

OBS APRIL STARTS TUESDAY



Hip 793 working a bullet furlong in :9 3/5 | Tibor Szlavik

by Jessica Martini

Juvenile sales action returns to Central Florida Tuesday for the first of four sessions of the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's April Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training. The auction, which has set records in each of its last four renewals, features a catalogue of 1208 head and is billed as a "something for everyone" market.

"We have a broader market in April with a more diverse buyer base coming in for the sale," confirmed OBS Director of Sales Tod Wojciechowski. "If someone is only going to attend one 2-year-old sale a year, it's going to be this one. The volume of the catalogue attracts a wide array of buyers."

In addition to its expansive catalogue, the April sale also boasts an impressive list of recent graduates to bolster its appeal.

Among its 2016 graduates is last year's champion 2-year-old filly Champagne Room (Broken Vow)--purchased for \$310,000 by agent Larry Zap on behalf of Joe Ciaglia, et al, from the de Meric Sales consignment--as well as GI Del Mar Debutante S. winner Union Strike (Union Rags), a \$375,000 purchase by Ruis Racing from Old South Farm, and GIII Futurity S. winner and 'TDN Rising Star' Theory (Gemologist), who sold for \$335,000 to China Horse Club International from the Mayberry Farm consignment.

Multiplier (The Factor), who captured Saturday's GIII Illinois Derby, also came out of last year's April sale where he RNA'd for \$120,000. **Cont. p3**

GOLDIKOVA, CASTELLANO, ESPINOZA AND GOMEZ ELECTED TO HALL OF FAME

by Alan Carasso

Multiple Eclipse Award winner Javier Castellano; Victor Espinoza, a three-time Kentucky Derby winner and regular rider for Triple Crown hero American Pharoah; the late Garrett Gomez; and treble GI Breeders' Cup Mile victrix Goldikova (Ire) are the 2017 inductees into the National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame, the body announced Monday morning. The quartet will be inducted at ceremonies to be held Friday, Aug. 4, at the Humphrey S. Finney Sales Pavilion on the Fasig-Tipton sales grounds in Saratoga Springs.

Castellano, who turns 40 this October, is a native of Venezuela, and shifted his tack to the United States in 1997, riding first in Florida before dropping roots in New York in 2001. According to Equibase statistics, Castellano has ridden the winners of 4,664 races to date for earnings in excess of \$276 million, already fifth on the all-time list. **Cont. p4**

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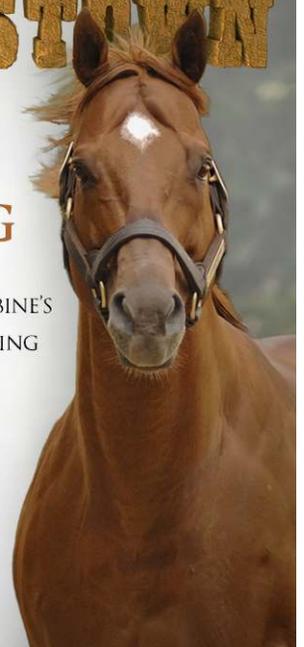
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The shore's greatest stretch. Monmouth Beach resident and owner/trainer Chuck Spina guides one of his charges, Jersey Rich, off the van at the Monmouth Park stable area in Oceanport, NJ on Saturday morning. Spina, who has been coming to Monmouth Park since 1971, was the first to arrive as the track prepares for the upcoming 72nd season of racing, which begins Saturday, May 13. | Bill Denver/Equi-Photo

IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS: JOSEPH MIGLIORE

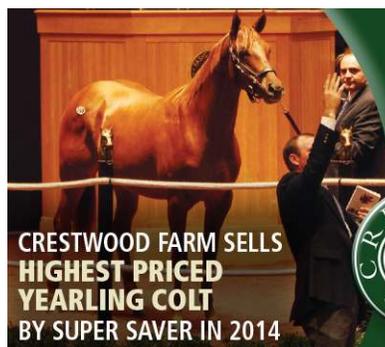
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In the latest installment of our series profiling the sons and daughters of prominent racing figures, we catch up with Joe Migliore, son of jockey-turned broadcaster Richard Migliore, in his role at West Point Thoroughbreds.

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A swath of GI Kentucky Derby contenders worked Monday morning at Churchill Downs, headlined by once-beaten 'TDN Rising Star' McCracken (Ghostzapper).



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This year's G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen winner Mind Your Biscuits (Posse) went through the April sales ring in 2015, as did two-time graded stakes winner Sharp Azteca (Freud).

"I think that's the proof in the pudding as to why all those different buyers show up in April, because of the success of the graduates all over the country, and for that matter, all over the world," said Wojciechowski. "We see a lot of international people here and that continues to grow every year because those horses are going overseas and doing very well, whether it's in Europe or Asia or the Middle East. And domestically, we have horses coming out of the April sale and winning at the highest levels all over the country."

Last year's April sale recorded its highest average and median, with 659 juveniles selling for \$52,010,500. The average was \$78,923 and the median was \$47,000. A colt by Broken Vow brought the auction's top price of \$1.2 million--it was the second time in the sale's history that a horse sold for seven figures, following on a \$1.9-million daughter of Tapit in 2015.

The records continued to fall when action returned to the OBS sales ring for last month's March Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training, with demand at the top level of the market propelling the auction to its highest-ever gross and average.

"Obviously, there was a lot of competition in March--that was demonstrated by the numbers," Wojciechowski said. "April is a little bit of a different animal, but I'd like to see a continuation of that excitement that we saw on the grounds in March."

During last week's six-session under-tack preview, two juveniles shared the fastest furlong time. Hip 778 worked a furlong in :9 3/5. The filly by More Than Ready out of Miss Mary Apples (Clever Trick) is consigned by Wavertree Stables. Also working in :9 3/5 was hip 793, a colt by Tiznow out of Moonbow (Distorted Humor) consigned by Bobby Dodd. Hip 200, a colt by Wildcat Heir out of Business Decision (Put It Back), turned in the breeze show's fastest quarter-mile work of :20 2/5. The colt is consigned by Blue River Bloodstock.

"We came out of a great breeze show, a very safe show, and a lot of good horses had a chance to display their ability," Wojciechowski said. "The breeze show was well-attended and there is a lot of activity at the barns. So we are hoping for a good sale."

The April sale will be held Tuesday through Friday, with sessions beginning daily at 10:30 a.m.

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2017 Hall of Fame Class (cont. from p1)



Javier Castellano and Ghostzapper after winning the 2004 GI Breeders' Cup Classic | Horsephotos

Castellano came into national focus in 2003, teaming with Adena Springs' Ghostzapper to win the GI Vosburgh S. and later the GI Woodward S., GI Met Mile and GI Breeders' Cup Classic, one of seven victories on Championship Day. Castellano, whose lone Classic victory to date came courtesy of Bernardini (A.P. Indy) in the 2006 GI Preakness S., is the four-time defending Eclipse Award-winning jockey and has won no fewer than 10 titles on the competitive New York circuit. North America's

leading rider by earnings for each of the last four seasons, Castellano established a new single-season earnings record with \$28.1 million in 2015. His other top horses include champions Flintshire (GB), Honor Code, Dayatthespa and Princess of Sylmar.

Victor Espinoza did not speak English when he came to the U.S. from Mexico in 1990, and after riding with some success as an apprentice at Golden Gate Fields and Bay Meadows in Northern California, relocated to Southern California and teamed with The Thoroughbred Corp's Spain to cause a massive upset in the 2000 GI Breeders' Cup Distaff. He also annexed the GI La Brea S. with the Wayne Lukas-trained filly later that year. Third aboard the Bob Baffert-trained Congaree in the 2001 GI Kentucky Derby, Espinoza partnered with War Emblem, a colt purchased privately by the late Ahmed Salman, to win the Run for the Roses and the GI Preakness S. in 2002. After a bit of a lull in his career, Espinoza was back in the national spotlight in 2014,

as California Chrome gave the rider another Derby and Preakness, but it was his mount along the 2015 Triple Crown trail that secured Espinoza's place in history. American Pharoah, the previous year's Eclipse Award-winning juvenile despite missing the Breeders' Cup, swept all before him to become the first Triple Crown winner in 37 years with a towering, front-running success in the



Victor Espinoza | Coady photo

GI Belmont S. American Pharoah closed his career with a wire-to-wire win in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic. California Chrome kept Espinoza's name in lights in 2016, with a win in the GI Dubai World Cup and GI TVG Pacific Classic and a near-miss

“one of the standouts”

Dancing Brave was bought for Prince Khalid Abdullah by James Delahooke and, interestingly, of the 70 two-year-olds I have in the yard today one of the standouts is a colt bought by James and now owned by Highclere. He's a belting looking horse by Declaration Of War called Occupy.

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second to Arrogate in last year's Breeders' Cup Classic. Espinoza, 44, has 3,318 riding wins to his credit for earnings of better than \$193 million.

Garrett Gomez will enter the Hall of Fame posthumously after passing away in December 2016. Whereas Castellano and



The late Garrett Gomez and Indian Blessing
Sarah K. Andrew

Espinoza established their reputations on either coast, Gomez worked his way through the ranks at a variety of tracks in the Midwest, including Ak-Sar-Ben and Oaklawn Park, where he won back-to-back runnings of the Arkansas Derby in 1994 and 1995.

Gomez made an immediate impression after moving to Southern California, riding major graded stakes winners for the likes of Bobby Frankel and Bob Baffert, and in 2005, he recorded

the first pair of his 13 Breeders' Cup victories with Stevie Wonderboy and catch mount Artie Schiller. Gomez was in the saddle when Blame handed Zenyatta the only defeat of her career in a thrilling finish to the 2010 GI Breeders' Cup Classic. His final Breeders' Cup win came aboard future Hall of Famer Beholder in the 2012 GI Juvenile Fillies. A two-time Eclipse Award winner, Gomez won a record 76 stakes races in 2007 and was the leading North American jockey by earnings each year from 2006-2009.

Wertheimer et Frere's Goldikova won a total of 14 Group 1 or Grade I races during a magnificent career, her sensational turn of foot carrying her to a record three consecutive victories in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile (2008, 2009 at Santa Anita and 2010 at Churchill Downs). After leading into the final furlong of the 2011 Mile, she was forced to settle for a close third. Trained by Freddy Head and ridden exclusively by Olivier Peslier,



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IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS: JOSEPH MIGLIORE

by Carly Silver

Top New York jockey-turned-broadcaster Richard Migliore has sired a promising young horseman in his son, Joe. Currently a sales associate and partner representative for West Point Thoroughbreds, Joe is making his own way to the winner's circle.

A Long Island native, 26-year-old Joe caught the racing bug as a child.

"I think, from a pretty early age, I just fell in love with racing," he said. "I have memories as early as just a couple years old of being on the backstretch. I really did idolize my father's riding career, and was truly just his biggest fan."



Joe Migliore | West Point Thoroughbreds photo

Joe said he dreamed of following in his dad's footsteps, but his height--he now stands 6'2"--rendered that moot. Still, Richard taught his son a ton about the game and how to conduct himself.

"He's always been very encouraging about me getting into the industry," Migliore shared. "He's always kind of served as a guide for the right path to take."

Migliore said he fondly remembers the 2000 Kentucky Derby, in which his dad rode eventual fifth-place finisher Wheelaway.

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“Wheelaway actually hit the front turning for home and it was exciting for a brief second before Fusaichi Pegasus ended up running right by him,” he said.

During the summers at Saratoga, a teenage Migliore walked hots for trainers John Kimmel and Mike Hushion. In 2013, Migliore graduated from the University of Delaware with a degree in business management. As his next step, Migliore chose to get hands-on experience at the 2014 Irish National Stud breeding course.

“It was a tremendous experience,” Migliore noted. “I really learned a lot from the program there and in particular from a real visionary like [former INS CEO] John Osborne. And I think it really set me up for success over the next couple of years. You work hands-on in all facets of a stud farm, from foaling to stallions to yearlings. It was a great experience. I loved meeting a lot of young, like-minded people there and I think it gave me a strong grounding in some sense of European pedigrees and European bloodstock. I really do have a huge interest in the bloodstock aspect of the game and it just served as the perfect course for me.”

After completing the course at the INS, Migliore worked a full breeding season as a stud hand at Arrowfield Stud in Australia. There, he assisted with superstar stallions Redoute's Choice and Snitzel and did some yearling prep for the Gold Coast sale, which he said was an exercise in learning about bloodstock and discipline.

“A world-class stud farm like Arrowfield was a special place to be able to work,” Migliore reflected. “I had seen that West Point



Richard Migliore at a recent freelance announcing appearance at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic sale | Fasig-Tipton photo

he said he's absolutely loving the ride.

“I love my job with West Point right now,” he said. “I love the team of people I'm working with. [West Point president and CEO] Terry Finley has created such an amazing company with a 25-year history of bringing people to the track as racehorse owners for a fraction of the cost.”

was [running] ads in the *TDN* and a few other places for an opening as a sales associate and I applied there. I was starting to get a little homesick.”

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As a sales associate, Migliore represents about 100 to 125 out of the group's total of approximately 400 to 500 partners.

“For me, I love to be able to promote the game or promote ownership,” the Stamford, Connecticut resident explained. “I've kind of come full circle from my journeys abroad,” he said.

Whether traveling for big races or talking to a trainer, the “guy on the ground” keeps his clients up to date with their horses by sending clients up-to-the-minute photos, videos, and trainer feedback. When the time is right, he will also present new offerings. Spring is a particularly busy time, as it's 2-year-old syndication season, and Migliore readily admitted that he spends the majority of his day fielding phone calls. He is also involved with the Young Professionals Initiative, which is aimed at bringing in clients ages 40 and younger by offering less expensive options this summer.

This spring has been quite the exciting time for West Point, which owns an interest in Kentucky Derby contender Always Dreaming (Bodemeister).

“I have a partner that I represent who has been going to the Kentucky Derby since 1976,” Migliore said. “He began by just going into the infield with the general public and I was able to sell him a share of Always Dreaming before the Florida Derby. “That feeling, to me, is the most rewarding part of my job.”

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50 to 60 horses who have found good homes in terms of their post-racing careers,” he said. “Aftercare is a hugely important aspect of our game and we take it very seriously.”

Migliore maintains a close connection

with his father and mentor.

“He's not just my father--he's also my closest friend,” Migliore concluded. “While we may not work in the same line of work in jobs, he absolutely knows what's going on in my world and myself in his. We have a very close relationship and we're always talking about racing.”

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MONDAY'S KENTUCKY DERBY UPDATE

• Janis Whitham's '**TDN Rising Star**' **McCraken** (Ghostzapper) drilled five furlongs in 1:00.60 over a fast track in company with stablemate

McCormick (Hard Spun) at Churchill Downs Monday morning.

McCraken started about six lengths back of his workmate--who was ultimately timed in 1:01 flat--and easily swept past going into the



McCraken works Monday morning
Coady photo

clubhouse turn. McCraken was credited with splits of :12 flat, :24.60, :36.40 and a gallop-out of 1:13 flat for six furlongs and 1:26 flat for seven furlongs [video]. With regular rider Brian Hernandez, Jr. aboard, McCraken trained during the special 8:30 a.m. window of time allotted to Derby and GI Kentucky Oaks contenders.

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Trainer Ian Wilkes concurred, noting, “It was a good, solid work and he galloped out strong. [The gallop out] shows he had something left in the tank.”

Wilkes added that he plans to give McCracken one more work at a distance and date yet to be determined.

- Trainer Steve Asmussen sent out the pair of GIII Sunland Derby winner **Hence** (Street Boss) and GII Twinspires.com Louisiana Derby third **Local Hero** (Hard Spun) to work five furlongs in 1:00 flat beneath the Twin Spires. Timed in splits of :12.20, 23.80, :35.60 and :47.80 with a seven-furlong gallop-out of 1:26.60, the pair remained side-by-side for virtually the entire move [video]. Hence is assured a spot in the starting gate, while Local Hero is on the outside looking in, currently situated behind 23 runners whose connections have stated their intent to compete.

“Hence and Local Hero put in a great work this morning,” Asmussen said. “I’m very comfortable with both horses being here at Churchill. I think the time they spent last year here shows.”

Earlier in the morning, Asmussen-trained **Untrapped** (Trappe Shot) breezed five panels in 1:01.60 [video], while **Lookin at Lee** (Lookin At Lucky) covered four furlongs in :51.20 [video] in their first moves since finishing sixth and third, respectively, in the GI Arkansas Derby Apr. 15. Untrapped is 20th among expected runners in the Kentucky Derby points standings, while Lookin At Lee would need one defection to meet the starter.

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- The Mark Casse-trained pair of John Oxley’s **Classic Empire** (Pioneerof the Nile) and Conrad Farms’ **State of Honor** (To Honor and Serve) each galloped at 6 a.m. at Churchill Monday morning.

“Both horses continue to do well,” assistant trainer Norm Casse said. “Classic Empire did a little more serious gallop today and looks great following the Arkansas Derby.”

- Brad Grady’s **Girvin** (Tale of Ekati), winner of the Feb. 25 GII Risen Star S. and Apr. 1 GII Twinspires.com Louisiana Derby, jogged twice around the main track at Keeneland Monday while accompanied by trainer Joe Sharp on a lead pony. Although Girvin has not posted a workout since Apr. 15, Sharp said that he will opt to give the colt one final tune-up for the Run for the Roses Friday.

“We just decided we are probably going to work him Friday,” Sharp said. “Just one solid, stiff work going into the Derby instead of trying to squeeze two half-mile [workouts] in him. Probably five-eighths or three-quarters, eight days out from the Derby.”

- Reddam Racing’s **Irap** (Tiznow) galloped three times around Keeneland’s five-furlong all-weather track in his return to training after working a mile in 1:44 flat Friday. Winner of the GII Toyota Blue Grass S. Apr. 8, the bay is scheduled to work again Friday and ship to Churchill Downs Apr. 29 or 30.

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Rank	Name	FYr	Loc	2014 Fee	Ring	Sold	Avg	Median
1	Tapit	F06	KY	\$150,000	7	5	\$587,000	\$550,000
2	War Front	F08	KY	\$150,000	2	2	\$512,500	\$512,500
3	Medaglia d'Oro	F06	KY	\$100,000	7	6	\$500,833	\$437,500
4	Arch	F00	KY	\$40,000	4	3	\$493,620	\$350,000
5	Congrats	F08	KY	\$35,000	6	5	\$478,000	\$150,000
6	Bernardini	F08	KY	\$100,000	6	6	\$475,471	\$279,915
7	Ghostzapper	F07	KY	\$50,000	5	3	\$453,333	\$460,000
8	Orb	F15	KY	\$25,000	10	8	\$420,000	\$290,000
9	Point of Entry	F15	KY	\$25,000	5	4	\$397,384	\$362,268
10	Pioneerof the Nile	F11	KY	\$20,000	11	9	\$391,666	\$350,000
11	Curlin	F10	KY	\$25,000	8	8	\$388,125	\$310,000
12	City Zip	F03	KY	\$25,000	4	2	\$382,500	\$382,500
13	Scat Daddy	F09	KY	\$30,000	18	14	\$380,245	\$285,055
14	Union Rags	F14	KY	\$35,000	15	10	\$362,800	\$217,500
15	Uncle Mo	F13	KY	\$27,500	13	11	\$335,603	\$175,000

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by cumulative average price for stallions standing in North America

1	Orb	F15	KY	\$25,000	10	8	\$420,000	\$290,000
2	Point of Entry	F15	KY	\$25,000	5	4	\$397,384	\$362,268
3	Animal Kingdom	F15	KY	\$35,000	8	6	\$219,859	\$152,500
4	Justin Phillip	F15	KY	\$12,500	4	4	\$193,750	\$220,000
5	Violence	F15	KY	\$15,000	16	11	\$167,750	\$100,000
6	Paynter	F15	KY	\$25,000	6	5	\$159,600	\$95,000
7	Shanghai Bobby	F15	KY	\$20,000	13	8	\$157,783	\$117,500
8	Jimmy Creed	F15	KY	\$12,500	7	5	\$123,493	\$60,000
9	Flat Out	F15	KY	\$10,000	8	6	\$122,000	\$78,500
10	Overanalyze	F15	KY	\$10,000	6	5	\$118,000	\$110,000

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NY COMMISSION TWEAKS 7 DRUG

THRESHOLDS *by T.D. Thornton*

By unanimous voice vote, the New York State Gaming Commission (NYSGC) tweaked and augmented threshold levels for seven therapeutic Thoroughbred medications at the board's Apr. 24 monthly meeting.

According to a brief written by NYSGC general counsel Edmund Burns that was included in the informational packet for Monday's meeting, the proposal will "conform Commission rules on thresholds for controlled therapeutic medications to national model rule amendments recently made by the Association of Racing Commissioners International, Inc. (ARCI)."

Burns explained that the ARCI has modified the model rule thresholds for three drugs (detomidine, omeprazole and xylazine) based on new research. The ARCI also added to the list of thresholds amounts for another four "routine therapeutic medications," three of which are antihistamines (cetirizine, cimetidine, and ranitidine) and one of which is a muscle relaxant used in anesthetic protocols (guaifensin).

The modified threshold levels pertain to:

- Detomidine: Changed to "2 ng/ml" of any metabolite of detomidine in urine (from "1 ng/ml" in urine), and to "1 ng/ml" of detomidine in plasma (from "any" in plasma).
- Omeprazole: Changed to "10 ng/ml" of omeprazole sulfide "in plasma" (from "1 ng/ml in urine").
- Xylazine: Changed to "200 pg/ml in plasma" (from "10 pg/ml of total xylazine and its metabolites in plasma").

The newly added threshold amounts are:

- Cetirizine: 6 ng/ml in plasma.
- Cimetidine: 400 ng/ml in plasma.
- Guaifenesin: 12 ng/ml in plasma.
- Ranitidine: 40 ng/ml in plasma.

"The amended and newly proposed thresholds are consistent with New York's existing restricted time periods," Burns wrote. "Trainers who comply with such restricted time periods will be assured of not violating such thresholds."

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NEW YORK

Monday's Results:

5th-FL, \$23,000, (S), Msw, 4-24, 3yo, f, 4 1/2f, :52.57, ft.

+CLARA'S GONE WEST (f, 3, Roaring Fever--Breakers West, by Rodeo), dismissed at over 10-1 in this debut off of an unassuming local worktab, was away sharply and led through a :23 flat quarter. Edging away around the turn, the chestnut spurted well clear by the eighth pole and romped home 7 1/4 lengths to the good of 9-10 favorite Slow D (Mineshaft), the only other firster in the race. The victress is a full-sister to Breakin the Fever, MSW, \$458,081. Her dam foaled a colt by Hold Me Back Apr. 11. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$13,800. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#)

O/B/T-Debra A. Breed (NY).

KENTUCKY

CKRH Begins New Program for Youth with Disabilities:

Central Kentucky Riding for Hope (CKRH) and Easter Seals Cardinal Hill will join forces to offer the first ever Bluegrass HorseAbility, a summer day program aimed at providing fun and educational opportunities for children with special needs, it was announced Monday. The nine-week program will be held June 5 to Aug. 4 at CKRH, the center providing equine-assisted therapies and activities located at the Kentucky Horse Park. Children attending Bluegrass HorseAbility will participate in therapeutic riding, horse games and grooming. Additionally, non-horse related activities will include arts & crafts, water games, gardening, music and literacy building.

"For many years, CKRH has wanted to provide the community with a full-time summer program," said Denise Spittler, CKRH Programs Director. "The staff at Easter Seals Cardinal Hill share this passion, and, by combining resources, we are all excited to see our dream become a reality."

For more information, contact Spittler at denise@ckrh.org.

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For the second year, Churchill Downs and Fund for the Arts will launch Derby week with a celebration of local arts and live racing at Opening Night presented by Stella Artois and Old Forester, it was announced Monday. More than 150 local artists will participate in more than 20 live performances throughout the track and on Churchill Downs' Big Board including the region's favorite artists and performers in music, dance, fashion, visual arts, among others.

First post for the Opening Night card is 6 p.m., with 11 races scheduled. For more details about the event, and to purchase tickets, please visit the Churchill Downs [website](#).

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CANADA

Sunday Night's Results:

SWIFT THOROUGHBREDS INAUGURAL S., (NB) C\$50,000, HST, 4-23, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16.38, sy.

1--**DISTINCTIV PASSION, 119, h, 7, With Distinction--Dance Forthe Green, by West by West.** (\$17,500 Ylg '11 OBSWIN; \$65,000 Ylg '11 OBSAUG). O-Peter Redekop B. C., Ltd.; B-Harold J. Plumley (FL); T-Philip Hall; J-Enrique Alonzo Gonzalez. C\$27,500. Lifetime Record: MGSW & GISP, 26-11-2-4, \$564,630.

2--**Venetian Mask, 115, g, 6, Pulpit--Molto Vita, by Carson City.** (\$105,000 RNA Ylg '12 KEESEP). O-George Morgan; B-John D. Gunther (KY); T-Mike Anderson. C\$10,000.

3--**Modern, 119, g, 7, Tiznow--Interior Design, by A.P. Indy.** O-Swift Thoroughbreds, Inc.; B-Darley (KY); T-Dino K. Condilenios. C\$5,000.

Margins: 1, 3/4, NK. Odds: 1.00, 31.20, 5.05.

Also Ran: Kristofferson, Don't Hold Me Back, Square Dancer, Shooting Jacket, Calgary Caper, Opportunistic, Crazy Prophet, Blue Dancer. Scratched: Crackdown.

Distinctiv Passion, victor of the GIII Midnight Lute S. and GIII Los Angeles S. over a five-month period in 2014-15, went winless in his next six starts after the latter score before getting back on track with a wire-to-wire tally when in for a \$50,000 tag Feb. 26 at Santa Anita. Dangled for \$62,500 next out, the dark bay triumphed again and was claimed by these connections. Off as the clear choice in this sloppy-track Canadian debut, Distinctiv Passion was first out of the blocks and was hustled away to quickly take command. Clearly showing the way through fractions of :21.75 and :44.60, the favorite never relinquished the lead in the stretch, holding off the late bid of longshot Venetian Mask. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

WESTERN U.S.

Sunday Night's Results:

7th-EMD, \$21,900, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 4-23, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:02.53, wf.

INVESTED PROSPECT (f, 4, Abraaj--No Constraints {MSW}, by Katowice) won three in a row on this oval to start her career, including the state-bred Northwest Farms S. and open Seattle S. Backing up to finish last of eight after contesting a sizzling pace going two turns in the Irish Day S. May 29, the bay bounced back in a local allowance July 9 and captured a pair of optional claimers Aug. 28 at Golden Gate and Sept. 25 at Oak Tree Pleasanton. Off with all the money on at 9-10 in this 4-year-old debut, Invested Prospect broke on top and soon went clear through a :21.71 quarter. Widening her lead to a half-dozen passing a :44.09 half, the chalk never faced an anxious moment in the stretch, hitting the wire five lengths to the good of her stakes-placed half-sister Citizen Kitty (Proud Citizen). Their dam is responsible for a juvenile Haynesfield gelding named I'm an Eight and she foaled a Proud Citizen colt last spring before returning to Abraaj. Sales History: \$25,000 Ylg '14 WASSEP. Lifetime Record: MSW, 8-7-0-0, \$119,975. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#)

O-John & Janene Maryanski & Riverbend Farm; B-Dunn Bar Ranch LLC (WA); T-Blaine D. Wright.

INDUSTRY INFO

Equestricon Launches "Three for Three" Promo to Benefit TAA:

With the GI Kentucky Derby, GI Preakness S. and GI Belmont S. on the horizon, a special "Three for Three" will be held by Equestricon to benefit the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA), it was announced Monday. For every ticket purchased for Equestricon--the first international racing convention, fan festival and trade show--between the start of Kentucky Derby week (May 1) and the Belmont S. (June 10), organizers will donate \$3 directly to the TAA, which is the "Official Charity Partner" of the historic convention.

The General Session for Equestricon 2017 will take place Monday, Aug. 14 through Tuesday, Aug. 15, at the Saratoga Springs City Center. Last month, Equestricon announced that as part of a program featuring nearly 50 panels, workshops, seminars and other events, a series of discussions presented by TAA would highlight the importance of aftercare at the convention.

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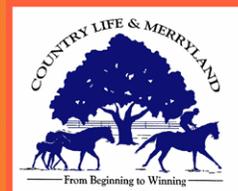
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IN SOUTH KOREA:

Hwagang, c, 3, **Algorithms**--Provisions (SW, \$144,945), by Devil's Bag. Seoul, 4-23, Hcp. (\$53k), 1300m. B-CFP Thoroughbreds LLC (KY). *Won by 2 1/2 lengths as the 4-5 favorite. **1/2 to Jack Sullivan (Belong to Me), MGSW-UAE, SW & MGSP-Eng, \$1,130,353. ***\$7,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$30,000 2yo '16 FTMMAY.

Places To Go, c, 3, **More Than Ready**--Pola's Place (SW, \$150,550), by Out of Place. Seoul, 4-22, Hcp. (\$66k), 1800m. B-John O'Meara, Charlie Goldberg, Richard Rosee & More Than Ready Syndicate (KY). *\$15,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$25,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR.

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New Citadel, c, 3, **With Distinction**--Ree Ensign, by Proud and True. Seoul, 4-23, Hcp. (\$79k), 1800m. B-Jodi Anderson (FL). *Won by six lengths under joint top weight of 127 pounds. **1/2 to Don'tcallmecharley (Bwana Charlie), SP, \$210,896. ***\$9,000 Ylg '15 OBSAUG; \$25,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR. **VIDEO**

Doraonpogyongseon, c, 4, **Kantharos**--Smartybegone, by Smarty Jones. Busan, 4-23, Hcp. (\$97k), 1400m. B-GoldMark Farm LLC (FL). *\$14,000 Ylg '14 OBSAUG; \$50,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR. **VIDEO**

Choegang Schiller, g, 6, **Artie Schiller**--Changeable, by Miswaki. Seoul, 4-23, Hcp. (\$97k), 1200m. B-Runnymede Farm Inc. & The Peter J. Callahan Rev. Trust Dated 2-28-02 (KY). *1/2 to Savvy Hester (Heatseeker {Ire}), SW, \$290,219. **\$3,000 RNA Wlg '11 KEENOV; \$25,000 Ylg '12 FTKOCT. **VIDEO**

IN PERU:

Birdie Gold, f, 3, **Birdstone**--Gold Revenue, by Touch Gold. Monterrico, 4-23, Cond., 1600m, 1:40.65. B-Teneri Farm Inc & Bernardo Alvarez Calderon (KY). *\$22,000 RNA Ylg '15 FTKJUL. **VIDEO**

IN JAPAN:

Panther Barows, c, 3, **Hard Spun**--Grandma Martha, by Gone West. Kyoto, 4-22, Alw, 7f. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$70,909 O-Hirotsugu Inokuma; B-WinStar Farm LLC; T-Katsuhiko Sumii. *\$135,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$300,000 2yo '16 FTFMAR. **VIDEO**

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Rag Princess, f, 3, **Union Rags**--Exogenetic, by Unbridled's Song. Tokyo, 4-22, Alw, 7f. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$57,273. O-Kazuko Yoshida; B-Northwest Farms LLC; T-Takashi Kanari. *\$430,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. **1/2 to Elusive Horizon (Elusive Quality) MSW, \$241,715; Super Ninety Nine (Pulpit) GSW & GISP \$378,260. **VIDEO**

IN IRELAND:

So You Thought, c, 3, **So You Think (NZ)**. See "Ireland."

AMERICAN-SIRED WINNER:

+Cyan (Jpn), f, 3, **Smart Strike**--Kathmanblu (MGSW & GISP, \$584,327), by Bluegrass Cat. Kyoto, 4-23, Alw, 6fT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$45,455. O-Teruya Yoshida; B-Shadai Farm; T-Teichi Konno. *\$600,000 in utero '13 FTKNOV. **Returned 140-1 to win. **VIDEO**

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3-IND, Msw 1m, R Lady Hansen, \$140K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1

MACLEAN'S MUSIC (Distorted Humor), Hill 'N' Dale Farms, \$6.5K, 148/29/4 9-WRD, \$55K Will Rogers H., 1m, Hunter's Humor, \$10K HER OCT yrl, 5-2

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-PRX, \$54,750, (NW3X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 4-24, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:44.63, ft.

FLATTER ME ZANJA (m, 5, Flatter--Zanja, by Strawberry Road {Aus}) Lifetime Record: 28-7-7-6, \$234,250. O-Edward Lehman, Dun Roamin Farm, Inc. & Wire To Wire Stables; B-Frank Penn, Jr. & Jerrold Schwartz (KY); T-Edward Lehman. *\$45,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP; \$75,000 RNA 2yo '14 OBSAPR; \$33,000 2yo '14 OBSOPN.

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3rd-WRD, \$31,350, 4-24, (NW26MX), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:41.49, ft.

CHAPARELLA (f, 4, Service Stripe--Donna D {SP, \$100,344}, by Dixie Union) Lifetime Record: MSP, 11-4-4-2, \$157,371. O-Twisted Chaps Racing Stables LLC; B-Rusty Roberts (OK); T-Roger F. Engel. *\$10,000 Ylg '14 HERDEC.

5th-WRD, \$22,990, 4-24, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.05, ft.

MATT UP (g, 5, Lucky Lionel--Reminicing Rose, by Zeke's Rib) Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$34,486. O/B-Mike Mobley (OK); T-Carlos A Padilla.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Archvillain, c, 3, Archrarch--Wild Forest Cat (GSP), by D'wildcat. PRX, 4-24, 6 1/2f, 1:18.55. B-Lakland Farm (KY). *\$100,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$335,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR. **Full to Toews On Ice, GSW & GISP, \$381,940.

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Grassmiss, f, 3, Bluegrass Cat--Dehere Miss, by Dehere. FL, 4-24, (S), 4 1/2f, :52.86. B-My Purple Haze Stables, LLC (NY).

E Takes the Lead, g, 3, E Dubai--Lead Time, by Gilded Time. PRX, 4-24, (S), 7f, 1:25.82. B-Horseshoe Valley Equine Center, LLC. & Treasure Stables (PA).

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LOVE MATCH, 17, Partner's Hero--For Love Alone, by L'Enjoleur Foal born Feb. 25, a colt by Bodemeister. Will be bred back to Palace Malice. Owned by Hare Forest Farm. Boarded at Hidden Brook Farm. Accomplishments: GSW, \$188,966.

MAYAN MILAGRA, 14, Menifee--Dhaka, by Icecapade Foal born Mar. 1, a colt by Constituion. Will be bred back to Frosted. Owned by and boarded at Woodford Thoroughbreds. Accomplishments: Dam of Dancinginherdreams (Tapit), GSW, \$328,516; Doubled (Exchange Rate), SW, \$159,455; Good Pick Nick (Tapit), GSP.

THE WEEKLY WRAP FOR APR. 25



Jessica Harrington, Torcedor and Colm O'Donoghue | *Racing Post*

By Emma Berry

The good start to the season of **Fastnet Rock (Aus)** (Danehill) was remarked upon in a recent Weekly Wrap, and his latest stakes success comes at the hands of a trainer who is bouncing right out of one season and straight into another in equally terrific form. Jessica Harrington is most certainly better known for her success with jumpers but has already proved to be a dab hand with Flat horses, too, with Pathfork (Distorted Humor) and Curtain Call (Fr) (Sadler's Wells) just two notable graduates of her Commonstown Stables. Fresh from winning the Cheltenham Gold Cup with Sizing John (GB) (Midnight Legend {GB})—one of three winners for the trainer at the Cheltenham Festival—and the Irish Grand National with Our Duke (Ire) (Oscar {Ire}) on Easter Monday, she saddled a stakes double on the level at Navan on Sunday.

The first to strike, in the Listed Coolmore Stud Power S., was **Khukri (Ire)**, a member of the first Northern Hemisphere crop of Sepoy (Aus), who has enjoyed a good week as the sire of G3 Dubai Duty Free Fred Darling S. winner Dabyah (GB)—a likely starter in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches—and also the G3 Nell Gwyn S. runner-up Unforgettable Filly (GB), who will now take her chance in the QIPCO 1,000 Guineas back at Newmarket.

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PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

by Andrew Caulfield



A fascinating aspect of the shuttle stallion concept is that horses are often perceived quite differently in the two hemispheres. For example, this year's Coolmore reverse shuttlers include Pride of Dubai (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}), who is priced at €15,000 in Ireland and A\$44,000 in Australia; and Vancouver (Aus) (Medaglia d'Oro), who is available at \$15,000 at Ashford Stud, compared to A\$49,500 in his native Australia.

It's a similar story with the Darley stallions. Brazen Beau (Aus) (I Am Invincible {Aus}) can be accessed for £10,000 in his second season at Dalham Hall, but it will cost Australian breeders A\$44,000 to use him later this year. Another leading Australian sprinter, Epaulette (Aus) (Commands {Aus}), is standing at only €7,000 at Kildangan Stud, whereas his fee at Kelvinside will be A\$22,000.

Modest pricing is usually a strategy to persuade breeders to take a chance on the comparatively unknown. For example, those highly accomplished dirt horses Street Cry, Bernardini and Uncle Mo were available in their second Australian seasons for fees of \$16,500, \$38,500 and \$16,500, respectively, compared to \$30,000, \$100,000 and \$35,000 in their corresponding American season.

Clearly this isn't a new phenomenon, and attractive pricing was employed when Darley introduced two new Australian horses to Europe in 2013. Helmet (Aus) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) started out at €10,000 at Kildangan, despite having been priced at A\$33,000 a few months earlier in Australia. Similarly, Sepoy (Aus) (Elusive Quality) made his Dalham Hall debut at only £15,000, whereas he had covered 127 mares at the considerably higher fee of A\$66,000 in 2012 in Australia.

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OBS APRIL SALE SET TO BEGIN

TDN Editor in Chief Jessica Martini previews the OBS April Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training which kicks off a 4-day run in Ocala, Florida, Tuesday. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

The Weekly Wrap cont.

While Harrington expressed surprise at Khukri's six-furlong victory on her seasonal resumption, admitting that she doesn't have many sprinters in her yard, a horse who is perhaps more familiar in his aptitude is Fastnet Rock's progressive son **Torcedor (Ire)**, winner of the G3 Coolmore Vintage Crop S. As the conqueror of reigning champion stayer and last year's G1 Ascot Gold Cup winner **Order Of St George (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), the 5-year-old has every right to be considered for this year's Royal Ascot meeting, and not just on his performance. You could say that Torcedor has the Gold Cup in his blood. His dam, Magnolia Lane (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), didn't distinguish herself on the racecourse but as a sister to multiple champion stayer Yeats (Ire), whose exploits at Ascot were so great that he is now immortalised in bronze in the parade ring at the course, she was an obvious broodmare prospect for the Nagle family to persist with and she is certainly now rewarding the team at Barronstown Stud.

Torcedor, who was bought as a yearling for €70,000 at the Arqana August Sale, passed from the hands of one set of good breeders to another as, having been bought by David Ellis of New Zealand's famous Te Akau Stud, he runs under the Te Akau Racing banner for co-owners Sir Patrick Hogan, Sir Peter Vela, Laurie Laxon and Canadian-based Mohammed Moussa.

Sir Peter Vela has long had connections in European racing and boards mares with Peter Stanley at New England Stud, with whom he co-bred the dual Group 1-winning sprinter Maarek (GB) (Pivotal {GB}). Torcedor sealed a good week 'up north' for the owner-breeder as he was also represented by the G3 Craven S. winner **Eminent (Ire)** (Frankel {GB}), who carried Vela's Pencarrow Stud colours to glory on the Rowley Mile and will return there for the 2,000 Guineas in 11 days' time. While Torcedor was bred by one Coolmore affiliate in David Nagle, Eminent is a product of Richard and Roisin Henry's Premier Bloodstock and, as a great grandson of the blue hen Jude (GB) (Sadler's Wells), represents a dynasty that has served Coolmore's advertising suprema very well indeed.

Reasons To Excelebrate...

Another horse to have put a smile on the faces of the Coolmore advertising team is **Barney Roy (GB)**, the very taking winner of the G3 Greenham S. on Saturday and a member of the first crop of **Excelebration (Ire)**. The unbeaten colt, who was bought by Godolphin following his maiden victory last year and has now put himself firmly in the 2,000 Guineas spotlight, is another major winner of last week with Southern Hemisphere connections as he was bred by the Australian-based Eliza Park International.



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His dam Alina (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) was bought by the operation, which is now known as Sun Stud, for 65,000gns at Tattersalls in December 2013 when carrying Barney Roy.

During his racing career, Excelebration chased Frankel home on five occasions, but he got the upper hand on Saturday when his son came with a strong late run to defeat fellow Godolphin challenger, the Frankel colt **Dream Castle (GB)**.

A Most Gracious Victory...

The last filly to break her maiden at Newbury's Greenham meeting and go on to win the Oaks was Dancing Rain (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) in 2011. While it is perhaps too soon to draw such comparisons, the easy winner of that same maiden this year, **Gracious Diana (GB)** (Foxwedge {Aus}), will certainly have gone into many notebooks.

Dancing Rain, who also had just one start as a 2-year-old, returned to Newbury for the Listed Fillies' Trial--run in the name of her breeder Swettenham Stud-- in which she was beaten by Izzi Top (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), only to reverse that form with an all-the-way romp at Epsom. It seems that John Gosden will be steering the same course with Gracious Diana, who is a half-sister to the globetrotting stayer Dandino (GB) (Dansili {GB}) and was bred by Mary Ignarski from Generous Diana (GB), a daughter of Derby winner Generous (Ire).

Mary's daughter Sophie says, "We put Generous Diana in foal to Foxwedge based on a visit to Newgate Farm in 2012 when I did the Darley Flying Start course--one of life's funny circles." That it may be--and let's hope it's one that leads to that most famous winner's circle at Epsom.

That's Myboy...

While much of the top-class action was centred on Newmarket and Newbury last week, some potential Classic jewels twinkled under the French sun, not least **Sistercharlie (Ire)** (Myboycharlie {Ire}), who posted her third victory in just four starts when winning the G3 Prix Penelope for Henri-Alex Pantall.

Like Barney Roy, she is yet another stakes winner from a Galileo mare--in this case Starlet's Sister (Ire)--and she was bred by Ecurie des Monceaux, who also co-owned the third home, **Rythmique (Ire)** (Casamento {Ire}). But plenty of credit must be given to her sire, the Haras du Mezeray resident **Myboycharlie**, who never quite receives the recognition he deserves. Now 12, the Group 1-winning son of Danetime (Ire) stood two seasons in Britain before being moved to France, with his peak fees being £5,500 in his former home at the National Stud and €6,500 at Mezeray, where his fee for this season has been dropped to €4,500. **Cont. p4**

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He ended last year as the leading sire of 2-year-olds in France, with Group 1 runner-up Camprock (Fr) and Group 3 winner Cheikeljack (Fr) as his flagbearers for the season. His shuttling stints to Australia have resulted in one of the best fillies in training in that country, the G1 VRC Oaks and G1 Caulfield Cup winner Jameka (Aus), as well as G1 Sires' Produce S. victrix Peggy Jean (Aus). Euro Charline (GB) has also advertised his worth on the world stage with her win in the GI Beverley D S. and runner-up finishes in the G1 Lockinge S. and Dubai Turf. Admittedly, his fillies have fared better than his colts at the highest level, but when one considers that at the end of last year Camprock was sold for €850,000 and Euro Charline for 750,000gns, Myboycharlie is surely one of the best-value stallions in Europe.

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Pedigree Insights cont. from p1

These fees reflected the difference in how Sepoy was regarded in the different hemispheres. In Australia the chestnut son of Elusive Quality had compiled a top-notch record of 10 wins from 12 starts, including the G1 Blue Diamond S. and the G1 Golden Slipper as a juvenile. He had also started his 3-year-old season with five consecutive victories, headed by the G1 Manikato S. and G1 Coolmore Stud S.

DABYAH (IRE), f, 2014
Lifetime Record: 4-3-1-0.

Sepoy (Aus)	Elusive Quality	Gone West	Mr. Prospector	
		Touch of Greatness	Secrettame	
	Watchful (Aus)	Danehill	Hero's Honor	
		Canny Miss (Aus)	Ivory Wand	
Samdaniya (GB) 9-1-0-0, \$4,828 7Fls, 2Wnrs, 1GSW	Machiavellian	Mr. Prospector	Danzig	
		Coup de Folie	Razyana	
	Cloud Castle (GB) GSW & G1SP-Eng, G1SP-Fr 15Fls, 10Wnrs, 1GSW/1SW	In the Wings (GB)	Marscay (Aus)	Jesmond Lass
		Lucayan Princess 11Fls, 6 Wnrs, 4F3SWs	Raise a Native	Gold Digger
			Halo	Raise the Standard
			Sadler's Wells	High Hawk
			High Line (GB)	Gay France

He also had the bloodlines to appeal to the speed-obsessed Australian industry. His sire Elusive Quality had set record figures of 1:20.17 for seven furlongs on dirt at Gulfstream Park and 1:31.63 for a mile on turf at Belmont Park. Also, the bottom half of Sepoy's pedigree could hardly have been more fashionable.

His dam, the Danehill mare Watchful (Aus), is a sister to Camarena (NZ), winner of the G1 Queensland Derby. When Camarena visited Sepoy's sire she produced the G1 two-year-old winner Camarilla (Aus), who was to hit the headlines in 2013 as the dam of Guelph (Aus). This filly (inbred 2 x 3 to Danehill) collected a pair of G1 successes as a 2-year-old and another pair at three. To top it off, Sepoy's second dam Canny Miss (Aus) (Marscay {Aus}) was a three-parts-sister to the champion 2-year-old Canny Lad (Aus) (Bletchingly {Aus}) and to the multiple G1 winner Canny Lass (Aus) (Bletchingly {Aus}).



Sepoy | Darley photo

Of course, Sepoy's Australian pedigree was much less familiar to European breeders, who were also inclined to judge him primarily on his very disappointing efforts in the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen and the G1 July Cup on his only appearances in the northern hemisphere. The Darley team did its best to educate the Europeans, reminding them that Sepoy had been rated the best Australian juvenile for 35 years before developing into the "world champion 3-year-old sprinter." Consequently, Sepoy has covered over 100 mares in each of his first four years at Dalham Hall.

The remarkable development is that both Sepoy and Helmet are showing greater promise in Europe than with their more expensively produced Australian foals, which began their racing careers before their European siblings. Helmet's finest achievement so far is his high-class Irish-bred son Thunder Snow (Ire), who has enjoyed Group 1 success in France and Group 2 success on dirt in the UAE Derby.

Sepoy, for his part, is still awaiting his first Australian stakes winner, even though his progeny originally sold very well. Fortunately, the picture is much brighter in the northern hemisphere. [Cont. p5](#)

Pedigree Insights cont.

From a first crop numbering 84, he has already sired four stakes winners and his progeny were in fine form last week. Two of his daughters ran well in Britain's main trials for the 1000 Guineas. Firstly, Unforgettable Filly (GB) finished a 3/4-length second to Daban in the G3 Nell Gwyn S. and then Dabayah (Ire) triumphed in a competitive edition of the G3 Dubai Duty Free (Fred Darling) S. Kilmah (GB), another of Sepoy's daughters, also contested the Nell Gwyn but didn't reproduce the form that had brought her victory in last year's G3 Prestige S.



Dabayah | *Racing Post*

As Sepoy's leading European winners also include Baileys Showgirl (Fr), a Group-placed Listed winner in France, I was beginning to wonder whether his daughters are superior to his sons but then Khukri (Ire) made his seasonal debut in the Coolmore Stud Power S., a Listed race at Navan two days ago. Up against several proven Group performers, Khukri improved markedly on his winning juvenile form to score in the style of a very useful sprinter. Sepoy has another potentially useful son in the Listed-placed Executive Force (GB).

With the Australian progeny of Sepoy and Helmet faring less well than their cheaper European counterparts, both have had their Australian fees substantially reduced. Helmet's fee was halved to A\$16,500 when he stood his fifth season last year, when his book fell below 100 for the first time, and it will remain at that level later this year. Sepoy's fall from grace has been even steeper. Having been in considerable demand at A\$66,000 in his first four seasons, when he covered a total of 560 mares, his fee was halved to \$33,000 in 2016 and it has now been halved again for the 2017 Australian season, putting him on the same price as Helmet.

Hopefully both have a future in Europe and Sepoy will always be popular if he continues to pass on his speed and precocity. He has so far proved a reliable source of speed. A good example is his son Phijee (GB), a dual two-year-old six-furlong winner out of a stoutly-bred Dalakhani (Ire) mare. The precocious Kilmah

has a dam by Act One (GB), a Group 1 winner over 1 5/16 miles, and Dabayah is out of Samdaniya, a 9.7-furlong winner from an excellent family noted more for stamina than speed.

Dabayah's second dam Cloud Castle was a half-sister to three big earners, all of whom shone over a mile and a half. The most successful were Warrsan (GB), a dual winner of both the Coronation Cup and Preis von Baden; and Luso (GB), a Group 1 winner in Italy, Germany and Hong Kong. Cloud Castle was good enough to finish fourth in both the 1000 Guineas and Oaks, after winning the G3 Nell Gwyn S., and she was also a fine second in the G1 Prix Vermeille over a mile and a half.

Samdaniya is the third daughter of Cloud Castle to have produced a Group winner, one of the others being the Group 3 winner Queen's Best (GB) (King's Best), who in turn is the dam of Queen's Trust (GB) (Dansili {GB}), winner of last year's GI Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf.

Dabayah's third dam Lucayan Princess is also the fourth dam of Avenir Certain (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}), winner of the G1 French 1000 Guineas and Oaks in 2014, so it wouldn't be a great surprise were Dabayah to run into a place in the 1000 Guineas.

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PALMER GOING FOR GOLD AGAIN

By Emma Berry



Galileo Gold at Kremlin Cottage Stables | *Emma Berry*

NEWMARKET, UK-- With the winners of the Irish Oaks and QIPCO 2,000 Guineas to his name, Hugo Palmer now boasts one of the biggest strings in Newmarket. Along with his success on the track, one of the hallmarks of the trainer's career has been his excellent PR skills, perhaps honed during his days working for Gai Waterhouse. Palmer's willingness to communicate freely was demonstrated by throwing open the doors of his Kremlin Cottage Stable to the media and parading around a dozen members of his team on Monday morning ahead of the start of the British Champions Series. [Cont. p6](#)

Hugo Palmer cont.

Last year's Guineas winner **Galileo Gold (GB)** (Paco Boy {Ire}) was saved until last and he will head straight to the G1 Lockinge S. on May 20, which is sponsored by his owner, Al Shaqab Racing. Raring to go and more forward in his coat than some of his stablemates, Galileo Gold showed off for the assembled cameras and attempted to take a few chunks out of his trainer's arm when Palmer was asked to pose with him. But, understandably, the stable star can be forgiven just about anything.

"It's just a privilege to have him still in training as a 4-year-old," said Palmer. "The 2,000 Guineas is one of the races you dream about winning. The fact that we were able to get such a dream run with Galileo Gold last year--I still pinch myself. Just everything was perfect in the run up to the Guineas and I count my lucky stars that it even happened. Those horses and those events are so incredibly rare--everything has to go right and it did."



Hugo Palmer | Emma Berry

Galileo Gold's Classic victory came on his first start of last season and was followed by a second in the Irish 2,000 Guineas to Awtaad (Ire) (Cape Cross (Ire) and a further Group 1 triumph in the St James's Palace S. A narrow defeat by The Gurkha (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the G1 Sussex S. led to two disappointing runs in the G1 Prix Jacques le Marois and G1 Queen Elizabeth II S., with Galileo Gold refusing to settle on both occasions. In hindsight, Palmer blames himself for a below-par end to the colt's season. "We ran him quickly three times at the start of last year and it was then quite a struggle to get him to Goodwood spot on," he admitted. "I will always have a tiny suspicion that he wasn't quite at his peak in the Sussex, but he wasn't beaten that far. I regret now taking him to France so hot on the heels of Goodwood.

The horse didn't really have time to relax and it buzzed him up for the rest of the year."

Assuming the role of matchmaker in addition to his training responsibilities, Palmer sent Galileo Gold to Newmarket's Rowley Mile for a racecourse gallop last Thursday in a bid to rekindle his relationship with regular jockey Frankie Dettori. "I think it's fair to say that when Frankie got off him at Ascot, having had two less than pleasurable runs with the horse, their relationship was a little bit on the rocks," Palmer explained.

"That was really the main purpose of Thursday's racecourse gallop--to remind Frankie what an engine this horse has and for them to fall back in love with each other again."

He continued, "The horse had a lovely break over the winter and has settled down an enormous amount. Through December and January when he came back into work he was leading the yearlings up Warren Hill and it was wonderful to see. He had to lead his lead horse the other day as the lead horse was playing up. He's just grown up and the look on Frankie's face--the hugging and kissing of the horse afterwards--you really felt like the magic was back between them. The horse seems to be in the right place but it's so important that Frankie knows it too, and that they believe in each other. The piece of work he did at the Rowley Mile couldn't have gone better last Thursday and now we have four nervous weeks to avoid standing on stones between now and Newbury."

Meanwhile, the trainer may well take aim at back-to-back wins in the first colts' Classic, as long as his contender this year, **Escobar (Ire)** (Famous Name {GB}), shows enough flair in his next piece of fast work. The Listed-winning 2-year-old--who has developed into an imposing individual--was another to undergo a racecourse gallop last week to see how he would cope with Newmarket's undulations. [Cont. p7](#)



Escobar | Emma Berry

Hugo Palmer cont.

"We didn't really learn a lot, other than the fact Frankie Dettori didn't feel very comfortable coming down the dip. He also had a much longer blow after the gallop than I thought he would have done," said Palmer. "Whether or not it was the dip, or whether or not he is ready, I don't know. The 2,000 Guineas is incredibly close. He has entries in the Derby, the French Derby [Prix du Jockey Club] and the French Guineas [Poule d'Essai des Poulains]."

"He has come out of his gallop well. Frankie wants to sit on him a good few more times before we can make a plan where we can go with him. It's not impossible that he can go to Newmarket, but he will have to handle the watered gallop considerably better than he did the Rowley Mile on Wednesday for us to go there." Even if Escobar swerves his Classic engagement at Newmarket, Palmer should be represented at his home track in the QIPCO 1,000 Guineas by **Unforgettable Filly (GB)** (Sepoy {Aus}), who was third in the G3 Oh So Sharp S. at the course in October and returned last week to finish less than a length behind Daban (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}) when second in the G3 Nell Gwyn S.

"Her work had been fantastic, but I was really worried she had so far to come in her coat that she might not be ready, which gives me hope she has got a lot of improvement to come," Palmer noted.

"James Doyle rode her, and will hopefully ride her in the 1,000 Guineas. He definitely felt that, even though her pedigree says she won't necessarily stay the extra furlong, she would improve for being run over a mile. She is very tough and loves fast ground and has come on a huge amount for her run, both in her coat and physically."

Palmer also reported that the Lael Stable-owned **Architecture (Ire)** (Zoffany {Ire}), runner-up in both the English and Irish Oaks last season, has met with a minor setback.

"She has a slight muscle problem at the moment. The irritating thing is that she is trotting sound but walking a bit stiff. We will give her a couple of weeks and see where we are with her. The priority will be to win at least a Listed race with her as she is only the winner of a maiden."

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FRENCH GUINEAS PLAN FOR CARAVAGGIO

Aidan O'Brien appears unlikely to ask **Caravaggio** (Scat Daddy) to take on stable-mate **Churchill (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) in the G1 QIPCO 2000 Guineas at Newmarket May 6 with the French version a week later the likeliest objective for last year's G2 Coventry S. winner. "At the moment everything is going according to plan [with Caravaggio] and the French Guineas is what we're looking at," O'Brien told *At The Races*. Caravaggio was four from four as a juvenile and capped his season with a win in the G1 Keeneland Phoenix S. at The Curragh in August, though he was prevented from adding to that tally in the G1 Juddmonte Middle Park S. due to a muscle strain which kept him off the track for the remainder of the season. He could be joined in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulaches at Deauville May 13 by stable-mate **Orderofthegarter (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) who has impressed in two starts this year having been runner up on both juvenile outings last season. "Orderofthegarter probably won't go to Newmarket. He could go to the French Guineas and the Irish Guineas, or something like that," O'Brien added. Despite some impressive trials over the last week from **Eminent (Ire)** (Frankel {GB}) and **Barney Roy (GB)** (Excelebration {Ire}), Ballydoyle's Churchill remains strong at the head of the market for the first Classic of the season and his trainer feels he is bang on target for the race. "He's fine and everything is going according to plan. It's basic enough really. He'll have his normal everyday canter and a couple of half-speeds. It's very straightforward."

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Caravaggio pictured at The Curragh last year | *Racing Post*

STACK EYEING FURTHER STAKES SUCCESS

When **Diamond Fields (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) won the G3 Gladness S. at Naas Apr. 9 it was a first and important 'black type' victory for the Mary Slack owned filly but also a maiden stakes win for her trainer Fozzy Stack, in his first year as the licensed trainer at the family's Thomastown Castle stables. Stack has his team in great order at the moment with seven winners on the board already and he is keen to keep up that momentum with Diamond Fields scheduled to take her chance in the G3 Athasi S. at Naas May 1. "I think we'll probably head for the Athasi with her if the ground is good," said Stack. "I know she'll have a penalty and will be taking on younger horses, but it looks the right race. She wouldn't want it much slower than what it was the last day [yielding]." Diamond Fields ran some fine races in defeat last season and getting her head in front in a stakes race was a major priority for the trainer at the beginning of the season. With that objective achieved so early there is no reason why the 4-year-old cannot now add to her tally. "It was great to get another win out of her. She'd run some great races last season, even in America, without winning. It will have hopefully given her confidence a boost and she quickened up very smartly to win."

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Diamond Fields getting the better of Alice Springs at Naas
Racing Post

REPLACEMENT LEVY TAKES EFFECT

British racing welcomes the introduction of a replacement betting levy which comes into effect as of today Apr. 25. In future all betting operators – whether they operate on or off-course, on or offline or on or offshore--will pay 10% of their profits from British customers to British racing. **Cont. p9**



Goldikova (Ire), pictured above winning the GI Breeders' Cup Mile in 2009 at Santa Anita with Olivier Peslier in the irons, is a 2017 inductee into the National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame. See TDN America for story. | Sarah Andrew

Replacement Levy cont.

The changes mean that the Levy will now capture online betting which is estimated to account for more than 50 per cent of all betting activity on the sport. It is a significant boost for the British racing and bloodstock industry as levy receipts will be targeted at growing the grassroots of British racing and will also support integrity, equine welfare, veterinary science and the mental and physical well-being of the sport's participants.

The BHA's chief executive Nick Rust sees the new Levy as a significant milestone for racing and commented, "Today is a very important day for British racing as the new Levy will make a significant contribution to securing the long term health and growth of our sport. While there remains much more to do in this regard, the levy replacement in itself is a huge achievement, and one that could not have been achieved without the determination and leadership demonstrated by Tracey Crouch MP and her team of dedicated officials at the Department for Culture, Media and Sport. Everyone in British racing owes thanks to her, and to the many supporters of our sport across and outside Westminster."

These sentiments were echoed by Philip Freedman, owner of Cliveden Stud and chairman of the Horsemen's Group. "This is fantastic for all involved in British racing and beyond any doubt a massive boost for our horsemen," he said. "The reformed Levy will improve owners' returns and investment, enhance breeders' confidence to invest in bloodstock, and improve prize money for trainers, jockeys and stable staff to help them sustain a living in the sport, following many years of downward pressure," Freedman added.

BRITAIN



Monday's Results:

5th-KEM, £5,000, Mdn, 4-24, 3yo/up, f/m, 8f (AWT), 1:38.04, st. +TIME CHASER (GB) (f, 3, Dubawi {Ire}--Passage of Time {GB} {G1SW-Fr, GSW & G1SP-Eng, GISP-US, \$651,668}, by Dansili {GB}), who traded as the 7-4 favourite, made a bright start with a fast break before being reined back to take a lead. Fourth on the home turn, the homebred bay was green when asked to take closer order in the straight but after some cajoling from James Doyle knuckled down for a couple of taps to gain the lead passing the furlong pole en route to a half-length success from Meccabah (Fr) (Makfi {GB}). Passage of Time, who first came to the fore when winning the 2006 G1 Criterion de Saint-Cloud and went on to finish third in the GI Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf, G1 Prix Vermeille and G1 Nassau S., has already produced this stable's four-times group winner and G1 Eclipse S. third

Time Test (GB) from a mating with Dubawi. Her full-brother Father Time (GB) captured the G2 King Edward VII S., while her half-sister Timepiece (GB) (Zamindar) managed to cause an upset in the G1 Falmouth S. The third dam Quandary (Blushing Groom {Fr}) is a half-sister to the G1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp heroine and G1 Epsom Oaks and G1 Juddmonte International runner-up All at Sea (Riverman), with her descendants featuring the European champion and four-times group 1 winner Twice Over (GB) (Observatory). Passage of Time's 2-year-old colt is also by Dubawi and he is named Perpetual (GB), while her yearling colt is by Kingman (GB). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,145.

O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-Roger Charlton.

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3rd-WDS, £4,500, Mdn, 4-24, 3yo/up, 10f 7yT, 2:07.19, g/f. WASATCH RANGE (GB) (c, 3, High Chaparral {Ire}--Pearl City {Ire}, by Zamindar), who was fourth over an extended 10-furlong trip at Doncaster at the start of the month, was sent off at 4-1 and raced towards the back of the field early. Gaining a head of steam late on, the 50,000gns TAOCT yearling met some trouble in running approaching the last half-furlong but his momentum was enough to take him past Janszoon (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) in the final yards for a short-head success. Precision (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), the half-brother to the 2012 G1 Prix Marcel Boussac runner-up Topaze Blanche (Ire) (Zamindar), broke slowly and made little impact to be 10th. The winner's dam is a half to the G1 Pretty Polly S. runner-up Beach Bunny (Ire), also by High Chaparral, who later produced the listed-winning and group-placed Naadirr (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}). The third dam Miss Tahiti (Ire) (Tirol {Ire}) captured the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac and was second in the G1 Prix de Diane and G1 Prix Saint-Alary and is the dam of the G1 1000 Guineas heroine Miss France (Ire) (Dansili {GB}). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$4,562. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Rachel Hood & Mrs P Shanahan; B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB); T-John Gosden.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Yogi's Girl (Ire), f, 2, Harbour Watch (Ire)--Ayr Missile (GB), by Cadeaux Genereux (GB). WDS, 4-24, 5f 10yT, 0:59.48. B-Newlands House Stud & Mrs A M Burns (IRE). *€8,000 Ylg '16 GOYHIT.



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IRELAND



JOHNNY ROE PASSES AWAY

Johnny Roe, a nine-time Irish champion jockey in the 1960's and 70's has died aged 79. Roe's career in Ireland included stints as stable jockey to Dermot Weld, Vincent O'Brien and John Oxx while he also rode with great success internationally in Hong Kong, America and Zimbabwe. Big race success for Roe included victories in the 1975 1000 Guineas at Newmarket and the Irish 1000 Guineas in 1964, while he also guided home Roberto in the 1971 National S. for Vincent O'Brien. In total, Johnny Roe rode over 2,500 winners in over 20 countries before retiring in 1980 when he embarked on a training career in Macau for five years. Roe was still a regular race-goer in recent years, especially at his local Leopardstown and he kept a close eye on proceedings often working in tandem with Asian based bloodstock agents and trainers in sourcing horses in training from Ireland.

Monday's Results:

WOODLANDS S.-Listed, €53,100, NAV, 4-24, 3yo/up, 5fT, 1:00.18, gd.

1--**WASHINGTON DC (IRE)**, 138, c, 4, **Zoffany {Ire}**--**How's She Cuttin' {Ire}** (SP-Eng, \$111,446), by Shinko Forest (Ire). (75,000gns Wlg '13 TATFOA; €340,000 Ylg '14 GOFORB). O-Mrs John Magnier & Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith; B-P. Hyland & C. & J. Mchale (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Seamus Heffernan. €26,550. Lifetime Record: Hwt. 3yo-Ire at 5-7f, G1SP-Ire, SW & G1SP-Eng, G1SP-Fr, 18-5-7-1, \$560,347.

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2--**Ardhoomey (Ire)**, 140, g, 5, Dark Angel (Ire)--Moy Joy (Ire), by Orpen. O-Moyville Racing Syndicate. €8,550.

3--**Primo Uomo (Ire)**, 135, g, 5, Strategic Prince (GB)--Mooching Along (Ire), by Mujahid. (€12,500 Ylg '13 TISEP). O-Lance Bloodstock Limited. €4,050.

Margins: NK, 3/4, 1HF. Odds: 2.00, 5.50, 3.50. **Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

Successful in the Listed Windsor Castle S. at Royal Ascot and runner-up in the G1 Phoenix S. at The Curragh as a 2-year-old, Washington DC managed two more wins last term in the Listed Patton S. at Dundalk in April and Listed Power S. here in May and missed out narrowly over five furlongs at the top level when second in the G2 King George S. at Goodwood and in the G1 Prix de l'Abbaye de Longchamp at Chantilly in October. Seventh on his last two starts in the GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint and G1 Al Quoz Sprint, the bay benefitted from a fast pace and hold-up tactics to add to his tally ahead of the upcoming major sprints. Near the rear as Seamie Heffernan judged the tempo with unerring accuracy, he was launched wide as the frantic early

exertions of the leaders began to tell and overhauled Ardhoomey with 100 yards remaining. "He could probably mix it this year," his rider commented. "Hopefully there will be more than one big day in him." How's She Cuttin, who was a listed-placed sprinter from the extended family of the G3 Firth of Clyde S. winner and G1 Cheveley Park S. runner-up Aspen Darlin (Ire) (Indian Haven {GB}), also has a yearling colt by Zoffany.



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8th-NAV, €50,000, Hcp, 4-24, 3yo, 8fT, 1:41.43, gd.

LIGHTENING FAST (GB) (c, 3, **Frankel {GB}**--**Lightening Pearl {Ire}** {G1SW-Eng & GSW-Ire, \$219,015}, by **Marju {Ire}**), who had met trouble in running when fifth over 10 furlongs at Naas Apr. 9, tracked the leading trio early. Sent to the front with 1 1/2 furlongs to race, the 11-4 favourite stayed on to win by 1 1/4 lengths from Gino Severini (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}). Lightening Pearl, who gave Ger Lyons a career highlight when winning the G1 Cheveley Park S., is a half to the G1 Hong Kong Vase and dual G2 Kyoto Kinen winner Satono Crown (Jpn) (Marju {Ire}). She also has a 2-year-old filly by Frankel. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, \$35,478. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Qatar Racing Limited; B-Qatar Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-Ger Lyons.

1st-NAV, €16,500, Mdn, 4-24, 2yo, 5f 182yT, 1:12.36, gd.

+ROMANISED (IRE) (c, 2, **Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}**--**Romantic Venture {Ire}**, by **Indian Ridge {Ire}**), sent off at 14-1, enjoyed a perfect draft under cover behind the leading group throughout the early stages. Needing room approaching the final furlong, the bay was angled out in time to produce his finishing kick and grab Brick By Brick (Ire) (Big Bad Bob {Ire}) close home for a half-length success. "We liked him at home, but they have to come and do it," trainer Ken Condon said. "He travels through a race like a good horse. He has the ability if we just keep his mind right. He could be a [June 20 G2] Coventry S. horse.

Irish Report cont.**1st-NAV, cont.**

He'll be entered in the [June 22 G2] Norfolk as well and I suppose maybe the [Listed] Marble Hill [S. at The Curragh May 27]. There was a lot of chat about a lot of horses in that race. I'd say it was a very good maiden." Ballydoyle's Declarationofpeace (War Front), the \$2.6-million KEENOV half-brother to Honor Code, was sent off the 13-8 favourite and tanked his way through the initial stages towards the fore, looking a potential winner until tiring late on and finishing 1 1/2 lengths further back in third. The winner is a half-brother to the dual listed-winning stayer Fictional Account (Ire) (Stravinsky), Hwt. Older Mare-Ire at 14f+, SW-Ire & Eng, \$178,094, and to the G3 St Leger Italiano scorer Rock of Romance (Ire) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), GSW-Ity, SW & MGSP-Ger, \$125,944. His dam is a full-sister to the G3 Brigadier Gerard S. winner and G1 Hong Kong Vase runner-up Sights on Gold (Ire) and a half to two other talented performers in Designs on Rome (Ire), the son of Holy Roman Emperor who was second in the G1 Goffs Vincent O'Brien National S. before becoming Hong Kong's Horse of the year in 2014, and the GII American Derby scorer Simple Exchange (Ire) (Danehill). Also from the family of the G2 John F. Feehan S. and G2 Moonee Valley AAMI Vase winner Rekindled Interest (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) and GIII Matchmaker S. winner Where We Left Off (GB) (Dr Devious {Ire}), Romantic Venture has a yearling full-sister to the winner to follow. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$10,904. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Robert Ng; B-Mrs Monica Aherne (IRE); T-Ken Condon.

6th-NAV, €12,500, Mdn, 4-24, 3yo, c/g, 10fT, 2:08.31, gd. CHRONICLES (GB) (c, 3, Street Cry {Ire}--Najoum, by Giant's Causeway), fourth on debut in the 10-furlong Leopardstown maiden in which the subsequent winner Venice Beach (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) was a place ahead Apr. 5, took a tow from the leading duo throughout the early stages. Sent to the front with over three furlongs remaining, the 3-1 second favourite saw off a clutch of pretenders in game fashion and held on by a neck from the strong-finishing Night of Glory (GB) (Sea the Stars {Ire}). The dam is a half-sister to the GI Blue Grass S.-winning sire Bandini and Discourse, a daughter of Street Cry who captured the G3 Sweet Solera S. for Godolphin. The third dam is the GI Santa Anita Oaks heroine Hail Atlantis (Seattle Slew), dam of Stormy Atlantic. Next up from Najoum is a yearling colt by Dubawi (Ire). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$8,820. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Godolphin; B-Darley (GB); T-Jim Bolger.

7th-NAV, €12,500, Mdn, 4-24, 3yo, 8fT, 1:42.22, gd. SO YOU THOUGHT (c, 3, So You Think {NZ}--Lady of Akita, by Fantastic Light), sent off the 9-4 favourite on the basis of his debut third in a mile maiden at Leopardstown Apr. 8, raced behind the early leaders. Committed on the front end passing the quarter pole, the \$150,000 KESEEP yearling stayed on to account for Faradays Law (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}) by a half length. The dam is a daughter of Chancey Squaw (Chief's Crown), whose four black-type performers are headed by the sire Agnes Digital, Japan's champion older horse in 2001 who also annexed the G1 Hong Kong Cup. She has a 2-year-old colt by Street Sense who is set to race in Japan, a yearling colt by Animal Kingdom and was bred to Midnight Lute for 2017. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$9,557. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Calumet Farm; B-Runnymede Farm Inc. & Peter J. Callahan (KY); T-Dermot Weld.



EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

IN JAPAN:

Miss Dubawi (GB), f, 4, Dubawi (Ire)--Coyote (GB), by Indian Ridge (Ire). Fukushima, 4-22, Alw, 6fT. Lifetime Record: 12-2-3-1, \$255,273 O-Masamichi Hayashi; B-Sir Eric Parker; T-Makoto Saito. *€500,000 Ylg '14 ARAAUG. **1/2 to Eradicate (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) SW-GB, GSP-Fr, \$344,810; Oh Goodness Me (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) GSW & G1SP-Ire \$202,824.

WINNERS BY EUROPEAN SIRES

IN JAPAN:

Engineer (Jpn), c, 4, Sea the Stars (Ire)--Lolly For Dolly (Ire) (MGSW-Ire, GSW-GB, \$344,097), by Oratorio (Ire). Tokyo, 4-23, Alw, 8fT. Lifetime Record: 13-2-2-2, \$238,545. O-Sachiko Takashima; B-Yoshida Farm; T-Koji Maki.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

JAMEKA TO REMAIN ON HOME SOIL

Any international targets have been scrapped for **Jameka (Aus)** (Myboycharlie {Ire}) this year as Ciaran Maher's mare

continues to recover from a bout of travel sickness which afflicted her after her impressive success in the G1 The BMW at Rosehill last month.

Maher had previously indicated that the G1 Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe could be on her agenda but the plan is now to keep her on the domestic scene with a second victory in the G1 BMW Caulfield Cup the main objective. "She's still not quite right so overseas is off and hopefully it won't hold her back for the Spring Carnival," Maher told *Racing.com*. "She's still recovering from the travel sickness so the Caulfield Cup, provided she's right, is probably the most likely race for her. It's a mile-and-a-half race in her own backyard." Despite her setback this year Maher is still keen to test the 4-year-old against international opposition at some stage before she retires, though she will have to prove she can return to the peak of her powers before that. "She seems quite structurally sound and all that so providing her form warrants it, it's something to consider. You'd want to be going over there - she's improved every year but I suppose that will level out sometime - in top form. You wouldn't just go for the sake of it," he added.

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NEW SALES FORMAT FOR KARAKA 2018

New Zealand Bloodstock have undertaken a review of their National Yearling Sales Series and have altered the format for 2018 in conjunction with the Karaka Million race day. Next year will see New Zealand's richest 2-year-old race brought forward a day to Saturday Jan. 27 with the opening session of the newly branded Karaka Book I to be staged the following evening when 100 yearlings will be catalogued. The Premier, Select and Festival Sale names will be dropped in favour of Book I, Book II and Book III. Book II will be reduced to approximately four hundred horses, set to be sold on the Thursday and Friday of sales week, whilst Book III will remain on the Sunday.

Commenting on the new format NZB managing director Andrew Seabrook said, "I'm absolutely certain this new structure will be a success. Selling 100 horses on Sunday night gets more horses in front of buyers early in the week, and aids the troublesome transition vendors have always faced mid-week." Seabrook and his team also plan to extend the number of horses sold in Book I to approximately 700, from Sunday evening to Wednesday afternoon, rather than finishing on Tuesday afternoon as the Premier Sale has done for the past several years. "The aim is to give the international buyers a reason to stay longer by giving them even more horses to look at on the sale ground at one time. In theory there will be at least 200 more horses being offered in front of a full overseas buying bench. It's an exciting change that we think will provide a positive boost to sales week for buyers and sellers alike," he added.

David Ellis of Te Akau Racing has been leading buyer at Karaka for the last 12 years and he welcomed the changes commenting, "Moving the start of selling to Sunday evening will provide a huge benefit to all buyers in the lead up to the Sale. We'll be able to inspect more horses over the course of the week, that's got to be good for everyone."

The enhanced twilight meeting at Ellerslie which now precedes the sale will benefit from an extra NZ\$1m race for 3-year-olds in addition to four new group races.

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