IMMIGRATION POLICIES CREATING HAVOC FOR HORSEMEN

by Bill Finley

It was 7:30 on a Tuesday evening and 70-year-old Indiana-based trainer Gary Patrick was still hard at work. His day had started at 4:30, and he wasn’t sure when it would end.

“There has been nothing but pure hell,” Patrick said. “If somebody offered us enough money for this outfit we’d just walk away. I’ve got enough money I don’t have to do this anymore. This thing is going to drive me out of the business.”

Patrick was in a foul mood, but you could hardly blame him. Like many trainers, immigration policies under the Trump administration have created a major void when it comes to what has always been a vital labor source for horse racing—foreign workers. Patrick, who has 58 horses between his stable at Indiana Grand and his farm, is down to two reliable employees. That has forced Patrick and his wife, Cindy, 58, to put in grueling hours virtually every day as they are doing the work of four or five people, something they have to do to keep their operation going.

Patrick is far from alone. Trainers across the map say they are in crisis mode as help has become almost impossible to find. Cont. p3

ASTROLOGY FILLY TOPS OBS FINALE

by Jessica Martini

OCALA, FL - The Ocala Breeders’ Sales Company’s June Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training, and with it the 2017 juvenile sales season, concluded with a workmanlike session Wednesday in central Florida. Mandy Pope paid the session’s highest price when going to $300,000 to secure a filly by Astrology (hip 631). Pope bred the filly and was buying her back after selling her to Tom McCrocklin for $50,000 at last year’s OBS August sale.

The June sale, shortened to two sessions this year, saw 424 juveniles sell for $15,216,900. The average of $35,889 was up 23.9% from last year’s four-day sale figure and the median jumped 40.7% to $19,000. With 525 horses offered, 98 failed to find new homes for a buy-back rate of 18.8%.

During last year’s four-day sale, 619 juveniles sold for $17,930,900. The average was $28,968 and the median was $13,500. The 2016 auction produced a sales record topper when a colt by City Zip sold for $800,000. He was one of 31 to bring $100,000 or more. Cont. p6

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“I was talking to a Belmont trainer and he said there used to be people coming around the barn looking for a job all the time and now no one comes,” said attorney Will Velie, who specializes in immigration issues and is the president of the company Horseman Labor Solutions. “There’s nobody around anymore.”

Patrick said that he had three good helpers that came each year from Mexico when the Indiana Grand meet began in April and had never before had any problems securing the paperwork needed to make them legal. This year, they have not been allowed to enter the country.

There are a handful of reasons why Patrick and others are having such a hard time finding available foreign workers, but two stand out:

1. Trainers have long relied on H-2B visas to legally bring in workers. The visas allow employers to hire foreigners on a temporary basis. Workers may stay in the U.S. for up to 10 months and then are required to return to their native countries for two months. Only 66,000 H-2B visas are allowed nationwide each year, 33,000 each at two points in the year. However, in December, Congress chose not to renew a provision that allowed people who had received an H-2B visa in the past to not count against that cap. That’s no longer the case, which has, effectively, caused a dramatic reduction in the numbers of immigrants able to secure the visas.

2. It’s no secret that many stables will hire illegal immigrants. But far fewer of those individuals are coming around the backstretch looking for work, worried that by doing so they will expose themselves to immigration authorities and risk deportation. Even legal workers worry about getting deported.

“It’s a very tense atmosphere back there,” said trainer Rick Violette, Jr., who also heads the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association. “They kind of work and they go home. They don’t want to get caught up in any kind of sweep. Sometimes it’s not so simple anymore as showing your license or immigration card and they say, ‘Ok no problem.’”

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Velie says factors have combined to make for the “most chronic shortage of workers I have ever seen on the backstretch.”

“The economy is at full employment so the companies that in the past didn’t need H-2B visas all came out of the woodwork looking for them,” he added. “The first week that the filing window opened up, which was Jan. 1, there were 90,000 applications for those visas. That was on the first day. If you applied on the first day you had a one in three chance of getting one. If you waited a week you had no chance. You have to combine that with the executive orders Trump issued that made essentially anybody here without documentation a priority for deportation and called for a huge increase in enforcement. It’s what I call a pincer movement, no H-2B’s available and a woeful lack of other people willing to accept the work. There is a perfect storm of worker unavailability.”

Trainers have had to learn how to do without. For Patrick, that means doing the work himself. For others, it means asking one groom to rub five horses instead of three. It could also mean hiring people you otherwise would not, individuals with no experience working with horses and/or checkered backgrounds. In Maine, where hotels and restaurants rely on foreign workers during tourist season, Gov. Paul R. LePage conditionally commuted the prison sentences of some low-level offenders to help fill the need for seasonal workers.

“I have my assistant trainer doing grooming jobs and even myself, I am doing lot more than I did five years ago,” trainer Jim Bond said. “We’re short and we were never short before. The biggest thing is we can’t expand. I wanted to build a breeding barn at our farm and I don’t dare do it. There’s no way I’d have enough staff to do it today. Ten years ago it would have been a super idea.”

Patrick said he had just hired two American workers that his daughter found for him on Facebook. He was skeptical that they would do the job and his fears were justified when one, on the second day of work, did not show up because her “grandmother was sick.”

Not only do trainers say they want to hire Americans, they are required to put in every effort to do so. In order to qualify for H-2B visas trainers must advertise job openings in local papers and hire any American who comes forward willing to work. Bond said that in 15 years of doing so he has had only two applications, one from a mortician and another from a hairdresser. Neither one worked out.

“The guy could dig graves but that didn’t qualify him to work with horses,” Bond said. “As for the hairdresser, she seemed like a very nice lady but my horses don’t need their hair dressed.”

“Americans have more things they can do, more opportunities and they don’t want to be part of the manual workforce,” trainer Dale Romans said. “So we need immigrant manual labor in our industry. So does every industry that involves a massive amount of manual labor.” Cont. p5
BELMONT DERBY INVITATIONAL (GRADE I) $1,200,000
THREE YEAR OLDS ONE MILE & ONE QUARTER (TURF)

BELMONT OAKS INVITATIONAL (GRADE I) $1,000,000
FILLIES THREE YEARS OLD ONE MILE & ONE QUARTER (TURF)

SUBURBAN (GRADE II) $750,000
FOUR YEAR OLDS & UPWARD ONE MILE & ONE-QUARTER

Dwyer (GRADE III) $400,000
THREE YEAR OLDS ONE MILE

BELMONT SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP – BC (GRADE II) $350,000
THREE YEAR OLDS & UPWARD SEVEN FURLONGS

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Nominations Close June 24, 2017
Immigration Policies cont.

Many hope that Trump will soften his stance over time. It is no small irony that he, himself, uses H-2B visas to help staff his Mar-a-Lago resort. Others worry that the problem could only get worse. If enforcement officers from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement start raiding backstretches with any regularity they will no doubt leave the with buses filled with illegal workers.

No matter their political stance, many trainers argue that as long as there is a need for foreign workers and those workers are not taking jobs away from Americans and are law-abiding taxpayers, then they should be allowed in.

“There should be a pathway for the people who are honest, hard-working people and just want to work,” Bond said. “Just like my great grandfather, all our ancestors came here somehow, someway from some place else. There has to be a pathway, to help farms, restaurants, people at the racetrack. In the horse industry, it’s hard, tough, work and nobody today wants to get their hands dirty.”

The problems of the many industries that rely on foreign help have not gone unnoticed in Washington. According to Velie, Congress has passed a provision that would immediately increase the number of H-2B visas available. He said that prior to Trump, Congress would push through changes in the availability of visas without seeking presidential approval. That is no longer the case. Not only has Congress turned the matter over to Trump, Trump has not taken any action on it.

“They gave Trump the ball and all he has to do is put in the end zone,” Velie said. “It’s been a month and a half and he has not passed it. The solution is there.”

In the meantime, Gary Patrick will continue to put in 15-hour days and look for Americans willing to work for him, at least ones who will show up on time and not use the “sick grandmother” excuse. He doesn’t know what else to do.

[Image of horse and rider]

Sarah K. Andrew Photo
A colt by First Dude brought the highest price of this year’s auction, selling for $400,000 Tuesday. That colt was one of 36 to bring six figures.

“I think the market here was steady,” bloodstock agent Patti Miller of EQB said. “Some of these horses are re-treads or horses that didn’t have as much page, but I think it’s nice to see that middle market have some opportunity. What we really need are those people who own a couple horses and love the game and they have the opportunity to buy here. I think this sale has become the new April sale. April has become very strong and I think the prices are very fair here because it’s the last stop. I came here with a bunch of little guys who want to play the game. And I think they are important for the game.”

OBS seemed to build momentum throughout its three-sale juvenile season, beginning with a strong-at-the-top March auction before hitting a crescendo with across-the-board action at its record-setting April sale.

Consignor Tristan de Meric was happy to see more activity in the middle market as the season progressed.

“I think at the last two sales here at OBS, the middle and bottom market have reemerged,” he said. “It’s gotten much stronger and it has a better feeling in that part of the market. I think the middle market in April was obviously fantastic and it has definitely been better here at June. At this sale, there has been a lot of activity in the back ring. People are here to buy horses and it feels good. It’s been a good market this year. We’ve been lucky to have had a good season.”

Despite de Meric’s optimism, several consignors continued to voice concern about a largely polarized, all-or-nothing, marketplace for 2-year-olds.

“It was the same wherever we went,” Eddie Woods, the June sale’s leading consignor, said while reflecting on the 2017 juvenile market. “The good horses brought more than you thought they were going to bring and you struggled to move any of the others. That’s just the way it has gone with racing in this country at the moment. We’re losing a lot of tracks and we’re losing a lot of racing. And there is no outlet for them. There aren’t that many people who want horses. We’ve been seeing it coming over the years. April is a fabulous sale because of the whole cosmopolitan feel of the thing. There are people there for horses at every level, from million-dollar horses to $5,000 horses. But if you go to the more boutique sales, like Fasig Gulfstream and even our March sale, there is a lot of money here for the top-end horses and under that you kind of struggle a little bit. April is a better sale across the board for moving horses, but at the same point and time, the big horse brings all the money all the time.” Cont. p7
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Of the April market, Woods continued, “There were a few hits in April where some of the guys bought $25,000 and $30,000 horses and got $200,000 for them and maybe even a bit better than that. And that’s fabulous for them. But there were an awful lot of horses bought for $25,000 and $30,000 that got sold for $15,000 after six to eight months’ training.”

Consignor Niall Brennan echoed Woods’s sentiments, while citing a disparity between the demand in the yearling market versus the juvenile market.

“To me, the middle market, as in horses you should be able to sell for $50,000 to $75,000 in a heartbeat, is struggling,” Brennan said. “We’re going to go right back in three weeks to a yearling sale and we’re going to line up and beat each other over the head to try to buy horses. And $75,000 would be like nothing—we’d be delighted if we could buy them for that. And yet, three weeks back, [at the June sale] we can’t sell them for $75,000. There is a shortage of buyers at the 2-year-old sales which doesn’t make a lot of sense, but it’s a reality. They will be lining up at the yearling sales, people I’ve never seen before, lining up to buy yearlings, but nobody comes to the 2-year-old sales.”

Looking forward to the yearling sales season, which kicks off in Lexington with the July 11 Fasig-Tipton July Sale, Brennan acknowledged he will be changing his approach to buying this year.

“I will be buying a lot less,” Brennan said. “We’ve always mixed it up. We’ve always bought some more expensive ones, too, and I don’t think that will change. I think it’s still about the quality individual and a horse you like. But I don’t think we need numbers. You can’t play it as a numbers game because there are just too many of them who are going to be perceived to be in the average category and they are just too hard to sell. I don’t think the game is going to change, so my approach is to have less inventory in the 2-year-old marketplace.”

Woods said his focus in the yearling market will be on quality, top-end offerings.

“We are just going to try to buy really nice horses,” Woods explained. “The problem with that is, when you get it right, it’s great. And when you get it wrong, it’s ugly. I still think, at the end of the day, if you’re going to buy $20,000 horses, you better buy 20 of them. And hopefully two or three of them work out. It’s like the stock market or anything like that. The bigger the risk the greater the gain if you get it right. And I think that’s the end to be in because it’s really the only active end of our business. You see it at the racetrack, too. The good end is great. After that it’s a real struggle.”

### OBS JUNE – Wednesday’s Top Lots

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760  filly  Super Saver  |  Circumspect  120,000  
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|  B-Blackstone Farm (PA)  
Consigned by Woodford Thoroughbreds, Agent  
Purchased by Larry C. Brookshire

Filly Was in the Stars for Pope

Mandy Pope swooped in late in Wednesday’s final day of the OBS June sale to secure a filly by Astrology for a session-topping $300,000. Pope was very familiar with the filly, who she bred and sold to Tom McCrocklin for $50,000 as a yearling at last year’s OBS August sale.

Hip 631 is out of Dreamingly (Giant’s Causeway), a mare Pope purchased as a juvenile for $600,000 at the 2009 Fasig-Tipton Florida sale. The Astrology filly was the mare’s second foal. She produced a Tizway filly in 2016 and was bred to Blame.

“The momma died this year, so that was more reason for me to want to buy this filly back,” Pope said.

Of the bay juvenile, who worked a quarter in :20 4/5, Pope added, “She grew up really nice and obviously she performed well on the racetrack and came through it all great. Hopefully it will turn into one of those super Union Rags stories, where the breeder buys the foal back for a lot of money and it all works out.”

Breeder Phyllis Wyeth famously sold Union Rags for $145,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Yearling Sale only to buy the future GI Belmont S. winner back for $390,000 at the next year’s Fasig-Tipton Florida sale.

Pope admitted she went beyond her expected limit on the filly, who she hopes to see race in her colors at Saratoga this summer.

“You know me,” she laughed. “I get a little determined on these things.”

Pope did some window shopping while she was at OBS Wednesday.

“We kind of looked around, but really I came here this afternoon just to buy her,” she said.
A.P. Indy – Quiet Eclipse, by Quiet American

2017 Fee: $6,500 S&N

$300,000 Session Topper at OBS

Second-crop filly sold Wednesday to Mandy Pope after breezing a bullet  :20.4

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Tapit Colt a Pinhooking Score for Kight

Hoby Kight took advantage of the moment at last year’s Fasig-Tipton Kentucky October Yearling Sale when purchasing a late foal by super sire Tapit for a bargain $40,000. The horseman was rewarded when the colt attracted a final bid of $130,000 from K.O.I.D. Co., Ltd. at Wednesday’s second session of the OBS June Sale.

“I was surprised to get him for that,” Kight admitted. “I went to October just to see what was there. And he was there. He was little. He’s a May baby, almost June.”

Out of Christmas Star (Star de Naskra), the gray colt (hip 582) is a half to Grade I winner Cuvee (Carson City) and graded stakes winner Will He Shine (Silver Deputy), as well as a full to graded stakes-placed Harpoon.

Kight originally targeted the colt at the Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream Sale, where the youngster worked a furlong in 10 1/5. He matched that 10 1/5 time last week at OBS.

“I had him in the Miami sale,” Kight said. “Greed got me there because he was doing so good, so I took him down there and he got a little tender in his shins. So I scratched him. And it’s worked out well because he’s matured a lot in the past couple months.”

Kight was pleased with the June marketplace.

“I think for the good horses, it’s plenty fair,” he said. “And that is what we want at this stage.”

Asked what his approach to the upcoming yearling sales will be, Kight said, “The same. I want good horses, quality horses and a handful of them.”

Stay Thirsty Colt Makes Most of OBS Redux

When a gray colt by Stay Thirsty out of Sweetest Song (Unbridled’s Song) made his first appearance in an OBS sales ring, he was led out unsold for $37,000 in April. His second trip was more memorable after he sold Wednesday for $190,000 to the bid of bloodstock agent Steve Young.

“This horse, we waited on him,” explained John Stephens, who was consigning hip 410 on behalf of his Venezuelan-based breeder SJT Racing Stable. “We didn’t break him until mid-January, so he was a horse that was coming along slowly. We had him in April and he still wasn’t quite ready. They are very good about giving them time and the horse matured a lot.”

The youngster, who worked a furlong at the April sale in 10 3/5, came back in June to work in 10 1/5.

“He’s a really pretty horse with great balance and a nice easy walk,” Stephens said. “But the thing that really sold the horse was his work and gallop-out and the way he moved on the racetrack.”

Of the juvenile’s final price tag, Stephens added, “At this sale, you’re never quite sure where they are going to be. People really liked him, but it is such a varied group of buyers. They can really like the horse, but you’re not sure what kind of money they are bringing. We felt good taking him up there and somebody bought a really nice horse. That’s always good.”

SJT Farm and Juan Pablo Larrazabal purchased Sweetest Song, in foal to Discreet Cat, for $30,000 at the 2012 Keeneland November sale. She produced a filly by Dialed In in 2016 and a colt by Flat Out in 2017. Her Majestic Warrior filly sold for $270,000 at last year’s OBS April sale.

See Tapit Colt a Pinhooking Score for Kight above
$500K SETTLEMENT IN STRONACH VS. DERBYWARS SUIT

by T.D. Thornton

The Stronach Group (TSG) will get a minimum $500,000 settlement from the parent company of the online fantasy contest site DerbyWars after the two companies negotiated a deal approved by a federal judge June 13 that keeps a civil lawsuit from going to trial later this month.

The 18-month long United States Central District Court of California battle has been widely viewed as a test case to determine the legality of fantasy- and tournament-styled online gaming based on horse race results. Its key point centered on whether or not DerbyWars allegedly took illegal bets on TSG races without contributing anything back to the horsemen and tracks that put on the show.

“I think it’s an important ruling, not just for TSG, but for the entire industry,” said Scott Daruty, the executive vice president of content & media for TSG. “Running live racing is expensive for the racetracks, and it’s also expensive for the owners and trainers of the horses. We just wanted to make sure that the tracks and horsemen are getting compensated when people use our product for wagering purposes, be that traditional, co-mingled, pari-mutuel wagering, or whether it’s handicapping contests that are being conducted by DerbyWars and others.”

Mark Midland, the founder of Horse Racing Labs, LLC, which owns DerbyWars, said his company in no form would appeal the case, and that he instead preferred to focus forward on growing his business and the sport’s contest sector in general.

“While we were disappointed in the ruling, the benefit is that the ruling has set a clear path for horse racing contest operators to proceed under the Interstate Horse Racing Act (IHA),” Midland said. “We are immediately signing new agreements with tracks, and we see a bright future for contests as we continue to commit our team and resources to driving innovation in horse racing to benefit all.” Cont. p11
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The ruling, signed by federal judge S. James Otero, actually calls for DerbyWars to pay TSG a $1-million negotiated settlement. But the deal is structured in such a way that if DerbyWars makes a $250,000 initial payment to TSG within three business days of the filing of the court order, then follows up with 12 installments of $20,833 monthly, the financial obligation will be considered satisfied in full at four dollars shy of $500,000.

Otero’s ruling also reads, in part, “Nothing in this Judgment, nor any act performed by Defendant nor any document executed pursuant to this Judgment, shall be construed as an admission by Defendant of any fact, liability, issue of law, conclusion of law or violation of any statutory or regulatory laws.”

Otero added that the order defining the terms of the settlement shall not be admissible in court in the event that DerbyWars is involved in future litigation with another party.

Although TSG used the word “precedent” in a press release to describe the negotiated agreement, and Midland used the phrase “clear path” to establish parameters for contest contracts moving forward, it is not precisely established based on the ruling whether the court-approved settlement constitutes an actual legal precedent. TDN asked Daruty, an attorney since 1991, for his interpretation on what the agreement actually means regarding future contest/content usage.

“From a technical legal standpoint, this judgment is not binding on any parties other than DerbyWars and TSG,” Daruty explained. “It cannot be used either as a shield or a sword by parties other than DerbyWars or TSG. But I do think it’s very helpful in that it provides insight into what a federal court judge has determined, and that it does give an indication as to how other federal court judges in the future would determine this exact same issue. So while the judgment itself is not binding on other parties, it does give other parties guidance as to what the law is in this area, and I hope it means racetracks and horsemen, even [those] other than [at] TSG tracks, get compensated when their content gets used.”

Although the ruling restrains DerbyWars from “directly or indirectly using or including any horseraces run at any of the horserace tracks operated by any of the Plaintiffs in any of Defendant’s Contests,” it does leave the door open for TSG and DerbyWars to negotiate a contract if both sides wish to do so.

When asked if DerbyWars might soon begin offering contests involving TSG tracks, Midland replied that “We’re looking to work with all tracks, including the Stronach tracks.... DerbyWars has had several track partners in place previously. We’re open to compensating track partners and want to work with as many tracks as possible.”

Asked the same question, Daruty put it this way: “I think it’s going to take time for the wounds to heal. We’ve just come off of 18-plus months of pretty bitter litigation, and we at TSG have every intention of working with some handicapping contest operators to make sure our product is out in the marketplace in the context of handicapping contexts. I think it’s unlikely that DerbyWars will get our content immediately, but I’m not saying they’ll never get it. I just think we have to wait and let time pass and then we’ll see how things turn out with respect to DerbyWars.”

Daruty was also asked if TSG was considering operating its own form of online contest play in the future.

“Absolutely. We acknowledge that customers are interested in [contests]. Not every customer, but many customers are,” Daruty said. “So we feel like it’s our job to get this product to our customers, but we have to do it in a way that returns compensation to the tracks and horsemen. So I believe that we will be providing our content to contest operators in the very near future—maybe not all of them, maybe not DerbyWars, but some. And we would also certainly be looking at potential opportunities to get into this business ourselves. But those two things aren’t necessarily hand in hand. In other words, even if we don’t get into the business ourselves, we’ll still be providing the content to other operators.” Cont. p12
Stronach vs. DerbyWars cont.

Over the past year and a half, the nature of the case shifted and changed while Horse Racing Labs fought to have some of the initial TSG complaints dropped and the two sides entered into behind-the-scenes negotiations to settle it. At all levels of law, it is not uncommon for suits to be simultaneously contested back and forth in court while plaintiffs and defendants try to come to terms on a working agreement, with some form of settlement reached as the trial date looms.

On Dec. 2, 2015, six TSG-owned tracks—Santa Anita Park, Golden Gate Fields, Gulfstream Park, Laurel Park, Pimlico Race Course, and Portland Meadows—demanded a jury trial to seek unspecified monetary, punitive and exemplary damages, plus injunctive relief, from DerbyWars.

The initial complaint alleged violations of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO), which, if proven, carried the ominous penalty of mandatory triple damages. But DerbyWars successfully argued in court that such a “thermonuclear device” of civil litigation was not applicable in this case, and five months later, the RICO allegations were one of three causes of action dismissed by Judge Otero.

On May 16, 2016, TSG filed an amended lawsuit, streamlining the initial four-count complaint into what the TSG tracks believed were the two strongest allegations: Alleged violations of both the IHA and the California Business & Professions Code, which regulates “unfair or fraudulent” business acts.

That meant the retooled case, if it were to move forward to a trial, hinged on the proving or disproving of one key point: Were the contest selections made by pay-to-play fantasy horse racing game participants actually “bets” subject to the IHA? It took Judge Otero a year to figure out exactly what that issue meant in the context of the lawsuit.

“The parties dispute whether Derby Wars contests constitute parimutuel wagering under the IHA,” Otero wrote in a ruling dated May 15, 2017. “Defendant contends that Derby Wars contests are not parimutuel wagering, but rather contests in which skill predominates over chance, and the IHA does not apply. Plaintiffs contend that whether something is a bet or wager is not dependent upon whether it takes skill to actually win that bet or wager.”

Otero continued: “Whether or not the Derby Wars contests are parimutuel wagering is a sufficient but not necessary condition for the applicability of the IHA.... Because a wager placed or accepted in one State with respect to the outcome of a horserace taking place in another State...need not be a pari-mutuel wager, the Court finds that the proper focus of the inquiry rests on whether payment of the entry fee for Derby Wars contests is a wager.”

Then, while granting (in part) the plaintiffs’ motion for summary judgment, Otero concluded: “The Court finds: the entry fees paid in contests offered by Defendant on its Derby Wars website are wagers under the Interstate Horseracing Act of 1978; Defendant is operating an offtrack betting system as defined in Section 3002(7) of the IHA; and the IHA can serve as a predicate for a California Business and Professions Code Section...claim.”

In sum, because Otero ruled last month that entry fees in the DerbyWars contests do constitute wagers, the case was scheduled to proceed to trial on June 27 for the purpose of determining damages. But the terms of the settlement take precedence now that Otero has signed off on the negotiated agreement, and the trial will be avoided.

YES, THE AAEP IS PROTECTING THE HORSE
by Jeff A. Blea, DVM & AAEP Racing Committee Chair

The American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP)’s recent decision to oppose the Horseracing Integrity Act of 2017 has been met with both support and criticism, depending on one’s perspective within the industry. As chair of the AAEP Racing Committee, I’d like to address why we believe our position best represents the health and welfare of the racehorse.

First, I respect all the industry stakeholders who have invested an incredible amount of time and resources to ensure horse racing’s sustainability. We have the same goals, I believe, even though we may differ on specific aspects of the proposed federal legislation.

The AAEP’s decision to oppose the Horseracing Integrity Act was principally based on our long-standing policy in support of the race-day administration of furosemide to help mitigate the occurrence of exercise-induced pulmonary hemorrhage (EIPH). This policy is based on a vast body of scientific and clinical evidence and on what we, as equine veterinarians, believe is in the best interest of the health and welfare of the horse.

The scientific community recognizes that EIPH is a disease that affects equine athletes, in addition to human athletes (Diwakar, Amit, and Gregory A. Schmidt. "Exercise-Induced Pulmonary Hemorrhage in a Nonathlete: Case Report and Review of Physiology." Lung 192.2 (2014): 329-331). Currently, without debate, the only scientifically proven medication to ameliorate...
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the effects of EIPH in the racehorse is furosemide (Lasix). It is in fact used in training in most countries around the world with few exceptions (personal communication).

In 2015, the AAEP developed a long-range 10-Point Plan for horse racing which included the goal of pursuing research to investigate alternative strategies for managing EIPH that did not require race-day Lasix administration. Promising research projects are currently underway, but it is too soon to know if any will yield an alternative. While there are elements of the Horseracing Integrity Act we certainly support, the AAEP was not able to abandon our EIPH efforts and our long-held position for political expediency.

The AAEP has members who are staunch advocates on both sides of the Lasix debate. In fact, AAEP strongly advocated for the third-party administration of race-day Lasix in order to negate any premise that our support of race-day Lasix was in any way based upon racetrack veterinarians’ financial interests. Suggestions from some industry stakeholders that the AAEP’s support of race-day Lasix is a dollars and cents issue for veterinarians is incorrect, inaccurate, and is directly refuted by our endorsement of third-party administration.

The race-day administration of Lasix is without doubt one of the most polarizing issues in horse racing. We respect the fact that other jurisdictions around the globe compete without the use of race-day Lasix. The racing business model is complex and arguably a justification of why other countries can exist successfully without race-day Lasix. In order for the U.S. racing industry to compete in similar fashion to other global jurisdictions, a cultural shift in U.S. racing must first occur.

The AAEP understands that the development of alternative effective treatments to mitigate race-day EIPH, without affecting performance, will require resources, commitment and patience, and most importantly, time. It’s a lofty goal that may be in vain. However, we are committed to doing what is best for the horse, while ensuring the integrity and sustainability of the racing industry for the future, without an emphasis on financial gains.

THE SOCIAL ANGLE: FROSTED’S DAILY ROUTINE GOES VIRAL by Amie Karlsson

Last Thursday, Darley posted a short video on social media about Frosteds daily routine as a stallion at Jonabell Farm. In less than a week, the video has been shared more than 1,000 times and almost 100,000 people have watched it on Facebook alone. We asked Jim Cox, Head of Marketing for the Darley Stallions in America, about the popularity of the video and the importance of social media marketing.

TDN: What do you think made the video so popular?
JC: He’s a recent retiree who was very popular so I think people are more tuned in to the newer stallions generally speaking. We have also had good fan engagement from other Facebook posts so we’ve reached a lot of people previously. Plus he’s a gray; people seem to like grays.

TDN: Who is your target audience?
JC: Generally, thoroughbred fans. We’ve been able to engage with this group as well as a large number of equine enthusiasts quite meaningfully. Facebook is our fastest growing social media channel and we expect that the next generation of breeders will be using Facebook as well.

TDN: Why are these kinds of posts important for Darley?
JC: I think it’s important to continue to communicate with the industry’s fans after these fantastic horses have gone onto their next career. The end users truly are interested in what’s going on with the stallions. The Nyquist fans are many, for example. An earlier video we posted of him in his paddock garnered over 3,000,000 views, nearly 4,000 comments and 28,000 likes. They all want to know how and what the stallions are doing which really is something special.

TDN: How do you measure the success of a particular post?
JC: The number of views and likes that we’ve received on any number of our posts are very telling. It’s obvious by these metrics how many people we are engaging with. But you can also get a lot out of the comments. The feedback is very genuine and heartfelt. Our audience appears to be truly interested in how the horses are doing and very grateful for the care they receive.

TDN: Finally, do you have any general tips for successful social media marketing?
JC: I would say to be active and intentional about it. Many times we’ve lamented that we should have posted “that” on Facebook so keep your iPhone handy for moments that you can share with our great industry. And you can easily find fairly inexpensive video editing software online that’s pretty easy to use.
**STEPHEN FOSTER H.-GI, $500,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m**

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Look for the **Keeneland Sales Graduates** throughout the TDN graded stakes entries.
### Saturday, Churchill Downs, post time: 9:09 p.m. EDT

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### Saturday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 6:30 p.m. EDT

**HONEYMOON S.-GII, $200,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT**

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### Saturday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 8:00 p.m. EDT

**SUMMERTIME OAKS-GII, $200,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m**

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Breeders: 1-Richard Snyder & Connie Snyder, 2-Whitham Thoroughbreds, LLC, 3-Hargus Sexton, Sandra Sexton & SilverFern Farm, LLC, 4-Big C Farm, 5-H & A Stables LLC, 6-BCWT, Ltd.

### Saturday, Churchill Downs, post time: 10:15 p.m. EDT

**REGRET S.-GIII, $100,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT**

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### Saturday, Monmouth Park, post time: 5:20 p.m. EDT

**SALVATOR MILE S.-GIII, $100,000, 3yo/up, 1m**

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## Leading First-Crop Sires by Earnings

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MANNY AZPURUA, 88

Trainer Manny Azpurua, a fixture in South Florida racing since 1980, passed away Tuesday at Florida Medical Center. He was 88. The Caracas, Venezuela native’s last start as a trainer came Apr. 29, 2016 at Gulfstream Park. He is survived by his wife Sonia, daughters Teresa and Maria Margarita and son Manuel, as well as his brother Eduardo and nephews Eduardo Azpurua, Jr. and Leo Azpurua, Jr., who are both trainers.

“He truly loved the experience of training horses in this great country and getting the support of his clients he had over the years,” Leo Azpurua Jr. said. “I will deeply miss him. He’s been the leader of the family for many, many years.”

Azpurua’s father, Manuel Azpurua, was a prominent owner and founding member of the Venezuela Jockey Club, as well as director of El Paraiso Racetrack. Manny Azpurua’s brothers were also trainers, and after sending out more than 3,500 winners in his native country, he followed his brothers to South Florida.

From 9,466 North American starters, Azpurua saddled 948 winners with purse earnings in excess of $20.4 million. He conditioned several graded stakes winners, including 2006 GIII Smile Sprint S. winner and GI Breeders’ Cup Sprint third Nightmare Affair (Out of Place) and 2004 GIII Carry Back S. hero Weigelia (Safely’s Mark). More recently, Azpurua trained the talented Social Inclusion (Pioneerof the Nile), who was third in the 2014 GI Preakness S. and GI Wood Memorial S.

Funeral arrangements for Azpurua are pending.

Wednesday’s Results:
2nd-BEL, $75,000, Msw, 6-14, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:06.32, gd.
+PSYCHOANALYZE (c, 2, Overanalyze--Freud’s Irish Miss {SP}, by Freud) showed tenacity to turn back a bid from 3-5 favorite Smash Williams (More Than Ready) and notch a debut victory at Belmont Wednesday. Away without incident, the well-named juvenile was hustled to the front and set the pace on the inside through splits of :22.48 and :46.35. Confronted and headed by the chalk once straightened out for the drive, the dark bay battled back along the rail and forged clear to score by 3/4 of a length. Smash Williams crossed the wire 4 1/4 lengths clear of third-finishing Crea’s Bklyn Law (Sky Mesa). The winner is the third for his freshman sire (by Dixie Union), and his second dam is GSW Unacceptable (Irish Tower). Freud’s Irish Miss has a yearling full-sister to Psychoanalyze. Sales History: $14,000 RNA Wlg ‘15 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $45,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O-Fort Springs Racing; B-C. W. Swann & Wetherbee Holdings, LLC. (KY); T-Brian A. Lynch.

1st-BEL, $75,000, Msw, 6-14, 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:09.19, gd.
WHITE FLAG (c, 3, War Front--Shared Hope, by Gone West) turned back in distance and graduated from the maiden ranks in the Wednesday opener in Elmont. A non-factor fifth in his debut sprinting over the Aqueduct main track Apr. 5, the colt showed marked improvement when switched to the sod, reporting home third in a pair of maiden events routing over the local turf Apr. 30 and May 21. Taking solid support at the windows as the 3-1 third choice here, the bay was eager in the early stages and split horses to advance to a tracking third past an opening quarter-mile in :22.24. He continued on well in the three-path turning for home, collared favored Master Merion (Quality Road) inside the final furlong and edged clear to score by a half-length. The winner, a $725,000 weanling RNA at Fasig-Tipton November 2014, has an unraced 2-year-old half-sister by Mizzen Mast named White Lake, as well as a yearling half-brother by Noble Mission (GB) and a weanling full-sister. His dam, a product of GI Ruffian H. winner Shared Interest (Pleasant Colony), is

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Hidden Brook Sales Graduate

O-Willie P. Knopf; B-Gulfstream Park Racing & Casino. (NY); T-Nick Zito.
herself a half-sister to 1999 GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies heroine Cash Run (Seeking the Gold). Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-2, $61,800. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O/B-Robert S. Evans (KY); T-Christophe Clement.

4th-FL, $26,000, Msw, 6-14, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.81. ft.
+DAVID’S ELAINE (f, 3, Freud--David’s Dilemma, by Distinctive Pro) tracked the pace four deep in the early stages through a quarter-mile in :22.90 and kicked clear to score by 4 1/4 lengths in this maiden voyage. The dark bay hails from the family of MGSW Boom Towner (Obligato). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $18,400. Click for the Equibase.com chart.
O/B-David E. Ahearn (NY); T-Jonathan B. Buckley.

EASTERN U.S.

Wednesday’s Results:

CHRISTIANA S., $50,250, DEL, 6-14, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.12, fm.
1--JOURNEY HOME, 117, f, 3, War Front--Soul Search (MGISP, $339,325), by A.P. Indy. ($200,000 Ylg ’15 KEESSEP). O-Sam-Son Farm; B-W. S. Farish & Kilroy Throughbred Partnership (KY); T-H. Graham Motion; J-Edgar S. Prado. $30,000. Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-0, $119,397.

2--Canny, 119, f, 3, Big Brown--Sharp Instinct, by Awesome Again. ($20,000 Ylg ’15 FTKOCT). O-Feel The Thunder Stable, Alan Herman & Haynes Stables LLC; B-John H. Adger (KY); T-Michael Stidham. $10,000.

3--Bertranda, 118, f, 3, Boys At Tosconova--Princess Maura, by Cape Canaveral. ($15,000 Ylg ’15 EASOCT; $15,000 2yo ’16 EASMAY). O-Stanley J. Trzcienski; B-Gus Schoenborn (NY); T-James F. Noble. $5,500.
Margins: NK, 1 3/4, HD. Odds: 2.70, 8.90, 36.60.
Also Ran: Emphatically, Initiate, Warrior Hall, Dancing Rags. Scratched: Mercy Ann.

Journey Home won her first two starts, including Del Mar’s Nov. 26 GI Jimmy Durante S., and closed out her juvenile campaign with a fourth-place effort in the Dec. 29 Blue Norther S. at Santa Anita. The dark bay went a bit off form upon return as a sophomore, crossing the wire eighth in contentious renewals of both Keeneland’s Gill Appalachian S. Apr. 13 and the May 5 Gill Edgewood S. at Churchill Downs. Sent postward as the third choice here, Journey Home bided her time well off the back of the pack through a half-mile in :48.72. Gathering steam down the backstretch, she picked off rivals on the far turn under a firm hold, shifted out to the four path coming off the bend and mowed the leaders down to score in measured fashion. Two-time Grade I-placed Soul Search is also responsible for a juvenile colt by Smart Strike named Satellite and a yearling filly by Quality Road. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

6th-DEL, $10,000. Msw, 6-14, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.19. fm.
BORDEAUX (f, 4, Makfi {GB}--Aurore, by Arch) began her career campaigning in France under the care of Nicolas Clement, winning three times from nine starts. Privately purchased and transferred to the care of Graham Motion, she trained at Fair Hill in recent months and shipped down the road to Delaware for this Stateside debut. Away just a step slowly, the bay rode the rail off the pace behind a half-mile in :49.79 and moved decisively in pursuit of pace-setting Enchanteresse (Ire) (Clodovil {Ire}) into the far turn. Shifted out to the two path turning for home, she engaged in a protracted duel with that rival and just got her nose down on the wire in front. The winner’s dam has an unraced 2-year-old Broken Vow filly named Orageuse and a yearling colt by Ghostzapper named Holly Sun. She foaled a colt by English Channel this spring. Sales History: €20,000 3yo ’16 ARJUN; €60,000 RNA 3yo ’16 ARARC. Lifetime Record: 10-4-2-1, $81,990. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O-West Point Thoroughbreds; B-Wertheimer Et Frere (KY); T-H. Graham Motion.

7th-DEL, $36,125, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm ($50,000), 6-14, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.90, ft.
BOMBSHELL (f, 4, Bellamy Road--Asbeautifulasyou {Ire}, by A.P. Indy), a private purchase from owner/trainer Paul Buttigieg after winning her October 2016 debut at Woodbine, posted three runner-up efforts in five subsequent tries for this outfit on the New York circuit. Shipped down I-95 in search of some class relief here, the dark bay tracked the pace from afar behind a half-mile in :47.35 and moved decisively in pursuit of pace-setting Enchanteresse (Ire) (Clodovil {Ire}) into the far turn. Shifted out to the two path turning for home, she engaged in a protracted duel with that rival and just got her nose down on the wire in front. The winner has a yearling colt by Ghostzapper named Holly Sun. She foaled a colt by English Channel this spring. Sales History: €20,000 3yo ’16 ARJUN; €60,000 RNA 3yo ’16 ARARC. Lifetime Record: 10-4-2-1, $81,990. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O-Team Valor International; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-James A. Jerkens.
Wednesday’s Results:
3rd-TDN, $30,000, (S), Msw, 6-14, 2yo, 5f, :59.44, ft.
+AWAKEN (c, 2, Super Saver--Finalillusion, by Elusive Quality) posted a pair of works over the race distance—including a June 9 gate breeze—and was bet down to 9-5 favoritism for this career unveiling in a field of seven first-time starters. The chestnut was sent to the front, vied for the lead through a quarter-mile in :22.66 and drew off to win easily by 6 1/4 lengths. Run the Numbers (Run Away and Hide) completed the exacta. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $18,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O/B-WinStar Farm LLC & Blazing Meadows Farm LLC (OH); T-Timothy E. Hamm.

2nd-LAD, $21,000, Msw, 6-14, 2yo, 4 1/2f, :53.41, ft.
+SMOKIN’ TRUTH (g, 2, Yes It’s True--Don’t Smoke, by Smoke Glacken), sent postward at odds of 7-2 for this career debut, dueled for command from in between rivals through a quarter-mile in :23.58 and held off a late bid from Cajun Cash (My Pal Charlie)—his lone rival with prior race experience—to prevail by 3/4 of a length. The winner’s second dam is SW & GSP--Finallusion, by Elusive Quality)—his lone rival with prior race experience—to prevail by 3/4 of a length. The winner’s second dam is SW & GSP.

3rd-TDN, $12,600, Msw
+AWAKEN (c, 2, Super Saver--Finalillusion, by Elusive Quality) posted a pair of works over the race distance—including a June 9 gate breeze—and was bet down to 9-5 favoritism for this career unveiling in a field of seven first-time starters. The chestnut was sent to the front, vied for the lead through a quarter-mile in :22.66 and drew off to win easily by 6 1/4 lengths. Run the Numbers (Run Away and Hide) completed the exacta. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $18,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O/B-WinStar Farm LLC & Blazing Meadows Farm LLC (OH); T-Timothy E. Hamm.

Soledad O’Brien to Deliver Equestricon Keynote on Aftercare:
Soledad O’Brien, prominent television personality, documentarian, journalist, philanthropist and media executive, will deliver her keynote speech at the inaugural Equestricon Monday, Aug. 14 in Saratoga Springs, NY. O’Brien’s speech will focus on Thoroughbred aftercare. A lifelong horse lover, she owns five horses, including a retired racehorse, and has adopted two former racehorses from Akindale Horse Rescue in Pawling, NY.

“Equestricon is putting the issue of aftercare front and center and for that I am grateful,” O’Brien said. “These beautiful animals need and deserve homes after they retire from horse racing so that they can be adopted by loving owners.”

O’Brien will deliver her speech at 9:00 a.m. on the main convention floor of the Saratoga Springs City Center and will then moderate a panel on aftercare entitled “Success Stories,” presented by Equestricon’s official charity partner, the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance.

“It is essential that we share the stories of these incredible retired racehorses, and use the Equestricon platform to generate continued support for organizations that are caring and preparing horses for their off-the-track lives,” O’Brien added.

Equestricon co-founders and Pennsylvania-based horse owners and breeders Justin Nicholson and Kathryn Sharp have established a relationship with a local farm to retrain their retired racehorses and remain committed to increasing awareness for Thoroughbred aftercare.

“These equine athletes give us so much during their racing careers, it feels incumbent upon us to ensure they end up somewhere safe when their racing days are over,” Nicholson said. “We’re honored to have someone like Ms. O’Brien not only speaking in support of this cause, but actively providing some former racehorses a great home already.”

Equestricon, the first international horse racing convention, trade show and fan festival, will be held in Saratoga Springs from Aug. 13-15. Visit equestricon.com for more information.

Safety, Consistency Emphasized at Track Superintendents Conference:
An emphasis on safer and more consistent racing surfaces, aided by science and technology, was heard by a record 120 registrants at the 16th annual Track Superintendents Conference, which wrapped up Tuesday evening at Canterbury Park in Shakopee, MN. Sixteen speakers addressed the gathering—produced by the National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA)—on topics including biosecurity, racetrack geometry and best-practice turf management.

“There are many factors involved in racetrack safety, but it starts with the track surface,” said Dr. Mick Peterson, director of the University of Kentucky’s Ag Equine Programs and Dickson Professor of Equine Science and Management, as well as founder of the Racing Surfaces Testing Laboratory.

“Superintendents must be able to provide a surface that builds confidence with owners and trainers concerning the safety of their horse.”

Highlights of the conference included:
• Dr. Roberta Dwyer, professor at the University of Kentucky’s Department of Animal & Food Sciences, on the importance of having a plan for biosecurity (procedures intended to protect against disease or harmful biological agents) in place before it’s needed.
• Peterson on the science behind racetrack geometry, banking, and gradients.
• Dan Wiese and Blair Scheibel of RDO Integrated Controls with a live demonstration of how to measure slope in a racetrack turn using dual slope lasers.
• Jockeys’ Guild representative and retired rider Jeff Johnston on best-practice design and installation options for modern race rails, presented with video footage of on-track incidents that illustrate the role rails play in jockey and horse safety.
• Glen Kozak of the New York Racing Association (NYRA) on the track renovation project now underway at Aqueduct.
• Sean Gault of Woodbine Entertainment Group reporting on the successful first year of Woodbine’s new Tapeta surface and future investments planned for Woodbine turf racing.
• Dr. Lynn Hovda, chief veterinarian for the Minnesota Racing Commission, on best practices from AAEP’s raceday injury management guidelines, including communication, equipment, planning, and special considerations such as heat stroke and fatalities.
• Ken Brodbeck of Precision Inflation on the benefits of proper tractor tire inflation, which include a larger footprint on the ground, minimizing compaction, eliminating power hop, lowering maintenance costs, and increasing fuel efficiency.

“The Track Superintendents Conference is the industry’s only continuing education opportunity for these men and women who play a key role in protecting horses and riders,” said Steve Koch, executive director of the NTRA Safety & Integrity Alliance. “The advances discussed enhance the scientific approach to racetrack management.”

The 120 attendees from around the world (United States and U.S. Virgin Islands, Canada, England, Japan, United Arab Emirates, and Puerto Rico) was a record for the Track Superintendents Conference, with 20 participants for its inaugural event in 2001.

“Canterbury Park was honored to host the 16th Annual Track Superintendents’ Conference,” said Andrew Offerman, senior director of racing operations at Canterbury Park. “We have often promoted the open exchange of ideas by participating in numerous industry conferences and events. This program provides a great forum for track superintendents to share information and best practices.”

The Track Superintendents Conference is sponsored by Canterbury Park, John Deere, Hagyard Equine Medical Institute, The Jockey Club, NTRA, Office Depot, Racing Surfaces Testing Laboratory, and Sherwin-Williams.

ROOKIES

First-crop starters to watch: Thursday, June 15

Sire (Sire’s Sire), current lam, 2014 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race # -track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

GRAYDAR (Unbridled’s Song), Taylor Made Stallions, $15K, 99/0/0
2-CD, Msw 5 1/2f, Make Noise, $22K KEE SEP yrl, 7-2

ORB (Malibu Moon), Claiborne Farm, $25K, 99/1/0
2-CD, Msw 5 1/2f, Orbatron, $100K FTS AUG yrl, 3-1

OVERANALYZE (Dixie Union), WinStar Farm, $10K, 112/3/0
2-CD, Msw 5 1/2f, Oneseem, $30K OBS MAR 2yo, 9-2

Second-crop starters to watch: Thursday, June 15

Sire (Sire’s Sire), current lam, 2011 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race # -track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

MAD FLATTER (Flatter), Diamond B Stables, 36/7/0
7-CBY, Msw 6f, +Flatter D Daddy, 6-1

MISTER MERZ (Black Minnaloushe), 1/0/0
7-CBY, Msw 6f, +Son of So, 12-1

STAR GUITAR (Quiet American), Clear Creek Stud, $4K, 80/12/1
5-EVD, Msw 6f, +Pauley’s Star, $12K RNA EQL 2YO 2yo, 7-2

UNION RAGS (Dixie Union), Lane’s End Farm, $35K, 221/31/5
2-CD, Msw 5 1/2f, +Free Drop Billy, $200K KEE SEP yrl, 4-1

7-DEL, $50K Light Hearted S., 1m, Dancing Rags, $210K OBS MAR 2yo, 8-1
BREEDERS’ EDITION

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:
8th-BEL, $67,000, (S), (NW2$X)/Opt. Clm ($40,000), 6-14, 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:09.40, gd.
FEAR (g, 5, Maimonides--Taihedian (Chi) (SW), by Merchant of Venice) Lifetime Record: 29-9-2-4, $202,538. O-Diamond Card Racing Stable, Michael A. LeCesse & Louis A. Bisso; B-Arindel Farm LLC (NY); T-Michael A. LeCesse.

4th-IND, $34,500, (S), 6-14, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.13, sy.
HOT SUSPECT (g, 3, Primary Suspect--Hot Blooded, by Sultry Song) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, $47,920. O-48 Flat Racing LLC; B-Dirk Hixon & Chris Cupples (IN); T-Randy Haffner.

6th-IND, $24,000, (S), 6-14, (C), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.66, sy.
THUNDER BYE (g, 4, Thunder Gulch--Pass Bye (SP, $210,061), by Schossberg) Lifetime Record: 12-4-2-0, $93,040. O-Charles Watt; B-Southern Indiana Racing Company, LLC (IN); T-Kim Hammond.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Peekacho, c, 2, Hold Me Back--Pioneering Cat (SW, $234,488), by Pioneering. IND, 6-14, 5f (off turf), 1:00.28. B-Ledgelands LLC & Andrew C Ritter (KY).
Sorcerer’s Prince, c, 3, Drosselmeyer--Miracle Mover, by Giant’s Causeway. TDN, 6-14, 6f, 1:11.60. B-V. Gail Ray (KY). *$1,500 Ylg ’15 KEESSEP.
Makealittlelove, f, 3, Warrior’s Reward--Darluna (MSW, $181,490), by Premiership. BEL, 6-14, (C), 6fT, 1:10.97. B-David Gilinsky (KY). *$45,000 Ylg ’15 KEESSEP; $47,000 RNA Ylg ’15 KEESSEP; $30,000 Ylg ’15 EASOCT.
My Rocket Lady, f, 4, Alluvial--Red Tag Clearance, by Cryptoclearance. IND, 6-14, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06.23. B-Arnold Lee Bryant (IN).

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Boreale (Makfi (GB)) makes her Stateside debut a winning one at Delaware Wednesday.
**ROYAL ASCOT MEMORIES: YEATS**

*by John Berry*

Aidan O'Brien has trained many very special horses, champions whose toughness and determination have shone out as brightly as their class. The current globe-trotter Highland Reel (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) follows in the footsteps of not only his own sire but also the likes of Giant's Causeway, Rock Of Gibraltar (Ire) and High Chaparral (Ire), as well as triple Champion Hurdler Istabraq (Sadler's Wells). One horse, though, deserves to stand supreme even among this parade of heroes: Yeats (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), who topped the bill at Royal Ascot four years running.

Royal Ascot ranks as Great Britain's premier race-meeting. Most would describe it as Europe's premier race-meeting. Many would call it the best in the world. Its heroes through the ages represent a 'who's who' of great horses of history, and the Gold Cup has always been its flagship race. It takes a very special horse to run up a sequence in any race at the meeting; to do so in the Gold Cup is the hardest thing of all. First run in 1807, the Gold Cup has only ever produced 20 dual winners, starting with Lord Cavendish's Bizarre (GB), who scored in 1824 and '25. Of these 20 dual winners, only two have gone on to win it again. Sagaro secured his place in history as its first triple winner when strolling home under Lester Piggott in 1977.

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**MOORE PARTNERS AURELIA IN ASCOT SPIN**

Lady Aurelia (Scat Daddy), favourite for next Tuesday's G1 King's Stand S. at Royal Ascot, went "very well" in a gallop at Ascot on Wednesday under Ryan Moore. Moore was substituting for raceday rider Frankie Dettori, who was suffering from some soreness, though no serious injuries, after being thrown from a mount in the paddock at Yarmouth on Tuesday.

"She was very relaxed and knows what she's doing round here," said Moore of the 'TDN Rising Star', who won last year’s G2 Queen Mary S. at the meeting prior to collecting the G1 Prix Morny in France. The Stonestreet Stables, George Bolton and Peter Leidel-owned filly warmed up for the King's Stand with a win in the Listed Giant's Causeway S. at Keeneland on Apr. 15.

Trainer Wesley Ward told *At The Races*, "Lady Aurelia went very well. She had a good sprint and when Ryan pushed the button she just kicked on. That was the first time Ryan had ridden her and I can't thank him enough for coming to help us out. Ascot were very helpful. We worked nine horses and everything worked out beautiful."

Lady Aurelia was one of 21 remaining in the King’s Stand at Wednesday’s six-day confirmation stage. She could face last year's winner Profitable (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), with another former winner, Goldream (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), also still eligible. G1 Prix de l'Abbaye winner Marsha (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}) is the leading British-based contender with bookmakers, while the French contingent includes G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest winner Signs of Blessing (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). A notable absentee is the former Ward-trained Queen Mary winner Acapulco (Scat Daddy), who won the Listed Sole Power Sprint for Aidan O’Brien on May 14.

There were no surprise defections for the opening day’s two other Group 1s, the Queen Anne S. and the St. James's Palace S. Godolphin’s Ribchester (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}) heads the former off a win in the G1 Lockinge S., and he could reoppose that race’s second Lightning Spear (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) as well as the dual Group 1-placed Mutakayyef (GB) (Sea The Stars {Ire}).

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**TRUMP IMMIGRATION POLICY CREATES HAVOC FOR HORSEMEN**

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Royal Ascot Memories: Yeats Cont. from p1

Thirty-two years later, Yeats re-wrote the history-books when, aged eight, he landed the great race for the fourth consecutive year. One can rarely say, ‘never again,’ but it is hard to see this wonderful feat ever being repeated.

Yeats’s four-timer does not represent the longest winning streak in Ascot history. In 1934, Brown Jack (GB) set a record which we can surely say will never be broken, scoring at the meeting for the seventh successive year. He won the Ascot S. in 1928 before taking the Queen Alexandra S. in each of the next six years. In 1933, "he was cheered the whole way up the straight." In 1934, as The Times reported the following day, "Never have such scenes been witnessed. Everyone flocked from the Royal Enclosure; they rushed from the lawns and Tattersall’s Ring, they arrived through the famous tunnel breathless in the paddock...and when he reached the gates of his enclosure, which he was entering for the sixth time after winning this race, he stopped and looked around. None could make him walk in until he was certain that everyone who wanted to see him go in was present." His rider, 10-time champion jockey Steve Donoghue, recalled, "Never will I forget the roar of the crowd as long as I live: Ascot or no Ascot they went mad...all my six Derbys faded before the reception that was awaiting Jack and myself as we set out to return to weigh-in. I don't think I was ever so happy in my life."

While Brown Jack’s Ascot sequence was three years longer than Yeats’s, that tells only half the story. The Ascot S. (a handicap) and the Queen Alexandra S. (run at weight-for-age plus penalties) are big races, but their status pales into insignificance alongside that of the Gold Cup, whose winner each year generally ranks as the undisputed champion of the staying ranks. Brown Jack was almost certainly good enough to win the Gold Cup, but never ran in it for one simple reason: he was a gelding, and thus ineligible to take part. Cont. p3

Yeats is immortalised with a statue at Ascot | Racing Post

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Royal Ascot Memories: Yeats Cont.
And therein lies the added dimension of Aidan O’Brien’s feat in masterminding Yeats’s achievements: keeping a gelding sound and willing for years on end is hard enough, but doing the same with a mature stallion is harder still.

Yeats’s longevity as a racehorse did not stem from a late or gentle introduction to racing. He was a good winner at The Curragh as a 2-year-old, a dual group winner at three and a Group 1 winner at four, all before he was belatedly reinvented as ‘Cup horse’ at the age of five. Having been an easy winner at The Curragh on debut as a 2-year-old in September of 2003, Yeats resumed the following spring with a 10-length triumph in the G3 Ballysax S. over 10 furlongs at Leopardstown. Three weeks later he went off the 1-5 favourite for the G2 Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial, and won again. He was a rock-solid favourite for the Derby—but then fate trod on his connections’ dreams. A few days after the Derby Trial, O’Brien reported that the colt was showing signs of "recurring stiffness" in his hind quarters. There is only one Derby, and the trainer was clearly loath to admit defeat. However, three days before the great race the trainer finally bowed to the inevitable: the Derby favourite was scratched, and Yeats’s season was over.

The road to the Classics (on either side of the Atlantic) is an attritional one. Likely Derby candidates who fall by the wayside never to be heard of again are seemingly a dime a dozen. For Yeats, though, his aborted Classic campaign proved to be merely the beginning. He bounced back as a 4-year-old, prompting thoughts of what might have been by taking the G1 Coronation Cup over the Derby course at Epsom. Come the end of the season, though, his career seemed (again) to be at a crossroads. As a well-bred and handsome Group 1 winner, Yeats had done enough to retire to stud, albeit not at the height of fashion. Alternatively, he could continue to contest the big 12-furlong weight-for-age races. There was, though, a third option, a ‘wild card.’ The big Cup races had gone out of fashion as the breeding community had turned its back on stayers but, even though Coolmore’s fortunes are based on the commercial realities of the bloodstock world, the sporting option clearly appealed to John Magnier. The decision was taken that Yeats would go for Gold.

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Upcoming 2017 4yo/up Group Races in England

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Royal Ascot Memories: Yeats Cont.

Over the next four seasons, Yeats proved himself one of the greatest and most popular heroes in Ascot's history. In 2006 he won the Gold Cup by four lengths under Kieren Fallon. In 2007 he scored by a length-and-a-half under Mick Kinane. In 2008 he and Johnny Murtagh slammed their rivals by five lengths. And in 2009 he and Murtagh justified favouritism by 3 1/2 lengths, thus triggering possibly the greatest outpouring of emotion seen on the Heath since Brown Jack's swansong 75 years previously.

During those four seasons Yeats ran 18 times, winning 11 races including the G2 Goodwood Cup in 2006, the G1 Irish St Leger in 2007, and the G2 Goodwood Cup and the G1 Prix Royal-Oak in 2008. His record, however, was not unblemished. He was a beaten odds-on favourite four times, most notably when tailed off in a listed race at Navan in his Gold Cup lead-up race in 2009. However, he bounced back from that poor run to take the Gold Cup seven weeks later, just as he had bounced back from his disappointments previously. Paradoxically, his tendency to put in the odd stinker merely added to his massive appeal: he was only human, fallible rather than invincible, but you could never, ever, ever write him off.

To use a currently fashionable phrase, 'he wore his heart on his sleeve,' galloping his rivals into the ground with a stamina-packed display of overwhelming determination. Just as Steve Donoghue had adored Brown Jack, so did Johnny Murtagh come to revere Yeats.

"Yeats was a very special horse," he said. "He really rose to the occasion. He loved coming out under the stand at Royal Ascot and the big crowd on the big day brought out the best in him. It was a powerful performance to get him back to Ascot each year in top shape: winning four Ascot Gold Cups is a tremendous credit to Aidan O'Brien, the staff around him and, of course, to the horse himself."

Bred by Barronstown Stud and Orpendale, and raced by Mrs. John Magnier and Mrs. David Nagle, Yeats retired with a record of 15 wins and four minor placings from 26 starts. He began covering at Coolmore in 2010 at the age of nine, but inevitably he has subsequently been moved across to join Coolmore's National Hunt roster at Castle Hyde. He is clearly one of the brightest stars of the jumps breeding firmament, notwithstanding that, from limited opportunities, he has shown himself to be a very capable sire for the flat too.

Yeats may well produce a National Hunt great, a winner of a Cheltenham Gold Cup or a Grand National. However, he is long odds-against to produce a son who can match his own supreme majesty, one who can hold the crowd in the palm of his hand as he himself did on those four glorious, unforgettable summer’s afternoons when he reigned supreme as the King of Ascot.
Moore Partners Aurelia in Ascot Spin Cont. from p1

Aidan O'Brien has left in Cougar Mountain (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) and Deauville (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), while America could be represented by Miss Temple City (Temple City)--who also has an option in Wednesday's G2 Duke of Cambridge S.—and American Patriot (War Front), with that nation looking for back-to-back wins off Tepin (Bernstein)’s 2016 score.

Aidan O’Brien’s dual Guineas winner Churchill (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) will be a daunting favourite for the St. James’s Palace, where he is set to face the Godolphin pair Barney Roy (GB) (Excelebration {Ire}) and Thunder Snow (Ire) (Helmet {Aus}) among 10 potential rivals.

O'Brien Narrows Juvenile Team

Aidan O'Brien has narrowed down his roster of Royal Ascot juveniles to a select team, reports the Irish Independent. The Ballydoyle trainer already holds a record eight wins in the G2 Coventry S., and he looks likely to rely on three-length maiden winner Murillo (Scat Daddy) and $2.6-million weanling and ’TDN Rising Star’ Declarationofpeace in that opening-day contest.

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"We are looking at Murillo and Declarationofpeace going in the Coventry S.,” O'Brien told the Irish Independent. "We may have Sioux Nation (Scat Daddy) in the [Listed] Windsor Castle or [G2] Norfolk and the ground got very soft at The Curragh last time. It's not certain we will have a runner in the [G2] Queen Mary. Clemmie and September are possibles for the Albany and Chesham."

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STAKES WINNER ADDED TO GOFFS LONDON

Ardenode (Hellvelyn {GB}), unbeaten in two runs and the winner of Saturday’s Listed Prix La Fleche, France’s first juvenile stakes race of the year, has been added to the June 19 Goffs London Sale as a wildcard. Trained by Eoghan O’Neill, the gelding holds an entry in next Thursday’s G2 Norfolk S. as well as the G3 Prix du Bois and Redcar 2YO Trophy.

“It was always a hope that we would have a horse good enough to send to the London Sale, and we are delighted to bring the first 2-year-old stakes winner of the year in France,” O’Neill said. “This is a horse who I think will suit both Hong Kong and America as well as anyone wishing to keep him in training in Europe.”

DETTORET RETAINS ‘SHOOTR’ RIDE IN DIANE

Frankie Dettori is expected to be fit to ride undefeated ‘TDN Rising Star’ and G3 Musidora S. victress Shutter Speed (GB) (Dansili {GB}) in the G1 Prix de Diane at Chantilly on Sunday. The popular Italian was thrown from the John Gosden-trained Tivoli (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) in the paddock at Yarmouth on Tuesday. Tivoli was withdrawn from the fillies’ maiden and Dettori was stood down for the rest of the day. Dettori will no longer be in action at Kempton on Wednesday evening, nor at Newbury on Thursday.

"I saw him last night and he was his usual chirpy self," said his agent Ray Cochrane. "His arm is sore. He’s been to see the physio who just wants it to settle down for a couple of days before he gets to work on it. He should be fine to ride Shutter Speed on Sunday, anyway."
Dettori Retains ‘Shutter’ Ride in Diane Cont.

In other French Oaks news, Aidan O’Brien has left G1 1000 Guineas runner-up Rhododendron (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the 1 1/4-mile Classic. The 2016 G1 Dubai Fillies’ Mile heroine is still on the hunt for a first Classic success, after following up her Guineas run with another second-place finish, this time in the G1 Oaks at Epsom June 2. Rhododendron is one of 17 possible runners still in the running for the French Oaks, where she is joined by fellow Ballydoyle runner and MSP Pocketfullofdreams (Fr) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}).

The most notable absentee is the Charlie Appleby-trained ‘Rising Star’ Sobetsu (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), who finished down the field in the Oaks on her last start, having previously won the G1 Prix Saint-Alary.

‘STARS’ OUT OF ROYAL ASCOT

Godolphin’s Cloth Of Stars (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) has been ruled out of the G1 Prince of Wales’s S. at Royal Ascot next Wednesday, June 21. The in-form 4-year-old, trained in France by Andre Fabre, was a major player for the big mile-and-a-quarter Group 1, but he has not been giving off the right vibes at his home in Chantilly.

Fabre said, "The horse had an excellent spring campaign and really deserved his Group 1 win [in the Prix Ganay.] Initially, he seemed to have taken it well, but I feel now that he’s already peaked and is asking for a bit of time to recover. He’ll be given an easy few weeks and brought back for an autumn campaign, and we’ll look to stepping him back up to 12 furlongs."

TATTS JULY SALE CATALOGUE RELEASED

The catalogue for the 2017 Tattersalls July Sale, slated for July 12-14, is now online, with physical copies to be published on Thursday. A total of 910 lots have been entered, with 747 horses and fillies in/out of training and 163 broodmares, 10 with foals at their sides. There are also consignments from quality owner/breeders Cheveley Park Stud, Godolphin, Juddmonte Farms and Shadwell Estates, numbering almost 200 lots combined.

The Tattersalls July Sale has produced the dams of 12 individual Group 1 winners since 2015, including 2016 G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere hero National Defense (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and MG1SW Lord Nelson (Pulpit), with their dams purchased for 80,000gns and 37,000gns, respectively.

Of the 163 broodmares, many are in foal to proven Group 1 sires like Exceed And Excel (Aus), Iffraaj (GB), Kodiak (GB), Lawman (Fr), Lope de Vega (Ire), Nathaniel (Ire), Teofilo (Ire), and Wootton Bassett (GB). Younger sires are also represented, including mares in foal to Group 1 winners Al Kazeem (GB), Delirium (Fr), Dawn Approach (Ire), Intello (Ger), Maxios (GB), Mukhadram (GB), New Bay (GB), Shalaa (Ire), and The Last Lion (Ire).

Highlights among the racing prospect portion number: MG1SW Dylan Mouth (Ire) (Dylan Thomas {Ire}) (lot 843), MGSW Arab Spring (Ire) (Monsun {Ger}) (lot 826) and SW Wick Powell (GB) (Sakhee’s Secret {GB}) (lot 725). There are also six half-sisters to Group 1 winners including the siblings to G1 Cheveley Park S. heroine Carry on Katie (Fasliyev) (lot 172), GI Cashcall Futurity S. victor Violence (Medaglia d’Oro) (lot 173), and Earthquake (Aus) (Exceed And Excel (Aus)) (lot 285), who won the G1 Blue Diamond S.

"Last year’s Tattersalls July Sale achieved record turnover which will be a hard act to follow, but we have catalogued more than 900 lots for this year’s Tattersalls July Sale and as well as being the largest July Sale since 2008, it is a catalogue of real quality and diversity," said Tattersalls Chairman Edmond Mahony. "The July Sale is a consistent source of Group 1 performers and producers and the uniquely popular July Sale formula of quality breeding stock combined with high class horses in training looks set to attract the usual mix of domestic and international buyers."
SIXTIES SONG SET FOR KING GEORGE

Argentinean Group 1 winner **Sixties Song (Arg)** (Sixties Icon (GB)), as well as defending winner **Highland Reel (Ire)** (Galileo (Ire)), featured among the 42 entries for the July 29 G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. revealed on Wednesday.

Sixties Song--who will turn four on Aug. 1--won South America’s most important middle-distance race, the G1 Longines Gran Premio Latinoamericano, in March, as well as the G1 Gran Premio Carlos Pellegrini in December. His trainer, Alfredo Gaitan, was at Ascot to walk the course on Tuesday and said, "I may not have traveled the world, but I have been to Santa Anita and Gulfstream Park, yet I have never been to a racecourse like Ascot. It is incredible, absolutely amazing. The track is beautiful, but obviously it is a very undulating track, which is a bit of a worry, if only because our horse has not really encountered it. However, we do know that we have a good horse and we hope he can show it when he comes over. I don’t really know the opposition, even though I have watched the Derby, so I have seen Wings of Eagles and Cracksman."

"This is a great opportunity and a real honour and we are grateful to everyone who has made this possible," Gaitan added. "No horse from South America has ever attempted to come over and run in a race like this and we are all very excited. It is something unique and very special."

The aforementioned Derby one-three **Wings of Eagles (Fr)** (Pour Moi (Ire)) and **Cracksman (GB)** (Frankel (GB)) are also among the King George entries.

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Sixties Song Set for King George Cont.

Derby runner-up Cliffs Of Moher (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) is also slated to take his place, as is Order of St George (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Oaks winner Enable (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}), G1 Irish Derby and G1 Dubai Sheema Classic winner Jack Hobbs (GB) (Halling) and his Group 1-winning John Gosden stabelmate Journey (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), Breeders’ Cup winner Queen’s Trust (GB) (Dansili {GB}), dual Group 1 winner Erupt (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) and last year’s G1 Prince of Wales’s S. winner My Dream Boat (Ire) (Lord Shanakill).

BARTON TO RETIRE FROM BHA

Paul Barton, Head of Stewarding for the British Horseracing Authority, will retire from that role at the end of 2017. Previously a jumps jockey for 15 years, Barton was promoted to the BHA’s head of stewarding role in March of 2013, following 22 years of experience officiating at racecourses for the Jockey Club, Horseracing Regulatory Authority and BHA. Barton has been responsible for modernising several aspects of stewarding, including the restructuring of raceday stewarding and the introduction of the stewards secretary role, as well as working towards the implementation of improved technology to assist raceday stewarding decisions.

“We would like to congratulate Paul on his forthcoming retirement and thank him for his long and distinguished service to the racing industry, both as a jockey and a Steward,” said Jamie Stier, Chief Regulatory Officer of the BHA. “Paul has brought a great many qualities to his role, in particular a calmness, stoicism and clarity of thought which have been invaluable during the many and varied incidents which he has faced during his time in charge of the stewarding team.”

Added Stier, “His contribution will be greatly missed by all at the BHA and he leaves big shoes to fill. Paul has our best wishes for the future and we wish him luck in his endeavours to reduce that golf handicap. It is time for us to now look to the future. We will commence the process to find the next Head of Stewarding who will be responsible for the future leadership, structure and policies around stewarding in Britain.”

‘TDN Rising Star’ Talayeb drops down in class and steps up in trip after registering a highly promising fourth in Newmarket’s May 7 G1 1000 Guineas on seasonal return last time. She faces seven rivals in this 10-furlong distaffers’ test and, with optimum ground conditions, trainer Owen Burrows is hopeful of a first stakes success for the homebred bay. “She appreciated that bit of summer we had for about a week and enjoyed the sun on her back,” he said. “I’m very pleased with her and she is in good form. Sheikh Hamdan was keen for her to get a win in a black-type race, we need to try her over 10 furlongs and Newbury is a nice track to do that on.” Opposition includes York handicap winner Ebbesbourne, Haydock maiden scorer Smart Together and Listed Height of Fashion S. third and fourth Indian Blessing and Elas Ruby.

Wednesday’s Results:
5th-KEM, £8,000, Hcp, 6-14, 3yo, f, 7f (AWT), 1:24.84, st/sl.
TRIBUTE ACT (GB) (f, 3, Exceed and Excel {Aus}--Sister Act (GB), by Marju {Ire}), who scored here on debut in October before running a creditable race when fourth in a mile Newmarket handicap May 18, was tardy from the stalls and forced to race towards the rear. Passing the two pole, it was clear that given luck the 9-4 favourite was the winner and when the opening came soon after she was through to take command with a furlong remaining en route to a convincing 1 3/4-length success from Ventura Blues (Ire) (Bated Breath {GB}). The winner is a half-sister to the 2014 G1 Prix Jean Romanet and G2 Blandford S. winner Ribbons (GB) (Manduro {Ger}), Hwt. Older Mare-Ire at 9 1/2-11f, G1SW-Fr, GSW & G1SP-Ire, SW & GSP-Eng, $590,119, and is the last known foal out of Sister Act, a full-sibling of the brilliant Soviet Song (Ire). She was a European champion and multiple highweight thanks to her five Group 1 triumphs which featured the Sussex S.

Thursday, Newbury, post time: 3:05 p.m.
LORD WEINSTOCK MEMORIAL EBF STALLIONS S. (BALLYMACOLL STUD S.)-Listed, £50,000, 3yo, f, 10f

SC PP HORSE SIRE JOCKEY TRAINER
1 6 Ebbesbourne (Ire) Teofilo (Ire) Moore Stoute
2 8 Elas Ruby (GB) Raven’s Pass Doyle Gosden
3 3 Fleur Fosyte (GB) Teofilo (Ire) Muscutt Fanshawe
4 4 Indian Blessing (GB) Sepoy (Aus) Probert Walker
5 2 Pattie (GB) Sixties Icon (GB) de Sousa Channon
6 5 Pleasant Surprise (Ire) Mastercraftsman (Ire) Spencer Cumani
7 7 Smart Together Smart Strike Buick Gosden
8 1 Talayeb (GB) Dansili (GB) Crowley Burrows

All carry 126 pounds.

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Dance Diva

Her half-sister, the listed scorer Marlinka (GB) (Marju {Ire}), is the dam of last year’s G1 Prix de l’Abbaye heroine Marsha (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}) who scored in the G3 Palace House S. last month. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, £8,375. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O/B-Elite Racing Club (GB); T-James Fanshawe.

1st-YAR, £7,000, Cond, 6-14, 2yo, 5f 42yT, 1:01.78, g/f.

+VISCOUNT LOFTUS (IRE) (c, 2, Clodovil {Ire}--Melpomene {GB}, by Peintre Celebre) broke well and led from flagfall in this debut. Coming under pressure when tackled by One Minute (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) passing the quarter-mile marker, the 7-1 chance kept on well for four cracks of Sylvestre de Sousa’s baton inside the final eighth to deny that 1-3 favourite by a nose after a ding-dong tussle. Kin to a yearling filly by Fast Company (Ire), he becomes the fourth scorer for his three-times successful dam Melpomene (GB) (Peintre Celebre) and he shares his third dam Lady Sharp (Fr) (Sharpman {Ire}) with G1 Poule d’Essai des Poulains and G1 Prix du Jockey Club-winning sire Lope de Vega (Ire) (Shamardal). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $5,775. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O/B-Mrs Christine E Budden & Partners (IRE); T-Mark Johnston.

2nd-HAY, £5,500, Cond, 6-14, 2yo, f, 6fT, 1:13.47, g/s.

DANCE DIVA (GB) (f, 2, Mayson {GB}--Dance East {GB}, by Shamardal), a May 30 debut winner going three yards shy of six panels at Redcar in her only prior start, tracked the leaders in fifth for most of this return. Nudged along with 2 1/2 furlongs to go, the 13-8 chalk joined a leading wave of seven approaching the final eighth and ran on strongly for continued cajoling in the closing stages to prevail by an ultimately snug length from Vodka Pigeon (GB) (Sepoy {Aus}). The homebred bay is out of a winning full-sister to Listed Wettenleip Stutenpreis placegetter Isioma (GB) (Shamardal) and is half to a yearling colt by Nathaniel (Ire). Her granddam Russian Dance (Nureyev) is a winning half-sister to G1 Racing Post Trophy-winning sire Saratoga Springs (El Gran Senor) and to the dam of GSW GI Beverly D S. runner-up Ausus (Invasor {Arg}), and is from a family which also features G1 Prix Marcel Boussac-winning French champion juvenile filly Play It Safe (Ire) (Red Alert {Ire}) and GI Washington DC International-winning sire Providential (Ire) (Run the Gantlet). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $9,521. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O/B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB); T-Richard Fahey.

7th-HAY, £5,500, Mdn, 6-14, 3yo/up, 11f 140yT, 2:32.05, g/s.

UAE KING (GB) (c, 3, Frankel {GB}--Zomaradah {GB} {Hwt. Older Mare-Ire at 9 1/2-11f, Hwt. Older Mare-Ity at 11-14f, G1SW-Ity, GSW-Can & Ire, GISP-US, $642,124}, by Deploy {GB}), a half-brother to the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas hero and prolific sire Dubawi (Ire), was runner-up over this trip at Lingfield last time May 12 and was in front initially before being headed off and settled in second. Regaining control passing the half-mile marker, the 6-5 market leader stayed on to score by a length from Festival of Ages (Medaglia d’Oro). Zomaradah, who captured the G1 Oaks d’Italia, G2 Premio Lydia Tesio, GII E. P. Taylor S. and G2 Royal Whip S. as well as finishing third in the G1 Breeders’ Cup Filly & Mare Turf, struck gold at the second attempt as a broodmare by producing the aforementioned Dubawi from one of the few precious matings with Dubai Millennium (GB). He possessed the speed to conquer the G1 National S. and Irish Guineas as well as the G1 Prix Jacques le Marois and also the stamina to finish third in the G1 Epsom Derby. Next up from Zomaradah was Princess Nada (GB) (Barathea {Ire}), winner of the Listed Lord Weinstock Memorial S. and third in the G2 Lancashire Oaks before producing the G3 Geelong Cup scorer Qewy (Ire) (Street Cry {Ire}) and the Listed Aphrodite S. winner and G3 Lillie Langtry Fillies S. third Jordan Princess (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}). Also the dam of the listed-placed Dubai Queen (Kingmambo) and the G2 Lancashire Oaks scorer Emirates Queen (GB) (Street Cry {Ire}), GSW-Eng & GSP-Fr, $115,027, the relative of the owner’s G1 Epsom Derby-winning sire High-Rise (Ire) has nothing more to offer after UAE King. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, $5,654. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum; B-Darley (GB); T-Roger Varian.
British Report Cont.

3rd-KEM, £5,000, Mdn, 6-14, 3yo, 11f 219y (AWT), 2:32.89, st/sl.

PETITIONER (IRE) (c, 3, Dansili {GB}--Reflective, by Seeking the Gold), green when a distant third on debut at Wolverhampton Apr. 22, was anchored halfway down the field throughout the early stages. Slicing between rivals to lead with 1 1/2 furlongs to race, the 9-2 second favourite was pressed by Qaviy Cash (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) but held on to prevail by a head. The winner is a half-brother to the smart stayer Biographer (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}), SW & GSP-Eng, $213,501, whose dam is a daughter of the G3 Prix Chloe winner Korveya (Riverman). She is better known as the producer of the brilliant Bosra Sham (Woodman), the European champion and heroine of the G1 1000 Guineas and G1 Champion S., and also the G1 Poule d’Essai des Poulains-winninh sire Shanghai. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $4,681. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Mr & Mrs T O’Donohoe; B-Awbeg Stud (IRE); T-Roger Charlton.

6th-LIN, £4,500, Cond, 6-13, 2yo, f, 6f 1y (AWT), 1:12.90, st.

ELIZABETH BENNET (IRE) (f, 2, Acclamation {GB}--Littlepromisedland {Ire}, by Titus Livius {Fr}), third over this trip on her turf debut at Goodwood May 27, was backed into 13-8 favouritism and gained an ideal early spot behind the leading duo. Pushed to the front on the inner approaching the furlong pole, the 85,000 GOFNOV foal and 140,000 GOFORB yearling drew away to win by five lengths from Sardenya (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}). The dam, who also has a yearling filly by Dark Angel (Ire), is a half-sister to the G1 Diamond Jubilee S. and G1 July Cup-winning sire Hector Protector and the fellow Poule d’Essai des Poulains-winninh sire Shanghai. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $4,681. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Mr Be Nielsen; B-Bjorn Nielsen (IRE); T-Roger Charlton.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Danehill Desert (Ire), c, 2, Clodovil (Ire)--Misplace (Ire), by Green Desert. HAM, 6-14, 5f 7yT, 1:00.86. B-Newlands House Stud (IRE). *€14,000 Ylg ’16 GOFSPT. **1/2 to Mayweather (GB) (Nayef), GSP-Fr, $170,429.
**Goffs Land Rover Posts Gains Cont.**

**Etat Des Flos (Fr) (Balko {Fr}) (lot 302)**, consigned by Sluggara Farm, topped the overall proceedings, selling for €175,000 on a bid from Aiden Murphy. A full-brother to the 2017 Goffs Land Rover Bumper victor Vision Des Flos (Fr), the 3-year-old’s dam is a half-sister to SW and GSP Salut Flo (Fr) (Saint des Saints {Fr}), as well as G1SP Balko des Flos (Fr) (Balko {Fr}).

“Tuesday’s Part 1 average and median both rose to record levels, up by over a quarter and a third respectively, all backed up by a simply amazing clearance rate of 93%,” said Goffs Chief Executive Henry Beeby. “Part 2 trade Wednesday has also proved extremely strong with records again. That impression is totally endorsed by the clearance rate of 88% over the two days which was driven by a near frenzied trade from start to finish and at all levels, not least at the top with 10 lots breaking the six-figure barrier, another record for the Land Rover Sale. As ever we are extremely grateful to our vendors who provide us with catalogues of rising quality each year.”

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**ITALY**

**Wednesday’s Result:**

5th-SRO, €16,500, Mdn, 6-14, 7fT, 1:29.7, gd.

**DARITAI (c, 2, Dublin--Desafinado, by Pulpit)**, sixth on debut 12 days ago, looked a different horse in his second start. He was green in the early stages but, once he found his stride entering the last 400 metres, he flashed home outrunning newcomer Zengia (GB) (Maxios {GB}), who ran prominently and was beaten just at the end. Daritai is a smart prospect for the autumn and is likely to relish a longer trip. He is the third winner out of Desafinado, a half-sister to Gill Delaware H. winner Irving’s Baby (Quiet American) and G2 Pan American H. winner Deeliteful Irving (Afternoon Deelites). Desafinado was covered by Emcee in 2016 and Northern Afleet this year. Sales history: $1,200 yrl '16 KEEJAN; $13,000 yrl '16 OBSAUG. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, i 6,375. [VIDEO].

O-Scuderia Fert; B-Anstu Farm-NY; T-Gianluca Verricelli.
EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

IN HONG KONG:
Time Warp (GB), g, 4, Archipenko--Here to Eternity, by Stormy Atlantic. Happy Valley, 6-14, Hcp. (£176k/€199k), 1800mT, 1:47.61 (NCR). B-Miss K Raising. *€37,000 Ylg ‘14 TISEP.
**MSW-Fr. VIDEO

IN AUSTRALIA:
Shakopee (GB), g, 5, High Chaparral (Ire)--Tentpole, by Rainbow Quest. Sandown (Hillside), Hcp. (£24k/€27k), 2400mT, 2:32.16. B-Fitlocks Stud. *1/2 to Too Much Trouble (GB) (Barathea [Ire]), GSP-UAE, $133,192. **170,000 2yo ‘14 TATHIT; 120,000gns HRA ‘16 TATHIT.

AUSTRALIAN-BRED WINNERS

IN HONG KONG:
Jade Theatre (Aus), g, 3, Pluck--Miguelita (Aus), by Danehill. Happy Valley, 6-14, Hcp. (A$208k), 1200mT, 1:09.42. B-T Hartley (Vic). *Formerly Gasoline (Aus). **SP-NZ. VIDEO
Gracious Ryder (Aus), g, 3, Tickets (Aus)--Fleur de Lion (Aus), by Tale of the Cat. Happy Valley, 6-14, Hcp. (A$141k), 1200mT, 1:09.98. B-Mrs K Chrysiliou. *A$11,000 Ylg ‘15 INGSCO. VIDEO

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