G1 Falmouth S. [at Newmarket July 12] would mean taking on the hardened older mares."

ICON ASCOT-BOUND? Susan Roy's **Sixties Icon (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}) is being aimed at the G2 King Edward VII S. at Royal Ascot June 23, trainer Jeremy Noseda announced yesterday. Racing for only the third time in Saturday's G1 Epsom Derby, the Windsor maiden winner finished just over five lengths behind Sir Percy (GB) in fifth and will tackle the Royal meeting if the ground is suitable. "I was delighted with his performance," Noseda commented. "He was definitely a little bit inexperienced, at such a point in his career, for the test the Derby presents. Also, the ground was slightly faster than ideal. Touch wood, Sixties Icon has taken the race extremely well. But a tilt at the King Edward VII would only come under consideration if the ground were good or softer."

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Yesterday's Results:

PRIX MELISANDE (GRAND PRIX DE FONTAINEBLEAU)-Listed, €50,000, Fontainebleau, 6-7, 3yo, f, 1 1/4mT, 2:02.80, gd/sf.

1--**#CELEBRE VADALA (FR)**, 123, f, 3, by **Peintre Celebre**
 1st Dam: **Vadlamixa (Fr) (SW-Fr)**, by **Linamix (Fr)**
 2nd Dam: **Vadlava (Fr)**, by **Bikala (Ire)**
 3rd Dam: **Vadsa**, by **Halo**

O-H H The Aga Khan; B-SNC Lagardere Elevage; T-Andre Fabre; J-C Soumillon; €25,000. Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €46,500. *1/2 to Valixir (Ire) (Tremolino), G1SW-Fr & GB, \$994,835.

2--**Fantastic Santanyi (GB)**, 123, f, 3, **Fantastic Light-Fresher (GB)**, by **Fabulous Dancer**. (40,000gns yrl '04 TATOCT). €10,000.

3--**Nowisza (Fr)**, 123, f, 3, **Ocean of Wisdom--Byanozza (GB)**, by **Mtoto (GB)**. (€7,500 wnl '03 DEADEC). €7,500.

Margins: 2, 3/4, 1. Odds: 1.10, 7.60, 6.70. Also ran: **Tonic Star (Fr)**, **Private Dancer (Fr)**, **Folle Biche (Fr)**, **In the Fashion (Ire)**.

Celebre Vadala impressed when winning her first go at Saint-Cloud Apr. 14, but failed to hit the board in her stakes debut, finishing fourth in the Listed Prix de la Seine at Longchamp one month later. Putting matters right here, she recorded a career best in decisive fashion. Positioned fourth after the opening exchanges, the Lagardere-bred bay made smooth headway to challenge at the two pole. She was in command soon after and ran on strongly in the latter stages to easily hold the vain bid of Fantastic Santanyi.

Fontainebleau, 2.35, Cond, €33,000, 3yo, c/g, 1 9/16mT, 2:44.60, gd/sf.

BRODIMIX (IRE) (c, 3, **Linamix {Fr}--Broad and High {SP-US}**, by **Broad Brush**), a fast-closing second on debut at Maisons-Laffitte May 17, enjoyed the punters' faith to go one better here at 1-2. Restrained in second off a smart break, the grey colt was pushed to the fore inside the final quarter and kept on well for minimal encouragement in the latter stages to safely hold the subsequently demoted **Green Tango (Fr)** (**Majorien {GB}**) by a length. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €23,100.

O-H H The Aga Khan; B-SNC Lagardere Elevage; T-Andre Fabre.

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French report cont.

Fontainebleau, 2.05, Cond, €31,350, 3yo, f,
1 9/16mT, 2:44.10, gd/sf.

PERSTROVKA (IRE) (f, 3, [Sadler's Wells](#)--Palmeraie, by Lear Fan) finished off the board in an Apr. 30 newcomers' event at Longchamp and was let go at 9-2 for this return. Settled second for most of this, the bay filly responded to continued pressure in the straight and drew off late to comfortably account for Ardies (GB) (Rainbow Quest) by three lengths. The Wildenstein homebred is a half-sister to Pushkin (Ire) (Caerleon), GSW & G1SP-Fr, \$210,514; and Place Rouge (Ire) (Desert King {Ire}), GSW-GB, SW-Fr & GSP-Ire, \$154,914; and full to Policy Maker (Ire), Hwt. Older Horse-Fr at 11-14f, MGSW & MG1SP-Fr, \$1,051,552. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 0 places, €16,500. O-Ecurie Wildenstein; B-Dayton Investments Ltd; T-Elie Lellouche.

Fontainebleau, 3.35, Cond, €26,000, 2yo, 6fT,
1:09.70, gd/sf.

MYSTERIOUS PEINTRE (c, 2, [Peintre Celebre](#)--Mysterious Guest {Fr}, by Barathea {Ire}) found one too good on debut at Lyon Parilly May 7, but rebounded to win back there two weeks later. To the fore from flagfall in this contest, the 16-5 chance was ridden into an outright lead with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining and responded to a forceful drive to best Querglas Bere (Fr) (Verglas {Ire}) by 3/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €23,500. O/B-Jean-Pierre Dubois; T-Marc Pimbonnet.

★ BRITAIN ★

Yesterday's Results:

Nottingham, 4.40, Cond, £20,000, 3yo/up, 1m 54yT,
1:44.04, gd/fm.

LIBRETTIST (c, 4, Danzig--Mysterial, by Alleged), shelved since losing his unbeaten record when fifth in the 2004 G1 Dewhurst S., was let go at 7-2 to provide the Godolphin operation with a welcome boost in this contest. Asserting for the lead in the early stages, he was coaxed further clear inside the final quarter and was allowed to coast in the closing stages to easily best Alfie Flits (GB) (Machiavellian) by two lengths. "He has been working well before today," explained trainer Saeed bin Suroor. "We'll see how he comes back from this and we might find a Listed race for him." Librettist is a half-brother to 2003 G1 Queen Anne S. hero Dubai Destination (Kingmambo), G1SW-GB, \$378,987. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, £30,551. O-Godolphin; B-Calumet Farm; T-Saeed bin Suroor.

Kempton, 7.56, Cond, £8,000, 2yo, 6f(AWT), 1:14.19, st. KARAYEL (IRE) (c, 2, [Fasliyev](#)--Madamaa {Ire}, by Alzao), a €22,000 GOFORB yearling, graduated at Folkestone May 4 before finishing third behind the smart Hoh Mike (Ire) in a conditions event at Windsor 11 days later. Held together early stalking these fast fractions, the 7-2 second choice surrendered first run to Minaash (Dixie Union) in the stretch, but delivered a late flourish to collar that rival in the final 50 yards and record a cosy half-length score. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, £10,057.

O-Kemal Kurt; B-Stall A & R; T-Richard Hannon.

Nottingham, 3.10, Mdn, £6,500, 2yo, f, 5f 13yT,
1:01.23, gd/fm.

+ PRINCESS IRIS (IRE) (f, 2, [Desert Prince](#) {Ire}--Athlumney Lady {GB} {GSW-Ire}, by Lycius) was let go at a whopping 22-1, but defied those odds with a commanding debut score. Breaking smartly to lead, she pushed along approaching the final furlong and ran on strongly to defeat Isobel Rose (Ire) (Royal Applause {GB}) by an unchallenged three lengths. "She's smart, very professional and probably one of the best [two-year-olds] we've got," said winning trainer Eoghan O'Neill. "She's a possible for the [June 23 G3] Albany S. [at Royal Ascot], but we'll wait and see," he added. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £4,210.

O-Miss A HMarshall; B-Frank Dunne; T-Eoghan O'Neill.

Ripon, 6.40, Mdn, £6,000, 2yo, 6fT, 1:13.42, gd/fm.

PRINCE ROSSI (IRE) (c, 2, Royal Applause {GB}--Miss Rossi {Ire}, by Artaius), runner-up in a course-and-distance maiden on debut May 21, broke well from his high draw and showed early dash to dispute the lead. Taking control inside the final quarter, the 9-2 chance showed resilience to ward off multiple threats and hold Colditz (Ire) (Noverre) by 3/4 of a length. A 20,000gns TATOCT yearling, the winner is a half-brother to Dancing Music (GB) (Music Boy{GB}), SW-Ire & MGSP-GB; and Rosselli (GB) (Puissance {GB}), GSW-GB, \$122,724. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, £5,234.

O-Clarendon Tbred Racing; B-Sir Eric Parker; T-J Bethell.

Ripon, 9.10, Mdn, £6,000, 3yo/up, 9f 170ydsT,
2:02.25, gd/fm.

ALCYON (IRE) (c, 3, Alhaarth {Ire}--West of Eden {Ire}, by Crofter) met a decent type in Leningrad (Ire) when second on debut at Lingfield Apr. 3 before finishing third in a Windsor maiden last time May 15. Soon in front, the 4-1 choice was pressed by Thalberg (GB) (Highest Honor {Fr}) inside the final quarter, but pulled out extra to score by 3/4 of a length. A half-brother to Clapham Common (Ire) (Common Grounds {GB}), MSW-Ity & SP-GB; and Tempting Fate (Ire) (Persian Bold {Ire}), SW & G1SP-GB, GSP-Fr, \$116,480, Alcyon was a €55,000 GOFNOV weanling and a €25,000 GOFORB yearling. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, £5,331. O-Patrick MilmoStuart Tilling Marc Milmo; B-Ciara Eglington; T-Ed Dunlop.



British report cont.

Kempton, 8.24, Mdn, £5,000, 3yo/up, 7f(AWT), 1:27.26, st.

THIRD SET (IRE) (g, 3, Royal Applause {GB}--Khamseh {GB}, by Thatching {Ire}), runner-up to Bosset in a decent Newbury maiden on debut May 20, was sent off the 5-1 second favorite and raced towards the rear early. Switched in amongst the pack for his stretch rally, he reeled in Mumaathel (Ire) (Alhaarth {Ire}) with 150 yards remaining before asserting for a 1 1/4-length success. The half-brother to Bonus (Ire) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}), GSW-Ire, \$214,428, was a 95,000gns TATDEC weanling and a 55,000gns TATOCT yearling. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, £4,683.

O-John Livock Bloodstock Limited; B-A Stroud & J Hanly; T-Roger Charlton.

Lingfield, 3.50, Mdn, £4,500, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/4mT, 2:07.73, gd/fm.

QUENCHED (GB) (f, 3, Dansili {GB}--Love the Rain {GB}, by Rainbow Quest), second to the smart Summer's Eve (GB) at Goodwood May 25, broke smartly from an outside draw and led through the early stages here. Headed briefly at the top if the stretch run, the 10-3 chance was ridden clear approaching the closing panel and cruised to the line 3 1/2 lengths in advance of Green Room (Fr) (In the Wings {GB}). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, £3,974.

O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms; T-John Gosden.

Lingfield, 3.20, Mdn, £4,500, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/4mT, 2:12.37, gd/fm.

AND AGAIN (f, 3, In the Wings {GB}--Garah {GB} {MGSP-GB}, by Ajdal) was let go as the 3-1 second choice coming back from a seasonal-return third at Windsor May 22. Prominent until taking over at the top of the straight, the bay homebred was strongly pressed at the quarter-mile peg, but found plenty from there to hold the late flourish of Candle (GB) (Dansili {GB}) by a neck. And Again is a half-sister Olden Times (GB) (Darshaan {GB}), G1SW-Fr, GSW & MG1SP-GB, \$329,197. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, £3,731.

O-Prince A A Faisal; B-Nawara Stud; T-James Fanshawe.



MEDALHA MILAGROSA, 8, Miner's Mark --Via Lactea by Capote

Foal born Apr. 23, a filly by Pleasantly Perfect.

Will be bred back to Pleasant Tap

Owned by Winner Silk, Inc.

Boarded at Taylor Made Farm, Ky.

Accomplishments: Ch. 2yo Filly-Brz, GSW-Brz .

★ IRELAND ★

Yesterday's Results:

JOCKEY CLUB OF TURKEY GLENCAIRN S.-Listed, €49,550, Leopardstown, 6-7, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:37.95, gd.

1--**MUSTAMEET, 130, h, 5, Sahm--Hamamah, by Irish River (Fr)**. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Farm LLC; T-Kevin Prendergast; J-Declan McDonogh; €32,550. Lifetime Record: GSW-Ire, 15-4-4-2, €145,961.

2--**Chelsea Rose (Ire)**, 127, f, 4, Desert King (Ire)--Cinnamon Rose, by Trempolino. (38,000gns yrl '03 TATOCT). €10,000.

3--**Lord Admiral**, 130, h, 5, El Prado (Ire)--Lady Ilsley, by Trempolino. (\$135,000 yrl '02 KEESEP). €5,000.

Margins: NK, HF, NK. Odds: 5-1, 4-1, 100-30.

Also ran: Luas Line (Ire), Fairy of the Night (Ire), Simple Exchange (Ire), Democratic Deficit (Ire).

The thoroughly consistent Mustameet has been hard to keep out of the frame in these events, with a win in last year's G3 Gladness S. at The Curragh among his honest efforts. He added another stakes score in the Apr. 23 Listed Heritage S. over course and distance and was only 1 1/4 lengths behind in fourth in the Listed Amethyst S. back over this track and trip on his latest outing May 14. Traveling with his usual fluency off the generous tempo set by Chelsea Rose, he swooped wide in the straight to wrest the spoils from that game rival in the final 50 yards.

★ "TDN Rising Star" ★

Leopardstown, 6.30, Mdn, €19,820, 2yo, 6fT, 1:14.83, gd.

+ **HOLY ROMAN EMPEROR (IRE), c, 2, by Danehill**

1st Dam: L'On Vite, by Secretariat

2nd Dam: Fanfreluche, by Northern Dancer

3rd Dam: Ciboulette, by Chop Chop

Holy Roman Emperor, surprisingly allowed to drift to 5-2 as the joint second favorite, broke sharply before being reined back to slot in a tracking fourth to negate his high draw. Pushed up to challenge wide on the home turn by Kieren Fallon, he quickened to lead at the quarter pole and needed only hand riding to comfortably beat El Soprano (Ire) (Noverre) by 1 1/2 lengths. The winner is a half-brother to Heart of Oak (Woodman), SW-Ger & Swe; Big Viking (Theatrical {Ire}), SW-Jpn, \$986,363; and a full brother to Milanova (Aus), GSW & MG1SP-Aus. He is a grandson of Canadian champion Fanfreluche, who went on to produce Canadian champions L'Enjoleur, La Voyageuse and Medaille d'Or, and established the family which is responsible for the likes of Encosta de Lago (Aus) and Flying Spur (Aus), among others. [Click here for the Racing Post chart](#). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,020.

O-Susan Magnier; B-Tower Bloodstock; T-A O'Brien.



Irish report cont.

Leopardstown, 6.00, Mdn, €14,865, 3yo, 1 1/8mT, 1:52.01, gd.

COUGAR BAY (IRE) (c, 3, Daylami {Ire}--Delimara {Ire} {SW-Fr}, by In the Wings {GB}), runner-up in a mile-and-a-half Newmarket maiden last time Apr. 19, broke well and stalked the early pace in first-time blinkers. Driven out in the straight, the 9-2 second choice wore down Nasafar (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}) passing the eighth peg before grinding out a length success. He was a €47,000 GOFNOV weanling purchase. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, €16,359.

O-Joseph Joyce; B-Citadel Stud; T-David Wachman.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-CDX, \$58,000, NW2X, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:42 3/5, fm.

BUCKEYE BUDDY (g, 4, Horse Chestnut {SAf}--Classic Collection, by General Meeting) Lifetime Record: 12-3-1-1, \$102,786. O-John M Tucker. B-Andrew Thompson Co (KY). T-William R Connelly.

8th-BEL, \$46,000, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:37 2/5, sy.

PAIGE NICOLE (f, 3, Lite the Fuse--Motel Malibu, by Bates Motel) Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-2, \$90,040. O-Sanford Goldfarb, Ira Davis, Michael A & V Glassberg. B-Sanford Goldfarb (NY). T-Anthony W Dutrow.

7th-DEL, \$40,900, NW2X, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:37 4/5, fm.

BUCKEYE WONDER (h, 5, Silver Hawk--Ameriflora, by Danzig) Lifetime Record: 14-3-2-2, \$84,557. O-Hudson River Farms. B-Phillips Racing Partnership (KY). T-Jonathan E Sheppard. *Full to Grass Wonder, Ch. 2yo Colt-Jpn, MSW-Jpn, \$5,987,405; and Wonder Again, MGISW, \$1,439,602.

3rd-BMX, \$35,087, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW1X, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:45 2/5, fm.

AWESOME JARED (c, 3, Awesome Again--Mary's Silver Pen {SW, \$155,186}, by Dawn Quixote) Lifetime Record: 17-3-2-3, \$63,975. O-Gloria Buckridge, Tom Heller & John Lee. B-Adena Springs (FL). T-Gloria Buckridge. * \$6,000 yrl '04 KEESEP.

4th-MNR, \$31,500, 6-6, NW3L, 3yo/up, f/m, 7fT, 1:23 4/5, fm.

CASUARINA (m, 5, Menifee--Erzulie Freda, by Fappiano) Lifetime Record: 16-3-3-4, \$107,600. O-Michael Cavey. B-Respite Farm Inc (KY). T-Gregory Fox. * 1/2 to Shes Got the Facts (Known Fact), SW; Fancy Freda (Known Fact), GSW, \$202,087; and Gracie's Dancer (Mt. Livermore), MSP, \$204,130.

6th-PRM, \$29,850, 6-6, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft.

SUZIES MOMENT (f, 3, Exclusivengagement--It's Suzie {SW, \$137,413}, by Far North) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-0, \$39,150. O/B-River Ridge Ranch (IA). T-Dick R Clark.

4th-PRM, \$29,850, 6-6, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft.

SILENT SINGER (f, 4, Secreniner--Poetic Image, by Perrault {GB}) Lifetime Record: 11-3-3-1, \$67,947. O-Linda & Deb Leech. B-James R & Linda M Leech (IA). T-Jeff Barkley. * 1/2 to Darkly Noon (Lite the Fuse), SP, \$164,873.

7th-APX, \$29,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:38 1/5, fm.

LEAWOOD (f, 4, Cape Canaveral--Sweet Claire Bear, by Mari's Book) Lifetime Record: 18-4-1-1, \$57,372. O-John Orecchio. B-Asiel Stable, Lc (IL). T-Michael Dini. * 1/2 to Shandy (Elusive Quality), MSW, \$284,762.

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5th-APX, \$29,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, a1 1/8mT, 1:51 4/5, fm.

LADY LIONEL (f, 4, Lucky Lionel--The Queen of C, by Ogygian) Lifetime Record: 13-2-3-2, \$57,770. O-C Sigrist & M Yanez. B/T-Moises Yanez (IL).

5th-MNR, \$27,800, 6-6, NW2L, 3yo/up, 4 1/2fT, :51, fm.

TABLETOPTORNADO (g, 4, Coordinator--Always Polly, by Hawkin's Special) Lifetime Record: 8-1-0-1, \$18,575. O-Loren G Cox III. B-Gene Fuller (OK). T-Loren G Cox. *Broke maiden in allowance.

6th-GLD, \$22,000, 6-6, NW3BX, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:15 4/5, wf.

SEPTEMBERSHALFMOON (f, 4, Misnomer--September Affair, by General Holme) Lifetime Record: 12-4-3-1, \$71,657. O/T-Mary Anne Barron. B-James & Marcia Arnold & Deborah Miley (MI).

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Rockella, f, 2, Tribal Rule--Monterey Gold (SW, \$102,570), by Strike Gold. HOL, 6-7, (C), 5f, 1:00 2/5. B-Mr & Mrs Martin J Wygod (Ca). *\$5,000 yrl '05 BESOCT. **Second winner for freshman sire (by Storm Cat).

Sly Diamond Jim, c, 3, Good and Tough--Spruce Goose (MSW, \$261,982), by Pine Bluff. BEL, 6-7, (S), 6f (off turf), 1:12. B-Hurloh Thoroughbreds LLC (NY). *\$16,000 yrl '04 OBSAUG.

Yes I'm Salty, c, 3, Yes It's True--Smellin Salty, by Salt Lake. MNR, 6-6, 5 1/2f, 1:05. B-John B Penn (Fl). *\$50,000 yrl '04 KEESEP; \$100,000 2yo '05 FTFFEB. **1/2 to August Storm (Storm Creek), MSW & GSP, \$189,154.

In All Honesty, f, 4, Honour and Glory--Mastina, by Gulch. CDX, 6-7, (C), 6f, 1:11 1/5. B-Mr & Mrs Troy Reed (Ky). *\$77,000 yrl '03 FTKJUL. **1/2 to Surbiton (El Prado {Ire}), SW-GB.

Fancy Marie, f, 4, Shotiche--Missy Maria, by Spy Signal. PRM, 6-6, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:04 2/5. B-David L Altemeier (Ia).

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BRITAIN, Nottingham, 5.10, 6-7, £10,000, 3yo, f, 1m 54yT, 1:44.55, gd/fm.

HARVEST QUEEN (IRE) (f, 3, Spinning World--Royal Bounty {Ire}, by Generous {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, £11,036. O/B-Bakewell Bloodstock Ltd; T-Peter Makin. *€32,000 yrl '04 GOFORB.

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WRITERS UP

CONTESSA RUNNERS CONTINUE TO IMPRESS
By Steve Sherack

After posting another strong winter at the Big A, the Gary Contessa barn continues to roll along this spring at Belmont Park. **Mayan King** (Stephen Got Even), **Magnolia Jackson** (Cape Canaveral) and **No Sleep** (Robyn Dancer) all ran career best efforts recently and appear headed for bigger and better things.

David Cassidy, Edward Lipton and Our Canterbury Stables' Mayan King opened his account last season with two straight tallies before finishing seventh in the



Mayan King
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mud behind Flower Alley in the GII Lane's End S. He exited the Lane's End with a fractured sesamoid bone in his hind ankle. "It was a very tricky surgery," Contessa commented. "We sent him to Cornell and it took a year to heal. He came back 100 percent, knock on wood. It's like he never left. It's one of those sur-

geries that the prognosis isn't good. He has healed amazingly and he wound up coming back great. It's something that we don't even worry about anymore, but at the time, it was somewhere between career ending and maybe he'll make it back in a year."

After spending more than a year on the shelf, the \$210,000 OBSMAR two-year-old purchase finally resurfaced with a smart win in the Aqueduct slop on the Wood Memorial undercard Apr. 8. "I knew he was ready to win," Contessa added. "If it wasn't a muddy track, I'd be in a new tax bracket today." Mayan King followed that effort with a good second behind Rathor (Ire) in a \$75,000 optional claimer at Belmont May 4, then reported home a game 3 3/4-length wire-to-wire winner over Noble Causeway in a \$100,000 optional May 28 ([Video](#)).

The chestnut will start next in either the nine-furlong GII Prairie Meadows Cornhusker BC H. or the 10-furlong GI Suburban H. Both races will be run July 1. "My first choice is to go the Cornhusker," he continued. "It's 1 1/8 miles, two turns and I think that's the natural next distance for him. The Suburban isn't out of the question, it's going to be either or." Mayan King will be pointed for the GI Whitney H. at Saratoga Aug. 5 if he continues to impress his conditioner.

"I've said from day one, my ultimate goal is the Whitney," the 48-year-old commented. "He is going to let me know in the next race or two if he's as good as I think he is. So far, so good."

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Magnolia Jackson enjoyed a profitable winter over the Aqueduct inner track reeling off three straight decisions, including the Correction H. Feb. 4 and the Broadway H. against New York bred Mar. 12. The Ted Taylor colorbearer placed a valiant second in her final attempt over that surface in the Mar. 25 GII Distaff Breeders' Cup H. and proved that she was more than an inner track specialist in her latest victory over the



Magnolia Jackson
Adam Coglianese photo

Aqueduct main in the GII Bed o' Roses Breeders' Cup H. Apr. 22 ([Video](#)). That latter race marked the return of champion Smuggler, who finished a non-threatening fifth.

The Empire bred is slated to race next in Sunday's GII Vagrancy H. at Belmont. "With that mare, she seems to get better with more time between races," the Long Island native said. "It's not easy to find graded stakes races for her. She deserves the time off. I love that she's going to run once every four or six weeks. I'm happy with that. That's her destiny. She's training off the charts and is doing really well. No question, she's ready to go."

Looking a little further down the road Contessa added, "There's a nice sprint graded stakes at Saratoga and there's also a New York-bred stakes race at Saratoga and the bottom line is, I want to win at Saratoga. So don't be surprised if you see her in a New York bred-stakes race at the Spa."

If Contessa decides to run Mayan King in the Cornhusker, he will be accompanied to Iowa by No Sleep, who will try her luck in the Iowa Distaff Breeders' Cup that same day. Owned by Maggi Moss, the four-year-old filly handed GISW Sis City a 7 1/2-length defeat in Monmouth Park's May 28 Fort Monmouth S. Contessa claimed the gray for \$25,000 last October. "It looks like a great spot for her," Contessa said of the Iowa Distaff. "She's a better horse going two turns and is just a real sound filly. You don't make claims like her too often. It's a beautiful thing when you do."

For more information on Contessa, visit his website at, www.contessaracing.com

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Bridge It Jo (GB), f, 2, **Josr Algarhoud (Ire)**--T G's Girl (GB), by Selkirk. Nottingham, Britain, 6-7, Mdn, 2yo, f, 5f 13yT. B-A Parker. *7,500gns yrl '05 TATOCT.

Urbe Condita (Ire), g, 3, **Titus Livius (Fr)**--Kayanga (GB), by Green Desert. Nottingham, Britain, 6-7, Mdn, 3-5yo, 5f 13yT. B-Bryan Ryan. *€7,500 yrl '04 TATIRE.

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