HIGH 'N' DALE PURCHASES INTEREST IN BUBBLER

John Sikura’s Hill ‘n’ Dale Farm has purchased a 50% interest in Bubbler (Distorted Humor--Grechelle, by Deputy Minister), dam of champion Arrogate (Unbridled’s Song), from the Cleary family’s Clearsky Farm. The 11-year-old mare is currently in foal to Tapit.

“Hill ‘n’ Dale has established itself as among the very best in all areas of the Thoroughbred business, so we are very pleased to be involved in a partnership with them on Bubbler,” a statement from Clearsky Farm read. “We are very excited about Bubbler’s future, with her second, third and fourth foals yet to race, and hopefully we can both share some success with her.”

Arrogate, who has taken the racing world by storm with wins in the GI Travers S., GI Breeders’ Cup Classic, GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational, and G1 Dubai World Cup, is Bubbler’s first foal.

The late Eamon Cleary purchased Bubbler for $170,000 at the 2010 Fasig-Tipton November Sale. The mare, in foal to Into Mischief, RNA’d for $4.7 million at that auction last fall, just days after Arrogate’s Breeders’ Cup Classic victory.

The mare has a 2-year-old filly by Medaglia d’Oro, a yearling filly by Giant’s Causeway and she produced a filly by Into Mischief this spring.

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Serengeti Has the Look of a Lion for Peachtree

John Fort of Peachtree Stable has been around the game of racing long enough to know that things don’t always go according to plan. But with Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert in his corner, nobody would blame the owner for growing accustomed to success as the norm.

Most recently, the duo was forced to regroup after their highly regarded 2-year-old colt Serengeti (Algorithms) crossed the wire a disappointing second as the even-money favorite in his June 10 Santa Anita debut—a performance that was likely a product of studishness in the post parade and greenness on the racetrack, where he struggled with his lead changes and proved no match for Runaway Giant (Ghostzapper) in the stretch.

“We expected him to win the first race, and he just seemed a little confused,” Fort explained. “It just wasn’t him--Bob made the statement one time that [his son] Bode could ride the horse around the barn or in the mornings.” Cont. p3

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THE WEEKLY WRAP

Emma Berry takes a look back at some of the highlights from Royal Ascot in her Weekly Wrap.

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“We at Werk Thoroughbred Consultants have been high on Super Saver from the beginning and were especially bullish in ’17 because we feel he’s on the verge of another run in the next year or two.”

— Sid Fernando, President, Werk Thoroughbred Consultants, Inc., who was responsible for 15 mares bred to Super Saver in 2017
INDUSTRY GROUPS OBJECT TO PARX OAKS RULING

The Jockey Club and the International Cataloguing Standards Committee are among industry groups calling for the Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission to reconsider its ruling which names two fillies winners of last year’s Parx Oaks.

F-T SARATOGA CATALOGUE ON-LINE

The catalogue for the 2017 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale, featuring 227 select yearlings, is now available on-line.
Hill ‘n’ Dale Purchases Interest in Bubbler
(cont. from p1)

Clearsky Farms plans to retain both the mare’s Giant's Causeway filly and her Into Mischief filly to race. The Medaglia d’Oro filly sold for $300,000 to Bridlewood Farm at last year’s Keeneland September Yearling Sale.

“We are grateful and excited to become co-owner with Clearsky Farm of Bubbler,” Sikura said in a statement.

“As the dam of Arrogate, the world’s highest-rated racehorse, and in foal to Classic sire Tapit, we feel Bubbler is a remarkable opportunity to enhance our brand. Our goal is to continue to assemble a world-class broodmare band and associate with leading breeders like Clearsky Farm.”

Serengeti has the Look of a Lion for Peachtree (cont. from p1)

Equipped with a race under his belt and the services of Hall of Fame jockey Mike Smith, Serengeti more than lived up to that hype in his second start Sunday, reporting home a front-running 11-length winner—a performance that earned him ‘TDN Rising Star’ status [video]. Vastly more professional at second asking, the handsome bay separated from his rivals at will, changed his leads on cue and glided to the wire under minimal encouragement.

“What I really liked was how easily he shook off the other horse, who I think is a pretty nice horse,” Fort said, referring to third-place finisher Honeymoonz Over (Congrats), who applied pressure to Serengeti in the early stages of the races before evening out. “It was just like, ‘Get out of my way. Don’t come here.’ That impressed me more than anything. And Mike sort of just wrapped up on him, almost at the eighth pole, and then by the sixteenth pole, he was just standing up in the saddle.”

A tireless student of the sales game, Fort recalled that he was immediately in awe of the powerful build of the Algorithms colt when he and his wife, Elizabeth, visited the St. George Sales consignment in the days leading up to the 2016 Keeneland September sale. Cont. p4
“I think most people in the business know that I look at a lot of horses—I spend all day, every day looking at horses,” Fort said. “It’s such a pleasure to do business with Archie St. George—he is one of the real gentleman in this business and we’re lucky to have him. This horse walked out of the barn and he was the kind of horse you just knew you were going to buy. He’s just so strong. He’s not a big, massive horse, but he’s just the right size. For a horse his size—which is about 16 hands—he is so strong. The first thing you see about this particular horse is that he just has the most beautiful head. I’ve been sort of bragging on him for the last month or so.”

Fort said he was not actively looking for a second-crop offering from the Claiborne stallion Algorithms (Bernardini), but noticed that Serengeti had a strong hip, reminiscent of his sire. Likewise, a set of pristine x-rays, a straight hind leg and a “Grade I throat” scope added to the colt’s appeal. According to Fort, pedigree was somewhat ancillary in guiding him towards an eventual purchase, but he was well aware of the topside productivity of the mare Ava Knowsthecode—who in addition to Algorithms is also responsible for sires Justin Phillip (First Samurai) and Keyed Entry (Honour and Glory), as well as GSW Greenpointcrusader (Bernardini). Serengeti had plenty of damside appeal to boot as the son of an unraced half-sister to Baffert-trained GSW Fast Bullet (Speightstown) from the family of champion Brave Raj (Rajab).

Although Fort already had his mind set on acquiring the yearling, his commitment was solidified when Baffert and his wife, Jill, entered the fray as co-owners. The Forts are close friends with the Bafferts beyond the confines of the racing world, and were thrilled when the trainer provided his stamp of approval when evaluating Serengeti. Peachtree and Baffert teamed to win the 2011 GI Kentucky Oaks with Plum Pretty (Medaglia d’Oro).

“I told Bob I was going to buy this horse, because I like to make sure that Bob is not going to bid against me,” Fort recalled fondly. “The horse came into the ring, and Bob said, ‘My God, John, you’re going to buy this horse?’ And I said, ‘You betcha.’ And he said, ‘Can I have a piece?’ I told him, ‘Sure Bob, it will be fun.’...Bob came running in [to the sales pavilion] and I told him to get out of there because he was going to run the price up. But anyway, he was so nervous that we weren’t going to get the horse.”

Any concerns were put to rest when the hammer dropped at $200,000, with Fort signing the winning ticket. Serengeti was sent to Central Florida, where he spent roughly six months learning to become a racehorse under the tutelage of Barry Eisaman. While the 2-year-old did not reach the level of physical maturity forecasted by Fort, it was once again Baffert who provided reassurance that they had something special.

“Frankly, I was a little bit disappointed because I expected him to get taller--and he didn’t—he just stayed his strong self,” Fort continued. “He never missed a day of training. Then, when Bob came down [to Ocala] for the [OBS] March Sale, he went out there in the morning, and I said, ‘Bob, I hope you still like him. He’s not a big tall, long-legged horse, but he’s trained really well.’ But when Bob went out there, he thought he was perfect.”

Baffert determined that Serengeti was ready for the racetrack and had him shipped to join his 2-year-old string at Los Alamitos. His stay there was short-lived, however, as he progressed through his training with flying colors and drew rave reviews from Baffert’s assistant, Mike Marlow.
ANGEL CORDERO JR. HAS THE LAST WORD

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The juvenile showed more of the same at Santa Anita, entering his June 10 debut as a heavy favorite in the minds of the betting public and Fort, himself. Although the colt was forced to settle for second that day, his authoritative victory Saturday has him on track for a stakes debut in the Aug. 12 Gil Best Pal S. at Del Mar.

“I was hoping to get out for the races, but we had just bought a place in Montana, so we’re kind of tied up with that,” Fort said. “If we can break free, we’re going to go out to Montana and maybe just fly out to watch him train a few mornings at Del Mar.”

Fort added that he is hopeful that Serengeti can one day successfully navigate a two-turn trip, with campaigning an exceptional sprinter. As he learned with three-time Grade I-winning sprinter and Spendthrift Farm stallion Lord Nelson (Pulpit)—who he scooped up for $340,000 as a Keeneland September yearling—Baffert is at his best when he allows fast horses to strut their stuff.

“You have to have speed,” he concluded. “Serengeti has speed, and I’m so delighted that he does.”

Servis argued Miss Inclusive’s positive level, and that of two other of his runners, was below the threshold levels recommended by the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium. The trainer’s suspension was rescinded and Miss Inclusive’s black-type was reinstated, but her connections did not receive the winner’s share of the purse.

In his letter addressed to PHRC director Tom Chuckas, The Jockey Club’s president and chief operating officer James Gagliano wrote:

“This unprecedented ruling in regard to the fillies Miss Inclusive and Eighth Wonder has already caused significant confusion regarding the official Equibase chart of the race, and it is sure to have further ramifications in the areas of breeding and bloodstock sales.

• How can a bettor reading past performances be expected to comprehend that a race had two winners when the chart will clearly reveal it was not a dead-heat?
• How can a stallion owner accurately assess the quality and racing history of these fillies if someone wants to breed them to one of his stallions?
• And how can a prospective buyer of those two fillies, or any of their eventual progeny, feel confident about the details listed on their respective catalog pages?

In essence, it seems like the commission has made an arbitrary change to the order of finish, which sets a harmful precedent for the adjudication of future medication overages. It has also damaged the image and integrity of our sport, not only in Pennsylvania but in the other 37 jurisdictions in this country where Thoroughbred racing takes place.”

Gagliano called on the racing commission to reconsider its decision at its upcoming June 28 meeting.

Carl Hamilton, chairman of the NAICSC, echoed that call for the commission to reconsider its decision.

The first three finishers in approved races receive black-type in sales catalogues, Hamilton wrote. “The first-place horse is recognized as the winner and the second and third-place horses are recognized as placed. This international standard is accepted worldwide and the importance of the proper recognition of black-type cannot be understated as it plays a key role in the conduct of Thoroughbred sales. The Commission’s decision of having two winners without a dead heat, as well as moving the third-place finisher to second and fourth-place finisher to third, misrepresents black-type in sales catalogues by designating two winners and includes four horses in the first three positions. This artificial manipulation of the results is misleading, confusing and factually incorrect.”

Dan Metzger, president of Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders’ Association, also called on the commission to reconsider its decision in a June 26 letter.

INDUSTRY GROUPS OBJECT TO PARX OAKS RULING

The Jockey Club and the International Cataloguing Standards Committee have lodged objections to the decision of the Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission to certify two winners of the 2016 Parx Oaks. The racing commission ruled last month that both Miss Inclusive (Include) and Eighth Wonder (Pioneerof the Nile) would be listed as winners of the Oaks. Miss Inclusive finished first in the race, but subsequently tested positive for clenbuterol, was disqualified and trainer John Servis was handed a 15-day suspension.
F-T SARATOGA SALE CATALOGUE ONLINE

A total of 227 yearlings have been catalogued for the 97th edition of the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale, slated for Aug. 7-8 at the Humphrey S. Finney Pavilion in Saratoga Springs, New York. Each session will begin at 6:30 p.m.

“Our consignors have supported us with outstanding quality once again this year,” said Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning. “Buyers will find the very best of this year’s yearling crop when they arrive at Saratoga, including several offerings from some new faces in the consignor and breeder ranks.”

“Saratoga continues to produce the sport’s biggest and brightest stars,” continued Browning.

“GI Belmont S. winner Tapwrit (Tapit) is remarkably the fourth Belmont winner in the last six years to have been offered at Saratoga, and Eclipse champions Songbird (Medaglia d’Oro), Stellar Wind (Curlin), and Tepin (Bernstein) are some of the finest fillies and mares we have seen in some time.”

Last year’s sale, which featured a catalogue of 252 yearlings, was topped by a Medaglia d’Oro filly who sold for $1.45 million to Mandy Pope’s Whisper Hill Farm. In all, 156 yearlings grossed $45,570,000 at the 2016 Saratoga sale for an average of $292,115 and a median of $237,500.

Print versions of the catalogue will be available June 30.
Sunday, Lima, Peru
CLASICO JOCKEY CLUB DEL PERU-G1, P$150,000 (US$46,115), Hipodromo de Monterrico, 6-25, 3yo/up, 2400m, 2:33.79, ft.
1--KODIAK BOY (PER), 134, h, 5, by Museeb
  1st Dam: Seth’s Choice, by Rahy
  2nd Dam: Tammy Lynn, by Fappiano
  3rd Dam: Win Nona, by Jacinto
O-Stud Couet; B-Haras La Qallana (Per); T-Juan Suarez; J-Edwin Talaverano. P$93,750. Lifetime Record: Ch. Grass Horse-Per, 29-7-5-5. *1/2 to Prize Choice (Pure Prize), SW & G1SP-Per.
Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: C+

2--Mr. Leguia (Per), 134, c, 4, Minister’s Joy--Bombardera, by Snow Ridge. O-Stud Dona Licha; B-Haras Gina Santa Rosa (Per); T-Arturo Morales. P$28,125.

3--El Enemigo (Per), 134, c, 4, Yazamaan (GB)--Vega Sicilia (Per), by Play the Gold; O-Stud Los Tintos; B-Haras Gina Santa Rosa (Per); T-Leslie Hammond. P$18,750.
Also Ran: El Armenio (Chi), Lewandowsky (Per), Broken Game, Ukrano (Arg), Rubirosa (Per), Sensationale, Espiritualmente (Per).
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Sunday, Santiago, Chile
CLASICO ARTURO LYON PENA-G1, P$20,300,000 (US$30,718), Club Hipico de Santiago, 2yo, f, 1600mT, 1:37.76, sf.
1--RUBY LOVE (CHI), 123, f, 2, by Scat Daddy
  1st Dam: Rogue, by First Samurai
  2nd Dam: Vous, by Wild Rush,
  3rd Dam:Seattle Moon, by Seattle Dancer
O/B-Haras Matriarca; T-Patricio Baeza; J-Jorge Gonzalez; P$14.000.000; Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, P$30,000,000. *21st Group1 /Grade I winner for her sire (by Johannesburg). Werk Nick Rating: B. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--Moquetinha (Chi), 123, f, 2, Dylan Thomas (Ire)--Moqueta (Chi), by Until Sundown. O-Stud El Tata; B-Haras Don Alberto; P 3.500.000.
Margins: NK, 3HF, 5HF; Odds: 2.80, 6.50, 14.90.
Also Ran: Princesa Coqueta (Chi), Vereda Tropical (Chi), Chamuyenta (Chi), Margaret Marina (Chi), Hikadden (Chi), Morena Queen (Chi), Shatush (Chi), Bruja de Salamanca (Chi), La Dama de Oro (Chi), Sansa (Chi), Quema Y Cuarenta (Chi), Casablanca Spirit (Chi), Nada Mas Queda (Chi), Susan O’Hara (Chi).
Click for the Racing Post chart, or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Club Hipico Video.
NYSGC APPROVES THIRD-PARTY LASIX ADMINISTRATION RULE

The New York State Gaming Commission unanimously approved a proposal to formalize race-day administration of Lasix by third-party veterinarians during its meeting Monday in Manhattan. Under the rule, recommended by the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium (RMTC) and consistent with model rules of the Association of Racing Commissioners International, Inc., only third-party veterinarians who are not caring for the horses of a trainer or owner who participates at the race meeting are permitted to administer Lasix on raceday. Already implemented in-house at the state's Thoroughbred tracks, Monday's vote extends the rule to Standardbred tracks.

Prior to voting on the proposal, the board spent several minutes debating the merits of a partial Lasix ban in the state, either in New York's graded races or in the carding of designated Lasix-free races. Further discussion on the issue was proposed for the commission's next meeting in Saratoga, where the members hoped to hear from New York's equine medical director Dr. Scott Palmer.

Monday's Results:

6th-DEL, $41,525, Alw, 6-26, (NW2L), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11.17, ft.
SUNSHINE INCLUDED (f, 3, Include--Li'libito'sunshine (MSP, $100,930), by Dixieland Heat) was second in her career bow last August at Laurel before breaking her maiden in the restricted Small Wonder S. at this oval Sept. 10. Fifth in a local allowance after breaking slowly June 5, the dark bay was made a close 17-10 favorite while adding Lasix in this spot. Making the point without much resistance, she dictated terms through moderate fractions of :22.45 and :45.42, responded when shaken up at the top of the lane and skipped clear to score by 6 1/2 lengths over Harlands Thunder (Harlan's Holiday). The winner has a juvenile half-brother by Orientate and a yearling half-sister by Smarty Jones. Sales History: $50,000 Ylg '15 EASOCT. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, $81,480. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O-A Delaperriere Stables LLC; B-Nick Polydoros (MD); T-Anthony Pecoraro.

3rd-PRX, $46,500, Msw, 6-26, 2yo, 4 1/2f, :52.78, ft.
BLAME IT ON HONEY (c, 2, Blame--Honey Chile (MGSP, $344,924), by Invisible Ink) took all the play to be 3-10 on debut June 5 at Delaware, but weakened to be fourth after disputing the pace. Overlooked at 71-10 in this spot, the homebred broke sharpest despite being reluctant to load and showed the way from Turnstyle (Exchange Rate) through a :22.58 quarter. Those two separated themselves on the turn, and Blame It On Honey scampered away from his pursuer at the three-sixteenths pole en route to a 4 1/4-length graduation. Turnstyle was clear for place honors. The victor has a yearling half-brother by Mineshaft and his dam was bred to First Samurai last spring. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $29,640. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O/B-James Franklin Miller (KY); T-Anthony Farrior.
8th-DEL, $34,000, Msw, 6-26, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.02, ft.
+PARADE BLUE (c, 4, Speightstown--Meadow Saffron {SW & GSP, $200,725}, by Military) made the pace and finished full of run in the stretch to graduate first out at Delaware. Sporting a steady series of breezes going back to the end of March, rounded out by a bullet half-mile from the gate in :48 2/5 (1/19) June 16 at Fair Hill, the bay was made a slight second favorite at 13-10 and came away well from his rail post. Leading narrowly over debuting even-money chalk Cedartown (Candy Ride {Arg}), a $620,000 half to MGSW Danzing Candy (Twirling Candy), through a :22.84 quarter, Parade Blue was taken on by that one and a three-wide Split the Uprights (Cape Blanco {Ire}) nearing the top of the lane. Called on for his best after straightening, he responded strongly and sped clear by the eighth pole before hitting the wire five lengths to the good. Cedartown was second-best. The winner has a juvenile half-brother by Orb named Impeachableoffense who sold for $160,000 to Gary Broad at Barretts March, and his dam was bred to Super Saver last season. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $20,400.

Noble Mission Colt Grand Champion in Maryland:
Robert Manfuso and Katharine Voss’s homebred colt by Noble Mission (GB) was named Grand Champion at the 83rd annual Maryland Horse Breeders’ Association Maryland-bred Yearling Show Sunday in Timonium. The show was judged by Eclipse Award-winning trainer Dale Romans.

“T was very impressed with the whole event,” said Romans. “It was a lot more stressful than I expected because you could feel the importance for everybody. But it was a lot of fun. I know how much work goes into raising a horse, so you take it seriously and make a good decision. The pride of the Maryland breeder is second to none. It’s very impressive.”

The grand champion, from the Group 1 winner’s first crop, is out of graded stakes winner Island Bound (Speightstown).

“The colt just has that smooth Northern Dancer-type look that I like in a horse,” Romans said. “He’s a young horse, so he’s got time to grow up.”

Romans’s reserve champion was a Bullsbay half-sister to GI Kentucky Oaks winner Cathryn Sophia (Street Boss).

“The filly, she’s big and strong, correct, moved well--just looked like class,” said Romans. “It was very close to decide which one was going to be the champion and which one was going to be the reserve.”

It was the first time since 2009 that the same farm exhibited the top two ribbon winners, when Dark Hollow Farm accomplished the feat. Longtime supporters of the show, Manfuso and Voss had also done it before, in 1992.

1st-PID, $27,740, Msw, 6-26, 2yo, 4 1/2f (AWT), :51.12, ft.
+SHEKKY SHEBAZ (g, 2, Cape Blanco {Ire}--Rose Ransom, by Red Ransom) drilled a scorching half-mile bullet over this surface in :46 1/5 (1/62) June 1 and was given a 28-5 chance to graduate first out. Breaking sharply from the inside draw, the bay led narrowly through a :22.63 quarter, found daylight approaching the turn for home and quickly drew clear from there to score by 6 1/2 lengths. Race favorite Chateau (Flat Out) completed the exacta. The winner has a yearling half-sister by Power Broker. Sales History: $5,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $16,200.

Monday’s Results:
ONTARIO COUNTY S., $50,000, FL, 6-26, (S), 3yo, 6f, 1:10.67, ft.
1--PAT ON THE BACK, 116, c, 3, Congrats--Accomplished, by Awesome Again. ($70,000 Ylg '15 SARAUG). O-Harold Lerner LLC, AWC Stables & Nehoc Stables; B-Sugar Maple Farm (NY); T-Kenneth G. McPeek; J-Dylan Davis. $30,000. Lifetime Record: 11-4-1-1, $355,100.
2--Gold for the King, 122, g, 3, Posse--Gold for the Queen, by Gold Token. O/B-Francis J. Paolangeli (NY); T-Charlton Baker. $11,000.
3--Runaway Lute, 118, c, 3, Midnight Lute--Nikki Tootsie, by Waquoit. ($77,000 Ylg '15 SARAUG). O-Harold Lerner & Nehoc Stables; B-Windylea Farm (NY); T-Gary C. Contessa. $6,000.

TODAY’S FEATURED VIDEO REPLAYS

Fasig-Tipton graduate and stakes winner Sunshine Included (Include) romps in an allowance at Delaware
Margins: HD, 6 1/4, NK. Odds: 3.60, 0.30, 5.10.
Also Ran: Eddie's Gift. Scratched: Expediter, Preferred Outcome, Sal the Turtle.

Pat On the Back, who captured the track-and-trip state-bred Aspirant S. last summer, also upset the New York-bred Sleepy Hollow S. Oct. 22 at Belmont before closing out his juvenile season with a sixth in the GII Delta Downs Jackpot. Off the board in his first three starts this campaign, he most recently woke up some to be third at 17-1 after chasing a quick pace in the Empire-bred Mike Lee S. May 29 at Belmont. Made the distant second choice in this scratchdown foursome behind local New York Breeders' Futurity S. hero Gold for the King, who was last seen running sixth in the GII Woody Stephens S., Pat On the back tracked the speed of returning Runaway Lute through a :22.20 quarter. Taking over from that one midway on the turn, he was soon confronted by the favorite, and those two threw down in an entertaining stretch battle, with Pat On the Back gamely prevailing on the line for his third stakes triumph. Click for the Equibase.com chart.

Durkin to Lead Museum Tours in Saratoga:

Retired racecaller Tom Durkin will once again lead tours of the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame during this year's Saratoga race meeting, which runs from July 21 through Sept. 4. Tours will be from 11 a.m. to noon most race days with a cost of $20 for Museum members and $25 for non-members (includes Museum admission). Tours will be limited to 15 people and reservations are required. This is the second year Durkin will lead tours of the museum.

"These tours were extremely popular last year and we're thrilled Tom will be leading them again this summer," said Cathy Marino, the Museum's director. “Tom is a terrific storyteller with a unique personality and we believe he is an ideal choice to help bring to life the great history of thoroughbred racing and showcase all the wonderful aspects of the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame.”

Tour reservations can be made by calling the Museum's membership office at (518) 584-0400 ext. 109. There will be no Durkin-led tours on Tuesdays or the following dates: Aug. 4, 13, 14 and 16.

INDUSTRY INFO

XBTV Honored for Pegasus Coverage:

XBTV’s coverage of the 2017 GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational from Gulfstream Park was honored with three Telly Awards. The Stronach Group’s digital horse racing and handicapping network was awarded a Telly Award for its live coverage of the event, as well as a pair of awards for its production of Debating the Pegasus World Cup.

“The Stronach Group, along with its subsidiary XBTV, is committed to growing and supporting live broadcast horse racing in North America,” said Belinda Stronach, Chairman and President, The Stronach Group. “We’re incredibly honored to be recognized by the Telly Awards for our coverage of the Pegasus World Cup Invitational as we strive to bring our sport to the next generation of fans.”

Now in its 38th year, the Telly Awards honor the best in TV and Cable, Digital and Streaming and Non-Broadcast Productions.

Monday's Results:
3rd-TDN, $30,000, (S), Msw, 6-26, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:07.86, ft. +TANGO RUN (f, 2, Run Away and Hide--Thedoctorscat, by Tale of the Cat) showed a trio of five-furlong gate breezes at Belterra for this debut, capped off by a spin in 1:02 2/5 (6/14) June 17, and was made the 21-10 second choice. Off several lengths behind the rest of the field, the bay advanced between rivals at the top of the turn, hugged the fence before tipping into the four path at the top of the lane and cruised by the pacesetters outside the eighth pole to score a good-looking 6 1/2-length triumph under mild urging. Summit Point (Bellamy Road), part of the favored entry, was second-best. The victress has a half-sister by Kettle Corn foaled earlier this season. Sales History: $32,000 Ylg ’16 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $18,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O-Michael A. Foster; B-Harold Fishman (OH); T-William D. Cowans.

5th-TDN, $30,000, (S), Msw, 6-26, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04.86, ft. +BROWN BUCKEYE (g, 3, Big Brown--Prizes {MSP, $162,120}, by Prized), toting an above-average worktab highlighted by a local half-mile gate breeze in :48 2/5 (2/21) June 14, was backed to 13-10 favoritism and broke in midpack before moving through between horses to poke a head in front passing a :22.66 quarter. Shaking off a bid from second choice Can’t Buy Cool (Research) by the quarter pole, the gelding quickly opened up in the stretch and coasted home under wraps by 10 1/4 lengths. Can’t Buy Cool held on for second. The winner is a half to Proper Discretion (Discreetly Mine), SW, $216,100. His dam has a yearling colt by Big Drama and foaled a colt by Louie Villain this spring. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $17,700. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O/B-Bruce Tallisman (OH); T-Benny R. Feliciano.

Another Webb Carroll Training Center Graduate
IN JAPAN:

**Derma Kiseki**, f, 2, *Scat Daddy*—*Tashawak* (Ire) (GSW-Eng, $139,737), by Night Shift. Hakodate, 6-25, Maiden, 6fT.
Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $63,063. O-Hiroyuki Asanuma; B-Freddie Bloodstock (KY); T-Yasuo Tomomichi. *$225,000 Ylg 16 KEESEP.

Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $63,063. O-Chizu Yoshida; B-Town And Country Horse Farm LLC & Frank & Kim Taylor (KY); T-Ryo Takei. *$525,000 Ylg 16 KEESEP.

**Satono Green**, c, 3, *Forestry*—*Above Heaven*, by Mr.Greeley.
Tokyo, 6-25, Alw, 8f. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-0, $63,063. O-Hajime Satomi; B-Chiyoda Farm (KY); T-Yuichi Shikato. *¥24,480,000 2yo 16 KEESEP.

**Chai Max**, f, 4, *Congrats*—*Icy Tea*, by Storm Cat. Hakodate, 6-25, Alw, 5f. Lifetime Record: 16-2-2-2, $216,216. O-Kazuko Yoshida; B-Clearsky Farms (KY); T-Manabu Ikezoe. *$200,000 Wlg '14 KEESEP; $120,000 RNA Ylg '14 OBSMAR; $190,000 2YO '15 BARFEB.


7th-DEL, $38,250, 6-26, (NW2X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:46.16, fm.
**ARRAIGN**, f, 4, *Blame*—*Freeroll* (SW, $213,619), by *Touch Gold*. Lifetime Record: 13-3-1-2, $121,677. O-Adele B. Dilschneider & Dell Hancock; B-Claiborne Farm (KY); T-Michael R. Matz. *$280,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP.

8th-PRX, $47,750, 6-26, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :58.13, fm.
**SYPHIDE**, f, 3, *Blame*—*Sassification*, by *Smart Strike*. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, $60,840. O-Panic Stable LLC; B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd. (KY); T-Jane Cibelli. *$20,000 Wlg '14 KEESEP.**1/2 to Cambodia (War Front), GSW, $181,746.

6th-PRX, $47,600, (S), 6-26, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :58.43, fm.
**ZENSATIONAL MERRY**, m, 5, *Zensational*—*Merry Princess* {MSW, $319,164}, by *Polish Numbers*. Lifetime Record: 17-3-4-3, $175,138. O-Pewter Stable; B-Pewter Stable & Zensational Syndicate (PA); T-Kathleen A. Demasi. *$32,000 Ylg '13 FTKJUL; $100,000 2yo '14 OBSMAR. **1/2 to Merry's Honor (Congressionalhonor), SW, $277,586.

7th-PRX, $40,750, 6-26, (C), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:45.60, ft.
**CAR FIFTY FOUR**, g, 7, *Northern Afleet*—*Preacher's Tale*, by *Tale of the Cat*. Lifetime Record: 38-5-9-9, $137,493. O-Ten Strike Racing; B-Bill Rennekamp (PA); T-Juan Carlos Guerrero.

**ARRAIGN** (f, 4, *Blame*—*Freeroll* (SW, $213,619), by *Touch Gold*). Lifetime Record: 13-3-1-2, $121,677. O-Adele B. Dilschneider & Dell Hancock; B-Claiborne Farm (KY); T-Michael R. Matz. *$280,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP.

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**10th-SA, $57,380, (S), (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($16,000), 6-25, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:33.89, fm.**


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THE WEEKLY WRAP

by Emma Berry

Prior to Royal Ascot, there was plenty made of the fact that this was the first year since 2003 with no Australian runner at the meeting. A potential appearance by Winx (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}) next year would rival even that made by Black Caviar (Aus) (Bel Esprit {Aus}), but while previous Antipodean horses have always added a little extra sparkle, predominantly to the sprint contests, this year’s star turns from Britain, Ireland and America were so good that there were thrills galore even without the Southern Hemisphere raiders.

A good sprinter will never warm the cockles of my heart in quite the same way as a good stayer. The do-or-die running style of Big Orange (GB) (Duke Of Marmalade {Ire}), so redolent of the great Persian Punch (Ire) (Persian Heights {GB}), makes it impossible not to idolise him, but unless you’d seriously over-imbibed at the pre-racing picnics it was similarly impossible not to have felt a jolt of excitement at the way Caravaggio (Scat Daddy) carved up some tasty opposition in the G1 Commonwealth Cup to keep his flawless record intact.

PEDIGREE INSIGHTS: GALILEO & SCAT DADDY’S ROYAL ASCOT by Andrew Caulfield

The magnificent four-timer by the much-lamented Scat Daddy ensured that the Royal Ascot meeting wasn’t all about Galileo, but the eight-time champion sire still enjoyed a terrific time—in more ways than one. Galileo was directly responsible for a one-two-three in the G1 Prince of Wales’s S., with the teak-tough Highland Reel once again displaying his appetite for a battle. There was also G1 Coronation S. success for Winter, another of Galileo’s serial Group 1 winners, and then Highland Reel’s Classic-placed brother and ‘TDN Rising Star’ Idaho returned to his best in winning the G2 Hardwicke S. Altogether Galileo notched up three wins, four seconds (including Order of St George in the G1 Gold Cup) and four thirds, the end result being that he now holds a lead of nearly £3 million on the Anglo-Irish sires’ table.

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

HILL ‘N’ DALE PURCHASES INTEREST IN ARROGATE’S DAM

John Sikura’s Hill ‘n’ Dale Farm has purchased a 50% interest in Bubbler (Distorted Humor), the dam of champion Arrogate (Unbridled’s Song) from the Cleary family’s Clearsky Farm. Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.

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Just three days earlier, ‘TDN Rising Star’ Lady Aurelia (Scat Daddy) had become the first of the 2016 Royal Ascot winners to strike again at this year’s meeting, her facile romp in the G1 King’s Stand S. being all the more impressive for the fact that she was the only 3-year-old in the field. Her trainer Wesley Ward followed up 24 hours later with fellow ‘Rising Star’ Con Te Patiro (Scat Daddy) in the Sandringham H. for an extraordinary ninth victory at Royal Ascot since 2009, while Happy Like A Fool (Distorted Humor) had to settle for second in the G2 Queen Mary S. behind Heartache (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}).

Scat Daddy has been justifiably widely lauded, and in partnership with Ward and Aidan O’Brien, he has compiled a Royal Ascot record that will sadly be as short as it is sweet as we have only one more crop of racing age to come from the late son of Johannesburg. Caravaggio will doubtless be given plenty of chances to continue his sire’s success in the breeding shed in due course.

In the meantime, Ward and O’Brien, both still in their 40s, have plenty of time to build on their own impressive records at the Berkshire track.

A Horse Worthy Of The Great Archer...

Newmarket is not short of big stables. In fact, some yards have swollen so much in recent years that they can be regarded as super stables, with some 200 horses in residence. Big is not always beautiful, however, and one man who regularly comes up with a top-class horse despite significantly less patronage than some of his colleagues is James Fanshawe.

Like many highly intelligent people, Fanshawe has a touch of the mad genius about him but there’s nothing mad about his approach to training horses, which is first and foremost a desire to give them time to come to themselves. This he did with The Tin Man (GB) (Equiano {Fr}), who was unraced at two but has now won seven of his 13 starts, including two Group 1 races at Ascot. He was similarly impressive at coaxing the best from the sometimes recalcitrant Deacon Blues (GB) (Compton Place {GB}), who, like his half-brother The Tin Man, won the QIPCO British Champions Sprint, albeit before it had been promoted to Group 1 status. Deacon Blues was in Fanshawe’s Pegasus Stables at the same time as another top sprinter, Society Rock (Ire) (Rock Of Gibraltar {GB}), the trainer’s other winner of the G1 Diamond Jubilee S.

He is far from just a maestro with sprinters, however. Among those on the Pegasus roll of honour are the outstanding miler Soviet Song (Ire) (Marju {Ire}), Group 1-winning middle-distance fillies Speedy Boarding (GB), Ribbons (GB) and Seal Of Approval (GB), top-class stayers Invermark (GB), Arctic Owl (GB) and High Jinx (Ire), not to mention two Champion Hurdlers in Royal Gait (GB) and Hors La Loi III (Fr).

Despite such illustrious company, The Tin Man may well be Fanshawe’s most satisfying high-profile winner. Bought by his wife Jacko for 80,000gns and ridden daily by son Tom, the 5-year-old is owned by Fred Archer Racing. Cont. p3
He carries the nickname of the pre-eminent jockey of the Victorian age who built the yard which is home to the Fanshawe family and the horses under their care.

"I always have a feeling that Fred's about," Fanshawe said when interviewed for TDN three years ago. "It's not a tangible ghost-like feeling but I just feel he's looking over the place. That's a good thing as far as I'm concerned because I love history. Fred Archer is one of the finest names in the history of racing and the fact that he built this place is special. It's his legacy. My aim is always to try to fill the boxes with horses good enough for Fred to have wanted to ride. I hope he'd be proud of what we're doing."

For all his success in the saddle, Archer met a troubled end, taking his own life at the age of just 29, distraught at the death of his wife during childbirth and his own debilitating battle with the scales. His ghost, which is said to haunt Newmarket still, roaming the Heath aboard his favourite grey hack, may just have a smile on his face the next time he rides by.

Sunday Best...

Alongside the perhaps predictable success of the offspring of Galileo (Ire), Dubawi (Ire) and Scat Daddy at the Royal meeting, there were two welcome winners from the Sunday Silence sireline to add a little diversity to the European results.

Despite his dominance in Japan, we see relatively few runners by Deep Impact (Jpn) on these shores. The Shadai patriarch of course covers many high-class European-bred mares who have been bought by Japanese breeders. Of those breeders in Europe to have used the son of Sunday Silence, the Wildenstein family has already been rewarded with a Classic winner in Beauty Parlour (GB) and now Coolmore look to have a seriously exciting individual on their hands in the form of TDN Rising Star September (Ire). Cont. p4
The Weekly Wrap Cont.

The daughter of Deep Impact and multiple Group 1 winner Peeping Fawn (Danehill) was one of the most visually impressive winners of the week when taking the Chesham S., despite being tardy away from the stalls.

Far quicker away from the gates and in command throughout the opening contest a day earlier had been Different League (Fr), a daughter of the only freshman sire to land a blow at Royal Ascot, the French-based Dabirsim (Fr), a grandson of Sunday Silence. Overlooked in the betting despite two unbeaten runs in France, the statuesque filly sparked riotous celebrations for owners Con and Theresa Marnane, who bought her as a foal at Arqana for just €8,000 and retained her at £14,000 when offered at the Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale last year. Instead of being reoffered in the Marnanes’ Bansha House Stables consignment at the breeze-up sales, she joined a number of horses put into training in France by the couple with Matthieu Palussiere, who was recording his first Royal Ascot success.

The trainer also saddled a trio of winners in France for the Marnanes last week, no doubt adding extra cheer to the party that started on Tuesday at Ascot when Ribchester (Ire), co-bred by their head man Mike O’Brien, and Rajasinghe (Ire), bred by their Bansha neighbours Jim and Geoff Mulcahy, won the G1 Queen Anne S. and G2 Coventry S. respectively.

Fond Farewell to Kevin Mercer...

It would be remiss to end this week’s Wrap without paying tribute to owner-breeder Kevin Mercer, who died on Sunday.

With his wife Susan, Mercer helped to fly the flag for Welsh breeding at his Usk Valley Stud in Abergavenny, racing many of the farm’s homebreds in his green and blue silks.

In partnership with Gilly Rowland-Clark, Mercer enjoyed Group 1 success with the Oaks d’Italia winner Zanzibar (Ire) (In The Wings {GB}), later the dam of the multiple graded stakes winner Spice Route (GB) (King’s Best) after her retirement to Usk Valley.

Proud of his homeland, he often named his horses with a Welsh theme, and among those to have brought him success on the racecourse are the stakes winners Gower Song (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}) and Nantygro (GB) (Mark Of Esteem {Ire}), both of whom also later joined his broodmare band. Though very ill, Mercer left hospital on Friday to spend Saturday at home with his family, watching the British and Irish Lions take on New Zealand and cheering on the Usk Valley Stud-bred multiple winner Scarlet Dragon (GB) (Sir Percy {GB}) in the Wolferton H. at Royal Ascot.

On a personal note, I will find it impossible to walk past the row of AA boxes at Tattersalls, where the Usk Valley horses were regularly stabled, without remembering Kevin, who always had a mischievous glint in his eye and a story to tell. He was an immensely likeable man whose passion for his family, horseracing and life in general was abundantly clear from any conversation with him. He will be sorely missed by all those of us in the bloodstock community who had the good fortune to share his company. I send my heartfelt condolences to Susan and their daughters Bethan and Rhiannon.
Highland Reel | Racing Post

Sub Rose had looked a high-class filly in the making when she easily won the G3 Prix de Royaumont on only her second start, but injury prevented her racing again. With Roly Poly also being out of a very talented Galileo filly, one could be excused for thinking that it is these distinguished racemares which are going to be the foundation of Galileo’s reputation as a potential champion sire of broodmares.

The evidence so far, though, suggests that all of Galileo’s broodmare daughters have to be treated with considerable respect, even if they failed the racecourse test. Barney Roy is the 10th Northern Hemisphere Group 1 winner with a dam by Galileo and the surprising statistic is that only one of them (Zhukova) has a group-winning dam. As many as five of them are out of Galileo mares which either failed to win or failed to race.

Between them these five mares have produced performers of the quality of Galileo Gold (G1 2000 Guineas and G1 St James’s Palace S.), La Cressonniere (G1 Poule d’Essai des Pouliches and G1 Prix de Diane), La Collina (G1 Phoenix S. and G1 Matron S.), Intricately (G1 Moyglare Stud S.) and now Barney Roy.

Part of the explanation is that Galileo’s fee has never been lower than €37,500. Consequently, he has always enjoyed the advantage of covering mares which mainly come from successful female lines. The strength of these female lines is clearly standing his daughters in good stead as broodmares.

Galileo’s daughters’ first seven runners by Excelebration include Barney Roy and the group-placed Pellucid, who has won well at Santa Anita since leaving England, This suggests that plenty of other Galileo mares are destined to visit Excelebration, whose grandsire Danehill has played such a large part in Galileo’s success story.

The Coolmore team must also be delighted that Caravaggio, with his blemish-free record of six wins from as many starts, has emerged as another potential mate for the operation’s burgeoning number of Galileo mares. The son of Scat Daddy possesses the type of speed and precocity which Coolmore is constantly looking for in the mares which visit Galileo.

Although Scat Daddy spent his nine-race career racing exclusively on dirt, this winner of the GI Florida Derby was a son of the very versatile Johannesburg, who followed up Group 1 victories on turf in Ireland, France and England with victory on dirt in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile. Scat Daddy’s record as a sire at Royal Ascot highlights his prowess as a turf sire. In addition to this year’s four-timer, headed by the Group 1 sprint victories of last year’s G2 Queen Mary winner and ‘TDN Rising Star’ Lady Aurelia and last year’s G2 Coventry S. winner Caravaggio, he has also sired the Queen Mary winner Acapulco and the G2 Norfolk S. (and Prix Morny) winner No Nay Never. Cont. p6
Pedigree Insights Cont.

Scat Daddy also sired the G2 Royal Lodge S. winner Daddy Long Legs and one can only wonder what he might have achieved had he lived long enough to stand the 2016 season, for which his fee was set at $100,000—up from $35,000 in 2015. As it is, we can look forward to just one more crop but that crop numbers around 170, so there should be some big prices for the Scat Daddy yearlings at this year’s sales.

Scat Daddy was inbred 5 x 4 to Northern Dancer, via Storm Bird and Nijinsky II, but this ubiquitous stallion appears only once in Caravaggio’s five-generation pedigree, as the G1 Commonwealth Cup winner’s dam, Mekko Hokte, is a total outcross.

An interesting aspect of Mekko Hokte’s pedigree is that it contains a high proportion of greys. Both her parents, the recently deceased Holy Bull and Aerosilver were grey, as were two of the grandparents, four of the great-grandparents and six of the great-great-grandparents.

Mekko Hokte is inbred 4 x 4 to The Axe, a grey son of the grey Derby winner Mahmoud, but she is also inbred 4 x 4 to Intentionally, a black horse whose male line gave European racing the likes of Known Fact and Warning.

Caravaggio represents a male line which has repeatedly proven its prowess as the age of two. Scat Daddy finished fourth in the 2006 Breeders' Cup Juvenile, having earlier won three of his four starts including the GI Champagne S. Johannesburg won the 2001 Juvenile, to become a Group/Grade 1/I winner in four different countries. Next in line is Hennessy, who was beaten a neck by Unbridled’s Song in the 1995 Juvenile, having previously won the GI Hopeful S. Hennessy in turn was by Storm Cat, a close second in the Juvenile of 1985, when he was also a Grade I winner.

This suggests that Caravaggio has the potential to stay a mile and it will be interesting to see whether he is eventually allowed to show whether he has more than one string to his bow. I was thinking that a win in the GI Breeders’ Cup Mile would add greatly to his appeal as a stallion, but it looks as though the prize-money of The Everest may see him heading for Australia rather than the U.S.

If there is any doubt about Caravaggio’s ability to stay a mile, it stems from Mekko Hokte, who—in common with most American fillies—raced mainly over sprint distances. She won the Delta Miss S. over 6.5 furlongs as a 2-year-old but was also third in a stakes race over a mile at three. The other concern is that Mekko Hokte’s previous stakes winner, the GII Gallant Bloom H. winner My Jen, was a sprinter, even though she was by the GI Kentucky Derby winner Fusaichi Pegasus.

Caravaggio’s sire Scat Daddy has the fine record of having three black-type winners among his seven foals out of Holy Bull mares. One of the others, the American 3-year-old Conquest Farenheit, is a stakes winner over 6 1/2 and eight furlongs on turf this year, after being sold for $735,000 last November.

Holy Bull earned the title of Horse of the Year at three, when his Grade I victories included three over nine furlongs and one over a mile and a quarter. His big winners included one in the Breeders’ Cup Juvenile (Macho Uno) and one in the Kentucky Derby (Giacomo). Caravaggio’s next two dams, the dirt and turf winner Aerosilver and the Grade II-placed Silver In Flight, were daughters of Relaunch and Silver Series. Relaunch was once a close second in the GI San Luis Rey S. a mile-and-a-half race run in world-record time, and Silver Series won the GI Widener H. over a mile and a quarter.

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Pedigree Insights Cont.

If Caravaggio proves to be a sprinter pure and simple, the blame could perhaps be attributed to Holy Bull’s sire Great Above, as he also appears in the pedigree of the brilliantly speedy Lady Aurelia, as the sire of her third dam. Great Above, who once set a track record for six furlongs in the GIII Toboggan H., was a son of the flying filly Ta Wee, who twice took the title of champion sprinter in the U.S.—a feat matched by her half-brother Dr Fager.

MORE TO COME FROM HALFORD COLT

With just six winners a day at Royal Ascot there are many more losers and given the stern competition quite a few reputations get dented over the five-day stand. However Michael Halford is still upbeat over the future prospects of his Irishcorrespondent (Ire) (Teofilo (Ire)) despite the colt’s slightly underwhelming display in the G3 Hampton Court S. last Thursday. Having finished a good third to Churchill (Ire) (Galileo (Ire)) in the G1 Tattersalls Irish 2000 Guineas the Ballygallon Stud homebred was expected to take a strong hand in the event, especially given the extra two furlong trip. Though far from disgraced in being beaten seven lengths by Benbatl (GB) (Dubawi (Ire)) Irishcorrespondent failed to build on earlier promise but Halford has not lost faith in the 3-year-old.

Halford commented, "Things just got to him a little bit at the start. He got a little bit worried about things and ran a bit keen."

The Curragh trainer feels the horse has come a long way in a short time and is keen to give him a chance to show his best. "He's come home sound and I'm sure there's better days ahead. He didn't train or race as a 2-year-old, so he's done a lot in a short space of time. We'll give him a chance now and make a plan when we have him right again," Halford added.

Jessica Harrington was another Irish trainer to go to Royal Ascot with high hopes and come home without a winner. Her representatives all acquitted themselves well, in particular the imposing Alpha Centauri (Ire) (Mastercraftsman (Ire)). The TDN Rising Star only just failed to get to grips with Different League (Fr) (Dabarsim (Fr)) in the G3 Albany S. and Harrington is not going to shy away from future major targets with the Niarchos family's homebred.

Laura Mongan and Harbour Law | Racing Post
More to Come From Halford Colt Cont.

"The winner was an unknown quantity," said Harrington. "I offer no excuses and on the day, she was just beaten by a better filly. She won't run again now until the [G1] Moyglare Stud S. [Sept 10]," the trainer said.

NEW SPONSOR FOR ST LEGER

Bookmakers William Hill have been unveiled as the new sponsors of the G1 St Leger at Doncaster in September. Britain's oldest Classic, won last year by the Laura Mongan-trained Harbour Law (GB) (Lawman {Fr}), has been sponsored for the last number of years by Ladbrokes and the new arrangement also encompasses William Hill's backing of the festival's G2 May Hill S., the Mallard S. and the Portland H.

Announcing the sponsorship William Hill CEO, Philip Bowcock, said, "William Hill is one of the best known brands in betting with a long history of horseracing sponsorship. We are delighted to sponsor the oldest Classic and we will work closely with ARC to continue to build the profile and popularity of the William Hill St Leger Festival."

Arena Racing Company's chief executive, Martin Cruddace, added, "We are delighted William Hill have become the new sponsors of the St Leger. We really enjoy working with their team and look forward to extending this to our feature racing festival of the year. William Hill have the brand, vision and team to help build on the success of both the four-day festival and the feature race, the St Leger, which continues to be one of the most important races in the British Racing calendar."

SPENCER WEIGHING UP OPTIONS

Fresh from celebrating his first Royal Ascot winner in only his second season training, Richard Spencer reports his G2 Coventry S. hero Rajasinghe (Ire) (Choisir {Aus}) in fine fettle following his victory last Tuesday.

"There's not many will do what he's done," said the Newmarket trainer. "Since he came back, he's ate, slept and put on weight. He's phenomenal. He's come out of the race fantastic."

Spencer is in no hurry to decide on the next port of call for the unbeaten juvenile and will monitor the colt's training over the next week before narrowing down a plan.

"We're going to enter him in multiple races and we'll take a view over the next week to 10 days as to where we go with him," he explained. "We've got the July meeting at Newmarket on our radar. There's obviously Goodwood and we've been talking of going to Deauville for the [G1] Prix Morny on Aug. 20."

Rajasinghe, an £85,000 yearling purchase at Goffs UK last August was an impressive debut winner at Newcastle in May and Spencer also faces a quandary as to whether to get another run into him before the abovementioned targets.

"It's eight weeks between the Coventry and then, so whether we get a run into him between now and then could be an option," he said. "The horse will tell us when he's ready to run and we'll take it day by day."
GOSDEN PHILOSOPHICAL OVER REMATCH

Saturday’s G1 Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby should help establish a pecking order of Europe’s middle distance colts given that Andre Fabre’s G1 Prix du Jockey Club runner-up Waldgeist (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) is set to lock horns with both G1 Investec Derby winner and third placed Wings Of Eagles (Fr) (Pour Moi {Ire}) and Cracksman (GB) (Frankel {GB}). The trio are closely matched in the betting at the moment and John Gosden, trainer of Antony Oppenheimer’s Cracksman is looking forward to the rematch with his Epsom conqueror though mindful of the task ahead of him.

“Cracksman is in great form, we’re very happy with him and all being well we’re going to The Curragh,” said Gosden on Monday. “It’s a lovely track and should suit him. I thought Wings Of Eagles was impressive in the [Epsom] Derby, it certainly wasn’t a fluke and he’d have been an unlucky loser if he hadn’t won it. Both him and Cracksman are lovely horses and it will be great to see them clash again at the weekend.”

Form lines involving G3 Jersey S. winner Le Brivido (Fr) (Siyouni (Fr)) suggests the French form is strong and Waldgeist represents a formidable challenger for the previously successful combination of Andre Fabre and Gestut Ammerland who claimed the Irish Derby with Hurricane Run (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) back in 2005.

DETTORI’S COMEBACK DELAYED

Frankie Dettori faces at least another two weeks on the sidelines as he continues to recover from an arm injury sustained in a paddock fall at Yarmouth June 13.

“I’m afraid Frankie won’t be back until July week-meeting at Newmarket at the earliest,” his manager Peter Burrell said on Monday. Having been forced to sit out the week of Royal Ascot where he missed out on partnering the winners Lady Aurelia (Scat Daddy), Big Orange (GB) (Duke Of Marmalade {Ire}) and Coronet (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), Dettori now faces the prospect of missing the ride on Cracksman (GB) (Frankel {GB}) in the G1 Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby on Saturday.

FRENCH STABLE AND STAFF AWARD NOMINATIONS OPENED MONDAY

France Galop and Godolphin continued their collaboration on the second edition of the Trophees du Personnel des Courses et de L’Elevage (stable and staff awards), with nominations opening on June 26. The awards, which celebrate the dedication and commitment of the pillars of the industry, the stud and stable staff, celebrate seven different categories, which will be judged on Nov. 25 at Auteuil Racecourse. For more information on the awards and categories, please go to www.tropheesdupersonnel.fr/.

Only a length separated Wings Of Eagles and Cracksman in the Epsom Derby | Racing Post

BRITAIN

Tuesday’s Results:
3rd-WOL, £6,100, Cond, 6-26, 2yo, 5f 21y (AWT), 1:02.01, st.
FOLLOWTHESTEPS (IRE) (c, 2, Footstepsinthesand (GB)--Excellent Mariner (Ire), by Henrythenavigator), who faded late when sixth on debut over six furlongs at Leicester June 5, started at 7-1 and tracked the leader Branscombe (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) throughout the early stages. Gaining the upper hand passing the furlong pole, the €68,000 GOFN0V foal and 25,000gns TAOCY yearling asserted to beat that rival by 3/4 of a length. The winner is the first representative of a half-sister to one of the better early progeny by Footstepsinthesand in Steinbeck (Ire). Successful in the G3 Solonaway S. for Ballydoyle, he went on to capture the January Cup and Centenary Vase as Pure Champion in Hong Kong and the G1 Windsor Park Plate in New Zealand. Cont. p10
3rd-WOL Cont.

Also from the family of the G1 Coronation S. and G1 Fillies' Mile winner Nannina (GB) (Medican {GB}), the dam also has a yearling colt by Power (GB). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $5,019.

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O-John L Marriott & Albert L Marriott; B-Dr D. Harron (IRE); T-I Furtado. #Produce Record for - Excellent Mariner (IRE)

1st-WDS, £4,500, Mdn, 6-26, 2yo, 6f 12yT, 1:13.80, g/f. +BOOMERANG BETTY {IRE} (f, 2, Havana Gold {Ire}--Arbeel {GB}, by Royal Applause {GB}), a 22-1 outsider, played catch-up initially before gaining a middivision spot. Ridden at halfway, the bay wore down Exceedingly Diva (GB) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) with just over a half-furlong to race en route to a half-length success. The winner is the first foal out of a half to the Listed European Free H. scorer Telwaar (GB) (Haafhd {GB}). Descended from the G1 Prix Morny winner First Waltz (Fr) (Green Dancer), she has a yearling colt by Tamayuz (GB). Sales history: €6,000 RNA Wlg '15 GOFNOV; 10,000gns Ylg '16 TAOC; 35,000gns RNA 2yo '17 TATHIT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $3,702. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O-Melbourne 10 Racing Partnership; B-Awbeg Stud (IRE); T-Jamie Osborne.

2nd-WDS, £4,500, Mdn, 6-26, 3yo/up, 8f 31yT, 1:41.36, g/f. PLUTONIAN {IRE} (c, 3, Raven's Pass--Ripalang {Ire}, by Revoque {Ire}), sixth over seven furlongs at Salisbury last time June 13, was sent off the 3-1 second favourite and quickly held the lead. Never in any danger, the 95,000gns TAOCT yearling drew away to record a 10-length success. The winner is a half-brother to the G3 Ridgeway Pearl S. winner Shamwari Lodge (Ire) (Hawk Wing), GSW-Ire & MSW-Eng, $206,654, who went on to produce this year’s Listed Spring Trophy scorer Oh this Is Us (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), and also to the Listed Tetrarch S. winner Imperial Rome (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), SW-Ire, $611,214. The dam is a half to the G1 Haydock Sprint Cup heroine Pipalong (Ire) (Pips Pride {GB}), whose Walk on Bye (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) captured the G3 Anglesey S. and was third in the G1 Phoenix S. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, $3,702.

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O-Mrs Fitri Hay; B-Pier House Stud (IRE); T-Charlie Hills.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Carol (Ire), f, 3, Acclamation (GB)--Miss Topsy Turvy (Ire), by Mr. Greeley. CHW, 6-26, 8f 14yT, 1:33.55. B-Windflower Overseas Holdings Inc (IRE).
Sir Titan (GB), g, 3, Aqlaam (GB)--Femme de Fer (GB), by Hamas (Ire). WOL, 6-26, 7f 36y (AWT), 1:29.46. B-Mrs Liza Judd (GB).

*6,000gns Ylg '15 TAOC.

Dark Pearl (Ire), c, 3, Born To Sea (Ire)--Luanas Pearl (Ire), by Bahri. CHW, 6-26, 12ft, 2:37.21. B-Northern Bloodstock Agency Ltd (IRE). *70,000gns Ylg '15 TAOC.

Pinnata (Ire), g, 3, Shamardal--Lavande Violet (Ger), by Hurricane Run (Ire). CHW, 6-26, 8f 14yT, 1:32.79. B-Ammerland Verwaltung GmbH & Co. KG (IRE). *€720,000 Ylg '15 ARAUG; €8,000 2yo '16 GOYHIT.

Monday’s Results:

2nd-SCD, €26,000, Cond, 6-26, 3yo, 12ft, 2:40.98, gd.
AIM TRUE (IRE) (c, 3, Galileo {Ire}--Lahinch {MSW-Ire & GSP-Eng, $105,478}), by Danehill Dancer (Ire), who graduated in his Nov. 9 Chantilly debut before running second at Maisons-Laffitte on seasonal return last time May 24, was well away from the outside box to claim an immediate lead in this one. Holding sway throughout, the 1-2 chalk was shaken up with 500 metres remaining and stayed on well under mild urging in the closing stages to comfortably hold Reshoun (Fr) (Shamardal) by 3/4 of a length. Full-brother to the 2-year-old colt Liscannor Bay (Ire), he is out of dual stakes scorer Lahinch (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), whose four previous winners include G3 Kilternan S.-winning sire The Bogberry (Hawk Wing), G2 Kilboy Estate S. second Lahinch Classics (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and G3 Ballyogan S. victress Liscanna (Ire) (Sadler’s Wells), who in turn produced G1 Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Turf winner Hit it a Bomb (War Front) and last year’s G1 Cheveley Park S.-winning European highweight juvenile filly Brave Anna (War Front). Sales history: $290,000 RNA Ylg ‘15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, €33,150. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O-H H Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Thani; B-Western Bloodstock (IRE); T-Andre Fabre.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Rewa, f, 3, Hard Spun--Regatta (Fr) (MSW-Fr, $104,877), by Layman. MRX, 6-25, 9ft, time: n/a. B-Dayton Investments Ltd (KY). *€10,000 2yo ‘16 GOFORB.

Final Fanfare (Ire), f, 3, High Chaparral (Ire)--Final Call (GB), by Rail Link (GB). MRX, 6-25, 13ft, time: n/a. B-Ecurie de Meautry (IRE).

Holy Romane (Fr), f, 3, Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)--Careless Charlie, by Johannesburg. LRP, 6-25, 8 1/2ft, time: n/a. B-Ecurie des Monceaux (FR). *€28,000 Ylg ‘15 ARQFEB; €10,000 RNA Ylg ‘15 ARQNOV.

Queenidra (Fr), f, 3, Manduro (Ger)--Hail Holy Queen (Ire), by Highest Honor (Fr). LRY, 6-25, 12ft, 2:36.32. B-Haras de Sainte Gauforge (FR).
ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Bernsteinkette (Ger), f, 3, Kandahar Run (GB) -- Bernsteinkuste, by Bernstein. MUN, 6-25, 10 1/2fT, 2:25.02. B-Gestut Ammerland (GER).

La Swala (Ger), f, 3, Lando (Ger) -- La Bahia (Ger), by Black Sam Bellamy (Ire). DOR, 6-25, 10fT, 2:12.52. B-Frau Dr Ingrid Hornig (GER).

Emlyn Violet (Ger), f, 3, Paolini (Ger) -- Elena (Ger), by Dai Jin (GB). MUN, 6-25, 8fT, 1:45.82. B-Stall Shrek (GER).

Lijian (Ger), g, 3, Soldier Hollow (GB) -- Larena (Ger), by Big Shuffle. DOR, 6-25, 7fT, 1:26.64. B-Erik Luding et al (GER).

7.20 Ballinrobe, Mdn, €14,500, 3yo, 13f 27yT
Ronan Lambe’s NEPTUNE (IRE) (Galileo {Ire}) is a full-brother to 2006 G1 Irish 1000 Guineas heroine Nighttime (Ire) and, like that sibling, is conditioned by Dermot Weld. He faces seven rivals in this low-key unveiling.

Sunday’s Results:

CESKE DERBY (NB), Kc2,500,000 (£383,666/€95,248/US$106,551), Velka Chuchle (Prague), 6-25, 3yo, 2400mT, 2:29.19, gd.

1--JOSEPH (CZE), 128, c, 3, Lando (Ger) -- Josselin (Fr), by Muhtathir (GB). O-Staj Dr Charvat; B-Charvat Group SRO; T-Tuma Pavel; J-Jiri Palik; Kc1,000,000. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-1, Kc1,106,500.

2--Felix (Fr), 128, c, 3, Jukebox Jury (Ire) -- Fait Accompli (Ger), by Bering (GB). (€16,000 Wlg ‘14 ARQDEC; €30,000 Ylg ‘15 BBASEP). Kc550,000.

3--George Boole (Ire), 128, c, 3, Art Connoisseur (Ire) -- Valbonne (Ire), by Refuse To Bend (Ire). (60,000gns HRA ‘17 TATFEB). Kc350,000.


Also Ran: Sir Sun (Fr), Silver Ball (Fr), Aeneas (Ire), Irwin Forge (Fr), Zock (Fr), Stellar Speed (Ire), Black Canyon (Ire), Sasa (GB), Dominique (Fr), Palazzo Corsini (Ire), Nagano Gold (GB), Fighting Lips (Ire), Noble Cliffs (Fr). Scratched: Kerabush (Ire), Landaron (Cze).

Joseph, the lone Czech-bred in a field of 16, came out on top of a final-furlong tussle to win Sunday’s Ceske Derby, the richest such event for sophomores in Eastern Europe. Slow to begin, Joseph settled in the latter third of the field and was switched away from the inside down the back of the course. He began to pick off rivals at the top of the straight, came with a run inside of fellow longshot Felix at the 200m and outfinished that rival to score by the minimum margin. The winner hails from the final crop of the globetrotting Lando (Ger) (Acatenango {Ger}), a seven-time Group 1 winner including the 1995 G1 Japan Cup. The stallion, bred by and formerly based at Gestut Hof Ittlingen, died in August 2013 after fracturing a leg while emerging from successful colic surgery. VIDEO

IN JAPAN:

Miss Dubawi (GB), f, 4, Dubawi (IRE) -- Coyote (GB) (SP-Eng), by Indian Ridge (GB). Hakodate, 6-24, Alw, 6T. Lifetime Record: 15-3-3-2, $383,694. O-Masamichi Hayashi; B-Sir Eric Parker; T-Makoto Saito. *€500,000 Ylg ‘14 ARAAUG. **1/2 to Eradicate (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}), SW-Eng & GSP-Fr, $362,418; Oh Goodness Me (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), GSW & G1SP-Ire, $202,824; and to Colima (Ire) (Authorized {Ire}), SP-Eng. VIDEO

IN SINGAPORE:

Kirks Ryker (GB), g, 5, Selkirk -- Kesara (GB), by Sadler’s Wells. Kranji, 6-26, Hcp. (£57k/€64k), 1400mT, 1:21.91. B-Miss K Raising. *SP-Sin. **€36,000 Ylg ‘13 GOFORB. VIDEO
EVEREST IN SIGHT FOR CARAVAGGIO

Coolmore Australia’s Tom Magnier has revealed that the inaugural A$10m The Everest has been a potential target for G1 Commonwealth Cup winner Caravaggio (Scat Daddy) for some time now. Following the 3-year-old’s scintillating display over six furlongs at Ascot last Friday Magnier told Sky Sports Radio, "We took a slot in The Everest. We have had [Caravaggio] in mind for our slot for a while. Aidan [O’Brien] is very excited about him and says he is the fastest horse that he's trained."

The dual Group 1 winning Caravaggio is now unbeaten in six starts and with The Everest scheduled to take place at Randwick in October, Aidan O’Brien put forward a potential route to the world’s richest turf race. "The lads will talk about what to do, but you'd think about the [G1] July Cup in Newmarket first. We were thinking about something like that in the mid-summer and then give him a break and the lads have it in their heads about the Everest in Australia in the autumn. That's why we didn't want to be too hard on him now. He is only a 3-year-old and it's a long way through a year," O’Brien told the Irish Independent.

Caravaggio is currently second favourite for The Everest behind the six-time Group 1 winning grey Chautauqua (Aus) (Encosta De Lago {Aus}).

STABLEMATES AIMING FOR MELBOURNE

New Zealand based training partners Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman achieved a notable feat when winning both the G1 Australian Oaks and G1 Australian Derby at Sydney during the autumn and both of those winners are reportedly on target for a return to Australia for the spring carnival at Melbourne. In fact both Bonneval (NZ) (Makfi {GB}) and Jon Snow (NZ) (Iffraaj {GB}) have the same early season target.

Andrew Forsman revealed, "We'll probably look at giving them a trial here in early August and then get them over to Melbourne in the middle of August. The Group 1 Memsie S. [1400m] on Sept. 2 at Caulfield is their likely starting point.”

Murray Baker knows what it takes to win a G1 Caulfield Cup having done so with Mongolian Khan (Aus) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), who like Jon Snow, was also a G1 BMW Australian Derby winner the same year and the Caulfield Cup is also likely to be on the radar for one or both.

"Obviously they are both Caulfield Cup candidates, so that would be the target at this stage unless one of them puts their hand up and says they are good enough to take on Winx in the Cox Plate," Forsman told Racing And Sports.

WALLER EXPANDING TO QUEENSLAND

Champion trainer Chris Waller will expand to Queensland either in Brisbane or at the Gold Coast, pending approval by Racing Queensland, Racing and Sports reported Monday. Paul Shailer, who spent eight years as a foreman for Waller when the expat Kiwi first arrived to Sydney before moving on to try his hand at training, will be in charge of the roughly 20-strong satellite stable. Cont. p13
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“We will have about 20 horses which suits our model,” said Waller, who will soon land his seventh training premiership. “We can send a few horses up there which might be struggling in Sydney. We will have a base of horses going to the Magic Millions in January and it’s also a good base for the winter carnival. The extra security of having our own stables makes sense and having Paul back from New Zealand is another bonus.”

Added Shailer, “It’s been pretty seamless. It’s like I’ve never been away. I missed Australia and I missed working with Chris. It’s great to be back where the systems are all in place as they were when I was here before. They haven’t changed. It’s just on a bigger scale. I’m really looking forward to Queensland.”

MAHUTA TO LYNWARD PARK

Lynward Park Stud in Western Australia, currently home to stallions Alfred Nobel (Ire) (Danehill Dancer (Ire)) and Trade Fair (GB) (Zafonic) have added the recently retired Mahuta (Aus) (Flying Spur (Aus)—Vahine (NZ)), by Zabeel (NZ) to the roster. The 4-year-old was a prolific winner for trainer Darren Weir and his biggest payday came when he won the Magic Millions Guineas at the Gold Coast last year, banking over A$1m in the process. He also proved himself a solid graded stakes performer winning the G2 Sandown Guineas and the G2 Autumn S. at Caulfield before running with great credit when third to Black Heart Bart (Aus) (Blackfriars (Aus)) in the G1 Memsie S. at Caulfield last August. Mahuta, a half-brother to stakes winner Anlon (Aus) (Stratum (Aus)), retires with a race record of 16-6-1-2 and earnings of A$1,752,960. A covering fee has yet to be announced.