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## UNIFIED STRETCHES OUT IN PETER PAN



Unified (center) | Adam Coglianese

By Christie DeBernardis

“TDN Rising Star” Unified (Candy Ride {Arg}) looks to keep his perfect record intact as he stretches out to a route of ground for the first time in Belmont’s one-turn, nine-panel GII Peter Pan S. Saturday afternoon. Opening his account with a speedy gate-to-wire victory at Gulfstream Feb. 21, the Centennial Farms colorbearer earned a gaudy 102 Beyer Speed Figure--the highest in this field by 12 points--for his similarly impressive success in a muddy renewal of the seven-furlong GIII Bay Shore S. at Aqueduct Apr. 9. That race’s form was further flattered when runner-up King Kranz (Munnings) returned to win the Gold Fever S. here May 6. Unified may have never tried a route of ground before, but his pedigree suggests he can handle it being by undefeated GI Pacific Classic winner Candy Ride and out of a daughter of GI Haskell Invitational S. hero Dixie Union.

Treadway Racing Stable’s Adventist (Any Given Saturday) has been knocking at the door of a graded win in his last three outings. Demolishing the field by 11 1/4 lengths in his Aqueduct unveiling Dec. 19, the Leah Gyarmati pupil finished third in the GIII Withers S. Jan. 30 and the GIII Gotham S. Mar. 5. The bay has a right to improve here after unleashing a powerful late rally to complete the trifecta again last time in a muddy renewal of the GI Wood Memorial S. Apr. 9. **Cont. p3**

## NEW SHOOTERS BREEZE FOR PREAKNESS

A trio of horses that bypassed the GI Kentucky Derby, each of which bring interesting form as new shooters for next Saturday’s GI Preakness S., breezed in various locales Friday morning.

Speedway Stable’s GIII Sham S. and GIII Lexington S. hero **Collected** (City Zip) continued to tear up the Churchill Downs main track with a third consecutive outstanding work since shipping in with his Bob Baffert stablemates late last month. Working beneath Miguel Mena over a rain-affected main track labeled ‘good,’ Collected was clocked in 1:24.80 for seven furlongs, going in fractions of :23.80, :35.80, :47.80, 1:00 and 1:12.60. He galloped out the mile in 1:38.60. **Cont. px**



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**Saturday, May 14, 2016**



**First foal, first runner, first winner.** *Cunco (Frankel {GB}) breaks his maiden first time out at Newbury on Friday. Bred and owned by Don Alberto Corporation, the colt was Frankel's very first foal, born on January 11, 2014, the same day as the late Sir Henry Cecil's birthday. | Edward Whitaker/Racing Post.*

**BROWN SENDS TRIO INTO 'WAR'**

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*For all that he has accomplished in a relatively short space, trainer Chad Brown has yet to take down the GII Man O'War S. He'll have three chances to right that wrong Saturday at soggy Belmont Park.*

**TODAY'S GRADED STAKES**

<u>EDT</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Click for</u>	<u>TV</u>
9:45a	Al Rayyan S.-G3, NBY	-----	----
10:55a	Lockinge S.-G1, NBY	-----	----
4:41p	Ruffian S.-GII, BEL	<a href="#">TJCIS PPS</a>	TVG
4:43p	Marine S.-GIII, WO	<a href="#">TJCIS PPS</a>	TVG
5:13p	Beaugay S.-GIII, BEL	<a href="#">TJCIS PPS</a>	TVG
5:45p	Peter Pan S.-GII, BEL	<a href="#">TJCIS PPS</a>	TVG
6:17p	Man O' War S.-GI, BEL	<a href="#">TJCIS PPS</a>	TVG
7:30p	Lazaro Barrera S.-GIII, SA	<a href="#">TJCIS PPS</a>	TVG



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"We didn't do anything differently with him after the Wood whether he was going to the [GI Kentucky] Derby or not," said Gyarmati of Adventist, who was 22nd in the Derby points standings. "I'm very pleased with the way he's been training, and I think he will appreciate the big turns at Belmont. We're hopeful; we'll see how he runs Saturday."

Todd Pletcher, who saddled last year's Peter Pan winner



**Decorated Soldier**  
 Tampa Bay Downs photo

Madefromlucky (Lookin At Lucky), looks to capture his fourth renewal of this test with **Decorated Solider** (Proud Citizen). Romping by 7 1/2 lengths in second-out graduation at Tampa Mar. 12, the Eclipse Thoroughbred runner followed suit with a victory in

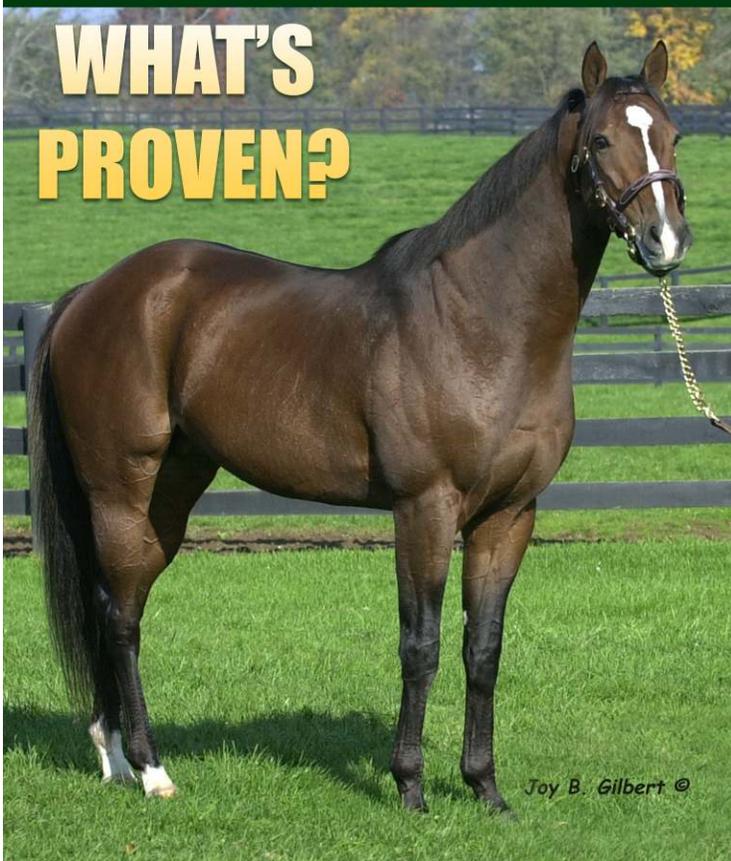
Oaklawn's one-mile Northern Spur S. on the GI Arkansas Derby undercard Apr. 16.

Jump Sucker Stable and Oak Bluff Stables' **Governor Malibu** (Malibu Moon) crossed the line first last time in Laurel's nine-panel Federico Tesio S., but was disqualified and placed second for interference. Prior to that, he scored a pair of victories over fellow native New Yorkers, earning his diploma by six lengths in Ozone Park Nov. 14 and capturing the Gander S. there Feb. 6.

The other two runners with victories at this 1 1/8-mile distance are **Wild About Deb** (Eskendereya), who broke his maiden impressively last time in a sloppy off-the-turfer at Santa Anita Apr.9; and **Lost Iron** (Flatter). Trained by Bill Mott, the latter donned cap and gown at third asking over heavily favored Doctor Mouny (Street Sense)--who returns in Saturday's third race--going this distance at Aqueduct Apr. 1.

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**Saturday, Belmont Park, post time: 5:45 p.m. EDT**

**PETER PAN S.-GII**, \$200,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Supah Czech 🍀	Uncle Mo	Lezcano	Gorham	30-1
2	Singleton 🍀	Malibu Moon	Franco	Zito	20-1
3	Adventist	Any Given Saturday	I. Ortiz	Gyarmati	4-1
4	Decorated Soldier	Proud Citizen	Velazquez	Pletcher	6-1
5	Governor Malibu 🍀	Malibu Moon	Rosario	Clement	10-1
6	Wild About Deb 🍀	Eskendereya	McCarthy	D'Amato	8-1
7	Unified	Candy Ride (Arg)	J. Ortiz	Jerkens	4-5
8	Lost Iron 🍀	Flatter	Alvarado	Mott	15-1

**Owners:** 1-XYZ Racing, 2-Mossarosa, 3-Treadway Racing Stable, 4-Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, 5-Jump Sucker Stable and Oak Bluff Stables, 6-Lizza, Marisa, 7-Centennial Farms, 8-Clarke, H., Braverman, P., Albstein, A., Murray, T. and Robertson, C. **Breeders:** 1-Hickstead Farm, 2-WinQuest Thoroughbreds, LLC, 3-Monticule, 4-Green Lantern Stables, LLC, 5-Richard Leahy Oak Bluff Stables, 6-Northwest Farms LLC, 7-Blue Devil Racing Stable, LLC, 8-Dorothy A. Matz.

**BROWN HOPES TO WIN FIRST MAN O' WAR**

*By Christie DeBernardis*

There are not many big turf races in New York that trainer Chad Brown has not won, but Belmont's GI Man o' War S. has somehow managed to elude the conditioner. He has three chances to score his first win in this event Saturday. Brown's



Chad Brown | Horsephotos

strongest contender is morning-line favorite **Wake Forest (Ger)** (Sir Percy {GB}), winner of the 2014 G3 Preis der Deutschen Einheit and the G3 Hamburg Trophy last July ahead of a fifth in the GI Arlington Million in his final start for Andreas Wohler Aug. 15. Purchased by bloodstock agent Pete Bradley for €140,000 as the first lot through the

ring at last year's Arqana Arc sale on behalf of Sheep Pond Partners, Michael Dubb and Bethlehem Stables LLC, the 6-year-old was turned over to Chad Brown and came running late after some traffic trouble to finish a head second to **Kaigun** (Northern Afleet) last time in Gulfstream's GII Pan American S. Apr. 2.

Brown also saddles G1SW **Morandi (Fr)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), who finished off the board in a pair of U.S. starts--both coming off long layoffs, and recent allowance winner **Money Multiplier** (Lookin at Lucky). **Cont. p5**

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**Man O'War S. cont.**

Gary Barber, Harvey Swartz and Tina Casse's Kaigun has been knocking at the door of a Grade I win since 2014. Winner of the 2014 GII Play the King S. and GII Seabiscuit H. and on the board in a trio of Grade Is, the Mark Casse pupil finished second in both the GIII John B. Connally S. Jan. 30 and the GII Mac Diarmida S. Mar. 5 prior to his score in the Pan American. The chestnut was last seen completing the exacta in the GII Elkhorn S. at Keeneland Apr. 23.

"He seems to be a horse that the more you run him, the better he is and he just missed in the Elkhorn," said assistant trainer Norm Casse. "I'm not saying that we could've beat [the winner] that day, but he had a little bit better trip than we did, and that's kind of Kaigun. Kaigun's sometimes a difficult horse to ride. You've got to time your move right on him, and he gets beat sometimes by circumstances, but he always runs well."

Hall of Famer Bill Mott saddles a pair of live runners in **Go Around** (Medaglia d'Oro) and **Closing Bell** (Tapit). Third in the GIII Saranac S. Sept. 5, Peter Vegso's lightly raced Go Around returned on just two weeks rest to finish fifth in the GII Commonwealth Derby. Kicking off this term with a Gulfstream optional claimer victory Feb. 27, the dark bay followed suit with a win in Tampa's state-bred Turf Classic S. Apr. 9. WinStar Farm's Closing Bell adds blinkers for this test off a third-place finish behind stablemate Take the Stand (Arg) (Not For Sale {Arg}) in the GII Mervin Muniz Memorial H. at Fair Grounds Mar. 26. Runner-up in the GI Secretariat S. and winner of the Dueling Grounds Derby last term, the 4-year-old returned to the dirt for the first time since his maiden win at the start of this term when seventh in the GI Donn H. at the start of his season Feb. 6.

**Breeders:** 1-Eric Puerari & Oceanic Bloodstock, 2-Machmer Hall & Haymarket Farm, 3-G. Kelly, Milltownmore & Pinnacle B/S, 4-W. S. Farish & Lazy F Ranch, 5-Vegso Racing Stable, 6-Sam-Son Farm, 7-William Sorokolit Racing Stable Inc., 8-Massimo Parri, 9-Stiftung Gestut Fahrhof.

**CARRUMBA SEEKS SECOND STRAIGHT WIN**

*By Christie DeBernardis*

The ultra-consistent **Carrumba** (Bernardini) looks to make it two in a row against a small, but strong field in Saturday's GII Ruffian S. at Belmont. Never worse than second in seven trips to the post, the Phipps homebred is two-for-two going a mile over this strip, following her third-out graduation going nine panels at Saratoga with a pair of optional claimer wins over this track and trip last fall. Second by just a head to subsequent GI Apple Blossom H.



**Carrumba** | Adam Coglianese

winner Forever Unbridled (Unbridled's Song) in the GIII Comely S. at Aqueduct Nov. 28, the Shug McGaughey pupil kicked off this season with a win in the 1 1/8-mile GIII Top Flight H. at the Big A Apr. 10.

Brereton Jones and Tim Thornton's **Include Betty** (Include) is one of two Grade I winners in the field. Flying late to score an easy victory in this venue's GI Mother Goose S. last June, the chestnut finished third in the GI CCA Oaks and GI Alabama S. upstate and returned to winning ways in the Remington Park Oaks Sept. 27. Second in the GIII Valley View S. at Keeneland Oct. 24, the Tom Proctor trainee finished fourth after being bumped at the break of Aqueduct's Heavenly Prize S. Mar. 5, but was promoted to third via DQ. While this is the site of Include Betty's biggest success, the lack of speed signed on here won't do this late runner any favors.

Kieran McLaughlin saddles the other Grade I winner in Stonestreet Stables runner **Cavorting** (Bernardini). The "TDN Rising Star" really came into her own as a sprinter last term, reeling off consecutive wins in this venue's Jersey Girl S. last June and the Spa's GI Test S. and GII Prioress S. Fourth as the favorite in the GI Breeders' Cup F/M Sprint Oct. 31, the bay shipped out to California, where she completed the trifecta in Santa Anita's GI La Brea S. Dec. 26. Originally entered in the Keeneland's GI Madison S. Apr. 9, she was scratched in favor of Aqueduct's GII Distaff H., where she checked in second as the chalk behind an impressive performance from Paulassilverlining (Ghostzapper). All of Cavorting's wins have come at distances between six and seven furlongs and she was well-beaten in her only two attempts at a mile.

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**Saturday, Belmont Park, post time: 6:17 p.m. EDT**

**MAN O' WAR S.-GI**, \$400,000, 4yo/up, 1 3/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Morandi (Fr)	Hly Rman Empror (Ire)	Castellano	Brown	8-1
2	Money Multiplier	Lookin At Lucky	I. Ortiz	Brown	15-1
3	Can'thelpbelieving (Ire)	Duke of Marmalade (Ire)	Rosario	Motion	15-1
4	Closing Bell	Tapit	Lezcano	Mott	8-1
5	Go Around	Medaglia d'Oro	Alvarado	Mott	10-1
6	Up With the Birds	Stormy Atlantic	J. Ortiz	Motion	6-1
7	Kaigun	Northern Afleet	Bravo	Casse	5-2
8	Biz The Nurse (Ire)	Oratorio (Ire)	Saez	Albertrani	20-1
9	Wake Forest (Ger)	Sir Percy (GB)	Velazquez	Brown	2-1

**Owners:** 1-Schwartz, Martin, S., 2-Klaravich Stables, Inc. and Lawrence, William H., 3-Frassetto, Albert, 4-WinStar Farm LLC, 5-Vegso, Peter, 6-Sam-Son Farm, 7-Barber, Gary, Swartz, Harvey A. and Casse, Tina, 8-D'Amato, John, 9-Dubb, Michael, Sheep Pond Partners and Bethlehem Stables LLC.

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**Stakes Previews cont.**

**Saturday, Belmont Park, post time: 4:41 p.m. EDT**

**RUFFIAN S.-GII**, \$250,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Cavorting 🐾	Bernardini	Castellano	McLaughlin	8-5
2	Include Betty 🐾	Include	Lezcano	Proctor	5-1
3	Spelling Again	Awesome Again	Saez	Cox	12-1
4	Calamity Kate	Yes It's True	Velazquez	Breen	8-1
5	Welcome Aboard	Rock Hard Ten	Alvarado	Reed	30-1
6	Carrumba	Bernardini	J. Ortiz	McGaughey	7-5

**Owners:** 1-Stonestreet Stables LLC, 2-Jones, Brereton C. and Thorton, Tim, 3-Seajay Racing LLC, 4-Hall, George, 5-Jamgotchian, Jerry, 6-Phipps Stable.

**Breeders:** 1-Swettenham Stud, 2-Lavin Bloodstock & Brereton C. Jones, 3-George Strawbridge, 4-K & G Stables, 5-Gary & Mary West Stables, Inc., 6-Phipps Stable.

**ROMAN RULER COLT LOOKS TO 'SCORE'**

*By Christie DeBernardis*

Hans Poetsch's **I Will Score** (Roman Ruler) is one of several former GI Kentucky Derby hopefuls who looks to return to their



**I Will Score (rail) | Benoit**

best previous form in the seven-furlong GIII Lazaro Barrera S. at Santa Anita Saturday. Opening his account with a pair of wins sprinting, the Jerry Hollendorfer trainee finished third when routing for the first time in the GIII Robert B.

Lewis S. Feb. 6 and failed to fire when a well-beaten sixth in the GII San Felipe S. five weeks later. Cut back to six furlongs last time, the homebred was second best to late-running Counterforce (Smart Strike) in a speedy renewal of in Oaklawn's Bachelor S. Apr. 15.

One week after winning the GI Kentucky Derby with unbeaten champion Nyquist (Uncle Mo), Doug O'Neill has two chances at another successful Saturday with **Denman's Call** (Northern Afleet) and **Mrazek** (Square Eddie). A debut winner in Arcadia Jan. 9, Denman's Call was third behind Derby top two Nyquist and Exaggerator (Curlin) in the GII San Vicente S. Feb. 15 and was second in the San Pedro S. Mar. 20. The gelding never factored when a soundly beaten sixth behind an impressive performance from Exaggerator when routing for the first time in the GI Santa Anita Derby Apr. 9. Never worse than second in five starts, Mrazek captured the state-bred Graduation S. at Del Mar Aug. 5 and was subsequently shelved. Returning in an Apr. 21 optional claimer at Los Alamitos, the chestnut was a respectable second behind undefeated "**TDN Rising Star**" Justin Squared (Zensational).

Irvin Racing Stable's **Smokey Image** (Southern Image) spent the early part of his young career crushing horses on the fair circuit and beating up on fellow Cal-breds. Transferred from Greg James to Carla Gaines, the flashy chestnut romped in his two-turn debut in the California Cup Derby Jan. 30 and was stepped up to the big leagues, finishing fifth in the San Felipe and a non-factor seventh in the Santa Anita Derby. Also of interest is Little Red Father Racing's **Westbrook** (Congrats), who donned cap and gown at first asking at Los Al Apr. 17.

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**Saturday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 7:30 p.m. EDT**

**LAZARO BARRERA S.-GIII**, \$100,000, 3yo, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Bistraya 🐾	Haynesfield	Gonzalez	Agarie	15-1
2	Iron Rob	Twirling Candy	Elliott	Papaprdmou	4-1
3	Mrazek	Square Eddie	Gutierrez	O'Neill	7-2
4	Denman's Call	Northern Afleet	Bejarano	O'Neill	3-1
5	Smokey Image	Southern Image	Espinoza	Gaines	4-1
6	Westbrook	Congrats	Pereira	Puype	12-1
7	I Will Score	Roman Ruler	Garcia	Hollendorfer	5-2

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**RIKER RETURNS TO WOODBINE**

*By Christie DeBernardis*

Team Valor and Gary Barber's **Riker** (Include) returns to the scene of his juvenile success for the first time since his victory in the local GIII Grey S. last October Saturday for Woodbine's GIII Marine S. Saturday afternoon.

The dark bay opened his account with four straight wins over the Woodbine synthetic for former owner Tucci Stables and trainer Nicholas Gonzalez, including the Colin S. and Swynford S. Sent to Keeneland for the



**Riker | Michael Burns/WEG**

GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Oct. 31 on the back of his Grey success, he set the early pace before fading thereafter into sixth and was privately purchased by these connections and transferred to Mark Casse for his sophomore campaign. Sixth in the GII Tampa Bay Derby Mar. 12, Riker was a non-factor eighth in the GIII Lexington S. last time Apr. 16. **Cont. p7**

**Marine S. cont.**

Casse also saddles John Oxley's **Greatest Game** (Giant's Causeway), who was a debut winner over this strip last October. Third to this race's favorite **Bear'sway** (Tizway) in a track-and-trip optional claimer next out Nov. 8, the chestnut missed by just a neck in the Display S. here Nov. 29 and was a respectable second when facing elders and late traffic trouble last time in a local allowance May 1.

The Reade Baker-trained Bear'sway checked in fourth in the Display S., but made his sophomore debut a winning win in this venue's 1 1/16-mile Wando S. over **Dragon Bay** (Parading) last time Apr. 24.

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**Saturday, Woodbine, post time: 4:53 p.m. EDT**

**MARINE S.-GIII**, C\$150,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Bear'sway	Tizway	Da Silva	Baker	8-5
2	Greatest Game	Giant's Causeway	Husbands	Casse	5-2
3	Dragon Bay	Parading	Olguin	Simon	7-2
4	Riker	Include	Campbell	Casse	4-1
5	Thatlookonyerface	Summer Bird	Boulanger	Cotey	12-1
6	Beaver Trapper	Trappe Shot	Pinto	Nixon	20-1

**Owners:** 1-Bear Stables Ltd., 2-John C. Oxley, 3-Brent & Russell McLellan and Stuart C. Simon, 4-Team Valor International, Barber, Gary and Tucci Stables, 5-Dominion Bloodstock & Barry Butzer, 6-Tami Bobo and Dean Nixon. **Breeders:** 1-Tapestry Stud LLC, 2-William L. Currin, 3-Shawhan Place LLC, 4-Turner Breeders, 5-Sun Valley Farm, 6-Baugh 2002.

**Saturday, Belmont Park, post time: 5:13 p.m. EDT**

**BEAUGAY S.-GIII**, \$150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Recepta	Speightstown	Velazquez	Toner	5-2
2	Ticking Katie (Ire)	Baltic King (GB)	Saez	Lynch	20-1
3	Ball Dancing	Exchange Rate	Castellano	Brown	2-1
4	Tapitry	Tapit	J. Ortiz	McGaughey	10-1
5	Sistas Stroll	Stroll	Lezcano	Proctor	15-1
6	Strike Charmer	Smart Strike	I. Ortiz	Hennig	8-1
7	Miss Atomic Bomb (GB)	Intikhab	Velasquez	Saville	30-1
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**New Shooters Breeze for Preakness cont. from p1**

"I'd say we are ready. We're good to go," said Jim Barnes, assistant to six-time Preakness winner Baffert. "Bob wanted a good seven-eighths and out a mile, and he did it pretty handily."

Collected breezed a half-mile in a smart :47.40 (5/67) Apr. 29 and followed up with a seven-furlong move in 1:25.60 (1/1) May 5. **Stradivari** (Medaglia d'Oro), who was accorded "TDN Rising Star" status off a 14 1/2-length allowance victory at Keeneland Apr. 17, took to the Belmont main track Friday morning and stopped the timer in :59.60 for his five-furlong drill. "He worked very well," said trainer Todd Pletcher. "I'm very pleased with the way he went. He's had three very good breezes since his allowance win and right now we're still considering the Preakness. He's a horse that we've thought a lot of for quite a while, so it was sort of in the back of our minds leading up to the allowance race that hopefully bigger things were to come. Once he did that and came out of it well the Preakness became a consideration." Stradivari was bred by John Gunther, who races the colt in partnership with Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith and Mrs. John Magnier. **Uncle Lino** (Uncle Mo) brings sneaky California into the Preakness and will form a solid one-two punch for his sire. Working Friday morning at Santa Anita, the bay breezed five-eighths of a mile in 1:00.80. Second to Mor Spirit (Eskendereya) in the GIII Robert B. Lewis S. Feb. 6, Uncle Lino was fourth to Danzing Candy (Twirling Candy) in the GI San Felipe S. Mar. 12, third to Derby runner-up Exaggerator (Curlin) in the GI Santa Anita Derby Apr. 9 and exited a track-record setting victory in the Apr. 30 California Chrome S. at Los Alamitos.

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## 'NEWS', DESTIN POINTING FOR BELMONT

**Suddenbreakingnews** (Mineshaft) and **Destin** (Giant's Causeway), who took very different routes to fifth- and sixth-place finishes, respectively, in the GI Kentucky Derby May 7, are



**Suddenbreakingnews** | *Sherackatthetrack*

bypassing next Saturday's GI Preakness S. and will make their next appearance in the GI Belmont S. in four weeks' time.

"Barring anything dramatic happening in the next few days with who's running in the Preakness, we're

pointing to the Belmont

next," trainer Donnie K. Von Hemel told the Belmont press office Friday morning. "We'll have a couple of works I'm sure between now and then but we don't have it scheduled right now," he added. "We'll keep an eye on how he's training, how's he eating, the weather, all of that, before we decide. I probably won't know until a day or two beforehand. We might ship in maybe about a week before and let him get accustomed to the surroundings," he added. "He's been a champ in that respect, nothing ever bothers him, so that should be plenty."

Bothered at the start of the Derby, **Suddenbreakingnews**, winner of the GIII Southwest S., was officially as many as 27 3/4 lengths behind the pace at the first call, but closed powerfully to finish under five lengths adrift of Nyquist while narrowly missing third.

**Destin**, who hadn't raced in the eight weeks between his defeat of stablemate **Outwork** (Uncle Mo) in the GII Tampa Bay Derby Mar. 12 and the Run for the Roses, turned in a very even effort beneath the Twin Spires, finishing 2 1/4 lengths behind **Suddenbreakingnews**.

"I thought he came out of it very well and seems to have settled in here at Belmont," trainer Todd Pletcher said.

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## ROMANS ON THE MEND

Trainer Dale Romans, who suffered a pulled muscle in his ribcage in a car accident that sent three of the passengers to the hospital, told officials from the Churchill Downs press office that he is feeling "much better" six days removed from the incident.

"[Friday] was the first day that I started feeling better," he explained. "I'm still sore on my ribs and on my back. I think the medication is finally starting to kick in so I'm starting to feel a lot better."

He continued, "We missed our first Sunday that I can remember of driving around the infield and just looking at and checking out all the garbage from Derby Day. But it was a good time to sit back and relax. The best thing, even though I wasn't able to answer everybody, were all the well wishes that I got the following day. That makes me feel appreciated. There was no way I could have answered everybody but it was great to hear from people. I heard from so many of my peers, like Bob Baffert and Doug O'Neill. Baffert texted me right after he got off the plane."



**Dale Romans**  
*Sherackatthetrack*

John Hennegan, director of the documentary "The First Saturday in May," suffered from broken ribs; Kurt Paseka, a former contributor to the *Thoroughbred Times*, suffered a fractured pelvis while Paseka's sister, Kyle, suffered a fractured vertebrae. The other two passengers, Jim Sugrue and Christina Lopez, were not seriously injured.

Romans will saddle "**TDN Rising Star**" **Cherry Wine** (Paddy O'Prado) in next Saturday's GI Preakness S., while stable companion **Brody's Cause** (Giant's Causeway), seventh in the Derby, will await the GI Belmont S. June 11.

"We didn't win the Derby so we aren't going for a Triple Crown," Romans said. "We'll give him [Brody's Cause] a freshener for five weeks. He's bred to go the distance so we think that we have a chance."

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It was an easy morning Friday at Old Hilltop for GI Kentucky Derby winner Nyquist (Uncle Mo), who continues to please trainer Doug O'Neill. Click [here](#) for the trainer's comments Friday morning. Click [here](#) for drone footage of Nyquist on the track | *MJC/Jim McCue*

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## THE TRAIL RIDE OF A LIFETIME

By T.D. Thornton

There's an oft-repeated racetrack aphorism that goes something like this: All Thoroughbreds are capable of covering a distance of ground. It's just a matter of how fast they can do it.

With more than three decades dedicated to finding and retraining off-track Thoroughbreds (OTTBs) for other equine sports and disciplines, Valerie Ashker knows the first part of that old saying rings true.

But having just embarked upon the trail ride of a lifetime—a 3,500-mile OTTB horseback journey across the United States—



she doesn't particularly care about the "how fast" part.

Even though Ashker, 60, and her gentleman friend, Peter Friedman, 53, will be astride two ex-racehorses for most of the next half year, speed will mean relatively little to them. That's part of what Ashker would like to convey to others—that the versatility of Thoroughbreds extends far beyond how fast they can run.

On Monday, Ashker and Friedman left Ashker's horse ranch, Crow's Ear Farm, in Georgetown, California, taking most of the day to cover the first 13 miles of what is expected to be a five- or six-month trek to Middleburg, Virginia. They will trace parts of the historic Pony Express route, then largely follow U.S. Route 50, one of the first major east-west highways in the nation, including the desolate section through Nevada nicknamed "The Loneliest Road in America."

Ashker, an accomplished equestrian, is riding Primitivo (Monashee Mountain), a smallish but athletic 7-year-old she acquired in 2012 in exchange for paying the previous owner's \$350 bill for having him gelded after an 0-for-4 racing career at Golden Gate Fields. Friedman, who only took up pleasure riding three years ago when he met Ashker, is partnering with Solar Express (Bold Badgett), an elegant, broad-shouldered 17-year-old gelding who was given to Ashker after being retired from the Northern California fairs circuit in 2003 with a 1-for-10 record.

On the road, they will be followed by a driver in a combination recreational vehicle/horse trailer. Their horse feed, supplements, custom saddles and horse boots, bandaging, liniments, poultices, and veterinary items have all largely been donated by sponsors that Ashker lined up, including her own mother, who gave \$30,000 to buy the secondhand rig. Ashker herself has bankrolled \$10,000 for expenses, which she hopes

will be supplemented via donations from the public as they clop across America (proceeds after expenses will be donated to the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance).

In a Wednesday phone interview while on horseback not far from the Sierra Nevada Mountains and somewhere between the towns of Camino and Fresh Pond, Ashker explained that she decided to embark upon the unique but arduous journey solely to raise awareness for the breed.

Thoroughbreds, she explained, helped her transition between careers in the 1980s. They later served as the

primary type of sport horse that her daughter trained with and rode as an eventing medalist in the Junior Olympic Games, and still rides now in world-class competitions like the Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event in Lexington.

"I came up with the idea because my daughter is Laine Ashker, one of our country's leading riders, and OTTBs have put us on the map," Ashker said. "So it's about time, after everything they've given to us, that I give back to them."

Ashker had an interest in horses from a young age but spent most of her 20s traveling the country as the lead singer in a band that included her then-husband. When Laine was born 32 years ago, they gave up the music biz; her husband got a "real job" as a stockbroker and Valerie turned to working with horses. A friend introduced her to OTTBs. She bought one, and "one eventually became five...you know how it goes," Ashker said.

As Laine honed her eventing skills, Ashker said she was astounded to learn how much money people were paying for Warmblood sport horses when capable Thoroughbreds were widely available for a fraction of the cost. She acquired some off California tracks for her daughter to ride, and eventually bred others herself. Ashker has since branched out into purchasing and retraining retired racers for other clients, and the same qualities she looks for in a sport horse are those that she admires in the steeds that will carry her and Friedman across the country.

"You've got the best horse, the most versatile, the most courageous, the most athletic, the most strong," Ashker said, ticking off the virtues of the Thoroughbred. "And beyond all that, the cherry on the sundae: a big-hearted horse that you can find on your own city's racetrack." **Cont. p2**



### ***The Trail Ride of a Lifetime cont.***

Ashker and Friedman delivered sport horses to her daughter in Lexington in April, and on the way back to California with the empty rig, they stopped in many of the small communities they plan to pass through this summer to get the word out about their



trek. She said people seemed excited at the prospect of having them, and were quick to offer water, hay, food (for both humans and horses), and places in their own homes and barns for the travelers to rest if needed.

“These little towns will embrace this,” Ashker said. “And

that’s what this country’s all about—getting off our damned phones and computers and embracing this world that we share together. It takes a village. I could not do this by myself.”

Regardless of the kind offers of help along the way, Ashker is both realistic and blunt about how difficult the journey will be.

“I’m not doing this for pleasure. This is not a vacation for me. And it wasn’t really a ‘bucket list’ item,” Ashker said. “This is a way to raise awareness, and it’s really important that that is stated. It’s exciting, for sure. But quite frankly, riding 3,500 miles, where parts of it will reach 115-degree temps, is probably not a vacation.”

Ashker will hardly be the first person in modern times to cross the country on horseback. For the past two years, she’s researched different routes and talked to people who have done it. One woman who completed a similar trip told her, “I wouldn’t trade the experience for a million dollars. But I wouldn’t do it again for \$2 million.”

Ashker said cross-country equine treks are generally done from east to west for two reasons: The rising sun is not in your eyes for the first half of each day, and the flatter part of the country comes first. Coming from California, she and Friedman will be going against the grain on both counts.

“I’m going to tell you, we’re in for some adventure. And not all of it is going to be pleasant,” Ashker said. “People need to know this: My horses will tell me what they can do and what they can’t do. And if they need a break for one or two days in a row—it’s not a race. My priority is starting with the shape that my horses are in now—which is pretty damn good—and ending with the same specimens. Whatever it takes, five months or six months, that’s what we’ll do.”

Ashker said she did not put her OTTBs through any “hard core” training in preparation for the journey. To compensate, she will ease them into the trek, limiting the early going to about 15 miles daily. After crossing the Rockies, that daily mileage could be raised to 20. In the flatter parts of the country, 30 miles might be expected. Farther east, in very urban areas or over dicey bridge crossings, the horses will ride in the trailer. The OTTBs get three meals a day, multiple stops for water, various treats, and electrolyte-infused bran mashes.

Primitivo and Solar Express were chosen for the journey for different reasons.

Primitivo, at 15.1 hands, is compact with a thin-skinned temperament. “But I love the way he moves, I love his character, I love his carriage,” Ashker said (she has competed aboard him in training-level eventing). “And I think he could almost do it barefoot. He’s got the best feet. He’s a terrible little bugger at times, but because of that spunk, I think that’s a trait that will help me finish.”

Solar Express fractured a cannon bone in his last on-track appearance 13 years ago, but recovered well enough to event at the preliminary level. The Bold Badgett progeny, Ashker explained, “are a very, very buxom Thoroughbred. He looks like a ginormous Quarter Horse. He’s very broad across his shoulder, and he’s got the most beautiful hind end I’ve ever seen on a horse. He’s just gorgeous.”

Solar’s size made him a good match for the 180-pound Friedman. But the horse’s spirit will carry most of the load, Ashker said.

“He’s got his eye on the next mountain,” she explained. “This is a horse that wants to go in spite of breaking his leg on the track. It’s that kind of character that we will need to finish this ride. I had to include this horse because of his desire of ‘go’. That’s the kind of cantankerousness that will carry us through.”

And how about Friedman himself, a relatively inexperienced rider? How does he expect to hold up?

“It’s going to be grueling, but I’m looking forward to it,” Friedman said via phone, while also on horseback. “I think the biggest challenge is going to be mental—adjusting to the pace of life out there, enduring the heat, and just getting through day by day.”

A machinist by trade, Friedman hasn’t exactly led a life immersed in Thoroughbreds. But he has a goal that is equally as important as Ashker’s.

“I would give up anything—I put my job on hold—just to make sure Valerie makes it across the country safe,” he said.

Ashker is encouraging people to follow the progress of their journey through this [GoFundMe](#) page, which will provide daily updates and a secure way for supporters to make donations if they wish. **Cont. p3**

**The Trail Ride of a Lifetime cont.**

Non-monetary donations are also welcome (bales of hay take up too much space in the rig, so they can't carry many at one time, for example), as are offers of services (like a veterinarian or blacksmith who might meet them for health checks). Anyone along the route is invited to flag them down to chat, interact, or even bring their own horse to ride along for a short stretch.

Ashker said she would love to partner with a Thoroughbred racetrack (she suggested Laurel Park, near the very end of the journey) that would give them the chance to parade down the homestretch during a live racing program.

"I am trying to spread the word about these animals, and I figure making a trip across America on these OTTBs is one way to show that they're pretty fabulous horses, regardless of how their careers on the track turned out," Ashker said.

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**IRISH TAKE AIM AT IROQUOIS**

Two formidable hurdlers from the stable of top Irish jumps trainer Willie Mullins will line up against an impressive American contingent headed by two-time winner **Demonstrative** (Elusive Quality) for the richest-ever edition of the Calvin Houghland Iroquois at Nashville's Percy Warner Park on Saturday.

The \$200,000 Calvin Houghland Iroquois, the richest race on the National Steeplechase Association's spring racing schedule,



Trainer Willie Mullins | *Racing Post*

carries new significance this year as the kick-off contest for the 2016-2017 edition of the Brown Advisory Cheltenham-Iroquois Challenge. The Challenge, designed to foster international competition over

fences, offers a \$500,000 bonus to any horse that wins the Calvin Houghland Iroquois and the Ryanair World Hurdle at the Cheltenham Festival within a 12-month period. The Cheltenham Festival is held in mid-March.

The Calvin Houghland Iroquois will conclude a star-studded afternoon of jump racing for the 75th anniversary edition of the Iroquois Steeplechase. Also on the program are the \$75,000 Marcellus Frost Novice S., the \$50,000 Margaret Currey Henley for fillies and mares, and the \$50,000 Mason Houghland Memorial over timber fences. First post time is 1 p.m.

Mullins, the dominant trainer in Anglo-Irish jump racing with championships in the last nine years, will unleash **Nichols Canyon (GB)** (Authorized {Ire}) and **Shaneshill (Ire)** (King's Theatre {Ire}) on the Calvin Houghland Iroquois. They will be looking to win in Nashville and then target the World Hurdle with a potential payday of \$1-million next March. Both the Calvin Houghland Iroquois and the Ryanair World Hurdle are three-mile races. Both Mullins entrants are owned by Andrea and Graham Wylie, an English technology entrepreneur. Nichols Canyon finished a third to the Mullins-trained champion Annie Power (Ire) (Shirocco {Ger}) in Cheltenham's Champion Hurdle and the Aintree Hurdle. Last season, Nichols Canyon won five of his six starts.

Shaneshill has had a busy 2016 with a victory and two second-place finishes in five starts. The 7-year-old finished second to 2016 Ryanair World Hurdle winner Thistlecrack (GB) (Kayf Tara {GB}) in the Liverpool Stayers Hurdle at Aintree on April 9.

Returning to Nashville for a chance at a third Calvin Houghland Iroquois victory is Jacqueline Ohrstrom's Demonstrative, the reigning winner who also won in 2013. Trained by Richard Valentine, the 2014 Eclipse Award champion will be making his first start over fences this year, and Darren Nagle will be in the saddle.

In pursuit of a second victory is Pierrot Luneire, who won for Calvin Houghland in 2009 and now is owned by his widow, Mary Ann Houghland. Trainer Bruce Miller will put Bernie Dalton in the saddle of the 2013 Eclipse Award champion.

Champion owner Irv Naylor had a remarkable run last weekend with three feature-race victories and more than \$120,000 in purses. On Saturday, he will be aiming for the Calvin Houghland's \$120,000 first-place money with **Rawnaq (Ire)** (Azamour {Ire}), impressive winner of the Temple Gwathmey (Gr. 3) in Virginia on April 23. Trained by Cyril Murphy, Rawnaq will be ridden by Jack Doyle, last year's leading jockey by purse earnings.

Champion trainer Jack Fisher entered Bruton Street-US's **Scorpiancer (Ire)** (Scorpion {Ire}), who finished second to Rawnaq despite missing two weeks of training in the winter and spring. Connor Hankin will ride.

Fisher also entered **Syros** (Dynformer), a veteran competitor owned by Chattanooga resident Gil Johnston. Sean McDermott will ride.

Racing Hall of Fame trainer Jonathan Sheppard entered his **Italian Wedding** (Alphabet Soup), who would be making his first start in 20 months. Gerard Galligan will ride the winner of the 2013 New York Turf Writers Cup (Gr. 1).

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## NEW YORK

### Friday's Results:

**7th-BEL, \$80,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 5-13, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/4mT, 2:01.74, gd.**

**REAL SMART (f, 4, Smart Strike--Rose Diamond {Ire} {GSP-Eng}, by Daylami {Ire})** made her first six starts in England for trainer David Lanigan, breaking her maiden at fifth asking at Lingfield Nov. 19 and finishing seventh in her final start there in the Quebec S. Dec. 19. Transferred to Graham Motion, who excels with foreign imports, she was sent off at 5-1 while receiving Lasix for the first time in this American debut. Off a half-step slowly, the gray tugged at John Velazquez heading into the first turn, but settled in second last through an opening quarter in :24.99 and a half in :51.24. Tipped out for a three-wide bid entering the bend, the homebred swept past the frontrunners in the lane and sailed clear to win by 2 3/4 lengths over Ice Festival (Awesome Again). Heavily favored Sympathy (Henrythenavigator) completed the trifecta. The winner is the first foal out of Rose Diamond, a daughter of English Highweight Tante Rose (Ire) (Barathea {Ire}), who is also responsible for the 2-year-old colt Rosencranz (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) and a yearling colt by Dubawi. Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-2, \$56,972. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O/B-Bjorn Nielsen (KY); T-H. Graham Motion.

**6th-BEL, \$75,000, Msw, 5-13, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:35.78, fm.**  
**LAST RESORT (f, 3, Twirling Candy--Minallon {Arg}, by Flag Down)** finished a non-factor eighth behind subsequent GISW Street Fancy (Street Sense) in her dirt debut at Santa Anita Oct. 18 and was not much better when seventh in her first attempt on grass in Arcadia Jan. 22. Improving to second when extended to nine panels Feb. 13, she was fifth as the favorite last time after a troubled trip over that course and distance Mar. 26. Relocated to Fair Hill, the homebred has been working well over that venue's synthetic training track, including a best-of-35 five panels in 1:00 1/5 Apr. 30, and was dispatched at 7-1 for this first try in New York. Running two wide, the bay settled in mid-pack off early splits of :24.50 and :48.38. Ranging up four deep turning for home, Last Resort was immediately joined by Church Social (Pulpit) and that pair battled stride-for-stride to the wire with Last Resort edging ahead late to win by a head. The winner is a half to Rijwa (Ire) (Muhtathir {GB}), MG1SP-Fr, \$307,731; and an unraced 2-year-old colt named Unassuming (Stormy Atlantic). Her dam was bred back to Declaration of War. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, \$57,820. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O/B-Glen Hill Farm (KY); T-Thomas F. Proctor.

### Four Horses Run For Purse Money Only:

Four horses entered for Friday's live racing program at Belmont Park were erroneously removed from the wagering pools for their respective races and resulted in each of the four competing for purse money only. So as not to penalize owners, trainers and jockeys, the horses were not scratched. Refunds were made available for win, place, show, exacta, quinella, trifecta and superfecta wagers. Bettors who used any of the horses scratched in error in multi-race wagers were allowed to cancel their bets before the beginning of the bet. If the wagers were not cancelled by post time of the first leg, bettors received the post-time favorite.

## EASTERN U.S.

### Friday's Results:

**8th-PIM, \$48,551, Alw (NW3X)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000-\$40,000), 5-13, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.40, my.**

**LA MADRINA (m, 5, Tapit--Enchanted Rock, by Giant's Causeway)** won three of her five starts in 2014, including a debut worthy of "TDN Rising Star" status, but was winless last term, finishing off the season with a third in the Garland of Roses S. at Aqueduct Oct. 30. After a sixth when making her seasonal bow in the GIII Distaff H. in Ozone Park Apr. 17, her Hall of Fame conditioner went back to the drawing board and she returned to the worktab with a pair of sharp bullet works at Belmont, most recently breezing a best-of-45 half-mile in :46 3/5 May 9. Hammered down to even-money favoritism while adding blinkers for this change in venue, the gray raced between horses in a close-up fifth through moderate early fractions and split rivals running four wide at the top of the stretch. Finding another gear in the final furlong, La Madrina splashed clear to a 1 3/4-length success over Sweet Fortune (Candy Ride {Arg}). The winner is a half-sister to Verrazano (More Than Ready), Hwt. Older Horse at 4-Ire at 7 - 9 1/2f, MG1SW-US, MG1SP-Eng, \$1,878,013; and El Padrino (Pulpit), GSW, \$326,770. The winner's second dam is GISW Chic Shirine (Mr. Prospector) and this is also the female family of GISWs Keen Ice (Curlin) and Somali Lemonade (Lemon Drop Kid); and MGSW Hungry Island (More Than Ready). Her dam Enchanted Rock has a juvenile colt by More Than Ready and produced a filly by that sire earlier this year. Lifetime Record: SP, 13-4-0-4, \$206,944. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O/B-Emory A. Hamilton (KY); T-Claude R. McGaughey III.

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**6th-PIM, \$40,000, Msw, 5-13, 3yo, 6f, 1:11.02, my.**  
**NATE'S TIZZY (c, 3, Tiz Wonderful--Forest Queen, by Forestry)** started his career for Bob Baffert, running eighth in his Aug. 29 debut sprinting at Del Mar before taking a tough nose beat at 14-1 going two turns at Santa Anita Oct. 3. Returning for new connections here, the dark bay broke on top at 13-5, but sat a close second to 9-10 favorite Driving Me Crazy (Bob and John) through a :23.76 quarter. Drawing on even terms past a sharp half in :46.89, he took over at the top of the lane and kicked clear while drifting in a bit on his left lead, splashing home by 6 3/4 lengths over the chalk. The winner's dam has a 2-year-old colt by Colonel John named Dipper Pines and foaled a Tapizar colt this term. Sales History: \$47,000 RNA Ylg '14 FTKJUL; \$120,000 Ylg '14 EASSEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$33,450. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-DB DOJO LLC; B-Randal Stutes (KY); T-Francis Abbott, III.

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#### Thursday Night's Results:

**3rd-PEN, \$33,300, (S), Alw, 5-12, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:42.42, ft.**

**DARK NILE (f, 3, Pioneer of the Nile--Royal Society, by Bernardini)** was off slow and found traffic in the stretch, but still closed well to finish third as the 12-5 favorite in her Jan. 23 debut at Tampa. Stretched out to two turns next out, she graduated by 3 1/2 lengths at odds-on Feb. 14. Sent off at 7-10, the \$135,000 Keeneland September yearling buy broke on top and moved through at the rail to make the point into the first turn. Running clear through splits of :23.45 and :47.82, she easily shook off a mild challenge from Sweetest Yet (Drosselmeyer) straightening for home and drew clear in the lane to score by 4 3/4 lengths over that rival. Sales History: \$52,000 Wlg '13 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$33,980. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O-WinStar Farm LLC; B-Blackstone Farm LLC (PA); T-Arnaud Delacour.

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#### Friday's Results:

**3rd-CD, \$51,692, Alw, 5-13, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:44.24, ft.**

**ALOTTA SKIRT (f, 3, Candy Ride {Arg}--Ellesmere, by Tabasco Cat),** only hit the board once in four starts as a juvenile, finishing second behind MGSW Terra Promessa (Curlin), and kicked off this season with a sixth at Gulfstream Feb. 28. Earning her

diploma last time going this distance at Keeneland Apr. 15, the 9-2 shot sat in a ground-saving seventh off moderate early splits. Tipped out four-wide for running room at the top of the stretch, the chestnut was floated out a bit further, but charged home strong to score by a neck over favored Faithfully (Smart Strike). The winner is a half to Carnacks Choice (Carson City), MSW & GSP, \$286,957; Bridgetown (Speightstown), MGSW, \$993,700; and Clement Rock (Strong Hope), MSW, \$300,351. Sales history: \$200,000 Ylg '14 KESEEP; \$200,000 2yo '15 FTFMAR. Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-0, \$80,333. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-JSM Equine; B-W. S. Farish (KY); T-Eddie Kenneally.

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**SEQUEL BLOODSTOCK** graduate

**4th-CD, \$47,274, Alw (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 5-13, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:37.39, fm.**

**SWEET ACCLAIM (IRE) (m, 5, Acclamation {GB}--Wildsplash, by Deputy Minister)** third in the 2013 G3 Oh So Sharp S. at Newmarket and in the 2014 GIII Appalachian S. at Keeneland, was fifth in the 2014 Tenski S. at Saratoga in her final start for trainer Chad Brown. Benched for 19 months, she was transferred to Brad Cox and returned in a grassy allowance at the Fair Grounds Mar. 26, where she won by an impressive 4 1/2 lengths. Hammered down to 4-5 favoritism here, the bay broke well, but was in tight quarters and Florent Geroux made the wise decision to take back and avoid trouble. Hugging the fence, she bided her time in second to last through opening splits of :24.50 and :48.72. Swung out three wide at the top of the lane, Sweet Acclaim unleashed a powerful rally to swiftly inhale the leaders and cruise home a decisive 3 3/4-length winner over 9-1 shot Lemon Song (Lemon Drop Kid). The winner is likely to make her next start in this venue's GIII Mint Julep S. June 11, according to a tweet from part owner Pete Bradley. Hailing from the extended family of American and European champion Goldikova (Ire) (Anabaa), Sweet Acclaim has a 2-year-old half-brother by Lilbourne Lad (Ire) and a yearling full-brother. Sales history: 100,000gns RNA Ylg '12 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: GSP-Eng & US, 9-3-2-2, \$126,516. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O-Swift Thoroughbreds Inc. & Bradley Thoroughbreds; B-Rathbarry Stud (IRE); T-Brad H. Cox.

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**9th-CD, \$50,600, Msw, 5-13, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:37.98, fm.**  
**ISLAND REWARD (f, 3, [Street Boss](#)--Cat Fight, by Storm Cat)**  
 was eased and walked off when unveiled over a sloppy main track here Nov. 28 and finished third when switched to the turf for her Mar. 6 return at Gulfstream. Seventh after a troubled trip last time in Hallandale Mar. 27, she was bet down to half of her 8-1 morning-line quote. The chestnut broke sharply and tracked from a ground-saving third off opening splits of :23.68 and :47.53. Slipping through on the rail to take control at the top of the lane, Island Reward powered clear under Hall of Famer Gary Stevens and held off a late bid from River City Lady (City Zip) to win by a half-length. The winner's second dam is champion grass mare Wandesta (GB) (Nashwan). Sales history: \$120,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$34,668. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Brad Smith; B-Mike Abraham (KY); T-Dale L. Romans.



**Thursday Night's Results:**

**7th-CD, \$50,688, Alw, 5-12, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:23.23, sy.**  
**CONQUEST CURLGIRL (f, 4, [Curlin](#)--Montera, by Easy Goer)**  
 showed promise last spring at Santa Anita, breaking her maiden May 7 over four next-out winners, and stepped up off that effort to be third in the Gil Summertime Oaks June 20 behind eventual champion Stellar Wind (Curlin) and GISW 'TDN Rising Star' Tara's Tango (Unbridled's Song). Third to the talented Zipessa (City Zip) on the Del Mar turf Aug. 5, the \$160,000 KEESEP yearling purchase finished off the board in her next three starts, including a fourth at Oaklawn last time Feb. 18, but fired several bullet works in preparation for this return. Away sharply as the 8-5 choice, the chestnut let a rival cross over and stalked closely in the two path through a :22.95 quarter and :45.93 half. Taking over willingly on the far turn, she kicked away into the stretch and easily held off the mild late bid of Purim's Danawa (Purim) to get back on track with a 3 3/4-length score. The winner is a half to Easyfromthegitgo (Dehere), MSW & MGSP, \$695,056; and Sue's Good News (Woodman), GSW, \$218,078, who is the dam of GISW Tiz Miz Sue (Tiznow). Lifetime Record: GSP, 8-2-1-2, \$114,490. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Conquest Stables, LLC; B-Bigheart Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Mark E. Casse.



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**Saturday, Churchill Downs, post time: 4:19 p.m. EDT**

**UNBRIDLED SIDNEY S., \$65,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Acapulco	Scat Daddy	Albarado	Ward	5-2
2	Late Spring	Speightstown	Lanerie	Oliver	7-2
3	Fonepferesh (Ire)	Hly Rmn Empr (Ire)	Stevens	Reed	15-1
4	Two Wonders	Three Wonders	Martinez	Brooks	12-1
5	Amarachi	Northern Afleet	Doyle	McCauley	15-1
6	Calypso Run	Harlan's Holiday	Hernandez	Sharp	12-1
7	Tesalina (Chi)	Fusaichi Pegasus	Leparoux	Ward	3-1
8	Lindisfarne	City Zip	Geroux	Asmussen	3-1

CENTRAL U.S.

**Thursday Night's Results:**

**6th-PRM, \$30,000, Msw, 5-12, 3, 4, 5/6yo, 6f, 1:10.30, ft.**  
**WAY STRIKING (c, 3, [Smart Strike](#)--Indian Way {SW & GISP, \$264,760}, by Indian Charlie)** got bet down to 17-10 in his debut last June at Canterbury, but could manage only a distant second to the now four-for-four multiple stakes winner Stormation (Stormy Atlantic). Breaking as the 21-10 choice in this spot, the homebred was hard sent from the gate and dueled through a :22.14 quarter before starting to edge clear on the turn. Drawing off by the top of the lane, the chestnut opened up by daylight while on the wrong lead past the eighth pole and held off a good closing bid from firster Pass the Buck (Pulpit) to graduate by two lengths. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$23,540. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).  
 O/B-Mercedes Stables LLC (KY); T-Robertino Diodoro.

CALIFORNIA

**Friday's Results:**

**5th-SA, \$62,173, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 5-13, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2fT, 1:13.96, fm.**  
**WHERE'S THE D ([Blame](#)--Freudenau, by Meadowlake)** was seventh in her debut last August at Del Mar, but stepped way forward in a 34-1 upset to earn her diploma there in September. Ambitiously placed in the GI Frizette S. at Belmont Oct. 3, she showed brief speed but folded up to finish last, beaten 54 1/2 lengths. Off since then, she returned in this turf debut and broke well at 8-1, stalking the pace from a joint second past a :22.19 quarter. Inching closer to the leader around the turn, she drifted a bit wide crossing the dirt, but straightened out entering the stretch and surged to the front on her wrong lead nearing the eighth pole. Switching leads and staying on well from there, she outgunned even-money choice Big Move (Mr. Big) to prevail by a neck. **Cont. p7**

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Where's the D, who shares the same connections as GI Kentucky Derby hero Nyquist (Uncle Mo) in addition to part owner ERJ Racing, has a yearling half-sister named Cape Alava (Cape Blanco {Ire}). Sales history: \$120,000 RNA Ylg '14 KEEJAN; \$30,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$100,000 2yo '15 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$81,050. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

O-ERJ Racing LLC & Reddam Racing LLC; B-Jake Lantaff & Epona LLC (KY); T-Doug F. O'Neill.

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**3rd-SA, \$57,035, Msw, 5-13, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:36.61, fm.**  
**ALL THE MARBLES (c, 3, [Lonhro {Aus}](#)--Miss Houdini, by Belong to Me)** finished seventh on debut sprinting over this course Apr. 2 and was given a 5-2 chance in this second go. Off slowly, the dark bay and was a bit headstrong early, tugging Mike Smith up from second last to third after an opening quarter in :23.70. Drawing alongside the leaders three wide turning for home, he gutted out a nose victory over Ral Rue (Any Given Saturday). The winner is a half-brother to Papa Clem (Smart Strike), MGSW & GISP, \$1,121,190. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$33,945. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**  
 O/B-Bo Hirsch L.L.C. (KY); T-Martin F. Jones.

**2nd-SA, \$56,345, Msw, 5-13, 2yo, 4 1/2f, :52.81, ft.**  
**+NINELIVES (c, 2, [Sixthirteen--Felice the Cat, by Distinctive Cat](#))** sold for 50 times his sire's \$1,000 published stud fee as a yearling and put in two local breezes for this debut, including a five-furlong spin May 9. Breaking sharply from the rail at 31-10, the dark bay won an early duel for the lead, moved nearly two lengths clear past a :22.27 quarter and easily held off the stretch bid of 7-10 favorite Bourque (Congrats) to score by 3 1/2 lengths. The winner is a half to Mach One Rules (Harbor the Gold), MSW. Sales History: \$50,000 Ylg '15 WASSEP; \$50,000 RNA 2yo '16 BARMAR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$33,600. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**  
 O-Dickman Legacy Ranch, LLC; B-Bar C Racing Stables, Inc. (WA); T-John Brocklebank.

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**Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 6:00 p.m. EDT**

**SINGLETARY S., \$75,000, 3yo, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Lucky Bryan	Lookin At Lucky	Espinoza	Sadler	7-2
2	Arcature	Archarcharch	Prat	Callaghan	8-5
3	Mr. Roary	Scat Daddy	Elliott	Papaprodromou	10-1
4	Tristan's Trilogy	Scat Daddy	Blanc	Miller	2-1
5	Unapologetic	Temple City	Gonzalez	Eurton	8-1
6	Opportunistic	Sky Mesa	Van Dyke	Hollendorfer	6-1

# INDUSTRY INFO

**Myeress Wins Inaugural KDBC:**

With a relatively conservative place bet on Nyquist in the GI Kentucky Derby, Ohio accountant Ron Myeress earned \$22,560 for combined winnings of \$152,752, good enough for victory in the inaugural Kentucky Derby Betting Championship (KDBC). The two-day event featured 53 players competing for the \$100,000 first prize. Myeress finished with a bankroll of \$42,752 and he also earned a \$10,000 entry to the Breeders' Cup Betting Challenge.

"My first thought was that Nyquist would finish second, so I played some big exactas with him in second, but then I saw the place pool and figured he'd pay pretty good to place for a 2-to-1 favorite, so I bet him to place thinking that would cover me if he won," said Myeress. "I know a lot of people didn't like Nyquist, and I knew the closers would have a hard time, so I was pretty confident that he'd finish at least second."

Myeress's approach featured bets of the aforementioned conservative variety with some more aggressive wagers mixed in. He played a \$400 trifecta wheel in Friday's GII Eight Belles S., keying Carina Mia on top of all in second and Nickname in third. The triple, with 20-1 Blip n' Th Bye (Tale of Ekati) finishing runner-up returned \$110.80 for \$2.

Each of the 53 participants paid \$20,000 to enter the contest. "From the TwinSpires.com welcome event in The Mansion to a Gold Room experience during the races, it was a pleasure playing host to the inaugural Kentucky Derby Betting Championship," Churchill Downs Race Track President Kevin Flanery said. "Betting on the Kentucky Derby is as much a part of the pageantry of the event as the blanket of roses or mint julep, and we look forward to the KDBC being a part of the tradition for years to come."

"The Kentucky Derby Betting Championship was a great experience for horseplayers, Churchill Downs, and TwinSpires.com," said TwinSpires.com President Ted Gay. "TwinSpires.com is about experiencing the thrill of horse racing, and to bring that thrill to the live-bankroll contest environment at the world's greatest race and racetrack is something we are glad to be a part of. We would like to thank all of the players, as well as the TwinSpires.com and Churchill Downs team members, who made the inaugural KDBC a resounding success."

Garret Skiba finished second with \$39,619, and won an additional \$65,000 plus a BCBC seat. Bill Chenvert finished third with \$35,884 and won an additional \$35,000 plus a BCBC seat. Kevin Smith, Frank Mustari, and Michael Caposio finished fourth, fifth, and sixth, respectively, and each qualified for the National Handicapping Championship. Overall, the contest generated \$1.3-million in on-track handle.

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- [AMERICAN LION](#) (Tiznow), Darby Dan Farm, \$5K, 132/13/1  
 2-TDN, Msw 5 1/2f, +Rachelssilvercharm, \$13K FTK OCT yrl, 8-1
- [ARCHARCH](#) (Arch), Spendthrift Farm, \$10K, 251/35/2  
 3-SA, \$75K Singletary S., 1mT, Arcature, \$250K OBS APR 2yo, 8-5  
 8-AP, Msw 6f, +Pearl of Silk, \$18K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 5-1
- [BANK HEIST](#) (Maria's Mon), Kaz Hill Farm, \$2.5K, 18/1/1  
 4-MTH, Msw 6f, +Ignorant Heist, 5-1
- [BIG DRAMA](#) (Montbrook), Bridlewood Farm, \$10K, 109/22/1  
 3-GP, Msw 6f, +Maximum Drama, 5-2
- [CAPE BLANCO \(IRE\)](#) (Galileo {Ire}), JBBA Shizunai Stallion Station,  
 \$17.5K, 259/21/1  
 8-GP, Msw 7 1/2ft, +Cape Dynasty, \$30K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1
- [D' FUNNYBONE](#) (D'wildcat), Rockridge Stud, \$3.5K, 48/8/0  
 5-BEL, Msw 6f, +D' Eloquent, \$85K SAR AUG yrl, 12-1
- [HAYNESFIELD](#) (Speightstown), Airdrie Stud, \$10K, 138/24/2  
 6-SA, \$100K GIII Lazaro Barrera S., 7f, Bistraya, \$160K KEE SEP yrl, 15-1
- [HUNT CROSSING](#) (Corinthian), O'Sullivan Farms, 54/3/0  
 9-CT, Msw 4 1/2f, +Monavista Crossing
- [NATIVE RULER](#) (Elusive Quality), Abraham's Equine Clinic, \$2K, 33/2/0  
 9-PRM, Msw 6f, +Ruler's Clu, 10-1  
 7-PRM, Msw 6f, +Zella Rose, 9-2
- [SIDNEY'S CANDY](#) (Candy Ride {Arg}), WinStar Farm, \$15K, 165/19/1  
 1-SA, Msw 6 1/2f, +Fabozzi, \$35K KEE SEP yrl, 9-2
- [TIZWAY](#) (Tiznow), Spendthrift Farm, \$25K, 184/20/3  
 8-WO, \$150K GIII Marine S., 1 1/16m, Bear'sway, \$50K KEEJAN yrl, 8-5
- [TRAPPE SHOT](#) (Tapit), Claiborne Farm, \$10K, 182/27/0  
 8-WO, \$150K GIII Marine S., 1 1/16m, Beaver Trapper, \$75K RNA  
 OBS MAR 2yo, 20-1
- [TRIPLE CHECK RAISE](#) (Pies Prospect), 1/0/0  
 7-PRM, Msw 6f, +Bonita Victoria, 15-1

- [TWIRLING CANDY](#) (Candy Ride {Arg}), Lane's End Farm, \$15K, 146/35/5  
 3-GP, Msw 6f, +Twirling Magician, \$5K OBS AUG yrl, 15-1  
 6-SA, \$100K GIII Lazaro Barrera S., 7f, Iron Rob, \$90K OBS APR 2yo, 4-1
- [UNCLE MO](#) (Indian Charlie), Ashford Stud, \$35K, 261/55/13  
 9-BEL, \$200K GII Peter Pan S., 1 1/8m, Supah Czech, \$30K OBS APR  
 2yo, 30-1

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**STAKES RESULTS:**

- BULL GATOR S.**, \$75,000, GP, 5-13, (S), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:22.33, ft.  
 1--[YOURDREAMSORMINE, 116, c, 4, Mr. Sekiguchi--Fly Apple Shu, by Forbidden Apple.](#) (\$4,500 RNA Wlg '12 OBSOCT; \$37,000 2yo '14 OBSOPN). O-N. T. S. Stable, Inc.; B-Bridlewood Farm (FL); T-Milton W. Wolfson; J-Emisael Jaramillo. \$46,500.  
 Lifetime Record: 23-4-4-4, \$241,750.
- 2--[Grande Shores, 122, h, 8, Black Mambo--Sexy Stockings, by Tabasco Cat.](#) O/B-Jacks or Better Farm Inc. (FL); T-Mark Casse. \$15,000.
- 3--[We're All Set, 116, g, 5, With Distinction--True Glitter, by Robin des Pins.](#) (\$27,000 Ylg '12 OBSAUG; \$30,000 2yo '13 OBSAPR). O-David Lengel, Norman Rader & Brett Brookman; B-Curtis Mikkelsen, Patricia Horth & Gordon & Lindie Reiss (FL); T-Peter R. Walder. \$7,500.

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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

- 3rd-BEL, \$80,000, 5-13, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:46.85, ft.**  
**SPA TOWN PARADE (m, 5, Leading the Parade--Saratoga Hopeful, by Lightnin N Thunder)** Lifetime Record: 52-5-6-5, \$128,335. O-Asuncion Rivera Jones; B-Warren Miller (FL); T-Eduardo E. Jones.
- 7th-SA, \$74,701, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 5-12, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:15.49, ft.**  
**NARDO (g, 4, Olmodavor--Bella Castagna, by Decarchy)** Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-2, \$141,880. O/B-Tony & Suzy Narducci (CA); T-Mike Puype.
- 8th-BEL, \$65,000, (S), (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 5-13, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.73, gd.**  
**SWELL (g, 5, Langfuhr--Beijio {MSP, \$208,494}, by Dr. Blum)** Lifetime Record: 14-4-3-1, \$188,478. O-Zilla Racing Stables; B-Empire Equines LLC (NY); T-Michelle Nevin. \*\$40,000 Ylg '12 SARAU.

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**5th-SA, \$64,068, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 5-12, 3yo/up, 6 1/2ft, 1:13.65, fm.**

**HUNT (IRE) (g, 4, Dark Angel {Ire}--Mansiya {GB}, by Vettori {Ire})** Lifetime Record: SP, 15-4-5-2, \$174,329. O-Michael House; B-Michael O'Callaghan (IRE); T-Philip D'Amato. \*€24,000 RNA Wlg '12 GOFNOV; €78,000 2yo '14 GBMBR.

**7th-AP, \$44,880, Alw, 5-13, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:09.82, ft.**

**REIGNING CATFISH (g, 6, Bellamy Road--Bankruptcy Babe, by Vicar)** Lifetime Record: SW, 37-5-7-5, \$196,395. O-John E. Sircher; B-John Carver (IL); T-Jere R. Smith Jr. \*Full to Countess Cashmere, SW.

**6th-AP, \$36,720, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 5-13, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f (AWT), 1:23.26, ft.**

**RAPID RHYTHM (f, 4, Successful Appeal--Patriot Miss, by Quiet American)** Lifetime Record: SP, 14-5-0-1, \$106,372. O-DARRS, Inc.; B-Lazy Lane Farms, LLC. (VA); T-Michael Stidham. \*\$38,000 RNA Ylg '13 EASSEP; \$19,000 RNA 4yo '16 KEEJAN.

**6th-IND, \$36,000, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$12,500), 5-13, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38.90, ft.**

**HURRICANE PASS (g, 5, Artie Schiller--Grey Gulch, by Gulch)** Lifetime Record: 32-5-7-3, \$113,637. O-Joel Brehm & Donald Goeing; B-Copper Cap Farm Inc. (IN); T-Donald L. Goeing.

**7th-IND, \$36,000, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 5-13, 3yo/up, 1m (off turf), 1:36.96, ft.**

**TOASTING MASTER (c, 4, Congrats--Broadway Gold {SW, \$166,645}, by Seeking the Gold)** Lifetime Record: 11-3-1-1, \$130,817. O-West Point Thoroughbreds; B-Ocala Stud (FL); T-Dale L. Romans. \*\$220,000 2yo '14 OBSMAR. \*\*1/2 to Golden Lad (Medaglia d'Oro), MGSW, \$645,230; Broadway's Alibi (Vindication), MGSW & GISP, \$521,500; and R Gypsy Gold (Bernardini), MSW & GISP, \$271,417.

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**7th-TDN, \$30,800, (S), 5-13, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.24, ft.**

**OHIO GOLD (f, 3, Wilburn--Philadelphia Gold, by Touch Gold)** Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-1, \$54,165. O-Charlie J. Williams LLC; B-Michael E Evans II, Travis A Evans & Sheltolee Farm (OH); T-Sandra Marie Adkins. \*\$27,000 RNA Ylg '14 KEESEP.

**5th-PEN, \$30,400, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 5-12, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38.08, ft.**

**SNUGGLE BEAR (g, 5, Sharp Humor--Rangey Lil, by Lion Heart)** Lifetime Record: 28-4-6-4, \$216,326. O-Carlson Family Limited Partnership; B-Vic Carlson (KY); T-Thomas A. Clark.

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**6th-GG, \$29,781, 5-13, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:36.90, fm. MISTAKEN IDENTITY (g, 6, Medaglia d'Oro--St Lucinda {MSP}, by St. Jovite)** Lifetime Record: 24-8-1-1, \$114,532. O-Barbed Wire Racing LLC; B-Robert B. Trussell (KY); T-Michael Lenzini. \*\$140,000 RNA Ylg '11 KEESEP; \$110,000 2yo '12 BARMAY. \*\*1/2 to Mananan Mclir (Royal Academy), GSW & GISP, \$506,127.

**3rd-GG, \$27,387, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 5-13, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:45.42, ft.**

**ANYTHINGSCOOKIN (g, 7, Any Given Saturday--Cookin Vickie {GSP, \$232,627}, by Far Out East)** Lifetime Record: 26-6-3-4, \$145,600. O-Jerry Hollendorfer and George Todaro; B-Lewis & Donna T. Cenicola, Lawrence & Ann L. Jett (KY); T-Jerry Hollendorfer.

**8th-EVD, \$27,000, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$30,000), 5-12, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38.67, ft.**

**FEAR THE COWBOY (c, 4, Cowboy Cal--Whom Shall I Fear, by Soto)** Lifetime Record: SW, 12-4-3-1, \$141,919. O-Kathleen Amaya & Raffaele Centofanti; B-University of Kentucky (KY); T-Efren Loza, Jr. \*\$1,500 Ylg '13 FTKFEB.

**6th-EVD, \$24,700, 5-12, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.87, ft.**

**TOUGH CUSTOMER (g, 4, Giant's Causeway--Acquileia {SP}, by Arch)** Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-0, \$99,448. O-Brittlyn Stable, Inc.; B-Germania Farm (KY); T-Ron Faucheux. \*\$550,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP.

**6th-LAD, \$24,000, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$12,500), 5-13, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:35.59, fm.**

**LAST MUSIC (g, 7, Classic Alliance--Jessica Make Music, by Slew o' Gold)** Lifetime Record: 32-5-4-5, \$104,553. O-Joe O. Duhon; B-Joe Duhon & David N. Meche (LA); T-Joe O. Duhon.

**1st-LAD, \$20,920, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$17,500), 5-13, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.58, ft.**

**CHEROKEE SALUTE (m, 5, Cherokee's Boy--Flag Salute, by Stalwart)** Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-1, \$43,180. O/B-Melissa Cantacuzene (VA); T-Ralph R. Irwin.

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**+Rach'slastscarf**, f, 2, **Half Ours**--Madel, by More Than Ready. EVD, 5-13, 4 1/2f, :53.01. B-Sugarland Thoroughbred, LLC (LA). \*Won by 8 1/4 lengths.

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**Wine Not**, g, 3, **First Dude**--Simmerette, by El Prado (Ire). BEL, 5-13, (S), 1m, 1:38.98. B-Frank Hopewell Runner's Dream Farm (NY). \*\$70,000 Ylg '14 SARAUG.

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**Girl Power**, f, 3, **Pure Prize**--Now U Know, by Maria's Mon. PRM, 5-12, 1m, 1:38.85. B-Don Von Hemel & Todd Dunn (KY). \*Full to Now I Know, GSW, \$461,721.

**Suppose So**, f, 3, **Tale of Ekati**--Western Sweep (MSP, \$275,209), by Western Expression. EVD, 5-12, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05.73. B-J. Adcock & Hume Wornall (LA). \*\$12,000 RNA Ylg '14 FTKOCT; \$5,500 2yo '15 EQL2YO.

**Queen's Gate**, f, 4, **Divine Park**--Biorra (SP), by Smoke Glacken. TDN, 5-13, 1m 70y, 1:48.99. B-Duncan Lloyd (PA).

**Son of Oahu**, g, 4, **Pioneerof the Nile**--Honolulu Heat, by Silver Deputy. BEL, 5-13, (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:42.00. B-Keith Early & Marvin Little Jr. (KY). \*\$40,000 Wlg '12 KEENOV; \$260,000 Ylg '13 FTKJUL; \$30,000 3yo '15 OBSWIN.

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**Lirica Heat (Arg)**, m, 6, **Unusual Heat**--Little Chilly, by Iam the Iceman. GG, 5-12, 1mT, 1:38.59. B-Oiko Marcelay (ARG).

**THIS WEEK IN HISTORY...**

May 14, 1978...Seattle Slew won his first start as a four-year-old in an allowance race at Aqueduct.

May 14, 1989...E.P. Taylor, owner of Windfields Farms and breeder of Northern Dancer, died at age 88.

May 15, 1952...Jockey Johnny Longden won his 4,000th victory at Hollywood Park.

May 15, 1954...Nashua won his first race, running 4 1/2 furlongs over a straightaway at Belmont Park.

May 15, 1993...Genuine Risk, the second filly ever to win the Kentucky Derby after taking the 1980 edition, gave birth to her first foal after 13 years of failed attempts. The son of Rahy was named Genuine Reward.

May 15, 2004...Smarty Jones set the record for the largest margin of victory in the GI Preakness S. when he ran away to a 11-1/2 length triumph. The previous mark, a 10-length victory by Survivor, had stood for 131 years.

May 16, 1953...Native Dancer rebounded from his runner-up effort in the Kentucky Derby--the lone blemish on his career record--with a resounding victory in the Withers. The "Gray Ghost" would go on to win his next nine starts, including the Preakness and Belmont S.

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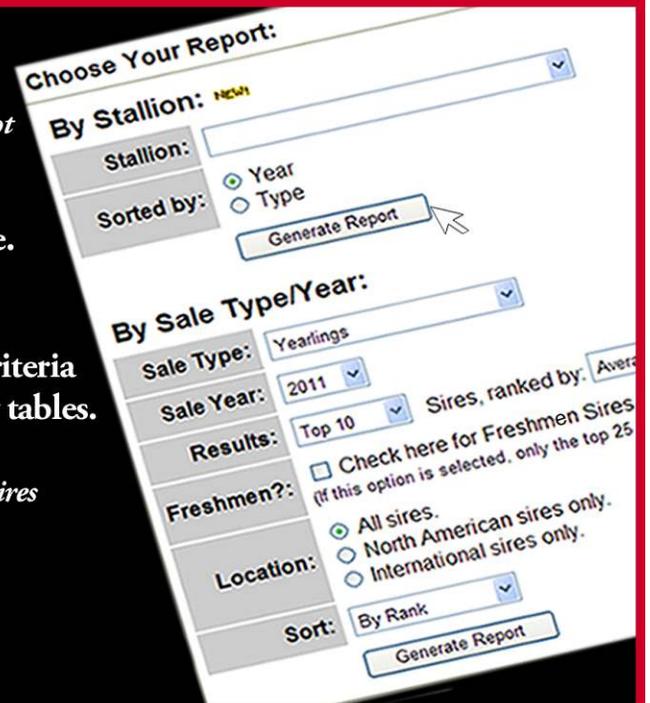
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## ARQANA BREEZE-UP RACES INTO DEAUVILLE



A 2-year-old works at Deauville, where Arqana's breeze-up sale will be hosted for the first time on Saturday | Arqana photo

By Emma Berry

The traveling sales community may feel a little discombobulated at being in Normandy in the springtime, but the familiar setting of Arqana's Elie de Brignac complex should make them feel at home following the relocation of the breeze-up sale to Deauville from its regular Paris home of Saint-Cloud.

With Sunday's two French Classics switched to Deauville's La Touques Racecourse owing to the redevelopment of Longchamp, the natural move was to bring today's sale along with it, and it's a temporary change which has been welcomed by consignors.

Brendan Holland's Grove Stud has ruled the Arqana Breeze-up Sale of late, offering the top lots in the last two years and selling subsequent G1 Prix du Jockey-Club winner The Grey Gatsby (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) for €120,000 in 2013, and the leading consignor is delighted to be in Deauville. He said, "Everyone acknowledged that the best thing to do was to follow the racing, and it's an even bigger weekend this year with racing on Monday, too. Everyone is excited that it's happening at the same time and there's a great buzz about the place. As always, Arqana have done a great job and have been extremely proactive, so we're really happy." [Cont. p2](#)

## QUEEN TO REIGN AGAIN IN VICTORIA MILE

**Mikki Queen (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), Japan's champion 3-year-old filly of 2015, looks to record her first win since the G1 Shuko Sho in October while dropping back in distance for Sunday's G1 Victoria Mile at Tokyo Racecourse. Mikki Queen won when it mattered most through the early part of last season, landing the G1 Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks) over 2400 metres at Tokyo and, after a second in the G2 Sho Rose S., she took the 2000-metre Shuka Sho. Mikki Queen was eighth but far from disgraced, beaten just 2 1/2 lengths, when pitched against males and elders in the Nov. 29 Japan Cup, and was given a winter holiday thereafter. The bay resumed with a second to **Smart Layer (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) over this distance in the G2 Hanshin Himba S. Apr. 9, and assistant trainer Tatsuhiko Kawai said, "The Hanshin Himba S. was her first mile race in a while, and so she raced from a rear position." [Cont. p17](#)

## IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

### UNIFIED STRETCHES OUT IN PETER PAN

"TDN Rising Star" Unified (Candy Ride {Arg}) looks to keep his perfect record in tact as he stretches out to a route of ground for the first time in Belmont's one-turn, nine-panel GII Peter Pan S. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

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**Arqana Breeze-Up Races Into Deauville cont. from p1**

As Holland's eyes drifted across to the smart bay filly being brought out of her stable, he added, "It's been a lucky sale for me, I've had stakes horses here eight out of the last nine years, so I am partial to this sale and we hope we've got an obvious one in the bunch this year. I was adamant all year that her and the Zoffany colt I sold at the Craven [for 320,000gns] were potentially the best two we had, and I'm sticking to that."

The horse in question is the sole filly by Frankel (GB) in the sale and, fortuitously, is bred on the same cross as the Juddmonte



Frankel filly from Grove Stud, shown by Frankie Price | Emma Berry

champion's first winner, Cunco (Ire), who obliged on debut at Newbury Friday. Catalogued as lot 70, the Ben Sangster-bred filly is the second foal of the Danehill Dancer (Ire) mare Rose Bonheur (GB), a dual listed sprint winner

in Ireland for Kevin Prendergast and Lucy Sangster.

No matter how long the sales season, one man who never runs out of enthusiasm and bonhomie is Con Marnane, who sold multiple Group 1 winner Rio De La Plata (Rahy) as a breezer back in 2007 and is still bouncing at having been responsible for the Haras du Logis sire's first winner, Aiming For Rio (Fr), at Cagnes-sur-Mer earlier this week.

Marnane's Bansha House Stables consigns two colts by Rio De La Plata today, lots 87 and 109, as well as an eye-catching son of Choisir (Aus), the sole offering by the former Australian shuttler out of the listed-winning Sir Pekan mare Arikaria (Ire) (lot 121).

"He breezed really well and has been very popular," said Marnane of the compact January-born Choisir colt.

Willie Browne is rarely off the leader board at breeze-up sales, and he's been snapping at Brendan Holland's heels for the last two years at Arqana. He too has a Frankel to sell, a colt out of a full-sister to the top-class speedster Namid (GB) (Indian Ridge {GB}) (lot 55), as well as a strong colt by the ever-popular Invincible Spirit (Ire). The latter, lot 88, is a half-brother to six black-type horses, including G3 Chartwell Fillies' S. winner San Scharia (Ire) (Daggers Drawn), and breezed well on the Deauville turf on Friday morning.

Browne commented, "We've a great bunch of horses here--I would say that, wouldn't I? The worrying part of it for us is what happens just below the top level, as that's been a problem at the breeze-up sales so far, a weak middle market. But I'm really happy with my horses and we keep hearing that there are plenty of international buyers coming for this sale, so let's hope that's right."

Browne's Mocklershill draft contains 15 2-year-olds, including a Galileo first foal of the hardy and classy racemare Banimpire (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) (lot 124), and the only Lemon Drop Kid juvenile in the sale (lot 78), another first foal and a son of the listed winner She Be Classy (Toccet) who was a \$70,000 Keeneland January yearling.



Lot 78, colt by Lemon Drop Kid-She Be Classy | Emma Berry



# FRANKEL

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Lemon Drop Kid has enjoyed a successful spell in Europe recently courtesy of G3 Huxley S. winner Cannock Chase and good Chester handicap winner Red Verdon. Both colts were bought by Charlie Gordon-Watson, so it was no surprise to find the agent having a close look at the Mocklershill offering along with Red Verdon's trainer Ed Dunlop.

Four supplementary entries have been added to the catalogue--colts by Helmet (Aus), Dark Angel (Ire), Invincible Spirit {Ire} and Lawman (Fr)--who feature as lots 136 to 139. Taking into account withdrawals at the time of writing, 118 juveniles are set to go under the hammer Saturday from 2 p.m. local time.

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**FIRST RUNNER, FIRST WINNER FOR FRANKEL**

The highly anticipated stud career of Juddmonte's unbeaten champion **Frankel (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}–King {Ire}, by Danehill) got off to the best possible start on Friday when his first runner, **Cunco (Ire)**, became his first winner with a three-quarter length score at Newbury for owner/breeder Don Alberto Corp and trainer John Gosden. Coincidentally, the bay was also the first foal born by the 14-time winner. Cunco is the first foal out of the dual Irish Group 3 winner and G1 Pretty Polly S.-third Chrysanthemum (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), and therefore represents the Galileo/Danehill cross that his perennial



Cunco, the first runner and winner for Frankel | *Racing Post*

champion sire has been so successful with. Chrysanthemum, a €100,000 Arqana August yearling, was trained by David Wachman and raced by the Coolmore partners, and was subsequently bought by Don Alberto Corp

for 800,000gns at Tattersalls December in 2013 while carrying her son of Frankel. Cunco himself was a 280,000gns buyback at Tattersalls October last year.

Reflecting on the immediate impact made by Frankel, Juddmonte's Teddy Grimthorpe said, "It couldn't be better and Prince Khalid is absolutely delighted." **Cont. p4**

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He continued, “It’s really exciting, and to have his first foal be his first runner, and his first winner, is pretty remarkable.



Frankel (front right) and his half-brother and workmate, Bullet Train, lead Sir Henry Cecil’s string in September 2012 | Emma Berry

There’s been a mixture of excitement, tension and apprehension—the whole gamut of emotions. We’ve been excited about him, but there’s been a lot of very good racehorses who weren’t good stallions. From the point of view of Frankel, the interest in him has never waned. It’s been ongoing and phenomenal. We’ve got them with a variety of

trainers. [Sir] Michael Stoute has got a horse out of Middy; we’ve got a very nice horse that Andre [Fabre] likes that’s a half-brother to Byword. John [Gosden] has got a few of ours as well and he rang me up straight after today’s race, so he’s fired up.”

See “British Report” for full race report and video replay, or [click here](#).

**Friday, York, Britain**

**BETWAY YORKSHIRE CUP-G2**, £160,000, YOR, 5-13, 4yo/up, 14ft, 3:01.12, g/f.

1--**CLEVER COOKIE (GB)**, 127, g, 8, by **Primo Valentino (Ire)**

**1st Dam: Mystic Memory (GB)**, by **Ela-Mana-Mou (Ire)**

**2nd Dam: Mountain Memory**, by **High Top (Ire)**

**3rd Dam: Forgotten Dreams (Fr)**, by **Shoemaker (GB)**

O/T-Peter Niven; B-Mrs J A Niven (GB); J-P J McDonald.

£90,736. Lifetime Record: 22-11-5-0, \$612,168. **Werk Nick**

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

2--**Curbyourenthusiasm (Ire)**, 127, g, 5, [Mastercraftsman \(Ire\)](#)--

Mohican Princess (GB), by Shirley Heights (GB). (€42,000 Ylg

‘12 GOFORB). O-M Caine & J Barnett; B-K Molloy (IRE); T-David

Simcock. £34,400.

3--**Second Step (Ire)**, 127, g, 5, Dalakhani (Ire)--My Dark

Rosaleen (GB), by Sadler’s Wells. O/B-Merry Fox Stud Ltd (IRE);

T-Luca Cumani. £17,216.

Margins: HF, NK, 6. Odds: 2.50, 7.50, 0.90.

Also Ran: Suegiao (Fr), Glaring (GB). Scratched: Flying Officer.

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With the favourite Flying Officer (Dynaformer) unshipping Frankie Dettori at the start and getting loose prior to being withdrawn, the way was open for the popular veteran Clever Cookie to bring the Yorkshire Cup back to Yorkshire. Successful in Chester's G3 Ormonde S. and this venue's Listed Grand Cup last May, the bay had traded at only 4-1 for Ascot's G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S., but could only manage fifth in that showpiece prior to finishing fourth in the two-mile G2 Lonsdale Cup back here in August and second to Flying Officer in the G2 QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup returning to Ascot. In the runner's-up spot in both Nottingham's Listed Further Flight S. over this trip Apr. 6 and the G3 Sagaro S. upped to two miles again at Ascot three weeks later, the bay--who was fitted with cheekpieces--was brought to his peak at the right time for a renewal short of its usual standard. Lobbing along in fourth early under P J McDonald, he was sent past Second Step with a furlong remaining and was always doing just enough to hold on as Curbyourenthusiasm stayed on to gain second. "I was a bit worried when Flying Officer came out that there might be no pace," trainer Peter Niven said. "They've dawdled away and that shouldn't have suited us, and the ground shouldn't have suited us. To be fair, he's always been able to go on decent ground, I've just been worried about him. He's overcome loads of obstacles and he's shown what he's worth." Niven was erring on the side of caution regarding the G1 Gold Cup at Royal Ascot June 16. "I know I can't keep going on about the ground, but that wasn't dangerous ground, whereas at Ascot, I wouldn't risk him on a road," he explained. "We'll see how he is in the morning. It was safe ground, but it won't have done him much good."



Clever Cookie | *Racing Post*



### Friday, Maisons-Laffitte, France

**PRIX TEXANITA-G3**, €80,000, MLF, 5-4, 3yo, 5 1/2ft, 1:07.69, hy.

1--#**@ROSS CASTLE (IRE), 122, c, 3, by Bushranger (Ire)**

**1st Dam: Bulrushes (GB), by Byron (GB)**

**2nd Dam: Tatora (GB), by Selkirk**

**3rd Dam: Tatouma, by The Minstrel**

(€1,800 RNA Ylg '14 GO14). O-Matthieu Palussiere & Nicholas Teehan; B-Bluegate Stud (IRE); T-Matthieu Palussiere; J-Tony Piccone. €40,000. Lifetime Record: 16-2-2-1, €90,450. **Werk**

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

2--**Money Maker (Spa), 122, g, 3, American Post (GB)--Noozhah (GB), by Singspiel (Ire).** (€40,000 Ylg '14 ARAUG). O-Meridian Racing Club, Michael Watt, Antoine Gilibert & Michael Keating; B-Yeguada Kantauri (SPA); T-Fabrice Chappet. €16,000.

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3--**Damila (Fr), 119, f, 3, Milanais (Fr)--Dawaes (Fr), by Marchand de Sable.** O/B-Pierre Pasquiou (FR); T-Henri-Alex Pantall. €12,000.

Margins: SNK, 1 1/4, NO. Odds: 21.50, 8.00, 16.10.

Also Ran: Post Var (Fr), Lil's Joy (Ire), Willytheconqueror (Ire), Mangusto (Fr), Largent du Bonheur (Fr), Aboulie (Ire), Shot in the Dark (Fr). Scratched: Venecia Style (Fr), Spanish Romance (Ire).

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One of the more blue-collar workers in this line-up, Ross Castle caused an upset to provide the Matthieu Palussiere stable with a major fillip. Having taken 11 starts to get off the mark and eventually doing so only in a claimer on Deauville's Polytrack Jan. 3, the bay had hardly looked pattern-race material subsequently and wound up sixth, beaten a dozen lengths, in a six-furlong handicap on his latest outing here at the start of April. Not able to go the early pace, he gradually labored his way from last and, when switched towards the near side, showed a smart turn of acceleration to cut down Money Maker in the final yards.

## EUROPEAN-BRED SUCCESS

with Peter O'Brien

In this series, the *TDN* catches up with European expatriats working in the Thoroughbred industry around the world. Today's installment features Peter O'Brien of Segenhoe Stud.

**Hometown?** *Dalkey, Co. Dublin, Ireland*

**How did you end up where you are now?** *I was fortunate to grow up beside John McCormack whose father, Tom, was a racing journalist. We went racing all over the country during the summer with Mr. McCormack, and once he saw our level of interest, he plied us with breeding books and inspired in me my desire to follow my dreams and have a career in the equine industry. Having little hands-on experience, Michael Osborne took a huge chance with me and arranged a job at Taylor Made Farm. I now know that nurturing young people and spending time to teach and empower their talents is tantamount, and I was truly blessed to have Mike Helmbrecht as my manager at Taylor Made, who spent his own time in the evenings teaching me husbandry and also the value of hard work (Gerry Butler and I had to muck out close to 60 boxes each evening!). John's brother, Bernard, allowed me to see the workings of Windfields Farm when Northern Dancer was at his prime, and those times are truly cherished. I then did a season at Coolmore and headed to Australia for the first time to Gooree Stud, and on to the leading trainer Neville Begg. For anyone starting out, spending time with a trainer is essential grounding for whatever path you choose in the breeding industry. My subsequent years were spent at Coolmore, graduating to assistant manager, and again it was the people and the attention to detail, led by Mr. Magnier, which instilled in me the core values that are necessary to have success in the job we love. Dermot Ryan, Michael Kirwan and Harry King were my mentors, and days scanning and looking at animals with Demi O'Byrne were invaluable for me. I spent 10 years shuttling stallions, starting with Ahonoora at Ra Ora Stud; Lindsay Park with Alzao; Persian Heights and Bluebird; Tirol at Stockwell Stud; Night Shift and Brief Truce at Woodlands Stud; Scenic at Collingrove Stud; and of course the great Danehill at Arrowfield Stud. Again, I had the benefit of working for some of the most famed horsemen in Australia, who gave their time to teach and guide me, notably Colin Hayes, Peter Keating, Peter Orton and above all else Peter Flynn at Woodlands, who gave me the confidence to believe in myself. John Magnier allowed me to the opportunity to manage Coolmore Australia when it was taken over in 1996, and it was an honour to work with Michael Kirwan and develop not only the business but the magnificent property into one of the showcase studs of the world, whilst working with champion stallions like Encosta De Lago and Danehill, and the very best mares in the country. My years at Coolmore were unforgettable and my debt to the Magnier family can never be repaid, but I was open for a new*



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*challenge and I have now been at Segenhoe Stud for over two years as general manager working for the Maloney family. The property is so unique and is the perfect environment to rear athletes, with 10 kilometres of river frontage as well as both flat alluvial soil balanced with undulating hills. The Maloney family had purchased some magnificent breeding stock prior to my arrival, so my job was made easy even before I commenced. Our sales over the past two years have been a credit to our wonderful team on the farm, and if the current group of 2-year-olds that were reared at Segenhoe are anything to go by, then we are in for exciting times ahead.*

**What have you found to be the major difference between racing/breeding in Australia and your home country?** *The obvious differences between Australia and the Northern Hemisphere has many layers. Foals are born outdoors and barring injury or illness, spend the entirety of the first 18 months living out, which to me leads to stronger-boned animals with terrific feet and a tough constitution. Speed is king here and the grounding the horses get in their youth is needed, as the good racehorses here are made of iron. They run far more frequently than in the North, which is a testament to not only their constitution but also the tough colonial pedigrees. In saying that, I firmly believe that it was the introduction of the shuttle stallions that was the catalyst to launch the Australian Thoroughbred on to the world stage.*

**Name one home comfort that you miss?** *Home comforts I miss could be described in one Sunday. Mam's fry in the morning, go to Croke Park to watch the Dubs win yet again, Sunday dinner with the family followed by pints in Finnegan's with the lads. Pure Bliss!*

**Favourite sport or hobby outside of racing?** *I love all sports, but any good championship match, either hurling or football, is impossible to beat.*

**What would you say is your proudest accomplishment?** *My years spent with Danehill. Not only the best horse I have or will ever work with, but the kindest, most gentle and willing animal, and I look with pride now when I see his lineage dominate not only the stallion ranks, but also the broodmare sires tables in both hemispheres. A once in a lifetime horse.*

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## MORE OF THE SAME



**Toormore, one of four in the Lockinge for Godolphin | *Racing Post***

Runner-up in Newbury’s G1 Al Shaqab Lockinge S. 12 months ago, Godolphin’s reliable stalwart **Toormore (Ire)** (Arakan) may only need to replicate that effort to go one better in Saturday’s open-looking renewal. Just a neck away from victory after the obvious class-act of the latest edition, Night of Thunder (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), managed to usurp him, the 5-year-old has ease in the ground to suit as he bids to build on his comeback win in the Apr. 22 G2 Sandown Mile on good-to-soft. On that occasion, he had the operation’s recent acquisition **Dutch Connection (GB)** (Dutch Art {GB}) back in second, as he had when successful in Glorious Goodwood’s G2 Lennox S. in July, with the other from the boys in blue, **Belardo (Ire)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}), a disappointing favourite in fourth. John Ferguson, chief executive and racing manager of Godolphin, commented, “Toormore nearly won the Lockinge last year and must have a good chance this year. Belardo will probably race a bit handier, closer to the pace, and he can go well on the ground—the softer the better for him. We have bought Dutch Connection and he has run well on good-to-soft ground. So the Lockinge is a race we are looking forward to, and the great thing about running all these horses is that we will be able to plan campaigns going forward.”

Trainers Richard Hannon and Roger Varian are feeling positive, but Charlie Hills needs to look at the surface for Dutch Connection. “We were delighted with Toormore’s win at Sandown, when he needed the run badly and had a three-pound penalty,” Hannon said. “I think he has improved since last season and has a huge chance on Saturday.” Varian is likewise in confident mood. “Belardo is in good form and he will appreciate the rain that Newbury has had,” he explained. “He lost nothing in defeat last time and is in good heart.” Charlie Hills added, “Dutch Connection came out of his run at Sandown in great form

and did a nice piece of work last week. They have obviously had a lot of rain at Newbury and I am hoping for a couple of drying days. I think the mile at Newbury will suit him, providing the ground is alright.”

Henry Candy is another with ground concerns as he ponders whether to let his stable star **Limato (Ire)** (Tagula {Ire}) line up. Paul Jacobs’s G1 Commonwealth Cup and G1 Prix de la Foret runner-up and G2 Park S. winner is stretching out to a mile for the first time, and needs drying weather. “Mr Jacobs will have the final call but it is looking more hopeful, I must say,” Candy explained on Friday. “If he jumps out of the stalls and says ‘I want to be a sprinter’ then it is going to be very embarrassing and he isn’t going to get the mile. When he’s fresh, like he is at the moment, it could be doubtful whether he does get the mile, but when he starts taking the Mickey like at the end of last season, then I think he will. The harder the ground the better; he absolutely floats. He coped with good-to-soft at Doncaster [in the Park S.], whereas Longchamp was a little bit softer [for the Foret].”

Last year’s G2 Celebration Mile winner **Kodi Bear (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}) was last seen finishing eighth of nine in Ascot’s G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. in October, but trainer Clive Cox believes he has him back on track. “He’s very special to me,” he commented. “Hopefully he can capture a Group 1 this year. They are tough to win, we are full of respect for the opposition but it’s satisfying having one good enough to take them on. The ground doesn’t hold any fears to us either way.” One of the more interesting contenders is Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum’s **Mahsoob (GB)** (Dansili {GB}), who showed enough speed for this test when winning the G3 Earl of Sefton S. over nine furlongs at Newmarket Apr. 13.

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### Saturday, Newbury, Britain, post time: 3:55 p.m.

#### AL SHAQAB LOCKINGE S.-G1, £350,000, 4yo/up, 8ft

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Arod (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Murphy	P Chapple-Hyam
2	Endless Drama (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Keane	Lyons
3	Kodi Bear (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Mosse	Cox
4	Limato (Ire)	Tagula (Ire)	Bentley	Candy
5	Gabrial (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Nolan	Fahey
6	Belardo (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Atzeni	Varian
7	Euro Charline (GB)	Myboycharlie (Ire)	Moore	M Botti
8	Johnny Barnes (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Dettori	Gosden
9	Dutch Connection (GB)	Dutch Art (GB)	Buick	C Hills
10	GM Hopkins (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Havlin	Gosden
11	Toormore (Ire)	Arakan	Doyle	Hannon
12	Barchan	War Front	Mitchell	Varian
13	Mahsoob (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Hanagan	Gosden

All carry 126 pounds bar Euro Charline, 123.

## BACK TO THE TOP

Two days after his full-brother Wings of Desire (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) entered centre stage on the Knavesmire, Lady Bamford's



Eagle Top | *Racing Post*

**Eagle Top (GB)** bids to regain some of the family limelight in Saturday's G3 Al Rayyan S. at Newbury, better known as the Aston Park S., which is enjoying enhanced status as a group race for the first time.

Nosed out of victory in the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II S. by Postponed (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) at Ascot in July, the homebred tailed off afterwards with a third in the G3 Arc Trial over 11 furlongs in September and a tame 15th placing in the Longchamp feature itself. Provided the ground is not too soft, the 5-year-old is likely to be primed for the Royal meeting next month, and his owner-breeder's racing manager Hugo Lascelles is hoping for a fresh start. "I think he had a bit of bad luck last year. He was only beaten a nose in the King George but then he mystified us at Newbury and ran below-par in the Arc," he explained. "The horse is on a bit of a comeback mission. He is working nicely at home, but this is not his D-Day, as we are looking at the [G2] Hardwicke S. back at Ascot [June 18] later on for him. John [Gosden] will look at the ground before deciding if he will run or not. If he doesn't, I think there is a race at Goodwood that might suit him next week."

Another on a retrieval mission is Mohamed Obaida's **Star Storm (Ire)** (Sea the Stars {Ire}), who was disappointing even allowing for needing the race when 16 lengths fifth of six in Newmarket's G2 Jockey Club S. Apr. 30. That showing was a far cry from his impressive winning display in Ascot's G3 Cumberland Lodge S. in October, but trainer James Fanshawe is unfazed. "He came out of his run at Newmarket well and I think he should come on for that," he said. "I'm not sure what the ground will be like by Saturday, but he handles soft ground."

Although her form is a touch removed from the proven performers in here, St Albans Bloodstock's rapidly-progressive filly **Carnachy (Ire)** (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) looked one to follow whatever the grade when upstaging her smart stablemate Bateel (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) in the Listed Daisy Warwick S. over this trip at Goodwood on her 4-year-old bow Apr. 30.

**Saturday, Newbury, Britain, post time: 2:45 p.m.**

**AL RAYYAN S. (REGISTERED AS THE ASTON PARK S.)-G3, £100,000, 4yo/up, 12f 5yT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Eagle Top (GB)	Pivotal (GB)	Dettori	Gosden	126
2	Astronereus (Ire)	Sea the Stars (Ire)	Dobbs	Perrett	126
3	Ayrad (Ire)	Dalakhani (Ire)	Atzeni	Charlton	126
4	Carnachy (Ire)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Moore	Simcock	123
5	Star Storm (Ire)	Sea the Stars (Ire)	Queally	Fanshawe	129

## RAIL DRAW FOR ZARAK IN POULAINS

'TDN Rising Star' **Zarak (Fr)** (Dubawi {Ire}) has been drawn in one against the rail for Sunday's G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains at Deauville which, unlike its customary Longchamp equivalent, is to be staged on the straight course. His Highness the Aga Khan's unbeaten son of the brilliant Zarkava (Ire) (Zamindar) needs to improve on his bare form to emulate his dam's victory in the Pouliches in 2008, with his warm-up coming in a conditions win over this trip on Maisons-Laffitte's straight track Apr. 19.



Zarak | *Scoop Dyga*

"We have to go," trainer Alain de Royer-Dupre said of the blueblood. "He's a typical Dubawi, in that he does the minimum at home but he looks well. His main quality is he has a nice turn of foot." Georges Rimaud, stud manager for his owner-breeder, added, "He won his trial and I think he will have improved from it. Zarak is a good, sound horse and hopefully he continues to do well. He has worked well since and everything looks good--all the lights are green."

Quite how the draw will play out in an open-looking edition is uncertain, but if bare form is the best guide then Godolphin's **Birchwood (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}) is the one to beat. Last year's G2 Superlative S. winner was third in the G1 Goffs Vincent O'Brien National S. at The Curragh in September and also in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf at Keeneland in October, and John Ferguson is expecting a bold show. "Birchwood is a horse who has been pleasing Richard Fahey at home. He took him to Newcastle for a racecourse gallop and he performed well," Godolphin's racing manager and chief executive said. "He will be in a good place when he turns up for the Guineas on Sunday."

Ireland is represented by the impressive Navan maiden winner **The Gurkha (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), who bids to provide Aidan O'Brien with a fourth renewal. He beat the subsequent G3 Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial fifth Saafarr (GB) (Teofilo {Ire}) by nine lengths over a mile Apr. 17, and his trainer said, "He's been in good form since he won and we thought this race would suit him, so we supplemented him for it."

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**Sunday, Deauville, France, post time: 4:20 p.m.**

**POULE D'ESSAI DES POULAINS-G1**, €550,000, 3yo, c, 8fT

- | SC  | PP | HORSE                        | SIRE                        |
|---|----|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1   | 1  | <b>Zarak (Fr)</b>            | <b>Dubawi (Ire)</b>         |
| O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC; T-Alain de Royer-Dupre; J-Christophe Soumillon. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €29,500.<br><i>Last Start: WON Apr. 19 Maisons-Laffitte conditions</i>                                 |    |                              |                             |
| 2   | 10 | <b>Taareef</b> 🦄             | <b>Kitten's Joy</b>         |
| (\$675,000 Ylg '14 KEESFP)<br>O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Dixiana Farm LLC; T-Jean-Claude Rouget; J-Jean-Bernard Eyquem. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, €41,000.<br><i>Last Start: 2nd Apr. 20 G3 Prix de Fontainebleau</i> |    |                              |                             |
| 3   | 13 | <b>First Selection (Spa)</b> | <b>Diktat (GB)</b>          |
| (£42,000 2yo '15 BBASC2)<br>O-Abdulla Al Mansoori; B-D Gonzalo Ussia Figueroa; T-Simon Crisford; J-Jim Crowley. Lifetime Record: 8-4-0-0, €89,973.<br><i>Last Start: 7th Apr. 30 G1 2000 Guineas</i>                                |    |                              |                             |
| 4   | 2  | <b>Zelzal (Fr)</b>           | <b>Sea the Stars (Ire)</b>  |
| (€180,000 Ylg '14 AROCT)<br>O-Al Shaqab Racing; B-Viktor Timoshenko; T-Jean-Claude Rouget; J-Gregory Benoit. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €29,500.<br><i>Last Start: WON Apr. 6 Chantilly conditions</i>                               |    |                              |                             |
| 5   | 12 | <b>George Patton</b>         | <b>War Front</b>            |
| O/B-Joseph Allen; T-Jean-Claude Rouget; J-Ioritz Mendizabal. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, €36,300.<br><i>Last Start: 2nd Apr. 19 Maisons-Laffitte conditions</i>   |    |                              |                             |
| 6   | 11 | <b>The Gurkha (Ire)</b>      | <b>Galileo (Ire)</b>        |
| O-Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier & Michael Tabor; B-Chintz Syndicate; T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Ryan Moore. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, €8,245.<br><i>Last Start: WON Apr. 17 Navan maiden</i>   |    |                              |                             |
| 7   | 3  | <b>Birchwood (Ire)</b>       | <b>Dark Angel (Ire)</b>     |
| (77,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT)<br>O-Godolphin; B-Marathon Bloodstock; T-Richard Fahey; J-James Doyle. Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-3, €225,632.<br><i>Last Start: 3rd Oct. 30 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf</i>                               |    |                              |                             |
| 8   | 5  | <b>Jimmy Two Times (Fr)</b>  | <b>Kendargent (Fr)</b>      |
| (€85,000 Ylg '14 AROCT)<br>O-Haras de Saint-Pair; B-F Teboul & J Boniche; T-Andre Fabre; J-Vincent Cheminaud. Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, €66,300.<br><i>Last Start: 2nd Apr. 10 G3 Prix Sigy</i>                                     |    |                              |                             |
| 9   | 8  | <b>Crazy Horse (GB)</b>      | <b>Sleeping Indian (GB)</b> |
| O/B-Rachel D S Hood; T-John Gosden; J-Frankie Dettori. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €39,408.<br><i>Last Start: WON Oct. 24 G3 Horris Hill S.</i>   |    |                              |                             |
| 10  | 4  | <b>Dicton (GB)</b>           | <b>Lawman (Fr)</b>          |
| O-Robert Ng; B-Wertheimer & Frere; T-Gianluca Bietolini; J-Olivier Peslier. Lifetime Record: 10-6-1-0, €129,250.<br><i>Last Start: WON 2nd Apr. 20 G3 Prix de Fontainebleau</i>   |    |                              |                             |
| 11  | 6  | <b>Moon Trouble (Ire)</b>    | <b>Lope de Vega (Ire)</b>   |
| (€45,000 Ylg '14 ARAUG)   |    |                              |                             |

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| O-Olivier Thomas; B-Haras du Mezeryay; T-Freddy Head; J-Mickael Barzalona. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, €29,500.<br><i>Last Start: 3rd Apr. 7 G3 Prix Djebel</i>          |   |                        |                         |
| 12   | 7 | <b>Alignement (GB)</b> | <b>Pivotal (GB)</b>     |
| O/B-Wertheimer & Frere; T-Carlos Laffon-Parias; J-Pierre-Charles Boudot. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, €36,550.<br><i>Last Start: WON Apr. 14 Fontainebleau conditions</i> |   |                        |                         |
| 13   | 9 | <b>Attendu (Fr)</b>    | <b>Acclamation (GB)</b> |
| O/B-Wertheimer & Frere; T-Carlos Laffon-Parias; J-Maxime Guyon. Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-1, €102,075.<br><i>Last Start: 2nd Apr. 7 G3 Prix Djebel</i>                    |   |                        |                         |
- All carry 128 pounds.

**CONFIDENCE HIGH IN QEMAH**

Having won the main trial for Sunday's G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches at Deauville, Al Shaqab Racing's **Qemah (Ire)** (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) is in pole position to provide Jean-Claude Rouget with a third straight and fourth overall renewal of the mile Classic. Drawn in seven in the middle for the straight-mile contest, the bay-- who was third behind Ballydoyle (Ire) (Galileo {Ire})



Qemah and connections | Scoop Dyga

in the G1 Prix Marcel Bousac at Longchamp in October-- was authoritative when taking the G3 Prix de la Grotte at Chantilly Apr. 20. Her 2 1/2-length dismissal of Guy Pariente's re-opposing **Kenriya (Fr)** (Kendargent {Fr}) stamped her as a genuine class act, and five Grotte winners have gone on to glory here since 2005. Al Shaqab's racing manager, Harry Herbert, is relishing the prospect of another Classic win in the silks and said, "She ran a very good race in the Bousac last year and she's a filly who did particularly well over the winter. I think everyone saw how impressive she was in her trial, she's well forward and forward in her coat. I know Jean-Claude really rates her and she has a terrific turn of foot, which is a useful weapon to have in a racehorse. I think the straight mile at Deauville will suit. We're very excited about her and we're hopeful she'll be competitive."

Rupert Pritchard-Gordon added, "She bounces off top-of-the-ground and that's the secret to her. She maybe could have finished a bit closer to Ballydoyle with a clearer run in the Bousac, and even on that form she has a good each-way chance here."

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One who is unexposed is Godolphin's unbeaten **Come Alive (GB)** (Dansili {GB}), who scored over a mile at Maisons-Laffitte Apr. 19, and John Ferguson, the operation's racing manager and chief executive, is looking forward to seeing what she is made of. "Come Alive is a filly Andre [Fabre] has always held in high regard and the fact that he wants to run her in the Guineas is good enough for me," he commented.

Sheikh Rashid Dalmook Al Maktoum's **Besharah (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}) is the latest in a long line of fast juveniles to be tried in a mile Classic, and her profile is far from convincing where stamina is concerned. Having won the G3 Princess Margaret S. at Ascot and G2 Lowther S. at York and finished third in the G1 Cheveley Park S. at Newmarket over six furlongs, the sole British raider was third in the seven-furlong G3 Fred Darling S. staged on the Polytrack at Chelmsford Apr. 16. "Besharah seems in good shape. She had to come from a long way back at Chelmsford and after that William [Haggas] was keen to miss the Guineas at Newmarket and wait for France," the owner's racing manager, Bruce Raymond, explained. "She hasn't run over a mile, but William feels she'll get the trip, so we'll see. We're hopeful rather than confident."

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**Sunday, Deauville, France, post time: 3:15 p.m.**

**POULE D'ESSAI DES POULICHES-G1**, €450,000, 3yo, f, 8fT

**SC PP HORSE**

**SIRE**

**1 13 Antonoe [First Defence](#)**

O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Inc; T-Pascal Bary; J-Vincent Cheminaud. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, €64,500.

*Last Start: 3rd Apr. 20 G3 Prix de la Grotte*

**2 6 Besharah (Ire) [Kodiac \(GB\)](#)**  
**(30,000gns Wlg '13 TATFOA; 85,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT)**

O-Sheikh Rashid Dalmook Al Maktoum; B-Gerard Kerin; T-William Haggas; J-Christophe Soumillon. Lifetime Record: 8-4-1-3, €270,761.

*Last Start: 3rd Apr. 16 G3 Fred Darling S.*

**3 14 Nathra (Ire) [Iffraaj \(GB\)](#)**  
**(270,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT)**

O-Abdullah Saeed Al Naboodah; B-Pier House Stud; T-John Gosden; J-Frankie Dettori. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, €234,813.

*Last Start: 5th May 1 G1 1000 Guineas*

**4 5 Positive Vibration (Ire) [Canford Cliffs \(Ire\)](#)**  
**(€40,000 Wlg '13 GOFNOV; 12,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT)**

O-Al Shaqab Racing; B-Peter J Doyle Bloodstock Ltd; T-Jean-Claude Rouget; J-Jean-Bernard Eyquem. Lifetime Record: 7-1-0-0, €9,950.

*Last Start: 9th Apr. 20 G3 Prix de la Grotte*

**5 7 Qemah (Ire) [Danehill Dancer \(Ire\)](#)**  
**(€200,000 Ylg '14 ARAUG)**

O-Al Shaqab Racing; B-Haras du Cadran, SCEA Bissons & SAS IEI; T-Jean-Claude Rouget; J-Gregory Benoist. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, €96,290.

*Last Start: WON Apr. 20 G3 Prix de la Grotte*

**6 1 La Cressonniere (Fr) [Le Havre \(Ire\)](#)**

O-Gerard Augustin-Normand & Ecurie Antonio Caro; B-Franklin Finance SA; T-Jean-Claude Rouget; J-Cristian Demuro. Lifetime Record: 5-5-0-0, €108,500.

*Last Start: WON Mar. 20 Listed Prix La Camargo*

**7 10 Come Alive (GB) [Dansili \(GB\)](#)**

O-Godolphin SNC; B-Darley; T-Andre Fabre; J-Mickael Barzalona. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €29,500.

*Last Start: WON Apr. 19 Maisons-Laffitte conditions*

**8 2 Spectre (Fr) [Siyouni \(Fr\)](#)**  
**(€40,000 RNA 2yo '15 ARMAV)**

O-MM Racing; B/T-Markus Munch; J-Pierre-Charles Boudot. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, €56,300.

*Last Start: WON Apr. 7 G3 Prix Imprudence*

**9 11 Alice Springs (Ire) [Galileo \(Ire\)](#)**  
**(550,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT)**

O-Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith; B-Lynch-Bages & Longfield Stud; T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Ryan Moore. Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-3, €509,024.

*Last Start: 3rd May 1 G1 1000 Guineas*

**10 8 Huda (Fr) [Equiano \(Fr\)](#)**  
**(€24,000 Ylg '14 AROCT)**

O-Mahmud F A Mouni; B-Razza Della Sila SRL; T-Mathieu Le Forestier; J-Eddy Hardouin. Lifetime Record: 3-0-1-0, €4,000.

*Last Start: 3rd Apr. 25 Le Lion d'Angers maiden*

**11 3 Kenriya (Fr) [Kendargent \(Fr\)](#)**

O-Guy Pariente; B-Guy Pariente Holding; T-Christophe Ferland; J-Jamie Spencer. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, €38,500.

*Last Start: 2nd Apr. 20 G3 Prix de la Grotte*

**12 4 Aim To Please (Fr) [Excellent Art \(GB\)](#)**

O-Joerg Vasicek & Mulungu Bloodstock; B-Haras d'Ecouvres; T-Francois Doumen; J-Alexis Badel. Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-1, €46,250.

*Last Start: 5th Apr. 7 G3 Prix Imprudence*

**13 9 Sasparella (Fr) [Shamardal](#)**

O/B-Wertheimer & Frere; T-Carlos Laffon-Parias; J-Maxime Guyon. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, €60,500.

*Last Start: 7th Apr. 10 G3 Prix Sigy*

**14 12 Syrita (Fr) [Siyouni \(Fr\)](#)**  
**(€42,000 Ylg '14 AROCT)**

O-Mme Christa Zass; B-Comtesse B de Tarragon & D Taylor; T-Markus & Stephanie Nigge; J-Olivier Peslier. Lifetime Record: 2-0-1-1, €10,100.

*Last Start: 3rd Apr. 19 Maisons-Laffitte conditions*

All carry 126 pounds.

## MIDTERM FINE AFTER DANTE DEFEAT

Khalid Abdullah's **Midterm (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}), fifth as the hot favourite in Thursday's G2 Dante S. at York, emerged from his third start and first loss none the worse for the wear, the owner's racing manager, Teddy Grimthorpe, told *Channel 4 Racing*. **Cont. p11**

"We were disappointed, there's no way getting away from it," Grimthorpe said. "He never got into a rhythm. He was keen at one minute and didn't really settle. He got what looked to be a



Teddy Grimthorpe | *Racing Post*

nice tow into the race behind the winner and just found not very much. He's fine this morning. I've spoken to [trainer Sir Michael Stoute], so I think we'll just have to let the dust settle a little bit."

Midterm was favoured for the June 4 G1 Investec Derby after following up an October maiden score with a win in Sandown's G3 Classic Trial Apr. 23, but has since dropped to 16-1. Grimthorpe said the bay hasn't yet been ruled out of the blue riband.

"He will obviously have to impress in his well-being and everything else before he steps foot on a racecourse again," he said. "He will get right, I'm sure of that."

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## EMOTIONLESS TO MAKE ASCOT RETURN

'TDN Rising Star' **Emotionless (Ire)** (Shamardal) is set to make his seasonal return in the G1 St James's Palace S. at Royal Ascot, according to trainer Charlie Appleby. The 3-year-old won last year's G2 Champagne S. by 3 1/2 lengths, but was last of seven in the G1 Dewhurst S. in October, after which it was discovered he had a knee chip. Appleby, who opted to bypass the G1 2000 Guineas to give the colt time, said, "Emotionless is in good order and, all being well, we are still heading towards the St James's Palace S. He is back in work, although he didn't really miss any--he just dropped out of galloping. He has continued his routine exercises for the past three weeks since we decided not to run him in the Guineas to give him time to strengthen. He has done well."



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## CORONATION TARGET FOR QUEEN

Jeff Smith's **Arabian Queen (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) is on track for the G1 Coronation Cup at Epsom June 4 after missing this week's G2 Middleton S. due to a sinus problem. Trainer David Elsworth



Arabian Queen and trainer David Elsworth | *Racing Post*

said, "We were hoping to run Arabian Queen in the Middleton, but unfortunately her old sinus problem reared its head again so we had to put her on some medicine, which prevented us from running her. We are now looking

forward to the Coronation Cup."

Elsworth said of the task facing last year's G1 Juddmonte International scorer, "Postponed will turn up as well, I imagine, and he will be a danger, but she [Arabian Queen] won there last year over a trip just over a mile and she showed she likes going left-handed by winning there and at York."

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Saturday, Newbury, post time: 5:05 p.m.

**HARAS DE BOUQUETOT FILLIES' TRIAL S.-Listed, £70,000, 3yo, f, 10f 6yT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Queen's Trust (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Moore	Stoute
2	We Are Ninety (Ire)	Thewayyouare	Crowley	Palmer
3	Last Tango Inparis (GB)	Aqlaam (GB)	Murphy	Morrison
4	Chastushka (Ire)	Poet's Voice (GB)	Buick	Gosden
5	Southern Stars (GB)	Smart Strike	Dettori	Gosden
6	Nezwaah (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Atzeni	Varian
7	Gypsy Eyes (Ire)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Holland	C Hills
8	Beautiful Morning (GB)	Galileo (Ire)	Doyle	Cumani
9	Epsom Icon (GB)	Sixties Icon (GB)	Baker	Channon
10	Beaully (GB)	Sea the Stars (Ire)	Hanagan	C Hills

All carry 126 pounds bar Epsom Icon, 129.

One of the last chances for Epsom aspirants, this contest was won by the subsequent Oaks heroine Eswarah (GB) (Unfuwain) in 2005 and both Izzi Top (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) and Volume (GB) (Mount Nelson {GB}) were subsequently third in the main event having captured this en route. **Beautiful Morning** represents the G1 Fillies' Mile form of Minding (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and was denied a clear passage when fifth in that Newmarket feature in October, having beaten some useful types when breaking her maiden in York's Convivial Maiden over seven furlongs at the Ebor meeting in August. **Cont. p12**

She meets some exciting prospects, headed by ‘**TDN Rising Star Queen’s Trust**, who was a disappointing fifth when favourite for the G3 Oh So Sharp S. over seven furlongs on the Fillies’ Mile undercard, and a pair of Gosden trainees in the Apr. 22 Sandown maiden winner **Southern Stars**, a daughter of Stacelita (Fr) (Monsun {Ger}), and the course maiden scorer **Chastushka**.

**Saturday, Newbury, post time: 3:20 p.m.**

**TORONADO CARNARVON S.-Listed, £70,000, 3yo, 6f 8yT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Buying Trouble	Hat Trick (Jpn)	Atzeni	Evans	121
2	Log Out Island (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Doyle	Hannon	129
3	Dream Destination (Ire)	Showcasing (GB)	Dobbs	Kirk	126
4	Taneen	Speightstown	O’Neill	Varian	126
5	Dhahmaan (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Buick	M Botti	129
6	Dream Dubai (GB)	Kyllachy (GB)	Moore	Kirk	126
7	King of Rooks (GB)	Acclamation (GB)	Dettori	Hannon	129
8	Remarkable (GB)	Pivotal (GB)	Havlin	Gosden	126
9	Twin Sails (GB)	Sir Percy (GB)	Winston	Ivory	126
10	Sunflower (GB)	Dutch Art (GB)	Probert	Balding	121

**Saturday, Newmarket, post time: 3:35 p.m.**

**BETFAIR CASH OUT KING CHARLES II S.-Listed, £37,000, 3yo, 7fT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Elronaq (GB)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Drowne	C Hills
2	Thikriyaat (Ire)	Azamour (Ire)	O’Neill	Stoute
3	Race Day (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Kirby	bin Suroor
4	Scrutineer (Ire)	Intense Focus	de Sousa	Channon
5	Dragon Mall	Blame	Spencer	Simcock
6	Raucous (GB)	Dream Ahead	Cosgrave	Haggas

All carry 126 pounds.

**Friday’s Results:**

**LONGINES IRISH CHAMPIONS WEEKEND FILLIES’ S. (MICHAEL SEELY MEMORIAL S.)-Listed, £45,000, YOR, 5-13, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:37.71, g/f.**

1--**#NEMORALIA, 126, f, 3, by [More Than Ready](#)**

- 1st Dam: Alina (MSW & MGSP-US, \$234,650), by Came Home
- 2nd Dam: Lady Heroine, by Sea Hero
- 3rd Dam: Lady Caveat, by Caveat

(\$140,000 Wlg ‘13 KEENOV; \$120,000 RNA Ylg ‘14 KEESEP; \$170,000 2yo ‘15 OBSMAR). O-Terry Allan, James Lovat & Charles Pigram; B-Alberta Davies (KY); T-Jeremy Noseda; J-Lanfranco Dettori. £25,520. Lifetime Record: MGISP-US, 7-3-2-1, \$265,248.

**EATON SALES** **SOLD**  
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2--**Aljulalah, 126, f, 3, [Exchange Rate](#)--Ruler’s Charm, by Cape Town. (\$45,000 Ylg ‘14 KEESEP; 350,000gns 2yo ‘15 TATBRE). O-Salem Rashid. £9,675.**

Another Successful *Brookdale* Sales Graduate

3--**Thetis (Ire), 126, f, 3, [Invincible Spirit \(Ire\)](#)--Serres (Ire), by Daylami (Ire). O-Ballymacoll Stud. £4,842.**

Margins: 6, 1, 5. Odds: 1.20, 9.00, 3.50.

Also Ran: Czabo (GB), Rebel Surge (Ire), Peru (GB), Our Joy (Ire). Scratched: Chiringuita, Veena (Fr).

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Runner-up in the GI Frizette S. at Belmont in October and third in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf at Keeneland the following month, Nemoralia returned in rude health with an emphatic success here to pave the way for a return to the top level. Held up early by York’s current darling Frankie Dettori, the dark bay--who was last seen in England defying topweight in a 6 1/2-furlong Doncaster nursery in September--moved effortlessly to take command passing the quarter pole before leaving the well-regarded Aljulalah and last year’s G2 Rockfel S. runner-up Thetis well behind. Connections are eyeing a tilt at the G1 Coronation S. at Royal Ascot June 17. “She’s a nice filly and she loved this top-of-the-ground. She won like a good filly today,” Dettori said, while trainer Jeremy Noseda commented, “She’s been working well and nothing really went right for her in America. I felt she could have won the Breeders’ Cup, but she had a setback two weeks before it and they had a lot of rain. She’s shown what I thought she was capable of. I came here expecting to win, but obviously you hope they do it in that sort of manner. I didn’t get drawn to training her for a Guineas--I didn’t want any part of Minding--and since the Breeders’ Cup the plan has been to come here and then Royal Ascot. I’ve been thrilled with her at home and I’d hope she’ll improve.”

Nemoralia’s talented dam, who was second in the GII Fantasy S., also has a 2-year-old full-brother to the winner and a 2016 colt by Bodemeister.

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**LANGLEYS SOLICITORS EBF MARYGATE FILLIES' S.-Listed,**

£45,000, YOR, 5-13, 2yo, f, 5fT, 1:00.51, g/f.

1--**#VONA (IRE), 124, f, 2, by Dark Angel (Ire)**

**1st Dam: Trading Places (GB), by Dansili (GB)**

**2nd Dam: Dockage, by Riverman**

**3rd Dam: Golden Alibi, by Empery**

(€15,000 Ylg '15 TISEP). O-Nick Bradley Racing (Trading Places); B-Colm McEvoy (IRE); T-Richard Fahey; J-Jack Garritty. £25,520. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$37,824.

2--**Boater (Ire), 124, f, 2, [Helmet \(Aus\)](#)--Cercle d'Amour, by Storm Cat. O-Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed Al Maktoum. £9,675.**

3--**Perfect Madge (Ire), 124, f, 2, Acclamation (GB)--Soul Mountain (Ire), by Rock of Gibraltar (Ire). (20,000gns RNA Wlg '14 TATFOA; £45,000 Ylg '15 DNPRM). O-T A Rahman. £4,842. Margins: 1, HD, HF. Odds: 33.00, 1.35, 12.00.**

Also Ran: Twizzell (GB), Amlak (GB), Love Oasis (GB), Coolfitch (Ire), Mightaswellsmile (GB), Carlton Frankie (GB), Stormy Clouds (Ire), Khelly's Edge (GB).

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Vona, who was last of nine at Southwell in her first outing Apr. 7, improved to run fourth in a May 5 maiden at Chester and continued on the upgrade with a shock victory in this black-type debut. Racing under a tight grip two lengths off the pace, she was urged forward from halfway to go second entering the final eighth, coming under increased persuasion in the closing stages



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to claim a career high and a ticket to Ascot's Royal meet next month. "Her first two runs were educational and she improved a lot for Chester," said rider Jack Garrity. "The way she was going away [at the finish], I'd say there's more to come again." Conditioner Richard Fahey added, "I'm very surprised. [Owner] Nick [Bradley] made the entry and there's not much more I can say really. She got into a rhythm and came home strongly. She's a listed winner now so there's nowhere else to go other than the [June 15 G2] Queen Mary [S. at Royal Ascot]."

Trainer Mark Johnston indicated runner-up Boater will also point to the Queen Mary.

The winner hails from the family of MG1SW and G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe hero Rail Link (GB) (Dansili {GB}), and she is a half to a yearling filly by Arcano (Ire).

**5th-YOR, £50,000, Hcp, 5-13, 4yo/up, 12fT, 2:29.98, g/f.**

**BARSANTI (IRE) (g, 4, [Champs Elysees {GB}](#)--Silver Star {GB} {SP-Fr}, by Zafonic),** who came here on the back of two

impressive Polytrack successes, including a latest one in Kempton's Rosebery H. over 11 furlongs Mar. 26, was sent off the 15-8 market leader and raced without cover behind the leading trio. Traveling easily before being let loose with two furlongs remaining, the 170,000gns TATOCT yearling may have been idling in the clear en route to a comfortable two-length defeat of the recent Newmarket handicap winner Oasis Fantasy (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}). Trainer Roger Varian's Australian assistant Will Johnson said, "He's obviously still progressing and has translated his all-weather form to the turf. He'll be going to Royal Ascot now and hopefully he'll still sneak into the Duke of Edinburgh [handicap June 17]. There's a nice little race in November [the Melbourne Cup] where I'm from that might be for him, but we'll take it one race at a time." Silver Star is a full-sister to Khalid Abdullah's brilliant juvenile champion of 1997 Xaar (GB) and also a half to the G3 Prix Quincey winner and G1 Grand Criterium runner-up Masterclass (The Minstrel). Two other of her half-siblings, the G3 Prix Corrida-winning Diese and the GSP Didicoy, are the dams of the GI United Nations H. and GI Clement L Hirsch Memorial Turf Championship S.-winning sire Senure and the GII Dahlia H. scorer and GI Gamely H. third Didina (GB) (Nashwan) respectively. The third dam is the significant influence Best In Show, whose champion son Malinowski and Kentucky Oaks-winning daughter Blush with Pride are only part of the story with her unraced daughter Sex Appeal achieving immortality as the dam of the great El Gran Senor and champion 2-year-old Try My Best. Silver Star has yet to produce a black-type performer from 10 runners, but her daughter Rising Tornado (Storm Cat) is responsible for the champion Close Hatches (First Defence). Another of her daughters, Joseph Allen's Fresh Air (Ire), (Montjeu {Ire}), is in training with Jean-Claude Rouget and has shown potential to make her mark at listed level. She also has a 2-year-old colt Hugin (Ire) (Henrythenavigator) who made an encouraging start for the David Wachman stable last month and a yearling colt by Declaration of War. Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-2, \$94,457. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum; B-Glenvale Stud (IRE); T-Roger Varian.

### First Winner for Freshman Sire

**1st-NEW, £7,000, Cond, 5-13, 2yo, f, 6fT, 1:13.84, g/f.**

**+KILMAH (GB) (f, 2, [Sepoy {Aus}](#)--Perfect Star {GB} {SW-Eng, \$170,069}, by Act One {GB}),** a 32,000gns TATOCT yearling, was always in the firing line in this unveiling. [Cont. p14](#)

Pushed along with a quarter mile remaining, the 14-1 chance took a slender advantage entering the final furlong and edged further clear up the hill to score by two lengths from Seafront (GB) (Foxwedge {Aus}). Kilmah, half to a yearling colt by Helmet



**Kilmah is the first Northern Hemisphere winner for Darley's Sepoy | Darley**

(Aus), becomes the first Northern Hemisphere winner for her sire (by Elusive Quality), who was himself a champion 2- and 3-year-old in

Australia and won that country's two most important juvenile contests, the G1 Blue Diamond S. and G1 Golden Slipper. The winner is out of the Listed Rosemary S. winner Perfect Star (GB) (Act One {GB}) and her second dam, Granted (Fr) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}), is a multiple stakes-placed half-sister to G1 Hollywood Derby third Lucky Chappy (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$6,543. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Abdulla Al Mansoori; B-Mildmay Bloodstock Ltd; T-Mark Johnston.

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**1st-HAM, £6,600, Cond, 5-13, 2yo, 5f 7yT, :59.48, g/f. LOMU (IRE) (c, 2, Dandy Man {Ire}--Miss Me {GB}, by Marju {Ire}),** off the mark on debut at Musselburgh Apr. 29, was backed into 11-10 favouritism and took a fierce hold in rear after missing the break. Soon tracking the leaders, the €13,000 GOFNOV foal and £15,000 DNPRM yearling from the family of the Khalid Abdullah group 1 performers Skipping (GB) (Rainbow Quest), Proportional (GB) (Beat Hollow {GB}) and Vote Often (GB) (Beat Hollow {GB}) and also Godolphin's Folk Opera (Ire) (Singspiel {Ire}), was delivered to wrest the lead from Whiteandgold (GB) (Major Cadeaux {GB}) in the last 50 yards and win by a neck. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$12,314. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Mr Steve Macdonald; B-Michael G. Daly (IRE); T-Keith Dagleish.



**First Winner for Freshman Sire**

**2nd-NBY, £10,000, Mdn, 5-13, 2yo, 6f 8yT, 1:16.40, g/s. +CUNCO (IRE) (c, 2, Frankel {GB}--Chrysanthemum {Ire} {MGSW & G1SP-Ire, \$275,329}, by Danehill Dancer {Ire}),** who RNA'd at 280,000gns as a TATOCT yearling and was the first runner to represent his sire (by Galileo {Ire}) here, was on edge in the preliminaries and raced in a handy fifth through the early fractions of this straight dash. Coming under increased pressure to close inside the final quarter-mile, the 7-2 chance kept on relentlessly for three tender flicks of Robert Havlin's persuader to



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overhaul Isomer (Cape Blanco {Ire}) nearing the line and win by 3/4 of a length. "I could not be more pleased, as he has a few more gears left," commented rider Robert Havlin. "I can see him getting seven furlongs by the end of year and he could be a Royal Ascot prospect, but that's something the boss [John Gosden] will decide." Cunco, kin to a yearling colt by Galileo (Ire), is a son of the dual Group 3-winning G1 Pretty Polly S. third Chrysanthemum (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), and his third dam is the G3 Princess Margaret S. victress Saintly Speech (Southern Halo). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$9,348. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Don Alberto Stable; B-Don Alberto Corporation (IRE); T-John Gosden.

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**1st-NBY, £10,000, Mdn, 5-13, 2yo, 6f 8yT, 1:16.41, g/s. +MEDIEVAL (IRE) (c, 2, Kodiak {GB}--Quickstyx {GB}, by Night Shift),** a 34,000gns TATFOA foal and 110,000gns TAOCT yearling, raced prominently from the outset of this first go. Coming under pressure soon after halfway, the 9-2 chance was driven along approaching the final furlong and kept on in determined fashion to outgame Spiritous (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) by a half-length nearing the line. Medieval, who is half to a yearling filly by Epaulette (Aus), maintained the perfect record of his dam and becomes the eighth winner from as many foals to race. His family includes G1SWs Red Bloom (GB), Ibn Bey (GB), Roseate Tern (GB) and Teleprompter (GB). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$9,348. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Mrs Fitri Hay; B-Patrick Cassidy (IRE); T-Paul Cole.

**5th-NBY, £10,000, Mdn, 5-13, 3yo, 7fT, 1:28.71, g/s.**

**SMUGGLER'S MOON (GB) (g, 3, [Danehill Dancer {Ire}](#)--[Alchemilla {GB}](#), by [Dubai Destination](#)),** a first-up 10th going 6 1/2 panels here in his only prior start last June, found cover in mid division after an alert getaway in this comeback. Nudged along approaching the final quarter-mile, the 20-1 chance came under increased pressure soon after and swooped late under a power drive to deny [Gunmetal \(Ire\)](#) ([Clodovil {Ire}](#)) by a half length. Godolphin's 1.7-million guineas TAOCT yearling [Chess Master \(Ire\)](#) ([Shamardal](#)), a half-brother to [MG1SW Halfway To Heaven \(Ire\)](#) ([Pivotal {GB}](#)), held every chance until fading late to finish seventh. The 60,000gns TAOCT yearling is a half to the 2-year-old filly [Abelie \(GB\)](#) ([Choisir {Aus}](#)) and a yearling colt by [Leroidesanimaux \(Brz\)](#). His second dam, [Ausherra \(Diesis {GB}\)](#), a stakes-winning full-sister to [MG1SW European champion distaffer Ramruma \(Diesis {GB}\)](#), is the dam of [MG1SW G1 Dewhurst S. third Strategic Prince \(GB\)](#) ([Dansili {GB}](#)). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$9,348. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Manton Thoroughbreds; B-Bugley Stud ([Alchemilla](#)) Partnership (GB); T-Brian Meehan.

**6th-NBY, £10,000, Mdn, 5-13, 3yo, 10f 6yT, 2:11.12, g/s.**

**ULYSSES (IRE) (c, 3, [Galileo {Ire}](#)--[Light Shift {G1SW-Eng & G1SP-Ire, \\$691,954}](#), by [Kingmambo](#)),** a son of the 2007 Epsom Oaks heroine, was second over this trip at Leicester last time Apr. 23 and started as the 4-11 favourite to capitalise on this weak maiden by the track's standards. Coasting along in second early, the homebred was left in front with over two furlongs remaining and, when shaken up by [Ryan Moore](#), surged away to record an eight-length success from [New World Power \(Jpn\)](#) ([Deep Impact {Jpn}](#)). That son of the G1 [Fillies' Mile](#) heroine [Listen \(Ire\)](#) ([Sadler's Wells](#)) and full-brother to the top Japanese performer [Touching Speech \(Jpn\)](#) stayed on encouragingly when the winner had flown. The winner's dam, [Light Shift](#), is a half-sister to the [Niarchos Family's](#) multiple highweight [Shiva \(Jpn\)](#) ([Hector Protector](#)), who beat [Daylami \(Ire\)](#) in the 1999 G1 [Tattersalls Gold Cup](#) and was also runner-up in that year's G1 [Champion S.](#) and third in the 2000 G1 [Eclipse S.](#) Also a half to the [MG1SW sire Limnos \(Jpn\)](#) ([Hector Protector](#)) and the 2010 G1 [Charles Whittingham Memorial H. runner-up Hyades \(Aldebaran\)](#), she hails from the family of the recent G2 [Prix Greffulhe](#) winner and leading Epsom Derby hope [Cloth of Stars \(Ire\)](#) ([Sea the Stars {Ire}](#)). Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$10,595. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Flaxman Stables Ireland Ltd; B-Flaxman Stables Ireland Ltd. (IRE); T-Sir Michael Stoute.



**5th-NEW, £6,000, Mdn, 5-13, 3yo, f, 12fT, 2:37.63, g/f.**

**DAPHNE (GB) (f, 3, [Duke of Marmalade {Ire}](#)--[Daring Aim {GB}](#), by [Daylami {Ire}](#)),** who was staying on when third over just shy of the trip at Haydock last time Apr. 23, accepted a lead initially before moving to the lead with 2 1/2 furlongs remaining. Drifting left shortly after, the 9-4 second favourite was game when tackled by [Talent To Amuse \(Ire\)](#) ([Manduro {Ger}](#)) and held on to prevail by a short head. The dam, who gained notoriety as one of the focal points of jockey [Kieren Fallon's](#) Old Bailey case in 2007, is a half-sister to the G1 Epsom Oaks runner-up [Flight of Fancy \(GB\)](#) ([Sadler's Wells](#)) out of the G2 [Ribblesdale S.](#) and G2 [Geoffrey Freer S.](#) scorer [Phantom Gold \(GB\)](#) ([Machiavellian](#)). She has produced one black-type performer in [Bold Sniper \(GB\)](#) ([New Approach {Ire}](#)) and has a 2-year-old colt named [Missed \(GB\)](#) by [So You Think \(NZ\)](#). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$6,439. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O/B-The Queen (GB); T-William Haggas.

## HANAGAN OUT FOR WEEKEND

Jockey Paul Hanagan will sit out this weekend's racing action due to illness. "He picked up a bug and he just doesn't feel right," said Hanagan's agent, [Richard Hale](#). "He's struggling to get rid of it, so I don't think he'll be riding this weekend. Hopefully he'll rest up and return some time next week."

IRELAND



### Friday's Result:

**2nd-DUN, €11,000, Mdn, 5-13, 3yo, f, 10f 150y (AWT), 2:17.06, st.**

**SANTA MONICA (GB) (f, 3, [Mastercraftsman {Ire}](#)--[Zacchera {GB}](#), by [Zamindar](#)),** who was fourth in the G3 [Silver Flash S.](#) over seven furlongs at Leopardstown in July, was a disappointment when only eighth on her 2-year-old finale over a mile at Gowran Park in September and started as the 13-8 second favourite before racing in fourth early. Angled out for her finishing effort with a quarter-mile remaining, the 30,000gns TATFOA foal and 120,000gns TAOCT yearling was in front less than a furlong later and only needed to be pushed out to secure a comfortable 3 3/4-length success from [Saga Sprint \(Ire\)](#) ([Excellent Art {GB}](#)). The dam is a daughter of the prolific producer [Palace Street](#), who is herself out of a half-sister to the sires [Raise a Dancer](#) and [Key Issue](#). That makes [Zacchera](#), who has a 2-year-old filly by [Sir Percy \(GB\)](#), a half-sister to the G1 [July Cup](#) hero and sire [Sakhee's Secret \(GB\)](#) ([Sakhee](#)). Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-0, \$11,108. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Mrs John Magnier & Exors of the Late Mrs Jacqueline O'Brien; B-D. J. Erwin Bloodstock (GB); T-Charles O'Brien.

**CONDITIONS RESULT:**

**3rd-DUN, €15,000, 5-13, 3yo, 10f 150y (AWT), 2:14.73, st. VA PENSIERO (IRE) (f, 3, [High Chaparral {Ire}](#)--Thoughtless Moment {Ire} {SP-Ire, \$209,816}, by Pivotal {GB})** Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$27,611. O-Moyglare Stud Farm; B-Moyglare Stud Farm LTD (IRE); T-Dermot Weld.

FRANCE

**Friday's Results:**

**6th-MLF, €29,000, Cond, 5-13, 2yo, 5 1/2fT, 1:08.20, hy. MORIGANE FORLONGE (FR) (f, 2, American Post {GB})--Wonderful Life {Ger}, by Tiger Hill {Ire}**), third in a five-furlong conditions race at Chantilly last time Apr. 28, was sent off the 14-5 second favourite and quickly held the lead racing up the centre of the track. Kicking clear from the furlong marker, the bargain €8,000 ARQNOV yearling hit the line strong with three lengths to spare over Red Onion (GB) (Fast Company {Ire}). The dam, who hails from a German family replete in black-type and featuring the highweight Winning Dash (Ger) (Dashing Blade {GB}), also has a yearling filly by Masterstroke named Aria Laforlongeuse (Fr). Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 1 win, 2 places, €25,600. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O-Razza della Sila SRL; B-EARL de la Forlonge (FR); T-Attilio Giorgi.

**3rd-LTS, €27,000, Cond, 5-13, 3yo, 10fT, 2:04.04, gd. CHELKAR (FR) (g, 3, Azamour {Ire}--Cherryxma {Fr}, by Linamix {Fr})**, an easy debut winner at Chantilly last time Apr. 4, inched into the lead after a level break in this turf bow. Holding sway throughout, the 3-5 lock was sent wide to race alone under the stands' side rail in the straight, and stayed on strongly under whipless rousing inside the final quarter-mile to comfortably best Lusitane (Ire) (Big Bad Bob {Ire}) by two lengths. Chelkar is out of a winning sister to MG1SW dual highweight Cherry Mix (Fr). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €26,000. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

**5th-MLF, €25,000, Mdn, 5-13, 3yo, f, 11fT, 2:29.85, hy. JOLLIFY (IRE) (f, 3, [Manduro {Ger}](#)--Jomana {Ire} {MGSW-Fr, \$125,252}, by Darshaan {GB})**, fourth on debut over a mile and a quarter at Chantilly Apr. 24, was professional racing in third on the outer throughout the early stages. Overwhelming the resilient Dorset Dream (Fr) (Canford Cliffs {Ire}) with 100 metres remaining, the 8-5 favourite asserted to score by 1 1/4 lengths. The dam, who captured the G3 Prix Corrida and G3 Prix Exbury,

is out of a half to the sires Local Talent and Local Suitor. Her extended family includes the G1 2000 Guineas and G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. hero and leading sire Mark of Esteem (Ire) and Saturday's G1 Lockinge S. contender GM Hopkins (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}). Also related to the Japanese champion Eishin Champ (Mi Cielo) and the 2003 GI Prioress S. runner-up Chimichurri (Elusive Quality), Jomana has produced last year's Ebor and November H. winner Litigant (GB) (Sinndar {Ire}) and has a yearling colt by Champs Elysees (GB). Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €15,000. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Godolphin SNC; B-Darley (IRE); T-Andre Fabre.

**7th-MLF, €25,000, Mdn, 5-13, 3yo, c/g, 11fT, 2:26.26, hy. MAIN FACT (c, 3, [Blame](#)--Reflections {GB}, by Sadler's Wells)**, who was only beaten just over a length when fifth behind the subsequent winner Spectroscope (Medaglia d'Oro) on his last start over 10 furlongs at Chantilly Apr. 24, was allowed to coast to the front from his outside stall and, after gaining a soft lead after the first furlong, steadied it up. Awkward on the home turn, the 10-3 second-favourite was asked to stretch when straightened up by Thibault Speicher and gave enthusiastically to register a comprehensive 3 1/2-length success from Mon Bisou (Ire) (Pour Moi {Ire}). The winner shares his second dam with the dual group winner and G1 Dewhurst S. third Trade Fair (GB) (Zafonic), who went on to be a sire for Tweenhills, and also the GI Woodbine Mile, GI Just a Game S., GI Santa Monica H. and GI Matriarch S. heroine Ventura (Chester House). Also from the family of the current Andre Fabre project Harlem (GB) (Champs Elysees {GB}), who was second in Sunday's G3 Prix d'Hedouville, he is a half-brother to Mirror Lake (GB) (Dubai Destination), MSW & GSP-Eng, \$113,061, and a 2-year-old colt Inscribe (Harlan's Holiday). The dam has been bred to Divine Park in 2016. Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €13,750. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Inc; T-David Smaga.

**5th-LTS, €16,000, Mdn, 5-13, 3yo, 9 1/2fT, 1:53.36, gd. MYTHOMANE (GB) (c, 3, [Dalakhani {Ire}](#)--Spring Star {Fr} {MGSW-US & GSW-Fr, \$320,336}, by Danehill)**, who ran third in one-mile tests at Bordeaux-le-Bouscat Apr. 1 and Apr. 16, was a shade keen before settling off the pace in eighth here. Easing into contention in the straight, the crowd's 8-5 choice seized control with 350 metres remaining and was shaken up to draw 6 1/2 lengths clear of Klimth (Fr) (Peintre Celebre) inside the final furlong. Mythomane's dam is the GII Palomar Breeders' Cup H. and G2 Prix de Sandringham heroine Spring Star (Fr) (Danehill), who has since produced the 2-year-old filly Cinderella Queen (Ire) (Makfi {GB}). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-2, €12,800. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (GB); T-Christophe Ferland.

**2nd-LTS, €28,000, Cond, 5-13, 4yo/up, 7fT, 1:26.46, gd.**  
**ALMOROX (GB) (g, 4, [Rip Van Winkle \(Ire\)](#)--Totem, by Mizzen Mast)** Lifetime Record: 9-4-1-1, €65,500. O-Ecurie Antonio Caro; B-Thierry de la Heronniere & Georges Lugon (GB); T-Christophe Ferland. \*€17,000 Ylg '13 ARAUG.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**+Elegante Bere (Fr), f, 2, Peer Gynt (Jpn)**--Particuliere (GB), by Spectrum (Ire). LTS, 5-13, 6fT, 1:16.14. B-SNC Regnier & San Gabriel Investments Inc (FR). \*€17,000 Ylg '15 AROCT.  
**Wiv Veca (Fr), c, 3, Air Chief Marshal (Ire)**--Canta Briani (Swe), by Red Rainbow (GB). MLF, 5-13, 9fT, 1:58.76. B-Louis de Geer (FR).



**Queen To Reign Again in Victoria Mile cont. from p1**

Kawai continued, "Even though the pace was advantageous to the frontrunners, she really showed her speed in the end. And she did it



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carrying 56kg. I think it was quite a race." Smart Layer has not enjoyed good fortune in this race in the past, having finished eighth and

10th previously, but a change in tactics this year from closer to front-runner have seen the 6-year-old bag her only two tries this year: the G3 Tokyo Shimbun Hai and the Hanshin Himba.

Last year's Japan Cup winner, **Shonan Pandora (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), is likely short of her best distance here, having won that showpiece over 12 furlongs and the 10-furlong Shuka Sho as a 3-year-old, but her class could see her through. She was third first-up behind **Ambitious (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) and **Kitsan Black (Jpn)** (Black Tide {Jpn})--the latter of which went on to win the G1 Tenno Sho Spring--closing into a slow pace first-up in the 2000-metre G2 Sankei Osaki Hai Apr. 3.

**Queens Ring (Jpn)** (Manhattan Cafe {Jpn}) has decent form behind Mikkie Queen, having been beaten just a neck by her when second in the Shuko Sho, and she resumed a winner over seven furlongs in Kyoto's G3 Himba S. Feb. 20.

Two high-class fillies on recovery missions are **Let's Go Donki (Jpn)** (King Kamehameha {Jpn}), last year's G1 Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas) winner who has failed to hit the board in three tries since that win; and **Rouge Buck (Jpn)** (Manhattan Cafe {Jpn}), the daughter of Ginger Punch (Awesome Again) who started her career with three straight wins against colts. Rouge Buck finished second as the favourite in last year's Yushun Himba and, after a fever forced her to miss the autumn, she finished fourth in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup Nov. 15 and 10th in the G1 Arima Kinen Dec. 27. She was a much more promising second to **Sundarbans (Jpn)** (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) in the G3 Nakayama Himba S. Mar. 13.

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**THE VICTORIA MILE-G1, ¥181,760,000 (£1,157,774/€1,471,385/US\$1,668,978), 4yo/up, f/m, 1600mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Win Primera	Stay Gold	Kawada	Okubo
2	Smart Layer	Deep Impact	Y Take	Okubo
3	Chaleur	Zenno Rob Roy	Yokoyama	Matsunaga
4	Uliuli (Jpn)	Deep Impact	Miura	Fujiwara
5	Red Reveur	Stay Gold	Ishikawa	Sugai
6	Magic Time	Heart's Cry	Bowman	Nakagawa
7	Rouge Buck	Manhattan Cafe	Lemaire	Otake
8	Meisho Mambo	Suzuka Mambo	K Take	Iida
9	Cafe Brilliant	Brian's Time (USA)	Fukunaga	Hori
10	Mikki Queen	Deep Impact	Hamanaka	Ikee
11	Let's Go Donki	King Kamehameha	Iwata	Umeda
12	Queens Ring	Manhattan Cafe	Demuro	Yoshimura
13	Straight Girl	Fuji Kiseki	Tosaki	Fujiwara
14	Ukiyono Kaze	On Fire	Shii	Kikuzawa
15	Shonan Pandora	Deep Impact	Iezoe	Takano
16	Sundarbans	Heart's Cry	Yoshida	Yano
17	Tosen Victory	King Kamehameha	Uchida	Sumii
18	Shonan Adela	Deep Impact	Ebina	Ninomiya

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**+Lim's Bestow (Aus), g, 3, Beneteau (Aus)**--Hussta La Vista (Aus), by Hussonet. Kranji, 5-13, Initiation Race (A\$65k), 1000m (AWT), :59.54. B-Arrowfield Pastoral Pty Ltd & Planette Thoroughbred, Belford Productions (NSW). \*A\$44,000 Ylg '14 MMNAT; A\$115,000 2yo '14 MMGC2YO. \*\*Sent off the 2-1 second choice on this career debut, the bay attended the early pace while racing inside, took command about a furlong from home and skipped clear for an impressive 3 1/4-length victory.

[VIDEO](#)

**Cairo (Aus), g, 3, Tycoon Ruler (Aus)**--Make a Buck (Aus), by Buck's Pride (Aus). Kranji, 5-13, Hcp. (A\$60k), 1100m (AWT), 1:05.51. B-R A & Mrs M Frappell & W B Andrews (Qld). \*A\$21,000 Ylg '14 MMMAR; A\$80,000 2yo '14 INGSTR. [VIDEO](#)

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