

NEW CHAPTER IN A 'GIANT' LEGACY



Brody's Cause captures the Blue Grass | Coady Photography

by Andrew Caulfield

What's that old saying about familiarity breeding contempt? Well, contempt is much too strong a word for what I have in mind, but it is fair to say that familiarity often leads to boredom in the bloodstock world. Time and again we see elderly proven stallions coming out second best in the popularity stakes, with too much attention going to their hot young rivals, most of whom will never come close to matching the old boys' achievements.

The stallion I have in mind is the 19-year-old Giant's Causeway. Despite topping the *Blood-Horse's* general sires' list in 2009, 2010 and 2012, and achieving 11 straight top-seven finishes, the Ashford stalwart has been available for several years now at \$85,000, having stood for as much as \$300,000 as a trendy 9-year-old in 2006. He covered 103 mares in 2015.

His current fee, of course, is considerably smaller than the 300,000-dollar fee commanded by the two-time champion sire Tapit and also places him well below Ashford's Triple Crown winner American Pharoah. Another Ashford resident, Uncle Mo, is already breathing down Giant's Causeway's neck, at \$75,000, and looks sure to move past him very soon, thanks to siring several GI Kentucky Derby possibles, including Nyquist, Outwork, Mo Tom and Uncle Lino, in his first crop. **Cont. p5**

DOBSON LOOKS TO CAPITALIZE ON UPDATES

by Jessica Martini

Everett Dobson, whose Cheyenne Stables is coming off a banner year on the track, will look to translate that success to the sales arena next week at the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's Spring Sale of 2-Year-Olds when he will offer a pair of pinhooking prospects with significant updates. Through Randy Bradshaw's consignment, Dobson will sell a full-brother to graded stakes winning sophomore Toews on Ice (Archarcharch) as [hip 416](#), while Eisaman Equine will offer Dobson's City Zip half-sister to recent GII Twinpires.com Rachel Alexandra S. winner Venus Valentine (Congrats) as [hip 378](#).

Bradshaw signed the ticket on the Archarcharch colt at \$100,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale, just days after Toews on Ice stormed to a 7 1/2-length maiden score in the Barretts Juvenile S. **Cont. p3**

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It's a boy! Hall of Fame finalist and 2010 Horse of the Year Zenyatta (Street Cry) admires her fourth foal, a blaze-faced War Front colt, who was born on Sunday night at Lane's End Farm.

Photo: Kyle Acebo for Team Zenyatta

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D'AMATO AND ALEXANDER SOAR WITH 'ENOLA'

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Heather Anderson catches up with trainer Phil D'Amato, who unveiled a dominant debut winner in Enola Gray (Grazen) Sunday afternoon at Santa Anita. The fleet-footed 3-year-old filly clobbered a field of Cal-breds by 16 1/4 lengths.

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Dobson Looks to Capitalize on Updates, cont. from p1

The Bob Baffert-trained colt went on to add the Speakeasy S. and GIII Bob Hope S. before concluding his juvenile campaign with a runner-up effort behind Mor Spirit (Eskendereya) in the GI Los Alamitos Futurity.



Everett Dobson | Horsephotos

“We think he’s exceptional,” Dobson said of Toews on Ice’s full-brother. “He’s very professional and a good-minded horse.”

Under the name of his Candy Meadows, Dobson purchased the City Zip filly for \$65,000 as a weanling

at the 2014 Keeneland November sale.

“We always planned on selling her,” Dobson said of the filly. “We thought she might fit the 2-year-old sales better than the yearling sale and that she would benefit from a little extra time.”

That extra time looked like an even more prescient move when Venus Valentine upset the Rachel Alexandra at odds of 74-1 two months ago.

Asked if that victory made him re-think selling the juvenile, Dobson, who has spent the last several years building a

broodmare band, laughed, “We are always tempted, but we were very pleased that we caught a catalogue update right at the right time. I bought her with a partner and my partner and I always planned on pinhooking her, so she’ll be for sale.”

Of the filly, who is also from the family of GI Kentucky Oaks winner Gal in a Ruckus, Dobson added, “She’s doing great. She is a very attractive City Zip--she has a little more size and scope than a lot of them, but she is very athletic and gets over the ground very well.”



Toews on Ice | Benoit

On behalf of Dobson, Eisaman Equine will also offer [hip 494](#), a filly by More Than Ready. Out of Aristocratic Lady (Kris S.), the juvenile is a half to Grade I winner Western Aristocrat (Mr. Greeley). Purchased by Candy Meadows for \$180,000 at the 2014 Keeneland November sale, the dark bay RNA’d for \$220,000 at the Keeneland September sale last fall.

Cheyenne Stables has been represented recently by graded stakes winner Madefromlucky (Lookin At Lucky), second in Saturday’s GIII Excelsior S., and stakes winner and graded stakes

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Dobson admits, compared to his racing stable, his pinhooking ventures are limited.

"We pinhook just a small handful," he said. "We will dabble with between two and five. We pinhook a little bit from the weanling to the yearling and the yearling to the 2-year-olds, but it's not a major part of our operation. I like to participate in all facets of the sport and that's an area that I'm looking at. I am looking at pretty much every



Venus Valentine | Hodges Photography

book at Saratoga and at Keeneland September and I always have my eye out for something that might be a nice prospect to pinhook."

One aspect of Cheyenne Stables that has been expanding over the last several years is the breeding operation. Among Dobson's offerings at next week's OBS sale is [hip 980](#), a colt by Spring at Last who was bred by Candy Meadows in partnership with Jim Wells. The youngster is out of Jill's Gem, a mare purchased by Wells for \$95,000 at the 2010 Keeneland November sale.

"I have about 25 broodmares," Dobson said. "We do breed to sell--we need to sell a few every year to support the operation, but we do race some."

Dobson began buying yearling fillies back in 2008 with an eye towards developing a first-rate broodmare band at his 218-acre farm in Lexington.

"The broodmares that I've been buying, it started back in 2008 when I started to buying fillies at yearlings sales, they are just now starting to produce," he explained. "So I'll start running a few of those and selling a few more. Typically, we will try to develop families and keep the fillies and sell the colts."

A member of The Jockey Club and on the board of trustees of the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association, Dobson has experience across a wide spectrum of the racing industry, but it didn't take him long to pinpoint a favorite.

"If I had to pick a favorite, it would be the breeding side of the business," he smiled. "I'm sitting here at the farm now looking out at some babies born just right now. It's a fun time to be in the breeding industry."

The Spring sale's under-tack show, which began Monday in Ocala, continues through Saturday with sessions beginning daily at 8 a.m. The sale will be held next Tuesday through Friday beginning each day at 10:30 a.m.

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|---|---------------------|-------|---------------------------|-------------|
| :9 4/5 | 157 | colt | Old Fashioned | Scarlett |
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| :9 4/5 | 181 | filly | Hard Spun | Shedoesrock |
| <i>Consigned by Bobby Dodd, Agent XI</i> | | | | |

Fastest 1/4-Mile Works

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|---|---------------------|-------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| :20 3/5 | 026 | filly | Biondetti | Phanie Slam |
| <i>Consigned by Woodford Thoroughbreds, agent</i> | | | | |
| :20 4/5 | 030 | filly | Discreet Cat | Pirate Queen |
| <i>Consigned by Wavertree Stables (Ciaran Dunne), Agent XXIII</i> | | | | |
| :20 4/5 | 037 | colt | Midnight Lute | Pola Golden R N |
| <i>Consigned by Doble Jak LLC, agent</i> | | | | |
| :20 4/5 | 096 | filly | Frost Giant | Reata's Vixen |
| <i>Consigned by Southern Chase Farm, (Greg & Karen Dodd), agent</i> | | | | |
| :20 4/5 | 128 | filly | Shackleford | Royal Affection |
| <i>Consigned by SGV Thoroughbreds</i> | | | | |
| 20 4/5 | 129 | colt | Biondetti | Royal Card |
| <i>Consigned by Woodford Thoroughbreds, agent</i> | | | | |
| :20 4/5 | 168 | filly | The Factor | Seeking Silence |
| <i>Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent LX</i> | | | | |

PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

by Andrew Caulfield



New Chapter in a 'Giant' Legacy, cont. from p1

Don't forget though, that Giant's Causeway also stands to make a considerable impact on this year's Kentucky Derby. His son Brody's Cause moved up to fifth place on the points table thanks to his return to form in the G1 Blue Grass S., and another son, Destin, also makes the top 10, thanks largely to his victory in the GIII Tampa Bay Derby (in which he gave weight and a beating to Saturday's Wood Memorial winner Outwork).

But that's not all. Seventh-ranked Mor Spirit is by Eskendereya, another of Giant's Causeway's sons, while top-ranked Gun Runner, winner of the Risen Star S. and Louisiana Derby, is out of Giant's Causeway's daughter Quiet Giant. For the record, last week's G3 Prix Djebel, a reliable stepping stone to classic success, was won by Cheikeljack, another with a dam by Giant's Causeway.

Much as I admire American Pharoah and Uncle Mo, they will do well to match some of Giant's Causeway's statistics. By my reckoning, Brody's Cause is one of 26 northern-hemisphere-foaled Grade I winners sired by the son of Storm Cat. Altogether Giant's Causeway has the grand total of 80 Group/Graded winners and more than 130 black-type winners.

Brody's Cause is his sire's second consecutive winner of the Blue Grass. His predecessor, Carpe Diem, finished only 10th behind American Pharoah at Churchill Downs, but there are reasons for hoping that Brody's Cause will put up a bolder show. He has already won over the Churchill Downs track and he had Exaggerator--impressive winner of Saturday's Santa Anita Derby--in second place when he recorded his previous GI success, in the Breeders' Futurity. Admittedly he has ground to make up on Nyquist, to whom he finished third in the Juvenile, but he will have an extra 330 yards to cover May 7, and that can only help his late-closing style.

Brody's Cause has a dam "bred" by Shadwell, the operation whose Kentucky Derby hopes recently suffered setbacks with the defeats of Mohaymen and Shagaf. I've used quote marks around "bred" because the mare, Sweet Breanna, was in utero when Shadwell sold her dam Sweet Roberta for \$55,000 at Keeneland's 2002 November Sale. Consequently, Sweet Breanna was officially bred by Spring Farm in Ontario.



Giant's Causeway | Coolmore

Grade 1 double for the Ashford sires on Saturday

Brody's Cause (**GIANT'S CAUSEWAY**), who beat Exaggerator in last year's G1 Breeders' Futurity, goes clear in the G1 Blue Grass S. at Keeneland

Outwork (**UNCLE MO**), who was the very first winner for his sensational sire last year, scores in the G1 Wood Memorial S. at Aqueduct

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Perhaps because part of my business is to arrange matings, I have always felt, in these instances, that the credit should at least be shared with the people who organised the mating rather than going wholly to the buyer of the mare. For example, the Kentucky Derby winner Super Saver was officially bred by WinStar, but the mating took place while his dam Supercharger was owned, I believe, by Phipps Stable. Unfortunately, the idea of shared credit would no doubt be a nightmare for the record keepers.

No-one could blame Shadwell for deciding to part with Sweet Roberta. Rather like Super Saver's dam, she had had a patchy breeding record. During a four-year period, this daughter of Roberto had had a dead foal by Storm Cat, an unnamed colt by Danzig and aborted to Diesis. The mare had been purchased by Shadwell for a substantial \$750,000 in 1991 and she had thoroughly earned the right to visit stallions of the calibre of Storm Cat and Danzig. Of the 2-year-old fillies of 1989, only those multiple Grade I winners Go For Wand and Stella Madrid were weighted above Sweet Roberta on the Experimental Free Handicap. Her figure of 120 reflected her record of two wins and a second from three starts, one of her wins coming in the GII Selima S. on turf, with the runner's-up spot coming in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies.

Sweet Roberta's only stakes winner was Jah, the Relaunch filly she was carrying at the time of her purchase. So, by the time Sweet Roberta was 13 in 2000, she was making her first visit to Sahn, a first-season sire standing at only \$7,500 at Shadwell Farm.

As you might guess from that fee, Sahn hadn't been a major winner. He had looked a very bright prospect when he won his first two starts in England in 1996 and he then crossed the line in second place, before being demoted, in the Vintage S. However, his entry in Racehorses of 1996 ended with "sent to Dubai where reportedly had wind operation." Unsighted as a 3-year-old, Sahn re-emerged in 1998 in the USA, where he won the GII Knickerbocker H. over a mile and an eighth on turf. He then endured another blank year in 1999, before being retired,

If there were some causes for concern about Sahn's racing career, there were certainly none concerning his bloodlines. Not only was he by the all-conquering Mr. Prospector, but he was the only son of Sheikh Hamdan's exceptional filly Salsabil. This daughter of Sadler's Wells had the truly special record of having won three Classics--the 1000 Guineas, Oaks and Irish Derby in 1990.

Sahn lived only long enough to sire 207 foals. He hit the jackpot when his daughter Maram landed the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf (then only a listed race) and he was also responsible for Sahpresa, a three-time winner of the G1 Sun Chariot S. over a mile. His other good winners included the Irish performers Mustameet, Red Maloney and Adaala.

Sweet Roberta's first foal by Sahn, Sweet Dream Rhody, sold for only \$1,500 as a yearling but won three times. Her second--

Brody's Cause's dam Sweet Breanna--did much better. Racing mainly in Canada, she won on dirt and all-weather in the process of earning more than \$350,000.

Sweet Breanna is by no means the only daughter of Sweet Roberta to have done well as a broodmare. Rihan, by the very fast Dayjur, produced Duke of Venice, winner of the G3 Queen's Vase over two miles. Then there's Tiz Maie's Day, the Tiznow mare who produced Went The Day Well, the 2012 Spiral S. winner who progressed to finish a highly respectable fourth in I'll Have Another's Kentucky Derby.

To get back to Sahn, the most important aspect of his pedigree, with regards to Giant's Causeway, is that he was a son of Mr. Prospector. In addition to siring the top winners Aragorn and Ghanaati from daughters of Mr. Prospector, he also has more than 20 graded winners out of mares by sons of Mr. Prospector. The latter group includes that very good stallion Shamardal and champion juvenile filly Take Charge Brandi.

Shamardal was a Classic winner at around a mile and a quarter and Red Giant and Frost Giant were Grade I winners over the Kentucky Derby distance. Brody's Cause will also be suited by the longer route, as his second and third dams were sired by Roberto and Majestic Light, both major winners over a mile and a half.

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GUN RUNNER PREPS BENEATH TWIN SPIRES

Winchell Racing LLC and Three Chimneys Farm's **Gun Runner** (Candy Ride {Arg}) continued his preparations for a start in the May 7 GI Kentucky Derby with a five-panel work in 1:01 flat [5/12] Monday morning at Churchill Downs. According to Churchill clockers, the Steve Asmussen trainee breezed through eighth-mile splits of :12.40, :24.20 and :36.40, en-route to



Gun Runner | Coady Photography

galloping out six furlongs in 1:14.20.

"He's very manageable [and] he's getting over the ground well," said assistant trainer Scott Blasi. "He's got plenty of time, so this was just a nice maintenance work for him."

Gun Runner broke his maiden at first asking going

one mile at Churchill last September and added a Keeneland allowance win in October prior to closing out his juvenile season with a respectable fourth-place finish in the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. over a sloppy track in Louisville. The chestnut has returned in razor-sharp form in 2016, annexing the Fair Grounds' GII Risen Star S. Feb. 20 and recently running away to a decisive 4 1/2-length triumph in the GII Louisiana Derby Mar. 26.

"He's definitely changed physically and he's getting there," Blasi said. "He's still playful but he's definitely getting there. It's nice to have him here. He's settled in how we've wanted him to and hopefully we'll have good works leading up to the Derby."

Monday's work was Gun Runner's second local breeze since shipping in after the Louisiana Derby, having covered a half-mile in :50.60 Apr. 4. Blasi added that the colt is scheduled to breeze again next Monday, Apr. 18.

CORRECTION: In Monday's *TDN*, we stated that Tom's Ready (More Than Ready) was exclusively a product of the Keeneland sales. This is incorrect, as Tom's Ready was a \$145,000 RNA at Keeneland November before being acquired at Fasig-Tipton Saratoga for \$145,000 by GMB Racing. We regret the error.

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ALEXANDER & D'AMATO SOAR WITH 'ENOLA'

by Heather Anderson

Californian owner/breeder Nick Alexander and trainer Phil D'Amato enjoyed a red-letter weekend at Santa Anita Park. Alexander's stable of primarily Golden State homebreds was represented Saturday by Tough It Out (Grazen), who landed his first black-type score ([Video](#)), when splashing his way to victory in the 6 1/2-furlong Echo Eddie S. on the GI Santa Anita Derby undercard. The highlight of the weekend however, was another offspring of Grazen, debutante 3-year-old filly Enola Gray, who put the icing on the cake, stunning a field of Cal-bred maidens by 16 1/4 lengths in front-running fashion going that same distance a day later.

A 4-1 chance Sunday, Enola Gray easily separated herself from the pack through the early going and steadily increased her lead,



Enola Gray | Benoit Photo

while thoroughly outclassing her opponents at every stage. Well off the rail entering the stretch with veteran reinsman Tyler Baze sitting chilly, she hit the six-furlong mark in 1:08.95, before finishing up in the fast time of 1:13.71. The steel

grey miss earned a 99 Beyer for her tour de force performance, which was over a second faster than the downgraded and off-the-turf Listed Las Cienegas S. won by the year-older Dreamologist (Tapit) earlier on the card.

"She came out of her race in good order," D'Amato told the TDN Monday. "I'll train her for a week or two before we come up with a definitive gameplan. Normally, I would look at a Cal-bred stakes like the Fleet Treat as a long-term goal at Del Mar [in July]. However, she showed such spectacular brilliance in her first race, we might look at open-company 3-year-old races in her future for the second half of the year."

Regarding stablemate Tough It Out, D'Amato continued, "The long-term goal is the \$200,000 Snow Chief S. at Santa Anita May 28.

Enola Gray is an Alexander product through and through. Her

sire, who scored his biggest win in the 2009 GIII Affirmed H. and also was second in the GII Swaps S., is also an Alexander homebred and the stable's first graded-stakes winner. The son of Benchmark sustained an injury later that year that sent him to join the California stallion ranks, where he currently commands a fee of \$2,500 at Tommy Town Thoroughbreds.

Unsung Heroine (More Than Ready), a winner in 12 starts, was snapped up by Alexander for only \$40,000 out of the 2007 Keeneland November Sale carrying her first foal by Eddington. Well-related, Unsung Heroine's second dam is a half-sister to Irish highweight and G1 Irish 1000 Guineas winner Trusted Partner (Affirmed), herself dam of GI Matriarch S. scorer Dress to Thrill (Ire) (Danehill), while her third dam is U.S. champion juvenile filly Talking Picture (Speak John). Enola Gray is her sixth foal and, with Enola Gray's win, gives Unsung Heroine her fourth winner from four runners. A yearling filly by Tizbud is her latest offspring.

Alexander's runners have been quietly making a name for themselves for well over a decade in California. Retired from operating Nick Alexander Imports, an auto-dealership which is now run by his children Nick and Elizabeth, the 73-year-old, who is also a member of the board of the Thoroughbred Owners of California, has shifted his attention to operating his 285-acre farm several hours north of Los Angeles with his wife Mary. Last year, the stable amassed record-earnings of \$1,068,300, with 23 wins from 108 starts.

Regardless of where the Alexander homebreds resurface, chances are they will continue to make a name for themselves on the Cal-bred circuit.

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ATTENDANCE UP, HANDLE SLIGHTLY DOWN AT SANTA ANITA WINTER MEET

Santa Anita posted an 8% gain in on-track attendance for its 2015-16 Winter Meet. All-sources handle, meanwhile, fell 1%.



Songbird | Benoit

The 63-day meet, which began Dec. 26, was highlighted by 2014 Horse of the Year **California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit) winning the GII San Pasqual S. Jan. 9, Eclipse champion juvenile colt **Nyquist** (Uncle Mo) taking the GII San Vicente S. Feb. 15,

Eclipse champion juvenile filly **Songbird** (Medaglia d'Oro) winning three stakes--the GII Las Virgenes S. Feb. 6, the GIII Santa Ysabel S. Mar. 5 and the GI Santa Anita Oaks Apr. 9--and **Exaggerator** (Curlin) dominating the GI Santa Anita Derby Apr. 9.

For the fourth consecutive year and seventh time overall, Rafael Bejarano took home the riding title, finishing with 74

wins. He also finished tied with Gary Stevens for most stakes races won with eight.

In the trainer's race, upstart Phil D'Amato captured his first Santa Anita training title with 74 winners. D'Amato also led the way with eight stakes wins.

Hronis Racing, LLC led all owners with 12 victories, while Songbird was unanimously voted Horse of the Meet in the annual media poll.

Thoroughbred racing returns to Los Alamitos for its Spring Meet, which runs from Apr. 14 through May 1. While Santa Anita remains closed until May 5, Golden Gate Fields, also owned by The Stronach Group, will be conducting a Turf Festival over the next three weekends. The Bay Area track will offer increased purses and provide Southern California-based horsemen free shipping to and from Golden Gate.

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STAKES WINNER SELECTION SUNDAY TOPS GO JUMP RACING SALE

With a final bid of \$44,000 from trainer Jack Fisher on behalf of new client Matt Groff, three-time hurdle winner Selection Sunday topped a select sale of steeplechase horses and prospects Sunday at Great Meadow Race Course in The Plains, Va.

Gross receipts for the sale were \$138,000, with seven horses changing owners. Sold by the estate of longtime steeplechase owner Andre Brewster, who died in February, Selection Sunday brought the most form into the sale. The 7-year-old son of Harlan's Holiday raced on the flat for Richard Santulli and trainer Alan Goldberg, winning twice in 18 starts. Purchased by Brewster and trained by Fisher, the Kentucky-bred won his jump debut in 2014 and added an allowance hurdle start late that year. Last season, he made just two starts--a novice stakes win in April and a second to eventual novice champion African Oil in another stakes at Saratoga. Fisher traded late bids with underbidder Tim Shaw to keep Selection Sunday in the barn.

A new steeplechase ownership group went to \$30,000 to get Extensible, a 4-year-old son of Malibu Moon. Winless in six flat starts for Bob LaPenta and Chad Brown, Extensible moved to the Virginia barn of Mo Baptiste, who plans to syndicate the Kentucky-bred. Baptiste operates a foxhunting barn in Middleburg, Va. and will add steeplechasing to the list for her clients.

The sale, organized by the National Steeplechase Association's Promotion and Growth Committee, raised money for the National Steeplechase Foundation's efforts to enhance the sport.

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BRASS HAT HIGHLIGHTS OWNERS' COMMITMENT TO AFTERCARE

by Liane Crossley

Fans of Grade I winner Brass Hat will have chance to see the 15-year-old gelding in action at the Thoroughbred Horse Show Association event at the Kentucky Horse Park May 8. He will be ridden by 12-year-old Jett Bradley, daughter of Brass Hat's track trainer William "Buff" Bradley and granddaughter of his owner-breeder Fred Bradley.



Brass Hat | Horsephotos

The Bradley family owns and operates Indian Ridge Farm in Frankfort, Ky. The team recently added a retraining and rehoming division. Bradley is quick to note that funding for the project came from Groupie Doll, the two-time

Eclipse Award winner raced by the Bradleys and partners. The champion mare earned more than \$2 million on the track before being sold as a broodmare for \$3.1 million to Mandy Pope's Whisper Hill Farm. Bradley's longtime track assistant Maria Kabel oversees the reschooling division.

"When Brass Hat retired, we kept him at the track for a little bit," Buff Bradley said. "He would go back and forth to the track [during morning training], but we could see he really wasn't into that. He didn't like it a whole lot, so we brought him back to the farm and rode him every now and then."

Brass Hat closed his 40-race career in 2010 with 10 victories and earnings of \$2,173,561.

During his time at the farm, Brass Hat excelled as a "babysitter" for newly weaned colts. Bradley said Brass Hat watched over his group while they napped and served as a calming mentor for the youngsters.

Brass Hat takes on a similar role as pasture mate for off-track Thoroughbreds when they arrive at the farm.

"He loves the babies," Bradley said.

More information about the Thoroughbred Horse Show Association is available at <http://www.tbhorseshow.com>.

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Eastern U.S.

Monday's Results:

7th-PRX, \$74,900, Alw, 4-11, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.21, ft. ROXBURY N OVERTON (c, 4, Andiron--Centennial Cat, by Tale of the Cat) is a hard-trying speedster who came agonizingly close to earning his first black-type win three back, finishing a nose runner-up Nov. 14 at 23-1 in the City of Laurel S. when nailed in the final jump by MGSW El Kabeir (Scat Daddy). He followed that up with a gutsy win over state-bred allowance foes Nov. 27 before getting a respite and returning Mar. 7 with a head win in open company. Stretching out to two turns for just the third time after finishing seventh and fifth in his previous routes, the homebred was let go at 9-2 and duelled with longshot Saffron Hall (Giant's Causeway) for early command. Eventually edging clear from that foe through sharp splits of :23.72 and :46.70, he was put to a drive midway on the far turn to fight off Saffron Hall's re-bid, only to be confronted to his inside by 3-2 Adirondack King (Lawyer Ron). Those two kicked on past the eighth pole with Roxbury N Overton digging in tenaciously to win by a nose. Lifetime Record: SP, 19-6-5-0, \$289,234. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

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New York

NYRA to Host Job Fairs for Belmont Stakes Week Employment:

The New York Racing Association will host a series of job fairs in search of workers for this year's Belmont Stakes Racing Festival, the organization announced Monday. The fairs will be hosted Apr. 21 at Aqueduct Racetrack; and May 3, May 14 and May 15 at Belmont Park. NYRA hires approximately 1,200 temporary employees annually to serve guests during Belmont Stakes week.

"We are pleased to offer New Yorkers from every community and neighborhood the opportunity to join our team for this year's Belmont Stakes Racing Festival," said Christopher Kay, Chief Executive Officer and President of NYRA. "This year's festival is shaping up to be our best yet, and we are looking for those individuals who share our steadfast commitment to an enhanced guest experience throughout New York's most

exciting and enjoyable week of racing."

The Belmont Stakes Festival begins Thursday, June 9, and continues through GI Belmont Stakes day, Saturday, June 11. More information about the job fairs and the festival can be found at [NYRA.com](#).

ROOKIES

Second-crop starters to watch: Tuesday, April 12

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

EUROEARS (Langfuhr), JEH Stallion Station-Oklahoma Division, \$3K, 58/5/0

9-WRD, Msw 5 1/2f, +Print the Media, 15-1

UNCLE MO (Indian Charlie), Ashford Stud, \$35K, 261/44/12

5-PRX, Aoc 1m, Abiding Star, 2-1

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

5th-PRX, \$70,064, 4-11, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:38.40, ft.

BROAD LOVER (g, 4, Not For Love--Broad Gale, by Broad Brush) Lifetime Record: 24-7-5-0, \$245,950. O-Barbara Hopkins; B-Spring Run Farm, LLC (PA); T-Ramon Preciado. *\$15,000 RNA Ylg '13 EASSEP.

9th-SA, \$65,647, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 4-10, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:08.91, ft.

SHH SHE'S OURS (f, 4, Tiz Wonderful--Our Secret, by Forestry) Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-1, \$93,210. O-DP Racing, LLC; B-Dixiana Farms LLC (KY); T-James M. Cassidy. *\$35,000 Ylg '13 FTKOCT; \$48,000 RNA 2yo '14 BARMAY; \$145,000 2yo '14 BARJUL.

3rd-WRD, \$25,080, (S), 4-11, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.40, gd.

OLIVER G (g, 3, Magna Graduate--Nottagrays, by Double Honor) Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-2, \$59,666. O-Austin Gustafson and Gerald Dixon Revocable Trust; B-Austin Patrick Gustafson & Magna Graduate Syndicate (OK); T-Austin Gustafson.

9th-EMD, \$21,400, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 4-10, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:00.97, ft.

O B HARBOR (g, 4, Harbor the Gold--Flying Memo, by Memo {Chi}) Lifetime Record: SP, 8-3-1-2, \$50,691. O-One Horse Will Do Corporation; B-Bret Christopherson (OR); T-Chris Stenslie. *\$18,500 Ylg '13 WASSEP.

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Seattle Salt, m, 5, **Salt Lake**--Houston Crunch, by Houston. SA, 4-10, (S), (C), 5 1/2f, 1:03.80. B-Nancy Markwell & Kenneth Markwell Jr. (CA).

Gohar, m, 6, **Forest Danger**--Buraq, by Open Forum. WRD, 4-11, 6f, 1:13.68. B-Aryan Family Trust (OK).

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#A Shin Spartan, h, 5, **Zensational**--Lady Tak (GISW, \$1,160,782), by Mutakddim. Nakayama, 4-10, Shunrai S., 6fT. Lifetime Record: 10-6-1-1, \$913,981. O-Eishindo Inc.; B-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings Inc., Heiligbrodt Racing Stable et al; T-Kenichi Fujioka. *\$210,000 Ylg '12 KEESEP.

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| Date | Race | Track |
|------|--------------------------|-------|
| 4/14 | GIII Appalachian S. | KEE |
| 4/15 | GI Maker's 46 Mile | KEE |
| | GI Apple Blossom H. | OP |
| 4/16 | GI Jenny Wiley S. | KEE |
| | GI Arkansas Derby | OP |
| | GII Oaklawn H. | OP |
| | GIII Lexington S. | KEE |
| | GIII Ben Ali S. | KEE |
| | GIII Los Angeles S. | SA |
| 4/17 | GIII Distaff H. | AQU |
| | GIII Beaumont S. | KEE |
| 4/22 | GIII Doubledogdare S. | KEE |
| 4/23 | GII Charles Town Classic | CT |
| | GII Great Lady M. S. | LRC |
| | GII Dixiana Elkhorn S. | KEE |
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CRAVEN AMBITION TO OFFER THE BEST JUVENILES



Lot 72 | Emma Berry

by Emma Berry

A six-figure average and top price of 850,000gns set the tone for a strong renewal of the Craven Breeze-up Sale 12 months ago and the general feeling among potential buyers at Park Paddocks on the eve of this year's sale is that Tattersalls could be set for another blockbuster edition. A bright morning, with ground on the soft side, met the 120 juveniles asked to breeze for two furlongs of the Rowley Mile on Monday morning, and for many onlookers it was the first chance to see one of Frankel's offspring go through the gears. The chestnut colt, consigned as [lot 72](#) through Malcolm Bastard, will be the second horse through the ring on Wednesday evening, and appeared to cope well both with his morning exertions and many shows throughout the afternoon.

"Plenty of people have been to look at him," said Bastard of the March-born son of the listed-placed Noaks Ark (Ire) (Charnwood Forest {Ire}). "He still has to furnish a bit and looks like he'll want a bit of time but he's going to be a lovely horse."

A daughter of Exceed And Excel led last week's Tattersalls Ireland Breeze-up Sale at Ascot and the Darley shuttler has seven juveniles to sell over the next two days, including [lot 59](#), a half-sister to the German champion 3-year-old filly Mi Emma (Ger) (Silvano {Ger}), who is being offered by Tom Whelan of Church View Stables. Exceed And Excel's Group 1-winning sons Excelebration (Ire) and Helmet (Aus) are two of 17 first-crop stallions to feature in the catalogue, including two U.S.-based freshmen, Algorithms and The Factor, each of whom has one colt in the sale. [Cont. p2](#)

STRONG LINE-UP FOR NELL GWYN

Newmarket's keenly-anticipated Craven meeting gets underway on Tuesday, where the G3 Lanwades Stud Nell Gwyn S. is the feature and the seven-furlong G1 1000 Guineas prep has attracted a field containing more than one realistic contender for the upcoming Classic. Among them is the G3 Albany S. and G2 Duchess of Cambridge S. **Illuminate (Ire)** (Zoffany {Ire}), who has to give three pounds to all including Susan Magnier's **Coolmore (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), Abdullah Saeed Al Naboodah's **Nathra (Ire)** (Iffraaj {GB}) and Godolphin's **First Victory (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}). Illuminate, who sports the Denford Stud silks, had her favoured fast ground when registering her pattern-race wins at Royal Ascot and at the July meeting here last summer prior to going under by a half-length to Lumiere (GB) (Shamardal) when second on slightly easier ground in the six-furlong G1 Cheveley Park S. at this venue in September.

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Helmet, who, like Sir Prancealot (Ire), already has two winners on the board in Europe, is the best represented among the new boys with eight listed. Among them is [lot 39](#), a good-moving son of American stakes winner Kathy's Rocket (Gold Legend) from the Bansha House draft. The prolific Kodiak (Ire) appears most frequently among the established sires, with 15 juveniles catalogued, while three of the four 2-year-olds by Zoffany in the sale all brought six-figure sums as yearlings, the most expensive being Grove Stud's half-brother to Italian listed winner Laguna Salada (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), [lot 17](#), who was bought for 175,000gns at Book 2 of last year's October Sale.

A new name on the vendors' list is the Warwickshire-based Far Westfield Farm, which is run by Roz Lloyd. Her bloodstock agent husband Jamie is a well-known face on the sales circuit but this is Roz's first foray into the breeze-up sales and, having withdrawn a Majestic Warrior colt, she will offer a filly by Zebedee out of the unraced Pivotal (GB) mare Lady Rohan (GB) as [lot 41](#) on Tuesday.

"The filly didn't love the ground but she went well, nice and straight, and has come back in good shape," said Roz.

Explaining her new venture, she continued, "The farm has evolved and it was a natural progression, really, from pre-training for a number of trainers. We didn't really aim to be consignors, especially with Jamie focusing on the buying side, but we had a few clients who asked us to consign horses for them so we decided to do it in our own name with me looking after the consigning side."

The Lloyds have a wealth of experience and previously spent 10 years working in the racing and breeding industry in California before moving into Far Westfield Farm in Moreton Morrell four years ago. Jamie was assistant trainer to Jim Cassidy and then Paddy Gallagher as well as eventually training in his own name, while Roz managed a farm for Southern Nevada Racing and worked as a veterinary technician.

Roz added, "It's been nice just to have the two to do for this sale, as it's breaking us in gently, but we'll be back here soon for the Guineas Sale with another six to sell. It's a steep learning curve but in many ways it's like being back in the training days

again as it's so important to have everything just right for the day."

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Tattersalls has once again welcomed a diverse array of clients to Newmarket, and Marketing Director Jimmy George is hopeful of a bright start to the auction year with the company's first major sale of the calendar. "This morning breeze went really smoothly and the ground appeared to be riding well," he commented. "The action this morning suggested we have some potentially smart sorts out there and the catalogue has certainly been well received. The Craven Sale produces top-class 2-year-olds year after year and hopefully that will be the case once again this year. The breeze was well attended and we're looking forward to a good sale."

Selling commences at Tattersalls at 6 p.m. local time after the first day of action from the Craven Meeting at the Rowley Mile.

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SANDOWN AIM FOR ELM PARK

Andrew Balding is readying Qatar Racing's Group 1 winner **Elm Park (GB)** (Phoenix Reach {Ire}) for a return to action and is hoping to launch the 4-year-old's season off in the G2 Bet365 Mile at Sandown April 30.



Elm Park | *Racing Post*

"He is going very well at home and he looks great," said Balding. "He has definitely grown and developed physically. We might go to Sandown for the Group 2 race there at the end of the month." After a brilliant juvenile campaign that culminated in a victory in the G1 Racing Post Trophy at Doncaster, Elm Park had a rather stop-start second season. He ran a solid G1 Epsom Derby trial when third in the G2 Betfred Dante S. at York in April, but got jarred up when finishing well behind Golden Horn (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}) in the main event at Epsom. He reappeared with a confidence boosting win in a listed event at Sandown in September before running a bit too freely and ruining his chance in the G1 QIPCO Queen Elizabeth II S. at Ascot on Champion's Day.

Elm Park's performances to date leave Balding in a bit of a quandary as to what distance suits him best and he added, "He's in the Lockinge and we will see about that as I am still not sure what his best trip is. We will start him off over a mile and then look to go further mid-summer, I'd imagine."

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| Craven Meeting Gallop Schedule | |
|--------------------------------|---|
| ● Tuesday | 12.45pm Jack Hobbs (GB) (Halling) |
| | 1.00pm Massaat (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) |
| | 1.10pm Galileo Gold (GB) (Paco Boy {GB}) |
| ● Wednesday | 1.00pm Emotionless (Ire) (Shamardal) |
| | ● Thursday |

HAGGAS PAIR SET FOR NEWBURY

Newbury host their first flat meeting of the season this Friday and Saturday and trainer William Haggas intends to unleash some of his leading 3-year-olds in the respective colts and fillies Guineas trials on Saturday. The G3 JLT Greenham S. is an oft used stepping stone to the G1 2000 Guineas and Haggas will see if his **Tasleet (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}) can earn his ticket to Newmarket Apr. 30. Frankel (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) was the last colt to capture the Greenham/2000 Guineas double and though Haggas is making no comparisons he is hopeful of a decent display.

"Tasleet will go for the Greenham S. He is a nice horse and has been working well. I am pretty sure he will get the trip, but I am not sure he will like the ground. It will be the same for most of them though and they have got to start somewhere."

Tasleet was last seen failing by a nose to Sanus Per Aquam (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) in the G3 Somerville Tattersall S. at Newmarket having previously won the valuable DBS Premier Yearling S. at York.

Besharah (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) was another Sommerville Lodge flagbearer last year winning group races at York and Ascot before finishing third to Lumiere (GB) (Shamardal) in the G1 Connolly's Red Mills Cheveley Park S. at Newmarket. Haggas will let the filly take her chance in the G3 Dubai Duty Free S. over seven furlongs, unknown territory for the Sheikh Rashid Dalmook Al Maktoum owned 3-year-old.

"Besharah is doing nicely and is an intended runner in the Dubai Duty Free S. She is very well, but obviously there is a question mark about the trip. I actually don't think she will mind the ground, but whether or not she gets the trip in testing ground, I don't know," added the trainer.

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Strong Line-Up for Nell Gwyn Cont.

Signing off with a sixth in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf attempting a mile, the bay will have to post a career-best to defy her extra burden and her trainer Richard Hannon understandably has an eye on the May 1 feature. "She's a nice, neat filly who has done very well over the winter but the ground is important to her," he said. "The plan is to run her in the 1000 Guineas and the ground is normally pretty quick at Newmarket by then." Nathra got closest to the current hot Guineas favourite Minding (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) when clear second-best in the G1 Fillies' Mile here in October, having won Newbury's Dubai Duty Free Full of Surprises EBF Stallions Fillies' Conditions S. by seven lengths over this trip the previous month. She had Coolmore back in fourth in the Fillies' Mile and the owner's racing manager Bruce Raymond expects a prominent show. "I've seen her work and I think she's fit enough, but she's obviously going to improve," he explained. "The 1000 Guineas is her target."

Of Coolmore, a full-sister to two Guineas winners in Gleneagles (Ire) and Marvellous (Ire), who had won The Curragh's G3 C L & M F Weld Park S. over this trip before her Fillies' Mile eclipse, Aidan O'Brien said, "We think she'll stay further and the purpose of going is to see whether we'll go back for the English Guineas. We always thought maybe the Irish Guineas and then step up to a mile and a quarter. Seven furlongs will be tight enough for her, but it will give us a feel." First Victory, who is unbeaten and a dual course-and-distance scorer with the G3 Oh So Sharp S. in the bag, is also reported to be flourishing by Saeed bin Suroor. "She is doing very well, working well and she is ready to go," he commented. "It is a good race, but we are hoping to see a good run from her."

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| 2 | Robanne (GB) | Paco Boy (Ire) | de Sousa | Knight |
| 3 | Doubly Motivated (Ire) | Iffraaj (GB) | Holland | C Hills |
| 4 | Aljazzi (GB) | Shamardal | Scratched | Scratched |
| 5 | Epsom Icon (GB) | Sixties Icon (GB) | Bishop | Channon |
| 6 | Yeah Baby Yeah (Ire) | Art Connoisseur (Ire) | Kirby | Kelleway |
| 7 | Coolmore (Ire) | Galileo (Ire) | Moore | A O'Brien |
| 8 | Fourth Way (Ire) | Iffraaj (GB) | Murphy | Varian |
| 9 | First Victory (Ire) | Teofilo (Ire) | Doyle | bin Suroor |
| 10 | Ashadihan (GB) | Kyllachy (GB) | Spencer | K Ryan |
| 11 | Nathra (Ire) | Iffraaj (GB) | Dettoni | Gosden |
| 12 | Mix and Mingle (Ire) | Exceed and Excel (Aus) | Durcan | Wall |
| 13 | Squash (GB) | Pastoral Pursuits (GB) | Probert | McBride |
| 14 | Only Mine (Ire) | Pour Moi (Ire) | Queally | J G Murphy |

All carry 126 pounds bar Illuminate, 129.

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Tuesday, Newmarket, Britain, post time: 3:55 p.m.

1STSECURITYSOLUTIONS.CO.UK FEILDEN S.-Listed, £37,000, 3yo, 9ft

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER |
|----|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | Mengli Khan (Ire) | Lope de Vega (Ire) | Harley | Palmer |
| 2 | Mustajeer (GB) | Medicean (GB) | D O'Neill | Burrows |
| 3 | Ventura Storm (Ire) | Zoffany (Ire) | Moore | Hannon |
| 4 | Southdown Lad (Ire) | Lilbourne Lad (Ire) | Scratched | Scratched |
| 5 | Tathqeef | Tapit | Hanagan | Gosden |

All carry 126 pounds.

Monday's Results:

1st-WDS, £5,000, Cond, 4-11, 2yo, 5f 10yT, 1:04.57, sf.
+AWESOME ALLAN (IRE) (c, 2, Acclamation {GB}--Spring Approach {GB}, by Tiger Hill {Ire}), sent off at 11-2, broke professionally to dispute the lead with the similarly fast Full Intention (GB) (Showcasing {GB}). Seemingly losing that battle in the last furlong, the €110,000 GOFNOV weanling and 40,000gns TATOCT yearling whose dam is a half to the MGSW Yellow Rosebud (Ire) (Jeremy) from the family of the G1 Golden Jubilee S. hero Malhub (Kingmambo) worked his way past in the final strides to prevail by a short head. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,569. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)
 O-Walters Plant Hire Ltd; B-D G Icton (IRE); T-David Evans.

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British Report Cont.

3rd-WDS, £4,500, Mdn, 4-11, 3yo, 10f 7yT, 2:14.14, sf.
MOUNTAIN BELL (GB) (f, 3, Mount Nelson {GB}--Shenir {GB}, by Mark of Esteem {Ire}), sent off the 6-4 joint favourite on the basis of her debut second over an extended mile at Windsor in October, was in front initially before taking a lead throughout the early stages. Taking control again with a half-mile remaining, the €46,000 BBAGS yearling, who has a yearling half-sister by Sixties Icon (GB), stretched clear to record a resounding 10-length win, eased down. "She's been working like that and we feel that she'll handle better ground and even be better, as she's a good-moving filly," jockey Oisin Murphy said. Ralph Beckett added, "Her work has always been better than expected and she'll go in the Oaks tomorrow when it closes. She could run in a trial at Lingfield or York now." Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$5,575. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)
 O-Qatar Racing Limited; B-Theakston Stud (GB); T-Ralph Beckett.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Cullingworth (Ire), c, 2, Kodiak (GB)--Think (Fr) (GSP-Fr), by Marchand de Sable. RED, 4-11, 5fT, 1:06.86. B-John Foley (IRE). *36,000gns Ylg '15 TATOCT.
Croft Ranger (Ire), g, 3, Bushranger (Ire)--Alexander Duchess (Ire), by Desert Prince (Ire). RED, 4-11, 7fT, 1:36.82. B-Mountarmstrong Stud (IRE). *£7,500 Ylg '14 DNPAUG.
Albert Boy (Ire), g, 3, Falco--Trumbaka (Ire) (MGSW-Fr, \$181,322), by In the Wings (GB). RED, 4-11, 9fT, 2:06.41. B-Clare Castle Farm (IRE). *€24,000 Wlg '13 GOFNOV; 20,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT.

OBSERVATIONS
 on today's European racing scene

2.10 Newmarket, Mdn, £8,500, 3yo, f, 8fT
GOLDEN REIGN (IRE) (Champs Elysees {GB}) is of obvious interest making her debut in a race stacked full of fascinating bluebloods, being a half-sister to the outstanding Golden Horn (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}). Snapped up for what looks to be a bargain €150,000 at Goffs before her illustrious sibling had begun to hit some lofty heights at the Goffs Orby in 2014, Clipper Logistics' chestnut is also a full-sister to the SW and MGSP Eastern Belle (GB) and is in the more than capable hands of William Haggas. Among her opponents are a pair of Godolphin representatives in the once-raced **Dufay (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire})**, a Charlie Appleby-trained daughter of the operation's G1 Fillies' Mile heroine White Moonstone (Dynaformer) and the Saeed bin Suroor-trained newcomer **Lacey's Lane (GB) (Street Cry {Ire})**, a Saeed bin Suroor project whose dam Hibaayeb (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}) also won the Fillies' Mile before following up in the GI Yellow Ribbon S.

2.45 Newmarket, Cond, £14,000, 3yo, 7fT
CHIEF WHIP (Giant's Causeway) makes his belated return for Susan Magnier following his taking debut win at Sandown in July in this Classic teaser. Entered in the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas, the \$250,000 KEENOV half-brother to the 2012 G1 Matron S. winner



Chachamaidee | *Racing Post*

Chachamaidee (Ire) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}) and her MGSW full-sibling J Wonder, the Richard Hannon-trained chestnut encounters seven rivals who have already shown smart form including the John Gosden-trained colt **Vincent's Forever (GB)**

(Pour Moi {Ire}). A half-brother to the grade 2-winning hurdler Kings Quay (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}), he was green when scoring on debut in Leicester's Reference Point Maiden S. over seven furlongs in October and there should be plenty to come on pedigree.

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Monday's Results:
4th-SCD, €34,000, Cond, 4-11, 3yo, 12fT, 2:45.24, vs.
DOHA DREAM (FR) (c, 3, Shamardal--Crystal Reef {GB}, by King's Best), off the mark by four lengths going 11 furlongs on his seasonal bow at Fontainebleau last time Mar. 11, raced behind the early leaders and only started to hit his stride straightening for home. Staying on powerfully down the centre of the track, the 6-5 favourite gained the lead approaching the furlong marker and asserted under hand riding to win by 3/4 of a length from Olivia Pope (Fr) (Magadan {Ire}). The dam, who is a half-sister to Fabre's trio of classy stayers Reefscape (GB) (Linamix {Fr}), Coastal Path (GB) (Halling) and Martaline (GB) (Linamix {Fr}), has a yearling colt by Style Vendome (Fr). Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €36,300. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)
 O-AI Shaqab Racing; B-Ecurie Haras Bouquetot SAS (FR); T-Andre Fabre.



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Cloghran (Fr) (Mutathir {GB}), already the dam of G1SW Robin Of Navan (Fr) (American Post {GB}), foaled a filly by Rock of Gibraltar (Ire) at Regate Bloodstock's Langham Hall Stud in England. She was bred by Monique Lepeudry. Cloghran will visit Muhaarar (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) in 2016. | *Antoine Lepeudry*

French Report Cont.

5th-SCD, €28,000, Cond, 4-11, 4yo, 8fT, 1:47.24, vs. SAYANA (FR) (f, 4, Galileo {Ire}--Sichilla {Ire} {SW-Fr}, by Danehill), a half-sister to the high-class Siyouni (Fr) (Pivotal {GB}), G1SW-Fr, \$657,064, who is now making a major name for himself at stud, was last seen winning by four lengths over a mile on Chantilly's Polytrack last April and started as the 4-5 favourite anchored in mid-division. Creeping ever closer at the end of the back straight, the homebred, who is also a half-sister to Siyouma (Ire) (Medicean {GB}), Hwt. Older Mare-Fr at 9-11f, Hwt. Older Mare-Eng at 7-9 1/2f, G1SW-Eng & Can, GSP-Fr, \$870,173, and to Siyenica (Fr) (Azamour {Ire}), SW & MGSP-Fr, \$102,865, was coaxed to the front with 300 metres remaining and asserted to win by 1 3/4 lengths from My Solange (Fr) (Sageburg {Ire}). The dam, who is a half-sister to the top miler and sire Slickly (Fr) (Linamix {Fr}), also has a 2-year-old colt Sikandari (Fr) (Sea the Stars {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €31,500. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-His Highness The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (FR); T-Alain de Royer-Dupre.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

3rd-SCD, €28,000, 4-11, 4yo, 10 1/2fT, 2:24.33, vs. BONUSDARGENT (FR) (c, 4, Kendargent {Fr}--Quadded Bere {Fr}, by Epistolaire {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 10 starts, 3 wins, 1 place, €42,350. O-Zalim Bifov; B-EARL Guy Pariente Holding (FR); T-Pia Brandt. *€50,000 Ylg '13 ARQAUG.

3rd-BLB, €27,000, 4-10, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:45.76, hy. AZAELIA (FR) (f, 3, Turtle Bowl {Ire}--Azalee {Ire}, by Peintre Celebre) Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 2 wins, 3 places, €34,300. O-Ecurie Brillantissime, Bernard Benaych & Chauvigny Global Equine SASU; B-Haras de Beauvoir (FR); T-Simone Brogi. *€27,000 Ylg '14 ARQOCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Affoburg (Fr), g, 2, Sageburg (Ire)--Affolante, by Whywhywhy. BLB, 4-10, 5fT, 1:02.17. B-Dream with Me Stable Inc (FR). **Ankle (Fr), c, 3, Shamardal--Polygreen (Fr) (SW-Fr & GSP-US, \$173,671)**, by Green Tune. BLB, 4-10, 8fT, 1:42.63. B-Wertheimer et Frere (FR). *SP-Fr. **1/2 to Evaporation (Fr) (Red Ransom), MSW & MGSP-Fr, \$366,599. **+Energida (Fr), f, 3, Sindar (Ire)--Ensaya (Ire) (MSP-Fr)**, by Alhaarth (Ire). LRY, 4-10, 12fT. B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (FR).



EXOSPHERE RETIRED TO DARLEY KELVINSIDE

Group 1 winner **Exosphere (Aus) (Lonhro {Aus}--Altitude {Aus})**, by Danzero {Aus}) has been retired and will stand at his breeder's Kelvinside Stud in New South Wales, Australia, Godolphin announced Monday. The Godolphin colorbearer



Exosphere | Darley

scored his biggest win in the G1 Golden Rose S. at Rosehill, and also landed the G2 Skyline S., G2 Roman Consul S. and G2 Run to the Rose S. among his five victories from 10 starts en route to A\$1,091,600 in earnings.

In the words of trainer John O'Shea, Exosphere is, "A magnificent individual, with enormous natural talent."

Added Henry Plumpton, Godolphin's Managing Director, "Exosphere retires with an extraordinary race record. Because of his unusual size and bulk, he had training issues, but he managed to put together a string of outstanding performances. He is an exciting stallion of the future. No fee has yet been set, but we expect him to be popular."

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