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## THE DERBY PICTURE



Mike Repole and his nine-month old daughter lead **Outwork** into the Wood Memorial winner's circle and onto the Derby trail | Sarah K. Andrew

**Outwork's** win over 80-1 maiden Trojan Nation (sent across the country by the vastly underrated Paddy Gallagher) in last Saturday's GI Wood Memorial gave his first-crop sire Uncle Mo at least three contenders, including universal favorite Nyquist, for next month's GI Kentucky Derby, and in the bargain Uncle Mo vaulted past even Tapit to claim the number one ranking among all North American sires on the 2016 YTD TDN General Sire List ([click here](#)). It's not like we needed reminding that Uncle Mo is the real deal, but he also leads the posse with eight Black Type Winners (BTW) this year, as well as two Grade I winners and four Grade I horses. Tapit leads by number of Black-Type Horses (BTH) with 21, and 16 Graded/Group Stakes Horses (GSH). Bernardini, currently fifth on the YTD General Sire List, is the current leading sire by number of 2016 Graded/Group SW (GSW), with six.

After last weekend's three critical Grade I Derby preps - two of which were run on sloppy tracks - most of the primary results (whoops, wrong contest) are now in, so it's time for Bill O.'s (as distinct from Bill F.'s) Derby Top 12. The first port of call in assessing the contenders (with the GI Arkansas Derby and GIII Lexington S. coming this Saturday) is last year's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile: 1 **Nyquist** (Uncle Mo), 2 **Swipe** (Birdstone), 3 **Brody's Cause** (Giant's Causeway), 4 **Exaggerator** (Curlin). Nyquist went to seven-for-seven by winning the GI Florida Derby two weekends ago. **Cont. p3**

## DANZING CANDY LIKELY FOR DERBY

By Bill Finley

'TDN Rising Star' **Danzing Candy** (Twirling Candy) chances of running in the GI Kentucky Derby are "85 percent," according to trainer Cliff Sise Jr.

"The owners [Halo Farms and Jim and Dianne Bashor] want to run," Sise said.

That's not good news for several horses who are being pointed for the Derby but may not have enough points to get in. With 60 points, Danzing Candy is assured a spot in the field, not the case for four horses currently tied for eighteenth place on the points leader board. They are **Mo Tom** (Uncle Mo), **Fellowship** (Awesome of Course), **Adventist** (Any Given Saturday) and **Laoban** (Uncle Mo). If 32 points is not enough for all four to get in the tie-breaker is money earned in non-restricted stakes races. **Cont. p7**

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# TODAY in the TDN

THOROUGHBRED DAILY NEWS

Wednesday, April 13, 2016



Runners pull up after the G3 Lanwades Stud Nell Gwyn Stakes on the opening day of the Craven meeting at Newmarket. | Photo: Racing Post/Edward Whitaker

## BAFFERT BULLISH AHEAD OF ARKANSAS DERBY

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Trainer Bob Baffert told media assembled for a national teleconference Tuesday that GI Rebel S. winner Cupid (Tapit) worked well ahead of Saturday's GI Arkansas Derby. "He looks ready. Hopefully he'll get a decent post, but he needs to break a little bit better though. Speed is his weapon, so he needs to get in the race early. You still need racing luck."

## NYRA MOVES CLOSER TO REPRIVATIZATION

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The New York Racing Association (NYRA), which has been operating under the auspices of a government-appointed Reorganization Board of Directors since 2012 in an effort to reestablish solvency and improve the racing product, moved a step closer to reprivatization on Tuesday.

## TODAY'S GRADED STAKES

**EST**  
11:30a

**Race**  
Earl of Sefton S.-G3, NKT

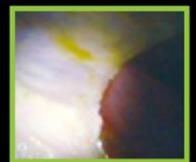
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Swipe, who as many of you know was bred by none other than my better half, Lou, is playing catch-up, and at this writing may make his first start of the year in Saturday's Lexington S. Brody's Cause won the GI Blue Grass last weekend, and Exaggerator romped, in the slop, in the GI Santa Anita Derby. One assertion which looks pretty unassailable is that the form of last year's Breeders' Cup Juvenile is rock-solid.



**Nyquist: Everyone's #1** | Adam Coglianese

That tenth furlong at Churchill is notorious for beating favorites with nine-furlong form, and that looks like the only way Nyquist will get beaten--if he just doesn't get the trip. There are no real convincing arguments one way or the other, either in the form or in his pedigree, to predict whether he will get the trip. One thing I will say is that I seriously doubt being by Uncle Mo will stop him. The other factor which I would say is a big plus for Nyquist is that he has not had a great trip in at least his last six races: he's either had to make his own running (that hopefully won't happen at Churchill), or, as in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile, he was five wide on both turns and still won convincingly. Of course, he's hardly guaranteed to get a clean trip in a 20-horse field at Churchill Downs, but he has overcome less-than-ideal trips a number of times already. That has to be in his favor. When they make the morning line he has to be the clear favorite, and if he is anywhere above 2-1 to win he is a great bet. At 3-1 I would definitely be racing Paul Reddam to the windows.

So here's how I line them up at the moment:

#1. **Nyquist** (Uncle Mo): Cannot lose on form. Only the distance can beat him, or an unexposed horse he hasn't yet met, like Cupid.

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# TDN WEEKLY SALES TICKER

by Bill Oppenheim

“We have compared last week’s Ascot 2-year-old sale, held for the first time under the Tattersalls Ireland banner, to previous sales held around the same time in previous years by Goffs at Kempton, and at Brightwell’s, so it’s debatable how significant the comparisons are. The NA/EU 2-year-old sales so far this year (not including last night’s Tattersalls Craven sale, which looked ok) have seen 1% fewer sold for a 3% dip in gross and a 2% dip in average; essentially, no change, which might be okay considering the decline in investor confidence in the general economy in the last year.”



## MARCH/EARLY APRIL 2-YEAR-OLD SALES IN ENGLAND

SALE	YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
TATTERSALLS IRE ASCOT BREEZE UP	2016	107	85	59	20.6%	69.4%	55.1%	£1,914,500	£32,449
BRIGHTWELLS 2YO SALE AT ASCOT	2015	54	46	38	14.8%	82.6%	70.4%	£839,000	£22,079
BRIGHTWELLS 2YO SALE AT ASCOT	2014	53	37	24	30.2%	64.9%	45.3%	£330,500	£13,771
GOFFS BREEZE-UP AT KEMPTON	2013	100	84	61	16.0%	72.6%	61.0%	£1,479,000	£24,246
GOFFS BREEZE-UP AT KEMPTON	2012	100	93	77	7.0%	82.8%	77.0%	£1,795,000	£23,312
GOFFS BREEZE-UP AT KEMPTON	2011	90	78	65	13.3%	83.3%	72.2%	£1,600,500	£24,623



## TOTAL US AND EUROPEAN 2YO SALES AS OF APRIL 12, 2016

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2016	1,002	679	493	32.2%	72.6%	49.2%	\$ 80,775,482	\$ 163,845
2015	949	665	498	29.9%	74.9%	52.5%	\$ 82,872,069	\$ 166,410
2014	762	477	332	37.4%	69.6%	43.6%	\$ 62,133,886	\$ 187,150
2013	719	490	350	31.8%	71.4%	48.7%	\$ 57,456,080	\$ 164,160
2012	778	542	393	30.3%	72.5%	50.5%	\$ 55,019,590	\$ 139,999
2011	926	614	445	33.7%	72.5%	48.1%	\$ 53,216,241	\$ 119,587

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley

**Bill Oppenheim cont.**

#2. **Exaggerator** (Curlin): Very impressive win in GI Santa Anita Derby in a Beyer 103, best in any two-turn prep this year, and he did it charging from last, suggesting he will get the trip. The question mark is that the track was sloppy, and he had previously shown good off-track form, so can he repeat the dose if the track comes up fast in Louisville? If Nyquist falters and he does handle prevailing track conditions, he has stepped up to become the next most likely winner, as of now.

#3. **Cupid** (Tapit): Bob Baffert has won the GII Rebel S. six times in the last seven years, including this year, with Cupid, a \$900,000 Keeneland September yearling owned by the Coolmore partners. Cupid was coming off a maiden win in a Beyer 88 (GI Wood Memorial second Trojan Nation third that day), and was a convincing winner of the Rebel, running a Beyer 95. American Pharoah became the first Baffert trainee to notch up the Rebel-GI Arkansas Derby double (Bodemeister, who went on to be second in the Derby to I'll Have Another, also won the Arkansas Derby for Baffert, but his previous start had been in the GII San Felipe), and Cupid will be favored this weekend to become Baffert's second straight winner of the Rebel-Arkansas Derby double.

Interesting factoid: top three contenders as of now all trained in California. Three of last four winners (American Pharoah 2015, California Chrome 2014, I'll Have Another 2012, Orb in 2013 the only exception) were trained in California.

#4. **Brody's Cause** (Giant's Causeway): Winner of the GI Breeders' Futurity in the mud at Keeneland over Exaggerator, and they came back to run three-four behind Nyquist in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile. After a complete throw-out when seventh to Destin in the GII Tampa Bay Derby, returned last weekend to grind out his second Grade I win at Keeneland in the Blue



Brody's Cause | Coady photography

Grass. The knock is that he will need to improve a lot for that tenth furlong on his career-best Beyer 91 in the Blue Grass, but he is by Giant's Causeway, so 10 furlongs should hold no fear for him. **Cont. p5**

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### WILLIAM WALKER

\$100,000  
Runs Sat., April 30  
Three-year-olds  
SIX FURLONGS, Dirt

### NEW

### KENTUCKY JUVENILE

\$100,000  
Runs Thurs., May 5  
Two-year-olds  
FIVE FURLONGS, Dirt

### KENTUCKY OAKS DAY

#### LA TROIENNE, GRADE I

\$300,000  
Runs Fri., May 6  
Fillies & Mares,  
Four years old & Up  
ONE MILE AND  
ONE-SIXTEENTH, Dirt

#### ALYSHEBA, GRADE II

\$400,000  
Runs Fri., May 6  
Three-year-olds and Up  
ONE MILE AND  
ONE-SIXTEENTH, Dirt

#### EIGHT BELLES, GRADE II

\$200,000  
Runs Fri., May 6  
Fillies, Three years old  
SEVEN FURLONGS, Dirt

#### EDGEWOOD, GRADE III *PRESENTED BY FORCHT BANK*

\$150,000  
Runs Fri., May 6  
Fillies, Three years old  
ONE MILE AND  
ONE-SIXTEENTH, Turf

#### TWIN SPIRES TURF SPRINT, GRADE III

\$150,000  
Runs Fri., May 6  
Three-year-olds and Up  
FIVE FURLONGS, Turf

### KENTUCKY DERBY DAY

#### WOODFORD RESERVE TURF CLASSIC, GRADE I

\$500,000  
Runs Sat., May 7  
Second Closing  
Wed., April 13  
Four-year-olds and Up  
ONE MILE AND  
ONE-EIGHTH, Turf

#### HUMANA DISTAFF, GRADE I

\$300,000  
Runs Sat., May 7  
Fillies & Mares,  
Four years old & Up  
SEVEN FURLONGS, Dirt

#### AMERICAN TURF, GRADE II

*PRESENTED BY RAM TRUCKS*

\$300,000  
Runs Sat., May 7  
Three-year-olds  
ONE MILE AND  
ONE-SIXTEENTH, Turf

#### CHURCHILL DISTAFF TURF MILE, GRADE II

*PRESENTED BY LONGINES*

\$300,000  
Runs Sat., May 7  
Fillies & Mares,  
Four years old & Up  
ONE MILE, Turf

#### CHURCHILL DOWNS, GRADE II

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#5. **Mor Spirit** (Eskendereya): He has now run seven times for three wins and four seconds. He was left in the mud by Exaggerator last weekend at Santa Anita, but the consensus is that was a better race than it looked. Baffert was interviewed on TVG beforehand, and he was hedging big-time about the sloppy track. Gary Stevens did not really attempt to chase the winner when Exaggerator blew by him, so the thought is Mor Spirit might have got what he needed in his last prep while connections were careful not to 'bottom' him on that ground. There will be plenty of 'wise guys' liking him around the 10-1 mark.

#6. **Gun Runner** (Candy Ride): He hasn't done much wrong, being 4-for-5 lifetime, his only loss coming when fourth in the sloppy GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. at Churchill last fall, behind Airoforce, Mor Spirit, and Mo Tom. He went 2-for-2 in Louisiana, winning the GII Risen Star (Beyer 90) and the GII Louisiana Derby (Beyer 91). The low Beyers thus far are a big concern, but there is one important point in his favor: he keeps winning.

#7. **Mo Tom** (Uncle Mo): Big closer who ran third in the aforementioned GII Kentucky Jockey Club, then kicked off his 3-year-old campaign with a good win in the GIII Lecomte S. at Fair Grounds before



Mo Tom | Coady photography

enduring two nightmare trips behind Gun Runner in the GII Risen Star (third) and GII Louisiana Derby (fourth). Jockey Corey Lanerie, who swooped to win last weekend's GI Ashland S. on 30-1 shot Weep No More (Mineshaft), must

be counting his lucky stars after retaining the mount for Kentucky. You have to think, wherever Gun Runner is, Mo Tom can't be far behind. If he gets a clean trip this time (not terribly likely in the Derby) he will be running at the end, but he'll surely have to improve a lot off a lifetime best Beyer of 88.

#8. **Destin** (Giant's Causeway): Full brother to Creative Cause who is taking an unconventional route to the Derby, having followed up a 2016 first-up fourth to Mo Tom in the GIII Lecomte with two wins at Tampa, in the GIII Sam F. Davis and GII Tampa Bay Derby (Beyer 100, Outwork second). After Weep No More came off a minor stakes win at Tampa to bag last weekend's GI Ashland and Outwork's win in the GI Wood, though, maybe Tampa form is better than we thought.

# CLOSING

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#9. **Outwork** (Uncle Mo): He was Uncle Mo's first winner, over 4 1/2 furlongs at Keeneland last April, then returned after 10 months off to score easily in a Tampa allowance race in February before his second (Beyer 98) to Destin. Gutted it out to win a very slow running of the GI Wood last weekend (1:52:4/5, Beyer 93) over the 80-1 maiden Trojan Nation. He'll likely be 15-1 or higher in Louisville, which could be a big price for a Wood winner; he is by Uncle Mo, after all, who can do no wrong.

#10. **My Man Sam** (Trappe Shot): Still a non-winner of two but ran a bang-up second (Beyer 88) in his stakes debut from the 14 post in last weekend's GI Blue Grass. He figures to improve from that, but whether he gets a better trip in the 20-horse Derby field is still problematic. Certainly an interesting horse for the gimmicks.

#11. **Mohaymen** (Tapit): Did not have a good trip when favored over Nyquist in the GI Florida Derby, nonetheless was disappointing in fourth. Ran Beyers of 95 when winning both the GII Holy Bull and GII Fountain of Youth, but after four Grade II wins in 115 days from November through February he's going to have to bounce back big-time to figure in the Derby. **Cont. p6**

**Bill Oppenheim cont.**

#12. **Lani** (Tapit): It's unlikely the G2 UAE Derby is going to prove the springboard to a Derby win (we estimate the Beyer for the race around 92), but you have to give his Japanese connections credit for taking the shot. If Nyquist doesn't get the trip something could come out of left field, and this would sure qualify as coming out of left field.

GII Louisiana Derby second **Tom's Ready** (More Than Ready) and GIII Southwest S. winner (Beyer 93) **Suddenbreakingnews** (Mineshaft), a deep closer who was only fifth to Cupid in the GII Rebel S. but will try him again in the GI Arkansas Derby this weekend, would head my list of horses 'on the bubble'.

One inescapable observation we would have to concede is that this group goes into the Derby with some of the lowest Beyers ever: Exaggerator's 103 in the GI Santa Anita Derby is the highest two-turn Beyer figure, pending this weekend, and that is a little suspect because it came on a sloppy surface. Mind you, in the seven runnings since 2009 no winner has run higher than a Beyer 105 to win the Derby (the average winning Beyer for both the Derby and Preakness the last eight years is four points lower than the average winning Beyer 1987-2013; the average for the Belmont is seven points lower), and, it's fair to say, results do

not always reflect raw ability or speed, but form as well; no matter how fast or slow they go, last year's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile and three Grade I wins over the last two weekends by the Juvenile 1-3-4 mean a lot. Scat Daddy ran a Beyer 99 when he won the GI Florida Derby, and that was his highest lifetime 'fig', yet it didn't stop him becoming a major sire. So it's not always about the numbers, the form is important, too.

Also I think it's time to call out Churchill Downs again over this points qualifying system they're so in love with. They like to say how much the public likes the points system, because they're easy to track and follow in print and on line, but I've never understood what was wrong with a system based on, for example, graded stakes earnings; if 2-year-old races thereby counted for too much, fine, downgrade those to some extent. I know I'm going to sound like the disgruntled breeder of Swipe, but when you look at the form of the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile and that he looks like a 10-furlong horse in waiting, the fact that he probably wouldn't get in the field even if he were to run in and win the GIII Lexington seems a bit silly, doesn't it? OK, he's probably not even the owners' best 3-year-old (they also own Exaggerator, a big compliment to trainer Keith Desormeaux), but he wasn't their team's number one when he ran second to Nyquist for the fourth consecutive time in the Juvenile either).

**Cont. p7**

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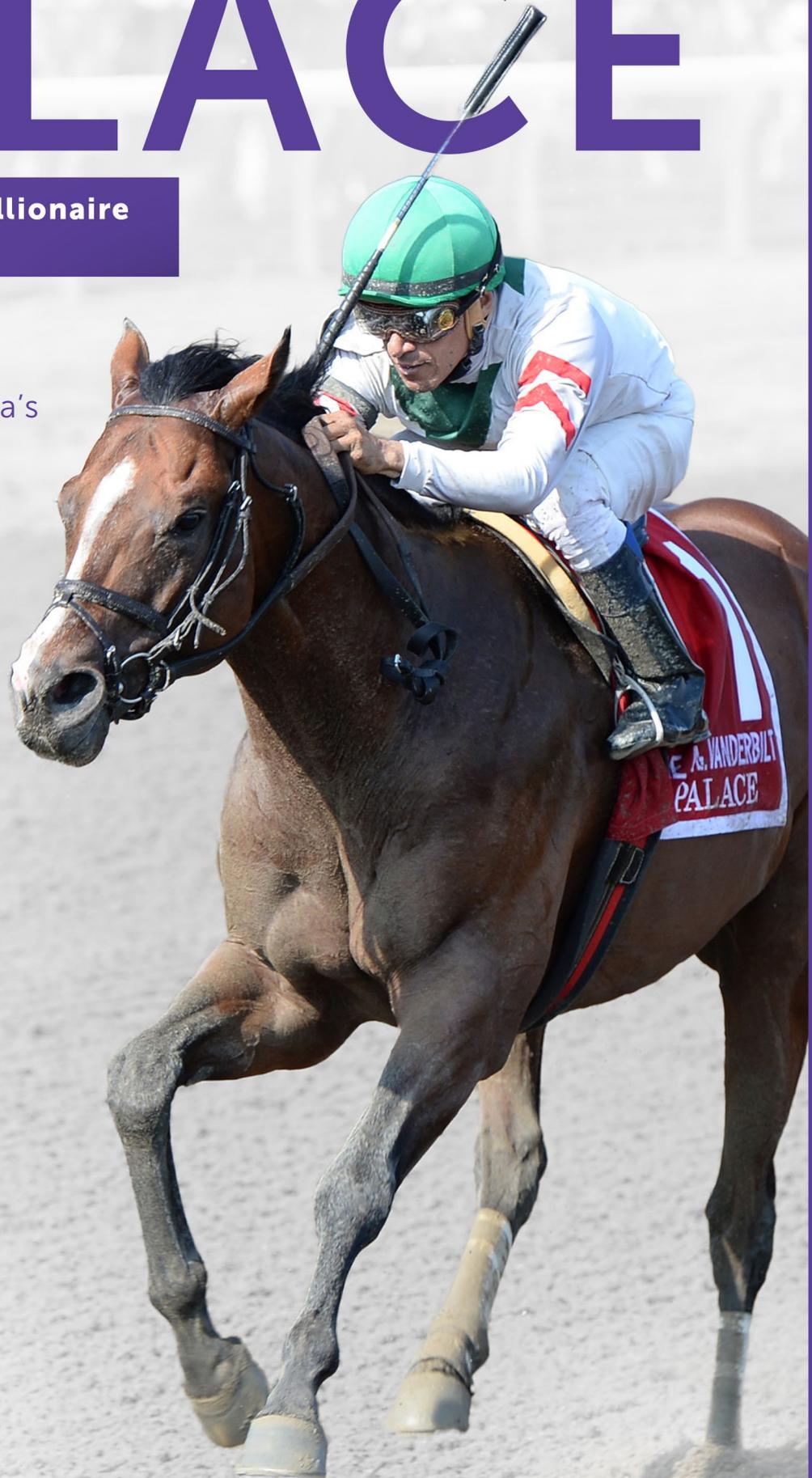
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Swipe was deservedly rated the number two 2-year-old in North America at 124 lbs. on the 2015 Experimental Free Handicap, but he's just an example of how the current points



Swipe | Benoit photo

system runs the risk of leaving the winner in the barn. Honest, this isn't a disgruntled breeder moaning; it's a real issue which should be looked at.

Finally, since we seem to be all about Derby

Top 12's, I have also

asked my good buddy, veteran ace handicapper Steve Dillman, to list for us his top 12. Being a contrarian, like all good handicappers, Steve would only provide a Top Ten. Please see attached.

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**BILL OPPENHEIM'S DERBY TOP 12**

#	Horse (Sire)	Trainer	Beyers	
			Best	Last
1	Nyquist (Uncle Mo)	O'Neill	101	94
2	Exaggerator (Curlin)	Desormeaux	103	103
3	Cupid (Tapit)	Baffert	95	95
4	Brody's Cause (Giant's Causeway)	Romans	91	91
5	Mor Spirit (Eskendereya)	Baffert	97	94
6	Gun Runner (Candy Ride)	Asmussen	91	91
7	Mo Tom (Uncle Mo)	Amoss	88	82
8	Destin (Giant's Causeway)	Pletcher	100	100
9	Outwork (Uncle Mo)	Pletcher	98	93
10	My Man Sam (Trappe Shot)	Brown	95	88
11	Mohaymen (Tapit)	McLaughlin	95	80
12	Lani (Tapit)	Matsunaga	(est)	92

**STEVE DILLMAN'S DERBY TOP 10**

1	Nyquist
2	Brody's Cause
3	Mor Spirit
4	Mo Tom
5	Exaggerator
6	Destin
7	Gun Runner
8	Cupid
9	My Man Sam
10	Lani

**Bill Finley cont. from p1**

Mo Tom tops that list, followed by, in order, Fellowship, Adventist and Laoban.

With 170 points up for grabs in Saturday's GI Arkansas Derby, there could be a handful of horses that vault over the horses tied at 32 in the standings.

The Derby is restricted to 20 horses. In each of the last two years it took only 20 points to get into the race.

In addition to the horses with 32 points, a number of quality horses may get shut out. Most notable on that list is Cherry Wine (Paddy O'Prado), the third-place finisher in the GI Blue Grass. He has just 25 points.

Sise and his owners were on the fence about the Derby after the colt finished fourth in the GI Santa Anita Derby. Danzing Candy set a fast pace that day, going in 22, 45 1/5 and 1:10, but Sise doesn't think that is why he ran below expectations.

"[Jockey] Mike [Smith] said he didn't like the slop," Sise said. "If Mike is telling the truth, he just didn't like the track. Obviously, I'd feel much better about things if he ran better in the Santa Anita Derby. You never want to go into the Kentucky Derby off a race like that."

Sise said he has yet to get a Derby commitment from Smith.

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**CUPID ON COURSE FOR ARKANSAS DERBY**

by Heather Anderson

The 2016 Super Bowl is a fond day for Hall of Famer Bob Baffert, not only was he in attendance, thanks to Horse of the Year American Pharoah (Pioneer of the Nile)'s effort in winning last year's Triple Crown,

but one of his trainees, future GI Rebel S. winner **Cupid** (Tapit), broke his maiden at third asking going 1 1/16 miles at Santa Anita Feb. 7. Owned by Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith and Susan Magnier,



Cupid | Coady Photography

the pale grey promptly

doubled up at the graded level shipped to Oaklawn Park in the GI Rebel S. Mar. 19, and appears to be on course to follow in the hoofprints of his illustrious former stablemate, returning for Saturday's 1 1/8-mile GI Arkansas Derby in Hot Springs.

"Going in [to the Rebel] we were hoping he was going to run well, but you really don't know how he's going to fit," Baffert, shooting for his third GI Arkansas Derby title after American Pharoah last year and Bodemeister (Empire Maker) in 2012, commented during the NTRA teleconference Tuesday. **Cont. p8**

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“He handled the trip well, broke a step slow, rushed up, still made the lead, almost hit the rail, but still managed to hold off that fast-closing Whitmore (Pleasantly Perfect). He showed us something different. I was pretty happy with his run. I haven’t seen him regress.”

Cupid breezed four furlongs in :48.20 (24/54) at Santa Anita Park Tuesday morning and he will ship to Arkansas Wednesday.

“He’s worked well, he breezed [Tuesday], did an easy half-mile,” Baffert said. “He looks ready. Hopefully he’ll get a decent post, but he needs to break a little bit better though. Speed is his weapon, so he needs to get in the race early. You still need racing luck.”

Baffert has worked with other members of Cupid’s family, including San Pedro S. hero Indianapolis (Medaglia d’Oro), but was quick to note that Cupid is formed from a different mould.

“He’s very fast and a beautiful longstriding horse,” Baffert explained. “He’s probably about 16.1, 16.2, he’s a good size. He’s not a big wide horse, so it’s easier on him. I ran him first out [fourth in a Los Alamitos maiden Dec. 20] and he wasn’t that quick. He’s come around quickly since January. He’s really matured a lot. Like most Tapits, they can get a little bit excited. We’ve put a lot of work into him to keep him focused and relax a little bit.”

Looking forward to May 7, Baffert is cognizant of what kind of horse it takes to get to the Derby and to be effective during the other two jewels of the demanding Triple Crown.

“When you have horses like **Mor Spirit** (Eskendereya) and Cupid, that look like they are going to be competitive, it’s an honor [to get there], there’s a little hope, a little dream, to get in that gate,” Baffert noted. “Some horses have a small window of greatness, American Pharoah had a window all year long.”

The Baffert-trained GI Los Alamitos Futurity winner Mor Spirit came out of his runner-up performance in Saturday’s GI Santa Anita Derby in good shape, according to Baffert. The Michael Lund Petersen colorbearer won the GII Robert B. Lewis S. Feb. 6, before a second-place effort behind ‘**TDN Rising Star**’ Danzing Candy (Twirling Candy) in the Mar. 12 San Felipe S. He is expected to ship to Louisville next week.

“He actually came out of [the Santa Anita Derby] very well,” Baffert said. “He went back to the track today. We were wanting to be near the lead, but Gary [Stevens] said that everybody left there like their hair was on fire. The pace was just brutal early. The winner [Exaggerator {Curlin}] ran a great race. But, Mor Spirit looks great. We’ll move on. He’s first or second every time, you need that. He’s a big, strong horse, just doesn’t like the mud. He’s always been a little spooky. We survived it, the horse came back great.”

Another Baffert-trained sophomore, Speedway Stable’s **Collected** (City Zip) will resurface in the GIII Coolmore Lexington S. at Keeneland Saturday. He also breezed a half-mile in :48 flat (16/54) at Santa Anita Tuesday.

“I liked the way Collected worked,” said Baffert. “We’ll see what he does. I don’t know about a mile and a quarter for him. We aren’t really sold on the idea of him running that far. If he were to run well there, the [May 21] GI Preakness S. might be an option. One race at a time. We’re being realistic for him about the distance.”

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**WHITMORE REPRESENTS HOME TEAM IN AK**

*by Heather Anderson*

Trainer Ron Moquette has been here before. In 2015, he saddled GIII Southwest S. winner Far Right (Notional) to a second-place finish in the GI Arkansas Derby behind the fleet-footed American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile). This year he has another promising sophomore in the form of the MGSP **Whitmore** (Pleasantly Perfect), set to contest the Hot Springs fixture for the home team, while squaring off with another Bob Baffert-trained contender in **Cupid** (Tapit). Racing for Robert LaPenta, Harry Rosenblum and Moquette, the chestnut gelding is a regular workmate of Far Right.

“I would argue that this is actually Baffert’s home field advantage on the recent results of all the big races,” laughed Moquette on the NTRA teleconference Tuesday. “I live here and train here and we’re not going to have to ship, but I think some



**Whitmore** | Coady Photography

of these guys bringing in these horses--whether they are stabled here or not--know how to get the wins for the bigger races, as a result of looking at the past performances.”

Moquette has been pleased with Whitmore’s recent efforts. The gelding raced to runner-up

efforts in the GIII Southwest S. and GII Rebel S. and will once again have the services of Irad Ortiz, Jr., who first rode Whitmore in the Rebel S., Saturday.

“I knew that we still had a very good horse in front of us [Cupid], who was able to control the pace after the first quarter and it would be kind of hard if he had very much left in him and he did,” Moquette recalled of the Rebel. “He ran well and you know, neither horse backed up, but [Cupid] had more in his tank that day. Whitmore will be used to the way that Irad asks and Irad will know what he has to ask. I believe familiarity breeds success.” **Cont. p9**

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# TDN WEEKEND



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Purchased from breeder John Liviakis, Whitmore gave every indication that he would be a force to be reckoned with in the afternoons, and vindicated Moquette’s belief, romping by 7 1/4 lengths beneath the Twin Spires at first asking Nov. 6.

“I knew that if the heart was going to show up like the talent did in the morning, we were going to have a lot of fun,” Moquette said. “It was interesting, we hang out in the trainer’s stand and on a day like that, everyone has a good horse on a maiden special weight day.”

Named after a high school friend, Wilbur Whitmore, Whitmore the horse ran fifth in the GIII Delta Downs Jackpot S. Nov. 21 and resurfaced with an allowance victory at Oaklawn Park Jan. 16.

“When I got this horse, I decided that he was a freak athlete and he looked like everything he did was easy and he was good at it,” reminisced Moquette. “I thought to myself, that reminds me of Wilbur Whitmore. He’s a natural athlete, a good guy and I was a good friend of his and his brother’s in high school. I told him, ‘I want to name a horse after you. I bet you this horse makes it to the GI Kentucky Derby and I’m going to make you famous.’ He started laughing, and I just think that it’s pretty cool that there is an actual possibility that this horse goes to the Kentucky Derby and makes Wilbur Whitmore proud.”

Moquette remains confident in his charge, even though making it to the Kentucky Derby is a tall order.

“He’s a beast,” Moquette said. “I’m excited about my horse. I’m excited for my partners and myself and I’m excited to have a horse this nice in a race this cool. I just want a good post position, a good trip and let’s see who has the best horse.”

“He’s learning,” Moquette said. “I don’t drill my horses as hard as a lot of the guys you know, that I compete against. A lot of times that bites me. But a lot of times, I use a race to point to another race. I know for a fact there is going to be a race on Apr. 16, it’s my ultimate goal. You have to have them as ready as you can have them without going overboard. I would say I have him exactly where I want him for this race. It took the last race to do it.”

Baffert is looking for his third Arkansas Derby victory with Cupid, but Moquette is undaunted.

“Mr. Baffert knows how to get the job done and I promise you Cupid will come with his A-game,” Moquette said. “The other 12 or so, however, will be shooting for the same thing. We just have to hope that our experience will help us in this race. Thank goodness for the owners of Far Right and for Far Right for getting me to have that experience. Hopefully it pushes Whitmore even further.”

**RAMSEY ALL-IN FOR DERBY WITH ‘OSCAR’**

*by Heather Anderson*

Owner/breeder Ken Ramsey is no stranger to going after what he wants. Whether it is reaching the heights on the racetrack, to promoting his stallion Kitten’s Joy, the octogenarian usually has a plan. With GIII Horseshoe Casino Cincinnati Spiral S. hero **Oscar Nominated** (Kitten’s Joy), Ramsey has found his 2016 GI Kentucky Derby horse. The only problem? He needed to pay the \$200,000 supplemental fee for the chestnut, after missing the second cut-off to be nominated to the Triple Crown. After the horse he claimed won the Spiral S. prep at 23-1, Ramsey made a very public offer for money.

“As a sporting gesture, if someone wants to put up \$200,000, then I will split my earnings for the Triple Crown races 50-50,” Ramsey reflected. “I did have a gentleman call back and accept [my offer]. Barring misfortune, we’re going to be in the Derby, come the first Saturday in May.”

Ramsey, whose International Star (Fusaichi Pegasus) was scratched the morning of the Derby after a foot issue last May, clarified, “No co-owner, it would be strictly me and my silks and all that. I probably will invite him to the winner’s circle if I win,



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but he would have no ownership interest whatsoever. As far as I know, he is still on board.”

“Regardless, the horse will be in the Kentucky Derby,” Ramsey added. “We have a chance to make a little bit of history

here. I go back a long ways and I’m 80 years old. I remember when Hirsch Jacobs claimed Stymie. They say that Stymie is the greatest claim in history, so if I should take this one who I claimed, and go on to win the Derby, well I guess that puts me right in the history books with Hirsch Jacobs and Stymie.”

Ramsey concluded, “After analyzing it, I really feel he [Oscar Nominated]’s a contender, not a pretender. It could be an investment instead of a wild gamble or speculation because I do own the stallion Kitten’s Joy. If he should win this race or run first, second, or third, in those races [Preakness/Belmont], he’d bring a lot of attention to my stallion. If I didn’t have the sire, it’d be a little bit questionable on why I’d want to roll the dice and pay \$225,000 dollars. Basically, money is not the only thing in life, so we’re going to do it.”

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## NYRA BOARD RECOMMENDS REPRIVATIZATION

By T.D. Thornton

The New York Racing Association (NYRA), which has been operating under the auspices of a government-appointed Reorganization Board of Directors since 2012 in an effort to reestablish solvency and improve the racing product, moved a



**Michael del Giudice**  
Adam Coglianese

step closer to reprivatization on Tuesday. By a unanimous voice vote, the board members advanced a three-pronged set of transition options to state officials, indicating a preference for a new 15-member board made up of a majority of appointees

who would be recommended by the current NYRA executive committee and four appointed by elected officials.

Nearly four years ago, Gov. Andrew Cuomo seized control of the inconsistently profitable NYRA when it was \$25 million in debt, had a high rate of catastrophic equine injuries, and had no systematic plan for investing in its facilities and improving customer-facing amenities. This re-org board, which controls Aqueduct, Belmont Park and Saratoga Race Course, was initially supposed to remain in place only for three years. But in 2015, its governance was extended for an additional year.

Now, according to a draft of the NYRA board's executive summary for reprivatization that was outlined at Tuesday's meeting, the time has come for the re-org era to end. NYRA has been debt-free since April 2014, shown a \$5.2 million operating surplus for the last two years combined, decreased equine injuries below the national average in each of the past three years, and has spent more than \$20 million at all three racetracks during 2013-2015 to enhance the guest experience.

"I think we've done the job that we were supposed to do," said Michael Del Giudice, the NYRA board's vice chairman. "So the question now is to build support in the governor's office and in the legislature for [reprivatization]."

Pursuant to Section 207(1)(d) of the Racing, Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law, the re-org board is required to facilitate its own transition by proposing "no less than 180 days prior to its termination, recommendations to the governor and the state legislature." According to NYRA, the statutory notes further clarify that the "franchise shall be returned to private control, remaining in the form of a not-for-profit corporation."

Del Giudice said that based on NYRA's past four years of improved performance, and in discussions he has recently had with elected officials, this year's attempt at reprivatization has a good chance at going through.

"We've obviously talked to a bunch of the members of the Assembly and the Senate," Del Giudice said. "The representatives from Saratoga have been very strong in favor of private [control] and I know some of you [board members] have expressed that to us as well. I think a number of senators, including the chairman of the racing committee, have come out in favor of private control as well, so I think it's leaning in that direction."

These were the three transitional options to seat a new 15-member NYRA board that were outlined at Tuesday's meeting:

Option 1: New NYRA board to have majority of private members and four publicly appointed members (10 members selected by the current NYRA executive committee; two selected by the governor; one each by the president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly, plus the NYRA chief executive officer).

Option 2: New NYRA board to have all private members, selected by the current NYRA executive committee.

Option 3: Current NYRA Reorganization Board to remain in place if the governor and Legislature choose to retain the status quo and extend the tenure of the re-org board for one additional year.

Both before and after voting on the reprivatization plan, the board debated several issues. Key among them were:

- 1) Whether the board should simply present all three options to elected officials, or indicate a clear preference for one of them.
- 2) The pros and cons of giving elected officials a say in who would sit on the new board.
- 3) The potential pitfalls of leaving the option open for the re-org board to remain in place for a second year past its original expiry date.
- 4) Whether ex-officio representatives from the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (NYTHA) and New York Thoroughbred Breeders, Inc. (NYTB), which currently have (and would continue to be granted) non-voting status on the board, should instead be allowed to vote. **Cont. p11**

**NYRA Reprivatization cont.**

Ultimately, this was the motion that was read into the record: That the NYRA Reorganization Board of Directors “hereby approves the NYRA privatization plan as presented to the meeting of April 12, 2016, and further recommends to the governor and legislators that NYRA should be returned to private control with either all private appointees or majority private members with minority public appointees.”

But a flurry of voice amendments, which could not be properly attributed though the online feed of the NYRA meeting, chimed in just before the vote was taken to add:

“It should be specific—with four public appointees...”  
 “...and the latter being preferred by the board.”

The voice vote was then unanimous, and Del Giudice assured board members that he would articulate the specific preferences of the board’s desire for how the private/public appointees should be split in a cover letter that would accompany the plan when it got sent to elected officials.

After the vote, John Hendrickson, a special advisor to the board, spoke up via speakerphone to emphasize the importance of not allowing the re-org board to remain in place for another year.

“I think we have to be very clear that we’re not advocating kicking the can down the road and that we don’t allow that to happen,” Hendrickson said. “I think it’s time for this to come to its conclusion. I said it once before: If they [extend] it again, what prevents government from running racing forever? So I think we have to have this conclusion, and we have to be very strong on it. I want our government to keep its commitment. We were told it was three years. We’re already at four, they’re talking about five—let’s put an end to this.”

Also after the vote, ex-officio member Rick Violette Jr., who separately serves as the president of the NYTHA, said via speakerphone that he would like the NYTHA and NYTB ex-officio appointees to instead be granted voting status as “bona fide” members of the board. “That’s the way it was on the prior board, and I’d just like that to get some consideration,” he said.

“We heard you, but I think as far as our report is concerned, we like it the way it is, frankly,” Del Giudice replied. “Otherwise it’s going to be mixing up a couple of organizations, and I’m not sure we want to do that.”

Without further discussion on the matter, Del Giudice adjourned the meeting. [@thorntontd](#)

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**Friday, Oaklawn Park, post time: 6:10 p.m. EDT**

**APPLE BLOSSOM H.-GI**, \$600,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

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2	<a href="#">Theogony</a> 🐾	<a href="#">Curlin</a>	<a href="#">Santana Jr</a>	<a href="#">Casse</a>	114
3	<a href="#">Tara's Tango</a>	<a href="#">Unbridled's Song</a>	<a href="#">Bejarano</a>	<a href="#">Hollendorfer</a>	119
4	<a href="#">Untapable</a>	<a href="#">Tapit</a>	<a href="#">Geroux</a>	<a href="#">Asmussen</a>	120
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**Friday, Keeneland, post time: 5:30 p.m. EDT**

**MAKER'S 46 MILE S.-GI**, \$300,000, 4yo/up, 1mT

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2	<a href="#">Miss Temple City</a> 🐾	<a href="#">Temple City</a>	<a href="#">Van Dyke</a>	<a href="#">Motion</a>	113
3	<a href="#">Heart to Heart</a>	<a href="#">English Channel</a>	<a href="#">Leparoux</a>	<a href="#">Lynch</a>	120
4	<a href="#">Tourist</a>	<a href="#">Tiznow</a>	<a href="#">Lezcano</a>	<a href="#">Mott</a>	118
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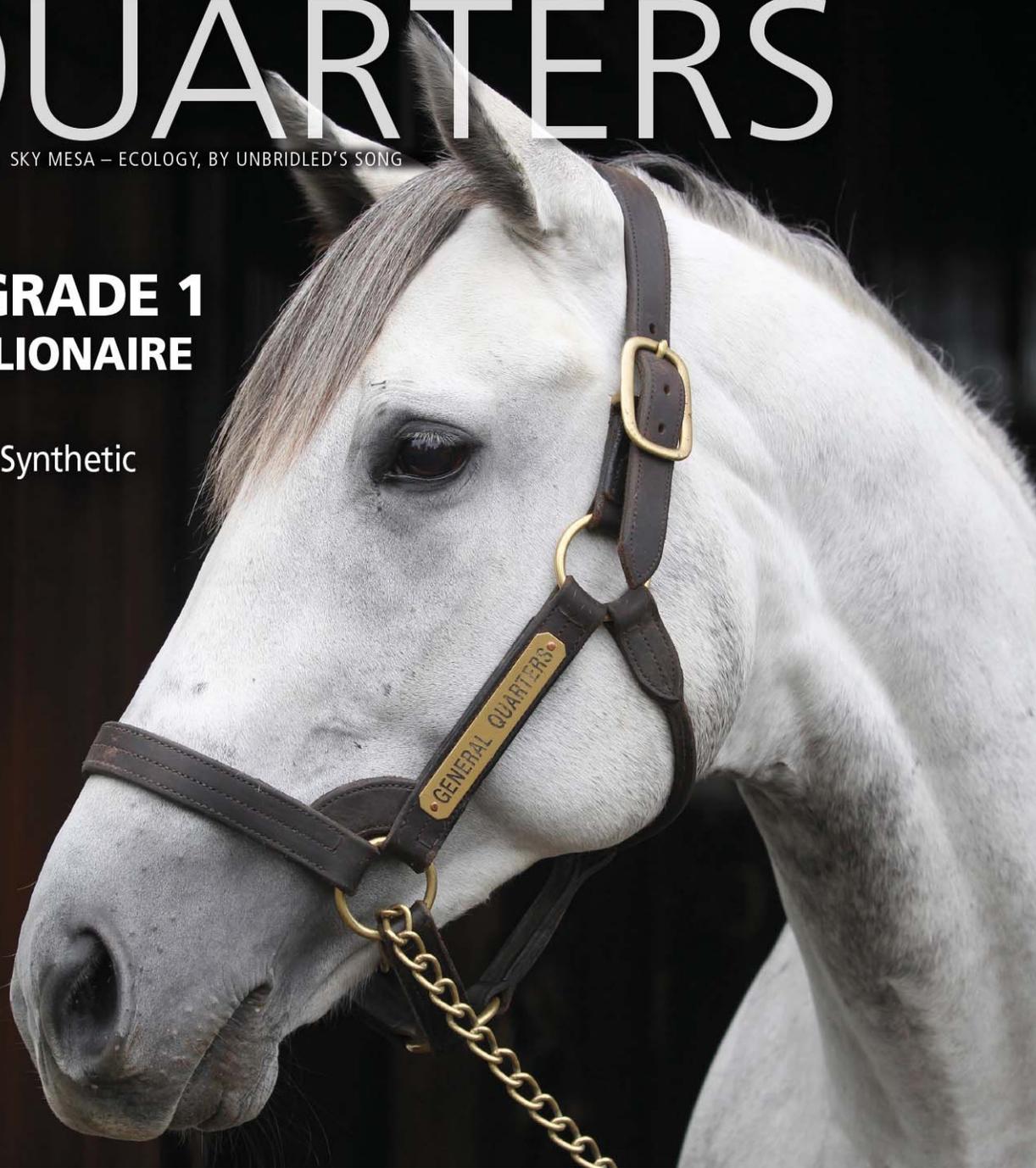
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**ABIDING STAR (c, 3, [Uncle Mo](#)--Abiding, by Dynaformer)** broke his maiden when dropped in to a \$40,000 tagger at Laurel on New Year's Day and made it two in a row with a wire-to-wire score going 6 1/2 furlongs here Feb. 29. Dismissed at 18-1 in the 1 1/16-mile Private Terms S. back at Laurel Mar. 12, the bay kept his win streak alive with a decisive pace-setting score. Abiding Star was given a 3-1 chance to keep the ball rolling here and proved much the best, seizing control immediately after the start and running away to post an 8 3/4-length victory. Favored Nasa (Smarty Jones) bested two other rivals to secure place honors. The winner hails from the extended family of GSW and GISP Two Trail Sioux (Indian Charlie). Lifetime Record: SW, 10-4-1-1, \$142,385. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

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Officials at the Maryland Jockey Club (MJC) have announced that two of several major projects will be completed this week at Pimlico Race Course and Laurel Park.

A LED, high-definition board measuring 21 feet tall by 32 feet wide will be installed this week in the Pimlico infield as the track begins preparation for the GI Preakness S. May 21. At Laurel, the second of two new barns containing 142 stalls each will be ready for occupation by the end of the week. The barn is part of a \$20-million renovation and improvement program at Laurel.

Additionally, the MJC announced that it will expand the Turfside Terrace by 450 seats by Preakness weekend and new carpeting and flat-panel televisions have also been installed in the Grandstand Upper Box reserved seats area. To help ensure that there is no loss of water pressure throughout the plant, a new main booster pump has also been installed at Pimlico. New concession stands and bars will help to accommodate patrons in a timelier fashion.

"We continue to try and enhance the live experience at our facilities and also make it easier for fans to watch our races through our off-track betting sites," said Sal Sinatra, President and General Manager of the Maryland Jockey Club. "We look forward to more renovations at Laurel, the Preakness Meet at Pimlico, the 141st Preakness, and our continued investment in Maryland Thoroughbred racing."

**First-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, April 13**

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2012 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs \* Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*  
**GET STORMY** (Stormy Atlantic), Crestwood Farm, \$5K, 70/0/0  
 2-KEE, Msw 4 1/2f, +Mr D's Way, \$10K FTK OCT yrl, 7-2

**Second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, April 13**

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2012 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs \* Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*  
**BIG NIGHT JACK** (Donthelumbertrader), 1/0/0  
 6-MVR, Msw 5 1/2f, Horrigan J Thatsme, 30-1  
**CROWN OF THORNS** (Repent), Woodford Thoroughbreds, \$4K, 32/6/1  
 5-SUN, Msw 1m, Crown of Ambition, \$15K OBS OPN 2yo, 4-1  
**ETCHED** (Forestry), Bonita Farm, \$3.5K, 27/2/0  
 5-PEN, Alw 6f, Chapel of Chimes, 4-1  
**EVERYDAY HEROES** (Awesome Again), South Springs Stallion Station, 30/1/0  
 10-SUN, Msw 5 1/2f, Kacy, 4-1  
 10-SUN, Msw 5 1/2f, La Jaquesita, 5-1  
**FRIESAN FIRE** (A.P. Indy), Country Life Farm, \$4K, 102/18/1  
 5-CT, Msw 6 1/2f, Pagan Flame, 7-2  
**GIO PONTI** (Tale of the Cat), Castleton Lyons, \$20K, 197/16/0  
 3-EVD, Msw 1m, Ganges, \$95K OBS OPN 2yo, 5-1  
**GIROLAMO** (A.P. Indy), Darley, \$15K, 150/23/1  
 7-KEE, Alw 1 1/16mT, Run Like Elle, \$12K KEE SEP yrl, 20-1  
**HERE COMES BEN** (Street Cry {Ire}), Mcmahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, \$7.5K, 73/7/0  
 6-AQU, Msw 6f, Sabrina Ballerina, \$20K EAS DEC wnl, 3-1  
**INTERACTIF** (Broken Vow), Red River Farms, Pvt., 54/3/0  
 3-EVD, Msw 1m, So Nilsson, \$2K ESL YRL yrl, 20-1  
**LONHRO (AUS)** (Octagonal {NZ}), Darley, \$30K, 176/15/2  
 6-GP, Msw 5fT, +Land Ho, 6-1  
**SHAME ON CHARLIE** (Indian Charlie), Ernest Riggs Farm, 7/2/2  
 6-SUN, \$85K Enchantress S., 1m, Indian Tiva, 7-2  
**TWIRLING CANDY** (Candy Ride {Arg}), Lane's End Farm, \$15K, 146/35/3  
 6-GP, Msw 5fT, Roosevelt Lane, 10-1  
**VAQUERO** (Orientate), 6/0/0  
 6-MVR, Msw 5 1/2f, Mexie Joe, 10-1  
**YOU LUCKIE MANN** (Exchange Rate), Black Diamond Farm, 14/0/0  
 6-GP, Msw 5fT, Diamond Law, \$3K OBS WIN 2yo, 20-1



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**Sidae Somang**, c, 3, [Leroidesanimaux \(Brz\)](#)--Gorgeous Goose (GSW, \$225,032), by Mongoose. Seoul, 4-9, Hcp. (\$65k), 1400m. B-Mary Anne Denes & Mary Ellen Woelfel (FL). \*\$45,000 RNA Wlg '13 FTKNOV; \$20,000 '15 2yo OBSAPR.



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**Condor d'Oro**, h, 6, [Medaglia d'Oro](#)--Sweet Sierra, by Crafty Prospector. Monterrico, 4-8, Hcp., 1000m, :56.79. B-Liberation Farm & Brandywine Farm (KY). \*SP-Per. \*\*1/2 to Golden Country (Menifee), MSW, \$340,645. \*\*\*Won for the 13th time in 19 career starts. \*\*\*\*\$14,000 RNA Ylg '11 KESEP; \$37,000 RNA 2yo '12 FTMMAY. [VIDEO](#)

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## INVINCIBLE SPIRIT COLT TOPS CRAVEN OPENER



Tuesday's Craven sale session-topper by Invincible Spirit. The sire was also responsible for the co-second highest-priced lot | Tattersalls

By Emma Berry

"Sire power takes you a long way," said Mark Dwyer after selling Tuesday's Tattersalls Craven Sale top lot, a son of Invincible Spirit (Ire) ([lot 47](#)), for 360,000gns to Jamie McCalmont.

The colt out of the speedy listed winner Loch Jipp (Belong To Me) was on plenty of shopping lists, but both John Ferguson and Stephen Hillen had to give best to McCalmont, who was buying on behalf of the Coolmore team.

"I'm not sure who will train him," said McCalmont. "He was just a lovely colt and a really powerful-looking individual who wasn't fazed by anything here today."

Dwyer, who offered the colt through his Oaks Farm Stables for Highbank Stud, having bought him as a yearling for 150,000gns at Book 1 of the October Sale, added, "He breezed particularly well and had coped very well with his prep. The more he did the better he got. I don't know how many times he showed, but he never put a foot wrong and you love to see that in a horse."

A relatively slow start to the opening session gave way to a frenetic patch of activity towards the end of the day's trade which boosted both the aggregate and average figures. [cont. p2](#)

## NATHRA TOO GOOD IN NELL GWYN

Helped by the rain at Newmarket and the resultant withdrawal of Illuminate (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}), **Nathra (Ire)** (Iffraaj {GB}) turned in a thoroughly professional effort to win Tuesday's G3 Nell Gwyn S., providing a boost to Minding (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), who had beaten her by 4 1/2 lengths into second in the G1 Fillies' Mile at the same venue in October. Sluggish from the stalls on this comeback, Nathra was waited with towards the rear of mid-division by Frankie Dettori and made smooth progress to enter contention passing halfway. Gaining a slight advantage with a quarter mile to race, she was pushed out with mainly hands and heels from there as Squash produced a career-best to beat the rest. "She's done nothing but stay and it pays a huge compliment to Minding, who in my mind is the most impressive Fillies' Mile winner we've ever seen," trainer John Gosden said. "It looked like they were going to come across to the rail as Frankie thought he was going to get well and truly boxed in, and he had to move from his gap. As soon as he said, 'Go', she took off." [cont. p4](#)

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**Craven Sale report cont. from p1**

Turnover was up by 7% at 3,547,500gns, while the average improved by 19% to 95,878gns. With 37 of the 51 lots offered being marked as sold, the clearance rate was up one point at 73%, but the median dropped to 60,000gns, a reduction of 8%.

Dwyer's assessment of sire power was clearly widely shared, as another Invincible Spirit colt ended the opening session of the sale as the joint-second highest price at 320,000gns after Ibrahim Araci took on trainer David Le Menuisier for [lot 55](#), this time from Norman Williamson's Oak Tree Farm in Ireland.

The colt also has a listed-winning dam in Mambo Light (Kingmambo), who was Group 3-placed in Germany and has produced two winners from her three runners to date, including Le Juge (Ire) (Dansili {GB}), who recently claimed his second victory on the bounce at Chantilly for Andre Fabre and the Coolmore partners of John Magnier, Derrick Smith and Michael Tabor.



Ibrahim Araci | Tattersalls

Rob Speers, buying on behalf of Araci, said of the relation to Grade I winners Denon and Aldebaran, "This horse has a proper stallion's pedigree and is from a family we know well. In fact, we were the underbidders on Le Juge when he sold as a yearling at Arqana."

He continued, "We hope that he's more a Classic type of horse rather than a Royal Ascot 2-year-old, and we won't be in a rush with him. This has been a lucky sale for us: we bought Native Khan (Fr) here, who won the Craven S. and was placed in the Guineas, and also [Group 3 winner] Chigun (GB), so we've had two proper group horses from the sale so far."

There's nothing like a decent winner at a major meeting to stir an owner's spirits, and Terentrum Star

(Fr) (Dutch Art {GB}) provided a nice boost for Tengku Abdal Rahman at Newmarket on Tuesday afternoon. Several hours later, the successful owner added to Kevin Ryan's string when buying [lot 17](#), a son of Zoffany (Ire) out of the Entrepreneur (GB) mare Flying Flag (Ire) for 320,000gns.



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The colt had been an expensive pinhook for Brendan Holland at 175,000gns last October but Ryan, who buys in partnership with Stephen Hillen, has trained two Group 1 winners from past consignments of Holland's Grove Stud in The Grey Gatsby (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) and Astaire (Ire) (Intense Focus), and said he is pleased with his latest addition. He said, "We've bought him for Mr Rahman, who has raced some nice horses, including [Group 2 winner] Bapak Chinta. This colt is a fantastic individual and he did a lovely breeze, but he hasn't been bought as a 2-year-old. We'll give him a holiday now. He'll have a month off and we'll bring him back for the autumn. Mr Rahman goes with the flow and this horse is a nice 3-year-old prospect. In my view he was the nicest in the sale."

Eight individuals sold for six-figure sums during the session, including Mocklershill's More Than Ready colt ([lot 46](#)), who was bought by Simon Crisford to race for Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum.

"He breezed well and we liked him a lot," said the trainer of the first foal of the Street Cry (Ire) mare Limonar (Ire), who won the Listed Prix

Coronation for Carlos Laffon-Parias and is out of a half-sister to G1 Irish 2000 Guineas winner Bachelor Duke (Miswaki). "It's a young family and she's good mare. Hopefully he'll be



Simon Crisford | *Racing Post*

good enough to take us to all the fancy races in fancy places."

The pinhooking result of the evening went to Con Marnane of Bansha House Stables, whose scrutiny of the Book 3 catalogue at last year's October Sale reaped dividends when his 15,000gns outlay on a Helmet (Aus) colt out of Texan stakes winner Kathy's Rocket (Gold Legend) was given a major boost when John Ferguson decided to add him to Godolphin's horses in training. Alex Elliott and David Redvers also tried for the late April colt ([lot 39](#)) by the Darley shuttle stallion but, with Helmet having two winners on the board already in the colours of Sheikh Mohammed's son Sheikh Hamdan, Ferguson was determined in his attempt to secure the professional breezer, going to 210,000gns in the process. A good evening for Marnane saw seven juveniles sold for a total of 580,000gns.

Redvers later gained some consolation when buying the top-priced filly of the day, [lot 59](#), an Exceed And Excel (Aus) half-sister to German champion Mi Emma (Ger) (Silvano {Ger}), for 155,000gns from Church View Stables.

The sale continues after racing today at 6 p.m.

## SESSION TOPPERS

### TATTERSALLS CRAVEN SALE--DAY ONE

#### Top Five Colts

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (gns)
<a href="#">47</a>	c	<a href="#">Invincible Spirit (Ire)</a> <i>breeze video</i> (150,000gns yrl '15 TATOCT) B-Highbank Stud LLP Consigned by Oaks Farm Stables Purchased by Jamie McCalmont	Loch Jipp	360,000
<a href="#">55</a>	c	<a href="#">Invincible Spirit (Ire)</a> <i>breeze video</i> (€120,000 yrl '15 ARQAUG) B-Mr. R. Shaykhtudinov Consigned by Oak Tree Farm Purchased by Rob Speers	Mambo Light	320,000
<a href="#">17</a>	c	<a href="#">Zoffany (Ire)</a> <i>breeze video</i> (50,000gns wnl '14 TATDEC; 175,000gns yrl '15 TATOCT) B-Agricola Del Parco Consigned by Grove Stud Purchased by Hillen & Ryan	Flying Flag (Ire)	320,000
<a href="#">46</a>	c	<a href="#">More Than Ready</a> <i>breeze video</i> B-St. Elias Stables LLC Consigned by Mocklershill Purchased by Shadwell Estate Company	Limonar (Ire)	220,000
<a href="#">39</a>	c	<a href="#">Helmet (Aus)</a> <i>breeze video</i> (15,000gns yrl '15 TATOCT) B-Kassala Limited Consigned by Bansha House Stables Purchased by John Ferguson Bloodstock	Kathy's Rocket	210,000

#### Top Three Fillies

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (gns)
<a href="#">59</a>	f	<a href="#">Exceed and Excel (Aus)</a> <i>breeze video</i> B-Aston House Stud Consigned by Church View Stables Purchased by David Redvers Bloodstock	Mi Anna (Ger)	155,000
<a href="#">53</a>	f	<a href="#">Invincible Spirit (Ire)</a> <i>breeze video</i> B-Irish National Stud Consigned by Bansha House Stables Purchased by BBA Ireland	Malikayah (Ire)	90,000
<a href="#">63</a>	f	<a href="#">Helmet (Aus)</a> <i>breeze video</i> (95,000gns RNA yrl '15 TATOCT) B-Edmond Kent Consigned by Ballyhampshire Stud Purchased by Michael O'Callaghan/Essafinaat	Miss Brief (Ire)	80,000



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• No. Sold	37	41
• RNAs	14	16
• % RNAs	27.5%	28%
• High Price	360,000gns	300,000gns
• Gross	3,547,500gns	3,304,000gns
• Average (% change)	95,878gns (+19%)	80,585gns
• Median (% change)	60,000gns (-7.7%)	65,000gns

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1--#NATHRA (IRE), 126, f, 3, by [Iffraaj \(GB\)](#)

1st Dam: Rada (Ire), by Danehill

2nd Dam: Old Domesday Book (GB), by High Top (Ire)

3rd Dam: Broken Record (GB), by Busted (GB)

(270,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT). O-Mr Abdullah Saeed Al Naboodah; B-Pier House Stud (IRE); T-John Gosden; J-Lanfranco Dettori. £34,026. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Eng, 4-3-1-0, \$250,992. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++ \*Triple Plus\***. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--Squash (GB), 126, f, 3, Pastoral Pursuits (GB)--Super Midge (GB), by Royal Applause (GB). (£9,000 RNA Ylg '14 DNPRM). O-C M Budgett; B-Mrs Mary Taylor & Kirtlington Stud (GB); T-Philip McBride. £12,900.

3--Robanne (GB), 126, f, 3, Paco Boy (Ire)--Arctic Song (GB), by Charnwood Forest (Ire). (37,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT). O-Mrs E Roberts; B-Mrs R D Peacock (GB); T-William Knight. £6,456.

Margins: 1HF, 3/4, HD. Odds: 1.25, 33.00, 14.00.

Also Ran: Mix and Mingle (Ire), Coolmore (Ire), First Victory (Ire), Epsom Icon (GB), Fourth Way (Ire), Only Mine (Ire), Yeah Baby Yeah (Ire). Scratched: Illuminate (Ire), Aljazzi (GB).

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Gosden added, "He could have waited another 100 yards and she might have done it easier, but he couldn't have afforded to wait that long with the risk of being up against the rail." Of his charge's next target, Gosden said, "She's in both the French Guineas [G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches at Deauville May 15] and the [G1] 1000 Guineas [at Newmarket May 1]; she probably won't run in both. We'll see how she is over the next 10 days, it

will be one way or the other." Dettori added, "All her runs have been on soft and she had the best form, but I made my move a bit sooner than I wanted to and got her racing too early, so her class got her through. You'd probably have to be more patient over a mile, but I think it's too much of a gap to bridge on Minding, so if she turns up at Newmarket we have the option of going to France."

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Squash's trainer, Charlie McBride, said of the runner-up, "She'd been working well at home and we just expected her to run a big race. We didn't put her in the Guineas, as we had doubts about her getting a mile, but on that run she possibly could get a mile as she was staying on up the hill. There are plenty of nice races for her throughout the year. She's very hardy and tough and is the type that never runs a bad race or lets you down."

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## GOSDEN “VERY PLEASED” WITH HOBBS

Trainer John Gosden said he was “very pleased” with the racecourse gallop put in by last year’s G1 Irish Derby winner **Jack Hobbs (GB)** (Halling) at Newmarket Tuesday. The 4-year-old worked seven furlongs under William Buick in the company of stablemate Dick Doughertywylie (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), with Jack Hobbs pulling about six lengths clear at the end.

“They went a good, strong pace and I thought he did enough,” said Gosden. “I only wanted him to go seven furlongs, as the ground was quite soft.”

Jack Hobbs is expected to resume in the G2 Jockey Club S. at Newmarket Apr. 30.

“I’m very pleased with him, but once he gets past his lead horse he thinks, ‘that’s it,’ but he traveled well on the bridle and picked up well—he just idled a little bit,” Gosden explained, adding that the Godolphin colourbearer has progressed physically since last term. “He has put on 40 kilos since his last run,” the conditioner noted. “He’s a lot stronger through his neck but he’s never going to be a heavy horse, as his father [Halling] wasn’t. He’s done very well at home and has pleased all of us.”

## GUINEAS OPTIONS FOR GALILEO GOLD

A pair of Guineas contenders partook in racecourse gallops at Newmarket Tuesday, but for **Galileo Gold (GB)** (Paco Boy {GB}), there is still uncertainty as to which Guineas he will contest.

Galileo Gold won three of his five outings last year for Al Shaqab Racing and trainer Hugo Palmer, including the G2 Vintage S., and wrapped up his 2-year-old campaign with a third-place finish in the G1 Qatar Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere. Galileo Gold galloped Tuesday under race rider



Trainer Hugo Palmer | *Racing Post*

Frankie Dettori, and was eight lengths clear of workmate Strong Steps (GB) (Aqlaam {GB}) on the line.

“He looked good and the whole point of it was to make him feel pretty special,” said Palmer. “The horse will go home really believing in himself, which is what we want. The last time Frankie was on him they got beat and it’s important they believe in each other.”

Palmer added that Galileo Gold would remain engaged in both the British and French Guineas—Apr. 30 and May 15, respectively—with his preferred softer going more likely to materialize in France.

G1 Dewhurst S. second **Massaat (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}), who will make his first start for new trainer Owen Burrows in the Guineas, galloped under jockey Paul Hanagan.

“He had a nice blowout there and he was ready for that,” said Burrows of the Shadwell colourbearer. “It’s got to be all systems go for the Guineas now. Paul said he had a nice blow, but that the ground might have been a touch too soft for him, but he was pleased.”

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Jack Hobbs gallops at Newmarket Tuesday | *Racing Post*

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## DALAKHANI OUT FOR REST OF SEASON

**Dalakhani (Ire)** (Darshaan {GB}), who stands at the Aga Khan’s Haras de Bonneval in France, will miss the remainder of the covering season due to a veterinary problem, according to a release from the farm. Dalakhani is the sire of eight Group 1 winners, and his first Southern Hemisphere crop are yearlings this year. They have realized up to A\$620,000 at the yearling sales.

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### Craven Meeting Gallop Schedule

- **Wednesday**  
1.00pm **Emotionless (Ire)** (Shamardal)
- **Thursday**  
8.00am **Marcel (Ire)** (Lawman {Fr})  
1.10pm **Lumiere (GB)** (Shamardal)  
1.25 pm **Buratino (Ire)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus})

## BHA ADDS FIVE NEW ABPS

Five more bookmakers have been awarded Authorised Betting Partner status by the British Horseracing Authority. BetStars, 188BET, McBookie, SeanieMac and ApolloBet have all agreed satisfactory levels of voluntary contribution to racing based on their British racing business. They join Betfair, bet365, 32red, Sky Betting & Gaming and Bet Victor as ABPs.

"On behalf of British racing, we warmly welcome all new Authorised Betting Partners," said BHA Chief Executive Nick Rust. "British racing provides an important product to betting and gaming operators and we are delighted our ABPs recognise the value of a partnership with British racing. We look forward to working with all ABPs to help them take the opportunity to gain significant exposure to British racing's customers."

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## EBF CREATES FILLIES' SERIES

The European Breeders' Fund has created a 20-race series designed for fillies that fall below black-type level. Called the EBF Breeders' Fillies Series, the 20 races—all handicaps for 3-year-olds and up--will be worth a total of £625,000, with a minimum purse of £20,000, and will culminate in a four-race finale at Newmarket Oct. 1. The series is designed to incentivize owners of fillies at this level to keep them in training rather than sell or export them. The races will be contested over six, eight, 10 and 12 furlongs and will begin May 7 at Ascot. The series is a collaboration between the British Horseracing Authority, the Thoroughbred Breeders Association and the British European Breeders' Fund. The TBA has put up an additional incentive of a stallion nomination voucher for any qualifying filly that wins one of the final-day handicaps. That prize is worth up to £25,000.

"This series is designed to create and enhance opportunities for those fillies often referred to as 'twilight' horses," said Ruth Quinn, the BHA's director of racing development. "It is a valuable and worthwhile initiative, and one which complements the BHA's ongoing review into the fillies' race programme. While we have made great improvements to the fillies' programme in recent years, the generous prize money provided by the EBF and TBA serves to further strengthen the fare for fillies. It is excellent news, too, that several racecourses, when approached by us, have upgraded races in order to be part of this series."

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Godolphin has partnered with Under Armour to produce a clothing range to be worn by its jockeys, trainers and other team members across its operations in the UK, Ireland, Australia, the U.S., France and Dubai.

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Godolphin jockey James Doyle in his Under Armour kit | Godolphin

Under Armour are natural partners," said Godolphin Chief Executive and Racing Manager John Ferguson. "The vision and values of Godolphin directly mirror Under Armour's brand mission to help all athletes perform at their best, through the relentless pursuit of

innovation and excellence. Together, we can take horse racing apparel to the next level with the ultimate aim of delivering a long-lasting impact for the benefit of the equine industry at large. Everyone in the team, from jockeys to stable staff, are incredibly excited about this. We are delighted to be working in partnership with a fellow pioneer as Godolphin's kit supplier."

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## GODOLPHIN AWARD FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

The finalists for the top five categories of the Godolphin Stud and Stable Staff Awards were unveiled Tuesday. The winners, to be announced Apr. 19, will receive a trophy and €5,000, and €4,000 to be divided among their yard or stud's employees. The two runners-up will receive €500 each. [Click here](#) for the full list of finalists.

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## REPLACEMENTS FOR CANCELLED MEETINGS

Replacements for Irish meetings canceled due to wet weather have been announced by HRI. Flat meetings will take place at Dundalk Apr. 18 and Tipperary May 10, while National Hunt meetings will be held at Tramore Apr. 4 and 25.

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**Wednesday, Newmarket, post time: 3:55 p.m.**

**CSP EUROPEAN FREE H.-Listed, £37,000, 3yo, 7fT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Raucous (GB)	Dream Ahead	Moore	Haggas	131
2	Kachy (GB)	Kyllachy (GB)	Kingscote	Dascombe	131
3	Great Page (Ire)	Roderic O'Connor (Ire)	Levey	Hannon	130
4	Ibn Malik (Ire)	Raven's Pass	Hanagan	C Hills	132
5	Scrutineer (Ire)	Intense Focus	de Sousa	Channon	128
6	Adventurous (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Buick	Johnston	133

**Tuesday's Result:**

**1STSECURITYSOLUTIONS.CO.UK FEILDEN S.-Listed, £37,000,**

NEW, 4-12, 3yo, 9fT, 1:56.91, g/s.

**1--#VENTURA STORM (IRE), 126, c, 3, by [Zoffany \(Ire\)](#)**

**1st Dam: Sarawati (Ire), by Haafhd (GB)**

**2nd Dam: Mathaayl, by Shadeed**

**3rd Dam: Manal (Fr), by Luthier (Fr)**

(€54,000 Wlg '13 GOFNOV; €50,000 Ylg '14 GOFORB; 110,000gns 2yo '15 TATBRE). O-Middleham Park Racing LXXII; B-Laurence Kennedy (IRE); T-Richard Hannon; J-Ryan Moore. £20,983. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, \$46,898.

**2--Mustajeer (GB), 126, c, 3, Medicean (GB)--Qelaan, by Dynaformer. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum. £7,955.**

**3--Tathqeef, 126, c, 3, [Tapit](#)--Foxy Danseur, by Mr. Greeley. (\$1,100,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP). O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum. £3,981.**

Margins: 1 1/4, 1 1/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 1.88, 3.00, 3.50.

Also Ran: Mengli Khan (Ire). Scratched: Southdown Lad (Ire).

Successful over a mile on the July Course here in August and at the same trip at Salisbury the following month, Ventura Storm



**Ventura Storm and Ryan Moore | [Racing Post](#)**

beat only one rival when 10th in the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere at Longchamp on Arc day. Tracking the pace in second early, the bay was gradually stocked up by Ryan Moore to take the lead with two furlongs remaining and, when tackled by Mustajeer, pulled out extra to assert. "He's a really lovely horse and switched off well. Ryan said he'd get a mile and a quarter and he was very pleased with him," trainer

Richard Hannon said. "I've not given it much thought, but the [June 16] G3 Tercentenary S. at Royal Ascot might be an idea. He seemed to like this ground and is straightforward. Our horses

have generally needed a run and he would have needed that, but he was probably good enough to." The owning syndicate's racing manager Tim Palin added, "He is in the German 2000 Guineas [G2 Mehl-Mulhens-Rennen at Cologne May 16], but that won't happen. He'll be in the G2 Dante S. [at York May 12] and the French Derby [G1 Prix du Jockey Club at Chantilly June 5] and the [G2] Italian Derby [at Rome May 22]. He could go somewhere before the French Derby, but would go straight to Italy." Mustajeer's trainer Owen Burrows commented, "He did everything right. He settled nicely and we're very pleased. We'll get him back and make a plan. I thought he was going to get to Ryan's horse, but he just kept finding that little bit more. I'm sure he'll get further. I think he's a mile-and-a-quarter, mile-and-a-half horse ultimately." [Click for the \*\*Racing Post result.\*\* \[Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.\]\(#\)](#)

**2nd-NEW, £14,000, Cond, 4-12, 3yo, 7fT, 1:28.46, g/s.**

**THIKRIYAAT (IRE) (g, 3, Azamour {Ire}--Malaspina {Ire}, by Whipper),** who caused an upset when winning at 16-1 on debut over a mile at Chelmsford in October, was tardy from the stalls as he was on that occasion, but traveled easily at the tail of the quintet. Delivered with precision by Dane O'Neill running down into the "dip", the 70,000gns TATOCT yearling worked his way past Tabarrak (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}) in the last strides for a neck success. Chief Whip (Giant's Causeway), the half-brother to Chachamaidee (Ire) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}), was withdrawn. Malaspina, who is a half to the GSW Albisola (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) and the GSW and 2014 G1 Criterium International runner-up Johnny Barnes (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), has a 2-year-old filly by Acclamation (GB) and a yearling colt by Pour Moi (Ire). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$18,981. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Kildaragh Stud (IRE); T-Sir Michael R. Stoute.

**1st-NEW, £8,500, Mdn, 4-12, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:42.09, g/s.**

**SWISS RANGE (GB) (f, 3, Zamindar--Spanish Sun {GSW-Eng, \$149,384}, by El Prado {Ire}),** a daughter of the G2 Ribblesdale S. winner Spanish Sun, was 1 1/2 lengths behind the Cumani representative Tiptree (Ire) (Duke of Marmalade {Ire}) on debut over seven furlongs here at the end of October and broke well in a first-time hood to sit behind the leading trio. Racing settled despite being wide without cover, the 7-4 market-leader moved smoothly to take over from Golden Stunner (Ire) (Dream Ahead) passing the two-furlong marker and stayed on powerfully to account for that rival by five lengths. "She's a charming filly who has strengthened up over the winter," trainer John Gosden explained. "The hood has a calming influence, as she can be a little bit on her nerves at home. Frankie was clear that he'd like to go a mile and a quarter with her next time and I think that trip will be spot-on for her. The [Listed] Pretty Polly [S. at

Newmarket May 1] is a strong possibility.” Golden Reign (Ire) (Champs Elysees {GB}), the half-sister to Golden Horn (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}), fared much the best of the newcomers and was



Swiss Range by daylight | *Racing Post*

particularly eye-catching staying on from a sluggish start to be third, a further 1 1/2 lengths away. Spanish Sun, who is a full-sister to the accomplished Stoute stable representative Spanish Moon, winner of the G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud and placed in

the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic and G1 Hong Kong Vase and from the family of the high-class Daring Miss (GB) (Sadler’s Wells), also has a 2-year-old colt by Bated Breath (GB) named Cool Climate (Ire). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$9,910. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-John Gosden.

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**6th-NEW, £8,000, Mdn, 4-12, 3yo, c/g, 7fT, 1:30.24, sf.**

**+CASTLE HARBOUR (GB) (c, 3, Kyllachy {GB}--Gypsy Carnival {GB}, by Trade Fair {GB}),** who attracted support into 10-3 second favouritism, was quickly away and keen in front initially. Pressed on both sides with a quarter-mile to race, the 70,000gns TATFOA weanling and 200,000gns TATOCT yearling showed gameness when pushed out to gain an ultimately comfortable length success from Fawaareq (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). “I didn’t expect one of John’s to jump and travel so well, as they are usually green first time out,” jockey Frankie Dettori said. “He showed a bit of greenness and I



Castle Harbour | *Racing Post*

thought the others had my number in the ‘dip,’ but I gave him a flick and off he went again. Seven furlongs is ideal and we’ll probably try and stretch him out later in the year.” Castle Harbour is the first foal out of Gypsy Carnival, who is related to the G2 Queen Mary S. winner and G1 Phoenix S. third Elletelle (Ire) (Elnadim), and who also has a 2-year-old filly by Harbour Watch (Ire) and a yearling filly by Havana Gold (Ire). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$7,369. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Bermuda Thoroughbred Racing Limited; B-L. A. C. Ashby Newhall Estate Farm (GB); T-John Gosden.

**7th-NMT, £14,000, Hcp, 4-12, 3yo, 10fT, 2:15.96, sf.**

**SPEED COMPANY (IRE) (g, 3, Fast Company {Ire}--Trentini {Ire}, by Singspiel {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 4-3-1-0, £20,693. O-Wilson Woo; B-Rathasker Stud (IRE); T-John Quinn. \*€18,000 RNA Wlg ‘13 GOFNOV; £48,000 Ylg ‘14 DNPRM.

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Melendez, g, 3, Point Given--Miss Mockingbird, by Birdstone.** SOU, 4-12, 8f (AWT), 1:42.79. B-Debby Oxley (KY). \*\$2,000 Ylg ‘14 KEESEP.

## OBSERVATIONS

on today’s European racing scene

### 2.10 Newmarket, Debutantes, £10,000, 3yo, 8fT

**SKY KINGDOM (IRE) (Montjeu {Ire})** takes part in this Wood Ditton S., which can throw up a top-notch such as the 2012 winner Mukhadram (GB) (Shamardal) and 2009 runner-up Harbinger (GB) (Dansili {GB}). Out of the MG1SW We Can Say It Now (Aus) (Starcraft {NZ}), Paul Makin’s homebred meets another product of a Group 1 winner in Shadwell’s 450,000gns TATOCT graduate **Mulk (GB) (New Approach {Ire})**, a Sir Michael Stoute-trained son of the Fillies’ Mile and Coronation S. heroine Nannina (GB) (Medicean {GB}).

### 2.45 Newmarket, Cond, £7,000, 2yo, 5fT

**SUTTER COUNTY (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire})** bids to carry on the momentum of his nine-length thrashing of a subsequent winner at Wolverhampton last month and keep the Mark Johnston juvenile bandwagon rolling along. Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum’s immediate relative of Denman (Aus) (Lonhro {Aus}) has to give six pounds to all his eight rivals on rain-softened ground, which may compromise his natural speed.

### 5.05 Newmarket, Mdn, £8,500, 3yo, 10fT

**SATISH (GB) (Dansili {GB})** returns after a promising debut fourth over an inadequate seven furlongs at Ascot in September and, being a half-brother to the brilliant 2009 G1 English and Irish Oaks heroine Sariska (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), will relish the ease in the ground. Lady Bamford and John Gosden also supply the unraced colt **Wings of Desire (GB) (Pivotal {GB})**, whose talented dam Gull Wing (Ire) (In the Wings {GB}) is a half to Sariska and has already produced the 2014 G2 King Edward VII S. winner and last year’s King George runner-up Eagle Top (GB) and the 2013 G2 Park Hill S. scorer The Lark (GB) by the same sire. Also engaged is Ronald Arculli’s **Amazing Red (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire})**, a 220,000gns half-brother to Red Cadeaux (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}) who was withdrawn by Ed Dunlop from his intended first start at Doncaster earlier this month; and Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum’s 400,000gns purchase **Point of View (Ire) (New Approach {Ire})**, a Roger Varian-trained half-brother to the GSW and G1SP Magic Artist (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}).

**5.10 Maisons-Laffitte, Cond, €34,000, 3yo, 10fT**  
**MEKHTAAL (GB) (Sea the Stars {Ire})** bids to confirm the promise of his taking debut win over this trip at Saint-Cloud last month for Al Shaqab Racing and Jean-Claude Rouget. The €300,000 ARQAUG purchase, whose dam is closely related to the G1SW Germance and a half to the MGSW Aigue Marine (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), meets a smart filly in Finn Blichfeldt's **Etonnez Moi (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire})**, a Pia Brandt trainee who was impressive on the same day and card as Mekhtaal.

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## CHELTENHAM APRIL CATALOGUE ONLINE

The catalogue for Tattersalls Ireland's Cheltenham April sale Apr. 22 is now online, and includes 89 lots with 10 wildcard slots still available. The main portion of the catalogue includes 30 winning and placed point to pointers, 16 4-year-old point to pointers and seven winning and placed bumper horses. Also set to go under the hammer is the Bloomfields dispersal. Those 47 lots include 16 National Hunt horses rated above 120; 17 Flat horses rated above 80; 30 winners including 11 black-type performers; and seven winning and placed bumper horses.

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### Tuesday's Results:

**5th-TRB, €16,000, Mdn, 4-12, unraced 3yo, 11 1/2fT, 2:33.10, sf.**  
**+SOME ROMANCE (IRE) (f, 3, Galileo {Ire})--Withorwithoutyou {Ire}, by Danehill** settled off the pace in sixth for most of this first go. Nudged forward once into the straight, the well-backed 24-5 second choice moved into third entering the final eighth and quickened smartly in the closing stages to assert by 1 1/4 lengths from stablemate and 3-5 favourite Diabakiyr (Fr) (Azamour {Ire}). The winner is a full-sister to a yearling filly, and a half-sister to G1 Golden Jubilee S. hero Art Connoisseur (Ire) (Lucky Story), Hwt. 3yo-Eng at 5-7f, G1SW-Eng & G1SP-Ire, \$677,873. She hails from the family of the dual Classic-winning European champion Balanchine (Storm Bird) and G1 Prix de Diane victress West Wind (GB) (Machiavellian). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €8,000. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)  
 O-Joseph Allen; B-Withorwithoutyou Syndicate (IRE); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

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**1st-NTS, €27,000, Cond, 4-12, 3yo, 12fT, 2:43.46, vsf.**  
**FEE DU HAZARD (FR) (f, 3, Dr Fong--Xachusa {Fr}, by Xaar {GB})** Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, €24,700. O-Mme Vittorio Riva; B-H Barus & J Contou-Carrere (FR); T-Christophe Ferland. \*€10,000 Ylg '14 AROCT.

**2nd-NTS, €22,000, Cond, 4-12, 4yo/up, 12fT, 2:50.21, vsf.**  
**KHAREEF (IRE) (c, 4, Monsun {Ger)--Hanami {GB} {GSW-Ire & SW-Eng, \$150,504}, by Hernando {Fr})** Lifetime Record: MSP-Fr & SP-Ger, 11-2-2-3, €68,950. O-Guy Heald; B-GB Partnership (IRE); T-Henri-Alex Pantall.

**6th-TRB, €18,000, Cond, 4-12, 3yo, 10 1/2fT, 2:15.60, sf.**  
**SAGAROI (FR) (c, 3, King's Best--Saga d'Ouilly {Fr}, by Linamix {Fr})** Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, €20,200. O-Ecurie HDBB, Uranie SARL, Comte Guillaume de Saint-Seine, Pegase Bloodstock & Guy Morrison; B-Christopher Mahoney (FR); T-Didier Guillemin. \*€23,000 Ylg '14 AROCT.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**+Easilly (Fr), f, 3, Nombre Premier (GB)--Shawnee (Ire), by Sadler's Wells.** NTS, 4-12, 12fT, 2:50.05. B-Christophe Freret (FR).

 **New Zealand**

## NZB NATIONAL CATALOGUE ONLINE

The catalogue for New Zealand Bloodstock's National Weanling, Broodmare and Mixed Bloodstock Sale, which includes a Cape Blanco (Ire) half-sister to three-time Group 1 winner Turn Me Loose (NZ) (Iffraaj {GB}) ([lot 209](#)), is online. The sale takes place May 9 to 11 and includes 539 lots, a mix of weanlings, yearlings, 2-year-olds, unraced fillies and mares, racehorses, broodmares and stallion shares. Other highlights include a weanling filly by I Am Invincible (Aus) out of the stakes-placed Pipette (Aus) (Pivotal {GB}) from a productive Wertheimer family ([lot 9](#)); and the broodmare Over The Rhone (Aus) (Darci Brahma {NZ}), a full-sister to G1 Australian Oaks winner Gust Of Wind (Aus) carrying her first foal by Rip Van Winkle (Ire) ([lot 533](#)).

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# India

## TENTH STAR COVERING IN INDIA

**Tenth Star (Ire)** (Dansili {GB}–Alpha Lupi {Ire}, by Rahy), winner of the Listed Golden Fleece S. and second in the G2 Royal Lodge



Tenth Star | Mebajeona Stud Farm

S. of 2011 while racing for the Coolmore partners and the Niarchos Family, is standing his first season at Mebajeona Stud Farm in India, and has had his first mares scanned in foal. Tenth Star is out of an unraced daughter of dual French Classic winner East Of

The Moon (Private Account), and his third dam is the Niarchos Family’s legendary Miesque (Nureyev).

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## EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

### IN HONG KONG:

+**Look Eras (Ire)**, g, 3, **Dream Ahead**--Arabian Art, by E Dubai. Sha Tin, 4-10, Griffin Race (£72k/€91k), 1000mT, :56.61. B-Malih L Al Basti. \*31,000gns Ylg '14 TATOCT.

## AUSTRALIAN-BRED WINNERS

### IN SOUTH KOREA:

**Emeth (Aus)**, c, 3, **Rothesay (Aus)**--Fu Belle, by Fusaichi Pegasus. Busan, 4-10, Hcp. (A\$100k), 1600m. B-Yarramalong (Qld). \*A\$12,000 RNA Ylg '14 MMMAR; A\$30,000 2yo MMGC2YO.

### IN SINGAPORE:

+**Jupiter Gold (Aus)**, r, 2, **Congrats**--Contented (Aus), by More Than Ready. Kranji, 4-10, Cond. (A\$87k), 1000m (AWT), :59.74. B-Vinery Stud (Australia) Pty Ltd (NSW). \*A\$130,000 Ylg '15 MMGCYS. \*\*Sent off at odds just shy of 11-1 in this Kranji Nursery S., a conditions race, Jupiter Gold looked hopelessly beaten when last into the straight, but conjured up a massive late rally to win a touch cosily in the finish. Drawn two from the outside, the ridgling was last into stride and was driven along from the tail while a bit green. Still at the back and with the better part of 10 lengths to find as they cornered in, Jupiter Gold was switched out while making progress 200 metres out and

was home his final quarter mile in a fancy :22.93 to take it by a length. “He cost A\$130,000 as a yearling and he had ability from Day 1. He’s been working very well,” said winning trainer Hideyuki Takaoka, better known for his work with staying types. “He had only one barrier trial and ran very well. I wanted to run him in a second trial but it was too late, and thought I would just take a chance. He’s not a sprinter. The owner bought him with the longer distances in mind, and winning over 1000m first-up was a bonus. The fast pace suited him and he will be even better



Jupiter Gold | Singapore Turf Club

over longer.” Jupiter Gold’s dam, a daughter of SW & G1SP Merry Shade (Aus) (Spectacular Spy) and descending from the further female family of the legendary sprinter Takeover Target (Aus) (Celtic Swing {GB}), was purchased carrying this produce for A\$90,000 at the 2012 Inglis Sydney Broodmare Sale. After foaling a filly by Big Brown in 2014, Contented was sold in foal to Casino Prince (Aus) for A\$30,000 at the 2015 Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale. Exported to New Zealand, she produced a colt by that sire last October and was bred back to Sacred Falls (NZ) (O’Reilly {NZ}). [VIDEO](#)

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