

FIRST TDN DERBY 20 A WIDE OPEN GROUPING



McCraken, who retains his spot atop the Derby 20, posted a six-furlong work in 1:13.40 at Keeneland Monday in preparation for the GII Toyota Blue Grass Apr. 8 | Keeneland/Photos by Z

by T.D. Thornton

With the final round of GI Kentucky Derby preps stretching out primarily to nine furlongs for the remainder of the season, the TDN Derby Top 12 is also expanding, switching to a Top 20 format from here on out. Please note the rankings below are independent from the "Road to the Kentucky Derby" points leaderboard that Churchill Downs will use to determine starting berths; that list can be accessed [here](#).

1. MCCRAKEN (c, Ghostzapper--Ivory Empress, by Seeking the Gold)

'TDN Rising Star' O/B-Whitham Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY). T-Ian R. Wilkes. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 4-4-0-0, \$310,848.

Mar. 14 TDN Top 12 Rank: 1

Last Start: 1st, GIII Sam F. Davis S., TAM, Feb. 11

Accomplishments Include: 1st, GII Kentucky Jockey Club S., CD,

Nov. 26, 1st, Street Sense S., CD, Oct. 30

Next Start: GII Blue Grass S., KEE, Apr. 8

Thoro-Graph sheet, EquineLine PPs, Caulfield on McCracken

KY Derby Points: 20

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ARROGATE TO TAKE A BREAK

Juddmonte Farms' 'TDN Rising Star' Arrogate (Unbridled's Song) is to have a well-deserved break before being prepared for an attempt at back-to-back victories in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic, following his astonishing display to win the G1 Dubai World Cup at Meydan Saturday. The Bob Baffert-trained grey produced one of the greatest performances in the history of horse racing to take the rich prize after a troubled start left him at the rear of the pack--an unexpected departure from his typical forwardly placed style.

"It was an extraordinary performance," commented Teddy Grimthorpe, racing manager to the owner. "It was one for the ages, as they say. So far, he's come out of the race fine. He'll have a break now and aim for the Breeders' Cup. That will be his main objective. Obviously, we have to get him back home, see how he is, give him some time to chill and then bring him back with the Breeders' Cup in mind." **Cont. p3**

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Winter is coming. *Winter (Ire) (Galileo {Ire})*, ridden by Donnacha O'Brien, leads the Ballydoyle charge as the second set of Aidan O'Brien trainees gallops at Naas Racecourse in County Kildare, Ireland, on Monday morning. | Patrick McCann/Racing Post

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Andrew Caulfield takes a closer look at G2 UAE Derby hero Thunder Snow (Ire), who could possibly make the trip to Churchill Downs for the First Saturday in May.

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Arrogate to Take a Break (cont. from p1)



Arrogate | DRC/Andrew Watkins

Carrying the famous Khalid Abdullah colors also sported by Frankel (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), Arrogate was squeezed out at the start and at one stage was some 20 lengths behind the leader. Jockey Mike Smith did not panic and worked his way into the race down the backstretch before the turbo kicked in, as the reigning champion 3-year-old colt stormed past the leader Gun Runner (Candy Ride {Arg}) over a furlong out to earn victory by 2 1/4 lengths.

Arrogate's Dubai World Cup win is the latest win in a monumental rise to the top of the sport, including consecutive Group/Grade I victories in the Aug. 27 Travers S., Nov. 5 Breeders' Cup Classic and Jan. 28 Pegasus World Cup Invitational. The Kentucky-bred now has pushed his earnings from eight starts to \$17,084,600--the highest ever by a North American racehorse.

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TEPIN REFUSES TO BREEZE

by Sue Finley

Tepin (Bernstein), sent out for a half-mile tuneup at Palm Meadows Monday morning, refused to breeze, but has come back to the barn "happy and healthy" according to her owner, Bob Masterson. The 6-year-old Mark Casse trainee, who was named the American Champion Female Turf horse the past two years, was ridden by her regular jockey, Julien Leparoux, at the time.

"She's healthy as can be," said Masterson. "She's happy as can be. There's not a pimple on her. She has been great. Julien was on her this morning and she was scheduled to breeze but she would not breeze; would not go at all. She is in season, and this happens sometimes. We think she doesn't like being down there at Palm Meadows. There has been a little heat down there, so we're going to ship from Churchill soon, see how she is, and make a decision about her future."

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Masterson said that assistant trainer Norman Casse was on hand at the time, and observers said she subsequently jogged two miles the wrong way before returning to the barn.

“She has done this before,” said Masterson. “When she was very successful, she’s done it. We’re not upset about it. We’re not disturbed about it. We think she’s fine and we think she’ll go forward. She came back to the barn happy.”

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PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

by Andrew Caulfield



THUNDER SNOW

With the Kentucky Derby’s history dating all the way back to 1875, it has featured just about every conceivable twist and turn in its storylines. For example, the 1971 contest produced a shock when the Santa Anita Derby winner Jim French was totally outpointed by Canonero II, a raider from Venezuela. The Canonero story could hardly have been more colorful. Although foaled at Claiborne, the colt was sent by breeder Edward B. Benjamin to the Keeneland Fall Yearling Sale because his twisted off-foreleg raised doubts about his ability to race. After selling for only \$1,200, the youngster became part of a wedding present to Edgar Caibett.

Canonero proved to have no soundness problems, making 12 starts before the Kentucky Derby, and he promptly added the Preakness. Although he could finish only fourth in the Belmont, picking up a hock injury which ended his 3-year-old campaign, Canonero was later sold for a reported \$1 million.

Canonero’s Triple Crown triumphs had been made all the more unpredictable by his pedigree, as his parents--the Epsom Derby second Pretendre and the minor winner Dixieland II--had

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both been turf performers in Britain. Then there were the logistical problems the colt had to overcome. His flight from Caracas to Florida was described as “harrowing.” He then had to complete a lengthy stay in quarantine in Florida, followed by the long road trip to Kentucky.

I mention all this simply to remind everyone that internationalism is nothing new to the Kentucky Derby. Even so, there is a good chance that an exciting international aspect will be added to this year’s race, following the **G2 UAE Derby** on the World Cup undercard. The race featured a desperately close finish between Godolphin’s admirable colt Thunder Snow and the very determined Japanese raider Epicharis, whose pedigree I reviewed in the **Feb. 21st issue**.

The Meydan Classic took place just days after Thunder Snow had been added to the Triple Crown nominees at the **late nomination phase**. He now has 100 points in the bag, and is unbeaten on dirt, having also won the G3 UAE 2000 Guineas by nearly six lengths. It remains to be seen, though, whether Sheikh Mohammed’s team considers his dirt form to be on a par with his excellent exploits on turf, which include a five-length success in the G1 Criterium International over seven furlongs.

As a dirt specialist, Epicharis has far fewer alternatives to the Kentucky Derby, for which he earned a ticket with his Hyacinth S. success. However, it has been suggested that Epicharis will aim for the G1 Belmont S., rather than the Derby--an

understandable move when the Gold Allure colt has already faced a demanding international challenge.

An added international aspect to Thunder Snow’s background is that his sire Helmet carries the (AUS) suffix after his name, as does Helmet’s sire Exceed And Excel. While both of these top performers made their name in Australia, neither has any Australian bloodlines as Exceed And Excel has two American-bred parents and Helmet is out of a British-bred Singspiel mare from a top German female line.

THUNDER SNOW (IRE), c, 2014

Lifetime Record: 8-4-2-0, \$1,627,692

Helmet (Aus)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Danehill	Danzig
		Patrona	Razyana
	Accessories (GB)	Singspiel (Ire)	Lomond
		Anna Matrushka (GB)	Gladiolus
Eastern Joy (GB) 4-1-0-2 5Fls, 3GSW	Dubai Destination	Kingmambo	In the Wings (GB)
		Mysterial	Glorious Song
	Red Slippers 14Fls, 1 GSW	Nureyev	Mill Reef
		Morning Devotion 15Fls, 1Ch, 3 GSW	Anna Paola (Ger)
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2	The Factor, \$25,000	17	1	\$541,165
-	Shackleford, \$15,000	17	1	\$1,183,782
4	Tapizar, \$15,000	15	1	\$503,589

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Incidentally, both Helmet and Exceed And Excel demonstrated how difficult it can be for a horse to produce its best form after traveling halfway around the world. Exceed And Excel faded to finish in the rear after trying to lead throughout in the 2004 G1 July Cup on his only European start. Helmet also failed to reproduce anything like his best Australian form when sent to the UAE and then Britain in 2012. Coincidentally, he also contested the UAE Derby, then run on Tapeta, but he was beaten after seven furlongs.

This effort was in sharp contrast to some of his displays in Australia, where he had been a Group 1 winner over seven furlongs and a mile as a 2-year-old. He also won the G1 Caulfield Guineas at three. It is worth mentioning that two of this free-running colt's poorer efforts came on the only occasions that Helmet ventured beyond a mile. Clearly he had inherited plenty of speed from Exceed And Excel, rather than stamina from his broodmare sire Singspiel, but Thunder Snow was still running on strongly at the end of

1 3/16 miles at Meydan.

Although Helmet didn't inherit all of Singspiel's stamina, Thunder Snow possibly owes his ability to handle dirt to Singspiel. A son of Halo's famous daughter Glorious Song--a 14-time winner on dirt--Singspiel repelled a strong American challenge in the 1997 Dubai World Cup on fast dirt. Of course, Singspiel was also a Group 1 winner on turf in three other countries. This versatility was also displayed by Glorious Song, whose career also included three wins on turf, and by her very smart son Rahy.

Thunder Snow also comes from an American female line which has flourished on both sides of the Atlantic, on both surfaces. His fourth dam, Morning Has Broken, was a half-sister to Mr. Prospector's first champion, the juvenile filly It's In The Air, who went on to plenty more Grade I success at three and four. It's In The Air's numerous talented descendants included her granddaughter Music Note, winner of the GI Mother Goose S. and GI CCA Oaks on dirt.



Thunder Snow (left) forges past Epicharis to capture the UAE Derby Saturday | *Neville Hopwood photo*



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The branch of the family descending from Thunder Snow's third dam, Morning Devotion, has become a very reliable source of Classic performers. Morning Devotion herself produced Storm Bird's outstanding daughter Balanchine, winner of the G1 Epsom Oaks before defeating the colts in the G1 Irish Derby. Balanchine was by one son of Northern Dancer and Thunder Snow's second dam, the Group 2 winner Red Slippers, was by another in Nureyev. Red Slippers's brother Romanov was good enough to finish third in the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas and the G1 Epsom Derby and Red Slippers became the dam of West Wind, winner of the G1 Prix de Diane.

Thunder Snow's dam, the Dubai Destination mare Eastern Joy, was just an ordinary winner, but she too is proving a worthy member of this excellent family. Her first four foals--each by a different sire--have all enjoyed stakes success. Thunder Snow follows Ihtimal (UAE 1000 Guineas and Oaks and third in the 1000 Guineas), Always Smile (a Group 1-placed listed winner) and First Victory (a Group 3 winner as a 2-year-old). The mare also has a 2-year-old sister to Ihtimal.

Eastern Joy is playing her part in transforming Dubai Destination from failed stallion to highly respected broodmare sire. The former Darley stallion sired the dams of those top European middle-distance colts Golden Horn and Postponed. Silent Sedition, an Australian-bred filly by War Chant, became the latest Group 1 winner out of a Dubai Destination mare when she won the William Reid S. **last Friday.**

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LUCKY PULPIT FILLY SWIFTEST AT BARRETT'S PREVIEW *by Jessica Martini*

Barretts conducted the under-tack preview for its Select 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale at Del Mar Monday in front of a large number of trainers, owners and bloodstock agents. The show began under overcast skies and temperatures in the high 50s, but the sun displaced the clouds as the day wore on and temperatures reached the mid-60s. The day's fastest furlong and quarter-mile breezes were both recorded during the last of three sets.

Among the strong contingent of trainers in attendance at Del Mar Monday was James Cassidy, Art and Alan Sherman, Brian Koriner, Dan Hendricks and Phil D'Amato. Bloodstock agents present were Emmanuel de Seroux, whose Narvick International signed for last year's sale topper, as well as Mersad Metanovic, Marette Farrell, Pete Bradley, Rollin Baugh and Shawn Dugan. Stonestreet Stable's John Moynihan took in the action alongside owner George Bolton, while other owners in the Del Mar grandstand included Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners' Aron Wellman, West Point Thoroughbreds' Terry Finley, as well as prominent California owner Madeline Auerbach.

Barretts General Manager Kim Lloyd expressed himself pleased with both the breeze show's turnout and the performances put forward on the track.

"The horses have been training well here and they are breezing well today," Lloyd said. "They look good over this track--they get a hold of it really well and it really shows off talent. The attendance is great and the weather is perfect."



Hip 48, by Justin Phillip, recorded the day's fastest quarter-mile breeze with a :20 3/5 move | Cecilia Gustavsson

A total of 10 horses breezed a furlong in :10 flat, but **hip 6** became the first to shade the :10 mark when she streaked the eighth-of-a-mile in :9 4/5. Consigned by Havens Bloodstock Agency, the chestnut is a daughter of the late Lucky Pulpit and, out of Nine to Five Lady (Mr. Greeley), she is from the family of GI Breeders' Cup Classic winner Concern.

"She was the quickest horse we had, but I never plan on a :9 4/5--it just sounds kind of silly to say that kind of stuff,"



Hip 6 | Barretts photo

admitted Andy Havens. "As a result, you end up just delighted when they do it. She is a wonderful horse, a very fast-made horse and she's just been 100%

the whole time, so we're really happy."

Havens sent out nine juveniles to work Monday and the consignor said the Del Mar track seemed to play fairly throughout the day.

"It's a really safe track," Havens commented. "The horses come back off this track really well. I'm not sure they all handle it equally well, but it's a good track. I think it was good all the way through today and it's a very good track to train on and there has been a good response from these horses soundness-wise."

Just a few hips after the :9 4/5 drill, a colt from the first crop of Grade I winner Justin Phillip recorded the day's fastest quarter-mile breeze when he covered the distance in :20 3/5. The bay colt (**hip 48**) is out of Town Belle (Speightstown), who is a daughter of multiple graded stakes winner Clearly a Queen (Lucky North). He is consigned to the Barretts sale by Eddie Woods.

"I knew he was going to work really, really well," Woods said. "I'm not going to tell you I thought he'd go in :20 3/5, but I knew he had a legitimate chance to go the fastest quarter of the day."

Of the decision to work the colt in the final set of the day, Woods added, "Last year, I worked a horse late and he had the fastest quarter of the sale and I waited with my two quarters to late this year just to make a decision to see how the track was going to decide how far I was going to work them. It was holding up the whole day. The small numbers and the two breaks helped. Everyone basically fell into where they were supposed to be. So the track was very fair."

Ciaran Dunne's Wavertree Stables was responsible for four of the 10 second-fastest furlong workers: **hip 17**, a colt by Soldat; **hip 46**, a colt by Quality Road; **hip 76**, a colt by Run Away and Hide; and **hip 123**, a colt by Tale of the Cat.

"From first to last, pretty much there were no surprises," Dunne said. "They worked pretty much in line with what they were doing at home. I don't think there was any variance throughout the day at all."

Bruno De Berdt's Excel Bloodstock was responsible for three of Monday's :10 flat workers: **hip 67**, a filly by Blame; **hip 44**, a filly by Morning Line; and **hip 121**, a colt by Congrats.

Also represented by multiple :10 flat workers was Raul Reyes's Kings Equine, which sent out **hip 102**, a son of Candy Ride (Arg); and **hip 61**, a daughter of Exchange Rate.

A filly by Smiling Tiger (**hip 8**), consigned by Checkmate Thoroughbreds, was first to set the :10 flat mark Monday.

The Barretts March catalogue, which began with 134 entries, has been significantly shortened by scratches and only 71 horses breezed Monday.

"It's just the way it is," Lloyd said of the large number of outs. "We can only sell what we have, we'll deal with it and move on."

Lloyd said a possible solution to the small catalogue would be to combine the company's March and May juvenile sales.

"It's probably time for a change," Lloyd said of the possible calendar change. "We haven't gotten there yet, but it's a possibility to address the numbers and that way the scratches aren't as significant in a bigger catalogue. The buyers come here because they know there is quality, but it's always nicer to have more horses."

Woods agreed condensing the two sales might make sense.

"I think it's probably the only way to go," he said. "I think it's time to do something to consolidate the whole thing so they can at least have a respectable number."

The Barretts Select 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale will be held Wednesday at Del Mar with bidding scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. PT.



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McCraken (cont. from p1)

McCraken has deservedly anchored the top spot on the *TDN* Derby rankings since Feb. 14, and even though he missed a scheduled start in the GII Tampa Bay Derby earlier this month with a slight strain in his left front ankle, his trainer hardly seems rattled by the minor change of plans. This undefeated ‘**TDN Rising Star**’ posted a solid six-furlong maintenance work with a decent gallop out on Monday at Keeneland, and while McCraken doesn’t have to win the Apr. 8 Blue Grass S. by the length of the stretch to keep his assertive hold at the head of the class, it will be important to see definite signs of progress at nine furlongs. There is a danger in not wanting to wring too much out of

McCraken prior to the first leg of the Triple Crown, yet it would also be a mistake to think he can “back into” the Derby if he falters in the Blue Grass without bridging the gap between 1 1/16 and 1 1/4 miles. Even with that caveat, it’s hard to resist not looking back at this colt’s three-for-three record at Churchill Downs, and then projecting forwardly the huge tactical advantage a fondness for the Louisville strip would afford McCraken on Derby Day. He not only won those races by comfortable margins, but with a professional, off-the-pace presence that was impressive for a 2-year-old who didn’t debut until October.

Click [here](#) to view McCraken’s Monday workout at Keeneland.

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Mar. 14 TDN Top 12 Rank: 2

Last Start: 1st, **GII Tampa Bay Derby**, TAM, Mar. 11

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Thoro-Graph sheet, **EquineLine PPs**

KY Derby Points: 54

Bred by My Meadowview. Sold by Denali.

Tampa Bay Derby victor Tapwrit is riding an upward arc right now, building off three wins in his last four starts, with his only loss since November a trip-troubled second behind McCracken in the GII Sam F. Davis S. He's a high-spirited, energetic gray who's built up a decent foundation of races, and trainer Pletcher has indicated that this \$1.2-million colt has been accelerating quickly on the learning curve during training over the past six weeks with plenty of potential for further improvement. A possible rematch with McCracken in the Blue Grass S. might not turn out to be the clash-of-titans throwdown that it could be considering both camps want to move forward with horses that are fresh

enough to peak four weeks later at Churchill Downs. But the head-to-head implications are still intriguing from the standpoint of which colt might emerge as the more dominant divisional foe (and likely Derby favorite) crossing the nine-furlong bridge en route to 1 1/4 miles on the first Saturday in May.



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3. GUNNEVERA (c, Dialed In--Unbridled Rage, by Unbridled)

O-Peacock Racing Stables, LLC. B-Brandywine Farm & Stephen Upchurch (KY). T-Antonio Sano. Sales History: \$16,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 8-4-2-0, \$1,075,200. Mar. 14 TDN Top 12 Rank: 4
 Last Start: 1st, *Gil Xpressbet Fountain of Youth S.*, GP, Mar. 4
 Accomplishments Include: 1st, *GIII Delta Downs Jackpot S.*, DED, Nov. 19; 1st, *GII Saratoga Special S.*, SAR, Aug. 14
 Next Start: GI Florida Derby, GP, Apr. 1
Thoro-Graph sheet, EquineLine PPs, Caulfield on Gunnevera
 KY Derby Points: 64

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The Florida Derby will be Gunnevera's chance to finally shrug off the "overachiever" label that comes with being a \$16,000 yearling who took three starts to break his maiden, pulled off a mild stakes upset at Saratoga, then won a million-dollar Delta Downs stakes with a gangly, somewhat unfocused, last-to-first lope around a tight-turn track. Since then, he's shown up in workmanlike, consistent fashion against top competition in Florida, registering a solid second in the Gil Holy Bull S. followed by a methodical, more-left-in-the-tank score in the Gil Fountain of Youth S. Yes, as a one-run closer, Gunnevera will always be at

the mercy of the pace in front of him. But he gives no indication that he's yet come close to bottoming out in terms of stamina. After breezing five furlongs on Saturday at Gulfstream Park West in 1:01.80 (7/20), trainer Sano declared confidently that the work wasn't so much a tightener for Gunnevera's next engagement, but as a foundation for the Kentucky Derby. "He didn't need more for the Florida Derby, so I breezed him looking ahead to the next one," he said.



Gunnevera | Adam Coglianese

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4. PRACTICAL JOKE (c, Into Mischief--Halo Humor, by Distorted Humor)

O-Klaravich Stables, Inc. & William H. Lawrence. B-Whispering Oaks (KY). T-Chad C. Brown. Sales History: \$135,000 Ylg '15 KEEJAN; \$240,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: MGISW, 5-3-1-0, \$815,800.

Mar. 14 TDN Top 12 Rank: 5

Last Start: 2nd, [GII Xpressbet Fountain of Youth S.](#), GP, Mar. 4

Accomplishments Include: 1st, [GI Hopeful S.](#), SAR, Sept. 5; 1st, [GI Champagne S.](#), BEL, Oct. 8.

Next Start: Probable for GI Florida Derby, GP, Apr. 1

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

KY Derby Points: 34

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Practical Joke is in a good spot in terms of fitness and preparedness, but it's crucial that he fires a commanding shot going nine furlongs if he's to be considered a serious threat for the Derby. After each of his workouts the last two Saturdays, trainer Chad Brown has underscored his need to be choosy about which prep stakes will be next for the two-time Grade I juvenile stakes winner, and you can't exactly blame him. He said after the Mar. 18 move that "I'm going to go as far as to enter

him in the Florida Derby and see where he draws and how it shapes up." And after the Mar. 25 move, Brown reiterated, "It's probable I will run [in the Florida Derby], but it's not certain ... The other idea is maybe running in the Blue Grass" Apr. 8. Although no trainer wants to see their horse peak too early on the Derby trail, nailing a win in one of those two Derby preps would carry a little more extra emphasis for Practical Joke, because he's yet to taste victory beyond a one-turn mile. Heading into the Churchill Downs starting gate without any lingering doubts about his ability to win going two turns could be the difference between Practical Joke being one of the top contenders or just another hopeful taking a shot at 1 1/4 miles.

5. MO TOWN (c, Uncle Mo--Grazie Mille, by Bernardini)

'[TDN Rising Star](#)' O-Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith & Team D. B-John D. Gunther & Eurowest Bloodstock (KY). T-Anthony W. Dutrow. Sales History: \$200,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 4-2-1-0, \$251,600.

Mar. 14 TDN Top 12 Rank: 6

Last Start: 5th, [GII Risen Star S.](#), FG, Feb. 25

Accomplishments Include: 1st, [GII Remsen S.](#), AQU, Nov. 26

Next Start: [GII Wood Memorial S.](#), AQU, Apr. 8

[Thoro-Graph sheet](#), [Equineline PPs](#), [Caulfield on Mo Town](#)

KY Derby Points: 10

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Mo Town is the highest-ranked horse within this week's Top 20 to have thrown in a poor effort in his last race, and although his beaten-fave fifth in the GII Risen Star S. Feb. 25 certainly does signal the derailment of his Derby chances, the lack of getting a meaningful race under his belt earlier in the winter now puts added pressure on him to perform strongly in his only other Derby prep. To accomplish that, trainer Dutrow will bring Mo Town back to the same surface and distance of his most emphatic triumph, banking on the Apr. 8 GII Wood Memorial at nine furlongs over the Aqueduct main track to rekindle the brilliance that earned Mo Town an impressive win last November in the GII Remsen S. Highly regarded as a 2-year-old, Mo Town has already demonstrated considerable athletic prowess, sharp tactical punch, and a high level of cardio fitness. Now he needs to utilize those same tools at a higher level as a sophomore, and shipping from a warmer climate to the cooler New York spring might be another plus in his favor as his conditioner attempts to get him to peak precisely on the first Saturday in May.

6. J BOYS ECHO (c, Mineshaft--Letgomyecho, by Menifee) 'TDN Rising Star' O-Albaugh Family Stable. B-Betz/Blackburn/J. Betz/Ramsby/CNHHNK (KY). T-Dale L. Romans. Sales History: \$485,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 5-2-1-1, \$299,600. Mar. 14 TDN Top 12 Rank: 10 Last Start: 1st, **GIII Gotham S.**, AQU, Mar. 4 Next Start: Likely for GII Blue Grass S., KEE, Apr. 8 **Thoro-Graph sheet, EquineLine PPs, Caulfield on J Boys Echo** KY Derby Points: 53

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J Boys Echo certainly isn't aiming for the path of least resistance to get to the Kentucky Derby, as the Blue Grass S. is likely to lure several of the highest-ranked horses within the division. But trainer Romans seems confident that this **'TDN Rising Star'** is rounding into top form at the right time, declaring him "fit and ready to roll" after an easy five-eighths breeze last Saturday. With the likes of McCracken and Tapwrit ahead of him in the betting, J Boys Echo could go off as a juicy overlay in the Blue Grass, and a win or a very sharp effort vaults him up a few notches within a division that undergoes shakeups nearly every single week. Don't forget that J Boys Echo has already displayed an affinity for the Keeneland strip, busting out to break his maiden there by 5 1/2 lengths last October despite a troubled trip.



Malagacy | Coady Photography

7. MALAGACY (c, Shackleford--Classiest Gem, by Dehere) 'TDN Rising Star' O-Sumaya U.S. Stable. B-John Trumbulovic (KY). T-Todd A. Pletcher. Sales History: \$45,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV; \$130,000 Ylg '15 OBSAUG; \$190,000 2yo '16 EASMAV. Lifetime Record: GSW, 3-3-0-0, \$586,800. Mar. 14 TDN Top 12 Rank: N/A Last Start: 1st, **GII Rebel S.**, OP, Mar. 18 Next Start: GI Arkansas Derby, OP, Apr. 15 **Thoro-Graph sheet, EquineLine PPs** KY Derby Points: 50

Congrats John & Gladys!! Go Malagacy!!

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The upside for Malagacy is that he's three-for-three and showed uncanny quickness coupled with a laid-back, professional demeanor when stretching out to a capable victory in the Rebel S. The downside is his first two wins were runaway efforts in Gulfstream sprints over non-Derby-caliber horses, and in the Rebel, his next closest competitor was a 112-1 maiden, and none of the second-through-sixth horses in that \$900,000 prep have won a race so far in 2017. So the jury is still out on what Malagacy's undefeated status actually means moving forward. Trainer Pletcher, who started the season somewhat quietly, now has a loaded hand of Triple Crown-capable horses that he must keep separated between now and the first Saturday in May. But it will be an easy call to send this 'TDN Rising Star' back to Oaklawn for the Arkansas Derby considering he's already shipped there well and handled the track, plus the between-race spacing makes sense.

8. AMERICAN ANTHEM (c, Bodemeister--Indy's Windy, by A.P. Indy) O-WinStar Farm, LLC, S F Bloodstock, LLC & China Horse Club. B-WinStar Farm (KY). T-Bob Baffert. Sales History: \$180,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$435,000 2yo '16 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: GSP, 3-1-1-0, \$54,200. Mar. 14 TDN Top 12 Rank: 3 Last Start: 10th, **GII Rebel S.**, OP, Mar. 18 Next Start: Possible for GI Santa Anita Derby, SA, Apr. 8 **Thoro-Graph sheet, EquineLine PPs** KY Derby Points: 4

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A lost left front shoe appears to be the obvious explanation for American Anthem's erratic action as the soundly beaten favorite in the Rebel S. (WinStar Farm exec Elliott Walden first confirmed this to *Daily Racing Form* two days after the race). That's certainly a legitimate excuse to write off that one race, but the more important longer-term question is can this May 15 foal regroup in time to be a meaningful factor in the Triple Crown chase? Considering he shipped halfway across the country and got little, if anything, out of that Oaklawn effort from conditioning and seasoning standpoints, will it be too much to ask of American Anthem to deliver an assertive performance in a possible Santa Anita Derby start while expecting him to flourish even further at Churchill Downs with only four lifetime starts under his belt? The talent is definitely there, the timing is what's iffy at this crucial juncture of the season.



One Liner | Coady

9. ONE LINER (c, Into Mischief--Cayala, by Cherokee Run)

O-WinStar Farm LLC, China Horse Club & SF Racing, LLC. B-Kingswood Farm (KY). T-Todd A. Pletcher. Sales History: \$150,000 Ylg '15 KEEJAN. Lifetime Record: GSW, 3-3-0-0, \$373,800.

Mar. 14 TDN Top 12 Rank: 7

Last Start: 1st, **GIII Southwest S.**, OP, Feb. 20

Next start: Possible for either GII Wood Memorial S., AQU, or GII Blue Grass S., KEE, both Apr. 8

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

KY Derby Points: 10

Arrived & Thrived at Woodstock Farm

One Liner is three-for-three and won't face an easy go in his next race regardless of whether trainer Pletcher opts for the Wood Memorial or the Blue Grass S. Either way, this athletic but unseasoned bay is going to have to prove he can slug it out with heavier hitters than the horses he's pasting so far in 2017 after winning at first asking on Saratoga's opening weekend last season. He went 33 days between his Southwest S. victory and his first workout back after that impressive score, but also in that interim, four horses he beat in the Southwest (the second, third, fourth and sixth finishers) came back to be non-threatening also-rans in the Mar. 18 Rebel S., meaning One Liner didn't exactly get a boost on the who-beat-whom scale. His Southwest win did come back fast according to various speed-figure metrics though, so if you're a proponent of the numbers, you might be inclined to rank One Liner a touch higher on this list, perhaps even swapping him out with fellow Pletcher trainee Malagacy (who sports an identical race record but seems a bit more poised than the sometimes-unfocused One Liner).

10. ILIAD (r, Ghostzapper--Little Swoon, by You and I)

O-Kaleem Shah, Inc. B-Sungyeoun Lim (KY). T-Doug F. O'Neill. Sales history: \$50,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV; \$80,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$285,000 2yo '16 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: GSW, 4-2-1-0, \$227,345.

Mar. 14 TDN Top 12 Rank: N/A

Last Start: 2nd, **GII San Felipe S.**, SA, Mar. 11

Next Start: Possible for GI Santa Anita Derby, SA, Apr. 8

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KY Derby Points: 20

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When a horse wins as crushingly and as dominantly as the since-injured 'TDN Rising Star' Mastery (Candy Ride {Arg}) did in the San Felipe S., how fair is it to downgrade the performances of the contenders left in the wake? Iliad truly looked like he was spinning his wheels trying to reel in Mastery, but surely he gained something out of the experience. He did respond relatively gamely when set down for the drive in what was his first career attempt around two turns, and it could be argued that that second-place try provided Iliad with more in-race seasoning than many of the stakes winners ranked above him on this list have faced so far on the Derby prep trail. Trainer O'Neill has said all along this ridgling has both the mental composure and the pedigree of a horse who will handle the longer Triple Crown distances; he may even go off favored in a wide-open Santa Anita Derby.

11. IRISH WAR CRY (c, Curlin--Irish Sovereign, by Polish Numbers)

'TDN Rising Star' O/B-Isabelle de Tomaso (NJ). T-H. G. Motion.
 Lifetime Record: GSW, 4-3-0-0, \$299,460.
 Mar. 14 TDN Top 12 Rank: 8
 Last Start: 7th, [GII Xpressbet Fountain of Youth S.](#), GP, Mar. 4
 Accomplishments: 1st, [GII Lambholm South Holy Bull S.](#), GP, Feb. 4, 1st, [Marylander S.](#), LRL, Jan. 23
 Next Start: [GII Wood Memorial S.](#), AQU, Apr. 8
[Thoro-Graph sheet](#), [EquineLine PPs](#), [Caulfield on Irish War Cry](#)
 KY Derby Points: 10

Brookdale Raised for Isabelle de Tomaso
Another Webb Carroll Training Center Graduate

A change of scenery (and climate) could be the difference-maker if Irish War Cry is to get back to his winning ways in the Wood Memorial. After a puzzler of a seventh-place try as the beaten fave in the Fountain of Youth S. at Gulfstream, trainer Motion likes the fact that this speedy 'TDN Rising Star' will be back at his Fair Hill training base and will get an extra week of preparation (as opposed to running in the Apr. 1 Florida Derby) before deciding whether or not to move forward on the Triple Crown trail with his young (May 2 foal) New Jersey-bred colt. The pace in the Wood is likely to be robust considering the presence of El Areeb (Exchange Rate), who--like Irish War Cry--must prove he is comfortable rating just behind solid fractions. And several other already proven stalkers--like Mo Town and possibly One Liner--figure to add additional pressure, potentially setting up the Wood as one of the toughest late-season Derby preps to figure out in terms of how the pace will project.

12. GIRVIN (c, Tale of Ekati--Catch the Moon, by Malibu Moon)

O-Brad Grady. B-Bob Austin & John Witte (KY). T-Joe Sharp.
 Sales History: \$140,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$130,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: GSW, 3-2-1-0, \$274,400.
 Mar. 14 TDN Top 12 Rank: 12
 Last Start: 1st, [GII Risen Star S.](#), FG, Feb. 25
 Next start: [GII Louisiana Derby](#), FG, Apr. 1
[Thoro-Graph sheet](#), [EquineLine PPs](#)
 KY Derby Points: 50

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Girvin | Amanda Hodges Weir

The late-striding Girvin's entry in Saturday's Louisiana Derby was accompanied by the same-connections entry of known speedball Hotfoot (Aikenite) who figures to keep front-end specialist Local Hero (Hard Spun) company on the front end. Girvin enjoyed extremely favorable pace and positional conditions when winning the Feb. 25 Risen Star S., but now the immediate goal will be to see if he can remain resolute through the long Fair Grounds stretch with some fresh competition presumably chasing him home. This colt hasn't run a bad race yet, but like a number of hopefuls within the TDN Top 20, he has yet to check the "overcomes adversity" box on his resume against top divisional competition, and it would be useful for him to show he's got that type of fight in him before he has to prove it in a 20-horse field going 10 furlongs on the first Saturday in May.

13. CLASSIC EMPIRE (c, Pioneer of the Nile--Sambuca Classica, by Cat Thief)

O-John C. Oxley. B-Steven & Brandi Nicholson (KY). T-Mark E. Casse.
 Sales History: \$475,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: Ch. 2yo Colt, MGISW, 6-4-0-1, \$1,520,220.
 Mar. 14 TDN Top 12 Rank: 9
 Last Start: 3rd, [GII Lambholm South Holy Bull S.](#), GP, Feb. 4
 Accomplishments Include: 1st, [GI Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Juvenile](#), SA, Nov. 5, 1st, [GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity](#), KEE, Oct. 8; 1st,

[GIII Bashford Manor S.](#), CD, July 2.
 Next start: Possible for either [GII Blue Grass S.](#), KEE, Apr. 8, or [GI Arkansas Derby](#), OP, Apr. 15

[Thoro-Graph sheet](#), [EquineLine PPs](#), [Caulfield on Classic Empire](#)
 KY Derby Points: 32

Warrendale Sold, Congratulations To All The Connections

The juvenile champ is looking to overcome a series of minor setbacks and mysterious quirks that have included a foot abscess, back problems, and several refusals to break off into scheduled workouts so far this season. Classic Empire has since resurfaced at Winding Oaks Farm near Ocala, where he galloped on Monday and is scheduled to work sometime this week while his connections map out a late-spring push to get him ready for a potential Derby berth. "He's a very talented horse. He's a special horse. He's a horse that doesn't carry a whole lot of weight. Ideally, he'd be on a regular work pattern, but I don't think it's that much of an issue with him because he's so talented and because he's kind of a freak athlete," assistant trainer Norm Casse told XBTV Mar. 26. "So long as we don't miss any more time with him, he could either run in the Blue Grass or the Arkansas Derby and we'd be very confident that he'd be ready to perform at a high level in those races."

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14. EL AREEB (c, Exchange Rate--Feathered Diamond, by A.P. Indy)

'TDN Rising Star' O-M M G Stables, LLC. B-Dixiana Farms, LLC (KY). T-Cathal A. Lynch. Sales History: \$100,000 Ylg '15 KEESep; \$340,000 2yo '16 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 7-4-1-1, \$364,200.

Mar. 14 TDN Top 12 Rank: N/A

Last Start: 3rd, **GIII Gotham S.**, AQU, Mar. 4

Accomplishments Include: 1st, **GIII Withers S.**, AQU, Feb. 4, 1st, **GIII Jerome S.**, AQU, Jan. 2, 1st, **James F. Lewis III S.**, LRL, Nov. 19

Next Start: GII Wood Memorial S., AQU, Apr. 8

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

KY Derby Points: 20

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'TDN Rising Star' El Areeb is not only going to have to prove



El Areeb | Sarah K. Andrew

he's learned to rate since succumbing to pace pressure while on the front end in his non-threatening third in the Gotham S., but he's going to have to execute this new dimension

against far tougher competition in the Wood Memorial. "I put him in behind horses," trainer Lynch said after a :49.40 (7/15) half-mile move at Laurel Mar. 23. "He was like two or three lengths behind [two older stakes winners] and then finished up a little stronger than they did." If the colt can fuse his solid foundation (seven races) with some in-race versatility, he could be a legitimate stalking presence going nine furlongs in the Wood. But keep in mind his two previous stakes romps at Aqueduct both come over the tighter inner track, while the Wood will be run over the larger main oval.

15. BATTLE OF MIDWAY (c, 3, Smart Strike--Rigoletta, by Concerto)

'TDN Rising Star' O-Fox Hill Farms, Inc. B-Thor-Bred Stables, LLC (KY). T-Jerry Hollendorfer. Sales History: \$410,000 Ylg '15 SARAUG. Lifetime Record: GSP, 3-2-0-1, \$90,000.

Mar. 14 TDN Top 12 Rank: N/A

Last Start: 1st, **Allowance/Optional Claiming**, SA, Mar. 9

Next Start: Possible for GI Santa Anita Derby, SA, Apr. 8

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

KY Derby Points: 0

If this 'TDN Rising Star' has shrugged off his blah third when beaten as the 4-5 favorite in the GII San Vicente S., and that assertive, first-level, 1 1/16 miles allowance score at Santa Anita Mar. 9 is a truer indication of his actual ability, Battle of Midway could be sitting on a breakthrough effort in the wide-open West Coast sector of the division. He has the potential to be able to withstand significant pace pressure while shifting willingly into stalk mode, which is a lesson not yet mastered by some of his contemporaries who share the same amount of limited (three career races after a Jan. 21 debut) experience.

16. BATTALION RUNNER (c, 3, Unbridled's Song--Tamboz, by Tapit)

'TDN Rising Star' O-St. Elias Stable. B-Dell Ridge Farm, LLC (KY). T-Todd A. Pletcher. Sales History: \$700,000 Ylg '15 KEESep. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$60,600.

Mar. 14 TDN Top 12 Rank: N/A

Last Start: 1st, **Allowance/Optional Claiming**, GP, Feb. 3

Next Start: Possible for either GI Florida Derby, GP, Apr. 1, or GI Santa Anita Derby, SA, Apr. 8

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

Trainer Pletcher is mindful of keeping his top-tier 3-year-olds separated in terms of prep races as Derby Day nears, but he's also cognizant of the longer-term implications resulting from two top Triple Crown trail races (the Wood Memorial and Blue Grass S.) getting downgraded from Grade I to Grade II this year. Thus, "we've even kicked around the idea of possibly sending Battalion



Battalion Runner | Leslie Martin

Runner to the Santa Anita Derby, which we normally don't ship east-to-west this time of year for Derby preps," Pletcher said last week on "At the Races With Steve Byk," when he explained that traveling to earn Grade I wins has suddenly gotten "a little more attractive" because of those downgrades. Battalion Runner has definitely earned a shot at stakes company, coming off of back-to-back wins at Gulfstream, a seven-furlong maiden special weight Dec. 31 and a 1 1/16-miles allowance Feb. 3. In the latter, this 'TDN Rising Star' enjoyed a perfect stalking trip, advancing at will on the far turn to nail an overmatched pacemaker before clicking into a noticeably higher gear while winning in measured fashion.

17. GUEST SUITE (g, Quality Road--Guest House, by Ghostzapper)

O-W. S. Farish & Lora Jean Kilroy. B-W. S. Farish & Kilroy Thoroughbred Partnership (KY). T-Neil Howard. Lifetime Record: GSW, 6-3-0-2, \$219,840.

Mar. 14 TDN Top 12 Rank: N/A

Last Start: 4th, [GII Risen Star S.](#), FG, Feb. 25

Accomplishments Include: 1st, [GIII Lecomte S.](#), FG, Jan. 21

Next Start: [GII Louisiana Derby](#), FG, Apr. 1

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

KY Derby Points: 15

LANE'S END Bred & Raised

As mentioned a touch higher up in the rankings, a fast pace in Saturday's Louisiana Derby will benefit Girvin. But it could benefit a gelding like Guest Suite even more. Call it what you want--a "comeback race" or a "confidence booster"--but Guest Suite is in need of some sort of turnaround that shows he can move forward off of the fairly well established form he capably displayed back in autumn and early winter. Not even trainer Howard seems to know why Guest Suite threw in an inexplicable clunker in the Risen Star S. (a catchy malady that's plagued numerous top 3-year-olds so far this season), but the recipe is there for a rebound on Saturday, and the main ingredients are 1) The fact that Guest Suite already has five races longer than a mile under his belt; 2) He's shown an ability to level off fluidly when set down for the drive; 3) Guest Suite has already proven he can put away one set of rivals turning for home while having enough left in the tank to hold off fresh challengers in the shadow of the wire (watch the replay of his LeComte S. win).

18. REACH THE WORLD (c, 3, Tapit--Reach The Stars (Ire), by Galileo {Ire})

O-Don Alberto Stable. B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY). T-Bob Baffert. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$50,080.

Mar. 14 TDN Top 12 Rank: N/A

Last Start: 2nd, [Allowance/Optional Claiming](#), SA, Mar. 9

Next Start: Possible for [GI Santa Anita Derby](#), SA, Apr. 8

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

KY Derby Points: 0

Training Alum — STONESTREET

Earlier this winter, trainer Baffert described Reach the World as a big, long-reaching, late developer who "looks the part" of a horse who could probably cover 1 1/2 miles comfortably. As a Tapit (Pulpit) colt out of a mare who is a half-sister to 1998 Eclipse Award Champion Older Mare and GI Breeders' Cup Distaff winner Escena, this trip-troubled gray (beaten fave last out when pocketed behind Battle of Midway) certainly has the pedigree potential to uncork an impressive performance over a distance of ground. He might get a chance to run big at nine furlongs if he goes in the Santa Anita Derby, which is shaping up to be a real wild card of a race on the latter stages of the Derby trail.

19. GORMLEY (c, Malibu Moon--Race to Uрга, by Bernstein)

O-Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Moss. B-Castleton Lyons & Kilboy Estate (KY). T-John A. Shirreffs. Sales History: \$150,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESSEP. Lifetime Record: GISW, 5-3-0-0, \$320,000.

Mar. 14 TDN Top 12 Rank: N/A

Last Start: 4th, [GII San Felipe S.](#), SA, Mar. 11

Accomplishments Include: 1st, [GI FrontRunner S.](#), SA, Oct. 6, 1st, [GIII Sham S.](#), SA, Jan. 7.

Next Start: Possible for [GI Santa Anita Derby](#), SA, Apr. 8

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

KY Derby Points: 25

Gormley ambitiously attempted to shadow Mastery around the track in the San Felipe S. and he paid the price by cracking under intense pressure at the quarter pole. Yet 10 days later he was back on the worktab for a decent half-mile maintenance move, which is not much of a surprise considering trainer Shirreffs has described him throughout the campaign as a versatile, high-energy horse who thrives on activity. If he goes in the Santa Anita Derby, consider him more on the merits of his capable foundation of two-turn races against graded company and his handling by a patient trainer rather than the flailing impression he left when manhandled by the superior Mastery back on Mar. 11. This colt might not be the overpowering, intimidating type, but he's not afraid to mix things up either, and could surprise late on the Derby trail as an unheralded overachiever.

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20. HENCE (c, Street Boss--Floating Island, by A.P. Indy) O/B-

Calumet Farm (KY). T-Steven M. Asmussen. Lifetime Record: GSW, 6-2-1-1, \$542,601.

Mar. 14 TDN Top 12 Rank: N/A

Last Start: 1st, [GIII Sunland Derby](#), SUN, Mar. 26

Next Start: Uncommitted

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

KY Derby Points: 50

Hence clawed his way into the Top 20 by circling the Sunland Derby field from last and drawing away to a 3 3/4-length score on Sunday. Despite requiring four starts to break his maiden, the colt has caught some decent company, debuting in the same deep Saratoga maiden race that produced next-out winner Mo Town prior to finishing third and within 2 1/2 lengths of Guest Suite at Keeneland. He graduated Jan. 16 at Oaklawn by overcoming trouble at the start and ducking in late over a sloppy track, apparently spooked by a reflection of the infield video board. Although generally an off-the-pace type, it's worth noting that in Hence's only career try at Churchill Downs, he was on the lead going a one-turn mile and was only beaten a neck.

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BERTRAM W. KLEIN, 86, PASSES AWAY

Bertram W. Klein, an owner/breeder for many years with his late wife Elaine and son Richard, passed away Friday, Mar. 24. He was 86. Born in 1930, the Louisville, Kentucky resident attended the Kentucky Military Institute and graduated in 1952 from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School with a Bachelor of Science in economics. After serving in the U.S. Air Force in Germany, Klein married Elaine Brodnax of Birmingham, Alabama Mar. 1, 1953 and joined the Bank of Louisville later that same year. Klein eventually rose to Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Mid America Bancorp d/b/a Bank of Louisville, before retiring in 2002. Although involved in Thoroughbred racing singly earlier, Klein enjoyed his greatest successes as an owner/breeder after joining his wife and son in a three-way partnership in 1998.



Allamerican Bertie & John Velazquez en route to the winner's circle with co-owner Bertram Klein (r) after winning the GII Rampart H. at Gulfstream Park Mar. 3, 2003. The daughter of Quiet American gave Klein and his wife Elaine a perfect 50th anniversary gift, as the couple celebrated that milestone just two days prior.

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Reminiscing about his partnership with his parents, after a decade of racing with just his mother, son Richard remarked, "It was just an honor to say that you can have that long of a relationship with your parents in a business and not have one cross word. We may have had different views at times, but they let me handle it all and they had nothing but a lot of joy and a lot of excitement and thrills."

The horses carrying the Kleins' lime and black silks have saluted in over 90 stakes wins to date, including 22 at the graded level. Outofthebox (Montbrook) earned Grade I glory for the Kleins in the 2001 Super Derby. Once Bertram joined the partnership, a slew of horses with 'Bertie' in their name frequently found their way to the winner's circle for the Kleins.

"My father started naming them that when we got in the business because he saw how hard it was for my mother and I to get horses named and approved," Klein reflected. "He said 'I'm coming up with my own idea.' Sure enough it worked and we've had a lot of very special Berties."



Bert Klein (far right) with son Richard, wife Elaine and John Velazquez

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One of the best known 'Berties' was homebred Allamerican Bertie, who scored four times at the graded level, while other MGSWs raced by the Kleins were: Hurricane Bertie, Swept Away, De Bertie, and homebreds Mis Ida and Cash Control (Pioneerof the Nile). The Kleins' current torchbearer is Believe in Bertie (Langfuhr), who has won four straight, including the Daisy Devine S. Feb. 25 and the Red Camelia S. Mar. 11, both at Fair Grounds.

The Klein silks will still be seen on racetracks across America, as Richard has no intention of dispersing, but will instead continue his family's passion.

"My parents wished for me to continue," Klein said. "We've got 60 horses now, and I am going to continue racing. Instead of my name only, I want to make it the Klein Family, so my parents can still feel like they are a part of it. [It was] my father's wish of a week ago when we talked. He said to me 'Richard, you don't have to worry, just keep running the horses and enjoy the horses.' The Berties will not go away."

Preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Elaine and his son, David, Klein is survived by sons Stephen (wife Yael) of Yelm, Washington and Richard (Beth); four grandchildren, Erin, Kathryn, Chelsea, and Casey; and one great-grandson, Luke.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, Mar. 28 at The Temple, 501 US Hwy 42, with burial to follow in The Temple Cemetery. Visitation will begin after 1:00 p.m. Contributions may be made to the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation-Elaine Klein Career Development Fund, 821 Corporate Dr. Lexington, KY 40503 or The Temple Julia, Bert and Elaine Klein Memorial Landscape Fund, instead of flowers.

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CENTRAL U.S.

Monday's Results:

9th-FG, \$40,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 3-27, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:45.21, fm.

STARR BEAR (f, 3, Broken Vow--Aidan, by Dixieland Band)

was third behind subsequent GSW La Coronel (Colonel John) and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf heroine New Money Honey (Medaglia d'Oro) on the Saratoga turf last summer and broke her maiden on the Belmont main Sept. 25. Coming into this off of a troubled fifth-place effort sprinting over the local turf Feb. 10, the chestnut was let go at 8-1 in here and posted up in second through splits of :24 flat and :49.15. Appearing rebuffed by pacesetter Shes Trickey (Proud Citizen) through much of the stretch, Starr Bear stayed on resolutely and surged by at the sixteenth pole to score by three-quarters of a length. The victress is a half to Flora Dora (First Dude), MSW & GISP, \$567,402; and Lindisfarne (City Zip), SW, \$131,925. Aidan, out of Chilean MG1SW Poseida (Chi) (Pick Up {Chi}), is responsible for a 2-year-old First Dude filly named Aiden's Girl. Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-3, \$88,949. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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8th-FG, \$41,000, (S), Msw, 3-27, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11.06, ft.

EFFORTING (f, 3, Into Mischieff--Get Going Bertie, by Carson City)

was a distant second behind a return winner over track and trip Jan. 26 and filled the same slot behind another repeat victress after dueling on a sizzling pace Mar. 4. Crushed to 3-10 to break through in this spot, the \$135,000 KEESEP grad traveled fourth behind a :21.77 quarter and began to pick up her feet at the three-furlong pole. Cruising past the pacesetter by midstretch, she drew away strongly in the final eighth to win for fun by 10 1/2 lengths. Vinton's Vin Geaux (Forefathers) completed the exacta. The winner's dam, bred by the recently passed Bert Klein as memorialized above, is a half to GSW Thunder Bertie (Thunder Gulch). She has a 2-year-old Greeley's Galaxy colt named Solid Red and was bred to Goldcents last spring. Sales History: \$60,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$41,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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1st-MVR, \$21,800, Msw, 3-27, 3yo, 5 1/2f, 1:06.86, gd.

DIVINE HOLIDAY (c, 3, Divine Park--Holiday Tap, by Harlan's Holiday) finished a distant second as part of a favored entry on debut here Mar. 15 and was made an even-money co-favorite coupled with the same stablemate in this spot. Stalking from fourth through a :22.73 quarter, the dark bay drew on even terms passing a :47.58 half and kicked well clear in the lane to romp by 9 1/2 lengths. Ol' L B (Alcindor), the other co-choice, was second-best. The winner has a juvenile full-brother. His second dam Gatap (Buckfinder) is a half to GISW Zoonauqua (Silver Hawk). Sales History: \$5,500 RNA Ylg '15 KEEJAN; \$1,000 RNA Ylg '15 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$15,040. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).**

O/T-Noel Sanchez; B-Timothy Thornton (KY).

3rd-MVR, \$18,800, Msw, 3-27, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:07.73, gd.

+COUNTRY VILLA (f, 4, Gio Ponti--Country Diva {MSW, \$328,409}, by Songandaprayer)

showed an above-average worktab at Turfway leading up to this debut, capped off by a half-mile gate breeze in :48 2/5 (3/8) Mar. 22, and was hammered down to 1-2 favoritism. Breaking on top, the homebred blitzed clear through a :23.09 quarter, was challenged by Gelato Gal (Hat Trick {Jpn}) entering the final furlong and staved that foe off for a one-length success. The victress's dam is responsible for an unraced 3-year-old Harlan's Holiday gelding named Terminal Speed, a juvenile colt by Majestic Warrior, and a yearling colt by Majesticperfection. She was bred to Fed Biz last season. Sales History: \$45,000 RNA Wlg '13 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$11,280. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).**

O/B-Marablue Farm LLC (KY); T-William D. Cowans.

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Keeneland Library Debuts Man o' War Photo Exhibition:

The Keeneland Library is displaying photographs of Man o' War from its collection in exhibitions both in the Library and online that are part of the celebrations of the 100th anniversary of the legendary Thoroughbred's birth, it was announced Monday. Foaled on Mar. 29, 1917, at breeder August Belmont II's Nursery Stud near Lexington, Man o' War won 20 of his 21 races in 1919-1920 and is considered by many to be the greatest racehorse of all time.

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INDUSTRY INFO

Old Friends Announces Membership Share Campaign With NMRHOF and Kentucky Derby Museum:

Beginning Apr. 1, Old Friends Thoroughbred Retirement Facility in Georgetown will enter into a membership share campaign with the Kentucky Derby Museum in Louisville and the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame in Saratoga Springs, it was announced Monday. Under the partnership, paid members of both museums will earn free tour admission to Old Friends using their membership cards, and Old Friends members will earn free general admission to both museums. The promotion is valid until Dec. 31, 2017.

“This is an incredible opportunity for not just racing fans but all visitors to the Bluegrass,” said Old Friends President and founder Michael Blowen. “We have always considered Old Friends to be a ‘living history’ museum, showcasing our champions and racehorse aftercare, so working with the Hall of Fame and the Kentucky Derby Museum was just such a natural partnership.”

For more information, visit [Old Friends, Kentucky Derby Museum](#), or the National [Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame](#) online.

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2016 Dr. Tony Ryan Book Award Finalists Results Announced:

The three finalists for the 11th annual Dr. Tony Ryan Book Award were announced Monday. Eliza McGraw’s *Here Comes Exterminator! The Longshot Horse, the Great War and the Making of an American Hero* profiles beloved 1918 Kentucky Derby winner Exterminator; Barbara Livingston’s *Old and New Friends* chronicles the lives of 100 retired racehorses, including 2015 Triple Crown hero American Pharoah (Pioneer of the Nile); and Mark Shrager’s *The Great Sweepstakes of 1877* explores the events surrounding an afternoon 140 years ago when Congress adjourned to attend a horse race.

Launched in 2006 by the late Dr. Tony Ryan, the Award annually recognizes the best book published in the previous year, focusing on any aspect of Thoroughbred racing. A \$10,000 winner’s prize is offered, along with \$1,000 to each of two finalists, while all three receive Tipperary crystal statuettes of Castleton Lyons’ iconic stone tower.

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Wayne Smith: General Manager, Oaklawn Park

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- Smith is only the sixth General Manager in Oaklawn’s 113 year history. He follows Peter J. Holmes, R. Stanley Weber, J. Sweeney Grant, W.T. Bishop and Jackson.
- Smith, who was named Assistant General Manager last March, previously worked in accounting, finance, regulatory compliance, hospitality, racing and gaming. A native of Rhode Island and graduate of Northeastern University in Boston, Smith began his career in corporate accounting and finance with ITT Sheraton before taking similar positions with MGM Grand and Caesar’s Entertainment. He subsequently moved into operations, first with Empire City Racing and Gaming in New York and then Penn Gaming in Illinois.
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8th-PRX, \$41,750, (S), 3-27, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:27.62, ft.

SWEET LIKE CANDY (f, 4, Twirling Candy--Disclosed Desire, by Forestry) Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-0, \$55,380. O-Victor Ellis Collazo; B-Blackstone Farm LLC (PA); T-Victor O. Collazo. *\$4,500 Ylg '14 FTKOCT; \$7,500 RNA 3yo '16 OBSWIN.

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2nd-TUP, \$22,000, 3-27, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:03.04, ft.

ERRATIC STORM (m, 6, Stormello--Casual Success, by Tricky Creek) Lifetime Record: 13-5-3-2, \$65,417. O-H and E Ranch, Inc.; B-Susan M. Forrester (KY); T-Scott Rollins. *1/2 to Blushandbashful (Even the Score), SP, \$162,634.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Sparty Boy, g, 3, Archarcharch--Silky Finish, by A.P. Indy, FG, 3-27, (C), 1m, 1:40.76. B-Bob & Rae Horton & Charles Middleton (KY). *\$30,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. **1/2 to Dubai Gold (Deputy Commander), GSP, \$537,721.

Thefundsarelow, c, 3, Belong to Me--She's Fancy Free (SW, \$353,032), by Peteski. PRX, 3-27, (C), 7f, 1:27.53. B-Anthony Merlino (PA).

Rollin Way Over, g, 4, Run Away and Hide--Flight Eleven, by Midas Eyes. MVR, 3-27, (S), 6f, 1:15.42. B-Jerry L. Balo & Run Away and Hide Syndicate (OH).

Heartachenumbertwo, f, 4, Tale of the Cat--Indecision, by Broken Vow. WRD, 3-27, 6f, 1:11.29. B-Nuckols Farm Inc (KY). *\$3,000 RNA Ylg '14 KEESEP.

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Laura Hillenbrand | March 25, 2017

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Dennis O'Neill | March 18, 2017

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POSTPONED TO SEEK EPSOM REDEMPTION



Roger Varian and Postponed | *Racing Post*

Roger Varian is hoping a return to Epsom for the G1 Investec Coronation Cup will help **Postponed (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) regain the winning thread after his slightly disappointing third place finish behind **Jack Hobbs (GB)** (Halling) in the G1 Longines Dubai Sheema Classic at Meydan last Saturday. Mohammed Obaid's 6-year-old was two from two at last year's Carnival, but having been beaten by **Prize Money (GB)** (Authorized {Ire}) in the G2 Dubai City Of Gold Mar. 4, Postponed again seemed to run below form when beaten four lengths when bidding for back to back Sheema Classics.

"We're disappointed to get beaten, but the more we reflect on it, the more we think he hasn't run a bad race at all," said Varian on Monday. "Without wanting to make excuses, I don't think the ground would have suited him, there was also a headwind and a slow pace. He just can't quicken on that slower ground like he does on quicker ground, but I think you've got to congratulate the winner, who won very well on the night."

Looking ahead Varian will assess the horse on his return from Dubai, but will be keen to target the Coronation Cup which reverts to 'Oaks' Friday having been run on Derby Day for the last few years.

"Postponed is due to fly back today, so we'll see how he is when he gets home," concluded Varian. "He certainly won't run before Epsom and we'd be very keen to get him back for the Coronation Cup again if we can. I'm sure he'll bounce back in the summer."

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by *Kelsey Riley*

As Inglis celebrates 150 years in business in 2017 it is not only commemorating its past, but also planning for its future with the construction of its new state-of-the-art headquarters, Riverside Stables at Warwick Farm. The Inglis Australian Broodmare and Weanling Sale, which follows on from the Easter Yearling Sale and Chairman's Sale on Apr. 10 to 12, will be the last sale held at the company's historic Newmarket headquarters in Randwick, where Thoroughbreds have been sold since 1867, and under the Inglis banner from 1905 ([click here](#) for Part I of this series, recapping Inglis's history).

Inglis's Newmarket property sits on what was once a hive of horse racing activity, but time has seen the horses condensed to Randwick Racecourse as the area's health and education sectors have grown.

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MCCRACKEN REMAINS ATOP THE TDN DERBY TOP 20

'**TDN Rising Star**' **McCraken** (Ghostzapper) remains on top in the latest installment of the TDN Derby Top 20, courtesy of T.D.

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The TDN has solicited the opinions of some prominent figures on the European bloodstock scene to answer three questions about the upcoming Flat season. Today's installment features the thoughts of Sonia Rogers of Arlie Stud:

Horse you are most looking forward to seeing this season?

SR: I think Caravaggio (Scat Daddy) is the horse I am most looking forward to seeing because he can accelerate off a fast pace and he won at The Curragh in less than ideal ground.



Sonia Rogers | Arlie Stud

A stallion who could feature prominently (doesn't have to be first season)?

SR: The stallion who could feature prominently could be Mastercraftsman (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}). He is a good solid sire

now at the right price. His expensive offspring will be coming through in the next couple of years.

Positive change you would like to see for the industry in 2017?

SR: In Ireland we need to get more young people into the industry. Someone needs to come up with an idea as to how to get them on to the racecourses. In England numbers are increasing but here things are pretty static.

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BALLYDOYLE BIG GUNS LIMBER UP AT NAAS

Aidan O'Brien unveiled a variety of stars at Naas Racecourse on Monday morning, as he brought a number of his high profile equine athletes on an away work day. Among the throng to be put through their paces was last year's European champion juvenile **Churchill (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), who was partnered by O'Brien's son Donnacha. Churchill won five in a row last year, including the G1 Dubai Dewhurst S. and the G1 Goffs Vincent O'Brien National S. and is a warm antepost favourite for the G1 QIPCO 2000 Guineas at Newmarket May 6. Next in the betting for that event is his stablemate **Caravaggio** (Scat Daddy), who also stretched his legs at Naas under Seamie Heffernan ahead of his seasonal reappearance in Dundalk in a listed race Apr. 12.

Among the fillies that O'Brien brought to Naas was **Minding (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), who was also partnered by Heffernan.

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Ballydoyle Big Guns Limber Up at Naas Cont.

Minding was both brilliant and versatile throughout 2016, having the pace and class to win the G1 QIPCO 1000 Guineas at Newmarket and the stamina to win the G1 Investec Oaks over half a mile further at Epsom. After two more top-level victories and a placing behind Almanzor (Fr) (Wootton Bassett {GB}) in the G1 QIPCO Irish Champion S., she successfully dropped back to a mile to win the G1 QIPCO Queen Elizabeth II S. at Ascot. These achievements were enough to gain her the prestigious Cartier 'Horse of The Year' award.

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Churchill (2nd from left) with Donnacha O'Brien aboard
 in action at Naas | *Racing Post*

NEW TACTICS IN STORE FOR RIBCHESTER

In an effort to give **Ribchester (Ire)** (Iffraaj {GB}) every chance of adding to his Group 1 haul, Godolphin transferred their 112-rated sprinter **Toscanini (Ire)** (Shamardal) from Michael Halford to Richard Fahey to act as a pacemaker for the 4-year-old. Ribchester made an encouraging reappearance to finish third in the G1 Dubai Turf at Meydan last Saturday where he made a lot of the running himself before running out of steam late on.

"His problem is that he goes from 0 to 35 mph in four strides at the start of his races," Fahey said. "He has been doing it all his life. We will see how helpful it is to have a pacemaker in his races."

Saturday's race was over nine furlongs and connections have the option of reverting to a mile or going up another furlong, especially if the inclusion of a pacemaker helps Ribchester take a lead for longer in his races.

"For the time being, the plan is to go for the [G1] Lockinge Stakes at Newbury in May, and that will determine whether it is then the [G1] Queen Anne S., over one mile at Royal Ascot, or the [G1] Prince Of Wales's, over a mile and a quarter, in the same week," Fahey added.

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Ribchester winning the G1 Prix Jacques Le Marois at Deauville last year | Scoop Dyga

WALKER'S HK MISSION

Ed Walker's stable-star **Stormy Antarctic (GB)** (Stormy Atlantic) could be on his travels as he bids to secure a first Group 1 for his trainer whose relocation to Lambourn has seen his string firing on all cylinders since the beginning of the year. Walker has the G1 BMW Champions Mile at Sha Tin May 8 in mind for his G3 Craven S. winner, assuming he pleases connections in his comeback run this weekend. Walker hopes to reintroduce PK Siu's 4-year-old in a listed race at Doncaster on Saturday or in the G3 Prix Edmond Blanc in France on Sunday.



Stormy Antarctic | Racing Post

"He's in good shape and is going to run next weekend either at Doncaster or in a Group 3 at Saint-Cloud the day after," Walker told the *Racing Post*. "He went to Kempton on Thursday for an away day and I'm super

happy with him."

Arguably Stormy Antarctic's best effort last year was when he finished second to Zelzal (Fr) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) in the G1 Prix Jean Prat at Chantilly in July over a mile and the trainer has also entered Stormy Antarctic in the G1 QEII Cup over 10 furlongs at Sha Tin.

"I've put him in both races, but I don't really want to go 10 furlongs," Walker explained. "The mile division over there is pretty strong, but I think we'll be going that way."

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BRITAIN



Monday's Results:

1st-WOL, £6,000, Mdn, 3-27, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f 32y (AWT), 1:30.11, st.

WUROOD (GB) (f, 3, Dark Angel {Ire}--Key Rose {Ire} {SP-Ire, \$106,801}, by Key of Luck), last seen finishing fifth over six furlongs at Doncaster in November, was sent off the 11-10

favourite and raced in a close-up second early. Sent to the front with two furlongs to race, the £125,000 DNPRM yearling asserted to win by two lengths from Castle Hill Cassie (Ire) (Casamento {Ire}). The useful dam is a half-sister to the dam of the G1 Diamond Jubilee S., G1 July Cup and G2 British Champions Sprint S. hero Slade Power (Ire) (Dutch Art {GB}). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$6,009. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Kilshannig Stud (GB); T-William Haggas.



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21	Danehill	2004/05
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17	Danehill	2005/06
17	Flying Spur	2006/07
17	Exceed And Excel	2012/13



FORMER JOCKEY INJURED IN GALLOPS FALL

Former Jockey Allan Mackay is in intensive care in hospital following a fall on the Newmarket gallops last Saturday. The Injured Jockeys Fund released a statement on Monday as follows, "Former jockey Allan Mackay suffered a fall on the Newmarket gallops on Saturday morning and was airlifted to Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge. He is in intensive care and currently under sedation. The extent of his injuries is not yet known and there is unlikely to be a further update until later this week."

FRANCE



Monday's Results:

3rd-CMP, €35,000, Cond, 3-27, 3yo, 7fT, 1:28.05, vs. INCAMPO (FR) (c, 3, Campanologist--Indian Cat {Ire} {SW-Ger}, by One Cool Cat), who scored over 7 1/2 furlongs on the Polytrack at Deauville at the start of the month, led the main group in second behind the tearaway leader. Left in front approaching the furlong pole, the 11-10 favourite drew away to score impressively by six lengths from Happy Dream (Ity) (Blu Air Force {Ire}). The dam, who emanates from the family of the

Group 1 winners Marildo (Fr) (Romildo {GB}) and Mary Linoa (L'Emigrant), also has a 2-year-old colt by Scalo (GB) named Iserman (Fr) and a yearling filly by Rio de La Plata named Indian Jewel (Fr). Lifetime Record: 8-3-3-0, €56,460. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Sandro V Gianella; B-Appapays Racing Club (FR); T-Henri-Alex Pantall.

2nd-CMP, €25,000, Debutantes, 3-27, 3yo, c/g, 8fT, 1:43.43, vs. +LIWANU (FR) (c, 3, Excelebration {Ire}--Lausanne {Ire}, by Lawman {Fr}), sent off the 6-5 favourite, was held up towards the rear throughout the early stages travelling with zest. Angled out in early straight, the bay was able to take command without being asked a serious question with 300 metres remaining en route to an authoritative 1 3/4-length success from Spirited (Ger) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). Lausanne, who also has a 2-year-old filly by Rajsaman (Fr) and a yearling colt by Kendargent (Fr), is like the GII General George H. winner True Quality (Elusive Quality), a granddaughter of the G1 Prix Saint-Alary runner-up Louve Bleue (Irish River {Fr}). Sales history: €47,000 RNA Wlg '14 ARQOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €12,500. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Mme Andre Fabre; B-Ecurie Peregrine SAS (FR); T-A. Fabre.



Ana O'Brien rode an impressive double, Alphabet (Lawman) (pictured) and Orderofthegarter (Galileo), at Naas on Sunday. | *Racing Post*

French Report Cont.

4th-CMP, €25,000, Debutantes, 3-27, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:45.47, vs. +NORTH WEDGE (IRE) (f, 3, Dark Angel {Ire}--Aspen Falls {Ire}, by Elnadim), sent off at 25-1, was reserved in mid-division throughout the early stages. Working her way to the front passing the furlong pole, the €32,000 GOFORB yearling asserted to win by a length from Rosamunde (Fr) (Nayef). The dam, who hails from the extended family of the GI Arlington Million-winning sire Mill Native, has a 2-year-old full-brother to the winner. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €12,500. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Japan Health Summit Inc; B-E J Loder (IRE); T-Sachiaki Kobayashi.

CONDITIONS RESULT:

6th-CMP, €28,000, 3-27, 4yo, 7fT, 1:27.39, vs. BORDERFORCE (FR) (g, 4, American Post {GB}--Miss Vic, by Proud Citizen) Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-0. O-Colin Bryce; B-F Benillouche (FR); T-Francis-Henri Graffard. *€7,000 RNA Ylg '14 OSASEP; €22,000 2yo '15 GORMAY.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+Edessa (Ire), f, 3, Lawman (Fr)--Extreme Green (GB), by Motivator (GB). MNB, 3-26, 8 1/2fT. B-Haras de la Perelle (IRE).

Swing Valley (GB), f, 3, Lawman (Fr)--Gaze (GB), by Galileo (Ire). MMN, 3-26, 7fT, 1:31.10. B-Windmill Farm Partnership (GB). *100,000gns Wlg '14 TATFOA; €100,000 RNA Ylg '15 ARAUG; €80,000 2yo '16 ARQMAY. **1/2 to Greatwood (GB) (Manduro {Ger}), MSW-Aus, \$223,930.

GERMANY

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

+Poetic Dream (Ire), c, 3, Poet's Voice (GB)--Zain Al Boldan (GB) (SW & GSP-Eng), by Poliglote (GB). DSS, 3-26, 7fT, 1:26.94. B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (IRE).

Shanjo (Ger), c, 3, Soldier Hollow (GB)--Shivara (Ger), by Monsun (Ger). DSS, 3-26, 10 1/2fT, 2:18.35. B-Hubert Hasler (GER). *€52,000 Ylg '15 BBAGS. **Full to Shanjia (Ger), SW-Fr; and 1/2 to Shivajia (Ger) (Adlerflug {Ger}), GSW-Ger.

Attica (Ger), f, 3, Tai Chi (Ger)--Anna Desta (Ger), by Desert Style (Ire). DSS, 3-26, 8 1/2fT, 1:46.79. B-Gestut Rottgen (GER). *1/2 to Anna Katharina (Ger) (Kallisto {Ger}), GSW-Ger.



A filly by Kendargent (Fr) out of Restia (Fr) (Montjeu {Ire}) poses for a picture at Haras de Colleville. The bay is a full-sister to MGSW and G1 Diamond Jubilee S. third Restiadargent (Fr), as well as SW & G3 Prix Fille de l'Air bridesmaid Restiana (Fr). This is the extended family of French highweight and G1 Prix de Diane heroine Resless Kara (Fr) (Akarad {Fr}). | Haras de Colleville

WORLDWIDE NEWS

Inglis Looks to the Future at Riverside Cont. from p1

The sale of the Newmarket grounds to super fund Cbus Property for development for an estimated A\$260-million was publicly announced in mid 2015, but Inglis Managing Director Mark Webster said the company had been planning for such an event for six years. **Cont. p7**

APPLES DON'T FALL FAR FROM THE TREE



Gr. 1 winner English

Our draft selling at the Inglis Easter Sale includes siblings to three of our recent Gr. 1 winners:

LOT 50

Colt, by Redoute's Choice o/o Beauty Belle

A full brother to Gr. 1 Derby winner **WYLIE HALL**, who is also a half-brother to Champion Hong Kong Sprinter **ABSOLUTE CHAMPION**.

LOT 87

Filly, by Redoute's Choice o/o Court

A half-sister to Champion 2YO and 3YO Gr. 1 winner **ENGLISH** who won the recent Gr. 2 Challenge Stakes and the Gr. 1 All-Aged Stakes.

LOT 224

Filly, by Snitzel o/o Maritime

A Snitzel half-brother to last year's Gr. 1 Coolmore Classic winner **PEEPING**.

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“Going back to 2009, we had a board strategy meeting and we decided we should plan for the future and identify land in the Sydney area that we could purchase in case we ever needed to relocate,” he explained. “At the time it was just forward-planning when we purchased the land at Warwick Farm; there was no set time and we weren’t even 100% sure we would have to relocate. We were just planning for the future.”

With not many large parcels of property still available in Sydney, Webster said Inglis jumped at the chance to buy 26 acres from the Australian Turf Club at Warwick Farm Racecourse to the west of the city.

“When we bought the land in 2009 it was after doing a thorough review of land in the Sydney area,” he explained. “We engaged a couple of property consultants to try and identify a site. We need a lot of land to run an auction facility, and Sydney is increasingly being developed. There wasn’t a lot of land close to the city, but we were able to organize to buy some land off the Australian Turf Club at Warwick Farm. It’s a large parcel of land, 26 acres, and the horse community is there already. It’s a bit like Keeneland; the model we’ll have is that the sales facility will be on a major racetrack. The difference [from Keeneland] will be that we’ll have our own luxury hotel on the grounds.”

Situated on 26 acres—with an additional 10 acres designated for parking—the A\$140-million Riverside Stables will dwarf the 12-acre Newmarket paddocks in size. There will be stabling for 800 horses, 200 more than at Newmarket.



Render of the stables at Riverside

“The major benefit is space,” Webster said. “We can have more stabling and we’re doubling the amount of space per horse for parading. There will be open parade areas so the horses can really stride out. We’re really there to show off the produce of these breeders that have spent three years planning them, and we want to make sure they can show them off to the best of their ability. Equally, the buyers can really get a clear view of what they’re investing in.”

As those traveling from afar for the Easter sale have come to know, vendor hospitality marquees are a common feature of the sale, and Riverside Stables will cater to those needs.

“We’re building hospitality pavilions all around the grounds,” Webster noted. “So rather than having vendors operating out of marquees to look after their clients, right around the grounds there will be dedicated hospitality pavilions which have kitchens and a full array of food and beverage for clients during our sales. Wherever you are around the grounds you can stop and get refreshed while you’re looking at horses, so it’s going to be very comfortable for buyers.”

Selling will take place in an air-conditioned ‘sales arena’ with ringside dining for 600 in addition to theatre-style seating. Inglis will also offer the option of private boxes. Webster explained, “We’ve got major buyers from the Middle East and Asia that like to bid and eat in private. We’ll have those facilities for them; they can book a private box upstairs. The boxes can accommodate between 10 and 20 people; they’re different sizes. It’s like when you go to the football for a corporate event. You book a box or a suite and you’re overlooking the facility and you can entertain. It could be buyers or it could be major vendors entertaining clients during the sale. It just gives that different experience during a sale.”

One of the features of Riverside Stables will be a 144-room luxury hotel adjacent to the sales arena called The William Inglis. Run by Accor Hotels, the largest hotel operator in the Asia Pacific, The William Inglis will boast plenty of dining and hospitality options, including a paddock-to-plate style restaurant named The Newmarket; a ringside bar, a cafe and a micro-brewery. There will also be a rooftop bar and pool deck overlooking the racecourse and stables as well as the Georges River and Chipping Norton Lake, as well as a rooftop day spa and wellness centre.



Render of the William Inglis hotel

Inglis Looks to the Future at Riverside Cont.

Inglis will also continue its relationship with existing partner hotels in the city and will offer frequent shuttles.

“It’s all there as an option for them [at Riverside],” Webster said. “If [guests] want to stay there for part or all of the sale they’re welcome to do so. For those coming to Australia for the first time, we would encourage them to spend some time in the city and we’ll shuttle them in and out. It’s about a 40-minute drive back to the city, which is not that arduous. And they can experience everything Sydney has to offer. And once they’ve got the tourist thing out of their system, they can stay in the hotel overlooking the racecourse and relax and enjoy the sale.”

In addition to being a 40-minute drive from the city, Riverside Stables is a 25-minute drive from Sydney International Airport, and will be about the same distance from a planned new airport the opposite side of Warwick Farm.

While Inglis will leave a large piece of its history behind at Newmarket, it has gone to efforts to ensure its heritage is stamped on its new site. Newmarket is best known for the Moreton Bay Fig tree that towers over the sale pavilion, and either side of The William Inglis hotel will be two Moreton Bay Fig trees grown from the saplings of that very tree.

Riverside Stables is set to be completed in December, with the Inglis Classic Sale in late February of 2018 the first sale scheduled to be held there. Webster, who was at Riverside Stables as this interview was being conducted in mid-March, said everything is running according to schedule.

“It’s all on time; so far I’m not pulling too much hair out,” he said. “I’m looking at the hotel right now. It’s an eight-storey hotel that will have a fantastic paddock-to-plate restaurant and a spa, it’s got a rooftop pool deck and bar overlooking the racecourse, so you can watch the races up on the roof from the pool. We’re up to level six of the eight-storey hotel now and in terms of the barns, about 80% are up already, so it’s coming together really well.”



Render of the pre-sale parade ring and sales arena

Webster said the team has been inundated with requests to visit the facility.

“I’ve got three tours this morning and another on Monday,” he said. “I haven’t officially announced the details of the hard hat tours yet, we’ve just had people saying they want to get in early, they don’t want to wait, so we’re already doing them quite regularly. I have to say everyone who has walked through the hotel, through the lobby and up to the rooms, they just fall in love with it straight away. It sells itself. It’s grand and unique, and it’s still a building site. When it’s finished and landscaped it’s going to be incredible.”

While Webster, as managing director of Inglis for 10 years, will leave behind many memories at Newmarket, he spoke philosophically about the move.

“I’ve wrestled with this for a while, but we started planning in 2009 and over time you just get used to the idea that it has to happen,” he said. “There has to be progress. Where we are at Randwick, it has changed the lives of so many people, and it’s been a beautiful facility. When the company started selling at Randwick in the early 1900s, all the houses and property surrounding Newmarket were actually trainers’ stables, and they were walking horses through the streets of Randwick down to the racecourse. All of those are gone; the trainers are on the racecourse now, so the whole thing has changed. There’s now a huge university, one of the biggest in Australia, across the road and one of the biggest hospitals is on the other side of the road, so the whole precinct has changed. It’s really not an equine precinct anymore, it’s a health and education precinct, so it really is time for us to move out and let it be what it needs to be for the community in Sydney.”

Arthur and Jamie Inglis, cousins and directors of Inglis and fifth-generation Inglis family members who both started with the company in the 1970s, expressed similar sentiments.

“The new facility we’re going to will be outstanding, no question, but Newmarket is such an iconic site--no other auction house in the world has a major sale yard as close to the CBD as we do at present,” said Jamie Inglis. “There’s no doubt there will be mixed emotions when we have our last sale, but there’s no doubt we’re doing the right thing moving to a new site. It’ll be magnificent with a big number of boxes available, big parade areas and great facilities for the buyers. It’ll be world-class, and to leave Newmarket, it has to be world-class.”

Arthur Inglis added, “I grew up [at Randwick] so it’s been our family home from the early days. Now I don’t live here with my kids, but it has a lot of good memories for me and I think for a lot of our clients it holds a place in their heart too. They’ve been coming here for years so naturally we’ll all miss it in some respect.” [Cont. p9](#)



Render of gardens at Riverside Stables

Inglis Looks to the Future at Riverside Cont.

“But the health and education are what the precinct is about [now], so we’ve sort of grown out of context with our surroundings,” he said. “It’s densely populated and only growing, as is the traffic. The fabric of the area is a lot different than it was many years ago.”

Arthur continued, “In addition to that, we have been planning this since 2010. For some of our clients it seems to be all of a sudden, but we’ve had a fair while to get our heads around it; it’s something we’ve been working towards. While it’s not urgent we do it this year or next year, we feel the time has come. We feel comfortable we’re doing the right thing, and as we have watched the new facility evolve, the planning for it and investment in it, and now we can start to see it taking shape, we’re very excited about it. It’s coming together very quickly and very well, and it’ll only get better each week. There aren’t too many new sales facilities in the world, so it’s created a lot of interest.”

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‘LION’ HEADED TO DARLEY KELVINSIDE

The Last Lion (Ire) (Choisir {Aus}--Mala Mala {Ire}, by Brief Truce), who scored his biggest win in the 2016 G1 Middle Park S., will shuttle to Darley Kelvinside, NSW, Australia, Darley Australia announced Monday.

Campaigned by owners John Brown and Megan Dennis after being purchased for €82,000 from the Goffs Orby Yearling Sale, the bay hit the board in all 10 starts, with wins in the G3 Sirenia S. and Dragon S. He also placed in the G2 Gimcrack S., G2 Flying Childers S., G2 Norfolk S., and G3 Molecomb S. en route to earnings of \$267,590. Out of a MG1SP juvenile, herself a half-sister to champion juvenile filly and G1 Irish 1000 Guineas

winner Tarascon (Ire) (Itrol {Ire}), as well as Group 2 winner Mister Monet (Ire) (Peintre Celebre), The Last Lion commanded a fee of €12,000 in his first season at Kildangan Stud, Ireland after being purchased by Darley for stud duties.

Darley’s **Holler (Aus)** (Commands {Aus}--Shouts {Aus}, by Strategic {Aus}), a winner of the 2016 G1 Canterbury S., as well as the G2 Australia S. and G3 Phonewords S., will take up residence at Darley Northwood Park, Victoria, Australia later this year. Also runner-up in the 2016 G1 William Reid S., the four-time winner earned \$552,464. Fees for both stallions will be announced later.

“The success of Danehill-line speed stallions here in Australia has been phenomenal and we are delighted to have two more young stallions who fit that criteria joining our roster this season, with The Last Lion at Kelvinside and Holler at Northwood Park,” said Alastair Pulford, Head of Sales for Darley stallions in Australia. “The Last Lion was tough and precocious, exactly what the Australian market looks for in a stallion. He also boasts a strong female family. His dam was Group 1-placed on multiple occasions herself as a juvenile and she is a producer of two other stakes winners already.”

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The Last Lion | Racing Post

SETBACK FOR JAMEKA, HOPE FOR WILLIAMS

Trainer Ciaron Maher has revealed that **Jameka (Aus)** (Myboycharlie {Ire}) is suffering from a bout of travel sickness following her journey from Sydney to Maher’s stable in Melbourne on Sunday. The triple Group 1 winner required veterinary treatment and her rate of recovery will have a bearing on her future racing targets. [Cont. p10](#)

Setback for Jameka, Hope for Williams Cont.

Plans were afoot to bring Jameka to Hong Kong for the G1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup or take on **Winx (Aus)** (Street Cry {Ire}) in the G1 Queen Elizabeth S. Apr. 8, both of these options are now improbable.

In jockey news, Craig Williams got a boost when it was revealed he may be passed fit to ride this Saturday. Having been knocked unconscious last Saturday, it was expected Williams would have to sit out for a mandatory seven days, however Racing NSW chief steward Marc Van Gestel said if Williams passed a test this week, he would be able to take up his mounts in Sydney, which include **Tosen Stardom (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in the G1 Doncaster Mile.

"He won't have to wait the seven days," Van Gestel told *Racing And Sports*. "As long as he passes the appropriate concussion test by specialists he will be able to ride."

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WALLER SEEKS FIFTH DONCASTER IN A ROW

A winner of six G1 Doncaster Miles, trainer Chris Waller has sent out the last four winners, and secured his maiden Group 1 win in the race in 2008. While success in the 2016 race came via Winx (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}), Waller's four probable starters on Saturday don't provide such a water-tight chance, but it would nevertheless be no surprise to see the trainer continue his iron grip on the contest. Among Waller's quartet of **McCreery (GB)** (Big Bad Bob {Ire}), **Endless Drama (Ire)** (Lope De Vega {Ire}), **Arod (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}) and **Antonio Giuseppe (NZ)** (Shocking {Aus}), it is the first named that seems to be the pick of the trainer's foreman Charlie Duckworth.

"He was very competitive in these sort of races in the spring--in these Group 1 handicaps--and he's obviously gone from strength to strength since," Duckworth told *Racing.com*.

McCreery, formerly trained in England by Roger Charlton, was never involved behind his illustrious stablemate Winx last time out in the G1 George Ryder S., but had previously beaten Arod in the G3 Liverpool City Cup. He had also shown a Group 1 could be in his grasp when second to Le Romain (Aus) (Hard Spun) in the G1 Cantala S. at Flemington last October.

"He was fantastic first-up this prep in the Liverpool S. and he's back down to a reasonable weight--he's only a small horse--so back to 52kgs on his back, he should be right in the mix," Duckworth added.

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NZB CATALOGUE ON-LINE

The catalogue for New Zealand Bloodstock's two-day National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Bloodstock Sale is now available online and can be accessed [here](#). A total of 484 horses are catalogued to be sold at Karaka May 8-9, with day one and a portion of day two dedicated to weanlings. A selection of broodmares, yearlings, 2-year-olds, stallion shares and racehorses fill the remainder of the second day. Previous graduates of the sale have been in fine form recently, with **Gingernuts (NZ)** (Iffraaj {GB}), a NZ\$5,000 purchase in 2014, following up his G1 New Zealand Derby win with a victory in the G1 Rosehill Guineas Mar. 18. Another bargain sourced that year was **I Am A Star (NZ)** (I Am Invincible {Aus}), picked up for only NZ\$12,000. The G1 Myer Classic winner showed her well-being in March, logging two Group 2 wins, most recently in the G2 William Hill Sunline S. at Moonee Valley last Saturday.

This year's sale will no doubt contain a number of future stars with siblings to 18 Group 1 winners and the progeny of eight Group 1-winning mares on offer. A broad range of sires are represented with the top five stallions in New Zealand all featuring with multiple lots in the weanling section. Selling begins at 10 a.m. local time each day and hard copy catalogues will be available in April.

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Gingernuts was a NZ\$5,000 purchase at NZB's National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale in 2014 | *Racing And Sports*

NEW ZEALAND GROUP 1 RACES – 2016/2017		
Date	Race	Track
Apr. 1	Manawatu Sires' Produce S.	Awapuni
Apr. 8	New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders' S.	Te Aroha