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ACAPULCO RETURNS, TO TARGET ROYAL ASCOT



Acapulco gets her sophomore season underway Friday evening
Racing Post photo

by Alan Carasso

Sue Magnier, Derrick Smith and Michael Tabor's **Acapulco** (Scat Daddy), who provided trainer Wesley Ward with a fifth Royal Ascot victory in last year's G2 Queen Mary S., returns to action in a Friday night allowance/optional-claiming race over six furlongs of the Polytrack at Turfway Park in Northern Kentucky, with a return trip to the Royal meeting the mid-range goal.

A \$180,000 Fasig-Tipton July acquisition by Scott and Evan Dilworth, the scopey Acapulco first made headlines at the 2015 OBS March Sale, where she was hammered down to M.V. Magnier for \$750,000 after covering a furlong in a smashing [:9 3/5](#) over the SafeTrack. The chestnut was a well-beaten third when sent off at 7-10 for her 4 1/2-furlong debut over the Churchill main track last May, but atoned for that defeat in no uncertain terms next time out, storming up the rise at Ascot beneath Ryan Moore to take the Queen Mary by a convincing 1 1/2 lengths ([video](#)). So impressive was Acapulco in defeating her peers on that occasion that she was returned to Europe to face older rivals in the G1 Coolmore Nunthorpe S. at York last August. Prominent early as the 8-5 chalk, she hit the front going well three furlongs out, but was run down in the final stages and settled for a gallant runner-up effort ([video](#)). **Cont. p3**

A TALE OF TWO RACES FOR AMOSS

by Ben Massam

Trainer Tom Amoss will send out a pair of late-running closers in Fair Grounds' stakes for 3-year-olds Saturday, but that is essentially where the similarities end. GMB Racing's **Mo Tom** (Uncle Mo), recent winner of the Jan. 16 GIII LeComte S. ([video](#)), goes postward as the 3-1 second choice in the GII Veterans Ford Risen Star S., while Rosemont Farm's **Venus Valentine** (Congrats) is the longest shot on the board at morning-line odds of 20-1 for the GII Rachel Alexandra S. Both races are important steppingstones towards prospective starts in the GII Louisiana Derby and GII Fair Grounds Oaks, and Amoss is taking a pragmatic approach with his expectations for the two sophomores. **Cont. p4**

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This filly from the first crop of Spendthrift Farm's Shakin It Up (Midnight Lute) out of Fay Na Na (Majestic Warrior) enjoys a romp at her home at Heaven Trees Farm in Lexington, Ky. Photo courtesy foalphotos.com. Submit your foal photos directly to the site

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Acapulco Returns cont.

Should all go according to plan Friday night, a return trip to Royal Ascot is very much in the cards, Ward confirmed.

“The [G1] Commonwealth Cup has been the goal for this filly ever since Mr. Tabor and I had dinner once she crossed the finish line in the Nunthorpe S.,” Ward told the *TDN* Thursday. “Let’s hope she continues to progress the way we hope.”

In Friday night’s race, Acapulco is scheduled to face seven of her fellow 3-year-old fillies that appear hopelessly overmatched on paper. With far more lucrative options available, Ward explained the rationale behind the decision to return at Turfway.

“After she got back from Europe, she had a beautiful mental and physical break at Ashford—not that she needed anything physically,” Ward commented. “We started galloping her at Keeneland and we brought her to Turfway and each breeze was quicker and more impressive than the previous one. So we thought, instead of working her and working her, why not take advantage of what promises to be good weather this weekend and give her a race over the Polytrack? I am a huge proponent of Polytrack and the one at Turfway is outstanding and helps keep horses sound.”

Acapulco has recorded four works at Turfway, including bullet five-eighths moves in 1:00 4/5 (1/13) Jan. 30 and in :58 4/5 (1/14).

While he had no specific race in mind beyond the comebacker, Ward said the race would “set her up for something at Keeneland” and that the filly would likely be kept around one turn, at least for the time being.

“She is a big and imposing filly, but she really has the look of a sprinter,” the conditioner opined.

Owing to the late post time for Friday’s race, results will appear in Saturday’s *TDN*.

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A Tale of Two Races cont. from p1

Mo Tom, who also captured the one-mile Street Sense S. at Churchill Downs Nov. 1, appears well-positioned to add his name to the list of previous LeComte-Risen Star winners that includes Friesan Fire (A.P. Indy) and International Star (Fusaichi Pegasus)--both of whom went on to capture the Louisiana Derby. Amoss said he believes Mo Tom, a May foal, has been gradually closing the maturity gap on his peers, and consequently has ample room to improve Saturday.

"I think what people may not notice at first blush is that Mo Tom is a May foal," Amoss explained. "He's taken awhile to catch up physically with the rest of my younger horses. In the last three weeks, we've really started to see that happen--and that's exciting. He's a good horse, that's for sure, and I think he's an improving horse, so we'll see what happens."

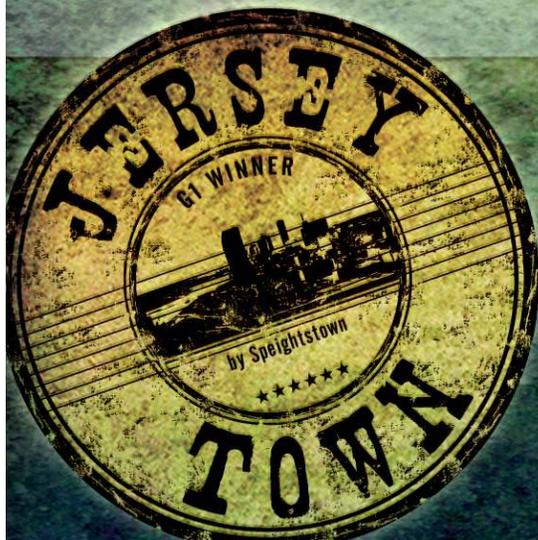
In order to find the winner's circle, the dark bay will need to turn the tables on morning-line favorite Airoforce (Colonel John), who bested him by 1 3/4 lengths when Mo Tom was third in the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. Nov. 28 [video]. Amoss said he is hopeful that 2 1/2 additional months of development time will lead to a favorable outcome. **Cont. p5**



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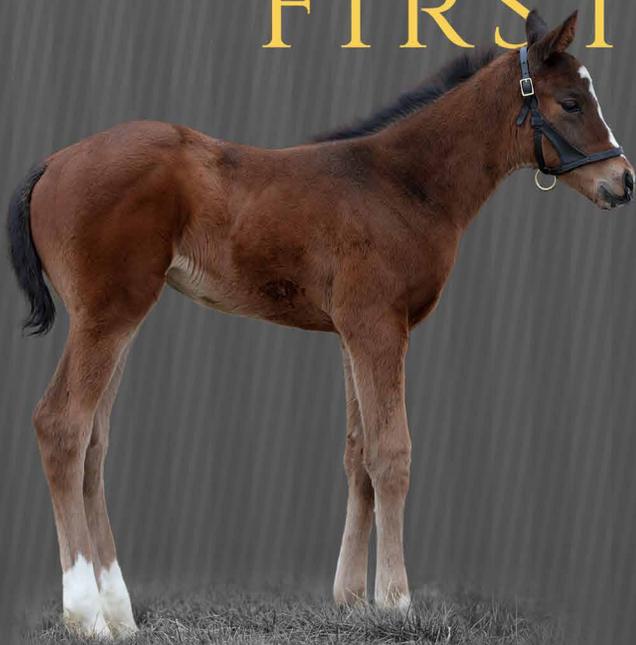
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A Tale of Two Races cont.

“I think he’s made the transition from two to three very well,” Amoss said. “I think he’s a more experienced horse now, and I think that’s hopefully something that will be a difference maker in the race.”

As for race tactics, the conditioner said he expects Mo Tom to assume his usual early position towards the rear of the 13-horse field. The colt lagged over 10 lengths off the pace in the initial stages of the LeComte—a style that, according to Amoss, should give his colt a major chance in the Risen Star.

Amoss finds himself in a decidedly different outsider’s position with Venus Valentine, winless in three appearances since capturing her six-furlong debut at Ellis Park in July. The chestnut recently rallied into a dawdling pace to finish fourth in a one-mile allowance test over the Fair Grounds turf Jan. 8.

Venus Valentine has breezed four times since that effort, and seeks to reverse her fortunes vis-à-vis Midnight On Ocone (Midnight Lute), who easily dispatched her in a six-furlong test on a sloppy main track Nov. 21. Amoss, who has trained horses since 1987, is realistic with his outlook for the chestnut this weekend.

“She’s going to have to really step up,” Amoss acknowledged.

“We are asking a lot of her to face these type of horses. She hasn’t proven that she’s competitive with these types, either, but on the other hand she’s training very well and her works certainly show that. There’s a lot of speed in the race, so it’s a good setup for her with her style of running.”

Amoss’s busy Saturday in New Orleans also includes a third graded stakes starter in **Wireless Future** (Scat Daddy), who draws the rail in the GIII Fair Grounds H. The 4-year-old won two races over the local turf last winter and recently kicked off his 2016 season with a wire-to-wire win in an off-the-turf event Jan. 15.

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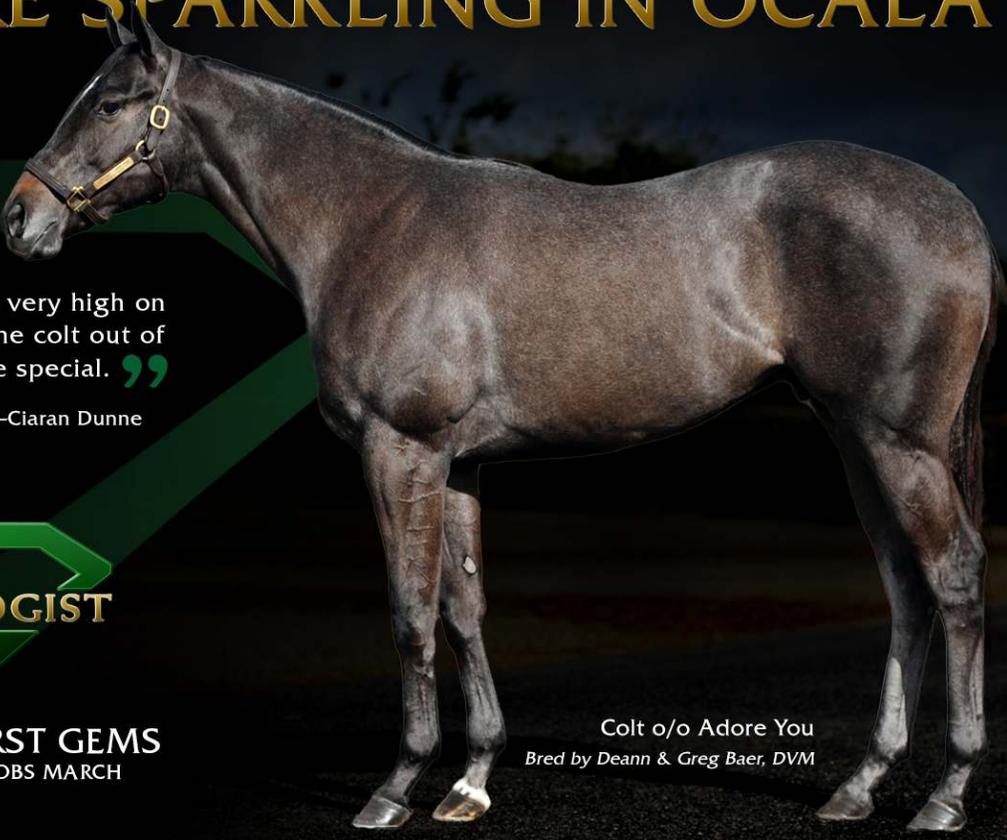
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Jacks or Better Farm homebreds **Awesome Banner** (Awesome of Course) and **Fellowship** (Awesome of Course) will both make their next start in Gulfstream's GII Fountain of Youth S. Feb. 27, according to trainer Stanley Gold.

A dazzling 9 3/4-length debut winner in Hallandale June 5, Awesome Banner was equally impressive when returning off a six-month layoff to register a decisive victory in the GIII Hutcheson S. Jan. 2. The bay went gate-to-wire to score a five-length success in the GII Swale S. last time Jan. 30 and will try two turns for the first time in the Fountain of Youth, where



Awesome Banner
Adam Coglianese

he is expected to face the likes of undefeated GIII Holy Bull S. hero Mohaymen (Tapit) and impressive allowance winner 'TDN Rising Star' Cherry Wine (Paddy O'Prado).

"I don't see a mile and a sixteenth being a problem," Gold said. "He won't be the first horse to have gone from sprinting to two turns. He's not a run-off,

speed-crazy horse. He's just a quick horse."

The conditioner added, "A mile and a sixteenth is not a mile and a quarter. That takes a whole other kind of horse, but you're not going to know until you try it. And you're probably never going to try it, unless you prove that you're at that level. You have to progress to it. It takes a special horse."

While the Florida-based trainer is confident about his charge's ability to stretch out, he does not have Derby fever just yet.

"I don't see any reason to think about the [GI] Kentucky Derby now," he remarked. "Remember you're talking about a horse that doesn't have any Derby points. To say I don't think about it...sure, everybody thinks about it. But I'm just one of those guys who thinks about the next race. I just want to run good in the Fountain of Youth."

Winner of the track-and-trip Florida Sire In Reality S. as a juvenile, Fellowship kicked off his sophomore campaign with a fifth-place effort in the Mucho Macho Man S. Jan. 2. The chestnut completed the trifecta behind the aforementioned Mohaymen and GISW Greenpointcrusader (Bernardini) in the Holy Bull Jan. 30.

"He doesn't want to be rushed, but he does have some lick, the 58-and-change shows it," Gold said. "He doesn't want to be rushed. He wants to finish. He was quietly waiting to go long. There wasn't a real solid pace in the Holy Bull, and Mohaymen had his way, whether or not he was the best horse in the race. There will be a pace in this race. I expect him to be running late and I expect him to run a good race. If he does, then maybe people will start to notice him."



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Any Maryland-bred horse that wins the GI Preakness S. would get a \$500,000 bonus paid from a racing incentive fund of transferred state lottery marketing money if a bill introduced last week in the Maryland House of Delegates becomes law.

A Maryland-bred horse that earns a minor piece of the Preakness purse could collect \$100,000, and the same special fund would grant \$500,000 toward the purse for a race similar in scope to the former GI Washington, D.C., International that was held at Laurel Park between 1952 and 1994.

Maryland Jockey Club Vice President and General Manager Sal Sinatra said the MJC did not lobby for and was not involved in the crafting of the proposed legislation, which is titled “The Maryland International and Preakness Stakes Incentive Act of 2016.” A phone message left earlier in the week at the office of the bill’s sponsor, Delegate Jay Walker, was not returned in time for deadline for this story.

The \$1.1-million amount of the new bonuses would be transferred from the state lottery’s marketing expenses into an existing “special fund” comprised of pari-mutuel fees, taxes and uncashed tickets. If the added money goes unused for racing purposes, it reverts to the lottery, according to the draft of [HB965](#).

Next up for the bill is a Mar. 4 hearing.

Eight Maryland-bred horses have won the Preakness, the last being Deputed Testamony in 1983. [@thorntontd](#)

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TEXAS REPEALS HISTORICAL RACING

By T.D. Thornton

The Texas Racing Commission voted 5-4 at an emergency meeting on Thursday to repeal 2014 rules the agency had created to legalize slot-machine-styled “historical racing.”

The vote signals the end for the long-term plan to bolster Texas horse and greyhound purses with gaming revenue. But it is likely to trigger the more immediate release of day-to-day funding for the racing commission, whose budget had been withheld by Texas lawmakers, presumably as retaliation for the commission’s circumventing of the legislature in establishing historical racing rules.

Historical racing, which involves betting on already-run horse races that have been stripped of identifying markers, had never actually been operational in Texas. The machines have bolstered purses at other Thoroughbred venues, like Oaklawn Park and Kentucky Downs.

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The vote “was brought about because of extreme pressure placed on commissioners by a small handful of senate leaders with threats to shut down the agency if historical racing wasn’t repealed,” Marsha Rountree, executive director of the Texas Horsemen’s Partnership, told the Fort Worth *Star-Telegram*. “Real Texans will now suffer due to the continuing decline of the horse racing industry in Texas.”

The commission had previously deadlocked on votes to repeal historical racing, but the tie was broken on Thursday by an appointee of the Texas state comptroller, an ex-officio member of the commission who had previously abstained from voting on the issue.

“We’re trying to find solutions here,” Commission Chairman Roland Pablos told the Dallas *Observer*. “We have the power to press the reset button, get together and find solutions that are not this controversial. Certainly I think we need to move forward. By repealing the rules we are helping the industry in the short term.” [@thorntontd](#)

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GIMME DA LUTE NAMED CAL-BRED HOTY

The late **Gimme Da Lute** (Midnight Lute), winner of the 2015 GII Los Alamitos Derby and GIII Affirmed S., was named California-bred Horse of the Year at the annual California Thoroughbred Breeders Association’s Awards Dinner held



Gimme Da Lute | Benoit photo

Wednesday evening at the Westin Pasadena. The 3-year-old outpointed fellow finalists **California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit) and **Spanish Queen** (Tribal Rule). Bred and raced by Mike Pegram and his partners Karl Watson and Paul Weitman, Gimma Da Lute won six of his nine starts

in 2015, including a 12 1/4-length romp in the Real Good Deal S. at Del Mar in August. The bay suffered a condylar fracture of a hind leg following a work in November and underwent surgery to have screws inserted, but broke his leg coming out of the procedure and was subsequently euthanized. Gimme Da Lute was also named the champion Cal-bred of his generation.

Though he made just one U.S. appearance in 2015, California Chrome was named champion older Cal-bred male. The chestnut, winner of the GI Kentucky Derby and GI Preakness S. in 2014, was runner-up to the ill-fated Shared Belief (Candy Ride {Arg}) in the GII San Antonio Invitational S. Spanish Queen secured honors as the top Cal-bred 3-year-old filly and the champion turf horse courtesy of victories in the GII Honeymoon S. and the GI American Oaks last spring.

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9th-TAM, \$20,000, Msw, 2-18, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.86, fm.

EMYVALE COURT (f, 4, [Stormy Atlantic](#)--Tight Precision {SW & GSP, \$337,970}, by Pure Precision) rattled off a string of three second-place finishes sprinting down the hill at Santa Anita last spring, including a three-quarter length defeat Apr. 11. She made up some late ground, but ultimately faded to fifth as the short-priced favorite there May 9 and was shelved. The chestnut popped back up on the Tampa worktab in early January and sped five panels in 1:00 1/5 (2/16) Feb. 12. Sent off as the 5-2 crowd's pick, the 4-year-old rated in a tugging third behind splits of :23.40 and :47.41 while saving ground against the fence. She barged through a gap at the rail as noses pointed for home, angled to the attack though six panels in 1:11.94 and proved not for catching, scampering away from Catnapped (War Front) to win by a diminishing neck. Sales history: \$35,000 RNA Ylg '13 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 5-1-3-0, \$46,520. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).** O-Edward J. Sukley; B-E. J. Sukley Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Thomas F. Proctor.

Florida

Thursday's Results:

4th-GP, \$36,400, Msw, 2-18, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:23.54, ft.
ASCEND (g, 4, [Candy Ride {Arg}](#)--Ghost Dancing {SW, \$163,897}, by Silver Ghost) reported home fourth sprinting at first asking at Delaware June 3, but dropped a spot trying a grassy mile at the Spa Aug. 8. The lightbulb came on, however, in his next two starts, as he turned in a pair of runner-up finishes stretched to nine furlongs there later that month and again over yield turf at Keeneland Oct. 4. Sent off at 7-2, the 4-year-old raced at the tail of the tightly bunched field and began to make up ground approaching the far turn. Launched three deep by John Velazquez, Ascend swooped up the center of the track six wide and stormed home to win by four lengths over favored Onlytheshadowknows (Ghostzapper), giving trainer Graham Motion his first winner of the Championship Meet. The winner is a half to Moro Tap (Tapit), GSP, \$161,816; and a yearling colt by Trappe Shot. Ghost Dancing was bred back to Quality Road. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-0, \$55,930. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).** O/B-Stone Farm (KY); T-H. Graham Motion.

New York

Thursday's Results:

6th-AQU, \$69,000, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 2-18, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38.53, ft.
NOBLE AND A BEAUTY (f, 4, Noble Causeway--Overandabeauty {MSP, \$159,472}, by Grand Slam), a winner of the Cicada S. going six panels here last spring, endured a rough start to finish sixth in the GII Gazelle S. behind GISW Condo Commando (Tiz Wonderful) Apr. 4. Off the board in three more racetrack appearances, including a fifth in a sloppy optional claimer at this venue to end her season Dec. 17, the chestnut was adding blinkers and was a 6-1 gamble in this return. Forced at least three paths off the rail into the first turn, she stalked from a wide trip third after a half in :47.56 and made her bid for the front after three-quarters in 1:12.58. It took her the length of the stretch, but Noble and a Beauty eked out a head victory over stretch leader Mrs. Hudson (Street Cry {Ire}). Early pacesetter and 9-5 chalk La Inesperada (Tiz Wonderful) was only a head behind in third along the inside. The winner's dam is a half to GI Wood Memorial S. hero and top sire Tapit (Pulpit). She foaled a filly by Tiznow in 2014, a colt by Malibu Moon in 2015 and was covered by Congrats. Lifetime Record: SW, 8-3-1-0, \$169,250. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).** O/B-My Meadowview Farm LLC (KY); T-Richard A. Violette, Jr.



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TODAY'S INSIGHTS

8th-TAM, \$23k, Msw, 3yo, 7f, 3:55 p.m. EST

Hall of Famer Bill Mott saddles **PRIMO RIVERA** ([First Defence](#)) in his racetrack bow. The Juddmonte Farms homebred is a full-brother to champion older mare and MGISW Close Hatches, who also carried the pink and green silks en route to earnings of over \$2.7 million. His second dam is a full-sister to European champion juvenile male Xaar (GB) and a half to French GSW & G1SP Masterclass (The Minstrel), as well as G3 Prix Corrida heroine Diese (Diesis {GB}). **Click for [TJCIS PPs](#).**

8th-OP, \$70k, Alw (NW2X), 1m, 5:42 p.m. EST

Impressive first-out winner **MAJOR LEAGUE** ([Malibu Moon](#)) returns to the races for Gary and Mary West and trainer Wayne Catalano Friday. The grey rolled by 3 1/2 lengths sprinting six panels here Jan. 30 ([video](#)) and is a son of GII Santa Ynez S. winner Alpha Kitten (Tale of the Cat). This is also the family of GISW Marylebone (Unbridled's Song). Click [here](#) for a feature by the TDN's Ben Massam on Major League. He is joined in the gate by Triple Crown aspirants **Rated R Superstar (Kodiak Cowboy)** and **Conquest Windycity (Tiznow)**. The former drops out of graded-stakes company after collecting a second in the GIII Iroquois S. and a third in the GI Breeders' Futurity before two unplaced efforts in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile and GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. for trainer Ken McPeck and Radar Racing last fall. The latter is an \$800,000 OBSMAR purchase for Conquest Stables who broke his maiden in the slop at Keeneland going 1 1/16 miles Oct. 2 after completing the superfecta in the Iroquois S. Sept. 12 for trainer Mark Casse. **Click for [TJCIS PPs](#).**

7th-SA, \$58k, Opt. Clm./NW1X, 3yo, f, 6f, 7:03 p.m. EST

Hronis Racing's **LINDEZA (Harlan's Holiday)** makes her second start over the same track and trip as her successful Oct. 11 debut. The \$95,000 FTKJUL yearling turned \$500,000 OBSAPR 2-year-old has been working steadily since early January for conditioner John Sadler. Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert saddles two Friday, the first for Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa al Maktoum's **Lemhill Basr (Quality Road)**, who is attempting to regain the winning thread after a sixth-place effort setting the early pace in the Anoakia S. going this trip in Arcadia Oct. 11. The \$800,000 EASMAY juvenile is a daughter of GI Hollywood Starlet S. winner Diplomat Lady (Forestry). Baffert's other entrant is Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings and Edward McGhee's **Treasuring (Smart Strike)**. Runner-up in the Desi Arnaz S. last November, the full-sister to GISW Streaming ran off the board in the GI Starlet S. a month later and was fourth in the GII Santa Ynez S. in her sophomore debut Jan. 2. **Click for the [TJCIS PPs](#).**



Eastern U.S.

Penn National Official Sentenced to Four Months in Prison:

A racing official at Penn National was sentenced to four months in prison Thursday by Chief U.S. District Court Judge Christopher C. Conner, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania announced.

According to United States Attorney Peter Smith, Craig Lytel, age 61, of Hershey, Pennsylvania was an employee of the Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Track serving as a racing official at the track. Lytel pled guilty in September 2015 to wire fraud for accepting money and other gratuities in exchange for providing inside information to trainers on which races to enter their horses in order to have a better chance at winning. On one occasion Lytel was the recipient of an interstate wire transfer of \$1,000 from a bank in Kentucky to Lytel's bank in Pennsylvania in exchange for providing inside information on the makeup of horse races at Penn National. Lytel admitted to accepting cash, dinners, gift cards and golf outings in exchange for the information. The identities of the trainers who paid Lytel for the information was not disclosed by the government as the investigation is ongoing.

Lytel was sentenced to serve four months in a federal prison and was ordered to surrender at the institution selected by the Bureau of Prisons by 10:00 a.m. on Mar. 23, 2016.

The case was investigated by the Harrisburg Resident Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Pennsylvania Horse Racing Commission as part of an ongoing investigation of racing at Penn National.

Prosecution of the case was handled by Assistant United States Attorney William A. Behe.

INDUSTRY INFO

Owners Pledge Winnings Through "Share The Wins" Program:



John Oxley | Horsephotos

Owners John Oxley, Dede McGehee of Heaven Trees Farm and Speedway Stables are the first three owners to pledge earnings from potential graded stakes wins on the road to the Kentucky Derby to the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation's long-standing "Share the Wins" program to benefit equine research. Each has pledged 1% of net purses for graded stakes up to and including the Kentucky Derby. **Cont. p4**

Owners Pledge Winnings Cont.

“We appreciate the generosity of these owners in agreeing to our request to make these pledges, and we hope many others will follow their lead,” said Edward L. Bowen, president of Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation. “It is very kind of them to share the excitement of being on the Derby Trail, and it certainly is exciting for the foundation to have this connection with the respective owners of these talented racehorses.”

Oxley, who won the 2001 Run for the Roses with Monarchos, is most prominently represented this year by Airoforce (Colonel John), who makes his 3-year-old debut in Saturday’s GII Risen Star S. at the Fair Grounds. Airoforce will be joined in the gate by McGehee’s Dolphus (Lookin at Lucky), a half-brother to Horse of the Year Rachel Alexandra (Medaglia d’Oro). Speedway Stables of Peter Fluor and K. C. Weiner retroactively pledged 1% of their profits from the GIII Sham S., won by the Bob Baffert-trained Collected (City Zip).

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- SIENTE EL TRUENO** (City Zip), Stehr's Farm, 7/1/0
5-CT, Alw 6 1/2f, Miss Simon, 15-1
- TRAPPE SHOT** (Tapit), Claiborne Farm, \$10K, 182/17/0
8-HOU, Alw 6f, Tapit in the Hole, \$74K RNA TEX APR 2yo, 2-1
- 3-DED, Msw 5f, +I B Sweet, \$45K RNA EQL 2YO 2yo, 9-2
- 7-SA, Aoc 6f, Asian's Way, \$37K BAR MAY 2yo, 3-1
- 10-TP, Msw 6f, Kimstrong, \$65K OBS MAR 2yo, 30-1
- TWIRLING CANDY** (Candy Ride {Arg}), Lane's End Farm, \$15K, 145/30/0
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- ADMIRAL ALEX** (Afleet Alex), Shamrock Farm, 9/1/0
6-CT, Alw 6 1/2f, Captain Alex, 4-1
 - ALBERTUS MAXIMUS** (Albert the Great), Shadwell Farm, Pvt., 93/5/2
8-OP, Alw 1m, Maximian, 20-1
 - ARCHARCHARCH** (Arch), Spendthrift Farm, \$10K, 248/24/2
10-TP, Msw 6f, +Red Hot Suzy, \$20K RNA KEE JAN yrl, 10-1
 - 9-TP, Aoc 6f, Tia Chuy, \$1,000 FTK OCT yrl, 30-1
 - BIG DRAMA** (Montbrook), Bridlewood Farm, \$10K, 109/15/1
7-SA, Aoc 6f, Instant Drama, \$40K OBS APR 2yo, 8-1
 - CUSTOM FOR CARLOS** (More Than Ready), Clear Creek Stud, \$3K, 88/10/1
3-DED, Msw 5f, Sashay Gal, \$4K OBS OPN 2yo, 4-1
 - GIO PONTI** (Tale of the Cat), Castleton Lyons, \$20K, 196/11/0
8-TAM, Msw 7f, +Zanotti, 20-1
 - GONE ASTRAY** (Dixie Union), Northwest Stud, \$5K, 145/14/2
8-TAM, Msw 7f, Minute Madness, \$27K RNA OBS APR 2yo, 6-1
 - ORDAINED** (Pulpit), Starfish Stallions, 18/0/0
9-OP, Msw 6f, Extraordinarily, 20-1
 - PROUDINSKY (GER)** (Silvano {Ger}), All Star Thoroughbreds, \$2K, 24/1/0
3-DED, Msw 5f, Mona's Dream, 12-1

BREEDERS' EDITION

AMERICA

- ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**
- 6th-OP, \$71,000**, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 2-18, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:45.27, ft.
 - STEEL CUT (m, 5, Cactus Ridge--Oklawaha, by Carson City)**
Lifetime Record: SP, 22-9-3-1, \$222,883. O/T-Wesley E. Hawley; B-Dream Walkin' Farms, Inc. (OK).
 - 8th-OP, \$70,000**, 2-18, (NW1RX), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:38.89, ft.
 - MY PAL PAUL (g, 5, Borrego--Hickory Heifer, by Forestry)**
Lifetime Record: 32-5-4-5, \$132,062. O-Danny R. Caldwell; B-Buck Pond Farm, Inc. (KY); T-Federico Villafranco. *\$4,500 RNA Wlg '11 KEENOV.
 - 9th-OP, \$70,000**, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 2-18, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39.56, ft.
 - DISTRACTION (f, 4, Warrior's Reward--Treedom, by Forestry)**
Lifetime Record: 14-3-5-2, \$168,440. O-Black Hawk Stable (James Rogers); B-Haymarket Farm LLC (KY); T-Chris A. Hartman. *\$32,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP; \$45,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR.

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8th-AQU, \$57,000, (S), 2-18, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:37.30, ft. BEYOND THE GREEN (c, 4, [Freud](#)--Beyond the Limit, by Unbridled) Lifetime Record: 11-2-4-2, \$133,670. O/B-Patricia A. Generazio (NY); T-James T. Ryerson.

9th-GP, \$45,400, /Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 2-18, 4yo/up, 5ft, :55.98, fm. SIMON BAR SINISTER (g, 5, [War Front](#)--Christmas Jones, by Forestry) Lifetime Record: SP, 16-3-2-4, \$96,117. O-There's A Chance Stable; B-Luisa Degwitz & Ric-Deg Farm (FL); T-John F. Mazza. *\$25,000 Ylg '12 OBSAUG; \$110,000 2yo '13 OBSAPR.



3rd-FG, \$41,000, (S), (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$30,000), 2-18, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:40.29, ft.

SUNNY OAK (f, 3, [Giant Oak](#)--Heckuva Time, by Gilded Time) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$60,430. O-Keith Plaisance; B-Jeff & Darlene Wahman (LA); T-Edward J. Johnston. *\$9,500 Wlg '13 ESLMIX; \$42,000 2yo '15 TEXAPR. **1/2 to Heckuva Good Time (Afternoon Deelites), MSW, \$237,513; and A Dynamite Time (Defrere), SW, \$130,140.

7th-FG, \$41,000, (S), (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$30,000), 2-18, 3yo, 1m, 1:38.95, ft.

MAGEEZ (c, 3, [Musket Man](#)--Spaseeba, by Spectacular Bid) Lifetime Record: SP, 8-2-4-1, \$86,080. O-Double Dam Farm LLC; B-James A. Mcgehee (LA); T-Ronda Hutchinson. *1/2 to Poppa Duke (Golden Gear), MSP, \$160,877; and McGehee's Mercy (Afleet Alex), SW, \$153,462.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Stackoleena, f, 3, [Elusive Quality](#)--Luna Bean, by Malibu Moon. FG, 2-18, (S), 5 1/2ft, 1:06.58. B-Brittlyn Stables, Inc. (LA).

Dothat Dance, g, 3, [Louis Quatorze](#)--Guess the Dance, by Austin Powers (Ire). OP, 2-18, (C), 1 1/16m, 1:45.92. B-Chandley Farm LLC (KY).

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Orfevre (Jpn) (c. 3. Stay Gold (Jpn)) dazzles in G1 Kikuka Sho (Japanese St Leger), securing Japan's Triple Crown.

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Seasons will be previewed on www.Starquine.com beginning Friday Feb. 19 with bidding beginning Feb. 22 and ending Feb. 27 12:00 noon EST, the day before the third annual Jockeys and Jeans Fundraiser at Gulfstream Park. Select seasons will be auctioned at the event by Fasig-Tipton auctioneers. Arrangements can be made online in advance for telephone bidding.

The PDJF helps support over 60 catastrophically injured former jockeys, with over half either pari or quadriplegics. At least 13 Hall of Fame Jockeys will be on hand to greet the attendees and honor five severely injured former jockeys.

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FRANKEL COLT TO SELL AT TATTS CRAVEN



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A 2-year-old colt from the first crop of unbeaten champion Frankel (GB) will feature at the Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up Sale, which takes place in Newmarket Apr. 11 to 13. Consigned by Malcolm Bastard, the colt is out of Noahs Ark (Ire) (Charnwood Forest {Ire}), a winner in Ireland who was also third in the GI Garden City Breeders' Cup S. This is Noahs Ark's sixth foal, and she has also produced the French stakes winner Temps Au Temps (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and the multiple group-placed After (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}). The Frankel colt, who is the only juvenile by his sire catalogued for a British breeze-up sale this year, was withdrawn from Tattersalls October last year. Noahs Ark is a half-sister to American champion turf mare Wandesta (GB) (Nashwan).

"I am very pleased with the colt by Frankel," said Bastard. "He is one of six smart 2-year-olds I have for the Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up Sale and I am sure he will attract plenty of attention."

The breezes for the Craven sale take place Apr. 11 at Newmarket's Rowley Mile Racecourse. The sale takes place after racing Apr. 12 and 13.

TRYSTER TEARS UP THE MEYDAN TURF

Godolphin's **Tryster (Ire)** (Shamardal) had a query over his head concerning his ability to handle the turf heading into Thursday's G3 Dubai Millennium S. at Meydan. When the starting gates opened for that 2000 metre affair, however, it took Tryster 2:04.79 to silence his doubters as he employed an electrifying turn of foot to overcome a slow pace and win going away. Off a step slow, Tryster sat last under William Buick down the backstretch as Haafaguinea (GB) (Haafhd {GB}) reluctantly took up a lead wanted by no one and crawled through the opening stages with Meadow Creek (GB) (Dansili {GB}) anchored to his flank. It appeared briefly in the lane as if those two would capitalize on the slow fractions and steal the race; however, once Tryster got rolling down the middle of the track the race was put to bed. The bay swept by the entire field largely under a handride and won going away with ease. "It's huge," said Buick of the gelding's newfound affinity for the turf. **Cont. p3**

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ACAPULCO RETURNS

Last year's G2 Queen's Mary S. winner Acapulco (Scat Daddy) returns to the races Friday night. Trainer Wesley Ward is already looking ahead to a possible return trip to Royal Ascot.

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WITH TED VOUTE

The TDN has solicited the opinions of some prominent figures on the European bloodstock scene to answer three questions about the upcoming Flat season. Today's installment features the thoughts of leading consignor and consultant Ted Voute.

1) Horse you are most looking forward to seeing this season?

TV: Mohaymen (Tapit). Eamon Cleary Snr had asked me during his last year to help him start consigning his yearlings under the Clearsky banner so that his sons Bernard and Eamon Jnr would continue to run Clearsky following his battle with cancer. Under his instructions I helped him and his sons for the two years



Ted Voute | Tattersalls

consulting for the farm before letting his two able sons go it alone. During this tenure Mohaymen was planned, conceived and weaned. I know what the continued success would mean to the Cleary Family both past and present.

2) A stallion who could feature prominently (doesn't have to be first season)?

TV: Kitten's Joy. In Europe, Kitten's Joy is knocking at the door with Mr. Ramsey throwing the proverbial book at it. Having been entrusted in selling the Ramsey Farm Kitten's Joy yearlings in Europe with considerable success by ensuring that as many trainers as possible have a Kitten's Joy in the stable--from Hannon to Johnston and Dascombe and Godolphin, along with the UK Ramsey Farm trainer David Lanigan--2016 could just be a dynamite year for the sire. The ultimate dream is to stand a son of Kitten's Joy to spread the word, as they say.

3) Positive change you would like to see for the industry in 2016?

TV: In Europe, the replacement mechanism for the Levy agreed and put to bed, so that we can sit back and appreciate one of the best quality nations in the world, with the only missing ingredient being prize money.

ASCOT RACE NAMED FOR EDDERY

The opening race of Ascot's King George Day July 23 will be the Listed Wooldridge Group Pat Eddery S. after the racecourse renamed the Winkfield S. permanently in the late jockey's honour. Eddery, who won the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. in 1975 and 1986 and earned six leading rider titles at Royal Ascot, died in November.

Nick Smith, Director of Racing and Communications at Ascot,



Pat Eddery at Ascot in 2014 with jockey James Doyle | Racing Post

said, "Pat was a legend at Ascot, all over Britain, Ireland and the world. We, race sponsors Wooldridge Group, and QIPCO, sponsors of the King George, are deeply honoured that the family have chosen Ascot and King George Day as

the place where the racing community and public can remember everything he achieved. We are discussing with [Eddery's daughters] Natasha and Nicola a permanent memorial to Pat's achievements, including his six Royal Ascot top jockey titles, and will be looking at all sorts of ways to commemorate Pat's career on site on King George Day."

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HIGHCLERE SIGNS ON MULLINS

Highclere Thoroughbred Racing has signed Willie Mullins on to train its recent purchase **Caro Des Flos (Fr)** (Tiger Groom {GB}). The 4-year-old will be Highclere's first-ever horse in training with Mullins, the 10-time Irish champion jumps trainer, and also the partnership's first-ever National Hunt horse in training in Ireland. Champion jockey Ruby Walsh will ride the gelding.

"We are thrilled to be teaming up with Willie Mullins for our first venture into Irish jumps racing, with the huge boost of having Ruby involved as well," said Harry Herbert, chairman of Highclere Thoroughbred Racing. "Caro des Flos looks an exciting horse for the future, the perfect opportunity for those who want an outstanding novice prospect for next season."

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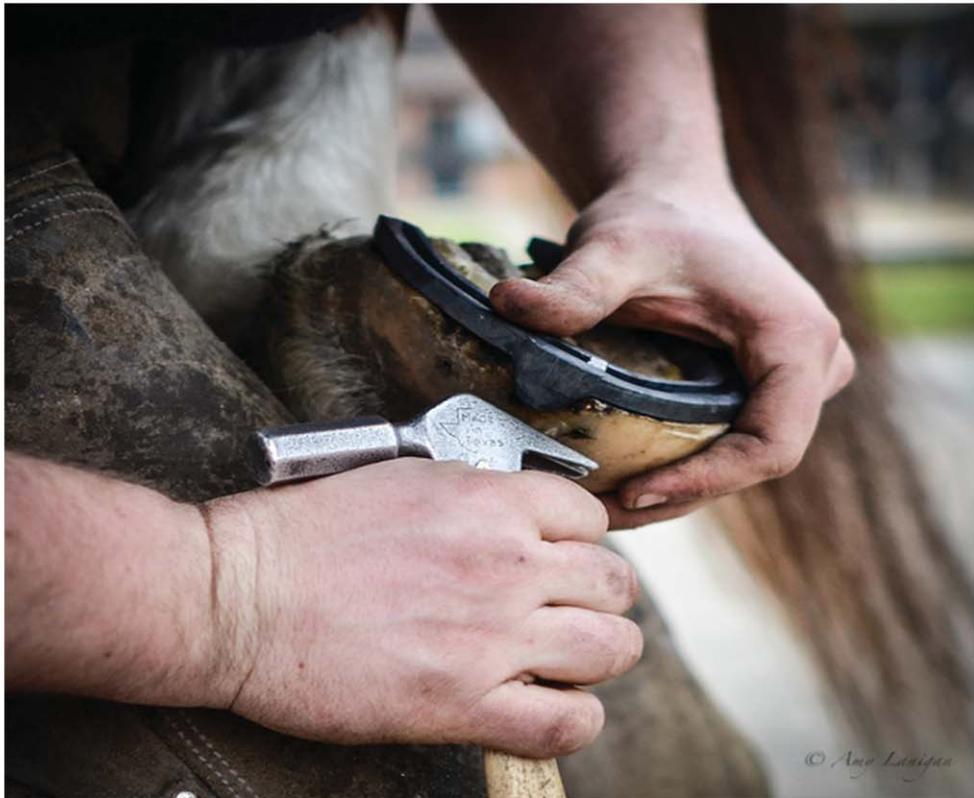
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Thursday's Result:

2nd-CHD, £8,000, Mdn, 2-18, 3-5yo, 8f (AWT), 1:39.30, st.
SABAANI (GB) (c, 3, Aqlaam {GB}--Sabaweeya {GB}, by Street Cry {Ire}), second over 10 furlongs at Lingfield last time Feb. 5, broke well to track the leading duo throughout the early stages. Driven to the lead with 150 yards remaining, the 9-4 second choice asserted to score by a length from Bernie's Boy (GB) (Lilbourne Lad {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$8,672. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)
 O-Mr Saif Ali; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited (GB); T-James Tate.



This filly, born Jan. 9, is from the first crop of Group 1-winning sprinter Slade Power (Ire). Bred by Sarah Lynam, she is out of Sho Girl (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}), who has a yearling colt by Dream Ahead and will visit Darley shuttler Shooting To Win (Aus) this year. Sho Girl and her filly are boarded at Horse Park Stud | Amy Lynam photo

WORLDWIDE NEWS 

Dubai Millennium S. report cont. from p1

Thursday, Meydan, Dubai

DUBAI MILLENNIUM S. SPONSORED BY AL TAYER MOTORS-G3, \$200,000, MEY, 2-18, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 2000mT, 2:04.79, gd.

1--TRYSTER (IRE), 127, g, 5, by [Shamardal](#)

1st Dam: Min Alhawa, by Riverman

2nd Dam: Saffaanh, by Shareef Dancer

3rd Dam: Give Thanks (GB), by Relko (GB)

(150,000gns Ylg '12 TAOCT). O-Godolphin; B-Herbertstown House Stud (IRE); T-Charlie Appleby; J-William Buick.

\$120,000. Lifetime Record: GSW-Eng, 11-8-0-1, \$493,580.

*1/2 to Mutasallil (Gone West), SP-UAE, \$245,357; and Ajhar (Diesis {GB}), GSP-Eng & SP-Aus. **Werk Nick Rating: B. Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)**

2--Haafaguinea (GB), 127, g, 6, Haafhd (GB)--Ha'penny Beacon (GB), by Erhaab. (30,000gns Ylg '11 TAOCT). O-Sheikh Rashid Dalmook Al Maktoum; B-Bishop Wilton Stud (GB); T-Saeed bin Suroor. \$40,000.

3--Meadow Creek (GB), 127, h, 5, [Dansili \(GB\)](#)--Gentle On My Mind (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. (160,000 HRA '15 ARNOV). O-Royal Cavalry Oman; B-Nawara Stud Company Ltd (GB); T-Doug Watson. \$20,000.

Margins: 2 3/4, NK, NK. Also Ran: Sanshaawes (SAf), Belgian Bill (GB), Zamaam (GB), Tellina (SAf), Earnshaw, Vale Do Sol (Ire), Zambucca (SAf). **Click for the [Racing Post result](#) or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#) VIDEO.**

Buick continued, "We always knew he had the ability, but now there's a lot more doors open for him. The [G1] Dubai Turf on World Cup night is an option now. I know it's back to nine furlongs but he's got so much pace and that was a very good performance from a very good horse."

Tryster was not entirely unproven on turf prior to Thursday. He broke his maiden over that surface at second asking at Brighton in July 2014, but then went on a five-race tear on the all-weather that included wins in last year's G3 Winter Derby and Coral Easter Classic over 10 furlongs at Lingfield. **Cont. p4**



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VANCOUVER (Medaglia d'Oro) - **G1SW**

RUBICK (Encosta de Lago) - **MGSW**

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CAPITALIST (Written Tycoon) - **MSW**
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Tried on the grass again in the G3 Brigadier Gerard S. in May, Tryster struggled home last of five. He raised suspicions of his profile as a synthetic specialist further when rebounding to take a Chelmsford conditions race when last seen Sept. 26, but put that reputation firmly behind him Thursday and picked up a new one as a legitimate contender for the \$6 million G1 Dubai Turf Mar. 26.

“On paper he had to be very competitive, it was just a question mark whether he’d show what he’s done on the all-weather on the turf,” reiterated trainer Charlie Appleby. “He has done it this evening. He likes a good gallop to run at so I was a bit concerned the first furlong when they went steady, but they did that in the Easter Classic that day and that was his most impressive turn of foot we ever saw, so we’re delighted.”

“Tonight’s performance opens up a lot of options for him,” Appleby added. “On World Cup night the competition’s going to be a little stiffer than we met this evening but he’s a big confidence horse, so he’ll have got a lot of confidence again tonight. We’ll see how he comes out of it but we’ll maybe take a look at the [G1] Jebel Hatta [Mar. 5] or go straight for the Dubai Turf. He’s a horse we can hopefully look forward to a nice summer ahead with as well.”

Tryster’s dam is a half-sister to G1 2000 Guineas winner Harayir (Gulch). His third dam is the G1 Irish Oaks winner Give Thanks (GB) (Relko {GB}).

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3rd-MEY, \$120,000, Hcp, 2-18, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 8f, 1:37.15, ft.

MAFTOOL (g, 4, [Hard Spun](#)--With Intention, by Mr. Greeley), the winner of last year’s G3 UAE 2000 Guineas over subsequent G2 UAE Derby romper Mubtaahij (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), recorded his first win since when getting up late to take this Meydan handicap Thursday. Eight lengths second to Mubtaahij in the Derby, Maftool resurfaced in Europe in the summer with little luck, finishing 14th in the G1 Poule d’Essai des Poulains, sixth in the G3 Tercentenary S. at Royal Ascot and ninth in the Listed Glasgow S. in July.



Maftool | DRC/Andrew Watkins

Dropped down another class peg, Maftool finished third in a Chelmsford all-weather conditions race Aug. 17, and was making his first start here since filling the runner-up slot in Turkey’s G2 Bosphorus Cup Sept. 6. Returning to the dirt for the first time since March, Maftool raced midpack on the fence down the backstretch.

Swinging out to the middle of the course in the lane, Maftool split rivals in midstretch to take the lead and had enough left in the tank to hold off Cool Cowboy (Kodiak Kowboy) by a half length. Maftool’s unraced dam, With Intention, has a 2-year-old Tapizar colt named Conquest Wise Guy, a yearling colt by Macho Uno and is due to foal to Bodemeister this year. Sales history: \$260,000 wnl ‘12 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: GSW-Eng & UAE, GSP-Tur, 14-4-4-2, \$807,164. **Click for the [Racing Post result. VIDEO.](#)**

O-Sh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-C Kidder, J K Griggs & Linda Griggs (KY); T-Musabah Al Muhairi.

5th-MEY, \$175,000, Hcp, 2-18, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 5FT, :57.57, gd.

SIR MAXIMILIAN (IRE) (g, 7, Royal Applause {GB}--Nebraska Lady {Ire}, by Lujain) won last year’s G3 Meydan Sprint over this course and distance Super Saturday before finishing sixth, beaten 4 1/4 lengths, in the G1 Al Quoz Sprint three weeks later, and the gelding set himself up for another crack at those features with another track



Sir Maximilian | DRC/Andrew Watkins

and trip win Thursday. The bay, who was sixth in a similar race two weeks ago, moved to the stands’ side rail from the outside gate. Sitting midpack of six on that side of the track, Sir Maximilian took up the running at the 200 metre mark and denied Roicead (Giant’s

Causeway) running on the inside rail by 1 1/4 lengths. Sales history: 8,000gns RNA wnlg ‘09 TATDEC; £10,500 yrl ‘10 DONAUG; £68,000 2yo ‘11 DONAPR; 30,000gns HIT ‘12 TATHIT; 50,000gns RNA HIT ‘13 TATHIT; €100,000 RNA HIT ‘14 GOFLON; 60,000gns RNA HIT ‘14 TATJUL. Lifetime Record: GSW-UAE, MSW & GSP-Ire. 33-8-5-5, \$501,630. **Click for the [Racing Post result. VIDEO.](#)**

O-Paul Wildes; B-Holborn Trust Co (IRE); T-Ian Williams.

6th-MEY, \$110,000, Hcp, 2-18, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 9 1/2f, 1:56.27, ft.

FAULKNER (GB) (h, 6, Pivotal {GB}--Fibou, by Seeking the Gold), put in a respectable effort to be fourth, beaten a half-length, in the one-mile G2 Al Maktoum Challenge R1 Jan. 7, but was 7 3/4 lengths adrift of Frosted (Tapit) when stepping up to 1900 metres in the G2 Al Maktoum Challenge R2 two weeks ago. Testing the latter distance again Thursday, the chestnut bounced out the gates on top but was overtaken by Tiz Now Tiz Then (Tiznow) and Vortex (Nor) (Deceptor) by the time the field swung into the first turn. **Cont. p5**

The 11-year-old Tiz Now Tiz Then appeared poised for his second win of the carnival at the top of the lane, but Faulkner wore down that stubborn rival inside the final 100 metres and won by a neck. The disappointment of the race was Shadwell's South African Grade 1 winner Ertijaal (Aus) (Hard Spun), who was trying dirt for the first time. He sat fourth in striking range before fading on the turn to finish 12th of 14. Faulkner's dam, Fibou, has a 2-year-old Kyllachy (GB) filly named Kachess (GB) and a yearling filly by Nathaniel. Faulkner's third dam is the G3 Jersey S. winner and GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup second Satin Flower (Shadeed). Lifetime Record: GSP-UAE, 7-4-0-1, \$200,071. [Click for the Racing Post result. VIDEO.](#)



Faulkner | DRC/Andrew Watkins

O-Sheikh Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Darley (GB); T-Doug Watson.

7th-MEY, \$110,000, Hcp, 2-18, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 9 1/2f, 1:56.27, ft.

CARRY ON DERYCK (GB) (g, 4, Halling--Mullein {GB}) {GSP-Eng}, by Oasis Dream {GB} was the winner of a Chester handicap going 7 1/2 furlongs May 7 prior to making a good account of himself when third in a Haydock handicap and Royal Ascot's Britannia H. both over a mile, and the bay was making his first start since and his UAE debut here. Traveling midpack about seven lengths off the lead, Carry On Deryck was still winding up



Carry On Deryck | DRC/Andrew Watkins

as stablemate Udododontu hit the lead at the 200 metre mark, but he ground down that rival shortly thereafter to win by a half-length. Godolphin's four entrants filled the first four positions, with Secret Brief (Ire)

(Shamardal) and Flash Fire (Ire) (Shamardal) coming in next. Carry On Deryck's dam has a 2-year-old filly named Morello (Ire) (Medicean {GB}) and a yearling filly by Dark Angel (Ire). Sales history: 30,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 10-3-0-1, €121,129. [Click for the Racing Post result. VIDEO.](#) O-Godolphin; B-Landmark Racing Limited (GB); T-Saeed bin Suuroor.

2nd-MEY, \$175,000, Hcp, 2-18, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 7ft, 1:23.51, gd.

FILS ANGES (IRE) (h, 6, Dark Angel {Ire}--La Piaf {Fr}) {SW & GSP-US, \$219,994}, by Fabulous Dancer Lifetime Record: 22-4-6-2, \$226,609. O-Mohammad Mahran Jamsheer; B-Yeomanstown Stud (IRE); T-Ali Jan. *£35,000 Ylg '11 DNPRM; 60,000gns HRA '13 TATAUT. [Click for the Racing Post result. VIDEO.](#)

Friday, Jebel Ali, UAE, post time: 3:20 p.m. (6:05 am EST) JEBEL ALI S. SPONSORED BY SHADWELL-Listed, AED500,000

(£94,707/€122,778), NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1950m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Makzon	Henrythenavigator	Tylicki	bin Harmash	124
2	Haatheq	Seeking The Gold	O'Neill	Al Raihe	125
3	Tanfeeth (GB)	Singspiel (Ire)	Jara	Al Muhairi	125
4	Jayed Jidan (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Probert	Bouresly	125
5	Interpret	Distorted Humor	Smith	Al Muhairi	125
6	Pupil (Ire)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Hitchcott	Seemar	125
7	Bluff	Tapit	Hayes	Selvaratnam	124
8	Sefri	Jazil	Hanagan	Charpy	128
9	Farrier	Tapit	Mullen	Seemar	125
10	Jutland (GB)	Halling	Dobbs	Watson	125
11	Need To Know (SAf)	Western Winter	O'Shea	Al Raihe	125

STUD CREDITS ON THE LINE FOR EXOSPHERE

The G1 Black Caviar Lightning S. is one of the most coveted prizes for sprinters of the Australian autumn. It has been won by many of the country's most legendary short-course specialists, including future successful stallions like Fastnet Rock (Aus), Choisir (Aus), Testa Rossa (Aus) and General Nediym (Aus). Just three of this



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year's seven entrants will have the opportunity to go on to a stud career, and one owner who would certainly welcome a victory in that regard is Godolphin, which sends out the 3-year-old **Exosphere (Aus)** (Lonhro {Aus}). The dark bay looked in a different league entirely when winning last season's G2 Run To the Rose, G1 Golden Rose and G2 Roman Consul S. He has something to prove, however, having suffered a shock defeat when fourth at the hands of **Japonisme (Aus)** (Choisir {Aus}) over this same Flemington straight course in the 1200 metre G1 Coolmore Stud S. Oct. 31. Jockey James McDonald blamed that defeat on the track condition, however, telling *Racenet.com.au*, "He'd probably just had enough but the track was disgraceful that day and it made it hard for any horse to make up ground. He got back in the field and made a wide-ish run where you couldn't do it." *Cont. p6*

Despite coming into this first-up Exosphere should be fit off two Warwick Farm trials. He finished second in both Jan. 25 and Feb. 8, respectively.

"He's working really well and his trials have been as good as a horse can trial," McDonald told *Racenet*. "He's probably come back in better order but he needs to deliver on raceday. He feels like a beast. He's a big robust horse that until raceday, he doesn't really feel much, but he really perks up on raceday."

Five of the seven in this lineup are already Group 1 winners, and Exosphere will have to contend with formidable elders like **Chautauqua (Aus)** (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) and **Terravista (Aus)** (Captain Rio {GB}). Chautauqua proved himself the likely cream of the crop last year with a win in the A\$2.5 million G1 TJ Smith S. at The Championships in April, and he added the G1 Manikato S. in the autumn at the end of a three-race win streak. Terravista bested Chautauqua in the 2014 G1 Darley Classic and took the G2 Premiere S. in the autumn, but that pair were both upstaged by **Delectation (Aus)** (Shamardal) in last year's renewal of the Darley Classic in each of their last public appearance. Trainer Peter Moody, who won this race in 2011, 2012 and 2013 with **Black Caviar (Aus)** (Bel Esprit {Aus}), saddles **Kinglike (Aus)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}). The 3-year-old makes a big class jump to test Group 1 company for the first time, but won last year's G2 Danehill S. over this track and trip over a quality field.

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BLACK CAVIAR LIGHTNING S.-G1, A\$750,000 (£373,105/€483,722), 3yo/up, 1000mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Exosphere (Aus)	Lonhro (Aus)	McDonald	O'Shea	122
2	Chautauqua (Aus)	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Dunn	Hawkeses	129
3	Kinglike (Aus)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Lane	Moody	122
4	Va Pensiero (Aus)	Stratum (Aus)	Newitt	Coyle	129
5	Japonisme (Aus)	Choisir (Aus)	Schofield	Waller	122
6	Terravista (Aus)	Captain Rio (GB)	Oliver	Pride	129
7	Delectation (Aus)	Shamardal	Williams	Waller	129

RACING NSW LOWERS MINIMUM WEIGHTS

Some of Sydney's key autumn handicaps will have a greater spread of weights this year, with Racing NSW reducing the minimum weight for four Group 1 events.

The G1 Doncaster Mile and the G1 Sydney Cup, contested during The Championships at Randwick in April, will have minimum weights of 50 kilograms (110 pounds) for older horses and 49 kilograms (108 pounds) for 3-year-olds, while the Mar. 12 G1 Coolmore Classic and Mar. 19 G1 The Galaxy H. will have minimum weights of 51 kilograms (112 pounds) for older horses and 50 kilograms for 3-year-olds.

"Racing NSW supports a greater spread of weights and the more open racing that flows from that," said Racing NSW Chief Executive Officer Peter V'landys. "Our feature Group 1 handicap weights have been compressed on



Last year's Doncaster Mile winner **Kermadec** | *Racing and Sports*

occasions when a number of horses haven't been accepted for by trainers after nominating. There is a large number of 3-year-olds entered for this year's The Star Doncaster Mile that will be weighted on 49 kilograms. The reduction in minimum weight encourages them to run and also gives a return to at least a nine kilo weight spread. This new minimum weight will further enhance what is already one of Australia's great handicap events."

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FINAL SUBMISSIONS FOR MOODY CASE

Racing Victoria stewards and the legal team of trainer Peter Moody delivered their final submissions Thursday in the hearing for Moody's charges related to the prohibited substance cobalt, according to *Racing.com*. The hearing, which began in



Peter Moody | *Racing and Sports*

December, was put on hold when Moody's legal team challenged the procedure with which a sample from the horse in question, Lidari (Fr) (Acclamation {GB}), was treated, and Moody's side also

alleges the positive came about through the over-feeding of a hoof substance called Availa. Should the Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board find that to be the truth, Moody would be found guilty of only presenting a horse to run with a prohibited substance, a lesser offence than administering for purpose of affecting performance. Should Moody be found guilty of a latter offence, he faces a minimum three-year ban.

A date has yet to be announced for the RAD Board's decision.

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TYCOON DOMINATES TASMANIAN SALE

Sire Written Tycoon (Aus) provided the top two highest-priced lots at the Magic Millions Tasmanian Yearling Sale Thursday, including the record-breaking A\$115,000 sale topper.

The new record price was the highlight of a sale that posted increased figures across the board. A total of 126 horses sold for A\$2,325,000, compared to 107 sold for A\$1,543,000 last year. The average jumped 34.1% to A\$23,250, while the median climbed 80% to A\$18,000. The buyback rate was up a tick to 17.4%.

"We thought we could grow this sale even further than the massive gains from last year, but the results of today are out of this world," said Magic Millions Managing Director Vin Cox. "The average price is up 34% and the gross up a massive 51% from last year, while the growth in two years has been 77% and 133%, respectively. With these sorts of numbers the Tasmanian breeding industry has a strong platform and confidence to go forward."



Sale-topping Written Tycoon colt | Magic Millions

Armidale Stud sold the top five lots, headed by [lot 118](#), the Written Tycoon colt bought by local trainer John Blacker for A\$115,000. Blacker, who saw off Victorian-based trainer Mark Riley for the October-foaled bay, said, "I looked at the colt three or four times and believed he was the best colt of the sale. He's well bred and is by Written Tycoon, who is one of the hottest sires around. He is an outstanding individual with plenty of scope."

"We knew we would have to pay a decent amount for him, but we were prepared for that and I'm delighted we got him," Blacker added. "The plan is to leave him a colt and he'll start here in Tasmania and hopefully he can end up racing in Melbourne and Sydney."

Manny Gelagotis was the buyer of Armidale's other Written Tycoon colt ([lot 105](#)) for A\$100,000. He was the only other horse to make six figures. Armidale's first-season sire Needs Further sired the next two most expensive lots--a colt for A\$85,000 to Rex Gorell and a filly for A\$72,500 to Denise Martin's Star Thoroughbreds. Martin, who was leading buyer at the sale with three purchases for A\$168,500, said, "It's been another great sale and congratulations to all involved in a record breaking sale. I couldn't be happier with my three purchases."

Dr. Eliot Forbes, Chief Executive Officer of Tasracing, said, "It's a real shot in the arm for our industry. We're delighted with the very strong interest from interstate and overseas."

The sale is an arrangement between Magic Millions, Tasracing and Tasbreeders, and all involved should be congratulated on what has been a tremendous result."

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HONG KONG CLASSIC CUP, HK\$10,000,000 (£897,122/€1,157,479), 4yo, 1800mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	The Monarch (Ire)	Verglas (Ire)	Rawiller	Fownes
2	Consort (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Soumillon	Gibson
3	Sun Jewellery (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Moore	Size
4	McQueen (NZ)	Alamosa (NZ)	Schofield	D Cruz
5	White Magic (Ire)	Aussie Rules	Whyte	Moore
6	Werther (NZ)	Tavistock (NZ)	Bowman	Moore
7	California Disegno (Ire)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Callan	A Cruz
8	Green Dispatch	War Front	Chadwick	A Cruz
9	Giovanni Canaletto (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Moreira	A Cruz
10	Blizzard (Aus)	Starcraft (NZ)	Mosse	Yiu
11	Friends of Ka Ying (Aus)	Al Maher (Aus)	Purton	Yung
12	Eastern Express (Ire)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Teetan	Size

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• No. Offered	121	107
• No. Sold	100	89
• RNAs	21	18
• % RNAs	17.4%	16.8%
• High Price	A\$115,000	A\$100,000
• Gross	A\$2,325,000	A\$1,543,000
• Average (% change)	A\$23,250 (+34.1%)	A\$17,337
• Median (% change)	A\$18,000 (+80%)	A\$10,000