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OBS APRIL MARCHES ON



Hip 564 | Louise E. Reinagel

by Christie DeBernardis and Jessica Martini

OCALA, Florida - The Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's Spring Sale of 2-Year-Olds continued with its second session Wednesday with figures largely in line with the sale's record-setting 2015 renewal and a colt from the first crop of GI Wood Memorial winner Gemologist bringing the day's top price of \$550,000.

During Wednesday's session, 158 horses sold for \$12,119,000, an average of \$76,703 and a median of \$43,500. Through two sessions of the four-day sale, 320 head have grossed \$23,709,500. The two-day average of \$74,092 ticked up 5.6% from last year's figure of \$70,182, while the median remained constant at \$45,000. Through two sessions a year ago, 341 head had sold for \$23,931,900.

From 303 horses catalogued, 228 head were offered Wednesday with 70 horses reported not sold for a buy-back rate of 30.7%. It was 28.1% at the close of business a year ago and dropped to 25.2% with the addition of post-sale transactions.

A total of eight horses topped the \$300,000 mark during Wednesday's session, including [hip 564](#), a son of Gemologist, who brought the day's top price of \$550,000. Consigned by Becky Thomas's Sequel Bloodstock, the colt was purchased by David Ingordo of Lane's End Bloodstock. **Cont. p3**

NYQUIST HEADS DERBY TOP 20

by Bill Finley

After 34 prep races that assigned points to contenders for the GI Kentucky Derby, there's nothing left to do but get them into the starting gate at Churchill Downs May 7. There may be a defection or two before Derby Day, but for now, the field appears set. Adding eight more horses to what has been our weekly Top 12, we run down the entire field, ranking them not by points, but by how we think they stack up against the competition.

1. NYQUIST (c, [Uncle Mo--Seeking Gabrielle](#), by Forestry)

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O-Reddam Racing LLC. B-Summerhill Farm (KY). T-Doug O'Neill. Sales history: \$400,000 2yo '15 FTFMAR; \$230,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$180,000 Wlg '13 KEENOV.

Last Start: 1st, [GI Florida Derby](#), GP, Apr. 2 **Cont. p12**

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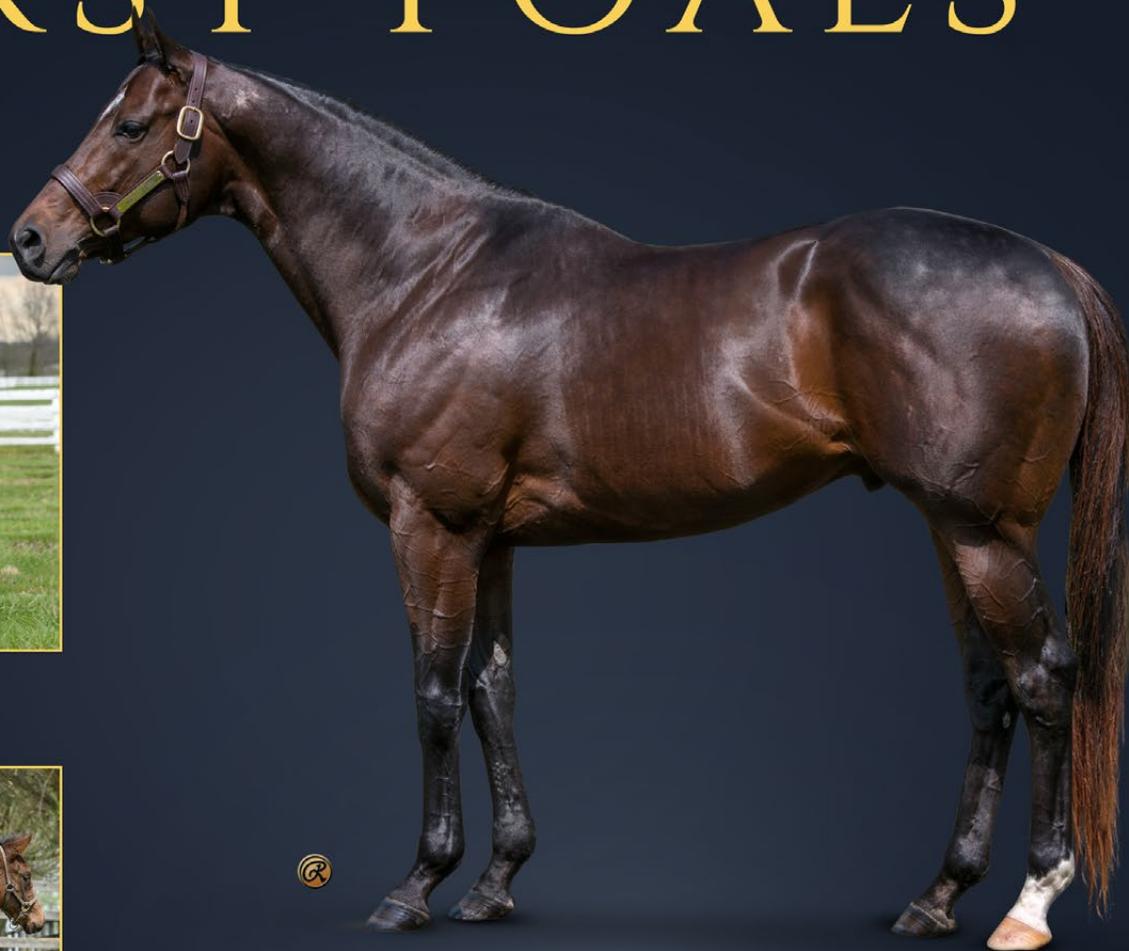
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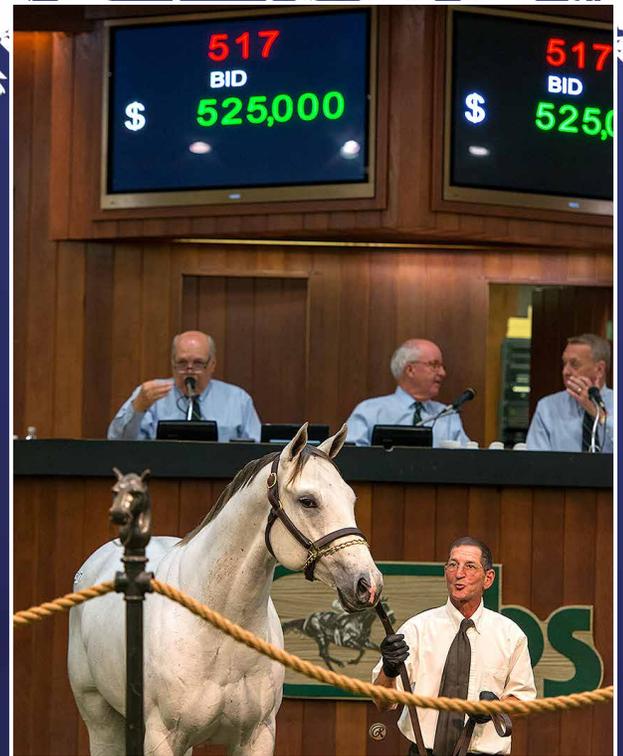
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The Iron Horse in bronze. A life-sized statue of Giant's Causeway was installed at Coolmore America's Ashford Stud on Wednesday. Equine sculptor Charlie Langton was on hand to oversee the unveiling of his masterpiece. | Photos courtesy of Coolmore America.

MOHAYMEN SWIFT IN CHURCHILL BREEZE

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Shadwell Stable's multiple graded stakes winner Mohaymen (Tapit) made the most of his first workout at Churchill Downs Wednesday morning, posting a bullet four-furlong drill in :46.80 over the main track. Mo Tom (Uncle Mo) and Lani (Tapit) also were on the worktab.

ROSARIO PICKS UP A DERBY MOUNT

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Joel Rosario, who hasn't ridden since fracturing his wrist in a Feb. 20 spill at Gulfstream, will return to action April 29 at Belmont. Eight days later, he will be at Churchill Downs to accept the assignment on Shagaf (Bernardini) in the GI Kentucky Derby.

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'OBS April Marches On' cont. from p1

Last year's second session of the auction was bolstered by the record-setting \$1.9-million sale topper, who was one of six juveniles to top \$300,000 on the day.

Several consignors remarked that the market seemed polarized, with the top-end horses in demand, but a lack of depth in the middle market.

"The market is very spotty," commented Thomas. "For me personally, I was hoping for more of a middle market because this is a middle market, one-stop shopping sale. We just haven't



Hip 564 |
ThoroStride/Sequel

had the volume of buyers that we needed, except the top is hugely strong. I just don't see a broad enough buyer base."

OBS Director of Sales Tod Wojciechowski acknowledged some soft spots in the market Wednesday, but said overall the April results were strong.

"It certainly looked like there were some spells today that it seemed sticky, but overall, comparing two days this year to two days last year, we are about even with where we were last year," said OBS Director of Sales Tod Wojciechowski. "It's hard to compare the sale session to session, so let's see what happens in the next couple of days. "

Trainers Peter Miller and Linda Rice both found plenty of competition for the top-level horses.

"The top end is pretty good," Miller, who signed for two lots over \$300,000 Wednesday, said. "The middle market and lower end is a little soft."

Rice, who purchased a Speightstown filly for \$440,000, said, "I think it started out a little bit slow, but good horses show up and there are a lot of good horsemen here who know what they are looking at and it's always tough to buy the tops ones."

Bloodstock agent Mike Ryan has signed for four juveniles during the first two days of the April sale, including a filly by High Cotton for \$400,000.

"I think the market is very solid," Ryan said. "I know you are going to hear both sides of the story, but when you look at a lot of horses--I've looked at 250 head--anything that looked good on the racetrack, I went and looked at at the barns. The good physicals are selling well and I actually think Book 2 is stronger than Book 1. There are some very, very good horses in Book 2. This sale is a different sale than it was 10 years ago. It's the Keeneland September of the 2-year-old market. There is a horse for everybody."

Looking ahead to the auction's second book, Wojciechowski said, "There are still plenty of quality horses left to come."

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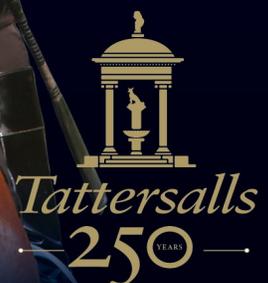
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WEDNESDAY'S TOP EIGHT LOTS

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564	colt	Gemologist	Bon Caro	550,000
(\$50,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV; \$60,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP)				
B-Rick Sutherland (FL)				
Consigned by Sequel Bloodstock, Agent				
Purchased by L. E. B.				
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517	colt	Overdriven	Back to Basics	525,000
B-Ocala Stud (FL)				
Consigned by Ocala Stud				
Purchased by Peter Miller, Agent				
469	filly	Speightstown	Alpha Mama	440,000
(\$100,000 i/u '13 KEENOV; \$190,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP)				
B-Denlea Park, Tony Holmes & Watermark (KY)				
Consigned by Wavertree Stables Inc (Ciaran Dunne), Agent				
Purchased by Linda Rice, Agent				

404	filly	High Cotton	West Side Dancer	400,000
B-Ocala Stud (FL)				
Consigned by Ocala Stud				
Purchased by Mike Ryan, Agent				
395	colt	Macho Uno	Wadena	335,000
(\$85,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP)				
B-T/C Stable (KY)				
Consigned by Grassroots Training & Sales LLC				
Purchased by Rockingham Ranch				
416	colt	Archarcharch	Wild Forest Cat	335,000
(\$100,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP)				
B-Lakland Farm (KY)				
Consigned by Randy Bradshaw, Agent I				
Purchased by D J Stable LLC				
463	colt	War Front	All for Thee	320,000
B-Team Block (KY)				
Consigned by Old South Farm LLC, Agent II				
Purchased by Klaravich Stable Inc				
535	colt	Lookin at Lucky	Bella Jolie	300,000
(\$255,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP)				
B-Wayne, Gray & Bryan Lyster (KY)				
Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent XLIV				
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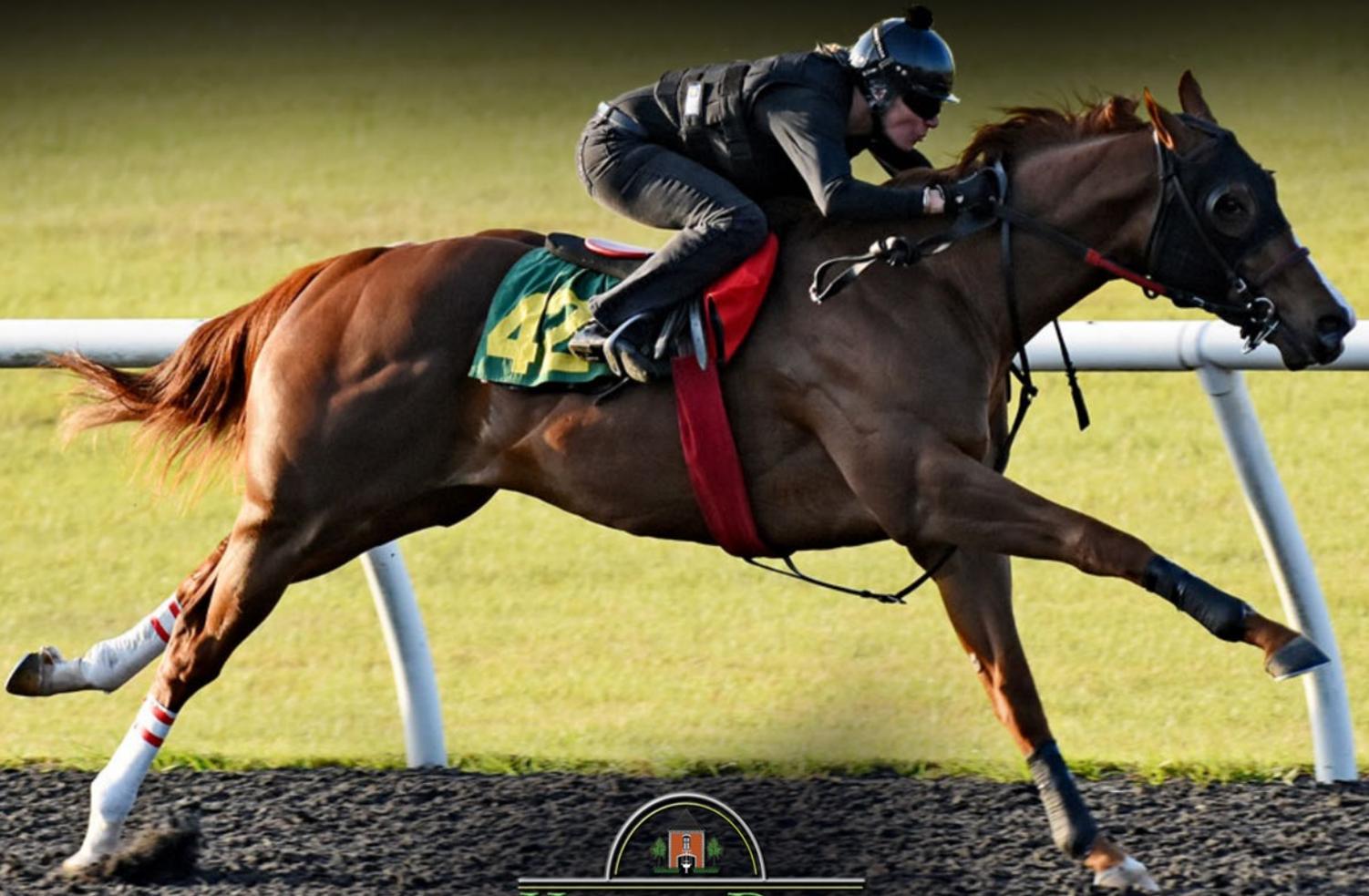
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SESSION TOTALS	2016	2015
• Catalogued	304	300
• No. Offered	228	214
• No. Sold	158	160
• RNAs	70	54
• % RNAs	30.7%	25.2%
• No. \$500K+	2	2
• High Price	\$550,000	\$1,900,000
• Gross	\$12,119,000	\$13,580,700
• Average (% change)	\$76,703 (-9.6%)	\$84,879
• Median (% change)	\$43,500 (-13%)	\$50,000
CUMULATIVE	2016	2015
• Catalogued	608	600
• No. Offered	450	452
• No. Sold	320	341
• RNAs	130	111
• % RNAs	28.9%	24.6%
• No. \$500K+	2	2
• High Price	\$550,000	\$1,900,000
• Gross	\$23,709,500	\$23,931,900
• Average (% change)	\$74,092 (+5.6%)	\$70,182
• Median (% change)	\$45,000 (n/c)	\$45,000

Gemologist Colt Tops Second Session

[Hip 564](#), a colt by freshman sire Gemologist, sparked late fireworks during the second day of selling at OBS April when selling to bloodstock agent David Ingordo and trainer Peter Eurton for a session-topping \$550,000 Wednesday. Ingordo did his bidding by phone from the OBS office alongside Eurton, who will train the colt for an undisclosed client. EA Bloodstock's



Hip 564 | Christie DeBernardis

Catlyn Spivey, who was also bidding on behalf of an undisclosed client, was the underbidder.

"He looks a lot like a horse we bought here a few years back called Kobe's Back (Flatter), very similar physical," Ingordo offered, referring to C R K

Stable's recent GII Palos Verdes S. and GII San Carlos S. winner, who is also trained by Eurton and who brought \$480,000 at last year's OBS March sale. "The Gemologists have been very impressive looking and he's got a good pedigree. He had a standout breeze [in :10 flat]. We have very high hopes for him."

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Hip 564 is a half-brother to stakes winners Glitter City (City Place) and Here's Johnny (Colonel John), as well as the dam of GSW sophomore Toews on Ice (Archarcharch), whose juvenile full brother sold for \$335,000 earlier in the session.

This was the third time through the sales ring for the gray colt, who was purchased by Global Thoroughbreds for \$50,000 as a weanling at the 2014 Keeneland November sale and RNA'd for \$60,000 the following September back at Keeneland.

"He belongs to a client, Global Thoroughbreds. They bought him as a weanling and we just prepared him for them," said Becky Thomas, whose Sequel Bloodstock consigned the colt. "He's been great [to work with]. He's really a two turn horse that has so much class and quality that he can carry his speed. He's a Classic type horse. He's a special one."

Thomas was the first to seek out the buyers and was all smiles after congratulating Ingordo and Eurton.

"I knew that he was going to do really well because he had all the right players that kept coming back and visiting him," Thomas remarked. "I didn't know what he would bring, but when you get in that top echelon it's just a matter of who stops."

-@CDeBernardisTDN

Miller Goes 'Back to Basics'

For the third straight year, trainer Peter Miller will go home from the OBS April sale with an Ocala Stud-bred offspring of the unraced mare Back to Basics (Alphabet Soup) after securing [Hip 517](#), a colt by Overdriven, for \$525,000 on behalf of an undisclosed client Wednesday.

Miller purchased his first son of Back to Basics in 2014 for Richard Pell. That \$132,000 OBSAPR buy was GSW & MGISP Calculator (In Summation), who was most recently a close second in the GI Carter H. at Aqueduct Apr. 9. Last year, the California-based conditioner returned to Ocala to purchase half-sister Gust (Kantharos) for \$50,000 on Pell's behalf.



Hip 517 | Christie DeBernardis

"I train his brother and his sister and they are both lovely animals," Miller said of the [:21 flat](#) breezer. "He was awesome. His video was awesome. His presence was fantastic. He had everything that I look for in a racehorse. I'm a big fan of Tale of the Cat and Overdriven was a good horse, so we stepped it up. It was more than we wanted to spend, but we really wanted him."

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Miller added, "I had my eye on him since the preview. Ocala Stud had tipped me off at the March sale that Calculator's brother was a good one, so I was prepared a month ago. He previewed like the good horse that he is. I just hope he is another Calculator."

As for Miller's stable star Calculator, the conditioner was pleased with the colt's latest efforts, but was unsure as to where he would start next.

"His performance in the Carter was excellent," Miller commented. "He probably should have won the race. He was plus 30 feet compared to the winner [according to Trakus], so he gave up about three lengths in ground and got beat a head. He ran super. He just got outnodded. We are not sure where he will go next yet. Possibly something Derby week--the [May 7 GII] Churchill Downs or the [May 6 GII] Alysheba, but if not we will train him up to the [GI] Met Mile [June 11 at Belmont]." -

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Speightstown Filly to Rice

Trainer Linda Rice, whose 2015 OBS April acquisitions included a \$900,000 colt by Bernardini, went to \$440,000 to secure a filly by Speightstown from the Wavertree Stables consignment in Ocala Wednesday. The gray filly, a half-sister to graded stakes winner Alpha Kitten (Tale of the Cat), worked a furlong last week in [:10 flat](#).

"She has a big, long stride on her," Rice said of [hip 469](#), who is a May 20 foal. "She is young and she's probably going to grow some more. I think Speightstown is a great stallion. She had a great workout and great presentation at the barn."

Rice declined to disclose who she was bidding for Wednesday.

The Bernardini colt Rice purchased last spring is now named Seymourini. Racing for Iris Smith Stable, the bay was a nine-length maiden winner at Aqueduct last November and he returned to take an optional claimer in Ozone Park Apr. 15.

Bred by Denlea Park, Tony Holmes and Watermark, the Speightstown filly RNA'd for \$190,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale. Her dam Alpha Mama (Unbridled's Song), with this foal in utero, sold to Watermark for \$100,000 at the 2013 Keeneland November sale. Alpha Mama is a full-sister to Grade I winner Marylebone. -[@JessMartiniTDN](#)

Ocala Stud Homebred Gets 'High' Praise

Mike Ryan came out on top after a spirited round of bidding to acquire a High Cotton filly, catalogued as [hip 404](#), for \$400,000 Wednesday afternoon.

"I'm not sure where she will go for training," Ryan said. "We haven't figured that out yet. I bought her for an undisclosed client. He's a new guy. He's trying to develop a quality program with some quality fillies."

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Lady Silverrod. 4 wins at 2 and 3, \$71,140. Dam of 2 foals, both winners--
ROD'S FIVE STAR (g. by Five Star Day). 10 wins in 17 starts, 2 to 6, \$427,350, Valley Forge S. [L] (PRX, \$43,400), 2nd Bensalem S. [L] (PRX, \$14,900), Bensalem S. [L] (PRX, \$14,800), Banjo Picker Sprint S.-R (PRX, \$15,000), 3rd Donald LeVine Memorial H. [L] (PRX, \$16,500), Lyman H.-R (PRX, \$8,250).

Chief Exchanger (g. by Exchange Rate). 4 wins at 3 and 4, placed at 5, 2015, \$200,018, in N.A./U.S., 2nd Marshall Jenney H.-R (PRX, \$20,000). (Total: \$203,685)
Dominate. 2 wins at 4, placed at 5, 2015, \$129,125.
Ikoi. Winner at 3, \$11,591,000, in Japan. (Total: \$107,238).

3rd dam
VIVID IMAGINATION, by Raise a Man. 4 wins to 3, \$194,237, Golden Rod S. [G3], Martha Washington S. [L] (OP, \$34,050), etc. Half-sister to **SERENA'S SONG** [G1] (\$2,283,388, champion 3-year-old filly). Dam of 4 winners, including--
Raw Imagination. Winner at 4 and 6, \$46,461.
Shinko Imagine. Placed at 3 in Japan. Dam of **FUMINO IMAGINE** [G2].
Wander Storm. Dam of **WANDER MOM** [G3] (\$399,656, dam of **Life Lesson** [L], Total: \$153,127), **Minewander** [L] (\$224,591), **Backtrack** (\$79,080).
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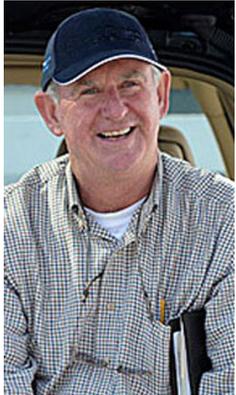
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Ryan continued, "The price speaks volumes of the filly. She sold herself."

The bloodstock agent could not say enough good things about the filly, who breezed in [:21.2](#), after signing the ticket near the back of the pavilion.

"I liked everything about her," Ryan enthused. "I saw her two months ago on the farm and I'm very familiar with the family--the female line. I couldn't believe how much she changed in 60 days from the middle of February until now. I like the way she breezed."



Mike Ryan

He continued, "She's a homebred filly. She's a very straightforward filly, terrific demeanor and disposition. She had the aura of an elite horse. Elite horses have an aura about them. They stand out and she stood out. I knew she would be expensive. I didn't think we would have to go that high, but obviously there were some really solid people under her. She's special. If she was by a proven sire you are talking north of \$750,000."

Hip 404 is a half-sister to a pair of graded stakes winners in Discreet Dancer (Discreet Cat) and Travelin Man (Trippi), as well as stakes winner and graded stakes-placed Sweet N Discreet (Discreet Cat). Her siblings accomplishments were another draw

for Ryan.

"Three foals to race out of the mare and two of them are graded stakes winners," the Irishman remarked. "They have run big numbers on the sheets, they are running twos and threes."

In addition to his lavish praise of the filly, Ryan was also quick to compliment the job done by her breeder and consignor Ocala Stud, which stands High Cotton for a fee of \$5,000.

"Ocala Stud, in my opinion, is right up on the top of the list of consignors," Ryan commented. "I just love the way they raise horses and their program has been so successful for so long. They do it right. I went to the farm and saw their stallions and I was very impressed. I call it the Claiborne Farm South. I have watched them for years and admired their program, track record and everything about them."

Ocala Stud's David O'Farrell was the first to congratulate Ryan after his purchase and was extremely pleased with the filly's sale.

"I didn't know that she would sell quite that well," O'Farrell said. "She was an awful good filly. We never expect that type of result. She showed herself on the racetrack and she showed exceptionally well at the barns. She's a very classy filly. She never turned a hair and has a tremendous bottom side pedigree. She's just a very talented filly with a lot of pedigree going for her. I'm just very happy for the new owner. She was very well received and is just a quality filly."

HIP #727

BY BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE (G1) WINNER AND CHAMPION 2YO HANSEN SELLS TODAY WITH WOODFORD THOROUGHBREDS



HIP #727 - DIXIE STAMP, 2014 COLT



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High Cotton was Florida's leading 2-year-old sire by winners last year and a sophomore filly by the sire named April Gaze has been gaining attention on the racetrack recently. Besting 'TDN Rising Star' Browse (Medaglia d'Oro) in a Gulfstream allowance Apr. 1, the bay returned just eight days later to take the Stonehedge Farm South Sophomore Fillies S. at Tampa.

"High Cotton is a sneaky good stallion," O'Farrell remarked. "He is a very capable horse. He had a Grade I winner at Saratoga in his first crop [in 2011 Hopeful S. winner Currency Swap]. He had a Grade II winner at Saratoga in his second crop [in 2012 Saratoga Special S. hero Spurious Precision]. This is by far his biggest and best crop of 2-year-olds to date, so we are expecting big things from him. Hopefully this filly will help him get off to a good start this year." - @CDeBernardisTDN

Macho Uno Colt for Hartunian

Gary Hartunian, whose Rockingham Ranch is co-owner of recent G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen runner-up X Y Jet (Kantharos), picked up another speedy colt Wednesday in Ocala when trainer Peter Miller signed the ticket at \$335,000 on [hip 395](#). The juvenile, a son of Macho Uno, worked a furlong in a co-bullet [:9 4/5](#) during last week's under-tack show.

"Pretty much everything," Miller said when asked what he liked about the colt. "He had a beautiful video, he's a pretty colt, correct, he galloped out nice and pretty much everything about him I liked."



Peter Miller | Horsephotos

Of the price, Miller admitted, "Obviously, we'd have liked to pay a little bit less, but for the good colts sometimes you have to step up. I think he was one of the best colts in the sale."

The 2-year-old is out of Wadena (Saint Ballado) and is half-brother to stakes placed Papa Turf (Yes It's True). He was consigned by David McKathan's Grassroots Training & Sales, which purchased him for \$85,000 out of last year's Keeneland September Yearling Sale.

"We gave \$85,000, so obviously we liked him--that's a lot of money for me to give for a horse," McKathan smiled.

Of the speedy work, McKathan added, "It was the first :9 4/5 I ever had. I thought he'd work in :10 flat."

-@JessMartiniTDN

Archarcharch Colt Jersey-Bound

A colt by Archarcharch will be joining the barn of trainer Joe Orseno after selling for \$335,000 to Jonathon Green, bidding on behalf of his family's D.J. Stable. The youngster ([hip 416](#)), consigned by Randy Bradshaw, is a full-brother to graded stakes



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winner Toews on Ice. He worked a furlong in [:10 flat](#) during last week's under-tack show.

"The colt was outstanding," Green said. "He was our number one choice from day one and we're really pleased to have him."

Green said the juvenile's well-performing older brother was only part of the colt's attraction.

"It was nice to see the combination worked so well, but we really thought this colt stood out on his own," Green said. "It was just gravy that the full-brother has done well."

Green did his bidding sitting alongside Orseno, who trains last year's Sorority S. winner and 2015 OBS April graduate Hi Holiday (Harlan's Holiday) for the family.

"He'll go to Monmouth Park and hopefully we'll campaign him at Monmouth, maybe Saratoga, and hopefully on to the bigger and better races," Green said of the dark bay colt. "We've been around for 30 years and this is probably the highest priced 2-year-old we've ever bought, so that tells you how confident we are in him."



Joe Orseno, D.J. Stable's Leonard Green, son Jonathon Green & wife Lois Green (l to r) | Equi-Photo

Founded in the 1980s by New Jersey natives Lois and Leonard Green, D. J. Stable was co-owner of Grade I winner Songandaprayer.

Bradshaw purchased the colt as part of a pinhooking partnership for \$100,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.

"Jim Wells saw him first and we decided to partner with Everett Dobson and it's been a good partnership," Bradshaw said.

Bradshaw said everything has gone right with the juvenile since last fall.

"[In September], he was a small colt, but he was very well-made, so we rolled the dice. Luckily, the day that we bought him his brother won a stakes--so that was a really big update that just kept getting better. It's all just luck and the right things happening."

Toews on Ice graduated in the Barretts Juvenile S. last September before adding the Speakeasy S. and GIII Bob Hope S. He was second behind fellow Bob Baffert trainee and GI Kentucky Derby hopeful Mor Spirit (Eskendereya) in the GI Los Alamitos Futurity last December.

-@JessMartiniTDN

Ingordo Wins the 'War'

Bidding out back, David Ingordo beat out a determined competitor seated inside the pavilion to acquire a War Front colt, [Hip 463](#), for \$320,000 during the second session of OBS April Wednesday. The colt will go to trainer Chad Brown for Klaravich Stables.

"He's a lovely horse," Ingordo commented. "I've seen a lot of War Fronts and he is a horse that is very well balanced. He's got plenty of size and leg for the stallion. He's well prepared and he's a horse that is going to get better and improve. He's not overcooked or anything."

Bred by Team Block, Hip 463 is the first foal out of SW & GSP All for Thee (Elusive Quality). Consigned to this sale by Old South Farm LLC, the bay breezed a furlong in [:10 flat](#) during last week's breeze show.

"The breeze was very good," Ingordo remarked. "He did it really easy. The day he breezed wasn't the fastest day of the track or anything, but he did a nice job. It's a homebred so he hasn't been through all the sales process before. His future is all in front of him." -@CDeBernardisTDN

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OBS APRIL 2-YEAR-OLDS IN TRAINING – WEDNESDAY

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
305	colt	Haynesfield	Swinging	190,000

B-WinStar Farm (KY)

Consigned by Cary Frommer, Agent XV

Purchased by Hisea Kato

The first horse to stride into the OBS ring Wednesday morning, this maternal great-grandson of the legendary Personal Ensign (Private Account) was knocked down to Barry Berkelhammer for \$25,000 at last year's Keeneland November sale. Hailing from the precocious Phipps family of Miner's Mark and My Flag, et al., the colt clocked a brilliant [:9 4/5](#) at his under-tack preview and made for a tidy profit Wednesday.

395	colt	Macho Uno	Wadena	335,000
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B-T/C Stable (KY)

Consigned by Grassroots Training & Sales LLC

Purchased by Rockingham Ranch

The Ocala-based Grassroots Training & Sales snapped up this half-brother to the SP Papa Turf (Yes It's True) for \$85,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale. Put into their program, the colt grew up nicely and his eighth of a mile in a smart [:9 4/5](#) led to a strong return on their investment Wednesday.



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428 colt [Maclean's Music](#) Wonderful Luck 200,000
 B-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings (KY)
 Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent LV
 Purchased by Alex and JoAnn Lieblong

John Sikura stands this son of Distorted Humor at his Lexington nursery and this first-crop offering was hammered down to Gary Tussey for \$35,000 from the Hill 'n' Dale consignment at Keeneland September last fall. The chestnut, whose dam was a stakes-winning juvenile, covered a quarter-mile in a slick [:20 3/5](#) under-tack and he caught the eye of these owners, who are no strangers to success with the progeny of freshmen sires.

522 colt [Tiz Wonderful](#) Barby Sue 180,000
 B-James P Gallagher (KY)
 Consigned by Eisaman Equine, Agent
 Purchased by Linda Rice

This son of the expatriated Tiz Wonderful was picked up by Dr. Barry and Shari Eisaman for \$30,000 at Keeneland September last fall, and, after breezing a furlong in a solid [:10 1/5](#), rewarded their confidence when knocked down to this successful New York-based conditioner.

MOHAYMEN SWIFT IN CHURCHILL BREEZE

Shadwell Stable's multiple graded stakes winner **Mohaymen** (Tapit) made the most of his first workout at Churchill Downs Wednesday morning, posting a bullet four-furlong drill in :46.80 over the main track. The gray, who had his five-race unbeaten record broken when fourth in the GI Xpressbet.com Florida



Mohaymen | Coady Photography

Derby Apr. 2, clicked off fractions of :12 flat, :23.60 and :35.20 en-route to galloping out five furlongs in :59.60 and six furlongs in 1:12.80. The move was the fastest of 27 at the distance for the GI Kentucky Derby contender.

"It was a great work," trainer Kieran McLaughlin said. "He hasn't worked since he ran and he was feeling really good, so we thought he was going to work well. He'll have one more work."

McLaughlin said that Mohaymen's effort in the Florida Derby can be forgiven due to a wide trip and a tricky racing surface that took a significant amount of rain earlier in the day.

"We are going to draw a line through that race," McLaughlin said of the Florida Derby. "He was very wide and the track was very wet, not that he wouldn't handle it wet here, but at least it's an excuse for us trainers. He ran 54 feet further than the winner and that's a matter of fact quite a bit of feet further and a lot of lengths difference."

Also working Wednesday morning was G M B Racing's **Mo Tom** (Uncle Mo), who covered a half-mile in :47 flat [2/27]. In his second breeze since finishing a troubled fourth in the GI Louisiana Derby Mar. 26, the dark bay's fractions were :11.60, :23 flat and :34.80, with a gallop-out of out six furlongs in 1:12.40 and a mile in 1:42.

"It went well," trainer Tom Amoss said of the workout. "We went a little quick early in the work but he came back to the rider nicely and coming to the wire he was full force."

Amoss added that Mo Tom's next workout will be next Thursday or Friday, depending on weather conditions in Louisville.

Koji Maeda's **Lani** (Tapit) also registered his first timed workout beneath the Twin Spires, covering five panels in 1:06 flat [21/21]. The Japanese-trained colt qualified for the Kentucky Derby by virtue of his win in the G2 UAE Derby Mar. 26, and has been training at Churchill since his arrival at the track Apr. 3.

"Everything has gone according to plan, so I'm happy with that," said Kieta Tanaka, agent for Maeda. "We don't do super-fast works around this time so everything is what I have planned. We'll do something faster next week and three or four days before the Derby."

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READY FOR RETURN, ROSARIO PICKS UP A DERBY MOUNT *by Bill Finley*

Joel Rosario, who hasn't ridden since fracturing his wrist in a Feb. 20 spill at Gulfstream, will return to action April 29 at Belmont Park, reports his agent, Ron Anderson. Eight days later, he will be at Churchill Downs to accept the assignment on **Shagaf** (Bernardini) in the GI Kentucky Derby.

As trainers continue to firm up their riding assignments for the Derby, a handful of other jockeys have lined up mounts. Among



Joel Rosario | Equi-Sport

them is Victor Espinoza, who will ride **Whitmore** (Pleasantly Perfect). Julien Leparoux has been named to ride GIII Spiral S. winner **Oscar Nominated** (Kitten's Joy) for trainer Mike Maker as Brian Hernandez Jr. has elected to stick with **Tom's Ready** (More Than Ready). The mount on Shagaf

became available when Irad Ortiz Jr. committed to **My Man Sam** (Trappe Shot), the runner-up in the GI Blue Grass S.

Mike Smith confirmed to the *TDN* that he is sticking with GI San Felipe winner and **'Rising Star' Danzing Candy** (Twirling Candy). Trainer Gustavo Delgado is still searching for a jockey for **Majesto** (Tiznow), the runner-up in the GI Florida Derby.



by Bill Finley



TOP 20

KENTUCKY DERBY HORSES

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Rosario had been aiming to return Apr. 2, Florida Derby Day, but Anderson said his doctor wanted to be extra cautious.

“He has actually been ready for a few days, but his doctor has been real conservative about this,” the agent said. “He wanted to take one more picture before he cleared him. Joel has been very professional about this. He’s been running four miles a day for over a month now and I know we’re all very excited to be involved with Shagaf and to pick up a Derby mount.”

Ortiz had also ridden Whitmore in his previous start. Espinoza will be going for his third straight Kentucky Derby win.

“Victor knows his way around there, that’s for sure,” trainer Ron Moquett said.

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Derby Top 20 cont. from p1

Accomplishments Include: 1st, [GII San Vicente S.](#), SA, Feb. 15, 1st, [GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile](#), KEE, Oct. 31; 1st, [GI FrontRunner S.](#), SA, Sept. 26; 1st, [GI Del Mar Futurity](#), DMR, Sept. 7; 1st [GII Best Pal S.](#), DMR, Aug. 8

[Thoro-Graph sheet](#), [EquineLine PPs](#)

[Andrew Caulfield on Nyquist](#)

KY Derby Points: 130

Nyquist certainly has a lot to prove before he can be called another Seattle Slew, but it’s uncanny how many things the two champs have in common. Slew is the last undefeated, 2-year-old champion to race in the GI Kentucky Derby. Slew was six-for-six coming into the 1977

Derby. Nyquist is seven-for-seven. Slew had won three Grade I races; Nyquist has won four. Like the Reddam Racing colorbearer, he represented the first



Nyquist | Coglianese Photography

crop of a sire (Bold Reasoning). Like Nyquist, Seattle Slew had a hard time winning over the critics, most notably Andrew Beyer and jockey-turned-TV-commentator Eddie Arcaro.

2. EXAGGERATOR (c, [Curlin--Dawn Raid](#), by Vindication)

Apr. 15 TDN Top 12 Rank: 2

O-Big Chief Racing, Head of Plains Partners LLC, Rocker O Ranch, LLC et al. B-Joseph B. Murphy (KY). T-Keith Desormeaux.

Sales history: \$110,000 Ylg ‘14 KESEEP.

Last Start: [1st, GI Santa Anita Derby](#), SA, Apr. 9

Accomplishments Include: 1st, [GIII Delta Downs Jackpot](#), DED, Nov. 21; 1st, [GII Saratoga Special S.](#), SAR, Aug. 16

[Thoro-Graph sheet](#), [EquineLine PPs](#)

KY Derby Points: 126

It’s difficult to predict who will be the second choice in the GI Kentucky Derby behind Nyquist (Uncle Mo), but Exaggerator has as good a case as anyone. He had been a bit of a disappointment coming into the GI Santa Anita Derby, but responded on that



Exaggerator | Benoit Photo

day with the kind of explosive effort that always seemed to be within his capabilities. It may have been the best race by a 3-year-old so far this year. Did he move up in the slop that day? Will he “bounce” off such a

big effort? Having already finished behind Nyquist three times, can he beat that horse? Those are questions he’ll have to answer Derby Day.

3. GUN RUNNER (c, [Candy Ride {Arg}--Quiet Giant](#), by Giant’s Causeway)

Apr. 15 TDN Top 12 Rank: 3

O-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC & Three Chimneys Farm. B-Besilu Stables (KY). T-Steve Asmussen.

Last Start: 1st, [GII Louisiana Derby](#), FG, Mar. 26

Accomplishments Include: 1st, [GII Risen Star S.](#), FG, Feb. 20

[Thoro-Graph sheet](#), [EquineLine PPs](#)

[Andrew Caulfield on Gun Runner](#)

KY Derby Points: 151

There’s nothing particularly sexy about this horse. He’s never

been favored in his five career starts and has never gone off at odds lower than 7-2. He just wins. Gun Runner has lost just once



Gun Runner (r)
Hodges Photography

in his life and that was in the slop at Churchill last year in the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. The question with him is the level of competition he faced in Louisiana. You might also argue that he hasn't necessarily proven that he's

better than Mo Tom (Uncle Mo) since that colt had so much trouble in the GII Veterans Ford Risen Star S. and the GII Twinspires.com Louisiana Derby.

4. MOHAYMEN (c, [Tapit--Justwhistledixie](#), by Dixie Union)

Apr. 15 TDN Top 12 Rank: 4

O-Shadwell Stable. B-Clearsky Farm (KY). T-Kiaran McLaughlin.

Sales history: \$2,200,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP.

Last Start: 4th, [GI Florida Derby](#), GP, Apr. 2

Accomplishments Include: 1st, [GII Fountain of Youth S.](#), GP, Feb. 27, 1st, [GII Holy Bull S.](#), GP, Jan. 30

1st [GII Remsen S.](#), AQU, Nov. 28; 1st [GII Nashua S.](#), AQU, Nov. 4
[Thoro-Graph sheet](#), [Equineline PPs](#)
[Andrew Caulfield on Mohaymen](#)
[Andrew Caulfield on sire Tapit](#)
KY Derby Points: 80

He's the mystery horse in the GI Kentucky Derby and the horse whose bandwagon emptied out in record time.

Mohaymen was being hyped like few horses have prior to the GI Xpressbet.com Florida Derby, but after he ran a lackluster fourth people couldn't dump him fast enough. Did he just have an off day at Gulfstream or was that



Mohaymen | Coglianese Photography

race a true indicator of his talent level? Horses have won the Derby before after throwing in clunkers in their last preps. Remember Thunder Gulch (Gulch)?

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5. BRODY'S CAUSE (c, [Giant's Causeway--Sweet Breanna](#), by Sahm)

Apr. 15 TDN Top 12 Rank: 5

O-Albaugh Family Stable. B-Gabriel Duignan, William Arvin Jr & Petaluma (KY). T-Dale Romans.

Sales: \$350,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP.

Last Start: 1st [GI Blue Grass](#), KEE, Apr. 9

Accomplishments Include: 1st, [GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity](#), KEE, Oct. 3

[Thoro-Graph sheet](#), [Equine Line PPs](#)

[Andrew Caulfield on sire Giant's Causeway](#)

KY Derby Points: 114

Whatever happened in the GII Lambholm South Tampa Bay Derby happened. Brody's Cause didn't run a step that day but may have shown his true colors when winning the GI Toyota Blue Grass S. in an impressive effort. His three best races (also the GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity and a third-place finish in the GI Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Juvenile) have all come at Keeneland, so he's getting a reputation as a horse for that course. But he is also one-for-one at Churchill, having broken his maiden there in September.



Brody's Cause | Coady Photography

6. DESTIN (c, [Giant's Causeway--Dream of Summer](#), by Siberian Summer)

Apr. 15 TDN Top 12 Rank: 7 ▲

O-Twin Creeks Racing Stables, LLC. B-James C. Weigel & Taylor Made Stallions Inc (KY). T-Todd Pletcher

Sales history: \$400,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP

Last Start: 1st, [GII Tampa Bay Derby](#), TAM, Mar. 12

Accomplishments Include: 1st [GIII Sam F. Davis](#), TAM, Feb. 13

[Thoro-Graph sheet](#), [Equine Line PPs](#)

KY Derby Points: 51

You knew this would happen sooner or later. With trainers so bent on giving their horses as much time as possible between races we have the first serious Derby contender in eons to come into the race off an eight-week layoff. It's a strategy that is working for a lot of major stables, but will it work in a race that is as unique as the Derby? This isn't a five-horse, mile-and-a-sixteenth race, after all. It has happened at least once in history, as 1917 winner



Destin | Tampa Bay Downs

Exterminator was making his first start of the year in the Derby and had last raced July 26, 1916.

7. OUTWORK (c, [Uncle Mo--Nonna Mia](#), by Empire Maker)

Apr. 15 TDN Top 12 Rank: 8 ▲

O/B-Repole Stable (KY). T-Todd Pletcher

Last Start: 1st, [GI Wood Memorial S.](#), AQU, Apr. 9

[Thoro-Graph sheet](#), [Equine Line PPs](#)

KY Derby Points: 120

The last winner of the GI Wood Memorial to come back and win the GI Kentucky Derby was Fusaichi Pegasus (Mr. Prospector) in 2000 and most think the slump will continue this year, as Outwork hasn't gotten many people excited. He won the Wood in a dreadfully slow 1:52.92 and beat a maiden in Trojan Nation (Street Cry {Ire}). Despite the time, he got a 1 1/2 on the Thoro-Graph sheets, a number that puts him in the ballpark with a lot of top Derby contenders.



Outwork | Coglianese Photography

8. CREATOR (c, [Tapit--Morena {Per}](#), by Privately Held)

Apr. 15 TDN Top 12 Rank: Unlisted ▲

Sales history: \$440,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP

O-WinStar Farm LLC. B-Mt. Brilliant Broodmares I LLC (KY). T-Steve Asmussen

Last Start: 1st, [Arkansas Derby](#), OP, Apr. 16

[Thoro-Graph sheet](#), [Equine Line PPs](#)

[Andrew Caulfield on Creator](#)

KY Derby Points: 110

This has been the year where a lot of horses came from nowhere and Creator is no exception. It took him six starts to break his maiden and he didn't do so until Feb. 27. Forty-nine days later he won the GI Arkansas Derby. He's come a long way in a short period of time, but may need to step it up another notch in order to beat the top guns in the Derby. Along with Gun Runner (Candy Ride {Arg}), he gives trainer Steve Asmussen, who has yet to win the Derby, the two top threats.



Creator | Coady Photography

9. MOR SPIRIT (r, Eskendereya--[Im a Dixie Girl](#), by Dixie Union)

Apr. 15 TDN Top 12 Rank: 9

O-Michael Lund Petersen. B-Elkstone Group LLC (PA). T-Bob Baffert.

Sales history: \$650,000 2yo '15 FTFMAR; \$85,000 Ylg '14 FTKOCT.

Last Start: 2nd, [GI Santa Anita Derby](#), SA, Apr. 9

Accomplishments Include: 1st, [GIII Robert B. Lewis S.](#), Feb. 6, SA; 1st, [GI Los Alamitos Futurity](#), LRC, Dec. 19

[Thoro-Graph sheet](#), [EquineLine PPs](#)
[Andrew Caulfield on Mor Spirit](#)

KY Derby Points: 84

We're so used to Bob Baffert having the best GI Kentucky Derby threat coming out of California that's it's odd to see him with a horse who just can't seem to get over the hump of late. This one was second behind 'TDN Rising Star' Danzing Candy (Twirling Candy) in the GII San Felipe S. and was second again in the GI Santa Anita Derby. But Exaggerator (Curlin) beat him so soundly that day that the race made the stock of Mor Spirit fall. Looks like he will be Baffert's only Derby horse as Cupid (Tapit) has been withdrawn from Derby consideration and Collected (City Zip) doesn't have enough points.



Mor Spirit | Benoit Photo

10. MO TOM (c, [Uncle Mo](#)--[Caroni](#), by Rubiano)

Apr. 15 TDN Top 12 Rank: 10

O-GMB Racing. B-Hargus & Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm (KY). T-Tom Amoss.

Sales history: \$150,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP.

Last Start: 4th, [GII Louisiana Derby](#), FG, Mar. 26

Accomplishments Include: 1st, [GIII LeComte S.](#), FG, Jan. 16; 1st, [Street Sense S.](#), CD, Nov. 1

[Thoro-Graph Sheet](#), [EquineLine PPs](#)

KY Derby Points: 32

What will Mo Tom do if he ever has a clean trip? We still don't know the answer, as he experienced nightmarish journeys around the Fair Grounds oval in the GII Veterans Ford Risen Star S. and the GII Twinspires.com Louisiana Derby. Somewhat lucky to even make it to the Derby, he's number 20 on the points list and didn't get



Mo Tom | Reed Palmer Photography

into the field until the announcement came out that Cupid (Tapit) was passing the race. He's certainly due for some good luck, as he's well-bred and has a smart trainer behind him in Tom Amoss. You never know.

11. MY MAN SAM (c, [Trappe Shot](#)--Lauren Byrd, by Arch)

Apr. 15 TDN Top 12 Rank: 11

O-Sheep Pond Partners, Newport Stables LLC & Jay W. Bligh. B-Jay W. Bligh (KY). T-Chad Brown

Last Start: 2nd, [GI Blue Grass S.](#), KEE, Apr. 9

[Thoro-Graph Sheet](#), [EquineLine PPs](#)

KY Derby Points: 40

Things haven't exactly worked out as trainer Chad Brown had probably hoped when it comes to his GI Kentucky Derby contenders, but in 'TDN Rising Star' My Man Sam, he does have an interesting contender. In a year where late-bloomers have flourished, he's another who came from nowhere. He didn't break



My Man Sam | Coady Photography

his maiden until Jan. 31 and didn't make his stakes debut until the GI Toyota Blue Grass S. But that's where he made a statement, closing from the 14 post to finish second. Probably not quite good enough, but he's heading in the right direction.

12. WHITMORE (g, [Pleasantly Perfect](#)--[Melody's Spirit](#), by Scat Daddy)

O-Robert V. LaPenta, Harry T. Rosenblum and Southern Springs Stable. B-John Liviakis (KY). T-Ron Moquett

Apr. 15 TDN Top 12 Rank: On the Bubble ▲

Last Start: 3rd, [GI Arkansas Derby](#), OP, Apr. 16

[Thoro-Graph sheet](#), [EquineLine PPs](#)

KY Derby Points: 44

Whitmore might be ranked lower in other places, but we like his consistency. He's never won beyond six furlongs and he's lost his last three, but he shows up. He was second in the GIII Southwest, second in the GII Rebel S. and third in the GI Arkansas Derby. For him, that might be as good as it gets, but how often have we seen a horse like this finish third or fourth at a big price? Whitmore gets Victor Espinoza, who is trying to become the first jockey in history to win three-straight editions of the Derby.



Whitmore | Coady Photography

13. DANZING CANDY (c, [Twirling Candy](#)--[Talkin and Singing](#), by [Songandaprayer](#))

O-Halo Farms, Jim & Diane Bashor. B-Halo Farms (KY). T-Clifford W. Sise, Jr.

Apr. 15 *TDN* Top 12 Rank: On the Bubble

Last Start: 4th, [GI Santa Anita Derby](#), SA, Apr. 9

Accomplishments Include: 1st, [GII San Felipe S.](#), SA, Mar. 12
[Thoro-Graph sheet](#), [Equineline PPs](#)

KY Derby Points: 60

Can you throw out 'TDN Rising Star' Danzing Candy's poor showing in the GI Santa Anita Derby? Jockey Mike Smith said he



Danzing Candy | Benoit Photo

simply couldn't control his mount that day and said the slop and goo at Santa Anita bothered the colt. He compared the situation to when Palace Malice (Curlin) ran off in the 2013 GI Kentucky Derby only to come back and win the GI Belmont S. "He's really

fast and that's his game," Smith said. "He's never going to go out there in 24. But if I can get him to relax and then if he responds the way I know he can when I call on him we'll have a big chance in the Derby."

14. SUDDENBREAKINGNEWS (g, [Mineshaft](#)--[Uchitel](#), by [Afleet Alex](#))

O-Samuel F. Henderson. B- Branch Equine, LLC (KY). T-Donnie K. Von Hemel

Apr. 15 *TDN* Top 12 Rank: On the Bubble

Sales history: \$72,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP.

Last Start: 2nd, [GI Arkansas Derby](#), OP, Apr. 16

Accomplishments Include: 1st, [GIII Southwest S.](#), OP, Feb. 15; 1st [Clever Trevor S.](#), RP, Nov. 6

[Thoro-Graph sheet](#), [Equineline PPs](#)

KY Derby Points: 50

Suddenbreakingnews is another blue-collar type who usually shows up. The late-runner was a bit of a disappointment when fifth in the GII Rebel S., but rebounded with a second-place finish in the GI Arkansas Derby. The difference between the two races was the pace, as it was much faster in the Arkansas Derby. He



Suddenbreakingnews | Coady Photography

probably can't win the GI Kentucky Derby, but his best shot will come if they fly up front early.

15. SHAGAF (c, [Bernardini](#)--[Muhaawara](#), by [Unbridled's Song](#))

O/B-Shadwell Stable (KY). T-Chad Brown

Apr. 15 *TDN* Top 12 Rank: On the Bubble

Last Start: 5th, [GI Wood Memorial](#), AQU, Apr. 9

Accomplishments Include: 1st, [GIII Gotham S.](#), AQU, Mar. 5
[Thoro-Graph sheet](#), [Equineline PPs](#)

KY Derby Points: 50

'TDN Rising Star' Shagaf's stock fell dramatically when he was fifth in the GI Wood Memorial. The connections are hoping he



Shagaf | Lauren King

didn't like the mud that day. His critics will tell you he simply isn't that fast...or at least fast enough to beat the upper-echelon 3-year-olds. Interesting to see trainer Chad Brown's main man, Irad Ortiz Jr., go with fellow 'Rising Star' My

Man Sam (Trappe Shot). Shagaf has never gone off at odds higher than 19-10 in his life. Now, he will be 30-1, 40-1 in the Derby.

16. MAJESTO (r, [Tiznow](#)--[Unacloud](#), by [Unaccounted For](#))

O-Grupo 7C Racing Stable. B-Diamond A. Racing Corp (KY). T-Gustavo Delgado

Apr. 15 *TDN* Top 12 Rank: On the Bubble

Sales history: \$300,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP.

Last Start: 2nd, [GI Florida Derby](#), GP, Apr. 2

[Thoro-Graph sheet](#), [Equineline PPs](#)

KY Derby Points: 40

The good news is that Majesto was second in the GI Twinspires Florida Derby, which meant he had enough points to get into the GI Kentucky Derby. The bad news is that the only race he has won is a Feb. 27 maiden at Gulfstream. It looks like the Florida Derby field fell apart after Mohaymen (Tapit)



Majesto | Leslie Martin

stubbed his toe and Nyquist (Uncle Mo) put away the field...just about anyone could have run second. It is very hard to imagine him draped in roses May 7.

17. TOM'S READY (c, [More Than Ready](#)--[Goodbye Stranger](#), by [Broad Brush](#))

O-GMB Racing. B-Blackstone Farm LLC (PA). T-Dallas Stewart
 Apr. 15 *TDN* Top 12 Rank: On the Bubble
 Sales history: \$145,000 RNA Wlg '13 KEENOV; \$145,000 Ylg '14 FTNAUG
 Last Start: 2nd, [GII Louisiana Derby](#), FG, Mar. 26
[Thoro-Graph sheet](#), [EquineLine PPs](#)
 KY Derby Points: 44

Though he has more points than Mo Tom (Uncle Mo), he's widely regarded as the second-best horse from the stable of Gayle and Tom Benson, the owners of the New Orleans Saints and the NBA New Orleans Pelicans. Tom's Ready has a habit of running second, which he's done four times from nine starts. His only win was a maiden at Churchill last September. He ran dismally in the slop in the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S., so may need a dry track.



Tom's Ready | Coady Photography

18. LANI (c, [Tapit](#)--[Heavenly Romance {Jpn}](#), by [Sunday Silence](#))

O-Yoko Maeda. B-North Hills Co. Ltd (KY). T-Mikio Matsunaga
 Apr. 15 *TDN* Top 12 Rank: On the Bubble
 Last Start: 1st, [GII UAE Derby](#), MEY, Mar. 26
 Accomplishments Include: 1st, Cattleys Sho, TOK, Nov. 28
[Thoro-Graph sheet](#), [EquineLine PPs](#)
[Andrew Caulfield on Lani](#)
 KY Derby Points: 100



Lani | Coady Photography

and in Dubai. The problem is that everything that has come out of the GII UAE Derby in the past has appeared to be in over their heads in the GI Kentucky Derby. And this year's UAE Derby looked particularly weak. He figures to get very little

respect come Derby Week.

19. OSCAR NOMINATED (c, [Kitten's Joy](#)--[Devine Actress](#), by [Theatrical {Ire}](#))

O-Kenneth & Sarah Ramsey. B-Mrs. Jerry Amerman (KY). T-Michael Maker

Apr. 15 *TDN* Top 12 Rank: On the Bubble
 Last Start: 1st, [GIII, Spiral S.](#), TP, Apr. 2
 Accomplishments Include: 1st, [Black Gold Overnight S.](#), FG, Feb. 27

[Thoro-Graph sheet](#), [EquineLine PPs](#)
[Andrew Caulfield on Oscar Nominated](#)

KY Derby Points: 50

They get no more enthusiastic than owners Ken and Sarah Ramsey, which explains why this guy will be supplemented into the Derby field at the cost of 200 grand. That's an awful lot to pay for a horse that likely has zero chance, but Ken Ramsey wants to win the Derby perhaps more than anyone on the planet. In some sense, they have



Oscar Nominated | Coady Photography

nothing to lose as they claimed Oscar Nominated for \$75,000 and he earned \$282,000 winning the GIII Horseshoe Casino Cincinnati Spiral S....so he's paid his way into the race.

20. TROJAN NATION (c, [Street Cry {Ire}](#)--[Storm Song](#), by [Summer Squall](#))

O-Julie Gilbert & Dr. Aaron Sones. B-Dr. Aaron Sones (KY). T-Patrick Gallagher
 Apr. 15 *TDN* Top 12 Rank: On the Bubble
 Last Start: 2nd, [GI Wood Memorial](#), AQU, Apr. 9
[Thoro-Graph sheet](#), [EquineLine PPs](#)
 KY Derby Points: 40

The maiden. Ok, so it hasn't happened in a long time, but Trojan Nation would not be the first maiden to win the GI



Trojan Nation (r) | Coglianese Photography

Kentucky Derby. Three others have done it: Buchanan (1884), Sir Barton (1919) and Brokers Tip (1933). Nine maidens have contested the Derby since 1945 and none have finished better than eighth. Obviously, for him, this won't be easy.

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Saturday, Charles Town, post time: 6:05 p.m. EDT

CHARLES TOWN CLASSIC S.-GII, \$1,250,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Sonny Inspired	Artie Schiller	Toledo	Schoenthal	118
2	Charitable Annuity	Charitable Man	Lopez	Casey	118
3	S'maverlous	Tiz Wonderful	Lezcano	Maker	120
4	Donworth	Tiznow	Gutierrez	O'Neill	118
5	Imperative	Bernardini	Smith	Baltas	118
6	International Star	Fusaichi Pegasus	Ortiz	Maker	118
7	Stanford	Malibu Moon	Castellano	Pletcher	118
8	La Macchina	Malibu Moon	Hill	Umarov	118
9	Page McKenney	Eavesdropper	Karamanos	Eppler	120
10	Hard Aces	Hard Spun	Lezcano	Sadler	118

Also Eligible:

11	Incremental	Flatter	Franco	Umarov	118
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Saturday, Keeneland, post time: 5:30 p.m. EDT

DIXIANA ELKHORN S.-GII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Da Big Hoss	Lemon Drop Kid	Geroux	Maker	118
2	Up With the Birds	Stormy Atlantic	Velazquez	Motion	118
3	A Red Tie Day	Indygo Shiner	Stevens	Baltas	118
4	Idolo Porteno (Arg)	Jump Start	Lopez	Correas, IV	118
5	Royal Albert Hall (GB)	Royal Applause (GB)	Prat	O'Neill	118
6	Twilight Eclipse	Purim	Leparoux	Albertrani	118
7	Kaigun	Northern Afleet	Bravo	Casse	120
8	St. Albans Boy	Giant's Causeway	Graham	Rubley	118

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Saturday, Los Alamitos, post time: 8:28 p.m. EDT

GREAT LADY M S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Thirteen Arrows	Indian Charlie	Garcia	Hollendorfer	119
2	Fantastic Style	Harlan's Holiday	Bejarano	Baffert	124
3	Lost Bus	Bring the Heat	Perez	Sherlock	124
4	Dr. Fager's Gal	Wild Desert	Pedroza	Hollendorfer	119

5	Ben's Duchess	Munnings	Talamo	Sadler	121
6	Minks Aprise	Northern Afleet	Solis	Hollendorfer	119
7	Finest City	City Zip	Desormeaux	Kruljac	119

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Kentucky

Wednesday's Results:

7th-KEE, \$65,593, Alw, 4-20, (NW3\$X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.96, fm.

NO FAULT OF MINE (f, 4, [Blame](#)--Single Solution {GSW, \$199,439}, by Flatter) flew from out of the clouds to be second in the 2014 GII Golden Rod S. at Churchill, but went missing for 10 months until she took an Arlington allowance sprinting over the synthetic last September. She was second stretching out under the Twin Spires Nov. 5, but failed to land a blow in the GII Fall City H. three weeks later. The Lothenbach homebred closed impressively to return to winning ways in a Tampa sprint optional claimer Jan. 27, but settled for second after having to wait for running room in that venue's Minaret S. Feb. 20. Given a 9-2 chance while stretching back out and trying the lawn for the first time, No Fault of Mine lagged at the back of the pack early. Switched out for clear sailing at the top of the lane, she seemed to be spinning her wheels a bit while struggling with her lead changes, but leveled off nicely late to power her way clear by a widening length. Ol' Fashion Gal (Old Fashioned) was second. The winner's dam inherited the win with an after-the-fact DQ in a division of the GIII Valley View S. here in 2009. Single Solution is a half to Vacare (Lear Fan), whose signature win came in the 2006 GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup S. here. Single Solution was bred to Blame again last year. Sales history: \$100,000 RNA Ylg '13 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSP, 8-4-3-0, \$153,284. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**

O/B-Lothenbach Stables Inc (KY); T-Chris M. Block.

2nd-KEE, \$55,700, Alw, 4-20, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:42.34 (NTR), ft.

TALE OF LIFE (JPN) (c, 4, [Deep Impact {Jpn}](#)--Second Happiness, by Storm Cat) began his career in France with Pascal Bary, and crossed the wire first in his Stateside debut for this barn in a grassy Saratoga allowance Sept. 5, only to be disqualified somewhat controversially to fourth. Off the board in his next four attempts, he was third in a Santa Anita optional claimer Feb. 6 before finishing a close second when switched to the main track at 1 1/4 miles in Arcadia Mar. 10. Backed ad the 19-10 second choice for a hot barn at the stand, Tale of Life chased splits of :23.49 and :47.16 while tugging hard at rider Drayden Van Dyke. Ranging up to take over while still in hand around the home bend, the homebred kicked away despite some awkward strides to score by 4 3/4 while lowering the track record. A track record was also broken in the day's opening race. The winner's second dam is the great Miesque. Lifetime Record: 10-2-2-1, \$79,455. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**

O/B-Flaxman Holdings Limited (JPN); T-H. Graham Motion.

1st-KEE, \$48,380, Msw, 4-20, 2yo, 4 1/2f, :51.36, ft. **+HEY MIKE (c, 2, [Cape Blanco {Ire}](#)--Nina Fever {MSP, \$216,517}, by Borrego)**, a half-sister to Sunday's GII Adena Springs Beaumont S. runner-up and GI Frizette S. winner Nickname (Scat Daddy), GISW, \$503,950, was kept after by rider Javier Castellano in the lane here to post the mild upset while setting a track record. Off as the 7-2 second choice, the bay moved up along the rail to sit in second as hot Wesley Ward firster Red Lodge (Midshipman) sped away in isolation. The chalk spun into the lane a bit wide, prompting Castellano on Hey Mike to remain inside still with plenty of work to do. Red Lodge's rider Julio Garcia appeared to think the race was over, looking over his right shoulder twice and not seeing any competition, but Hey Mike snuck up the rail, and by the time Garcia saw him, the wire had arrived and Red Lodge was a half-length back. The winner's dam produced a Stay Thirsty filly last year and was bred back to Scat Daddy. Sales history: \$60,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$30,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).** O/B-Michael Hui (KY); T-Michael J. Maker.

Tony Leonard Collection Auction Raises Funds for Old Friends:

Race-goers at Keeneland on its opening Saturday, Apr. 9, spent nearly \$26,000 on Thoroughbred photos and artifacts--including pieces from the Tony Leonard Collection--a portion of which will benefit Old Friends equine retirement facility, it was announced Wednesday. The auction was held as part of a 40th anniversary celebration for Taylor Made Farms.

Photographer Tony Leonard, celebrated for his photography of generations of Thoroughbreds during racing's heyday, produced hundreds of thousands of photos over his more than 50-year career.

"I'm so proud that the Tony Leonard Collection chose Old Friends as its charity partner," said Michael Blowen, founder and president of Old Friends. "Tony captured historic images of many of our horses at the height of their careers, so it's really a fitting tribute to his legacy to have his work continue to support these former champions in their retirement."

Keeneland Honors Hall of Fame Jockeys Friday:

Keeneland will honor one of the largest contingents of Racing Hall of Fame jockeys ever assembled Friday, highlighted by an autograph signing from 2:00-3:00 pm E.T. on the venue's North Terrace.

Among the jockeys scheduled to appear are Pat Day, Steve Cauthen, Don Brumfield, Gary Stevens, Calvin Borel, Chris McCarron, Jacinto Vasquez, Laffit Pincay, Jr. and Randy Romero. The riders will also discuss their careers in a question and answer session in the Keeneland Walking Ring that begins at 12:05 p.m. ET.

Inaugural UK Equine Short Course Slated for May 14:

An inaugural University of Kentucky Equine Nutrition Short Course will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET May 14, it was announced Wednesday. The event, designed for horse owners interested in understanding how nutrition can affect their horses' health and longevity, is presented by UK Ag Equine Programs' equine nutrition working group within the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment.

"There has been increasing interest in how feeds and feeding management affect the risk for metabolic and digestive diseases in horses," said event organizer Laurie Lawrence. "The nutrition working group has assembled a group of outstanding speakers and innovative, hands-on activities that will give horse owners practical information about desirable and undesirable feeding practices."

For more information, or to register online, visit the event's [website](#).

New York

Wednesday's Results:

3rd-AQU, \$73,500, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 4-20, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 3/8mT, 2:16.50, fm.

TROPHEE (FR) (m, 5, Mr. Sidney--Trevisse {Fr}, by Anabaa), a half to dual G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe victress Treve (Fr) (Motivator {GB}), 2x Hwt. Older Mare & Older Horse-Eur at 11-14f, Hwt. Older Mare-Fr at 9-11f, 2x Hwt. Older Horse-Fr at 11-14f, Hwt. 3yo-Eur & Fr at 11-14f, MG1SW-Fr, G1SP-Eng, \$9,459,441, was sent to the States by the Heads as a maiden, and broke through emphatically in her fifth start for the Clement barn at Belmont last June. She added a Saratoga allowance two starts later, and was second back in Elmont Sept. 20. Fourth in Keeneland's GIII Dowager S. Oct. 18, the dark bay miss was offered at Fasig-Tipton November, but RNA'd for \$825,000. Bridlewood Farm acquired her privately after that, and she finished fourth in Del Mar's GIII Red Carpet H. Nov. 21 and fifth in Gulfstream's GIII La Prevoyante H. Dec. 26 for her new connections. Made the 14-10 choice returning from a break and dropping in class, Trophee was in no hurry early but moved up a spot crossing the wire for the first time to sit second last. She showed a very nice turn of foot to pick off rivals quickly along the home bend, and poured it on from there in a promising 5-year-old debut. GSP Queen's Parade (Giant's Causeway) was 3 1/2 lengths back in second. The winner is also a half to Trois Rois (Fr), SW & GSP-Fr, \$194,694, Lifetime Record: 16-3-5-1, \$229,640. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Bridlewood Farm; B-Haras Du Quesnay (FR); T-Christophe Clement.

1st-AQU, \$92,500, Msw, 4-20, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f, :52.08, ft.
+LADY STARDUST (f, 2, Union Rags--Hallelujah Trail {MSP, \$187,430}, by Gilded Time), backed down to 2-5 for the nation's dominant barn with early juveniles, ran to the money and gave a good first push for her much-hyped freshman sire (by Dixie Union), becoming the Lane's End resident's first winner from as many starters.

Chasing longshot Holy Gold (Touch Gold) while well out in the track early, the bay confronted that foe in the lane, and eventually powered



Lady Stardust | NYRA/Chelsea Durand

clear to score by a comfortable 5 1/2-length margin. So Fancy (Tapit), last year's \$500,000 Fasig-Tipton July sale topper, checked in third. According to [TDN insta-tistics](#), Union Rags was third by average yearling auction price among North American-based freshman sires last season, with an average price of \$132,237. Ranked third with juveniles at auction through Tuesday, the GI Champagne S. and GI Belmont S. winner was responsible for a \$975,000 colt at Fasig-Tipton, which so far is the priciest juvenile sired by a freshman sire in 2016. Lady Stardust's dam produced a Creative Cause filly last year, and was bred back to Goldencents. Sales history: \$105,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESSEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$50,000. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O/B-Brian Kahn (KY); T-Wesley A. Ward.

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5th-AQU, \$70,000, Msw, 4-20, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.49, fm.

GIOIA STELLA (f, 3, Medaglia d'Oro--Dowry, by Belong to Me), a half-sister to Nereid (Rock Hard Ten), GISW, \$303,800; and Sea Queen (Lemon Drop Kid), SW & GISP, \$474,495, was the most expensive filly at the 2014 Keeneland September sale at \$1.5 million. She finished a close second going this distance at Gulfstream Jan. 2, and again over an additional eighth of a mile Feb. 12. Given a 3-1 chance, she drafted in a perfect pocket spot as favored Conquest Lucknlove (Lookin At Lucky) showed the way with Truth (Arch) pressing that one. Full of run, but with no room to stretch her legs in the lane, the dark bay forced her way out from behind the chalk, bumping with Truth and briefly knocking that foe off stride. Gioia Stella kicked away from there to score by 3 3/4 lengths, and Truth recovered to get up for

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second--possibly helping the winner to escape an inquiry and objection with her diploma intact. The winner's dam has a 2-year-old Smart Strike filly, and recently produced a Medaglia d'Oro colt. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$57,200. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).** O-Moyglare Stud Farm, Ltd.; B-The Neuman Group & Darley (KY); T-Christophe Clement.

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Florida

Wednesday's Results:

2nd-GP, \$36,000, Msw, 4-20, 3yo, 1m, 1:36.31, ft.

WHEELS UP NOW (c, 3, Smart Strike--First Passage {GSW, \$306,144}, by Giant's Causeway) had kept good company in his previous starts, and broke through emphatically here with many of the better sophomores having already left town. He was fourth behind GII Tampa Bay Derby hero Destin (Giant's Causeway), impressive next-out graduate Sea Wizard (Uncle Mo) and GI Xpressbet.com Florida Derby runner-up Majesto (Tiznow) when fourth first out at Belmont Oct. 11. The \$450,000 KESEEP yearling followed that up with a second to next out SW and eventual MGSP Vorticity (Distorted Humor) at the Big A Nov. 8--highly regarded new 'TDN Rising Star' Stradivari (Medaglia d'Oro) was fourth. Second in front of a couple of Wednesday's rivals after setting a quick pace over track and trip on the day after Christmas, Wheels Up Now was cutting back from nine panels and putting blinkers back on--he wore them two back--after finishing sixth here Feb. 6. That heat has now produced five next out winners, including Majesto. Bumping a bit with rivals at the start, Wheels Up Now came off the inside and tugged his way up to press the pace while under a stranglehold. Poking a head in front hitting the bend, he galloped away with no resistance to don cap and gown by six lengths. Anaximandros (Hard Spun), a 116-1 shot, spiced up the exacta. The winner's dam, who is out of a full-sister to GSW and solid Florida sire Graeme Hall and half-sister to GISW Harmony Lodge, has a Bernardini filly named Berned, who brought \$550,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale from none other than West Point Thoroughbreds. First Passage also has a yearling colt by War Front. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-0, \$44,950. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**

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Double Diamond, Glen Hill & Payton TC Join Ocala Initiative:

Double Diamond Farm has donated a total of \$20,000 and Glen Hill Farm and Payton Training Center have both committed \$10,000 to the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation's Ocala Initiative which supports equine research at the University of Florida, the Jockey Club announced Wednesday. The growing list of supporters also includes Ocala Breeders' Sales Co., the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Association (FTBOA), and Ocala Stud.

"We are thrilled with the commitments of Double Diamond, Payton Training Center, and Glen Hill Farm," said Garrett Gleeson, director of development and major gifts at Grayson. "As we move toward closing out the organizational side of the Ocala Initiative, we're excited to have such an impressive roster of partner organizations supporting equine research. The initiative is designed to give those in the equine business the opportunity to give back to the horses that give so much."

Past Grayson-funded research developed vaccines for equine influenza and viral arteritis, defined Colitis X, and developed the field of biomechanics in horses, among other accomplishments. Current research priorities include studies of laminitis, foal pneumonia, and exercise-induced pulmonary hemorrhaging, as well as the full range of health and soundness issues that can affect horses.

"As a longtime supporter and board member of Grayson I was very excited to hear of this initiative and feel it's an important responsibility for people who love horses to support equine research," said Donald Dizney, owner of Double Diamond Farm. "Grayson funds only the best research, and to know the project will be undertaken at the University of Florida makes this initiative even more appealing."

More information about supporting the Ocala Initiative or any of Grayson's research projects can be obtained by contacting Garrett Gleeson via [email](#).

Eastern U.S.

Quade to Receive MHBA Federico Tesio Award

Maryland Racing Commission member and former chairman Bruce Quade will receive the Maryland Horse Breeders Association's (MHBA) Federico Tesio Award at its annual awards dinner, to be held in Timonium, Md., on Wednesday, April 27, it was announced Wednesday. The Tesio Award is presented in recognition for significant contributions to the state's Thoroughbred industry and is selected when a majority of the MHBA board members determines that someone has made an exceptional impact on the industry. Last presented in 2010, the award honors Quade, who was instrumental in securing a 10-year agreement for racing in the state among horsemen, breeders and tracks during his tenure as chairman of the racing commission from 2012 to 2015. "It's been many years since the board has acted because it has to be a consensus," said MHBA executive director Cricket Goodall. "In this case it was unanimous."

Central U.S.

Wednesday's Results:

8th-IND, \$42,160, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 4-20, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38.32, ft.

LADY FOG HORN (f, 4, Zavata--Titia {SP, \$256,217}, by Northern Spur {Ire}) strung together a quartet of stakes wins here--three on dirt and one on turf--before finishing second at 20-1 in Churchill's grassy GIII Cardinal H. Nov. 21. An overwhelming 3-10 choice, she saved ground and split rivals en route to a 1 1/2-length victory from Luvthatmustang (Candy Ride {Arg}). Lifetime Record: GSP, 16-9-2-2, \$434,166.

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Oaklawn Posts Across-the-Board Increases:

Oaklawn wrapped up its 2016 season with across-the-board gains in handle, attendance, average field size and Oaklawn Anywhere account wagering business, the track announced Wednesday. Notably, attendance grew 12%, while all-sources handle rose 4%, largely thanks to a field size increase to 9.62 per race, among the largest in the nation.

Through 55 days of live racing, on-track wagering showed an 8% increase, contributing to three overnight purse increases throughout the meet.

"Oaklawn enjoyed a banner racing season thanks to the support we received from our horsemen and fans, especially the ones in our home state," said Director of Racing David Longinotti. "We've been able to improve our racing product year after year and are already extremely excited about next year."

Trainer Steve Asmussen earned his seventh leading trainer title at Oaklawn with 46 wins and an Oaklawn record of \$3,448,729 in earnings, capped by Creator (Tapit)'s victory in the GI Arkansas Derby Saturday. Ricardo Santana, Jr., who piloted Creator, notched his fourth consecutive leading rider title with 80 wins and \$4,064,073--also an Oaklawn record.

TODAY'S INSIGHTS

7th-LRC, \$46K, Alw/OC (\$40K), 3yo/up, f, 6f, 7:58 p.m. EDT

'TDN Rising Star' **JUSTIN SQUARED (Zensational)** makes his belated return to the races for Zayat Stables and Bob Baffert. The grey aired by 5 1/2 lengths first up at Del Mar Sept. 5, good for a solid 86 Beyer Speed Figure. That heat has produced two next-out winners, including eventual GIII El Camino Real Derby winner Frank Conversation (Quality Road), as well as subsequent MSW Iron Rob (Twirling Candy). Justin Squared, a \$130,000 KEENOV RNA, hails from the family of GISW Spoken Fur

(Notebook) and MGSW and MGISP Unbridled's Note (Unbridled's Song). His Unbridled's Song half brother sold for \$500,000 to Japanese interests at last year's KESEEP sale. **Seventh Sense (Tur) (City Zip)**, a full-brother MGSW and MGISP Reneesgotzip, bounced back from a disappointing debut to score by a sharp 2 1/4-length margin at Santa Anita Mar. 12. The Jerry Hollendorfer pupil received a 92 Beyer for that front-running effort. **Mrzcek (Square Eddie)**, second in a pair of open juvenile stakes last summer, bested stablemate Ralis (Square Eddie) in the restricted Graduation S. at Del Mar last August. Forced to miss the GI Hopeful S. at Saratoga due to body soreness, his connections instead sent Ralis, who promptly romped by 5 3/4 lengths. [TJCS PPs](#)

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*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2013 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*
ALGORITHMS (Bernardini), Claiborne Farm, \$7.5K, 88/0/0
 3-KEE, Msw 4 1/2f, +Radianrithym, \$8K FTK OCT yrl, 20-1
BODEMEISTER (Empire Maker), WinStar Farm, \$30K, 131/0/0
 4-GP, Msw 4 1/2f, +Da Meister, \$10K KEE SEP yrl, 4-1
CALEB'S POSSE (Posse), Three Chimneys Farm, \$10K, 37/0/0
 4-GP, Msw 4 1/2f, +I Shod the Sheriff, \$10K KEE SEP yrl, 5-1
GET STORMY (Stormy Atlantic), Crestwood Farm, \$5K, 70/0/0
 3-KEE, Msw 4 1/2f, +Murray Hillbilly, 15-1
JERSEY TOWN (Speightstown), Darby Dan Farm, \$10K, 40/0/0
 3-KEE, Msw 4 1/2f, Jay Wow, \$3K FTK OCT yrl, 15-1
MISSION IMPAZIBLE (Unbridled's Song), Sequel Stallions New York, \$7.5K, 48/0/0
 1-AQU, Msw 4 1/2f, +Silver Mission, 4-5
TAPIZAR (Tapit), Gainesway Farm, \$15K, 100/0/0
 3-KEE, Msw 4 1/2f, +Adalzara, \$35K KEE SEP yrl, 15-1

Second-crop starters to watch: Thursday, April 21

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2012 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*
ADIOS CHARLIE (Indian Charlie), Ocala Stud Farm, \$3K, 84/9/0
 4-GP, Msw 4 1/2f, +Nuclear Fusion, \$16K OBS AUG yrl, 12-1
BACKTALK (Smarty Jones), Bridlewood Farm, \$3.5K, 41/1/0
 4-GP, Msw 4 1/2f, +Cold Snack Thirty, \$3K KEE SEP yrl, 20-1
CAPE BLANCO (IRE) (Galileo {Ire}), JBBA Shizunai Stallion Station, \$17.5K, 259/19/1
 4-KEE, Msw 1 1/16mT, +Red Panther, \$22K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 30-1
CUSTOM FOR CARLOS (More Than Ready), Clear Creek Stud, \$3K, 88/13/1
 3-EVD, Msw 6f, +No One Greater, 8-1
IQBAAL (Medaglia d'Oro), Ward Ranch, 17/4/0
 4-GP, Msw 4 1/2f, +Animal Quiet, 2-1
TRAPPE SHOT (Tapit), Claiborne Farm, \$10K, 182/26/0
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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-AQU, \$72,000, 4-20, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.24, ft.

SWEETRAYOFSUNSHINE (m, 7, Benchmark--Tialinga {SW, \$183,015}, by Cee's Tizzy) Lifetime Record: 25-12-5-0, \$319,662. O/T-David Jacobson; B-Black Diamond Racing LLC (CA).

5th-KEE, \$59,848, 4-20, (NW1X), 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:39.56, fm.

LA PIBA (f, 3, [Lookin At Lucky](#)--Perfect Solution, by Seeking the Gold) Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-1, \$72,264. O-Forever Tango, La Surestada Stables, Inc. & Shalom TR; B-Robert Muir, Des Scott & Sam Klein (KY); T-Ignacio Correias, IV. *\$30,000 Wlg '13 KEENOV; \$45,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR.

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9th-SUN, \$37,125, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 4-19, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.32, ft.

WEATHER DODGER (g, 4, Weather Warning--Cryptoscript, by Cryptoclearance) Lifetime Record: 14-3-4-1, \$139,331. O/B-Lisa Rehburg (NM); T-Joel H. Marr.

6th-IND, \$36,000, (S), 4-20, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04.82, ft.

MY ERIN (f, 3, Article of Faith--Tapper Time, by Pine Bluff) Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-0, \$73,016. O-Barbara Jean Conner & Southwest Racing Stables; B-Barbara J. Conner (IN); T-Genaro Garcia.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Awesome Thought, g, 4, [Lemon Drop Kid](#)--Clear Thinking, by Awesome Again. KEE, 4-20, (C), 1 1/16m, 1:45.08. B-G. Watts Humphrey Jr. & St. George Farm Racing, LLC (KY). *\$145,000 RNA Ylg '13 KEESEP.

I Got Cat Class, m, 5, **Classy Prospector**--Musical Wildcat, by D'wildcat. IND, 4-20, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05.58. B-Donna M. Taylor (IN).

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'HIGHS AND LOWS' AT GOFFS UK BREEZE-UP SALE



Lot 55 | Sarah Farnsworth

By Emma Berry

Unbroken blue skies over Doncaster's Town Moor provided an uplifting backdrop to the first breeze-up sale to be conducted under the Goffs UK banner but the sunny mood didn't quite translate to the sales ring, where the trade fell behind the strong pace set in the last few years. Two Kodiak (GB) (Danehill) colts shared the day's leading honours at £170,000, not far short of last year's top price of £185,000, but a drop in the median, which was down by 27% at £22,000, and a 14% reduction in average to £32,803 backed up the fairly downbeat moods of a number of vendors. The figure of 149 offered was up by just two horses on last year, but with only 108 juveniles changing hands, the clearance rate dropped to 72% from 88%, with turnover down to £3,542,000 from £4,995,500.

"Today has been a day of highs and lows," was the philosophical response from Managing Director Henry Beeby, who conceded that Goffs UK would regroup at the end of the breeze-up season to address the fall in trade. He continued, "The highs have been some excellent results for a number of 2-year-olds headed by a number of six-figure lots. However, it would be churlish of us not to recognise that trade has been mixed in parts and really quite challenging in the lower echelons of this specialist market which has been graphically reflected in the sale statistics." [Cont. p2](#)

QEMAH FLIES HOME AT CHANTILLY

Al Shaqab Racing's **Qemah (GB)** (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) was patiently ridden into the final furlong of Wednesday's G3 Prix de la Grotte at Chantilly, then produced a telling burst of late acceleration that saw her cross the wire an impressive 2 1/2-length winner. "I had some doubts beforehand as she doesn't show much in the mornings at home so I was anxious to see how she would run first time out this year,"



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admitted trainer Jean-Claude Rouget. "She erased all my doubts in style and quickened in a way only good horses can.

[Prix de la Grotte cont. p7](#)

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Goffs UK Breeze-Up Sale cont.

The Cool Silk Partnership spent £330,000 on three juveniles at this sale last year and they made their presence felt again when, acting through Matt Coleman of Stroud Coleman Bloodstock,



Matt Coleman and Robert Cowell
Emma Berry

they bought another trio of breezers for £285,000. Among them was the co-sale topper [lot 45](#), a son of Kodiak out of three-time winner Esuvia (Ire) (Whipper), a half-sister to Group 3-winning sprinter Resplendent Glory

(Ire) (Namid {GB}). Peter Swann, who races under the Cool Silk name with Barbara Wilkinson, commented, "We've had a lot of success buying from this sale and we've seen about six that we really like. You know what you're getting with Kodiak - they get on with it and they're ready to do the job. We have another by him, Sign Of The Kodiak (Ire), who was only just beaten in the All-Weather Championships and is rated 96."

Swann added that the partners have 24 horses in training, roughly half of which are 2-year-olds. He said, "This colt is to go to Robert Cowell, who now has four in training for us, and the Choisir we bought earlier will be trained by James Given."

The colt was offered by Con Marnane's Bansha House Stables, which sold three 2-year-olds for a total of £231,000.

Not to be outdone, Tally-Ho Stud brought a Kodiak colt [lot 55](#) to the ring just ten lots later to match the £170,000 top price of the day. The first foal of the Red Clubs (Ire) mare Good Clodora (Ire), who was bought by the O'Callaghans for just 7,000gns at Tattersalls in 2011, the colt will be trained by John Gosden after being secured by Richard Brown of Blandford Bloodstock for an undisclosed client.

"I was told to buy a sharp colt with a bit of class and Roger O'Callaghan has been raving about this horse for a while now," offered Brown. "I've been lucky buying from Roger in the past--all three I've bought today are from Tally-Ho--and this colt did an extremely good breeze. He's by a top sire of 2-year-olds and has a proper pedigree." That good pedigree includes Good Clodora's half-sister Ruby Rocket (Ire) (Indian Rocket {GB}), who was no slouch herself winning two listed sprints, but her achievements on the track have been surpassed by her son Maarek (GB) (Green Desert), who counts the G1 Prix de l'Abbaye among his 13 victories. [Cont. p3](#)



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45	colt	Kodiac (GB) (£40,000 Ylg '15 GOFUKAUG) B-Philip & Orla Hore (Ire) Consigned by Bansha House Stables Purchased by Cool Silk PS/Stroud Coleman Bloodstock	Esvia (Ire)	170,000
55	colt	Kodiac (GB) B-Tally-Ho Stud (Ire) Consigned by Tally-Ho Stud Purchased by Blandford Bloodstock	Good Clodora (Ire)	170,000
139	colt	Mizzen Mast (\$50,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP) B-Dr John A Chandler (KY) Consigned by Lynn Lodge Stud Purchased by Hillen & Ryan	Sharp Apple	155,000
137	filly	Sidney's Candy (\$62,000 Ylg '15 KEEJAN) B-RF/HF Mares Rule (NY) Consigned by Fairgreen Stables Purchased by David O'Meara	Sealedwithapproval	150,000
53	colt	Showcasing (GB) (90,000gns Wlg, '14 TATDEC) B-DJ & Mrs Deer (GB) Consigned by Mocklershill Purchased by AC Elliott/G Scott	Fuschia (GB)	140,000
100	filly	Kodiac (GB) B-Old Carhue Stud (Ire) Consigned by Grove Stud Purchased by Hillen & Ryan	Mimiteh	120,000

Nothing's Mizzen Here...

Angie Bailey and Pete Tingy have already raced the stakes winners Bogart (GB) and Astaire (Ire) so their most recent acquisition may well be in line for a movie-star name of his own.

That colt is [lot 139](#), Lynn Lodge Stud's Mizzen Mast half-brother to G2 Lancashire Oaks winner and G1 Prix Vermeille runner-up Pomology (Arch), who was bought through Stephen Hillen for £155,000. The agent said, "I'd say he'll go at least a mile in time. He's not really a typical breeze-up horse. Pete and Angie sadly lost their Group 1 winner Astaire to colic last year so they were looking for a horse to replace him and this colt will also be trained Kevin Ryan." He continued, "We went a little bit over budget to get him but sometimes you have to stretch for the ones you really want."



Kevin Ryan and Stephen Hillen | Emma Berry

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• No. Sold	108	132
• RNAs	41	15
• % RNAs	27%	10%
• High Price	£170,000	£185,000
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Goffs UK Breeze-Up cont.

Ryan will also train [lot 100](#), a Kodiak filly out of dual winner Mimitih (Maria's Mon)--a half-sister to G1 Cheveley Park S. winner Rosdhu Queen (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire})--who was bought on spec by the trainer at £120,000 from Brendan Holland's draft. The familiar names of Bansha House,



Con Marnane of Bansha House Stud | *Emma Berry*

Mocklershill, Lynn Lodge, Tally-Ho and Grove Stud peppered the leader board as usual but a less well known operation, Ireland's Fairgreen Stables, was responsible for the most expensive filly of the sale, a daughter of Sidney's Candy, [lot 137](#), who sold to David O'Meara for £150,000. Twice a visitor to a Keeneland Sale in 2015, the half-sister to Poker Night S. winner Cuvee Uncorked (Cuvee) was a \$62,000 January yearling before leaving the ring unsold at \$17,000 in September.

Vendor Justin Rea, who is based in Co. Meath, clearly worked his magic on the late April filly to have her spot on for a speedy breeze on Tuesday.

Rea said, "There hasn't really been an update or anything, she's just really come together. She's a nice filly and her breeze was really good. I do a bit of pinhooking with a couple of friends at home and have three more to sell at Tattersalls next week."

Newmarket-based George Scott is in his first season with a training licence having previously assisted Michael Bell and Lady Cecil. He already has one exciting prospect in his yard in the form of Saleh Al Homaizi and Imad Al Sagar's QIPCO 1000 Guineas contender Shaden (Ire) (Kodiak {Ire}) and the young trainer was delighted to be taking home [lot 53](#), a colt by Showcasing (GB) to his Saffron Stables. Punching the air as the hammer dropped in favour of his bloodstock agent Alex Elliott at £140,000, Scott later said, "He's for a new client. We banged our heads against the wall a bit last week at Tattersalls as we didn't manage to buy anything but everything happens for a reason." Elliott added, "We loved this horse as a yearling but we didn't have anyone to buy him. I saw him again a few weeks ago in Ireland and he came very highly recommended by Willie [Browne]. Things didn't actually go quite right for him in the breeze but we loved him and were determined to get him." Offered by Mocklershill, the bay colt is out of the winning Averti (GB) mare Fuschia (GB), the dam of multiple winners Tweet Lady (GB) (Royal Applause {GB}) and Tesaurus (GB) (Aqlaam {GB}).

Bushranger (Ire) is currently enjoying a purple patch, with a 26% winning strike-rate for all his runners and the top slot in the British and Irish two-year-old sires' table by earnings from his three winners at this early stage of the season. David Redvers was coaxed to £88,000 for his well-related daughter from the Tally-Ho draft, [lot 128](#),

whose dam Refuse To Give (Ire) (Refuse To Bend {Ire}) is a half-sister to Independence (GB) (Selkirk), the Group 2-winning dam of multiple Group 1 victor Mount Nelson (GB) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}). The page enjoyed an update just two days ago when Refuse To Give's daughter Zebedaios (Ire) (Zebedee {Ire}) won on debut for Brian Ellison at Pontefract. Her only other foal of racing age is the 4-year-old Snap Shots (Ire) (Kodiak {Ire}), who won twice at two and was fourth in the G2 Norfolk S. at Royal Ascot.



The Qatar Racing team of Sheikh Fahad, David Redvers and Kevin Darley
Emma Berry

Tally-Ho Stud ended the day as leading vendor with 14 lots sold reaping a total of £619,500. Concluding his appraisal of the day, Henry Beeby added, "Of course the Doncaster Breeze-up has been a trailblazer for many years and our successes have forced others to play catch-up but it will be important that we review the sale in the context of the complete market in a month or so, taking into account the feedback from every quarter as there are always things we can do better.

"For now, we extend our thanks to our professional band of vendors who have, yet again, brought an excellent bunch of potential winners to Doncaster, and to every purchaser for their support."

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RECORD OVERSEAS ENTRY FOR ROYAL ASCOT

A record 164 overseas entries from eight different countries feature among the 394 total entries for the eight Group 1 events to be staged at Royal Ascot this June. The number of overseas entries surpasses the previous mark of 156 set in 2013 and include some 35 horses from outside of Europe, breaking the former highwater mark of 27.

In addition to 230 British-trained entries, there were nominations received from Ireland (81), France (44), USA (18, beating the previous high of 13 in 2011), Australia (9), Germany & Hong Kong (4 apiece), Japan and Singapore (2 each).

Chief among the foreign possibilities is US Eclipse Award winner **Tepin** (Bernstein), who is likely to race once at Churchill Downs at the beginning of May and could be off to contest the



Solow is expected back at Royal Ascot to defend in the Queen Anne | *Racing Post*

G1 Queen Anne S. on the opening Tuesday of the meeting, where she could run into defending champion **Solow** (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}).

"Royal Ascot is definitely going to be a little more difficult," trainer Mark Casse told Ascot officials.

"You just never know when you try something new [Ascot's straight mile]. I would have been a little more worried because a mile uphill is a lot more taxing than a mile in the US, but the way Tepin has run recently suggests that, now she is older and wiser, she doesn't have the distance limitations she had early on."

Miss Temple City (Temple City), who beat the males in the G1 Maker's 46 Mile at Keeneland Apr. 15, is being considered for a second consecutive trip to the Royal Meeting, having run fourth in last year's G1 Coronation S. Other American entries for the top-level races include 2015 G2 Queen Mary S. winner **Acapulco** (Scat Daddy), **Manhattan Dan** (Big Brown), **Undrafted** (Purim), **Mongolian Saturday** (Any Given Saturday) and **Bobby's Kitten** (Kitten's Joy), now trained in Ireland by Dermot Weld.

Australasian horses have often performed with credit at Royal Ascot and could be well represented this year. Japan is set to field a serious contender for the G1 Prince of Wales's S. in the form of **A Shin Hikari** (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), who could have a European prep in the G1 Prix d'Ispahan at Chantilly May 24.

Chatauqua (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}), Australia's top sprinter, is engaged for the G1 Diamond Jubilee S. on the final day of the meeting and could face one of a Hong Kong-trained group including G1 Stewards' Cup winner **Giant Treasure** (Mizzen Mast) and **Gold-Fun** (Ire) (Le Vie Dei Colori {GB}).

A pair of entries from Singapore include the high-class sprinters **Spalato** (NZ) (Elusive City) and the fleet filly **Kiwi Karma** (NZ) (Fast 'n' Famous {Aus}).

"It is gratifying to see numbers up generally and record international entries, but what really counts in the later respect is quality and spread," commented Nick Smith, director of racing and communications for Ascot Racecourse. "To have one of Japan's leading middle-distance horses in the Prince of Wales's S. once again is tremendous; Chatauqua is most people's idea of the world's top sprinter and headlines several high profile Australian entries; Tepin's record speaks for itself and she is really picking up the public's attention home and abroad; Wesley Ward has many more Group 1 entries than before including in the Commonwealth Cup, which was such a welcome addition to the card last year."

Ascot Racecourse announced in January that Royal Ascot prize money has been increased by £1 million (18% uplift on 2015) this year, bringing total prize money on offer to a record £6,580,000 over the week, Tuesday, June 14 to Saturday, June 18. The three main Group 1 prize money boosts were for the Prince of Wales's S.--£750,000 from £525,000; the Queen Anne S.--£600,000 from £375,000; and the Diamond Jubilee S.--£600,000 from £525,000.

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AJAYA ON COMMONWEALTH TRAIL

Last year's G2 ITM Gimcrack S. winner **Ajaya** (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) is aiming towards a seasonal return in the G2 Sandy Lane S. at Haydock May 28. William Haggas won the race last year when Adaay (Ire) (Kodiak {GB}) beat Limato (Ire) (Tagula {Ire}) and the Newmarket trainer will be hoping for a similar performance from the Saleh Al Homaizi & Imad Al Sagar owned homebred. The colt was last seen finishing fourth to Shalaa (Ire)



Ajaya | *Racing Post*

(Invincible Spirit {Ire}) in the G1 Juddmonte Middle Park S. and Haggas reported, "Ajaya is fine and we haven't done anything with him on track so far as we had this plan in mind. As he is already a Group 2 winner, we are going to run him in

the [G2] Sandy Lane Stakes up at Haydock, then in the [G1] Commonwealth Cup at Royal Ascot." Like most trainers Haggas feels the introduction of the Ascot race, the inaugural edition won last year by Muhaarar (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), is a valuable addition to Britain's race programme. [Cont. p6](#)

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TODAY'S FEATURED RACE:

Qemah (Danehill Dancer) impresses in the G3 Prix de la Grotte



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Ajaya cont.

“The Commonwealth Cup a fantastic race. It is a tough race with or without Shalaa and it will still be very competitive,” added Haggas.

News of Shalaa’s setback has prompted another Newmarket trainer to re-consider plans. Hugo Palmer is also leaning towards the Royal Ascot race with his recent Craven meeting winner **Gifted Master (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}). The gelded 3-year-old beat last year’s G2 Norfolk S. winner Waterloo Bridge (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}) in the £100,000 Tattersalls Millions Sprint over six furlongs and Palmer is keen to let him take his chance at the top level over that trip. “The original plan was the [G3] Jersey S. but, with Shalaa out, we may take a look at the Commonwealth Cup. He did it really well over six furlongs last week and we have options with him trip-wise now, as I thought he was more a miler than a sprinter,” revealed Palmer.

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WALKER RELISHING GUINEAS CHALLENGE

Ed Walker is excited at the thoughts of his **Stormy Antarctic (GB)** (Stormy Atlantic) lining up in the G1 QIPCO 2000 Guineas at Newmarket Apr. 30. The colt made a sparkling reappearance when beating Foundation (GB) (Zoffany {Ire}) by three and a half lengths in the G3 Novae Bloodstock Insurance Craven S. at Newmarket last week and Walker thinks the race will set him up perfectly for the Classic in 10 days’ time. “Stormy Antarctic looks fantastic and has tightened up for last week’s run. He has come out of it extremely well - I couldn’t have asked for the race to have worked out better. On form he was entitled to win it as he had a higher official rating than Foundation, but it was still a hell of a performance,” said Walker. Such was Stormy Antarctic’s dominance on the day when the ground was riding quite soft that assumptions have been made that the horse requires easy ground to show his best; Walker is not convinced. “A lot of



Ed Walker | *Racing Post*

people are saying that he is a mudlark but I disagree. Much of his form has come on soft ground but that’s just been the way that it’s turned out, we haven’t gone looking for it – he moves like a fast ground horse and is by an American stallion.” On his only try in

Group 1 company Stormy Antarctic was beaten a head by the Aidan O’Brien trained Johannes Vermeer (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the Criterion International at Saint-cloud last November and it will be another Ballydoyle horse that commands most of the pre-race attention in the 2000 Guineas.

“The public seem to have the Guineas down as a one horse race, expecting Air Force Blue (War Front) to win it - which takes the pressure off a bit - but we certainly don’t see it that way. It’s unbelievably exciting and I’m just praying that everything goes smoothly between now and race day,” added the trainer who will be relocating from Newmarket to Lambourn for next season.

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PICCOLO DIES OF COLIC AT 25

Piccolo (GB) (Warning {GB}–Woodwind {Fr}, by Whistling Wind {GB}), both a Group 1 winning racehorse and a Group 1 producing stallion was put down last Sunday after succumbing to a bout of colic. He was 25 years of age and had been covering mares at Throckmorton Stud right up until his death. The stud’s Simon Balding said, “It wasn’t anything obvious to start with but



Piccolo | *Throckmorton Stud*

he was in pain and it was unbearable to see a horse like him suffering. He had a good innings and made a lot of friends. He was a kind, lovely horse in every way and we were very lucky to have him.”

Piccolo was trained by Mick Channon and had his finest hour at York in 1994 when he won the G1 Nunthorpe S. Upon hearing the news the trainer said on Twitter, “Just heard the superb Piccolo has died at the grand old age of 25. I owe him so much. A superb racehorse and a smashing stallion.” Bred by the Stanley Estate And Stud Co, Piccolo originally retired to Lavington Stud in 1996 and he developed a reputation for siring fast precocious juveniles. His daughter La Cucaracha (GB), one of three Group 1 winners he sired emulated his best racecourse achievement by landing the G1 Nunthorpe S. at York in 2005. His reach spread worldwide with him also being the sire of Australian Group 1 winners Temple Of Boom (Aus) and Picaday (Aus).

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O'NEILL SCOOPS TWO AWARDS

The 12th running of the Godolphin Stud And Stable Staff Awards, organised by Horse Racing Ireland, was held in the Dunraven Arms Hotel in County Limerick on Tuesday night where a total of ten awards were presented by Irish television personality Daithí O'Se. James 'Slim'O'Neill, assistant trainer to John Oxx, won both the Irish Racing Excellence Award and the



James O'Neill
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Dedication to Racing Award. Joe Osborne, Managing Director of Godolphin in Ireland, said, "The quality of nominations for this year's event was extraordinary and each of tonight's category winners has emerged from very strong fields. I congratulate them all and also thank their colleagues who nominated

them and the judges who took on the difficult task of selecting the winners." Below is the full list of winners who shared the majority of the €70,000 of prize-money on offer. The excellent initiative also sees a significant portion of the prize-money distributed among the other employees that work in the respective stables/studs of the winner's.

- **Irish Racing Excellence Award**
James O'Neill, Assistant Trainer, John Oxx
- **Leadership Award**
Damien McGillick, Assistant Trainer, Noel Meade
- **Head Lad/Girl or Travelling Head Lad/Girl**
Dick Dowling, Head Lad, Willie Mullins
- **Rider/Groom Award**
Sonny Carey, Work Rider, Willie Mullins
- **Stud Employee Award**
Nuala Healy, Manager, Ballincurrig House Stud
- **Administration Award**
Martina Murphy-Dunne, Racing Secretary, Dermot Weld
- **Dedication to Racing Award**
James O'Neill, Assistant Trainer, John Oxx
- **Newcomer Award**
Lorna Buggle, Head Girl, Dick Brabazon
- **Ancillary Services Award**
Kathleen Hanratty, Grooms' Canteen, Curragh Racecourse
- **Racecourse Award**
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Wednesday, Chantilly, France

PRIX DE LA GROTTÉ-G3, €80,000, CHY, 4-20, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:38.14, sf.

1--#@QEMAH (IRE), 126, f, 3, by [Danehill Dancer \(Ire\)](#)

1st Dam: Kartica (GB) (GSP-Fr, \$132,100),

by Rainbow Quest

2nd Dam: Cayman Sunset (Ire), by Night Shift

3rd Dam: Robinia, by Roberto

(€200,000 Ylg '14 ARAUG). O-AI Shaqab Racing; B-Haras du Cadran, SCEA Bissons & SAS IEI (IRE); T-Jean-Claude Rouget; J-Gregory Benoist. €40,000. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Fr, 4-2-1-1, €96,290. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#). **Werk Nick Rating: B.**

2--**Kenriya (Fr)**, 126, f, 3, Kendargent (Fr)--Cherriya (Fr), by Montjeu (Ire). O-Guy Pariente; B-Guy Pariente Holding (FR); T-Christophe Ferland. €16,000.

3--**Antonoe**, 126, f, 3, [First Defence](#)--Ixora, by Dynaformer. O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Millsec Ltd (KY); T-Pascal Bary. €12,000. Margins: 2HF, 1 1/4, SHD. Odds: 5.60, 4.30, 3.70.

Also Ran: Trixia (Fr), Chartreuse (Ire), Pleasemetoo (Ire), Gherdaiya (GB), Ella Diva (Fr), Positive Vibration (Ire).

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Qemah was routed by Antonoe when that rival earned 'TDN Rising Star' status in a newcomers' test at Deauville Aug. 7, but gained some measure of compensation when graduating at Longchamp in her second start Sept. 3. Exacting revenge on Antonoe, who trailed in seventh, when third in the Oct. 5 G1 Prix Marcel Boussac back at the Bois de Boulogne track in her juvenile season closer, she confirmed superiority once more with an impressive display here. Qemah was keen through the early strides before settling off the pace in seventh. Easing into contention approaching the final quarter mile, she quickened smartly to lead inside the eighth pole and drew off late to register a career high in taking fashion. She could have been closer in the Marcel Boussac last year, but didn't have the best of trips on that occasion. We'll think about the future now, but she is definitely on the Classic trail. The programme is to now go for the [May 15 G1 Poule d'Essai des] Pouliches at Deauville and then the [June 17 G1] Coronation S at Royal Ascot. For the time being, we definitely want to keep her at a mile." Pascal Bary expressed satisfaction at the performance of Antonoe and added, "Considering she lost a lot of training over the winter with almost two months' box rest, she definitely needed the race. She was rusty and I hope she improves on that when she comes back in the Pouliches."

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Prix de la Grotte cont.

The winner is a half-sister to the 2-year-old filly Jem Delafleuriere (Ire) (Henrythenavigator) and a yearling colt by Lawman (Fr).

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Wednesday, Chantilly, France

PRIX DE FONTAINEBLEAU-G3, €80,000, CHY, 4-20, 3yo, c, 8fT, 1:38.20, sf.

1--**@DICTON (GB), 128, c, 3, by Lawman (Fr)**

1st Dam: Saying (SW-Fr), by Giant's Causeway

2nd Dam: Pas de Reponse, by Danzig

3rd Dam: Soundings, by Mr. Prospector

O-Robert Ng; B-Wertheimer & Frere (GB); T-Gianluca Bietolini; J-Olivier Peslier. €40,000. Lifetime Record: 10-6-1-0, €139,250. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

Werk Nick Rating: C+.

2--**Taareef, 128, c, 3, Kitten's Joy**--Sacred Feather, by Carson City. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Dixiana Farm LLC (KY); T-Jean-Claude Rouget. €16,000.

3--**Almanzor (Fr), 128, c, 3, Wootton Bassett (GB)**--Darkova, by Maria's Mon. (€100,000 Ylg '14 ARAUG). O-Ecurie Antonio Caro & Gerard Augustin-Normand; B-Haras d'Etream (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget. €12,000.

Margins: NK, HF, HD. Odds: 8.60, 8.40, 10.40.

Also Ran: Vedevani (Fr), Royal Julius (Ire), Mont Ormel (Fr), Estikmaal (Ire), Millfield (Fr), Candide (Fr), Free From Desire (Fr).

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Dicton, who was acquired after shedding maiden status for the Wertheimer brothers and Freddy Head in an Oct. 8 Saint-Cloud claimer, ran second in a Nov. 9 handicap back there before registering conditions scores at Deauville Dec. 27 and at Compiègne on sophomore return Mar. 9. Posting a career high



Dicton | Scoop Dyga

in the Mar. 20 Listed Prix Omnium II back at Saint-Cloud last time, the bay took another giant step to with a determined effort in this illustrious trial. The bay was restrained in seventh after breaking keenly. Pushed along passing the quarter-mile marker, he seized the

day when an opening appeared at the eighth pole and was driven out to prevail in ultimately snug fashion. "He's an amazing, most courageous horse who always gives his best no matter what the going," enthused trainer Gianluca Bietolini.

"He had a good trip and Olivier Peslier rode a great race. He'd worked well last week, but I didn't know what to expect here as he was up in class again. All I knew was that he was in remarkable condition, he hasn't stopped improving since he was claimed and is just one of those miracles in life." Owner Robert Ng's racing manager Rupert Pritchard-Gordon added, "He is not entered in the [May 15 G1 Poule d'Essai des] Poulains [at Deauville] so we will see what the owner wants to do. He might want to supplement him for that, he might wait for the [June 15 G1] St James's Palace [S. At Royal Ascot] or he might want to take him to Hong Kong. It will, of course, be his decision." The winner, who is kin to the yearling filly Response (Hat Trick {Jpn}), is a grandson of Pas de Reponse (Danzig), Ch. 2-year-old Filly-Eur, Hwt. Older Mare-Eur at 7-9f, G1SW-Eng, MGSW & G1SP-Fr, \$347,321.

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Wednesday, Chantilly, France

PRIX NOAILLES-G3, €80,000, CHY, 4-20, 3yo, 10.5fT, 2:12.08, sf.

1--**#@RASEED (GB), 128, c, 3, Dubawi (Ire)**

1st Dam: Sudoor (GB) (SW-Eng), by Fantastic Light

2nd Dam: Wissal, by Woodman

3rd Dam: Wasnah, by Nijinsky II

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd (GB); T-Freddy Head; J-Aurelien Lemaire.

€40,000. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, €62,400. **Werk Nick**

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

2--**More Than A Dream (Ire), 128, c, 3, Halling--Chabelle (GB)**, by Shirocco (Ger). (32,000gns Ylg '14 TATOCT). O-Daniel-Yves Treves; B-Ecurie Skymarc Farm (IRE); T-Jean-Claude Rouget. €16,000.

3--**Valkena (Fr), 125, f, 3, Kendargent (Fr)--Vaillante (Ire)**, by Zilzal. (€35,000 RNA Ylg '14 AROCT). O-Guy Pariente; B-Guy Pariente Holding (FR); T-Cedric Boutin. €12,000.

Margins: 3, 3/4, 1HF. Odds: 3.50, 2.70, 21.80.

Also Ran: Cleonte (Ire), Burger and Fries (Fr), Chanduq (Fr).

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Raseed, who hit the ground running when successfully tackling seven panels in a July 17 Maisons-Laffitte maiden on debut, ran fourth in an Oct. 8 conditions test at Saint-Cloud before regaining the winning thread over nine furlongs on the artificial surface at this track in his only other start last time Oct. 30. To the fore early here before allowing supplemented distaffer Valkena to poach a 10-length advantage, he quickly reduced those arrears once shaken up passing the two pole and exhibited impressive acceleration in the closing stages to register a first black-type score as More Than A Dream swamped the enterprisingly ridden pacesetter for second nearing the line.

Prix Noialles cont.

“I wanted to run him earlier in the year, but the ground was much too soft, which he hates, and I’m very happy with the outcome,” explained conditioner Freddy Head. “The going was perfect for him today and he quickened like I expected he would. He could only beat what was before him and he did it well. Of course, the target is the [June 5 G1 Prix du] Jockey Club



Raseed | Scoop Dyga

[back at this track] and he’ll probably have one more run beforehand. I don’t know where or when that will be as I want to see how he comes out of this race first.” The winner’s second dam Wissal is a full-sister to G1 Champion S. third Bahhare (Woodman) and a half-sister to MG1SW

European highweight Bahri (Riverman).

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1st-CHY, €25,000, Mdn, 4-20, unraced 2yo, 5fT, :59.43, sf. +RED ONION (GB) (c, 2, Fast Company {Ire}--Capsicum {GB}, by Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), a €42,000 AROCT yearling, raced in a prominent fourth from the outset of this first go. Rowed along soon after halfway, the 12-1 took a slender advantage entering the final eighth and was ridden out to deny German challenger Edana (Fr) (Tai Chi {Ger}) by a half length. The winner’s second dam Scotch Bonnet (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) is a sibling of G1 Irish Oaks third Sister Bella (Ire) (Sadler’s Wells). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €12,500. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Ecurie Salabi, Nicolas Saltiel & Alexis Anghert; B-Thierry de la Heronniere & Mme Marie-Joelle Goetschy (GB); T-Carlos & Yann Lerner.

9th-CHY, €25,000, Mdn, 4-20, 3yo, c/g, 12fT, 2:38.96, sf. SPRING MASTER (GB) (c, 3, Mastercraftsman {Ire}--Cracovie {GB}, by Caerleon), who was just off the board on the Polytrack here in his only prior start Apr. 4, raced in a handy fourth from the break in this return. Cruising to the front just inside the two pole, the even-money chalk was set alight soon after and remained comfortably on top in the latter stages to easily account for Vengeful (Fr) (Zoffany {Ire}) by 1 3/4 lengths. He is a half-brother to G1 Prix Saint-Alary victress and G1 Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup third Coquerelle (Ire) (Zamindar), G1SW-Fr & GISP-US, \$299,261, and hails from the family of GI Sunset H. victor Roi Normand (Exclusive Native). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €15,000. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Ecurie Jean-Louis Bouchard; B-Haras du Mezeray (GB); T-Pascal Bary.

8th-CHY, €29,000, Cond, 4-20, 3yo, 6fT, 1:09.19, sf. ROSS CASTLE (IRE) (c, 3, Bushranger {Ire}--Bulrushes {GB}, by Byron {GB}) Lifetime Record: 15-2-2-1, €50,450. O-Matthieu Palussiere & Nicholas Teehan; B-Bluegate Stud (IRE); T-Matthieu Palussiere. *€1,800 RNA Ylg ‘14 GO14.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Ana Lichious (Ire), f, 3, Makfi (GB)--Anayid (GB), by A.P. Indy. CHO, 4-19, 9 1/2fT, 2:07.08. B-Lodge Park Stud (IRE). *€60,000 Ylg ‘14 ARAUG; €22,000 RNA 2yo ‘15 ARJUL. **1/2 to Titus Mills (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), Horse of the Year & Ch. Imported Grass Horse-Bel, SW-Eng, \$160,991.
Makitorix (Fr), c, 3, Makfi (GB)--Goldamix (Ire) (Hwt. 2yo Filly-Eur & G1SW-Fr, \$124,939), by Linamix (Fr). CHO, 4-19, 9 1/2fT, 2:05.98. B-Wertheimer & Frere (FR).

SPIRIT ONE SUCCUMBS TO TUMOUR

Spirit One (Fr) (Anabaa Blue {GB}--Lavayssiere {Fr}, by Sicyos), the French highweighted older horse of 2008 and winner of that year’s GI Arlington Million, died Apr. 20 from a tumour at Haras des Sablonnets. The death of the 12-year-old comes just four months after the stud lost their sire Smadoun (Fr).

Trained by Philippe Demercastel for owner Kamel Chehboub, Spirit One was victorious in the G3 Prix des Chenes and runner-up in the G1 Criterium International at two and was second in the G2 Prix Noialles and G2 Prix Guillaume d’Ornano during his sophomore season. He returned to winning ways in the 2008 G2 Prix Exbury and later that summer defeated Archipenko (Kingmambo) in the Chicago feature. He retired from racing with five wins from 19 starts and earnings in excess of US\$1.1 million.

Spirit One entered stud at Haras de Lonray and relocated to Sablonnets in 2013. The best of his 36 winners was Eleuthera (Fr), who took out the G3 Prix de Royaumont in 2013 and was subsequently purchased by Teruya Yoshida.

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Horse	Foal Year	Rating
Frankel (GB)	2008	147
Rip Van Winkle (Ire)	2006	134
Australia (GB)	2011	132
New Approach (Ire)	2005	132
Soldier of Fortune (Ire)	2004	131
Cape Blanco (Ire)	2007	130
Intello (Ger)	2010	129
Nathaniel (Ire)	2008	129

Highest Timeform annual rated progeny of Galileo (Ire) through 2014. For more on Timeform, click [here](#).



Wednesday's Results:

2nd-EPS, £50,000, Cond, 4-20, 3yo, 10f 18yT, 2:18.97, sf.

SO MI DAR (GB) (f, 3, [Dubawi {Ire}](#)--[Dar Re Mi {GB}](#) {Hwt. Older Mare-Eng at 11-14f, G1SW-Eng, Ire & UAE, GSW & G1SPFr, GISP-US, \$4,359,112}, by [Singspiel {Ire}](#)), the sole distaffer in this field who gained a neck verdict going an extended eight panels at Windsor in her only prior start Oct. 20, broke well and was restrained in sixth after the initial stages of this Investec Derby Trial. Coming under pressure once rounding Tattenham Corner to challenge wide passing the quarter-mile marker, the 3-1 second choice led with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining and, with jockey Frankie Dettori losing his whip in the straight, was pushed out in the closing stages to safely hold the late thrust of Humphrey Bogart (Ire) (Tagula {Ire}) for another neck success. "She was a little gassy so Frankie dropped her out and settled her in and we are delighted with her," said trainer John Gosden. "She came there nicely, but then Frankie threw his whip away three out which was a very good idea as I did not want him to hit her." Gosden continued, "She took up the running well, but was idling in front, which I took as a good sign, and he rode her out hands and heels. We are thrilled with her and came here to see how she would handle the track. She has handled it well and, with a bit of luck, we will go to the [May 11 G3] Musidora [S. at York], and then hopefully come back here for the [June 3 G1] Investec Oaks. The ground was soft enough today and she will be better on better ground."



The winning connections post-race
Racing Post

Owner's representative Simon Marsh added, "We had hoped she would be an above-average filly and up to Oaks class, but you never know until they do it on the track. It was a very exciting victory and, hopefully, we can now get to the Oaks. So Mi Dar is very much like her grandmother, Darara, who won the Prix Vermeille and I don't see why she should not go on any ground, barring extremes." The homebred bay is a half-sister to De Treville (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), MGSP-Fr, \$112,069. Her MG1SW dam is a daughter of the G1 Prix Vermeille scorer Darara (Ire) (Top Ville {Ire}), herself a half-sister to G1 Prix du Jockey Club victor Darshaan (GB). The winner is kin to a 2-year-old colt by Frankel (GB) and a yearling filly by Dubawi (Ire). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$50,019. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Lord Lloyd-Webber; B-Watership Down Stud (GB); T-John Gosden.

6th-LIN, £4,500, Mdn, 4-20, 3yo, 7f 1y (AWT), 1:25.66, st.

+PURE ART (GB) (f, 3, [Dutch Art {GB}](#)--[Pure Song {GB}](#), by [Singspiel {Ire}](#)), who RNA'd at 80,000gns as a TATOCT yearling, recovered from a slightly sluggish exit to track the leaders along the fence in fourth. Rowed along rounding the home turn, the 9-2 chance was angled outside for her bid at the top of the straight and ran on strongly under a late drive to deny Dubai Mission (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}) by 3/4 of a length nearing the line. The winner, whose second dam is the G1 Irish Oaks and G1 Yorkshire Oaks victress Pure Grain (GB) (Polish Precedent), is a half-sister to the G1 Epsom Derby, G1 St Leger and G1 King George VI & Queen Elizabeth S. placegetter Romsdal (GB) (Halling), SW & MG1SP-Eng, \$770,684. She is also a sibling of the 2-year-old colt Dixon (GB) (Lawman {Fr}) and a yearling colt by Poet's Voice (GB). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,192. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-R Barnett; B-W & R Barnett Ltd (GB); T-Ralph Beckett.

4th-LIN, £3,500, Mdn, 4-20, 3-4yo, 10f (AWT), 2:03.89, st.

+COMBATIVE (GB) (c, 3, [Sinndar {Ire}](#)--[Intense {GB}](#), by [Dansili {GB}](#)) raced in midfield from the break in this racecourse bow. Inching ever closer from halfway, the 7-1 chance loomed large off the home turn and quickened smartly for two cracks of the persuader in the short straight to assert by 1 3/4 lengths from Regicide (Ire) (Archipenko). Juddmonte's homebred bay, who is a half-brother to a 2-year-old colt by Medicean (GB), hails from the family of multiple Group 1-winning highweights Elmaamul (Diesis {GB}), Reams of Verse (Nureyev) and Middy (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €3,250. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-Amanda Perrett.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Finelcity (Ger), c, 3, **Elusive City**--Finity (GSP-Ire), by Diesis (GB).
EPS, 4-20, 8f 114yT, 1:55.66. B-Gestut Hofgut Heymann (GER).
*€9,000 Ylg '14 BBAGS.

Normandie Lady (GB), f, 3, **Kheylef**--Normandie Art (GB), by
Rainbow Quest. CAB, 4-20, 7fT, 1:31.46. B-A B Phipps (GB).
*9,500gns RNA Ylg '14 TAOCT.

OBSERVATIONS
on today's European racing scene

4.35 Tipperary, Cond, €20,000, 2yo, 5fT

ISTAN (GB) (Excelebration {Ire}), an Aidan O'Brien trainee set to carry the Susan Magnier silks in this first go, is a son of the 2005 G1 Epsom Oaks runner-up Something Exciting (GB) (Halling). His four rivals include stablemate and fellow newcomer **Ambiguity (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus})**, a full-brother to last term's G1 Queen Anne S. placegetter Cougar Mountain (Ire) out of a half-sister to Zafonic and Zamindar; and **Slains Castle (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire})**, who is out of a half-sister to the 2004 G1 2000 Guineas runner-up Snow Ridge (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}), debuting in the Fitri Hay colours for the David Wachman stable.

He was an intended runner in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint last December, but ultimately passed on the trip and has since won the G1 Lightning S. in Melbourne and most recently successfully defended his title in the G1 T J Smith S. in Sydney with a tremendous last-to-first burst beneath Tommy Berry. Co-trainer Michael Hawkes is overseeing the 5-year-old's lead-up to the Chairman's.

"He lost a little weight on the flight over but I'm not too worried about that," the conditioner commented. "He was quite bright when he got off the plane and I'm sure he'll pick up over the next two or three days. The main thing is that we are here. We wanted to come last December but he just wasn't 100% then. He's in great shape now and the important thing now is to get him to relax and acclimatised in the new environment. We'll go easy with him in the next few days."

The task facing Chautauqua in the Chairman's Sprint Prize figures to be no easy one, as the world's second- through fourth-rated sprinters are also likely to take their spots. That group includes **Aerovelocity (NZ) (Pins {Aus})**; compatriot **Buffering (Aus) (Mossman {Aus})**, victorious in the G1 Al Quoz Sprint; and **Not Listenin'tome (Aus) (Dylan Thomas {Ire})**.

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CHAUTAUQUA SETTLING IN AT SHA TIN

by Alan Carasso

Having arrived in Hong Kong in the wee hours of Tuesday morning, **Chautauqua (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus})** made his first trip to the track Wednesday as he begins his preparations for the G1 Chairman's Sprint Prize Sunday week.



Chautauqua | HKJC photo

The world's top-rated sprinter according to the most recent Longines World's Best Racehorse Rankings, Chautauqua took out the G1 Manikato S. last October and was just touched off in the G1 Darley Classic the following month.

HKJC CHARITIES TRUST TO ORGANISE

PHILANTHROPY FORUM The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust will organise the first international philanthropy forum in Hong Kong entitled "Philanthropy for Better Cities" Sept. 22 and 23 during which the main focus will be on

metropolitan social issues and how philanthropic endeavours might be implemented to address them. The forum will kick off Hong Kong International Philanthropy and Social Enterprise Week and will facilitate discussion among Asia and local philanthropists and industry experts to share best practices and make possible future collaboration.



Leong Cheung announces details of the "Philanthropy for Better Cities" forum
HKJC photo

Leong Cheung, the executive director of charities and community for the Hong Kong Jockey Club, explained during a Wednesday press conference that in its role as a "dynamic and transformative philanthropic organisation," the Club's Charities Trust attempts to seek out the root causes of social issues and

teams with others to try to find solutions. The Trust aims to provide a platform to exchange ideas and establish long-term cooperative relationships, with the overall objective of building Hong Kong into a better city.

“Philanthropy for Better Cities” will take place at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. will include “Youth and Education”, “Ageing and Health”, “Environment and Sustainability”, “Innovation and Technology” and “Private/Public Partnerships”. Over 1000 experts, speakers and delegates are expected to attend, including Michael Porter, Harvard Business School; Rip Rapson, The Kresge Foundation; Helen Goulden, Nesta; Helen Cadbury, Barrow Cadbury Trust; Laurence Lien, Asia Philanthropy Circle; and Wang Zhenyao, China Global Philanthropy Institute.

For additional information, please visit www.citiesphilanthropy.com.

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COOLMORE ANNOUNCES AUSSIE ROSTER

Officials at Coolmore Stud in the Hunter Valley, NSW, have announced their 2016 stallion roster. There are three new additions to the list for the upcoming breeding season, the most prominent of which is **Vancouver** (Medaglia d’Oro {USA}), the



Vancouver winning the Golden Slipper *Martin King/Sportpix*

2015 G1 Golden Slipper S. winner who is now training towards a European campaign with Aidan O’Brien. Also new to the roster for 2016 is **Pride of Dubai** (Street Cry {Ire}), who completed the G1 Blue Diamond S./G1 Sires’ Produce

S. double and the fleet **No Nay Never (USA)** (Scat Daddy {USA}). Returning to the Australian arm of the operation is **Starspangledbanner** (Choisir), who stood the last three southern hemisphere seasons at Rosemont Stud in Victoria where he was also foaled and raised.

“We’ve got three very exciting new horses for the coming season,” explained Coolmore’s Tom Magnier. “Pride of Dubai is already here on the farm and looks a million dollars, while Vancouver is thrilling Aidan O’Brien at Ballydoyle. We’re really looking forward to see him running--most likely at Royal Ascot--before he returns here for the breeding season.

Magnier added, “Wesley Ward has trained some very fast horses but none faster than Scat Daddy’s son No Nay Never who smashed the 1000m course record for a two-year-old at Royal Ascot. His first foals in Europe look like they’ll be fast too. We are obviously over the moon with the start So You Think has made at stud. We were always very confident about his prospects but didn’t expect it would happen quite this early. There is great anticipation ahead of Pierro’s first 2-year-old runners next season; they really look the part.”

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COOLMORE AUSTRALIA – 2016 SERVICE FEES

<u>Stallion</u>	<u>Fee (A\$ + GST)</u>
Adelaide (Ire) (Galileo {Ire})	16,500
Choisir (Daneshill Dancer {Ire})	29,700
Declaration of War (USA) (War Front {USA})	16,500
Excelebration (Ire) (Exceed and Excel)	13,750
Fastnet Rock (Daneshill {USA})	Private
No Nay Never (USA) (Scat Daddy {USA})	11,000
Pierro (Lonhro)	66,000
Pride of Dubai (Street Cry {Ire})	55,000
Rubick (Encosta de Lago)	17,600
So You Think (NZ) (High Chaparral {Ire})	49,500
Starspangledbanner (Choisir)	24,750
Vancouver (Medaglia d’Oro {USA})	66,000

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MORE THAN READY ANCHORS VINERY SIRES

More Than Ready (USA), the extremely successful dual-hemisphere stallion who was represented recently by G1 Champagne S. hero Prized Icon (Aus), will stand the 2016



More Than Ready | *Louise Reinagel*

breeding season at a fee of A\$66,000 (+GST), the same as 2015, the nursery announced Thursday. Also the sire of G2 Todman S. winner Kiss and Make Up (Aus), More Than Ready, who stands at WinStar Farm when in the Northern Hemisphere, was also

represented by yearlings selling for as much as A\$925,000 at the Inglis Easter sale, with his progeny averaging better than \$272,000. **Cont. p13**

All Too Hard (Casino Prince), the half-brother to champion Black Caviar who got the better of Pierro (Lonhro) in the G1 Caulfield Guineas, will command a fee of A\$55,000. His first-crop yearlings impressed at all the major yearling sales this year, as he topped the freshman median (A\$220,000) at the Magic Millions Gold Coast sale and was the leading freshman sire by average (A\$244,048) at the Easter Sale.

Like All Too Hard, **Press Statement** (Hinchinbook) annexed the stallion-making Caulfield Guineas to add to his success in the G1 J J Atkins S. at two. He is new to the Vinery roster for 2016, as is **Headwater** (Exceed and Excel), who posted his most significant victory in the G2 Silver Slipper S. as a juvenile.

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VINERY STUD – 2016 SERVICE FEES

Stallion	Fee (A\$ + GST)
More Than Ready (USA) (Southern Halo {USA})	66,000
All Too Hard (Casino Prince)	55,000
Press Statement (Hinchinbrook)	27,500
Mossman (Success Express {USA})	16,500
Headwater (Exceed and Excel)	16,500
Testa Rossa (Perugino {USA})	16,500
Husson (Arg) (Hussonet {USA})	13,200
Casino Prince (Flying Spur)	11,000
Myboycharlie (Ire) (Danetime {Ire})	11,000
Pluck (USA) (More Than Ready {Aus})	9,000

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APPOINTMENTS

Debbie Hawkins: Sales Representative Asia & South Africa, NZB

- New Zealand Bloodstock have appointed Debbie Hawkins as their representative for the regions of Asia and South Africa. Hawkins will be based out of Singapore.
- Hawkins was previously Senior Owners Manager for the Singapore Turf Club and is well known to many key industry professionals as she has hosted NZB's Asia Bloodstock Lounge at the past two Ready-to-Run Sales.
- NZB Managing Director Andrew Seabrook commented, "We are delighted to have Debbie on the team assisting our customers with their bloodstock, insurance and airfreight needs. Over the years Debbie has managed the international races in Singapore and the hosting of all international connections, building solid relationships with many of the trainers and owners."



Upcoming Sales Distribution Dates:

OBS Spring Sale of 2YOs in Training
April 11-22

Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up & HIT Sale
April 28-29

Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2YOs in Training
May 18-24

Magic Millions National Sale Series - Broodmares
June 1-5

OBS June 2YOs & HRA
June 5-17

Tattersalls July Sale
July 5-8

Fasig-Tipton - The July Sale & Summer Selected HRA
July 9-12



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