

WILD WEEKEND LEAVES MUDDLED DERBY 20



Always Dreaming | Ashley Blum

by T.D. Thornton

This past weekend's coast-to-coast tripleheader of GI Kentucky Derby preps was like the flurry of fireworks prior to the concussive boom of the show-stopper itself, which is now only a little more than three weeks away. This most recent trio of preps might have ended up providing us with more questions than answers, although at this point in the season, it might be wise just to embrace the chaos. Please note the rankings below are independent from the "Road to the Derby" points leaderboard that Churchill Downs will use to determine starting berths; that list can be accessed [here](#).

1. (Last Week: 3) ALWAYS DREAMING (c, Bodemeister--Above Perfection, by In Excess {Ire})

O-Brooklyn Boyz Stables, Teresa Viola Racing Stables et al.
B-Santa Rosa Partners (KY). T-Todd A. Pletcher. Sales History: \$350,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GISW, 5-3-1-1, \$648,900.

Last Start: 1st, [GI Xpressbet Florida Derby](#), GP, Apr. 1

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ONE LINER OFF DERBY TRAIL

One Liner (Into Mischief), undefeated winner of the GIII Southwest S. at Oaklawn Park, will miss this Saturday's GI Arkansas Derby and the May 6 GI Kentucky Derby, WinStar Farm's Elliott Walden confirmed Monday. Trained by Todd Pletcher, the son of Into Mischief will instead go to WinStar Farm in Kentucky for some tests. The WinStar Farm, China Horse Club and SF Racing-owned bay breezed five furlongs in 1:01.80 (4/7) at Palm Beach Downs Apr. 8.

"Basically, we are going to bring him back to WinStar to run some diagnostics on him," said Walden. "If he's not right, we're not going to run him. He did not work well. I felt that he wasn't ready to run an 'A' race. He's too nice a horse not to [take a cautious approach]. We will look into it a little further and hopefully get him back in the summertime."

Off the mark at first asking at Saratoga in July, the Kentucky-bred added a Gulfstream allowance Jan. 26, before his 3 1/2-length tally in Arkansas Feb. 20.

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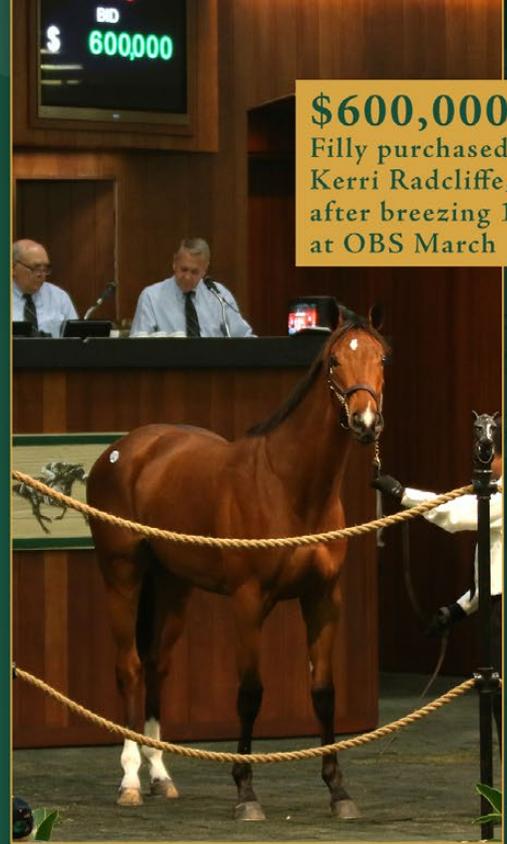
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TDN ROUNDTABLE: FASIG-TIPTON TURF SHOWCASE SALE 3

Trainers Graham Motion and Wesley Ward, as well as bloodstock agents Pete Bradley and Steve Young sit down with T.D. Thornton to discuss Fasig-Tipton's recently launched Turf Showcase Sale, which will be held Sept. 10 in Lexington.

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While offspring out of mares "of a certain age," have figured prominently in recent results, Andrew Caulfield focuses on one star-in-the-making out of a young mare in GI Santa Anita Oaks winner Paradise Woods (Union Rags).

SALTY ROBERTS PASSES AWAY 1RR

Salty Roberts, who founded the Race Track Chaplaincy of America, passed away last week.



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TDN ROUNDTABLE: FASIG-TIPTON TURF SHOWCASE SALE

By T.D. Thornton

Two weeks ago, Fasig-Tipton announced plans for the Turf Showcase, a select sale consisting of yearlings suited for grass, to be held Sept. 10 at the company's Newtown Paddocks in Lexington, Kentucky. This niche offering will attempt to meet the increasingly popular demand for turf prospects in the U.S. while also trying to capitalize on the recent success of American-bred turf horses racing abroad, which might attract international buyers.

Over the last several days, *TDN* spoke with four potential purchasers to get a sense of how they think the Turf Showcase will fit into the yearling marketplace. Bloodstock agents Pete Bradley and Steve Young, plus trainers H. Graham Motion and Wesley Ward, were each interviewed separately, and their edited transcripts are presented below in a roundtable discussion format.



Graham Motion | Coady Photography

TDN: Please share your initial thoughts on the new concept of a select, turf-centric yearling sale.

Motion: My initial reaction is surprise that it hasn't been done before. I think it's a great idea. We're leaning more and more towards grass racing in this country. I don't know what the statistics are, but at certain tracks, I'm guessing that today there are almost as many grass races as there are dirt races. I think it makes a lot of sense with the way racing is going these days.

Bradley: For some reason I have a penchant for buying turf horses, although a number of them have been "made" horses. For the amount of turf racing that's out there, and the number of sires that fit that bracket--and I think we're getting more all the time, the likes of **Flintshire (GB)** (Dansili {GB}) and **Noble Mission (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}); top-quality horses like **Kitten's**

Joy (El Prado {Ire})--there's a real niche there for top-end stallions. Even in the medium (price) range, the likes of **Mizzen Mast** (Cozzene) and such--I think having a select turf sale is a niche that could work well for the buyers.

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Ward: They're very innovative. [Fasig-Tipton] previously came up with the New Sire Showcase to promote horses by freshman sires and a select horses-of-racing-age sale to accompany their July yearling auction. One of these concepts is going to click, hopefully this one. They're great people to work with, and I'm glad to see them trying new ideas. The competition is good for the overall market, and for them to come up with these different types of ideas is fantastic.

Young: I respect the people that are trying to do it, and I'm confident that if they're going to try to assemble the best 100 or 150 horses they can find, it has a good chance of working.

TDN: Do you have yearling-buying clients who specifically seek out turf prospects?

Motion: I certainly think there are some clients geared more towards turf than others. So this becomes a chance to showcase turf horses rather than going to look for one that might fit through the cracks at the major sales. But I do think in general there's more of a positive attitude towards turf racing, where people are really looking for the best prospects. Even in stakes programs, there's so much more grass racing than there used to be.

Bradley: I don't really have a client base that looks for yearlings that are turf horses. I have people who enjoy turf racing, but basically

they're looking for horses in a price range that are useful horses that they hope can be good



Pete Bradley

racehorses. But on the other hand, we've been lucky enough to get a few nice turf horses as yearlings for pinhooks--the likes of **Lady Eli** (Divine Park) come to mind. I'm always looking for a good horse. I think all of us are looking for horses that are good athletes and can win races. The surface doesn't matter. The pedigree will dictate whether it's a turf horse. And with the amount of turf racing that there is right now, it's certainly not a detriment to have a horse that has a turf pedigree.

TDN: Timing-wise, how will the Turf Showcase be affected by its placement?

Bradley: It's the time of year when people are here to buy yearlings, so you'd think it would be a benefit for Fasig-Tipton [capitalize on] a buyer base coming to town. The timing, I would have to think, is a plus. Obviously with the Keeneland sale in the mix too, you're going to have buyers from Japan, buyers from England, and buyers from both the East and West coasts of the United States where there is quite a bit of turf racing. So I think it's a time when a lot of those people come to town, making it a good fit with the overall yearling market in the fall.

Young: I think the one thing that is advantageous to the sellers is that if you talk about a European [buying] influence, I think a lot of [foreign clients] who are apt to buy real cream-of-the-crop grass horses are more likely to have their representatives in town than [they are likely] to be around later for books three, four and five. In that respect, I think it is probably a bonus for the sellers. The most precious commodity is time, so I think Fasig-Tipton put the sale in the best spot they could put it. Most everyone that's serious is going to be there for Keeneland anyway. Would it bring someone that wouldn't normally be there for Keeneland sales? I don't think so.

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ONE-SIXTEENTH, Dirt

EIGHT BELLES, GRADE II

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Fillies, Three years old
SEVEN FURLONGS, Dirt

EDGEWOOD, GRADE III *PRESENTED BY FORCHT BANK*

\$150,000
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Fillies, Three years old
ONE MILE AND
ONE-SIXTEENTH, Turf

TWIN SPIRES TURF SPRINT, GRADE III

\$150,000
Runs Fri., May 5
Three-year-olds and Up
FIVE FURLONGS, Turf

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WOODFORD RESERVE TURF CLASSIC, GRADE I

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Four-year-olds and Up
ONE MILE AND
ONE-EIGHTH, Turf

HUMANA DISTAFF, GRADE I

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ONE MILE AND
ONE-SIXTEENTH, Turf

CHURCHILL DISTAFF TURF MILE, GRADE II

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Four years old & Up
ONE MILE, Turf

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Motion: It's a time when people are in that [acquisition] mode. I mean, Keeneland September is probably the major sale that I would go to, and I'm not a particularly big yearling purchaser. But this would make it something that would very much fit into my schedule, and I think it would probably work well for others.

Ward: I think it's a perfect time to have it. And if a buyer doesn't like what he sees, he can always wait the extra day for Keeneland to start and have his pick from the 4,000 other horses.



Wesley Ward | Emma Berry

TDN: How do you think it will affect pricing if a select category of turf-oriented yearlings are grouped together into a single Fasig-Tipton sale as opposed to being part of a larger marketplace?

Bradley: That's hard to say because I can't figure out pricing on anything in the horse business right now [laughs]. I'm scratching my head, to be quite honest. But it's a test that's going to have to be made to find that out. Again, in this market, [buying yearlings] is so physical-driven that [horses with] good physicals sell at any point through the sale, and [in this select turf yearling sale] it's going to be as critical to have a good physical as it is to have a good turf pedigree. I just think that there's not a [sale] that physical does not drive the market, and then pedigree says what you have to pay for that physical.

Young: I think the individuals will dictate the pricing. The horse has got to stand on his own merit, really. I think if he was a crackerjack in a later catalog, he's still going to bring plenty of money.

Ward: I think it might be a little bit more expensive, but it might be worth paying a little bit of a premium to have a short, select list that is already condensed to what we're looking for.

Motion: I don't think it would adversely affect prices. I don't know why one [sale] would affect the other. You've got an opportunity to make it a good draw for international clients. Most Europeans and international clients come for the September sale, so I think it's clever niche with very good timing.

TDN: In North America, turf racing draws higher average field sizes than dirt. What's driving this trend?

Motion: That's a good question. I think the trend has definitely changed the mindsets of racing offices, because they can fill turf races much easier. Most horses can handle running on the grass, whereas not all horses handle running on the dirt. It's a kinder surface. The longevity of the horses, I think that makes a difference. At the end of the day, the horses that run on turf tend to be around longer, especially at the top level, than horses that run on the dirt.

Bradley: Turf racing is easier on horses than dirt racing is. And secondly, I think there are a number of trainers, especially on the East Coast and the West Coast where you have good turf racing, it's easier for those trainers to figure out if a horse is going to be acceptably good on the turf versus the dirt. The dirt is so much more strenuous on them that I think you have a better chance of acknowledging if a horse is an acceptable turf horse [as opposed to] whether they can take the grind of racing on dirt. This is a very broad generalization, but I think trainers used to say, 'Let me try this horse on the dirt two or three times, and if it doesn't work then we'll put him on turf.'

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Whereas it's the opposite now: We've got more opportunities to run on the turf, and if a horse looks like a turf horse, we try him there first. I think that way you get bigger fields than you would have in the past.

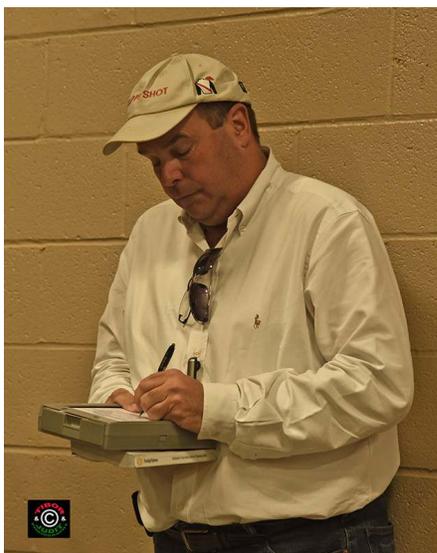
Young: Turf horses don't train as hard, and their soundness carries them farther than horses that run on the dirt.

Ward: They do stay sounder. You're able to keep your grass horses going longer, and that's the reason why you have bigger fields, because they stay sound and can be brought back to race.

TDN: Given the recent success American-bred and even American-trained horses have enjoyed on grass in Europe, do you think that a select turf yearling sale will resonate with European buyers who might now be seeking American-pedigreed horses suited to the turf?

Ward: The American horses over recent years have been very successful in the bigger turf races in Europe. With Mark [Casse], Graham [Motion], and I going over there to show that American-trained horses can also be successful, I think that really bodes

well for the American-bred horse. Now the European buyers can come in to a situation like this and have a little bit more confidence in buying.



Steve Young | Tibor Szlavik

Motion: Over the last few years, American-bred horses, regardless of whether they're American-trained, have been particularly strong at meets like Royal Ascot. So I think we have kind of proven our mettle as breeders in this country; that we can be competitive on the international level. And I think there's going to be more and more of that. The last few years, with the turf horses that we've had, I think a horse like **Wise Dan** (Wiseman's Ferry) could have competed anywhere, had they chosen to go international with him. I think that the present fillies and mares, Lady Eli and **Tepin** (Bernstein), plus **Miss Temple City**

(Temple City), have all gone over and proven to be pretty competitive. Right now we have as strong a group of fillies and mares as we've ever had, so I think we are proving ourselves as strong turf breeders in this country.

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TDN: In the longer term, if the Turf Showcase concept works well, do you think it might have an influence on the profile of turf pedigrees in the overall U.S. bloodstock marketplace?

Motion: I think it's possible. People are much more accepting of turf stallions right now. I think Ken Ramsey has done an amazing job with Kitten's Joy. He's the prime example of how a turf horse can really find a place in this country. And now there are Kitten's Joys running in Europe, and it's sort of changed the conception, if you like, in terms of having a big influence.

Young: I think most stud farms are getting closer to standing grass stallions than they were in a different time frame. But as far as changing the whole pedigree dynamics, I'm not sure what that would do for it.

Bradley: It depends on the kinds of horses the sale will attract. If those horses go on to be quality horses on the racetrack, that fuels a sale like this. There will have to be successes out of it, and the long-term [outcome] of the sale is going to have to depend on getting good horses out of it in the first three years of the sale. The Fasig-Tipton crew, as a rule, is very good at picking out yearlings and putting them in the right places, and I think if they do their job and the vendors believe in the venue, I think it's got a good chance to succeed.

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PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

by Andrew Caulfield



AGE IS JUST A NUMBER

One of the many 'isms frowned upon in these politically correct times is ageism--discrimination on the grounds of age. Well, no one could accuse the writer of a well-known American folk song of being politically correct, as he insisted that the old gray mare, she ain't what she used to be. This sentiment is widely shared by breeders in the Thoroughbred industry and they can now cite statistics to support their prejudice against the elderly, thanks to the *Blood-Horse* study published under the name "Class Action" in 2010.

The study's sample of 407,812 foals was divided into the foals' order of birth, ranging from the 61,803 foals born in the mares' first year to a single individual which was the 21st foal of its dam. The analysis showed that the first six years were arguably the most fruitful, but there was one notable blip or anomaly. Year 16 upset the pattern significantly, with five of the 430 foals becoming graded stakes winners--that's 1.16%, which was higher than Year 1's 1.09% and Year 6's 1.13%. Two of the 430 became Grade I winners, producing a percentage of 0.47--the best achieved by any of the year groups.

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The finest example was the royally bred French filly Gold Luck. This winner of the **G3 Prix Vanteaux** was foaled when her dam was 23. But her dam Born Gold was no ordinary mare, having previously been represented by five other group winners headed by the brilliant Goldikova and her fellow Group 1 winner Galikova. In fact, Gold Luck is the 15th foal of her dam, whose broodmare career extended to 19 years. For good measure, Gold Luck's sire Redoute's Choice, was foaled back in 1996.

Then there's Irap, the maiden who proved too good for those smart colts Practical Joke and McCracken in the **GII Toyota Blue Grass S**. This Kentucky Derby contender was foaled when his dam, the Canadian champion Silken Cat, was 21. In winning the Blue Grass, Irap provided Silken Cat with her second graded winner, but there was no less than a 16-year gap between the two, as his predecessor was Silken Cat's first foal--the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint winner Speightstown. Irap's sire Tiznow was born 20 years ago, so the colt represents a true triumph for the older brigade.

Next in line comes the **G3 Prix La Force** winner Graphite, who was foaled when his dam Fairly Grey was 19. It almost goes without saying that, for a breeder to persevere with a mare into old age, she needs to have shown she can produce very talented runners, or be related to a major winner. Fairly Grey had done so with her Red Ransom colt Fairly Ransom, winner of the GII Del Mar Derby and runner-up in the GI Hollywood Derby.

PARADISE WOODS, f, 2014

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Miss Sky Warrior, the 13-length winner of the GII Gazelle S., is an exception to this general rule. Although this Kentucky Oaks contender is her dam's 11th foal and was foaled when her dam Sky Minister was 19, Miss Sky Warrior is her first black-type performer. It will be interesting to see what the future holds for Sky Minister's 2017 colt by Paynter, foaled when the mare was 22.

Of course, the weekend also saw plenty of graded/group winners produced by mares at the other end of their careers. For example, **'TDN Rising Star'** Paradise Woods--runaway winner of the **GI Santa Anita Oaks**--was foaled when her dam Wild Forest was still a comparative youngster of eight years. This unraced daughter of Forest Wildcat made an early start, conceiving her first foal when she was only three.

Bred by the late Herman Sarkowsky, Wild Forest did some sterling work for her breeder before being sold by his executors for \$85,000 at Keeneland's 2015 January Sale.

Mated to Dixie Chatter, a Grade I and Grade II-winning son of Dixie Union, Wild Forest produced Forest Chatter, a sprint stakes winner on turf with earnings in excess of \$260,000. Now she had done considerably better with another of Dixie Union's Grade I-winning sons, producing Paradise Woods to Union Rags.

It isn't too hard to work out why Sarkowsky was keen to pair Wild Forest with sons of Dixie Union, himself a son of Dixieland Band. Dixieland Band was responsible for some of this family's finest moments, with his daughter Bedazzle producing Street Sense, who completed that highly difficult Breeders' Cup Juvenile/GI Kentucky Derby double. Bedazzle was a granddaughter of Long Legend, the third dam of Paradise Woods.



Paradise Woods | Benoit Photo

Paradise Woods' fourth dam, Lianga, was one of the stars of the European scene in the early 1970s. Precocious enough to win two of France's important early-season 2-year-old events, this gray daughter of Dancer's Image progressed so well that her victories as a 4-year-old included the July Cup, Prix Jacques le Marois, Prix de l'Abbaye de Longchamp and the Vernons Sprint Cup. Unusually, she was capable of winning at the top level from five furlongs to a mile.

I would have been prepared, if asked, to nominate Lianga as the perfect broodmare prospect, in which case I would have looked very silly. From 10 foals, she produced only one stakes winner and that stakes success came in the French Provinces. However, seven of her foals were fillies and Lianga became one of those disappointing broodmares whose reputation has been salvaged by her female descendants. Paradise Woods is the fourth of her descendants to become a Grade I winner and two of the others--Danehill Dancer and Street Sense--have sired many a Grade I winner, as did Mr. Greeley, a Grade I-placed grandson of Lianga.

Paradise Woods isn't the only 2014 filly out of a Forest Wildcat mare to have enjoyed Grade I success, the other being the superfast Lady Aurelia. Incidentally, another Group 1 winner with a Forest Wildcat dam is the Australian colt Foxwedge, sire of Saturday's **G1 Queen of the Turf S.** winner Foxplay.

As Paradise Woods is described by her rider Flavien Prat as "super small," I am guessing that she doesn't look much like her sire, the highly promising Union Rags, who stands over 16.2 hands. Even so, Union Rags can take much of the credit for his daughter's talent, as he is proving an excellent sire of fillies. From a first crop of 106 foals, he has already been represented by three first-crop Grade I-winning fillies, the others being Union Strike (Del Mar Debutante, plus last Saturday's Santa Paula S.) and Dancing Rags (Alcibiades S.). The Lane's End stallion has also enjoyed Grade II success with his daughter Tequilita, while another daughter, the French-trained Musawaah, gained **'TDN Rising Star'** status on her only start.

Although it is far too soon to be jumping to conclusions, it is worth mentioning that Union Rags' grandsire Dixieland Band had six fillies among his nine Grade I winners.

Don't write off Union Rags' colts, though, as **Patch** ranks alongside Paradise Woods and Musawaah as a **'TDN Rising Star'** and No Dozing was second in the GII Remsen S. last year.

Those of us who have made horse racing our lives can certainly understand the fascination with it. One of the remarkable things about the sport is its ability to continually draw in new devotees, and to have it quickly become one of the most important things in their life. This month, we delve into the story of just such a person, Jaime Roth, one of racing's most successful new owners, who, along with her parents, operates LNJ Foxwoods. Also, if you love going to the races on days when the crowd gives you the feeling that something special is happening there, you'll love our off-the-beaten path story about racing in Sonoma's Wine Country, one of the sport's most enjoyable venues. In the Southern Hemisphere, if you're getting ready to go racing at the Sydney Carnival, we know just the woman to make sure you're properly outfitted. Back in Kentucky, spring means Keeneland, and we'll clue you in to Keeneland's hottest ticket—the annual Maker's Mark bottle signing, which has raised millions for charity, and has helped to keep the long bond between two Kentucky institutions strong. And finally, our popular TDN feature, This or That, makes its TDN Weekend debut in video form, just in time for OBS April.



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Derby 20: Always Dreaming (cont. from p1)

Always Dreaming’s scintillating score in the Florida Derby was by far the most visually impressive of all the nine-furlong Kentucky Derby prep stakes, and that commanding performance is enough to trump any trepidation about installing such a lightly raced (five starts overall; needed three tries top break maiden) colt atop this week’s rankings. Always Dreaming stands out among his peers in that he’s already won two 1 1/8-mile races (although that allowance victory Mar. 4 came at 1-10 odds when he walked home after setting a dawdling pace), yet more importantly he has the potential to be peaking at precisely the right time. Horses who have won the Florida Derby have performed prolifically well on the first Saturday in May over the past several decades, with the likes of Nyquist (Uncle Mo), Orb (Malibu Moon), Big Brown (Boundary), Barbaro (Dynaformer), Monarchos (Maria’s Mon), and Thunder Gulch (Gulch) all parlaying Florida Derby wins into Kentucky Derby triumphs. This endorsement doesn’t mean that Always Dreaming will be the best bet on Derby Day, when he is likely to hover around 5-1 favoritism. But in terms of asserting himself as the division leader at a crucial time of the season, this colt has put himself in a good position to avenge the second-place Derby finishes of both his sire and paternal grandsire.

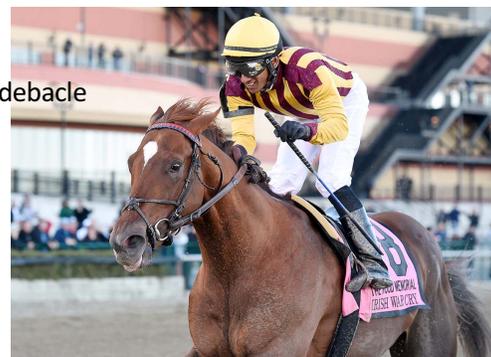
2. (13) IRISH WAR CRY (c, Curlin--Irish Sovereign, by Polish Numbers)

‘TDN Rising Star’ O/B-Isabelle de Tomaso (NJ). T-H. Graham Motion. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 5-4-0-0, \$699,460. Last Start: 1st, **Gil Wood Memorial S.**, AQU, Apr. 8 Accomplishments: 1st, **Gil Lambholm South Holy Bull S.**, GP, Feb. 4, 1st, **Marylander S.**, LRL, Jan. 23 Next Start: GI Kentucky Derby, CD, May 6 **Thoro-Graph sheet, EquineLine PPs, Caulfield on Irish War Cry** KY Derby Points: 110

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“That was more like it,” a relieved trainer Motion said after Irish War Cry’s emphatic dismantling of the Wood Memorial field on Saturday, echoing the sentiments of racing enthusiasts who had been

puzzled by the New Jersey-bred’s Fountain of Youth S. debacle after he had shown flashes of brilliance in three undefeated starts. Even though this **‘TDN Rising Star’** didn’t exactly master rating from well off the pace,



Irish War Cry | Sarah Andrew

(“He could have maybe waited even longer,” Motion said of jockey Rajiv Maragh’s move) Irish War Cry was noticeably more comfortable and not fighting his partner even while keen to advance upon pacemaker Battalion Runner (Unbridled’s Song). The eventual winner edged closer at both six and four furlongs out before accelerating on even terms at the three-eighths pole, then ‘Irish’ responded to a left-handed crack of the crop and vigorous arm-pumping encouragement to power away inside the final furlong. “He settled just off the pace and I guess I was a bit concerned on the backside because he kind of moved up quite early to the leader, and from what Rajiv told me, he felt like he had so much horse underneath him. My big question for him was how he thought about how he won, and he said he felt like he did it pretty comfortably really [and] that he could have put him anywhere in the race that he wanted, and that was the kind of feedback I needed to hear.”

Thoro-Graph sheets for all horses in the TDN’S DERBY 20 will be available at www.thetdn.com later this week.

3. (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, 5-4-0-1, \$410,848.
 Last Start: 3rd, **GII Toyota Blue Grass S.**, KEE, Apr. 8
 Accomplishments Include: 1st, **GIII Sam F. Davis S.**, TAM, Feb. 11, 1st, **GII Kentucky Jockey Club S.**, CD, Nov. 26, 1st, **Street Sense S.**, CD, Oct. 30
 Next Start: GI Kentucky Derby, May 6, CD
Thoro-Graph sheet, EquineLine PPs, Caulfield on McCracken
 KY Derby Points: 40

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McCraken didn't regress so much as he failed to progress when third as the 8-5 favorite in Saturday's talent-laden GII Blue Grass S. that ended up being won by longshot maiden Irap (Tiznow). This **'TDN Rising Star'** will still be in solid shape heading to the Derby--he's 3-for-3 at Churchill and won his first four lifetime starts with admirable professionalism--so there's plenty to like. But missing the GII Tampa Bay Derby in March with an ankle strain has caused enough of a ripple in his training regimen that McCracken will now be "backing into" the Derby off a subpar performance. "I thought he was too fresh and too much on the bit and that is where missing [the Tampa Derby] showed up," Wilkes said. "He was a little too keen."

Yet in the "silver lining" department, both horse and trainer could end up benefiting from not having to endure the media circus that would have accompanied going into the Derby with a colt who had never lost.

"It got the monkey off my back of being undefeated," Wilkes added.

"That [would have added] a little pressure. Now that that is over, you can concentrate on getting the job done."



McCraken | SV Photography

Jockey Brian Hernandez, Jr. is the one under pressure now, having chosen to ride McCracken over GII Twinspires.com Louisiana Derby winner Girvin (Tale of Ekati) on the First Saturday in May.

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4. (4) 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: MGSW, 4-3-1-0, \$874,400.

Last Start: 1st, **Gil Louisiana Derby**, FG, Apr. 1

Accomplishments Include: 1st, **Gil Risen Star S.**, FG, Feb. 25

Next start: GI Kentucky Derby, CD, May 6

Thoro-Graph sheet, EquineLine PPs, Caulfield on Girvin

KY Derby Points: 150

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Don't make the mistake of lumping Girvin in with the horses that are likely to sit midpack and make one sustained move three or four furlongs out in the Derby. Although he's learned how to rate effectively, trainer Sharp had pointed out leading up to the Louisiana Derby how tactically nimble Girvin is.

"As far as speed goes, I do like that he was obviously on the lead when he needed to be, when he was asked to be in his maiden race. He stopped just off the pace in the turf race, and he came from considerably further back in the Risen Star," Sharp said.

"So he's shown three levels of versatility, which with all the situations that are thrown at you on the first Saturday in May, that's huge for us."

Although I still have my doubts about the quality of horses Girvin has been

roughing up in New Orleans (he beat only one stakes winner in the Louisiana Derby) and the manner in which he did it (beneficiary of perfect trips), he is maturing and peaking at precisely the right time of year, and as Sharp added, he "definitely channels his energy in the right direction."



Girvin | Lou Hodges

5. (18) 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 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: MGISW, 6-4-0-0, \$920,000.

Last Start: 1st, **GI Santa Anita Derby**, SA, Apr. 8

Accomplishments Include: 1st, **GI FrontRunner S.**, SA, Oct. 6, 1st, **Gill Sham S.**, SA, Jan. 7.

Next Start: GI Kentucky Derby, CD, May 6

Thoro-Graph sheet, EquineLine PPs, Caulfield on Gormley

KY Derby Points: 125

Gormley displayed a new dimension while rating from off the pace to win the relatively slow Santa Anita Derby and he'll head to Louisville significantly more battle-tested than some of the lighter-raced contenders on this list. He has a fair amount of fight in him and has

proven he can overcome adversity, but it's an open question whether he's the type of horse who makes his own trouble, or at least has a knack for putting himself into tough spots. Gormley



Gormley | Horsephotos

resisted the settling efforts by jockey Victor Espinoza into the first turn, barely got off the heels of the caving American Anthem (Bodemeister) when winding up for his winning move, then had his head cocked to the infield at the head of the lane before straightening out for a stretch battle that ended up with him in front as the top five horses all finished within two lengths at the wire. "I had a little bit of a hard time taking him back but all I had to do was jerk him one time, a bit harder than I wanted, and that's all it took," said Espinoza. "He relaxed very nice. Down the backside, I started laughing to myself because I knew I was in a good position and I knew all the horses in front of me were going to stop. He showed me he's capable of going the distance. The only problem is his size; he's not very big but he's tough and that's what I like about him. He works really hard and that's what it takes."

6. (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 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: GISP, 4-2-1-1, \$290,000.

Last Start: 2nd, **GI Santa Anita Derby**, SA, Apr. 8

Next Start: Possible for GI Kentucky Derby, CD, May 6

Thoro-Graph sheet, EquineLine PPs

KY Derby Points: 40

2nd TDN Rising Star out of Thor-Bred Stables' 2014 Crop

Battle of Midway was a strong pace presence in the Santa Anita Derby, and even though his effort didn't produce a victory, it certainly asserted him as an intriguing prospect getting good at the right time. This '**TDN Rising Star**' broke with alacrity and secured the rail while pegged down on the fence in a robust three-way go, and not only outdueled his two rivals on the lead (after the trio opened up by six lengths on the backstretch), but still had enough kick left to hang in gamely when accosted by Gormley inside the final furlong.

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Battle of Midway's third-place try as the beaten 4-5 fave in the San Vicente S. two months ago is the only real blemish in his four-race block of past performances, and his last two sharp efforts at 1 1/16 and 1 1/8 miles are both encouraging signs that he's likely to be able to handle a further stretch to the 1 1/4 mile Derby distance. "If he didn't get pressured so much early I think we would have won, but that's how things go," trainer Hollendorfer said. "I'm very happy with him. He's been progressing all along, and if he can continue, he should be a contender."



Battle of Midway | Benoit

7. (N/A) ROYAL MO (c, Uncle Mo--Royal Irish Lass, by Saint Ballado)

O-Mr. & Mrs. Jerome S. Moss. B-Brandywine Farm (KY). T-John A. Shirreffs. Sales History: \$300,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW & GISP, 6-2-2-1, \$267,200.

Last Start: 3rd, GI Santa Anita Derby, SA, Apr. 8

Accomplishments Include: 1st, GIII Robert B. Lewis S., SA, Feb. 4

Next start: Possible for GI Kentucky Derby, CD, May 6

Thoro-Graph sheet, EquineLine PPs

KY Derby Points: 30

BRED & RAISED by Jim & Pam Robinson
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If Royal Mo goes to the Kentucky Derby, it won't just be to provide company for more accomplished stablemate Gormley, because Royal Mo ran an impressive breakout race when third in the Santa Anita Derby to re-establish himself as a legitimate West Coast contender within the middle tier of the overall division. Parked



Royal Mo | Benoit

widest in post 13, Royal Mo was keen to be the outermost aggressor in a three-way duel that consumed the opening six furlongs of the race, and he even briefly thrust his head in front three-eighths out from the wire. He was still in it to win it late in the lane, and a dropped whip near the sixteenth pole may or

may not have compromised his chances for a better placing in the final few jumps. The "if" part about Royal Mo going on to the Derby depends largely on leaderboard points, because right now this colt is on the outside looking in. He's currently ranked 22nd with 30 points, and six other horses that have already accumulated points are scheduled to race in this weekend's GI Arkansas Derby.

8. (7) 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, 6-3-2-0, \$1,015,800.

Last Start: 2nd, GII Toyota Blue Grass S., KEE, Apr. 8

Accomplishments Include: 1st, GI Hopeful S., SAR, Sept. 5; 1st, GI Champagne S., BEL, Oct. 8.

Next Start: GI Kentucky Derby, CD, May 6

Thoro-Graph sheet, EquineLine PPs

KY Derby Points: 74

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On one level, Practical Joke ran capably when second in Saturday's Blue Grass S. He jumped out to a good position toward the front of the field, endured being floated three wide through the first turn, and launched into a sustained bid five furlongs out. Yet on another level, you could say that Practical Joke again moved too soon (just like in the Fountain of Youth S., when his bold bid a half-mile out also flattened out), and despite being all-out while aggressively asked through the stretch in the Blue Grass, he couldn't put away a softened-up 31-1 maiden winner.



Practical Joke | Sarah K. Andrew

Although Practical Joke will be heading to the Derby sporting two graded-stakes seconds in his only starts of 2017, there's still the not-so-small issue of his never having won a two-turn race. Still, trainer Brown is optimistic about the near future. "He showed a lot of heart. I was disappointed with the trip but that was due to the [outside] post. [Jockey] Joel [Rosario] really didn't have a chance to tuck him in. The winner really ran a courageous race. He really ran fantastic and I thought my horse did, too. Post is so important and today even though it was a short field, it hurt us because he had to go wide. I am proud of his effort."

9. (5) 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, 6-2-1-1, \$349,600.

Last Start: 4th, [GII Toyota Blue Grass S.](#), KEE, Apr. 8
 Accomplishments Include: 1st, [GIII Gotham S.](#), AQU, Mar. 4
 Next Start: GI Kentucky Derby, CD, May 6

[Thoro-Graph sheet](#), [EquineLine PPs](#), [Caulfield on J Boys Echo](#)
 KY Derby Points: 63

Barry Berkelhammer 352•804•3000

If you're compiling a list of "dark horses" for the Derby, make sure to include this bay. In the Blue Grass S., J Boys Echo was brushed at the break, got knocked around a bit in mild traffic



J Boys Echo | Sarah Andrew

entering the far turn, then came five wide at the head of the homestretch with too little too late, and was not pushed on late by his jockey when it became apparent this **'TDN Rising Star'** was not going to seriously

threaten the top two. While none of those minor adversities in and of themselves were to blame for his so-so midpack finish behind a long-shot maiden winner, you could chalk the experience up to a learning effort and still be pretty happy getting something like 25-1 on a Romans trainee at Churchill who has a solid foundation of five consecutive route races and has already once cracked triple digits on the Beyer speed scale (102 in the Gotham S.). "He ran a credible race," Romans said. "You can go back in history and look at horses that run third or fourth in [the Blue Grass] and come back and do well ... He's a good horse, and we'll see what happens. Twenty horses in a mile and a quarter race--a lot of stuff can go right."

10. (2) TAPWRIT (c, Tapit--Appealing Zophie, by Successful Appeal)

O-Bridlewood Farm, Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners & Robert V. LaPenta. B-My Meadowview, LLC (KY). T-Todd A. Pletcher. Sales History: \$1,200,000 Ylg '15 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: GSW, 6-3-1-0, \$343,902.

Last Start: 5th, [GII Toyota Blue Grass S.](#), KEE, Apr. 8
 Accomplishments Include: 1st, [GII Tampa Bay Derby](#), TAM, Mar. 11, 1st, [Pulpit S.](#), GP, Dec. 10

Next Start: Possible for GI Kentucky Derby, CD, May 6
[Thoro-Graph sheet](#), [EquineLine PPs](#), [Caulfield on Tapwrit](#)
 KY Derby Points: 54

Bred by My Meadowview. Sold by Denali.

Trainer Pletcher was objectively frank and didn't sugarcoat his \$1.2 million yearling's blah fifth in the Blue Grass S., which could have been the athletic gray's big punch-through race en route to Louisville. "He seemed to run kind of flat," Pletcher said. "I thought he saddled beautifully and behaved really well in the post parade and the gate. He had his head in the air a little bit and missed the break a touch. Then he got stuck four or five wide all the way around there. It seemed like he struggled with the race track a little bit.



Tapwrit | SV Photography

He just ran kind of evenly and flat the whole way." Jockey Jose Ortiz added an "I don't think he liked the track" assessment. Considering Tapwrit's previously promising form and the wildly fluctuating nature of the division three weeks out from the Triple Crown, you can't blame this colt's connections if they forge ahead to the Derby with a horse who has a chance at a mid-odds upset. "We'll see how he comes out of it and talk to everyone, but we feel like he's that caliber of horse," Pletcher added. "As long as we don't find any major reasons (not to), we'll certainly take him to Churchill (Downs) and see how he trains there."

11. (8) 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 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: GSW, 3-3-0-0, \$586,800.

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

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Malagacy is 3-for-3 with a sprint-sprint-stakes route progressions culminating with a Derby prep win at Oaklawn going 1 1/16 miles, and he'll attempt to stretch out an extra sixteenth of a mile on Saturday as one of the headliners in the Arkansas Derby.

Despite being lightly raced, trainer Pletcher has praised Malagacy's apparent edge in terms of mental preparedness and a rateable disposition.

This 'TDN Rising Star' has an evenly spaced race progression so far in 2017, with starts in January, February and March leading into Saturday's race, which could leave him in good shape for a Kentucky Derby berth should he run well in the Arkansas Derby with only three weeks left until the Triple Crown season starts.



Malagacy | Coady Photography

12. (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: GSP, 4-2-2-0, \$200,600. Last Start: 2nd, **GII Wood Memorial S.**, AQU, Apr. 8 Next Start: Possible for GI Kentucky Derby, May 6 **Thoro-Graph sheet, EquineLine PPs** KY Derby Points: 40

Trained at Crupi's New Castle Farm

Battalion Runner didn't have to work too hard to attain the early lead in the Wood Memorial, but if he's to be forwardly placed in the Derby, he's going to have to deal with far more front-end pressure. Yet considering he'd only started three times (and just once in 2017) prior to the Wood, he did show a willingness to push back when prompted by the likes of Irish War Cry, which has



Battalion Runner | Leslie Martin

to count for something in terms of seasoning. The two sparred spiritedly down the backstretch (with jockey John Velazquez keeping this 'TDN Rising Star' about three paths off the rail), and Battalion Runner hung in determinedly for as long as he could until the winner overpowered him inside the final furlong. Based on performance in the Wood and a pedigree that implies ample stamina, Battalion Runner just might be suited for 10 furlongs in the Derby.

But trainer Pletcher has repeated through the winter and spring that Battalion Runner benefits from generous spacing between races, and now he's going to have to improve even further in a shorter time frame if he's expected to make a start on Derby Day.

13. (12) 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. Last Start: 3rd, **GI Xpressbet Florida Derby**, GP, Apr. 1 Accomplishments Include: 1st, **GII Xpressbet Fountain of Youth S.**, GP, Mar. 4; 1st, **GIII Delta Downs Jackpot S.**, DED, Nov. 19; 1st, **GII Saratoga Special S.**, SAR, Aug. 14 Next Start: GI Kentucky Derby, CD, May 6 **Thoro-Graph sheet, EquineLine PPs, Caulfield on Gunnevera** KY Derby Points: 84

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Gunnevera will be one of those horses in the 15-1 range in the Derby betting who will be tough to back with confidence as a win wager, but you'd hate to exclude him from any vertical bets because his one-run-from-the-back style and his stayer-centric pedigree both stamp him as a colt who will likely be hitting his best stride when some other others in the Derby are hitting a wall endurance-wise. Trainer Sano reported that Gunnevera "came back in great shape after the Florida Derby ... Our job for now is to keep him sound and happy, Gunnevera will do the rest." Plans are to depart from Gulfstream Park West via van for Churchill Downs Apr. 22, with at least one workout in Florida prior to shipping and another in Louisville before the Derby.

14. (14) CLASSIC EMPIRE (c, Pioneerof 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. 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: 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

As it stands now, the juvenile champ needs to rack up qualifying points in Saturday's Arkansas Derby just to make the cutoff for the Kentucky Derby, because Classic Empire is currently ranked 21st on the "Road to the Derby" leaderboard.

Seeing an Eclipse Awards winner scrounging for points in the final pre-Triple Crown graded stakes for 3-year-olds is a little like seeing the kid voted "Most Likely To Succeed" in high school standing in a bread line. But what a comeback it would be if Classic Empire



Classic Empire | Horsephotos

parlays a strong showing in Hot Springs into an "all in" effort beneath the Twin Spires. Behavioral quirks, a foot abscess, and some vague type of back discomfort have all contributed to a chaotic 2017 that has threatened--but never completely derailed--Classic Empire's Derby aspirations. Yet everything could return to right quicker than it went wrong if this colt reverses form for the better against what is shaping up to be a solid, but not spectacular, Arkansas Derby lineup (entries drawn Wednesday). Since the Eclipse Awards debuted in 1971, only three 2-year-old male champions have run in the Arkansas Derby: Favorite Trick (Phone Trick), was third in 1998; Answer Lively (Lively One), was elevated to fourth following a 1999 disqualification, and American Pharoah (Pioneer of the Nile) won in 2015. Classic Empire, sharing the same sire as the 2015 Triple Crown winner, can use all the family influence and good karma he can get.

15. (N/A) IRAP (c, Tiznow--Silken Cat, by Storm Cat)

O-Reddam Racing LLC. B-Aaron & Marie Jones (KY). T-Doug F. O'Neill. Sales History: \$140,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$300,000 2yo '16 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: GISW, 8-1-3-1, \$772,600. Last Start: 1st, [Gill Toyota Blue Grass S.](#), KEE, Apr. 8
Next Start: GI Kentucky Derby, CD, May 6

[Equineline PPs](#)

KY Derby Points: 113

Irap's 31-1 win in the Blue Grass S. justifiably qualifies as an upset in terms of that one race, but in the grand scheme of the 2017 Derby picture it fits the wacky pattern of unpredictability that has hallmarked the division. A whole lot of scrambling for position was going on among the tightly packed favorites as the Blue Grass field banked onto the Keeneland backstretch, and while the riders of those highly regarded horses engaged in a

chess match, Julien Leparoux played a simple game of checkers, leapfrogging his blinkers-off maiden past the tiring pacemaker at the entrance to the far turn. The moderate Blue Grass pace was not taxing enough to wipe him out, and while Irap was not exactly a commanding presence when faced with fresh challenges down the lane, he at least responded in

workmanlike fashion, justifying that his earlier graded-stakes placings behind the likes of top West Coast horses Mastery (Candy Ride {Arg}) and Royal Mo (Uncle Mo) were not flukes. Leparoux, it should be noted, is also the regular rider of juvenile champ Classic Empire, setting up a possible open mount on one or the other depending on the results of this weekend's Arkansas Derby.



Irap | Coady

16. (19) 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.

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

Next Start: GI Kentucky Derby, CD, May 6

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

KY Derby Points: 50

Training Alum

STONESTREET

If Hence is to be draped in a blanket of roses on the first Saturday in May, it will likely have to result from an extreme pace meltdown combined with a fortuitously clean trip and having none of the top

Derby favorites fire their "A" efforts. Still, everything else being equal, if you gave me the choice of betting two bucks on a 40-1 Derby deep closer versus betting the same amount on a 40-1

needs-the-lead speedball, I'd take the closer every

single time. It's easier to envision winning scenarios under such circumstances--Mine That Bird (Birdstone) and Giacomo (Holy Bull) come to mind--and Hence has already run well (second, beaten a neck) in his lone try over the Churchill Downs strip.



Hence | Coady Photography

Hence also has a solid foundation of five straight races at a mile or more, although it remains to be seen whether the colt's connections will commit to a jockey with more Derby experience than Alfredo Juarez Jr., the capable New Mexico-based mainstay who picked up the ship-on mount for the Sunland Derby. That Grade III win was Juarez's first graded stakes win in 11 years. His only three other lifetime graded wins all came in Grade III's.

17. (N/A) PATCH (Union Rags--Windyindy, by A.P. Indy)

'TDN Rising Star' O/B-Calumet Farm (KY). T-Todd A. Pletcher.

Lifetime Record: GSP, 3-1-2-0.

Last Start: 2nd, **GII Louisiana Derby**, FG, Apr. 1

Next Start: Possible for GI Kentucky Derby, CD, May 6

EquineLine PPs

KY Derby Points: 40

Training Alum — **STONESTREET**

Patch, with only three lifetime starts and no wins beyond the maiden ranks, is a long-shot outsider if he starts in Louisville. He's currently secured a points berth (40), although that status may or may not change depending on how the Arkansas Derby shakes out. His one-turn mile win at Gulfstream was good enough for trainer



Patch | Lauren King

enough for trainer Pletcher to send him to the Louisiana Derby, and considering he broke from the rail going nine furlongs against more seasoned horses and still managed second behind the

thriving Girvin, it was a quietly solid effort. He was always in touch with the main flight of the field while rating comfortably at the fence, and he did gallop out past the winner after finishing with good courage.

18. (N/A) STATE OF HONOR (c, To Honor and Serve--State Cup, by Elusive Quality)

O-Conrad Farms. B-Manfred & Penny Conrad (ON). T-Mark E.

Casse. Lifetime Record: GISP, 10-1-4-2, \$382,548.

Last Start: 2nd, **GI Xpressbet Florida Derby**, GP, Apr. 1

Next Start: GI Kentucky Derby, CD, May 6

EquineLine PPs

KY Derby Points: 62

Mating Recommendation by Zach Madden

State of Honor debuts within the Top 20 based on his 62 Derby qualifying points, which places him tenth in terms of leaderboard eligibility. He owns a combined six seconds and thirds from 10 lifetime starts, and never seemed to settle when wrangled back off the pace in the Florida Derby behind ultra-impressive winner Always Dreaming. "He was probably a little bit intimidated down inside, turning for home, where [Always Dreaming] kind of got first kick on him, where we had to play catch-up," said trainer Casse. "I was actually, after watching the replay, more impressed with his performance than initially. He's a very consistent horse and ran well, so I think he deserves a shot. The owners are excited, we're excited, and he's going to Kentucky."

19. (N/A) UNTRAPPED (c, Trappe Shot--Exit Three, by Giant's Causeway)

'TDN Rising Star' O-Michael Langford. B-Indian Creek & Jonathan Sheppard (KY). T-Steven M. Asmussen. Lifetime

Record: MGSP, 5-1-3-1, \$256,800.

Last Start: 3rd, **GII Rebel S.**, OP, Mar. 18

Next Start: GI Arkansas Derby, OP, Apr. 15

EquineLine PPs

KY Derby Points: 34

'TDN Rising Star' Untrapped gets a final chance to launch himself into Kentucky Derby relevancy if he can knock one out of the park in Saturday's Arkansas Derby. He's been second and third in graded stakes preps at both Fair Grounds and Oaklawn so far this season, but should he run well enough to head to Louisville, it will be worth noting that he romped by 5 1/4 lengths over the Churchill strip when breaking his maiden at 6-5 there last November. He demonstrated better-than-it-looks tactical positioning in his Rebel S. third behind Malagacy while encountering some mild early traffic that might have compromised his chances.

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20. (N/A) THUNDER SNOW (IRE) (c, Helmet (Aus)--Eastern Joy {GB}, by Dubai Destination)

O-Godolphin Racing LLC. B-Darley (IRE). T-Saeed bin Suroor.

Lifetime Record: G1SW, 8-4-2-0, \$1,627,692.

Last Start: 1st, **G2 UAE Derby**, MEY, Mar. 25.

Accomplishments Include: 1st, **G1 Criterium International**, STC, Oct. 30, 1st, **UAE 2000 Guineas**, MEY, Feb. 11.

Next Start: Possible for GI Kentucky Derby, CD, May 6

EquineLine PPs

KY Derby Points: 100

Thunder Snow, while not previously ranked within the *TDN* Top 20, gets a berth this week because he's solidly entrenched in the fifth position on the Derby leaderboard with 100 points based on his overseas wins, meaning he's in the gate at Churchill Downs if his connections opt to fly him in. He's riding a three-race win streak and has eight starts to his credit, although six of them were at seven furlongs or shorter. His UAE Derby win in the mud was the fastest clocking of that stakes on dirt at Meydan, although he spooked at the large infield video board several times during pre-race warmups, had trouble handling the turns, and veered and shied when encountering starting gate marks on the track en route to re-rallying for a nose victory.



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Sunday, Gavea, Brazil

GRANDE PREMIO CRUZEIRO DO SUL-G1, BRZ\$157,000

(US\$/£/€), 4-9, Gavea, 3yo, c, 2400mT, 2:29.07, sf.

1--**@EMPEROR RODERIC (BRZ)**, 125, c, 3, by Roderic O'Connor (Ire).

1st Dam: Lady Carol (Brz) (GSW-Brz),
by Our Captain Willie

2nd Dam: Carol Fast (Brz), by Fast Gold

3rd Dam: Fair Lane (Brz), by Executioner

O-Stud Pedudu; B-Haras Anderson (Brz); T-R.M Lima; J-L. Henrique. Lifetime Record: 8-3-3-1. **Werk Nick Rating: C. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Voador Magee (Brz)**, 125, c, 3, Roderic O'Connor (Ire)--Hommage A Ro (Brz), by Trempolino. O-Stud Eternamente Rio; B-Haras Old Friends Ltda (Brz); T-L. Esteves.

3--**Enologo (Brz)**, 125, c, 3, Drosselmeyer--Inner's Girl (Brz), by Dodge. O/B-Haras Anderson (Brz); T-R.M. Lima.

Margins: NO, HF, HF. Odds: 7.00, 8.00, 7.00.

Also Ran: Vico (Brz), Reno (Brz), King David (Brz), Olympic Google (Brz), New In Town (Brz), Escalibur (Brz), Numba Juan (Brz), Energia Imagine (Brz), Friend (Brz), Maluco Beleza (Brz), Englightened (Brz), Harak (Brz), Multiplo (Brz), Encuentro (Brz).

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Sunday, Gavea, Brazil

GRANDE PREMIO ZELIA GONZAGA PEIXOTO DE CASTRO-G1,

BRZ\$112,200, 4-9, Gavea, 3yo, f, 2400mT, 2:29.76, sf.

1--**NO REGRETS (BRZ)**, 125, f, 3, by Fluke (Brz).

1st Dam: Buy Me Love (Brz), by Jules

2nd Dam: Feel So Good (Brz), by Troyanos (Brz)

3rd Dam: Dearly Girl (Brz), by Duke of Mermelade

O/B-Haras Doce Vale (Brz); T-Venancio Nahid; J-W.S. Cardoso. Lifetime Record: 6-5-0-0. *1/2 to Grapette Repete (Brz) (Know Heights {Ire}), GSW & MG1SP-Brz; Kijoliamour (Brz) (Northern Afleet), MSW & G1SP-Brz; and My Cherie Amour (Brz), G1SW-Brz, \$201,399. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++.** *Triple Plus*.

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2--**Etapa Vencida (Brz)**, 125, f, 3, Wild Event--Lychee (Brz), by De Quest (GB). O-Stud Verde Rio; B-Haras Santa Maria de Araras (Brz); T-L. Esteves.

3--**Estella Rossa (Brz)**, 125, f, 3, Drosselmeyer--Name of Rose (Brz), by Clackson (Brz). O/B-Haras Anderson (Brz); T-J. Pessanha.

Margins: 4, 3, HF. 0.90, 14.30, 22.90.

Also Ran: Felka (Brz), Envoi De Fleurs (Brz), Keynote (Brz), Figeac (Brz), Say It Again (Brz), Voznacki (Brz), Regal Aura (Brz).

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TIM WICKES

Why David Whiteley?

So let's talk about this year's Hall of Fame. Sergio finally won a major, the 76ers don't make the post-season. Again. Big racing weekend yielded bigger Derby confusion. Something about John Shirreffs going 1-3 in the Santa Anita Derby says, 'Let's talk Hall.' Five great jocks, three wicked fast horses and then the trainers. Casse, Shirreffs, and Whiteley (the other Whiteley). And the other Whiteley is the guy I like for the gig.

Look don't get me wrong, Casse and Shirreffs are the men. Casse has over 2000 wins, three Breeders' Cups, and these last few years seems to be in every feature every Saturday. But before 2015 he had only (only?) five Grade I wins, has no Classic wins yet and in spite of passing his trainers test over 30 years ago still seems like the new kid on the block. He can wait. Sorry Mark.

Shirreffs--different profile, equally as deserving. Boutique trainer, smaller barn with big results. Over 30 Grade Is, The Derby with Giacomo, and Zenyatta. And Zenyatta! Vietnam vet, nice guy, big time trainer. Deserves to be there.

But I like Whiteley. The guy that half the readership hasn't even heard of. Now I know I'm gonna sound like the old guy at your dad's barbershop talking about the time Joe Adcock hit four homers and a double, but trust me David Whiteley was all that. Started training at 25, quit at 50. Been gone from the stage for over 20 years. But boys and girls when he was there, he was great.

Let's have a look. 32% winners lifetime in an era when win % wasn't a big deal. In the middle of that span, between 1974 and 1983 David had one of the great decades of any trainer ever. His small barn yielded three champions, a bucket of Grade Is and Coastal's trouncing of the great Spectacular Bid in the 1979 Belmont. His work with the sore footed Highland Blade was magical.

From the time he left Camden, South Carolina, with the dogwoods til he returned with the frost, Whiteley won with better than one out of four and the NYRA punters bet on him three out of four. He was the guy you bet on when nothing else was working, he was the guy that won the feature. He got you home. No claimers, no soft spots, only ran against the best. And he beat'm. He was Koufax--a shooting star. When the times changed and the well ran dry he stayed around for a few years before he packed up his cigarette holder and his genius and went home for good.

In some ways David Whiteley was the end of the line. The last of an era of horsemen that made their name training whatever the van man dropped off and hoped for the best. Homebred wide-eyed 2-year-olds fresh off the farm.

Some days they were by Damascus and some days they were by Pronto. You made the best out of what walked down the ramp. No auction toppers. No 1/4 miles in :20 and change. Just good pedigrees and great expectations. And for a little pocket of time, from Nixon to Reagan, when Bowa was at short, David A Whiteley made those dreams come true. If I had a vote, he'd get it.

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THOMAS HYLAND

Everyone has their own take on what horse will win the GI Kentucky Derby this year (rightfully so), but Bill Finley's article in Monday's *TDN* ("[On Disappointing Saturday, Irish War Cry Didn't Disappoint](#)"), is an unusual spin on things, especially regarding the GI Santa Anita Derby. He mentioned the "good fortune" of Gormley, who only won the race, according to Mr. Finley, thanks to a fast pace that fell apart.

He writes that Gormley had "an absolutely perfect trip under Victor Espinoza" who had "no problem getting by the tiring front runners." So apparently Espinoza was the primary factor in Gormley's victory, not the horse. If the leaders were tiring, how come no other horses passed them?

So Gormley, was "lucky," according to Finley. This shows no respect to the horse, who is one of the best of the current Derby contenders. He had run a poor race in the GII San Felipe S., when he tired after chasing Mastery. Now he comes back and wins the Santa Anita Derby and is 4 for 6 in his career, with the only other loss being in last year's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile to Classic Empire.

Perhaps Gormley is a much better horse than Mr. Finley is willing to admit. Let's also admit that Gormley's victory said a great deal about how good a horse Mastery is. He was a horse that truly lived up to all the Derby hype, and it's a shame that his injury has taken him off the Derby trail.

Finley also fails to mention how second-place finisher Battle of Midway ran an excellent race, beaten only by a half-length after a wicked pace (:22.66, :46.55). Here was a horse who had only an allowance win under his belt, yet ran a terrific race, as did Royal Mo, who ran third, beaten by a length for all the money, after running three wide most of the race, from the 13 post position.

If Battle of Midway does run in the Kentucky Derby, he will pose a big threat. Let's give the horse and his conditioner, Jerry Hollendorfer, a lot of credit.

One final insult to Gormley from Mr. Finley, when he writes, "because of his good fortune, Gormley will be one of those horses that many will discount come Derby week." Discount him all you want, Mr. Finley, but I'll be including Gormley--and Battle of Midway--in my exotic wagers that day. They've earned their right to be there. Shouldn't they have earned your respect?

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Horace William "Salty" Roberts, founder of Race Track Chaplaincy of America (RTCA), passed away last Friday in Hollywood, Florida following a lengthy illness. He was 85. Roberts began ministering to track workers in the late 1960s and took the first step toward establishing the first recognized worship services on the backside of a Thoroughbred racetrack in 1970. His work soon spread to racetracks around the country and the RTCA was established in 1972.



Salty Roberts

"Salty had a real burden on his heart for the people that he worked with," said long-time friend and Hall of Fame jockey Pat Day, who currently serves as president of the Kentucky chapter of RTCA. "He eagerly shared that burden by establishing a ministry to serve them right where they worked and often lived--on the backside of racetracks."

Dan Waits, Executive Director of Race Track Chaplaincy of America said,

"Countless lives and generations to come have been and will be impacted by the Christ-centered work of Salty Roberts. We stand on his shoulders, and RTCA will continue to honor his legacy by carrying out the mission he established."

Roberts is survived by his wife, Dallas; six children: Mark Roberts, Lygia Colton (Kevin), Mary McKeever, Chris Roberts (Melissa); Paul Roberts, and Alicia Gargiulo (John); nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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EASTERN U.S.

Monday's Results:

8th-PRX, \$58,530, Alw, 4-10, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38.22, ft.

MOE TROUBLE (c, 4, Uncle Mo--Sunup {SP, \$152,090}, by Smart Strike) graduated at second asking against Pennsylvania-breds here Dec. 20 and was fifth stretching out to two turns in a sloppy-track open allowance Jan. 24 before cruising in a state-bred allowance Mar. 13. Given a 23-10 chance to double up here, the homebred tracked from third early on, but pulled to the lead between rivals soon after a :24.01 quarter. Dueling with Soaring Cid (Desert God) through a :47.35 quarter, Moe Trouble shrugged that foe aside by the five-sixteenths pole and steadily drew off in the lane to score by 4 1/2 lengths. Soaring Cid was another 5 1/2 clear for second. The victor is a half to You Need Me (Indian Charlie), MSW, \$294,505. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, \$101,210. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O/B-Michael W. Jester (PA); T-Mario Serey, Jr.

NEW YORK

Zayat Family Announces NYU Zayat Scholarship Recipients:

The Zayat Scholarship, granted to New York University journalism students with an interest in writing about Thoroughbred horse racing, has been awarded to 10 students for the 2016-2017 academic year.

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NYU, in partnership with the National Turf Writers and Broadcasters Association, has awarded the following 10 students as recipients of the Zayat Scholarship for the 2016-17 academic year: Tarek Afifi, Siya Bahal, Kamila Daurenova, Maria Sofia Hernandez, Meng Hsuan Hsieh, Philip Marino, Sandra Raafat, Chloe Webster, Jenny Yae.

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Small Batch Sales (www.smallbatchsales.com) expects to make its debut at the Fasig-Tipton Turf Showcase Sale this coming September.

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CENTRAL U.S.

Monday's Results:

7th-WRD, \$19,800, Msw, 4-10, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04.48, ft. +BESTTIZYET (f, 3, Tizway--Best Regards, by Street Cry {Ire}) hinted at ability with a local half-mile breeze from the gate in :48 2/5 (6/39) Mar. 4, but was dismissed at over 18-1 for this debut. Sent through inside to make the point in the opening furlong, the dark bay clicked off a :22.29 quarter and was challenged by Bellebreaksthecode (Algorithms) through a :45.18 half. Discarding that rival by the eighth pole, Besttizyet widened from there to a 3 1/2-length success. Race favorite Cleopatra Gold (Mineshaft) was up late for the place. The winner is a half to Bon Accord (Showing Up), SW & GSP, \$144,610. Her third dam is GISW Gaily Gaily (Ire) (Cure the Blues). Best Regards has colts of Eskendereya of 2015 and 2016 and was bred to Fed Biz last term. Sales History: \$3,500 Ylg '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$11,640. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).** O-Ra-Max Farms LLC; B-Mark Secret (KY); T-Theresa Sue Luneack.

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CALIFORNIA

Sunday Night's Results:

10th-SA, \$56,415, Msw, 4-9, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:35.21, fm. ZAFFINAH (IRE) (f, 3, Casamento {Ire}--Grand Zafeen {GB}, by Zafeen {Fr}) crossed the wire first as a 1-10 favorite second out at Bremen in Germany, but was disqualified to runner-up, and ran fifth when tried in the G3 Steinhoff Zukunftsrennen at Baden-Baden Sept. 4. Sent across the Atlantic and transferred from the Andreas Wohler outfit, the chestnut closed stoutly to dead-heat for second over course and distance Jan. 8 and filled the same slot behind '**TDN Rising Star**' Pacific Wind (Curlin) here Mar. 4. Off as the 17-5 second choice in this spot, Zaffinah pulled her way to the lead heading into the clubhouse turn and went clear through sharp splits of :22.44 and :46.37. Going well into the lane, she was challenged by favored Goseecal (Cowboy Cal) at the sixteenth pole and dug in bravely to repel that foe by a nose. The winner has a 2-year-old half-sister by Fast Company (Ire). Sales History: 62,000gns 2yo '16 TATAHI. Lifetime Record: 6-1-3-0, \$55,402. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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Kiliui Yeowang, f, 3, Adios Charlie--Our Lady of Liberty, by Sky Mesa. Seoul, 4-9, Hcp. (\$66k), 1200m. B-Nora Imprescia (FL). *Remained perfect in two starts with a five-length victory as the 6-5 favorite. **\$57,000 Ylg '15 OBSAUG; \$33,000 2yo '16 OBSJUN.

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+Shark Run, f, 3, Drosselmeyer--Solomea, by A.P. Indy. Seoul, 4-8, Hcp. (\$53k), 1200m. B-Calumet Farm (KY). *80,000 i/u '13 KEENOV; \$12,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$33,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR.

IN JAPAN:

Seiun Charm, f, 3, Dominus--Sea Bloom (SW, \$153,300), by Sea Hero. Nakayama, 4-9, Novice Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-2, \$115,765. O-Shigeyuki Nishiyama; B-H. Allen Poindexter; T-Takahisa Tezuka. *1/2 to Tale of Angel (Tale of Ekati), Ch. Imp. 2yo Colt-Pan, Ch. Imp. Sprinter-Pan, MSW-Pan. **\$24,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$190,000 2yo '16 BARMAR.

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IN JAPAN:

Magical Spell (Jpn), c, 3, **Creative Cause**--Proud Spell (MGISW, \$2,131,610), by Proud Citizen. Hanshin, 4-8, Novice Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$79,279. O-Katsumi Yoshida; B-Northern Farm; T-Hideaki Fujiwara. *1/2 to Indian Spell (Indian Charlie), SW.

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ALCINDOR (Unbridled's Song), Byerpatch Farm, \$0, 15/4/0 7-MVR, Msw 5 1/2f, OI' L B, 7-2

ALGORITHM (Bernardini), Claiborne Farm, \$7.5K, 155/20/1 1-SUN, Msw 5f, Lady of Honor, \$15K OBS WIN yrl, 10-1

DIALED IN (Mineshaft), Darby Dan Farm, \$7.5K, 174/25/5 6-PRX, Msw 6f, Little Alana, \$8K EAS MAY 2yo, 10-1

4-MVR, Msw 1m, Landline, \$2K RNA FTK OCT yrl, 2-1

GEMOLOGIST (Tiznow), WinStar Farm, \$15K, 205/28/3

7-MVR, Msw 5 1/2f, Deliberate Diamond, 8-1

GET STORMY (Stormy Atlantic), Crestwood Farm, \$5K, 141/14/1

4-MVR, Msw 1m, Elite Justice, \$9K PED IND yrl, 20-1

HANSEN (Tapit), KOR, \$12.5K, 129/32/3

7-MVR, Msw 5 1/2f, Humble Hansen, \$7K KEE SEP yrl, 4-1

JERSEY TOWN (Speightstown), Darby Dan Farm, \$10K, 90/7/0

7-MVR, Msw 5 1/2f, Norestforthewicked, 20-1

TRUE SENSE (Street Cry {Ire}), Ziprick Thoroughbreds, \$1.5K, 17/0/0

1-SUN, Msw 5f, +Berazzele, \$9K CTH MAN yrl, 6-1

ZULU MAGIC (Johannesburg), Davidson's Tracks-N-Time, \$0, 11/1/0

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PROUD AND FEARLESS (f, 3, Proud Citizen--Fearless Leader {SW & GSP, \$216,485}, by Suave Prospect) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$50,720. O/B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-J. Larry Jones. *\$19,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP.

7th-MVR, \$27,100, (S), 4-10, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:15.14, ft.

CALI DREAM (f, 3, Cowboy Cal--Afternoon Dreams {GSP, \$104,232}, by Afternoon Deelites) Lifetime Record: 10-2-2-2, \$57,358. O-Marion F. Gorham; B-Robert Gorham & Mast Thoroughbreds LLC (OH); T-Robert M. Gorham.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Luva's Last Wonder, f, 3, **Stevie Wonderboy**--Luvaprivate (SW), by Sefapiano. MVR, 4-10, 6f, 1:15.11. B-Bruce Ryan & Blazing Meadows Farm (OH).

Affirming, g, 4, **Affirmatif**--She Who Kissnfly, by Sky Classic.

WRD, 4-10, (S), 1m 70y, 1:44.16. B-CresRan LLC & Ran M. Leonard (OK). *\$7,500 Ylg '14 OKCYRL; \$5,000 RNA Ylg '14 TEXOCT. **1/2 to Prospective Kiss (Prospect Bay), MSW,

\$432,956; and Like an Eagle (Victory Gallop), MSP, \$294,494.



WEEKLY WRAP FOR APR. 11



Tocco d'Amore and her happy connections | *Racing Post*

by Emma Berry

When it comes to keeping the racing dream alive for smaller owners and breeders, there's nothing better than a bargain buy who turns out to be a champion. However, when you spend plenty of days sitting in sales rings watching vast sums of money being spent on regally-bred yearlings, it's always good to see one of those sales-toppers add performance to pedigree and turn into something special. And it looks very much like that's exactly what we saw on Sunday with the debut of **'TDN Rising Star' Tocco d'Amore (Ire)** (Raven's Pass).

Any sales hack worth their salt should know better than to overlook Kilcarn Stud's draft at Goffs, and Pat O'Kelly's grand old matron Spirit Of Tara (Ire) (Sadlers Wells) duly gave us plenty to write about when her Raven's Pass filly (lot 432) was offered at the 2015 Orby Sale. At €2 million she brought the hammer down, with Fiona Craig doggedly outbidding Tony Nerves to claim ownership of the top lot for Moyglare Stud. We didn't see the filly again for 18 months but, boy, was it worth the wait.

"Pedigree, pedigree, pedigree. What else can I say?" That was Craig's verdict as she signed the sheet for the half-sister to Echo Of Light (GB) whose close family includes her dam's outstanding sister Salsabil (GB) and half-brother Marju (Ire). To that, she can now add performance.

Tocco d'Amore translates from Italian to 'touch of love'.

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BELARDO SHUTTLING TO NEW ZEALAND

Haunui Farm in New Zealand have enjoyed terrific success standing Darley shuttler **Iffraaj (GB)** (Zafonic) and the stud has teamed up once again with Darley to stand **Belardo (Ire)** (Lope De Vega {Ire})--Danaskaya {Ire}, by Danehill) for the upcoming season. Belardo, bred by Ballylinch Stud, was European Champion 2-year-old in 2014 courtesy of his victory in the G1 Dubai Dewhurst S. Trained by Roger Varian, he added another top-level win when beating a quality field in the G1 Al Shaqab Lockinge S. at Newbury last year and he is currently halfway through his first season covering mares at Kildangan Stud in Ireland. "We are very excited to have been offered the opportunity to stand Belardo and look forward to joining forces once again with Darley to introduce another exciting young sire to the New Zealand stallion ranks," announced Haunui Farm's managing director Mark Chitty.

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THE WEEKLY WRAP by Emma Berry



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If she continues her career in the manner in which she shed her maiden tag, she could just as well be named touch of brilliance.

This Too Shall Pass...

Tocco d'Amore wasn't the only talented daughter of Raven's Pass to step onto the racecourse this week. Yesterday's Classic trials at Maisons-Laffitte saw the second start for the Haras de Saint Pair homebred **Via Ravenna (Ire)**, who added the G3 Prix Imprudence to her first-up win in the Prix de la Haute just over a month ago. Her victory brought to four the number of group winners from the Andre Fabre stable in just over 24 hours, with **Ultra (GB)** (Manduro {Ger}) contributing a listed victory just for good measure.



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Via Ravenna's success continued a real purple patch for Andreas Putsch's operation as both owner and breeder and was the second winner of the day bred at the farm after **Kitcarma (Fr)** (Turtle Bowl {Ire}) won the opening tierce handicap at Maisons-Laffitte. On Sunday, the Godolphin-owned **Graphite (Fr)** (Shamardal), who was sold by Saint Pair at the 2015 Arqana October Sale for €250,000, won the G3 Prix La Force at Chantilly, following the victory last week of **Jimmy Two Times (Fr)** in the G3 Prix Edmond Blanc. The son of Kendargent (Fr) was bought for Putsch by Crispin de Moubray for €85,000 at the previous year's October Sale at Arqana.

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Life In The Fast Lane...

It's not uncommon at this time of year for the name Galileo (Ire) to be dominant in the results, just as he was on Saturday when **Orderofthegarter (Ire)** and **Hydrangea (Ire)**—both the offspring of Pivotal (GB) mares—won the 2000 and 1000 Guineas trials at Leopardstown. But the weekend also gave a chance for the champion's lesser-heralded stablemate Fastnet Rock (Aus) to shine.

The solid son of Danehill has actually always been highly regarded in his native Australia, where his top-class runners have included Mosheen (Aus), Foxwedge (Aus), First Seal (Aus) and Atlantic Jewel (Aus). It's only in Europe where he wasn't perhaps initially given the respect that he deserves, and that is surely changing.

Stakes results from both hemispheres over the weekend continue to attest to Fastnet Rock's ability. His juvenile daughters **Shoals (Aus)** and **Formality (Aus)** were locked together at the line when finishing first and second in the G2 Sir Percy Sykes S. at Randwick on Saturday.

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Weekly Wrap Cont.

The following day, **Diamond Fields (Ire)** gave South African owner Mary Slack her first European group win when coming with a well-timed run to deny the free-sweating favourite Alice Springs (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the G3 Gladness S. at Naas to continue a flying start to the training career of Fozzy Stack. Meanwhile at Chantilly, **Fas (Ire)** demonstrated that there's a letter missing from the end of his name when rocketing to a 3 1/2-length victory in the G3 Prix Sigy.

What perhaps foxed breeders in Fastnet Rock's early years in Ireland is that he didn't appear to be siring runners with his own tendency towards the sprint division. When one considers that his Northern Hemisphere group winners Qualify (Ire), Cover Song (Ire), Rivet (Ire), Intricately (Ire), Zhukova (Ire) and Turret Rocks (Ire) are all out of Galileo mares and that another two, Diamondsandrubies (Ire) and Somehow (Ire), are from daughters of Sadler's Wells, that's not really a surprise.

In Fas, we have a colt out of the five-furlong winner Sotka (GB), whose sire Dutch Art (GB) (Medicean {GB}) and half-brother Sole Power (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}) certainly didn't lack a turn of foot.

Fastnet Rock's two juvenile Group 1 winners in Britain and Ireland last season--Intricately and Rivet--are both naturally on the Classic trail, with the former being far from disgraced when fourth to Hydrangea on Saturday, while Rivet could be seen in action for this first time this year on Friday at Newcastle.

Further reflected glory for their sire can be gleaned from the first Group 1 winner at the weekend for Foxwedge, whose daughter **Foxplay (Aus)** was the very taking victrix of the Coolmore Legacy S. at Randwick's The Championships. [Cont. p4](#)

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Classic Dream Alive...

As a breeder, Ballylinch Stud played a big part in the great start to the career of resident stallion Lope De Vega (Ire) and the stud has also bred arguably the best horse to date by Dream Ahead, who spent the first five years of his stallion career at Ballylinch and is currently on a one-year lease to Haras de Grandcamp in Normandy.

Grandcamp principal Eric L'Hermite could hardly have wished for a better advertisement for his new boy than to have a highly exciting 3-year-old colt in the hands of the maestro Andre Fabre, and that is exactly what he's been given in **Al Wukair (Ire)**. The Al Shaqab Racing colourbearer is now unbeaten in three starts following his last-to-first strike in yesterday's G3 Prix Djebel and can be considered a serious Classic contender.

Though essentially made in Ireland, Al Wukair's family has a fondness for France. His dam Macheera (Ire) (Machiavellian)



Al Wukair | Scoop Dyga

won on debut over a mile at Saint-Cloud for Ballylinch's former owner Tim Mahony and is one of two daughters of the 1991 G1 Prix de Diane winner Caerlina (Ire) (Caerleon) still among the Ballylinch broodmare band. Caerlina died last year at the age of

28, but Macheera is kept company by her unraced half-sister Seascapes (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), who foaled a Dream Ahead colt in February and is now in foal to first-season sire New Bay (GB), while Macheera will visit Siyouni (Fr).

Spirited Start By The Freshmen...

You can try to resist but inevitably it's impossible not to be interested in which young sires are doing well with their

first runners, even at this nascent stage of the season.

In Britain we've been treated to early winners from Swiss Spirit (GB), the sire of debutant Leicester winner **Kick On Kick On (GB)**, and the late Society Rock (Ire), whose son **Rock Of Estonia (Ire)** struck at Windsor yesterday. [Cont. p5](#)

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Meanwhile, Henrythenavigator's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf-winning son George Vancouver (Ire) has made a swift start in France, where he stands at Pascal Noue's dual-purpose Haras de la Hetraie.

Sky Radojka (Fr), a €10,000 Arqana October yearling, became his first winner at Marseille-Vivau on Saturday, while **Espaldinha (Fr)**, who was her sire's first runner on April 6, will attempt to put her Saint-Cloud experience to good use when lining up at Fontainebleau tomorrow.

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AL WUKAIR STAYS PERFECT IN PRIX DJEBEL

Al Wukair (Ire) (Dream Ahead) arrived to post for this vital Classic prep with a strong vibe behind him, mostly down to the dazzling impression he had made on his first two starts as a juvenile which were marked by a raw and almost casual brilliance. His performance during a facile debut success over this trip at Saint-Cloud in September had a touch of Montjeu (Ire) about it, visually at least, and was followed by an authoritative 1 3/4-length defeat of Sunday's G3 Prix Vanteaux winner Gold Luck (Fr) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) in the Listed Prix Isonomy over a mile at Deauville in October. The winning margin only served to flatter that admirable half-sister to Goldikova (Ire) (Anabaa), who did not belong in his territory once he unveiled a killer turn of speed when the whip was applied in the race in which the aforementioned Montjeu first came to prominence back in 1998.



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Slowly away here as he had been on both occasions in 2016, Al Wukair looked to be out of the mix entirely passing halfway as he became detached with last year's G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere winner **National Defense (GB)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) tanking to the front and past **African Ride (GB)** (Candy Ride {Arg})'s pacemaker **Oriental (Jpn)** (Smart Strike). Given time to warm up by Gregory Benoist, the bay made up three lengths in the space of a furlong when delivered wide under hand riding, albeit still running notably greenly as **Straight Right (Fr)** (Siyouni {Fr}) tackled National Defense. Without a serious ask from his rider, the exciting Al Shaqab representative was able to take the measure of the latter passing the 100-metre mark and draw away to win with seemingly plenty to spare.

"I expected him to be outrun early on and this was very good experience for him," trainer Andre Fabre commented. "He will now definitely go to Newmarket for the [May 6 G1] 2000 Guineas."

National Defense's trainer Criquette Head-Maarek said of the runner-up, "I am very happy with him--he's done nothing wrong and will appreciate an extra furlong. I also think he is better around a turn than on a straight course, but as the [G1 Poule d'Essai des] Poulains is on Deauville's straight track we have no other choice. I am favouring Deauville over Newmarket."

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G3 Prix Djebel Cont.

Andre Fabre prepped Pennekamp with a win in this in 1995 before he inflicted a narrow defeat of England's seemingly unbeatable Celtic Swing (GB) at Newmarket, while two years earlier his great Zafonic had been turned over by Kingmambo in a star-studded renewal of this race prior to turning the Guineas into a procession. He appears the chief threat to Churchill (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) at this stage, before the Craven and Greenham are played out, in what should make for a tantalising clash between the two legendary stables of Europe.

Harry Herbert, Al Shaqab's racing manager, added, "I wasn't there myself, but I watched the race and have spoken to the team and he was clearly very impressive. He is still a little bit green and there was some ring-rustiness there, but the acceleration he has is so exciting--he has a fantastic turn of foot. He does it all so easily at home and is held in very high regard by Andre. He showed signs that he's still an inexperienced horse, which is why Andre was so keen to go to the Djebel with him. I think he's a very exciting colt and all being well he'll be aimed for the English 2000 Guineas. I would expect him to be much sharper for that, he'll need to be, and we all look forward to seeing him at Newmarket at the start of May."

Fabre later expanded on his view of the winner. "He is a very different horse to Zafonic. He was like a powerful bull. This is a more laid-back horse, but he has a beautiful action and a lot of class," he said. "I wouldn't say he was green, he was just a little bit flat-footed over the seven furlongs. I think stepping up to a mile will help him."

Pedigree Notes...

His sire Dream Ahead's progeny have tended to be on the fast side so far and the dam Macheera was a miler for Robert Collet, while Al Wukair's half-sister Witches Brew (Ire) (Duke of Marmalade {Ire}) was listed-placed at a mile but that may have been as far as she wanted to go despite being by a stouter sire. Al Wukair looked as if he needed to step back up in distance here and that stamina undoubtedly comes from the second dam, the G1 Prix de Diane heroine Caerlina whose daughter La Nuit Rose (Fr) (Rainbow Quest) was third in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches and G1 Irish 1000 Guineas. She in turn is the dam of Tam Lin (GB) (Selkirk), winner of the GII Kelso H. and G3 Winter Hill S., and she is connected to the GII West Virginia Derby runner-up Souper Colossal (War Front), the G2 Kinko Sho winner Current Mirotic (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) and his G3 Kyoto Himba S.-winning half-sister Hikaru Amaranthus (Jpn) (Agnes Tachyon {Jpn}). The dam has a 2-year-old full-brother to Al Wukair named Dream Today (Ire) who sold for a mere 42,000gns to Mark Johnston Racing at Tattersalls October and a yearling filly by Charm Spirit (Ire).

Monday, Maisons, Laffitte, France

PRIX DJEBEL-G3, €80,000, MLF, 4-10, 3yo, c/g, 7fT, 1:23.03, gd. 1--@**AL WUKAIR (IRE)**, 128, c, 3, by **Dream Ahead**

1st Dam: Macheera (Ire), by **Machiavellian**

2nd Dam: Caerlina (Ire), by **Caerleon**

3rd Dam: Dinalina (Fr), by **Top Ville (Ire)**

(200,000gns Ylg '15 TAOCT). O-Al Shaqab Racing; B-Ballylinch Stud (IRE); T-Andre Fabre; J-Gregory Benoit. €40,000. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, €86,000. **Werk Nick Rating: A+**. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

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2--**National Defense (GB)**, 128, c, 3, **Invincible Spirit (Ire)**--Angel Falls (GB), by Kingmambo. (€280,000 Ylg '15 ARAUG). O-Sun Bloodstock SARL; B-Ecuries des Monceaux & Meridian International SARL (GB); T-Criquette Head-Maarek. €16,000.

3--**African Ride (GB)**, 128, c, 3, **Candy Ride (Arg)**--Paiota Falls, by Kris S.. O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (GB); T-Carlos Laffon-Parias. €12,000.

Margins: 1, 2HF, SNK. Odds: 0.90, 2.00, 7.50.

Also Ran: Straight Right (Fr), Ajmal (Ire), Red Onion (GB), Oriental (Jpn). Scratched: So Elusive (Fr). [Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#) [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

FRENCH GUINEAS NEXT FOR VIA RAVENNA

Thrown into this Classic trial after a debut success in which the winning margin of a short neck did not tell the whole story over a mile on the Polytrack at Chantilly Mar. 2, **Via Ravenna (Ire)** (Raven's Pass) proved that Andre Fabre's renowned judgment has not wavered an inch by readily dismissing her rivals and completing an afternoon double for her in-form trainer. Anchored in last early as stablemate Al Wukair (Ire) (Dream Ahead) had been in the earlier G3 Prix Djebel, the homebred was similarly able to close down a sizeable deficit within the space of a furlong, as she was brought wide for her challenge by Vincent Cheminaud. [Cont. p7](#)



Via Ravenna | Scoop Dyga

G3 Prix Imprudence Cont.

Swooping on **Thais (Fr)** (Rio de la Plata) with 150 metres remaining, the bay asserted to put herself firmly in the picture for a tilt at the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches at Deauville May 14.

"She is still a little bit green and inexperienced, so there is room for improvement," her trainer said. "She holds an entry in the Pouliches and that is where she will go."

Pedigree Notes...

The winner, who captured the G3 Prix des Reservoirs as a juvenile, is a half-sister to the G3 Prix de Lieurey winner Via Medici (Ire) (Medicean {GB}). She was later the dam of the listed-winning and G1 Premio Lydia Tesio third Via Pisa (Fr) (Pivotal {GB}) and the G2 Balanchine runner-up Via Firenze (Ire) (Dansili {GB}). Others out of Via Milano are the stakes-placed Fifth Commandment (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) and the G3 Prix Vanteaux third Via Manzoni (Ire) (Monsun {Ger}), while she has a 2-year-old colt by Mastercraftsman (Ire) named Mister President (Fr).

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PRIX IMPRUDENCE-G3, €80,000, MLF, 4-10, 3yo, f, 7fT, 1:25.80, gd.

1--#@VIA RAVENNA (IRE), 126, f, 3, by **Raven's Pass**

1st Dam: Via Milano (Fr) (GSW-Fr, \$131,706), by **Singspiel (Ire)**

2nd Dam: Salvinaxia (Fr), by **Linamix (Fr)**

3rd Dam: Salve (Ire), by **Sallust (GB)**

O/B-Haras de Saint Pair (IRE); T-Andre Fabre; J-Vincent Cheminaud. €40,000. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €52,500. *1/2 to Via Medici (Ire) (Medicean {GB}), GSW-Fr, \$111,524. **Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Thais (Fr)**, 126, f, 3, **Rio de la Plata**--Tianshan (Fr), by Lahint. (€140,000 Ylg '15 AROCT). O-Ecurie Jean-Louis Bouchard & Mme Georges Sandor; B-G & Mme G Sandor (FR); T-Pascal Bary. €16,000.

3--**Silver Storm (Fr)**, 126, f, 3, **Kendargent (Fr)**--Fantastic Filly (Fr), by Myrakalu (Fr). O/B-Mme Yolande Seydoux de Clausonne & Eric Puerari (FR); T-Christophe Ferland. €12,000. Margins: 1, 1HF, 3/4. Odds: 7.60, 5.90, 19.90.

Also Ran: Speed As (Fr), Gokena (Fr), Normandel (Fr), Double Lady (Fr), Deep Inside (Fr). **Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

RIVET AMONG FRIDAY ENTRIES

The inaugural running of the 32Red Burradon Conditions S., worth £100,000 at Newcastle this Friday, has received some eye-catching entries, none more so than the William Haggas-trained **Rivet (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}). The colt runs in the colours of The Starship Partnership of which Lester Piggot, father-in-law of the trainer is a member. Rivet was last seen beating Yucatan (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the G1 Racing Post Trophy at Doncaster last October having also taken the scalp of subsequent Group 1 winner and G2 UAE Derby winner **Thunder Snow (Ire)** (Helmet {Aus}) in the G2 At The Races Champagne S. at the same course in September.

"Rivet looks great," said Haggas. "I don't know if he will run at Newcastle. I will make a decision tomorrow morning as I need to speak to some of the owners. If he doesn't run there, he will go to Newmarket for the [G3] Craven S."

The Burradon will be run on Newcastle's Tapeta surface and it could also see Kevin Ryan take the wraps off **Syphax (Arch)**. It would be the colt's first run for Godolphin and his first since beating their Best Of Days (Ire) (Azamour {Ire}) in the G3 Acomb S. last August. Also engaged are Qatar Racing's G3 Solario S. winner **South Seas (Ire)** (Lope De Vega {Ire}) and the Mark Johnston trained stakes winner **Montataire (Ire)** (Cape Cross {Ire}). George Strawbridge's homebred **Utmost** (Giant's Causeway) is also a notable entry for John Gosden. A comfortable winner of a late season 2-year-old maiden at Leicester last year, Utmost has entries in the G1 QIPCO 2000 Guineas and the G2 Belfred Dante S. at York.

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Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum's Shadwell Stud has reinforced its commitment to racing with the contribution of £330,000 in race sponsorship this year spread out over three days of racing in Britain and France. The most high profile day is at Newmarket Sept. 29 when Shadwell sponsor all seven races on the card which features both the G2 Shadwell Joel S. and the G3 Shadwell Rockfel S., races won last year by **Cougar Mountain (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) and **Spain Burg (Fr)** (Sageburg {Fr}), respectively. Two weeks before Newmarket, the Shadwell team will be in Ayr for their Gold Cup festival when they will sponsor four races on Ayr Bronze Gold Cup Day, Sept 17. By sponsoring at this event, Shadwell aims to raise the profile of the Al Maktoum College of Higher Education in Dundee, of which HH Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum is the patron. The college aims to advance cross cultural understanding by running open lectures and short courses as well as residential courses for students from the UAE.

The regular summer fixture at Deauville will also remain on Shadwell's sponsorship roster for 2017, with six races backed by the stud Aug. 19, headed by the G2 Prix de la Nonette.

Richard Lancaster, director of Shadwell Stud said, "The support of Thoroughbred racing is an integral part of Shadwell's ethos. It gives us a chance to invest in the sport, which His Highness Sheikh Hamdan is most passionate about. It also affords us the opportunity to meet the owners and breeders from all over Europe who have supported our stallions. We are delighted to have had a great deal of support from many French breeders, who have sent mares to Muhaarar (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) in his first two seasons. Therefore, sponsoring in France is an ideal opportunity to meet and thank them, while giving something back to the industry."

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Richard Lancaster | *Racing Post*

GUINEAS BREEZE UP/HIT CATALOGUE ONLINE

Tattersalls have released [online](#) their catalogue for the Guineas Breeze Up and Horses in Training Sale which takes place May 4-5. The extensive catalogue contains 213 breeze-up 2-year-olds along with 91 horses in training, with juveniles scheduled to breeze up Newmarket's Rowley Mile Racecourse Thursday, May 4, from 9:00 a.m. local time. Last year, the breeze-up section was topped by the Ardglas Stables offered **Pouvoir Magique (Fr)** (Le Havre {Ire}) who sold to Blandford Bloodstock for £300,000

Lot 157 is the sole offering by Le Havre this year and is offered by Clenagh Castle Stables out of the mare Retiens La Nuit (Grand Slam) who has bred one winner from two runners. No less than 48 of the sires with 2-year-olds catalogued have already sired Classic or Group 1 winners and of those that haven't, Society Rock (Ire) and Swiss Spirit (GB) have both gotten off the mark early in the season with their first crop runners. The ill-fated Society Rock has seven catalogued while Whitsbury Manor's Swiss Spirit is represented by three juveniles. Kodiak (GB) and Footstepsinthesand (GB) have the greatest numbers catalogued with eight apiece.

Last year's HIT section was topped by **Neoclassical (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) and the Tattersalls team will be hoping his sale price of 47,000gns will be eclipsed based on the quality of stock entered this year. The catalogue contains several stakes winners and performers as well as 17 lots with an official rating of 80 or higher. Among the highest achievers on offer include Group 2 winner **Spirit Quartz (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) (**lot 56**), who won two listed races in 2016; **Diana Lady (Chi)** (Dunkirk) (**lot 38**) who was Group 1 placed in Chile and the smart Jamie Osborne trained 4-year-old **Every Chance (Ire)** (Frozen Power {Ire}), a recent winner at Wolverhampton off a mark of 90 and catalogued as **lot 86**. Roger Varian's **Steve Rogers (Ire)** (Montjeu {Ire}) has long threatened to win a big race and he should prove popular as **lot 91**.

Commenting on the catalogue, Tattersalls Chairman Edmond Mahony said, "The Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up and Horses in Training Sale enjoyed another successful year in 2016 with group and listed performers not only throughout Europe but also in North America and Dubai and this year's catalogue has an abundance of quality 2-year-olds in training as well as high class proven horses in training. Combining breeze up horses with older horses in training has consistently added an extra dimension to the Guineas Sale and this year's catalogue has all the ingredients to appeal to buyers from Britain, Ireland and further afield."

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BRITAIN



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Monday's Results:

1st-RED, £5,000, Cond, 4-10, 2yo, 5fT, :58.72, g/f.

+INVIOLEABLE SPIRIT (IRE) (c, 2, Zebedee {GB}--Mediska {GB}, by Medicean {GB}), sent off at 17-2, was a touch outpaced behind the early leaders but gradually worked his way into the reckoning and was running up the back of the tiring front-runners approaching the final furlong. Finding a gap to seize the advantage with 100 yards remaining, the £20,000 GOUKPR yearling asserted to score by 3/4 of a length from Tember (GB) (Sayif {Ire}). The winner, who is the first foal out of a half to the listed winner Lightscameraction (Ire) (Pastoral Pursuits {GB}) from the family of the G2 Gimcrack S. runner-up Zilch (GB) (Zilzal), also has a yearling colt by Kodiak (GB). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,002. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Mr D. Bardsley; B-Tally Ho Stud (IRE); T-Richard A. Fahey.

FIRST WINNER FOR SIRE

1st-WDS, £4,500, Cond, 4-10, 2yo, 5f 10yT, 1:00.79, gd.

+ROCK OF ESTONIA (IRE) (c, 2, Society Rock {Ire}--Estonia {GB}, by Exceed and Excel {Aus}), sent off the 5-1 joint-second favourite, was smartly away and keen in front throughout the early stages. Ridden with hands and heels all the way, the 68,000gns TATFOA foal and 90,000gns TAOCT yearling kept finding to hold Angel of the South (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) by a neck. "He's a smart horse and he had the race won at the furlong pole," jockey Jamie Spencer said of Rock of Estonia, who

becomes the first winner for Tally-Ho Stud's now-deceased Society Rock (by Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}). "He's a big horse with a good action and a good mind." Trainer Charlie Hills added, "He showed good speed and hopefully will improve off this. He could come back here for a race in three weeks' time, or there is a race at Ascot during the Sagaro meeting." The winner hails from a Juddmonte family in which the Daytona H. winner and GIII San Simeon H. runner-up Night Chapter (GB) (Night Shift) is a key member alongside the Listed Prix Coronation winner Dreamt (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}). He is one of the very few sons of Society Rock, who captured the G1 Golden Jubilee S. and G1 Haydock Sprint Cup and died last year after suffering from laminitis. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$3,602. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Kangyu Int. Racing (HK) Ltd & Mr F Ma; B-Colin Kennedy (IRE); T-Charles Hills.

2nd-WDS, £4,500, Mdn, 4-10, 3yo, 10f 7yT, 2:09.37, gd.

+COMRADE CONRAD (IRE) (c, 3, Canford Cliffs {Ire}--View {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}), sent off at 12-1, raced behind the leaders early. Showing professionalism to get to the front in the final 50 yards, the €78,000 TISEP yearling hit the line with a head to spare over Mistress Quickly (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}). "He's been working well and [jockey] Harry [Bentley] said that was his right trip," the trainer's son and assistant Harry Charlton commented. "He travelled nicely and was always doing enough." The dam's half-sister Vona (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) was a fast type, winning the Listed Marygate S., while the third dam Dockage (Riverman) was responsible for the G3 July S.-winning sire Wharf and the dams of Rail Link (GB) and Linda's Lad (GB). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$3,602. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Mr Michael Pescod; B-Desert Star Phoenix JVC (IRE); T-Roger Charlton.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+Sir Reginald Brown (GB), g, 3, Archipenko--Elusive Sue, by Elusive Quality. RED, 4-10, 7fT, 1:23.43. B-P D Smith Holdings Ltd (GB).

Redicean (GB), c, 3, Medicean (GB)--Red Halo (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). RED, 4-10, 10fT, 2:05.79. B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB). *50,000gns Wlg '14 TATFOA; 34,000gns Ylg '15 TAOCT.

Kensington Star (GB), g, 4, Pivotal (GB)--Wild Silk (GB), by Dansili (GB). RED, 4-10, 10fT, 2:07.64. B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB). *80,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT; 6,000gns HRA '17 TATFEB.

FRANCE

**Monday's Results:**

PRIX JACQUES LAFFITTE-Listed, €52,000, MLF, 4-10, 4yo/up, 9fT, 1:47.50, gd.

1--**ULTRA (IRE)**, 126, c, 4, **Manduro (Ger)**--**Epitome (Ire)**, by **Nashwan**. O-Godolphin SNC; B-Darley (IRE); T-Andre Fabre; J-Mickael Barzalona. €26,000. Lifetime Record: G1SW-Fr, 6-4-1-0, €284,090. *1/2 to Synopsis (Ire) (In the Wings {GB}), GSW-Fr, \$117,540.

2--**Wireless (Fr)**, 126, h, 6, Kentucky Dynamite--Sachet, by Royal Academy. (€80,000 RNA 3yo '14 ARQARC). O-Leram SRO. €10,400.

3--**Le Juge (Ire)**, 126, c, 4, Dansili (GB)--Mambo Light, by Kingmambo. (€850,000 Ylg '14 ARAUG). O-OTI Management Pty Ltd. €7,800.

Margins: 1 1/4, 3HF, 2. Odds: 1.70, 10.00, 14.20.

Ultra developed a splint around this time last year and was forced to sidestep all Classic engagements after annexing the 2015 G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere at Longchamp, and had just a second in the July 17 G2 Prix Eugene Adam here and a sixth in Deauville's Aug. 15 G2 Prix Guillaume d'Ornano to add to an unbeaten three-race juvenile campaign. Enjoying favoritism in this comeback, he was well away to race third along the rail in the wake of fellow Godolphin colourbearer Bravo Zolo (Ire) (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}) and easily outclassed overmatched rivals once shaken up for his bid with 300 metres remaining to provide Andre Fabre with a clean sweep of the day's three stakes races.

"He had all sorts of small problems earlier last season which slowed down his training," explained Godolphin's Lisa-Jane Graffard. "He caught a virus after he returned and was out again for the rest of the year. He's obviously a good horse, but showed he needed this today and should come on a lot for the run. We'll wait and see how he improves before making any decisions."

The homebred chestnut is a half to G3 Prix Minerve victress Synopsis (Ire) (In the Wings {GB}) and the dual stakes-placed Epic Simile (GB) (Lomitas {GB}). His dam, herself a daughter of MGSW Italian champion Proskona (Mr. Prospector), is a half-sister to GII Canadian H. winner Calista (GB) (Caerleon) and has also produced the 2-year-old filly Irish Abbey (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and a yearling filly by Raven's Pass. Proskona is also the third dam of MG1SW sire Act One (GB) (In the Wings {GB}), and the top-level performers Gharir (Ire) (Machiavellian), who ran third in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains, and G1 Fillies' Mile runner-up Summer Symphony (Ire) (Caerleon). **Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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Ultra completed a good day for Andre Fabre | Scoop Dyga

2nd-MLF, €30,000, Mdn, 4-10, 3yo, c/g, 8fT, 1:40.30, gd.
LAST KINGDOM (c, 3, Frankel {GB})--Compelling {Ire}, by **Kingmambo**, who posted runner-up finishes at Clairefontaine on debut July 9 and at Saint-Cloud last time Sept. 9, raced in third for most of this sophomore return. Coaxed along to close with a quarter mile remaining, the 4-5 favourite led along the stands' side fence approaching the final eighth and was ridden out to assert by a length from Empire of the Star (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}). The \$500,000 KESEP yearling is out of a winning daughter of G1 Phoenix S.-winning British and Irish highweight Damson (Ire) (Entrepreneur {GB}), who also produced MGSW sire Requito (Ire) (Dansili {GB}) and G3 Curragh S. runner-up Independence Day (Ire) (Dansili {GB}). The May 14 G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains, June 4 G1 Prix du Jockey Club and July 14 G1 Grand Prix de Paris entry is kin to a 2-year-old colt by Smart Strike and a yearling filly by Kitten's Joy, and his dam was bred to Tapit last year. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, €27,460. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Prince A A Faisal; B-Michael & Reiko Baum (KY); T-Andre Fabre.



3rd-MLF, €30,000, Mdn, 4-10, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:43.40, gd.
MIDDLE EAST (IRE) (f, 3, Frankel {GB})--Rose Bonheur {GB} {Hwt. 3yo-Ire at 5-7f, MSW & GSP-Ire, GSP-Eng, \$150,430}, by **Danehill Dancer {Ire}**, who was a debut second going one mile atop Chantilly's synthetic surface last time, broke well and found cover racing along the rail through halfway in this one. Nudged along passing the two pole, the 19-10 favourite quickened well once an opening appeared and ran on strongly in the closing stages to prevail by a head from Bijin (Fr) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}). **Cont. p11**

3rd-MLF Cont.

Terre (Fr) (Motivator {GB}), a full-sister to Treve (Fr), encountered all manner of traffic problems at the business end of the race and finished well to be a close-up fourth. Last year's €800,000 ARQMAY sale topper is the second scorer out of dual stakes winner and MGSP Irish highweight Rose Bonheur (GB) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), herself a daughter of G3 International S. victress and G1 Moyglare Stud S. runner-up Red Feather (Ire) (Marju {Ire}). She is kin to a 2-year-old filly and a yearling colt, both by Galileo (Ire). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, €19,100. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Al Shaqab Racing; B-B V Sangster (IRE); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

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IRELAND



O'BRIEN LOSES APPEAL

The Turf Club dismissed Aidan O'Brien and Wayne Lordan's appeal over a fine and suspension incurred over the running and riding of **Music Box (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) at Dundalk recently. O'Brien was fined €2,000 and Lordan hit with a five day ban after race-day stewards felt they were in breach of Rule 212 after the filly finished a close third on her debut. Music Box subsequently ran at Leopardstown on Saturday where she finished third to Irishcorrespondent (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) and will now have to sit out a 42-day ban.

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EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

IN JAPAN:

Richie Richie (Ire), c, 4, **Teofilo (Ire)**--Nick's Nikita (Ire) (Hwt. Old Mare-Ire at 11-13f, Hwt. Older Mare-Ire at 14f+, GSW-Ire, \$272,769), by Pivotal (GB). Hanshin, 4-8, Shirasagi Tokubetsu, 12fT. Lifetime Record: 14-3-5-4, \$624,224. O-La Mere Inc.; B-N.Hartery ; T-Yasuo Tomomichi. *58,000gns Wlg '13 TATNOV.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

Belardo Shuttling To New Zealand Cont. p1

"We've had great success with Iffraaj and will follow a very similar strategy in getting Belardo's stud career off to the best possible start here in New Zealand," continued Chitty. "We are grateful to Sheikh Mohammed and his team for giving us the opportunity to stand Belardo and look forward to assisting in the development of his stallion career as we have with Iffraaj."

Iffraaj has been represented to great effect this year in the Southern Hemisphere via G1 Vodafone New Zealand Derby and G1 Sky Racing Rosehill Guineas winner **Gingernuts (NZ)** and also **Jon Snow (NZ)** who won the G1 BMW Australian Derby 10 days ago.

Godolphin's managing director in Australia, Henry Plumptre also commented on the alliance saying, "On behalf of Sheikh Mohammed and everyone at Godolphin, we are delighted that champion 2-year-old Belardo will stand at Haunui Farm in 2017. As a dual Group 1 winner and grandson of the prolific sire Shamardal, we hope that Belardo will be embraced by New Zealand breeders in the way that they have supported Iffraaj."

Plumptre continued, "Darley's continuing support of the New Zealand industry is based on the success of New Zealand-bred horses on the race track at the highest level and is endorsed by Sheikh Mohammed. Belardo joins a growing number of Darley stallions in New Zealand and we wish Haunui and their clients every success with him."

Belardo will stand for a fee of NZ\$12,000 + GST alongside Iffraaj, whose fee has risen to NZ\$25,000, and another shuttler in Showcasing (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) whose 2017 fee has yet to be announced.

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DARLEY RELEASES 2017 SERVICE FEES

Darley has announced fees for its 29 stallions divided between New South Wales, Victoria and New Zealand. Both **Medaglia d'Oro** (El Prado {Ire}) and **Exceed And Excel** (Aus) (Danehill) will stand for A\$110,000 at Darley's Kelvinside, NSW location. New to Kelvinside this season is G1 Golden Rose S. winner



Medaglia d'Oro | Darley

to Kelvinside this season is G1 Golden Rose S. winner **Astern** (Aus) (Medaglia d'Oro) ([Click here for more](#)), who will stand for A\$38,500. **Territories** (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) at A\$22,000

and **The Last Lion** (Ire) (Choisir {Aus}) at A\$13,200 will also shuttle to the New South Wales nursery.

New to Northwood Park is U.S. MGISW **Frosted** (Tapit) and **Holler** (Aus) (Commands {Aus}), who will stand for A\$38,500 and A\$16,500, respectively.

"We are delighted by our stallions' achievements during the [Inglis] Easter Yearling Sale and are equally as proud of their continuing success on the racetrack," said Alastair Pulford, Head of Sales for Darley Stallions in Australia. "As well as our established stars, we have some very exciting new additions standing at stud this year and with such an impressive and diverse roster, I am certain there is something to suit every breeder."

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2017 DARLEY ROSTER & FEES

Darley Kelvinside, NSW

<u>Stallion</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Exceed And Excel (Aus) (Danehill)	A\$110,000
Medaglia d'Oro (El Prado {Ire})	A\$110,000
Lonhro (Aus) (Octagonal {NZ})	A\$66,000
Teofilo (Ire) (Galileo {Ire})	A\$44,000
Astern (Aus) (Medaglia d'Oro)*	A\$38,500
Shooting to Win (Aus) (Northern Meteor {Aus})	A\$33,000
Exosphere (Aus) (Lonhro {Aus})	A\$27,500
Hallowed Crown (Aus) (Street Sense)	A\$27,500
Dawn Approach (Ire) (New Approach {Ire})	A\$22,000
Epaulette (Aus) (Commands {Aus})	A\$22,000
Kermadec (NZ) (Teofilo {Ire})	A\$22,000
Territories (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire})*	A\$22,000
Sepoy (Aus) (Elusive Quality)	A\$16,500
The Last Lion (Ire) (Choisir {Aus})*	A\$13,200
Denman (Aus) (Lonhro {Aus})	A\$11,000
Sidestep (Aus) (Exceed And Excel {Aus})	A\$11,000
Albrecht (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus})	A\$7,700

Darley Northwood Park, Vic

<u>Stallion</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Brazen Beau (Aus) (I Am Invincible {Ire})	A\$44,000
Frosted (Tapit)*	A\$38,500
Street Boss (Street Cry {Ire})	+A\$33,000
Helmet (Aus) (Exceed And Excel {Aus})	A\$16,500
Holler (Aus) (Commands {Aus})*	A\$16,600
Night of Thunder (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire})	A\$16,500
Reset (Aus) (Zabeel {NZ})	A\$16,500
Kuroshio (Aus) (Exceed And Excel {Aus})	A\$7,700

Mapperley Stud, NZ

<u>Stallion</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Contributer (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire})	NZ\$12,500
Complacent (Aus) (Authorized {Ire})	NZ\$5,000

Hauui Farm, NZ

<u>Stallion</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Iffraaj (GB) (Zafonic)	NZ\$25,000
Belardo (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire})*	NZ\$12,000

*Indicates new stallion. + indicates fee raise

VINERY STUD ANNOUNCES 2017 ROSTER

Vinery Stud announced their 2017 roster and service fees Tuesday. Veteran shuttle stallion **More Than Ready** (Southern Halo) will command a fee of A\$66,000 and he is joined by first-season sire **Star Turn (Aus)** (Star Witness {Aus}--Golden Delicious {Aus}, by Made of Gold), who will hold court for A\$22,000. A MGSW, Star Turn also placed four times at the Group 1 level. [\(Click here for more.\)](#) Champion All Too Hard (Aus) (Casino Prince {Aus})'s oldest foals are just juveniles, but he has made an encouraging start, with two stakes performers and 15 metropolitan placings. His fee is A\$44,000.

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2017 VINERY STUD ROSTER & FEES

<u>Stallion</u>	<u>Fee</u>
All Too Hard (Aus) (Casino Prince {Aus})	A\$44,000
Casino Prince (Aus) (Flying Spur {Aus})	A\$11,000
Headwater (Aus) (Exceed And Excel {Aus})	A\$16,500
More Than Ready (Southern Halo)	A\$66,000
Pluck (More Than Ready)	A\$9,900
Press Statement (Aus) (Hinchinbrook {Aus})	A\$22,000
Star Turn (Aus) (Star Witness {Aus})*	A\$22,000
Testa Rossa (Aus) (Perugino)	A\$16,500

*Indicates new stallion.

DISSIDENT WEANLING ON TOP AT INGLIS

Inglis hosted the opening session of their three day Australian Weanling and Broodmare Sale on Monday with day one dedicated to weanlings. A healthy clearance rate of 85% saw 94 of the 111 offered weanlings change hands for an aggregate of A\$2,427,000 and an average of A\$21,864. Inglis Managing Director Mark Webster believed the statistics vindicated the decision to change the weanling selling schedule, by introducing The Chairman's Sale and bringing the Australian Broodmare and Weanling Sale forward to straight after the Easter Yearling Sale.

"Despite offering fewer weanlings, an increase to those key financial indicators and getting better results for our clients is exactly what we were after," Webster said. "If breeders in future can prepare weanlings earlier, the market is certainly willing to buy them at this time of year. The buyers are ready to jump in straight after Easter so it's great to be able to provide such outstanding quality to the market."

The sale certainly didn't take long to heat up with two of the top three lots coming from the first two lots in the ring. The sale topper, **lot 2** was a colt by Dissident (Aus) offered by Middlebrook Valley Lodge who was knocked down to Peter Ford Thoroughbreds for A\$160,000. The colt comes from the family of the brilliant miler Solow (Fr) (Singspiel {Ire}). Middlebrook Valley Lodge enjoyed a highly satisfactory day of trade selling 19 of their 21 offered and they also provided the second highest weanling of the day, **lot 17**. This colt by More Than Ready was purchased by Musk Creek Farm for A\$130,000 and is the third foal out of Byatt (Aus) (Encosat De Lago {Aus}), who is a half-sister to South African stakes performer Parachute Man (Aus) (High Chaparral {Ire}).

Middlebrook's Vera Metcalfe was naturally delighted with her team's results and commented, "There's a really good buying bench here which has made all the difference. It's a very good sale. We love the Dissidents, they're great types, and the More Than Ready was a beautiful colt who deserved to be as popular as he proved to be."



Lot 1 | Inglis

The other lot to reach the A\$100k mark was the first lot that entered the ring. **Lot 1** a filly by Sizzling (Aus) from Davali Thoroughbreds was snapped up by Aquanita Racing for A\$100,000 and she is a half-sister to two winners from the family of Zac Spirit (Aus) (Flying Spur {Aus}) who was champion sprinter in Singapore in 2014 and 2016.

The sale resumes on Tuesday at 10 a.m. local time when 206 select race fillies and mares, select broodmares and supplementary races fillies and mares will be offered.

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SESSION TOTALS	2017	2016
• Catalogued	137	125
• No. Offered	111	107
• No. Sold	94	88
• RNAs	17	19
• % RNAs	15%	18%
• No. A\$100K+	3	9
• High Price	A\$160,000	A\$160,000
• Gross	A\$2,427,000	A\$3,735,500
• Average	A\$21,864	A\$42,449

*Format of sale changed from 2016 so direct comparison difficult

SESSION TOPPERS

INGLIS AUSTRALIAN BROODMARE & WEANLING SALE DAY 1 TOP LOTS

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
2	c	Dissident (Aus)	Ajamais (Fr)	160,000
B-Hillside Parade Racing & Breeding Pty Ltd, Vic Consigned by Middlebrook Valley Lodge Purchased by Peter Ford Thoroughbreds (FBAA)				
17	c	More Than Ready	Byatt (Aus)	130,000
B-Balance Thoroughbreds Pty Limited, NSW Consigned by Middlebrook Valley Lodge Purchased by Musk Creek Farm				
1	f	Sizzling (Aus)	Zugat (Aus)	100,000
B-Davali Thoroughbreds Pty Ltd, Mr A Smith, NSW Consigned by Davali Thoroughbreds, as agent Purchased by Aquanita Racing				

MCDONALD APPEAL FAILS

James McDonald has been unsuccessful in his second appeal against the severity of an 18-month disqualification for placing a A\$1,000 bet on the Godolphin runner **Astern (Aus)** (Medaglia d'Oro) who he rode to victory in Dec. 2015. Judge David Armati of the Racing Appeals Tribunal on Monday dismissed McDonald's appeal despite Racing NSW's Appeal Panel being split 2-1 with principal member Richard Beasley arguing there



James McDonald | Racing Post

should be a lesser penalty for a jockey betting on a horse he or she was riding as opposed to a rival horse.

Armati disagreed with this claim and commented, "The Tribunal does not accept the appellant's argument that placing a bet by a

jockey on a jockey's own mount creates reduced conflicts because the incentives of the jockey in riding and winning a bet are aligned."

He continued, "This is particularly so because, unlikely as it is, if the public found out a jockey was not betting money on a jockey's own horse there would be an impact on betting markets and integrity questions raised. It is however a less serious activity than betting on another jockey's mount."

McDonald, who made a huge impression when riding in Britain last summer is free to resume his career in May 2018.

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SYDNEY CUP RESCHEDULED

The G1 Schweppes Sydney Cup has been rescheduled for Apr. 22 and will form the centre-piece of a meeting originally scheduled for Warwick Farm but now transferred to Randwick. Supplementary entries will be taken in addition to those runners from the original void race up to a field of 14. Last Saturday's race was called off at halfway when **Almoonqith** (Dynaformer) fatally broke down and **Who Shot Thebarman (NZ)** (Yamanin Vital {NZ}) lost his rider but several of the jockeys missed the steward's signals and rode the full 3200m race, including Corey Brown who passed the post first on Godolphin's **Polarisation (GB)** (Echo Of Light {GB}). Both officials and trainers were keen to salvage the race.

Australian Turf Club chief executive Darren Pearce commenting, "We wanted to give all entrants a chance to compete for the A\$2 million and we believe Apr. 22 strikes a balance between varying views of owners and trainers, whilst achieving a competitive field size for punters and racegoers."

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Sydney Cup Rescheduled Cont.

Any supplementary entries will be weighted by the Racing NSW handicapping panel with a limit of 51.5kg. The supplementary entries will close at noon Apr. 17 with acceptances due by Apr. 19 at 9 a.m. Compensation is also available for those original participants who do not take part in the rescheduled event. A A\$15,000 payment will be made to connections of horses that faced the starter on Saturday and do not start Apr. 22, while a A\$4,000 payment will be made in relation to horses that faced the starter in the no-race and line up on Saturday week.

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2017 WIDDEN STUD ROSTER & FEES

<u>Stallion</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Sebring (Aus) (More Than Ready)	A\$66,000
Star Witness (Aus) (Starcraft (NZ))	+A\$33,000
Shamus Award (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus})	A\$22,000
Your Song (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus})	A\$22,000
Nicconi (Aus) (Bianconi)	+A\$16,500
Stratum Star (Aus) (Stratum {Aus})*	A\$11,000
Outreach (Aus) (Exceed and Excel {Aus})	A\$7,700

STANDING AT WOODSIDE PARK VICTORIA IN 2017

<u>Stallion</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Zoustar (Aus) (Northern Meteor {Aus})	A\$44,000

*Indicates new stallion. + indicates fee raise

AUSTRALIAN-BRED WINNERS

IN HONG KONG:

+Sight Leader (Aus), g, 3, Turffontein (Aus)--Crystal Cheval (Aus), by Fastnet Rock (Aus). Sha Tin, 4-9, Hcp. (A\$144k), 1000mT, :55.40. B-J Russell. *A\$55,000 Ylg '15 INGMEL. **VIDEO**

IN SINGAPORE:

Lim's Operation (Aus), g, 3, Onemorenomore (Aus)--Crazy Quality (Aus), by Elusive Quality. Kranji, 4-7, Hcp. (A\$57k), 1200mT, 1:09.80. B-T R Schmidt (Qld). *A\$52,500 Ylg '15 MMMAR. **VIDEO**

Red Duke (Aus), g, 4, Duke of Marmalade (Ire)--Maxerelle (Aus) (MGSP-Aus, A\$242,750), by Strategic (Aus). Kranji, 4-7, Initiation Race (A\$71k), 1400mT, 1:23.41. B-P D Dingwall (NSW). *1/2 to Emperor Max (Aus) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), Ch. Sprinter-Sin, MSW & MG1SP-Sin, \$1,175,722. **Formerly Dr Divine (Aus). **VIDEO**

Knight Chen Bay (Aus), g, 4, Hinchinbrook (Aus)--Gosetgo (Aus), by More Than Ready. Kranji, 4-7, Hcp. (A\$57k), 1200mT, 1:10.34. B-Invermien Pty Ltd (NSW). *1/2 to Condor Heroes (Aus) (Not a Single Doubt {Aus}), GSP-Aus. **Formerly Chen Bay (Aus). **A\$52,500 Ylg '14 MMSCO. **VIDEO**

IN SOUTH AFRICA:

Seventh of June (Aus), g, 3, Starcraft (NZ)--Fernande (Aus), by Galileo (Ire). Turffontein, 4-8, Maiden Plate, 1450mT, 1:29.95. O-Mr H C N Da Costa; B-Arrowfield Pastoral Pty Ltd (NSW); T-P A Peter. *A\$5,000 Wlg '14 MMNWNL.

IN SOUTH KOREA:

Gaeuli Jeonseol (Aus), c, 3, Casino Prince (Aus)--Chinese Whispers (NZ), by Woodman. Seoul, 4-8, Hcp. (A\$70k), 1700m. B-Patinack Farm (NSW). *1/2 to Rock Robster (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), SW-Aus, A\$154,020. **A\$14,000 Ylg '14 MMPAT.

Big Mountain (Aus), c, 4, Bernardini--Flawless Choice (Aus), by Redoute's Choice (Aus). Seoul, 4-9, Hcp. (A\$105k), 1800m. B-J Hughes & B Adams (Qld). *A\$30,000 Ylg '14 MMNAT.



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