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RAJIV MARAGH'S IMPROBABLE JOURNEY TO THE KENTUCKY DERBY



Irish War Cry | A Coglianesse

By Bill Finley

Even though he is a top-class rider, Rajiv Maragh didn't seem to have any hope to land a mount in this year's GI Kentucky Derby, and he knew it. He was only a few months removed from being in the midst of a comeback from a terrible spill and then making headlines not for how well he had rebounded, but for the struggles he was having to get on winners again.

"I knew I was starting over from scratch and I knew I had to prove myself again," said Maragh, who won the GII Wood Memorial aboard **Irish War Cry** (Curlin) and will ride him back in the Derby.

Maragh, 31, moved to New York in 2008 and quickly established himself as one of the top riders in what many consider the toughest jockey colony in America. He won races like the GI Joe Hirsch Turf Classic, the GI Mother Goose S., the GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile, the GI Metropolitan H. and the GI King's Bishop and was perennially in the top 20 in the nation in terms of money earned.

But his status as a top echelon rider was seriously threatened on a summer day at Belmont in 2015, when he went down in a July 10 spill and suffered a litany of injuries, including compressed and fractured vertebrae, a collapsed lung and broken ribs. **Cont. p3**

SOUTHERN RING ANSWERS THE BELL

Sam-Son Farm's **Southern Ring** (Speightstown) charged to a front-running one-length victory in the GIII Whimsical S. at Woodbine Sunday. The win gave the 5-year-old mare the second graded score of her 10-race career. Sent off the even-money favorite, Southern Ring broke alertly and set the pace through fractions of :23.17 and :45.77 with **Skylander Girl** (Stroll) a persistent presence in second. She shrugged off that foe at midstretch before holding off a host of late challengers, led by **River Maid** (Where's the Ring).

"We love to see her in a stalking position because she relaxes a lot when she has a horse to look at," said winning rider Eurico Rosa da Silva. "But she broke very sharp today. She was very, very relaxed. When I needed her, I had lots in the tank."

Caren (Society's Chairman), recently named Canada's 2016 Horse of the Year, was third early and rallied four wide at the top of the lane, but was outpaced down the stretch and finished fifth while cutting back to six furlongs for her seasonal debut in the Whimsical. **Cont. p5**

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J Boys Echo (Mineshaft) and Fast and Accurate (Hansen) put in Sunday morning works in preparation for the May 6 GI Kentucky Derby.

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Maragh's Improbable Journey to Kentucky Derby (cont. from p1)

The injuries were neither life-threatening nor career-threatening. But they did mean a torturous 16-month absence and being put in a position where he had to reboot his career.

"At one point, it was not about my job," Maragh said. "It was about my health and my well-being. It is pretty hard when you are an athlete and you are used to bouncing around and then you are in the position I was in. I was immobile and in excruciating pain every day. I couldn't do anything, really. I couldn't bend, lift, twist.

It took me about four months to be able to put my own socks on. I was in bad shape for a long time. I was walking with a cane. I couldn't drive myself anywhere. It wasn't about riding at that point. I knew one day I'd be able to ride again. I wasn't thinking about timelines for racing. I was more interested in taking it step by step, climbing the ladder. I was far away from racing. I was just trying to get to a state of well-being and that took a long, long time."



Rajiv Maragh | A Coglianese

Maragh never did have surgery. His doctors suggested the best route would be to simply rest and rehabilitate and let a natural healing process take place. Maragh knew he would ride again, but did not know it would take so long for him to feel healthy again.

"It took a very long time, but I wanted to make a full recovery before I forced the issue," the Jamaican-born rider said. "It took longer than most people anticipated it would take. Doctors, at certain points, thought I should be feeling better than I was. But I don't know. I was just banged up pretty bad."

Finally, he returned Nov. 4 at Aqueduct, and it didn't go well. Maragh started his comeback by going two for 62.

"I wasn't discouraged at all. I was very happy with way things were going," he said. "Every day felt like progress to me. Obviously, I didn't know what to expect. I had to give people a reason to have confidence in me again. There were a handful of people who would go out on limb and give me good opportunities to win, but at the same time I felt like it was a case of very gradual progression.

"I won two races from 62 mounts, but that's a lot better than the year prior when I was in a body brace," Maragh continued. "To me, it represented a lot of progress. I didn't let a stat--two for 62--get me down. That stat was nothing in my mind. It was irrelevant to me."

Maragh normally rides at Gulfstream in the winter, but made a wise choice to stay in New York. Once the big-name riders like John Velazquez, Javier Castellano, Joel Rosario and Luis Saez headed south, there were a lot more opportunities for Maragh. He won 39 races at the Aqueduct winter meet, good for fourth in the standings.

He was moving in the right direction, but was nowhere near getting a top Derby mount, even though his agent Tony Micallef had a premonition that one was right around the corner.

"I was home after riding at Aqueduct watching the (Gill) Holy Bull," Maragh said. "When it was over I told my dad that Graham Motion has the best 3-year-old in the country. The phone rings and it is my agent and he said, 'You see that Graham Motion horse?' He said, 'Call Graham and tell him you want to ride that horse in the Derby.' I said 'Are you crazy? There is no way this horse is going to become open.' Tony said, 'You never know. Things happen. I'm telling you, you are going to ride that horse in the Derby.'"

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Maragh never did call Motion. He didn't have to. With regular rider Rosario aboard, Irish War Cry threw in an inexplicable clunker in the GII Fountain of Youth, finishing a distant seventh. Rosario got off him to ride **Practical Joke** (Into Mischief) in the GII Toyota Blue Grass S. Needing a rider for the Wood Memorial, Motion called on Maragh.

"We were so excited to get on the horse and obviously had high hopes," Maragh said. "Graham has been a big supporter of mine and is very familiar with me and is comfortable with me. I'm lucky to be on small list of jockeys he reaches out to."

For Irish War Cry and Maragh, the Wood could not have gone better. The New Jersey-bred colt relaxed just off the pace and then moved by the leaders to win by 3 1/2 lengths.

"His race was very impressive and it checked all the boxes from what you'd want to see from a horse's performance," Maragh said. "As soon as he broke from the gate, he got me into good position and got into a good rhythm and a good flow and he was doing it relatively comfortably. He was not overdoing things early, which is something we were hoping for. It felt like all the way like he was traveling like the winner. As the race progressed he just kept getting stronger and stronger and approaching the finish line, I felt like I was full of horse and his gallop-out was equally impressive. I didn't feel like I was at the bottom of him."

Irish War Cry could be the third choice in the Derby behind **Classic Empire** (Pioneerof the Nile) and **Always Dreaming** (Bodemeister).

Maragh's best finish in the Derby came in 2011 when he finished third aboard Mucho Macho Man (Macho Uno). He believes he can win this year, but even if he doesn't he won't take for granted that he is not only riding in the race, but riding a top contender. From a body brace, to what could have been a career-crippling slump to the winner's circle at the Kentucky Derby? He has a good horse. Add a little luck to the equation and it might just happen.

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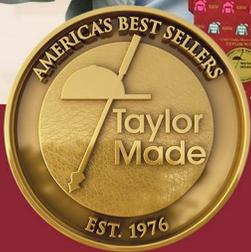
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All five of Southern Ring's lifetime wins have come on the turf or the synthetic and trainer Malcolm Pierce thinks those are her preferred surfaces.

"I really don't think she's a dirt horse at all," commented Pierce. "She came back to the barn after [the Minaret] and drank a lot of water. I know she was fit for the race, so the only excuse was that horses that come back as tired as she did off the dirt is that they're not handling the surface that well."

As for what is next for Southern Ring, Pierce added, "I was really looking forward to her running in the [GIII] Royal North on the turf, six furlongs, last year. She had a little injury in the stall before that race and we missed the race. Maybe we'll make it this year [July 29]."

Pedigree Notes:

Southern Ring's second dam is Sam-Son Farms homebred Radiant Ring (Halo), who was third in the 1991 GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup S. at Keeneland and is the dam of 2000 Canadian champion 3-year-old filly Catch the Ring (Seeking the Gold). Catch the Ring, in turn, produced 2006 Canadian juvenile filly champion Catch the Thrill (A.P. Indy). Radiant Ring sold for \$1.1 million at the 2003 Keeneland November Sale.

The winner's third dam Gleaming Stone also ran in the Sam-Son Farms colors, finishing second in the 1979 Bison City S. and Somethingroyal H.

Sam-Son parted ways with Southern Ring's dam Seeking the Ring when the mare, in foal to Scat Daddy, sold for \$25,000 at the 2015 Keeneland January Sale. She returned to the sales ring 10 months later to sell for \$14,000 while in foal to Eskendereya at the Keeneland November Sale. The 17-year-old mare, who won the 2003 Bison City S., has had no reported foals since 2013.



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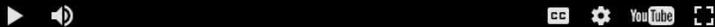
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• Albaugh Family Stable's **J Boys Echo** (Mineshaft) breezed a half-mile in :49.20 at Churchill Downs Saturday. With regular exercise rider Tammy Fox aboard, the colt was clocked in splits of :12, :24.40 and :37 before galloping out five furlongs in 1:02.20 and three-quarters of a mile in 1:16 over a "fast" track. "It was a really solid work," trainer Dale Romans said. "We'll come back next Saturday and go a little faster. Only one hurdle left until the first Saturday in May."

J Boys Echo won the GIII Gotham S. before finishing fourth in the Apr. 8 GII Toyota Blue Grass S.



J Boys Echo | Coady Photography

• **Fast and Accurate** (Hansen), winner of the GIII Spiral S., breezed five furlongs in 1:00.20 at Trackside Louisville for trainer Mike Maker. Olympic skier Bode Miller recently purchased an interest in the gray colt, who has now won three straight races, from owner Kendall Hansen.

• **Royal Mo** (Uncle Mo), who currently sits 23rd on the Kentucky Derby qualifying list, worked five furlongs at Santa Anita Sunday in 1:01.

"We're training him like he's going to run," trainer John Shirreffs said of the GI Santa Anita Derby third-place finisher Sunday morning.

Shirreffs already has one runner with a confirmed berth in the Derby in Santa Anita Derby winner **Gormley** (Malibu Moon).

"The race is wide open, Gormley is doing well and ran a big race to win the Santa Anita Derby," commented jockey Victor Espinoza, who will be looking for his fourth Derby win aboard Gormley May 6. "Hopefully, he'll run his race in Kentucky and I think I'll be in good shape."

• GI Kentucky Oaks hopeful **Ever So Clever** (Medaglia d'Oro) returned to the work tab Sunday for the first time since winning the Apr. 14 GIII Fantasy S. Working at Churchill Downs for trainer Steve Asmussen, the dark bay filly went five furlongs in 1:02. She recorded splits of :25.80 and :37.60 before galloping out six furlongs in 1:15.40 and seven furlongs in 1:29.80.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RINALDO DEL GALLO, III, ESQ.

Imperative's (Bernardini) victory in the 2017 GII Charles Town Classic is something that should receive more notice than it did by the media. I believe his win is historic. As reported, Imperative won the Charles Town Classic back in 2014, came in second in 2015, came in fourth in 2016 and won it again in 2017.

It was worth \$1.5 million in 2014 and \$1.25 million Saturday. But the media mentions this casually without considering its implications; they are far more interested in the fact that Imperative is the second two-time winner of the race.

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North American horses winning non-back-to-back stakes races with rich purses are certainly the exception, such as Game on Dude (Awesome Again) winning the Santa Anita Derby in 2011 and then again in 2013, but not in 2012, or Joshua Tree (Montjeu) winning the 2010 and then the 2012 Canadian International, but coming in second in 2011. There is Kelso who won the Whitney H. in 1961 and 1963 and 1965, but not in 1962 or 1964. Bolingbroke won the 1940, 1942 and 1943 Manhattan, but not the 1941 edition. John Henry won the 1980 and 1981 Hollywood Invitational H., and then won it again in 1984--a Grade I race. The \$300,000 John Henry earned in the 1984 Hollywood Invitation would be worth about \$700,000 today. However, John Henry also did take the 1981 and 1984 Arlington Million after his third in 1983, making John Henry another repeat winner of a race with a million-dollar purse, with the victories spaced three years apart. Seabiscuit deserves mention in that he ran in the Santa Anita H. and came in second in 1937 and 1938, skipped the race due to injuries in 1939, and finally won it in 1940--but he only won the race once. Exterminator won the Saratoga Cup four years in a row, but I do not know if this could be considered a purse equivalent to a million dollars. (Likewise for Kelso's Whitneys or Bollinbroke's Suburbans).

It is supposed that somewhere out there, horses have won minor stakes races with two intermittent years in North America. But horses that have run in races in the United States with million-dollar purses and won the same race three years later may never have been done before other than John Henry in the Arlington Million.

As for North America, there may only be Joshua Tree at Woodbine in Canada in the Canadian International. Apart from John Henry, Joshua Tree and Imperative, I cannot think of any other horses in North America that won a race with a million-dollar purse and repeated again in the same race three years later. I am not saying there are not any more other than these three, but that is all I can provide. Perhaps the reader can supply others. Winning a horse race in North America with at least a million-dollar purse and doing it again three years later is a feat of tenacity worthy of attention, is extremely rare, and should not have been ignored.

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TIM CAPPS PASSES AWAY

Tim Capps, director of the University of Louisville Equine Industry Program and a well-respected consultant in the racing industry, passed away Saturday at the age of 71. Capps had been hospitalized in Louisville since mid-February following a stroke.

A graduate of the University of Tennessee with a B.S. in Journalism, Capps held a number of high-ranking positions in the racing industry before ultimately landing in his role at Louisville.



Tim Capps
 University of Louisville

He served as Director of Stud Book Operations at The Jockey Club and later as the executive vice president of the Maryland Jockey Club from 1995 to 1999 and 2002 to 2004. While in Maryland, he also served as the executive vice president of the Maryland Horse Breeders Association and executive director of the Maryland Million. He played a crucial part in organizing major racing events such as the Pimlico Special,

Molson Million and Laurel International Turf Festival as the vice president of Lexington-based Matchmaker Racing Services.

Capps, who served in the U.S. Army as a captain prior to stints as a stock broker and investment counselor, also maintained a steady presence in the field of equine journalism, serving as the editor and publisher of *The Thoroughbred Record* and authoring a number of books, including biographies of Secretariat and Spectacular Bid. In recent years, Capps had served on the Hall of Fame Nominating Committee, in addition to devoting his time to the Equine Industry Program since 2011.

“Tim loved to teach and his name was synonymous with the horse industry,” said Todd Mooradian, dean of the Louisville College of Business. “We will miss his dedication to our equine program and our students, as well as his enthusiasm for an industry that is one of the foundations of the Kentucky economy.”

Many tributes to Capps poured in throughout the day Sunday via social media. Trainer Liam Benson, a 2016 graduate of the Equine Industry Program, took to Twitter to remember Capps.

“[Tim] Capps was one of the greatest men I’ve ever known,” Benson wrote. “I will be forever grateful for everything he has done for me as a mentor and a friend...He was [by] far the greatest professor I ever had and one of the funniest people I knew. He never failed to amuse even in the worst of times.”

Capps is survived by his wife, Nancy, and his daughter, Meredith, of Washington, D.C.

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KENTUCKY

Sunday's Results:

7th-KEE, \$73,390, Alw (NW3\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 4-23, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:23.51, ft.

SWEETGRASS (m, 5, Street Sense--Mondenschein, by Brahms) ran her local record to two-for-two with a score over this salty allowance group Sunday. The bay parlayed a Keeneland allowance score in 2015 into a pair of graded stakes placings in the GIII Iowa Oaks and GII Indiana Oaks. She found the winner's circle once in 10 starts and ran third in the GIII Shuvee H. and GII Chilukki S. in 2016. A bit overlooked at odds of 8-1 for this 2017 bow, the 5-year-old lagged off the pace at the back of a compact field behind a quarter-mile in :23.37 and gained some steam with a rail-hugging rally into the stretch. Continuing on with good energy, she punched through to seize control and drew off to score by 2 1/2 lengths. Blip n' Th Bye (Tale of Ekati) completed the exacta. The winner has a juvenile half-brother named Dreamer's Point (Shackleford). Lifetime Record: MGSP, 19-4-1-7, \$301,395. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Six Column Stables, LLC, Randall L. Bloch, John Seiler & Fred Merritt; B-Randy Bloch, et al (KY); T-Ian R. Wilkes.

3rd-KEE, \$72,000, Alw, 4-23, (NW1X), 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:37.61, yl. SAMEEHA (f, 3, Street Cry {Ire}--Burooz {Ire}, by King's Best) showed steady progression in each of her first three starts on dirt at Oaklawn this

winter, culminating in a three-length graduation traveling a mile there Mar. 18. Let go at 13-1 for this first spin over the sod, she settled into an ideal spot tracking the pace in fourth behind a half-mile in :49.05. Moving willingly into the far



Sameeha | Coady Photo

turn, the bay shifted three wide entering the stretch and rallied strongly to score by 2 1/4 lengths over Grateful (Street Cry {Ire}). The winner has a 2-year-old half-brother by Blame. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, \$112,800. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Shadwell Farm, LLC (KY); T-Daniel C. Peitz.

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8th-KEE, \$62,680, Alw, 4-23, (NW2\$X), 4yo/up, 5 1/2fT, 1:03.24, yl.

LOOSE ON THE TOWN (g, 5, Speightstown--Gauze, by Saint Ballado) finished off his 2016 season in sharp form, annexing a six-furlong allowance test at Saratoga Aug. 15 before missing by a neck when third in his turf debut traveling six panels over the Belmont sod Sept. 23. Bet down to 2-1 favoritism here, he set a pressured pace over the yielding ground through a quarter-mile in :22.01 and gradually shook loose turning for home. Kept to his task in the drive, he held on firmly to score by 2 3/4 lengths over Canadian Flyer (Canadian Frontier). Third choice Chiltern Street (Giant's Causeway) stumbled at the start and dumped jockey Robby Albarado, who suffered an injury to his left ankle.

Albarado was transported to UK Chandler Hospital for further evaluation. The winner has a 2-year-old half-brother by Scat Daddy and a weanling half-sister by Hard Spun. Sales History: \$200,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-1, \$157,910.

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O-Jim & Susan Hill; B-Anderson Farms Ont. Inc. (ON); T-Brian A. Lynch.

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6th-KEE, \$61,920, Alw, 4-23, (NW1X), 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:37.73, yl.
VICTORY TO VICTORY (f, 3, Exchange Rate--Points of Grace {Ch. grass mare-Can. & GSW, \$502,353}, by Point Given) took a step forward in each of her three starts as a juvenile, culminating with a maiden-breaking win in the GI Natalma S. over a mile at Woodbine Sept. 18. The chestnut was forced to scratch from the



Victory to Victory | Coady Photo

Nov. 4 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf after developing a minor injury and was subsequently honored as Canada's champion 2-year-old filly. Returning from an extended respite as the 4-5 favorite, the Live Oak homebred emerged from the inside stall in willing fashion and dictated

terms in the clear through fractions of :23.55 and :48.44 over the yielding going. It appeared that she might receive some pressure from a pursuer on the far turn, but she quickly spurred clear once again and bounded home a much-the-best two-length winner under minimal encouragement. The winner's dam is a Canadian champion in her own right and is a half-sister to Fatefully (Private Account), herself the dam of G1SW Favourable Terms (GB) (Selkirk). Lifetime Record: Ch. 2yo filly-Can. & GISW, 4-2-1-0, \$160,588. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Live Oak Plantation; B-Live Oak Stud (FL); T-Mark E. Casse.

5th-KEE, \$56,734, Msw, 4-23, 3yo, 7f, 1:28.51, ft.

BOOKMAN (c, 3, City Zip--Papa Sids Girl {MSP, \$135,086}, by Souvenir Copy) reported home a distant second on debut going a mile at Turfway facing \$30k maidens Feb. 23 and cut back in distance to finish a respectable fourth in a six-panel dash at the special weight level Mar. 25. Dismissed at 22-1 while adding Lasix for this first try on dirt, Bookman broke alertly and set the pace through a quarter-mile in :46.48. Shaking off his main pace rival on the turn, the colt had something left in the stretch and bounded home to post a 2 1/4-length tally. First-timer Sunshine Day (Arg) (Harlan's Holiday) closed stoutly to complete a longshot exacta at odds of 56-1. The homebred winner has a juvenile half-brother by Frost Giant named Bushara and a weanling half-brother by Girolamo. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$34,600. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O/B-KatieRich Farms (NY); T-Mark Hubley.

NEW YORK

Sunday's Results:

MEMORIES OF SILVER S., \$100,000, AQU, 4-23, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.05, fm.

1--**PARTY BOAT, 120, f, 3, by Into Mischief**

1st Dam: Pavati, by Unbridled's Song

2nd Dam: Skye Castles, by Sky Classic

3rd Dam: My Sea Castles, by Polish Navy

(\$52,000 Ylg '15 KEEJAN; \$100,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP). O-Hope H. Jones; B-Fred W. Hertrich III (KY); T-H. Graham Motion; J-Joel Rosario. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: MSW & GSP, 8-4-1-1, \$183,825.

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2--**Team of Teams, 118, f, 3, Elusive Quality--Teammate, by A.P. Indy.** O-Allen Stable, Inc.; B-Mr. Joseph Allen LLC (KY); T-James A. Jerkens. \$20,000.

3--**Fifty Five, 122, f, 3, Get Stormy--Soave, by Brahms.** (\$24,000 RNA Ylg '15 FTKOCT). O-Peter M. Brant; B-Empire Equines, LLC (NY); T-Chad C. Brown. \$10,000.

Hidden Brook Raised

Margins: 1, 3HF, HF. Odds: 3.65, 3.60, 1.10.
 Also Ran: Dynatail, Super Marina, Art Institute. Scratched: Thirstforthecup.

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Party Boat | NYRA/Joe Labozzetta

Party Boat notched the second stakes victory of her career on closing day in Ozone Park. A third-out maiden winner in her first try over the turf at Monmouth Sept. 10, the bay added a Keeneland allowance score Oct. 26. The \$100,000 KEESEP yearling buy traveled south and ran her win streak to three with a triumph in the one-mile off-the-turf Wait a While S. at Gulfstream Dec. 10 before finishing a non-threatening sixth in the 7 1/2-panel Ginger Brew S. Jan. 7. Last seen rallying to be a good third behind Dream Dancing (Tapit) in the GIII Herecomesthebride S. in Hallandale Mar. 4, she went postward as the co-third choice here. She rode the rail in mid-pack behind fractions of :24.47 and :48.87 and began to pick up the chase on the far turn. Slipping through a seam between horses cornering for home, Party Boat kicked it into high gear in the final furlong and rallied past a game Team of Teams to claim the victory. The winner is owned by Hope Haskell Jones, sister of Isabelle de Tomaso, whose 'TDN Rising Star' Irish War Cry (Curlin) is expected to be among the favorites in the May 6 GI Kentucky Derby for trainer Graham Motion. The winner's dam produced a filly by Flatter last year and was bred back to Blame. "I got clear turning for home and I was just trying to hold it together," winning rider Joel Rosario said. "She responded very nicely with a nice finish." **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

NEW YORK STALLION S., \$100,000, AQU, 4-23, (C), 3yo, c/g, 6 1/2f, 1:16.53, ft.

1--**GOLD FOR THE KING, 122, g, 3, by Posse**

1st Dam: Gold for the Queen (MSW, \$239,136), by Gold Token

2nd Dam: Jam Down Queen, by Wolf Power (SAf)

3rd Dam: Classic Battle, by Seattle Battle

O/B-Francis Paolangeli (NY); T-Charlton Baker; J-Joel Rosario. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 7-4-1-2, \$370,568.

2--**T Loves a Fight, 118, g, 3, Girolamo--Worth Fighting For**, by Broken Vow. O/B-Hoffman Thoroughbreds LLC. (NY); T-Michael E. Hushion. \$20,000.

3--**Reason to Soar, 116, g, 3, Soaring Empire--D' Country**, by D'wildcat. (\$110,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR). O-West Point Thoroughbreds; B-John Ropes (FL); T-George Weaver. \$10,000.

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Margins: 1 3/4, 3, 1HF. Odds: 1.60, 3.05, 2.25.

Also Ran: Italian Syndicate, Bavaro, Mission Leader, Jaime's Angel. Scratched: Duquesne Whistle.

Gold for the King, winner of last fall's New York Breeders' Futurity at Finger Lakes Oct. 1 and Aqueduct's Notebook S. Nov. 19, closed out his juvenile campaign with a runner-up finish to Bavaro (Freud) as the 1-5 chalk in the New York Stallion Series S. at the Big A Dec. 17. Favored to begin his sophomore season with a win, he was content to race on the outside in fifth through an opening quarter in :22.78. Racing in hand on the far turn, Gold for the King began to roll down the center of the track in the stretch and won going away. "He's a nice horse and he can overcome anything," trainer Charlton Baker said. "He did everything OK. He has a big, long stride, so once he got going, he was clear. We had enough pace in there where he was going to be OK. It was a pretty decent race coming back off the layoff."

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3rd-AQU, \$78,400, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 4-23, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:35.27, ft.

DOLPHUS (c, 4, Lookin At Lucky--Lotta Kim {SW & GSP, \$146,485}, by Roar), a half-brother to 2009 Horse of the Year and Hall of Famer Rachel Alexandra (Medaglia d'Oro), proved much the best in this loaded allowance heat. The chestnut began his career in the barn of Joe Sharp and won three times from eight starts. Transferred to the Jimmy Jerkens stable this winter, the colt recently pressed the pace and leveled off to finish fourth in the Stymie S. traveling nine furlongs over the inner track Mar. 12. Bet down to 6-5 favoritism as Chad Brown-trained GSWs Economic Model (Flatter) and Shagaf (Bernardini) each took their share of play as the respective second and third choices, Dolphus went straight to the lead and showed the way in the clear through a half-mile in :46.46. Holding a sizable advantage around the turn, he crossed the wire 1 3/4 lengths in front of longshot Splashtastic (Tiz Wonderful). Economic Model finished third and Shagaf checked in last of five. The winner has

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a 2-year-old half-brother by Awesome Again and a weanling half-brother by Tapit. Rachel Alexandra enjoyed immediate success in her short career as a broodmare, producing a pair of 'TDN Rising Stars' in GI Spinaway S. winner Rachel's Valentina (Bernardini) and first-out winner Jess's Dream (Curlin). Lifetime Record: 10-4-0-1, \$142,090. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Dede McGehee; B-Heaven Trees Farm (KY); T-James A. Jerkens.

Ortiz Captures Big A Riding Title:

Irado Ortiz, Jr. captured the riding title at Aqueduct's spring meeting which concluded Sunday. Ortiz, who won the Big A's inner-track title last month, won 30 races from 110 mounts during the spring meet for earnings of more than \$1.5 million. It was his 12th overall title on the NYRA circuit. Linda Rice and Rudy Rodriguez both saddled 12 winners to share the trainer's title. Michael Dubb, Midwest Thoroughbreds, Drawing Away Stable and Rodriguez each had four winners to tie for leading owner.

EASTERN U.S.

Sunday's Results:

3rd-PRX, \$42,250, (S), Alw, 4-23, (NW2BX), 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:15.77, ft.

THE MAN (g, 5, Ecclesiastic--Shorty's Epiphany, by Northern Afleet) graduated from the maiden ranks at fourth asking for trainer Bob Baffert in March 2015, but was subsequently laid up for nearly two years before returning with an easy win over Pennsylvania-bred allowance foes first time out for this barn at Penn National Feb. 15. He added another comfortable score facing open company in a local 5 1/2-panel dash Mar. 20 and was bet down to 3-5 favoritism to keep the ball rolling here. The Man stalked the pace through a quarter-mile in :22.28 and turned on the jets soon after, pulling clear to notch a dominant nine-length victory over Larco Mar (Old Fashioned). The winner has half-brothers of 2014 and 2015 by Mad Flatter. Sales History: \$17,000 RNA Ylg '13 EASSEP; \$115,000 2yo '14 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 7-4-1-1, \$136,430. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Natalie J. Baffert & Bernard C. Schiappa; B-Glenn E. Brok LLC (PA); T-John C. Servis.

9th-LRL, \$42,000, Alw, 4-23, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:40.66, gd.

TRICKY ESCAPE (f, 4, Hat Trick {Jpn}--Island Escape {MSW, \$325,010}, by Petionville) has done no wrong in her young career and proved her versatility with a win on the turf Sunday. A third-out winner going seven furlongs here Feb. 5, the dark bay was a pace-compromised third in a one-mile event at Parx Mar. 7 and found herself up against it once again when closing belatedly into slow fractions to check in second over a mile here Mar. 24. Entered and subsequently scratched in a Keeneland turf allowance last weekend, the 4-year-old was somewhat surprisingly dismissed at odds of 8-1 here. Allowed to lag towards the back of the pack behind a half-mile in :47.95, she began making piecemeal progress along the inner rail on the far turn. Shifted out to the three path entering the lane, Tricky Escape responded strongly and notched a one-length score over Perdona (Blame). The winner has a yearling full-brother. Sales History: \$65,000 RNA Ylg '14 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 6-2-3-1, \$77,970. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Jon A. Marshall; B-Robert B. Trussell Jr. & John T.L. Jones III (KY); T-Lynn A. Ashby.

6th-LRL, \$41,320, Msw, 4-23, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.25, my. +DOWNTOWN MAMA (f, 3, Speightstown--Alpha Mama, by Unbridled's Song) posted a series of works at Belmont Park dating back to early January and was tabbed as the 8-5 favorite for this barn which had been connecting at an almost unheard of 50% rate from 40 starters at the meet. Never far back, she assumed an outside perch tracking the pace through a quarter-mile in :22.81 over the muddy going. Given her cue on the turn, the sophomore gained command entering the stretch and, despite exchanging some bumps with Toby Girl (Flatter) in midstretch, got the better of that one by 3/4 of a length on the line. The winner is a half to Alpha Kitten (Tale of the Cat), GSW, \$227,010. Alpha Mama produced a Paynter filly in 2015, a Scat Daddy colt in 2016 and was bred back to American Pharoah this spring. Sales History: \$190,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$440,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$22,800. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Lady Sheila Stable; B-Denlea Park, LTD, Tony Holmes & Watermark, LLC (KY); T-Linda Rice.



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FLORIDA

Sunday's Results:

9th-GP, \$38,000, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 4-23, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:36.04, sy.

ENCRYPTION (h, 6, Exchange Rate--Mystic Soul {SW & MGSP, \$138,151}, by Bahri), third over this track in the 2015 GIII Skip Away S., was fifth in a seven-furlong allowance here last time out Apr. 1. The 3-1 shot pressed the pace set by favored Adirondack King (Lawyer Ron), took over after three-quarters in 1:10.79 and held sway over Hesinfront (War Front) to win by 1 1/2 lengths. Sales history: \$140,000 Ylg '12 KEESEP. In foal to Animal Kingdom, Mystic Soul was purchased by Masa Otani for \$160,000 at the 2014 Keeneland November sale. She aborted that foal, but was exported to Japan and produced a filly by Orfevre (Jpn) last year. Lifetime Record: SW & MGSP, 22-6-3-6, \$425,280. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#) **VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Stoneway Farm; B-Greenwood Lodge Farm (KY); T-Kelly J. Breen.



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6th-GP, \$36,000, (S), Msw, 4-23, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11.57, sy.

TRUE MOTION (f, 3, Munnings--Motion Miss, by Yes It's True) showed nothing when last of eight in a six-furlong dash over a sloppy track here Feb. 22, but reversed her form for this new trainer at odds of 8-1. The dark bay set the pace in the clear through a quarter-mile in :22.65 and was never threatened in a 9 3/4-length romp. Valiant Princess (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}) finished second. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$21,980. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O/B-Alan Benning, Inc. (FL); T-Luis Duco.

6th-TAM, \$20,000, Msw, 4-23, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :57.24, fm.

LA PARISIENNE (f, 3, Harlan's Holiday--Claire's Smile, by Carson City) closed belatedly to finish fourth on debut sprinting over the lawn at Laurel Oct. 15 and followed with third and fourth-place finishes around two turns over the local turf Nov. 18 and Dec. 31, respectively. Shelved for the remainder of the winter, the bay resurfaced in this spot as the 6-5 choice. The homebred bided her time racing off the pace behind a :21.86 quarter-mile and rallied to tag More to Adore (Kitten's Joy) by a half-length on the wire. The winner is a half to Loose Leaf (Notebook), SW, \$231,770; and Sweet Cat (Kitten's Joy), MGSP, \$232,950. Claire's Smile is also responsible for a 2-year-old Uncle Mo colt named Uncle Mike. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$20,000. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Catesby W. Clay & Nicolas De Chambure; B-Runnymede Farm Inc. & Catesby W. Clay Investment 2 LLC (KY); T-Arnaud Delacour.

CALIFORNIA

Sunday's Results:

SIREN LURE S., \$84,130, SA, 4-23, 3yo/up, 6 1/2fT, 1:11.88, fm.

1--**STORMY LIBERAL, 126, g, 5, Stormy Atlantic--Vassar, by Royal Academy.** (\$165,000 RNA Ylg '13 FTSAUG; \$100,000 2yo '14 OBSOPN). O-Rockingham Ranch; B-Dapple Bloodstock & Gryphon Investments LLC (KY); T-Peter Miller; J-Norberto Arroyo, Jr. \$47,100. Lifetime Record: 19-6-6-1, \$342,070. *Full to Coast Guard, GSP, \$182,180; and 1/2 to Garifine (Belong to Me), SP, \$177,811; Shimmering Moment (Afleet Alex), SW-Ire. & MGS, \$164,545.

2--**Ambitious Brew**, 126, g, 7, Tizbud--Kathwen, by Forest Wildcat. O/B-Pamela C. Ziebarth (CA); T-Martin F. Jones. \$20,200.

3--**Eddie Haskell**, 124, c, 4, Square Eddie--Teresa Ann, by Boston Harbor. O/B-Reddam Racing, LLC (CA); T-Doug F. O'Neill. \$12,120.

Margins: 3/4, 2HF, 1HF. Odds: 0.80, 2.30, 9.00.

Also Ran: Coastline. Scratched: Richard's Boy.

Stormy Liberal turned a corner since being claimed by these connections last October, winning two of his next four starts, including the restricted Clocker's Corner S. Jan. 29 and the Joe Hernandez S. Mar. 4 over course and distance. Tabbed as the favorite here, he tracked the pace along the inside route behind a quarter-mile down the hill in :21.62. Tipped out in the lane, he rallied steadily and got up to score easily over veteran Ambitious Brew. Stormy Liberal now owns a record of 6-for-11 over the local 6 1/2-furlong trip at Santa Anita. "I really want to thank my owners and David Lanzman, who picked this horse out to claim," said winning trainer Peter Miller. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#) **VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**



Stormy Liberal | Benoit photo

1st-SA, \$61,740, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 4-23, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:46.29, fm.

PATENTAR (FR) (h, 6, Teofilo {Ire}--Poppets Sweetlove {GB}, by Foxhound), second in last year's GII Charles Whittingham S., went to the sidelines after a 10th-place effort in the GII Del Mar H. last August. He was fifth, beaten two lengths, in his return to the races in a one-mile optional claimer over the Santa Anita course Mar. 30. Third choice at 5-2 in this short field of four, the bay stumbled slightly at the break, but recovered to set the pace. He was under a snug hold while setting fractions of :23.93 and :48.29 with favored Frank Conversation (Quality Road) in close attendance. The favorite moved to challenge after three-quarters in 1:11.52 and the two rivals battled down the stretch with Patentar inching clear late to score by a neck. Up With the Birds (Stormy Atlantic) was third. Patentar was a 220,000gns TATOCT yearling. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#). VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: SP-Eng & GSP-US, 18-4-1-4, \$172,372.

O-Saleh Al Homaizi & Imad Al Sagar; B-Peter Dane Player (FR); T-Simon Callaghan.

9th-SA, \$55,380, Msw, 4-23, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:23.12, ft.

FAYPIEN (f, 3, Ghostzapper--Mighty Eros {SW}, by Freud), a well-beaten third at 11-1 on debut behind 'TDN Rising Star' and subsequent ultra-impressive GI Santa Anita Oaks heroine Paradise Woods (Union Rags) going 5 1/2 furlongs at Santa Anita Mar. 11, was backed accordingly as the 6-5 favorite here. Faypien zipped through a five-furlong bullet in :59 3/5 (1/72) in Arcadia Apr. 16 and raced in between horses here as four of them lined up through an opening quarter in :22.67. Faypien, a \$720,000 OBS April graduate (**Click for our [OBS April coverage](#)**), set her sights on the leader entering the far turn, began to emerge from the pack as they straightened for home and enjoyed a 4 1/2-length advantage over Utana (Curlin) at the wire. Mighty Eros, bred in New York by Thomas/Lakin, was campaigned by Off The Hook Racing to a win in the 2007 New York Stallion Park Avenue S. She has also produced a filly by Munnings in 2016 and was bred back to Zivo. Off The Hook's Joe Appelbaum signed the slip on Mighty Eros for \$55,000 at the 2006 OBS February 2 Year Old Sale. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$38,880. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Baoma Corporation; B-Off The Hook LLC (FL); T-Bob Baffert.

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Sunday's Results:

1st-WO, C\$76,102, Alw, 4-23, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 7f (AWT), 1:23.94, ft.

CONQUEST FLEETFEET (f, 4, Afleet Alex--Mendocino Beano {SP}, by Smart Strike) broke her maiden at fourth asking going 1 1/16 miles here in August carrying the colors of Conquest Stables. The bay wrapped up her sophomore campaign with a third-place finish in the Ontario-bred restricted Jammed Lovely S. over track and trip Sept. 4 and subsequently sold for \$22,000 to Gary Barber as part of the Conquest Stables dispersal at Keeneland November. Tabbed as the 1-2 favorite for this return from the sidelines, she went straight to the front and showed the way through a quarter-mile in :23.86. Never truly threatened turning for home, the filly held a firm advantage through the lane and reported home 1 1/2 lengths ahead of Modus Operandi (Marchfield). The winner is a half to 'TDN Rising Star' Stallion Heiress (Exchange Rate), undefeated in two starts--including a pair of minor stakes wins over the Fair Grounds lawn this winter. Mendocino Beano produced a colt by Broken Vow in 2016 and was bred back to that sire this spring. Sales History: \$80,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$22,000 3yo '16 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: SP, 6-2-0-2, \$83,861. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Gary Barber; B-Sean Fitzhenry (ON); T-Mark E. Casse.



6th-WO, C\$65,840, Msw, 4-23, 3yo, f, 7f (AWT), 1:23.25, ft.

SILHOUETTE (f, 3, Smart Strike--Serenading {Ch. older mare-Can. & GSW, by A.P. Indy}) closed with a rush to complete the exacta on debut here Nov. 19 and traveled to Florida and checked in second again behind subsequent MGSP Jordan's Henny (Henny Hughes) in a one-mile special weight at Gulfstream Dec. 18. Fourth as the favorite in another one-mile test there Feb. 19, she added blinkers for this return to her home track. Biding her time in midpack behind a quarter-mile in :23.41, the dark bay mounted a powerful wide sweep on the turn and kicked clear to score by a decisive four lengths. Inspired Vow (Broken Vow) was second best after setting the pace. Champion Serenading produced a Distorted Humor colt last year and was bred back to Curlin. The winner's second dam is a half-sister to 1989 Canadian Horse of the Year With Approval (Caro {Ire}) and MGISW Touch Gold (Deputy Minister). Sales History: \$250,000 RNA Wlg '14 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, \$44,115. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc. & Glen Sikura; B-Hill 'N' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc. & N.E.T.P. (KY); T-Josie Carroll.



6th-HST, C\$30,000, Alw 4-23, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12.08, sy.
RUFFENUFF (f, 3, Dialed In--Augusta Queen, by Forestry)
 crossed the wire first in each of her four previous starts by a combined 33 lengths, with the only blemish on her docket coming when she was disqualified from a blowout 10 1/4-length tally in the Freedom of the City S. at Northlands Oct. 22. Rated off the pace here as the 2-5 choice, she rallied and just got up by a neck over Morning Blurs (Second in Command) in the final strides. Sales History: \$47,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$75,000 RNA 2yo '16 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: SW, 5-4-0-0, \$68,171. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
 O-Don B. Danard & Curtis Landry; B-Nicholas M. Lotz (KY); T-Greg Tracy.



INDUSTRY INFO

Stewarts Join WHOA:

Steve and Cindy Stewart, who own and operate Hunterton Farm, the largest Standardbred farm in Kentucky, have announced they are joining the Water Hay Oats Alliance.

“We spend virtually every waking hour on the farm making sure the mares and foals we raise are as healthy as they can be,” the Stewarts said in a statement in support of WHOA, a



Steve and Cindy Stewart

grassroots movement seeking the passage of federal legislation to prohibit the use of performance-enhancing drugs in the sport of horse racing. “And we want them to stay healthy, happy, and successful for the rest of their lives, on and off the track. Over the decades of working toward that goal, we’ve come to believe that horse racing needs fewer drugs, period. We applaud the efforts of WHOA to stop the administration of race-day drugs and hope its well-meaning efforts spread more quickly to the Standardbred industry, which has suffered long enough from suspicions that not every race is run on the level.”

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- CAL NATION** (Distorted Humor), Country Life Farm, \$3.5K, 35/4/0 6-PRX, Msw 6 1/2f, Louie Lunchbox, \$1,000 RNA EAS DEC wnl, 7-2
 - MACLEAN'S MUSIC** (Distorted Humor), Hill 'N' Dale Farms, \$6.5K, 148/29/4 6-PRX, Msw 6 1/2f, Indian Song, \$45K FTK FEB yrl, 4-1
 - SIMMARD** (Dixieland Band), Mill Creek Farm, \$2.5K, 74/3/0 5-FL, Msw 4 1/2f, Victory Tango, 20-1
 - SMART BID** (Smart Strike), Milky Way Farms, \$4.5K, 27/1/0 4-FL, Msw 4 1/2f, +Shakalaka Boomboom, 8-1
 - THE FACTOR** (War Front), Lane's End Farm, \$15K, 218/33/5 8-WRD, \$55K Cinema H., 1m, Lady London, \$12K OBS OPN 2yo, 8-1
 - WILDCAT BRIEF** (Forest Wildcat), 6/1/0 7-PRX, Msw 7f, Reggie's Buddy, 5-1

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STAKES RESULTS:

- BRIGHOUSE BELLES S.**, C\$50,000, HST, 4-23, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:17.39, sy.
- 1--**#DEAR LILLY, 118, m, 7, Graeme Hall--Lilly Marlene, by Lost Soldier.** (\$3,000 RNA Ylg '11 OBSAUG). O-Mark DeDomenico LLC & North American Thoroughbred Horse Company, Inc.; B-Dee-Ellen Cook (FL); T-Sandi Gann; J-David G. Lopez. C\$29,500. Lifetime Record: 24-13-2-3, \$167,976.
- 2--**Chianti**, 117, f, 4, Rosberg--Napa, by Feu d'Enfer. O/B-Swift Thoroughbreds, Inc. (BC); T-Dino K. Condilenios. C\$10,000.
- 3--**Castellani**, 117, m, 5, Quality Road--Seeking Atlantis, by Seeking the Gold. (\$65,000 4yo '16 KEEJAN). O-Peter Redekop B. C., Ltd.; B-Sarah J. Leigh (KY); T-Philip Hall. C\$5,000. Margins: 1, 1, 2 3/4. Odds: 1.45, 10.50, 10.35.

- WAYNE HANKS MEMORIAL S.**, \$50,000, LS, 4-23, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:19.32, ft.
- 1--**ZIPPIT E, 123, f, 4, My Golden Song--Final Trick (SW, \$113,925), by Magic Cat.** O/B-Wayne Sanders & Larry Hirsch (TX); T-W. Bret Calhoun; J-Eddie Martin, Jr. \$30,000. Lifetime Record: MSW, 8-5-1-1, \$116,621.

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2--Valid Bride, 117, m, 5, Valid Expectations--Cancel the Wedding, by Running Stag. O/B-Irby Jack Cook II (TX); T-Jaime Castellanos. \$10,000.

3--My Master Plan, 117, f, 4, Oratory--One O Seven, by Vice Regent. (\$15,000 RNA Ylg '14 TEXOCT). O-Joyce D. McGough; B-Dan W. McGough (TX); T-Danny Pish. \$5,500.

Margins: 1 3/4, HF, NK. Odds: 1.70, 7.90, 1.70.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-AQU, \$57,000, (S), 4-23, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.26, fm.

KHALEESI KAT (m, 5, Afleet Alex--Nehantic Kat {MSW & MGSP, \$394,481}, by Tomorrows Cat) Lifetime Record: 13-3-2-2, \$134,395. O-Niantic River Racing; B-Kat House Stable, LLC (NY); T-William I. Mott.



4th-GP, \$44,000, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 4-23, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.45, sy.

ABOUNDING LEGACY (g, 5, Flashstorm--Abounding Truth {MGSW, \$235,679}, by Proudest Romeo) Lifetime Record: SW, 18-6-4-3, \$238,025. O-PHS Racing, LLC and Run Hard Stables; B-Northwest Stud (FL); T-Ralph E. Nicks.

8th-GG, \$35,838, 4-23, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:09.68, ft. **NIGHTIME OLYMPICS (g, 5, Olympio--Darkness Night {Arg}, by Hidden Prize)** Lifetime Record: 17-4-4-2, \$100,213. O-Thomas A. Farrell Bypass Trust; B-Ellen Lee Jackson (CA); T-Jonathan Wong.

7th-GG, \$35,289, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 4-23, 3yo, 1mT, 1:38.09, fm.

HARVEST A STORM (c, 3, Tribal Rule--R Luck's Lady, by Tiznow) Lifetime Record: 10-2-2-1, \$75,303. O-Curt & Lila Lanning;; B-Kehner Thoroughbreds, LLC (CA); T-Ed Moger, Jr.. \$17,000 Ylg '15 BAROCT.

4th-LRL, \$35,000, (S), 4-23, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40.06, my.

CROOKIT (f, 4, Louis Quatorze--Vontay, by Yarrow Brae) Lifetime Record: 16-2-5-1, \$70,131. O-Mens Grille Racing; B-William Harris (MD); T-Linda L. Albert. *\$3,000 Ylg '14 EASEP.

1st-HST, C\$28,200, 4-23, 3yo, 6f, 1:10.36, sy.

FALL AT LAST (g, 3, Spring At Last--Ani La, by Mr. Greeley) Lifetime Record: SP, 5-4-1-0, \$58,802. O-Don B. Danard & Curtis Landry; B-James Heyward (KY); T-Greg Tracy. *\$20,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. **1/2 to Inconclusive (Include), MSW & GSP, \$199,500.

7th-TUP, \$22,000, 4-23, 3yo/up, f/m, 7 1/2ft, 1:29.50, fm.

TICABOO (m, 5, Rocky Bar--Miss Pravda, by Chester House) Lifetime Record: 11-4-3-0, \$109,047. O-Triple AAA Ranch; B-Triple AAA Ranch (CA); T-Dru S. Hall.

4th-LS, \$22,000, (S), 4-23, (NW1X), 3/4yo, 1m, 1:41.97, ft. **(DH)-SHAKEMYGRASS (g, 4, Grasshopper--Milkshake, by Kingmambo)** Lifetime Record: 16-5-1-0, \$27,337. O-Kathy L. Stephens; B-W. S. Farish (TX); T-Dewey Paul Smith. *\$3,500 Ylg '14 TEXOCT.

(DH)-MOSTA FLYIN (g, 3, Early Flyer--Olmota {MSW, \$156,165}, by Olmos) Lifetime Record: 10-2-1-1, \$37,162. O/T-Steven M. Asmussen; B-Thomas Castoldi (TX).

8th-LS, \$22,000, Alw, 4-22, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:35.27, fm. **GOTTHERIGHTONEBABY (g, 5, Sing Baby Sing--Foxy Jill, by Foxhound)** Lifetime Record: 16-4-3-2, \$60,518. O/T-Karen E. Jaks; B-Tom Durant (TX).

5th-TAM, \$21,750, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 4-23, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.47, ft.

PINK MAMA (f, 4, Mass Media--Hay Cheif, by Chief Seattle) Lifetime Record: 17-8-4-0, \$114,320. O-Juan Cacho Castro; B-Richard & Mary Tortora (FL); T-Gerald S. Bennett.

10th-HAW, \$20,700, (S), 4-22, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.71, ft. **PINCHME I'MDREAMIN (f, 4, Henrythenavigator--Jabber {MSP, \$103,793}, by Minneapple)** Lifetime Record: 20-2-4-1, \$43,629. O-Mike Piazza Racing Stable LLC; B-Dana Waier Thoroughbreds, LLC (IL); T-Steve Manley. *1/2 to River Bear (Unreal Zeal), MSW, \$937,793; Lady Riss (Unreal Zeal), SW, \$325,390; Guccione (He'a a Tough Cat), SP, \$193,727; and Devient Behavior (Ecton Park), SW, \$138,572.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Royal Kate, f, 3, **Intimidator**--Tiffany Royal (MSW, \$231,563), by Seneca Jones. LS, 4-22, (S), 6f, 1:14.75. B-Keith I Asmussen (TX).

Bubbly, f, 3, **Maimonides**--Sweet Champagne, by Five Star Day. PEN, 4-22, 6f, 1:12.06. B-University of Kentucky (KY). *\$3,000 Ylg '15 FTKFEB; \$22,000 2yo '16 EASMAY.

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Patience Love, f, 3, **Paddy O'Prado**--Gal of Mine, by Mining. AQU, 4-23, (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:43.32. B-Hidden Brook Farm (KY). *\$17,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP. **1/2 to America America (Mister Baileys {GB}), MSW & MGSP, \$360,789; and So Long George (Arch), GSW, \$290,307.

Cherry Lane, f, 3, **Pioneerof the Nile**--Past Twilight, by Pulpit. LS, 4-23, 1mT, 1:37.24. B-Joe Mulholland Sr., Joe Mulholland Jr., John & Karen Mulholland (KY). *\$220,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP.

+Ground Attack, g, 3, **Surf Cat**--Stardust Magic, by Grand Slam. SA, 4-23, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:17.69. B-Bruce Headley (CA).

Double Espresso (Ire), f, 4, **Mastercraftsman (Ire)**--Bon Espresso (Ire) (SW & GSP-Ire), by Spectrum (Ire). GG, 4-23, 1mT, 1:37.62. B-Mr T. Jones (Ire). *€30,000 Ylg '14 GO14.

Santa Fe Trail, g, 4, **Skimming**--Tucumcari (MSW, \$364,978), by Cherokee Colony. HST, 4-23, 6f, 1:12.04. B-Forster Stable (BC).



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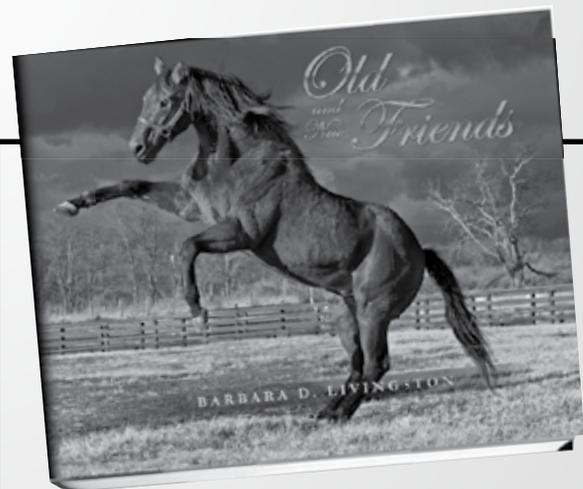
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By Tom Peacock

European Flat racing's leading names do not always arrive along a conventional path. Christophe Soumillon moved from Belgium to reach the summit in France, Adrie De Vries became German champion after outgrowing the scene in the Netherlands--as recognisable a Turf superpower as Equatorial Guinea--and Godolphin's jockey William Buick comes from Norway.

Another Scandinavian making marked progress around the north of Britain is the Dane Kevin Stott, based in Yorkshire with Kevin Ryan but used regularly by the likes of Saeed Bin Suroor.

The articulate 22-year-old looks well on his way to beating last year's previous best total of 39.

"It's going well. Kevin's very fair and if you work hard, you'll get the chances," he said.

"I went to him when I first came over five years ago. I'm riding out for him every day and I've been lucky to have had some winners for a few other trainers, like Philip Kirby and Oliver Greenall."

The Stott name would be far more familiar to regulars at Klampenborg, the leafy racecourse to the north of Copenhagen. His English father Ken was a jockey-turned trainer in the Danish capital and has handed the operation over to another son, Marc.

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CUP DOUBLE ON THE CARDS FOR POLARISATION

Polarisation (GB) (Echo Of Light {GB}) holds the rare distinction of 'winning' the G1 Sydney Cup twice in the same season after he made good the promise shown when galloping across the line first in the void race of April 8 by claiming a deserved victory in Saturday's rescheduled contest.

The Godolphin team has confirmed that his longer-term aim will now be Australia's even more famous staying contest, the G1 Emirates Melbourne Cup on the first Tuesday of November.

Charlie Appleby's assistant trainer James Ferguson, who has been overseeing Godolphin's British-based challengers in Sydney, told Australian radio station RSN 927 that the 5-year-old would return to Newmarket before heading back to the Southern Hemisphere later in the year.

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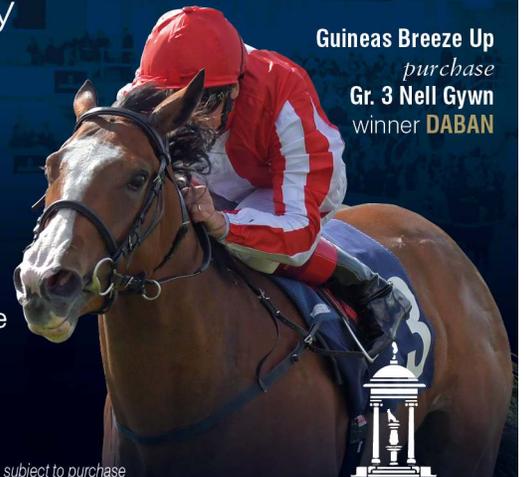
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"My dad used to ride, he started off in Newmarket then he went all over the place, India, Africa, and he ended up in Scandinavia, where he met my mum," he said.

"He had a good few winners, then he had taken up training when I was growing up. My brothers were riding but it wasn't something I wanted to do at first."

If only for his size, Stott might have been playing alongside his compatriot Christian Eriksen in the Tottenham Hotspur midfield instead.

"I wanted to be a footballer," he explained. "I had a trial at Tottenham when I was 15, but they said I was too small. I played for the best under 16s team in Copenhagen but it was one of those things. I was one of those small, skilful players and you have all those bigger lads who can kick you around at that age.

"I came back and had a good word with my dad, I said I'd like to take up the riding properly instead. He said if it was something I wanted to do, he'd send me to England. I was going to go to the British Racing School but I got a place with Kevin and I was learning so there wasn't any need to go down there in the end."

It was in late 2014 that Stott picked up a spare ride for Bin Suroor and won a valuable apprentice handicap at Newmarket on Winter Thunder (GB). This breakthrough led to him spending the following season with Luca Cumani. Bin Suroor has kept Stott on rotation and he recently partnered the promising maiden Above Normal (GB) (Street Cry {Ire}) to a facile success at Pontefract.

"I got some rides for Charlie Appleby and Saeed was very good to me too, but as my 5lb claim went it was tough," he said. "I struggled in Newmarket, to be honest, so I decided to return

back north. I don't have family there, but it was working better."

That family might mostly be a few hundred miles away, but there is still plenty of time to see the rest of the Stott clan, both professionally and personally.

"My older brother is in his third year training. He's got about 30 horses and I think he's finished third in the trainers'

championship there. He's making a good go of things and I was riding for him quite a bit a couple of years ago," he explained.

"The racing's alright, it's not as good as in Sweden, but a lot of the time you are going across the bridge between the two countries, as there's a dirt track at Jagersro (in Malmo). The prize-money is better in Sweden, it's basically a bit like the difference between racing around Newmarket and the racing in the north. My priority is with Kevin, but if there's a chance on a Sunday to go across, then I'll do it.

"My brother Nicolaj is riding as well. He came to England and was looking to ride for Tim Easterby but he had a problem with the BHA as he's deaf in one ear. He's going well, though, riding in Scandinavia and sometimes in Germany."

If the support from Ryan and others keeps up, that overseas travel will be restricted for the time being.

"I'm just taking it step by step," he said. "I'm just trying to up my winners year by year, and I think if I could get to 50 or 55 this time, I'd be very happy.

"Kevin gave me my first ride in a Group 1 last season (on Goken {Fr}) in the Haydock Sprint Cup and I rode in a couple of Group 2s and some Listed races. Hopefully there will be more opportunities like that."



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PRIX PENELOPE-G3, €80,000, SCD, 4-23, 3yo, f, 10 1/2ft, 2:19.06, gd.

1--**@SISTERCHARLIE (IRE), 126, f, 3, by Myboycharlie (Ire)**

1st Dam: Starlet's Sister (Ire), by Galileo (Ire)

2nd Dam: Premiere Creation (Fr), by Green Tune

3rd Dam: Allwaki, by Miswaki

(€12,000 Ylg '15 ARQOCT). O-Mme Jacques Cygler; B-Ecurie des Monceaux (IRE); T-Henri-Alex Pantall; J-Maxime Guyon.

€40,000. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, €75,450. **Werk Nick**

Rating: B. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--**Listen In (Ire), 126, f, 3, Sea the Stars (Ire)--Es Que (GB), by Inchinor (GB).** (310,000gns Wlg '14 TATFOA). O-George Strawbridge; B-Es Que Syndicate (IRE); T-Freddy Head. €16,000.

3--**Rythmique (Ire), 126, f, 3, Casamento (Ire)--Reclamation (Ire), by Red Ransom.** (€52,000 Ylg '15 GOFORB). O-Ecurie des Monceaux & Ecurie Skymarc Farm; B-E J Loder (IRE); T-Jean-Claude Rouget. €12,000.

Margins: 1, NO, SNK. Odds: 4.10, 4.70, 1.60.

Also Ran: Music Lover (Fr), Palombe (Ire), Mademoiselle Marie (Fr), Copying (GB).

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Sistercharlie, a Dec. 17 debut winner at Deauville and fourth going 10 furlongs here in the Mar. 11 Listed Prix Rose de Mai on sophomore return, lined up off a taking win over this course and distance Apr. 2 and upturned the form of her only previous black-type start in this trial for the June 18 G1 Prix de Diane. Restrained to race in rear after breaking on terms with the front rank, she took closer order on the outside into the straight and kept on strongly under a tender drive inside the final quarter mile to comfortably impose superiority for a career high. "It was a tactical affair, as they went so slow early on, and I didn't want to be caught for speed so that's why I made my move forward on the home turn," explained rider Maxime Guyon. "She responded very well and quickened nicely in the straight." Trainer Alex Pantall added, "Maxime gave her a good ride, she showed that she hasn't stopped improving so why not imagine she can improve some more. She's in the [May 14 G1] Prix Saint-Alary [at Deauville] and [June 18 G1] Prix de Diane [at Chantilly], and we will decide in time if we bring her back for the Saint-Alary or keep her fresh for the Diane." **Cont. p4**

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Sistercharlie is out of a full-sister to G3 Prix Cleopatre victress Leo's Starlet (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and a half to stakes-winning GI Clement L Hirsch S. and G1 Prix Saint-Alary placegetter Anabaa's Creation (Ire) (Anabaa), herself the dam of the stakes-winning Create a Dream (Oasis Dream {GB}). From the family of G1 Sussex S.-winning champion Noalcoholic (Fr) (Nonoalco), she is kin to the 2-year-old filly My Sister Nat (Fr) (Acclamation {GB})

and a yearling colt by Siyouni (Fr).

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Sunday, Navan, Ireland

COOLMORE VINTAGE CROP S.-G3, €65,000, NAV, 4-23, 4yo/up, 14fT, 3:02.50, gd.

1--#@TORCEDOR (IRE), 130, g, 5, by **Fastnet Rock (Aus)**

1st Dam: Magnolia Lane (Ire), by Sadler's Wells

2nd Dam: Lyndonville (Ire), by Top Ville (Ire)

3rd Dam: Diamond Land (GB), by Sparkler (GB)

(€70,000 Ylg '13 ARAUG). O-Te Akau Torcedor (Mngr David Ellis); B-Barronstown Stud (IRE); T-Jessica Harrington; J-Colm O'Donoghue. €38,350. Lifetime Record: 13-4-3-1, \$181,856.

Werk Nick Rating: A+++ *Triple Plus*. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

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2--**Order of St George (Ire)**, 135, h, 5, **Galileo (Ire)**--Another Storm, by Gone West. (\$550,000 Ylg '13 KESEP). O-Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith & Mrs John Magnier & LLOYD J Williams; B-Paget Bloodstock (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien. €12,350.

3--**Twilight Payment (Ire)**, 129, c, 4, **Teofilo (Ire)**--Dream On Buddy (Ire), by Oasis Dream (GB). O-Godolphin; B/T-Jim Bolger. €5,850.



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PRICELESS MOMENT

Coolmore Vintage Crop S. cont.

Margins: 1HF, HF, 6HF. Odds: 4.00, 0.80, 4.00.

Also Ran: Lustrous Light (Ire), Morga (Ire), Red Stars (Ire), Dew Line (Ire). Scratched: Forgotten Rules (Ire). **Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

This renewal featured last year's G1 Gold Cup hero Order of St George and any expectations that he would begin the current campaign with a confidence-boosting success were dashed by the up-and-coming Torcedor. Ironically, the winner is out of a sister to Yeats (Ire) who prefaced his 2007 and 2008 Royal Ascot triumphs for Ballydoyle with wins in this traditional prep. With David Wachman up until the end of last term, the bay was second in the 10-furlong Listed Trigo S. at Leopardstown in October 2015 but was off the board in four starts last year prior to his reinvention as a stayer by Jessie Harrington. Having inflicted a heavy defeat of Twilight Payment in a conditions race over this trip at Leopardstown Apr. 5, he was sent to the lead early to take full advantage of his race-fitness edge over the favourite and the weight concession. Opening up in early straight, he was beyond



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reach by the time Order of St George found his stride. "That was a real step forward--I thought he had come on from Leopardstown, but I had no idea how far and I was worried the ground was too quick for him," Harrington said. "He is versatile and very relaxed in his races. I thought if we could get third it would be great. He seemed to travel on that ground perfectly and seemed to love it. He's grown in confidence. He stayed at it all the way to the line. I'll have a conference with the owners and see where we go, but I'd say we'll probably like to go to Ascot [for the June 22 G1 Gold Cup] with him." Aidan O'Brien said of Order of St George, "He ran very well and was in good form and working nicely, but he'll probably have another run before the Gold Cup."

Royal Ascot pretensions for the winner are not far-fetched, especially with the connection to the four-times European champion stayer Yeats. That history maker is a half-brother to Solskjaer (Ire) who was effective over middle-distances and won the G2 Royal Whip S. Also from the family of group 1 winners Ivanka (Ire) (Dancing Brave), Lady of Chad (Ire) (Last Tycoon {Ire}) and Alcazar (Ire) (Alzao), the dam has a 2-year-old colt by Rock of Gibraltar (Ire) to come.

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BUSCH-MEMORIAL-G3, €55,000, KRE, 4-23, 3yo, 8 1/2fT, 1:43.00, gd.

1--#@**DRAGON LIPS (GER)**, 128, c, 3, by **Footstepsinthesand (GB)**

1st Dam: **Devilish Lips (Ger) (MSP-Ger & SP-Fr, \$124,233)**, by **Konigstiger (Ger)**

2nd Dam: **Djidda (Ger)**, by **Lando (Ger)**

3rd Dam: **Diana Dancer (Fr)**, by **Fabulous Dancer** (€70,000 RNA Ylg '15 BBAGS). O-Stall Lintec; B-Stall Parthenaue (GER); T-Andreas Suborics; J-Marc Lerner.

€32,000. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, €73,200. **Werk Nick**

Rating: A. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--**Langtang (Ger)**, 128, c, 3, Campanologist--La Vinchina (Ger), by Oasis Dream (GB). (65,000gns Ylg '15 TAOCT). O-Klaus Allofs & Stiftung Gestut Fahrhof; B-Stiftung Gestut Fahrhof (GER); T-Andreas Wohler. €12,000.

3--**Savile Row (Fr)**, 128, c, 3, Ransom O'War--Shikoku (GB), by Green Desert. O/B-Capricorn Stud; T-Erika Mader. €6,000.

Margins: 3 1/4, HF, HD. Odds: 13.70, 1.40, 65.00.

Also Ran: Colomano (GB), Fulminato (Ger), Ming Jung (Fr), Shinzaro (Ger), Kauttio (Ire), Dia Del Sol (GB), Edwin (Ger).

Scratched: Sugar Daddy (Ger). **Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

One of three maidens in the line-up for this Classic pointer, Dragon Lips stepped up to readily dismiss last year's leading juveniles including the G3 Preis des Winterfavoriten scorer Langtang with another winless colt in Savile Row completing the tricast. Runner-up to Dia Del Sol (GB) (Soldier Hollow {GB}) in the valuable Ferdinand Leisten-Memorial over seven furlongs at Baden-Baden in October, the bay was again in that spot in a 6 1/2-furlong warm-up here Apr. 4. Close to the early pace in second, he was committed at the top of the straight and drew away to score with real authority. Dragon Lips is out of the useful Devilish Lips, whose first foal was the Listed Grosser Preis der Stadtsparkasse Dusseldorf winner and G2 German 1000 Guineas third Dynamic Lips (Ire) (Excellent Art {GB}). She also has a 2-year-old colt by Mamool (Ire) named Dancing Lips (Ger) and a yearling filly by Maxios (GB).

KVT PLANS MEMORABLE SEASON FOR STAR SPRINTER

Magical Memory (Ire) (Zebedee {GB}) is showing all the right signs in his preparation for his seasonal comeback in the G2 Duke Of York S. on May 17 in a bid to claim back-to-back wins in the Clipper Logistics-sponsored contest.

The 5-year-old posted a decent breeze under Frankie Dettori on Newmarket's Rowley Mile when taken for a racecourse

gallop by trainer Charlie Hills last week and has his owners in Kennet Valley Thoroughbreds syndicate dreaming of even bigger prizes to add to his six victories to date.

Syndicate manager Sam Hoskins said, "He has had a long break since the Sprint Cup at Haydock as he had a little bit of a setback in September and that is why he didn't run in the Champions Sprint at Ascot.

"He hasn't been rushed back. He has just come back steadily and the idea was to go for a little racecourse gallop then go for the Duke of York, then go to the Diamond Jubilee [at Royal Ascot]."

He continued, "Last year he peaked in the Duke of York, although he ran well in the Diamond Jubilee, but we want him to peak in that this year as that is the big aim. He is getting there fitness-wise and Charlie has been really pleased with him. He is still his old self, he still has fantastic temperament--so bring on Limato, Quiet Reflection and Brando."

And the Magical Memory team has sights set on even bigger targets across the globe should all go to plan on the home front, with the Breeders' Cup just one possibility along with an even more valuable prize.

"That Australian race [The Everest] is something I am not sure our syndicate could afford to do it as the buy-in is huge, but talk about a dream," added Hoskins. "If he won the Diamond Jubilee we would have to give it a thought and we would be very up for it."

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BRITAIN

**Saturday's Late Result:**

6th-WOL, £4,500, Mdn, 4-22, 3yo/up, 12f 50y (AWT), 1:13.53, stn.

AL ZAMAN (IRE) (c, 3, **Cacique {Ire}--**Flowers of Spring {Ire}** {GSW-Ire, \$140,219}, by **Celtic Swing {GB}**),** a debut runner-up to subsequent G3 Craven S. fourth Contrapposto (Ire) (Cacique {Ire}) over an extended mile at Nottingham in his only prior start Oct. 5, duelled for the lead from flagfall in this sophomore bow. Coming under pressure soon after passing the half-mile pole, the 1-2 pick turned for home with a slender advantage and stayed on resolutely in the closing stages to repel the persistent threat of Orsino (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) by 2 3/4 lengths. The 45,000gns TAOCT yearling is the first winner out of G3 Denny Cordell Lavarack & Lanwades Stud S. victress Flowers of Spring (Ire) (Celtic Swing {GB}) and is a full-brother to a 2-year-old filly and a yearling filly. His second dam Albaiyda (Ire) (Brief Truce) is an unraced half-sister to G1 Irish Derby and G1 King George VI & Queen Elizabeth S.-winning sire Alamshar (Ire) (Key of Luck), who also ran third in the G1 Epsom Derby, and MGSP Listed Warrnambool Cup victor Akzar (Ire) (Selkirk). Albaiyda is herself a granddaughter of demoted G1 Epsom Oaks "winner" and G1 Irish Oaks runner-up Aliysa (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}), who produced MGSW sire Desert Story (Ire) (Green Desert). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$6,180. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Abdulla Al Mansoori; B-Peter Jones (IRE); T-Simon Crisford.

FRANCE

**Sunday's Results:**

1st-SCD, €30,000, Mdn, 4-23, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:47.20, gd.

ENLIGHTED (IRE) (f, 3, **Invincible Spirit {Ire}--**Flash Dance {Ire}** {SW-Ger & MSP-Fr, \$150,708}, by **Zamindar**),** a last-out third going 10 1/2 panels at Argentan Apr. 5, was settled in rear for most of this one. Trailing her seven rivals into the straight, the 24-1 outsider was last to come off the bridle and quickened in good style once shaken up approaching the final furlong to get up in the dying strides, winning hard held by 1 1/4 lengths from Sri Prada (Fr) (Air Chief Marshal {Ire}). The homebred bay is the first scorer produced by Listed Herbst Stuten Meile victress Flash Dance (Ire) (Zamindar), herself a half-sister to the dam of Gill Athenia S. and Gill Noble Damsel S. placegetter Stormy Victoria (Fr) (Stormy River {Fr}), and is kin to the 2-year-old filly Zanibar (Fr) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), the yearling colt Anecdotic (Anodin {Ire}) and a colt foal by War Front. Her fourth dam is G1 Poule

d'Essai des Pouliches heroine and MG1SW French highweight Riverqueen (Fr) (Luthier {Fr}), herself the granddam of MG1SW sire Altieri (GB) (Selkirk). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, €17,750.

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O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (IRE); T-Freddy Head.

3rd-SCD, €30,000, Mdn, 4-23, 3yo, c/g, 8fT, 1:43.17, gd.

+WREN'S DAY (c, 3, **Medaglia d'Oro--**Season's Greetings {Ire}** {SW & MGSP-Fr}, by **Ezzoud {Ire}**)** raced just over two lengths behind the pace in second for most of this first go. Closing off the home turn to launch his bid with 500 metres remaining, the 27-10 chalk was stoked up soon after and was pushed clear in the latter stages to hit the line a comfortable three lengths ahead of Guanacaste (Ire) (Whipper). He is out of MGSP Listed Criterium de Vitesse winner Season's Greetings (Ire) (Ezzoud {Ire}) and is a half-brother to GI Spinaway S. heroine Grace Hall (Empire Maker). His dam is out of an unraced daughter of GI Mother Goose S. and GI Ladies H. victress Life At The Top (Seattle Slew), who also produced G3 Prix Eclipse scorer and G1 Coronation S. runner-up Elizabeth Bay (Mr. Prospector), the dam of GSW GI Frank E Kilroe Mile second Bayeux (Red Ransom). The June 4 G1 Prix du Jockey Club entry is a full-brother to the 2-year-old filly Make Merry and a half to a yearling filly by Pioneer of the Nile, and his dam was bred to Empire Maker last year. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €14,100. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Godolphin SNC; B-Darley (KY); T-Andre Fabre.



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Saturday's Late Result:

7th-MRV, €20,000, Cond, 4-22, 3yo, 10f (AWT), 2:08.23, stn.

GIGRETTE (FR) (f, 3, **Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}--**Allegrete {Fr}**, by **Johann Quatz {Fr}**)** Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1, €24,000.

O/B-Jean-Claude Seroul (FR); T-Frederic Rossi.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**FIRST WINNER FOR SIRE**

Anima Rock (Fr), c, 2, **Shamalgan (Fr)--Carnet de Bal (GB), by Kingsalsa. ANL, 4-23, 5fT, :58. B-Mathieu Daguzan-Garros (FR). *€15,000 Ylg '16 OSLATE. **First winner for freshman sire (by Footstepsinthesand {GB}).**



IRELAND

**Sunday's Results:**

COOLMORE STUD EBF SALSABIL S.-Listed, €57,500, NAV, 4-23, 3yo, f, 10fT, 2:05.30, gd.

1--**#VOCIFEROUS MARINA (IRE), 126, f, 3, by Vocalised**

1st Dam: Marina of Venice (Ire), by Galileo (Ire)

2nd Dam: Dame's Violet (Ire), by Groom Dancer

3rd Dam: Sunny Flower, by Dom Racine (Fr)

O-Mrs June Judd & Mrs J S Bolger; B/T-Jim Bolger (IRE); J-Kevin Manning. €33,925. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$47,785. *1/2 to Focus On Venice (Ire) (Intense Focus), SP-Ire.

2--**Pocketfullofdreams (Fr), 126, f, 3, Invincible Spirit (Ire)--**

Dubai Rose (GB), by Dubai Destination. (€550,000 Ylg '15 ARAUG). O-Michael Tabor, Susan Magnier, Derrick Smith & Markus Jooste. €11,500.

3--**Bengala (Fr), 126, f, 3, Pivotal (GB)--Bright Sky (Ire), by**

Wolfhound. (€350,000 2yo '16 GOFORB). O-R S Evans. €5,750.

Margins: 1HF, 2HF, NK. Odds: 20.00, 8.00, 3.50.

Also Ran: Shes Ranger (Ire), Aurora Butterfly (Ire), Bound (Ire), Key To My Heart (Ire), Butterflies (Ire), Oh Grace (Ire), Queen Anne's Lace. Scratched: Angel Island (Ire). **Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**



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Having dispatched with Ballydoyle's Finn McCool (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), who was not disgraced subsequently in the G1 Racing Post Trophy, in a seven-furlong maiden at The Curragh in September, Vociferous Marina flopped when eighth as the topweight in the Madrid H. on testing ground over that trip at Naas on her return Mar. 26. Held up in last early by Kevin Manning, the bay was unleashed wide passing the quarter pole and issued an impressive flourish to swamp Pocketfullofdreams in the final 50 yards. "She was a little bit awkward at the gates last time and

very green, as she hadn't learned a great deal when winning and got a bit lost," her rider said. "She was a different filly today and showed a nice turn of foot and got the trip well. She'll stay further and is going the right way." Jim Bolger added, "The trip and ground made a difference to her. She had a good run at the Curragh last year and we might as well try and go all the way with her now. I might just consider the [G3] Musidora [S. at York May 17] or the [G3] Blue Wind [S. at The Curragh May 13]."

Marina of Venice's first foal was the Listed Tetrarch S. runner-up Focus On Venice (Ire) (Intense Focus), which represented a solid start for the half-sister to the listed-winning dam of Longhunter (GB) (Halling). He was successful in the Listed Blenheim S. in Ireland prior to winning two stakes races and finishing third in the GI Nearctic S. during his American campaign. Also from the family of the G2 Princess of Wales's S.-winning sire Wagon Master (Fr), the dam has a 2-year-old colt by Fastnet Rock (Aus) named Venetian Rock (Ire) to come.

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COOLMORE STUD POWER S.-Listed, €47,500, NAV, 4-23, 3yo, 5f 182yT, 1:09.99, gd.

1--**#KHUKRI (IRE), 129, c, 3, by Sepoy (Aus)**

1st Dam: Fraulein (GB) (GISW-Can, SW-Eng & GSP-Ire, \$547,337), by Acatenango (Ger)

2nd Dam: Francfurter (GB), by Legend of France

3rd Dam: A Priori (Ger), by Prince Ippi (Ger)

(95,000gns Wlg '14 TATFOA; 130,000gns Ylg '15 TATOCT).

O-Mill House LLC; B-Diomed Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-Jessica Harrington; J-Colm O'Donoghue. €28,025. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, \$46,579. *1/2 to That Is The Spirit (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), MSW-Eng, \$117,756; and Mischief Making (Lemon Drop Kid), SW & GSP-Eng.

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2--**Gorane (Ire), 124, f, 3, Dream Ahead--Holy Norma (GB), by Nashwan.** (€10,000 Ylg '15 GOFORB). O-Mrs Heather de Bromhead. €9,500.

3--**Intelligence Cross, 132, c, 3, War Front--Good Vibes, by Unbridled's Song.** O-S. Magnier, M. Tabor & D. Smith. €4,750.

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Margins: 3/4, 2 3/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 8.00, 33.00, 4.50.

Also Ran: Alphabet (GB), De Boss Man (Ire), Mr Scarlet (GB), Radio Silence, Childhood, Mirdif (GB), Dandyman Port (Ire), Kocollada (Ire), Psychedelic Funk (GB), Souls In The Wind (Ire), Miss Cogent (Ire), Tilly Trotter (Ire). Scratched: Callender (Ire), Son of Rest (GB). **Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

Runner-up to Intelligence Cross on debut over this trip at The Curragh in June, Khukri was third back over that course and distance in August before getting off the mark at the third visit to the famed Kildare venue the following month. Hailing from the in-form Jessie Harrington stable still basking in the glow of capturing the English and Irish Grand Nationals in the jumping sphere, the bay was able to gain a stalking spot in behind the early leaders and worked hard to thread between rivals and gain the upper hand in the last 100 yards. "He's a sprinter and I haven't really trained sprinters before," his trainer said. "This was sort of the only place we could go, so we put him in here and hoped for the best. We really didn't know what to think, because he's just been working away at home and his homework probably wouldn't inspire you. It doesn't matter, as he put his head in front at the right place."

The dam is the GI E.P. Taylor S. heroine Fraulein, who has already produced the smart seven-furlong specialist That is the Spirit and the G3 Sagaro S. runner-up Mischief Making. Fraulein's siblings include the dam of the Listed Windsor Castle S. winner Flashmans Papers (GB) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), who was also a stakes winner Stateside, with the family also featuring the G2 Preis der Diana heroine and dual German champion Anna Paola (Ger) (Prince Ippi {Ger}).

1st-NAV, €20,650, Mdn, 4-23, 2yo, f, 5fT, 1:01.77, gd.
+TOO FAMILIAR (IRE) (f, 2, Clodovil {Ire}--Amazon Beauty {Ire} {GSP-Fr}, by Wolfhound), sent off at 20-1, was anchored in mid-division early and her progress was checked by a wall of rivals as the action heated up. Finding a seam to gain the advantage inside the last 100 yards, the €25,000 TIRSEP yearling asserted to score by a half length from Crown Leah (GB) (Swiss Spirit {GB}). Could it Be Love (War Front), the half-sister to Uncle Mo, proved a major disappointment as the 4-1 joint-favourite and wound up a detached 13th. "She's been showing a little bit at home and Johnny [Murtagh]'s got a few nice ones this year," winning jockey Niall McCullagh said. "She was locked up for a while and was a little bit raw when I let her go, but she's nice." Murtagh added, "I've always liked her and she showed a lot of pace. She has been working very well at home. There is a fillies' race in Naas for her now. The syndicate are still dreaming of [Royal] Ascot, so you never know." Out of the Wildensteins's G3 Prix de Seine-et-Oise third Amazon Beauty, the winner already looks the best of her progeny before the yearling filly by Dream Ahead enters the fray. The dam's half-sister Asti (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) was runner-up in the G1 Prix Saint-Alary and G3 Prix Vanteaux before becoming a stakes winner in the States and placing in graded-stakes company. The third dam is the G3 Prix de Sandringham scorer Action Francaise (Nureyev), whose progeny include the G3 Prix des Reservoirs winner Article Rare

(El Prado {Ire}) and who was also runner-up in the Saint-Alary. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$11,564. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Fitzwilliam Racing; B-M. Morrissey (IRE); T-Johnny Murtagh.



Sunday's Results:



2nd-KRE, €8,750, Mdn, 4-23, 3yo, f, 8 1/2fT, 1:44.19, gd.

+DIAPHORA (GER), f, 3, by Pivotal (GB)

1st Dam: Diacada (Ger) (GSW-Ger, \$171,911), by Cadeaux Genereux (GB)

2nd Dam: Diasprina (Ger), by Aspros (Ger)

3rd Dam: Diajaka (Ger), by Kamsin (Ger)

Diaphora was hammered down to favouritism at the tills for this debut and gave supporters little cause for concern, dominating in the straight to get her career off to a perfect start. Showing good speed from the gates to stalk the lead in second after the initial exchanges, the 21-10 pick was sent to the front at the quarter-mile marker and, after entering the final eighth safely clear, was pushed out in the closing stages to easily account for Catalina (GB) (Mayson {GB}) by three lengths.

"Diaphora is living up to expectations very well and her main target is the [June 18 G2] German 1000 Guineas [at Dusseldorf] which was also won by her dam," revealed Gestut Rottgen stud manager Frank Dorff. "[Trainer] Markus Klug is more than pleased with the way she handled herself today and we are very hopeful that she will proceed to be a most valuable addition to our broodmare band and maintain the high standard of this leading dam line of ours."

The June 18 G2 German 1000 Guineas and Aug. 6 G1 Preis der Diana entry becomes the ninth scorer, from as many foals to race, out of her owner-breeder's 2003 G2 German 1000 Guineas heroine Diacada (Ger) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}), and is a half-sister to the stakes-winning Daktani (GB) (Kallisto {Ger}) and three-time stakes winner Diatribe (GB) (Tertullian), herself the dam of last term's MGSP G2 German 2000 Guineas runner-up Degas (Ger) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}). Diacada, who has also produced the 2-year-old filly Dorella (Ger) (Reliable Man {GB}) and the yearling filly Diajaka (Ger) (Kamsin {Ger}), shares her stakes-winning granddam Diasprina (Ger) (Aspros {Ger}) with stakes-winning G1 Deutsches Derby runner-up Dickens (Ger)

(Kallisto {Ger}) and G2 Premio Presidente Della Repubblica victor Diplomat (Ger) (Teofilo {Ire}), both being sons of G3 Grosser Preis von Berlin-winning German highweight juvenile filly Desidera (Ire) (Shaadi). She is also a half-sister to the granddam of US champion and MGSW sire Animal Kingdom (Leroisdesanimaux {Brz}), and MGSW GI First Lady S. third Daveron (Ger) (Black Sam Bellamy {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €5,000. **Click for the free Equine.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

O/B-Gestut Rottgen (GER); T-Markus Klug.

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4th-KRE, €5,100, Cond, 4-23, 3yo, 2050mT, 2:04.12, gd.
SHANJO (GER) (c, 3, Soldier Hollow {GB}--Shivara {Ger}, by Monsun {Ger}), who scored on his seasonal return over 10 1/2 furlongs at Dusseldorf Mar. 26, was sent off the 2-5 favourite and raced in fourth early trapped wide. Sent to the front passing the quarter pole, the €52,000 BBAGS yearling was soon clear and able to be eased close home for a convincing 3 3/4-length defeat of Native Fighter (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}). The dam, who is a full-sister to the G2 Oppenheim-Union-Rennen runner-up Silent Wind (Ger), threw the French listed winner Shanjia (Ger), also by Soldier Hollow, as her first foal while she is also responsible for another listed scorer in Shivajia (Ger) (Adlerflug {Ger}). Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, €8,600.

O-Horst Pudwill; B-H Hasler (GER); T-Markus Klug.

ITALY

Sunday, San Siro, Italy

PREMIO AMBROSIANO-G3, €71,500, SRO, 4-23, 4yo, 10fT, 2:01, gd.

1--**@VOICE OF LOVE (IRE), 126, c, 4, by Poet's Voice (GB)**

1st Dam: Snowfield, by Tale Of The Cat

2nd Dam: Marina Duff (Ire), by Caerleon

3rd Dam: Jeanie Duff, by Majestic Price

(€46,000 Ylg '14 SGASEL). O-Scuderia Effevi; B-Allevamento Le.Gi. (Ire); T-Alduino Botti Botti; J-Dario Vargiu. €27,625. Lifetime record: Hwt. 3yo Italian Free Hand at 7-9 1/2f, 15-6-6-0, €146,965. *1/2 to Time Chant (GB) (War Chant), GSW-Ity, €175,287. **Werk Nick Rating: B+. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Circus Couture (Ire), 124, c, 5, Intikhab--Bois Joli (Ire), by Orpen. O-Scuderia Effevi; B-Azienda Agricola Mariano (Ire); T-Alduino Botti. €12,155.**

3--**Basileus (Ire), 124, c, 4, Dream Ahead--Miss Mariduff, by**

Hussonet. (€36,000 Ylg '14 SGSEL). O-Michela Crecco; B-Gennaro Stimola-Ire; T-Alduino Botti. €6,630.

Margins: 1HF, SNK, 1 3/4. Odds: 0.10, 0.10, 3.07 (Voice of Love & Circus Couture coupled)

Also Ran: Freedom Reel (Ire), Fico Senza Spine (Ire).

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PREMIO EMANUELE FILIBERTO-Listed, €42,900, SRO, 4-23, 3yo, 10fT, 2:02.1, gd.

1--**MAC MAHON (ITY), c, 3, 122, by Ramonti (Fr)**

1st Dam: Miss Sultin (Ire), by Celtic Swing (GB)

2nd Dam: Miss Caerleon (GB), by Caerleon

3rd Dam: Satin Pointe, by Sadler's Wells

O-Dioscuri; B- Massimiliano Porcelli; T-Alduino Botti; J-Dario Vargiu. €16,750. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0 €29,750.

2--**Holy Water (Fr), 122, c, 3, Falco--Miss Bikini (Ire), by Titus Livius (Fr). O-Scuderia Effevi; B-Paolo Ravanetti (Fr); T-Alduino Botti. €7,293.**

3--**Flight To Dubai (Ire), 122, c, 3, Dubai Destination--Cahirleske (Ire), by Saffron Walden (Fr). (€6,500rna foal '14 TATIRENOV; €17,000 Ylg '15 TATIRE SEP). O-Nilo Chesi; B-Paul McEnery-Ire; T-Antonio Marcialis. €3,978**

Margins: NK, 1HF, SNK. Odds: 0.84, 1.32, 8.29

Also Ran: Chasedown (Ire), Dirk (Ire), Cima Da Conegliano (Fr).

PREMIO CERTOSA-Listed, €42,900, SRO, 4-23, 3yo/up, 5fT, :59.1, gd .

1--**PLUSQUEMAVIE (IRE), 131, h, 6, by Kheleyf--Kathy Pekan**

(Ire) (SW-Ity, \$238,326), by Sri Pekan. (€15,000 yrl '12 SGSEL). O-Paolo Benedetti; B-Allevamento Pian Di Neve (Ire); T-Vincenzo Fazio; J-GianPasquale Fois. €16,575. Lifetime Record: 31-14-6-1.

2--**Trust You (GB), 131, g, 5, Kheleyf--Evening Guest (Fr), by Be My Guest. (1,000gns foal '12 TATDEC; €13,000 Ylg '13 TATIRESEP). O-Antonio Rizzo. €7,293.**

3--**Val Nanda (Ire), 119, f, 3, Fast Company (Ire)--Kristal Xenia (Ire), by Xaar (GB). (€10,500 Ylg '15 GOFNOV). O-Daniele Leoni. €3,978**

Margins : 1HF, HF, 1 3/4; Odds: 1.57, 5.34, 5.33.

Also Ran: Zapel (GB), Pensierieparole (GB), Intense Life (Ire), Lohit (GB).



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OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

4.20 Kempton, Mdn, £5,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 8f (AWT)

TIME CHASER (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) is a daughter of 2006 G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud victress Passage of Time (GB) (Dansili {GB}) and is thus a full-sister to MGSW G1 Eclipse S. third Time Test (GB) and, like that sibling, is conditioned by Roger Charlton for Khalid Abdullah. Her opponents include fellow newcomer and Ed Dunlop trainee **Sileel (War Front)**, who is out of a half-sister to GII Tom Fool H.-winning sire Exchange Rate (Danzig).

4.25 Navan, Mdn, €16,500, 2yo, 5f 182yT

Susan Magnier colourbearer **DECLARATIONOFPEACE (War Front)**, a \$2.6-million KEENOV foal, is a half-brother to 2015 GI Metropolitan H. and GI Whitney S.-winning sire Honor Code (A.P. Indy), who also hit the board in that year's GI Breeders' Cup Classic, and to 2012 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf runner-up Noble Tune (Unbridled's Song). Aidan O'Brien's sole nominee faces a cast of 18 in this unveiling.

5.45 Windsor, Mdn, £4,500, 3yo/up, 10f 7yT

PRECISION (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) is a half-brother to 2012 G1 Prix Marcel Boussac runner-up Topaze Blanche (Ire) (Zamindar) and debuts in the silks of Highclere Thoroughbred Racing for Sir Michael Stoute. His 15 rivals include Godolphin firster **Janszoon (GB) (Dubawi {Ire})**, who is a gelded half to G2 Debutante S. victress and G1 Moyglare Stud S. and G1 Irish 1000 Guineas placegetter Laughing Lashes (Mr. Greeley), from the Charlie Appleby yard.

were more important things at hand. We respected the decision that happened."

He continued, "It was very important to freshen things up. We came over to run him fresh. Everyone was asking if he was okay to run first-up two miles, but that was our plan. It was very important to let these horses get back to enjoying themselves. They did everything right for us. We were very, very easy on them in the first week then we stepped their work up that last week going into the Cup. I didn't do any fast work with them at all.

"They were thriving, but we had never been in that situation. At home, you'd never run two miles two weeks after running a two-mile race, so it was a bit of an experiment."

A five-time winner in Britain prior to his Sydney Cup victory and also runner-up in a solitary start over hurdles, Polarisation is the first top-flight winner for his late sire Echo Of Light, who was also a Group-winning Godolphin colour-bearer and son of Sheikh Mohammed's favourite horse Dubai Millennium.

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CUP DOUBLE ON THE CARDS FOR POLARISATION cont.

"He's had two hard races in a row, so we'll take him home, and we won't worry about a future just yet," said Ferguson. "We'll see how he is when he gets back, and if he's fit and well and giving us all the right signs when it comes to choosing our Melbourne Cup team, then we'll definitely bring him back."

Referring to the task of bringing Polarisation and his stablemate Penglai Pavilion (Monsun {Ger}) back to their peak after the initial race was abandoned when Almoonqith (Aus) suffered a fatal injury, he added, "We had them ready on the day. Polarisation went and won the first time—you have to take these situations as they come, that's racing for you, and there

RECORD GAINS AT INGLIS VOBIS GOLD SALE

The Inglis VOBIS Gold Yearling Sale was hailed as "unquestionably the best ever" after the one-day auction posted new records for top price, median and average.

The sale ended with a clearance rate of 88%, with 200 horses sold for a total of A\$4,518,500 at an average price of A\$22,593 and median of A\$18,000.

A colt by the freshman sire Fighting Son (Aus)—a son of the late Northern Meteor (Aus)—led the way at Oaklands Junction, bringing a bid of A\$110,000 from Oliver Koolman, acting on behalf of his father, Anton. Lot 103 is the son of three-time winner Sinuous (Aus) (Canny Lad {Aus}), whose three foals to

race are all winners.

"I was lucky," said Koolman of the Harvey Park-consigned colt. "I came here to buy a horse and found one. I was actually here looking for a trade horse but it appears we've probably paid too much for him to be a trade horse so we're going to race him." Simon Vivian, bloodstock manager for Inglis's Victorian division, was understandably pleased with the day's results. He commented, "There's really no doubting that this is the best ever edition of the Inglis VOBIS Gold Yearling Sale. The results are there for all to see. There was plenty of positive and aggressive bidding and the atmosphere was right up there with the Premier Yearling Sale."

The sale, which had been restricted to one day of trade, included only yearlings eligible for the Super VOBIS incentive scheme.

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Sale-topping colt by Fighting Son | Inglis

Sunday, Tokyo, Japan

SANKEI SPORTS SHO FLORA S.-G2, ¥100,800,000, Tokyo, 4-23, 3yo, f, 2000mT, 2:01.30, fm.

1--**#@MOZU KATCHAN (JPN)**, 119, f, 3, by Harbinger (GB)

1st Dam: Site Dealer (Jpn), by King Kamehameha (Jpn)

2nd Dam: Best Boot, by Storm Boot

3rd Dam: Bright Tiara, by Chief's Crown

O-Capital System; B-Meguro Farm; T-Ippo Sameshima; J-Ryuji Wada; ¥53,260,000. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, ¥66,760,000.

Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A+.

2--**Yamakatsu Grace (Jpn)**, 119, f, 3, Harbinger (GB)--Yamakatsu Marilyn (Jpn), by Grass Wonder. O-Hiroyasu Yamada; B-Okada Farm; ¥21,360,000.

3--**Flawless Magic (Jpn)**, 119, f, 3, Deep Impact (Jpn)--Magic Storm, by Storm Cat. O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm; ¥13,180,000.

Margins: NK, HD, 1 3/4. Odds: 36.20, 31.20, 3.10.

Click for the JRA chart and video or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

Looking to take her current winning streak to three while making her first appearance in stakes company, Mozu Katchan made the most of the opportunity to lead home a rare 1-2 finish for her sire and trigger a 319-1 quinella.

Drawn gate one, Mozu Katchan settled slightly better than midfield for the better part of the opening mile, remaining glued to the inside. Still traveling strongly entering the final 400 metres, she began to pick off rivals ahead of her, angled out into about the three path a furlong from home and stuck her neck out across the line first. The winner is likely to press on to the G1 Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks) (2400m) at Tokyo in four weeks' time.

Pedigree Notes:

Mozu Katchan is the sixth black-type winner for her sire, so impressive in defeating Cape Blanco (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) by 11 lengths in the G1 King George VI & Queen Elizabeth S. in 2010 for Highclere Thoroughbred Racing and Sir Michael Stoute. The winner's dam is an unraced daughter of Best Boot (Storm Boot), a half-sister to G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. winner Poet's Voice (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) as well as multiple Japanese SW Gold Tiara (Seeking the Gold). Top middle-distance horse Staphanos (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) also appears under third dam Bright Tiara, a full-sister to US GISW Chief Honcho. Site Dealer is the dam of a 2-year-old full-brother to Mozu Katchan, missed to Grand Prix Boss (Jpn) (Sakura Bakushin O {Jpn}) in 2016 and was most recently covered by that stallion.

Sunday, Kyoto, Japan

YOMIURI MILERS CUP-G2, ¥113,940,000, Kyoto, 4-23, 4yo & up, 1600mT, 1:32.20, fm.

1--**ISLA BONITA (JPN)**, 126, h, 6, Fuji Kiseki (Jpn)

1st Dam: Isla Cozzene (SW & MGSP-US, \$214,205), by Cozzene

2nd Dam: Isla Mujeres, by Crafty Prospector

3rd Dam: Lido Isle, by Far North

O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shiraoi Farm; T-Hironori Kurita;

J-Christophe Lemaire; ¥59,798,000. Lifetime Record: Ch. 3yo

Colt & G1SW-Jpn, 21-7-5-4, ¥657,303,000. *1/2 to Jealous Girl (Petionville), SW-US, \$133,940. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++**

***Triple Plus*. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

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Yomiuri Milers Cup Cont.

2--**Air Spinel (Jpn)**, 123, c, 4, King Kamehameha(Jpn)--Air Messiah (Jpn), by Sunday Silence. O-Lucky Field Inc; B-Shadai Farm; ¥24,228,000.

3--**Young Man Power (Jpn)**, 123, h, 5, Snitzel (Aus)--Snapshot (Jpn), by Sunday Silence. (¥13,000,000 yrl '13 JRHAJUL). O-Juichi Hoshino; B-Northern Farm; ¥15,114,000.

Margins: HF, 3/4, NK. Odds: 2.80, 2.10, 17.80.

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AUSTRALIAN-BRED WINNERS

IN HONG KONG:

Nothingilikemore (Aus), g, 3, **Husson (Arg)**--Katisam (Aus), by Lonhro (Aus). Sha Tin, 4-23, Hcp. (A\$298k), 1400mT, 1:21.97. B-S Smith (NSW). *Remained perfect in four starts, scoring by a length as the 3-10 chalk. **A\$40,000 Ylg '15 INGCLS. **VIDEO**

IN SINGAPORE:

Julius Caesar (Aus), c, 3, **I Am Invincible (Aus)**--Rivers Secret (Aus), by Flying Spur (Aus). Kranji, 4-23, Maiden (A\$33k), 1200m (AWT), 1:11.47. B-Yarraman Park Stud Pty Ltd, A D Mitchell, H J Mitchell (NSW). *1/2 to Peace No War (Aus) (War Pass), SP-Sin, \$331,839. **A\$750,000 Ylg '15 INGEAS. **VIDEO**

Duty First (Aus), g, 5, **Redoute's Choice (Aus)**--Kisma (Aus), by Snippets (Aus). Kranji, 4-23, Hcp. (A\$57k), 1200m (AWT), 1:11.99. B-G Grimish (NSW). *1/2 to Shellscape (Aus) (Dane Shadow {Aus}), G1SW-Aus, A\$734,530; and Red Tracer (Aus) (Dane Shadow {Aus}), MG1SW-Aus, A\$2,368,510; full to Counterattack (Aus), GSW & G1SP-Aus, A\$637,875. **VIDEO**



JAPANESE GROUP 1 RACES – 2017

Date	Race	Track
Apr. 30	Tenno Sho (Spring)	Kyoto
May 7	NHK Mile Cup	Tokyo
May 14	Victoria Mile	Tokyo
May 21	Yushun Himba (Oaks)	Tokyo
May 28	Tokyo Yushun (Derby)	Tokyo
June 4	Yasuda Kinen	Tokyo
June 25	Takarazuka Kinen	Hanshin

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