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# DOWN THE SHEDROW WITH BILL MOTT



Bill Mott & Joel Rosario celebrate champion Close Hatches (First Defence)'s win in the GI Personal Ensign H. | Adam Mooshian

By *Christie DeBernardis*

Bill Mott was just 16 years old when he won his first stakes race in his home state of South Dakota. It was only fitting that 1998, just 29 years later, he would become the youngest trainer to ever be inducted into the Hall of Fame at age 45.

While the now 62-year-old has trained his share of champions, much of his success in the late nineties, including two of his three Eclipse awards, came with the help of Cigar, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame four years after his conditioner. Mott trained the four-time Eclipse winner to 16 straight victories between October 1994 and July 1996, including 10 Grade 1s and the inaugural Dubai World Cup.

With his wealth of knowledge and experience, patient tactics and a plethora of top owners behind him, Mott always has his share of standouts in the barn. The current stable stars include graded stakes winners **Carina Mia** (Malibu Moon), **Speightster** (Speightstown) and **Harmonize** (Scat Daddy), but the conditioner also has several promising young horses that look poised to climb the ladder. **Cont. p3**

# HANCOCK, WOODWARD NAMED PILLARS OF THE TURF

Arthur "Bull" Hancock, Jr. and William Woodward, Sr. have been elected to the National Museum of Racing's Hall of Fame as 2016 Pillars of the Turf inductees.

The Pillars of the Turf category was introduced in 2013 to "honor individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to Thoroughbred racing in a leadership or pioneering capacity at the highest national level." Candidates are considered for their integrity and commitment through ownership, breeding, innovation, philanthropy, promotion of the sport and education.

Hancock and Woodward join previous Pillars of the Turf selections August Belmont II (2013), Paul Mellon (2013), E.R. Bradley (2014), E.P. Taylor (2014), Alfred Vanderbilt II (2015) and John Hay Whitney (2015) in the Hall of Fame. They will be inducted in Saratoga on Friday, Aug. 12, along with racehorses Rachel Alexandra, Tom Ochiltree and Zenyatta; jockeys Ramon Dominguez and Wayne Wright; and trainer Steve Asmussen.

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**Q&A: Bob Kulina**

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*Bill Finley catches up with longtime Monmouth Park executive Bob Kulina to discuss the current state and future of the Oceanport oval.*

**TODAY'S GRADED STAKES**

<u>EDT</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Click for</u>	<u>TV</u>
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# DOWN THE SHEDROW

with Bill Mott

by Christie DeBernardis

● **CARINA MIA (f, 3, Malibu Moon)**

Three Chimneys Farm's Carina Mia followed her "TDN Rising Star"-worthy second-out graduation last fall with an equally impressive victory in Churchill's GII Golden Rod S. Nov. 28.

Making a belated sophomore bow due to a quarantine at Mott's winter base at Payson Park, she checked in fourth after setting the early pace in the GI Central Bank Ashland S. Apr. 9, which left her short on points to make it into the GI Kentucky Oaks field. With the Oaks out of the picture, Mott sent the dark bay to the seven-furlong GII Eight Belles S. May 6 ([video](#)) and she proved that decision worth while with a dominant six-length victory.



Carina Mia | Coady

"She's a possibility for the [GI] Acorn [S. at Belmont June 11]." (Also possible for the Acorn is Kentucky Oaks winner and fellow "TDN Rising Star" Cathryn Sophia {Street Boss}.)

● **TAKE THE STAND (ARG) (h, 5, Not For Sale {Arg})**

A four-time winner in his native Argentina, Take the Stand joined the Mott barn last summer and scored his first U.S. victory in his second start at Saratoga Sept. 5. Off the board in his next two efforts, the Earle Mack, Wachtel Stable and Brous Stable runner began to turn the corner this term, starting with a runner-up effort in the GIII Tampa Bay S. Feb. 13 and continuing with a wire-to-wire score last time in the GII Mervin Muniz Memorial H. Mar. 26 ([video](#)). Originally scheduled to run in last Saturday's GII Dixie S. at Pimlico, he was scratched due to soft turf.

"He'll be nominated for the [GI] Manhattan [S. at Belmont June 11]."

● **CELESTINE (f, 4, Scat Daddy)**

Phaedrus Flights' Celestine went on a four-race win streak for Mott last spring, following her maiden win with a trio of stakes victories. A head-scratching 10th in last November's GII Mrs. Revere S., she was second in the Tropical Park Oaks Dec. 19 and third in her seasonal bow in the Sand Springs S. Feb. 27. The dark bay earned her first graded success last time in Hallandale's GII Honey Fox S. Apr. 2 ([video](#)).

"She could go in the [GI] Just a Game [S. on the GI Belmont S. undercard June 11]."



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● **SPEIGHTSTER (c, 4, Speightstown)**

An impressive debut winner at Keeneland last April, "TDN Rising Star" Speightster followed suit with a decisive allowance score at Belmont that June and a game victory over GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner

Texas Red (Afleet Alex) in the GIII Dwyer S. ([video](#)) a month later. Subsequently sidelined after having surgery to remove an ankle chip, the WinStar homebred made his highly anticipated return to the races in the GII Churchill Downs S. May 7, where he faded to finish eighth of nine as the 3-1 favorite.



Speightster | A. Coglianese

"Obviously we were disappointed in the effort, so we are looking forward to a better effort next time. I think the [GI Metropolitan H. June 11] is probably off the table for the moment."

● **DUBAI SKY (c, 4, Candy Ride {Arg})**

A second-out graduate in September 2014, Dubai Sky captured a grassy Gulfstream allowance exactly three months later and annexed the Kitten’s Joy S. a month after that. Last seen winning the GIII Spiral S. ([video](#)) in March of last year, the Three Chimneys Farm and Besilu Stables colorbearer fractured a cannon bone a few weeks after that victory, which required surgery. He returned to the worktab Apr. 23 and most recently breezed five furlongs in 1:00.40 at Churchill Downs May 23.

*“He’s getting closer [to racing]. Maybe within the next month we will be looking at the condition book.”*

● **HARMONIZE (f, 3, Scat Daddy)**

Harmonize broke her maiden in Saratoga’s P.G. Johnson S. last September and won Keeneland’s GIII Jessamine S. a month later. Seventh in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf Oct. 30, the Larkin Armstrong runner made her sophomore debut a winning one in Gulfstream’s Sanibel Island H. Mar. 26 ([video](#)) and was a close third to reigning Horse of the Year Catch a Glimpse (City Zip) after stumbling at the start of Churchill’s GIII Edgewood S. May 6.

*“She’s a possible for the Wonder Again [S. June 5 at Belmont]. I’m disappointed we didn’t win [the Edgewood].”*

● **APOLOGYNOTACCEPTED (m, 5, Fusaichi Pegasus)**

Apologynotaccepted was a tabbed a “**TDN Rising Star**” after romping by 16 lengths in her belated career bow for breeder Happy Alter and trainer David Kassen at Gulfstream Mar. 11 ([video](#)). Bought into by Gary Barber and Wachtel Stable after that impressive debut, the dark bay was transferred to Mott and finished second in an Apr. 15 Keeneland allowance.

*“She’s fine. She could run Belmont weekend possibly.”*

● **VYJACK (g, 6, Into Mischief)**

Winner of the 2014 Gil Kelso H. for previous conditioner Rudy Rodriguez, Vyjack was transferred to Mott last summer, who switched the bay to the grass and he finished second in the GIII Poker S. in his first outing for this barn. Third in the Forbidden Apple S. last July, the gelding was off the board in his next two starts, but captured his 2016 debut in a grassy Keeneland allowance Apr. 21 ([video](#)).

*“He will probably work at the end of the week. We’ve got a few races in mind. He could possibly go to Canada for the [GII] Connaught Cup [June 5].”*

● **WESSEX (f, 3, Unbridled’s Song)**

Juddmonte homebred Wessex donned cap and gown at odds of 9-1 in her Gulfstream Park unveiling Apr. 2 ([video](#)) and was a solid third in last Friday’s Hilltop S. at Pimlico. The gray is a half to G1 Darley Prix Jean Romanet winner Announce (GB) (Selkirk) and French Group 3 winner Mexican Gold (Medaglia d’Oro).

*“She ran well and there is nothing on the schedule yet.”*



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● **CROWN QUEEN (m, 5, Smart Strike--Delta Princess, A.P. Indy)**

Mott also reported that “**TDN Rising Star**” Crown Queen, a daughter of blue hen Delta Princess, has been retired from racing. A half-sister to three-time Eclipse winner and fellow Mott trainee Royal Delta (Empire Maker), she was purchased by Besilu Stables, who also campaigned her two-time Breeders’ Cup-winning sister, for

\$1.6 million as a weanling at the 2011 Keeneland November sale. Third in her first two attempts as a juvenile, the dark bay proved unstoppable as sophomore, graduating in her 3-year-old debut over the Belmont lawn in the summer of 2014 and winning a grassy Saratoga allowance a month later. Capturing the Spa’s GII Lake Placid S. that August, she ended her career on a high note with a 3/4-length success over eventual GISW Ball Dancing (Exchange Rate) in the 2014 GI QEII Challenge Cup S. ([video](#)). Crown Queen retired with a record of 6-4-0-2 and earnings of \$593,000.



Crown Queen | A. Coglianese

**Pillars of Turf cont. from p1**

Arthur "Bull" Hancock, Jr. (1910-1972) grew up on Claiborne Farm and, after graduating from Princeton University in 1933 and serving in the Army Air Corps from 1941-45, took over the famed Kentucky nursery in the late 1940s when his father took ill.



**Arthur "Bull" Hancock, Jr.**  
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Under Hancock Jr.'s guidance, Claiborne expanded from 2,100 acres to about 6,000 to become one of the most important Thoroughbred farms in the world. For 15 straight years (1955-1969), America's leading stallion was a Claiborne resident. Again in 1972, the year Hancock passed away at age 62,

Claiborne's Round Table was the nation's leading sire. Top stallions to stand at the Paris, Ky farm during Hancock's era included Nasrullah, Princequillo and Bold Ruler. Hancock also acquired for stud important influences Nijinsky II, Ambiorix, Damascus, Sir Ivor, Tom Rolfe and Forli.

Claiborne also bred at least one champion in ever year from 1952 through 1972, and in five of those years produced as many as four divisional leaders. Claiborne also bred four European champions during Hancock's time, including important influence Nureyev. An incredible six champions of 1957--Nadir, Bold Ruler, Bayou, Dedicate, Round Table and Neji--were all foaled at Claiborne. Hancock campaigned homebred champions Moccasin, Nadir, Doubledogdare and Bayou. Hancock bred a total of 112 stakes winners under the Claiborne banner, and Claiborne was the nation's top breeder by earnings in 1958, 1959, 1968 and 1969.

Thirty-two champions were foaled at Claiborne for outside clients, including Hall of Famers Kelso, Buckpasser, Nashua, Bold Ruler, Round Table, Riva Ridge and Cicada.

Hancock bred a total of 112 stakes winners under the Claiborne banner, and also served as an advisor or partner to the likes of the Phipps family, William Haggin Perry, and fellow Pillar of the Turf selection William Woodward, Sr.

Hancock was the first "working horseman" to be elected to The Jockey Club. He was president of the American Thoroughbred Breeders Association and vice president of the American Thoroughbred Owners Association, and was instrumental in the merging of those two groups into the present day Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association



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(TOBA). He was a Keeneland director and trustee, and a director of Churchill Downs--he was one of 12 who purchased a controlling interest in the latter to avoid a conglomerate takeover. Hancock was also a member of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission, a director of the Grayson Foundation, and a director of the Thoroughbred Breeders of Kentucky, where he helped establish the American Horse Council.

William Woodward, Sr. (1876-1953), a New York City native, was a graduate of Harvard Law School and was admitted to the bar in 1901, but never pursued a law career. He served as secretary to U.S. Ambassador to England Joseph Choate, and later became president of Hanover National Bank in 1910 after his uncle James T. Woodward died. Woodward also inherited Maryland's Belair Mansion and Stud from his uncle.

In 1925, Woodward partnered with Claiborne's Arthur Hancock, Sr., R. A. Fairbairn and Marshall Field to purchase Sir Gallahad III for \$125,000. The French import topped the American sire list in 1930, 1933, 1934 and 1940 and produced 60 stakes winner--nine of which were bred by Woodward. Among those stakes winners was 1930 Triple Crown winner Gallant Fox, who in turn produced 1935 Triple Crown winner Omaha for Woodward. Woodward won another three Belmonts--in 1932 with Fiareno, 1936 with Granville and 1939 with Johnstown. Four of his five Belmont winners--aside from Johnstown, who was purchased privately from Arthur Hancock, Jr.--were homebreds. All but Fiareno were inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Woodward bred 101 stakes winners overall, including seven champions (Gallant Fox, Fiareno, Happy Gal, Omaha, Granville, Vagrancy and Nashua). He also bred four European champions, and was second-leading owner in England in 1937.

Woodward also served as chairman of The Jockey Club from 1930 to 1950, and helped to establish the Coaching Club American Oaks and aided in the development of the Grayson Foundation. Woodward used his prominence in England to convince the sport's leaders in that country to repeal in Jersey Act, which had kept many American horse out of the General Stud Book. An honorary member of the British Jockey Club, he owned a vast collection of sporting art, which was donated to the Baltimore Museum of Art.



**William Woodward, Sr.**  
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Woodward died in 1953 at the age off 77, one year after he bred Nashua. Racing for his son William Woodward, Jr., Nashua won a trio of stakes as a juvenile in 1954, including the Futurity and Hopeful. As a sophomore, he took the Preakness, Belmont, Florida Derby, Arlington Classic, Wood Memorial, Dwyer, Jockey Club Gold Cup and a famed match race against Swaps. He was named Horse of the Year, and later elected to the Hall of Fame.

The Pillars of the Turf are selected by a group of racing industry experts and historians under the guidance of chairman D. G. Van Clief.

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## BOB KULINA, PRESIDENT OF DARBY DEVELOPMENT, OPERATORS OF MONMOUTH PARK

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**TDN: Before you went into upper management you were the racing secretary. It was a very different world then. What are the most significant changes in the sport you've seen since then?**

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**Kulina Q&A cont.**

*BK: I was racing secretary starting off in 1977 and there was incredible demand for stall space back then. With the exception of a few select horsemen like Mr. (Jimmy) Croll and Mr. (Bernie) Bond, you were expected in our 60-day meet to make four starts per stall. That was a given. The next year when your application came in the stall committee would go back three years and see if you had a history of supporting the meet. That, to me, is one of the single biggest things that has changed. Now you might get four starts a year out of a horse. The starts per horse are so much less, and, in my opinion, the biggest loser in all this is the consumer. Sometimes, this gets pushed to the side, but we sell bets and we sell something to the consumer and either he buys our product or chooses not. The product we sell has changed so drastically in our industry. I understand industries change and old guys like me like to say, 'back in the in good olds days.' I try not to lose sight of that, but the reality is the product we're asking the consumer to buy is not what it was in the past.*



**Kulina** | Horsephotos

*What has changed? The biggest thing is there are fewer horses. It's been well documented the horse inventory has declined and, hopefully, it has bottomed out and, hopefully, it will go in other direction. In addition, I do think today's horsemen, with all the knowledge out there about any kind of athlete, human or equine, have more information about what is best for the athlete. A lot of horsemen feel horses need more time to recover between events so they just naturally space their races more.*

*When I took over the condition book at Monmouth it was a seven-day book. Every race came back in seven days. It was pretty simple. Then, slowly, it went to 10 days, two weeks, three weeks and now you have horses going into the Kentucky Derby off six and eight-week layoffs. The whole training system for the athlete has changed and because of that it has led to changes in what we are able to supply to the consumer. There are unintended consequences. Two decades ago, there were very few beaten conditions at major tracks. If you needed that condition you went to a lesser track. What has happened with trainers spacing their horses's races out is that it makes things difficult on the racing secretary. It's daunting the first time you sit and stare at a blank sheet for condition book and then go to write your condition book. The old adage is, write for what you have or for what the horsemen want. If they want to run a*

*maiden every 21 days you write it Day One and Day 22 and now you have all these blank spaces you need to fill to run races. Management wants 10, 11, 12-race cards. So now you're forcing the racing department into creating events that weren't there years ago. All these beaten conditions for claimers have changed the game. The categories of horses are being subdivided in so many ways and the result is your creating uninteresting events.*

**TDN: How has racing adjusted to that?**

*BK: You're putting together these uninteresting, un-betttable races and management's response to that has been, 'Lets give the gambler something that can make up for the short fields and short prices.' We start asking people to pick the second, third, fourth and, in some cases, fifth-place horses or you ask them to pick the winners of three, four, five, six straight races. We're making the customer try to handicap races and play bets that are really hard bets to win and your average customer can't go \$80, \$90 deep into the pick four where a big player can. That makes it even harder for the small bettor to win. It's just one more unintended consequences of horses not running nearly as often as they used to.*

*We all know what the consumer wants. The consumer wants big competitive fields where there's value and you can bet against the favorite or you can make a rational decision why the favorite can get beat or why you can bet against them.*

**TDN: What has been the role of medication in the declining amount of starts made by most horses?**

*BK: Medication in athletic events have changed every sport. Some for the better because, now, these athletes are getting much better care. Things that might have previously led to the end of a horse's career 20-30 years ago, now you can give them 30 days in the stall, give them X, Y and Z and you get an animal back that is racing fit again. There have been a lot of great things done medically. The downside is the 90-day miracle trainers. We need changes and everyone needs uniformity. But it seems like it's one step forward, two steps backward and every time we think we're making progress we hit a blip. I believe in the game and I believe in the people running the game. Hopefully, we will solve this.*

**TDN: What about the role of illegal, performance-enhancing drugs in the sport? The customer is incredibly cynical and a lot of people think the races are too often won by the best chemists not the best trainers.**

*BK: There is definitely an impact when people lose faith in the system. It's no different than what we are seeing in the political arena this year. People have lost faith in our political system, and racing right now is mirroring that. I don't think it's beyond a dream that we can solve it. The most important thing is I just want a level playing field. I want Joe Blow to have the same advantages or disadvantages as the other guy. It's the guy who*

*pushes the envelope and goes to the edge that is the problem, and we need to have real penalties for these people. We need to enforce the rules and if a guy is not good for the game and has a history of problems you need to say goodbye to that guy. You have to enforce the rules and when you have someone go outside the line you have to make them pay. Is it hard to do? Yes. But you can't lose the confidence of your consumer and that's what we are doing.*

**TDN: Sal Sinatra, the general manager of Laurel and Pimlico, has said that the Mid-Atlantic tracks have to come together to form circuits and reduce racing dates. He says it's insanity for Parx, Delaware, Laurel or Pimlico and Monmouth to all be running at the same time. Your thoughts?**

*BK: Sal is right. Without a doubt, when everybody talks about the golden age of racing, you're talking about the fifties, sixties, and early seventies. I have a poster in my office that is an advertisement for the opening meet in 1946 and I look at it every day. Opening Day was June 10 and Closing Day was August 6. We ran short meets then, in the golden age, and you moved from track to track. Every racing day, you had energy and, with the exception of places like Saratoga and Del Mar, we don't have that anymore. There are reasons why we've done what we've done. Being a trainer's son, I didn't see my dad for weeks or months at a time and that was hard. It's a hard life being a gypsy. But the consumer didn't care about that because what they got at the racetrack was something special.*

*I'll take New York out of the equation because they are the leader of the industry and everyone else feeds off of them. But for Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey to race against one another doesn't make any sense. There are not enough horses to do that. When you had the movement of the horses and short meets, you had an exciting, energized product. Now, we don't have that.*

*We have to get together and come up with a compromise. Whenever you have a compromise it means not everybody is happy because everyone has to give a little. But that's what we have to do. I am 1000% behind finding a spot in the system that works for everybody because we all bring something different to the table. If the consumer benefits from this then the industry will be better off. If the consumer continues to walk away and reject what we are trying to sell, in the long-run, we won't survive.*

**TDN: Should there be fewer tracks then?**

*BK: No. I don't think tracks closing anywhere in the country does anything positive for the game. The only way you create fans is with the live racing experience. Even though most of the income comes from simulcasting and ADWs, you only create new fans at the track. At Monmouth this weekend, we're going to have over 60,000 people here for the three days. That's the*

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*future. Hopefully, some of the young people who will come here this weekend will one day end up in my walking ring owning a horse 15, 20 years down the road. The major resort type tracks have to create fans for the industry. I'll include Delaware when I say that. It's a beautiful racetrack. That said, we all need to find a racing schedule that works. There has to be something that makes sense for all of us.*

**TDN: Monmouth is the only track in the Northeast that does not have slots or benefit from casino revenue. As compared to the tracks you compete with, how much harder is your job and that of your racing department because of the lack of casino money?**

*BK: I tend to try to separate myself from the others tracks. My product is my product. But if I can't pay for the athletes I'm not going to have as good a team as someone else and I can't compete. You see that in any professional sport. When there's no salary cap and some teams have more revenue than others they are usually the more successful teams.*

*In 2010 when we did the 'elite meet' we had \$54 million for purses. This year we're going to be at about \$23 million. The elite meet was the most successful thing we ever did here. The math is the math. The guys stabled here support us but if you have the choice between racing at a beautiful old, historical track or racing at some place where the purse for the same race is \$10,000 or \$15,000 higher what are you going to do?*

*Eventually you go to where the money is. Money drives the wagon.*

*Not having the same resources as the other tracks makes things difficult. With that said, I expect something to happen positive for us in the future. This year we had some major capital issues that had to be resolved and most of the money we spent on that will be back for purses in 2017. We all know what's going on with the possibility of casino expansion in New Jersey and we're still waiting on sports betting. This year will be a rocky year for us but we should be stronger in the future.*

**TDN: With all the economic disadvantages you have, no casino, a short meet, cards affected by the horse shortage, it's hard to see how Monmouth stays open. How do you do it? Is it a money-losing operation?**

*BK: We don't have a safety net. The horsemen's organization gets its fees and Darby manages things. We don't have a safety net so we need to pay as we go. We sell bets, we make revenue from that, parking, admission, concessions and at end of day we have to be self sufficient. It isn't like I can say 'I need \$10 million write me a check,' because we have a shortfall. We are making it. I won't tell you it has been easy. It's on me to figure out how to make it work. We had to make some changes and cuts to our purse structure this year. That's difficult for me to do. I built our reputation, we hosted a Breeders' Cup, the Haskell is what it is. I'm a rare breed where I am 1000 percent behind building a good product. Every extra dollar we have is supposed to go into the purse structure to try to improve the product. Right now it's difficult. We're putting everything we have back into racing. It's a challenge, but I have a great team here. Everybody is working in the same direction. We'll be ok, but it sure would be nice to have some of the resources these other places have. The reason why I still do this at my age? Because I love racing.*

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### 30 CANDIDATES ON BALLOT FOR BREEDERS' CUP MEMBER ELECTION

Thirty individuals are on the ballot for the election of 19 Breeders' Cup members, it was announced Wednesday. On June 6, the Breeders' Cup election web site will open for the 2015 Breeders' Cup foal and stallion nominators to begin the voting process. Of the 30 candidates on the ballot, 13 are incumbent members standing for re-election. The 19 individuals receiving the most votes will each serve a term of four years.

Members are elected every other year by Breeders' Cup foal and stallion nominators through a proportional voting system based on the level of nominations paid to the organization. There are a total of 39 elected Breeders' Cup members. The members meet each July for the election of individuals to the Breeders' Cup Board of Directors, which oversees the activities of the organization.

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The 30 candidates for the members election are:

- Barbara Banke\*
- George Bolton\*
- Carrie Brogden
- Jack Brothers\*
- Boyd Browning
- Doug Cauthen\*
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- Patrick Costello
- David Hayden
- Carlos Heller
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- Aron Wellman

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### NYQUIST STILL DOING WELL

Trainer Doug O'Neill's assistant Jack Sinsterson offered a positive update on GI Kentucky Derby winner and GI Preakness S. third **Nyquist** (Uncle Mo) Wednesday, one day after last year's champion juvenile was ruled out of the GI Belmont S. due to a fever and elevated white blood cell count ([click here for story](#)). "He's doing great," Sinsterson said Wednesday. "We got the blood back yesterday and, as you guys know, with a slightly elevated white count. His temperature just spiked a little bit again. Doug wants to do the right thing by Nyquist and get him 100% right before we make a plan moving forward," Sinsterson said. "He's great. We're taking the right precaution with the aspect of getting him back right. We'll get him back to California once he's 100%. We won't make any major plans as of yet."

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## BEN'S CAT'S GROUPIES

By Dennis Heard

I have had the pleasure of knowing King Leatherbury since 1976. I have been his client, his competitor and, on occasion, his co-conspirator. All of these facets were a boatload of fun.

I could not have imagined that 20 years after I left the business, King would come up with a homebred gelding that would rekindle not only our rapport, but that of several other "lost" friends.

Ben's Cat, a winner of his first eight races, competed in the 2011 running of Laurel's Native Dancer S. Ben didn't win that day. That didn't stop him from doing what he had always done after a race at Laurel--he went directly to the winner's circle to be unsaddled. After all, that was all he had ever known.



**10-year-old Ben's Cat is the winningest horse in training | Horsephotos**

Maryland Million Day 2013, Ben, going a mile, gets beat a neck and the race winner gets booed as he returns to get his picture taken. Tough crowd.

Those are just two of the many incidents that have turned me and others into what

I guess can only be called Ben's Cat groupies.

My friend, Glenn Lane, whose connection to Leatherbury goes back to the early 1980's, has been the motivating force in our regional pursuit of Ben's Cat's "happenings," or races, as the rest of the world would call them. At each event, I realize how lucky I am to be around a situation that is all that is good about Thoroughbred racing.

Ben didn't make the races at two or three. He started running as a 4-year-old and hasn't stopped. He has had only one exercise rider in his life and the same groom for the last six years. His breeder, owner, and Hall of Fame trainer is keenly aware of how special it is to have Ben in the barn. Just ask him.

What makes it all so special? First and foremost is the brilliance of Ben's Cat. King Leatherbury is as alive and vibrant as a human being can be at 83. Racing fans love this horse. They feel a real attachment to him. Track announcers follow his race position with pinpoint accuracy. "Here comes Ben. Here comes the Cat."

Lastly, Leatherbury's management of Ben's Cat brings to mind a time when most horses received planned seasonal respites. Stables like Calumet, Darby Dan and Rokeby wintered in places like Aiken and Camden, South Carolina. The Jim Stable

colorbearer winters in Shady Side, Maryland.

Are King and Ben anachronisms? Are they both throwbacks to another time? Or is it possible they can be models for the future?

What I know for sure is that I am thrilled that they are here now.

Next stop is The Pennsylvania Governors Cup at Penn National on June 4. See you there, fellow groupie.

**Dennis Heard is a former owner and trainer on the New York, New Jersey and Maryland circuits.**

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**Saturday, Woodbine, post time: 4:51 p.m. EDT**

**ECLIPSE S.-GII**, C\$200,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m (AWT)

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Breaking Lucky	Lookin At Lucky	McAleney	Baker	118
2	Peyton	Tale of the Cat	Wilson	Doyle	116
3	Florida Won	Birdstone	Husbands	Casse	120
4	Ami's Holiday	Harlan's Holiday	Contreras	Carroll	116
5	Are You Kidding Me	Run Away and Hide	Garcia	Attfield	122
6	Melmich	Wilko	da Silva	Attard	122

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**Saturday, Arlington, post time: 4:50 p.m. EDT**

**ARLINGTON MATRON S.-GIII**, \$100,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m (AWT)

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Flipcup	Milwaukee Brew	Emigh	Mott	116
2	Tiz Lately	Tiz Wonderful	Perez	Rodriguez	116
3	Brooklynsway	Giant Gizmo	Baird	Flint	123
4	Bitty Kitty	Kitten's Joy	Valdivia, Jr.	Walsh	116
5	Innovative Idea	Bernardini	Graham	Harty	116
6	No Fault of Mine	Blame	Marquez, Jr.	Block	116
7	Personal Diary	City Zip	Gilligan	Oliver	116
8	City of Trix	Century City (Ire)	Felix	Sloviss	116
9	Zubi Zubi Zu	Any Given Saturday	Murrill	Stidham	116
10	She's Not Here	Street Cry (Ire)	Torres	Oliver	116
11	Lady Fog Horn	Zavata	Jimenez	Granitz	116

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**Saturday, Arlington, post time: 5:21 p.m. EDT**

**ARLINGTON CLASSIC S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, 1 1/16mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Two Step Time	Two Step Salsa	Goncalves	Maker	119
2	Itsnotezbeinbreezy	Kitalpha	Sanjur	Aschinger	117
3	Candy My Boy 🌿	Candy Ride (Arg)	Torres	Brueggemann	117
4	Surgical Strike	Red Giant	Graham	Colebrook	121
5	Felt in Pocket 🌿	Hat Trick (Jpn)	Roman	Harty	112
6	Cocked and Loaded 🌿	Colonel John	Marquez, Jr.	Rivelli	117
7	Uncle Jerry 🌿	Uncle Mo	Felix	Harty	117
8	Call the Colonel	Colonel John	Emigh	Cowan	119
9	Yo Carm	Flatter	Perez	Block	117
10	One Mean Man	Mizzen Mast	Baird	Flint	117
11	Swagger Jagger	Crown of Thorns	Murrill	Maker	117
12	Tequila Joe 🌿	Stormy Atlantic	Valdivia, Jr.	Stidham	119

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**Saturday, Churchill Downs, post time: 5:21 p.m. EDT**

**WINNING COLORS S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Fioretti 🌿	Bernardini	Doyle	Hamilton, Jr.	122
2	Wrath of Ruthie	Distorted Humor	Santana, Jr.	Asmussen	120
3	Diva Express	Afleet Express	Leparoux	Casse	120
4	I'm a Looker	Henny Hughes	Albarado	Dupuy	120
5	Enchanting Lady 🌿	Tale of the Cat	Geroux	Baffert	120
6	Spelling Again	Awesome Again	Bridgmohan	Cox	120
7	Super Saks 🌿	Sky Mesa	Hill	Lukas	122

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**NJ Equestrians Prepare for 2016 KY Thoroughbred Challenge**

*"Nicole McKinley of Howell, New Jersey and Michelle Horgan of Princeton, and Kendra Richardson and Samantha Haven of Pittstown, New Jersey have been selected to participate in the 2016 Retired Racehorse Project Thoroughbred Makeover Challenge."* **Examiner.com**

**Jersey Joe Bravo Morphs Into Big-Race Jockey**

*"What can you say about a jockey who won 13 riding titles at Monmouth Park and more races than anyone ever has in 71 years of racing there, other than that Joe Bravo was a Jersey Shore phenomenon."* **Stephen Edelson, Asbury Park Press**

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**FROLIC'S REVENGE, 7, Vindication--Stormy Frolic, by Summer Squall**

Foal born Apr. 13, a colt by Super Saver.  
Will be bred back to Ghostzapper.  
Owned by Woodford Thoroughbreds.  
Boarded at Woodford Thoroughbreds Kentucky.  
Accomplishments: MSW, \$346,075.

**SWEET RELISH, 10, Smoke Glacken--Sweet Eloise, by Sky Classic**

Foal born Apr. 13, a colt by Awesome Again.  
Will be bred back to Mineshaft.  
Owned and boarded at Pin Oak Stud.  
Accomplishments: SW & GSP, \$196,630.

**DIGNIFIED DIVA, 17, Meadowlake--Saratoga Queen, by Saratoga Six**

Foal born Apr. 14, a colt by Afleet Express.  
Will be bred back to Afleet Express.  
Owned by Martin L. Cherry.  
Boarded at Taylor Made Sales Agency.  
Accomplishments: Dam of A Little Gem (Yonaguska), SW, 4136,825.

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## NYRA BOARD KEEPS QUIET ABOUT UPCOMING KEY LEGISLATION *By T.D. Thornton*

With the future governance of the New York Racing Association (NYRA) approaching a critical legislative turning point, the NYRA Reorganization Board of Directors meeting Wednesday was curiously quiet on such an important topic.

In April, after four years of operating Saratoga Race Course, Belmont Park, and Aqueduct Racetrack as a government-appointed committee, the NYRA re-org board had unanimously advanced a three-pronged set of re-privatization transition options to state officials. The board's stated goal was to have some new form of NYRA governance passed before the June 16 end of the legislative session (the re-org board had originally been slated to serve through October 2015, but its tenure got extended by one additional year).

Less than 24 hours before Wednesday's meeting, a group called the Concerned Citizens for Saratoga Racing launched a pre-emptive public awareness strike against a transition plan that is being floated, but has not yet been formally introduced, by Gov. Andrew Cuomo. The concerned citizens' organization said in a prepared statement that the governor's proposal "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."

And on the morning of the NYRA board meeting, [New York Senate Bill 7918](#) was introduced, which would, as of Oct. 18, put a hybrid public-private board in charge of NYRA.

Yet both of these news items were alluded to only in passing in the NYRA meeting's opening remarks by Michael Del Giudice, the NYRA board's vice chairman.

After his brief remarks, Del Giudice called for comments or questions from fellow board members, but was met only with a silence that hung heavy with the unspoken vibe of no one wanting to make any political missteps.

"The chairman of the Senate racing committee today came out with one bill, and I know that there are members from Saratoga working on legislation, so there will probably be a couple different versions of legislation that will be proposed and put forth, and ultimately between now and the end of the session, there will be a negotiation among the three [Assembly, Senate, governor] parties," Del Giudice said.

Del Giudice should have a pretty fair idea of how New York's legislative process works: He was chief of staff to Assembly Speaker Stanley Steingut and director of state operations under Gov. Hugh Carey before becoming chief of staff to Gov. Mario Cuomo, the current governor's father. In 2010, the Wall Street Journal described Del Giudice as "one of the few people in Albany whom [Andrew] Cuomo regularly turns to for advice on running state government."

Del Giudice continued: "We get called periodically with questions, and we respond. I've told [legislators] we've already laid out our recommendations, which we did at our last meeting, so that's our position. Anything that's not in there is something that would be up to them. So we're trying to preserve the right structure going into private control. We're trying to preserve the [gaming revenue] money that we're entitled to...I assume like everything else, the legislation will be introduced over the next 10 days...Like everything else in Albany, it will occur probably toward the end of the session...And of course, if they agree on nothing, they can always do what they did last year, which is to extend it for one more year."

After no one on the board commented or questioned Del Giudice, the meeting's agenda briskly moved on to a report from NYRA chief executive officer and president Christopher Kay.

Almost as baffling as the non-discussion of the re-privatization plans, Kay once again spent a considerable block of time gushing about the great success of the 2015 Belmont Stakes Day, which he has now done at seven consecutive NYRA board meetings since American Pharoah (Pioneer of the Nile) won the Triple Crown.

Other reports during the 50-minute meeting detailed how, through the first quarter of 2016, NYRA's net revenue from racing was \$2.9 million higher than last year, all-source total handle was up \$57.4 million (17.8%), and daily average handle was up \$393,000.

In addition, ticket sales for the upcoming Saratoga meet are 11% ahead of 2015. The "Season Perks" pass program has been expanded to include discounts to more than 40 local Saratoga vendors, and sales are currently 72% ahead of last year's pace. --@thorntontd

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## HANSEN FILLY SWIFTEST AT BARRETT'S

*by Jessica Martini*

The under-tack preview of the Barretts May Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training and Horses of Racing Age was held under a sun-dappled sky at Del Mar Racetrack Wednesday, with a filly by Hansen recording the fastest furlong time of :9 4/5 and a colt by Speightstown turning in the fastest quarter-mile breeze of :20 3/5.

"Everything went very well--it was a beautiful day and conditions were perfect," reported Del Mar General Manager Kim Lloyd. "The track was exactly the way it was in March. We're very pleased with the condition of the track. And turnout was great today. Everything was very top notch."

[Hip 107](#), a filly from the first crop of 2011 champion juvenile Hansen (Tapit), became the first horse to shade :10 with her :9 4/5 work during the third of three sets Wednesday. The chestnut, consigned by Adrian Gonzalez's Checkmate Thoroughbreds, is out of Sararoyal (Royal Academy), a half-sister to stakes placed Gladiator Queen (Great Gladiator) and from the family of Canadian champion Fatal Bullet. The juvenile RNA'd for \$40,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Kentucky October sale.

"She's a pretty special filly," Gonzalez said of the bullet breezer. "We knew she was fast, but I've never had a :9 4/5, so I wasn't expecting that."

The filly was prepped for the May sale in Ocala.

"She got ready at Crupi's [New Castle Farm]," Gonzalez said. "I've only had her for a few weeks, so he gets all the credit. I just tried not to mess it up."

Checkmate Thoroughbreds had five juveniles work at Del Mar Wednesday. In addition to the bullet work, the operation was also represented by a :10 flat work by [hip 98](#), a daughter of Grade I winner Tiago.

"I'm really pleased with how the whole day went," Gonzalez said. "I'm proud of my whole group--they all worked well."

A total of 11 juveniles shared the preview's second-fastest furlong time of :10 flat.

A colt by Speightstown ([hip 99](#)) turned in the fastest quarter-mile breeze of Wednesday's preview, zipping the distance in :20 3/5. Consigned by Raul Reyes's King's Equine, the youngster is out of graded stakes winner Reunited (Dixie Union). The dark bay will be making his second sales appearance of the season; he worked a furlong in [:10 flat](#) before selling for \$100,000 to Rockingham, agent, at the OBS March sale. He has two recorded works at San Luis Rey Downs this month, most recently going three furlongs in :36.40.

A colt by Super Saver ([hip 45](#)) put in the day's second-fastest quarter-mile, completing his work in :21 flat. Consigned by Bruno DeBerdt's Excel Bloodstock, the youngster is out of the unraced Golden Desert (Vindication) and from the family of Desert Stormer, Sahara Gold and Better Lucky.

The Barretts May Sale will be held Friday, with bidding scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. PT.

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*Lu Lu Laura (Circular Quay) wins her debut via disqualification at Gulfstream Park.*

## EASTERN U.S.

### Wednesday's Results:

#### FIRST WINNER FOR FRESHMAN SIRE

**3rd-DEL, \$36,635, Msw, 5-25, 2yo, 4 1/2f, :52.39, ft.**

**+IS EVERYBODY HAPPY (c, 2, [Maclean's Music](#)--Water in the Pond, by Medaglia d'Oro)** was hammered down to 2-5 favoritism for his career debut and did not disappoint, becoming the first winner for his freshman sire (by Distorted Humor). A Glen Hill Farm homebred, the dark bay posted four local works in preparation for this unveiling, including a bullet three-furlong drill in :35 flat (1/14) from the gate May 20. Away in good order, the colt momentarily stalked the pace but soon established control through a quarter-mile in :22 2/5. Is Everybody Happy was in full command turning for home and coasted to the wire 3 1/2 lengths clear of Howbouthemcowboys (Congaree). The winner, who hails from the extended family of MGSW Yearly Report (General Meeting) and her GISW daughter Condo Commando (Tiz Wonderful), has a yearling full-sister named Retention as well as an unnamed weanling full-brother. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$20,400. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O/B-Glen Hill Farm (FL); T-Thomas F. Proctor.

**6th-DEL, \$34,250, Msw, 5-25, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:45.12, ft.**

**MADEMOISELLE COCO (f, 3, [Medaglia d'Oro](#)--Easter Bunnette, by Carson City)**, a half-sister to 2011 Horse of the Year Havre de Grace (Saint Liam), Horse of the Year, Ch. Older Mare & MGSW, \$2,586,715, broke through to graduate in her third career start Wednesday afternoon. A non-factor seventh on debut sprinting six panels at the Fair Grounds Feb. 20, the dark bay showed moderate improvement when closing belatedly to finish a distant sixth in the wake of repeat winner Conquest Serenade (Unbridled's Song) going seven furlongs at Keeneland Apr. 8. Sent north to join her trainer's local string following that effort, the homebred posted a quartet of five-panel drills in preparation for this first try around two turns. Hard ridden leaving the gate, the 4-1 chance sparred for command inside a rival through a :49.26 half-mile and opened up a daylight advantage on the far turn. Fully extended into the stretch, she held on firmly to score by two lengths over Sherini (Bernardini), a half-sister to MGSW Shackleford (Forestry). The winner's dam is also responsible for an unnamed juvenile colt by Medaglia d'Oro and a yearling colt by Bernardini. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$20,572. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O/B-Nancy S. Dillman (KY); T-J. Larry Jones.

## NEW YORK

### Second Annual Belmont Fan Bash June 9:

The second annual Belmont Fan Bash will be Thursday, June 9 at 121 Fulton Street in New York City, New York America's Best Racing announced Tuesday. The Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA) and Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation (TRF) will be beneficiaries of the event, created to bring racing fans face to face with Thoroughbred racing's jockeys, trainer and owners. The Belmont Fan Bash will be sponsored by Ninety North Racing Stable.

"The Belmont Fan Bash is designed to raise interest, awareness and excitement for the 2016 Belmont S. Racing Festival among new, casual, core and soon-to-be racing fans," said Stephen B. Panus, vice president of TJC Media Ventures. "We're excited to be partnering with Ninety North Racing Stable again and look forward to enhancing the fan experience around the Belmont S. Racing Festival."

The Belmont S. Racing Festival, anchored by the \$1.5-million GI Belmont S., will feature championship racing, world-class entertainment and premium hospitality from June 9 to 11. Tickets to the bash will be \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door with all proceeds divided by TAA and TRF. There will also be a silent auction with racing memorabilia, upscale fashion items and exclusive racing experiences up for grabs.

"The care of our own retired racehorses is hugely important to us, so we are excited to team up with the TAA and TRF for a second year," said Kathryn Sharp, chief operating officer of Ninety North Racing Stable. "The party was a huge success last year, and hopefully this year's event will be even bigger."

## FLORIDA

### Wednesday's Results:

**3rd-GP, \$55,000, Msw, 5-25, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f, :50.99 (NTR), ft. +LU LU LAURA (f, 2, Circular Quay--Arealhotlover {SW, \$146,567}, by Untutable)** was promoted to first after Amapola (Broken Vow) crossed the wire in front in track-record time only to be subsequently disqualified and placed sixth for interference. Away a step slowly as Amapola darted to the front, Lu Lu Laura was hurried up on the outside while the aforementioned rival shifted inward approaching the turn, causing Cabinette (Discreetly Mine) to steady hard and effectively lose all chance. Amapola drew clear at will soon after that juncture and Lu Lu Laura gave futile chase down the stretch

to report home second best, beaten 9 3/4 lengths. After a review of the incident on the turn, the stewards placed Amapola sixth, giving the Kathleen O'Connell trainee the victory. The official winner is a half to Legal Laura (Wildcat Heir), SW, \$217,450; and Uncle Vinny (Uncle Mo), GSW & GISP, \$191,500. Meanwhile, Amapola's final clocking of :50.99 eclipsed the previous track record of :51.09 set by Niconellie (West Acre) in July 2014. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$36,000.

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O-Stonehedge LLC; B-Gilbert G. Campbell (FL); T-Kathleen O'Connell.

## CENTRAL U.S.

### Wednesday's Results:

**SWIFTLY SIRED FILLIES S., (NB) \$102,950, IND, 5-25, (S), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10.54, ft.**

1--**PEYTON'S PASS, 120, f, 3, by Pass Rush**

**1st Dam: Colorado Song (MGSP, \$164,928), by Pine Bluff**

**2nd Dam: Tomorrow's Song, by Apalachee**

**3rd Dam: Dantina, by Gray Phantom**

O-Mast Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Crystal Chapple (IN); T-Robert M. Gorham; J-Fernando De La Cruz. \$60,535. Lifetime Record: 4-3-1-0, \$109,735.

2--**My Erin, 120, f, 3, Article of Faith--Tapper Time, by Pine Bluff.**

O-Barbara Jean Conner & Southwest Racing Stables; B-Barbara J. Conner (IN); T-Genaro Garcia. \$20,178.

3--**Carmalley Chrome, 120, f, 3, Cat Dreams--Glisten, by Dixieland Band.** O-Tom Roche; B-Carmalley Valley Farm, LLC (IN); T-Michael W. Nance. \$11,097.

Margins: 1 1/4, 2, 5HF. Odds: 2.50, 6.70, 3.20.

Also Ran: Express Run, Easy Victory, Highly, Text N Ride.

Scratched: Good Guess.

Peyton's Pass easily captured her six-panel unveiling in the slop here last October and returned from a half-year layoff to finish a narrowly beaten second in a 5 1/2-furlong allowance Apr. 20. The bay returned to the winner's circle after a wire-to-wire trip-and-track score May 6 and was sent postward as the second choice in this stakes debut. Peyton's Pass chased the pace through a quarter-mile in :22.03 and went on the attack on the turn. Sent up two wide turning for home, she exchanged bumps with the tiring leader at the head of the lane and gradually forged clear to earn a decisive win.

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**7th-IND, \$34,000, Alw**, 5-25, (NW1X), 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:37.36, fm. **FROZEN HANNAH (f, 3, E Dubai--Hanna's Harmony, by Stormin Fever)** won her 5 1/2-furlong debut in the sloppy off-the-turfer at the Fair Grounds Mar. 27 and failed to replicate that effort when seventh next out going six furlongs at Keeneland Apr. 22. Let go at odds of 9-1 for this first spin over the sod, the bay pressed the pace from the outside through a half-mile in :48.41, braced for a challenge from Sage's Epiphany (Hat Trick {Jpn}) in the stretch and dug in to score by a neck. The winner is a half to Classy Zip (City Zip), SW, \$204,931. Sales History: \$20,000 Ylg '14 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$45,515. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#)

O-Wayne Sanders & Larry Hirsch; B-David A. Ross (KY); T-Joe Sharp.

**CAPE BLANCO (IRE)** (Galileo {Ire}), JBBA Shizunai Stallion Station, \$17.5K, 259/23/1

6-EVD, Msw 1mT, +Killerqueen, \$65K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 6-1

**COURAGEOUS CAT** (Storm Cat), Questroyal North, \$10K, 80/7/1  
2-BEL, Msw 5f, +Lady Joan, 20-1

**GIANT SURPRISE** (Giant's Causeway), Rockridge Stud, \$2.5K, 39/8/2  
2-BEL, Msw 5f, +Funny Surprise, \$60K SAR AUG yrl, 2-1

**GONE ASTRAY** (Dixie Union), Northwest Stud, \$4.5K, 146/24/2  
5-GP, Msw 4 1/2f, +Shoo Fly, 8-1

**TIZ THE ONE** (Tiznow), Red River Farms, , 64/13/0  
1-LAD, Msw 4 1/2f, +Katheline's Dreamer, 8-1

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### STAKES RESULTS:

**SAGAMORE SIRE S.**, (NB) \$103,700, IND, 5-25, (S), 3yo, 6f, 1:09.43, ft.

1--**STRONG COMPOSITION, 116, c, 3, Mancini--Strong Contestant, by Strong Contender.** O-Monarch Stables, Inc.; B-John O'Meara (IN); T-Anthony J. Granitz; J-Albin Jimenez. \$60,353. Lifetime Record: 11-2-5-1, \$101,131.

2--**Containment, 120, g, 3, Pass Rush--Christina's Gold, by Gold Token.** O/B-Swifty Farms Inc. (IN); T-Mort Shirazi. \$20,118.

3--**Derby Express, 122, c, 3, Unbridled Express--Pay the Toll, by Repriced.** O-Sherri L. Greenhill; B-Greenhill Racing (IN); T-Jeffrey L. Greenhill. \$11,065.

Margins: 2, 4 3/4, 4HF. Odds: 2.60, 5.20, 1.10.

### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**2nd-GP, \$38,600, (NW3L)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 5-25, 3yo/up, 7 1/2ft, 1:26.92, fm.**

**LITTLE BALTAR (g, 4, Line of David--True Kiss {SW, \$115,418}, by Is It True)** Lifetime Record: 20-3-3-2, \$95,230. O-Priscilla Vaccarezza & J & J Stables (Williams, Jr.); B-Pat Murphy (KY); T-Carlo Vaccarezza. \*\$35,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP; \$65,000 2yo '14 OBSMAR. \*\*1/2 to One True Kiss (Warrior's Reward), MGSP, \$146,940.

**8th-DEL, \$36,250, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$12,500), 5-25, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:43.72, ft.**

**PURPOSE OF LIFE (f, 4, Malibu Moon--Chapena, by Fusaichi Pegasus)** Lifetime Record: 8-2-3-0, \$67,340. O-Sagamore Farm; B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY); T-Horacio DePaz. \*\$95,000 RNA Ylg '13 FTKJUL; \$220,000 2yo '14 EASMAY. \*\*1/2 to Who is Camille (Dixie Union), SW, \$128,850.

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Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2012 Fee, # foals of racing age/Winners/  
BlackTypeWnrs \* Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)  
**ASTROLOGY** (A.P. Indy), Taylor Made Stallions, \$7.5K, 84/2/0  
2-BEL, Msw 5f, Leah's Dream, 10-1

**CREATIVE CAUSE** (Giant's Causeway), Airdrie Stud, \$15K, 86/1/0  
1-SA, Msw 4 1/2f, Wild Cause, 3-1

1-SA, Msw 4 1/2f, +Theonewewaitedfor, 2-1

**GEMOLOGIST** (Tiznow), WinStar Farm, \$15K, 117/0/0

1-SA, Msw 4 1/2f, Diamondinthecenter, \$170K OBS MAR 2yo, 5-2

**MISSION IMPAZIBLE** (Unbridled's Song), Sequel Stallions New York, \$7.5K, 48/2/0

2-BEL, Msw 5f, +Paz the Bourbon, \$150K OBS MAR 2yo, 5-1

**OVERDRIVEN** (Tale of the Cat), Ocala Stud Farm, \$3K, 59/0/0

2-BEL, Msw 5f, +Driven by Speed, 2-1

**SHACKLEFORD** (Forestry), Darby Dan Farm, \$20K, 119/0/0

1-SA, Msw 4 1/2f, +Coach House Girl, \$40K OBS MAR 2yo, 15-1

**TAPIZAR** (Tapit), Gainesway Farm, \$15K, 100/0/0

5-GP, Msw 4 1/2f, Draft Beer, \$23K KEE SEP yrl, 5-1

### Second-crop starters to watch: Tuesday, April 26

Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2012 Fee, # foals of racing age/Winners/  
BlackTypeWnrs \* Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)  
**ADIOS CHARLIE** (Indian Charlie), Ocala Stud Farm, \$3K, 85/12/0  
5-GP, Msw 4 1/2f, +Charlie the Greek, \$1,000 OBS WIN yrl, 20-1

**4th-IND, \$34,000**, 5-25, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.63, fm.

**RED RAVEN (IRE) (m, 5, [Raven's Pass](#)--Mowazana {Ire}, by [Galileo](#) {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1, \$45,112. O-Sheltowee Farm; B-Shadwell Estate Company Limited (IRE); T-Michael Evans II. \*€60,000 Ylg '12 GOFSP; \$4,000 4yo '15 KEENOV.

**5th-TDN, \$30,000**, (NW1Y)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 5-25, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:46.06, ft.

**NEEDMORE FLATTERY (m, 5, [Flutter](#)--Kiosk {MSP, \$115,649}, by [Left Banker](#))** Lifetime Record: MSW, 30-17-3-3, \$696,115. O/B-Bruce Ryan & Blazing Meadows Farm (OH); T-Timothy E. Hamm.

**5th-PID, \$28,800**, 5-24, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:04.41, ft.

**SONNY SHORT STACK (m, 5, [City Zip](#)--Hold All Calls, by Caller I. D.)** Lifetime Record: 26-9-4-3, \$93,628. O-Gabes Stable LLC; B-Winchester Farm (KY); T-Elliot Sullivan. \$12,000 Ylg '12 KEESEP.

**5th-LAD, \$20,600**, 5-25, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:37.48, fm.

**DRAKARYS (c, 3, [Artie Schiller](#)--Whimsical Miss, by [Distorted Humor](#))** Lifetime Record: 8-2-4-1, \$65,030. O-Bronce LLC; B-T/C Stable, LLC (KY); T-Eleuterio Martinez, Jr.. \$30,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Charlesbrecknridge**, g, 4, [Mutadda](#)--Generalcbandsallie, by Officer. DEL, 5-25, 6f, 1:11.47. B-Ripplewood Farm LLC. (KY).

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**+Hargeisa**, f, 2, [Speightstown](#). See "Germany."

**IN HONG KONG:**

**Harbour Master**, g, 6, [Mizzen Mast](#)--Geographic, by Empire Maker. Sha Tin, 5-22, Hcp. (\$212k), 1650m (AWT), 1:38.07. B-Millsec Ltd (KY). \*Formerly Market Town. \*\*SW-HK. [VIDEO](#)

**IN SOUTH KOREA:**

**No Small Korea**, f, 3, [Indygo Shiner](#)--Nosmallachievement, by Smart Strike. Busan, 5-22, Hcp. (\$47k), 1400m. B-Ellen B Kill Kelley (KY). \*\$50,000 Ylg '14 FTKJUL; \$150,000 2yo '15 OBSMAR. \*\*1/2 to Cowboy Son (Cowboy Cal), Ch. Imp. 3yo Colt-Kor.

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**Diferent Dimension**, g, 4, [Into Mischief](#)--Pardon My Sarong, by Souvenir Copy. Busan, 5-22, Hcp. (\$89k), 1800m. B-Larkspur Thoroughbreds (KY). \*\$27,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP; \$30,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR.

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**IN PERU:**

**Sensacionale**, c, 4, [Broken Vow](#)--Maria's Quest, by Maria's Mon. Monterrico, 5-21, Cond., 2000mT, 2:01.62. B-Kennelot Stables Ltd (KY). \*\$3,200 Wlg '12 KEENOV. \*\*GSP-Per. [VIDEO](#)

**Warrior's Gold**, c, 4, [Warrior's Reward](#)--Gold Revenue, by Touch Gold. Monterrico, 5-19, Maiden, 1000m, :57.18. B-Bernardo Alvarez Calderon & Teneri Farm Inc (KY). \*\$32,000 RNA Ylg '13 KEESEP. [VIDEO](#)



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## ERVEDYA TO TARGET ASCOT'S QUEEN ANNE



The Aga Khan's **Ervedya (Fr)** (Siyouni {Fr}), the winner of last year's G1 Coronation S. at Royal Ascot in addition to the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches and G1 Qatar Prix du Moulin de Longchamp, will this year target the G1 Queen Anne S. at the Royal meeting June 14 rather than facing her own sex in the G2 Duke of Cambridge S. over the same mile distance. Ervedya was second to Vadamos (Fr) (Monsun {Ger}) in the G2 Prix du Muguet on seasonal debut at Saint-Cloud May 1.

"She deserves to run in a Group 1," said the Aga Khan's French studs manager Georges Rimaud. "The Duke of Cambridge is a Group 2 and she would have extra weight to carry, so what would be the point? We were happy with her at Saint-Cloud and I think she will improve a lot from it."

An Aga Khan colourbearer who is unlikely to make the trip to Royal Ascot is 'TDN Rising Star' **Zarak (Fr)** (Dubawi {Ire}), who will instead target the G1 Prix du Jockey Club June 5. Zarak, a son of champion Zarkava (Ire) (Zamindar), won his first two starts but lost his unbeaten record when fifth in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains May 15.

"Zarak is fine," said Rimaud. "He ran a good race at Deauville but he possibly did not have enough experience for a race like that. He was also not drawn where the pace was so I do not think that helped, either. The objective now is the Prix du Jockey Club, but things can change. If he runs in the Jockey Club, we can assume that he won't be going [to Royal Ascot]."

## MONGOLIAN KHAN TO WINDSOR PARK

**Mongolian Khan (Aus)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}-Centafit {NZ}, by Centaine {Aus}), a Group 1 winner in Australia and New Zealand, will stand at New Zealand's Windsor Park Stud this year after that operation purchased a 50% interest in the 4-year-old from Inner Mongolia Rider Horse Group. Mongolian Khan, New Zealand's Horse of the Year and champion 3-year-old, is the only horse in history to win the G1 Australian Derby, G1 New Zealand Derby and G1 Caulfield Cup. He was trained by Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman and banked almost A\$4 million in prize money.

"Windsor Park are delighted to have purchased 50% of the champion racehorse Mongolian Khan from the Inner Mongolia Rider Horse Group, who will retain the other half," said Windsor Park owner Rodney Schick. [Cont. in Worldwide News p9](#)

## IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

### DOWN THE SHEDROW WITH BILL MOTT

The TDN's Christie DeBernardis goes down the shedrow with Bill Mott, who provided updates on stable stars such as Carina Mia (Malibu Moon) and Harmonize (Scat Daddy). [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

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## TIME FOR ACTION

Denied a re-introductory run in Sunday's G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup when the weather turned at The Curragh, Khalid Abdullah's **Time Test (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) returns instead in the G3 Brigadier Gerard S. at Sandown on Thursday. Set to race under a five-pound penalty as a result of his win in the G2 Joel S. over a mile at Newmarket in September, the homebred is back at



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10 furlongs in this prestigious affair, which has played host to the likes of Mtoto (GB), Pilsudski (Ire), Bosra Sham and Workforce (GB). With Time Test's most impressive performance coming at this distance in Royal Ascot's G3 Tercentenary S. in June, there are no stamina

concerns as he gears up for a possible run against the Japanese sensation A Shin Hikari (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) at the Royal meeting. "He went to Ireland, which was 12 hours there and 12 hours back, so it's not an ideal preparation but he's traveled well and there really aren't any other races for him to run in before Ascot," trainer Roger Charlton commented. "We only want to run if the ground is fast, but it looks like it will be."

Up until his disappointing effort when eighth in the G1 Dubai Turf over nine furlongs at Meydan Mar. 26, Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum's '**TDN Rising Star**' Intilaaq (Dynaformer) had looked highly progressive and destined for the top level. He beat last year's Listed Heron S. winner and G1 St James's Palace S. third Consort (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) in Newbury's Listed Steventon S. over this trip in July before adding the G3 Rose of Lancaster S. over an extended 10 furlongs at Haydock in August. "Intilaaq looks in terrific shape and his recent work has been excellent," trainer Roger Varian said. "Ten furlongs at a track like Sandown should be ideal for him, as should decent ground, which he ought to encounter tomorrow evening. It is a competitive renewal of the race, but I am sure he will run well."

Although he won this 12 months ago and performs particularly well at this track, Robin Geffen and Rachel Hood's **Western Hymn (GB)** (High Chaparral {Ire}) was unable to capitalise on a receipt of seven pounds from Cannock Chase (Lemon Drop Kid) in the G3 Huxley S. over this trip at Chester last time May 5 and it will be an anti-climax if he is able to eclipse Time Test here.

### Thursday, Sandown, Britain, post time: 7:40 p.m.

#### BETVICTOR BRIGADIER GERARD S.-G3, £65,000, 4yo/up, 10f 7yT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Western Hymn (GB)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Dettori	Gosden
2	Intilaaq	Dynaformer	Hanagan	Varian
3	Fire Fighting (Ire)	Soldier of Fortune (Ire)	Kirby	Johnston
4	Scottish (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Buick	Appleby
5	Not So Sleepy (GB)	Beat Hollow (GB)	Crowley	Morrison
6	Niceofoutotellme (GB)	Hernando (Fr)	Berry	Beckett
7	Time Test (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Moore	Charlton

All carry 126 pounds bar Time Test, 131.

### Thursday, Sandown, Britain, post time: 7:05 p.m.

#### BETVICTOR HENRY II S.-G3, £65,000, 4yo/up, 16f 78yT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Max Dynamite (Fr)	Great Journey (Jpn)	Moore	Mullins	128
2	Pallasator (GB)	Motivator (GB)	Murphy	Prescott	132
3	Burmese (GB)	Sir Percy (GB)	Buick	Tregoning	126
4	Suegioo (Fr)	Manduro (Ger)	Hanagan	Fahey	128
5	Frosty Berry (GB)	Proclamation (Ire)	Gray	de Giles	125

### Thursday, Baden-Baden, Germany, post time: 5:10 p.m.

#### 38TH BADENER MEILE-G2, €70,000, 3yo/up, 8fT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Wildpark (Ger)	Shamardal	Minarik	M Sauer	128
2	Royal Solitaire (Ire)	Shamardal	Porcu	P Schiergen	125
3	Felician (Ger)	Motivator (GB)	Helpfenbein	Leve	128
4	Mc Queen (Fr)	Silver Frost (Ire)	Hellyn	Almenrader	128
5	Molly Le Clou (Ger)	Doyen (Ire)	Pietsch	Hirschberger	128
6	Drummer (Ger)	Duke of Marmalade (Ire)	D Schiergen	P Schiergen	128
7	Nymeria (Ger)	Soldier Hollow (GB)	Suborics	Hickst	125
8	Quenby	Ambassador (Ger)	Pedroza	Wohler	125
9	Rosebay (Ger)	It's Gino (Ger)	de Vries	Klug	125
10	Nordico (Ger)	Medicean (GB)	Veron	Hofer	128

## IRELAND WELCOMES GODOLPHIN GROWTH

By Daithí Harvey

Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum made his first major investment in Irish bloodstock infrastructure in the mid-1980s with the purchase of Woodpark Stud in County Meath. Having bought and developed Dalham Hall in Newmarket, it was seen as another step in establishing and developing a major presence in European racing and breeding.

Fast forward to the present and Sheikh Mohammed has created a truly global organisation, standing stallions in six countries with some highly acclaimed names like Dubawi (Ire) (Dubai Millennium {GB}) and Shamardal (Giant's Causeway) featuring on the roster. *Cont. p3*



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## Ireland Welcomes Godolphin Growth cont.

Over the past 30 years, Godolphin has added a further seven farms in Ireland to bring their overall holdings in the country to around 4,700 acres. With a workforce of 250 people, Sheikh Mohammed has, over the years, become a significant contributor to the Irish economy and Irish society in general, in particular around the wider Kildare area where five of the stud properties are located. His maroon and white silks were once a



**Godolphin Ireland team members**  
(l to r) Jim Bolger, Joe Osborne &  
Jimmy Hyland | *Racing Post*

regular sight in Ireland; in fact, in 1986, the same year he purchased Kildangan Stud, his Authaal (Ire)--a son of Shergar (GB) and trained in Ireland by David O'Brien (son of Vincent)--won the G1 Irish St. Leger under Christy Roche. Over the following two decades the size of the string of horses in training in Ireland reduced, as that of Godolphin horses in training in the UK increased.

When the Jim Bolger-owned, -bred and -trained Teofilo (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) carried all before him in his 2-year-old career, winning all five starts and ultimately being crowned champion European juvenile in 2006, Sheikh Mohammed swooped to purchase the colt. That Teofilo never made it to the track as a 3-year-old has not affected his ability as a stallion, as he is proving a Darley stalwart, standing at Kildangan for a €50,000 covering fee and siring numerous Classic and Group 1 winners in both hemispheres.

What is perhaps even more significant for Ireland is this purchase appears to have been somewhat of a catalyst for increasing Darley and Godolphin's racing and stallion interests in Ireland. Jim Bolger also undoubtedly played a leading role in encouraging the organisation to up its ante in Ireland. Amazingly, Bolger produced another champion 2-year-old in 2007 called New Approach (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). Sheikh Mohammed also bought the colt, in the name of his wife Princess Haya of Jordan, and it proved an inspired purchase, with the horse retiring a winner of six Group 1 races, including an Epsom Derby, and is subsequently a proven Classic sire.

It was then quite apt that Dawn Approach (Ire), a son of New Approach, would be the first horse to be trained in Ireland under the Godolphin banner. Purchased from Jim Bolger after winning the G2 Coventry S. at Royal Ascot in 2012, Dawn Approach won his next three starts in Godolphin blue: the G1

National S. at the Curragh, the G1 Dewhurst S. at Newmarket and the G1 2000 Guineas back at Newmarket on his first 3-year-old start. He also got the better of Toronado (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}) in a thrilling finish to the G1 St James's Palace S. at Royal Ascot and has since joined his sire on the increasingly impressive Darley roster, with his first yearlings set to hit the market this autumn.

Despite the racecourse success of Dawn Approach, it wasn't until 2014 that a further two Irish trainers were brought into the fold, namely Michael Halford and Willie McCreery. Between Bolger, Halford and McCreery, Godolphin currently have 120 horses in training in Ireland, a massive rise in two years. John Ferguson welcomes the recent increase in Irish activities and sees it as a natural part of Godolphin's business.

"It has been a gradual progression over three years," he said. "Dawn Approach was the first Godolphin runner when he was purchased following his win in the Coventry at Royal Ascot. Since then we have continued to have horses with Jim Bolger, and Mick Halford and Willie McCreery have joined us as trainers. It's something that Sheikh Mohammed has really enjoyed. He has a great fondness for Ireland and the Irish people, and it is natural therefore to enjoy having horses trained there."

Horses like Moonlight Magic (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}), Devonshire (Ire) (Fast Company {Ire}) and Anamba (Shamardal) should help build on the 33 winners Godolphin



**John Ferguson** | *Racing Post*

enjoyed in Ireland last year, while Willie McCreery did his prospects of receiving further patronage no harm when saddling Devonshire (Ire) (Fast Company {Ire}) to win the G2 Lanwades Stud S. at The Curragh recently--his first group victory for Godolphin--and New Classicism (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}) to win a decent-looking maiden at Navan recently.

A few months back, in an effort to streamline their brand, Godolphin became the umbrella for all racing and breeding operations. However, decision makers in the organisation felt that such was the strength and familiarity with the name Darley that the stallion business would retain that title.

"It made sense to have one team," says Ferguson. "Godolphin is that team and it doesn't matter if you are foaling a mare or riding the last piece of work, your contribution is equally important. It therefore makes sense for everybody to feel part of the same family. We have retained the name Darley for stallions because Darley played a major part in the development of Sheikh Mohammed's bloodstock and it would be sad to lose that name forever." *Cont. p4*

**Ireland Welcomes Godolphin Growth cont.**

From a stallion point of view Darley is stronger than ever. Its roster in Ireland features 12 stallions with a mix of established household names like Shamardal, Teofilo and Exceed And Excel (Aus) (Danehill) along with the exciting, albeit unknown, quantities Dawn Approach, Night Of Thunder (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) and Slade Power (Ire) (Dutch Art {GB}).



Helmet | Darley photo

Following the early success of previous reverse shuttlers Helmet (Aus) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) and Sepoy (Aus) (Elusive Quality), Darley is hoping to repeat that success with this year's southern hemisphere pair Hallowed Crown (Aus) (Street Sense) and Shooting To Win (Aus) (Northern Meteor {Aus}). Helmet has arguably made a better start with his first Irish crop than his crops conceived in Australia, and Ferguson commented, "What really has excited me over the years is the breeders' willingness to try new things, and with the purchase of Exceed And Excel as an Australian-trained and -campaigned racehorse, his subsequent success has opened the doors for others to follow suit. We have a very strong team of stallions in Europe and the U.S. and an equally strong team in Australia. It makes sense to combine all operations into one and I am so grateful to the breeders for the fact that they have supported this move."

Between an increasing number of horses in training and a powerful stallion roster, Godolphin has established a world-class brand in Ireland, much to the benefit of the Irish bloodstock industry and indeed the wider Irish economy.

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**PRINCE OF WALES'S TARGET FOR TRYSTER**

Godolphin's **Tryster (Ire)** (Shamardal), who made a name for himself in Dubai over the winter when winning the G1 Jebel Hatta S. and G3 Dubai Millennium S., has returned to trainer Charlie Appleby's Newmarket yard and will target the G1 Prince Of Wales's S. at Royal Ascot June 15 for his comeback, Appleby told *At The Races*.

"Tryster has come back very well," Appleby told *At The Races*. "He had to do a month in quarantine so he had an enforced break there, but he's been back in the UK six weeks now; he's in great order. We're looking towards the Prince of Wales's with him, as 10 furlongs is up his street."

"He's one of those horses who thrived in Dubai--the style of racing suited him out there," Appleby added. "Going to Ascot, hopefully we'll be able to use that style as he's shown what he can do on turf as well as synthetics now. He's an exciting horse to have around."

Tryster was last seen finishing third in the G1 Dubai Turf on World Cup night Mar. 26, and the form of that race received a boost last weekend when second-placed Euro Charline (GB) (Myboycharlie {Ire}) filled second again in the G1 Lockinge S.

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Tryster winning the G1 Jebel Hatta at Meydan | DRC/Andrew Watkins

**TEPIN GIVEN SUSSEX ENTRY**

**Tepin** (Bernstein), last year's American champion grass mare and GI Breeders' Cup Mile winner, has been given an entry in Goodwood's G1 Sussex S. over a mile July 27. The 5-year-old, who currently rides a six-race win streak and most recently won the GII Distaff Turf Mile at Churchill Downs May 7, is first targeting the G1 Queen Anne S. at Royal Ascot June 14.

"Tepin is very well," said trainer Mark Casse. "She has a real big



Tepin | Coady photography

breeze coming this Saturday and how she works will tell us but right now, we are on schedule to come to Royal Ascot. I believe the travel is arranged for Saturday, June 6. She runs on the Tuesday so that will give her eight or nine days.

Casse added, "The Qatar Sussex S. at Goodwood is an exciting race and I always like to keep my options open. They asked me about the race and it is definitely something to think about."

**Tepin Given Sussex Entry cont.**

Also among the Sussex entries are this year’s mile Classic winners **Galileo Gold (GB)** (Paco Boy {Ire}), **The Gorkha (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), **Awtaad (Ire)** (Cape Cross {Ire}), **Minding (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) and **Jet Setting (Ire)** (Fast Company {Ire}), as well as recent G1 Lockinge S. winner **Belardo (Ire)** (Lope De Vega {Ire}).

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**Thursday, Sandown, post time: 8:15 p.m.**

**HERON S.-Listed, £37,000, 3yo, 8f 14yT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Cymric	Kitten's Joy	Buick	Gosden
2	Atlantic Sun (GB)	Roderic O'Connor (Ire)	Levey	Hannon
3	Palawan (GB)	Mount Nelson (GB)	Dobbs	Hannon
4	Zonderland (GB)	Dutch Art (GB)	Kirby	Cox
5	Royal Artillery	War Front	Moore	Gosden
6	Forge (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Smullen	Stoute

All carry 126 pounds.

Having created a striking impression on his sole juvenile start at Doncaster in October, **Royal Artillery** returns in this pointer to the G1 St James’s Palace S. at Royal Ascot. John Gosden’s stable is also represented by last year’s G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere runner-up **Cymric**, who has to put two subsequent disappointing efforts when eighth in both the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Turf and Listed Newmarket S. Apr. 30 on his juvenile finale and 3-year-old bow. Sir Michael Stoute pitches the exciting Juddmonte homebred **Forge** into a race he usually points something decent at, and the son of the GISW Heat Haze (GB) (Green Desert) impressed with his attitude when breaking his maiden at Doncaster Apr. 23.

**Thursday, Sandown, post time: 6:35 p.m.**

**BETVICTOR MILLION POUND GOAL NATIONAL S.-Listed, £26,000, 2yo, 5f 6yT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Bohemian Flame (Ire)	Zoffany (Ire)	Probert	Balding
2	Global Applause (GB)	Mayson (GB)	Moore	E Dunlop
3	Tomily (Ire)	Canford Cliffs (GB)	Dobbs	Hannon
4	Jule in the Crown (GB)	Harbour Watch (Ire)	de Sousa	Channon
5	Chupalla (GB)	Helmet (Aus)	Buick	Johnston
6	Mehmas (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Dettoni	Hannon
7	Copper Knight (Ire)	Sir Prancealot (Ire)	Smullen	Palmer

All carry 126 pounds bar Chupalla & Jule in the Crown, 121.

‘**TDN Rising Star**’ **Chupalla** bids to stay on track for Royal Ascot in this important stop-off, having been absent since her impressive six-length success on debut over this trip at Kempton Mar. 26. She will have her work cut out against some smart colts headed by the unbeaten **Mehmas**, who had the re-opposing **Global Applause** 3 1/4 lengths back in second when doubling his

tally in Newbury’s Olympic Glory Conditions S. on the Lockinge card May 14. Interestingly, the third in that race, Thora Barber (GB) (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}), had trailed Chupalla on debut before showing marked improvement. “We decided to go to Sandown to get a bit more experience before Ascot,” trainer Richard Hannon said. “He is a very nice horse, but he does not do a lot at home. We are looking for another good run for him. You can run him over five or six as it doesn’t bother him and he will do either. He has always been relaxed since he came into the yard. He won well first time out and he improved again to win second time out. He is a very nice horse and this is his year.” Hannon also saddles the easy Brighton and Chepstow winner **Tomily**, who has to progress to win this but who can draw on an experience edge having had four runs already.

**Wednesday’s Results:**

**1st-LIN, £5,000, Cond, 5-25, 2yo, 5fT, 1:00.44, gd.**

**RAPACITY ALEXANDER (IRE) (f, 2, Dandy Man {Ire}--Umlani {Ire}, by Great Commotion)**, third to ‘TDN Rising Star’ Chupalla (GB) (Helmet {Aus}) on debut at Kempton Mar. 26 before finishing second in a Nottingham maiden May 6, started as the 9-4 favourite and was allowed to steadily work her way to the lead after a furlong. Drifting left when in command inside the final quarter mile, the €42,000 GOFNOV foal and 90,000gns TAOCT yearling’s momentum was unchecked as she powered to a 3 1/4-length verdict over Diable d’Or (Ire) (Clodovil {Ire}). The winner, who is a full-sister to the G1 Hong Kong Sprint hero Peniaphobia (Ire), G1SW-HK & MG1SP-UAE, \$4,346,519, hails from the extended family of the G1 Coronation Cup-winning sire Quiet Fling and fellow sires Armistice Day (GB) and Peacetime. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$6,875. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Noel O’Callaghan; B-Aidan Fogarty (IRE); T-David Evans.

**1st-HAM, £4,500, Cond, 5-25, 2yo, 6f 6yT, 1:11.68, g/f.**

**BOUNDSY (IRE) (c, 2, Dandy Man {Ire}--Chiba {UAE}, by Timber Country)**, who hit the board going five panels in his Ripon debut last time Apr. 23, raced on the lead after a sharp getaway here. The 9-1 chance was shaken up with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining and driven out late to hold stablemate Good Time Ahead (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}) by a diminishing short-head. Boundsy is out an unraced half-sister to MGSW G1 Poule d’Essai des Pouliches runner-up Maiden Tower (GB) (Groom Dancer), herself the dam of stakes-winning G2 Grand Prix de Deauville second Penglai Pavilion (Monsun {Ger}) and the stakes-placed Picture Hat (El Prado {Ire}). Sales history: €10,000 Wlg ‘14 GOFNOV; 15,000gns Ylg ‘15 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$5,370. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Kevin Mercer & Partner; B-Glenview House Stud (IRE); T-Richard Fahey.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Tenzing Norgay (GB)**, g, 3, [Aussie Rules](#)--Miss Katmandu (Ire), by Rainbow Quest. LIN, 5-25, 11f 106yT, 2:35.58. B-J. L. C. Pearce (GB).

**+Highland Dragon (GB)**, g, 3, **Dutch Art (GB)**--Tiger Mist (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). KEM, 5-25, 7f (AWT), 1:25.20. B-Mike Smith (GB).

**High Draw (Fr)**, c, 3, **Falco**--Augusta Lucilla, by Mr. Greeley. WET, 5-24, 8fT, 1:42.17. B-Aleyrion Bloodstock Ltd (FR). \*€14,000 Ylg '14 AR14.

**On the Bill (Ire)**, g, 3, **Kyllachy (GB)**--Secret Flame (GB), by Machiavellian. KEM, 5-25, 7f (AWT), 1:25.20. B-Val & Angela Leeson (IRE). \*30,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT; 52,000gns 2yo '15 TATBRE.

## OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

**3.30 Haydock, Mdn, £5,000, 3yo/up, 8fT**

**LUSORY (GB)** ([Shamardal](#)) is a Godolphin-owned and Charlie Appleby-trained son of the G1 Fillies Mile heroine Playful Act (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), who has gone on to produce the GII New York S. winner Giants Play (Giant's Causeway) and the GIII Orchid S. scorer Anjaz (Street Cry {Ire}). Playful Act is a daughter of the prolific matriarch Magnificent Style (Silver Hawk), responsible for the likes of Nathaniel (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and his G1 Irish Oaks-winning full-sister Great Heavens (GB).

SHARE  Facebook Twitter E-mail**BELL INJURY WORSE THAN EXPECTED**

Jockey Sammy Jo Bell, who was injured at Carlisle last Friday when a mount reared up and fell on her on the way to the start, may have worse damage than originally expected. Bell was diagnosed with a crack pubic bone, but a second opinion has revealed further complications.

"They might have to put plates in her and all sorts," said Bell's boss, trainer Richard Fahey. "She's been transferred to Hull [Royal Infirmary] from York. I was surprised they let her out on Friday. We'll know a bit more after they've had a proper look, but it sounds like it's worse than they thought it was originally."

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# IRELAND

**Wednesday's Results:**

**5th-GOW**, €15,000, Cond, 5-25, 3yo/up, f/m, 9f 100yT, 2:00.33, g/f.

**SHAMREEN (IRE)** (f, 3, [Dubawi {Ire}](#)--Shareen {Ire} {GSW-Ire, \$147,264}, by Bahri), who was last seen winning over this course and distance to break her maiden Apr. 24, was anchored last of the trio throughout the early stages. Given a reminder halfway up the straight, the 4-5 favourite responded to overhaul Siamsaiocht (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) approaching the final furlong en route to a 3 3/4-length success. The dam, who hails from His Highness the Aga Khan's "S" dynasty of Shahrastani, is a half to the GSW Sharestan (Ire) (Shamardal) and has a 2-year-old colt Shahroze (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) and a yearling filly by Rip Van Winkle (Ire). Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, \$24,699. [Video](#), [sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-H.H. Aga Khan; B-His Highness the Aga Khan's Studs S.C. (IRE); T-Dermot Weld.

**1st-GOW**, €14,000, Mdn, 5-25, 3yo, 7fT, 1:26.31, g/f.

**MONARCH (IRE)** (c, 3, [Galileo {Ire}](#)--Secret Garden {Ire} {SW-Eng & US, \$126,614}, by Danehill), runner-up in a mile maiden at Killarney eight days previously, was sent off the 8-11 favourite and showed early speed to lead against the rail before being provided with a lead to the home straight. In front before the quarter pole, the full-brother to the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas hero Roderic O'Connor (Ire), G1SW-Ire & Fr, G1SP-Eng, \$631,275, veered left passing the furlong marker but had plenty in hand and once straightened re-asserted to win by 2 1/4 lengths from Flying Fairies (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}). "He tried to go for the [exit] gate," jockey Donnacha O'Brien explained after his quick-thinking saved the day for odds-on punters. "He has plenty of ability and I'm glad we had the chifney on him." There is a yearling full-brother to the winner to come from the talented Secret Garden, who has also produced the SW and MGSP Ballydoyle filly Dazzling (Ire) to a mating with Galileo and the G3 Sirenia S. third Weatherstaff (Elusive Quality) from seven foals to race. She descends from the G1 Cheveley Park S.-winning champion Durtal (Ire) (Lyphard), a half-sister to the Arc heroine and French Horse of the Year in 1980 Detroit (Fr) (Riverman), who also bred the dual G1 Ascot Gold Cup winner and sire Gildoran (Ire). Under Detroit are the accomplished Lake Erie (Ire) and the fellow Arc-winning Carnegie (Ire), as well as the high-achieving Bolger star filly Banimpire (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}). [Cont. p7](#)

**Monarch cont.**

Recent members of this family to fly the standard are the G2 Prix de Royallieu runner-up Lady of Kyushu (Smart Strike) and the Listed Cheshire Oaks winner Perfect Truth (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), a daughter of Charroux (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}) that Aidan O'Brien knows so well. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$13,374. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Mrs John Magnier & Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith;  
B-Swettenham Stud (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien.

**6th-GOW, €14,000, Mdn, 5-25, 3yo/up, f/m, 9f 100yT, 2:01.11, g/f.**

**EARRING (f, 3, [Dansili {GB}](#)--[Together {Ire}](#) {Hwt. 3yo-Ire at 7-9 1/2f, GISW-US, GSW & MG1SP-Ire, MG1SP-Eng, \$835,619}, by [Galileo {Ire}](#)),** runner-up over a mile on debut at Navan Apr. 17, raced in second early. Taking over with two furlongs remaining, the 11-4 second favourite was pushed out to secure a cosy 1 1/2-length win over An Cailin Orga (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), a daughter of the brilliant Finsceal Beo (Ire) (Mr. Greeley). After the race that *Irishracing.com* dubbed the "millionaire maiden," winning jockey Seamie Heffernan said, "She has a lovely pedigree and had a nice first run. I'd imagine the ground was a good help to her. It's beautiful ground. She will probably stay around that trip next time." Earring is the first foal out of the high-class Ballydoyle runner Together, who was second in the G1 English and Irish 1000 Guineas before ending her career with a well-deserved first top-level success in the Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup. She is also a half-sister to the talented G1 Criterium International winner Jan Vermeer (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}), one-time Derby favourite who was third in the Irish equivalent and the G1 Grand Prix de Paris. The third dam, the unraced Evening Air (J. O. Tobin), is an influential broodmare responsible for the G3 May Hill S. winner Midnight Air (Green Dancer), who in turn produced Midnight Line (Kris S.), heroine of the GII Long Island H., G3 Prestige S. and like her dam also the May Hill. Another star mare to feature in this family is the G1 Prix de l'Abbaye de Longchamp winner Imperial Beauty (Imperial Ballet {Ire}), who went on to produce the MGSP Ipswich (Ire) (Daneshill Dancer {Ire}). Together has visited War Front on three occasions since her initial mating with Dansili, and has a 2-year-old filly named Old Time Waltz, a yearling colt and a filly foal by him. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, €11,410. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Derrick Smith & Mrs John Magnier & Michael Tabor;  
B-Orpendale, Chelston & Wynatt; T-Aidan O'Brien.

**CONDITIONS RESULT:**

**2nd-GOW, €16,000, 5-25, 3yo, 7fT, 1:25.87, g/f.**

**RECKLESS ENDEAVOUR (IRE) (g, 3, [Kodiac {GB}](#)--[Red Fanfare {GB}](#), by [First Trump {GB}](#))** Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1, \$29,545.

O-Vincent Gaul; B-Gerry Cumiskey (IRE); T-Ger Lyons. \*€25,000 Ylg '14 TISEP.

**FRANCE****Wednesday's Results:**

**PRIX DE MONTRETOUT-Listed, €52,000, MLF, 5-24, 4yo/up, 8fT, 1:42.97, hy.**

1--**#A SHIN ERWIN (IRE), 126, h, 5, [Shamardal](#)--[La Ina \(Ger\) \(SW & G1SP-Ger, GSP-Fr, \\$241,166\), by Monsun \(Ger\).](#)** O-Eishindo Co Ltd; B-K K Eishindo (IRE); T-Hidemasa Nakao; J-Cristian Demuro. €26,000. Lifetime Record: GSP-Jpn, 20-4-5-4, €516,611. \*1/2 to Lateran Accord (Ire) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), SW-Swi, \$158,190.

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2--**Leader Writer (Fr), 126, c, 4, Pivotal (GB)--Miss Emma May (Ire),** by Hawk Wing. O-Guy Heald. €10,400.

3--**Rosie Cotton (Ire), 122, f, 4, King's Best--Luce (Ire),** by Sadler's Wells. O-Ballygallon Stud Ltd. €7,800.

Margins: SNK, HD, 1 1/4. Odds: 4.70, 9.00, 13.50.

Click for the [Racing Post result](#). [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

Unsuccessful in six starts since registering a brace of victories at Hanshin last March and April, A Shin Erwin followed up the win of his owner's A Shin Hikari (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in Tuesday's G1 Prix d'Ispahan to claim a first stakes score in this European debut. Positioned four lengths off the pace after the break, the 2014 G3 Kisaragi Sho third inched closer from halfway and kept on strongly under a final quarter drive to prevail in a three-way photo. He is a half to Listed Grand Prix Jockey Club scorer Lateran Accord (Ire) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}) and a yearling filly by Lawman (Fr). The winner's group-placed fourth dam Lomela (Ger) (Surumu {Ger}) is the dam of G2 Preis der Diana victress Longa (GB) (Blakeney {GB}), herself the dam of two stakes performers.

**1st-MLF, €34,000, Cond, 5-25, 2yo, f, 6fT, 1:16.18, hy.**

**NEELANJALI (FR) (f, 2, [Elusive City](#)--[Rubies {GB}](#), by [Inchinor {GB}](#)),** who ran second in an Apr. 11 Saint-Cloud claimer in her only prior start, raced in fifth for most of this first outing for new connections. Coming under pressure approaching the quarter-mile marker, the 10-1 chance found a clear passage to challenge

at the eighth pole and was ridden out from there to assert by 3/4 of a length from Vega Sicilia (Fr) (Elusive City). [Cont. p8](#)

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**MLF1 cont.**

Neelanjali is out of a winning sibling of G2 Flying Childers S. victress Sand Vixen (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) and the stakes-winning G3 Greenham S. third So Will I (GB) (Inchinor {GB}). Sales history: €3,500 Ylg '15 ARNOV. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, €21,600. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Antoine Crastus; B-Mme Mette Campbell Andenaes (FR); T-Nicolas Caullery.

**3rd-MLF, €34,000, Cond, 5-25, 2yo, c/g, 6fT, 1:16.37, hy.**

**RED ONION (GB) (c, 2, Fast Company {Ire}--Capsicum {GB}, by Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}),** an Apr. 20 debut winner at Saint-Cloud before running second at this track last time May 13, was the slowest of eight away and inched into midfield after racing in rear initially. Pushed into contention approaching the final eighth, the 2-1 favourite was ridden out in the closing stages to score by 3/4 of a length from Merci Patron (Fr) (Literato {Fr}). The €42,000 AROCT yearling is a half to Listed Prix La Fleche third Siderante (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}) and their granddam, Scotch Bonnet (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}), is a sibling of G1 Irish Oaks third Sister Bella (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) and of the dam of G1 Grosser Dallmayr-Preis winner Neatico (Ger) (Medicean {GB}). Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, €35,300. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Ecurie Salabi, Nicolas Saltiel & Alexis Anghert; B-Thierry de la Heronniere & Mme Marie-Joelle Goetschy (GB); T-Carlos & Yann Lerner.

**4th-MLF, €34,000, Cond, 5-25, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:42.20, hy.**

**AL JAZI (IRE) (f, 3, Canford Cliffs {Ire}--Rainbow Crossing {GB} {SW-Fr, \$144,296}, by Cape Cross {Ire}),** who hit the board in the Listed Prix FBA Aymeri de Mauleon at Toulouse in her latest start Apr. 30, was steadied off the pace in fifth through halfway in this lesser spot. Easing into third approaching the quarter-mile marker, the 6-5 chalk grabbed a slender advantage entering the final furlong and was ridden out to outlast Rien Que Pour Toi (Fr) (Orpen) by a half-length. The €160,000 ARAUG yearling, who is from the family of GSW G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches runner-up Pont Aven (Ire) (Try My Best), is kin to a 2-year-old filly by High Chaparral (Ire) and a yearling filly by Champs Elysees (GB). Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 7-2-1-3, €55,700. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Al Shaqab Racing; B-Ecurie Skymarc Farm (IRE); T-F. Rohaut.

**2nd-MLF, €34,000, Cond, 5-25, 3yo, c/g, 8fT, 1:43.83, hy.**

**QATAR DREAM (IRE) (c, 3, Makfi {GB}--Baine {Fr}, by Country Reel),** who was a head second in Rome's G3 Premio Parioli (Italian 2000 Guineas) last time Apr. 24, seized control after the initial strides of this point-and-shoot. In command thereafter, the 1-5 lock was never out of second gear and coasted to the

line under minimal encouragement to easily account for Verti Chop (Fr) (Namid {GB}) by an unextended 3 1/2 lengths. Qatar Dream, a €140,000 ARAUG yearling, is out of the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches runner-up Baine (Fr) (Country Reel) and he is a half-brother to a yearling colt by Iffraaj {GB}). His third dam, Balouchina (Ire) (Rainbow Quest), is a winning half-sister to G1 Prix Robert Papin victress Balbonella (Fr) (Gay Mecene), herself the dam of MG1SW European champion Anabaa (Danzig), G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches heroine Always Loyal (Zilzal) and GSW G1 Pimlico Special H. second Key of Luck (Chief's Crown). Lifetime Record: GSP-Ity, 5-2-3-0, €59,110. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Sheikh Abdullah bin Khalifa Al Thani; B-Ecurie Skymarc Farm (IRE); T-Francois Rohaut.

## GERMANY

**Wednesday's Result:**

**2nd-BAD, €10,000, Mdn, 5-25, 2yo, 5fT, :59.95, gd.**

**+HARGEISA (GER) (f, 2, Speightstown--Hasay {GB} {SW-US & MSP-Ger, \$142,001}, by Lomitas {GB}),** sent off the 11-10 favourite, reared at the start and was forced to play catch-up initially with one behind. Traveling strongly to the front with two furlongs remaining, the homebred was soon clear and needed only to be kept up to his work late to win by 4 1/2 lengths from Farshad (Ger) (Kendargent {Fr}). The smart dam is a daughter of the SW and GIII Vinery Matchmaker S. runner-up Saralea (Fr) (Sillery), who is a half-sister to the Hong Kong Gold Cup winner Deauville (Fr) (Groom Dancer) and SW and GIII California Jockey Club H. and GIII Countess Fager H. runner-up La Kaldoun (Fr) (Kaldoun {Fr}). She has a yearling filly by Arch to follow this promising first foal. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €5,000.

O/B-Stiftung Gestut Fahrhof; T-Mario Hofer.

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**Mongolian Khan To Windsor Park cont. from p1**

"Their president, Mr. Lin Lang, is a passionate supporter of the New Zealand Racing Industry and will be backing Mongolian Khan at stud with a number of high-quality broodmares, which he is currently in the process of securing," Shick added. "We have enjoyed great success standing Derby winners like High Chaparral and Montjeu at Windsor Park and with his race performance and pedigree we think Mongolian Khan ticks all the right boxes." [Cont. p9](#)

**Mongolian Khan to Windsor Park cont.**

Trainer Murray Baker added, "With his speed and ability to run fast sectionals, Mongolian Khan ranks with the best racehorses I have trained, as his outstanding record would suggest. He's got the looks and was a very sound racehorse who was blessed with a great action and a beautiful temperament."

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**PAYNE SERIOUS, BUT STABLE AFTER FALL**

Michelle Payne, who last year became the first female jockey to win the G1 Melbourne Cup aboard Prince Of Penzance (NZ) (Pentire {GB}), remains in serious but stable condition at the Alfred Hospital in Melbourne after undergoing abdominal surgery on injuries suffered in a fall at Mildura racecourse on



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Monday. The 30-year-old Payne had been scheduled to ride at Royal Ascot and as part of the girls' team for the Shergar Cup, but her British stint has been cancelled. Payne's brother, former Australian champion jockey Paddy Payne, said he thinks his sister should consider retirement from the saddle, telling *The Age*, "She had a bad fall three years ago and we suggested then to retire, but she maintained she had more to give. Now, after what she has been through in the last few days, I think she should look at retirement. What's the point in chancing it? She's won a Melbourne Cup--that could never be taken away from her--and it might be time to get married and have a few kids and just take a break. You have got to at least give it some thought."

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**Saturday, Doomben, Australia, post time: 4:00 p.m. (2:00 a.m. EST)**  
**DOOMBEN 10,000-G1, A\$750,000 (€483,758/£365,968), 3yo/up, 1350mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Delectation	Shamardal (USA)	McDonald	Waller	130
2	Fell Swoop	Not A Single Doubt	Purton	Dale	130
3	Dothraki	Mossman	Shinn	Snowdens	130
4	Hooked	Casino Prince	Byrne	Thompson	130
5	Charlie Boy	Myboycharlie (Ire)	Browne	Snowdens	130
6	Music Magnate (NZ)	Written Tycoon	McEvoy	Baker	130
7	Azkadellia (NZ)	Shinko King (Ire)	Zahra	Maher	125
8	Too Blue	Dubleo (USA)	King	Buchanan	125
9	Scarlet Billows	Street Boss (USA)	Rawiller	Weir	125
10	Divine Centuri	I Am Invincible	Wiggins	Kendrick	121

**EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS**

**IN HONG KONG:**

**Mambo Rock (Ire), c, 3, [Rock of Gibraltar \(Ire\)](#)--Amaya, by Kingmambo. Sha Tin, 5-22, Griffin Race (£70k/€93k), 1200mT, 1:11. B-Churchtown House Stud. \*90,000gns Ylg '14 TATOCT.**

[VIDEO](#)

**HOKKAIDO SALE POSTS SOLID GAINS**

by Alan Carasso

The annual Hokkaido Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training, the sale which produced reigning Japanese Horse of the Year Maurice (Jpn) (Screen Hero {Jpn}, ¥10.5 million) in 2013, was held Tuesday on the northern island and featured turnover of over ¥1 billion for the second year in a row while the average of ¥7,359,631 rose by 12.1% over the 2015 event. The buyback rate was 36.9%, a result which is in line with years past.

A May-foaled filly from the first crop of Rulership (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}), a three-time group winner on home turf and victorious in the G1 Audemars Piguet Queen Elizabeth II Cup



Rulership | *HKJC photo*

in Hong Kong, was knocked down for a final bid of ¥49.6 million--the second-highest price in its history--to top the single-session auction.

Representatives of JS Company Ltd signed the winning ticket. Consigned by Oiwake Farm, [lot 80](#) is out of Salvador (Jpn) (Sunday

Silence), herself a daughter of Brazilian MGSW Curitiba (Sheikh Albadou {GB}). This is also the extended female family of French GSW Reine Mathilde and Irish 1000 Guineas placegetter Lotus Pool.

JS Company was the name on the docket for the afternoon's second highest-priced offering, a colt by Maurice's sire Screen Hero (Jpn) (Grass Wonder) that sold for ¥32.4 million. A May 26 foal catalogued as [lot 188](#), the Takayama Bokujo-consigned chestnut is a son of the winning Jungle Pocket (Jpn) mare Pharma Penny (Jpn) and is inbred 4x4 to Wishing Well (Understanding), the dam of the sensational Sunday Silence.

Three juveniles from the first crop of 2012 GI Kentucky Derby and GI Preakness S. winner I'll Have Another (Flower Alley) went through the ring Tuesday on Hokkaido. The most expensive of the trio was [lot 199](#), a daughter of 1995 GII Sorrento S. winner Bully Bones (Hesabull), who was hammered down for ¥15.1 million. [Lot 69](#), a colt out of the Thunder Gulch mare Water Moon (Jpn), realised a bid of ¥8.6 million, while [lot 124](#), a filly out of Chap Up (Langfuhr), was knocked down for ¥5.4 million.

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**HOKKAIDO 2-YEAR-OLDS IN TRAINING**

**TUESDAY'S TOP FIVE LOTS**

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (¥)
<a href="#">80</a>	filly	Rulership	Salvador	49,680,000
<i>B-Shiraai Farm, Shadai Corporation Ltd</i>				
Consigned by Oiwake Farm				
Purchased by JS Co Ltd				
<a href="#">188</a>	colt	Screen Hero	Pharma Penny	32,400,000
<i>B-Takayama Bokujo</i>				
Consigned by Takayama Bokujo				
Purchased by JS Co Ltd				
<a href="#">151</a>	colt	Furioso	Nights End (Aus)	30,240,000
<i>B-Hideyuki Soda</i>				
Consigned by Grande Farm Inc				
Purchased by Big Red Farm Co Ltd				
<a href="#">212</a>	colt	Manhattan Cafe	Porvenir (GB)	24,840,000
<i>B-Hiroshi Okita</i>				
Consigned by Chestnut Farm				
Purchased by Akira Katayama				
<a href="#">131</a>	colt	Danon Chantilly	Dormez Vous (USA)	23,760,000
<i>B-Matoba Bokujo</i>				
Consigned by Bando Bokujo				
Purchased by Tetsumi Kurokawa				

*All horses bred in Japan unless otherwise indicated*

\$1 = ¥110.17; £1 = ¥162.11; €1 = ¥122.88; A\$1 = ¥79.32

**AUSTRALIAN-BRED WINNERS**

**IN SINGAPORE:**

**Jupiter Gold (Aus)**, r, 2, [Congrats](#)--Contented (Aus), by More Than Ready. Kranji, 5-22, Magic Millions National Yearling Sale S. (Cond) (A\$91k), 1100m (AWT), 1:05.52. B-Vinery Stud (Australia) Pty Ltd (NSW). \*Jupiter Gold, sent off as one of three joint favorites at odds of 13-5 in this third leg of the Singapore Golden Horseshoe Series for juveniles, came from a near-impossible



Jupiter Gold | Singapore Turf Club photo

position to remain perfect in his two career starts. An A\$130,000 graduate of the 2015 Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale, the ridgling rallied from well back in the field to open his

account at first asking Apr. 10 and was forced to deal from the widest alley in this field of 12. Trapped out very deep from the outset, Jupiter Gold improved into midfield entering the turn, but was flushed about seven wide into the lane. The leaders got a break, but the handsome brown colt came with a determined rally into the final furlong, struck to the front with about 100 metres to race and kicked home to score by 1 1/2 impressive lengths ([video](#)). "He needs more distance and the 1200m trip will be even better for him," commented winning trainer Hideyuki Takaoka. "He will run in one more Leg and then the big race [S\$325,000 Aushorse Golden Horseshoe S. 1200mT, July 8]. Last time, he got checked at the start and settled at the rear, but this time I told the jockey to ride him closer to the pace. It was not an easy race for him, but he showed he was a really good horse today." The winner's dam, acquired by Vinery Stud in foal to Congrats for A\$90,000 at the 2012 Inglis Easter Broodmare Sale, produced a filly by Big Brown in 2014 and a colt by Vinery's Casino Prince (Aus) last October. Jupiter Gold hails from the extended female family of the legendary Takeover Target (Aus) (Celtic Swing {GB}). [@EquinealTDN](#)



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**HOKKAIDO 2YOS IN TRAINING**

SESSION TOTALS	2016	2015
• Catalogued	259	299
• No. Offered	241	267
• No. Sold	152	166
• RNAs	89	101
• % RNAs	36.9%	37.8%
• High Price	¥49,680,000	¥32,940,000
• Gross	¥1,118,664,000 (+2.7%)	¥1,089,504,000
• Average (% change)	¥7,359,631 (+12.1%)	¥6,563,277



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**Court Case (Aus)**, g, 3, **Star Witness (Aus)**--Marie Doree (Fr), by River Bay. Kranji, 5-22, Hcp. (A\$61k), 1000m (AWT), :59.66. B-W J Gleeson (NSW). \*NZ\$100,000 Ylg '14 NZBPPE. [VIDEO](#)

**IN HONG KONG:**

**My Darling (Aus)**, g, 3, **Mossman (Aus)**--Syrian Bride (NZ), by Golan (Ire). Sha Tin, 5-22, Hcp. (A\$209k), 1400m, 1:21.54. B-Ramsey Pastoral Co Pty Ltd (Qld). \*A\$26,000 Ylg '14 INGCLS.

[VIDEO](#)

**Fionesay (Aus)**, g, 3, **Rothesay (Aus)**--So In Need (Aus), by Nediym (Ire). Sha Tin, 5-22, Hcp. (A\$209k), 1200mT, 1:09.26. B-Glenlogan Park Pty Ltd (Qld). \*Formerly Jacksay (Aus). \*\*1/2 to Uplilio (Aus) (Lion Hunter {Aus}), SW & G1SP-Aus, A\$485,950; Safe Sanctuary (Aus) (Iglesia {Aus}), SP-Mal, \$206,624. \*\*\*A\$120,000 Ylg '14 MMGCYS. [VIDEO](#)

**IN SOUTH AFRICA:**

**#Chevauchee (Aus)**, f, 3, [High Chaparral \(Ire\)](#)--Chevaleresse (Ire), by Danehill. Kenilworth, 5-21, Olympic Duel S.-Listed, 1200mT, 1:11.80. B-B Grayling (Vic). \*A\$180,000 Ylg '14 INGMEL.



Don Inc (r) | Marcelo Sarachi

Confidently ridden by South America's winningest jockey Jorge Ricardo, the 3-year-old Include colt inhaled leader Rosado Van (Arg) in midstretch and drew off comfortably to punch his ticket into North America's richest turf race.

Don Inc entered the patriotic national holiday feature off a half-length victory in the international G1 Longines Gran Premio Latinoamericano at Gavea in Brazil on Mar. 12. The Carlos Daniel Etchechoury trainee had previously been third in the G1 Gran Premio Miguel Alfredo Martinez de Hoz on Feb. 6, and was runner-up to Argentina's Horse of the Year Hi Happy (Pure Prize) in the G1 Gran Premio Carlos Pellegrini, South America's marquee event on Dec. 12 of last year.

"We've been waiting for this race a long time," said trainer Carlos Daniel Etchechoury who celebrated a Group 1 double on the day for owner Stud Las Monjitas.

"It would be a wonderful experience to participate once again in the Breeders' Cup Turf," added winning pilot Jorge Ricardo, who captured this race last year aboard 2015 Breeders' Cup Turf starter Ordak Dan (Arg).

Wednesday's race was the third of five South American Group 1 races offered in the Breeders' Cup Challenge. The series continues on June 12 with the G1 Gran Premio Brasil at Hipodromo Da Gavea in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, with the winner receiving an automatic berth into the G1 Longines Breeders' Cup Turf at Santa Anita Park.



## GP 25 de Mayo

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**Wednesday, San Isidro, Argentina**

**GRAN PREMIO 25 DE MAYO-G1**, AR\$1,020,000 (US\$72,620), 5-25, San Isidro, 3yo/up, 2400mT, 2:27.45, fm.

1--**DON INC (ARG)**, 125, c, 3, by [Include](#)

**1st Dam: Stormy Dove (Arg)**, by Bernstein

**2nd Dam: Saint Dove (Arg)**, by Saint Sever (Fr)

**3rd Dam: Dove (Arg)**, by Right of Way (GB)

O-Stud Las Monjitas; B-Haras La Biznaga (Arg); T-Carlos Daniel Etchechoury. J-Jorge Ricardo. Lifetime Record: G1SW-Brz, 11-3-6-2. \*1/2 to Doubly Master (Arg) (Art Master), SW & MGSP-Arg. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++**. \*Triple Plus\*. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Take It All (Arg)**, 125, c, 3, Catcher In The Rye (Ire)--Take It, by Mt. Livermore. O-Stud Biyula; B-Haras Don Florentino (Arg); T-Omar F. Labanca.

3--**Rosado Van (Arg)**, 133, c, 4, Van Nistelrooy--Rosada Fitz (Arg), by Fitzcarraldo (Arg). O-Stud De Galera; B-Haras Firmamento (Arg); T-Juan Carlos Etchechoury Jr.

Margins: 6, 3/4, 6. Odds: 0.80, 16.90, 18.90.

Also Ran: Romano (Arg), Must Go On (Arg), Champion Star (Brz), Spiritus (Arg), Port Louis (Arg), Oregon (Arg).

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Ample favorite **Don Inc (Arg)** earned an automatic berth into the G1 Longines Breeders' Cup Turf with a facile victory at San Isidro in the G1 Gran Premio 25 de Mayo Tuesday evening.

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**Wednesday, San Isidro, Argentina**

**GRAN PREMIO GRAN CRITERIUM-G1**, AR\$680,000 (US\$48,457), 5-25, San Isidro, 2yo, c, 1600mT, 1:34.66, fm.

1--#&HAT PUNTANO (ARG), 121, c, 2, by [Hat Trick \(Jpn\)](#)

**1st Dam: Stormy Pursuer (Arg)**, by Bernstein

**2nd Dam: Pura Toss (Arg)**, by Egg Toss

**3rd Dam: Pura India (Arg)**, by Incaico (Arg)

O-Stud Las Monjitas; B-Haras La Biznaga (Arg); T-Carlos Daniel Etchechoury; J-Adrian Gianetti. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0. \*1/2 to Pulposa Inc (Arg) (Include), G1SP-Arg. **Werk Nick Rating: B.**

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2--Equal Councillor (Arg), 121, c, 2, Equal Stripes (Arg)--

Courtisane (Arg), by Silver Finder. O-Stud Juan Antonio; B-Estancia La Josefina (Arg); T-Roberto Pellegata.

3--Jolly Jacob (Arg), 121, c, 2, Public Purse--Jolie Chris (Brz), by

Gilded Time. O/B Stud Wilgerbosdrift (Arg); T-Roberto Pellegata.

Margins: 2, 5, 3/4. Odds: 2.60, 3.25, 5.80.

Also Ran: Randall D Key (Arg), Dark Shine (Arg), Senor Emperador (Arg), Rashly Sale (Arg).

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**Wednesday, San Isidro, Argentina**

**GRAN PREMIO DE POTRANCAS-G1**, AR\$680,000 (US\$48,457), 5-25, San Isidro, 2yo, f, 1600mT, 1:34.73, fm.

1--#&KONONKOP (ARG), 121, f, 2, by Pure Prize

**1st Dam: Korea**, by Southern Halo

**2nd Dam: Kissie**, by Deputy Minister

**3rd Dam: Tinnitus**, by Restless Wind

O/B-Haras La Providencia (Arg); T-Pedro Nickel Filho; J-Altair Domingos. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0. \*1/2 to Koller (Arg) (Orpen), GSW & G1SP-Arg, \$115,568. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++.**

**\*Triple Plus\*. Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#).**

2--Betula Trick (Arg), 121, f, 2, Hat Trick (Jpn)--Pure Bengali

(Arg), by Pure Prize. O-Stud Las Monjitas; B-Haras La Biznaga (Arg); T-Carlos Daniel Etchechoury.

3--Hispanidad (Arg), 121, f, 2, Pure Prize--Historia (Arg), by

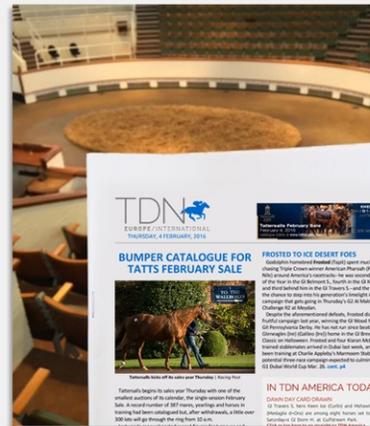
French Deputy. O/B-Haras La Providencia (Arg); T-Pedro Nickel Filho.

Margins: NK, NK, HF. Odds: 1.70, 5.35, 1.70.

Also Ran: Coquetteame (Arg), Asiamora (Arg), Onda Brava (Arg), Onda Brava (Arg), Triaquidae (Arg), La Stravaganza (Arg).

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