



Insiders' Bulletin

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STORM RUNNER RISES INTO DERBY PICTURE WITH GULFSTREAM WIN GAME COLT NOW HAS TWO WINS AND A SECOND IN 3 DIRT OUTINGS HELD OFF HEAVY FAVORITE WHO WAS SCRATCHED AT 5-TO-1 FROM GR. 2

Storm Runner caught a break in November when his Churchill Downs maiden race was rained off the turf and onto the main track, and he responded with an easy victory by more than 4 lengths. Upon shipping down to Dale Romans' winter base at Gulfstream Park, the trainer noticed the colt seemed to relish the dirt surface there, even after he disappointed in a grass allowance last month.

Apparently the horse was trying to tell his connections something all along, as he jumped into a new dimension on the Gulfstream dirt on Sunday, recording an allowance victory in fast time and over a heavy favorite who had been among the favorites for the previous day's Grade 2 Holy Bull Stakes, before scratching when he drew the outside post position.



Storm Runner held on gamely to win by a neck over Mississippi, and it was another 9 ¼ lengths back to the third-place finisher Cove Blue.

In notching a spiffy 6 on the Ragozin Sheets by completing 8 1/2 furlongs in 1:42 2/5, Storm Runner ran himself right into the Kentucky Derby picture. That Ragozin figure is faster than any of Barry Irwin's previous Derby runners at this stage of the game, including Animal Kingdom, Captain's Bodgit, Went the Day Well and The Deputy, who all scored major prep wins in March or April.

Storm Runner made such a big step forward that Romans and Irwin will have to keep a keen eye on how he recovers over the next few weeks. The Grade 2 Fountain of Youth Stakes on March 3 is the sensible next step as a chance to come back over the same track and distance as Sunday's race, but the connections will keep their options open in case he needs more time.

In Sunday's race, Storm Runner made a decisive middle move as leading jockey Luis Saez took the bull by the horns to strike the front turning for home with the short stretch and alternate wire for this distance at Gulfstream, getting the jump on 4-to-5 Mississippi, who came with his run but wound up a neck short under Julien Lejaroux. Storm Runner held on despite never switching leads in the lane, which can be a sign of greenness or a soundness issue. Romans has seen no reason to think there is anything amiss physically, and considering the colt has been professional in all his previous races, it would be a bit surprising for him to all the sudden be green at the end of a breakthrough performance. Interestingly, Saez also was on Grade 3 Swale Stakes hero Swift Power on Saturday when that colt

won despite not switching leads, and his trainer Mark Hennig explained that the colt was running fast enough that Saez felt he did not need to "mess with him" in the lane.

Swift Power is pointing for the Fountain of Youth, as is juvenile champion Good Magic and Grade 1 winner Free Drop Billy, who finished second in the Holy Bull for Romans and Saez.

From *Daily Racing Form* comes the following:

Romans May Have Another Derby Contender in Storm Runner



Trainer Dale Romans has run at least one horse in the Kentucky Derby in six of the last seven editions, finishing third twice and fourth with Shackleford, who came back to edge Animal Kingdom in the Preakness.

Less than 24 hours after finishing second and third, respectively, with Free Drop Billy and Tiz Mischief in the Grade 2 Holy Bull, trainer Dale Romans may have found himself another Kentucky Derby candidate after Storm Runner outlasted odds-on favorite Mississippi to capture Sunday's co-feature going 1 1/16 miles on the main track.

"I think he's kind of under the radar because of his purchase price [\$5,000] as a yearling," Romans said. "We bought him at Ellis after his [first] start. People might have to start paying attention to him, and I might have to start thinking of getting him to some of the bigger races."

Mississippi, who scratched out of the Holy Bull after drawing post position 11, ran well in defeat after being left with a bit too much to do trying to catch the winner with the short stretch run in races decided at 1 1/16 miles locally.

From Steve Haskin's Derby Dozen for the *Blood-Horse* comes the following:

There were three other races over the weekend worth mentioning. The Mark Casse-trained MISSISSIPPI, a \$700,000 2-year-old by Pioneerof the Nile who was a

close second to the highly regarded NOBLE INDY in an allowance, was scratched from the Holy Bull after drawing the outside post and ran instead in a 1 1/16-mile allowance race the following day. Sent off at 4-5, he saved ground most of the way and rallied along the inside, only to miss catching STORM RUNNER by a neck, while making up three lengths in the stretch and finishing 9 1/4 lengths ahead of the third-place finisher. The winner, with three grass races under him, despite a handy win and a strong second in his only two dirt races, moved up steadily along the rail, blew by the pacesetting COVE BLUE at the three-eighths pole and drifted a bit wide turning for home, as 8-5 second choice NAVISTAR ducked out to the middle of the track. He opened a clear lead in the stretch, but was carrying his head high and was stuck on his left lead, drifting in near the eighth pole. He held on to win by a neck in 1:42 2/5, which was only three-fifths slower than Audible ran in the Holy Bull. If he can get his act together and race more professionally, he could be an interesting horse to watch, as could Mississippi. It is worth noting that Storm Runner, purchased for a paltry \$5,000 as a yearling, has a very strong tail-female family with several Calumet Farm influences. His third dam is by Arts and Letters' classic-winning son Codex and is a half-sister to grade 1 winner Life's Hope, who won or placed in 22 stakes from ages 3 to 8. Storm Runner's fourth dam is by Calumet's Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner Tim Tam, and his fifth dam is the granddam of the great international star Trillion. He gives trainer Dale Romans yet another potential Derby horse.

HAYABUSA ONE DENIED BY 'DIRTIEST OF NOSES' IN SANTA ANITA GRADE 2 FRENCH IMPORT REWARDS PATIENCE, LONG-HELD FAITH IN HIS ABILITY JOCKEY ESPINOZA LOST WHIP AT SIXTEENTH POLE IN DECISIVE MOMENT

On one hand, Hayabusa One provided a true thrill on February 3 when he went toe-to-toe with the top horse in the Southern California turf division, Itsinthepost, in Saturday's Grade 2 San Marcos Stakes, as the French-bred duo hooked up to deliver one of the most exciting races thus far in 2018.



On the other hand, as exhilarating as the final 12 seconds were as Hayabusa One made good on his potential, the official result, with Itsinthepost confirmed after four minutes of deliberation to have gotten his nose up at the wire, was an extremely bitter pill to swallow.

Barry Irwin told members of Hayabusa One's partnership that he doubted any of them will ever again go through such a tough beat as this one.

"Our esteemed jockey, Victor Espinoza, dropped the whip 100 yards from the

wire," Irwin said. "That is the difference between a Grade 2 win and a Grade 2 second, along with more than \$80,000 in cashola. The good news is that the horse confirmed our faith in him."

Hayabusa One had been anointed a TDN Rising Star in his Team Valor debut almost a year and a half ago, when he dismantled an allowance field at Keeneland with an electric turn of foot. Not much else went right for Hayabusa One until this winter, when he managed to escape the Lilac fire at San Luis Rey Downs in early December and returned from a break with a sharp allowance win a month later at Santa Anita. Some speed figures poo-pooed that performance, but his final time was unmistakably fast and comparable to Itsinthepost's victory in the Grade 2 San Gabriel Stakes a week earlier, so Irwin, co-owner Gary Barber and trainer Peter Miller were game to test him in the 10-furlong San Marcos. He was let go at odds of nearly 15-to-1 and came agonizingly close to the big upset.

"That was the dirtiest of noses," said Matt Bernier of *Daily Racing Form* in the video at right.

[**DRF Video Analysis**](#)

Itsinthepost, now a five-time Grade 2 winner, had to summon a career-best 102 Beyer to dispatch of Hayabusa One, who has reignited his career with a new trainer, Peter Miller, after missing most of last year with bone bruising.

Irwin said, "Before we returned him to training, a veterinarian told us not to even try because he was finished. Based on my theory that synthetic tracks and light training were exactly the opposite of what this horse needed, I designed a training regimen that called for strictly training on the dirt and included more time jogging and galloping before he began to breeze. It obviously worked."

Hayabusa One went through the extra conditioning paces with Bruce Jackson at his Fair Hill Equine Therapy Unit in Maryland. The 5-year-old chestnut registered a career-best 5 Ragozin and could get a rematch with Itsinthepost in the Grade 2 San Luis Rey Stakes over 12 furlongs on March 24.

ANIMAL KINGDOM COLT NOW AMONG FAVORITES FOR AUS. GUINEAS COLT PEACEFUL STATE MAKES EYE-POPPING RALLY TO WIN COMEBACK PERHAPS MOST IMPRESSIVE PERFORMANCE YET FOR SIRE DOWN UNDER

Peaceful State flashed an impressive turn of foot in November when he nearly took out the Grade 2 Sandown Guineas, finishing second by a head in just his third career start. Last night, the son of Animal Kingdom came flying again and stamped himself as one of the favorites for the Grade 1 Australian Guineas with an improbable rally to get up at the wire in a 6 ½-furlong allowance.



Peaceful State, in the red and orange silks, flashes home at Sandown last night.

Reserved in a big field after breaking from an outside post, Peaceful State only had two horses behind him with a quarter mile to go when he kicked in and made up at least 7 lengths in the stretch to prevail as the 5-to-2 favorite. The replay is [here](#).

Jockey John Allen said, “He showed [he was Grade 1 quality] last time in the Sandown Guineas. That was a super run, and I imagine you won’t see the best of him until he gets up to 2000 meters or so.”

Peaceful State has two wins, the Grade 2 placing and a debut third from four career starts. He is between \$7 and \$11, depending on the bookmaker, for the Grade 1 Guineas on March 3 at Flemington. His stablemate Cliff’s Edge is the co-favorite at \$5 after winning a Grade 3 last weekend, but assistant trainer Jarrod McLean suggested Peaceful State would be the pick of the barn, comparing him favorably to Weir’s previous Guineas winner, Palentino, who was another late runner.

Peaceful State was the third Animal Kingdom winner in a span of about 24 hours, joining:

Raw Emotion, a filly who nailed down a maiden win at Kembla Grange for trainer Chris Waller on Monday night; and

Lovely Time, who scored in a maiden claimer on the dirt at Parx after finishing second in her last two starts as a 2-year-old.

Besides Peaceful State, Animal Kingdom looks to have a classics prospect in **Earth Angel**, who just missed in a comeback that was short of her best distance last weekend in Melbourne. [Interview here](#)

Additionally, Grade 3-placed **Lord Cecil** is due to return in coming days (he holds several entries, the first coming tomorrow night at Canterbury) for Arrowfield Stud manager and trainer Paul Messara, who has singled out the colt as a Derby candidate.

In California, Animal Kingdom’s debut-winning filly **Ahimsa** will resurface on Friday at Santa Anita in an entry-level allowance over 6 ½ furlongs. She won in fast time over 6 furlongs in her only start on December 18, but with her pedigree, Jay Privman of *Daily Racing Form* listed her among the filly candidates out west for the Kentucky Oaks.

BREEDERS' CUP TO LAUNCH NEW JUVENILE TURF SPRINT PROMOTES POPULAR UNDERCARD RACE TO THE MAIN EVENT RACE WILL BE THE ONLY GRADED SPRINT ON GRASS IN NORTH AMERICA

From *Thoroughbred Commentary* comes the following on this week's announcement that a juvenile turf sprint will be added to the Breeders' Cup program at Churchill Downs in November



Could this be the start of a flourishing new division in America?

A sign of things to come? Declarationofpeace just got the better of Sound And Silence at the head of a European 1-2-3-4 in the Qatar Juvenile Turf Sprint on the Breeders' Cup undercard at Del Mar last November. Expect the European challenge to be at least as strong this year now the race is to be part of the main card at the World Championships.

On the face of it, the new Breeders' Cup race looks like a benefit for the Europeans. It was announced on Monday that a Juvenile Turf Sprint will be added to the full BC program at the World Championships at Churchill Downs on November 2-3 and will carry a \$1 million purse. The race will be run at about 5.5 furlongs on the turf and will be open to all 2-year-olds.

In fact, it's a contest that has been hanging around just outside the Breeders' Cup weekend for five seasons now without ever getting a proper invite to the party itself. Known simply as the Juvenile Turf Sprint, it's been a \$100,000 listed race since 2013 (although it wasn't run in 2015). None of the first three runnings attracted any international runners, but then things stepped up dramatically at Del Mar last year. The prize fund doubled, the race became the Qatar Juvenile Turf Sprint, and the Euros were suddenly interested - so much so that they occupied the first four places, with a Ballydoyle colt (Declarationofpeace) beating one from Godolphin and a Qatar Racing-owned, Richard Hannon-trained filly in a blanket finish.

All the Europeans were experienced runners at Group level, the Americans far less so, which is hardly surprising considering the current huge difference between the U.S. and European 2-year-old programs. Yes, there aren't any graded turf sprints in North America.

As Dora Delgado, Breeders' Cup Senior Vice President of Racing and Nominations, said on Monday: "The upgrade of the Juvenile Turf Sprint is in response to the increasing popularity of turf racing in North America and will fill a need for international turf sprint sires. Each year, the Juvenile Turf and the Juvenile Fillies Turf are oversubscribed at the Championships. We feel that the Juvenile Turf Sprint will also be a popular draw among horsemen from North America and overseas stables and will generate interest among North American racetracks to card races in this division."

Indeed, the move may be the start of a significant change in American racing. Turf sprinters have been a largely neglected breed for many years with very few opportunities for them available before Breeders' Cup time each year. The new race, which will surely become a Grade 1 before too long, provides an important new opportunity, and should enable trainers to develop a new focus for some of their juveniles. Ultimately, that ought to give tracks the impetus to provide richer opportunities for these horses later in their careers.

Perhaps the most immediate need may be for more of a pathway for potential contenders leading up to new Juvenile Turf Sprint. They'll need as much experience as possible if they're to hold their own against the inevitable European challenge.

BARRY IRWIN'S HANDICAP RATINGS OF TEAM VALOR RACEHORSES

Barry Irwin maintains ratings done in pounds much like Timeform ratings and changes them weekly to reflect the basic quality of each animal. Codes indicate the current status of a runner's form.

Comments are always updated. The list is comprised of the stable's top raced horses.

Runner	Desc	Rating	Code	Comment
Va Bank	6h	121	↔	Returns to Germany for ankle procedure
Hayabusa One	5h	120	↑	Missed by nose in G2 with 5 Ragozin topper
La Sardane	4f	118	↑	Keeneland's G1 Jenny Wiley in April is goal
Vulcan's Forge	5h	116	↑	Most consistent runner in Team Valor stable
Responsibleforlove	5m	115	↑	Rubbed spot on withers, ponying for now
Belvoir Bay	5m	115	↑	Breezing now at Del Mar, coming slowly
Kingstar	3c	114	↑	French Derby colt back training in Chantilly
Storm Runner	3c	114	↑	Improved mightily, eyes Fountain of Youth
First Premio	4c	113	↑	NOLA Grade 3 for dirt debut February 17
Capla Temptress	3f	112	↑	Pointing for Classic, G1 English Guineas
Brave Mary	3f	111	↑	Heading to France the first week of March
Rocking the Boat	4c	110	↑	Found 6 furlongs too short in Oaklawn debut
Cot Campbell	3c	109	↑	Grinder foiled by paceless race for \$500,000
Miss Julia Star	4f	109	↔	Spring return for very speedy French import
Juno	6m	109	↑	Grade 2 likely after allowance failed to fill
Love 'n' Happiness	4f	108	↑	Will be sent to Correas at Tampa in March
Pillar Mountain	3c	108	↔	Returns to training in about a month in FL
Bombshell	5m	107	↑	Black-type earner returns at month's end
Madame Dubois	6m	107	↑	Up to half-mile at Tampa for A. Delacour
Radiant Splendour	3f	107	↑	Unbeaten 3yo filly essays G2 Guineas next
High Hours	6h	106	↑	Training with Recio at Classic Mile Park
Battle in Seattle	4c	105	↑	Heading soon to Motion at Palm Meadows
Gauguin	5h	104	↑	Training well at Payson Park for Bill Mott
Anna Pavlova	5m	104	↑	Breezing in South of France in good clime
Flying Ice	6m	103	↑	Thriving at Classic Mile, spring debut on tap
Kranji	5h	103	↔	February 11 return to training at Classic Mile
Ever So True	3f	100	↔	Rehabbing knee chip, out for 2 more months
Thora Barber	4f	100	↑	Training well for Casse in Ocala, race soon
Addae do Jaguarete	6m	100	↑	Back in very light training as ankle heals
Manchester City	3c	99	↑	Training really well for Clement in Florida
Champagne Forever	4f	98	↑	Breezing nicely at Payson Park for Bill Mott
Pickford	3c	96	↑	Improving nicely, sitting on win at Oaklawn
Beckoning	3f	96	↑	Should race at Gulfstream in March for Mott
Caramel Martini	3f	94	↑	Ready for Team Valor bow next week in FL
Blossom d'Orange	5m	93	↔	Spring training return when injury heals
Kasseopia	5g	93	↑	Gate drills with Casse at Ocala training track
Rose Velvet	4f	93	↑	Really took to grass in Palm Beach breeze
Sun Goddess	4f	92	↑	Foot issued resolved, returns to training
Lady Allegra	5m	90	↑	Ready to race at Turfway for Kellyn Gorder
Smokey Affair	4f	90	↔	Moved to Fairview for class relief in Africa
Bridal Veil	3f	90	↑	Trainer switch should yield better results
Speak With Me	5h	89	↑	Beaten 4 lengths in last, class drop in order
Cyrielle	3f	89	↑	Barry Irwin's surprise package of the season
Swoop	4g	81	↑	Back in training for Bart Rice in S. Korea



BROODMARES AND MATING PLANS

Pura Classe's Animal Kingdom yearling filly.

No. Hemisphere	2017 Stallion	Status	2018 Stallion
All Elegance	Animal Kingdom	Bred 4-29, IN FOAL	Animal Kingdom
Angegreen	Animal Kingdom	Bred 4-4, not in foal	Animal Kingdom
Blasé			Magician
Chantilly Nayla	Magician	Bred 6-9, IN FOAL	Animal Kingdom
Colorado Girl	Animal Kingdom	Bred 4-4, not in foal	Shackleford
Driver's Girl			Cairo Prince
Esstadista	Animal Kingdom	Bred 4-23, IN FOAL	Animal Kingdom
Gatabakana	Animal Kingdom filly 9-20		Animal Kingdom
Ginger Sea	Animal Kingdom	Bred 5-3, IN FOAL	Animal Kingdom
Pura Classe	Animal Kingdom	Bred 6-4, IN FOAL	Hard Spun
Sutil	Animal Kingdom filly 2-5		Tourist
That's Hot	Hard Spun	Bred 2-25, IN FOAL	Magician
Victory Party	Curlin	Curlin filly 1-21	Classic Empire
Upperville		No cover this year	Recorder
Wide Range	Medaglia d'Oro	Bred 3-20, IN FOAL	Violence
So. Hemisphere	Status	2017 stallion	Status
Australia			
Alexandra Rose	Olympic Glory colt 9-26	Animal Kingdom	Bred 10-23, IN FOAL
Future Choice	Barren	Animal Kingdom	Bred 9-10, IN FOAL
Happy Valentine	More Than Ready filly 8-10	Redoute's Choice	Bred 10-16, IN FOAL
Brazil			
Linda Rafaela	Out of Control colt 8-4	Put It Back	Bred 11-4, IN FOAL
South Africa			
Agra	Visionaire colt 11-28	Visionaire	Bred 12-27, not in foal
Bountiful Harvest	No cover	Futura	Bred 11-27, IN FOAL
Catch the Wind	Willow Magic filly 10-17	Noble Tune	Bred 10-30, IN FOAL
Captain's Lover	Barren	Futura	Bred 9-10, IN FOAL
Comtesse Dubois	Barren	Visionaire	Bred 9-5, IN FOAL
Ebony Flyer	Silvano filly 10-16	Duke of Marmalade	Breeding NH time
Highly Decorated	Visionaire colt 10-7	Visionaire	Bred 12-10, not in foal
My Kazzie	Master of My Fate filly 11-22	Elusive Fort	Bred 12-23, not in foal
On Her Toes	Barren	Visionaire	Bred 12-5, IN FOAL
Princess Chloe	Visionaire colt 10-5	Master of My Fate	Bred 11-2, IN FOAL
Royal Pleasure	Jay Peg colt 8-30	Var	Bred 9-29, IN FOAL
She's On Fire	Visionaire filly 11-5	Gimmetheregreenlight	Bred 12-2, IN FOAL
She's a Pippa	Visionaire filly 11-12	Futura	Bred 12-10, IN FOAL
State Coach	Barren	Visionaire	Bred 9-16, IN FOAL
Sunshine Lover	Barren	Master of My Fate	Bred 10-28, IN FOAL
Valor Red	Master of My Fate filly 9-15	Trippi	Bred 10-17, IN FOAL



NOTES

Chantilly gallop this week

NATHANIELHAWTHORNE, the 2-year-old colt who recently joined the Team Valor ranks, has a 3-year-old half brother, Galactic Spirit, who broke his maiden at Wolverhampton on Monday in his second career start. Galactic Spirit and Nathanielhawthorne are both trained by Marco Botti, just like Gitano Hernando, their Grade 1-winning sibling for Team Valor and Gary Barber.

LA SARDANE breezed a half mile yesterday in :51 4/5 at Santa Anita and is coming right along for Hall of Fame trainer Neil Drysdale, who will prepare the French Group 2 winner to take aim at the Grade 1 Jenny Wiley Stakes on April 15 at Keeneland.

SUTIL, Grade 1 winner of the Brazilian Oaks, delivered her first American foal on Monday night in the bluegrass. The daughter of California Grade 1 winner Redattore produced a bay filly by Animal Kingdom. Sutil was acquired in Brazil in July 2016. She foaled a Forestry filly there that fall and was shipped to Kentucky.

CHAMPAGNE FOREVER turned in another nice breeze yesterday at foggy Payson Park in Florida. Traveling to the outside of a stablemate, she inched ahead approaching the wire and galloped out in front, getting the three furlongs in :38 1/5. The video is [here](#).

WALL OF SOUND, the recently acquired South African yearling filly in the "Guineas LLC" group, had a family update today when her 5yo half-brother WEST COAST WARRIOR won a 9 furlong Merit-Rated 73 Handicap at The Vaal today. The Sean Tarry trainee now sports 5 wins and 7 placings in 23 starts.



MARYLEBONNE is the latest Black-Type filly from the family of Love 'n' Happiness, Juno and Kranji. Marylebonne is by the same sire, Setembro Chove, as the Team Valor trio. Like Love 'n' Happiness, she is out of a daughter of Irmadohomemra, the blue hen mare who produced Juno and Kranji. Marylebonne, 3, finished second in a Listed sprint on Saturday in her second career start.

STATE OF PLAY, the former Grade 2-winning juvenile for Team Valor, is Chile's leading freshman sire and currently leads juvenile sire list by earnings, ahead of established sires Scat Daddy, Lookin at Lucky, Super Saver, etc.

BEHOLD THE QUEEN came back well from her fourth-place finish at Gosford and will point for a suitable spot to nail down a maiden win in her next start. Trainer Bjorn Baker said "I thought she ran really well on Saturday. She had everything against her, having to cross over [shoot to the lead] from the outside gate and it was hard to win on the lead that day. She held on well until the last 15 meters. At a country meeting, she would be a hot favorite and I do expect that she would win."

GAIUS, the juvenile Leroidesanimaux colt out of Barry Irwin's mare Upperville, is shown on the all-weather gallop at snowy Chantilly in this [video](#) with narration from trainer Francis Graffard.

DRIVER'S GIRL has been retired this week due to a heart rate so low that it would be dangerous for her to continue racing. She will be bred to Cairo Prince this spring in Kentucky.

ANNA PAVLOVA will be kept in the South of France for a few more weeks and step up to full work, awaiting better weather in Chantilly before she ships in to trainer Alain De Royer-Dupre.



MANCHESTER CITY (left) breezed a half mile on the dirt at Payson Park today, going in company in :52 2/5. Trainer Christophe Clement said the colt was reluctant in the stretch and he thinks a change of exercise riders is in order.

LEIGHLA has developed a quarter crack in the wake of her maiden win recently at Tampa Bay Downs. Trainer Graham Motion will send her down to Palm Meadows in South Florida so that his regular blacksmith can attend to the foot.

CARMEL MARTINI will be entered tomorrow for a grass allowance at Gulfstream over 8 ½ furlongs. If that race fails to fill, the track has another option on the schedule a week later going 7 ½ furlongs.

MACEDONIAN RULER spent more than a month at Warwick Farm training center with a juvenile conditioner and has now returned to Arrowfield Stud to continue his lessons at the farm's training facility overseen by Paul Messara.

JUNO's allowance scheduled for Saturday at Santa Anita only drew three horses and has been shelved. She will likely opt for the Grade 2 Buena Vista on February 17 instead.

OLEKSANDRA, the older full sister to Macedonian Ruler, was cleared from the USDA quarantine facility in New York this morning. She will stop over at Belmont Park for a few days before continuing on to the Classic Mile in Ocala with Bill Recio.

HASSAH is 10-to-1 on the morning line for what could be her TVI finale on Friday at Tampa. Jose Ferrer has the call in the seventh race, scheduled for 3:34 p.m. Eastern. Past performances are [here](#).

BECKONING worked a half mile on the dirt yesterday in :50 1/5 as she gets ready for a U.S. debut next month at Gulfstream.

PICKFORD went 5 furlongs in 1:02 on Monday in his first breeze since a nice improvement in his 3-year-old bow when he finished second by a head at Oaklawn on January 25.

UPCOMING RACES

Horse	Date	Track	Trip	Class	Purse
Hassah	Feb 09	Tampa Bay	8.5 T	Claiming	\$16,000
Steve Rubell	Feb 10	Kenilworth	8 T	Handicap	\$6,000
Caramel Martini	Feb 11	Gulfstream	8.5 T	Allowance	\$44,000
First Premio	Feb 17	Fair Grounds	8.5	Mineshaft H.-G3	\$150,000
Juno	Feb 17	Santa Anita	8 T	Buena Vista S.-G2	\$200,000
*Caramel Martini	Feb 18	Gulfstream	7.5 T	Allowance	\$44,000
Swoop	Feb 23	Busan	5	Handicap	\$45,000
Radiant Splendour	Mar 03	Turffontein	8 T	Gauteng Guineas-G2	\$41,000
*Storm Runner	Mar 03	Gulfstream	8.5	Fountain of Youth S.-G2	\$400,000
Vulcan's Forge	Mar 10	Aqueduct	8	Stymie H.-L	\$150,000
Responsibleforlove	Mar 18	Santa Anita	9 T	Santa Ana S.-G2	\$200,000
La Sardane	Apr 14	Keeneland	8.5 T	Jenny Wiley S.-G1	\$350,000

PERFORMANCE GRID FOR UNITED STATES, EUROPE, SOUTH AFRICA

Top Speed Figures			
Runner	Desc	Thoro Graph	Best Beyer
Vulcan's Forge	5 h	2.25	98
Bombshell	5 m	4.25	82
Responsibleforlove	5 m	4.25	94
Rocking the Boat	4 c	4.5	87
Hayabusa One	5 h	5 (Rag)	101
Juno	6 m	5	94
Belvoir Bay	5 m	5.25	96
Storm Runner	3 c	6 (Rag)	84
Gauguin	5 h	6	92
Kasseopia	5 h	7.5 (Rag)	85
First Premio	4 c	6.75	93
High Hours	7 h	8.5	88
Pickford	3 c	8.75	67
Lady Allegra	5 m	9	84
Caramel Martini	3 f	9.5	73
Speak With Me	5 h	9.75	81
Capla Temptress	3 f	10	76
Thora Barber	4 f	11	74
Cyrielle	3 f	11.5	71
Ever So True	3 f	11.75 (Rag)	74
Driver's Girl	4 f	12	71
Leighla	3 f	13.75	58

Top Timeform & Racing Post Ratings			
Runner	Desc	Time Form	RPR
Va Bank	6 h	121	113
Hayabusa One	5 h	111	105
La Sardane	4 f	110	108
Belvoir Bay	5 m	109	95
Brave Mary	3 f	105	102
Responsibleforlove	5 m	105	100
Kingstar	3 c	104	104
Capla Temptress	3 f	104	99
Battle in Seattle	4 c	99	100
Summer Shamal	3 f	90	86
First Premio	4 c	84	85

Top South African Merit Ratings			
Runner	Desc	Best	Current
Brave Mary	3 f	106	106
Flying Ice	5 m	103	103
Madame Dubois	5 m	102	102
Cot Campbell	3 c	100	100
Anna Pavlova	4 f	96	96
Smokey Affair	4 f	86	86
Radiant Splendour	3 f	83	83