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Globeform's 50 to Follow PART 2 – U S A

ASHKAL WAY (IRE)

Globeform 118

2002 ch g Ashkalani (GF 121) – Golden Way / Cadeaux Genereux

Ashkal Way has suffered a minor set back but remains on or "Top 50 list" – as he is likely to return in the autumn and if he comes back fully recovered he is a very interesting turf performer. Replacement horse will be added, but Ashkal Way stays on the list.

O: Godolphin

B: Gainsborough Stud

T: Saeed bin Suroor, USA



Ashkal Way comes back winning the 2007 Lure Stakes, but only by a nose! © www.equiphoto.com

Pedigree notes Ashkal Way

Ashkalani (IRE) 1993 GF 121 as 3yo	Soviet Star (USA) 1984	Nureyev (USA) 1977
		Veruschka (USA) 1967
Golden Way (IRE) 1997	Ashtarka (IRE) 1987	Dalsaan (GB) 1977
		Asharaz (FR) 1967
	Cadeaux Genereux (GB) 1985	Young Generation (IRE) 1976
		Smarten Up (GB) 1975
	Diabolina (USA) 1987	Lear Fan (USA) 1981
		Diamond Spring (USA) 1977

Ashkalani, an Aga Khan product, was a high class miler in France at three, when he won the Poule d'Essai des Poulains (G1) and Prix du Moulin (G1) – beating Spinning World in both. He has also sired the Group 3 winning English turf sprinter Ashdown Express.

Golden Way won over 10 and 11 furlongs in England at three, but was beaten a long way when tried in a G3. She is a half-sister to European winners from 6 to 10 furlongs.

Diabolina won over 10 furlongs in France.

He's got options

ASHKAL WAY (IRE)

17 st. 9-3-2

\$828,349 (01Jan07)

Best performance:

WON CITATION HCAP (G1) GF 118

8.5 furlongs tur (firm), Hollywood Park 24 Nov

The ex-English runner Ashkal Way worked his way up the ladder in the turf division in the US, and found his best piece of form at Hollywood Park in November, when he was an off-the-pace winner of the **Citation Handicap (G1)**. He was ridden a few lengths behind the speed, travelling alone between the leading group and the early trailers. Under Garrett Gomez, he came with a determined finish to win the race by a length from Hendrix, who came from further back. Three Valleys was a close third, Cosmonaut finished fourth and Rob Roy fifth.

Hendrix ran the race of his life in second, Three Valleys finally returned to his best European form, while Cosmonaut ran another solid race after four consistent efforts going into the Citation (which was on the sharp side for him). Rob Roy, the Champion Stakes (G1) runner-up in England, does not strike us as a horse that will be suited to North American tracks and may struggle to make an impact at the highest level.

Was it a high class Grade 1? No it was not. Twelve took part and among them was Becrux, coming off his Woodbine Mile (G1) win, but

Ashkal Way did not beat world class opposition. That said, he did it really well, quickening up when asked, and has improved a lot since his days in England, where he won twice. He also looked like a horse that will stay further. The Citation was his sixth win from eight starts in the US in 2006, and he ended the year on a progressive note.

His seasonal debut came in the **Etisalat Cup H** at Nad Al Sheba in February, when trained by Ismail Mohammed. He was third to Anani. Shipped to USA, he found better form, winning an 8.5-furlong **Belmont allowance** by a nose from the smart Classic Campaign in May.

Ashkal Way went on beat Hotstufandthensome by half a length in the **Elkwood S** over a mile at Monmouth Park, before stepping up to the **Fourstardave Handicap (G2)** over 8.5 furlongs at Saratoga in August. Only five ran and the race went to the in-form Remarkable News, who beat Ashkal Way by 2 ½ lengths while conceding one pound.

Stretching out to 9 furlongs in the **Bernard Baruch H (G2)**, Ashkal Way tasted success in an important race for the first time. As is his style, he was held up early and finished well to

get up for a neck win over Dreadnaught (conceded 1lb), with Interpatation third.

The Kelso Handicap (G2), over a mile on Belmont Park's Breeders' Cup preview day in late September, was chosen as his next target. It produced an exciting finish, and first past the post was Ashkal Way. He was just a head in front of Free Thinking, but actually won the race quite comfortably, and was also giving 2lbs to the runner-up. Art Master, an ex-French runner, was a disappointing third.

Form summary

Tough, battle hardened turf runner, improved on UK form when sent to the US, winner of G1 over 8.5 furlongs Hollywood in Nov. Also won G2 events over 8 and 9 furlongs, will stay 10 furlongs, best on firm and when allowed to sit off a solid pace. Lifetime best on last start in 2006, can improve again at five.

2007 / Looking ahead

Returned with a nose win over Classic Campaign in the **Lure Stakes**, 8.5 furlongs Gulfstream 1 April. If he stays 1 ¼ miles, Ashkal Way could develop into a contender for the Arlington Million (G1), if that comes too soon he will be a force in the big autumn races.

CARRIAGE TRAIL (USA)

4 b f Giant's Causeway – Manoka / Seking the Gold

Trainer: Claude McGaughey

Making her first start for seven months, this daughter of top class turf & dirt performer Giant's Causeway was a most impressive winner over 7 furlongs at Keeneland in early April. Carriage Trail reappeared in a competitive allowance heat and, after being next to last turning for home, she quickened up really well between horses, to hit the front with under a furlong to go, and win easily under a hand ride. Carriage Trail was odds-on favorite, and she sure won like one, as she outclassed Natural Beauty and Leo's Pegasus for a comfortable win. She ran just once at two (winning a Saratoga maiden) and was

restricted to just four runs at three, when she was thrown in against top turf fillies like Meribel and Magnificent Song and ran with great credit in such company. She was eighth to the latter in the Garden City Hcap (G1) – but not beaten more than 5 lengths after stumbling at the start and racing wide.

Ashkal Way promises to stay 1 ¼ miles, and he may well improve over that distance. He is at his best on firm ground, but also handled good and good to soft in England.

This filly is likely to return to turf, and her next start will almost certainly be in stakes company. She will stay 1 ¼ miles and she has several options through the summer.



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CHELOKEE (USA)

3 dkb / br c Cherokee Run – Dixie Ghost / Silver Ghost

Trainer: Michael Matz

The Florida Derby (G1) third Chelokee Boy is very interesting. At the time of writing, he looks like just making it into the field for the Kentucky Derby (G1). It may be a tough race for such an inexperienced colt – but why not have a crack?

After all, he was not more than 2 lengths behind Scat Daddy at Gulfstream Park, where he suffered trouble in running in the closing stages. With a clear run he would have been second (and assured a spot in the Derby). And, if the race had been over 1 ¼ miles, he may have given Scat Daddy a real fight. Chelokee was staying on well, he will improve again, and it would come as a surprise if he fails to pick up at least a couple of nice stakes wins through

the season. Prior to the Florida Derby, he had won a 9-furlong allowance race at the same track, after overcoming is very rough trip he beat For You Reppo and Sightseeing (also on our '50 list') in good style.

Do not be fooled by the fact that Chelokee is a son of BC Sprint winner Cherokee Run. He stays well, the Derby trip will be no problem at all. He could make an impact at Churchill Downs, though races like the Haskell and the Travers seem more likely to fit a horse with this profile.



Michael Matz, who trained Barbaro last year, has another high class colt in Chelokee
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CIRCULAR QUAY (USA)

2004 ch c Thunder Gulch (GF 123) – Circle of Life / Belong to Me

Globeform 116+

O: Doreen & Michael Tabor

B: Doreen Tabor

T: Todd Pletcher USA



*Circular Quay winning the Hopeful Stakes.
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Thunder Gulch (USA) 1992 GF 123 as 3yo	<i>Gulch (USA) 1984</i>	<i>Mr Prospector (USA) 1970</i>
	<i>Line of Thunder (USA) 1987</i>	<i>Jameela (USA) 1976</i>
Circle Of Life (USA) 1997	<i>Belong To Me (USA) 1989</i>	<i>Storm Bird (USA) 1978</i>
	<i>Concentric (USA) 1991</i>	<i>Shoot A Line (GB) 1977</i>
		<i>Danzig (USA) 1977</i>
		<i>Belonging (USA) 1979</i>
		<i>Shadeed (USA) 1982</i>
		<i>Magic Circle (USA) 1966</i>

Pedigree notes

Thunder Gulch won the Kentucky Derby (G1), Belmont Stakes (G1), Florida Derby (G1) and Travers Stakes (G1). As a sire, he is best known for champion Point Given (see Point Ashley) and Breeders' Cup Distaff (G1) winner Spain, and in 2006 was also represented by Las Virgenes (G1) and Santa Anita Oaks (G1) winner Balance, who won the 2007 Santa Margarita Hcap (G1).

Circle of Light won the Spinaway Stakes (G1) and was placed in the Matron (G1) Ashland (G1) and Shuylerville (G2). She is also dam of Circle the World (Fuasichi Pegasus), a winner and 4th in the 2006 Iowa Derby. Circle of Light was covered by Giant's Causeway in 2006. She also has a 2005 brother to Circle the World.

He's a Derby horse

CIRCULAR QUAY (USA)

7 st. 4-2-0

\$1,087,434(01Apr07)

Best performance:

WON HOPEFUL S (G1) GF 116+

7 fur. dirt (fast) Saratoga 4 Sep

Circular Quay was second in **the Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1)**, but beaten 10 lengths by the winner Street Sense, and it was not his best performance to date. It was not even his second best! He ran in three big races as a juvenile, and performed to GF 116+, 112+ and 110+ in these. The son of Thunder Gulch ran a solid race behind Street Sense but ran even better two starts earlier, when winning the Hopeful Stakes (G1). After that win he was a beaten favorite in the **Breeders' Futurity (G1)** at Keeneland, where Great Hunter seemed to outstay him and scored by 1 ¾ lengths. Street Sense was third. It was a very strong race that has produced a bunch of subsequent winners.

Circular Quay had previously been extremely impressive when coming from around fifteen lengths off the pace to simply blow by Scat Daddy for a 4 ¼-length win in the **Hopeful Stakes (G1)** over 7 furlongs at Saratoga.

Scat Daddy went on to win the Champagne Stakes (G1) in good style, giving the form a nice boost, and also ran quite well at the Breeders' Cup, to finish fourth.

Back in July, Circular Quay defeated Shermanesque by an easy 1 ¼ lengths in the **Bashford Manor Stakes (G3)** at Churchill Downs, where he had been an impressive debut winner four weeks earlier.

On his best form, Circular Quay is a most exciting prospect, and a runner we would expect to see winning at Grade One level again at three. It is hard to know what to make of him yet. Is he closing sprint-miler, or will he stay 1 ¼ miles and be a serious contender for the Kentucky Derby (G1)? Tough call, but this colt understandably prominent in various Kentucky Derby future books. His turn of foot will always make him most effective over fast tracks.

Form summary

High class colt, ran remarkable race when coming from way off the pace to win G1 over 7 fur. at Saratoga (third start), 2nd in G1 at Keeneland and Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) at Churchill Downs.

Looking ahead / 2007

Circular Quay made his seasonal debut in the **Risen Star (G3)** at the Fair Grounds in February, but was 'wiped out' as a horse clipped heels in front of him at the top of the straight – he did well to take fifth behind Notional. He bounced right back with a solid 2 ¼-length win over Ketcikan in the **Louisiana Derby (G2)** over 8.5 furlongs at the same track in March, coming from last to first and looking as good as ever. The level of his success may depend on his ability to stay. At this stage, he really looks a Kentucky Derby horse.



What it's like to be at the back of the field at Churchill Downs

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CURLIN (USA)

3 CH C Smart Strike – Sherriff's Deputy / Deputy Minister

Trainer: Steve Asmussen

The Arkansas Derby winner is a serious, serious racehorse – but will he be tough enough at Churchill Downs on the first Saturday in May? Maybe not, but even if he is beaten in the Kentucky Derby, Curlin is still a given name on our list of horses to follow. By May 1, he stands with the best performance of the year among the 3-year-olds, and that after just three runs! Hopefully, he will avoid a high or low post in the Derby, and get a fair chance to show us exactly how good he is. That is, in all probability, awfully good.

Curlin had taken a big step up on his second start, when graduating from a breathtaking debut at Gulfstream Park to win the Rebel Stakes (G3) at Oaklawn on March 17, and he just keeps on surprising. It is not surprising that a talented colt like this son of Smart Strike keeps on winning – but, given his limited experience – it is surprising how he does it. One may think that this was soft opposition and yes, as the early leader Deadly Dealer failed to stay, perhaps it was. It was still a test for Curlin, however, and he scored ten points at every

junction. He settled beautifully a couple of lengths behind Deadly Dealer, he was still perfectly balanced mentally when the outsider Slew by Slew moved past him as they were approaching the final turn, he accelerated in the style of a seasoned pro when Albarado asked him to make a move halfway through that turn, and he ran on like a horse that should stay 1 ¼ miles. As soon as he straightened for home, the race was all but over. He won by 10 ½ lengths with a bit in hand, though Albarado did keep him up to his task.

It was a great, great learning experience. Easing him would have been some mistake. It would hardly do, would it, if Curlin pulled himself up inside the last sixteenth at Churchill Downs, and came under attack from strong closers like Street Sense and Circular Quay. Better to make it clear to him 'asap' what racing is all about, and where the winning post is. He seems to have been a very quick learner and, if he can handle the Derby day atmosphere, he will not be easy to beat.

DEADLY DEALER (USA)

3 b c Concerto – Deadly / Williamstown

Trainer: Todd Pletcher

A May foal, Deadly Dealer is now beginning to show his full potential. He has had just four career starts, and he was readily beaten on his last outing. That was, however, in the Arkansas Derby (G2) – see Curlin – where he failed to stay the 8.5 furlongs but kept on well enough for third. Storm in May, a previous stakes winner, stayed on on past him in the closing stages.

Deadly Dealer set the pace that day, and if he had been ridden with more restraint he probably would have been second. So, one can

say he gets that distance but a drop back to a mile, or perhaps even shorter, will suit him so much better.

He was coming off an impressive 7-length win over Boogie Boggs, with Frosty Secret third, over 7.5 furlongs at Gulfstream Park, where Deadly Dealer made all and clocked a good time. Those filling the places behind him are no stars, but they are well up to allowance / minor stakes standard, and Deadly Dealer certainly is a classy sprint / miler in the making.

DIVINE PARK (USA)

3 b c Chester House – High In The Park / Ascot Knight

Trainer: Kiaran McLaughlin

Divine Park was a real bargain when bought for just \$20,000 at the Keeneland September Sale 2005. He has had just two starts, both in 2007, so have that confirmed – but he is probably more than happy about the investment now.

The son of top turf performer Chester House made his debut in a 6-furlong maiden at Aqueduct (inner track) in February. One would hardly think that this colt was made for such a distance / track, but Divine Park had enough speed for the task – he was never worse than third and won the race quite well.

Nearly two months later his name surfaced in the Keeneland program, as he was stepped up both in class and distance, and ran in an allowance race over 7 furlongs on the polytrack. Breaking from the inside post, Divine Park was last going down the backstretch – but he was racing well within himself and displaying a wonderful, floating action. He moved up halfway round the bend, still had a bit to find at the top of the lane, still won by daylight. He advanced with a game finish, then ran green once he hit the front but was certainly not

stopping. He outclassed Five Star Dawn and Midway Marvel for an easy win. His runner-up had been beaten just a neck in a good allowance race at Turfway on his previous start (behind Stormin Baghdad) and the fourth placed colt, Great Discovery, had been fifth to Teufflesberg in the Sugar Bowl last December (after a troubled run).

These formlines are interesting but, even if Divine Park had beaten just a couple of average maiden winners, we would have circled his name after this performance.

He really does look an exciting prospect, and it will be interesting to see him on turf, as well as over further.

Giving out a long term selection for a race like the Secretariat Stakes (G1) – run at Arlington in August – well before Kentucky Derby day may seem folly, but, well, now you know which one it would be in this office.

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sometimes he makes us think,
somethimes even both!

EINSTEIN (BRZ)

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2002 db / br h Spend a Buck – Gay Charm / Ghadeer 9 st. 4-0-0 \$191,472 (01Jan07)

O: *Midnight Cry Stable*

B: *Fazenda Mondesir, Brazil*

T: *Helen Pitts USA*

Best performance:

WON GULFSTREAM PARK

BREEDERS' CUP TURF (G1) GF 118+

11 fur. turf (soft) Gulfstream Park 25 Feb

Einstein, making his second start of the year after an easy allowance win over a sloppy dirt track, won the **Gulfstream Park Breeders' Cup Turf (G1)** when allowed to bowl along in front. He raced in the lead and had too much left when challenged by Go Deputy in the closing stages, holding on by a neck. Gun Salute was 3 lengths adrift in third.

The ex-Brazilian ran five times in all in 2006, often under difficult weights due to his southern hemisphere background, and never put in a bad effort. After his valuable win at Gulfstream

in February, he was fourth twice in good company; 2 ½ lengths behind Silver Whistle in the Pan American Handicap (G2) over 12 furlongs, also at Gulfstream (Ramazutti second, Go Deputy third), and 1 ¼ lengths behind English Channel in the 9-furlong Turf Classic (G1) at Churchill Downs on Kentucky Derby day, when Cacique and Milk it Mick were second and third.

That was Einstein's last run as a 4-year-old. Foaled as late as October, he is quite likely to make more of an impact at five, when weight assignments in big handicaps will be more in line with southern hemisphere weight-for-age conditions. He produced his best form over 11 furlongs but may be best suited by 10 furlongs.

Form summary

Lightly raced Brazilian bred turf runner – though also effective on dirt – produced game front running performance to win G1 over 11 furlongs at Gulfstream, later ran two solid races in defeat when carrying tough weights.

Looking ahead / 2007

Einstein came back over a mile at Gulfstream in January, to run fourth. He used the race as a prep for the **Breeders' Cup Breeders' Cup Turf (G1)** on Feb 24, when he was a close third to Jambalaya, without producing his best; back to winning form beating Cloudy's Knight by half a length in the 9-furlong **Muniz Memorial (G2)** at the Fair Grounds on March 10. He may prove good enough for races like the Woodford Reserve (G1) at Churchill, the Manhattan (G1) at Belmont and the Arlington Million (G1), and the Man o'War (G1) is an obvious late season target.

Spend A Buck (USA) 1982	<i>Buckaroo (USA) 1975</i>	<i>Buckpasser (USA) 1963</i>
		<i>Stepping High (USA) 1969</i>
Gay Charm (BRZ) 1985	<i>Belle de Jour (USA) 1973</i>	<i>Speak John (USA) 1958</i>
		<i>Battle Dress (USA) 1966</i>
	<i>Ghadeer (FR) 1978</i>	<i>Lyphard (USA) 1969</i>
		<i>Swanilda (FR) 1971</i>
	<i>Virga (BRAZ) 1977</i>	<i>Waldmeister (GB) 1961</i>
		<i>Merry Sunshine (GB) 1968</i>

Pedigree notes

Spend a Buck won the Kentucky Derby (G1) and Monmouth H (G1), also G1 winner at two. Triple G1-winning Antespend was best of his US progeny, and he sired G1 winners Pico Central and Hard Buck after export to Brazil.

Gay Charm won two G1 races in Brazil and Einstein is much her best foal to date. The second dam, **Virga**, was also a leading Brazilian runner, winning the Grande Premio Diana (G1) in 1981.

EMOTION PARADE (ARG)

4yo db f Parade Marshal – Cronaxia / Good Bloke

Trainer: Saeed bin Suroor

Emotion Parade was the top 3yo filly in Argentina last year, when she won four of her eight races, and she has now joined Godolphin. The daughter of Parade Marshal was particularly impressive when winning the Gran Premio Enrique Asebal (G1) over 10 furlongs at San Isidro in November, beating fellow G1 winner Gualaleta by 5 lengths, with Miss Chatty third.

Emotion Parade had previously won two principle events at Palermo; the Polla Potracas (G1) – over a mile – and the Seleccion-Copa San Isidro (G1) – 10 furlongs – and she is very exciting prospect for the 2007 season. Barbie Parade was runner-up in both her races at

Palermo, and this filly was later on a good third to Eu Tambem in a G1. Eu Tambem looked smart when winning the Maktoum Challenge III (G2) in Dubai this spring.

This filly has done well on dirt and turf, but at the time of writing we have no information on the future plans for Emotion Parade.

She could go to England and race on turf, but perhaps she is better off in USA, where she will find many opportunities. Either way, she is most definitely one to keep an eye on when she returns to racing action.

LAWYER RON (USA)

4 ch c Langfuhr – Donation / Lord Avie

Trainer: Todd Pletcher

The Oaklawn Handicap (G2) was the big turning point for 4yo Lawyer Ron, as he gained a visually impressive win over Brother Bobby, who just held on for second as Boboman ran on well from last. When Boboman, a G1 winner on turf last year and third to Lava Man in the Big Cap this spring, got going – it was all too late. Lawyer Ron had already wrapped it up. His tactical speed placed him in the firing line throughout the 9-furlong contest, and he ran on with great zest to produce a high class performance. Without doubt his career best.

Oaklawn is his 'home track', and he is 4-for-4 at this venue, so perhaps one should wait and see him at another track before getting too excited, but all the signs are there now; Lawyer Ron is a much more mature horse than last year, and he is bordering on top class. He was much too headstrong at three, when winning

the Rebel (G3) and Arkansas Derby (G2) and Todd Pletcher, who took over the training prior to the '07 season, has clearly found the key to this talented colt.

Lawyer Ron impressed also as he was making his seasonal debut over a mile at Gulfstream Park in February, when slamming the subsequent winner Istan by 3 ¼ lengths.

The son of Langfuhr is now being pointed at the Met Mile (G1) at Belmont Park in June, a race that fits well, and one can imagine him in races like the Whitney or Woodward later on. When we get to the Breeders' Cup, there is the new BC Mile on dirt to aim for.

MARCAVELLY (USA)

3 b c Johannesburg – Dark Jewel / Majestic Light

Trainer: Bill Mott

This imposing colt came back to racing action with a powerful display in the Transylvania Stakes (G3) over a mile on turf at Keeneland in early April. Marcavelly won two of his four races at two and, as he was also runner-up to talents like Dreaming of Anna (in the Summer Stakes, G3) and Twilight Meteor (in the Bourbon S), his form was solid overall. He was, however, always the type to improve at three – not at all a precocious sort.

That way of seeing him is easy to sell now, after he was an easy 3 ½-length winner of the Transylvania. Marcavelly, ridden by Edgar Prado, was soon just a few lengths off the

speed, he was third at the top of the lane, and kicked away with an explosive turn of foot inside the last furlong. He was soon all on his own, and won with something in hand without Prado ever resorting to the whip.

Proven over a mile, and with good early pace, Marcavelly promises to stay further, and – like the lesser known Divine Park – he is a horse we expect to see in the top flight of turf races for three-year-olds this season. His next target is the Crown Royal American Turf Stakes (G3) at Churchill Downs on May 4 (Oaks day), where he will be very hard to beat.



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3 b f A P Indy – Country Hideaway / Seattle Slew

Trainer: Todd Pletcher

She ran well below expectations in the Comely Stakes (G2) at Aqueduct in April, but the A P Indy daughter Perfect Forest remains a horse we will be keeping an extra check on through the season. She ran 'too bad to be true' at Aqueduct. Examine her Gulfstream Park form and you will agree that she looks a class act.

She won a maiden over 7 furlongs there in January – quickening right away in the lane to beat Stormy West, trained by Bill Mott, by 9 ¼ lengths. Perfect Forest raced like a natural

miler that day, and when we saw her again that was the distance, as she was even more impressive winning an allowance race by 4 lengths from Delta Breeze, again at Gulfstream.

Based on that piece of form, she should have done a lot better in New York, but let's not write her off in stakes company just yet. The day Perfect Forest returns to her Florida form, she will be tough to beat. The day she improves on that form, she is a graded stakes winner.



PRICE TAG

2003 b f Dansili – Tarrochi / Affirmed

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O: Juddmonte Farm

B: Juddmonte Farm

T: Pascal Bary, France / Robert Frankel, USA



Price Tag on her way to winning the Matriarch Stakes © Benoit & Associates

Dansili (GB) 1996 Globeform 120 as 4yo	Danehill (USA) 1986	Danzig (USA) 1977
	Hasili (IRE) 1991	Razyana (USA) 1981
	Affirmed (USA) 1975	Kahyasi (IRE) 1985
Tarocchi (USA) 1997	Sylph (USA) 1980	Kerali (GB) 1984
		Exclusive Native (USA) 1965
		Won't Tell You (USA) 1962
		Alleged (USA) 1974
		Society Column (USA) 1967

Pedigree notes

Dansili also finished fast in a two-turn championship race in North America, but he did not pick up the winners' share. Dansili was an unlucky third behind War Chant in the 2004 Breeders' Cup Mile (G1) at Churchill Downs, when he found racing room too late and was

beaten just a neck. So far, he has bettered War Chant as a sire though, and that by some margin. Dansili had previously won a G2 and a G3 over a mile (both on heavy ground) in France, and been third in three G1 races (7-8 fur.) He has made an excellent start to his

stallion career, with the highlight coming when Rail Link won the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (G1). Juveniles by Dansili also did well in 2006, and he has live Classic candidates in Europe in the colts Strategic Prince and Thousand Words, who both won at G2 level in England, and the filly Passage Of Time, who won a G1 in France.

The Affirmed mare **Tarrochi** was also bred by Juddmonte Farms. Tarrochi was tried, without success, in Listed and Group 3 company. She won a fillies' race over 2100 metres at Saint-Cloud as a three-year-old, beating Black Truffle (Listed placed next time out) on heavy ground. Tarrochi has also produced the French 2200-metres winner Latchkey (Unfuwain) and she is herself a half-sister to Privity (Private Account) – winner of the Prix de Malleret (G2) as a three-year-old for Bary, who also saddled her to run a good fourth against males and older horses in the Hollywood Turf Cup (G1). Like Price Tag, Privity joined the Frankel team but ran just once more, when sixth in the Flower Bowl (G1) at Belmont Park. Privity is the dam of the three-year-old colt Private Business (Cozzene), who was fourth to Hurricane Cat in the 2005 Horris Hill Stakes (G2). This year, he ran fourth

behind Primary in the Sandown Classic Trial (G3) and managed the same placing in the Bahrain Trophy (LR) at Newmarket – won by the subsequent Group One winner Youmzain, whose later form also ties in with the Arc winner Rail Link.

Price Tag's second dam, **Sylph** (Alleged), became a good brodmare. Besides Privity, she also produced the Prix Saint-Roman (G3) winning colt Zindari, also by Private Account. Zindari went on to be second to Sunshack in the Criterium de Saint-Cloud (G1), and as a three-year-old he managed third in the Prix Guillaume d'Ornano (G2), before shipping to Arlington Park outside Chicago, where he was fourth to Vaudeville in the Secretariat Stakes (G1).

Sylph is a daughter of the Sir Gaylord mare **Society Column**, who was a winner of the Chrysanthemum Handicap (G3) at Laurel Park, and became the dam of Irish St. Leger (G1) winner Leading Counsel, also by Alleged and a full-brother to Sylph, whose grand daughter Price Tag has just launched what may become a very lucrative campaign in the North American turf division.



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Familiar turf genes

PRICE TAG

11 st. 4-0-2 \$494.977 (01Apr07)

Best performance:

WON MATRIARCH STAKES (G1) GF 115+

1 mile turf, Santa Anita 26 November

A stylish win in the one-mile **Matriarch Stakes (G1)** at Hollywood Park meant a well deserved big race win for Price Tag, who had lost a French Classic in the stewards' room – and is now among the most exciting young turf fillies in North America.

Like she had been in France, Price Tag was held up at Hollywood Park, and she made up a lot of ground on the leaders as she was delivered wide down the straight. She just got up for a half-length win over Three Degrees. Her runner-up is not a proper Grade One performer but Three Degrees improved her rating, and Price Tag was by far the best, winning going away at the finish.

Price Tag, like Intercontinental a daughter of the young success sire Dansili, began her career in France, where she was trained by Pascal Bary. In the spring, Bary prepared her for a crack at the **Poule d'Essai des Pouliches (G1)** at Longchamp – and Price Tag, making only her fifth start, was well up to the task. She had finished third to Daltaya in the **Prix de la Grotte (G3)** and she improved markedly in the one-mile Poulains, where she came with a strong run to collar Tie Black and Impressionante close home. After running out a clear-cut winner, Price Tag was found to have caused interference as she hung right inside the last 200 metres though, and she was demoted to third place.

After a rest, she went next for the **Coronation Stakes (G1)** at Royal Ascot, but could manage only eighth behind Nannina. The race had many G1 winners but it was rather a soft G1 nevertheless. Price Tag was one of those who disappointed the most. Was the talented filly's career developing into a frustrating one? No. She was next a respectable fifth to Mandesha, the best three-year-old filly in France, when sticking to racing over a mile in the **Prix d'Astarte (G1)** at Deauville, and she regained winning form in the 7-furlong **Prix du Pin (G3)** at Longchamp in September, when she beat Gwenseb by a length – after coming from off the pace.

That was a prep for the **Prix de la Forest (G1)**, run over the same course and distance on the eve of the 'Arc'. Price Tag was dealt a bad card in the post position draw for that contest, as she landed in post 13, very difficult in a big field over this distance at Longchamp – not run over a straight course but negotiation a long, sweeping and 'elbow-like' bend. Price Tag was never a factor but did not run badly either, as she was eighth beaten just 4 ½ lengths behind Caradak. The race had a very solid lineup.

One can easily argue that running in the **Matriarch (G1)** nearly two months later was a drop in class, compared to taking on the boys and older horses the Foret. Still, her win at Hollywood Park was impressive. She is a natural turf mile, whose turn of foot makes her best suited to a firm course.

Form summary

Ex-French, US based filly, bordering on top class over a mile/turf, impressive run from the back to land G1 at Hollywood Park on her last start in 2006, had been first past the post in French G1 in May but demoted. Needs a strong early pace to produce her best. Open to further improvement.

Looking ahead / 2007

Price Tag reappeared in a mile allowance race at Santa Anita on March 16, and gained a smooth and easy one-length win over Ballado's Thunder. Like the unbeaten Vacare, she has many options in 2007, as she seems good enough to take on the best males over a mile. It would come as no surprise, however, if her connections tried to build her stamina up for a crack at the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf (G1), a race they have won twice with fillies with a similar profile / background; Banks Hill and Intercontinental – both natural milers in Europe before joining the Frankel team.

PRINCIPLE SECRET (USA)

3 b c Sea of Secrets – Beright / Gray Slewpy

Trainer: Christopher Paasch

He failed to win but he was clearly the best horse. **Principle Secret** was narrowly beaten on his reappearance, by Try To Fly, but there was a lot to like about his comeback run in the 6.5-furlong San Pedro Stakes at Santa Anita on April 8.

Principle Secret had not raced since the Hollywood Futurity (G1) in December, where he was a non-staying eighth of ten behind Stormello – who he had been just a neck behind in the Norfolk Stakes (G2) in October. In between these runs, he also contested the Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) but was last (and well eased). He has had a nice break, and he has trained on at three. The son of Sea of Secrets was at the back in the early part of the Santa Anita sprint, and forced to go wide when

attacking on the turn. He finished considerably faster than all but one of his rivals, the winner **Try To Fly**, who beat him by half a length.

Both these colts are high class performers in the making. Principle Secret may have needed the run, while Try To Fly certainly needed the experience – he had raced just once before, winning a 6-furlong maiden in March. Principle Secret was giving 4lbs to the winner in the San Pedro, and he was also taking a longer route to the wire. He will win nice races and he will stay a mile but, if asked to nominate a long term target for Principle Secret, a race that springs to mind is the King's Bishop (G1) over seven furlongs at Saratoga. Where, of course, Try To Fly may also turn up.



Principle Secret (right) was narrowly beaten by Stormello in last year's Norfolk Stakes. © www.benoitphoto.com

RAGS TO RICHES (USA)

3 ch f A P Indy – Better than Honor / Deputy Minister

Trainer: Todd Pletcher

Is the filly Rags to Riches as good as her half-brother, the Belmont Stakes (G1) winner Jazil? No, she's not. She is better.

After having landed the, not so unusual, Las Virgenes / Santa Anita Oaks double, this filly is favorite for the Kentucky Oaks (G1) at Churchill Downs. If she takes her California form to Churchill (where she ran once at two), she will probably win again. Rags to Riches broke little sweat in the Santa Anita Oaks (G1), where she defeated Silver Swallow by 5 ½ lengths. Only four met her, after her brilliant win in the Las Virgenes, but she could hardly have been more impressive. Also, she proved herself over 9 furlongs. Running that distance takes a fair bit more at Churchill than at Santa Anita but, as a daughter of a Belmont winner and as a half-sister to a Belmont winner, stamina is unlikely to be an issue when she goes for the Oaks.

She had only raced twice prior to to 8.5-furlong

Las Virgenes, and she was drawn widest in the nine-runner field. Garrett Gomez rode a fine race, and a confident one too, as he sat at the back early. He was forced wide on both turns but was on a filly with class. She quickened up really well in the straight, to glide past the Santa Ysabel (G2) winner Baroness Thatcher, who tried to make all but was beaten ¾ length. As the latter was giving her 4lbs, she came out best on our ratings – but Rags to Riches had Baroness Thatcher 9 lengths behind in the Santa Anita Oaks (level weights) – another indication of her progress.

The daughter of A P Indy was fourth to Change Up on her debut – over 5.5 furlongs at Churchill Downs last June – and not seen again until January 7, when she took a maiden at Santa Anita by 6 lengths from Iron Butterfly. As the older distaff division is just average, Rags to Riches can be expected to win a whole host of Grade Ones this season, hopefully capped by the Breeders' Cup Distaff (G1).

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SEA OF PLEASURE (USA)

2 db c Sea of Secrets – Doubleyoupleasure / Double Negative

Trainer: Gary Stute

This juvenile won with ridiculous ease over 2 furlongs in his debut at Santa Anita in April. He came home on the bridle, 4 lengths clear of Wise Mandate, after holding such a lead already at the halfway stage. He was most impressive, also to the clockers, as he set a new track record for the minimum trip; winning in 20:78. He had worked well prior to his debut, and Sea of Pleasure was odds-on.

After this performance Sea of Pleasure was sold and moved from trainer Shane Chipman to Gary Stute, who may run him in the William Proctor Memorial Stakes over 5.5 furlongs at Hollywood Park on May 27.

He is bound to be short priced favorite there but Sea of Pleasure is almost certainly capable of winning graded stakes in the summer, and is well worth noting.



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SIGHTSEEING (USA)

3 dkb / br c Pulpit – Resort / Pleasant Colony

Trainer: Claude 'Shug' McGaughey III

Sightseeing took a big step up with his second to Nobiz Like Shobiz in the 9-furlong Wood Memorial (G1) over Aqueduct, and his trainer Shug McGaughey said that the most likely next target is the Preakness Stakes (G1) – not the Kentucky Derby. A bit strange actually, as the impression was that Sightseeing would have beaten 'Nobiz' with another furlong to run. Okay, maybe a 10-furlong race would also have meant different tactics for the favorite, but Sightseeing made up a lot of ground in the straight, and he is a guaranteed stayer. He was second to Day Pass in the Nashua Stakes (G3) last year, before running fifth to Nobiz Like Shobiz in the Remsen (G2), after some trouble in running. Sightseeing is a

strong, nice son of Pulpit, and a colt with plenty of scope.

And, you know, Phipps / McGaughey, that combination smells a bit of leg three in the Triple Crown, right?

Last year, Jazil ran second in the Wood and two months later won the Belmont Stakes (G1). It is not all that hard to imagine Sightseeing doing exactly the same. And it is not hard to imagine him playing a prominent role in some valuable 3yo contest in the second half of the season.

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SHOWING UP (USA)

Globeform 120+

2003 ch c Strategic Mission (GF 114) – Miss Alethia / T.V. Commercial

O: Lael Stables

B: N.M. Cox & Rose Retreat Farm

T: Barclay Tagg USA



Showing Up (right) leads the Secretariat field into the Arlington stretch run. © www.benoitphoto.com

Strategic Mission (USA) 1995
GF 114 as 5yo

Mr Prospector (USA) 1970

Raise a Native (USA) 1961

Gold Digger (USA) 1962

Sultry Sun (USA) 1980

Buckfinder (USA) 1974

Sunny Dame (USA) 1970

T V Commercial (USA) 1965

T V Lark (USA) 1957

Your Hostess (USA) 1949

Miss Alethia (USA) 1988

Shoosh (USA) 1967

Traffic Judge (USA) 1952

Dixieland Jazz (USA) 1961

Pedigree notes

Strategic Mission won the Fort Marcy H (G3) and was placed 2nd / 3rd in the Keeneland Turf Mile (G2), Maker's Mark Mile (G2) and River City H (G3). A half-brother to Sultry Song, he had his first runners with Showing Up's crop, and has also produced the minor stakes winners Miss Savannah Rose and Strategic Leader (dual G2 winner in Panama).

Miss Alethia, a winner at three, is a sister to the stakes winner It's a Rerun and eight other winners. The second dam, **Shoosh**, who won at three and was 2nd in the Senorita S (G3), was a half-sister to the Volante S (G3) winner Within Hail, who became a sire.

All-American turf champion

SHOWING UP (USA)

9 st. 7-0-0

\$1,610,500 (01Jan07)

Best performance:

WON HOLLYWOOD DERBY (G1) GF 120+
9 fur. turf (firm) Hollywood Park 26 Nov

He was improving all along, he left his best for his last run of the year, and Showing Up is one of the most exciting "all American" turf runners we have seen for years. As Brother Derek was ruled out of the contest, Showing Up was long odds-on in the **Hollywood Derby (G1)**, his seventh win from nine lifetime starts, but he could hardly have been more impressive.

He took up a position just off the early pace early, set by Dark Islander and Kip Deville, and attacked going four wide on the final turn. The stretch run was a procession. He won by 2 ¼ lengths, from the staying-on Obrigado, but was value for more. We have rated him as a 3-length winner, with a "+". Ivan Denisovich – who had seen the rear end of Showing Up before – was 1 ½ lengths behind Obrigado, Crested was fourth, Zann fifth, Kip Deville sixth.

Runner-up Obrigado had won the Oceanside and finished second in two G2's on his previous starts. Ivan Denisovich, G2 winner in England at two and LR winner in Ireland at three, had been third in a G1 at Royal Ascot and second to Showing Up at Arlington in the Secretariat (G1). Crested and Kip Deville both won well later, Kip Deville even took the 2007 Kilroe Mile (G1) at Santa Anita, after landing the Sir Beaufort (G3) there in December. Strong form lines indeed.

The best 3yo turf runners of '06 in the US formed a better group than what has been the norm over the past decade, and Showing Up was the best. He impressed also with his win over Outperformance in the **Jamaica H (G2)** over 9 furlongs at Belmont in October. He was giving his nearest rival 9lbs and cruised home by over three lengths. Outperformance let the form down on his next start, but the third placed Spider Power was a subsequent stakes winner at Calder, giving the Jamaica form a boost.

The son of Strategic Mission lost nothing in defeat as he was third to Cacique in the **Man O'War Stakes (G1)** over 11 furlongs at Belmont in September – but his win in the **Secretariat Stakes (G1)** at Arlington Park in August was better. He was racing over 1 ¼ miles in Chicago, where he made all and outclassed Ivan Denisovich to win by 1 ½

lengths while spotting the Irish trained runner-up 7lbs. He ran the distance considerably faster than "Million" winner The Tin Man.



Winning the Hollywood Derby © Benoit & Ass.

Showing Up proved himself on the lawn for the first time in the **Colonial Turf Cup** in June. Giving Kip Deville 4lbs, he beat him by 3 ¼ lengths over the 9.5 furlongs. He was also sixth to Barbaro in the **Kentucky Derby (G1)** in May, a fine run for such an inexperienced horse.

Showing Up looked a star already when he won over a mile at Gulfstream Park in March. He was travelling strongly throughout the contest, and stayed on to win by 2 ¼ lengths. Barclay Tagg next sent the colt to the **Lexington Stakes (G2)** over 1 1/16 miles at Keeneland (a bruised foot forced him to miss the Wood Memorial). Showing Up needed a win to get into the Derby – and win he did. He gained a solid 1 ¼-length success over Like Now, who had won the Gotham Stakes (G3).

When winning the Hollywood Derby, jockey Cornelio Velasquez rode Showing Up out a good furlong after the winning post. This indicates that the colt's connections are eyeing a campaign over 10 furlongs plus, rather than a drop back to a mile, in 2007.

Racing on turf is his game and Showing Up will stay on the green - where he looks set for more Grade One wins in the new season.

Showing Up



Showing Up is an unusual horse, with high class form on dirt, and top class form on turf. With his long stride and fine turn of foot, he is the best North American bred, raised and trained turf runner for some time. Here seen close home in the Hollywood Derby. © www.benoitphoto.com

Form summary

High class turf runner, closed season with lifetime best in G1 over 9 furlongs at Hollywood, also won G1 over 10 fur. Arlington, and 6th in Kentucky Derby. Effective 8 to 10 furlongs, likely to stay further. Best on firm or good, also acts on dirt. Very game and tough.

2007 / Looking Ahead

Showing up lost to a race fit rival, Kip Deville, when he was also compromised by a the mile distance, in the Maker's Mark Mile (G2) at Keeneland on his seasonal debut. It was the first time he has raced over a short as a mile on turf, and he ran a race full of promise for the new season. He fits into any G1 turf race in North America from 9 to 10 furlongs, and may be worth a try over further. Likely targets: Turf Classic (G1), The Manhattan (G1), Arlington Million (G1), and possibly Bredeers' Cup Turf (G1). He makes his seasonal debut in the Maker's Mark Mile (G2) at Keeneland on April 13, a race his sire finished third in six years ago.



SMOKEY STOVER (USA)

2003 b g Put it Back – Milady's Halo / Jolie's Halo

Trainer: Greg Gilchrist

After a couple of dull years in the division, North America seems to have a top class sprinter; the gelding Smokey Stover.

He simply outclassed the very useful Greg's gold by 4 ½ lengths, when giving him 4lbs, in the Potrero Grande Handicap (G2) over 6.5 furlongs at Santa Anita in April, after having landed the Sunshine Millions Sprint (at Santa Anita) and Bay Meadows B Cup Sprint Hcap (G3). He beat Proud Tower Too by a solid 3 ½-length margin at the Sunshine Millions, and beat Britt's Jules by a length at Bay Meadows.

Smokey Stover has already shown form good enough to have won the 2005 and 2006 editions of the Breeders' Cup Sprint (G1) and that is obviously his end of season target. Some three-year-olds will probably join the mix but he has full control of all his older rivals – and he may improve again. He has run 11 times, for 7 wins and 4 second place finishes, and there is more to come.



Morning at Santa Anita © www.stefanograsso.it

STREET SENSE (USA)

2004 b/br c Street Cry (GF 131) Bedazzle / Dixieland Band

Globeform 130+

O: **James B Tafel**

B: **James B Tafel**

T: **Carl Nafzger, USA**



Street Sense and Calvin Borel are well clear at the post in the BC Juvenile. © www.stefanograsso.it

Street Cry (IRE) 1998 GF 131 as 4yo	<i>Machiavellian (USA) 1987</i> GF 122 as 3yo	<i>Mr Prospector (USA) 1970</i>
	<i>Helen Street (GB) 1982</i>	<i>Coup De Folie (USA) 1982</i>
Bedazzle (USA) 1997	<i>Dixieland Band (USA) 1980</i>	<i>Troy (GB) 1976</i>
	<i>Majestic Legend (USA) 1985</i>	<i>Waterway (FR) 1976</i>
		<i>Northern Dancer (CAN) 1961</i>
		<i>Mississippi Mud (USA) 1973</i>
		<i>His Majesty (USA) 1968</i>
		<i>Long Legend (USA) 1978</i>

Pedigree notes

Street Cry was *Globeform Champion 2002*, when he won the Dubai World Cup (G1) and Stephen Foster Hcap (G1) before injury forced his retirement. Street Cry is also sire of the smart UK juvenile Big Timer (Acomb Stakes, G3) and the Canadian juvenile filly Street Sounds (Selima Stakes, LR). By a good miler and sire, Machiavellian, he comes from a successful female line and is a half-brother to the dam of Shamardal.

Bedazzle was also bred by Tafel. She won four races, earning \$197,455. Street Sense is her first foal. She also has a 2005 filly by Elusive Quality and a 2006 filly by Distorted Humor. Bedazzle's dam, **Majestic Legend**, won 7 races including three in Listed company, and is a half-sister to leading sire Mr. Greeley, a three time G3 winner who ran second to Desert Stormer in the Breeders' Cup Sprint (G1).

Outstanding juvenile champ

STREET SENSE (USA)

5 st. 2-1-2

\$1,178,200 (01Jan07)

Best performance:

WON BREEDERS'

CUP JUVENILE (G1) GF 130+

8.5 furlongs Churchill Downs 4 Nov

This is the best juvenile seen since Arazi, who was an outstanding winner of the Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) at Churchill Downs in 1991.

We have seen many a high class youngster take the Juvenile since, but nothing compares to Street Sense. He took the championship event by 10 lengths, after working his way up from a position right at the back and closing into a furious pace. Critics said it was "too good to be true", when he outclassed Circular Quay, Great Hunter, Scat Daddy and Stormello. Yes, of course the pace set it up for a closer, and Street Sense had far more stamina than his opponents, plus he was ridden by a man who knew where to find the best strip of racing ground. But take a look at that video again. Notice how Street Sense quickened away soon after hitting the front. This is the mark of a top class performer.

He completed the 8.5 furlongs in 1:41.59, which is a second outside the track record, set by Yes Sir back in 1970, when he was five years old and carried 110lbs. Street Sense carried 122lbs in the Juvenile. Such a comparison may get us nowhere when we try to assess his performance. Let's take a look at this from a couple of other (more up to date) angles.

Continuing with his time, it makes sense to compare it to other clockings on Breeders' Cup day 2006. Street Sense ran 1.2 seconds faster than the Juvenile Fillies winner Dreaming of Anna. She was all out to win by half a length, and carried 3lbs less than Street Sense. Based on times and weights, this makes for a 7 ½ length difference. In handicapping terms, we are looking at 15lbs. Is Street Sense fifteen pounds better than the filly? Perhaps not, but he must be considerably better than her. The BC Distaff, run over 9 furlongs, is a dubious reference point of older horses as it was a sub-standard affair, but it is still worth noting that Round Pond ran 3.3 seconds slower than the track record. That record was set by Victory Gallop when he won the 1999 Stephen Foster Handicap (G2) by 5 lengths.

Looking at the 2006 Classic, we find that Invasor ran the 1 ¼ miles in 2:02.18. That is



Street Cry – Globeform Champion 2002 and sire of Street Sense, Globeform Champion Juvenile 2006. © www.stefunograsso.it

2.8 seconds slower than Secretariat's record, set in the 1973 Kentucky Derby. Secretariat was a "freak" – he just kept going when others met the wall in strongly run races. It is fascinating to compare his Derby win with Invasor's Classic win. The two races were run at virtually the same pace. Invasor's race was a couple of lengths quicker early, but both races were clocked to 1:11 and change for the first 6 furlongs followed by 1:36 and change for the mile. This year's Classic did slow down through the last quarter – Secretariat did not!

Back to Street Sense, who ran a furlong and a half shorter than Invasor of course, but it is still interesting to see how much closer he was to the record. That may have been a record that was set by a lesser known runner but it is also one that has survived for 36 years. Another point is that, but for the Derby and six editions of the BC Classic, there have not been many high class races over 1 ¼ miles at Churchill.

There can be little doubt that Street Sense's time was solid. Very solid indeed. We also need to mention the time recorded by It's No Joke in the one-mile Ack Ack Handicap (G3), two races prior to the Juvenile. It's No Joke won in 1:34.7, and was 1.5 seconds outside Chilukki's record (set in 2000). Now this is actually where we move on to other, equally interesting, comparisons, as Chilukki won on Breeders' Cup day. On that day, Macho Uno won the Juvenile in 1:42.05, 0.45 seconds slower than the track record but 0.54 seconds - about two and a half lengths - faster than Street

Sense's clocking this year. Macho Uno beat Point Given and Street Sense's sire Street Cry. It was a strong edition.

Later on that day, the mighty Tiznow beat Giant's Causeway in the Classic, winning in 2:00.75. That is 1.4 seconds – or seven lengths if you like – quicker than Invasor's time.

Macho Uno ran 2 ½ lengths faster than Street Sense, while Tiznow ran 7 lengths faster than Invasor.

Arazi won the 1991 Juvenile easily at Churchill Downs, when he stopped the clocks in 1:44.78, 2.19 seconds slower than Street Sense. Black Tie Affair won the 1991 Classic, in 2:02.95, 0.77 sec. slower than Invasor this year (after getting away with a soft lead).

Street Sense ran 6 lengths faster than Arazi, while Invasor ran nearly 4 lengths faster than Black Tie Affair.

Take a look at these time comparisons:

Churchill Downs, 2006

Invasor:	2.8 sec. outside record
<u>Street Sense:</u>	<u>1.0 sec. outside record</u>
Difference:	1.8 sec. (Street Sense)

Churchill Downs, 2000

Tiznow:	1.3 sec. outside record
<u>Macho Uno:</u>	<u>0.4 sec. outside record</u>
Difference:	0.9 sec. (Macho Uno)

Churchill Downs, 1991

Black Tie Affair:	3.5 sec. outside record
<u>Arazi:</u>	<u>3.2 sec. outside record</u>
Difference:	0.2 sec. (Arazi)

Now, to make any sense of these time comparisons, one has to decide; which was the better Classic winner – Tiznow or Invasor? Even if you do not agree with our answer to that question, you probably agree that Black Tie Affair was third best of the trio. Invasor ran to Globeform 129+ in the Classic, and Tiznow ran to GF 129+ in 2000. This says that Street Sense, based on time / class comparisons, ran better than Macho Uno, Point Given and Street Cry. And he did it winning "by a street".

We mainly use collateral formlines, and of course weights, when compiling Globeform ratings. In fact, times only play a significant part in sprints and juvenile races. If one uses times only, the ranking of top horses will not be correct. We need more evidence, to arrive at a

meaningful ratings making it possible to rank the best horses.

What did he beat?

Therefore, returning to our more tried and trusted way of handicapping, we take a look at the horses Street Sense beat. Had they produced good form going into the race? And has the form worked out subsequently?

Circular Quay, also coming from off the pace and finishing a second, beat Great Hunter by 2 ¼ lengths for the place, with Scat Daddy fourth and Stormello fifth. The first three all came out of the same race, as Great Hunter had beaten Circular Quay and Street Sense in the **Lane's End Breeders' Futurity (G1)** at Keeneland. Prior to that race, Circular Quay had been an impressive winner of the Hopeful Stakes (G1) at Saratoga, where he beat Scat Daddy by 4 ¼ lengths after a tremendous run from the back.

Great Hunter's route to the Futurity at Keeneland was via the Del Mar Futurity (G2), where he was second to Horse Greeley, with Stormello third. Stormello went on to win the Norfolk Stakes (G2) in good style.

The best juvenile formlines in North America in 2006 were involving, or connecting, these horses. Scat Daddy also helped strengthen the picture, as he had prepped for the Juvenile with a win in the Champagne (G1), where he beat Nobiz Like Shobiz. The latter was an impressive winner of the Remsen Stakes (G2), at Aqueduct three weeks after the Breeders' Cup. Nobiz Like Shobiz paid Scat Daddy, who had been beaten 16 lengths by Street Sense at Churchill, a nice compliment as he beat Zanjero by 6 ½ lengths. Zanjero is not top class but he was coming off two good wins.

Unless the juveniles of 2006 were a sub-standard bunch, there was little wrong with the form of this group of horses prior to the BC Juvenile. And it has worked out beautifully so far since as well.

Stormello was the first of top five in the Juvenile to run again, and he won the Hollywood Futurity (G1) in December. He beat Liquidity and Roman Commander (who had beaten Liquidity into third when winning the Real Quiet). Belgravia, who was fourth to Stormello at Hollywood Park, had won the Hollywood Prevue (G3) on his previous start. The sixth placed horse in the Hollywood Futurity, Notional, came back to win the San Rafael (G2) in January 07, ending Tenfold's unbeaten run – with Izzie's Halo third (this colt was second to Street Sense in a classy maiden at Arrlington in August). It all ties in well, and so far, the BC Juvenile form is standing up.

Though exactly *how good was* the Breeders' Cup Juvenile form? Certainly the best juvenile performance of 2006, including those seen in Europe. Street Sense's rider put his hands down a good ten strides from the winning post, and the colt won by ten – with a bit in hand. He had been two to three lengths ahead of Circular Quay after the first half-mile, then perhaps half a length in front as they turned for home and *ten clear* at the wire. Street Sense did enjoy a ground saving trip but his superiority was incredible. We have rated him value for ten lengths, not giving him any extra for winning so easily, because he enjoyed the best trip.

He performed to GF 130+, with Circular Quay below his best on GF 110+, and Great Hunter, also below his best, on GF 105+. If Street Sense had not been there, would one have been inclined to rate these two more highly? Probably. They were both G1 winners going into the contest. Sure, Street Sense looked almost too good to be true. But with such a solid bunch ten lengths or more in arrears, and winning in such a good time, it is impossible to come up with anything but this conclusion; Street Sense is world class.

That may not have seemed the case as he lost against Officer Rocket and Got the Last Laugh in the **Arlington Washington Futurity (G3)** and as he checked in behind Great Hunter and Circular Quay at Keeneland – but his Breeders' Cup Juvenile win was something else. He was trained to perfection for that race by Carl Nafzger. And he had the services of Churchill Downs specialist Calvin Borel, who rode both a patient and confident race on the colt. Why hold his friendship with these two men against Street Sense when elaborating on his chances of landing the, thus far elusive, Juvenile – Derby double? After all, Nafzger and Borel will be in his corner again on May 5.

Unbridled somewhat similar

Street Sense's trainer won the 1990 Derby (G1) with Unbridled, whom he kept at the top of his game to win the Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) the same season. Unbridled also broke his maiden at Arlington as a juvenile, but was not tried in a graded stakes in his first season. He

Form summary

World class juvenile colt, outstanding form when winning Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) by 10 lengths, beating previous and subsequent G1 winner with great ease, after coming from well off the pace, and quickening noticeably in the straight. Stays well, will get 1 ¼ miles, best on fast tracks. Exciting prospect.

Looking ahead / 2007

Street Sense broke the course record (1:43.11) when winning the Tampa Bay Derby (G3) over 8.5 furlongs, beating Any Given Saturday by a nose (giving 2lbs), with the rest well behind, in March. The Kentucky Derby (G1) is his goal, and he will use the Blue Grass (G1) at Keeneland as his final prep.

was an easy winner of the What a Pleasure Stakes in his fifth start, and did have a similar profile to Street Sense, improving gradually leading up to a big run on his final start at two.

There must be a very good chance of Street Sense emulating Unbridled by taking the Kentucky Derby. At the time of writing, he can still be backed at 6-1 for the first leg of the Triple Crown. What price about this colt sweeping the Triple Crown? He is already proven at Churchill Downs, he has a trainer-jockey combination second to none, and his stamina will surely make him hard to beat when we get to the 12-furlong Belmont Stakes (G1).

Then again, so much can happen before we get to Derby day, never mind Belmont day. Two races, that is what Nafzger has planned for Street Sense on the road to the Run for The Roses, and the most important of those two will be the Blue Grass Stakes (G1) – a return to Keeneland and another run over the new Polytrack. Taking the same route to the Derby, as he took to the Juvenile, Street Sense is our early favorite for the 2007 Kentucky Derby.

He stays well, though won his maiden over 6.5 furlongs, and he is at his best on a fast track (tried sloppy when third in the Washington Futurity). His running style will always make him most effective in strongly run races, and at tracks with a long straight.

Street Sense was beaten in his two races leading up to the BC Juvenile, but one was over a wet track and the other over an artificial surface. As stamina is his main asset, neither would have been ideal. We can hardly wait to see him stretching out to 1 ¼ miles on a fast dirt track in 2007.





A wet day at Gulfstream Park. © www.equiphoto.com

STREET SOUNDS (USA)

3 db / b f Street Cry – Rare Opportunity / Danzig Connection

Trainer: Michael Matz

Michael Matz has two names on our list of horses to follow and, while they are both three, they are unlikely to clash. The filly Street Sounds, yet another classy runner by the good sire Street Cry, put up a very solid performance to win the Beaumont Stakes (G2) at Keenealnd in April. Racing over 7 furlongs, she was on the lead for most of the way, and denied a late charge by the heavily favored Forever Together, who had won all her three previous races and was coming off a win in the Forward Gal (G2) at Gulfstream Park in March.

Street Sounds had also won a stakes event on her most recent start – but it was not all that recent; it was the Selima Stakes at Laurel back in November last year. Matz wins with layoff horses, but it is far from being his speciality, and Street Sounds winning a G2 off such a break was very encouraging for her future. A \$400,000 Keeneland yearling, she is out of the Danzig Connection mare Rare Opportunity, who won at two and three and is a half-sister to the Grade 3 winner Luftikus, and to the French G3 placed Sensitivity.

SWEETEST KISS (USA)

3 b f Thunder Gulch – Her She Kisses / Dhere

Trainer: Barclay Tagg

Carrying the Barbaro silks, Sweetest Kiss made a highly promising debut in a 5.5-furlong maiden race at Laurel Park in April. After sitting a few lengths off the the pace, she made a big move coming out of the turn, and the stretch was a mere procession. As a daughter of Distorted Humor, out of the Dehere mare Her She Kisses, Sweetest Kiss is bred for much

further than a sprint distance like this, and she must be noted.

Barclay Tagg will take it step by step, and Sweetest Kiss is just the sort to end up in stakes events for fillies in the second half of the season.

TIZ WONDERFUL (USA)

3 b r Tiz Wonderful – Evil / Hennessy

Trainer: Steve Asmussen

Tiz Wonderful will be sorely missed in the Triple Crown races. At the turn of the year he was Steve Asmussen's main contender for the top 3yo races, and Asmussen was not alone in thinking that this was a Grade One performer. He was sidelined through injury though and, like his famous father did, Tiz Wonderful will be absent from the TC series.

His half-length runner-up has since won the Sam Davis and been a nose second to Street Sense in a course record breaking Tampa Bay Derby (G3). Furthermore, it is worth remembering who was third when Tiz Wonderful won at Churchill, namely Dominican, the colt who beat Street Sense by a nose in the Blue Grass Stakes (G1).

He is back in training now, and let's hope he returns fully recovered. He was an excellent winner of the 8.5-furlong Kentucky Jockey Club Stakes (G2) at Churchill Downs last autumn, when he fought back after being headed by Any Given Saturday halfway down the stretch.

Tiz Wonderful is very talented, and his break now means that he will be a fresh horse in the second half of the year. He could well be a candidate for the Breeders' Cup Classic (G1), a race his sire won twice.

TRY TO FLY (USA)

3 b c Trippi – Try Your Best / Kris S

Trainer: Doug O'Neill

Try To Fly stepped right up from a maiden win to land the San Pedro Stakes over 6.5 furlongs at Santa Anita in March, holding the late charging Principle Secret (also on our 'Top 50 list') by half a length. If this son of Trippi improves at such a rate on his next few starts, he is soon good enough for valuable sprints.

quicken up well between horses, and won like a horse ready to meet even better opposition.

Principle Secret had not raced since the Hollywood Futurity (G1) in December, where he was a non-staying eighth of ten behind Stormello – and he may have needed the run, while Try To Fly certainly needed the experience – as he had raced just once before, winning a 6-furlong maiden in March. He

Principle Secret was giving him 4lbs, meaning that he comes out best on ratings, but Try to Fly should have more improvement in him. His sire won 7 of his 10 races at three and was a Grade One winner over 7 furlongs. Can Try to Fly achieve similar success? The step from the San Pedro up to G1 winning form can hardly be taken in one jump – but it does not look at all impossible over some time.

WAFI CITY (USA)

3 b c E Dubai – My Jody / Private Account

Trainer: Kieran McLaughlin

Stepping up in class, and perhaps more importantly, stepping up in distance, Wafi City ran a good second behind Cowtown Cat in the 8.5-furlong Gotham Stakes (G3) at Aqueduct in March. He had run three times before, winning his debut and running fourth to Wollaston Bay last year, and winning well on his seasonal debut in February. He had never tried further than 6.5 furlongs though, and – as Wollaston Bay set a moderate pace in the Gotham – Wafi City was almost travelling too well in second. Jockey Alan Garcia played his card as he entered the stretch, and went ahead. Wafi City opened up on his rivals, but tired in the last furlong and was caught by Cowtown Cat, who beat him by 2 ½ lengths. Cowtown Cat went on to win the Illinois Derby (G2) next time out. The

Gotham third, Summer Doldrums, was coming off an easy win in the Whirlaway. These may not be Grade One horses, but they were in top shape at the time and, if there is a G1 horse among them; it probably is Wafi City. He looks a natural miler but has speed also to do well over shorter.

Darley Stable have lots of extremely expensive horses but Wafi City is a colt they secured for just \$65,000 at the Keeneland January Sales 2005. He comes from the same family as Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf (G1) and Eclipse Award winner Soaring Softly.



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WAIT A WHILE (USA)

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2003 gr f Maria's Mon (GF 122+) – Flirtatious / A. P. Indy (GF 128)

O: Arindel Farm

B: W S Farish & W Temple Webbe Jr, Kentucky

T: Todd Pletcher USA



Yellow Ribbon Stakes: Easy, easy for Wait a While and Garrett Gomez © Benoit & Associates

Maria's Mon (USA) 1993 GF 122- as 2yo	<i>Wavering Monarch (USA) 1979</i>	<i>Majestic Light (USA) 1973</i>
		<i>Uncommitted (USA) 1974</i>
Flirtatious (USA) 1997	<i>Carlotta Maria (USA) 1984</i>	<i>Caro (IRE) 1967</i>
		<i>Water Malone (USA) 1974</i>
	<i>A P Indy (USA) 1989</i> GF 128 as 3yo	<i>Seattle Slew (USA) 1974</i>
		<i>Weekend Surprise (USA) 1980</i>
	<i>Grand Charmer (USA) 1992</i>	<i>Lord Avie (USA) 1978</i>
		<i>Regal Feeling (USA) 1986</i>

Pedigree notes

Maria's Mon was Champion US Juvenile in 1995, when he ran to GF 122+ winning Champagne S (G1) at Belmont, also won Futurity S (G1) and Sanford S (G3).

He is also sire of Malibu (G1) winner Latent Heat, Super derby (G2) winner Strong Contender and High Limit, winner the Strub (G2) and San Pasqual S (G2)

Flirtatious won 4 races at two and three and earned \$171,266. Her dam, the A.P. Indy daughter won the Pucker (G3) on turf at Arlington. The most famous name in this line, before Wait a While came along, was the Monmouth Oaks (G1) winner **Sharp Belle**, who produced Wait a While's third dam, Regal Feeling, who won twice and was 2nd in the Beay Meadows Lassie (LR).

North America's best turf girl

WAIT A WHILE (USA)

14 st. 8-1-3

\$1,383,917 (01Jan07)

Best performance:

WON YELLOW RIBBON S (G1) GF 122

10 fur. (turf) firm Santa Anita 30 Sep

Wait a While produced the best performance seen by a 3-year-old filly in North America in 2006, be it on turf or dirt, when she powered away for an easy win in the **Yellow Ribbon Stakes (G1)** at Santa Anita in late September.

It was also one of the best runs, regardless of sex, on the lawn. Making her eighth start of the year, Wait a While was deeply impressive, as she gained a comfortable 4 ½-length win over smart older fillies and mares. Dancing Edie finished second, a neck in front of Three Degrees.

Dancing Edie was coming off a win in the Mabee Hcap (G1) at Del Mar, while Three Degrees had been a close second in the Palomar Breeders' Cup Hcap (G2) on her previous start. Wait a While won the Yellow Ribbon by stalking the pace, set by Dancing Edie, always travelling like a winner, and kicking clear as they met the home stretch.

She produced GF 122, despite the fact that *all the others ran below form*.

The Maria's Mon filly had previously hammered Lady of Venice by 4 ¾ lengths in the **Lake Placid (G2)** over 9 furlongs at Saratoga, after having enjoyed a break since winning the 10-furlong **American Oaks (G1)** in great style at Hollywood Park in July. She took command earlier at Hollywood Park, where she strolled home for a comfortable 4 ½-length win over Asahi Rising, who had been third to Kawakami Princess in the Japanese Oaks (G1).

Wait a While had shown talent right away in the 3yo campaign. In February she crushed quite a

decent field by 14 lengths in the 9-furlong **Davona Dale Stakes (G2)** at Gulfstream Park, beating Teammate and Wonder Lady Anne L by ridiculous ease. She went on to be second, 6 ½ lengths behind Bushfire, when trying a vastly different track (and conditions) in the **Ashland Stakes (G1)** over the same distance on a speed favoring and fast at Keeneland in April, using it as her prep for the Kentucky Oaks.

She finished fourth in the **Kentucky Oaks (G1)**, beaten 3 ¾ lengths behind Lemons Forever, but was moved up to third as Bushfire was demoted. Wait a While was next seen when she won the off-the-turf (and sloppy) **Sands Point (G3)** at Belmont Park in June, beating Diamond Spirit easily by 4 ½ lengths. That run set her up for the American Oaks.

After the Yellow Ribbon success, Wait a While was strongly fancied in the **Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf (G1)** but she failed to shine at Churchill Downs, finishing a somewhat one paced fourth, 4 ¼ lengths behind the favorite Ouija Board. She was also beaten by Film Maker and Honey Ryder, and performed to no more than GF 114 on the big day.

Wait a While ran four times at two, when she broke her maiden, on turf, second time out, won the Miss Grillo at Belmont and was third to Wonder Lady Anne L in the Demoiselle (G2) at Aqueduct – both events over 9 furlongs.

Her dirt form is very useful, but Wait a While is lengths better on turf. Ideally suited by firm, she stays 10 furlongs and her high cruising speed makes her equally effective over nine.



Wait a While

Form summary

Top class US based turf filly, won G1 events at Hollywood Park and Santa Anita (against older runners) in the 3yo season, when she improved markedly once switched from dirt to turf.

2007

Wait a While returned to action with a smooth 1 ¼ length win over Precious Kitten in the **Honey Fox Handicap (G3)** over 8.5 furlongs at Gulfstream Park in early March – but failed to follow up in her next start, when the **Jenny Wiley Stakes (G2)** was taken off the turf and run over the polytrack at Keeneland. A small field also meant a slow pace and it is a run to forget.

Looking ahead

Wait a While really is a runner to look forward to in the new season, when Grade Ones like the Gamely, Mabee, Beverly D, Yellow Ribbon and Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare are all likely to be options her connections are considering. She runs in the Jenny Wiley (G2) at Keeneland on April 14.



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