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MILLION-DOLLAR BABY PACES F-T FINALE

Hip 490 | *Lydia Williams*

by Jessica Martini

TIMONIUM, Md - The Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale produced the second seven-figure transaction in its history, as well as a record gross, but the two-day auction concluded Tuesday in Timonium with declines in average and median.

During the two-day sale, 337 juveniles grossed $23,136,400, compared to 255 head grossing $22,659,000 in 2015. The average fell 22.7% from last year's record-setting figure of $88,859, while the median dropped 28.9% to $32,000.

"Last year's gross was huge, but to exceed that this year was quite a statement," said Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Director of Sales Paget Bennett. "Today was strong."

With 598 horses catalogued, 455 head went through the sales ring and 118 were reported not sold for a buy-back rate of 25.9%. It was 21.5% last year. A year ago, the $1.25-million topper was one of 18 to bring $300,000 or more. That figure was 12 in 2016.

Trainer Linda Rice, bidding on behalf of Chester Broman, saw off a determined Sam Herzberg of Sterling Racing, to secure hip 490 for a sale-topping $1 million. By last year's leading freshman sire Uncle Mo, the juvenile is out of Dream Street (Tale of the Cat) and was consigned by Al and Sally Pike's Pike Racing.

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NYQUIST OUT OF BELMONT

GI Kentucky Derby winner **Nyquist** (Uncle Mo) will not start in the June 11 GI Belmont S. due to an elevated white blood count, Reddam Racing's bloodstock advisor Dennis O'Neill confirmed Tuesday. The Eclipse winner, who was third in Saturday's GI Preakness S., had been expected to ship to New York Monday, but that plan was scrapped when he spiked a fever.

"The Belmont is definitely out," O'Neill said. "His white blood count was a little high this morning. I went by the barn this morning and he looks great. He had his head in the feed tub and was eating and he looked bright-eyed, but the blood work did come back that he is fighting something so we have to get him fixed. He'll probably be here [Pimlico] a week or so until we get him right. Once we get him right, we'll send him home to California."

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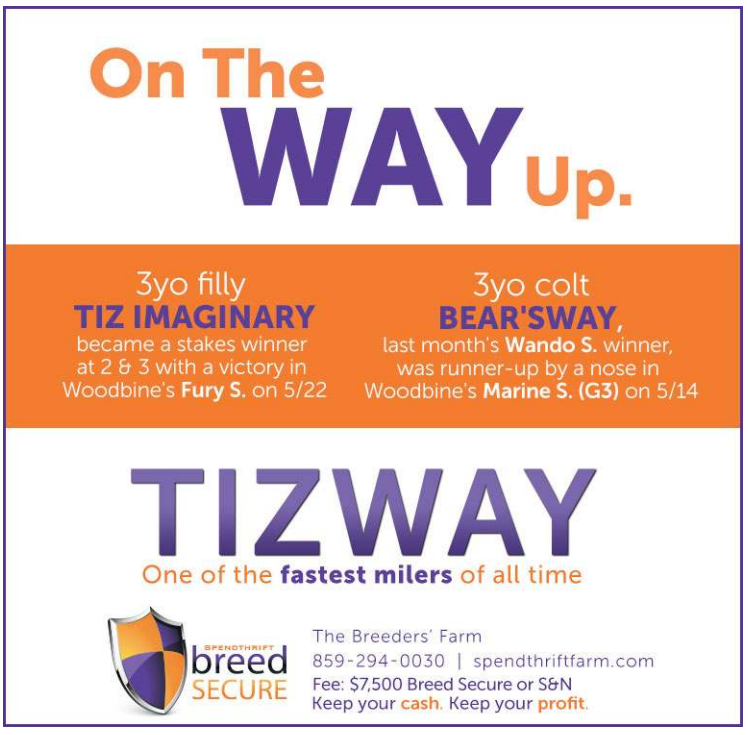

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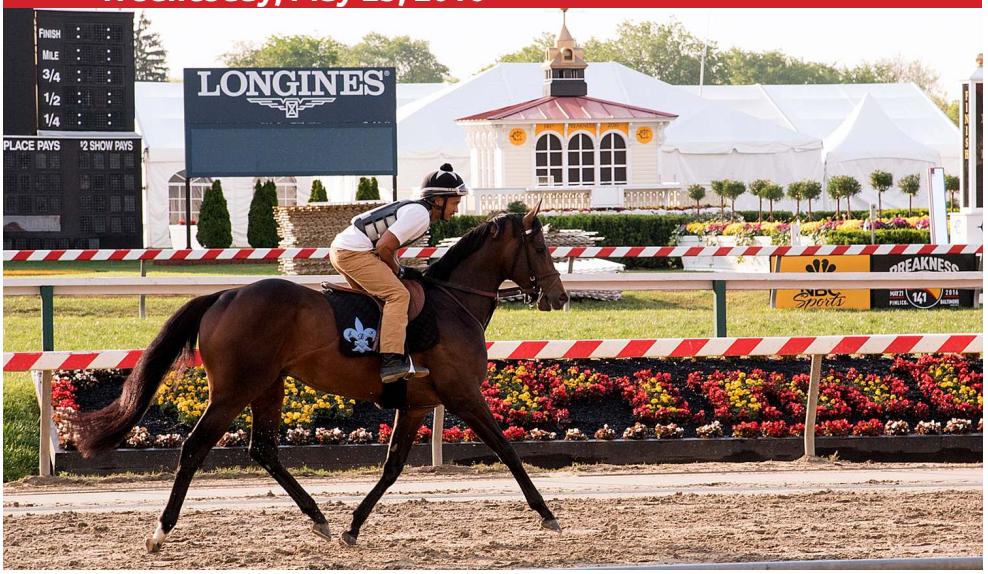

Gi Preakness hero Exaggerator (Curlin) returned to the track Tuesday morning for a spin around the Pimlico oval. Read more on page 7. | *Maryland Jockey Club*

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Million-Dollar Baby Paces F-T Finale cont. from p1

"It was so rewarding to see another million-dollar horse because it means people can bring that type of horse to this marketplace and feel confident that there will be people bidding on them," Bennett continued.

A colt by Maryland stallion Friesan Fire attracted the sale's second highest price when selling for $825,000 to Crupi's New Castle Farm.

"The $825,000 Friesan Fire, which is a local stallion for us, that is huge," Bennett commented. "We need things to keep building in Maryland and having that happen was just a huge shot in the arm for this area."

Bennett concluded, "Overall, I'm thrilled with the results. Next year will hopefully we another strong catalogue."

COOL MILLION FOR UNCLE MO FILLY

Trainer Linda Rice, bidding on behalf of New York breeder Chester Broman, went to $1-million to secure a filly by Uncle Mo during Tuesday's second session of the Midlantic sale, giving the auction the second seven-figure transaction in its history.

Hip 490, consigned by Pike Racing, is out of the unraced Dream Street (Tale of the Cat) and is a half to graded stakes placed Lassofthemohicans (Indian Charlie). The filly worked a quarter in a bullet :21 2/5 during last week's under-tack preview.

"She is an Uncle Mo," Rice said of the filly's appeal. "And she worked brilliantly and she galloped out well. We were looking for a good filly and we're excited about having her."

Linda Rice | *Horsephotos*

There was one thing Rice didn't like about the filly.

"We didn't like the price," she laughed. "We knew she was going to be expensive, but sometimes they make it hard."

Broman's recent graded stakes winners include 2014 GI Ballerina S. winner Artemis Agrotera (Roman Ruler).

The Midlantic sales ring produced its first seven-figure juvenile last year when a filly by Smart Strike topped the sale at $1.25 million.

The sale marked the first million-dollar sale for Al and Sally Pike's Pike Racing. Pike purchased the filly privately after she RNA'd for $80,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale and the partnership on the youngster included his client Danny Saloom, as well as the filly's breeder Tom VanMeter. ***Cont. p4***

The Amazing BEN'S CAT

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JIM DULEY

10-year-old Ben's Cat wowed his fans once again with a thrilling neck victory in the $100,000 Jim McKay Turf Sprint at Pimlico on May 20.

Owned and trained by legendary Maryland horseman and Hall of Famer King Leatherbury, Ben's Cat captured the five-furlong Jim McKay for the fourth consecutive year and fifth time since 2011.

Ben's Cat is the winningest horse in training with 32 victories from 55 lifetime starts, earning nearly $2.6 million in purses. According to Equibase statistics he is one of only five horses in the past 40 years to win 25 or more stakes, trailing only Hall of Famer John Henry's 30. Among the other five – Maryland-bred Little Bold John.

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Cool Million for Uncle Mo Filly cont.

"She was a million-dollar filly at our barn all winter," Pike said while being inundated with congratulations from his fellow consignors. "We thought she was special and she's been my favorite, maybe of all time, since we broke her."

Asked what attracted him to the yearling last fall, Pike explained, "I had her half-brother [Cadeyrn {Malibu Moon}] the year before and he was gorgeous. And I thought she was gorgeous. She had a few little flaws that I hoped that she would outgrow and she did. She got better every day and she got prettier every day."

Al & Sally Pike celebrate their seven-figure sale | *Tibor Slavik*

Of his first seven-figure sale, Pike said, "It was thrilling. You never expect it to get that high. My reserve was $299,000. It was a realistic reserve and we were hoping the market would take it wherever it was going to take her."

Bred by VanMeter, Gaines-Gentry Thoroughbreds and Fox Strauss, the million-dollar baby has a yearling half-sister by Super Saver who sold to Hunter Valley Farm for $90,000 at last year's Keeneland November sale. Dream Street, in foal to Tiznow, sold for $110,000 to Olin Gentry at that same sale.

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FASIG-TIPTON MIDLANTIC 2-YEAR-OLDS IN TRAINING

TUESDAY'S TOP LOTS

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price ($)
490	filly	Uncle Mo	Dream Street	1,000,000

($80,000 yrl '15 KEESEP)
B-T.F. Van Meter, Gaines-Gentry Thoroughbreds & Fox Strauss (KY)
Consigned by Pike Racing, Agent
Purchased by Chester Broman

461	colt	Friesan Fire	Crafty Toast	825,000

($35,000 yrl '15 EASOCT)
B-Hope Hill Farm (PA)
Consigned by Scanlon Training & Sales, Agent VI
Purchased by Crupi New Castle Farm

463	colt	Speightstown	Czechers	500,000

($170,000 wnlg '14 KEENOV; $175,000 yrl '15 KEESEP)
B-Branch Family Trust (KY)
Consigned by McKathan Brothers, Agent I
Purchased by I.B.S.

527	filly	Into Mischief	Firey Glow	450,000

($110,000 2yo '16 FTFMAR)
B-Murray Stroud (FL)
Consigned by De Meric Sales, Agent
Purchased by Linda Rice, Agent

326	colt	Giant's Causeway	Win's Fair Lady	370,000

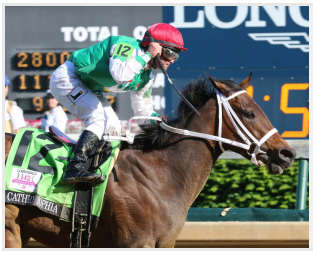
($170,000 yrl '15 KEESEP; RNA $95,000 2yo '16 OBSMAR)
B-My Meadowview LLC (KY)
Consigned by Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds, Agent
Purchased by Steven W. Young, Agent

470	colt	Unbridled's Song	Dazzling Deelite	360,000

($100,000 yrl '15 KEESEP)
B-Town and Country Farms Corp. (KY)
Consigned by Kings Equine, Agent
Purchased by Woodford Racing

331	filly	The Factor	You're Beingplayed	300,000

($150,000 yrl '15 FTKJUL)
B-Martha J. Mulholland & Candyland Farm (KY)
Consigned by Crupi's New Castle Farm
Purchased by Orrin & Lee Ann Ingram



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FRIESAN FIRE COLT LIGHTS UP FASIG

A relatively quiet session of the Midlantic sale received a big jolt when hip 461, a son of Friesan Fire, sold for $825,000 to the bid of Jim Crupi, sitting alongside bloodstock agent Dennis O'Neill. Crupi purchased the handsome colt on behalf of an undisclosed client and the juvenile will be trained by Doug O'Neill.

"I really didn't want to, but I fell in love with him," Crupi admitted after signing the ticket on the bay, who was consigned by David Scanlon's Scanlon Training & Sales.

The Scanlon team with Hip 461
Tibor Slavik

The juvenile worked a furlong in a bullet :10 flat during last week's under-tack preview. Out of stakes-winning Crafty Toast (Crafty Prospector), he is a half to stakes-placed Platinum Steel (Eddington) and Special Ruth (Forest Camp). His second dam is graded stakes winner Give a Toast (Storm Bird).

The youngster is from the second crop of Friesan Fire (A.P. Indy), who won the 2009 GII Lousiana Derby. Dennis O'Neill admitted landing on the colt by the Maryland sire who stands at Country Life Farm for $4,000, was out-of-the-box thinking.

"The Friesan Fire was kind of the crazy part, but that's kind of what I do," O'Neill said. "I love stallions like that--he's by A.P. Indy."

Of the juvenile, O'Neill added, "He is a beautiful animal. The breeze was absolutely incredible. He galloped out really, really fast--we got him going out in :21 2/5. And I loved him from the first day that I got here. He was my number one pick. He'll fly out to California tomorrow and be in Doug's barn tomorrow afternoon. I'm going to try to beat him to California."

O'Neill admitted the final price was higher than expected.

"I was really surprised it went that high," he said. "I thought he would be a little less than that, but sometimes you have to stretch a little bit to get the good ones and we thought he was the best in the sale."

The youngster marked a major pinhooking score for Scanlon, who purchased the colt for $35,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Fall Sale.

"He had a beautiful walk," Scanlon recalled of the May 29 foal as a yearling. "And the mare is a producer, she's a Crafty Prospector mare, so we liked that, we like some speed. He had good balance and a beautiful walk. He was young, but we were coming back here, so I knew we had time."

Scanlon said the colt has done little wrong since joining his barn.

"He has been a pleasure," he said. "He is such a nifty horse. He has so much class. It was fun to watch him develop. We knew we had something and we took our time to take him to a later sale. When we started working him, we said, 'Man, we have something special.'"

Despite his confidence in the colt, Scanlon said he was surprised by the sale-topping final price.

"I was thinking maybe $400,000 or $500,000," he laughed. "I didn't see that coming."

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• Catalogued	598	490
• No. Offered	455	325
• No. Sold	337	255
• RNAs	118	70
• % RNAs	25.9%	21.5%
• No. $500K+	6	4
• High Price	$1,000,000	$1,250,000
• Gross	$23,136,400	$22,659,000
• Average	$68,654	$88,859
• Median	$32,000	$45,000

SESSION TOTALS	2016	2015
• Catalogued	297	245
• No. Offered	226	160
• No. Sold	180	128
• RNAs	46	32
• % RNAs	20.3%	20%
• No. $500K+	3	0
• High Price	$1,000,000	$475,000
• Gross	$12,420,700	$9,612,000
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Susan Moulton went into this year's Fasig-Tipton Florida 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale as a seller, but she left as a buyer when she bid $110,000 to secure a filly by Into Mischief. The impulse buy from early March turned into mid-May profit when she resold the gray to trainer Linda Rice for $450,000 in Timonium Tuesday.

Nick De Meric | *demeric.com*

"Susan had a filly in the sale in Miami," explained consignor Nick De Meric. "She bought this filly with the intention of racing her, but she ended up buying her own filly back and she told me she didn't need two fillies to race, so she asked if I could get this horse in the sale for her. I did and she came into the sale perfectly and we're proud of her and her filly."

The juvenile, who worked a furlong in :10 2/5 at Gulfstream, turned in a bullet quarter-mile work of :21 2/5 in Timonium last week.

"I think she has matured both mentally and physically in the time between the two sales," De Meric said of the filly. "And possibly we are in a more dynamic market here, that might be part of the equation, but I think most of all, people realize there aren't too many horses out there that can do what she did in the breeze show and she sold accordingly."

Hip 527 is out of Firey Glow (Smoke Glacken), a half-sister to graded stakes placed Crossing Point (Allen's Prospect) and stakes winners Love Happy (Not For Love) and My Boy Kyle (Pembroke).

A lifelong horsewoman, Moulton also does business under the name of the Texas-based Safari Bloodstock.

"Susan Moulton takes the credit for picking this filly out," De Meric said. "She is an impulsive lady, but she's also a shrewd lady and I think her judgement has been vindicated today."

ZACNEY STAYS BUSY IN TIMONIUM

Chuck Zacney has enjoyed remarkable success with graduates of Fasig-Tipton Midlantic sales, having acquired the likes of GI Kentucky Oaks winner Cathryn Sophia and champion Afleet Alex in the Maryland sales ring, and the head of Cash Is King was back in action Tuesday in Timonium. Zacney signed for four juveniles during the two-day Midlantic sale, led by the $210,000 purchase of hip 408, a daughter of Stay Thirsty.

"We are always looking for quality and this sale has always had quality horses," Zacney said. "Way-back-when we got Afleet Alex in 2004 and we saw a couple of nice horses today."

Zacney's Timonium purchases will all be trained by John Servis, who also conditions Cash is King's Cathryn Sophia.

Zacney gave Servis credit for picking out the filly, who is out of a half-sister to the dam of Prayer for Relief (Jump Start).

"John bought the Stay Thirsty filly, so I have to defer to him on that," Zacney said. "But she has a great page and John loved her work and everything else about her."

Zacney's purchase of hip 411, a son of Afleet Alex, for $170,000 was more sentimental.

"He looks exactly like Alex," Zacney smiled. "He's got his head and his walk and his confidence. We're really optimistic about him. The $170,000 may have been a little bit of a stretch, but I wasn't about to let him go."

John Servis & Cathryn Sophia | *Coady*

Zacney signed for hip 352, a colt by Include, for $25,000 and said he also acquired hip 258, a son of Tapizar, who RNA'd for $190,000 during Monday's opening session of the two-day sale.

This month's Kentucky Oaks winner Cathryn Sophia was purchased by Zacney for $30,000 out of the Midlantic Fall yearling sale. Afleet Alex, who won the 2005 GI Preakness S. and GI Belmont S., was a $75,000 purchase the 2004 Midlantic 2-year-old sale.

MEDAGLIA D'ORO COLT TO RUIS RACING

Mike Recio of Rockbridge Bloodstock and trainer Brett Santangelo signed the ticket on hip 21 for a session-topping $600,000 during Monday's opening day of the Midlantic sale. While the two agents declined to name their client Monday, Santangelo confirmed Tuesday the son of Medaglia d'Oro was purchased on behalf of the burgeoning Ruis Racing Stable.

The father-son team of Mick Ruis, Jr., a former jockey, and Mick Ruis, Sr., a former trainer, made headlines recently when they purchased a $1-million starting spot in next year's Pegasus World Cup at Gulfstream Park. Before the Midlantic sale, the family had already purchased about $2 million worth of 2-year-olds at sales this spring.

"This is the first time we bought at auction for them," the 22-year-old Santangelo said Tuesday. "I was fortunate enough to get a phone call a few weeks ago from a buddy of mine who was the jockey's agent for Mick, Jr. in California for a little while and he put me in touch with the Ruises. We're trying to claim some horses for them. I came here to be at the sale and be at the Preakness and was fortunate enough to run into Mr. Ruis and introduce myself. He gave us the reins and trusted Mike and I and we're just fortunate enough to be part of the team." ***Cont. p7***

Medaglia d'Oro Colt to Ruis Racing cont.

Monday's session-topper, out of Kid Majic (Lemon Drop Kid), is just the sort of prospect the Ruises are looking for, according to Santangelo.

"He would fit into anybody's program," Santangelo said of the juvenile. "He's a phenomenal horse. They want to win big races, they want to be running on Saturday afternoons, and he is one of those types. He's a big, beautiful horse who will develop in time. [Trainer] Shelbe [Ruis] is very lucky to be getting him."

Recio and Santangelo made a second purchase for the Ruis family Tuesday in Timonium, going to $28,000 to secure hip 438, a daughter of Lookin at Lucky.

"I hope I am part of their team for the long haul," Santangelo continued. "Mike and I are very fortunate to be part of the team. It's an exciting family. They want to make a big splash and they are headed in the right direction."

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461	colt	Friesan Fire	Crafty Toast	825,000

B-Hope Hill Farm (PA)
Consigned by Scanlon Training & Sales, Agent VI
Purchased by Crupi New Castle Farm

See p5 for more

525	colt	Ice Box	Fine Prospect	250,000

B-Brian & Chantal Arnold (KY)
Consigned by Robert Brewer, Agent
Purchased by Charles J. Cella

Champion Racing Stable purchased Hip 525 for $50,000 from Baccari Bloodstock as a FTKOCT yearling and made a nice profit by selling him for $250,000 Tuesday afternoon. Originally a $40,000 KEENOV weanling, the chestnut worked a furlong in :10 2/5 at the under tack show last week and is a half-brother to MSP Big Cat Walks Late (Stormy Atlantic).

369	colt	Gemologist	Awesome Chic	180,000

B-Pronto Pronto Breeders (KY)
Consigned by Q Bar J Thoroughbreds LLC
(Jenn & Quincy Adams), Agent
Purchased by Carla Gaines, Agent

Initially hammered for just $1,000 as a FTKFEB yearling, this colt progressed to sell for $20,000 as an OBS August offering to Jenn and Quincy Adam's Q Bar J Thoroughbreds. That investment paid off Tuesday when the colt for $180,000. The chestnut, who worked a furlong in :10 1/5 at last week's breeze show, will head to California with trainer Carla Gaines.

411	colt	Afleet Alex	Cachinnated	170,000

B-Conrad Stipp (KY)
Consigned by Kings Equine, Agent
Purchased by Charles J. Zacney

See p6 for more.

EXAGGERATOR RETURNS TO THE TRACK

Exaggerator (Curlin) was upbeat when returning to the track at Pimlico Tuesday for the first time since his victory in last Saturday's GI Preakness S.

"We're really pleased with him," said assistant trainer Julie Clark. "I was just talking to the groom and even after two races back-to-back it still doesn't look like he's lost any weight…He's doing great. It would be nice to have a little bit of a break from him sometimes because he's always on his toes and squealing around, but it's good to see."

Exaggerator | *Jon Kral*

The GI Santa Anita Derby winner will go to the track Wednesday, walk Thursday, and return to the track Friday and Saturday. He will ship to New York Sunday to prepare for the June 11 GI Belmont S.

"It's been pretty easy with this horse," Clark said. "Often you have a little something, they're not eating or they seem down or there's something to worry about. With him there hasn't been, so it takes a lot of pressure off and you can really just enjoy it for a change. So he's made it really easy on everyone."

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The ceremony will be streamed live online at racingmuseum.org and will be broadcast live on the Horse Racing Radio Network and its website. Media outlets will be required to apply for credentials to cover the ceremony. Requests can be sent to Brien Bouyea by calling 518-584-0400 ext. 133 or by e-mail at nmrmedia@racingmuseum.net.

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HKJC USING BIOMARKERS TO STRENGTHEN DOPING CONTROL

The Racing Laboratory at the Hong Kong Jockey Club is widely regarded as one of the world's best, and next month at the 64th American Society for Mass Spectrometry Conference in San Antonio, Texas, club scientists will present the Racing Laboratory's latest findings as it relates to the use of so-called 'biomarker' profiling to detect the misuse of steroidal aromatase inhibitors.

Dr. Terence Wan, head of the Racing Laboratory at the Hong Kong Jockey Club
HKJC photo

"The efficacy of conventional drug testing is diminishing over time, and the Club is making significant progress towards a new way of equine doping control through our biomarkers project," said Dr. Terence Wan, the Club's Head of Racing Laboratory.

Biomarkers (i.e. biological markers) are "indicator(s) of a physiological state resulting from biological or pathological processes, some of which are in response to an external pharmacological (drug) or non-chemical intervention." In contrast to conventional testing, the monitoring of biomarkers "focuses on the biological effects of drugs instead of testing for the residual presence of specific substances."

According to Dr. Wan, "Biomarkers monitoring is a revolutionary detection approach and has the potential to fill the gap where conventional drug testing either fails, or encounters significant challenges. We firmly believe this is an important alternative approach for the future."

He continued, "Despite advances in analytical sciences, doping with proteins, peptides and other emerging products of biotechnology, including individualized medicines tailor-made from one's genetic information, is most difficult to identify by conventional drug testing. This new approach has excellent potential to:

- Identify indirectly, and collectively, the misuse of numerous undetectable or difficult-to-detect substances;
- Improve the detection windows for fast-eliminating but long-acting substances;
- Perform longitudinal monitoring of biomarkers profiles of racehorses to identify any changes due to the effects of drugs or other forms of doping, the so-called biological passports;
- Identify the administration of naturally-occurring (endogenous) prohibited substances;
- Differentiate between the surreptitious treatment with a banned substance by a certain route of exposure and the inadvertent exposure to the same substance by another route."

In research first published in the industry-leading journal *Analytical Chemistry* in December 2015, HKJC researchers demonstrated that horses that had been administered steroidal aromatase inhibitors could be identified relative to a control group by monitoring the biomarkers contained in a urine sample "without testing for the inhibitors themselves or their unique metabolites."

Concluded Dr. Wan, "More work is needed to validate this biomarkers method and to develop similar ones to test for other groups of banned substances, but this has been an incredibly positive step towards changing the dynamics of equine doping control."

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SIX MORE CLENBUTEROL POSITIVES FOR PRECIADO

by T.D. Thornton

Ramon Preciado, the Pennsylvania trainer who has been at or near the top of the Parx training standings for the past seven years, is currently embattled in a legal whirlwind of sanctions for past clenbuterol positives, penalty and suspension appeals, a racetrack ejection, and a federal lawsuit that he filed in April seeking damages from officials who allegedly violated his constitutional rights and "destroyed" his business.

And three weeks ago, Preciado's attorney, Alan Pincus, told the *TDN* it was likely that additional positive drug tests for clenbuterol were forthcoming, citing an alleged conspiracy to smear the trainer's reputation by a disgruntled former employee who Preciado claims dosed the horses without his knowledge.

On Tuesday, Pincus's troubling predication about the additional clenbuterol positives came true when the Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission (PHRC) revealed six Parx stewards' rulings dated May 17-22 demanding the forfeiture of purse money and disqualifications of Preciado-trained horses. All six entrants were winners of their respective races in March and April, then subsequently tested positive for the Class 3 drug, which is a bronchodilator known to have steroidal properties.

The *Paulick Report* first broke the news of Preciado's latest positives Tuesday. *TDN* later obtained copies of the rulings via the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, the agency to which all PHRC media requests get funneled.

"Please note, these rulings are not an indication of guilt or innocence for any matter yet to be heard by the stewards or on appeal to the commission or Commonwealth Court," Brandi Hunter-Davenport, the agriculture department's communications director, wrote in an email.

The purse forfeitures for Preciado's horses and the redistribution of monies to other entrants are "pending period of appeal" according to each of the rulings. No penalties or sanctions against Preciado were levied in this latest batch of rulings.

Over the past few months, Preciado has been fined and suspended by both the Delaware Racing Commission (21 days) and PHRC (270 days) for a series of clenbuterol positives that occurred in 2015. Preciado's appeal of the Delaware suspensions did not result in the penalties being overturned; the overages that occurred at Parx are currently under appeal.

On Apr. 15, Parx served Preciado with a formal ejection notice for a period of three years, citing his history of equine drug overages and a "pattern of conduct…not in the best interest of racing."

On Apr. 18, Preciado was granted an appeal of that ejection from Parx by the PHRC. But the next day he was still barred from entering horses by Sam Elliott, the Parx director of racing.

On Apr. 20, Preciado requested that Walter Remmert, the executive secretary of the PHRC, order Parx to accept his entries in light of the pending ejection appeal hearing. But Remmert allegedly declined to order Parx to take his entries because "refusal to accept entries is not part of the ejection."

So on Apr. 26, Preciado sued both Elliott and Remmert in United States District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania, seeking a temporary restraining order, a declarative judgment on his banishment, and unspecified monetary and punitive damages. Three days later, Parx management backed off from excluding Preciado's horses, and he has since been able to enter races.

Pincus said on Apr. 29 that he would continue to seek the damages outlined in the lawsuit, and that there was an ongoing investigation by the PHRC into the "disgruntled employee" matter.

TDN promptly queried the PHRC to confirm whether or not it was looking into any alleged sabotage. One week later, May 6, Hunter-Davenport wrote in an email that "the Commission does not comment on the alleged or potential existence of an investigation. Therefore, we can neither confirm nor deny" if the conspiracy theory is actively being explored.

Last week, both Elliott and Remmert filed separate motions with the court to have Preciado's lawsuit against them dismissed. @thorntontd

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COMMANDING CURVE RETIRED

West Point Thoroughbreds' **Commanding Curve** (Master Command--Mother, by Lion Hearted) has been retired from racing and will begin retraining for a second career with Olympic level eventer Phillip Dutton.

Commanding Curve & Dallas Stewart
Christie DeBernardis

The 5-year-old gelding finished second to dual Eclipse winner California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) in the 2014 GI Kentucky Derby and retires sound following a ninth-place finish in an allowance race at Churchill Downs May 7. The bay has a lifetime record of 16-2-2-2 and earnings of $609,378. **Cont. p2**

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Hip 190 brings $100,000 from Dr. Naveed M. Chowhan
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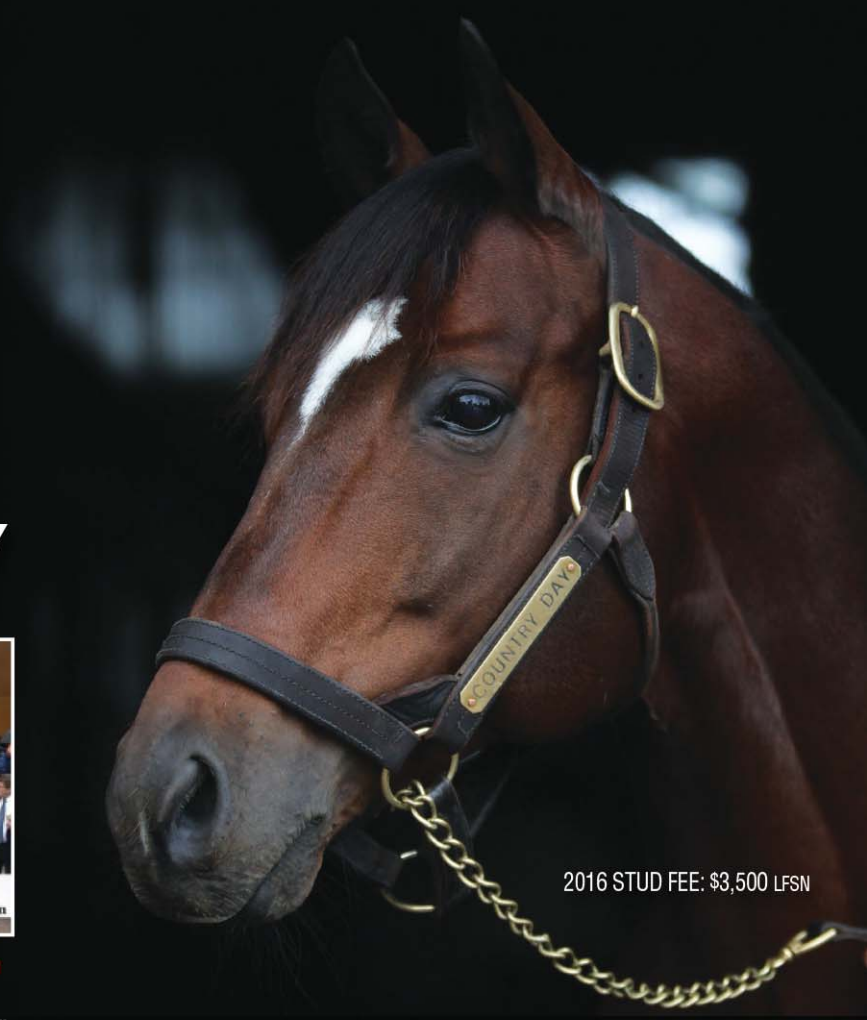
Breeder: Clarkland Farm



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Commanding Curve Retired Cont.

"He took his partners and our team on a great ride and gave us the thrill of a lifetime when he was rollin' turning for home in the Derby," said West Point president Terry Finley. "We haven't been able to recreate the magic of Derby day on the racetrack, and owe it to him to retire sound with the ability to move on to a second career. His partners came from coast to coast with backgrounds ranging from investment bankers to school teachers to a professional golf caddy, but for only a modest investment they all experienced the highest of racing's highs together."

"I'm proud of him," said trainer Dallas Stewart. "He ran the race of his life on the day it mattered most and it took a world beater in California Chrome to beat him. He's a big, strong horse with a great mind and I'm excited to see what he can do in his second career."

Dutton, who competes Graham Motion's 2008 GI Preakness S. third-place finisher Icabad Crane (Jump Start), recently joined West Point as a partner on GISW Ring Weekend (Tapit).

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NEW YORK

Concerned Citizens for Saratoga Racing Reject Governor's NYRA Re-Privatization Plan:

The Concerned Citizens for Saratoga Racing rejected a re-privatization plan now being circulated by Governor Cuomo that seeks to retain public control of NYRA and to unilaterally transfer funds legally designated for our state's Thoroughbred racing industry into the state's general fund.

The Governor's proposal will:

- Allow the Governor to appoint one-third of the members to the new NYRA board of directors or 5 of the 15 members;
- With one member also appointed by the Senate and Assembly, there would be at least 7 of the 15 members appointed directly by our state government;
- The Governor would also appoint the new Chair of the Board of Directors;
- Transfer VLT funds away from NYRA that were previously designed for Capital improvements at Belmont, Aqueduct and the Saratoga Race Course as well as funds for NYRA operations;
- Provide sweeping new powers to various public agencies expanding their role from oversight to protect the public good, to empowering these agencies to be able to manipulate NYRA's budget and operations.

The Concerned Citizens for Saratoga Racing have released the following response to the Governor's plan: Four years ago, this Governor promised to return NYRA to a not-for-profit corporation in three years. He did not keep that promise last year. This year, his plan is another means by which he is seeking to exert his control over NYRA and the future of our state's Thoroughbred racing industry.

We are vehemently opposed to the transfer of funds legally designated via prior agreements to support our state's Thoroughbred racing industry into the state's general fund. This change ignores the fact that New York State was given $1 billion in real estate at NYRA's three tracks in return for the granting of a 25-year franchise agreement and a legislatively-approved revenue sharing formula from the VLT at Aqueduct. The VLT revenues are like mortgage payments for the land. If they can change the agreement this year, they will change it next year too.

We're seeing a renaissance of racing in Saratoga and New York State. Here in Saratoga our race meeting is one of the most successful and most popular in all of the world. The Saratoga Race Course is the oldest sporting venue in the United States and the transfer of funds away from NYRA as proposed by the Governor could harm our plans to improve this facility so that it succeeds for another 150 years.

We greatly appreciate the efforts of Saratoga's local legislators working collaboratively with the Capital Region's delegation and the Chairs of the Assembly and Senate Racing Committees to re-privatize NYRA as a not-for-profit corporation. They clearly want to keep this promise before the legislative session ends this June. We hope that they will provide a clean stand-alone bill for the Governor to sign.

INSIGHTS
on the American racing scene

6th-DEL, $34K, Msw, 1m 70yds, 3yo/up, f/m, 3:30 p.m. EDT

My Meadowview Farm LLC homebred **SHERINI (Bernardini)** returns from an eight-month plus hiatus for trainer Graham Motion Wednesday. The bay endured traffic trouble and closed from well out of it in her Spa debut to be fourth behind eventual GIII Tempted S. scorer Big World (Custom for Carlos) and future '**TDN Rising Star**' Inheritance (Tapit) Sept. 6. Getting first-time Lasix, the half-sister to MGISW and Classic hero Shackleford (Forestry), GISW Lady Joanne (Orientate), MGSWs Baghdaria (Royal Academy) and Afleeting Lady (Afleet Alex) and SW & MGSP Stephanoatsee (A.P. Indy), fired a five-panel bullet in 1:01 2/5 (1/8) at Fair Hill in preparation May 13. **TJCIS PPs**

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KENTUCKY

Governor Bevin Announces KY Horse Park Appointments:

Kentucky Governor Matt Bevin announced six new members to the Kentucky Horse Park Commission, while also revamping the commission structure. The reorganization reduces the size of the board from 17 to 15, while increasing the required number of members involved in the equine industry from two to four, and a like amount of required members involved in tourism or commerce. Governor Bevin reappointed five commissioners along with two ex-officio cabinet secretaries, leaving two vacant positions.

Following are the appointees for two-year terms: Tandy Patrick, Nancy Cox, Larry Bisig and Porter Peeples, Sr. Bennie Sargent, Matt Dedden, Rebecca "Becky" Jordan and Lisa Ball will serve three-year terms. William "Bill" Ferko, R. Paul Feemster and Richard "Happy" Broadbent IV will serve four-year terms, while Don Parkinson and Eric Dunnigan will serve as ex-officio members.

"This is the new direction for the board," said Don Parkinson, Secreatary of the Cabinet of Tourism, Arts and Heritage, which oversees the KY Horse Park. "The new commissioners will work with members of the Horse Park Foundation and will build upon the groundwork previous commissions developed over the last 30 years. We look forward to partnering with everyone who has a stake in the future of the Horse Park."

Old Friends Commemorative Service Scheduled for May 30:

There will be a commemorative service honoring the Thoroughbred retirees that passed away at Old Friends Thoroughbred Retirement during the past year at the farm in Georgetown, Kentucky May 30. Honoring Gulch, Mixed Pleasure, Flick, Do One Dance, and Wallenda, the final "Call to Post" begins at 1:00 p.m. EST and the service is open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For more information call (502) 863-1775 or go to www.oldfriendsequine.org/.

CENTRAL U.S.

Tuesday's Results:

4th-IND, $32,000, Msw, 5-24, 3, 4,/5yo, f/m, 5fT, :58.47, fm. **SUMMER VISION (f, 4, Ghostzapper--Stormy Saratoga, by Stormy Atlantic)**, a distant second over course and distance last June, made little impact in an Churchill Downs off-the-turfer when sixth later that month.

Only a neck shy of graduation sprinting over the Turfway all-weather Mar. 11, the dark bay settled in a tracking sixth and was fanned six wide in upper stretch. She unleashed a scintillating turn of foot to zip past all comers in the final strides and win by a head. Dancer Dianne (Harlan's Holiday) got the best of Vienna Rose (Discreet Cat) by a neck for second. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, $29,657. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**
O-J. David Richardson & Mike Chipman; B-J. David Richardson & Rose Island Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Brian Knippenberg.

TTA Adds Mixed Session to Yearling Sale:

A mixed session has been added to the Summer Yearling Sale slated for Lone Star Park Aug. 29, the Texas Thoroughbred Association announced Tuesday. This is the second sale the TAA will hold, as Fasig-Tipton formerly managed the Texas sales in partnership with the TTA and Lone Star. "We've already seen strong interest from around the region since we announced the yearling sale, and the addition of a mixed session should only increase participation from both buyers and consigners," said TTA Executive Director Mary Ruyle. "We are thrilled to be working with Lone Star Park on this venture and to have Tim Boyce directing our sales. With a central location in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex and a top-notch sales pavilion at Lone Star Park, we expect our sales to remain a leader in the Southwest."

The entry deadline for both sessions is June 6. For more information, go to www.ttasales.com.

INDUSTRY INFO

Innovator's Circle Returning for 2016:

Horse racing's first pitch contest, giving entrepreneurs a chance to bring change and innovation to the horse racing industry, is returning for another year. In 2015, the winner of the Innovators' Circle competition won $15,000 and the contest's finalists earned significant exposure and access to the executives in horse racing. Founding sponsors BAM Software Services and the United States Trotting Association are sponsoring the 2016 competition as well.

Finalists in this year's Innovators' Circle competition will pitch their ideas to the judges at the Global Symposium on Racing & Gaming to be held Dec. 5-7. In 2015, the Innovators' Circle received more than 85 entries from around the world, with four finalists making their pitch to the judges at the Global Symposium on Racing & Gaming in Tucson, Arizona.

Doug Reed, Race Track Industry Program director stated "Several of last year's finalist reported to us that they have had tremendous success since the event, expanding their projects or bringing them to market." **Cont. p4**

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Innovator's Circle Returning for 2016 Cont.

"Last year's competition brought a host of new ideas and energy," said Hai Ng, one of the event producers. "We're looking forward to seeing more new ideas and entrants this year."

Like last year, the Innovators' Circle event is open to everyone, not just those already involved in the industry. The contest's website, innovateracing.com, provides background on racing and educational tools to help educate the racing newcomers who wish to participate. The Innovators' Circle will begin accepting entries for this year's competition this summer.

Preakness Program Nets 9.4 Million Viewers on NBC:

NBC's 141st GI Preakness S. program averaged 9.4 million viewers--up 6% from American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile)'s victory last year (8.9 million)--according to data provided by The Nielsen Company. From 6:45-7:00 p.m. viewership peaked at 11.4 million viewers when Exaggerator (Curlin) claimed the middle jewel of the Triple Crown, with GI Kentucky Derby hero Nyquist (Uncle Mo) finishing third. The Preakness program also resulted in a 5.8/14 HH rating, an increase of 5% from 2015's rating of 5.5/13. The 2016 Preakness S. set a record as the most streamed edition ever, with 3.1 million minutes, up 221% from 2015.

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First-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, May 25

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

BIONDETTI (Bernardini), Woodford Thoroughbreds, $4K, 68/0/0
3-GP, Msw 4 1/2f, +Miss Biondetti Rae, 15-1
3-GP, Msw 4 1/2f, +La Zoraya, $15K RNA OBS APR 2yo, 15-1
MACLEAN'S MUSIC (Distorted Humor), Hill 'N' Dale Farms, $6.5K, 79/0/0
3-DEL, Msw 4 1/2f, +Is Everybody Happy, 3-1

Second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, May 25

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

SILVER MOUNTAIN (Victory Gallop), Nicks Farm, $2K, 25/4/0
6-IND, $100K Sagamore Sired S., 6f, Big Silver Hoss, 5-1

BREEDERS' EDITION

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-PRX, $64,740, 5-24, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:44.39, ft.
IGNITE (m, 5, Jump Start--Perverse, by Distorted Humor) Lifetime Record: 23-5-4-4, $169,733. O-Emerald Field Farm; B-Barlar, LLC (PA); T-J. Guadalupe Guerrero.

6th-IND, $36,720, 5-24, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.70, fm.
PATERNAL PRIDE (g, 4, Majesticperfection--Like My Dad, by Cozzene) Lifetime Record: 16-3-3-2, $84,588. O/B-H. V. Farms, Ltd. (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

1st-PID, $28,560, 5-24, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m (AWT), 1:38.20, ft.
CHOSEN HEIR (g, 7, Wildcat Heir--Kombat Kate {SP}, by Fit to Fight) Lifetime Record: 37-8-10-4, $131,117. O-Anne L. Walsh; B-Luis de Hechavarria (FL); T-Ryan D. Walsh. *$55,000 2yo '11 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Kombat Kat (Future Storm), MGSP, $234,794; Katy Kat (Forest Wildcat), SW & GSP, $210,788; and Yaddo Cat (Forest Wildcat), MSW, $112,170.

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5th-HST, C$25,000, Opt. Clm ($19,063), 5-23, 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:18.21, ft.
B C CHARLIE (c, 3, Rosberg--My Special Angel {MSP, $115,529}, by Finality) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, $23,404. O-Don B. Danard; B-Mark & Sharon Johnson (BC); T-Craig MacPherson. *C$32,000 Ylg '14 BRCSEP.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Chipsandslots, g, 3, **Lightnin N Thunder**--Salt City Miss, by Salt Lake. IND, 5-24, (S), 6f, 1:10.05. B-Herbert & Darlene Likens (IN).
The Political Norm, g, 4, **Political Force**--Peak of the Storm (SW), by Peaks and Valleys. IND, 5-24, (S), 6f, 1:12.21. B-Richard M. Hammer (IN).
Youreadaisyifyado, f, 4, Posse--Aly's Leader, by Alyten. FL, 5-24, 1m, 1:43.06. B-Richard Metivier (NY). *Won by 11 lengths.

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HIKARI POWERS HOME AT CHANTILLY

A Shin Hikari | *Scoop Dyga*

So impressive when winning the G1 Hong Kong Cup at Sha Tin in December, Eishindo Co Ltd's **A Shin Hikari (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) dished out some more of the same punishment to his European rivals in Tuesday's G1 Prix d'Ispahan at Chantilly to stake a claim to world number one status. This renewal looked a solid one, with several of the continent's finest lining up in varying states of readiness but the way the Japanese raider brushed them aside suggests there is nothing on this side of the globe that can give him a hard time. Sent off a large-looking 74-10, the grey was settled in second early by Yuataka Take as **Vadamos (Fr)** (Monsun {Ger}) took up pace-setting duties, he loomed to that rival passing the quarter pole and surged clear for a dismissal of the G1 Prix Ganay one-two **Dariyan (Fr)** (Shamardal) and **Silverwave (Fr)** (Silver Frost {Ire}) by 10 lengths and 1 3/4 lengths respectively. "It was the owner's wish to race in Europe and the main concern beforehand was the condition of the ground more than his fitness, but it proved no problem," trainer Masanori Sakaguchi said. "He usually likes to show the way, but that was not the case today. The change of tactic obviously didn't matter and it was a good show from him. The plan now is to ship him in two weeks to England for the G1 Prince of Wales's S. [at Royal Ascot June 15] and then go back home because he is not an Arc horse. A mile and a half is much too far for him." **Prix d'Ispahan cont. p2**

HOLLER ASCOT BOUND, TARGET TBD

Godolphin's Group 1 winning sprinter **Holler (Aus)** (Commands {Aus}) will ship out from Australia May 31 to take in a choice of engagements at Royal Ascot. Trainer John O'Shea has indicated the owners' first choice is the G1 Diamond Jubilee S. over six furlongs on the final day of the meeting but has not ruled out taking in the opening day's sprint, the G1 King's Stand S. June 14. "He's in good order and he'll be based at Godolphin's Moulton Paddocks and we hope he does well out there," said O'Shea. "He's in both races, but we'll play it by ear. It's obviously up to the powers that be, but we'll wait to see how the next fortnight pans out." **Cont. p9**

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IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

SEVEN-FIGURE SUCCESS AT FASIG MIDLANTIC SALE

A filly from the second crop of US sire sensation Uncle Mo sold to prominent New York owner Chester Broman for $1 milion to top the two-day sale.

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Prix d'Ispahan cont.

Prior to his Hong Kong Cup display, A Shin Hikari, whose dam is a half to the GI Santa Anita H. winner Sir Beaufort (Pleasant Colony), had been steadily progressive without suggesting he would be capable of such a dynamic performance in a contest of such international prestige. That represented one of the biggest upsets in the history of that race, but he managed it in stakes-record time so there was no fluke to it. Earlier, he had been ebullient from the front when winning Tokyo's G3 Epsom Cup and G2 Mainichi Okan over nine furlongs in June and October respectively before finishing ninth in the G1 Tenno Sho (Autumn) at the end of October. As a measure of the impression he made here, bookmakers Ladbrokes cut him to only 6-4 for the Prince of Wales's at the Royal meeting and that could look big if he is able to reproduce this stunning effort. Last year's G1 Prix du Jockey Club hero **New Bay (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) was sent off the 6-4 favourite, but never threatened to make an impact and finished a total of 15 lengths behind the winner in sixth.

Tuesday, Chantilly, France
PRIX D'ISPAHAN-G1, €250,000, CHY, 5-24, 4yo/up, 9fT, 1:53.29, hy.

1--**A SHIN HIKARI (JPN), 128, h, 5, by Deep Impact (Jpn)**
1st Dam: Catalina, by Storm Cat
2nd Dam: Carolina Saga, by Caro (Ire)
3rd Dam: Key to the Saga, by Key to the Mint
O-Eishindo Co Ltd; B-K K Eishindo (JPN); T-Masanori Sakaguchi; J-Yutaka Take. €142,850. Lifetime Record: G1SW-HK & MGSW-Jpn, 12-10-0-0, €3,044,810 *1/2 to A Shin Cool D (Distorted Humor), SP-Jpn, $1,485,252; and A Shin P C (Fusaichi Pegasus), SP-Jpn, $532,912. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++ *Triple Plus***. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree**.

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2--**Dariyan (Fr)**, 128, c, 4, Shamardal--Daryakana (Fr), by Selkirk. O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (FR); T-Alain de Royer-Dupre. €57,150.

3--**Silverwave (Fr)**, 128, c, 4, Silver Frost (Ire)--Miss Bio (Fr), by River Mist. (€60,000 RNA Ylg '13 AROCT; €420,000 2yo '14 ARNOV). O-HSpirit; B-Mlle Marie-Laure Collet, Jean Collet & Mme Marylene Collet (Fr); T-Pascal Bary. €28,575.

Margins: 10, 1 3/4, HF. Odds: 7.40, 5.90, 10.70.
Also Ran: Vadamos (Fr), My Dream Boat (Ire), New Bay (GB), Mondialiste (Ire), Wild Chief (Ger), Erupt (Ire).
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From the desk of...
BILL OPPENHEIM

GROUND CONTROL

It was quite an amazing Classic weekend: all three favorites--two at odds-on--placed but did not win, on soft ground at the Curragh Saturday and Sunday (softer on Saturday), and on a muddy dirt track at Pimlico Saturday afternoon. Rain arrived everywhere, and proven soft-ground or off-track performers went three-for-three.

First up was the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas at the Curragh Saturday afternoon. Sheikh Hamdan's Awtaad, by Cape Cross, also the sire of last year's G1 Epsom Derby winner Golden Horn, had won the seven-furlong Listed Tetrarch S. on soft ground earlier this month, and went off a well-backed third favorite behind G1 English 2000 Guineas winner Galileo Gold (Paco Boy) and the disappointing favorite that day, last year's champion European 2-year-old Air Force Blue (War Front). Awtaad was always traveling ominously well and ran on strongly to beat Galileo Gold by 2 1/2 lengths, with Air Force Blue once again out with the washing. Galileo Gold definitely didn't have a clear run up the inside rail, and could have finished closer but wouldn't have beaten the winner on Saturday. How rain-affected was the result? Awtaad's time was 1:45.26, which is very slow, though the ground was sufficiently soft that even such a slow time merited a Racing Post Rating (RPR) of 123--the same as Galileo Gold's RPR when winning in Newmarket. Will Awtaad be as effective on good ground, as if so, he becomes even a more attractive sire prospect, presumably for Sheikh Hamdan's Derrinstown Stud in Ireland?

Kevin Prendergast
Racing Post photo

As things stand now, the winners of all three major European 2000 Guineas races are pointing for the June 14 G1 St James's Palace S. opening day at Royal Ascot: Awtaad (RPR 123, soft ground); Galileo Gold (RPR 123); and impressive G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains--French 2000 Guineas winner The Gurkha (Galileo), who ran RPR 122 when skunking his rivals in Deauville. The Gurkha had been so impressive in France that 'the lads' must have been tempted to send him for the G1 Epsom Derby (still, really, a race without a favorite), but as with Galileo Gold (though thankfully without the C's and T's) and Awtaad, the Guineas winners will stick to a mile at least for the St James's Palace.

Bill Oppenheim cont.

You can see why I think that race should be renamed the European 2000 Guineas and get a major sponsor for zillions, but I guess that's not on the cards.

The middle leg of last weekend's three big Classics--and, of course, the middle leg of the U.S. Triple Crown--was the GI Preakness S. at a muddy Pimlico. Second favorite Exaggerator (Curlin) capitalized on Nyquist's getting caught up in a speed duel; Exaggerator, as rider Kent Desormeaux said afterwards in several different ways, had a perfect trip, on ground over which he was already proven. He had won big in the GI Santa Anita Derby in similar conditions and was the only horse to give Nyquist a race in the GI Kentucky Derby, so if the favorite didn't fire for whatever reason, Exaggerator loomed large. As many times as Big Chief Racing and trainer Keith Desormeaux had been beaten by Nyquist--eight times in all, six of them seconds, between Swipe last year and Exaggerator--they were very deserving winners.

Nonetheless, as things turned out, the Nyquist team did make the wrong decision about tactics by deciding to 'send' him. Paul Reddam is a terrific owner--I've voted for him for the Eclipse Award a couple of times and hope to be able to do so again this year--and Paul was gracious enough to authorize me to print the following comment from him:

"Nyquist's human connections got him beat and we feel sorry for the horse. Our group is truly a team so we win and lose as a team. The instructions given to Mario were to 'win the first turn' because I think the feeling was that the other speed wouldn't want to go with him because that would be suicide for them. The team felt that the only way the horse would lose would be to get locked in, hence there was over-confidence. Once he was between two other speeds, Mario tried but couldn't switch him off. So in the end we committed suicide going the fastest quarter in Preakness history on a track that was gooey and hence three seconds slow".

Paul Reddam | *Horsephotos*

In fact, the Equibase chart shows Nyquist in front after a first half in :46.56 seconds; at that point Exaggerator was 6 1/2 lengths back, which means it still took him, by my calculations, about 1:10.55 to run the last 5 1/2 furlongs. That's a six-furlong time on a fast track, which suggests Paul is maybe even conservative when he says the track was three seconds slow; it might have been even slower than that.

Nonetheless, Exaggerator joins Nyquist at the top table as the two best American 3-year-olds of 2016. '**TDN Rising Stars**' Cherry Wine, from the first crop by Paddy O'Prado; and Stradivari (Medaglia d'Oro), running fourth in only his fourth lifetime start; and the Japanese runner, Lani (Tapit), in fifth, all enhanced their credentials with credible races as well. Cherry Wine's second moved Spendthrift's Paddy O'Prado into fourth on the *TDN* 2016 YTD North American Second-Crop Sire List (click here), behind Uncle Mo, Twirling Candy, and barn-mate Archarcharch.

Finally, the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas on Saturday. Minding (Galileo) had run a monster RPR 119 when winning the G1 Fillies Mile at Newmarket last October, and improved to RPR 121 when leading home a Coolmore 1-2-3 in the G1 English 1000 Guineas. The filly Ballydoyle (also by Galileo) was the intended Ballydoyle first string last weekend, but came up with a bad blood profile, so they sent in Minding as a prep for her impending run in the G1 Epsom Oaks. She banged her head coming out of the stalls and ended up getting beaten by that margin, the pair 10 lengths clear of Now Or Never (Bushranger) in third, by Jet Setting (Fast Company), who had famously been bought, as a maiden, for 12,000gns at the Tattersalls Horses in Training Sale last October out of the Richard Hannon yard. She won her first two for her new connections, trained by the young Irish handler Adrian Paul Keatley, including a win over Now or Never, in the seven-furlong G3 Leopardstown 1000 Guineas Trial in heavy ground in April. She was supplemented, but finished ninth behind Minding on ground plainly too firm for her in Newmarket, but was again supplemented for the Curragh, and this time she got her ground. The fillies' race Sunday went three seconds faster than the colts' race on Saturday, which could mean that the fillies are better than the colts--and they might be, considering the first two pulled 10 lengths clear of the third. However, the times on Sunday, though still slow (the 1000 Guineas went in 1:42.46), did seem to be about three seconds faster than on Saturday.

Jet Setting and the happy connections after her gritty G1 Irish 1000 Guineas victory

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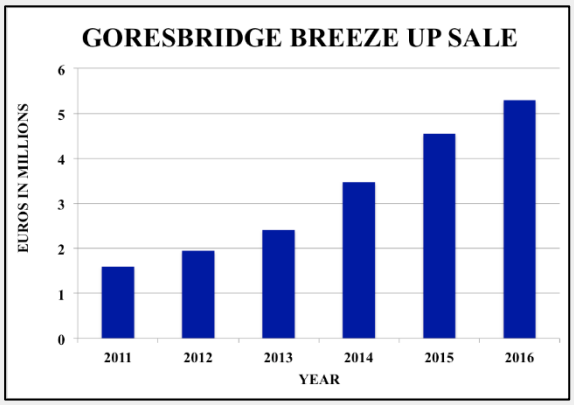
TDN EUROPE/INTERNATIONAL WEEKLY SALES TICKER

by Bill Oppenheim

“With big finishes from Arqana at Deauville and Goresbridge, which was up 16% in gross and 14% in average, the European 2-year-old sales finish up with respectable single-digit declines from last year’s record figures. The clearance rate from the catalogues dropped by 4%, but still 631 juveniles brought nearly €38-million and averaged just under €60,000, including Royal Ascot prospects Mehmas and Broken Stones who have already emerged from Tattersalls’ Craven Sale six weeks ago. That sale looked weak at the time (down 13% in gross), but looks strong now.**”**



GORESBRIDGE BREEZE UP SALE

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2016	255	233	183	8.6%	78.5%	71.8%	€5,289,500	€28,904
2015	236	203	179	14.0%	88.2%	75.8%	€4,548,500	€25,411
2014	216	183	163	15.3%	89.1%	75.5%	€3,470,200	€21,290
2013	191	159	138	16.8%	86.8%	72.3%	€2,414,000	€17,493
2012	188	162	136	13.8%	84.0%	72.3%	€1,814,200	€13,340
2011	148	127	116	14.2%	91.3%	78.4%	€1,593,650	€13,738

TOTAL EUROPEAN BREEZE UP SALES AS OF MAY 25, 2016

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2016	981	838	631	14.6%	75.3%	64.3%	€37,819,341	€59,936
2015	953	802	655	15.8%	81.7%	68.7%	€40,670,079	€62,092
2014	936	777	618	17.0%	79.5%	66.0%	€34,271,510	€55,456
2013	880	741	570	15.8%	76.9%	64.8%	€27,150,535	€47,633
2012	903	757	585	16.2%	77.3%	64.8%	€26,628,587	€45,519
2011	771	654	483	15.2%	73.9%	62.6%	€21,160,500	€43,811

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley

Bill Oppenheim cont.

The European Classics and other racing last weekend had a big impact in particular on the 2016 European third-crop sire list. Fast Company is a son of Danehill Dancer who won the G3 Acomb S. at seven furlongs as a 2-year-old for trainer Brian Meehan, then was sold to Godolphin, gave New Approach a scare in the 2007 G1 Dewhurst S., but never ran again. He stood at Ireland's Rathasker Stud until this year, when he was transferred to Overbury Stud in England. Not only did he have G1 Irish 1000 Guineas winner Jet Setting last weekend, he also had the winner of the G2 Lanwades S. at the Curragh on Saturday in Godolphin's Devonshire, from his first crop, who had actually been third in the G1 Irish 1000 last year. Fast Company now advances to #6 on the YTD 2016 European third-crop sire list (click here--EU sires, EU/NA earnings), or #7 on the same list, but including worldwide earnings from Northern Hemisphere-sired crops (click here)--so including, for example, earnings in Dubai.

Fast Company was just one of four European third-crop sires with Classic wins or placings from their second crops of 3-year-olds last weekend. Galileo Gold's second in the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas helps sustain Highclere Stud's Paco Boy's position as #2 on the European third-crop list (NA/EU earnings), though he is third by worldwide earnings, as Whitsbury Manor's Showcasing (Green Desert), who is the group leader with four graded/group SW so far this year, edges past Paco Boy (by Desert Style, by Green Desert) for second by worldwide earnings. Tally Ho Stud's Zebedee (by Invincible Spirit, by Green Desert) had the second in Sunday's G2 Italian Derby and now moves into fourth among EU third-crop sires by 2016 earnings (NA/EU), though he is fifth by worldwide earnings.

'The Daddy' among European third-crop sires, though, is Ballylinch Stud's Lope De Vega, a son of Shamardal who emulated his sire by winning the G1 Poule D'Essai des Poulains and G1 Prix du Jockey-Club--French Derby (2100m) double in 2010, and was leading European freshman sire in 2014. Lope De Vega has had seven individual black-type horses since May 14, including: G1 winners Belardo and Jemayel; and, last weekend, G1 Irish 2000 Guineas third Blue De Vega, plus the one-two in a 10-furlong Listed Race at Newmarket, the Fairway S., courtesy of 3-year-olds Steel of Madrid and Linguistic. Lope De Vega now has five black-type winners (three group winners, two Group 1 winners) and 13 black-type horses (eight group, four Group 1) this year, and leads European third-crop sires both by NA/EU earnings ($1.2-million) and by worldwide earnings ($1.9-million), which are boosted by the dual Dubai Group 2-winning 4-year-old filly Very Special.

Lope de Vega | *Ballylinch photo*

ROYAL ASCOT 2-YEAR-OLDS: The weekend before last Al Shaqab's Mehmas, a 170,000-gns purchase by Peter and Ross Doyle at Tattersalls' Craven 2-Year-Old Sale six weeks ago, went 2-for-2 in a hot Newbury 6-furlong conditions race and immediately became one of the favorites for the G2 Coventry S. (six furlongs, usually the hottest 2-year-old race of the week) at Royal Ascot. Last Saturday, we saw what looked to us like three more serious Ascot candidates. At York, a colt named Broken Stones, from the first crop by Requinto--himself a very fast son of Dansili out of the rocket Damson--won a 6-furlong conditions race impressively himself; he came out of the same Tattersalls' Craven Sale six weeks ago, for 200,000gns, to Stephen Hillen and trainer Kevin Ryan. Godolphin won a 6-furlong race at Goodwood with a Shamardal filly named Romantic View who will be heading for the six-furlong (fillies) G3 Albany S.; and the Scat Daddy colt Caravaggio scored an ultimately impressive win for the Coolmore team on what looked like unsuitably (for him) soft ground in the 5-furlong Marble Hill S. (Listed) at the Curragh. They might send him for the Coventry but he also looked like he could be a big danger to all in the 5-furlong G2 Norfolk. Of course, then there's the Wesley Ward contingent, which interestingly is likely to include Star Empire, a 2-year-old colt by first-crop reverse shuttler Foxwedge, a first-class Australian sprinter by Fastnet Rock who stands 'up north' at Whitsbury Manor Stud in England. As detailed in last Friday's TDN (click here), the Bateman family, which raced Foxwedge, sent Ward three 2-year-olds from his first Northern crop in hopes one would advertise the stallion, and after a 6 1/2-length win at five furlongs at Belmont last Thursday, Star Empire could be, as hoped, on his way to Ascot. **Bill Oppenheim may be contacted at bopp@erb.com (please cc TDN management at suefinley@thetdn.com). Follow him on Twitter at www.twitter.com/billoppenheim.**

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STARS ALIGN AT EPSOM

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Following a plan of attack so successfully deployed in 2011 with Pour Moi (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}), trainer Andre Fabre dispatched his Investec Derby hope **Cloth Of Stars (Ire)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}) on a cross-Channel reconnaissance mission on Tuesday to appear at Epsom's Breakfast With The Stars.

Cloth of Stars

The French maestro didn't arrive with his charge but Pour Moi's former jockey Mickael Barzalona did, and he will be hoping to add a Derby victory in the royal blue of Godolphin to the one notched five years ago in the dark blue of Coolmore.

Barzalona's ride that day, with his flamboyant showboating finish when denying Treasure Beach (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) by a head--with the Queen's Carlton House (Street Cry {Ire}) another three-quarters of a length back in third--remains his sole ride in Epsom's blue riband. It earned him a post-race trip to the Royal Box to meet the Queen, who hid her disappointment well when addressing the young jockey in French.

"She told me, 'Well done, you beat my horse'," reported Barzalona to the breakfasters at Epsom, before adding of his chances of retaining his 100% strike rate, "It's very hard to compare him to Pour Moi, who had real acceleration. This horse is more workmanlike, but we have the horse to win it again so I'll try my best."

Godolphin's Racing Manager John Ferguson was equally upbeat about the French raider, one of two serious Derby contenders for Sheikh Mohammed, reporting after his workout, "Of all the trials, his was the one that impressed me most, when he kicked away from a Group 1 winner [Robin Of Navan {Fr}] in the [May 8 G2] Prix Greffulhe. Our immediate reaction that day was that Cloth Of Stars would be even better at a mile and a half."

While neither of Godolphin's British-based stables will field a runner, Jim Bolger appears to have conjured up another horse with stellar Derby credentials in the Darley homebred **Moonlight Magic (GB)**, the imperious colt out of Melikah (Ire) (Lammtarra), an Oaks-placed half-sister to Galileo (Ire) and Sea The Stars (Ire), who will bid to give his pensioned sire Cape Cross (Ire) a third Derby success.

Ferguson continued, "Moonlight Magic has done everything right so far and as far as I'm concerned, he's trained by a master. Jim Bolger has made no secret of how highly he rates this horse. He and his whole yard know a good horse when they see one and they are very optimistic."

Though not there to deliver his quips in person, Jim Bolger's voice was beamed into the breakfast room from County Carlow, and, in between cracking jokes about fellow trainers John Gosden and Hugo Palmer, he did nothing to dissuade the guests from following his colt to the Derby.

Trainer Hugo Palmer

"He has the looks, demeanour, temperament and balance to go with his pedigree. There are no holes in this fella," he said.

Bolger will also saddle his own homebred **Turret Rocks (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) in the colours of his wife Jackie in the Investec Oaks and, having noted that all foals bred at his Redmondstown Stud are tested by Equinome "the moment they drop", divulged that both his filly and Moonlight Magic have tested as C:T (intermediate).

One extra Classic hopeful for Godolphin next week could be Charlie Appleby's Height Of Fashion S. winner **Skiffle (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), who could make only the third start of her career in the Investec Oaks if she is supplemented on Monday.

"We'll decide over the weekend," offered Ferguson. "She won the Lupe [now Height Of Fashion] really well. Initially we thought we'd wait for the Ribblesdale, but things look a little better now [for the Oaks]. She's bred to get a mile and a half and she is a definite possibility."

Other owners who will have to come up with £75,000 at the final supplementary stage are Lord and Lady Bamford, whose homebred **Wings Of Desire (GB)** (Pivotal {GB}) caught his usually astute trainer off-guard when bouncing straight from a maiden success at Wolverhampton to victory in the G2 Dante S.

"Remember this horse was initially in the Derby--you're talking to the clown who took him out," said John Gosden, who admitted that he had been attempting to save Wings Of Desire's owners £1,000 when removing him at the previous forfeit stage.

He added, "To come from doing a first swinging canter in mid-March to winning the Dante in mid-May is very unusual indeed. We're giving back the York money to the Investec Derby. The horse earned it. I was trying to save Lord and Lady Bamford some money. I was wrong." **Cont. p6**

Breakfast With the Stars cont.

While Frankie Dettori described Wings Of Desire, his intended Derby mount, as “still a baby, still learning”, he indicated that one of his biggest fears in the Classic will be the horse ridden by his compatriot, Andrea Atzeni, and trained by a Derby past master in Sir Michael Stoute.

“There are very good vibes in Newmarket about **Ulysses (Ire)**,” said Dettori. “He’s the dark horse in the race.”

Stoute himself has heard enough jungle drums in Newmarket through his decades training in the town never to let himself get carried away on such hype, even when his intended runner is a son of a Derby winner and an Oaks winner, with the Niarchos family’s Ulysses being the result of Light Shift’s mating with Galileo (Ire).

“Ulysees is a really well-balanced athlete with a good action and an Epsom pedigree. We’ve always loved him. He had a hiccup in January, but he’s been really pleasing me since then and I’m happy with his prep at the moment,” said the trainer, whose Midterm (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) has been ruled out of Epsom with a stress fracture to his pelvis.

Stoute does however have one other arrow to fire in the form of **Across The Stars (Ire)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}), bred, like last year’s winner Golden Horn (GB), by Anthony Oppenheimer’s Hascombe & Valiant Studs. The colt will run in the colours of Saeed Suhail and, intriguingly, will be ridden by Stoute’s former stable jockey, Kieren Fallon. Owner, trainer and jockey teamed up in 2003 to win the Derby with Kris Kin (Kris S.).

There’s no question that the Derby picture will only sharpen once Aidan O’Brien shuffles his well-stocked hand and decides which cards to let fall. Speaking by telephone, the master of Ballydoyle narrowed the field slightly by suggesting that his most likely Epsom runners are the Galileo-sired quartet of **US Army Ranger (Ire)**, **Deauville (Ire)**, **Port Douglas (Ire)** and **Idaho (Ire)**.

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POSTPONED ON TRACK FOR CORONATION

Postponed (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) pleased his trainer Roger Varian during a gentle workout over the Epsom turf on Tuesday ahead of his intended next target the G1 Queen Elizabeth II Coronation Cup on Derby Day June 4. "You would have seen by his work he didn't do anything crazy this morning, it was a sensible work-out but it gave him a feel of the contours of the track," said Varian.

"He is a very good work horse. He carries a lot of condition and would go through the motions at home very well, but you have got to work him hard to give him a work out. I love just bringing him for a day out," added the trainer. Postponed is a perfect two for two for Varian since he inherited the 5-year-old from Luca Cumani and his last victory in the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic at Meydan in March suggested he would be a major player in the top open middle distance events this year. One potential opponent for Postponed that may still be in the mix for the Coronation is **Found (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}). The Coolmore filly was beaten by Fascinating Rock (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) in the G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup at The Curragh on Sunday and Coolmore’s UK representative Kevin Buckley commented, "I’ve just heard from Ballydoyle that Aidan is very happy with her after her run. She has come through some light exercise in good shape and the possibility of her coming to Epsom in ten days time will be discussed this week.”

Postponed | *Emma Berry*

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Rehearing In Best Case

Trainer Jim Best, whose recent four year ban from training was quashed by the BHA, is to face a second disciplinary panel over the same case of not allowing two horses to run on their merits. In an embarrassing u-turn the BHA was forced to revoke the guilty verdict it had handed out to Best because the chairman of their disciplinary panel Matthew Lohn had listed the BHA as a client of his solicitor’s firm. The BHA has also agreed to refund Best all his costs incurred in the original case.

Tuesday’s Result:

7th-WOL, £7,250, Hcp, 3yo, 8f 141y (AWT), 1:49.52, st. **DOMMERSEN (IRE) (c, 3, Dutch Art {GB}--Kelowna {Ire} {SP-US}, by Pivotal {GB})**, a 340,000gns TAOCT yearling, had got off the mark over seven furlongs on Lingfield’s Polytrack Apr. 7 and broke awkwardly from his wide stall before making a wide forward move into second. In front passing the two-furlong pole, the 7-2 second favourite only needed to be pushed out to score by 1 1/2 lengths from Winter Rose (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}).

7th-WOL cont.

The dam is out of one of Captain Macdonald-Buchanan's smarter mares Kootenay (Ire) (Selkirk), who was third in the G2 Falmouth S. and is a half to the G1 Irish St Leger hero Sans Frontieres (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and last year's G3 Chester Vase winner Hans Holbein (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}). Kelowna has 2-year-old and yearling fillies by Lawman (Fr), with the former being named Enola (Ire). Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, $10,906. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton**.
O-Al Mirqab Racing; B-The Lavington Stud (IRE); T-John Gosden.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Miss Rosina (Ire), f, 2, **Choisir (Aus)**--Vera Lilley (Ire), by Verglas (Ire). WET, 5-24, 5 1/2fT, 1:09.09. B-Newtown Stud (IRE). *€14,500 Ylg '15 TISEP; £28,000 2yo '16 TATAPR.

Rockspirit (Ire), g, 3, **Fastnet Rock (Aus)**--Phillippa (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). WDS, 5-23, 10f 7yT, 2:11.19. B-Patrick Byrnes (IRE). *28,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT.

Papa Luigi (Ire), c, 3, **Zoffany (Ire)**--Namaadhej, by Swain (Ire). WOL, 5-24, 5f 216y (AWT), 1:13.46. B-Gerry Flannery Developments Ltd (IRE). *€51,000 Wlg '13 GOFNOV; €85,000 Ylg '14 GOFORB.

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Tuesday's Results:

6th-CHY, €29,000, Cond, 5-24, 3yo, f, 12fT, 2:43.85, hy.
GOLDEN VALENTINE (FR) (f, 3, Dalakhani {Ire}--Gold Round {Ire} {GSW-Fr}, by Caerleon) opened up with a win going nine furlongs in a firsters' heat here Oct. 9, but slipped to fifth behind subsequent Listed Prix de la Seine second Olala (Ger) (Tertullian) upped one panel at Compiegne on seasonal return last time Apr. 21. The grey raced off the tempo in fourth initially and was shuffled back to last of the five runners at halfway in this one. Angling outside off the home turn, the 14-5 chance made relentless headway in the straight to lead entering the final furlong and drew off late to easily account for Happy Approach (Fr) (New Approach {Ire}) by 3 1/2 lengths. Golden Valentine is a full-sister to Goldwaki (Ger), GSW-Fr, $176,715; and a half to Spectaculaire (GB) (Spectrum {Ire}), SW-Fr, $247,478. She is also kin to the 2-year-old filly Golden Attitude (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) and a filly foal by Kitten's Joy. Her granddam Born Gold (Blushing Groom {Fr}), a winning full-sister to G1 Prix Marcel Boussac victress Gold Splash, is kin to seven black-type performers, including the outstanding MG1SW multiple champion Goldikova (Ire) (Anabaa), G1 Prix Vermeille winner and G1 Prix de Diane runner-up Galikova (Fr) (Galileo {Ire}), and MG1SP GI Breeders' Cup Mile second Anodin (Ire) (Anabaa). Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, €28,450. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton**.
O-Laurence Roth, Mme Nancy Roth & Mme Jaime Roth; B-Foxwood Stables (FR); T-Freddy Head.

Golden Valentine | *ScoopDyga*

2nd-CHY, €29,000, Cond, 5-24, 3yo, c/g, 12fT, 2:42.85, hy.
MANIACO (GB) (c, 3, Galileo {Ire}--Plumania {GB} {G1SW-Fr, $838,738}, by Anabaa), a first-up fourth going 10 furlongs at Saint-Cloud last time Apr. 18, raced in third until improving one spot after a half mile of this test. Taking closer order once into the straight, the 13-10 second choice went to the front with a quarter mile remaining and was ridden out inside the final eighth to comfortably best Vengeful (Fr) (Zoffany {Ire}) by two lengths. Out of the '**TDN Rising Star**' and G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud heroine Plumania (GB) (Anabaa), herself a half-sister to G2 Prix de Royallieu victress Balladeuse (Fr) (Singspiel {Ire}), Maniaco is kin to the 2-year-old colt Plumatic (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) and the yearling colt Maniac (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}). His third dam, the stakes-placed winner Featherhill (Ire) (Lyphard), is a half-sister to G1SW highweight and leading sire Groom Dancer (Blushing Groom {Fr}). She is also the third dam of G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains hero Falco (Pivotal {GB}). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €17,000. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton**.
O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (GB); T-Andre Fabre.

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Zarak (Dubawi) was tabbed as a "TDN Rising Star"

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French Report cont.

1st-CHY, €25,000, Mdn, 5-24, unraced 2yo, 5fT, 1:02.09, hy. **+SPIAGGIA (IRE) (f, 2, Makfi {GB}--Spectacular Show {Ire}, by Spectrum {Ire})** was sharply into stride and raced in a leading wave of three through halfway in this newcomers' heat. Claiming a slender advantage passing the quarter-mile marker, the 69-10 chance was pushed along approaching the final eighth and ridden out in the closing stages to withstand the persistent threat of Notte A Roma (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) by a length. Spiaggia is a half-sister to Valbchek (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), SW-Eng, $194,002, and a yearling filly by Lilbourne Lad (Ire). She is out of a winning half-sister to last term's G1 Prix de Diane victress Star of Seville (GB) (Duke of Marmalade {Ire}) and G1 Fillies' Mile third English Ballet (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), from the family of MGISW Winchester (Theatrical {Ire}). Sales history: €29,000 RNA Ylg '15 GOFORB. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €12,500. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton**.
O-Mme A G Kavanagh & Fabrice Chappet; B-Kildaragh Stud (IRE); T-Fabrice Chappet.

1st-ANG, €22,000, Cond, 5-24, 2yo, 5 1/2fT, 1:08.36, g/s. **ICALO (FR) (c, 2, Scalo {GB}--Indyca {Ger}, by Panis)**, who RNA'd at €30,000 as a BBAGS yearling before becoming the first winner for his freshman sire (by Lando {Ger}) over this trip at Nantes on debut last time Apr. 21, tanked into second after racing keenly in fourth through the early strides of this one. Pushed along with 350 metres remaining, the 8-5 chalk led soon after and kept on well under whipless cajoling to comfortably best La Fibrossi (Fr) (Myboycharlie {Ire}) by 1 1/2 lengths. Icalo is from a family which includes MG1SW German highweight Ivanhowe (Ger) (Soldier Hollow {GB}), who registered a career-best Southern Hemisphere performance, racing as Our Ivanhowe, with victory in Saturday's G1 Doomben Cup. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €19,000. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton**.
O-Sandro V Gianella; B-Appapays Racing Club (FR); T-Henri-Alex Pantall.

4th-CHY, €33,000, Cond, 5-24, 4yo/up, 6fT, 1:14.18, hy. **CATCALL (FR) (g, 7, One Cool Cat--Jurata {Ire}, by Polish Precedent)** Lifetime Record: MGSW & G1SP-Fr, 34-8-7-5, €441,351. O-Mme Gerard Samama; B-Fernand Krief (FR); T-Philippe Sogorb. *€5,000 Ylg '10 ARQDEC.

2nd-ANG, €27,000, Cond, 5-24, 3yo, 8fT, 1:43.42, g/s. **DAYANA (FR) (f, 3, Iffraaj {GB}-Decouverte {Ire}, by Rainbow Quest)** Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0, €33,100. O-Ecurie Jean-Louis Tepper; B-Haras d'Haspel (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget. *€70,000 Ylg '14 ARAUG.

EUROPEAN-BRED SUCCESS

with Eddie Woods

Hometown? *Greenogue, Co Meath, Ireland.*

How did you end up where you are now? *By needing a job, I came to the States and started with the Everards who showed me the American way. Then got introduced to Bobby Spalding which allowed me to go on my own when he sent me the Elmendorf horses and then the late, great Joe Greeley, who drove up to the barn one afternoon and asked if I would be interested in helping him buy some nice yearlings to pinhook.*

Eddie Woods | *Photo by Z*

What have you found to be the biggest difference between racing/breeding in America and your home country? *The biggest difference between here and home is mainly surface related and training locations, here most are at the track running at that time--at home you van to where ever they are running that day.*

Name one home comfort that you miss. *Apart from immediate family and a handful of friends, not much I miss from home, it was a bit of a struggle over there and who would miss that.*

Favourite sport/hobby outside of racing? *Fishing, and now that I have a brand spanking new hip, I'm looking forward to golf again, be I not very good.*

What would you say is your proudest accomplishment? *Things I am proudest of are: how my business has gone, my farm, pinhooking a Derby winner, my son David and finally, but by no means least, my fabulous partner Angela.*

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WORLDWIDE NEWS

Holler Bound For Royal Ascot cont. from p1

Godolphin's retained rider in Australia James McDonald will take the mount on Holler who was last seen finishing a short head second to Flamberge (Aus) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) in the G1 Mitchelton Wines William Reid S. at Moonee Valley having previously landed his first Group 1 success when accounting for First Seal (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) in the Canterbury S. at Randwick Mar. 6 over 6 1/2 furlongs.

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SUPER ONE RETIRED TO NEWGATE FARM

by Alan Carasso

Super One (Aus) (I Am Invincible {Aus}--Tails Wins {Aus}, by Tale of the Cat), who emulated his sire in winning the G3 D C McKay S. at Morphettvile, has been retired from racing and will enter stud for the 2016 breeding season at Newgate Farm. That nursery raced the colt in partnership with the China Horse Club, Blake Sandblom, Yarraman Park Stud and WinStar Farm.

Super One | *Singapore Turf Club photo*

Bred in New South Wales by R Kemister, Super One was purchased by trainer Michael Freedman and bloodstock agent Michael Wallace for A$190,000 out of the 2014 Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale and quickly made a name for himself in Singapore under Freedman's tutelage. The handsome bay was the long odds-on favorite and was never headed in any of his four Kranji appearances, with wins in the Aushorse Golden Horseshoe and Juvenile Championship (video) by a combined 10 lengths.

Newgate acquired their interest in Super One in August 2015 and the colt was second on his Australian debut at Cranbourne last October before recording his marquee 1 1/2-length success in the McKay in his penultimate racecourse appearance at the South Australian oval May 7.

"There's that much interest in him now from breeders, at a price, that he's going to be retired and go to Newgate Farm and stand this season there," said Lee Freedman, who trained Super One after taking over from brother Michaelm. "[Newgate Farm managing director] Henry Field assures me that ... he's going to get really well supported in his first season, he's a great looking horse with great speed so he could get some really nice 2-year-olds. He's as fast an entire as I've ever trained--he's got enormous speed. We've had a great record our stallions - Flying Spur, Encosta de Lago, Danzero and those type of horses--and this horse excites me a bit because he and Brazen Beau are probably the two fastest sons of I Am Invincible. He's very much like his father, his wasn't a Group 1 winner and his father was essentially a 1000m-1100m horse but he's doing such a great job at stud."

Super One was victorious in five of his eight career starts for earnings of US$351,425.

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JRHA SALE CATALOGUE NOW ONLINE

The catalogue for the Japan Racing Horse Association's Select Sale July 11 and 12 is now online. A total of 248 yearlings and 243 foals are set to go under the hammer Monday, July 11 and Tuesday, July 12, respectively, at the Northern Horse Park near New Chitose Airport. The online catalogue may be accessed here, while print catalogues will be mailed out by June 4.

ACT OF WAR TO SUMMERHILL

Summerhill Stud has announced that Group 1 winner **Act Of War (SAf)** (Dynasty {SAf}-Si Senorita {SAf}, by Cordoba I) will join their roster of stallions at the KwaZulu-Natal stud. Raced by Ingrid and Markus Jooste and trained by Joey Ramsden, Act Of War emulated his sire Dynasty when he won the G1 Cape Guineas at Kenilworth last year and added the G3 Winter Guineas to his CV this year before a suspensory injury curtailed his racing career. "Act Of War was something special from day one," said Derek Brugman, racing manager for the Jooste's Mayfair Speculators. "Horses that work like he did in the mornings, leave no uncertainty about their ability. He achieved a career high rating of 117 for the extreme ease with which he won the G1 Cape Guineas. This performance placed him on a par with the best sons of Dynasty in the land. He had such a phenomenal turn of foot that at one stage, we toyed with the idea of running him in a Group 1 sprint. He looks sure to pass his precocity, class and great temperament onto his offspring and we look forward to racing them in the near future," added Brugman.

Act Of War | *Summerhill Stud*

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GP 25 de Mayo

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BC TURF BERTH ON THE LINE IN GP 25 DE MAYO

Wednesday's G1 Gran Premio 25 de Mayo at Hipodromo de San Isidro in Buenos Aires, Argentina, will once again receive an automatic berth into the $3-million GI Breeders' Cup Turf at Santa Anita Park Nov. 5.

South America's winningest jockey Jorge Ricardo, who will seek his second consecutive win in the national holiday feature, will have a return call on likely favorite **Don Inc (Arg)** (Include) after his half-length triumph in this year's G1 Longines Gran Premio Latinoamericano at Rio de Janiero's Gavea Racecourse Mar. 12.

Three-year-old Don Inc captured one of eight starts at San Isidro before placing third in the G1 Gran Premio Nacional (Argentine Derby), second in the G1 Gran Premio Carlos Pellegrini and third in the G1 Gran Premio Miguel Alfredo Martinez de Hoz. A Carlos Pellegrini Award finalist last season for Champion Stayer honors, Stud Las Monjitas's Don Inc will break from post five in the field of nine horses entered for the 1 1/2-mile race for 3-year-olds and up on the turf.

The main opposition for Don Inc may come from **Must Go On (Arg)** (Freud) and **Champion Star (Brz)** (Hard Buck {Brz}), fourth and fifth, respectively, to Don Inc in the Pellegrini last December.

Romano (Arg) (Roman Ruler) also rates a look off a runner-up effort in the G1 Gran Premio Republica on dirt at Palermo, as do **Rosado Van (Arg)** (Van Nistelroy), most recently second in the G3 Clasico Porteno; and **Oregon (Arg)** (Giant's Causeway), to be ridden by last year's champion jockey Altair Domingos.

Wednesday, San Isidro, Argentina, post time: 6:05 p.m.

GRAN PREMIO 25 DE MAYO-G1, Ar$1,020,000 *(£49,892/€64,542/ US$72,442)*, 3yo/up, 2400mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Port Louis	Exchange Rate (USA)	Moreyra	Meza	126
2	Spiritus	Dushyantor (USA)	Balmaceda	Abrales	133
3	Take It All	Catcher in the Rye (Ire)	Giannetti	Labanca	126
4	Champion Star (Brz)	Hard Buck (Brz)	Da Silva	Martin	133
5	Don Inc	Include	Ricardo	C Etchchry	126
6	Rosado Van	Van Nistelrooy (USA)	Fernandes	J Etchchry	133
7	Romano	Roman Ruler (USA)	Villagra	J Etchchry	126
8	Oregon	Giant's Causeway (USA)	Domingos	Martin	134
9	Must Go On	Freud (USA)	Calvente	Ferro	133

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