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**FREE AT LAST**

Having long promised so much, the trouble-plagued **Free Eagle (Ire)** (High Chaparral {Ire})--who was last seen finishing third in the G1 Champion S. at Ascot in October--returned to that venue Wednesday to deliver in the G1 Prince of Wales's S. and bring off another notable feat of training by Dermot Weld. Sent off the 5-2 favorite despite the layoff, Moyglare Stud's bay



**Free Eagle holds off The Grey Gatsby in the Prince of Wales's** *Racing Post*

enjoyed a perfect tow in third early under Pat Smullen before moving closer to the pace at halfway. Taking over traveling strongly with a quarter-mile remaining, the homebred kicked decisively and held on to score by a short head as **The Grey Gatsby (Ire)** (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) drove into his lead with every stride. "I've been saying for so long how good this horse is, but we've had a stop-start campaign with him until now and he's shown it today," his rider said. "I probably committed sooner than I planned, but all credit to him as he kept going all the way to the line. He's all-class and I can't tell you what a training achievement this is by Dermot Weld, as it hasn't been easy at all." *Cont. p3*

**COMPETITIVE OBS JUNE SALE MARCHES ON**  
*by Jessica Martini*

Just a day after it was set, the sale record price was tied at the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's June 2-Year-Old Sale when a colt by Into Mischief sold for \$575,000 to Frank Fletcher during Wednesday's second session of the four-day auction. The colt ([hip 509](#)) was consigned by Jaime Mejia's Thoroughbred Champions Training Center, which purchased the youngster for \$11,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale. The juvenile was one of four to bring over \$200,000 Wednesday in Ocala, bringing the two-day total to nine. That figure was four at this point a year ago.

"We're very happy with how the sale has been going--we equaled the record right out of the box and that was great to see," said OBS Director of Sales Tod Wojciechowski. "And it was great to see Mr. Mejia--new to the game and new to the area--have success." *Cont. p16*

**op/ed** by T.D. Thornton



**ALONG FOR THE RIDE OR  
LEVERAGING THE WAVE?**

Nearly two weeks after American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile)'s G1 Belmont S. romp, the headlines are still trickling in about the industry basking in the afterglow of America's first Triple Crown winner in 37 years.

Am I the only one concerned about this? At some point shouldn't the "basking" have evolved into "taking action"?

Let's be perfectly clear: fans, customers, and everyone even remotely associated with American Pharoah--bask all you want. You're entitled to soak up the splendor of this once-in-a-generation accomplishment as long as you'd like.

Everyone else--industry executives, marketers, and regulators--your primary responsibility is to be hyper-aware that the narrow window of opportunity for building upon the sport's high point for positive momentum is closing fast.

The immediacy of winning the Triple Crown diminishes with each passing day. Not the accomplishment itself, of course, but the industry's ability to proactively capitalize on the most seismic shift in modern racing's history. *Cont. p15*

**Acapulco romps  
in Queen Mary G2  
at Royal Ascot**

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## Ward Scores Fifth Ascot Win



**Ward and Moore celebrate  
Acapulco's win** *Racing Post*

American trainer Wesley Ward collected his fifth win at the Royal meeting Wednesday courtesy of **Acapulco** (Scat Daddy), who scored an impressive victory in the G2 Queen Mary S. The juvenile filly was making just her second start and first on turf after finishing third on debut over the Churchill Downs main track May 8.

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## More to Come at Royal Ascot



**Jim Bolger & Pleascach**  
*Racing Post*

The prestigious Royal meeting continues Thursday with **Forgotten Rules (Ire)** (Nayef) headlining the day's featured G1 Gold Cup. **Pleascach (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}) was given the morning line nod in the G2 Ribblesdale S., and trainer Richard Hannon seems likely to take home the G2 Norfolk S. with the help of either **King of Rooks (GB)** (Acclamation {GB}) or **Log Out Island (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}).

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## Shanbally Legacy Continues

Shanbally Acres's John Curtin kept his father Richard "Red" Curtin's legacy alive at the OBS June sale when selling a Drosselmeyer filly for \$90,000. The elder Curtin, who taught his son everything he knows about the business, died just last week.

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10:40a	Ribblesdale S.-G2, ASC	<a href="#">(Brisnet.com PPs)</a>	HR/TVG
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# EUROPEAN NEWS

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**Wednesday, Royal Ascot, Britain**  
**PRINCE OF WALES'S S.-G1**, £525,000, ASC, 6-17, 4yo/up, 10fT, 2:05.07, g/f.  
 1--&**FREE EAGLE (IRE)**, 126, c, 4, by High Chaparral (Ire)  
 1st Dam: Polished Gem (Ire), by Danehill  
 2nd Dam: Trusted Partner, by Affirmed  
 3rd Dam: Talking Picture, by Speak John  
 O/B-Moyglare Stud Farm Ltd (IRE); T-Dermot Weld; J-Pat Smullen. £297,728. Lifetime Record: GSW-Ire, 5-3-1-1, \$814,170. \*1/2 to Sapphire (Ire) (Medicean {GB}), Hwt. Older Mare-Ire at 11-14f, MGSW & G1SP-Ire, GSW-Eng, \$518,923; and Custom Cut (Ire) (Notnowcato {GB}), MGSW-Eng & Ire, \$592,007.  
 Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#). Werk Nick Rating: A+.

**ANOTHER GR.1 WINNER BRED IN IRELAND**

2--**The Grey Gatsby (Ire)**, 126, c, 4, [Mastercraftsman \(Ire\)](#)-Marie Vison (Ire), by Entrepreneur (GB). (€24,000 Ylg '12 AR12; €120,000 2yo '13 ARMAY). O-Frank Gillespie; B-Malcolm Parrish (IRE); T-Kevin Ryan. £112,875.

3--**Western Hymn (GB)**, 126, g, 4, High Chaparral (Ire)--Blue Rhapsody (GB), by Cape Cross (Ire). (50,000gns Ylg '12 TAOCT). O-Robin Geffen & Rachel Hood; B-Newsells Park Stud (GB); T-John Gosden. £56,490. Margins: HD, 2 3/4, HF. Odds: 2.50, 4.50, 8.00. Also Ran: The Corsican (Ire), Criterion (Nz), Spielberg (Jpn), Cannock Chase, Gailo Chop (Fr), Ectot (GB).  
 Click for the [Racing Post result](#), the [brisnet.com PPs](#) or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

Earning 'TDN Rising Star' status on debut when besting the eventual G3 Chester Vase winner Orchestra (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) by 5 1/2 lengths over a mile at Leopardstown in August 2013, Free Eagle was the 2-5 favorite when beaten six lengths by Australia (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) on his second start in the G3 Juvenile Turf S. back there the following month before his ongoing injury problems began.

Not seen for a year, he returned with a seven-length romp in that track's G3 KPMG Enterprise S. over this trip on the Irish Champions' weekend in which The Grey Gatsby was achieving greater notoriety when winning the G1 Irish Champion S., but the feeling was that another potential star had been playing on the undercard. Despite handling the testing conditions on Champions Day here, his cutting edge was compromised by the surface and he could only stay on into third behind the real soft-ground specialists there.

After a more straightforward spring, Free Eagle was again testing his trainer's patience by going down with an infection just before his planned comeback in the G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup at The Curragh last month, and faced a tall order coming here without that prep. Receiving the lead he required from the French raider Gailo Chop (Fr) (Deportivo {GB}), the bay moved easily with The Grey Gatsby tracking his every move, but he was left in front early in the straight and Pat Smullen faced the age-old dilemma there. Opting to kick on and be a sitting duck, the move proved the right one as Western Hymn kept the eventual runner-up in a pocket for a few vital strides. Where the finish was sapping the energy from Free Eagle, The Grey Gatsby was just getting going under Jamie Spencer, but the line arrived in time for the former in another memorable renewal of this race.

"I didn't think he would be able to show his best today, but what can I say about Dermot Weld," his rider commented. "I've never enjoyed a winner like it and I think this horse will improve for a mile and a half, but you could see his speed the way he quickened up today." *Cont. p4*



**Free Eagle and Pat Smullen** *Racing Post*

## TORONADO EUROPEAN CHAMPION MILER

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Congratulations to Free Eagle on his win in the Prince of Wales's S., from another son of High Chaparral, fellow G1 Royal Ascot winner TORONADO.



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**G1 Prince of Wales's S. cont.**

His trainer was left pondering other major targets afterwards. "He got a brilliant ride and is a very good horse," Weld said. "It hasn't been easy and when he got a heavy head cold a couple of weeks ago I thought today was very much in doubt, but we got him right on the day that mattered. Fitness on the day was my main concern, as I had him as good as I could have with the limited preparation he had but he sticks his head out and battles." As for future targets, Weld added, "He's a lovely stayer and he could go for the G1 Irish Champion S. [at Leopardstown Sept. 12], while I've always thought that the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe [at Longchamp Oct. 4] would be his long-term aim."

The Grey Gatsby's trainer Kevin Ryan said of the runner-up, "In the first two furlongs I thought they were going to go a good gallop, but then they half pulled it up and he got locked up. In fairness, Jamie gave him a fantastic ride and it was a great horse race. He's back to his best and I knew we had him in great shape. There are a lot of races coming up now and I'm not disappointed, as we can now look forward."

John Gosden said of Western Hymn, "It was a great run, a fabulous race and take nothing away from the first two. We probably wish we had a bit more pace in the race and that is where California Chrome might have helped us, but I'm over the moon."

Free Eagle's dam, Polished Gem (Ire) (Danehill), has also produced the G2 British Champions Fillies and Mares S. winner Sapphire (Ire) (Medicean {GB}), as well as the multiple group winner Custom Cut (Ire) (Notnowcato {GB}).

She has a yearling colt by Dubawi and produced a Galileo foal this year, and was due to be bred back to that champion sire. Free Eagle's second dam is the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas scorer Trusted Partner (Affirmed), who produced the GI Matriarch S. victress Dress To Thrill (Ire) (Danehill). His third dam is the American champion 2-year-old filly and dual Grade I winner Talking Picture (Speak John), and it is also the family of Moyglare's Forgotten Rules (Ire) (Nayef), a leading fancy for Thursday's G1 Gold Cup at the Royal meeting.

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**ACAPULCO GOES LOCO**

Wesley Ward was no shrinking violet in the build-up to Wednesday's G2 Queen Mary S. at Royal Ascot, and stressed just how well



**Acapulco & Ryan Moore** *Racing Post*

**Acapulco** (Scat Daddy) had prepared for her date with destiny. Having surprised her trainer by fading into third after attempting to make all tackling 4 1/2 furlongs on the Churchill Downs main track May 8, he reported the imposing chestnut

had breezed in eye-popping style in subsequent Keeneland works. **Cont. p5**

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**Acapulco Goes Loco cont.**

Ultimately, the \$750,000 OBS March purchase ([click here](#) for breeze video) justified every breath of hyperbole, and improved the Washington State native's burgeoning Royal tally to five, which includes a win for Jealous Again (Trippi) in the 2009 renewal of this juvenile distaffers' dash. Acapulco was allowed to find a rhythm through the early fractions after missing the break by half a stride. Cruising up to the lead just after halfway, the well-backed 5-2 chalk engaged top gear once let loose by Ryan Moore approaching the final eighth to score by a hugely impressive 1 1/2 lengths from the hitherto unbeaten **Easton Angel (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}). **Besharah (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}) proved best of the remainder and was 2 1/2 lengths further adrift in third. "She's very special, has a great attitude and loads of pace," enthused Moore. "She wasn't very quickly away, but cruised up to the lead and had far too many gears for the rest of them. She's all speed."

**Wednesday, Royal Ascot, Britain**

**QUEEN MARY S.-G2**, £100,000, ASC, 6-17, 2yo, f, 5fT, 1:00.03, g/f.

1--#**@ACAPULCO**, 126, f, 2, by [Scat Daddy](#)

- 1st Dam: **Global Finance**, by **End Sweep**
- 2nd Dam: **Friendly Wave**, by **Pentelicus**
- 3rd Dam: **Friendly Gesture (Ire)**, by **Sallust (GB)**

(\$180,000 Ylg '14 FTKJUL; \$750,000 2yo '15 OBSMAR). O-Mrs G Smith, Mrs D Tabor, Mrs J Magnier; B-Giles Charles Dr. (KY); T-Wesley Ward; J-Ryan Moore. £56,710. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$93,140. \*1/2 to Prenuptial (Broken Vow), SW-US, \$138,750. **Werk Nick Rating: B+.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

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2--**Easton Angel (Ire)**, 126, f, 2, Dark Angel (Ire)--Staceymac (Ire), by Elnadim. (18,000gns Wlg '13 TATFOA; £30,000 ylg '14 DNPRM). O-AI Shaqab Racing & Ritchie Fiddes; B-James Waldron (IRE); T-Michael Dods. £21,500.

3--**Besharah (Ire)**, 126, f, 2, Kodiac (GB)--Dixieland Kiss, by Dixie Union. (30,000gns Wlg '13 TATFOA; 85,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT). O-Sheikh Rashid Dalmook Al Maktoum; B-Gerard Kerin (IRE); T-William Haggas. £10,760.

Margins: 1HF, 2HF, 2HF. Odds: 2.50, 6.50, 6.00. Also Ran: Kurland (Ire), Kassia (Ire), Little Voice, Ring of Truth (GB), Delizia (Ire), Rebel Surge (Ire), Rah Rah (GB), Abberley Dancer (Ire), Bruised Orange, New Road Side (GB), Silk Bow (GB), Pity Cash (Ire), Cry Me A River (Ire), Secret Tale (Ire), Just Emma (GB), Rosealee (Ire), Shaden (Ire). Scratched: Dark Side Princess (GB), Caledonian Gold (GB), Cobana Sand (Ire). [Click for the Racing Post result](#), the [brisnet.com PPs](#) or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). [Video](#), sponsored by [Fasig-Tipton](#). *Cont. p6*

# Another brilliant 2YO at Royal Ascot

In 2013 subsequent Gr.1 winner **NO NAY NEVER** was simply devastating in the Norfolk S.-Gr.2. Yesterday **ACAPULCO** was equally as impressive in the Queen Mary S.-Gr.2 (pictured).



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**Acapulco Goes Loco cont.**

“Acapulco is a sweetheart, what a lovely filly,” beamed trainer Wesley Ward. “She has immense talent and immense speed and really proved it today. It is a huge relief to get a winner. You don’t want to come in here and go home with your head held low, so to get a winner early on is amazing. I was very disappointed after her first run and I did something unconventional and breezed her right back in seven days time, and it was the most phenomenal breeze I’ve ever had. I think she’s got a big future on turf. She’s a beautiful, gorgeous filly and to look at her you’d think she was four.”

Ward continued, “Royal Ascot is such an international event that more American trainers will come over, especially the bigger-name trainers who have a lot of the better pedigrees and fast horses that could come over and enjoy such a wonderful meeting. If you notice, there are a few newcomers to the meet [this year] and once they come and experience what such a magnificent event it is and get home and spread the word, you’ll see more and more people come over here with a lot of the better horses. The time of the year



**Ward and Moore celebrate Acapulco’s win** *Racing Post*

Ascot works unbelievably with the Breeders’ Cup, so we are able to bring the better horses here—even older horses, different distances, and hopefully get lucky. I’m so blessed to have the success that I have had here and

to have owners such as Coolmore, and everyone at home that has helped me get the horses to this point.”

Ward also acknowledged Keeneland’s part in the victory. “With this particular filly, Keeneland went out of their way to let a 2-year-old filly run on grass, which they are really reluctant to do, especially having the Breeders’ Cup there this year,” he noted. “It really opened my eyes, and I want to thank them for letting me see what I had, and then I could come over here and get lucky in a race like this.” **Cont. p7**

*“I have been to many different racing facilities over the years, and I can assure you that no one does it better than Wesley Ward and Monty Roberts in the USA. I have never seen horses behave better in barriers than they do in the United States. Monty and Wesley’s attention to detail in regards to perfecting horse’s manners in the barriers is second to none.”*

*-Gai Waterhouse in a recent TDN column*

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Dermot Weld and Pat Smullen





**Acapulco Goes Loco cont.**

Although somewhat disappointed to see runner-up Easton Angel lose her unbeaten record from a wide draw, Co. Durham trainer Michael Dods was nonetheless upbeat and looking to the future. “We don’t like finishing second, but it was a great performance and she ran her heart out. Paul [Mulrennan] said that if he had been drawn on the stands’ side, instead of in stall one, it would have helped. We were very isolated, and, to be fair, this was the first proper race she’s had. She’s been beaten by a serious racehorse, and Ryan Moore told Paul he’d been beaten by an aeroplane. She is so laid back you wouldn’t think she’s had a race. There are some big races in her and we’re delighted to have Al Shaqab on board.” Looking towards the future, Dods added, “Paul said she will get six furlongs easily, but we’ll sit down now and talk to [part-owner] Ritchie [Fiddes] and [Al Shaqab’s racing manager] Harry [Herbert] and make a plan from there.”

Newmarket conditioner William Haggas was delighted with the performance of Besharah and also has an eye on the future, adding, “She was beaten by a good one today. My jockey [Pat Cosgrave] said he couldn’t get a run when he wanted one, but I think she was beaten fair and square. She ran a commendable race and I think she might get six furlongs. She’s quick enough for five but we’ll regroup and have a think. She’s stakes-placed and now we want to make her a stakes winner.”

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**AVE MARIA**

With Team Valor’s **Euro Charline (GB)** (Myboycharlie {Ire}) causing drama by refusing to load for the start of Wednesday’s G2 Duke of Cambridge S. at Royal Ascot, it was left to Sir Robert Ogden’s **Amazing Maria (Ire)** (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) to provide the drama at the end of it, stretching out to a shocking victory at odds of 25-1. Lining up off a third in last month’s G2 Lanwades



**Amazing Maria causes a shock in the Duke of Cambridge** *Racing Post*

Stud S. at The Curragh, the homebred grey was steadied at the break to sit at the tail of the six-strong field through halfway. Cruising into contention approaching the quarter-mile marker, she pounced for the lead with 150 yards remaining and was ridden out to score by

a comfortable two lengths from **Rizeena (Ire)** (Iffraaj {GB}), with French raider **Cladocera (Ger)** (Oasis Dream {GB}) the same margin back in third. “I feel bad for [jockey] Daniel Tudhope, who has broken his thumb and should be on her back instead of me,” revealed rider James Doyle. “I’ve been lucky enough to pick up a few rides for [trainer] David O’Meara and, even though they are big odds, you can never discount them, and she’s just shown that.”

## NTRA REPORT FROM CAPITOL HILL

**NTRA’S ALEX WALDROP APPEARS BEFORE TREASURY/IRS HEARING**

Alex Waldrop, President and CEO of the NTRA, appeared at a June 17 hearing in Washington, D.C. conducted by the U.S. Treasury Department and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The hearing addressed proposed changes to regulations related to withholding and reporting of winning pari-mutuel wagers and also included topics related to keno, bingo and slot machine players. Waldrop’s appearance on behalf of NTRA members and the horse racing industry was part of the NTRA’s ongoing effort to modernize current IRS regulations relating to withholding and reporting.

The NTRA’s proposed changes would clarify withholding and reporting rules by defining the “amount of the wager” to include all of a bettor’s investment into a single pari-mutuel pool, and not simply the base amount of the winning combination. These updates would directly benefit pari-mutuel customers by reducing burdensome tax obligations while also lessening racing’s competitive disadvantage against other forms of gaming that are not subject to the same aggressive tax treatment.

The hearing followed a 90-day public comment period in which dozens of related organizations wrote letters to Treasury on behalf of the NTRA’s proposed changes and 11,665 supportive comments were submitted by individual horseplayers, fans and stakeholders.

[Click here to read Alex Waldrop’s remarks at the hearing.](#)

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Doyle continued, “It was a slow pace early on and we started the dash in the last couple of furlongs. I thought the ground might be too fast for her, but the way she quickened up it was no problem at all.”

**Wednesday, Royal Ascot, Britain**

**DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE S.-G2, £135,000, ASC, 6-17, 4yo/up, f/m, 8fT, 1:42.60, g/f.**

- 1--**AMAZING MARIA (IRE), 126, f, 4, by [Mastercraftsman \(Ire\)](#)**  
 1st Dam: **Messias da Silva, by Tale of the Cat**  
 2nd Dam: **Indy Power, by A.P. Indy**  
 3rd Dam: **Clever Power, by Lines of Power**  
 O/B-Sir Robert Ogden (IRE); T-David O’Meara; J-James Doyle. £76,558. Lifetime Record: GSP-Ire, 10-3-0-3, \$194,156. **Werk Nick Rating: A + + .** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

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- 2--**Rizeena (Ire), 126, f, 4, [Iffraaj \(GB\)](#)--Serena’s Storm (Ire), by Statue of Liberty. (50,000gns Ylg ‘12 TAOCT). O-Sheikh Rashid Dalmook Al Maktoum; B-Round Hill Stud (IRE); T-Clive Brittain. £29,025.**

- 3--**Cladocera (Ger), 129, f, 4, [Oasis Dream \(GB\)](#)--Caesarine (Fr), by Pivotal (GB). O/B-Haras de la Perelle (GER); T-Alain de Royer-Dupre. £14,526. Margins: 2, 2, 2HF. Odds: 25.00, 7.00, 8.00.**

Also Ran: Bragging, Integral (GB), Lightning Thunder (GB). Scratched: Euro Charline (GB), Evita Peron (GB). [Click for the Racing Post result, the brisnet.com PPs or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. Cont. p8](#)



**Ave Maria cont.**

Amazing Maria appeared to have a promising future when registering an impressive score in Goodwood's G3 Prestige S. as a juvenile, but was forced to miss her intended engagement in last year's G1 1000 Guineas, and finished last of 17 in the G1 Epsom Oaks when eventually getting back to the track. Disappointing again in the Aug. 15 G3 Prix de Lieurey at Deauville and Sept. 11 G3 Sceptre S. at Doncaster, she was transferred from Ed Dunlop to David O'Meara for this



**Trainer David O'Meara and Amazing Maria** *Racing Post*

The grey exhibited a modicum of her old sparkle when hitting the board in a course-and-distance handicap for her new yard May 9, and showed further progression when hitting the board again in the G3 Lanwades Stud S. at The Curragh last time May 23. "We brought her here for a fillies'

handicap on her first run for me, she traveled well and arrived a little too soon," explained O'Meara. "She then ran in Ireland and didn't get much cover, but finished off well so we thought we would have another chance up this straight mile. If you hold her up she finishes well as long as she doesn't get to the front too soon. When she was sent to me we thought she was a really good filly and she ran a good race first time for us when we didn't really know her that well. James gave her a great ride, she won today and that was the only plan. It was special to have our first Royal Ascot winner last year and it's great to get another one on the board."

Rizeena, unbeaten in three prior starts at the Berkshire venue, bounced right back to form on her favorite track but was unable to get to grips with the winner's acceleration in the closing stages and add to her two previous Royal wins. "She seems to run better here than anywhere else," owner Sheikh Rashid Dalmook Al Maktoum's racing manager Bruce Raymond confirmed. "There wasn't much pace in the race so she took it up early enough. She has gone and run her race, but when Amazing Maria came out of the pack I couldn't believe it could keep going. We're happy that she's back on song and I thought she looked a million dollars before the race. She'll go to Newmarket for the [July 10 G1] Falmouth S., but she's better here."

Trainer Alain de Royer-Dupre was delighted with Cladocera hitting the board in her first start since running sixth to G1 Queen Anne S. hero Solow (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}) in the Mar. 28 G1 Dubai Turf at Meydan, and nominated a possible trip to Arlington Park in August for Haras de la Perelle's homebred.

"She just lacked a little bit of stamina, but that was her first run back after a break," he said. "I'm very pleased with her and third place is a great place to finish in a race of this stature. She is also in season, but that didn't bother her. She may go for the [GI] Beverly D. S. in America, but I'm not sure whether that race is over nine or 10 furlongs. If it is over nine she will go for that, if not we will look elsewhere."

The Beverly D. S. is 9 1/2 furlongs).

Burdened by a five-pound impost for her two wins at the highest level, Cheveley Park Stud's 8-11 favorite Integral (GB) (Dalakhani {Ire}) failed to display her usual gusto and would not have finished much closer than her subdued fifth, even without her compulsory penalty. "That wasn't Integral's form," conceded trainer Sir Michael Stoute. "[Jockey] Ryan [Moore] said the ground is very firm and she wasn't stretching well."

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**Wednesday, Royal Ascot, Britain**

**JERSEY S.-G3**, £75,000, ASC, 6-17, 3yo, 7fT, 1:26.83, g/f.

1--**DUTCH CONNECTION (GB)**, 130, c, 3, by Dutch Art (GB)

1st Dam: **Endless Love (Ire)**, by Dubai Destination

2nd Dam: **La Vita E Bella (Ire)**, by Definite Article (GB)

3rd Dam: **Coolrain Lady (Ire)**, by Common Grounds (GB)

O-Mrs Susan Roy & Cheveley Park Stud; B-Mrs Susan Roy (GB); T-Charles Hills; J-Jim Crowley. £42,532. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Ire, 7-3-1-2, \$202,650. \*Full to Dutch Romance (GB), SP-Eng.

**Werk Nick Rating: A + +**. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Fadhayyil (Ire)**, 124, f, 3, Tamayuz (GB)--Ziria (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). (220,000gns Ylg '13 TAOCT). O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Keatly Overseas Ltd (IRE); T-Barry Hills. £16,125.

3--**Bossy Guest (Ire)**, 127, c, 3, Medicean (GB)--Ros The Boss (Ire), by Danehill. (€70,000 Wlg '12 GOFNOV; 72,000gns Ylg '13 TAOCT). O-John Guest Racing; B-Dowager Countess Harrington (IRE); T-Mick Channon. £8,070.

Margins: HF, 3/4, HD. Odds: 14.00, 9.00, 8.00. Also Ran: Tupi (Ire), Toscanini (Ire), Sir Isaac Newton (GB), Fanciful Angel (Ire), Mister Universe (GB), Father Frost (Ire), Hathal, Luck of the Kitten, Volatile (Swe), Aces (Ire), Ivawood (Ire), Devonshire (Ire), Harry Hurricane (GB). [Click for the Racing Post result](#) or the [brisnet.com PPs](#). [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

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**G3 Jersey S. cont.**

After two maiden defeats, including one at the hands of Shadwell's highly regarded Faydhan (War Front), Dutch Connection took a seven-furlong maiden with authority at Glorious Goodwood in early August before upstaging the subsequent G2 Mill Reef S. winner Toocoolforschool (Ire) (Showcasing {GB}) in the G3 Acomb S. at York's Ebor meeting later that month. Third behind Gleneagles (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the G1 Goffs Vincent O'Brien National S. at The Curragh on his juvenile finale the following month, the chestnut had been far from disgraced when seventh behind that



**Trainer Charlie Hills (right) & Michael Roy** *Racing Post*

rival in the G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket on his return May 2, and found this drop back in trip more to his liking. Always traveling with visual purpose behind the leaders, he was committed on the front end by Jim Crowley

passing the quarter pole and quickly had command. Despite the persistent threat of the filly Fadhayyil on the run to the line, he maintained his advantage as he drifted across her path too late to have had any effect on the result.

The hard-luck stories of the race included Bossy Guest and Ballydoyle's expensive Sir Isaac Newton (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), who was denied a clear run on two occasions, while there were no excuses for the disappointing 15-8 favorite Ivawood (Ire) (Zebedee {GB}), who faded to be 14th.

"I had a dream run through and he traveled lovely, but he was in front soon enough," the winning rider said. "It was all very easy. The quick ground was his thing, as was the drop back to seven but he'd be okay back at an easy mile."

Charlie Hills, whose success was diminished only by the fact that his father's filly had been second, commented, "Ivawood looked the obvious one, but my horse has done nothing wrong and the horses weren't quite right when he ran in the Guineas. He traveled so well in that race and along with Gleneagles was one of the last off the bridle. This is his optimum trip, but we'll see if he gets stronger as he gets older. He's in the G1 July Cup [at Newmarket July 11], but we could have a look at the G1 Sussex S. [at Goodwood July 29] over a mile at Goodwood--we'll see how he comes out of this race."

Fadhayyil's jockey Paul Hanagan said of the runner-up, "Not many excuses, although the ground is very quick and she may have been feeling it a bit. The winner did carry me left a little bit in the final furlong and, while I'm not saying I would have won, that didn't help."

Bossy Guest's trainer Mick Channon was left feeling that seven furlongs is on the sharp side for his colt. "I'll definitely take him back up to a mile," he said. "That could be the mistake I've made but, having said that, I went for the right race. He's the only one who was finishing his race. He's in the Sussex S. and everything else over a mile and I think he's got a great attitude and is a smashing horse to have around."

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**NEW RULES**

With Leading Light (Ire) Montjeu {Ire} off the scene, Thursday's G1 Gold Cup is there for the taking for the current crop of stayers, of which Moyglare Stud's **Forgotten Rules (Ire)** (Nayef) is the obvious pick. Only raced three times on the flat, the 5-year-old has been handled with great patience and tenderness by Dermot Weld, and that approach has already reaped substantial benefits with wins in the G2 British Champions Long Distance Cup over two miles here in October and Navan's 14-furlong G3 Vintage Crop S. on his return



**Forgotten Rules** *Racing Post*

May 17. On the latter occasion, the homebred raced under a five-pound penalty, but was able to retain his unbeaten record in a perfect tune-up for this mission. With the ground staying on the fast side,

Forgotten Rules may still be taken out of the contest and connections were on Wednesday facing a nervous wait to see what course the weather or clerk of the course Chris Stickels take. "I'll see what the ground is like tomorrow," Weld said. "All I want is safe ground for all the horses. This is a race over 2 1/2 miles for older horses; It's not like it is for sprinters. I just want some kindness in the ground."

One who will have no problems with the lively surface is Jon Kelly's **Mizzou (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), another unexposed type over these extreme trips who signposted his above-average ability when accounting for **Vent de Force (GB)** (Hurricane Run {Ire}) in the two-mile G3 Sagaro S. Apr. 29. Trainer Luca Cumani has yet to win this particular jewel in the crown of the British racing calendar and said, "Mizzou has been in good form since he won the Sagaro and I am very happy with him. I decided that he didn't need another run to get him to his peak for the Gold Cup. Fast ground would not be a problem, as that is what he won on in the Sagaro, but the 2 1/2-mile trip is the big imponderable. His style of racing--he's so relaxed--suggests that he has every chance of getting it, as does his breeding." *Cont. p10*



**New Rules cont.**

Since his defeat in the Sagaro, The Fairy Story Partnership's Vent de Force has annexed one of this race's other key pointers, the G3 Henry II S. over an extended two-mile trip at Sandown May 28. In the Henry II, the runner-up was the May 6 Chester Cup scorer **Trip To Paris (Ire)** (Champs Elysees {GB}) and there is a case to make for this true stayer as he did not enjoy the best of runs at a vital part of the race. Connections of the dual G1 Prix Royal-Oak hero **Tac de Boistron (Fr)** (Take Risks {Fr}) must be ruing their ill fortune with the weather, as wherever Australian Thoroughbred Bloodstock's veteran goes it seems to bring out a dry build-up to turn the ground against him. On the one occasion in the past year that he has had his favored rain-softened surface at home in Chester's G3 Ormonde S. over an extended 13-furlong trip May 8, he met a very smart rival in **Clever Cookie (GB)** (Primo Valentino {Ire}) and failed by 1 1/4 lengths to give that rival seven pounds. France usually has a say in this race and Avaz Ismoilov's May 24 G2 Prix Vicomtesse Vigier winner **Bathyrhon (Ger)** (Monsun {Ger}) is here to fly the flag this time. Trainer Pia Brandt was second in the G2 Duke of Cambridge S. with her only Royal runner, L'Amour de Ma Vie (Dansili {GB}), last year, and is full of hope for her second challenger at the meeting. "The Prix Vicomtesse Vigier was designed to bring Bathyrhon on for Ascot and I think that it has done just that," she said. "He made all the running at a good pace, relaxing in front before kicking away from them at the finish. The Gold Cup has been the plan ever since he showed that he could cope with the 2 1/2-mile distance [when second] in the G1 Prix du Cadran last October. His big strength is his turn of foot, if it is used at the right moment. He can do it off a slow pace or from in front and not many stayers can quicken like he can--the jockey just has to be cool and wait."

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**Thursday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 4:20 p.m.**

**GOLD CUP-G1, £405,315, 4yo/up, 20FT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	4	Bathyrhon (Ger)	Monsun (Ger)	Guyon	Brandt	128
2	8	Biographer (GB)	Montjeu (Ire)	Baker	Lanigan	128
3	10	Forgotten Rules (Ire)	Nayef	Smullen	Weld	128
4	3	Havana Beat (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Probert	Balding	128
5	2	Kalann (Ire)	Barathea (Ire)	Roche	Harty	128
6	9	Simenon (Ire)	Marju (Ire)	Doyle	Mullins	128
7	11	Tac de Boistron (Fr)	Take Risks (Fr)	Harley	M Botti	128
8	1	Forever Now (GB)	Galileo (Ire)	Dettori	Gosden	126
9	5	Kingfisher (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	R Moore	A O'Brien	126
10	7	Mizzou (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Buick	Cumani	126
11	14	Scotland (Ger)	Monsun (Ger)	Crowley	Balding	126
12	13	Trip to Paris (Ire)	Champs Elysees (GB)	G Lee	E Dunlop	126
13	12	Vent de Force (GB)	Hurricane Run (Ire)	Hughes	Morrison	126
14	6	Windshear (GB)	Hurricane Run (Ire)	Levey	Hannon	126

**LIGHTING THE TOUCHPAPER**

The appropriately named **Pleascach (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}), which translates from Gaelic as "explosive," will be a warm order to register a second triumph for breeder-trainer Jim Bolger in Thursday's G2 Ribblesdale S. on Ladies Day at Royal Ascot, and is opposed by nine rivals in an intriguing renewal of the 12-furlong contest coming back from victory in last month's G1 Irish 1000 Guineas at The Curragh. The Coolcullen



**Jim Bolger & Pleascach** *Racing Post*

conditioner has forged a deserved reputation as an expert conditioner of rugged individuals, which includes the likes of Finsceal Beo (Ire) (Mr. Greeley) and 2011 Ribblesdale victress Banimpire (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), and he has fostered a plan of sending the

latest product of his cradle-to-great emporium onwards to the June 27 G1 Irish Derby and July 18 G1 Irish Oaks after this gig. However, Pleascach--who was acquired by Godolphin after her Classic triumph--faces no straightforward task, and her mettle will be fully tested stepping back up in trip here. "Jim is very happy with her and she has obviously got Classic-winning form," said Godolphin's John Ferguson. "We feel this trip is within her compass and we're looking forward to seeing her run."

One of those bidding to pounce is the Susan Magnier colorbearer **Curvy (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}), who was winless in three juvenile starts, but has been a revelation since being fitted with cheekpieces this term. Stepping up from a brace of Navan handicap wins earlier in the campaign, the David Wachman trainee usurped the boys when gamely succeeding in last month's G3 Gallinule S. at The Curragh, and appears to be on a steep upward trajectory. "Curvy is in good form and we're very happy with her at home," confirmed Wachman. "We think she'll get the mile-and-a-half, you don't know until you try, but hopefully she will. She's a good-actioned filly, so hopefully the ground will be fine. It's a good race, there's an Irish Guineas winner in it, so we'll see what happens."

John Gosden has garnered one prior edition, with Michita (Dynaformer) in 2008, and the Newmarket conditioner gets a chance to scratch that seven-year itch with a trio of runners, which includes Normandie Stud's once-raced homebred **Gretchen (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}), who recovered from a slow start before bounding to an impressive debut score at her local track last month. *Cont. p11*

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**Lighting the Touchpaper cont.**

Luca Cumani's resume has yet to include this distaffers' test, but Highclere Thoroughbred Racing's **Pamona (Ire)** (Duke of Marmalade {Ire}) is a live contender for the Newmarket-based Italian. Having shed maiden status in taking fashion at the expense of another Gosden representative, **Entertainment (GB)** (Halling), when attempting seven furlongs of Newmarket's Rowley Mile for the second time last



**Highclere Racing's Harry Herbert**  
*Racing Post*

October, she had that rival in arrears once more when a promising third in Newbury's Listed Fillies' Trial on seasonal return last month. "Pamona is in very good form and is a filly that we are excited to see running over a mile-and-a-half for the first time," said Highclere's Harry Herbert. "I think she has got to improve 10 or 12 pounds again, which she has

done in each race so far, but she could well find that for the step up in trip. Luca's horses are in great form, so we hope she can be competitive. We really like her as she has got a great attitude and goes on any ground."

Sir Robert Ogden's homebred **Pandora (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) backed up an early-season debut win at Doncaster by hitting the board in York's G3 Musidora S. last month, and that form received a timely boost at the weekend when Star of Seville (GB) (Duke of Marmalade {Ire}) was victorious in the G1 Prix de Diane at Chantilly. As with many in the field, she is no forlorn hope. "This race has always been the plan for her and we're really looking forward to it," said trainer Charlie Hills. "I think she goes there with a live chance; a mile-and-a-half will suit her, and she'll love the fast ground."

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**Thursday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 3:40 p.m.**

**RIBBLESDALE S.-G2, £186,000, 3yo, f, 12fT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	5	Brandybend (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Hanagan	M Botti
2	3	Curvy (GB)	Galileo (Ire)	R Moore	Wachman
3	8	Entertainment (GB)	Halling	Doyle	Gosden
4	4	Forte (GB)	New Approach (Ire)	Kingscote	Beckett
5	7	Gretchen (GB)	Galileo (Ire)	Buick	Gosden
6	10	Pamona (Ire)	Duke of Marmalade (Ire)	Atzeni	Cumani
7	2	Pandora (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Hughes	C Hills
8	1	Pleascach (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Manning	Bolger
9	6	Wedding Vow (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	J O'Brien	A O'Brien
10	9	Zamoura (GB)	Azamour (Ire)	Dettori	Gosden

All carry 126 pounds.

**HANNON'S HAND**

If there is a certain thing this week, it is that Richard Hannon will be walking off with the G2 Norfolk S. on Thursday with either of his precocious stable stars **Log Out Island (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}) or **King of Rooks (GB)** (Acclamation {GB}). The former, who dealt the first major blow to the reputation of the subsequent G2 Coventry S. winner Buratino (Ire) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) when upstaging that colt by 5 1/2 lengths on his



**Richard Hannon saddles a formidable pair in the Norfolk**  
*Racing Post*

sole start over this track and trip Apr. 29, has been acquired by Godolphin. Buratino went on to be five-lengths second to Al Shaqab Racing's recent purchase King of Rooks in the Listed National S. over this trip at Sandown May 28. That race also featured Tuesday's

Listed Windsor Castle S. second and third Areen (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) and Steady Pace (GB) (Dark Angel {Ire}), as well Handytalk (Ire) (Lilbourne Lad {Ire}), the colt who had split Log Out Island and Buratino in an Ascot conditions race Apr. 29. At this stage, not even Hannon knows who sits above the other and the truth will be laid bare on Ascot's turf. "We think they are two smart 2-year-olds and I would not like to hazard a guess as to which is the better," he commented. "They are the two top-rated colts in the race, they are drawn next to each and we can't split them, so we'd happily settle for a dead-heat."

"Obviously, Buratino has given the form a timely boost," Hannon added. "All I know is that both ours have plenty of speed and I just hope we are standing in the winner's circle with at least one of them."

Of the unexposed ones who could be able to get within hailing distance of that duo, the Cool Silk Partnership's **Jazz Legend** (Scat Daddy) is worthy of consideration. Displaying impressive raw speed on debut to win over this trip on good-to-soft ground at Haydock May 29, the bay looked a professional there and this surface should bring out improvement. "He made a very good impression at Haydock on ground that was probably against him," trainer James Given said. "He traveled well through the race, was the last horse off the bridle and quickened up well, so I think faster ground at Ascot will really suit him. He has to improve as other horses in the race have probably achieved more than him, but we are hoping for progression and he deserves his place."

Charlie Hills saddles another with as-yet untapped potential in **Shanghai Glory (Ire)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), who scored by 3 1/2 lengths at Nottingham May 19. "The form of the race he won is working out well and this very straightforward horse has been in great form at home since," his trainer said. **Field p12**

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**Thursday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 2:30 p.m.**

**NORFOLK S.-G2, £80,000, 2yo, 5ft**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	10	Ajaya (GB)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Cosgrave	Haggas
2	9	Aragon Knight (GB)	Kheleyf	SCR	SCR
3	1	French Encore (GB)	Showcasing (GB)	Jones	S Moore
4	11	Jazz Legend	Scat Daddy	Eaves	Given
5	3	King of Rooks (GB)	Acclamation (GB)	Dettori	Hannon
6	2	Log Out Island (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Buick	Hannon
7	12	Ocean Eleven (GB)	Equiano (Fr)	Probert	J Ryan
8	7	Riflescope (Ire)	Raven's Pass	Doyle	Johnston
9	6	Rogues' Gallery (Ire)	Fast Company (Ire)	de Sousa	Johnston
10	5	Shanghai Glory (Ire)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	McDonald	C Hills
11	8	Waterloo Bridge (Ire)	Zoffany (Ire)	R Moore	A O'Brien
12	4	Zebstar (Ire)	Zebedee (GB)	Egan	Kelleway

All carry 127 pounds.

**'BACIATA' IN TERCENTENARY PICTURE**

Rossetti's famed Bocca Baciata was the first of the artist's works to contain a lone female and, appropriately for Ladies Day, that painting's namesake **Bocca Baciata (Ire)** (Big Bad Bob {Ire}) is the sole distaffer in Thursday's G3 Tercentenary S. at Royal Ascot. Purchased for €230,000 as part of the Gerry Oldham dispersal in 2013, Flaxman Stables's sophomore bagged one of three starts as a juvenile and



**Flaxman Stables Racing Manager Alan Cooper**  
*Racing Post*

opened this season in hot form when lowering the colors of Pleascach (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) in the Apr. 18 Listed Salsabil S. at Navan. She relinquished that hold next time, finishing fifth as Pleascach gained revenge in last month's G1 Irish 1000 Guineas, and comes back here bidding to become the first filly to succeed since the event's recalibration in 2002. "After she ran in the Guineas at the Curragh, the general consensus was that she should step back up in trip," revealed racing manager Alan Cooper. "[Trainer] Jessica [Harrington] has been very pleased with her so let's hope

the plan comes to fruition. Her form is very good, whichever way you look at it, and she has traveled over to Ascot very well. We're hoping for a good show."

Leading the boys' brigade is Juddmonte's likely favorite **Time Test (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), who has finished no worse than second in four starts and goes postward off an impressive score in last month's London Gold Cup H. at Newbury. A revitalized Frankie Dettori gets the nod for the Roger Charlton incumbent, who is out of the operation's 2006 G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud victress Passage of Time (GB) (Dansili {GB}). "He came out of his last race very well and we were delighted with how he won at Newbury," commented Charlton. "There is a field of 14, which appears on the larger side for the race. With this size of field and a few front runners, there should be a generous pace, which should suit him. He has a tremendous cruising speed and showed a good turn of foot, and hopefully that will stand him in good stead."

Charlton continued, "Last year he was beaten at Sandown by Lathanarch and we were disappointed by the way he behaved, but that form doesn't look too bad now after Latharnach was second to Gleneagles [in Tuesday's G1 St James's Palace S.]."

Richard Hannon trainee **Peacock (GB)** (Paco Boy {Ire}) will induce a shower of top hats if providing The Queen with a popular victory. Runner-up in the Apr. 15 Listed Feilden S. at Newmarket, that form received a mighty boost when his conqueror on the Rowley Mile, Golden Horn (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}), went on to claim bloodless victories in the G2 Dante S. and G1 Epsom Derby. He returns off a win in the May 30 Listed Fairway S. back at Newmarket. "Peacock's Feilden second looks pretty smart after Golden Horn went on to win the Derby, so we'd be hopeful of a bold run for The Queen," Hannon said. "He got back on track in listed grade at Newmarket and his form is rock-solid."

Taking momentary leave of Coolmore duties, Ryan Moore is reacquainted with **Disegno (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}). Having been in the plate when third in a stellar renewal of the Feilden at Headquarters, the rider was aboard Smuggler's Cove (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Ire}) when The Niarchos Family's homebred bay narrowly lost out to **Not So Sleepy (GB)** (Beat Hollow {GB}) in a bobbing finish to last month's Listed Dee S. at Chester. "The [soft] ground was terrible for him at Chester last time--he needs it fast," insisted Alan Cooper. "Hopefully, given how the ground has been riding, it should be in his favor this time. He has been progressing and wasn't beaten far by Golden Horn first time out. Sir Michael [Stoute] has always rated him highly so we are hoping that he delivers what we have always felt he is capable of."

Runner-up in Sandown's G3 Classic Trial and Longchamp's G2 Prix Hocquart, **Cape Clear Island (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) seeks compensation for a troubled effort in the May 31 G1 Prix du Jockey Club at Chantilly. Trainer's son Joseph O'Brien renews his partnership with the Derrick Smith colorbearer for the first time this year.

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**Thursday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 3:05 p.m.**

**TERCENTENARY S.-G3, £75,000, 3yo, 10ft**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	9	Maftool	Hard Spun	Doyle	bin Suroor
2	1	Master Apprentice (Ire)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Probert	Balding
3	14	Cape Clear Island (Ire)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	J O'Brien	A O'Brien
4	10	Disegno (Ire)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	R Moore	Stoute
5	13	Don Camillo	Ghostzapper	Smullen	Weld
6	8	Faithful Creek (Ire)	Bushranger (Ire)	Fortune	Meehan
7	11	Librisa Breeze (GB)	Mount Nelson (GB)	Kelly	Nosedo
8	4	Mustadeem (Ire)	Arcano (Ire)	Hanagan	Meehan
9	3	Nafaqa (Ire)	Sir Percy (GB)	O'Neill	B Hills
10	5	Not So Sleepy (GB)	Beat Hollow (GB)	Crowley	Morrison
11	6	Peacock (GB)	Paco Boy (Ire)	Hughes	Hannon
12	2	Restorer (GB)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Dwyer	Muir
13	7	Time Test (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Dettori	Charlton
14	12	Bocca Baciata (Ire)	Big Bad Bob (Ire)	Berry	Harrington

All carry 126 bar Maftool & Master Apprentice, 130, & Bocca Baciata, 123.



**Thursday, Leopardstown, Ireland, post time: 8:00 p.m.**

**BALLYCORUS S.-G3, €60,000, 3yo/up, 7fT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	1	Eastern Rules (Ire)	Golden Snake	Foley	Halford	135
2	6	Sovereign Debt (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Hayes	Nicholls	135
3	4	Tested (GB)	Selkirk	Roche	Weld	135
4	7	Capplla Snsevero (GB)	Showcasing (GB)	Keane	Lyons	129
5	3	Convergence (Ire)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Carroll	Lyons	126
6	2	Shepherd's Purse (GB)	Pastoral Prsts (GB)	W Lee	JG Murphy	126
7	5	The Warrior (Ire)	Excd and Excl (Aus)	Heffernan	A O'Brien	126

**Friday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 4:20 p.m.**

**CORONATION S.-G1, £405,315, 3yo, f, 8fT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	5	Arabian Queen (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	de Sousa	Elsworth
2	7	Ervedya (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	Soumillon	Rouget
3	2	Found (Ire)	Gaileo (Ire)	Moore	A O'Brien
4	6	Irish Rookie (Ire)	Azamour (Ire)	Sweeney	Meade
5	8	Local Time (GB)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Buick	bin Suroor
6	9	Lucida (Ire)	Shamardal	Manning	Bolger
7	3	Miss Temple City	Temple City	Velazquez	Motion
8	4	Sperry (Ire)	Shamardal	Doyle	Gosden
9	1	Yasmeen (GB)	Sea the Stars (Ire)	Hanagan	Gosden

All carry 126 pounds.

**Friday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 3:40 p.m.**

**COMMONWEALTH CUP-G1, £405,315, 3yo, 6fT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	6	Adaay (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Hanagan	Haggas	129
2	15	Ahlan Emarati (Ire)	Hly Rmn Empr (Ire)	de Sousa	PCh-Hym	129
3	11	Cyclogensis	Stormy Atlantic	Velazquez	Weaver	129
4	5	El Valle (Fr)	Dobby Road (Fr)	Barzalona	Dissaux	129
5	4	Goken (Fr)	Kendargent (Fr)	Peslier	Pantall	129
6	2	Hm of the Brave (Ire)	Strspngldbnner (Aus)	McDonald	Palmer	129
7	14	Hootenanny	Quality Road	Moore	Ward	129
8	13	Jungle Cat (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	Buick	Appleby	129
9	10	Kool Kompany (Ire)	Jeremy	Dobbs	Hannon	129
10	12	Limato (Ire)	Tagula (Ire)	Doyle	Candy	129
11	8	Muhaarak (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	O'Neill	C Hills	129
12	18	Profitable (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Kirby	Cox	129
13	1	Salt Island (GB)	Excd and Excl (Aus)	Spencer	C Hills	129
14	9	Anthm Alxnder (Ire)	Strspngldbnnr (Aus)	Smullen	Lynam	126
15	7	Nw Providence (GB)	Bahamian Bnty (GB)	Crowley	Palmer	126
16	3	Pastoral Girl (GB)	Pstrl Pursuits (GB)	Eaves	Given	126
17	16	Tendu (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Dettori	Gosden	126
18	17	Tiggy Wiggy (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Hughes	Hannon	126

**Friday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 3:05 p.m.**

**KING EDWARD VII S.-G2, £231,950, 3yo, c/g, 12fT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	4	Balios (Ire)	Shamardal	Spencer	Simcock
2	5	Father Christmas (Ire)	Bernardini	J O'Brien	A O'Brien
3	6	Festive Fare (GB)	Teofilo (Ire)	Buick	Appleby
4	1	Magic Dancer (GB)	Norse Dancer (Ire)	Dobbs	Beckett
5	3	Mr Singh (GB)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Dettori	Gosden
6	2	O' Man River (Ire)	Montjeu (Ire)	Moore	A O'Brien
7	7	Stravagante (Ire)	Rip Van Winkle (Ire)	Smullen	Stoute

All carry 126 pounds.

**Friday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 2:30 p.m.**

**ALBANY S.-G3, £70,000, 2yo, f, 6fT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	18	Ashadihan (GB)	Kyllachy (GB)	Spencer	K Ryan
2	16	Azhar (GB)	Excd and Excl (Aus)	Doyle	bin Suroor
3	12	Back at the Ranch	Artie Schiller	Rosario	Ward
4	10	Elegant Supermodel (Ger)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Hamelin	Perruchot
5	7	Fireglow (GB)	Teofilo (Ire)	Buick	Johnston
6	11	First Party (GB)	Royal Applause (GB)	Fanning	Johnston
7	3	French (GB)	Monsieur Bond (Ire)	G Lee	A Brittain
8	9	Glenrowan Rose (Ire)	Bushranger (Ire)	Makin	Dalgleish
9	13	Illuminate (Ire)	Zoffany (Ire)	Hughes	Hannon
10	17	Jersey Breeze (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Bishop	Channon
11	5	Laxfield Road	Quality Road	Dettori	Ward
12	6	Mirage (Ire)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Crowley	Osborne
13	4	Miss Moneypenny (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Kingscote	Beckett
14	2	Our Joy (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Murphy	Cox
15	14	Palenville (Ire)	Rip Van Winkle (Ire)	Dobbs	Hannon
16	8	Spanish Romance (Ire)	Rip Van Winkle (Ire)	C Demuro	E O'Neill
17	1	Strands of Silk (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Eaves	Given
18	19	Tutu Nguru	Blame	Cosgrave	Haggas
19	15	Vallance Road (GB)	Kheleyf	Egan	Littmoden

All carry 126 pounds.

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## ASCOT: THE FIRST TWO DAYS

There haven't been too many shock results the first two days at Royal Ascot; in fact, the favorites have won three of the four Group 1 races run thus far. The meet opened Tuesday with the G1 Queen Anne S., for 4-year-olds and up on the straight mile. It was a one-two for France as the Wertheimers' **Solow**, a 5-year-old gelding by Singspiel who came into the race off wins in the G1 Dubai Turf (formerly Duty Free) and G1 Prix d'Ispahan--at nine and 9 1/4 furlongs, respectively--pretty much always looked the winner. Longshot **Esoterique** (Daneshill Dancer), who had won last year's G1 Prix Rothschild at Deauville, ran on well for second, and another longshot, **Cougar Mountain** (Fastnet Rock), running probably his best race ever, claimed third. Hong Kong ace **Able Friend** (Shamardal) was never at the races and trailed in sixth. This has been a pretty good last few weeks for **Fastnet Rock's** Northern crops: he's also had G1 Epsom Oaks Classic winner **Qualify** and G1 Tattersalls' Gold Cup second **Fascinating Rock** recently, and he has two runners with live chances in Thursday's G3 Tercentenary S. for 3-year-olds at 10 furlongs, **Cape Clear Island** and **Disegno**. *Cont. p14*



**Frankie Dettori celebrates after collecting his 50th Royal Ascot win Wednesday on Osaila (Ire) (Daneshill Dancer {Ire}) in the Listed Sandringham H. *Racing Post***



**Bill Oppenheim cont.**

Only four ended up challenging G1 English and Irish 2000 Guineas winner **Gleneagles**, by Galileo out of a full-sister to Giant's Causeway--and therefore about the best-bred stallion prospect of 2016--in the G1 St. James's Palace S. He went off at roughly 1-2 and won comfortably, with longshot **Latharnach** (Iffraaj) second and the Lope de Vega colt **Consort** a good third in his first big test. Long-range there is a possibility Solow and Gleneagles could meet in the G1 Sussex S. at the end of July, though at some point Aidan O'Brien and 'the Lads' will likely step him up to 10 furlongs. If they do, they might encounter Wednesday's Group 1 winner, **Free Eagle** (High Chapparral), who won a super-competitive edition of the G1 Prince of Wales's S. Making only his fifth lifetime start, and given a peach of a ride by Ireland's reigning champion jockey Pat Smullen, Free Eagle prevailed over dual 2014 Group 1 winner **The Grey Gatsby** (Mastercraftsman), running his best race of the year so far, with the improving **Western Hymn** (High Chaparral) third. Already booked for a berth at the Irish National Stud and now a Group 1 winner, Free Eagle's value skyrocketed Wednesday. It was a good day for Coolmore's third-crop sire, **Mastercraftsman**, who not only had the Prince of Wales's second, but also the 25-1 winner of the G2 Duke of Cambridge S. (formerly the Windsor Forest), **Amazing Maria**.

Who has not fared so well so far are the shippers from the East: besides Able Friend, Australian sprint mare **Shamal Wind** (Dubawi) was down the field in Tuesday's G1 King's Stand S.--won by 20-1 shot **Goldream** (Oasis Dream)--and Australian Group 1 winner **Criterion** (Sebring) and Japanese Group 1 winner **Spielberg** (Deep Impact) were only fifth and sixth, respectively, in Wednesday's Prince of Wales's S. Most unfortunate that last year's U.S. Horse Of The Year, **California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit), had to miss the race but maybe there is a possibility he could still run in Britain before shipping home.

Shippers from the West, on the other hand, have hit the scoreboard, as the Coolmore-owned \$750,000 OBS March 2-year-old **Acapulco** became **Scat Daddy's** second 2-year-old Royal Ascot winner (No Nay Never, 2013 G2 Norfolk S.) for U.S. trainer Wesley Ward with a dominating performance in Wednesday's G2 Queen Mary S., for 2-year-old fillies at five furlongs, with English-trained **Easton Angel** (Dark Angel) and **Besharah** (Kodiak) filling the places. This continued a couple of themes in the three 2-year-old races so far. On Tuesday the six-furlong G2 Coventry S., the top 2-year-old race of the year so far, was won by Godolphin's **Buratino** (Exceed And Excel), with Coolmore's **Air Force Blue** (War Front) second, and Al Shaqab's **Eltezam** (Kodiak) third; first three all Danzig-line sires.



**Acapulco became Scat Daddy's second Royal Ascot winner**  
*Coolmore*

Coolmore won the five-furlong Listed Windsor Castle S., also on Tuesday, with the Aidan O'Brien-trained **Washington DC**, the second black-type winner by current leading European freshman sire **Zoffany**, with **Areen** (Kodiak) second and **Steady Pace** (Dark Angel) third. So Coolmore has two wins and a second from the three 2-year-old races thus far.

Tally-Ho Stud's **Kodiak**, who through yesterday had 13 winners from an incredible 62 2-year-old starters already this year, had placegetters in all three 2-year-old races; and leading 2015 2-year-old sire on progeny earnings, Morrinstown Lattin Stud's **Dark Angel**, had placegetters in two of the races. From nine horses to fill the first three places in the three 2-year-old races so far, six are by Danzig-line sires, one is by Scat Daddy (Storm Cat line), and two are by Acclamation's son Dark Angel.

Acclamation himself is the sire of the hot favorite for today's opening race, the G2 Norfolk S. at five furlongs, **King of Rooks**, while the second favorite is Log Out Island, by Dark Angel. Both were bought as yearlings by the father-son team of Peter and Ross Doyle, both are trained by Richard Hannon, and both were sold



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after impressive early-season form, King of Rooks to Al Shaqab and Log Out Island to Godolphin. Both have been ridden by Hannon stable jockey Richard Hughes so far, but he has no ride in the race now as Frankie Dettori

(who notched up his 50th Royal Ascot winner in yesterday's last race) is the retained jockey for Al Shaqab, while William Buick rides Log Out Island for Godolphin. No wonder Richard Hughes is going to start training next year; it's great for the Hannon stable to have those horses remain in the yard, but it's bad luck for a guy who's been Britain's champion jockey for the last three years.

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*Free Eagle (Ire) holds off The Grey Gatsby (Ire) to win the G1 Princes of Wales's S.*



**T.D. Thornton Op-Ed cont. from p1**

At best, American Pharoah will be in the public eye (i.e., on the racetrack) for another 4 1/2 months, presuming he completes his 3-year-old campaign through its expected grand finale in the Breeders' Cup.

Once the horse has been whisked off to stud duty, will part of his legacy include the footnote that the industry did everything it could to leverage his influence?

Or will an objective post-mortem reveal that, for the most part, the game coasted along passively in the weeks and months after the Triple Crown, hoping that some merchandise giveaways and a handful of promotional appearances by American Pharoah were enough to elevate the sport's long-term profile?

Converting newcomers who witness the Triple Crown spectacle into more engaged fans is a daunting task that the industry has tried to address in recent years with multi-media outreach platforms like America's Best Racing. Such initiatives are worthwhile building blocks, but the brunt of this responsibility could be better shouldered by individual racetracks nationwide, because they, in theory, will benefit to some degree from American Pharoah's wild popularity.

In a 2003 freelance project for a different racing publication, I conducted an experiment in which I anonymously emailed every racetrack in North America and asked "Can you please tell me how I can learn about horse racing?"

(To put this in the proper perspective, this was at a time when just having a website with an icon on the home page that said "Email Us!" was considered cutting-edge customer outreach).

The results? A whopping 52% of tracks failed to respond to a request from a potential fan who expressed an interest in finding out more about the sport.

Now, a dozen years and one Triple Crown champ later, email has become pass, and potential customers have a multitude of social media means to engage directly with racetracks.

But as a gambling man, I'd have to bet the "under" on the same 52% response rate if that exact "How can I learn..." query was repeated today across a different, allegedly more interactive, set of social media contact points.

In the days after this year's Belmont, I kept waiting for the industry to step up with a simple way of saying "thank you" and "come back soon" to the fans who were mesmerized by American Pharoah.

All it would have taken was a Twitter hashtag and a proclamation from any of the Triple Crown racetracks announcing free admission for the rest of the month of June, and a "challenge" to every other track in the land to follow suit.

The viral nature of social media-induced peer pressure would have ensured a respectable roster of participating venues.

But following through on the positive momentum generated by American Pharoah is not limited to fan-based marketing initiatives.

The sport's most controversial issues may seem like they've been shoved off to the side for the past two weeks, but the problems that plague the game still loom large while awaiting strong industry action: Performance-enhancing drugs, the overuse of legal medications, the abuse of the whip, and ethical equine aftercare are all vying for a top spot on racing's "to do" list.

There is a deeply ingrained tendency within the Thoroughbred industry to "let the horse do the talking." Since the Triple Crown victory, that's been broadly interpreted as a cue to tone down the rhetoric about difficult issues so as not to taint the feel-good glow generated by American Pharoah.

But think of the power of turning that concept on its head: What if industry leaders used the sport's currently untapped positive Triple Crown momentum as a springboard for bringing about meaningful change?

What if the sport's most influential movers and shakers had the courage to say, "We've just put on a damn good show, and to reinforce the idea that the horse comes first and that we won't tolerate the ruination of our grand game, we're going to follow up by tackling our most controversial issues head-on.?"

The timing couldn't be better for such a bold statement. Last month, the formation of the Coalition for Horse Racing Integrity ([horseracingintegrity.com](http://horseracingintegrity.com)) was announced. Comprised of The Jockey Club, Breeders' Cup Ltd., Water Hay Oats Alliance, and The Humane Society, the chief stated goal of the coalition is staunch support of pending federal legislation to create a new regulatory organization called the Thoroughbred Horseracing Anti-Doping Organization. But the coalition has been silent since the initial press release announcing its launch on May 29.

Building upon the momentum of American Pharoah to push for national reform would be quite a contrast to the last time the prospect of federal government intervention and the Triple Crown crossed paths.

In case anyone needs a reminder, that would have been in 2008, when revelations about Triple Crown steroid abuse rocked the sport in the three-week interim between Big Brown winning the GI Preakness S. and his being eased as the odds-on favorite in the Belmont.

Now, instead of passively ducking Congressional subpoenas (and ducking for cover with the sky seemingly falling), the industry is in a position of power to shape its own fate by leveraging its most valuable asset.

Better act quickly, though. It might be 37 more years before the next gift horse graces the Triple Crown winner's circle.



**Competitive OBS June Sale Marches On cont. from p 1**

Through two sessions of the June sale, 288 juveniles grossed \$10,684,900. The average is up 22% to \$37,100, while the median dipped 13.6% to \$19,000. There were 125 horses reported not sold over the two sessions, for a buy-back rate of 30.3%.

“There was a lot of strength at the top,” Wojciechoswki continued. “We’d still like to see the middle market coming. I think it was a little stronger Wednesday than Tuesday. And hopefully as we move forward, we’ll continue to see that improve.”

The competitive nature of the top-end of the June market has come as no surprise to bloodstock agent Donato Lanni, who has noticed the trend at all of the season’s 2-year-old sales.

“It has been a dog fight all year long,” Lanni observed of the juvenile market. “It’s the toughest it’s been in a long time. You see good, solid racing operations that have really good broodmare bands and who buy yearlings who are now buying 2-year-olds and you wouldn’t have seen that in the past. I think you are starting to see a lot of horses coming out of the sale healthy and going on to run in good races and people are trusting 2-year-olds sales more than they ever have. It makes it hard for us to buy because there is a lot more competition. We’ve had a hard time buying 2-year-olds this year--you just have to come to every sale.”

Lanni thinks the increased strength of the OBS April sale has led to a more competitive June sale.

“I think the June sale now is like the old April sale used to be,” Lanni said. “There is a big catalogue, the numbers are there, because there are a lot of horses that just needed that extra time and the consignors have given those horses the extra time. And they have come here healthy and sound and are being rewarded.”

The OBS June sale continues through Friday with sessions beginning daily at 10:30 a.m.

**Into Mischief Colt Ties OBS June Record...**

Just a day after a colt by Scat Daddy set an OBS June record when selling for \$575,000, a son of Into Mischief tied the mark when selling to Arkansas owner Frank Fletcher. [Hip 509](#) is out of Kiss the King (Roman Ruler), an unraced half-sister to Italian Group 1 placed As You Like (Tremolino) and from the family of Grade I winner Alphabet Kisses. He worked a quarter last week in a co-bullet [:20 3/5](#).



**Hip 509**  
Tibor Szlavik

The juvenile was consigned by Jaime Mejia’s Thoroughbred Champions Training Center. Mejia, in just his second year of operation at the 100-acre Ocala Downs, purchased the youngster for \$11,000 at last year’s Keeneland September sale.

“He had great conformation, he was a little small, but he was

a late May foal,” Mejia, a native of Columbia, said through an interpreter.

Asked if he was surprised to get the youngster for \$11,000 last fall, Mejia said, “I buy horses in my range and I don’t usually pay a lot for my horses. But I like to buy horses with pedigrees and this horse had good conformation. He worked great and vetted well.”

Wednesday marked the colt’s second trip through the OBS sales ring. He RNA’d for \$95,000 at the OBS March sale after working in [:10 1/5](#). Mejia said the colt was still green at the March sale, but has grown and matured in the interim.

A racetrack owner in his native country, Mejia pinhooks approximately 30 to 40 juveniles a year and races what he doesn’t sell.

Thoroughbred Champions Training Center made its debut at OBS last June and was represented by a colt by Candy Ride (Arg) who worked in a bullet :10 flat before selling to Three Amigos for \$110,000. Now named Still Standing and racing for Karl Watson, Mike Pegram and Paul Weitman, the colt graduated on debut at Santa Anita May 2 for trainer Bob Baffert.

Asked if he was surprised to have sold a record horse in just his second year of operation, Mejia said, “It was very satisfactory. Because it’s a very challenging business. And it’s tough to open doors, but I think I’m doing it.”





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SESSION TOTALS	2015	2014
• Catalogued	286	300
• No. Offered	206	223
• No. Sold	144	186
• RNAs	62	37
• % RNAs	30.1%	16.6%
• No. \$500K+	1	0
• High Price	\$575,000	\$210,000
• Gross	\$5,506,300	\$5,681,400
• Average (% change)	\$38,238 (+25.2%)	\$30,545
• Median (% change)	\$19,500	\$22,000

  

CUMULATIVE	2015	2014
• Catalogued	572	600
• No. Offered	409	460
• No. Sold	288	363
• RNAs	121	97
• % RNAs	29.6%	21.1%
• No. \$500K+	2	0
• High Price	\$575,000	\$250,000
• Gross	\$10,684,900	\$11,040,300
• Average (% change)	\$37,100	\$30,414
• Median (% change)	\$19,000	\$22,000




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Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
<a href="#">509</a>	colt	<a href="#">Into Mischief</a>	<a href="#">Kiss the King</a>	575,000
(\$11,000 yrl '14 KEESEP; \$95,000 RNA 2yo '15 OBSMAR) B-Brandywine Farm (KY) Consigned by Thoroughbred Champions Training Center LLC Purchased by Frank Fletcher Racing Operations				
<a href="#">355</a>	colt	<a href="#">Bernardini</a>	<a href="#">Flawless Diamond</a>	350,000
(\$300,000 yrl '14 KEESEP) B-Anderson Farms (Ontario) (ON) Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent XVIII Purchased by Steven W Young, Agent				
<a href="#">294</a>	colt	<a href="#">Malibu Moon</a>	<a href="#">Easy Action</a>	300,000
(\$72,000 yrl '14 FTKOCT) B-Black Rock Thoroughbreds LLLC (KY) Consigned by Circle D Thoroughbreds Purchased by Seagull Associates LLC				
<a href="#">362</a>	colt	<a href="#">Scat Daddy</a>	<a href="#">Forever Smart</a>	210,000
(\$135,000 yrl '14 SARAUG) B-Joanne T Nielsen (NY) Consigned by Abbie Road Farm (Lisa McGreevy), Agent I Purchased by Linda Rice, Agent				
<a href="#">445</a>	filly	<a href="#">Malibu Moon</a>	<a href="#">Holy Princess</a>	180,000
(\$210,000 yrl '14 FTKJUL; \$145,000 RNA 2yo '15 OBSMAR) B-Candyland Farm, Nancy L Terhune & Ernest Frohboese (KY) Consigned by Classic Bloodstock (Danzel Brendemuehl), Agent I Purchased by Hebert Bloodstock, Agent				

**Bernardini Colt Proves Popular at OBS...**

A colt by Bernardini attracted a final bid of \$350,000 from bloodstock agent Steve Young, acting on behalf of an unnamed client, during Wednesday's second session of the OBS June sale. Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, the Canadian-bred colt ([hip 355](#)) is out of Flawless Diamond (Saint Ballado) and is a half-brother to stakes winner Blue Heart (Exchange Rate) and graded stakes placed Henshin Hero (Dance Master). He was bred by Anderson Farms and was purchased for \$300,000 by Ontario Bloodstock at last year's Keeneland September sale.

"He is a horse that I saw as a yearling at Keeneland," Young commented after signing the ticket Wednesday. "He has always been a nice horse and he comes from a running family."

Young admitted the colt's Canadian-bred status was a bonus.

"He is on the outside looking in," Young continued. "He's not a Canadian-bred, he's a good horse that was born in Canada. It's nice to have that. They run for a lot of money up there as two and 3-year-olds."

Asked if the colt's new owners race in Canada, Young laughed, "They are going to now, whether they know it or not."

The Bernardini colt reflects the growing status of the June sale, which now attracts horses specifically targeted at the juvenile season's final auction, Young agreed.

"I think there are quite possibly nicer horses in June than there has been before," he said. "I think there is enough money where some of these people don't feel they have to gamble into March when they can wait. And if they deliver the product, they will get paid for it in April or June. There are a lot of nice horses here and because of the better horses, the people are here. It's not just the last sale of the year, as it was maybe in the past."

**Malibu Moon Colt to Sea Gull...**

Trainer Tim Hills, bidding on behalf of Pat Welsh of Sea Gull Associates, signed the ticket at \$300,000 to secure a colt by Malibu Moon early in Wednesday's second session of the OBS June sale. The chestnut ([hip 294](#)), out of Easy Action (Crafty Prospector), is a half-brother to stakes winner My Due Process (Henny Hughes) and is from the family of graded stakes winner Itty Bitty Pretty. The May foal worked a furlong in [:10 1/5](#) during last week's under-tack preview show.

"Even though he is a late foal, he looks like a 3-year-old," Hills said of the youngster. "He's a big, powerful horse. He obviously vetted well and I really liked the breeze."

Of the colt's final price tag, Hills admitted, "I stepped up a little bit over my budget, but my owner is still ok with me."

Welsh, who campaigned the Hills-trained graded stakes winner Toll Taker (Bernstein), was looking to add some ready-to-run 2-year-olds to his stable.

"He has a couple broodmares, but he wanted to step up and buy a couple of 2-year-olds who are ready to go," Hills explained. "We got a couple at Timonium, but didn't spend all the money that he had allocated. So we came here."

The stable's June acquisition will ship to Hills's Monmouth Park base and "hopefully end up running at Saratoga," according to the trainer.

Last week's furlong work wasn't the Malibu Moon colt's first trip over the OBS oval. The youngster was also entered in the OBS April sale.

"This horse was in the April sale and he worked :11 1/5 in April," explained consignor Mike Dennis of Circle D Thoroughbreds. "He needed just a little bit more time, so we scratched him out of the April sale, rode him right back into the June sale and he just needed the 45 days. That is what it took to get to :10 1/5, to where he is right now."

Dennis purchased the chestnut colt for \$72,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Kentucky October sale.

Asked what he saw in the colt last fall, Dennis said, "The pedigree. And then when I looked at the horse, everything balanced out. He was a little small, but he was a late foal. And there were a couple other Malibu Moons that came through the sale. One brought \$250,000, the other brought \$300,000. I wasn't able to afford those, so when this one came in, he was affordable." **Cont. p19**



**Malibu Moon Colt to Sea Gull cont.**

Dennis, who has been operating as Circle D for the last two decades, was selling his final horse of the season Wednesday. “We used to pinhook 18 and then we dropped down to 10 and this is the first year that we’ve only pinhooked three horses,” he said. “We’ll probably pinhook another three this year.”

**Shanbally Legacy Runs On...**

Shanbally Acres’s Richard “Red” Curtin passed away last week, but the Shanbally legacy shone bright at OBS Wednesday as the pioneer pinhooker’s son John Curtin sold a filly by Drosselmeyer for \$90,000. The younger Curtin had purchased the pretty chestnut for \$52,000 at last year’s Keeneland September sale.

“He showed me a lot,” Curtin said when asked if his father had taught him about pinhooking. “He wasn’t a big talker, but he showed me a lot. He mostly taught me how to train them. I had to learn to pick them out from my own mistakes.”

Asked what attracted him to [hip 458](#) last September at Keeneland, Curtin said, “I liked her body, the way she was built and her walk.”

The juvenile is from the first crop of GI Breeders’ Cup Classic winner Drosselmeyer and is out of a half-sister to graded stakes winner Around the Cape (Carson City). Bloodstock agent Dennis O’Neill made the winning bid Wednesday.

Curtin looks to expand his pinhooking ventures in the future.

“This is probably my third pinhook,” he said. “I’m going to keep going, see if I can do some weanlings maybe, flip them as yearlings and keep on doing the yearlings to 2-year-olds. Plus we have horses in training.”

Asked what he liked about the business, Curtin said, “I like getting up in the morning and going to the track. I like breaking them and seeing them change as you go through the process.”



**John Curtin & Hip 458**  
*Joe DiOrto*

**WALDROP SPEAKS AT HEARING ON PARI-MUTUEL WINNINGS** In an address to United States Treasury and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) officials at a hearing Wednesday, National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA) President and Chief Executive Officer Alex Waldrop emphasized the “outdated, unfair and overly burdensome” nature of current regulations related to withholding and reporting of pari-mutuel winnings. Changes proposed by the NTRA would clarify regulations by redefining the “amount of the wager” to include all of a bettor’s investment into a single pari-mutuel pool, and not simply the base amount of the winning combination.

“It is the position of the entire horse breeding and racing industry that these Treasury regulations need to be modernized to ensure that both the withholding and reporting of winning pari-mutuel wagers accurately and fairly reflect the realities of wagering in the 21st century,” Waldrop said. “Specifically, we respectfully request that The Treasury Department and the Internal Revenue Service amend the Treasury Regulations and related forms to include a definition of the ‘amount of the wager’ that encompasses the total amount wagered by a bettor into a specific pari-mutuel pool for purposes of determining whether any wagering proceeds paid to the bettor from that pari-mutuel pool are subject to withholding and reporting.”

The 10 a.m. hearing in the Internal Revenue Service Building’s IRS Auditorium in Washington, D.C., addressed a range of topics related to wagering, including separate issues of importance to keno, bingo and slot-machine players. Waldrop was one of five speakers granted 10 minutes for remarks and the only one to represent the racing industry.

Waldrop used the example of this year’s GI Kentucky Derby superfecta to illustrate how bettors are often forced to pay taxes even when they may not have shown a profit on their wagers. “It is very likely that many of the individuals holding winning Derby superfecta tickets won little or no money when considering the full cost of their superfecta wager, only to find themselves standing in line at an IRS window due to the fact that the wager paid \$634.10 on a single winning combination of one dollar,” he said.

Officials scheduled to attend the hearing included the Deputy Associate Chief Counsel, Senior Technician Reviewer and Attorney from the IRS’s Procedure and Administration department, as well as an attorney and advisor from Treasury’s Office of Tax Policy.

Should the IRS and Treasury agree to move forward with the proposed changes, a new formal rule will be written and will likely be subject to a public comment period.

The full text of Waldrop’s prepared remarks for today’s hearing can be accessed on the NTRA website [here](#).

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Triple Crown Champion **American Pharoah** (Pioneer of the Nile) returns to his Santa Anita base Thursday and will make a public appearance between races in Arcadia on GI Gold Cup at Santa Anita Day June 27.



**American Pharoah**  
*Christie DeBernardis*

"We want to again thank American Pharoah's owner, Ahmed Zayat and his trainer, Bob Baffert, for being so incredibly generous in sharing this horse with fans from coast to coast," said Santa Anita Chairman Keith Brackpool. "We look forward to American Pharoah's return home here to Santa Anita Thursday and we're excited to be able to present him to the public June 27. It should make for a tremendous day for those joining us on-track and on television throughout the world."

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**SUMMERTIME OAKS-GII**, \$200,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	All Star Bub (K)	Midshipman	Bejarano	Hollendorfer	118
2	Sheer Pleasure	Birdonthewire	Baze	D'Amato	118
3	Danette (K)	Curlin	Perez	Desormeaux	118
4	Guild	Medaglia d'Oro	Prat	Harty	118
5	Roksana (K)	Eskendereya	Valdez	Jones	118
6	Tara's Tango	Unbridled's Song	Smith	Hollendorfer	118
7	Conquest Curlgirl (K)	Curlin	Talamo	Casse	118
8	Scat Means Go (K)	Scat Daddy	Stevens	Dominguez	118
9	Stellar Wind	Curlin	Espinoza	Sadler	123
10	Fantastic Style (K)	Harlan's Holiday	Garcia	Baffert	118



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**Saturday, Belmont Park, post time: 4:57 p.m. EDT**

**BED O' ROSES H.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Hot Rendezvous	Macho Uno	Velazquez	Contessa	113
2	Medaglia d'Argento (K)	Medaglia d'Oro	Saez	Rice	114
3	Room for Me (K)	Harlington	Velasquez	Jacobson	115
4	Dame Dorothy (K)	Bernardini	Castellano	Pletcher	123
5	Expression	Invasor (Arg)	Alvarado	Baker	115
6	La Verdad	Yes It's True	Ortiz	Rice	122
7	Tahoe Tigress	Stephen Got Even	Maragh	Englehart	113
8	Street Story (K)	Street Cry (Ire)	Lezcano	Asmussen	117

**Saturday, Delaware Park, post time: 4:45 p.m. EDT**

**OBEAH S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Perique (K)	Tapit	Toledo	Smith	120
2	Another Incident	Sun King	Cedeno	Zito	120
3	Fortune Pearl	Mineshaft	McCarthy	Motion	120
4	Blue Violet	Curlin	Ritvo	Jones	118
5	Natalie Victoria	Indian Ocean	Carrasco	Nevin	118
6	South Andros (K)	Sky Mesa	Perez	Jenkins	118
7	Montana Native (K)	Yes It's True	Cintron	Clement	118
8	Amblin Easy	Private Interview	Rivera	Reid Jr.	120
9	Joint Return (K)	Include	Carmouche	Servis	118
10	Luna Time	Malibu Moon	Boyce	Motion	118
11	Sea Shadow	Jump Start	Stephen	Colebrook	120



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**Sunday, Gavea, Brazil**

**GRANDE PREMIO BRASIL-G1, R\$1,118,400 (US\$365,366), 3yo/up, 2400mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Perfectly Associat	Pleasantly Perfect	A C Silva	Solanes	128
2	Mitologigo (Brz)	Sulamani (Ire)	Queiroz	Correia	128
3	Champion Star (Brz)	Hard Buck (Brz)	Leal	Aranha	125
4	Barolo (Brz)	Northern Afleet	Blandi	Nahid	128
5	Delirio (Brz)	Lord Marcos (Brz)	Reis	C Mrgdo Nto	128
6	Caballo de Hierro (Brz)	Wild Event	Lavor	Solanes	125
7	Famous Acteon (Brz)	Acteon Man (Brz)	Souza	Guignoni	125
8	Como Quiera (Brz)	Wild Event	M Gncalvs	Guignoni	125
9	Jose Cuervo (Brz)	Peintre Celebre	Ricardo	Fornasaro	125
10	Paint Naif (Brz)	Crimson Tide (Ire)	Mota	Sampaio	125
11	Concilium (Brz)	Sulamani (Ire)	A L Silva	Tosta	128
12	Haraqiri (Uru)	T.H. Approval	Cunha	Silva	128
13	Billy Girl (Brz)	Put It Back	Domingos	R Mrgdo Nto	123
14	Desejado Music (Brz)	Public Purse	Borges	Sampaio	125
15	Aston Martin (Brz)	Vettori (Ire)	Almeida	C Mrgdo Nto	128
16	Leme Norte (Brz)	Shirocco (Ger)	A Correia	Sampaio	125
17	Quinhao (Brz)	Ivoire (Brz)	Gulart	Ferreira	125

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**PREMIO CESAR DEL RIO SUITO-G3, S100,000 (US\$31,603), 3yo/up, f/m, 2000m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Salama (K)	Desert Party	Talaverano	Teodulo	120
2	Broken Game (K)	Broken Vow	Prado	Arias	132
3	Alanza (Per)	Privately Held	Chuan	Suarez	134
4a	Golden Woman (K)	Bluegrass Cat	Quispe	Filipuzzi	132
5a	Shakita (Arg)	Equal Stripes (Arg)	Fernandez	Filipuzzi	134
6b	Sweet Siena (Arg)	Exchange Rate	Tapara	Herrera	128
7b	Mi Evita (K)	Sky Mesa	Enriquez	Herrera	134
8b	Sabana Grande (Arg)	Offlee Wild	Arenas	Herrera	128
9	Azarenka (K)	Street Hero	Trujillo	Arias	134

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**LADY CERISE, 20, Honor Grades--Lady Inverness, by Red Ryder**

Foal born Apr. 1, a colt by Speightstown.

Will be bred back to Uncle Mo.

Owned by Martin L Cherry.

Boarded at Taylor Made Farm.

Accomplishments: MSP. Dam of Pickupocket (Mecke), MSW, \$512,619; Northern Belle (Northern Afleet), SW, \$222,935.

**OFFICIATE, 17, Deputy Minister--Tricky Squaw, by Clever Trick**

Foal born Apr. 1, a colt by Bernardini.

Will be bred back to Super Saver.

Owned by Aaron & Marie Jones.

Boarded at Taylor Made Farm.

Accomplishments: Dam of Mo Cuishle (Saint Ballado), GSW, \$217,475.

**MARTHA'S MOON, 5, Malibu Moon--Smolensk, by Danzig**

Foal born Apr. 3, a filly by Medaglia d'Oro.

Will be bred back to Stormy Atlantic.

Owned by Elevage I LLC.

Boarded at Hill 'N' Dale Farm.

Accomplishments: MSW, \$100,790.

## New York

### Wednesday's Results:

**3rd-BEL, \$83,300, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 6-17, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:45.90, yl.**

**TICKING KATIE (IRE) (f, 4, Baltic King {GB}--Dancalli {Ire}), by Traditionally)** began her career running in Great Britain for Karl Burke and was a winner last out in the William Hill Ayrshire H. Sept. 20 at Ayr. The 5-1 pick stumbled at the start and trailed the field through the opening stages. She crept into contention on the turn, angled out four wide and made her rally in the stretch. She caught leader Dido (Bernstein) in the final furlong and inched clear late for the half-length victory. Sales history: 4,000gns Ylg '12 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 16-4-5-3, \$128,162. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Jim & Susan Hill; B-Tally Ho Stud (IRE); T-Brian A. Lynch.

### **MARGAUX FARM Training Graduate**

**5th-BEL, \$77,000, Alw, 6-17, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.64, ft.**

**SO YOU SAY (f, 3, Flatter--Hurricane Hannah, by Southern Halo)** was unsuccessful in four starts for trainer Bob Baffert and graduated by 5 1/4 lengths at Gulfstream Apr. 12 when transferred to Michelle Nevin. Most recently, So You Say was runner-up in a one-mile optional claimer here May 10. The even-money choice set the pace shortly after the break, led comfortably throughout and added to her margin down the stretch to win by 9 1/4 lengths. Jubilant Vision (Pollard's Vision) was second. Sales history: \$250,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-3, \$100,250. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Gainesway Stable (Antony Beck); B-Eico Stable (KY); T-Michelle Nevin.

**4th-BEL, \$75,000, Msw, 6-17, 3yo/up, f/m, 7fT, 1:25.20, yl.**

**GREYWALLS (f, 3, City Zip--Winikins, by Cozzene)** made four previous starts in the New York circuit, most recently finishing fifth in the Gill Miss Grillo S. here Sept. 28 and fourth in a yielding special weight Oct. 25. Making her first start off the layoff, the 3-1 second choice raced in the fourth spot while three wide down the backstretch. She began to inch closer to the leaders on the turn, was bumped at the top of the stretch, but continued her rally to catch the leader in the final furlong and held off a charge by Wonder Brew (Giant's Causey) to win by a half-length. Sales history: \$35,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP; \$100,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-1, \$65,238. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Long Lake Stable LLC; B-Builder's Mart Inc. (KY); T-John P. Terranova, II.

## Eastern U.S.

### Wednesday's Results:

**7th-DEL, \$37,625, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$55,000), 6-17, 3yo/up, 1m 70yT, 1:42.15, gd.**

**GLENARD (GB) (g, 5, Arch--Olaya {GSW-US & SW & GSP-Fr, \$300,382}, by Theatrical {Ire})** began his career in Great Britain with Charles Hills and transferred into the Graham Motion barn at the beginning of the year. He was second in the Gill Fair Grounds H. Feb. 21 then finished last of nine in Gulfstream's Gill Pan American S. Mar. 28. The 4-1 chance rated well off the early pace down the backstretch and slipped up the rail on the turn to move into contention. Glenard continued his paint-scraping rally in the stretch to overtake Fredericksburg (Speightstown) late and win by a length. Sales history: 65,000gns Ylg '11 TAOC; 165,000gns 4yo '14 TA14. Lifetime Record: GSP, 21-4-3-3, \$190,993. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Stone Andrew; B-Denford Stud Ltd. (GB); T-H. Graham Motion.

**5th-DEL, \$34,375, Msw, 6-17, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:39.27, gd.**

**CHIROPRACTOR (c, 3, Kitten's Joy--Eversmile, by Theatrical {Ire})** rallied to finish fourth on debut going 1 1/16 miles over the Pimlico turf May 16. Cutting back in distance for this second go, Chiropractor broke out slightly from the outside post and brought up the back of the pack around the first turn. The even-money pick moved up the rail to sit within striking distance on the turn. He swung out about five wide at the top of the lane and charged down the straight en route to an easy three-length victory. Svindahl (Pollard's Vision) completed the exacta. Chiropractor is a half-brother to MGISW Coil (Point Given, \$1,154,360). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$23,400. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O/B-Glen Hill Farm (FL); T-Thomas F. Proctor.

**8th-DEL, \$34,250, Msw, 6-17, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:03.98, ft.**

**ETRUSCAN (c, 3, Bernardini--Proud Spell {Ch. 3yo Filly, MGISW, \$2,131,610}, by Proud Citizen)** was fifth on debut going six panels at Keeneland in Oct. 3 and weakened to sixth adding an extra furlong there Oct. 18. Cutting back in distance and coming off the bench here, the 3-5 pick shared pacesetting duties early, took a narrow advantage at the top of the stretch and kept on down the lane to finish 1 1/4 lengths ahead of Rick's Boy (Flashstorm). Etruscan is out of MGISW Proud Spell and is a half-sibling to SW Indian Spell (Indian Charlie). Proud Spell has a Creative Cause colt from this spring. Sales history: \$360,000 RNA Ylg '13 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$22,360. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O/B-Brereton C Jones. (KY); T-J. Larry Jones.



# TODAY'S INSIGHTS

## 2nd-BEL, \$75K, MSW, NW1X, 2yo, 5f, 1:51 p.m. ET

The Jimmy Toner trained **HYPER NATION** ([Bernardini](#)) will make her first start here for AJ Suited Racing Stable. She is the first foal out of Canadian champion Bear Now (Tiznow) to hit the track and is given a 5-1 chance exiting the inside gate. Mathis Stable's **Positively Royal** ([Bernardini](#)) is the third foal out of an unraced half-sister to GISW millionaire Eddignton (Unbridled). The \$325,000 Keeneland September yearling is trained by Todd Pletcher and is given the 8-5 morning-line nod. [TJCIS PPs](#)

## 5th-SA, \$56k, MSW, 2yo, 5f, 6:00 p.m. ET

**UPTOWN TWIRL** ([Twirling Candy](#)), a \$630,000 OBS March purchase for Hronis Racing, will make her debut today. The John Sadler trainee is out of dam Sambuca Classica (Cat Thief), who is out of SW & MGISP In Her Glory (Miswaki). Uptown Twirl is also a half-sister to stakes winner Anytime Magic (Fusaichi Pegasus). [TJCIS PPs](#)

# ROOKIES

## First-crop starters to watch: Thursday, June 17

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2012 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs \* Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

**ICE BOX** (Pulpit), Millennium Farms, \$8K, 71/0/0  
2-BEL, Msw, 5f, +Ice Blue Vision, 12-1

**INDYGO MOUNTAIN** (A.P. Indy), Valor Farms, \$3K, 71/1/0

1-CD, Msw, 5 1/2f, More Than Most, 3-1

**TWIRLING CANDY** (Candy Ride {Arg}), Lane's End Farm, \$15K, 91/1/0

5-SA, Msw, 5f, +Uptown Twirl, \$630K OBS MAR 2yo, 5-2

## First/second-crop starters to watch: Thursday, June 17

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2011 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs \* Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

**GRASSHOPPER** (Dixie Union), Lane's End Texas, \$4K, 52/10/1

3-LS, Msw, 5f, +Moon Hopper, \$9K RNA TEX APR 2yo, 5-2

**MUNNINGS** (Speightstown), Ashford Stud, \$10K, 165/48/7

7-CBY, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Sir Munnings, \$14K RNA FTK OCT yrl, 10-1

**SILVER CITY** (Unbridled's Song), Valor Farm, \$2K, 33/11/1

4-LS, Msw, 5f, +Panther Creek, \$12K RNA TEX OCT yrl, 8-5

**SING BABY SING** (Unbridled's Song), Lane's End Texas, \$3K, 51/11/0

4-LS, Msw, 5f, +Bonjour Baby, 10-1

**SUPER SAVER** (Maria's Mon), Winstar, \$20K, 203/33/4

1-CD, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Vivid Storm, 12-1

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## ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**5th-TDN, \$39,700, (S), (NW3X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 6-17, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:47.46, ft.**

**DOCTORIAT (g, 4, Nobiz Like Shobiz--Victory Afleet, by Northern Afleet)** Lifetime Record: 13-4-3-2, \$102,824.

O-Charlie J. Williams LLC; B-Reifman Joan Mishler (OH); T-Sandra Marie Adkins.

**4th-PID, \$33,180, 6-16, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:42.36, ft.**

**SHIFT COLORS (f, 4, Mizzen Mast--Bellamusic, by Mr. Greeley)** Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-2, \$73,917.

O-Alexander Elisabeth H.; B-Mr & Mrs Rick Abbott (PA); T-Charles LoPresti. \* \$35,000 Wlg '11 KEENOV; \$60,000 Ylg '12 KEESEP; \$130,000 2yo '13 KEEAPR.

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**3rd-PID, \$28,275, 6-16, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:10.44, ft.**

**MR. FREUD (g, 5, Freud--Cercis, by Forty Niner)**

Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-1, \$58,425. O/T-Wayne W Rice.; B-Emma Bell & Kurt Conroy (NY). \* \$18,000 Ylg '11 FTKOCT; \$4,000 4yo '14 OBSWIN. \*\*1/2 to Botarate (Fly So Free), MGSP-Per.

## ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Gala's Bank, f, 2, Fairbanks--Mum's Gold (SW, \$195,500), by Goldlust. DEL, 6-17, 5f, :58.80.**

B-Teal Thomas L. (PA). \* \$5,500 Ylg '14 EASSEP.

+ **Bill's Production, c, 2, Run Production--D'or Diva, by Gold Tribute. LAD, 6-17, 4 1/2f, :53.03. B-Riceland Racing Stables LLC (LA). \* \$4,000 RNA Ylg '14 ESLYRL; \$1,800 2yo '15 EQL2YO.**

+ **Storm Warrior, g, 2, Weather Warning--Flying Humor, by Distorted Humor. ALB, 6-17, 5 1/2f, 1:06.11. B-Pierre & Leslie Amestoy (NM). \* 1/2 to Our Flying Angel (Abajo), SW, \$249,641.**

**Moondance Joy, f, 3, Catiemus--Sydney's Lexington, by Outofthebox. BEL, 6-17, 7fT, 1:25.63. B-McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, LLC (NY). \* \$7,500 Ylg '13 OBSWIN; \$150,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR.**



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+ **Charlie Charlie, c, 3, E Dubai--Cat and Deer, by Deerhound. PID, 6-16, 6f (AWT), 1:11.53. B-Hayes Larry W (PA).**

**City Seduction, f, 4, City Weekend--Seductiveenjoyment, by Quiet Enjoyment. IND, 6-17, 5 1/2f, 1:06.41. B-Belden Lawrence (IN).**

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## Wednesday's Results:

**SANDRINGHAM H.-Listed, £70,000, ASC, 6-17, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:41.00, g/f.**

1--**OSAILA (IRE), 133, f, 3, Danehill Dancer (Ire)--Mennetou (Ire), by Entrepreneur (GB).** (220,000gns Ylg '13 TAOCT). O-AI Shaqab Racing; B-Mennetou Syndicate (IRE); T-Richard Hannon; J-Lanfranco Dettori. £39,697. Lifetime Record: 10-5-1-1, \$552,770. \*Full to Obama Rule (Ire), GSW-Ire.

2--**Always Smile (Ire), 126, f, 3, Cape Cross (Ire)--Eastern Joy (GB), by Dubai Destination. O-Godolphin; B-Darley (IRE); T-Saeed bin Suroor. £15,050.**

3--**Touchline (GB), 119, f, 3, Exceed and Excel (Aus)--Trianon (GB), by Nayef. O/B-The Queen (GB); T-Michael L. W. Bell. £7,532. cont. p3**



**Sandringham H. result cont.**

Margins: NO, 1HF, HD. Odds: 6.50, 2.00, 7.50. Also Ran: Jellicle Ball (Ire), Sulaalat (GB), Hundi (Ire), Tazffin (Ire), Amaze Me (GB), Bronze Maquette (Ire), Pack Together (GB), Rive Gauche (GB), Muffri'Ha (Ire), Kodiva (Ire), Realtra (Ire), Mothers Finest (Ire), Risen Sun (GB), Lovely Surprise (Ire).

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Osaila, who ran fifth in last term's G1 Moyglare Stud S. and third in the G1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf, finished seventh in the May 3 G1 1000 Guineas after failing to build upon a win in the Apr. 15 G3 Nell Gwyn S. at Newmarket, but was ultra game here to deny the errant Always Smile by a pixel. Steadied in mid division until inching into



**Osaila** *Racing Post*

contention after passing halfway, the 13-2 second favorite was blocked in her run as Always Smile began to drift left approaching the final furlong, but kept straight and true under Frankie Dettori's power drive thereafter to deny that rival--who threw away

her winning chance by drifting even further across the track in the dying embers--on the line. The win provided Dettori with a landmark 50th Royal Ascot victory, and the rider was typically ebullient in the aftermath. "That was great, especially for my boss, and 50 is a big number," he said. Ascot's my place, I love it and this is extra special because Sheikh Joaan saved my career and I owe a lot to him." Trainer Richard Hannon added, "We've always thought she is a very good filly, but for some reason she didn't run her race in the 1000 Guineas. She traveled really well in the race and, to run like that with top weight in a handicap, it shows she's obviously a very good filly. She was very brave, battled well and saw out the mile in very good style. It's great for Frankie, it's a great day for everyone connected with her and I'm delighted." Al Shaqab's racing manager Harry Herbert continued, "She was well handicapped and had to do it the hard way, but won impressively. There are no immediate plans, but we'll look to see if there is something at [Glorious] Goodwood. Frankie is riding at the top of his game. He looks great, he's as hard as nails and is having the year of all years. It just shows that when your confidence is with you, in any sport, then things will happen and I'm thrilled for him. It's wonderful working with him--his enthusiasm, and his professionalism too, is absolutely fantastic."

Osaila's second dam is the French Horse of the Year and champion 3-year-old filly Detroit (Fr) (Riverman), who also won the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and produced the 1994 winner of that famed race, Carnegie (Ire) (Sadler's Wells). The family also traces back to dual G1 Ascot Gold Cup winner Gildoran (Ire) (Rheingold {GB}), and G1 Irish 2000 Guineas scorer Roderic O'Connor (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}).

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**ROYAL HUNT CUP H.**, £175,000, ASC, 6-17, 3yo/up, 8fT, 1:40.30, g/f.

1--**GM HOPKINS (GB), 129, g, 4, Dubawi (Ire)--Varsity (GB) (MSP-Ire & SP-Fr, \$164,495), by Lomitas (GB).** (€120,000 Yrl '12 ARAUG). O-Robin Geffen; B-Cadran-Earl Blot-Scea des Bissons (GB); T-John Gosden; J-Ryan Moore. £108,938. Lifetime Record: 10-4-1-1, \$240,613.

2--**Tempress (Ire), 124, f, 4, Shirocco (Ger)--Femme Fatale (GB), by Fairy King.** (15,000gns Yrl '12 TAOCT). O-The Pyoneers. £32,620.

3--**Chil the Kite (GB), 134, g, 6, Notnowcato (GB)--Copy-Cat (GB), by Lion Cavern.** (18,000gns Yrl '10 TATOCT). O-Hazel Lawrence & Graham Doyle. £16,310.

Margins: NK, 1HF, HF. Odds: 8.00, 9.00, 16.00. Click for the [Racing Post result](#). [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

Successful in the "Silver Cambridgeshire", which served as a consolation race for those whose handicap mark was too low for the main event over nine furlongs at Newmarket in September, GM Hopkins went on to be fourth and third in similar events at York and Nottingham the following two months. Returning as the



**GM Hopkins** *Racing Post*

6-1 favorite for the Lincoln at Doncaster Mar. 28, the bay could finish only 10th in that traditional curtain-raiser but was back to his best form when a late-closing second over a mile at Newbury last time May 6. Held

up worse than mid-division among the far-side group, which always had the edge, he was delivered to perfection by Ryan Moore and, after grabbing the lead with 150 yards remaining, outbattled Tempress in the run to the line. "It was a very high-standard race. We didn't think the pace was on our side, but it turned out that it was," trainer John Gosden said. "Ryan rode a beautiful race, covered him up well and then said to me he got there too soon but he had to go. It is a big moment to win the Hunt Cup and I think we will go to France for a listed race." There was drama in the closing stages when GM Hopkins' Newbury conqueror Spark Plug (Ire) (Dylan Thomas {Ire}) clipped heels and came down, but both he and jockey Jimmy Fortune emerged without any serious injury.



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**3rd-CHD, £10,000, Alw, 6-17, 2yo, 5f (AWT), :59.67, ft. + DHAHMAAN (IRE) (c, 2, Kodiak {GB}--Heroine Chic {Ire}), by Big Bad Bob {Ire}),** who scored on debut at Nottingham at the end of last month, chased the leading trio early. Getting to the long-time leader Sir Dudley (Ire) (Arcano {Ire}) passing the furlong pole, the 4-5 chalk asserted to score by a half-length. Sales history: €35,000 Wlg '13 GOFNOV; 55,000gns RNA Ylg '14 TAOCT; 58,000gns 2yo '15 TATBRE. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$16,057. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-H H Shaikh Nader Mohamed Al Khalifa. B-Alexander Bloodstock (IRE). T-Marco Botti.

## OBSERVATIONS

on today's European racing scene

**12.15 Longchamp, Debutantes, €25,000, 3yo, c/g, 10fT CIRCUMFERENCE (IRE) (Galileo {Ire})** makes his belated debut for Michael Tabor and Andre Fabre and is a notable runner for his owner, who enjoyed much success with his half-brother, the 2006 GI Hopeful S. hero Circular Quay (Thunder Gulch), as well the dam, the 1999 GI Spinaway S. winner Circle of Life (Belong To Me).

**1.15 Longchamp, Debutantes, €25,000, 3yo, f, 10fT GOOD FRIEND (IRE) (Shamardal)** is a half-sister to the five-time Australian Group 1 winner Miss Finland (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), who starts out for Godolphin and Henri-Alex Pantall. Her second dam is the 1995 G1 Epsom Oaks heroine Moonshell (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), sister of Doyen (Ire).

## APPOINTMENTS

**Cathal Flannelly: Track Manager, Ballinrobe Racecourse**

- Flannelly, who studied Equine Science at University of Limerick, has worked at Ballinrobe Racecourse for 10 years, with eight months spent on work placement with Horse Racing Ireland, assisting Tote Ireland, the marketing department and the racing department. He also has experience working with Cheltenham, Leopardstown and Fairyhouse racecourses.
- John Staunton, Chairman Ballinrobe Racecourse: "I would like to congratulate Cathal on his new role; he has already made a great contribution to the racecourse, developing our new track and improving the existing track over the past few years."

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- **Toliman (GB)**, c, 2, [Hat Trick \(Jpn\)](#)--Tell It As It Is (MSW-Can & GSP-US, \$391,374), by Chester House. DPE, 6-16, 5 1/2fT, 1:04.45. B-Ecurie Peregrine SAS (GB).
- **Bint Aldar (GB)**, f, 2, [Zoffany \(Ire\)](#)--Maggie Lou (Ire), by Red Ransom. HAM, 6-17, 6f 5yT, 1:13.13. B-Highbank Stud (GB). \*22,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT. \*\*7th winner for freshman sire (by Dansili {GB}).
- **Lunesque (Ire)**, f, 3, [Azamour \(Ire\)](#)--Lunassa (Fr), by Groom Dancer. DPR, 6-16, 11fT, 2:25.86. B-Petra Bloodstock Agency Ltd (Ire). \*1/2 to Celimene (Ire) (Dr Fong), MGSW-Fr, \$317,383.
- **Navigator (Ger)**, c, 3, [Dashing Blade \(GB\)](#)--Navajo Queen (Ger), by Monsun (Ger). HOP, 6-15, 10fT, 2:05.40. B-Gestut Etzean (Ger). \*€160,000 Yrl '13 BBAGS.
- **Spryt (Ire)**, g, 3, [Invincible Spirit \(Ire\)](#)--Out of Thanks (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. HAM, 6-17, 8f 65yT, 1:48.01. B-Moyglare Stud Farm Ltd (IRE). \*€13,000 2yo '14 GO14. \*\*1/2 to Love Lockdown (Ire) (Verglas {Ire}), GSW-Eng & SW-Ire, \$135,312.



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