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### ERMINE PREVAILS IN FALLS CITY THRILLER

Runner-up in the GI Kentucky Oaks this past spring, **Ermine** (Exchange Rate) battled with fellow sophomore **Joint Effort** (Runaway Groom) the length of the stretch before finally besting that foe by a head in the GII Falls City H., the Thanksgiving feature at Churchill Downs. "She has a lot of fight," said winning trainer Ronny Werner. "It was a great race, a great race. They fought hard, both of those horses." Though Mark Guidry, aboard the runner-up, lodged an objection, the result stood. "I had to take a shot [with the objection against the winner]," said Guidry. "She did come in, and my filly kind of followed her in a little bit; she intimidated her a little bit. But [Joint Effort] fought back hard and, getting beat by as little as I did, [it] kind of put a little question in my mind." Jockey Calvin Borel had been scheduled to ride Ermine, but sustained a fractured wrist earlier on the card when his mount fell in the fifth race, and Eddie Castro picked up the mount. **Cont. p2**

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#### Thursday, Churchill Downs

**FALLS CITY H.-GII**, \$330,300, CDX, 11-23, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m, 1:49 4/5, ft.

1--**@ERMINE**, 114, f, 3, by Exchange Rate

1st Dam: Red Mischief, by Thirty Six Red

2nd Dam: Wajima Street, by Wajima

3rd Dam: Majestic Street, by Majestic Prince

(\$30,000 wlng '03 OBSOCT; \$45,000 yrl '04 OBSAUG). O-Oxbow Racing LLC; B-Amy Bondon-Peltz (FL); T-Ronny W Werner; J-Eddie Castro; \$198,644. Lifetime Record: GISP, 10-4-3-0, \$441,082. \*3rd GSW for sophomore sire (by Danzig).

2--**Joint Effort**, 118, f, 3, Runaway Groom--C. C.

Princess, by Conquistador Cielo. O/B-Donald R Dizney (FL); \$64,078.

3--**Cursora (Arg)**, 114, f, 4, Candy Stripes--Calorica (Arg), by Ahmad (Arg). O-Katsumi Yoshida;

B-Vacacion (ARG); T-Kenneth G McPeek; \$32,039.

Margins: HD, 3, HF. Odds: 3.60, 5.30, 27.50.

Also Ran: Summerly, Sea Siren, Cryptoquip, Sangrita, Silmaril.

### PREMIUM SET-UP IN CLARK

A host of quality speed horses in today's GI Clark H. at Churchill Downs could set things up for the 5-2 morning-line favorite **Premium Tap** (Pleasant Tap), the lone Grade I winner in the field. After breaking through with a hard-fought score in the GI Woodward S. Sept. 2 at Saratoga, the four-year-old clipped heels and nearly fell when fifth in the GII Kentucky Cup Classic Sept. 30 at Turfway, beaten just 1 1/2 lengths. He gave a good account of himself when third to Invasor (Arg) and Bernardini in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic, and trainer John Kimmel thinks he can improve in this nine-furlong contest if he sits a bit further back. "He ran a great race, but I think he might be able to run better," said Kimmel. "He was maybe kind of close to a pretty contentious pace [1:46 3/5 half], and that might have spelled the problem there." Another who could be helped by the pace is the dark horse **Irene's Mon** (Maria's Mon). The three-year-old paired up allowance victories before rallying five wide against the bias and finishing second by a neck to **It's No Joke** (Distorted Humor) in the GIII Ack Ack H. on Breeders' Cup Day. **Cont. p2-3.**



**Premium Tap**  
Horsephotos

### ROB ROY A CITATION HERO?

Philip Newton's **Rob Roy** (Lear Fan) was tabbed as one to watch after a sharp maiden victory at two. Now four, the dark bay has a great chance to break through in the GI Citation H. this afternoon at Hollywood. Winner of the G3 Joel S. last year and the G2 Sandown Mile in April, he concluded his British campaign with a second to Pride (Fr) in the G1 Champion S. at Newmarket Oct. 14. In his U.S. bow, the Kentucky-bred missed the break in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile Nov. 4, but rallied 10 wide before settling for fifth, beaten 3 1/2 lengths. That was his final start for trainer Sir Michael Stoute; Rob Roy has joined the barn of Neil Drysdale, who will also saddle **Becrux (Ity)** (Glen Jordan {GB}). **Cont. p3**



**Rob Roy** Horsephotos

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Falls City H. cont.

Ermine, a three-length winner of Oaklawn's Honeybee S. Mar. 25, ran second in the GI Kentucky Oaks over this surface May 5. But she was unable to duplicate that form shipping out of town, finishing fifth in the GI Acorn S. at Belmont June 10 and--after a summer break--sixth in the GIII Indiana BC Oaks Oct. 6 at Hoo-sier. The chestnut resumed her winning ways in a local allowance Nov. 1 with a seven-length triumph and was the third choice here. After breaking alertly, Ermine moved over to the rail and raced in third through fractions of :48.92 and 1:13.27. She angled to the outside on the far turn and headed Joint Effort as they straightend away. The chestnut fillies battled neck and neck in front of the grandstand before Ermine stuck her head in front at the wire. Werner will try to run her out of her stall in the future. "Every time we've [shipped], she just hasn't showed up in any part of the race," he said. "It's not like she runs the first part and doesn't run the last part; she's run no part of the race." Ermine will point for the GI Apple Blossom H. at Oaklawn in the spring. GISW Summerly (Summer Squall) hopped at the start in her career finale before finishing fourth. "She stayed on well after the break, but eliminated herself at the start," said trainer Scott Blasi.

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Friday, Churchill Downs

CLARK H.-GI, \$500,000a, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Super Frolic	Pine Bluff	Blasi	8-1
2	Bright One	Dance Brightly	Romans	8-1
3	Wanderin Boy	Seeking the Gold	Zito	7-2
4	Premium Tap	Pleasant Tap	Kimmel	5-2
5	It's No Joke	Distorted Humor	Maker	10-1
6	A.P. Arrow	A.P. Indy	Pletcher	15-1
7	Wiggins	Cartwright	Romans	30-1
8	Andromeda's Hero	Fusaichi Pegasus	Zito	20-1
9	Wild Desert	Wild Rush	Dutrow Jr	8-1
10	Irene's Mon	Maria's Mon	Kenneally	30-1
11	M B Sea	Alphabet Soup	Romans	50-1
12	Master Command	A.P. Indy	Pletcher	5-1

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Clark H. preview cont.

GIII West Virginia Derby hero **Bright One**, three-for-four under the Twin Spires, rebounded from poor effort in the GII Indiana Derby Oct. 7 to easily handle his elders in a local optional claimer Nov. 2. But his best races have come on the lead, and he faces similar rivals here in the form of wire-to-wire specialist **Wanderin Boy**, a multiple graded-stakes winner this year; and **Master Command**, a front-running victor of the GII Meadowlands Breeders' Cup S. last out Oct. 13.

Friday, Hollywood Park, post time: 4:35 p.m. PST

CITATION H.-GI, \$400,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1a	Hendrix	Sultry Song	C Dollase	30-1
2	Rob Roy	Lear Fan	Drysdale	5-2
3	Stormin Away	Skip Away	Mullins	30-1
4	Silent Name (Jpn)	Sunday Silence	G Mandella	8-1
5	Becrux (Ity)	Glen Jordan (GB)	Drysdale	5-1
6	Whilly (Ire)	Sri Pekan	O'Neill	12-1
7a	Courtnall	Cherokee Run	C Dollase	30-1
8	Cosmonaut	Lemon Drop Kid	Biancone	8-1
9	Bravo Maestro	Stravinsky	Cecil	30-1
10	Sweet Return (GB)	Elmaamul	McAnally	12-1
11	Ashkal Way (Ire)	Ashkalani (Ire)	bin Suroor	3-1
12	Three Valleys	Diesis (GB)	Frankel	8-1

The gritty **Ashkal Way** ships West for Godolphin. He was a tenacious winner of each of his last two outings, the GII Bernard Baruch H. at Saratoga Aug. 26 and the GII Kelso Breeders' Cup H. at Belmont Sept. 30. Assistant trainer Rick Mettee thinks the chestnut can handle this new challenge. "This is a tough race even with The Tin Man out, better than the two Grade IIs he's won, but he deserves a chance to be in there," said Mettee. "I think he'll run well. No matter what the pace, he always seems to get there. And he can handle firm turf. He set a course record at Monmouth." **Becrux** has shown marked improvement since being gelded over the summer. A close second in the GII Play the King S. Aug. 26 at Woodbine, the Italian-bred battled on gamely to land the GI Woodbine Mile Sept. 17. His connections opted for this contest due to the fact that he was not nominated to the Breeders' Cup.

Friday, Aqueduct, post time: 3:48 p.m. EST

DELTA AIRLINES/TOP FLIGHT H.-GII, \$150,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Yolanda B. Too	Two Punch	Violette Jr	6-1
2	Classy Charm	Silver Charm	Kimmel	12-1
3	Malibu Mint	Malibu Moon	Chapman	3-1
4	Miss Shop	Deputy Minister	H Jerkens	8-1
5	Mo Cuishle	Saint Ballado	Pletcher	5-2
6	Notimetoquit	Toolighttoquit	Araya	15-1
7	No Reason	Precise End	Blasi	15-1
8	Rahys' Appeal	Rahy	Bush	15-1
9	Carmandia	Wild Rush	Dutrow Jr	4-1

Unbeaten three-year-old **Mo Cuishle** has landed in a tough spot for her first start since August. After capturing her first two races, the dark bay romped by 7 1/4 lengths in the GIII Monmouth Breeders' Cup Oaks Aug. 13. She hasn't faced the starter since, but her speed figures put her right in the mix here. The late-running **Malibu Mint**, who dethroned Dubai Escapade in the six-furlong GI Princess Rooney H. in July, looks to rebound from a 12th-place finish in the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint Nov. 4 at Churchill while stretching out to a mile. Despite a pedigree seemingly distance oriented--she's by a son of A.P. Indy out of a Key to the Mint mare--the four-year-old has shown her best form in sprints, and owns a pair of wins at seven furlongs. "Off a couple of her seven-furlong races, it looks like she'll go a mile," trainer Jim Chapman commented. "It's water we haven't been in yet, but I think she'll be up to the task." Chapman suggested that the track bias at Churchill voided his filly's chances in the Sprint. "She had no shot after breaking out there, the way that track played on Breeders' Cup Day," Chapman said. "It's one of those things where you wish you hadn't even run. She came out of it fine. There wasn't much effort to it."



Mo Cuishle Equi-Photo



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**Friday, Hollywood Park, post time: 1:30 p.m. PST**

**GENEROUS S.-GIII (1st Div.), \$75,000, 2yo, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	Unusual Suspect	Unusual Heat	Abrams
2	Quietly Mine	Belong to Me	Clement
3	Optari	Diesis (GB)	Chatlos Jr
4	Golden Balls (Ire)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Cassidy
5	Private Wind	Wind Whipper	Wohlers
6	Deadshot Keen (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Eurton
7	Man to Man	Mannar (Ire)	Greely
8	Warning Zone	Chester House	Sadler
9	Varsity Blues (Ire)	Fasliyev	McAnally

All carry 117 pounds except Private Wind, 115.

**Friday, Hollywood Park, post time: 3:35 p.m. PST**

**GENEROUS S.-GIII (2nd Div.), \$75,000, 2yo, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	Roman Commander	Deputy Commander	G Stute
2	Edwardian	Awesome Again	Sadler
3	Holdin Foldin (Ire)	Fayruz (GB)	C Dollase
4	Regal Times	Rahy	Hollendorfer
5	Sevengoldenmissiles	Golden Missile	G Mandella
6	Vauquelin (Ire)	Xaar (GB)	Walsh
7	C'mon Buddy	Mr. Greeley	O'Neill
8	Vaunt (GB)	Averti (Ire)	Hendricks
9	Whatsthescript (Ire)	Royal Applause (GB)	Marques

All carry 117 pounds except Roman Commander, 122.

**Saturday, Aqueduct**

**HILL 'N' DALE CIGAR MILE H.-GI, \$300,000, 3yo/up, 1m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Badge of Silver	Silver Deputy	Castellano	117
2	Silver Train	Old Trieste	Prado	120
3	Dixie Meister	Holzmeister	Jara	117
4	Discreet Cat	Forestry	Gomez	124
5	Sharp Humor	Distorted Humor	Velasquez	115

**Saturday, Aqueduct**

**REMSEN S.-GII, \$200,000, 2yo, 1 1/8m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
1	Timber Reserve	Forest Camp	Desormeaux
2	Nobiz Like Shobiz	Albert the Great	Velasquez
3	Kong the King	Storm Boot	Coa
4	Summer Doldrums	Street Cry (Ire)	Jara
5	Marina Market	A.P. Indy	Castellano
6	Pink Viper	Smoke Glacken	Lopez
7	Zanjero	Cherokee Run	Gomez
8	Sightseeing	Pulpit	Prado

All carry 116 pounds.

**Saturday, Aqueduct**

**DEMOISELLE S.-GII, \$200,000, 2yo, f, 1 1/8m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Rivanna River	Storm Creek	Coa	115
2	Successful Outlook	Orientate	Gomez	119
3	Get Ready Bertie	More Than Ready	Jara	115
4	Boca Grande	A.P. Indy	Smith	115
5	Duchess of Stanco	Scorpion	Santos	115
6	Grand Merger	A.P. Indy	Desormeaux	119
7	Grace Happens	Aptitude	Velasquez	115
8	Miss Goodnight	Johannesburg	Elliott	119
9	Super Natascha	Pulpit	Prado	115

**Saturday, Tokyo, Japan**

**JAPAN CUP DIRT-G1-JRA (Listed), ¥248,000,000, 3yo/up, 2100m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Vermillion (Jpn)	El Condor Pasa	Lemaire	126
2	Meisho Battler (Jpn)	Meisho Homura (Jpn)	Sato	121
3	Fusachi Richard (Jpn)	Kurofune	Uchida	121
4	Alondite (Jpn)	El Condor Pasa	Goto	121
5	Gene Crisis	Subordination	Igarashi	126
6	Blue Concorde (Jpn)	Fusaichi Concorde (Jpn)	Miyuki	126
7	Seeking the Dia	Storm Cat	Y Take	126
8	Alfajores (Jpn)	Sunday Silence	Fujita	126
9	Osumi Hennessy (Jpn)	Hennessy	Tanaka	126
10	My Sole Sound (Jpn)	Tamamo Cross (Jpn)	Tsunoda	126
11	Don Cool (Jpn)	Genuine (Jpn)	Kitamura	126
12	Sunrise Bacchus (Jpn)	Hennessy	Ando	126
13	Hard Crystal (Jpn)	Crystal Glitters (GB)	Yokoyama	126
14	Pit Fighter (Jpn)	Pulpit	Dettori	126
15	Field Rouge (Jpn)	Croco Rouge (Ire)	Yoshida	126

**Sunday, Tokyo, Japan**

**JAPAN CUP-G1, ¥476,000,000, 3yo/up, 2400mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Heart's Cry (Jpn)	Sunday Silence	Lemaire	126
2	Swift Current (Jpn)	Sunday Silence	Yokoyama	126
3	Ouija Board (GB)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Dettori	121
4	Yukino Sun Royal (Jpn)	Sunday Silence	Tanaka	126
5	Tosen Shana 0 (Jpn)	Sunday Silence	Goto	121
6	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Sunday Silence	Y Take	126
7	Dream Passport (Jpn)	Fuji Kiseki (Jpn)	Iwata	121
8	Fusaichi Pandora (Jpn)	Sunday Silence	Fukunaga	117
9	Freedonia (GB)	Selkirk	Gillet	121
10	Cosmo Bulk (Jpn)	Zagreb	Igarashi	126
11	Meisho Samson (Jpn)	Opera House (GB)	Matsumoto	121

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**OASIS DREAM FILLY TOPS TATTS THURSDAY**

Yesterday's third session of the Tattersalls December Foal Sale at Newmarket saw a fantastic trade that included nine six-figure lots, a 45 percent increase in average, a 32 percent rise in median and an 89 percent clearance rate. An Oasis Dream (GB) filly out of Group 3 winner Miss Anabaa (GB) was the day's top lot after Angus Gold, Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum's racing manager, went to 260,000gns to outbid Paul McCartan for the Trickledown Stud offering. "She was a lovely, quality filly by a good stallion and from a fast family," said Gold. "She'll go to Derrinstown to join our homebreds there." Earlier, Gold was the underbidder to Richard Brown of Blandford Bloodstock for a 240,000gns Dansili (GB) colt offered by Jamie Railton as agent. "He's been bought for a new client wanting to buy a colt foal to race," explained Brown. "He'll probably be trained in England, but we've got plenty of time to decide. It's a good pedigree and I'm great fan of the sire, who goes from strength to strength." Local agent Mags O'Toole, standing with Paul Shanahan, spent 165,000gns on the second lot through the ring-- a High Chaparral (Ire) colt out of a half-sister to G1 Oaks winner Alexandrova (Ire) offered from Robert Pocock's Stringston Farm. Rathmore Stud's Peter Molony paid 140,000gns on an Invincible Spirit (Ire) colt who will be resold next year. "We've got confidence in the sire; his horses have kept on winning all year, and I loved this colt," said Molony. The sale continues today with a session starting at 10:30 a.m. Complete results are available on [www.tattersalls.com](http://www.tattersalls.com).

**TATTERSALLS DECEMBER FOALS THURSDAY - TOP 7 LOTS**


Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (gns)
<u>915</u>	f	Oasis Dream (GB)	Miss Anabaa (GB)	260,000
Consigned by Trickledown Stud Purchased by Shadwell Estate Company Limited				
<u>755</u>	c	Dansili (GB)	Reflections (GB)	240,000
Consigned by Jamie Railton, agent Purchased by Blandford Bloodstock Ltd				
<u>748</u>	c	High Chaparral (Ire)	Sitara (GB)	165,000
Consigned by Stringston Farm Purchased by Miss Margaret O'Toole				
<u>859</u>	c	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Web of Intrigue (GB)	140,000
Consigned by Meadowlands Stud Purchased by Rathmore Stud				
<u>920</u>	c	Cadeaux Geneveux (GB)	Gorgeous Dancer (Ire)	125,000
Consigned by Trickledown Stud Purchased by New Cross Bloodstock				
<u>948</u>	c	Selkirk	Bird Key (GB)	125,000
Consigned by the Castlebridge Consignment Purchased by Shadwell Estate Company Limited				
<u>922</u>	c	Oasis Dream (GB)	Wunders Dream (Ire)	115,000
Consigned by the Trickledown Stud Purchased by Blandford Bloodstock Ltd				

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**Yesterday's Results:**

**FALL HIGHWEIGHT H.**, \$108,300, AQU, 11-23, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11, sy.

- 1--#**AFRASHAD**, 132, c, 4, **Smoke Glacken**--Flo White, by Whitesburg. (\$15,500 yrl '03 KEESEP; \$500,000 2yo '04 OBSAPR). O-Godolphin Racing LLC; B-Fred Mehew (TX); T-Saeed bin Suroor; J-Richard Migliore; \$64,980. Lifetime Record: GSP, 7-5-0-1, \$179,639.
  - 2--**Sir Greeley**, 134, g, 4, Mr. Greeley--Worry Not, by Concern. O-Timber Bay Farm & Mrs Thomas J Walsh. \$21,660.
  - 3--**Introspect**, 125, g, 6, In Case--Axspect, by Northern Prospect. (\$15,000 yrl '01 FTMOCT). O-Castle Village Farm. \$10,830.
- Margins: 1 1/4, 1HF, 5 1/4. Odds: 1.15, 2.50, 18.70.
- The swift Afrashad had run his rivals off their feet in three of his first four U.S. outings, including a win over a sloppy Belmont strip Sept. 14 in an optional claimer. But he had come up short in both of his stakes outings, including a third as the favorite in the seven-furlong GIII Sport Page BC H. Nov. 4 over this surface. Cutting back in distance and picking up 17 pounds for this event, the Texas-bred chestnut assumed his customary spot on the front end, got away with a :46.23 half and was kept busy in the lane for his first stakes victory. "[At] three-quarters of a mile, this horse can run the whole way," said winning rider Richard Migliore. "You don't send him, but he really doesn't rate. He's an extremely fast horse. He ran all the way to the finish."

 <b>TATTERSALLS DECEMBER FOAL SALE THURSDAY, NOV. 23, 2006</b>		
<b>SESSION TOTALS</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
No. Offered	189	287
No. Sold	169	228
RNAs	20	59
% RNA	10.6%	20.5%
Gross	6,137,500gns	5,693,400gns
Average	36,317gns (+45.4%)	24,971gns
Median	27,000gns (+31.7%)	20,500gns
<b>CUMULATIVE</b>	<b>2006</b>	
No. Offered	557	
No. Sold	466	
RNAs	91	
% RNA	16.3%	
Gross	10,500,600gns	
Average	22,533gns	
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New York report cont.

**3rd-AQU, \$46,060, Alw, Opt. Clm.** (\$40,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:18 1/5, sy.

**KHALILA (f, 3, Elusive Quality--Indy Flash, by A.P. Indy)**, third in the GIII Victory Ride S. at Saratoga Aug. 24, never factored in her turf bow, the Graceful Darby S. at Belmont Sept. 21, and wound up fifth. The half-sister to Galloping Gal (Victory Gallop), MSW & GSP, \$348,269, stretched out to a mile for the My Flag S. over the Aqueduct main track Oct. 26 and raced in second throughout last time. Bet down to 4-5 for this allowance heat, the bay contested the pace, put her head in front at the quarter pole and splashed home an 8 1/2-length winner. The Louisiana-bred filly was a \$290,000 KEENOV weanling and a \$550,000 FTSAUG yearling. Lifetime Record: GSP, 9-3-2-2, \$137,139. O-Shadwell Stable. B-Jackie D Huckabay MD (LA). T-Kiaran P McLaughlin.

**6th-AQU, \$44,000, Msw, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:40 1/5, sy.**  
**R J'S BRIGADE (c, 3, Gone West--Cuando {MSW & MGSP, \$329,967}, by Lord At War {Arg}),** a \$335,000 FTSAUG yearling, missed by 3/4 of a length as the runner-up in a nine-furlong maiden over the inner track on New Year's Eve. Shipped to Gulfstream, the dark bay ran fourth Jan. 27, but was sidelined thereafter. Going postward as the 2-1 second choice despite the lengthy absence, the dark bay ranged up three wide turning for home and forged past Marrouche (Deputy Minister) to graduate by two lengths. It was 10 lengths back to the others. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-0, \$41,322. O-West Point Stable. B-Mueller Farms Inc (KY). T-Kiaran P McLaughlin.

★ EAST ★

Yesterday's Results:

**8th-CRC, \$20,000, Msw, 2yo, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft.**  
**FOREFATHERS (c, 2, Gone West--Star of Goshen {SW, \$146,030}, by Lord At War {Arg}),** a \$680,000 FTSAUG yearling purchase, began his career in England for trainer Michael Bell, finishing seventh in his lone outing Aug. 30 on the turf at Lingfield. Getting Lasix for his U.S. bow, the bay broke poorly, but recovered quickly. The 3-1 second choice reeled in pacesetter Man Above (Songandaprayer) in the lane and went on to defeat that rival by 1 3/4 lengths. Finishing five lengths back in third was Darley's Media City (Forest Camp). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$12,000. O-Zayat Stables LLC. B-Cobra Farm (KY). T-Nicholas P Zito.

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★ CANADA ★

Yesterday's Results:

**2nd-WOX, \$28,323, Msw, 2yo, 1 1/16m, 1:46 1/5, ft.**  
**DEGRAFF (c, 2, Dixie Union--Diggins {GSW, \$196,806}, by Seeking the Gold)** improved to be second when stretched out to seven furlongs over Woodbine's Polytrack Nov. 4 and had blinkers added for this two-turn debut. Sent off the 3-1 third choice, he forced the issue from the start, fought his way past favored Muskwa (Indian Charlie) in midstretch and opened up to hand that colt a 5 1/2-length defeat. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$21,946. O-D Lanni D & J & G Murphy Holdings Ltd. B-Knowles Bloodstock Inc (KY). T-Josie Carroll.

★ CENTRAL ★

Yesterday's Results:

**9th-CDX, \$46,360, Alw, Opt. Clm.** (\$80,000), NW3\$X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09, ft.  
**1--YES YES YES, 120, c, 4, Yes It's True--Daring Doone (GB) (MSW & GISP-US, SW-GB, \$523,827), by Daring March (GB).** (\$59,000 wlng '02 OBSOCT; \$150,000 yrl '03 FTKJUL). O-Team Valor Stables LLC; B-Jeanne H Cutrona & Jerry M Cutrona Sr (FL); T-Todd A Pletcher. Lifetime Record: MSP, 15-4-5-3, \$173,085. \*1/2 to A'fire (Tabasco Cat), SP, \$308,304.  
**2--Pro Prado, 120, h, 5, El Prado (Ire)--Mama's Pro,** by Proper Reality.  
**3--True Course, 117, g, 3, Distorted Humor--Cry Chick,** by Summer Squall.  
 Margins: 1 3/4, 3 1/4, HD. Odds: 1.30, 9.20, 5.00.  
 Yes Yes Yes captured his 2006 opener over track and trip May 6, but hadn't visited the winner's circle since. The bay lost the lead late when third in a 6 1/2-furlong optional claimer at Keeneland Oct. 15 and was favored to get back on track here. Close up early while four wide, Yes Yes Yes took charge at the top of the stretch and was kept busy for his second win of the year.

**8th-FGX, \$43,000, Alw, Opt. Clm.** (\$50,000), NW3X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft.

**HIGH ADVENTURE (c, 3, High Yield--Miss Gem, by Exclusive Gem),** a half-brother to Meadow Gem (Meadow Flight), GSW, \$208,012, went three-for-six on dirt before trying the turf. Moved up to third in Arlington's Awad S. June 3, the dark bay trailed over the same course in a Sept. 1 optional claimer and was dismissed at 10-1 while returning to dirt in this spot. The three-year-old rallied four wide, hit the front in midstretch and went on to post a 2 1/4-length tally. He was a \$100,000 OBSFEB juvenile. Lifetime Record: SP, 9-4-0-2, \$110,208. O/B-Don & Pam Mattox (KY). T-Ronny W Werner.



Central report cont.

**5th-CDX, \$46,740, Msw, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:51 4/5, fm.**

**I BELIEVE IN ME (c, 3, Giant's Causeway--I Believe in You {GISW, \$244,270}, by Pleasant Tap)** had shown much improvement since returning from a seven-month layoff, finishing second in a seven-furlong maiden on the Polytrack at Keeneland Oct. 26 before settling for runner-up in a two-turn allowance over the main track under the Twin Spires Nov. 11. Trying the turf for the first time here, the 5-2 second choice raced four wide before kicking on for home and got to the wire a neck in front of the dead-heating Kaishu (Spinning World) and Stradamus (Geri). Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-0, \$50,252.

O-Jay Em Ess Stable. B-Mace & Samantha Siegel (KY). T-Paul J McGee.

**Wednesday Night's Results:**

**5th-DED, \$21,300, Msw, 2yo, 5f, 1:00 1/5, ft.**

**+ CLEAN UP HITTER (c, 2, Grand Slam--Brown Eyed Lass {MSP, \$107,951}, by Known Fact)** was sent off at 6-1 to hit it out of the park in his career opener. The dark bay stalked the pace, made his move in the lane and went on to take it by 1 1/2 lengths. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$12,000.

O/B-Twin Creeks Farm & Taylor Made Farm Inc (KY). T-Troy Young.

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**Yesterday's Results:**

**ON TRUST H., \$100,000, HOL, 11-23, (S), 3yo/up, 7 1/2f, 1:28 4/5, ft.**

**1--#CHEROOT, 119, h, 5, Smokester--Triple**

**Connection, by Far North.** O/B-Charlotte Wrather (CA); T-Darrell Vienna; J-Martin A Pedroza; \$60,000. Lifetime Record: GSP, 23-6-3-7, \$431,401. \*1/2 to Beau Soleil (General Meeting), SW, \$348,800.

**2--EI Don, 119, g, 5, Cee's Tizzy--Timed Perfectly, by Pretense.** O-Harris Farms Inc & Donald Valpredo. \$20,000.

**3--Old Man River, 116, g, 4, Event of the Year--Brilliant Sunlight, by Flying Paster.** O-Golden Eagle Farm. \$12,000.

Margins: 1, 3/4, HD. Odds: 3.20, 3.70, 9.50.

Cheroot had done much of his recent racing on the grass, including an attempted wire job in the 11-furlong Gil Del Mar H. Aug. 27, where he lost the lead late and wound up fourth. Trying the dirt in the Cal Cup Classic Oct. 28, the dark bay set the pace before finishing second by 3/4 of a length and cut back to one turn this time. He battled for the lead from the start and kept finding more to fend off his rallying rivals.

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

- ABAJO** (Robyn Dancer), Le Mesa, \$1K, 45/4/0  
10-FG, Msw, 5 1/2f, Areba, \$6K TEX MAR 2yo, 20-1  
10-FG, Msw, 5 1/2f, Abajo's Halo, \$3K LOU OCT yrl, 6-1
- EXPLICIT** (Distant View), Crestwood, \$3K, 35/3/0  
4-HAW, Alw, 1 1/16m, Mare's Ex, 4-1
- FRENCH ENVOY** (Deputy Minister), Stonehedge South, \$3K, 50/10/1  
3-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Amazing Victoria, \$24K OBS APR 2yo, 6-1
- GRAEME HALL** (Dehere), Winding Oaks, \$8K, 67/14/1  
10-CRC, Msw, 6f, +Biddy's Gap, \$8K OBS AUG yrl
- HONOR GLIDE** (Honor Grades), Bridlewood, \$4K, 44/2/1  
5-PHA, Msw, 1 1/16m, Ottoman Empire, \$23K OBS APR 2yo, 7-2
- INCLUDE** (Broad Brush), Airdrie, \$13K, 108/13/3  
10-FG, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Katrina's Fury, \$55K OBS AUG yrl, 8-1  
10-CRC, Msw, 6f, +Secret Inspiration, \$27K OBS APR 2yo
- KIMBERLITE PIPE** (Take Me Out), Clear Creek Stud, \$1000, 22/0/0  
10-FG, Msw, 5 1/2f, Finally Alone, \$30K TEX MAR 2yo, 3-1  
10-FG, Msw, 5 1/2f, Diamond Annie, \$9K EVA MAR 2yo, 9-2
- ORIENTATE** (Mt. Livermore), Gainesway, \$20K, 117/20/1  
10-CRC, Msw, 6f, +Orientate This, \$23K OBS APR 2yo
- PERSONAL FIRST** (Personal Hope), Rosebrook Farm, \$3K, 23/4/0  
3-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, Cruisin First, \$1K OBS AUG yrl, 20-1
- PURE PRIZE** (Storm Cat), Vinery, \$8K, 74/12/4  
10-ZIA, Stk, 1m, Western Prize, \$77K KEE NOV wnl, 2-1
- RUN PRODUCTION** (Saint Ballado), Foxwood Plnt Ltd, \$2K, 7/0/0  
2-FG, Msw, 5 1/2f, Silver Production, 12-1
- STORM DAY** (Storm Cat), Clear Creek Stud, \$3K, 64/2/0  
2-FG, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Crawfish Kings Kin, \$6K EAS JUL 2yo, 8-1
- TOP VENTURE** (Storm Cat), 22/1/0  
2-FG, Msw, 5 1/2f, Terra Terra, 9-2
- TURNOFTHECENTURY** (Holy Bull), Justaplain Farm, \$2K, 6/0/0  
5-PHA, Msw, 1 1/16m, Neat Solution, 12-1
- UNBRIDLED TIME** (Unbridled's Song), Signature, \$5K, 54/3/1  
6-HAW, Msw, 6f, +Frank's Time, \$45K OBS APR 2yo, 4-1

**Second-crop starters to Watch: Friday, Nov. 24 (1st-time starters and stakes runners)**

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

- BROKEN VOW** (Unbridled), Pin Oak, \$15K, 188/61/9  
10-ZIA, Stk, 1m, Bold Vow, \$25K OBS APR 2yo, 4-1
- DOMINIQUE'S CAT** (Storm Cat), McKenna T'breds, \$2K, 45/7/1  
8-HOL, Stk, 7 1/2f, Wee Bit Fancy, \$5K BAR JAN 2yo
- LE GRANDE DANSEUR** (Citidancer), Doubletree Farm, \$2K, 25/6/1  
3-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +La Grande Prix, \$2K EAS JUL 2yo, 5-1
- MONARCHOS** (Maria's Mon), Claiborne, \$15K, 131/29/3  
6-HAW, Msw, 6f, +Ashen Lord, 8-1