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Saratoga | A. Coglianese

By T.D. Thornton

Friday's Opening Day card at Saratoga Race Course will mark a new era in New York Racing Association (NYRA) broadcasting. "Saratoga Live," a 4:00 p.m. race day telecast that will generally encompass the late pick four race sequence over a 2-2 1/2 hour span, will be broadcast both nationally and regionally by Fox Sports (FS2), MSG+, and the Altitude Sports Network.

The in-house NYRA talent team of Jason Blewitt (host), Andy Serling (handicapper), Maggie Wolfendale (paddock reporter), Richard Migliore (analyst of jockey tactics and pre-race warm-ups), and Larry Collmus (announcer) will be joined for "Saratoga Live" by trainer Tom Amoss and Florida/Maryland-based analyst Gabby Gaudet.



Tony Allevato
Coglianese

Tony Allevato, recently hired as the executive producer for NYRA television and the president of NYRA's new advance-deposit wagering (ADW) company, NYRA Bets, will be at the helm for this new racing show that has the potential to reach 65 million homes on a daily basis. Allevato spent 14 years as executive vice president and executive

producer for Television Games Network (TVG), and most recently was the coordinating producer for NFL Network's flagship program, "NFL Total Access."

While driving to Saratoga earlier this week, Allevato pulled safely off to the side of the road for a mobile phone interview about "Saratoga Live" with TDN's T.D. Thornton. **Cont. p3**

AN OLYMPIC MILESTONE FOR OTTB

'MYSTERY' By Jonathan Murrietta

The hurdles on the road to Rio de Janeiro for a 12-year-old Thoroughbred gelding named **Blackfoot Mystery** (Out of Place), nicknamed "Big Red," began just a few miles away from the Kentucky Horse Park, at a place called Milestone Farm. That's where John O'Meara bred the ex-racehorse turned Olympic-bound champion named to the 2016 U.S. Eventing Team.

O'Meara purchased Blackfoot Mystery's dam True Mystery for \$72,000 at the 2002 Keeneland November Mixed Sale.

"[True Mystery] set a track record at Colonial Downs going a mile," O'Meara said. "I wanted to put more stamina into the mare. That's why I bred her to Out of Place."

That pairing produced Blackfoot Mystery. As a yearling, "Big Red," RNA'd at the 2005 Keeneland September Sale for \$24,000. So the lanky chestnut went back to O'Meara's Milestone Farm for a while. **Cont. p6**

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TDN Q & A

TDN: Last autumn, NYRA debuted a live broadcast on a regional network, then augmented the format this May during the Belmont Park meet. What have you learned from those initial MSG telecasts that will shape “Saratoga Live” as it expands to Fox and Altitude?

TA: It’s been a huge undertaking for us, because we’re not a TV network. We’re a racetrack, but we produce a network-quality show. What we’ve been dealing with is just, from a technical standpoint, doing things outside of the norm of a daily simulcast show. That’s been the biggest challenge--to produce a simulcast show at the same time as a [separate] national TV show. And when we get to Saratoga, we’re introducing a lot of new elements that we’re unveiling for the Fox shows, and we’re stepping it up even further, specifically for some of the features we’ve created for the Saratoga meet.

TDN: Like what?

TA: Virtual reality graphics are one. When you watch football and basketball, a lot of the replays they do, you’ll see a player isolated while other players “disappear” off the field or court. NYRA’s made a big investment from a technology standpoint to be able to do those. In the old days of the telestrator, you could draw a line or a circle on the screen. Now, you can take a horse in the pack and eliminate all the other horses around it. You can trace the path that the horse takes to show you how much ground the horse lost and leave a trail behind the horse, very similar to what you see in other major sports

TDN: What will be different in terms of content on “Saratoga Live”?



Maggie Wolfendale
Horsephotos

TA: You often hear Maggie Wolfendale talk about a maiden race for turf horses, and she’ll say that horse has a “turf” hoof. Well, what does that mean to the average person? So we’ve created these pre-recorded features that are informational and educational in which Maggie explains the difference between a “turf” hoof and a “dirt” hoof, and why it makes a difference, with visual examples to go with it.

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She's going to talk about what to look for in a 2-year-old. What it means when a horse is acting up, what's a positive sign, what's a negative sign. These are things that maybe people who are horse people take for granted, but for the average handicapper, it's going to be really eye-opening. Similarly, Richard Migliore will be talking about how jockeys use their hands to stay patient or to put a horse in the race. This is no different that if you're watching an NFL game, and they're talking about an offensive lineman and his foot movement and the way he's able to do a pancake block while showing those things visually on the screen.

TDN: How do you achieve a proper balance between the right mix of content for different levels of viewers?

TA: That's the toughest challenge. When we launched TVG, we really tried to appeal to the novice, the person who goes to the racetrack once or twice a year, with the feeling being that the person who's the hard-core player will watch anyway. And that was a huge mistake on our part. Because the fan who only comes to the track once or twice a year is not going to watch your show every day, and getting them to make that leap to open up a home-betting or ADW account is tough. And in the meantime, all you were doing was alienating the hard-core fans.

So what we've done is try to find a middle ground, and that's to appeal to the person who is a racing fan and goes to the races, as well as the person who is primarily a sports bettor, a poker player, or a fantasy sports player who likes to watch live sports television. But you have to be careful--you can't dumb it down too much.

TDN: So what will viewers of the on-track or simulcast feed see for the majority of the day? Will it still be the familiar NYRA broadcast?

TA: Yes, we're still going to present the same simulcast show that we've presented in years past. You're going to see the same amount of replays, all the head-ons, all the will-pays, everything you'd normally see. But I think you're actually going to see a better simulcast experience [because of the additional investment in the network broadcasts].

TDN: How so?

*TA: If you look at the way simulcast television has been done for the last three decades, all the commentary, for the most part, takes place prior to the post parade. **Cont. p5***

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Which is kind of ridiculous if you think about it, because we all know the majority of betting comes at the final few moments before the race. As the business has shifted more to home betting, it only makes sense to provide more commentary on a simulcast feed than you've done in the past. So when Maggie's doing one of her pre-recorded features on turf feet [for the network feed], that's not going into the simulcast feed. But when the horses are loading, and she's giving commentary and Richie's talking about how the horses warmed up as they approached the gate, that is going to be on both the simulcast feed and the network feed.

TDN: What personality pairings might viewers of "Saratoga Live" appreciate as the show evolves?

TA: Andy is a TV producer's dream, because he's got a "love him/hate him" personality, which is what you want, and he embraces that. What's impressed me most about working with

Andy is that his preparation is as good as any I've ever seen in any sport. And we're pairing him with Tom Amoss, who I worked with at TVG on "The Works." Tom's going to bring in the perspective of a trainer, and what makes Tom great is he is not afraid to say what he thinks. A lot of people from the industry that you bring on shows are kind of walking on eggshells, and that's never conducive. So we're going to pair Tom up with Andy, and it will be interesting to see where that goes. My bet is you'll get a little bit of disagreement between both of them.



Andy Serling | Horsephotos

TDN: How much has NYRA invested in being able to produce network-quality broadcasts?

TA: I can't say that. I'll just tell you that it's a very significant investment, and from what I can tell, it's unparalleled by any racetrack that I've worked with in the past. We're fortunate because a lot of the infrastructure was already in place, and the NYRA TV team was doing a great job before I got here, and we were able to build off of that. So it's not like we're doing this from scratch.

TDN: What if viewers don't get any of those national or regional networks on TV? Are there other ways to watch "Saratoga Live"?



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TA: The show is also on our NYRA HD app. It's a free app that you can get through the app store on Apple or Android. Download it for free, and then just click on "Saratoga Live." You can also watch the simulcast feed show that way; both are on there. We recognize [mobile] as the way of the future. More and more people are watching from their tablets, phones, and computers, and we wanted to make sure that everything we're going to do from a TV standpoint is also available via digital delivery, because that's critical to our long-term plan.

TDN: You're also the president of NYRA Bets. How does the new programming mesh with the ADW platform?

TA: The ADW component of this project has been spearheaded by Matt Feig, senior director of NYRA Bets. As we look at ADW and how it continues to grow, it only makes sense for NYRA to have a seat at the table on a national level. We're not trying to be the next TVG, from the ADW/broadcast standpoint, but we think it's important for us to be out there and to be able to interact with our customers and understand them. NYRA Bets is going to roll out during the Saratoga meet. It's rolling out this Friday in New York, and then very soon afterward--there's no hard date--for the rest of the country.

An Olympic Milestone for OTTB cont.

"My father bred a horse called Milestone, who has become influential in the pedigrees of nearly all of the Irish Draughts and sport horses in America; that's why I called it Milestone Farm," said the Irish native.

O'Meara eventually sold Blackfoot Mystery to Thoroughbred owner Christopher Drakos.

"He has a big farm out in Blackfoot, Idaho," O'Meara said. "That's how Blackfoot Mystery got his name."

Drakos subsequently sent Blackfoot Mystery to Southern California trainer Jesus Mendoza.



Boyd Martin & Blackfoot Mystery at Rolex Kentucky | Eclipse Sportswire

Blackfoot Mystery raced three times as a 2-year-old at Hollywood Park, finishing at the back of the pack by a combined 44 lengths in all three of his starts.

"He didn't have any desire to be a racehorse," O'Meara said. "But it was good that somebody could take a horse like that off the track and turn him into something useful."

Enter Leigh Gray, president of the non-profit Thoroughbred Rehab Center in Los Angeles.

"Jesus Mendoza called me one day and said, 'I have this big, chestnut gelding that I think you'll really like. He's not fast, he's not a racehorse, but I think he'll be a good sport horse,'" Gray said. "So I went over to Hollywood Park and took one look at him and said, 'He'll be great, thank you.'"

Gray took Blackfoot Mystery, who had an abscessed hoof and popped splint, back to her rehab center and gave him some time off.

"Just because they're retired, it doesn't mean their career is done," Gray said.

Gray has been taking horses off-the-track and transitioning them into new careers for 20 years. She has helped nearly 600 horses find new homes and disciplines. Gray not only has her own foundation helping OTTBs, but she also helps run a Thoroughbred rehab center called Winners' Circle Ranch, a facility minutes away from Santa Anita Park. She even worked as an exercise rider for Charlie Whittingham and has fond memories of tack-walking the great Ferdinand.

"My life has completely revolved around the Thoroughbred racehorse," Gray said. "They are just amazing animals."

When asked about her latest OTTB success story in Blackfoot Mystery, now a bona fide three-day eventing sensation competing in dressage, cross-country and stadium jumping in the Olympics, Gray responds with giddiness and excitement.

"This is just a dream come true. I hope he can bring home a medal [from Rio]," she said.

The Thoroughbred once dominated the show ring many hurdles ago, but they are making a comeback in the eventing sport thanks to non-profit Thoroughbred rehab centers like Gray's. In recent years, the European-bred warmbloods, bigger boned versions of the Thoroughbred, have been the breed almost exclusively used in eventing.

But due to the influx of Thoroughbred horses exiting the racing industry, the goal for Gray and like-minded horse activists is to reinstitute the Thoroughbred in the eventing ring.

"There are a lot of off-the-track-Thoroughbreds out there and they can all do something; you just have to find out what that is and match them with the right person."

Gray eventually sent Blackfoot Mystery up to Northern California, where her friend Shirley Aronson started teaching him the basics needed to become an event horse. From there, "Red" passed through the hands of Sonoma County eventer Lisa Peacock, who stabled him in her backyard barn. Always a playful horse, Blackfoot Mystery would try to pick up the stable goats and carry them around the shedrow.

Blackfoot Mystery's re-training included regular trips to a neighboring horse farm in Petaluma as well. That's where event rider and trainer Kelly Prather took notice of the eye-catching chestnut.

"I thought he was the real deal," Prather recalled. "He was big and gangly when I first met him as a 3-year-old, but he had the most amazing gallop I had ever felt underneath."

Prather couldn't shake the thought of talented "Big Red," even when taking a sabbatical to the U.K. to train and ride for William Fox-Pitt, an English equestrian and three-time Olympic medalist in eventing. **Cont. p7**

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An Olympic Milestone for OTTB cont.

"I thought, 'Wow, that horse I rode back in California is nicer than these top-level horses I'm riding here in England,'" Prather said.

Prather purchased Blackfoot Mystery from Lisa Peacock and took him to the East Coast to train in Unionville, Pennsylvania. Enter Olympic three-day eventer Boyd Martin, a resident of the neighboring town Cochranville and Prather's riding coach. Martin will be riding Blackfoot Mystery in the Rio Olympics.

"I had my eye on Big Red for many years," Martin said. "As soon as [Prather] said she would sell him, I got on the phone and rang everyone I knew to put together a syndicate to buy him. Lucky for me, I found a group of people to buy him and the rest is history."

Born to Olympian parents, Martin's own storied career began as an athletic child growing up on the outskirts of Sydney, Australia.

"I grew up in a very sporting family," Martin said.

Martin's parents met while competing in the 1968 Winter Olympics. Boyd's father, Ross Martin, was a cross-country skier for Australia in the '68 Games and he met his wife Toy Dorgan, an American speed skater, in Grenoble, France, where the Games were held that year. Dorgan later moved to Australia and the two married and started a family.

"We had a few acres of land and had horses in the backyard," Martin said. "I'd get off the school bus, jump on my horse, and take him galloping around. I was a terrible student, so it was pretty obvious that I wasn't going to be an accountant or a doctor. So as soon as I finished high school, I packed my bags and moved into a bunkhouse of an equestrian training facility up in New South Wales, Australia."

Martin moved to the United States in 2006 and continued to ascend up the ranks in the eventing world, which ultimately took him to his first Olympics in 2012.

"It was an amazing experience, with so many people watching and cheering from around the globe," said the 36-year-old Aussie-American.



Boyd Martin & Neville Bardos at Rolex
Sarah Andrew

But that first Olympic experience for Martin came not without trial and tribulation. A year before, in 2011, Martin's father was killed in a cycling accident. Also that year, Martin's stable suffered a fire that killed six of his horses. Ironically, it was the last off-the-track

Thoroughbred Martin owned, named Neville Bardos, who was

saved from the fire. Against fire marshal orders, Martin dashed into the burning building with his friend Phillip Dutton and saved the horse.

"You just did what you had to do in the moment," Martin said about that night. "There was a moment where we decided to have a crack at it and we managed to salvage a horse or two."

But Martin would rather put heroics aside and leave that horrific scene behind him.

"I hope I don't get remembered for running into a burning building; I hope I get remembered for a big performance at the Rio Olympics," Martin added.

At a little over 17 hands tall, Blackfoot Mystery, Martin said, is probably one of the biggest horses he's ever taken to competition, but added that he is much more than just a big, chestnut Thoroughbred.

"[Blackfoot Mystery] has unbelievable heart and determination," he said. "He's one of those horses when you put him in a championship scenario he always tends to step up."

Martin and Blackfoot Mystery finished well in a number of three-star events earlier in the year, catapulting them to the top on the road to qualifying for the Rio Olympics. But the highlight came in April, when Blackfoot Mystery surged from 34th place to finish sixth at Rolex Kentucky, a four-star event, the highest level of competition in the sport. That performance sealed the deal for Blackfoot Mystery to make the U.S. Olympic Eventing Team.

"We got [to Rolex] and it had been raining and the ground was muddy and heavy and he was going at the end of the day," Martin said. "A lot of the other riders were shaking at the knees, but I had absolute confidence in Red."

Martin added, "I've got a number of horses in training and they're all different breeds. But a good moving, good jumping Thoroughbred like Blackfoot Mystery would be, in my opinion, the best horse in the world to tackle the sport of three-day eventing."

There to cheer on Big Red at Rolex Kentucky, sitting in the stands at Kentucky Horse Park, was breeder John O'Meara--not far from his Milestone Farm where he bred Blackfoot Mystery 12 years ago.

"I like to go every year to Rolex Kentucky when it's on because it's nice to watch top-level horses do anything," O'Meara said. "It was wonderful to go watch Blackfoot Mystery to see how he'd matured and grown up, just was proud that I'd raised a big, strong horse good enough to get there."

Blackfoot Mystery competes in the eventing portion of the Olympics, which compiles dressage, cross-country and show jumping. The event will be held Aug. 6 through Aug. 9 and shown on select NBC broadcasts throughout the week.

CRIST RETIRES FROM DRF

Longtime *Daily Racing Form* executive and columnist Steven Crist announced his retirement Wednesday. Crist served as the company's Chief Executive until 2002, and most recently filled the roles of editor and publisher emeritus.

"I can't think of a single individual who has contributed more to *Daily Racing Form* throughout its illustrious 123-year history than Steven Crist," said John Hartig, *DRF* Chairman and CEO. "Steve has been an outstanding steward of the *DRF* brand, outspoken advocate of the horseplayer, and has brought innovations to racing and to our fans like no other. Over his 35-year career in racing, Steve's relentless passion and his long-standing commitment to elevating the sport has earned him the highest respect of industry professionals and his colleagues alike. I am deeply appreciative of Steve's numerous contributions and wish him continued good health and abundant success in playing the game into retirement."

"I'm fortunate to have spent my career in and around the greatest game ever invented and to have worked with so many talented colleagues at *DRF* for the betterment of the game and its customers," Crist commented. "I'm really looking forward to doing some other things in retirement, but my heart won't be far from the racetrack."

Crist covered racing as a reporter and columnist for *The New York Times* from 1981 to 1990. In 1990, he became the founding Editor-in-Chief of *The Racing Times*. In 1992, Crist was appointed by New York Gov. Mario Cuomo as a member of a state advisory commission on racing and he was a vice president of the New York Racing Association from 1994 to 1997.

In 1998, Crist and Alpine Capital purchased and transformed *DRF*. The company introduced new weekly print publications, instituted a book-publishing division, began selling past performances online, and introduced new products including Formulator and TicketMaker. Crist continued to write a weekly column and a blog, frequently advocating player-friendly changes to the racing game.

Crist also influenced the sport as a horseplayer, starting with his time as a frequent guest on the NYRA replay show hosted by Harvey Pack. It was there that he showed a somewhat different approach to picking horses, specifically applying math, logic, and probability in making wagers. His method of strategically weighting horses in each race and forming "back-up tickets" enhanced his chances of hitting the pick six and resulted in Crist cashing many large pick-six payouts.



Steve Crist | Horsephotos

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"Whether as a bettor, reporter, columnist, editor, publisher, author or racetrack executive, Steven Crist has been America's voice of the horseplayer for more than 35 years," said Alex Waldrop, President and CEO of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association. "His contributions to Thoroughbred racing are immense and we hope that he remains an advocate for our sport and its customers for many years to come."

In 2010, Crist was one of four in the inaugural class of racing journalists named to the Media Honor Roll in the sport's Hall of Fame, along with Charles Hatton, Bill Nack, and Red Smith. Last year, he was also inducted into the Hall of Fame for the National Handicapping Championship, an event he helped create in 1999. He was also instrumental in making the winner of the NHC a recipient of an Eclipse Award, thereby elevating the horseplayer to the level of other major figures in the sport.

"Steve Crist's contributions to racing are unparalleled," said NYRA CEO and President Chris Kay. "The entire industry has benefited from his endeavors, whether as a journalist, racetrack executive or handicapper, and I am sure those benefits will continue going forward. I have been fortunate to meet some remarkable people during my time at the New York Racing Association, and none more remarkable in their commitment to the sport than Steve, particularly here at Saratoga Race Course."

The 59-year-old is the author of several books about the sport including the memoir Betting on Myself (2003) and Exotic Betting (2006). Crist lives in Hempstead, N.Y., with his wife Robin Foster and two retired racing greyhounds.

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7	Sweet Queen	Twirling Candy	Blanc	Gallagher	114
8	Mirage (Ire)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Quinonez	Callaghan	119
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Saturday, Del Mar, post time: 9:10 p.m. EDT

SAN DIEGO H.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m

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Saturday, Saratoga, post time: 2:07 p.m. EDT

SANFORD S.-GIII, \$150,000, 2yo, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Zartera	Tapizar	I. Ortiz	Asmussen	120
2	Random Walk	Super Saver	J. Ortiz	Violette Jr.	120
3	Bay Numbers 🐾	Algorithms	Lopez	Plesa Jr.	120
4	Bronson 🐾	Medaglia d'Oro	Velazquez	Pletcher	120
5	Bitumen 🐾	Mineshaft	Castellano	Kenneally	120

Owners: 1-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC, 2-Evans, Ralph, M., 3-Live Oak Plantation, 4-Mathis Stable LLC, 5-Sutton, Joseph, W. **Breeders:** 1-Winchell Thoroughbreds, LLC, 2-Crystal Ball Stables, LLC, 3-John A. Wolf, 4-Ran Jan Racing, Inc., 5-Jamm, Ltd.

Saturday, Woodbine, post time: 4:44 p.m. EDT

BOLD VENTURE S.-GIII, C\$150,000, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Goodoldhockeygame	Old Forester	Hernandez	Tiller	120
2	Western Elegance	English Channel	Sanjur	Davis	118
3	Noholdingback Bear 🐾	Put It Back	Da Silva	De Paulo	116
4	Puntrooskie	In Summation	Husbands	MacRae	118
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ALMOST A WAR ZONE

By Bill Finley

There will be a 40-day meet at Gulfstream Park West, formerly Calder, beginning in October and concluding in November and, frankly, track management hopes you don't show up.



Calder Grandstand

In what has to be one of the odder situations in racing history, the old Calder grandstand is in the process of being torn down and the entire facility is in shambles. Yet, in order to keep its casino license, Gulfstream West must run a 40-day meet, one that is now

operated by Gulfstream. The track is owned by Churchill Downs, but the racing is managed by Gulfstream owners, the Stronach Group. The Stronach team took over racing at Calder to help stabilize racing in South Florida.

Churchill management has not responded to inquiries concerning the decision to tear down the grandstand.

With Gulfstream West in such a state of disarray, Stronach Group officials will be encouraging fans to go to Gulfstream to bet the cross-town races through simulcasting.

"Unfortunately we have to be there this year," said Tim Ritvo, a member of the Stronach Group executive board. "The problem with this year is that the building is half up, half down. It's almost like a war zone. They've taken all the glass out and it's really unattractive. We will run 40 days there and get in and out as quickly as we can. There won't be a lot of amenities for the public this year. For the owners and trainers we'll have a tent. It's not like we're going to throw anybody out, but we're not going to do any marketing, we're not going to do any promotion, at least until the building fully comes down, which will probably be in 2017. Then we'll see what the situation is. We're going to try to push people to go to Gulfstream for simulcasting."

The only place fans will be able to watch the races from will be the apron. The grandstand is completely shut off to the public. Ritvo said there will be a concession stand and bathrooms, plus a handful of mutuel clerks.

"We'll try to do the best we can under difficult circumstances," he said.

The move to Gulfstream West will come at a particularly bad time for Gulfstream as the track is riding a wave of momentum and is piling up handle numbers that are unimaginable for Gulfstream West.

"It's definitely less than ideal for us. But it's also not good for the industry or the state," Ritvo said. "Handle will go down significantly by running at Gulfstream West versus Gulfstream. It's very frustrating. Whether we're right or wrong, and sometimes we make mistakes, but everything we do we do is an attempt to grow the business. We have a lot of momentum going. Last Saturday at Gulfstream we handled \$7 million and on Sunday \$5 million. That's in the summer, in July, and the place was packed. We're getting a lot of attention to our product and attracting a lot of new customers."

Gulfstream management will have to build a temporary structure for the stewards and placing judges and will have to make sure the camera towers are in place. The track's simulcast team, led by Ron Nicoletti, will do its duties from Gulfstream. No point sending them to Gulfstream West. Ritvo said he hoped to convince politicians and the Florida Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering to allow Churchill to run the old Calder dates at Gulfstream in the future and still keep its casino license. That, he says, would simplify an overly complicated situation.

The Gulfstream-Gulfstream West arrangement is just one more example of the dysfunctional nature of Florida racing, and no one is quite sure where this is headed. Gulfstream is in the third year of a six-year deal to operate Gulfstream West, but when that deal expires anything can happen.



Gulfstream Park West

"When this deal is over negotiations have to start all over again," Ritvo said. "I am sure the horsemen have to be very concerned as the end of the deal is the end of the agreement where they have to give part of their slot money to racing. We don't know what the future will bring but the slot money from Calder is \$7.5 million a year that goes toward purses. It would be a big blow to lose that. The red herring is also the decoupling issue, which never goes away."

So when Gulfstream West opens there will be broken glass, a crumbling grandstand, mounds of dirt, scaffolding, cranes and bulldozers, weeds and, who knows, 100, 150 fans in attendance? Not exactly racing as it was meant to be.

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CHRB TURNS DOWN VALENZUELA'S LICENSE REQUEST

By Bill Finley

Embattled jockey Patrick Valenzuela, 53, has been denied a jockey's license by the CHRB, but was told he may reapply for reinstatement in one year. In a press release issued Wednesday, the CHRB advised Valenzuela to go out of his way to prove that he has been clean and sober when reapplying for a license next year.

The statement read: "In order to re-apply for a jockey's license, in addition to regular testing, Valenzuela is advised in the Board's decision to continue working with the Winner's Foundation, an organization that assists racing industry employees with problems of alcohol and substance abuse. At the time he re-applies, the Board will consider "the testimony of a representative of the Winner's Foundation as to the extent of Appellant's participation and involvement with the Winner's Foundation."

Explaining his decision to deny Valenzuela' application for a license, Hearing Officer Patrick Kane said: "This Officer cannot ignore the number of chances the CHRB previously gave Appellant. It should be noted that since 2000, Appellant has what this Officer considers fifteen major rule violations and/or convictions. As such, a six-month record free of violations fails to demonstrate adequate rehabilitation in light of Appellant's numerous past transgressions. Accordingly, and based upon the evidence submitted, this Officer hereby finds that Appellant did not demonstrate a record of rehabilitation justifying his licensure as a jockey in the State of California. However, this Officer is encouraged by Appellants' six-month record that is free of violations. Appellant is encouraged to re-apply for a license in the future if he continues to maintain a clean record and attends meetings regularly to assist with any substance abuse issues."

Valenzuela is licensed in California as an exercise rider.

When reached by the *TDN* Wednesday, Valenzuela said that on the advice of his attorney he would have no comment on the matter.

Valenzuela's latest troubles began when he failed to appear to accept mounts on consecutive days at Santa Anita in March. 2014. He was immediately suspended by the Santa Anita stewards and an initial request to be reinstated was turned down in July 2015.

Shortly thereafter, Valenzuela was granted a license by the Louisiana Racing Commission and returned to action at Delta Downs Nov. 21. He moved from there to the Fair Grounds where he won 18 races from 197 mounts. He was also licensed in Texas and won his only stakes race of 2016 when guiding A M Milky Way (Elusive Bluff) to a victory in the Spirt of Texas S. at Sam Houston.

Valenzuela has not ridden since February and has told reporters his absence was due to a hand injury.

Presumably, Valenzuela could go back to riding in Texas and/or Louisiana, but declined to answer any questions about his immediate plans.

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EASTERN U.S.

Wednesday's Results:

8th-DEL, \$34,750, Msw, 7-20, 2yo, 7 1/2ft, 1:31.82, fm. TELL THE TRUTH (c, 2, [Tizway](#)--Quiet Grandeur, by Quiet American) broke slowly and put in a mild run to finish sixth of 10 on debut sprinting five furlongs over the all-weather track at Presque Isle July 3. Bet down to 2-1 favoritism, the dark bay enjoyed a relatively seamless journey around the first turn as a number of rivals to his outside were floated wide. Settling into position in midpack along the rail behind a half-mile in :47.41, he split horses approaching the far turn and seized control with a rail-skimming rush entering the lane. Kept to his task late, Tell the Truth crossed the wire three lengths clear of Passions Revenge (General Quarters). The winner's dam is also responsible for a yearling filly by Flat Out and a weanling colt by Goldcents. Sales History: \$80,000 Ylg '15 KEESOP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$20,805. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Harold Lerner LLC, AWC Stables, Scott K. Akman & Nehoc Stables; B-BWB Bloodstock, LLC & K. Taylor (KY); T-H. Graham Motion.

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More Than Good (Macho Uno) overcomes trouble to win his debut at Thistledown.

CENTRAL U.S.

Wednesday's Results:

TAWEE S., \$103,400, IND, 7-20, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:37.92, fm.

1--**INCONCLUSIVE**, 122, f, 3, by [Include](#)

1st Dam: Ani La, by Mr. Greeley

2nd Dam: Floating Island, by A.P. Indy

3rd Dam: Ballerina Princess, by Mr. Prospector

(\$45,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP). O-Carolyn Friedberg & Jeff T. Larson, B-James Heyward (KY); T-Richard R. Scherer; J-Miguel Mena. \$58,938. Lifetime Record: MSW & GSP, 12-4-2-0, \$193,680.

Kip Elser's KIRKWOOD STABLES

2--**All Aces**, 118, f, 3, [Lemon Drop Kid](#)--Tricky Bird, by Storm Bird. O-Dunwoody Farm; B-Bruce & Laurie Berenson (KY); T-Michael Ann Ewing. \$19,646.

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3--**Hilarious Brown**, 118, f, 3, [Big Brown](#)--Funny Girl Rachel, by Distorted Humor. O-John E. Wallace; B-Ron Armstrong & John Wallace (KY); T-Anthony J. Granitz. \$10,805.

Margins: 2 1/4, 3 1/4, 1HF. Odds: 9.00, 10.60, 3.80. Also Ran: Marquee Miss, More Than Most, Precious Love, Close the Gap, Nawlins Kitty, Old South Ball, Mama Joyce. Scratched: Siempre Mia, American Doll.

Inconclusive kept the ball rolling with her second consecutive stakes win--this time via disqualification--in the first division of Indiana Grand's Wednesday feature. Victorious in a one-mile optional claimer over the Fair Grounds turf to begin her year



Inconclusive (outside) | Coady

Jan. 8, the chestnut subsequently placed fourth in a pair of overnight stakes in New Orleans before shipping north to complete the exacta in the GIII Bourbonette Oaks over the synthetic at Turfway Apr. 2. Fifth behind 'TDN Rising Star'

Gamble's Ghost (Ghostzapper) in

Woodbine's GIII Selene S. May 15, she recently broke through when switched back to the lawn with a rallying score in the June 11 Northbound Pride Oaks going an approximate mile at Canterbury. Let go at odds of 9-1 here, the filly lagged well off the pace in the early stages behind fractions of :23.86 and :48.14. Commencing her rally along the hedge on the rail on the far turn, she shifted out to the six path in upper stretch as Nawlins Kitty (Kitten's Joy) bulled through a narrow opening and knocked a few rivals off stride. Left with that rival to catch in the final furlong, it appeared that Inconclusive had the momentum

to move past, but Nawlins Kitty dug in to hold on narrowly at the wire. After an objection and a stewards' inquiry into the stretch run, Nawlins Kitty was disqualified and placed eighth, landing Inconclusive in the winner's circle. The winner hails from the same female family that produced MGSW & MGISP Pico Teneriffe (Red Ransom) and her son, two-time Canadian champion older horse Marchfield (A.P. Indy). [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#)

TAWEE S., \$103,200, IND, 7-20, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:37.76, fm.

1--**#QUEEN CAROLINE**, 122, f, 3, by [Blame](#)

1st Dam: Queens Plaza (SW), by Forestry

2nd Dam: Kew Garden, by Seattle Slew

3rd Dam: Jeano, by Fappiano

(\$170,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP). O-Amy Moore; B-Morgan's Ford Farm (VA); T-Michael R. Matz; J-Alex Cintron. \$58,824. Lifetime Record: 7-3-2-0, \$138,516.

Broken and Trained by Randy Bradshaw

2--**Havana Dream**, 117, f, 3, [Quality Road](#)--Mayo On the Side, by French Deputy. O/B-Dixiana Farms LLC (KY); T-Mark E. Casse. \$19,608.

3--**Try Your Luck**, 118, f, 3, [Lookin At Lucky](#)--Golden Sphinx, by Storm Cat. (\$80,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$18,000 2yo '15 OBSOCT). O-Stefanie Carroll; B-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding (KY); T-Michael J. Maker. \$10,784.

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Also Ran: Frozen Hannah, La Piba, Fourth Watch, Princess Erindelle, Covey Trace, Castiel's Angel, Taste of Raj. Scratched: Found a Diamond.

Queen Caroline did not factor in her first two tries on dirt, but showed an immediate liking for the turf when runner-up in a nine-furlong event at Gulfstream Feb. 28 and a 1 1/16-mile test at Keeneland Apr. 21. She graduated with a rallying score over the Pimlico sod on the Preakness undercard May 21 and made it two in a row back in Baltimore with a win in the Nellie Mae Cox S. for Virginia-breds June 25. Away in good order as the 3-1 second choice, the dark bay hugged the rail around the opening bend and raced in midpack through a half-mile in



Queen Caroline | Coady

:49.24. Sent up three wide entering the far turn, Queen Caroline hit the front in upper stretch and pulled clear to notch a decisive victory. The winner is a half to GSP Queen Teuta (Theatrical {Ire}) and hails from the deep family of 2005 champion juvenile filly Folklore (Tiznow). [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#)

2nd-IND, \$32,000, Msw, 7-20, 2yo, 7 1/2ft, 1:31.62, fm. HOT DAD (c, 2, [Sidney's Candy](#)--Atlantic Ocean {MGSW, \$678,210}, by Stormy Atlantic) never got involved when eighth on debut in a \$50,000 tagger going five furlongs on dirt at Churchill Downs June 25. The colt nevertheless took solid support as the 5-2 second choice in this first spin over the turf and raced on the outside in midpack behind a half-mile in :46.60. Launching a steady rally into the stretch, he got up to tag Lucky Andy (Lookin At Lucky) by a neck on the wire. The winner, whose dam won the GIII Miesque S. and the GIII Santa Ysabel S., is a full to Converge, GSW, \$162,360. Sales History: \$15,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT; \$27,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$19,350. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#)

O-Jim & Brett Setzer, Triple R Racing, Inc. & Warner Thoroughbreds; B-SF Racing (KY); T-Michael J. Maker.



3rd-TDN, \$22,500, Msw, 7-20, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:07.60, ft. +MORE THAN GOOD (c, 2, [Macho Uno](#)--My Mancita, by Mr. Greeley) posted four workouts over the local strip dating back to early June and was sent postward as the 2-1 second choice for this career unveiling. The gray was left at the rear of the pack after breaking inwardly at the start and was forced to steady again no more than 10 strides into the race when Racings My Game (Ghostly Minister) stumbled and dumped jockey Walter De La Cruz to his inside. The homebred shifted four wide approaching the far turn, advanced to collar favored Screaming Back (Backtalk) in midstretch and forged past that one to prevail by a neck under steady urging. More Than Good, who hails from the extended female family of MGISW Octave (Unbridled's Song), has a weanling full-sister. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$13,330. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O/B-Charlie J. Williams, LLC (KY); T-Sandra Marie Adkins.



Wise Dan to Receive Rood & Riddle Comeback Award:

Two-time Horse of the Year **Wise Dan** (Wiseman's Ferry) will be presented with the inaugural Rood & Riddle Comeback Award at Hats Off Day July 30 at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington. The award is given to an equine athlete who overcame a major health complication and returned to elite competition.

"We are pleased to present the inaugural Rood & Riddle Comeback Award to Wise Dan," said Tom Riddle, DVM. "Wise Dan exemplifies the characteristics of an outstanding athlete

who suffered a major health issue and returned to compete successfully."

Wise Dan was cared for throughout his career by Rood & Riddle veterinarians, primarily Dr. Larry Bramlage,, who looked after his orthopedic needs, and Dr. Scott Hopper, who performed his colic surgery in 2014. The chestnut underwent emergency colic surgery in May of 2014, shortly after his win in that term's GI Woodford Reserve Turf Classic. He made a successful return to the races just three months later at Saratoga, scoring an ultra-game victory in the GII Bernard Baruch H. and followed suit with a win in the GI Shadwell Turf Mile at Keeneland six weeks later.

"Wise Dan is a remarkable athlete and we are excited for him to receive this award.," said trainer Charlie LoPresti. "For him to recover from major surgery and come back to the level of competition he did and in such a short time is truly remarkable. Rood & Riddle played a large part in Wise Dan's success, specifically Drs. Bramlage and Hopper. We are thankful to the entire Rood & Riddle team."

Ellis Offering Up-Close Look at Preparing Racehorses:

Ellis Park is teaming with its horsemen's association to provide the public with a behind-the-scenes look at preparing horses for the races. "Making of a racehorse: Let's get started!" will be held Saturday, July 30 from 7:30-9a.m. at Ellis Park. The free event will provide insight into all the preparation that goes into horses springing from the starting gate. The public will go from the starting gate to the barn of John Hancock for a look at everything that happens in a stable in the morning. Adults and kids of all ages are welcome. Afterward, Ellis Park announcer Jimmy McNerney will discuss his picks for the day's races at 9:30a.m. in the lower clubhouse.

"The horsemen are always looking for ways to bring new fans into racing, as well as providing even longtime fans with additional insights," Kentucky HBPA executive director Marty Maline said. "We think the public is going to love getting this peek behind the scenes, and we hope this is just the beginning."

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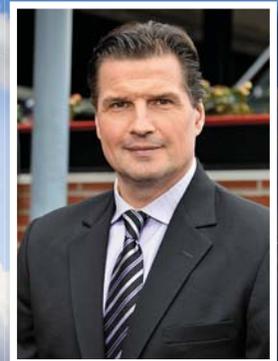
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CALIFORNIA

Wednesday's Results:

C.E.R.F. S., \$77,600, DMR, 7-20, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.07, ft.
1--PRETTY N COOL, 118, f, 3, Scat Daddy--Stayclassysandiego (SP), by Rockport Harbor. (\$160,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP).
 O-Watson, Karl, Pegram, Michael E. and Weitman, Paul;
 B-Nancy C. Shuford (KY); T-Bob Baffert; J-Mike E. Smith.
 \$46,560. Lifetime Record: MGSW & GISP, 8-4-1-1, \$432,560.

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2--Enchanting Lady, 119, f, 4, Tale of the Cat--A. P. Baby, by A.P. Indy. (\$90,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP; \$650,000 2yo '14 OBSMAR).
 O-Kaleem Shah, Inc.; B-Randal Family Trust, R David & Marylyn A Randal Trustees (KY); T-Bob Baffert. \$15,520.

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3--Shh She's Ours, 123, f, 4, Tiz Wonderful--Our Secret, by Forestry. (\$35,000 Ylg '13 FTKOCT; \$48,000 RNA 2yo '14 BARMAY; \$145,000 2yo '14 BARJUL). O-DP Racing, LLC;
 B-Dixiana Farms LLC (KY); T-James M. Cassidy. \$9,312.

LANE'S END Sales Graduate

Margins: 1HF, HF, 3/4. Odds: 3.00, 2.40, 1.20.
 Also Ran: Dr. Fager's Gal, Lucky Folie. Scratched: Everqueen.

Pretty N Cool received some class relief dropping down from graded stakes company and returned from a half-year layoff to capture the Wednesday feature at Del Mar. The gray made a name for herself at the seaside oval last summer, following up a first-out score with a win in the GII Sorrento S. in August. Runner-up to unbeaten champion and 'TDN Rising Star' Songbird (Medaglia d'Oro) in the GI Del Mar Debutante Sept. 5, she shipped east to win Belmont's GII Matron S. Oct. 18. Pretty N Cool was a disappointing fifth in the Desi Arnaz S. back here Nov. 15 and closed out her 2-year-old season with a fourth-place run in the GI Starlet S. at Los Alamitos Dec. 12. The filly was last seen reporting home a narrowly beaten third as the favorite in the 6 1/2-furlong GII Santa Ynez Jan. 2. Taking moderate support in the wagering for this return to action, the sophomore raced in midpack behind swift fractions of :21.78 and :44.44. Shifted out to split horses turning for home, she moved clear decisively and held well in the final furlong to earn a comfortable victory. Enchanting Lady (Tale of the Cat) closed stoutly to complete a Bob Baffert-trained exacta. The winner's dam, a half to GI Alfred G. Vanderbilt H. winner Sean Avery (Cherokee Run), is also responsible for the unraced juvenile filly Classydame (Blame), a yearling filly by Lemon Drop Kid and weanling full-sister to Pretty N Cool.

"Buying a Racehorse" Seminar at Del Mar:

Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, Barretts Sales and Thoroughbred Owners of California (TOC) will host "Buying a Racehorse," a free new owner seminar and preview of the Paddock Sale at Del Mar July 23. The seminar will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Veranda Cafe and conclude at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Seminar panelists include bloodstock agent Rollin Baugh, trainer Ron Ellis, Jeff Lifson of West Point Thoroughbreds, and international auctioneer Ryan Mahan. They will discuss acquiring horses at auction and through private sales, claiming horses, and joining racehorse partnerships and syndicates.

The seminar also will include a trip to the Barretts Sales barns, where attendees will get a close-up look at horses in training and a preview of the horses entered in that evening's Paddock Sale. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling TOC at (626) 574-6620 or online at www.toconline.com.

CARMA Poker Tournament Raises Over \$86K for Retired Tbs:

The California Retirement Management Account's "Chips All In" charity poker tournament raised over \$86,000 to help the organization provide financial aid to more than 20 non-profits which rehabilitate, retrain and rehome off-track Thoroughbreds. In addition to the poker tournament, the evening included cocktails, dinner, a silent auction and a live band. "This is our final CARMA Cares poker tournament, so we're very happy to have it go out on a high note," said Executive Director Lucinda Mandella. "We've had a great nine-year run with this event, but we're looking forward to bringing something new to our supporters next year."

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STAY THIRSTY (Bernardini), Ashford Stud, \$17.5K, 91/3/0
 2-FL, Msw 4 1/2f, +Lenny, 7-2
TAPIZAR (Tapit), Gainesway Farm, \$15K, 100/4/0
 6-CBY, Msw 5f, Razipat, \$17K KEE NOV wnl, 5-2

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Uncle Mo	2013	KY	5.75	2.51
Giant Surprise	2013	NY	5.36	2.23
Giant Gizmo	2011	ON	3.91	2.03
Square Eddie	2011	CA	3.18	2.02
Giant Oak	2013	KY	3.03	
Twirling Candy	2013	KY	2.94	
Hear No Evil	2007	FL	2.94	
Strut the Stage	2008	ON	2.91	
Midshipman	2012	KY	2.85	1.85
Kantharos	2012	FL	2.63	2.16
Saffir	2008	ON	2.40	1.70
Grazen	2011	CA	2.38	1.93
Misremembered	2013	KY	2.33	1.16

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note: from Jan. 1-Apr. 30 all starters will be listed here. From June 1-Dec. 31, only
offspring that are first-time starters or starting in a stakes race will be listed here.

COURAGEOUS CAT (Storm Cat), Questroyal North, \$10K, 80/9/1
2-FL, Msw 4 1/2f, +Courageous Pat, 6-1

FRIESAN FIRE (A.P. Indy), Country Life Farm, \$4K, 102/25/1
3-DEL, Msw 5fT, +Fire Key, 10-1

TIZ THE ONE (Tiznow), Red River Farms, , 64/15/0
5-EVD, Msw 5f, +Mr Whiskers, 4-1

6th-PID, \$28,710, 7-20, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:03.82, ft.
MR. FREUD (g, 6, Freud--Cercis, by Forty Niner) Lifetime
Record: 17-4-5-3, \$102,281. O-Wayne W. Rice; B-Emma Bell &
Kurt Conroy (NY); T-Wayne W. Rice. *\$18,000 Ylg '11 FTKOCT;
\$4,000 4yo '14 OBSWIN.

7th-PID, \$28,275, (S), 7-19, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f (AWT),
1:03.29, ft.

**THE FAZZ MAN (r, 5, Lite the Fuse--Wickedly Clever, by Clever
Trick)** Lifetime Record: 21-7-2-3, \$122,334. O-Jamen Davidovich;
B-Nicholas Fazzolari (PA); T-Jamen Davidovich.

7th-TDN, \$26,500, 7-20, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:41.00, ft.
TAPIDOR (r, 5, Tapit--Adorahy, by Rahy) Lifetime Record:
16-3-0-0, \$76,298. O-Premier Stables Unlimited; B-Gallagher's
Stud (NY); T-Brendan P. Walsh. *\$450,000 Ylg '12 KEESEP. **1/2
to Icabad Crane (Jump Start), MSW & GISP, \$585,980; and Our
Golden Dream (Medaglia d'Oro), SW, \$148,637.

3rd-LAD, \$25,230, 7-20, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05.24, ft.
**JACKSON'S G G (f, 4, Dunkirk--Mississippi Dice, by Valid
Expectations)** Lifetime Record: 12-5-0-2, \$99,405. O-Ron D.
Wright, Fletcher B. Clement & Dennis Milligan; B-Dennis Milligan
(LA); T-Henry B. Johnson, Jr.

3rd-MNR, \$19,665, 7-19, (NW4LX), 3yo/up, 7fT, 1:21.63, fm.
QEYAAS (g, 6, Haafhd {GB}--Shawahid, by A.P. Indy) Lifetime
Record: 13-4-2-0, \$67,160. O-Jamen Davidovich & Don Tiger;
B-Shadwell Farm, LLC (KY); T-Jamen Davidovich. *\$3,500 5yo '15
KEEJAN.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Keady, g, 2, **Article of Faith--Broken Embrace**, by Maria's Mon.
IND, 7-20, (S), 5f, :59.76. B-James R. & Amy Elliott (IN). *\$0
RNA 2yo '16 PSPRIN.

Masterofthehouse, c, 3, **Backtalk--Smart Exchange**, by Exchange
Rate. PID, 7-19, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:18.08. B-Amaury Piedra (FL).
*\$17,000 RNA 2yo '15 OBSOPN.

Benediction, c, 3, **Pulpit--Twist**, by Johannesburg. DEL, 7-20,
1 1/16m, 1:46.60. B-Redmon Farm, LLC (KY). *\$600,000 Ylg '14
KEESEP.

INDIAN CREEK SALES GRADUATE

Chao Chom, f, 3, **Tizbud--Summer Jersey**, by Siberian Summer.
DMR, 7-20, (S), 6f, 1:09.51. B-ARCHA Racing Inc. (CA). *1/2 to
Soi Phet (Tizbud), MSW & GISP, \$641,736.

Aquarius, f, 4, **Freud--Aqualung** (SP), by Geiger Counter. FL,
7-20, 5 1/2f, 1:07.05. B-James B. Moseley (NY). *1/2 to Victor
Laszlo (Victory Gallop), MSW, \$141,500.

Tancook, f, 4, **Macho Uno--Girl Can Rock**, by El Prado (Ire). WO,
7-20, (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:41.25. B-Adena Springs (ON). *\$10,000
Ylg '13 KEESEP; \$57,000 2yo '14 OBSOPN.

BREEDERS' EDITION**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

5th-DMR, \$69,035, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 7-20, 3yo/up,
5fT, :57.45, fm.

**WHY TWO (g, 4, Bob and John--Maria's Legend, by Maria's
Mon)** Lifetime Record: SW, 10-3-0-1, \$163,265. O-Kagele
Brothers, Inc., Ernest Marchosky, Ken Shaw & Lo Hi Stable;
B-John McLane & Irv Wiemer (KY); T-Michael Machowsky.
*\$19,000 RNA Ylg '13 KEEJAN; \$120,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR.



1st-IND, \$36,000, (S), 7-20, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.18, ft.

**SIGHTS AND SOUNDS (c, 3, Pollard's Vision--Whistlin' Jean
{SW, \$192,007}, by Pure Prize)** Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0,
\$48,718. O-Penny S. Lauer, Scott & Jim Farrar & Falcon Racing
Stable; B-Michael E. & Penny S. Lauer (IN); T-Michael E. Lauer.

7th-IND, \$34,000, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 7-20, 3yo/up,
f/m, 1m, 1:37.90, ft.

**STREET THUNDER (f, 3, Street Sense--Thunder Lilly, by Thunder
Gulch)** Lifetime Record: 12-3-2-0, \$64,185. O-Maggi Moss;
B-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding (KY); T-Thomas M.
Amoss. *\$10,000 Ylg '14 KEEJAN.



4th-IND, \$34,000, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 7-20, 3yo/up,
f/m, 5fT, :57.45, fm.

**PIN UP GAL (f, 4, Clodovil {Ire}--Pent House {Ire}, by Titus Livius
{Fr})** Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$33,160. O/B-Arlene O'Neill (KY);
T-Tom Bergin.

1st-PEN, \$33,300, (S), 7-20, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.73, ft.

**LATE BREAKING NEWS (g, 3, Jump Start--Very Distinctive {SW,
\$160,388}, by Mutakddim)** Lifetime Record: 7-1-0-0, \$30,590.
O/B-Gary & Stacy Machiz (PA); T-Stacy Machiz.



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POSTPONED OUT OF KING GEORGE WITH INFECTION



Three-time Group 1 winner Postponed training in Newmarket earlier this month | *Racing Post*

Sheikh Mohammed Obaid's **Postponed (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), heavily favoured to defend his title in Saturday's G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. at Ascot, has been ruled out of the mile-and-a-half contest after trainer Roger Varian revealed he is suffering from a respiratory infection. The condition was discovered after the 5-year-old was scoped on Wednesday.

"Up until this point, Postponed had not given us any worry during his training regime," Varian said. "However, we felt Postponed did not work with his usual zest this morning and a subsequent scope showed he is suffering from a respiratory infection. This news is obviously very disappointing and it is a real shame for Sheikh Mohammed Obaid, the team and the racing public that he will not line up on Saturday. But, as is always the case, the interests of the horse must come first. If he is not 100%, the only sensible thing to do is not to run."

"We will let the horse recover from this setback before making a plan of where he runs next," Varian added. "We still have many big days ahead to look forward to."

Postponed won last year's King George for trainer Luca Cumani and has not lost since, his win streak now sitting at five following victories in this year's G1 Dubai Sheema Classic and G1 Coronation Cup.

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LIGHT SPRING FOR PROMISING GHISONI

Godolphin's 3-year-old filly **Ghisoni (Aus)** (Lonhro {Aus}), a dual group-winning sprinter this autumn, will have a light spring campaign, with the G1 Coolmore Classic next autumn her primary target, trainer John O'Shea told *Racing.com*.

"She races best on the fresh side and the plan is not to expose her too much," O'Shea said of the G2 Surround S. and G3 Glenlogan Park S. winner. "I thought the best run of her campaign was when she got beat in the Arrowfield Sprint at Randwick [when fifth]. She just didn't have any luck and I'd imagine that form around Japonisme, Counterattack and the like will be strong this spring."

O'Shea added, "The Coolmore Classic is a race we think is the perfect target in the autumn and it is a race where weight plays a huge part, and the mares carrying too much find it difficult."

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IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

CALIFORNIA CHROME RETURNS IN SAN DIEGO

G1 Dubai World Cup hero California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) makes a much-anticipated return to the races in Saturday's GII San Diego H. at Del Mar. He gives five pounds to multiple Grade I winner Dortmund (Big Brown).

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Postponed Out Of King George With Infection cont. from p1

The Queen's G2 Hardwicke S. winner **Dartmouth (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), who was supplemented for the King George, is now favoured at 2-1. He would become the first winner in 62 years for The Queen in the race named for her parents.

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From The Lady Trainer

with Gai Waterhouse



I have just returned from an annual visit to the UK and it's always a learning curve. Newmarket celebrated 350 years of horse racing since King Charles II traveled to this small town in Suffolk and commanded that a course be created to enable him to run a race in his name. This was the beginning of modern horse racing.

English racing is fascinating. The public have the privilege of being able to interact with Her Majesty The Queen

and The Royal Family in a much more informal way.

It is wonderful to see the sheer exultation on Her Majesty's face when one of her horses wins at the Royal Meeting, and a great reminder for us all that they are still human beings and they too feel the thrill and excitement that we all experience when our horses reach the pinnacle of success.

The abundance of races over varying distances are a joy to behold. One of my most treasured memories in this historic town was watching our great friend, Frances Stanley, ride in the Newmarket Town Plate. In 1666 the inaugural Town Plate was run and won by King Charles II and he stated that it should be run forever.



Sheikh Fahad winning the Town Plate aboard Almagest | Racing Post

The race is over three miles and six furlongs of the Newmarket Round Course, adjacent to Frances and Peter Stanley's New England Stud back paddocks. The race is started by flag and there are stipulations for both horse and rider. Horses must be at least four years old and have finished first, second or third in a British or Irish point-to-point steeplechase in the last 18 months. Horses carry 12 stone and overweight is limited to four pounds with a maximum permitted field of 15 runners. Riders must be 16 or older and professional jockeys, stable staff and grooms are not permitted to ride. The winner is presented with a box of Newmarket Sausages, a product the town is almost as proud of as its racing. It is a truly marvellous event which has been won by both an accountant and a neurosurgeon in recent years, and this year it was won by one of the greatest supporters of our industry, Sheikh Fahad Al Thani, whose racing silks have been carried

to victory in none other than the Melbourne Cup aboard Dunaden. I am not convinced that the moment Dunaden crossed the line that day, Sheikh Fahad had envisaged himself carrying the yellow and blue silks to



James McDonald and Big Orange | Racing Post

victory at the famous July course, but his exultation as he passed the winning post in front was clear for all to see. A prince won the race and an MP finished second--what a wonderful start to any race meeting.

The July Cup is a Group 1 sprint over 1200 metres on Newmarket's July course, and it would have to be one of the most testing sprint races in the world. I walked the track and I can assure you it is very testing. To race ride in England, jockeys have to be extremely fit. Hall of Fame jockey Gary Stevens once said, "I thought I was fit until I went to England. It's a whole new ball game over there." James McDonald, who is originally from New Zealand, but is now based in Australia as Godolphin's number one rider, put in some breathtaking rides in the UK. He steered Big Orange to victory in the G2 Prince Of Wales's S., leading from pillar to post giving the gelding back-to-back victories in the race. He used the horse's speed and outwitted his fellow riders, a technique that is certainly underutilised, especially in Europe. Down Under it is a popular trend for horses to come from back in the field but being married to a statistician and form student, it is interesting to note that those expected to be in the first quarter of the field, win about 25% more than their numbers would indicate. **Cont. p3**

Many years ago, when my father T.J. Smith first took out a training licence, he and my mother Valerie traveled to America. Dad was determined to learn more, better himself and improve his knowledge, enabling him to achieve his desire of being Australia's greatest trainer. He returned with one invaluable piece of information that became a game changer: the amount of corn and oats that was fed in the 50s in the U.S. was far



Gai Waterhouse and her father TJ Smith

greater than that fed to the Australian horses, most of which were being fed a chaff base. Dad returned to Sydney and immediately changed his feeding program with the assistance of veterinary sensation, Dr. Percy Sykes. His

winning total for a season went from very few winners in 1947/1948 to 26 in 1951/1952, to 54 and the start of his 33-year Sydney Premiership run in 1952/53. If you want to read more about my father, his biography, *The Midas Man*, is a riveting story.

Similar to my father, I have noticed the difference between the feeds in the UK and Australia. Most horses in training in England are fed pellets or cubes, which reminded me rather of chicken feed. Over the years, I have experimented with a number of different feeds, but I have found that the most important ingredient is corn, and it is the ingredient that appears to be lacking in the European diet. I have noticed that when the European horses come to Australia, there's big changes in their physical development.

They grow and strengthen, and bloodstock agent Johnny McKeever has said, "I'm astounded with the increase in body weight and muscle tone the horses I purchase for Australia put on in such a short period of time; they grow several inches."

The most popular training track for speed work in Newmarket is the Al Bahathri, an all-weather gallop commissioned by Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum and named in honour of his great filly who won the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas and the G1 Coronation S. amongst many more before going on to be a very influential broodmare. In 1983 the filly was purchased from Keeneland's July Sale for \$650,000, a huge sum at the time. Rob and I found it interesting that trainers elect to use the more gradual gradient of the Al Bahathri track when giving horses their final gallop, as

"I have experimented with a number of different feeds, but I have found that the most important ingredient is corn, and it is the ingredient that appears to be lacking in the European diet."

opposed to the more pronounced and testing canter where horses undertake their slower work.

It is very hard to compare English and European training facilities to those that we have in Australia, America and many parts of Asia. What they do develop is great stamina, and I know from training European horses that their aerobic levels are far superior to my Australian stayers. Japan, similar to Europe, has a strong focus on building a horse's aerobic capacity and this can be seen in their successes on racetracks around the world.

Speaking of Japan, I was delighted to see Charles "Chuck" Fipke, proprietor of C.F. Farms, make the pilgrimage to Hokkaido, where he purchased the Deep Impact--Topliner yearling filly ([lot 81](#)) from Katsumi

Yoshida's Northern Farm draft. Being a half-sister to Group 1 winner Star Billing, the Deep Impact filly's blue-blooded pedigree caught the eye of Chuck, an astute breeder in his own right, having

bred multiple Grade I winners such as Perfect Soul, Perfect Shirl and impressive filly Forever Unbridled. Chuck, no stranger to the dominance of Sunday Silence as a broodmare sire, also bred and raced Tale of Ekati, a Grade I-winning son of Tale of the Cat out of Silence Beauty (Sunday Silence).

With two days of inspections, the team--under the watchful eye of the Lady Trainer (via videos and photos taken on ground--technology is such a dream)--co-trainer Adrian Bott and



Charles Fipke with his Deep Impact filly out of Topliner at the JRHA sale | Kelsey Riley

International Bloodstock Advisor Su-Ann Khaw motored along on the hunt for a regally bred filly reigning from the sire line of the great Sunday Silence. The striking daughter of Deep Impact showed plenty of scope and athleticism in her appearance, ticking all the boxes both on pedigree and type for the team. We agreed in unison lot

81 certainly presented herself as the most attractive filly in the Select Sale, and I'm elated Chuck secured his very own precious gem.

As the old adage goes, 'The world is constantly moving forward so if you are standing still, you are moving backwards.' I think that it is important to be open-minded and learn from others, no matter what we think our own credentials are. I certainly don't intend to let the grass grow under my feet.

FLASH OF PROMISE

Having done the right thing on debut, Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith's **Promise to Be True (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) bids to emulate the G3 Jockey Club of Turkey Silver Flash S. success of her full-sister Maybe (Ire) at Leopardstown on Thursday.

Showing a serious change of gears to win over 7 1/2 furlongs at Tipperary June 30, Ballydoyle's bay is taken on by a potentially smart rival in the Joseph O'Brien-trained **Intricately (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), who beat some useful colts on debut over this trip at Gowran Park June



Promise To Be True | *Racing Post*

19. David Kelly's **Elusive Beauty (Ire)** (Elusive Pimpernel) boasts the group-race form, having been third behind Promise to Be True's stablemate Roly Poly (War Front) in the G3 Grangecon Stud S. over six furlongs at The Curragh June 26.

Trainer Ken Condon said, "The filly looks great and has exceeded our expectations, to be honest. She looks progressive, ran really well at the Curragh last time and should appreciate the step up to seven furlongs. She's a nice filly, but I just want to see how the ground is. It can get quite quick at Leopardstown, so she wouldn't be a definite runner."

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Thursday, Leopardstown, Ireland, post time: 7.00 p.m.

JOCKEY CLUB OF TURKEY SILVER FLASH S.-G3, €60,000, 2yo, f, 7fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	4	Brooklyn's Rose (Ire)	Hly Rmn Empr (Ire)	Keane	Lyons
2	5	Drumfad Bay (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	O'Donoghue	Harrington
3	6	Elusive Beauty (Ire)	Elusive Pimpernel	Foley	Condon
4	3	Intricately (Ire)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	D O'Brien	J O'Brien
5	7	Oh Grace (Ire)	Lawman (Fr)	Manning	Bolger
6	2	Promise To Be True (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Moore	A O'Brien
7	1	Take a Deep Breath (GB)	Bated Breath (GB)	Smullen	O'Callaghan

All carry 126 pounds.

THE END OF THE BEGINNING

Leopardstown's G3 Japan Racing Association Tyros S. has been a launchpad for some of Ireland's premier performers of recent times, with Deauville (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and Gleneagles (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) the latest in a line of top-level scorers to prepare for the big leagues here alongside Zoffany (Ire), Cape Blanco (Ire), Rip Van Winkle (Ire), New Approach (Ire) and Teofilo (Ire).

The first five hailed from Ballydoyle, which is where **Churchill (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) comes in, and this is probably his last run before some serious Group 1 examinations. Already successful in the Listed Chesham S. over this trip at Royal Ascot June 18, the highly regarded imposing bay is as exciting a juvenile prospect to emerge from that stable so far this year and already holds elevated status in the ante-post list for the 2000 Guineas and Derby.

As usual, Dermot Weld has something substantial to offer in opposition in **Currency Converter (Exchange Rate)**, who races for Samuel Menco, Dr Michael Smurfit and Anthony Smurfit, and who looked smart when winning over this course and distance June 9.

Another unexposed type who looks to have a bright future is **Alexios Komnenos (Ire)** (Choisir {Aus}), who was 50-1 on debut when taking a habitually strong Curragh maiden over this trip June 26.

"It looks a tough renewal and a deep race, but our horse is in good form and is entitled to take his chance," trainer Fozzy Stack commented. "Aidan's horse is the Derby favourite and the one to beat, but hopefully our lad will give a good account of himself."



Churchill | *Racing Post*

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Thursday, Leopardstown, Ireland, post time: 7.35 p.m.

JAPAN RACING ASSOCIATION TYROS S.-G3, €60,000, 2yo, fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	3	Alexios Kmnenos (Ire)	Choisir (Aus)	Lordan	Stack
2	1	Churchill (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Moore	A O'Brien
3	5	Currency Converter	Exchange Rate	Smullen	Weld
4	2	Eagle Spirit (Ire)	Hly Rman Emperor (Ire)	D O'Brien	J O'Brien
5	6	King Electric (Ire)	Elzaam (Aus)	Keane	Lyons
6	4	Ready to Roc (Ire)	Roderic O'Connor (Ire)	King	Murtagh

All carry 129 pounds.

HARZAND TO BYPASS ST LEGER

Dual Derby winner **Harzand (Ire)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}) will not look to add a third Classic in the Sept. 10 G1 Ladbrokes St Leger. The Aga Khan colourbearer, last seen winning the G1 Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby June 25, did not feature among the 42 entries for the St Leger on Wednesday, and instead looks to continue down the path initially set out by trainer Dermot Weld and point towards the Oct. 2 G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. **Cont. p5**

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Aidan O'Brien fields 16 of the Leger entries, including the G1 Investec Derby second and third **US Army Ranger (Ire)**



Harzand winning the Irish Derby
Racing Post

(Galileo {Ire}) and **Idaho (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), the latter having also been runner-up to Harzand in the Irish Derby. Investec Derby fourth **Wings Of Desire (GB)** (Pivotal {GB}) remains in contention, as does G1 Grand Prix de Paris runner-up **Red Verdon** (Lemon Drop

Kid) and G2 King Edward VII S. winner **Across The Stars (Ire)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}).

Last year's G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud victor Robin Of Navan (Fr) (American Post {GB}) has also been given a Leger entry, but trainer Harry Dunlop said the colt, who emerged from an 11th-place finish in the G1 Prix du Jockey Club with a ligament injury, could wait until next season to return.

"I felt we should give Robin Of Navan an entry in the St Leger because it is the final Classic of the season and it would be lovely to build him up towards the race," Dunlop said. "He pulled a ligament but it seems to be all good now and we are just quietly getting him back going again. The St Leger is a big target to aim at, providing he is ready in time. He won us an absolute fortune last year and ran a super race in the Prix Greffulhe [when second on seasonal debut May 8]. It would be lovely to get him back for the latter part of the season, but if we have to wait until next year with him, so be it."

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QUIET REFLECTION ON TO HAYDOCK

G1 Commonwealth Cup winner **Quiet Reflection (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}), third when facing elders for the first time in the G1 Darley July Cup July 9, has come out of that most recent effort in good form and will now target the G1 Sprint Cup at Haydock Park Sept. 3, according to trainer Karl Burke.

"She came out of Newmarket perfect and is having a nice break now," said Burke. "We'll bring her back in shortly and start preparing her for Haydock. She definitely won't be going to York for the [G1] Nunthorpe [S. Aug. 19].

"She should strengthen again from Newmarket and a bit slower ground would be perfect for her," Burke added.

Quiet Reflection, a 3-year-old filly, had a five-race win streak snapped by **Limato (Ire)** (Tagula {Ire}) in the July Cup, and she could face that rival again at Haydock.

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MAROIS ON BELARDO AGENDA

Godolphin and Prince A A Faisal's **Belardo (Ire)** (Lope De Vega {Ire}) is likely to bypass the G1 Sussex S. at Glorious Goodwood next week in favour of the G1 Prix Jacques le Marois at Deauville Aug. 14. That mile contest could kick off a three-race end-of-season campaign for the 4-year-old that could culminate in the G1 Prix de Moulin de Longchamp Sept. 11 and the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. on QIPCO British Champions Day at Ascot in October, according to trainer Roger Varian.

"Belardo is likely to wait for the Jacques le Marois," Varian confirmed. "We are very keen to go back to Ascot with him in October as a fresh horse for the QEII."

Belardo, who has enjoyed some of his best days over soft ground but won the Sussex on good going, was second to the American mare Tepin (Bernstein) in Royal Ascot's G1 Queen Anne S. June 14.

"He has had three races leading up to the Queen Anne and he may now have another three with the Jacques le Marois and possibly the Prix du Moulin, then the QEII," Varian said. "He has shown good form over a straight mile and Goodwood is very different, and I am not sure that he loved the track when he ran there last year. We will stick to similar track conditions that have seen him at his best this year."

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Dual Group 1 winner Belardo training in Newmarket | *Racing Post*

MIDDLEHAM PARK BUYS BOTTI PAIR

Prominent partnership Middleham Park Racing has privately purchased this year's G3 Winter Derby and Easter Classic winner **Grendisar (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), as well as the dual listed-placed **Naadirr (Ire)** (Oasis Dream {GB}), from their respective former owners Mohamed Albousi Alghufli and Sheikh Mohammed Bin Khalifa Al Maktoum. The pair will remain with trainer Marco Botti.

"He is a superstar already and has a cult following," said Middleham Park's Tim Palin of the 6-year-old entire Grendisar.



All-weather star Grendisar | *Racing Post*

"He is an out-and-out all-weather horse. We heard he was for sale and he passed the vets with flying colours. It was a very easy deal with the vet process and the payment terms."

Palin said the bay would stick to the all-weather.

"The plan is if it ain't broke, don't fix it," he said. "He is having a break now but he could go for a conditions race at Dundalk in October. The plan would then be to do the same again with him on the all-weather. If we did want to go to America or Dubai the option is open there for us, though."

Of the 5-year-old Naadirr, Palin added, "Marco is convinced that there is more to come and we feel he can still perform at group-race level. There is a Grade II in Canada [Nearctic S.], which we have one eye on as Marco is brilliant with his horses abroad. He is a high-profile horse that could take us as owners all over the world and give us some great days out."

Palin added, "Marco helped broker both deals and we are delighted to have him on board as a trainer. It is great to be part of their team with two very exciting horses."

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BRITAIN



Tuesday Night's Result:

6th-CHD, £10,000, Mdn, 7-19, 3yo/up, 8f (AWT), 1:38.35, st.

EGYPTIAN (c, 3, Eskendereya--Street Talk, by Street Cry {Ire}), a \$170,000 KEESEP yearling, was seventh in a maiden over this trip on Doncaster's good-to-firm turf last time June 3 and was a 7-1 chance while returning to an all-weather venue. Somewhat hesitant to begin, the homebred drifted wide off the home turn, but stayed on best of all in the stretch to score by 4 1/2 lengths from Run To the Hills (Quality Road). The dam, who is a half to the GI Gazelle H. winner Buy the Sport (Devil's Bag), also has a 2-year-old daughter of Candy Ride (Arg) named Kindred, a yearling colt also by that sire and a colt foal by Bodemeister. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$8,886. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O/B-Sanford Robertson & Kathryn Nikkel (KY); T-Jeremy Nosedo.



Wednesday's Results:

4th-BAT, £7,000, Cond, 7-20, 2yo, 5f 11yT, 1:02.79, fm.

BARROCHE (IRE) (f, 2, Kodiak {GB}--Dark Arts, by Royal Anthem), a commendable sixth in Royal Ascot's G2 Queen Mary S. last time June 15, was allowed to take a slender advantage after fighting for her head through the early strides of this softer spot. Stoked up when pressed on both sides inside the quarter-mile marker, the 4-5 favourite was driven out in the closing stages to deny the persistent Camargue (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) by a head. She is the second winner produced by Dark Arts (Royal Anthem), who is a winning granddaughter of Nimble Folly (Cyane), herself the dam of five black-type performers including GI Arlington-Washington Lassie S.-winning stakes producer Contredanse (Danzig) and MGSW Skimble (Lyphard). The latter is the dam of dual GI Pacific Classic-winning sire Skimming (Nureyev). Sales history: €36,000 Wlg '14 GOFNOV; £50,000 Ylg '15 DNPRM. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$16,502. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Wood Hall Stud Ltd; B-T Kenny & P Byrne (IRE); T-Clive Cox.

1st-CAB, £5,000, Cond, 7-20, 2yo, 5f 21yT, 1:13.39, g/f.

JACQUARD (IRE) (c, 2, Pivotal {GB}--Camlet {GB}, by Green Desert), a last-out fourth at Yarmouth June 30 after breaking through at Wolverhampton June 20, made a sharp exit and assumed immediate control of this one. [Cont. p7](#)

1st-CAB, cont.

Unflustered until shaken up just inside the two pole, the well-backed 4-9 favourite kept on strongly under minimal urging and was geared down late to score by a comfortable 3/4 of a length from The Stalking Moon (Ire) (Arcano {Ire}). The winner is a half-brother to the stakes-placed Cheviot (Rahy) and a colt foal by Dawn Approach (Ire). His dam, Camlet (GB) (Green Desert), is a winning daughter of G1 Prix de la Foret heroine Brocade (GB) (Habitat) and is thus kin to MG1SW G1 Irish 2000 Guineas-winning European Horse of the Year Barathea (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) and MG1SW G1 Irish 1000 Guineas-winning highweight Gossamer (GB) (Sadler's Wells), herself the dam of G1 Racing Post Trophy victor Ibn Khaldun (Dubai Destination). Another of Brocade's offspring is MGISP GIII Countess Fager H. winner Free at Last (GB) (Shirley Heights {GB}), who produced MGISP dual GII La Prevoyante H. victress Coretta (Ire) (Caerleon). Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$12,859. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Darley (IRE); T-Mark Johnston.



3rd-SAN, £6,000, Mdn, 7-20, 2yo, 7f 16yT, 1:29.58, g/f.

+BEST OF DAYS (GB), c, 2, by Azamour (Ire)

1st Dam: Baisse (GB) (SW-Ger), by High Chaparral (Ire)

2nd Dam: Best Side (Ire), by King's Best

3rd Dam: Mood Swings (Ire), by Shirley Heights (GB)

Sent off the 3-1 second favourite with the vibes significant, Best of Days did not provide immediate justification for the market support when tardy at the start and left behind but quickly recovered to race towards the rear of mid-division. Picking up rival after rival down the outside without being asked a serious question by Jim Crwoley, the homebred brushed aside Wahash (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining before drawing away for an impressive six-length success. "They couldn't take him far enough and he was still on the bridle two out," his jockey said. "He has a lovely stride on him and plenty of gears--he really lengthened when he hit the rising ground and will improve over further." Leader's Legacy (War Front), Godolphin's \$900,000 KEESEP son of the 2012 GII Robert J Frankel S. winner Bauble Queen (Arch), was the 11-4 favourite and looked to hold a winning chance two out but faded to be sixth as Best of Days turned on the power. The first foal of the useful dam, Best of Days is yet another Azamour to look to have the potential to scale the heights for Hugo Palmer.

His second dam Best Side (Ire) (King's Best) was also a smart listed performer and produced the G3 Dee S. and G3 Sandown Classic Trial winner Azmeel (GB), also by Azamour. Under the third dam are the smart black-type performers Grand Ducal (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), winner of the G3 Gallinule S., and Hurricane Floyd (Ire) (Pennekamp). Baisse also has a filly foal by Sea the Moon (Ger). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,088. [Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#) [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O/B-Mr G. Schoeningh (GB); T-Hugo Palmer.

1st-LIN, £4,000, Mdn, 7-20, 2yo, 7f 1y (AWT), 1:27.54, stn.

NORTHDOWN (GB) (c, 2, Paco Boy {Ire}--Hazita {GB}, by Singspiel {Ire}), a debut seventh at Ascot last time July 9, was well away from the inside gate and raced against the fence in a prominent third from the outset here. Nudged along on the home turn, the 7-1 chance was still third entering the final eighth of a mile and found plenty under a late drive to best Geophony (Ire) (Canford Cliffs {Ire}) by a half-length in the dying strides. Northdown, himself half to a yearling filly by Canford Cliffs (Ire), is out of a half-sister to three black-type performers including GSW G1 Irish Oaks and G1 Yorkshire Oaks third Hazarista (Ire) (Barathea {Ire}) and G3 Athasi S. winner Hazariya (Ire) (Xaar {GB}), herself the dam of this year's G1 Epsom Derby and G1 Irish Derby hero Harzand (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}); as well as GSW and G1 Moyglare Stud S. third Harasiya (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}). Sales history: 8,000gns Wlg '14 TATFOA; €20,000 Ylg '15 ARAUG; 22,000gns Ylg '15 TATYEA. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$3,393. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Kevin & Craig Scott; B-R W Russell (GB); T-David Lanigan.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Latest Quest (Ire), c, 2, Zebedee (GB)--Fancy Theory, by Quest for Fame (GB). LIN, 7-20, 7f 1y (AWT), 1:27.58. B-Jerry Murphy (IRE). €36,000 Wlg '14 GOFNOV; 18,000gns Ylg '15 TAOCT.

Thursday, Sandown, post time: 3.05 p.m.

LONGINES IRISH CHAMPIONS WEEKEND EBF STALLIONS STAR S.- Listed, £30,000, 2yo, f, 7f 16yT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	6	Calare (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Doyle	Appleby
2	5	Grizzel (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Dobbs	Hannon
3	2	Hellofahaste (GB)	Hellvelyn (GB)	Tylicki	Millman
4	4	High On Love (Ire)	Requinto (Ire)	Donohoe	Fellowes
5	7	Mia Cara (GB)	Camacho (GB)	Kelly	Evans
6	8	On Her Toes (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Dettori	Haggas
7	1	Paulownia (Ire)	Nathaniel (Ire)	O'Neill	Hannon
8	3	Urban Fox (GB)	Foxwedg (Aus)	Hatley	Tate

All carry 126 pounds.

IRELAND

**Wednesday's Results:**

YEOMANSTOWN STUD DARK ANGEL E.B.F. S.-Listed, €60,000, NAA, 7-20, 3yo/up, f/m, 6ft, 1:10.58, gd.

1--**FORT DEL ORO (IRE), 134, f, 4, Lope de Vega (Ire)--Gilded (Ire) (GSW-Eng, \$151,447), by Redback (GB)**. (50,000gns Ylg '13 TAOCT). O/B-Ballylinch Stud (IRE); T-Eddie Lynam; J-Billy Lee. €35,400. Lifetime Record: MGSP-Ire & SP-Eng, 9-4-3-1, \$146,359.

2--**Buying Trouble**, 126, f, 3, Hat Trick (Jpn)--Lotus Sutra, by Kingmambo. (\$24,000 Wlg '13 KEENOV). O-Mrs I. M. Folkes. €11,400.


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3--**Most Beautiful (GB)**, 126, f, 3, Canford Cliffs (Ire)--Saphira's Fire (Ire), by Cape Cross (Ire). (70,000gns Wlg '13 TATFOA; 120,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT). O-Ronan O'Gara & Mrs Paul Shanahan. €5,400.

Margins: 3/4, HF, 1 3/4. Odds: 0.90, 10.00, 3.00.

Fort del Oro was talented from the outset and managed a third in the G3 Phoenix Sprint S. at The Curragh in August, a second in the Listed Garrowby S. at York in September and a win in the Listed Waterford Testimonial S. back at The Curragh in October,



Fort Deloro | *Racing Post photo*

all over six furlongs. Successfully dropping to five furlongs to add the Listed Woodlands S. to her tally here on her seasonal bow Apr. 25, the bay was a shade disappointing when last of seven, albeit beaten under four lengths, in the G3 Greenlands

S. back over six at The Curragh May 21 but was back to something like her best when second in the G3 Ballyogan S. over the same track and trip June 4. Under restraint from the outset travelling too well for her opposition, she was held up behind the leaders until taking to the lead passing the two-furlong pole. Either idling or tiring late on as Buying Trouble and Most Beautiful stayed on to close the gap, she had too much class for these rivals as connections will be forced into stepping up in company again now. "I was a bit worried about the ground, but that's just me as I worry about everything," trainer Eddie Lynam told *Irish Racing.com*. "Anyway she got away with it, and has a bit of class. That's the last fillies listed race over five or six furlongs until 2017 and we could all be in Brexit by then!"

Out of the G2 Queen Mary S. winner Gilded, Fort del Oro hails from the family of the G2 Railway S. winner Formosina (Ire) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}) and his 'TDN Rising Star' half-brother Blue Point (Ire) (Shamardal), as well as the MGSW sire Tumbleweed Ridge (GB). Gilded has two daughters of Dream Ahead yet to race, a 2-year-old and a yearling. [Click for the Racing Post result.](#) [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

7th-NAA, €15,000, Cond, 7-20, 3yo/up, 8ft, 1:40.05, gd.
ENDLESS DRAMA (IRE) (c, 4, Lope de Vega {Ire}--Desert Drama {Ire} {SW & GSP-Fr, \$122,006}, by Green Desert), last seen finishing ninth behind Tepin (Bernstein) in the G1 Queen Anne S. at Royal Ascot June 14, was 1-3 looking for a well-deserved win for the first time since his 2-year-old debut and settled perfectly in third throughout the early stages. Moving up to take command with a furlong remaining, last year's G1 Irish 2000 Guineas runner-up who was also third in the G1 Lockinge S. at Newbury May 14 was pushed out to secure a 2 1/2-length success from General Macarthur (War Front). "Everyone was expecting him to win and he's done his job," trainer Ger Lyons told *Irish Racing.com*. "Colin [Keane] said the ground was as fast as he wants and he even hated it cantering down to the start. He's ground-dependent and does not want extremes. Colin is not keen to step him up in trip, but the people that matter are. He'll go for a race like the [G3] Royal Whip [at The Curragh Aug. 21] next with the ultimate aim of the [G1] Champion S. [at Ascot Oct. 15] at the end of the year." The dam, who was second in the G2 Criterium de Maisons-Lafitte and fifth in the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac at two in the famous Strauss silks, is a half-sister to three other pattern-race performers in Tycoon's Hill (Ire) (Danehill), Sharpest Image (Ire) (Exactly Sharp) and Tycoon's Dolce (Ire) (Rainbows for Life). The second dam is the GIII Selima S. winner Tycoon's Drama (Ire) (Last Tycoon {Ire}) from the family of the top-level performers King's Drama (Ire) (King's Theatre {Ire}), Rosinka (Ire) (Soviet Star) and Self Feeder (Ire) (Lycius) and also the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas heroine Nightime (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and her classy G3 Blue Wind S.-winning daughter Zhukova (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}). Desert Drama has an as-yet unraced 3-year-old colt by Jeremy named Napoleon (Ire) and a yearling filly by Red Jazz to follow. Sales history: 45,000gns Wlg '12 TATFOA; €38,000 RNA Ylg '13 GOFORB. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Eng & Ire, 7-2-3-1, €143,669. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Sheikh Khalifa, Sheikh Suhaim and the QRL Partnership; B-Knocktoran Stud & Bluehorse Breeding Ltd (IRE); T-Ger Lyons.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Mr Scarlet (GB), g, 2, **Dandy Man (Ire)**--Scarlet Buttons (Ire), by Marju (Ire). NAA, 7-20, 5ft, :59.60. B-Heather Raw (GB). *€8,000 Ylg '15 GOFFEB; €72,000 Ylg '15 TISEP.

Irish Report cont.

Peacehaven (Ire), f, 4, [Rip Van Winkle \(Ire\)](#)--Crystal Gaze (Ire), by Rainbow Quest. NAA, 7-20, 6fT, 1:12.44. B-Ballygallon Stud Limited (IRE). *1/2 to Spirit Quartz (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Hwt. 3yo-Ity at 5-7f, GSW-Fr & Ity, SW-Ire, G1SP-Eng, \$532,350.

OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

6.00 Leopardstown, Mdn, €16,500, 2yo, 8fT

UTAH (IRE) ([Galileo {Ire}](#)), an Aidan O'Brien trainee, is out of the stakes-placed Healing Music (Fr) (Bering {GB}) and is thus a full-brother to 2010 G1 Epsom Derby runner-up At First Sight (Ire).

The €260,000 GOFORB yearling debuts in a race the stable won with three-time Classic-winning sire and At First Sight's Epsom conqueror Camelot (GB) ([Galileo {Ire}](#)), and he faces seven rivals in one of Europe's first mile tests for juveniles. They include the Ger Lyons-trained **World**



Jacqueline Quest, dam of **World War** | *Racing Post*

War (Ire) ([Galileo {Ire}](#)), a son of Jacqueline Quest (Ire) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), who was demoted from first in the 2010 G1 1000 Guineas and like Utah, he is part-owned by China Horse Club International.

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WORLDWIDE NEWS

Light Spring For Promising Ghisoni cont. from p1

Ghisoni is likely to take in the 1200-metre G2 Premier S. at Randwick Oct. 1 before traveling to Melbourne for the G2 Tab.com.au S. Oct. 29.

O'Shea also offered updates on his top 2-year-olds **Astern (Aus)** (Medaglia d'Oro) and **Telperion (Aus)** (Street Cry {Ire}). Astern, winner of the G2 Silver Slipper S. in the autumn before dead-heating with 'TDN Rising Star' El Divino (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}) in the G3 Kindergarten S., will stick to sprinting and target the G1 Coolmore Stud S. Oct. 29.

Listed winner Telperion, second in the G1 Sires' Produce S. and fourth in the G1 Golden Slipper, is likely to take in the early season 3-year-old highlight, the G1 Golden Rose over 1400 metres, before potentially stepping up in trip for the Caulfield Guineas.

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MUSIC MAGNATE TO MISS SPRING

Music Magnate (NZ) (Written Tycoon {Aus}), who provided trainer Bjorn Baker with a first Group 1 win in the Doomben 10,000 May 28, will miss the spring after contracting a virus, Baker told *Racing.com*.

"Unfortunately, he just recently had a virus so he'll be out for the spring and [we will] bring him back for the New Year," the trainer confirmed. "He hasn't been straightforward; he had one or two issues. We've been patient with him and it worked out well [in the Doomben 10,000]."

The 4-year-old gelding finished 11th of 16 in Eagle Farm's G1 Stradbroke H. when last seen June 11.

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Rank	Sire	Wnrs/SW	Earnings (A\$)
1	Street Cry (Ire)	84/12	12,918,404
2	Not a Single Doubt	153/12	12,305,846
3	Written Tycoon	129/7	9,971,193
4	Fastnet Rock	123/12	9,602,722
5	Lonhro	137/9	8,954,235
6	Encosta de Lago	86/6	8,799,877
7	Redoute's Choice	104/13	8,531,051
8	Snitzel	127/5	8,223,227
9	Sebring	117/7	8,163,691
10	Choisir	122/8	7,479,136
11	High Chaparral (Ire)	119/7	7,393,616
12	More Than Ready (USA)	103/7	7,022,044
13	Exceed and Excel	101/11	6,441,164
14	Magnus	106/5	5,988,087
15	Stratum	97/5	5,963,397
16	Pentire (GB)	39/3	5,904,916
17	Mossman	78/8	5,769,610
18	Zabeel (NZ)	45/6	5,650,322
19	Savabeel	47/1	5,619,487
20	Blackfriars	84/6	5,079,609

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