

BAFFERT REFLECTS, RELOADS AFTER “ROLLER COASTER” WEEKEND



Bob Baffert faces the press after Arrogate's loss Saturday | Benoit

by T.D. Thornton

Reflecting on his down-then-up stakes forays this past weekend at Del Mar Thoroughbred Club and Saratoga Race Course, trainer Bob Baffert on Monday likened the experience to a trip to the amusement park.

“Racing is one big roller coaster ride,” Baffert said. “As long as you can stay on, you’re OK.”

Nearly 48 hours after the fourth-place disappointment by **Arrogate** (Unbridled's Song) at 1-20 odds in the GII San Diego H., Baffert was still at a loss to pinpoint a reason for the uncharacteristically dull performance by the world's top-ranked racehorse.

“He looks good. He really looks good,” Baffert said of the colt's demeanor and attitude. “It wasn't like he got tired or anything. He was just lethargic. He just did not run and he was flat. And we're scratching our heads--coulda, woulda, shoulda. Physically, we've gone over him. We've checked him with the veterinarian. We've checked his blood, everything's normal. He hasn't shown any signs of anything. Usually, 48 to 72 hours after [a bad race], if there's something wrong, it will usually show up. But he's bright. I prepped him a little differently than I would for the big, big races. I just have to take the blame for it. Apparently, I didn't have him sharp.” **Cont. p3**

FOUR-YEAR VET STUDY ENTERS PHASE THREE

by Jessica Martini

A four-year veterinary study which seeks to determine how radiographic findings will impact a horse's future racing prospects is entering into its third phase with the studied horses now starting to hit the racetrack. The study, which began with the examination of 2,795 yearlings at the 2016 Keeneland September Sale, is led by Drs. Wayne McIlwraith, Frances Peat and Chris Kawcak from the Orthopaedic Research Center at Colorado State University, in conjunction with Lexington-based veterinarian Dr. Jeff Berk and is specifically looking at radiographic findings in the proximal sesamoid bones of the fetlock with associated suspensory branch changes and radiographic findings in the medial femoral condyle of the stifle.

As the list of horses who ‘failed the vet’ at the sales only to go on to success at the racetrack continues to grow, the results of this study could lead to more objective interpretations of tests which until now have been largely subjective, according to Berk.

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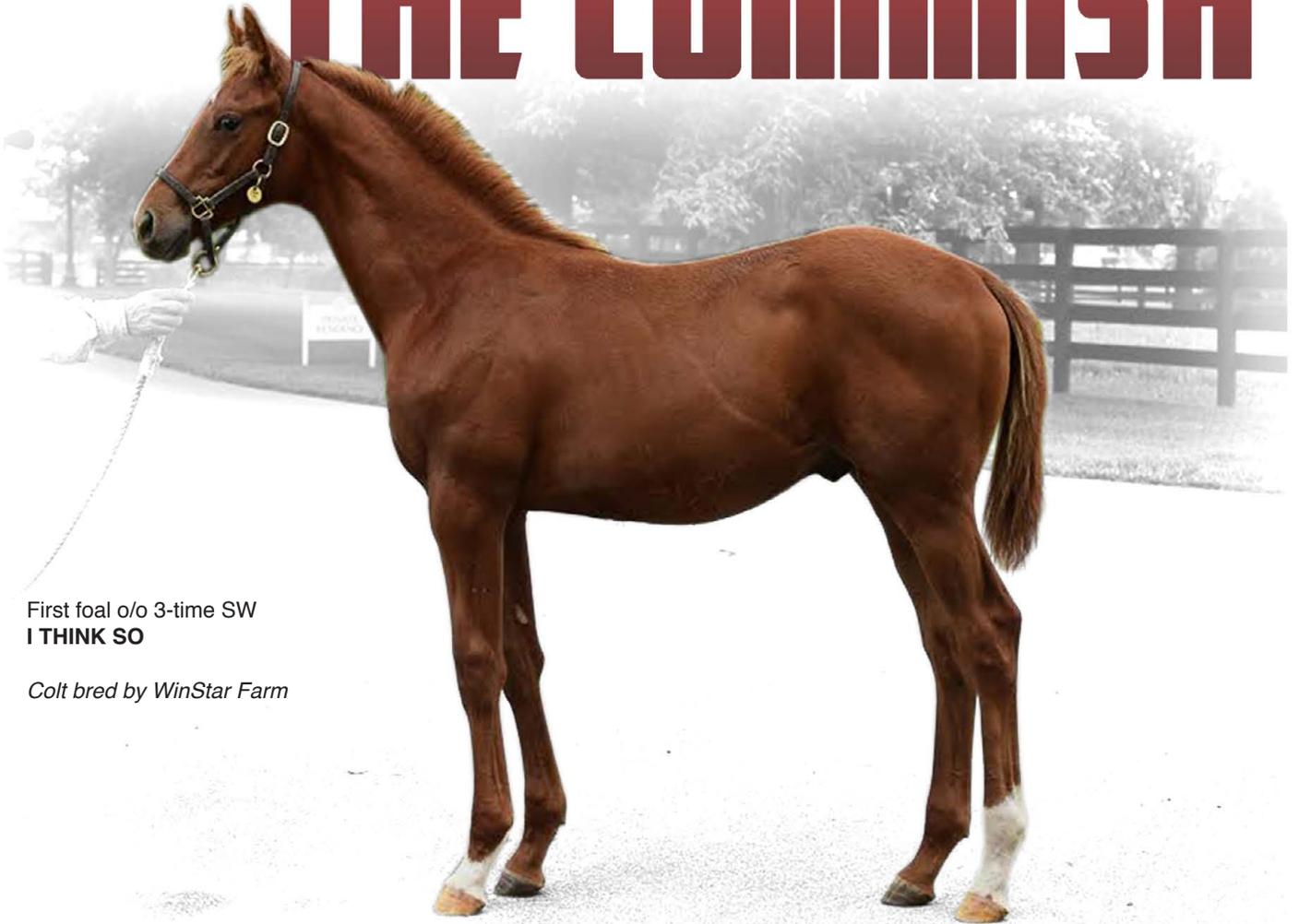
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Zayat Stables' Perplexed (Maimonides) gave Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas his second winner of the Saratoga meet, pulling off a 115-1 shocker in the Monday opener under apprentice jockey Luis Reyes. Perplexed is the highest-priced winner ever trained by "The Coach," according to his grandson, Brady. | NYRA/A. Coglianes

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T.D. Thornton takes a look back at a week that included Arrogate (Unbridled's Song)'s shocking loss at Del Mar and Lady Eli (Divine Park)'s emotional win at Saratoga.

TIZ A SLAM LOOKS FOR ANSWERS AT FORT ERIE

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Tiz a Slam (Tiznow), second behind Holy Helena (Ghostzapper) in the Queen's Plate, is the morning-line favorite for Tuesday's Prince of Wales S., but the Chiefswood Stables runner still has some questions to answer.



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“I shipped him down here, and it’s been hot and humid, so we sort of went easy with him,” Baffert said. “But he was just flat, really flat. I’ve had a lot of good horses [go inexplicably flat]. You don’t know. And they come back and they run [well]. Right now I feel pretty confident that he’ll bounce right back out of that.”

Baffert continued, “Arrogate, I just thought I could lead him up there and he’d gallop around and be invincible. But at the end of the day, you still just have to have them ready. I don’t know what it was, because he never gave me any indications that he was going to run that way.”

Baffert said the next move for Arrogate involves vigilance and a return to training with the next goal being the Aug. 19 GI Pacific Classic at Del Mar.

“Right now we’re just making sure that we’re not missing something,” Baffert said. “Del Mar’s a really tricky racetrack. You’re not going to close [from off the pace]. You cannot run like [Arrogate] ran in Dubai. You’re not going to win here. You’ve got



Arrogate | Andrew Watkins

to be up close, and turning for home there’s not a lot of passing that goes on. And I knew that [Accelerate (Lookin At Lucky)] was already gone. He got away. You know, I think we all went in there a little bit overconfident. I don’t blame [jockey] Mike [Smith]. He didn’t have any horse. He just took care of him. As long as he comes back and works well.

Arrogate won’t run again until he works well.

“Right now, the main focus is the GI Breeders’ Cup Classic. I don’t know how I get him there. But right now, I don’t see why he wouldn’t run in the Pacific Classic.”

Baffert watched Sunday’s stretch-battling win by **Abel Tasman** (Quality Road) in the GI Coaching Club American Oaks at Saratoga from his home base in California. The televised

feed he was watching switched to the head-on view turning onto the backstretch, so Baffert said he didn’t quite grasp the magnitude of Able Tasman’s powerful, loop-the-group move at the six-furlong pole until later.

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“I’ve seen Mike [Smith] make that move before when they were going slow,” Baffert said. “I thought, ‘He knows what he’s doing. She looks good.’ Then they turned for home and I was a little worried because she was on the lead and she can get a little bit [to] waiting on horses. So when [Elate (Medaglia d’Oro)] came up, I thought that was going to be the horse to beat. When she came up to [Abel Tasman] like that, Mike just made sure he got her down there so she could see her and not lose that momentum. It was a brilliant, heady ride by Mike. You can get away with it when you have a lot of horse under you.”

As for the foul claim and stewards’ inquiry into the prolonged, heated stretch drive, Baffert said “I think it was one of those things just like in football, when players are running for a touchdown and they’re trying to stay in bounds and they’re just on the edge there. [Smith] didn’t touch the white line, you know? He walked a really fine line there. If he had come over just another inch and just touched [Elate], I think he would have been in trouble... I figured they had to look at it when it’s that close; they took a long time because they wanted to make sure they got it right.”

So what’s next for Abel Tasman, who has racked up three Grade I victories in succession?

“She’s shipping back [to California] and I’m just going to wait,” Baffert said. “I don’t know what my next plan is. I was going to wait for the [GI] Alabama [S. on Aug. 19] after [her June 10 GI Acorn S. win]. But then all of a sudden she was working really well, so that’s why I put her on the plane. She’s shipped three times so far this spring and summer. I’ll just let her tell me when she’s ready; she’ll tell me when she’s ready to do something.

“For a filly to [ship multiple times and win] you have to be way the best. She’s just getting bigger and she’s getting stronger. I was very proud of her. She’s given us some big thrills. Winning the [GI] Kentucky Oaks, she just looked hopelessly beat going down the backside, and then she came up and won. She’s about as good as any filly I’ve ever had, and I’m really excited about her.”

Baffert will be right back in Grade I action this Saturday at Del Mar when last year’s Eclipse Award Sprint champion **Drefong** (Gio Ponti) makes his 2017 debut in the GI Bing Crosby S. at Del Mar.

“He’s been working well, but he hasn’t run in awhile, so it’s going to be tough,” Baffert said. “Del Mar, it’s a lot tougher because the air is heavy; it’s a wet, moist heavy air. A lot of horses, they get tired. But I’ve put some good, strong works into him. I prepared him like I would prepare Arrogate for a \$10-million race. The preparation is a lot different, just like Abel was prepared for a Grade I win. But still, you never know.”

Baffert’s top two 3-year-olds are both set to race at Saratoga Aug. 26.



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“**West Coast** (Flatter) came out of his [GIII Los Alamitos Derby win] really well, and we’re aiming for the [GI Travers S.,” Baffert said.

As for **American Anthem** (Bodemeister), winner of the GII Woody Stephens S. June 10, Baffert said, “He’s really training extremely well. I was tempted to take him to [Sunday’s GI] Haskell and then maybe back him up and run him in the [H. Allen Jerkens Memorial S. at Saratoga]. I think he could do it, but he’s just doing so well right now going like seven-eighths, and I want to bring him to the [Jerkens] really ready for that.”



Mor Spirit | Sarah Andrew

Mor Spirit (Eskendereya), who earned a pace-pressing win in the GI Metropolitan H. with a gaudy 117 Beyer Speed Figure June 10, needs a bit more time before resurfacing in the entries, Baffert said.

“I was going to bring Mor Spirit to the [Aug. 5 GI] Whitney, but it’s taken him a little bit longer [to recover],” Baffert said. “I think those trips shipping back and forth, he’s lost some weight, so I’m just freshening him up right now. It’s too far off, but I’m thinking the [Aug. 26 GI] Forego, maybe. But the main thing I want him ready for the Breeders’ Cup down here. I don’t know yet [about preference for either the GI Dirt Mile or GI Classic]. I’m just keeping those options open.

“Wherever I think he can win,” Baffert added with a laugh.

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Four-Year Vet Studies Enters Phase Three

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“The idea of the study is to try to provide information that is more fact based--more objective and based on science,” Berk said. “The underlying premise is that just because a horse has veterinary findings, it does not mean that those findings are going to negatively affect the suitability of that horse to become a racehorse. Everybody is looking for one of the really top horses and you’d hate for that horse to be unfairly impugned and unfairly



Dr. Jeff Berk

thrown aside because of findings that really don’t have the potential to be quite so negative as they might currently be perceived to be. That’s not good for anybody. It’s not good for the sellers, it’s not good for the buyers and it’s not good for the veterinarians. It can be really distressing to a client when the veterinarian has assigned too much significance to a veterinary finding to the point where the client doesn’t buy the horse and then they have to watch that horse race at a high level for someone else when they could have owned it for themselves.”

At last year’s Keeneland September sale, 71 consignors consented to have 2,795 yearlings, or 74% of the auction’s offerings, included in the radiographic and/or ultrasonographic portions of the study. The radiographs were evaluated for changes in the sesamoid bones and the medial femoral condyles of the stifles. The ultrasound images were evaluated for abnormalities involving the suspensory ligament branches at their insertion onto the sesamoid bones.

Of the yearlings studied, 473 were again studied prior to selling at the country’s major 2-year-old sales: Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream, OBS March, OBS Spring, Fasig-Tipton Midlantic and OBS June.

“A seller or consignor has to give consent to have their horses involved in the study in the first place,” Berk explained of the process. “And then, sometimes logistically, for the ultrasound part, the horse may be located in a place where it is hard for the ultrasonographer to get to.”

Berk said he has been pleased by the participation of consignors in the study, which he hopes will be the first of many such projects.

“It’s been fabulous--we got a really great response,” Berk said. “It was approaching 80% consent, in both the yearlings and the 2-year-old consignors. That’s why it is going to be such a significant study, in my opinion and that of my fellow researchers in the study. It will be the largest study of its kind and hopefully will begin to move us in the direction of being able to do more studies like this in different areas. Right now we are looking at sesamoids, suspensory branches and stifles in this study. But we will be able to go back with those same radiographs and potentially look at knees or other issues with any of the joints that are included in the repository set of radiographs and hopefully be able to shift the evaluation process from one that is so completely subjective to something that is more objective based on science.”



Keeneland September sales grounds | Keeneland photo

The large number of horses involved in the study will help overcome the vagaries of different training methods and outside factors, according to Berk.

“Since we have sufficient numbers, it kind of equalizes out the difference in training methods,” Berk said. “That’s why the more horses you can get involved in a study, the better it is because it gives more validity to the study.”

The four-year study is well underway, but the results will not be available until all the information is complete.

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“The data is being analyzed,” Berk said. “It will be compiled at the end of the study and analyzed at that point. The radiographs are being read, the ultrasounds are being read. All of this information has been transferred electronically to Colorado State University Center for Orthopaedic Research to be done. Unfortunately there aren’t any preliminary findings, but those might be misleading. We need to put the whole thing together at the end of their racing season and have those racing outcomes to really tell us the final answers. We’d love to tell people along the way how it’s going. People have been really good in terms of their participation in the project, consignors giving consent for their horses to be studied. We’d love to give them updates, but it’s impossible considering the way these studies are constructed.”

Year one of the project cost \$175,000 and the estimated four-year cost is expected to be approximately \$445,000. Bridge funding was obtained for the first year’s expenses from discretionary dollars at Colorado State.

“We are in the process of seeking funding right now,” Berk said. “There are several avenues that are being examined. It will be submitted to some foundations that do equine research, such as the AAEP Foundation, the Grayson Foundation. We are also communicating with members of the CBA, which is the Consignors and Commercial Breeders Association, not because we think necessarily consignors would fund it, but that they know clients who may have the means and the philanthropic desire to contribute to such an effort. So we are looking at different avenues right now, private individuals, groups and foundations.”

Berk said he thinks the research project will prove important to the entire industry.

“It’s going to benefit everybody,” he said. “I think all stakeholders in the Thoroughbred industry stand to benefit from studies like this. This will be, hopefully, one of the first of its kind in terms of the comprehensive nature of it.” [Click to return to p1](#)

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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

by T.D. Thornton

That slight tremor you felt at about 6:06 p.m. Pacific time Saturday was the racing world bumping slightly off its axis. **Arrogate** (Unbridled’s Song), widely acknowledged as the world’s most-accomplished and highest-ranked active racehorse, ran drastically flat and threw in an inexplicable clunker, running fourth at 1-20 odds in the GII San Diego H. at Del Mar Thoroughbred Club.

Rest assured the rotational flux is only temporary, though. No matter how big the upset or how highly heralded the vanquished favorite is, the racing world always seems to do a pretty good job of getting back into the groove and spinning in the right direction in short order.

Day-after reports from trainer Bob Baffert indicated that Arrogate—who had won the Grade I quartet of the Travers S., Breeders’ Cup Classic, Pegasus World Cup Invitational, and Dubai World Cup in succession—did not suffer from any major physical setback or injury, and that the 4-year-old gray will be on target to make his next scheduled start in the Aug. 19 GI Pacific Classic at Del Mar. Baffert, in several published comments, blamed himself for not training Arrogate aggressively enough.

This week we close in on the 100-day mark to the Breeders’ Cup. The GI Pacific Classic in four weeks carries extra race-over-the-track emphasis in 2017 because it’s a “Win and You’re In” qualifying race and Del Mar is hosting the world championships.

The 8 1/2-length San Diego H. winner **Accelerate** (Lookin At Lucky), who was third in last year’s GI Breeders’ Cup Dirt Mile, might find the 10-furlong challenge of both the Pacific and Breeders’ Cup Classics to be a touch outside his comfort zone, distance wise. But it’s an interesting side note that Accelerate has now finished ahead of Arrogate twice: Both debuted on Apr. 17, 2016, at Los Alamitos Race Course, running second and third, respectively. That maiden defeat by **Westbrook** (Congrats) was Arrogate’s only other lifetime loss from nine starts.

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But the depth chart for top-tier older male American horses is not particularly deep right now. Beyond the capable, dependable, but not exactly scare-away-the-competition MGISW **Gun Runner** (Candy Ride {Arg}), you have to cast an eye toward the solid cluster of 3-year-olds to find the next level of aspirants clamoring for a foothold as they mature out of the Triple Crown season and take aim at facing elders.

The 3-year-old division should get a double dose of clarity this coming weekend: GI Kentucky Derby winner **Always Dreaming** (Bodemeister) and GI Preakness S. victor **Cloud Computing** (Maclean's Music) are listed by Saratoga Race Course among probables for Saturday's GII Jim Dandy S. Among the probables listed by Monmouth Park for the GI Haskell Invitational Sunday are **Irish War Cry** (Curlin), **McCraken** (Ghostzapper), **Battle of Midway** (Smart Strike), **Girvin** (Tale of Ekati), **Practical Joke** (Into Mischief), **Timeline** (Hard Spun) and **Hence** (Street Boss).

Lady Eli Again Overcomes Adversity

The first Grade I race of the season at Saratoga Race Course, the Diana S. on Saturday, produced a corking three-way photo finish that was satisfying to watch from both a tactical standpoint and the sentiment surrounding the winner, **Lady Eli** (Divine Park).

Pace-making **Quidura (GB)** (Dubawi{Ire}) gamely held sway into the homestretch of the nine-furlong turf test before being double-teamed by Chad Brown trainees Lady Eli, who was patiently handled before pouncing authoritatively with a churning outside run, and **Antonoe** (First Defence), whose jockey, Javier Castellano, banked on a narrow inside passage that never fully materialized.

Both Antonoe (jogging off a bit) and Lady Eli (quickly in the hands of an assistant starter) provided mild pre-race drama by popping open the gates of their starting stalls just prior to the race going off.

"You can probably walk through the grandstand here and talk to the people who actually wager their money every day, and they'll tell you most of the times that happens they don't win," Brown said of his stablemates' pre-race antics. "[Lady Eli] just overcame that much breaking through the gate. A remarkable performance. The fractions were solid enough, but then again, I know this horse on the lead is a real quality horse. What I liked at that point was that she was alone back there. I felt confident that Irad [Ortiz Jr.] could at least give her a clear run in the stretch and that's all I asked in the paddock. If you just get her clear, I'm confident she'll get there, and she did."

Lady Eli's story will always be emotionally compelling considering she was away from racing for over a year in 2015-16 after stepping on a nail and developing laminitis in both front feet. She has since not only recovered from that life-threatening predicament, but has regained top form after her owners opted to keep her in training for 2017 instead of retiring as a broodmare. So far this year she's earned two wins and a second (losing by a head) from three Grade I starts.

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The July 18 euthanization of the hard-hitting 11-year-old gelded sprinter **Ben's Cat** (Parker's Storm Cat) after complications from colic surgery was mourned far beyond his Maryland base. The 26-time stakes winner, who was not yet a month into retirement, was such a fan favorite that he routinely received deliveries of gift baskets of high-end horse treats from admirers. Breeder/owner/trainer King T. Leatherbury once described the star of his stable as "every bit of a real good classy horse [who is] very well-behaved, but he knows he's a big shot."

One reason railbirds were attracted to Ben's Cat was his uncanny knack for winning via tight photo finishes, even when he looked hopelessly beaten a furlong out. Thirteen of his 30 lifetime victories were decided by margins of less than a length. The gelding's four Maryland Horse of the Year titles and 17 divisional state championships (older male, turf horse, and sprinter) are even more remarkable considering Ben's Cat suffered a fractured pelvis late in his 2-year-old season that kept him from debuting until age four. Leatherbury felt so ambivalent about him early on that he started Ben's Cat for a claiming tag in his first two races.

"We didn't think he was anything special," Leatherbury said in a 2015 *TDN* interview about his 32-time winner. "I actually ran him for \$20,000 and \$25,000 claimers. At that time, we didn't think he was any kind of a decent horse. But once he won eight races in a row, then we knew we had something. I think what benefited him is the fact that he did not run early in life, so he had time to mature. [That] gave him a chance for everything to set up nicely, and it's helped him last long."

In one of those odd coincidences of timing, the death of Ben's Cat was preceded by 48 hours by the peaceful passing of 26-year-old Nebraska-bred gelding **Leaping Plum** (Lightning Leap), who between 1993-2004 generated a similar cult-like appreciation for sprinting dominance on small tracks throughout the Midwest. In particular, Leaping Plum ruled Fonner Park, where his half-mile track record of :44.20 remains intact.

Ben's Cat and Leaping Plum started getting mentioned in the same sentence several years ago when Ben's Cat was en route to winning six straight runnings of Laurel Park's Mr. Diz S. But Leaping Plum is believed to be the record-holder for consecutive wins of the same stakes race with seven: He romped in the Grasmick H., a four-furlong dash held during the early-winter part of the Fonner season, every year between 1995 and 2001. After finishing third in the 2002 edition, Leaping Plum returned at age 12 to win the 2003 running, making it eight lifetime Grasmick wins.

Daily Racing Form, which first reported the death, quoted a Facebook posting from Jon Moss, the son of Leaping Plum's trainer Joseph Moss: "He passed quietly in his sleep out in

Nebraska. He ran up last night, as is typical with his herd-mates for his grain, and this morning was laying peacefully in the pasture. Few people have had near the impact as this animal has had on my life. Funny how it can be that an animal impacts in such a large way."

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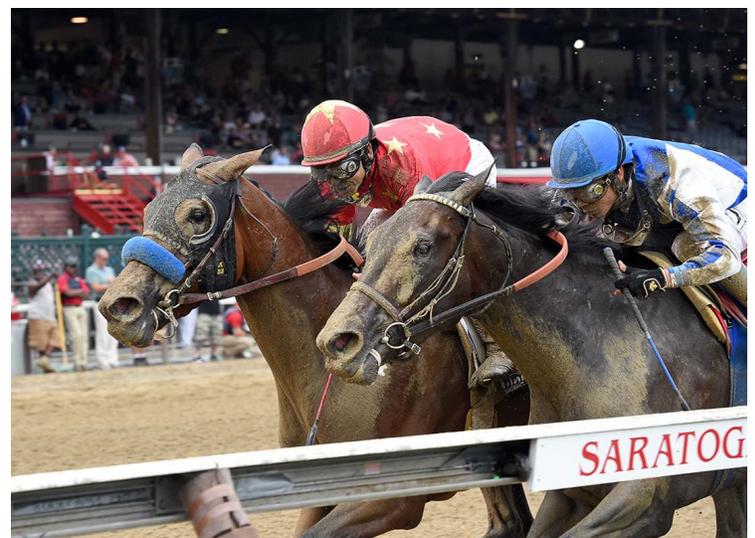
'TASMAN,' ELATE FINE FOLLOWING CCA OAKS DUEL

China Horse Club International and Clearsky Farms' **Abel Tasman** (Quality Road) and Claiborne Farm and Adele Dilschneider's **Elate** (Medaglia d'Oro), first and second, respectively, in a thrilling renewal of Sunday's GI Coaching Club American Oaks, emerged from the race in fine condition, their connections reported Monday morning. Abel Tasman, who registered the fourth Grade I win of her young career, was housed in John Terranova's Saratoga barn before flying back to Southern California to reunite with trainer Bob Baffert Monday afternoon.

"Seems like everything's good," Terranova said Monday morning. "[She was] bucking and playing around the shed row this morning. She's pretty cool, pretty laid back about everything. She's good to go. She'll go hang out at the beach for a while now."

In the wake of the race, Baffert commented that Abel Tasman could possibly return to Saratoga for her next start in the GI Alabama S. Aug. 19. CCA Oaks runner-up Elate, however, seems to be likely for the Alabama, according to trainer Bill Mott. The **'TDN Rising Star'** emerged from a hard-fought race ([video](#)), where she was put in tight along the rail in the stretch before coming up a head short, relatively unscathed.

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Abel Tasman and Elate | Sarah K. Andrew

“She looks pretty good,” Mott said. “She had a little grab, she stumbled a little bit leaving the gate and touched the outside of her foot a little bit. It doesn't look like anything serious.”

As for the stewards' decision to allow the result to stand following an inquiry and jockey's objection, Mott said he understood the line of thinking, while tipping his cap to the winner.

“If I was a steward it would be a tough call,” said Mott. “If I was on their end, I would say it shouldn't come down. They've let the same situation slide here a few times, I think [because of] the fact they let it slide here a few times, I guess they had to let it slide yesterday. It definitely was herding a little bit, and [winning rider Mike Smith] flashed his whip in front of our horse's head a few times.”

Speaking of the winner, Mott continued, “She's an accomplished filly that's done very well. Three in a row, so can't take anything away from her. All we can do is try to beat her if she comes back. Come on back, we'll try again.”

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TIZ A SLAM HAS QUESTIONS TO ANSWER AS PRINCE OF WALES FAVORITE

Chiefswood Stable's **Tiz a Slam** (Tiznow) closed well to complete the exacta behind runaway Queen's Plate S. heroine Holy Helena (Ghostzapper) in the first leg of the Canadian Triple Crown July 2, and now looms as the one to beat in Tuesday evening's Prince of Wales S. at Fort Erie. His morning line favoritism does not come without a healthy share of questions to answer. While no entrant in the Prince of Wales owns a previous win on dirt, Tiz a Slam is a stakes winner on turf by virtue of his win in the Ontario-bred Cup and Saucer S. at Woodbine last October. He has yet to reach the winner's circle in three starts on Woodbine's Tapeta this year, placing second in the May 7 Wando S. prior to a fourth-place effort in the nine-furlong Plate Trial S. June 11. He has posted two five-furlong works over the dirt training track in Toronto since his runner-up finish in the Queen's Plate.

Tiz a Slam may also be at the mercy of an uncertain pace scenario. While he is by no means a one-run closer, the bay will likely have to catch GI Kentucky Derby pacesetter **State of Honor** (To Honor and Serve), who projects to be loose on the lead. Clearly holding an experience edge on dirt, the Mark Casse trainee finished third in the GIII Sam F. Davis S. Feb. 11 prior to a pair of runner-up efforts in the GII Tampa Bay Derby Mar. 11 and GI Florida Derby Apr. 1. He faded to finish 19th in the Run for the Roses, and has recently leveled off to check in third and eighth in the Plate Trial and Queen's Plate, respectively. The colt has never finished off the board in four tries over a fast dirt track.

Schickedanz and Howard's **Woodbridge** (Langfuhr) is another who must prove his ability on the unfamiliar surface, but he is twice stakes-placed over the turf at Woodbine, including a recent third in the July 2 Charlie Barley S. **Cool Catomine** (Spring At Last) captured a 1 1/16-mile maiden heat earlier on that same card and jumps straight in to stakes company Tuesday.

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FACT: 10 OF THE BEST

by John Boyce

The start at stud last year by **Union Rags** was nothing short of astonishing with Grade I-winning juvenile fillies Union Strike and Dancing Rags heading his progeny. It's been more of the same in 2017 with another Grade I winner in Paradise Woods. No surprise then to see this Grade I-winning 2-year-old who went on to land the GI Belmont S. head our second-season sires, ranked by the average of the best Beyer recorded by his top 10 starters. **Bodemeister**, sire of GI Kentucky Derby hero Always Dreaming and four other black-type winners, also takes high rank. But this particular race is not all about the more expensive sires. Note the excellent numbers returned by **Dominus** and **Maclean's Music**, both standing at less than \$10,000.

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<u>Best Beyer of Their Top 10 Runners</u>			
<u>Name</u>	<u>Sire</u>	<u>2017 Fee</u>	<u>T10Avg</u>
Union Rags	Dixie Union	50,000	96.2
Dialed In	Mineshaft	15,000	95.0
Bodemeister	Empire Maker	Private	94.0
Dominus	Smart Strike	7,500	93.6
The Factor	War Front	25,000	92.7
Maclean's Music	Distorted Humor	8,500	92.2
Shackleford	Forestry	15,000	92.1
Creative Cause	Giant's Causeway	15,000	89.5
Algorithms	Bernardini	7,500	88.6
Tapizar	Tapit	15,000	87.3
Overdriven	Tale of the Cat	2,500	85.5

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Hip 30, an unraced 2-year-old colt by Uncle Mo, turned in the fastest work during Monday's under-tack preview of the Barretts Paddock Sale at Del Mar. Consigned by McKathan Bros., agent, the juvenile went three furlongs in :33.80. The sale will be held after the races at Del Mar Wednesday.

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Tuesday, Fort Erie, post time: 7:45 p.m. EDT

PRINCE OF WALES S., (R), C\$500,000, 3yo, 1 3/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Spirit of Caledon	Mike Fox	Copper Water Thoroughbred Co Ltd	Parente	Lermyte	12-1
2	Aurora Way	Giant's Causeway	Chiefswood Stable	Simon	Hernandez	6-1
3	Woodbridge	Langfuhr	G Schickedanz & D Howard	Keogh	Moran	7-2
4	State of Honor	To Honor and Serve	Conrad Farms	Casse	P Husbands	5-2
5	Tiz a Slam	Tiznow	Chiefswood Stable	Attfield	da Silva	8-5
6	Cool Catomine	Spring At Last	Jack of Hearts Racing & JR Racing Stable Inc	Ross	Contreras	12-1
7	Jurojin	Giant Gizmo	Sandra Bird & Sarah Ladoucer	Ladoucer	S Husbands	20-1

Breeders: 1-Paradise Farms Caledon Incorporated, 2-Chiefswood Stables Ltd, 3-Gustav Schickedanz, 4-Manfred & Penny Conrad, 5-Chiefswood Stables Limited, 6-Bernard & Karen McCormack, 7-Sandra Bird

Wednesday, Saratoga, post time: 5:40 p.m. EDT

HONORABLE MISS H.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Disco Chick	Jump Start	Kolybabiuk, Yaroslaw, J.	Penaloza	Caballero	116
2	By the Moon	Indian Charlie	Jay Em Ess Stable	Nevin	Maragh	122
3	Paulassilverlining	Ghostzapper	Juddmonte Farms, Inc.	Brown	Ortiz	124
4	Clothes Fall Off 🌿	Daaher	Cheyenne Stables LLC	McLaughlin	Rosario	117
5	Finley'sluckycharm 🌿	Twirling Candy	Moore, Carl, R.	Calhoun	Hernandez, Jr.	121

Breeders: 1-Y. Jerry Kolybabiuk, 2-Samantha Siegel, 3-Vince Scuderi, 4-Dean Hayes & Shadwell Farm, LLC., 5-Lakland Farm

Wednesday, Del Mar, post time: 8:10 p.m. EDT

COUGAR II H.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/2m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Infobedad (Arg)	Dancing for Me (Arg)	Hronis Racing, LLC	Sadler	Baze	117
2	Curlin Road 🌿	Curlin	R3 Racing LLC, Calara Farms or ERJ Racing, LLC	O'Neill	Prat	119
3	Big John B	Hard Spun	Michael House	D'Amato	Bejarano	122
4	French Getaway 🌿	Giant's Causeway	Schroeder Farms, LLC	Hess, Jr.	Desormeaux	117
5	Noble Nick 🌿	Zensational	Scott Herbertson	Herbertson	Antongeorgi III	114
6	Hard Aces	Hard Spun	Hronis Racing, LLC	Sadler	Gonzalez	124
7	Giant Influence 🌿	Giant's Causeway	Gulliver Racing, LLC	Eurton	Theriot	117

Breeders: 1-Anaruth S.R.L., 2-Mineola Farm II, James W. Hirschmann & Silent Groves Farm, LLC, 3-Brylynn Farm, Inc., 4-Flaxman Holdings Limited, 5-Coronation Investments, 6-Dreamchaser Thorobreds, 7-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd.



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SPEIGHTSTOWN'S COVENANT SPLASHES TO RISING STARDOM AT THE SPA



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Covenant, second to subsequent GII Gulfstream Oaks heroine, GI Acorn S. runner-up and troubled GI CCA Oaks third finisher Salty (Quality Road) after setting a fast pace in her March debut, returned from a layoff, broke like a shot and never gave anyone a chance in a 'TDN Rising Star'-earning graduation at Saratoga.

Getting an 86 Beyer for her unveiling at Gulfstream Mar. 5, the WinStar Farm homebred returned here with a sharp worktab, capped off by a bullet half-mile breeze in :47 2/5 (1/54) on the Oklahoma training track July 14, and took all the play to be 3-4 at the off. Catching a flier out of the gate, Covenant quickly opened up several lengths before allowing the field to catch up some past a :23.16 quarter. Inching away in hand nearing the straightaway, the Bill Mott trainee kicked clear after passing a :47.27 half, accelerated when given a few cracks of Jose Ortiz's righty whip outside the eighth pole and coasted home 6 3/4 lengths to the good of \$750,000 firster Tapella (Tapit).

"She's a filly we've always thought a lot of," WinStar president and CEO Elliott Walden told *TDN*. "She's extremely well-balanced, very attractive. She trained very well before her first start and the race has very good form in it with Salty beating her. We've looked forward to getting her back to the races."

Walden also said that the reason for Covenant's 141-day layoff after her promising debut was "a little filling in an ankle," which brought her back to the farm for the spring.

"We just took the conservative approach with her," he offered. "X-rays were good, so we rehabbed her a little bit and then sent her back to Bill with the anticipation to get her here to Saratoga."

The winner is a half to Commissioner (A.P. Indy), MGSW & GISP, \$962,237; and Laugh Track (Distorted Humor), GSW & GISP, \$598,014. She has a juvenile half-brother by Bernardini named Mt. Vernon and a yearling Tapit half-brother. Her dam was bred to Carpe Diem this spring.

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5th-SAR, \$83,000, Msw, 7-24, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.20, sy.
COVENANT, f, 3, by **Speightstown**

1st Dam: **Flaming Heart** (GSP, \$245,961), by **Touch Gold**

2nd Dam: **Hot Lear**, by **Lear Fan**

3rd Dam: **Medicine Woman**, by **Dr. Blum**

Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$57,780. O/B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-William I. Mott. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. Click for the free EquineLine.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

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CARESS S., \$200,000, SAR, 7-24, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT, 1:02.30, gd.

1--**MISS ELLA**, 121, m, 5, Exchange Rate--Sweet Tune, by **Woodman**. (\$37,000 RNA Ylg '13 KEESSEP). O/B-Jack Swain, III (KY); T-H. Graham Motion; J-Joel Rosario. \$120,000. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 16-6-3-1, \$595,334.

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2--**Fair Point**, 121, m, 5, Smart Strike--Fair Rose, by Harlan's Holiday. (\$310,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP). O-Stuart S. Janney, III; B-WinStar Farm, LLC, M R Capital, LLC & Sam-Son Farm (KY); T-Claude R. McGaughey III. \$40,000.

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3--**Carolina Shag**, 117, m, 6, Bop--Carolina Cousin, by Clever Trick. O/B/T-Susan S. Cooney (WV). \$20,000.
 Margins: 1, HF, 2 3/4. Odds: 2.90, 3.25, 42.75.
 Also Ran: Ruby Notion, Paquita Coqueta (Chi), Pretty Perfection, Mississippi Delta, Summer Reading, Everything Lovely.
 Scratched: Appealing Maggie, Eila, Blue Bahia, Animal Appeal.
 Miss Ella, a wire-to-wire winner of the off-the-turf Caress S. last summer, made it a repeat, this time on grass, rallying to best rival Fair Point and seven others in the Monday feature.

A head second to Fair Point in the Smart N Fancy S. here last August, the homebred beat that one home by a neck in the GIII Buffalo Trace Franklin County S. Oct. 14 at Keeneland in her 4-year-old finale. Second in the License Fee S. Apr. 30 at Belmont, she most recently ran fourth in the GIII Hendrie S. over Woodbine's Tapeta surface.

Off as the narrow favorite, Miss Ella settled in last under regular rider Joel Rosario behind a :21.84 quarter over 'good' going. Saving ground on the turn, she awaited room while angling four-deep at the top of the lane. Finding a seam between rivals at the eighth pole, she closed stoutly to overhaul longshot Carolina Shag and out-kick Fair Point to the wire.

"She put a tremendous effort in and I was very proud of her," Rosario commented.



Miss Ella | Sarah Andrew

by Gio Ponti, a yearling half-brother by Medaglia d'Oro and a Pioneer of the Nile half-brother foaled May 3. Sweet Tune was bred to Frosted this season. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

“It makes it easier for the rider when you know the horse. When you get the chance to work [her] in the mornings and in races, it makes the job easier.”

Miss Ella has a juvenile half-brother

7th-SAR, \$90,000, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 7-24, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m, 1:53.91, sy.

FUHRIOUSLY KISSED (f, 4, Langfuhr--French Kiss {SW & GSP, \$284,513}, by Hussonet), a fourth-out winner last spring, finished off the board in a pair of turf starts before rebounding in a Churchill allowance Oct. 1, and was most recently seen closing from last to be second in a Louisville allowance/optional claimer June 22. Given a 61-10 chance here, the homebred dropped out to caboose the field behind splits of :24.03, :48.96 and 1:14.41. Saving ground on the far bend, she surged to the lead at the three-sixteenths pole and kicked clear to score by four



Fuhriously Kissed | Sarah Andrew

lengths over favored Blue Prize (Arg) (Pure Prize). The winner's dam, a half to MGISW On Fire Baby (Smoke Glacken) and GSW/GISP High Heels (E Dubai), has a juvenile Majestic Warrior filly named As I Please and a yearling colt by Stormy Atlantic. She was bred to Street Sense this spring. Lifetime Record: 11-3-3-1, \$159,807. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Anita Cauley (KY); T-Ian R. Wilkes.

6th-SAR, \$85,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 7-24, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:07.16, sy.

SUGAR QUEEN (f, 2, Gemologist--Miss Patricia, by Indian Charlie) bounced back from a poor stakes try to capture an off-the-turf allowance/optional claimer at Saratoga. A wire-to-wire victress on debut May 3 at Belmont, the \$285,000 OBS March buy briefly contested the pace before fading to be a well-beaten fourth in the Astoria S. there June 8. Originally entered for turf, the bay stayed in after the rains came and broke on top at 5-2 before deferring to Schianti (Distorted Humor) behind a :22.42 quarter. Longshot On the Hop (Artie Schiller) rolled past the pacesetter soon after straightening and went clear at the eighth pole, but Sugar Queen found new life when switched off the inside, and reeled that foe in at the sixteenth pole en route to a four-length triumph. The winner's third dam is a half to 1987 GI Breeders' Cup Sprint heroine Very Subtle (Hoist the Silver). Miss Patricia produced a filly by Empire Maker Apr. 7. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$108,500. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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Sugar Queen | Sarah Andrew

3rd-SAR, \$80,750, Alw, 7-24, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:25.79, sy.

DAWN THE DESTROYER (f, 3, Speightstown--Dashing Debby {SW}, by Medaglia d'Oro) broke her maiden at second asking last fall at Churchill, but was runner-up as the favorite there Oct. 30 and last of 12 under the Twin Spires Nov. 26 in her final start for the Steve Asmussen barn. Third with late traffic trouble behind undefeated Your Love (Flatter) debuting for this barn June 18 at Belmont, the homebred was backed to 4-5 favoritism here and made the early lead before deferring to Dancing All Night (Parading) through soft splits of :23.79 and :47.98. Riding the rail into the stretch, the bay closed steadily to overtake the pacesetter inside the final sixteenth and kick clear to a three-length score. The victress is a half to Bronze Star (Tapit), MSW, \$181,430. Her dam has a 2-year-old Malibu Moon filly who sold to Mike Ryan for \$310,000 as a Keeneland September yearling. She was bred to Frosted this season. Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-1, \$104,392. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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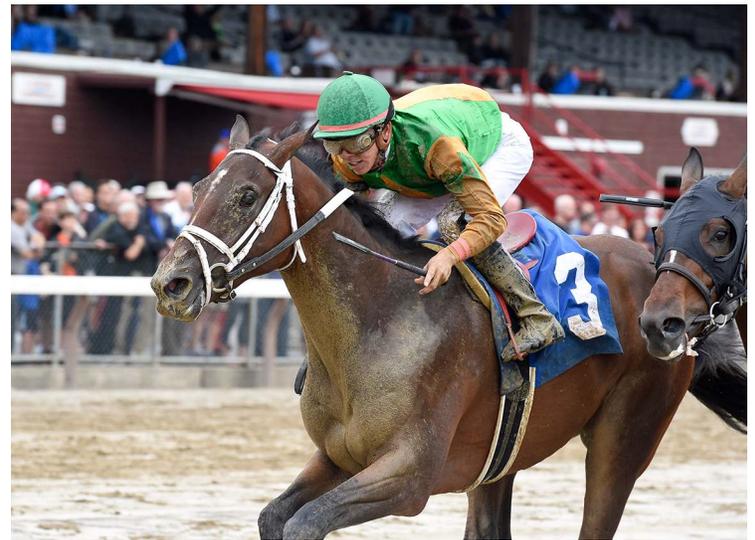
9th-SAR, \$73,000, (S), Msw, 7-24, 2yo, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:07.12, sy.

+ALIEN INVASION (g, 2, Desert Party--Starship Diva, by Eltish) showed some upbeat works for this debut, including a five-panel gate breeze in 1:01 3/5 (3/25) July 9 at Belmont, but was dismissed at over 11-1 in an off-the-turf group. Away in good order, the bay settled in third behind a :23.09 quarter set by My Mr. Wonderful (Stonesider). Ranging into contention passing the five-sixteenths pole, he engaged the pacesetter inside the furlong grounds and gradually wore that one down for a half-length tally. The winner's dam is a half to Miss Macy Sue

(Trippi), the GSW producer of MGISW Liam's Map and last year's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile runner-up Not This Time (Giant's Causeway). Starship Diva foaled a colt by Mission Impazible Mar. 23 before visiting Carpe Diem. Sales History: \$15,000 Wlg '15 FTNMIX; \$32,000 Ylg '16 KEEJAN. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$43,800. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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Monday's Results:

2nd-PID, \$28,550, Msw, 7-24, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:43.08, ft.

KITTEN SMITTEN (f, 3, Medaglia d'Oro--Precious Kitten {MGISW, \$1,912,453}, by Catienus) was a close third in turf tries June 10 at Delaware and June 30 at Laurel and was backed to 3-5 favoritism adding blinkers in this first synthetic-track try. Traveling third while three-wide behind splits of :23.36 and :47.76, the dark bay overtook the pacesetter at the top of the lane, was confronted and collared by Penitence (Redeemed) at the eighth pole, but fought back gamely inside of that foe to prevail by a head. The victress is a half to these connections' Divining Rod (Tapit), GSW & MGISP, \$731,604. Her dam is represented by a juvenile Tapit filly named Jehozacat. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-2, \$24,340. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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IN JAPAN:

Rui, c, 3, **Into Mischief**--Topsy At Midnight, by Midnight Lute. Chukyo, 7-22, Novice Race, 6fT. Lifetime Record: 11-1-0-2, \$77,297. O-Shigeyuki Nishiyama; B-Rock Ridge Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY); T-Hideyuki Mori. *\$60,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. ***"There was no other option but to make the running, which allowed him to race easier," said Kenji Kawamata. "He hung a bit heading to the straight, but was able to find a way on the good surface."

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Rabbit Run, f, 3, **Tapit**--Amelia (SW, \$179,565), by Dixieland Band. Chukyo, 7-22, Plate Race, 8fT. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$156,757. O-Kazumi Yoshida; B-Alexander Groves Matz LLC (KY); T-Katsuhiko Sumii. *\$750,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. **1/2 to Kindergarten Kid (Dynaformer), GSW & GISP, \$338,959; Assateague (Stormy Atlantic), GSW, \$398,059; and Rainha Da Bateria (Broken Vow), MGSW & GISP, \$589,160; and a full to He's Had Enough, GISP, \$492,910. ****"She strode out impressively on the surface," said winning hoop Ryuji Wada. "She still had lots left in her tank, even after she gained command from the back." **VIDEO**

Elfin Cove, f, 4, **Adios Charlie**--Siren Cove (MSP), by Montbrook. Chukyo, 7-23, Otobashi Tokubetsu, 6f. Lifetime Record: 14-4-1-1, \$530,270. O-Kazuko Yoshida; B-John David O'Farrell & J. Michael O'Farrell Jr (FL). T-Manabu Ikezoe. *\$675,000 2yo '15 OBSMAR. **1/2 to Puntrooskie (In Summation), GSW, \$397,523; and Summer Rae (Concerto), SP, \$100,335. ****"I did not want to be trapped, so I pushed her to the lead from the start," said Kohei Matsuyama. "I knew she had lots of power and was going to show it." **VIDEO**

A Shin Vision, c, 4, **Lonhro (Aus)**--Christine Daae (SP, \$120,590), by Giant's Causeway. Fukushima, 7-23, Yokote Tokubetsu, 8.5f. Lifetime Record: 10-4-1-1, \$426,937. O-Eishindo Inc.; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Hideaki Fujiwara. *\$120,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP. ***"I discussed tactics prerace and planned to stalk the runner-up," said Shu Ishibashi. "He was able to settle in that position and ran a strong race. Distance was not an issue." **VIDEO**

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IN JAPAN:

Menuett (Jpn), f, 3, **Tapit**--Spinning Wildcat, by Hard Spun. Hakodate, 7-22, Novice Race, 8.5f. Lifetime Record: 7-1-3-1, \$119,820. O-Lord Horse Club; B-K.I. Farm (Jpn); T-Mitsuru Hashida. *\$600,000 i/u '13 FTKNOV. **VIDEO**

Satono Fire (Jpn), c, 3, **Tapit**--Here to Win (Brz) (MG1SW-SAF, GSW-US, \$239,510), by Roi Normand. Hakodate, 7-23, Novice Race, 8.5f. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-1, \$86,486. O-Hajime Satomi; B-Shimokobe Farm (Jpn); T-Akira Murayama. **VIDEO**

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

ALTERNATION (Distorted Humor), Pin Oak Stud, \$7.5K, 80/0/0
5-IND, Msw 5f, Hot N Sweet, 20-1

ANTHONY'S CROSS (Indian Charlie), Pleasant Acres Stallions, \$2.5K, 18/0/0
3-IND, Msw 5f, +Crossed, 15-1

CORFU (Malibu Moon), Bridlewood Farm, \$3.5K, 29/1/0
3-FL, Msw 5f, +Catching Emma, \$13K OBS APR 2yo, 8-1

FORTY TALES (Tale of the Cat), Sequel Stallions New York, \$6.5K, 25/0/0
3-FL, Msw 5f, +Scintillation, \$29K RNA SAR AUG yrl, 6-1

OVERANALYZE (Dixie Union), WinStar Farm, \$10K, 113/9/0
6-LAD, Msw 4 1/2f, +Aim Spot, 9-2

3-IND, Msw 5f, +Mi Luna, 15-1

SAN PABLO (Jump Start), Phoenix Farm, \$2.5K, 17/0/0
3-FL, Msw 5f, +Tender Boy, 10-1

TWINSPIRED (Harlan's Holiday), Poplar Creek Horse Center, \$1.5K, 6/0/0
5-IND, Msw 5f, +Shineonmejustice, \$10K PED IND yrl, 15-1

Second-crop starters to watch: Tuesday, July 25

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2013 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

CROSSBOW (Bernardini), Valor Farm, \$1.5K, 20/6/0
6-LAD, Msw 4 1/2f, +Joji, 6-1

GEMOLOGIST (Tiznow), WinStar Farm, \$15K, 205/46/5
8-LAD, Msw 6f, +Price's Lil Gem, 4-1

SANGAREE (Awesome Again), R Star Stallions, \$1.5K, 30/3/0
5-IND, Msw 5f, +Shyla, \$5K PSP RIN 2yo, 8-1

TO HONOR AND SERVE (Bernardini), Gainesway Farm, \$30K, 172/39/1
8-FE, \$500K Prince of Wales S., 1 3/16m, State of Honor, 5-2

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STAKES RESULTS:

WASHINGTON OAKS, \$79,250, EMD, 7-23, 3yo, f, 1 1/8m, 1:50.05, ft.

1--#LITTLE DANCER, 121, f, 3, by Successful Appeal--Jack's Little Girl, by Broad Brush. O-Ron Schmid; B-Ivor A & John R Jones (KY); T-Doris Harwood; J-Rocco Bowen. \$41,250. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0, \$58,925.

2--Daddyalwayssays, 121, f, 3, Sky Mesa--Special Brush, by Broad Brush. (\$52,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP). O-Where We At; B-Clarkland Farm (KY); T-Kay Penney Cooper. \$17,000.

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3--Reginella, 121, f, 3, Ministers Wild Cat--Ghost Tree, by Cahill Road. O-Luigi & Diana DiPietro; B-DiPietro Thoroughbreds (CA); T-Blaine D. Wright. \$12,750.

Margins: HF, HD, 1 1/4. Odds: 12.70, 6.60, 8.60.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-PRX, \$52,260, 7-24, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:17.53, ft.

SOARING CID (g, 6, Desert God--Soaring Ego {SW, \$110,262}, by Run Paul Run) Lifetime Record: 31-7-5-5, \$194,648. O-Jaime Bravo-Estrada; B-Dan Hardisty (NM); T-Miguel Penalzoa. *Full to Soaring Goddess, SP, \$196,165.

8th-PRX, \$49,000, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 7-24, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.36, ft.

GLORY STARS (c, 3, Repent--Lilly Marlene, by Lost Soldier) Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-0, \$116,340. O-James A. Shannon, Jr.; B-Dee-Ellen Cook (FL); T-Michael M. Moore. *\$38,000 2yo '16 EASMAY. **1/2 to Dear Lilly (Graeme Hall), MSW, \$196,176.

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5th-PRX, \$40,250, (S), 7-24, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:23.74, ft.

TARPY'S SURPRISE (h, 7, Into Mischief--Vibrant, by Vicar) Lifetime Record: 23-5-7-4, \$184,502. O-Ten Strike Racing; B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (PA); T-Shea Stuart. *\$33,000 Wlg '10 KEENOV; \$65,000 Ylg '11 FTKJUL. **Full to Vicar's In Trouble, MGSW, \$1,228,292.

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6th-DEL, \$32,760, 7-24, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:45.47, ft.

SHES TRICKEY (f, 3, Proud Citizen--Afternoon Trick, by Afternoon Deelites) Lifetime Record: SP, 8-2-4-1, \$102,960. O/B-Brereton C. Jones & Timothy C. Thornton (KY); T-Thomas F. Proctor. *\$45,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP. **Full to Trickmeister, MSW & MGSP, \$437,965.

5th-TDN, \$32,500, 7-24, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 1m 40y, 1:42.67, ft.

GONE TOO SOON (g, 5, Belong to Me--She's Simply Sweet, by Mazel Trick) Lifetime Record: MSP, 27-8-2-3, \$253,590. O-Poe Racing Stable & Robert Guciardo; B-Brian Poe & Robert Guciardo (OH); T-Robert Guciardo.

7th-TDN, \$26,000, 7-24, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:47.13, ft.

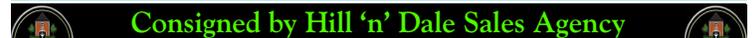
MISS POW WOW (m, 7, Mr. Livingston--Exclusive Pow Wow, by Ecliptical) Lifetime Record: 48-8-5-9, \$99,274. O-Jerry Laria; B-Fran Thompson (FL); T-Gary L. Johnson.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Bay City Blues, f, 3, Colonel John--No Reason (MSW, \$318,456), by Precise End. FL, 7-24, 1m 70y, 1:45.22. B-Peter Van Anandel (KY). *\$2,700 Ylg '15 FTKOCT.

 **ALLIED BLOODSTOCK Sales Graduate**

Southern Mischief, f, 3, Into Mischief--Traditionalist, by Aptitude. TDN, 7-24, (S), 6f, 1:11.66. B-Justice Farm & Greg Justice (OH). *\$37,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV; \$80,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$100,000 2yo '16 OBSMAR. **1/2 to Memphisinmay (Rockport Harbor), SW, \$181,915.

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CLARIFICATION: In Monday's TDN, we included a photo of Jorge Navarro celebrating a five-win day at Monmouth Park. We referred to this as a "record-setting" day, when in fact it ties the previous record of five wins established by Todd Pletcher in 2016.

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THE WEEKLY WRAP



The blinkered Unfortunately wins the Prix Robert Papin | Scoop Dyga

By Emma Berry

The perhaps prophetically named **Unfortunately (Ire)** landed Sunday's G2 Prix Robert Papin to become the first stakes winner for Society Rock (Ire), who was sadly lost to laminitis just over a year ago at Tally-Ho Stud. The posthumous buzz about the late dual Group 1-winning sprinter started at last season's yearling sales, where members of his first crop sold consistently well, and that confidence is so far proving to be justified. Society Rock's 13 winners from 42 runners, with a Group 2 hero to boot, have propelled him to the top of the European freshman sires' table. This puts him just ahead of Dabirsim (Fr), whose daughter **High Dream Milena (Fr)** was fourth in the Robert Papin and whose connections are planning to appeal the French stewards' decision not to promote the filly's finishing position after Unfortunately swerved to the stands' rail in front of her.

Whether or not he keeps the race--and he should--the Karl Burke-trained Unfortunately looks to have a bright future. A winner second time out in May, he was beaten just a head and a neck in two subsequent starts, the first of these in the Listed Prix La Fleche on his debut visit to Maisons-Laffitte in June.

His victory sparked a successful 24 hours for his breeder Tally-Ho Stud, which was also responsible for **Madam Dancealot (Ire)**, winner of the GII San Clemente H. at Del Mar for Richard Baltas. She too had been the first stakes winner for another Tally-Ho sire, Sir Prancealot (Ire), when winning the G3 Dick Poole Fillies' S. at Salisbury last September.

While Karl Burke had selected Unfortunately from the Tally-Ho draft at Tattersalls Ireland's September Sale for €24,000, Madam Dancealot was initially the scourge of the sales ring.

Unusually, she didn't make an appearance until being offered at the Tattersalls Ireland Ascot Breeze-up Sale, at which she was bought back by her breeder/vendor for £5,000. A private sale was agreed with trainer Joe Tuite, who then sold her on to the late Stewart Brown for that same amount. Following one second-place run at Chester behind Mehmas (Ire) (Acclamation {GB})--who, incidentally, has just completed his first season at Tally-Ho--Madam Dancealot then sold for £100,000 to Kern/Lillingston on behalf of Olivia Hoare at the Goffs London Sale two days before running ninth to Lady Aurelia (Scat Daddy) in the G2 Queen Mary S. at Royal Ascot.

If that seemed steep at the time, she later won a maiden and her Group 3 at Salisbury before making her third sales appearance of the year at the Goffs Champion Sale. Luke Lillingston was involved again, with a €260,000 bid from Barry Lynch ensuring that she set sail for America. **Cont. p2**

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

VET STUDY ENTERS PHASE 3

A four-year veterinary study which seeks to determine how radiographic findings will impact a horse's future racing prospects is entering into its third phase with the horses, first studied at last year's Keeneland September sale, now starting to hit the racetrack. **Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.**

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The Weekly Wrap Cont. from p1

The branch of the O'Callaghan family--Tony, Anne and their sons Roger and Henry--which owns Tally-Ho Stud is famed for its staunch support of the farm's own stallions, a factor which persuaded Andreas Putsch to enter into partnership with Tally-Ho to stand his homebred Group 1 winner Vadamos (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}), who covered his first mares this season along with the aforementioned Mehmas. With the perennially popular Kodiak (GB) at its helm, it's an otherwise youthful roster which includes Morpheus (GB), an Oasis Dream (GB) half-brother to Frankel (GB) who has his first yearlings for sale this autumn. It's surely odds-on that his first stakes winner is a Tally-Ho graduate.

Meanwhile, the Putsch and O'Callaghan alliance may well be a masterstroke (no pun intended) for the revival of the Monsun line on the Flat in Europe. Despite Monsun's acknowledged excellence, so many of his sons have either gone straight to National Hunt studs or have later been bought to stand as jump sires after not receiving enough support from Flat breeders. As a multiple group winner over a mile, Vadamos is of course one of Monsun's faster sons and he makes an intriguing addition to a farm which houses such a solid band of commercial mares.



Society Rock, centre, pictured in his racing days
flanked by James and Jacko Fanshawe | Emma Berry

God Given Right To Be Good...

One swallow does not a summer make, and the same can be said about stakes winners for stallions. Happily for fans of Nathaniel (Ire), his outstanding dual Oaks winner Enable (GB) is being backed up by an increasing cast of talented runners, the latest of which is St Albans Bloodstock's homebred **God Given (GB)**. As a half-sister to the mighty Postponed (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), the 3-year-old filly is entitled to be good and she has done little wrong in her five starts for Luca Cumani, who of course masterminded Postponed's early years and his first Group 1 victory in the 2015 King George VI & Queen Elizabeth S. **Cont. p3**

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Placed third in two maidens as a juvenile behind subsequent G1 Prix Saint Alary winner Sobetsu (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) in the first and G3 Musidora S. winner Shutter Speed (GB) (Dansili {GB}) in the second, God Given was beaten only a half-length for second on her 3-year-old debut before scorching to a four-length maiden victory at Haydock on June 9. Stepping up in class again, she is now a listed winner after dominating the Aphrodite S. at Newmarket on Saturday under talented young apprentice George Wood, who was notching his first stakes success.

Ever Rigg (GB) (Dubai Destination), the dam of Postponed and God Given, died earlier this year, but Andrew Stone of St Albans Bloodstock has been dealt some compensation in having retained her final daughter to race. There are also colts by Dubawi (a brother to Postponed) and his son Makfi (GB) still to come.

Nathaniel has an interesting debutante later today in the Newsells Park Stud colours when 2-year-old **Mail Order (GB)**, a daughter of G1 Moyglare Stud S. winner Mail The Desert (Ire) (Desert Prince {Ire}), lines up for Mark Johnston at Ffos Las.

A Race Fit For A King...

Enable could be seen out again as soon as this Saturday in the G1 King George VI & Queen Elizabeth S., with John Gosden and the Juddmonte team set to make a decision tomorrow. Let's hope the trainer is swayed by the fact that his previous Oaks winner Taghrooda (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) romped to a three-length victory in the race after her Epsom triumph, though she of course had not been sent to The Curragh in between.

As the only one of this season's Classic winners among the entries, Enable's participation in this high-summer battle of the ages would be welcome indeed, but even without her, the King George, so often maligned these days, is not lacking in interest.

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Making Memories... King George VI & Queen Elizabeth S.-G1

**2016 winner:
Highland Reel**



O-Derrick Smith & Mrs. John Magnier & Michael Tabor;
B-Hveger Syndicate; T-Aidan O'Brien



Highland Reel | *Racing Post*

The Weekly Wrap Cont.

Enable aside, the Galileo (Ire) brothers **Highland Reel (Ire)** and **Idaho (Ire)** head the betting, with recent G1 Eclipse S. winner **Ulysses (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) also standing his ground at this stage. Godolphin could potentially field two Group 1 winners--**Jack Hobbs (GB)** (Halling) and **Hawkbill** (Kitten's Joy) from a quartet of entries--while the horse who has grafted his way into many hearts this season, **Permian (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}), seeks swift compensation for being in front everywhere but the line in the G1 Grand Prix de Paris on July 14.

The most intriguing runner of all, however, is **Sixties Song (Arg)** (Sixties Icon {GB}), the top-rated turf 3-year-old in South America who will become the first ever Argentinean-trained runner at Ascot. The colt, deemed to be a 4-year-old in the Northern Hemisphere, is out of the Unbridled's Song mare Blissful Song, whose half-sister Celestial Woods (Forestry) is the dam of the GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint winner and new Lanwades Stud stallion Bobby's Kitten (Kitten's Joy).

Sixties Song is currently being prepared for Saturday's race in Newmarket and we'll be hearing from his trainer Alfredo Gaitan Dassie in the *TDN* later this week.

Bansha En Fete...

Few nations know how to party like the Irish and most of



Theresa & Con Marnane

with their Dalmatian Mia | *Emma Berry*

Tipperary turned out on Saturday night to continue the celebrations which started at Royal Ascot. The hosts were Con and Theresa Marnane, who had the marquee outside their Bansha House decked out in yellow and black to mimic the racing colours of their G3 Albany S. heroine **Different League (Fr)** (Dabirsim {Fr}).

The typically generous Marnanes weren't merely celebrating their own good fortune--

which continued last week with the victory of

Rioticism (Fr) (Rio De La Plata) in the Listed Prix des Reves d'Or--but also that of friends, colleagues and neighbours. Bansha House's longstanding head man Mike O'Brien also tasted Royal

G.2

Madam Dancealot

San Clemente Handicap, Del Mar

<i>sold</i>	Goffs Champions Sale 2016	<i>to</i>	Lillingston Bloodstock & David Meah (Agent)
<i>by</i>	Tuite Racing	<i>for</i>	€260,000
<i>sold</i>	Goffs London Sale in association with QIPCO 2016	<i>to</i>	Kern/Lillingston Association
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Ascot success as the co-breeder of G1 Queen Anne S. winner **Ribchester (Ire)** (Iffraaj {GB}), while the Marnanes' neighbour Jim Mulcahy bred G2 Coventry S. winner **Rajasinghe (Ire)** (Choisir {Aus}) with his Kentucky-based son Geoff.

Con Marnane paid tribute to them all in his emotional party speech, adding, "In Bansha, we only have one pub, one church and one petrol station, but we have three Royal Ascot winners."

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Sara Thorman of Trickleddown Stud had flown over from Hampshire to join the celebrations and was toasted as the "woman who didn't sell Different League." Rarely have an owner and consignor been so delighted not to find a buyer after the €8,000 foal purchase was marked not sold as a yearling at £14,000. However, the same Trickleddown draft at the Goffs UK Premier Sale also contained Rajasinghe, stabled just two boxes down from Different League, and he was sold to Phil Cunningham's Rebel Racing for £85,000.

"The last horse we sold Phil was [dual G1 2000 Guineas winner] Cockney Rebel, so I've told him he has to stop there as we'd like to keep our 100% record intact," laughed Thorman.

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All too often, preserving history has been an afterthought in America. Historical landmarks are demolished to make way for modernization and progress. But look around at the towns and cities that have worked hard to preserve history—Colonial Williamsburg, Boston and Mackinaw Island come to mind—and you'll find that doing so has proven to be a boon to tourism. No racing town does that better—nor profits more from it—than Saratoga Springs, New York, where the recently renovated Adelphi Hotel, which originally opened in 1877, is scheduled to once again take its place as the grande dame of Saratoga hotels. We talk to general manager Michel Ducamp about the project. We also travel to another famous spa town, France's Vichy, where we take a peek at their summer racing festival; visit the new sustainable farm-to-table restaurant at Glorious Goodwood, Farmer Butcher Chef; and talk to Rick Pitino, whose yearly trips to Del Mar have proven both fun and profitable.



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PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

by Andrew Caulfield



UNFORTUNATELY

There's still a very long way to go in the race for first-crop sire honours on both sides of the Atlantic, but several of the stallions which covered their first mares in 2014 already have their first group/graded winner to their credit.

With last week's start of the Saratoga meeting, we saw the year's first American graded winner by a freshman sire, when Firenze Fire maintained his unbeaten record to land the GIII Sanford S. At 12-1, Firenze Fire was a surprise winner and he was perhaps underestimated because this Florida-bred is the first winner by Poseidon's Warrior, a Speightstown horse who began his stallion career at only \$6,500 at Pleasant Acres Stallions. Poseidon's Warrior no doubt wasn't helped by his having failed to race as a 5-year-old in 2013, but he had become a Grade I winner--at odds of 36-1--when he caught Justin Phillip close home in the 2012 Alfred G. Vanderbilt H. at Saratoga. Speightstown had also won the Vanderbilt prior to his success in the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint.

Poseidon's Warrior has only 51 foals in his first crop, so he has done well to sire a graded winner so quickly. Could he develop into another Munnings--a stallion with a very bright future--for Speightstown? Another of Speightstown's sons, Lord Shanakill, has also enjoyed Grade 1 success, via the Prince of Wales's S. winner My Dream Boat.

Another American-based stallion, Declaration of War, stood his first season at Coolmore in Ireland, where his daughter Actress recently proved too good for the colts in the G3 Anglesey S. With his son Declarationoflove taking second place in last Saturday's valuable Weatherbys Super Sprint, Declaration of War now ranks third on the Anglo-Irish list.



Unfortunately | Scoop Dyga

UNFORTUNATELY (IRE), c, 2
Lifetime Record: GSW-Fr, 5-2-2-0, \$110,763.

Society Rock (Ire)	Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)	Danehill	Danzig	
		Offshore Boom (Ire)	Razyana	
	High Society (Ire)	Key of Luck	Be My Guest	
		Ela's Gold (Ire)	Push a Button (Ire)	
Unfortunate (GB) 22-2-1-1, \$8,273 13Fls, 6Wnrs, 2GSWs	Komaite	Nureyev	Chief's Crown	
		Brown Berry	Balbonella (Fr)	
	Honour and Glory (GB) 7Fls, 1Wnr	Hotfoot (GB)	Ela-Mana-Mou (Ire)	
		Cheb's Honour (GB) 13Fls, 4Wnrs	Majestic's Gold (Ire)	
	Northern Dancer	Special	Mount Marcy	Brown Baby
		Pitter Patter (GB)	Chebs Lad (GB)	Queen's Evidence (GB)

He's also fourth on the European table, which features arguably the most talked-about new sire, Dabirsim, in second place. The *Racing Post's* European table credits 2011's champion French 2-year-old with 10 winners from 20 runners, headed by Different League, the French filly who raided Royal Ascot to land the G3 Albany S. It would probably be overstating the case to say that Dabirsim's daughter High Dream Milena was an unlucky loser of Sunday's G2 Prix Robert Papin, but this inexperienced filly did very well to be beaten little more than a length into fourth place, after having to be snatched up at a crucial stage.

High Dream Milena's misfortune turned into a stroke of luck for **Unfortunately**, the British-trained colt who became the first group winner for Society Rock. This son of Rock of Gibraltar now heads the European prize-money table, helped by 13 winners from 42 runners.

Society Rock's success as a sire became virtually guaranteed when he succumbed to laminitis at the age of nine, towards the end of his third season at Tally-Ho Stud, in 2016. Although his first crop numbers around 110, his second is smaller at 76 and his third is smaller still.

While Society Rock's stallion career was all too brief, his racing career was extensive. Although he won only six times from 23 starts, he possessed the invaluable knack of winning when it really mattered. As a 2-year-old he landed the £250,000 Tattersalls Timeform Millions Sprint, as a 4-year-old he took the G1 Golden Jubilee S. and at five he was triumphant in the G1 Betfred Sprint Cup. He also picked up the G2 Duke of York S. in the process of earning more than £275,000 as a 6-year-old, to end his career with earnings in excess of £1,000,000. It was a measure of his class and durability that his Timeform rating in his last four seasons stood at 120, 124, 126 and 126 again.

Pedigree Insights: Unfortunately Cont.

Even so, Society Rock was priced at only €8,000 in his first two seasons and at €6,000 in his third. Similarly, breeders could use his 18-year-old sire Rock of Gibraltar for only €9,000 this year, even though this globe-trotting stallion has sired more than 100 stakes winners. Rock of Gibraltar has stood in Ireland, Australia, Japan and South America, with his latest Group 1 winner being the Brazilian 2-year-old Gibraltar Point.

Society Rock was inbred 3 x 4 to the great Danzig, through his sons Danehill and Chief's Crown, but that hasn't stopped him siring winners from several Danzig-line mares. His Prix Robert Papin winner Unfortunately doesn't have any extra Danzig blood, but he is a half-brother to the fine sprinting filly Look Busy, who was by Tally-Ho's fast Danehill horse Danetime. Even though Look Busy was asked to race 13 times as a juvenile, she continued to improve, winning six times as a 3-year-old and twice as a 4-year-old, when she took the G2 Temple S. over five furlongs.



Look Busy | *Racing Post*

Unfortunately, the dam of Unfortunately and Look Busy, has done remarkably well for a filly who cost only 1,000gns as a yearling. Indeed, she acts as a reminder that successful broodmares don't necessarily have to have shone on the racecourse, or even possess a fashionable pedigree (though both help.) With her only success at two coming in an all-weather seller at Southwell, Unfortunately earned a measly Timeform rating of 49, and she also won a six-furlong seller at three, when she developed the habit of starting slowly. Her sire Komaite also sired the dam of Milk It Mick, a G1 Dewhurst S. winner who later also enjoyed Grade I success in the U.S. Komaite was a well-connected son of Nureyev, but he didn't run until he was four, when he won a maiden race, and he sired only one group winner on the flat.

Unfortunately's dam Honour And Glory was also pretty moderate, with her five juvenile starts earning a rating of only 46. However, Unfortunately and Look Busy are not the first distinguished sprinters produced by this family--Honour And Glory's half-brother Singing Steven was fast enough to win the G3 Cornwallis S. and the G3 King George S.

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EUROPEAN NEWS

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ENABLE AMONG KING GEORGE 16

Khalid Abdullah's dual Classic winning homebred **Enable (GB)** (Nathaniel {Ire}) may get the chance to emulate previous Oaks/King George winner Taghrooda (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) by lining up in Saturday's G1 King George VI And Queen Elizabeth S. at Ascot. The filly is one of 16 horses left in the £1,000,000 race for which she is currently the market leader.

"She cantered this morning and seems fine in herself, and as she flew to Ireland and back she did not take that much out of herself," her trainer John Gosden said on Monday. "As the Yorkshire Oaks is that much later this year it makes sense to have a look at Ascot while she's in such good form and a final decision will be made on Wednesday when I discuss matters with the owner."

With the ground currently on the soft side, Gosden has also left in Godolphin's **Jack Hobbs (GB)** (Halling) along with **Maverick Wave** (Elusive Quality) and he is confident Jack Hobbs can put his disappointing Royal Ascot effort behind him on Saturday. "He's run brilliantly twice in autumn ground there, but a mile and a half with cut in the ground is right up his street," he added.

Last year's winner **Highland Reel (Ire)** is on target along with his full-brother **Idaho (Ire)** and the pair could be joined by Ballydoyle stable-mates **Johannes Vermeer (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) and **US Army Ranger (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}).

"The plan is to run both Highland Reel and Idaho," Aidan O'Brien told *The Racing Post*. "They both came out of Ascot well and we're happy with them. They'll have bits to do over the next few days and, once all goes well, the two of them will run."

Godolphin are well represented in their bid to maintain their fine Group 1 record this summer and apart from the Gosden pair they could rely on the Charlie Appleby trained duo of **Hawk Bill** (Kitten's Joy) and **Frontiersman (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), a recent 1-2 in the G2 Princess Of Wales's Arqana Racing Club S. at Newmarket. [Cont. p7](#)



Enable could be asked to take on both colts and her elders on Saturday | Racingfotos.com

Enable Among King George 16 Cont.

Saeed Bin Suuroo has left in G3 Hampton Court S. winner **Benbatl (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}). Sir Michael Stoute's G1 Coral Eclipse winner **Ulysses (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}) adds further depth to the race along with the likes of **My Dream Boat (Ire)** (Lord Shanakill) and **Permian (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}). David Simcock has left in his progressive pair **Algotometer (GB)** (Archipenko) and **Desert Encounter (GB)** (Halling) while international interest is added by the South American challenger **Sixties Song (Arg)** (Sixties Icon {GB}).

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HIGH DREAM CONNECTIONS LODGE APPEAL

The owners of Sunday's G2 Prix Robert Papin fourth place finisher **High Dream Milena (Fr)** (Dabirsim {Fr}) have lodged an appeal over the result. The Criquelette Head-Maarek trained 2-year-old was challenging up the inside of the eventual winner Unfortunately (Ire) (Society Rock {Ire}) when that horse drifted towards the rails causing her to snatch up. High Dream Milena then finished with a flourish to be beaten a length and a quarter at the line.

"She was unlucky and the owner wants to appeal so we will do," Head-Maarek said on Monday. "There's no doubt the winner did interfere with her and [Pierre-Charles] Boudot had to stop riding. She was nearly brought to a stop but got going again and finished strongly. Without that happening she'd have been much closer. Would she have won? I don't know."

Regardless of the outcome of the appeal, connections have a nice filly on their hands considering Sunday was only her second start following a debut maiden win at Chantilly June 17.

"She's a very nice filly but I was worried she might lack a little experience for a race like that," the trainer continued. "We'll look to the [G1] Prix Morny next. A little extra distance will suit her as she won on her debut over six furlongs."

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BIG ORANGE RIPE FOR GOODWOOD

Trainer Michael Bell reports **Big Orange (GB)** (Duke Of Marmalade {Ire}) in rude health ahead of the newly upgraded G1 Qatar Goodwood Cup next Tuesday Aug. 1. Bill and Tim Gredley's 6-year-old is seeking a third consecutive win in the £500,000 event and will arrive at the peak of his powers having conquered Order Of St George (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the G1 Ascot Gold Cup in June. Big Orange will not have to contend with either the Royal Ascot runner-up or indeed the third home next week, something that will see him go off a short-priced favourite. Bell however says he doesn't feel any extra pressure as a result.

"That increases the excitement rather than the pressure," the trainer commented. "Personally, I think pressure is having an empty stable, not looking at a good horse. Every time I have had a good horse, I have really tried to enjoy them. Pressure is the wrong word, they increase expectation and maybe levels of concentration."

With rain affecting many parts of Britain at the moment, Bell is hoping conditions don't deteriorate ahead of Glorious Goodwood.

"Big Orange has won on good to soft going as a 3-year-old," he said. "We used to think he wanted soft ground but the older he has got, because he has such a good action and long gait, he is very effective on fast ground and gets bogged down on soft ground. So he is a significantly better horse on faster going."

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Big Orange after his Royal Ascot win | Racing Post

Big Orange Ripe for Goodwood Cont.

With only three races under his belt this year, Big Orange should be fresh for the assignment despite the grueling finish to his last race when he did battle with the runner-up for the last two furlongs of the 2 1/2-mile contest.

"There has been a nice gap between the Gold Cup and the Qatar Goodwood Cup, while all his races this year have been spread out," said Bell. "He has not missed a day's training and everything has been well with him."

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FIRST-SEASON SIRE WITH RUNNERS

Tuesday, July 25

IN BRITAIN:

CAMELOT (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}), Coolmore Stud
148 named foals/1 winner/0 black-type winners
2-NOTTINGHAM, 5f, ODDS ON OLI (GB)
16,000gns TAO CT yrl

DAWN APPROACH (IRE) (New Approach {Ire}), Kildangan Stud,
111 named foals/2 winners/0 black-type winners
1-FFOS LAS, 7f, SHREWD APPROACH (IRE)

MOST IMPROVED (IRE) (Lawman {Fr}), Coolmore Stud
72 named foals/4 winners/0 black-type winners
1-FFOS LAS, 7f, MISS CONDI (GB)

RED JAZZ (Johannesburg), Ballyhane Stud
102 named foals/9 winners/0 black-type
1-FFOS LAS, 7f, COAL STOCK (IRE)
£20,000 GOU KPR yrl



Most Improved, the hero of the 2012 G1 St. James's Palace S. at Royal Ascot, is looking for his fifth winner from his initial crop. | *Coolmore*

IN FRANCE:

GEORGE VANCOUVER (Henrythenavigator), Haras de la Hetraie
69 named foals/3 winners/0 black-type winners
5-COMPIEGNE, 1400m, JUGEOTTE (FR)

PEDRO THE GREAT (Henrythenavigator), Haras de la Haie Neuve
35 named foals/3 winners/0 black-type winners
5-COMPIEGNE, 1400m, BONIFACIO (FR)

OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

2.00 Ffos Las, Cond, £8,000, 2yo, 7f 80yT

Newsells Park Stud's **MAIL ORDER (GB)** (Nathaniel {Ire}) is a homebred daughter of the 2002 G1 Moyglare Stud S. victress and 2003 G1 Coronation S. third Mail the Desert (Ire) (Desert Prince {Ire}). She faces seven rivals and represents trainer Mark Johnston in this unveiling.

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BRITAIN



Monday's Results:

1st-AYR, £6,000, Cond, 7-24, 2yo, 6fT, 1:13.63, gd.

REGULATOR (IRE) (c, 2, Acclamation {GB}--Rasana {GB}, by Royal Academy), a debut runner-up going five panels at Beverley last time July 8, jinked right at the break and recovered to stalk the lead in a prominent second after the initial strides of this one. Gaining a slender advantage at the quarter-mile marker, the 4-5 pick was shaken up approaching the final eighth and ridden out in the closing stages to assert by 2 1/4 lengths from Tough Remedy (Ire) (Tough As Nails {Ire}). Half-brother to Listed Heron S. and Listed Midsummer S. placegetter Aldovrandi (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}), he is the seventh scorer from as many foals to race out of a half-sister to six-time Group 1-winning multiple highweight and sire Rakti (GB) (Polish Precedent). From a family which includes G1 Premio Parioli and G1 Premio Emilio Turati victor Svelt (GB) (African Sky {GB}) and G1 Gran Premio di Milano hero Shulich (GB) (Thatch), he is also half to a filly foal by Moohaajim (Ire). Sales history: 50,000gns Ylg '16 TAOCT; 105,000gns 2yo '17 TATBRE. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$6,532.

Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Cheveley Park Stud; B-Karis Bloodstock Ltd & Rathbarry Stud (IRE); T-Richard Fahey.

British Report Cont.

2nd-BEV, £6,000, Cond, 7-24, 2yo, f, 5ft, :00.00, g/s.

SPECIAL PURPOSE (IRE) (f, 2, Scat Daddy--Pussycat Lips {Ire} {GSP-US}, by Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), a July 1 debut scorer over this trip at Lingfield last time, was sharply away to race in the front rank from the outset of this second go. Stoked up to gain outright control with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining, the 4-9 lock held a decisive advantage entering the final eighth and ran on strongly under continued urging in the latter stages to easily account for Gold Stone (GB) (Havana Gold {Ire}) by 3 1/4 lengths. The £90,000 GOUKPR yearling is a daughter of Gill Miesque S. runner-up Pussycat Lips (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), herself out of a stakes-winning half-sister to MG1SW sire Kutub (Ire) (In the Wings {GB}). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$8,835.

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O-Qatar Racing Ltd; B-Epona Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-William Haggas.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Villa Savina (Ire), f, 2, Elusive Pimpernel--Swan Sea, by Sea Hero. WDS, 7-24, 6f 12yT, 1:13.25. B-John B Hughes (IRE). *€800 Ylg '16 TIRSEP. **Won at first asking.

Al Mayda, f, 3, Distorted Humor--Ms. Margaret H. (GISP-US, \$126,579), by Point Given. WDS, 7-24, 10fT, 2:10.05. B-River Bend Farm Inc. (KY). *\$145,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP; €220,000 2yo '16 ARQMAY.

IRELAND



ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Thomas O'Malley (Ire), g, 3, Henrythenavigator--Anadiyla (Ire), by Barathea (Ire). BLN, 7-24, 9f 189yT, 2:09.95. B-Whisperview Trading Ltd (IRE). *1/2 to Arya Tara (Ire) (Dylan Thomas {Ire}), SW & GSP-Ire.

GERMANY



ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Elaine (Ger), f, 3, Areion (Ger)--Eibe (Ire), by Black Sam Bellamy (Ire). MUL, 7-24, 10fT, 2:09.72. B-Gestut Rottgen (GER).

FRANCE



Monday's Results:

2nd-CHY, €26,000, Cond, 7-24, 2yo, 5 1/2ft, 1:04.77, sf. COEUR DE BEAUTE (FR) (f, 2, Dabirsim {Fr}--Twilight Tear {GB}, by Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), who ran fourth going six panels here on debut June 17 and again over this trip at Chateaubriant last time July 12, broke well from the outside box and seized control from the outset. Rowed along when pressed soon after passing the two pole, the 69-10 chance powered clear under whipless cajoling inside the final furlong to score by an impressive six lengths from Canouville (Fr) (Air Chief Marshal {Ire}), becoming the 10th winner for her freshman sire (by Hat Trick {Jpn}). The €30,000 OSLATE yearling, who retains an entry in this Sunday's G3 Prix de Cabourg, is the first scorer produced by Twilight Tear (GB) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), herself out of a winning full-sister to G1 Moyglare Stud S.-winning Irish highweight Listen (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) and Sequoyah (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), who also achieved Irish highweight status off the back of a G1 Moyglare Stud S. win.



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Listen produced GSW G1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup third Touching Speed (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) and Sequoyah is the dam of MG1SW sire Henrythenavigator (Kingmambo) and GSW and G1 Prix de Diane and G1 Irish 1000 Guineas placegetter Queen Cleopatra (Ire) (Kingmambo). Sequoyah's descendants also include this term's G1 Epsom Derby second Cliffs of Moher (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) while another of her siblings, Lady Windermere (Ire) (Lake Coniston {Ire}), is the granddam of G1 Irish 2000 Guineas and GI Breeders' Cup Turf hero Magician (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and the stakes-winning GI Belmont Oaks Invitational third Outstanding (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, €18,100. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Ahmed Mouknass, Ecurie Pandora Racing & Gerard Decocq; B-Haras de Grandcamp (FR); T-Mauricio Delcher Sanchez.

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French Report Cont.**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

Victoria's Angel (Ire), f, 2, **Dark Angel (Ire)**--Miss Spinamix (Ire), by Verglas (Ire). LET, 7-23, 6 1/2ft, 1:19.60. B-Ecurie Skymarc Farm (IRE). *€145,000 Ylg '16 ARAUG.

Premiere Gachette (Ire), f, 3, **Excelebration (Ire)**--Time Pressure (GB), by Montjeu (Ire). LTS, 7-23, 8ft, 1:40.73. B-Rashit Shaykhtudinov (IRE). *€70,000 Ylg '15 ARAUG.

Dungannon (Fr), c, 3, **Manduro (Ger)**--Lady Elgar (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. LET, 7-23, 10 1/2ft, 2:17.70. B-Haras de Manneville (FR). *€60,000 Ylg '15 ARAUG. **1/2 to Grand Couturier (GB) (Grand Lodge), MGISW-US & SW-Fr, \$1,449,701; Alainmaar (Fr) (Johar), SW-Eng, \$121,990; Yaqeen (GB) (Green Desert), SW-Eng; and Ascription (Ire) (Dansili {GB}), GSP-Eng.

SWITZERLAND**Monday's Result:**

GRAND PRIX D'AVENCHES-Listed, €50,000, AVN, 7-24, 3yo/up, 12ft, 2:36.50, vsf.

1--**CHIVERNY (FR)**, 131, g, 5, **Whipper--Courances (Fr)**, by **Simon du Desert (Fr)**. (€9,000 2yo '14 OSAAPR). O-Eddir Loungar; B-Bloodstock Agency Ltd & Melchior-Francois Mathet (FR); T-Fabrice Chappet; J-Jean-Bernard Eyquem. €21,000. Lifetime Record: SW-Fr, 20-10-0-3, €189,570.

2--**Sweet Thomas (Ger)**, 123, g, 5, Dylan Thomas (Ire)--Sworn Pro (Ger), by Protektor (Ger). (€26,000 RNA Ylg '13 BBAGS). O-Gestut Wittekindshof. €10,500.

3--**Clouds at Night (Ire)**, 123, h, 5, Elnadim--Trullitti (Ire), by Bahri. (€42,000 Ylg '13 TISEP). O-Maya Suter. €7,500.

Margins: NK, 1, 3/4. Odds: 0.90, 12.30, 12.80.

EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS**IN CHINA:**

Ji Xie Shi (Ire), c, 2, **Power (GB)**--Shaiyadima (Ire), by Zamindar. Yulong, 7-22, 2yo, 1000m (AWT), 1:05.60. O-Mr. Xing Lankai. B-Mr. Frank Sommer (Ire). *€10,000 RNA Wlg '15 GOFNOV; €15,000 Ylg '16 GOFSEP. **VIDEO**

WORLDWIDE NEWS**WALLER, BOWMAN DELIGHTED WITH WINX**

There were smiles all round after **Winx (Aus)** (Street Cry {Ire}) came through her first barrier trial in pleasing style ahead of her spring comeback in the G2 Warwick S. at Randwick Aug. 19. Hugh Bowman was in the saddle as usual in the 900m heat at Randwick and having broke well, Bowman settled her towards the back of the eight-horse group. The rider sat motionless throughout and it was only in the last 200m that he let Winx find her stride and she hit the wire strongly to grab third. For Chris Waller, it was exactly what he wanted to see from the mare at this stage.

"It is like a pre-season game, we wanted to just make sure she got to this morning in good shape, reasonable fitness and she has and the trial itself has gone well also," said Waller at a press briefing afterward. "She will have another trial in two weeks, [Aug. 8] and then off to the races here at Randwick on Aug. 19, for the 1400m Warwick S."

Waller will take weather conditions into consideration when planning her post-Warwick campaign, as he appears mindful of keeping her winning streak intact.

"There are a lot of options in the spring and that can be determined by which way you go with the weather, just making sure we get not too much rain," he said. "If we get heavy tracks it makes their runs more taxing and you could look at spreading her races out. I think she has finally developed into a mature race horse, she is as strong as you will ever see her, we purposely don't let her get too heavy so then we are not making it hard to get back to full fitness again."

Having partnered Winx on her last 14 starts, Hugh Bowman is also in a prime position to gauge her well-being and fitness levels and he was in no doubt about Winx being on target for another stellar season.

"She felt great, she is in a really good frame of mind and her action is exactly how it was when she left off last preparation, she feels to me as though she has strengthened up a little bit, natural development, it is probably as good as she has ever trialed in all honesty," he said.

For a replay of Monday's barrier trial click [here](#).

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Winx will make her return Aug. 19 | *Racing And Sports*

PLUMPTRE STEPS DOWN

There has been further upheaval in Godolphin's global management structure following the news that Henry Plumptre has stepped down as managing director of Godolphin in Australia. Plumptre has been with Godolphin for 16 years.

In a statement released on Monday he said, "I have been away for a short period overseas and have had time to reflect on the ongoing issue of strangles that was reported to Racing NSW stewards two months ago. In view of the fundamental failure to report the issue at the time, it is the best option for Godolphin if I stand down."

Plumptre continued, "The reputation and integrity of Godolphin is the most important aspect of what we do and this issue has impacted on that reputation. I have worked with some amazing people and horses over the last 16 years at Godolphin and I thank them for all their hard work and dedication. I believe that the best years are ahead of Team Godolphin--the appointment of James Cummings ushers in a new era for the training operation and I wish His Highness Sheikh Mohammed and the whole team well for this spring and the future."



Henry Plumptre | *Racing.com*

Joe Osborne, who was installed as Godolphin's chief executive upon the resignation of John Ferguson also commented, "On behalf of Godolphin I wish to express our appreciation to Henry for the role he has played in the building of the Darley and Godolphin brands in Australia. He has shown great leadership on important industry issues."

Plans for a new managing director of Godolphin in Australia will be announced in the near future.

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STALLIONS ON SHOW AT SPENDTHRIFT

Spendthrift Australia will parade their stallions for interested viewers over a two-day period Aug. 18-19. The parades will introduce new stallion **Swear (Aus)** (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) and will also feature his Group 1-winning barn-mates **Hampton Court (Aus)** (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), **Jimmy Creed** (Distorted Humor), and **Warrior's Reward** (Medaglia d'Oro). The stallions will parade Aug. 18 at 3:00 p.m. followed by afternoon tea and the next day at noon with lunch served afterwards. There will be activities for the entire family at Saturday's parade.



Swear | *Spendthrift Australia*

"Once again, we are very excited to open our gates and extend an invitation to anyone who can attend our stallion parade," said Spendthrift Australia's general manager Garry Cuddy. "We are excited for breeders to see Swear, the first stallion prospect to retire to stud after having successfully carried the Spendthrift Australia colours on the racetrack. We feel Swear represents another terrific opportunity in our 'Share The Upside' program, and we believe breeders will like what they see at the stallion parade." [Cont. p12](#)

Stallions on Show at Spendthrift Cont.

Swear, a A\$725,000 Inglis Easter yearling purchase by Spendthrift Australia followed up a Group 3 win with a narrow defeat to Yankee Rose (Aus) (All American {Aus}) in the G1 Spring Champion S. at Randwick last year. He becomes the newest stallion to participate in Spendthrift's renowned "Share The Upside" program for a fee of A\$8,250 Inc. GST. He will also be offered at \$5,500 Inc. GST Payable On Live Foal.

Spendthrift Australia asks for an RSVP for those who plan to attend either day of the stallion parade, which can be done via email to office@spendthrift.com.au, or by calling the office: 03 5421 5600.

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AUSTRALIAN-BRED WINNERS

IN CHINA:

Sha Chen Bao (Aus), c, 3, **Skilled (Aus)**--Swooper (Aus) (SW-Aus, \$518,360), by Black Hawk (GB). Yulong, 7-22, RMB50k, 2yo, 1200m (AWT), 1:16.68. O-Mr. Wang Zhigang. B-Victorian Stallion Partnership (Aus). *A\$20,000 Ylg '16 INGP. **VIDEO**

Sienna Symphony (Aus), f, 4, **Testa Rossa (Aus)**--Sweepstaking (Aus) (GSP-Aus, \$158,725), by Not A Single Doubt (Aus). Yulong, 7-22, RMB50k, 4yo/up, 1000m (AWT), 1:02.75. O-Mr. Wang Junning. B-Mr. G Harvey (Aus). *A\$35,000 Ylg '14 MMLJUN; A\$40,000 HRA '16 INGAUG. **VIDEO**

Rose Dancer (Aus), m, 5, **New Approach (Ire)**--Rose Ceremony (Aus) (GSW-Aus, \$165,554), by King Of Roses (Aus). Yulong, 7-22, RMB50k, 3yo/up, f/m,1200m (AWT), 1:16.17. O-Mr. Wang Junning. B-Kingston Park Stud (Aus). *A\$14,000 HRA '16 INGAUG. **VIDEO**

NEW ZEALAND-BRED WINNERS

IN CHINA:

Rosenthal (NZ), f, 4, **Pentire (GB)**--Kinsella (Aus), by Shamardal. Yulong, 7-22, RMB50k, 4yo/up, 1800m (AWT), 2:02.83. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0. O-Mr. Zhao Chun. B-J, J, K & R Smith (NZ). **VIDEO**

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