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CLASSIC WINNERS DRAW ONE, FOUR, SEVEN IN TRAVERS DOZEN

Tapwrit training at Saratoga | *Sarah Andrew*

A loaded field of 12 sophomore colts, including all three of this spring's Classic winners, was drawn Tuesday evening in Saratoga Springs for Saturday's 148th running of the GI Travers S., with GI Belmont S. hero **Tapwrit** (Tapit) getting the slight morning line nod at 7-2 after drawing post four. GI Kentucky Derby victor **Always Dreaming** (Bodemeister) drew the seven-hole and was quoted at 6-1, while GI Preakness S. winner **Cloud Computing** (Maclean's Music), installed at 8-1, had the trickiest pill pull of the trio, drawing the rail post. The latter two runners will try to overcome uncharacteristically poor efforts in the GII Jim Dandy S., finishing third and fifth, respectively.

"We've done a better job with him coming into this race," said trainer Todd Pletcher of Always Dreaming. "Honestly, I think we left him probably a little bit short for the Jim Dandy. I wasn't anticipating quite as demanding of a racetrack as it turned out to be at that time. So, I think that race hopefully brings him forward, plus [he's had] two good works since then."

Regarding the decision to train Tapwrit up to the Travers after the Belmont, Pletcher said, "Everyone was in agreement that the Travers was the race for him. We felt like if we ran in either the Jim Dandy or the Haskell, we'd leave a little something on the table that we wanted to save for the Travers."

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MOTION WIN IN KENTUCKY COURTS COULD AFFECT ABSOLUTE INSURER RULE

by Bill Finley

A Kentucky court has ruled in favor of trainer Graham Motion and owner George Strawbridge, tossing out the penalties assessed by the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission after their horse Kitten's Point tested positive for the medication Methocarbamol following her win in the GIII Bewitch S. in 2015 at Keeneland. Franklin Circuit Court Judge Thomas Wingate justified his decision, in part, on his finding that the "KHRC's creation of an 'absolute insurer rule' for trainers is unconstitutional."

That portion of the ruling could mean the beginning of the end of the trainer responsibility rule. **Cont. p3**

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Godolphin's G1 St James's Palace S. winner **Barney Roy (GB)** (Excelebration {Ire}) takes on a top-class field in Wednesday's G1 Juddmonte International at York.

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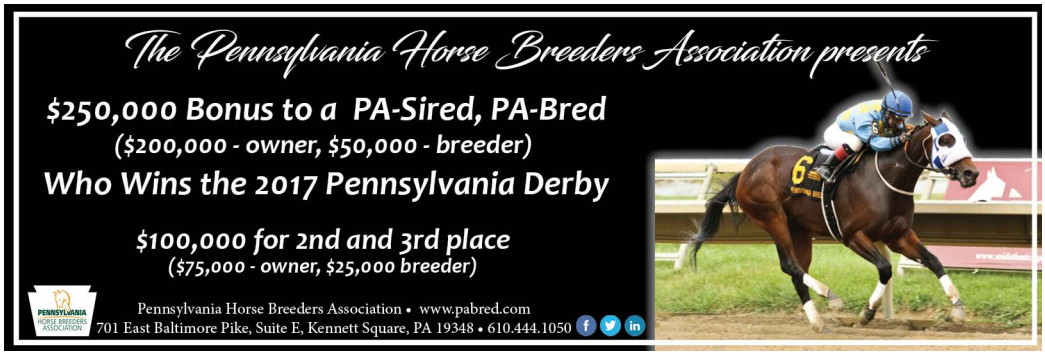
If at first you don't succeed... *On September 3, 2016, Tapwrit (Tapit) finished last in a field of ten in a maiden special weight at Saratoga Race Course. The Bridlewood Farm, Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, and Robert LaPenta runner went on to win the GII Tampa Bay Derby and the GI Belmont S., and is on track to start in Saturday's GI Travers S.* | *Sarah Andrew*

OPPENHEIM: FIVE DAYS IN SEPTEMBER 5
Bill Oppenheim looks forward to a busy sales month with Keeneland September and the Fasig-Tipton Turf Showcase.

YOUNG PRIMED FOR ANOTHER BIG SATURDAY 7
Christie DeBernardis talks to bloodstock agent Steve Young as four horses he purchased compete on Saturday's Travers card.

TODAY'S GRADED STAKES

EST	Race	Click for	TV
9:25a	**Tattersalls Acomb S.-G3**, YOR	----------	-----
10:00a	**Betway Great Voltigeur S.-G2**, YOR	----------	-----
10:35a	**Juddmonte International S.-G1**, YOR	----------	-----



Travers Draw cont.

"We drew inside in the Preakness and it worked out," said trainer Chad Brown of Cloud Computing's post. "The track was very demanding [on Jim Dandy day]. This horse has never let us down in a workout or a race except that one day. He's come back and worked great twice going to the [main] track and it's tightened up nicely and he's ready to run his race."

GII Los Alamitos Derby conqueror **West Coast** (Flatter) is the second choice on the morning line at 4-1 from the three-post, while Jim Dandy upsetter **Good Samaritan** (Harlan's Holiday) was pegged at 5-1 after drawing the five-hole.

"You've got horses from everywhere, all the best," said the latter's trainer, Bill Mott. "You've got the Derby winner, the Preakness winner, the Belmont; you've got everybody. It shaped up to be a really good field. So now, we've got to go out there and run our race. No issues at all. All is good up to this point."

GI betfair.com Haskell Invitational scorer **Girvin** (Tale of Ekati) was tabbed at 10-1 after drawing six. Ohio Derby and GIII Indiana Derby winner **Irap** (Tiznow) was made an 8-1 chance from post 10, and '**TDN Rising Star**' and MGSW **McCraken** (Ghostzapper) drew post nine as a 12-1 shot. **Giuseppe the Great** (Lookin At Lucky, post two, 20-1), **Lookin At Lee** (Lookin At Lucky, post eight, 30-1), **Gunnevera** (Dialed In, post 11, 20-1) and **Fayeq** (Malibu Moon, post 12, 30-1) round out the field.

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Motion Ruling Could Affect Absolute Insurer Rule cont.

The absolute insurer rule is a long-standing provision in American racing that whenever a horse tests positive for an illegal medication or drug, the horse's trainer, no matter the circumstances, is responsible and subject to penalties.

"The court held that Kentucky's absolute insurer rule is unconstitutional, that if you are going to fine somebody, disqualify their horse, take away purse money, you have to give them the right to defend themselves," said Motion's lawyer Craig Robertson. "And if you have a rule that imposes strict liability that says 'If there is medication in your horse, it's your fault, period,' then that's not constitutional. You have to allow the trainer to be able to offer reasons as to how and why that medication got into the horse's system and that it was not his or her fault. That's the broader implication of this ruling that can impact every single medication violation in Kentucky going forward."

Marc Guilfoil, the executive director of the KHRC, said the commission will look into what course it may take.

"We are evaluating the opinion and the order issued by Judge Wingate in the Graham Motion case and are in the process of evaluating all legal options," Guilfoil said.

Ed Martin, the president of Racing Commissioners International, said he would withhold comment until reading and analyzing the court's ruling. **Cont. p4**

Four of Saratoga's Grade 1 stakes running this weekend have been won by Maryland-breds.

Millionaire **URBANE** won the G1 Personal Ensign in 1996.

Multi-millionaire **AWAD** won the G1 Sword Dancer in 1997.

Millionaire **SHINE AGAIN** won the G1 Ballerina in 2001 and '02.

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Over the 30-year history of the G1 King's Bishop, just renamed the H. Allen Jerkens Memorial, **KING'S NEST** set a stakes record winning it in 1988, **HOUSTON** came back in 1989 and won it, and **THE BIG BEAST** captured the 2014 running.

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Motion Ruling Could Affect Absolute Insurer Rule cont.

For now, the Motion decision only affects cases involving trainers in Kentucky, but Robertson said that may not be the case for long.

"As of right now, it's a Kentucky ruling, so it's only binding in the Kentucky courts," he said. "That being said, we as lawyers oftentimes argue that, 'Hey, this other state has done something, you should do it here too.' That can be a persuasive argument. If I were hired to defend a trainer in New York, Florida, California or any other state and they had an absolute insurer rule similar to Kentucky's, I would argue to them, 'Look at what the Kentucky courts have done, you should do the same thing in your state.'"

Graham Motion | *Racing Post*

When asked if the Kentucky decision could eventually lead to the end of the absolute insurer rule in all states, Robertson replied: "It could."

Motion's attorney believes that modern drug testing has become so good that it has changed the narrative when it comes the rules regarding trainers and medication positives.

"We've gotten this to this point where the testing is so fine and you can test at such minute levels," he said. "For example, in this case, the threshold was set at one nanogram for Methocarbomol, which is one billionth of a gram. Twenty years ago you couldn't test at these low levels and now they've gotten to the point where they're able to test at such low levels, it makes things such as environmental contamination much more problematic. Twenty years ago, if you got a medication overage, there was a whole lot of the stuff in the horse's system. The law has to change along with the times."

Methocarbamol is a muscle relaxant that works by blocking nerve impulses or pain sensations that are sent to the brain. It also prevents cramping. **Cont. p5**

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Charlestown – **L**
Classico Ernesto Navarra (PAN) – **G3**
Copa Republica Argentina (JPN) – **G2**
Crown Prince Cup (KSA) – **G1**
Czaria – **L**
Delaware Oaks – **G3**
Dowager – **L**
Eclipse – **G2**
Empire Classic – **R**
Evan Shipman – **R**
Gallant Fox – **G3**
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Happy Ticket – **L**
Harry Henson – **L**
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Kyoto Daishoten (JPN) – **G2**
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Maple Leaf – **L**
Nikkei Sho (JPN) – **G2**
Nikkei Shinshun Hai (JPN) – **G3**
Nikkei Sho (JPN) – **G2**
NY Stallion Time Square – **R**
Pennsylvania Oaks – **L**
Pippin – **L**
Preakness – **G1**
Prix Gontaut-Biron (FR) – **G3**
Queen's Plate (CAN) – **G1**
Raven Run – **G2**
Red Smith – **G2**
Reluctant Guest – **L**
Renewal of Tokyo Racecourse (JPN) – **L**
Rhododendron – **L**
Saratoga BC – **G2**
Silent Beauty – **R**
Sky Beauty – **L**
Steinlen – **L**
Susan's Girl – **L**
Takarazuka Kinen (JPN) – **G1**
Thirty Eight Go – **L**
Tri State – **L**
Unbridled Sydney – **L**
Valdale – **L**
Violet – **R**
West Point – **R**
Wild Rose – **L**
Windy City – **R**
Wishing Well – **L**

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Motion Ruling Could Affect Absolute Insurer Rule cont.

The court's other justification for throwing out the penalties handed down by the KHRC was its contention that the threshold levels for the particular drug were arbitrary and capricious, and that the commission was not able to come up with any science to prove that such low levels of the medication could improve a horse's performance.

"You have to have science behind something like this," Robertson said. "You just can't arbitrarily pick a threshold level out of the air."

After Kitten's Point tested positive, Motion was hit with a relatively light penalty, a $500 fine and a five-day suspension. Robertson commended his client for refusing to accept the penalties and waging what turned into a two-year fight.

"In the grand scheme of things, most trainers would have accepted the punishment, even if they felt they had done nothing wrong, and just moved on," he said. "Instead, this was two years of litigation and involved a lot of money in legal fees and an emotional toll. But Graham felt very strongly about his reputation. He wanted to defend it and he wanted to stand up for all horsemen, because not everyone is in a position to challenge something like this."

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From the desk of...

BILL OPPENHEIM

FIVE DAYS IN SEPTEMBER

For the last four years, the Keeneland September Sale finished with between 2,744-2,819 yearlings sold, for gross revenues of $280.4m, $279.9m, $281.5m, and $272.8m last year, when the number catalogued jumped by 300 from 2015. But the number sold increased by just 47, meaning the overall clearance rate from those catalogued had dipped to 62.3% last year, having been between 66%-70% the previous three years. The number catalogued at Keeneland is back down to 4,138 this year (4,164 in 2015; 4,181 in 2014), but the way we are going to get from day one to day 12 is going to be a lot different. For the last two years, Keeneland September Book 1 has been a three-day sale, though the number catalogued dropped from 724 in 2015 to 607 last year, resulting in a $14-million drop in the Book 1 gross (though the Book 1 average did rise from $303,072 in 2015 to $347,471 last year), when 117 fewer yearlings (16%) were catalogued and 97 fewer yearlings (22%) were sold. Wherever it all ends up, we're going to get there a different way than the last couple of years, so session-to-session comparisons are likely to be very tricky for the first week. **Cont. p6**

Oppenheim cont.

Fasig-Tipton jumps into an open spot with their inaugural Turf Showcase sale Sunday, Sept. 10, with 171 catalogued. Keeneland then opens as usual on Monday, which this year falls on Sept. 11, with Book 1 cataloguing just 167 yearlings for a session which will begin at 3 p.m. Then we have a three-day Book 2, 345 or 346 catalogued per day with an 11 a.m. start, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, with the dark day moving back to Friday after two years of a dark Thursday. After that, it will be more familiar, starting with Book 3 on Saturday-Sunday, when around 400 a day are catalogued with a 10 a.m. kickoff.

In 2015, there were 1,530 catalogued in Keeneland's first five days. The number dropped to 1,407 last year, even as the number for the whole sale was up over 300 horses. This year there are 1,373 catalogued for the first five days of selling, though this time the first 171 will be at Fasig, while Keeneland's four days of Book 1 and Book 2 horses see 1,202 yearlings catalogued. In 2015 the 443 yearlings sold in Book 1 (of 724 catalogued) brought 47% of the entire sale's gross; in 2016 the 346 yearlings sold (of 607 catalogued) accounted for 44% of the sale's gross. At the end of the first five days of selling the last two years (with 200-300 more catalogued), around 70% of the sale's eventual gross had been realized. As you can imagine, we don't feel exactly confident about making projections, but our sense is a gross in the neighborhood of $175 million, with around 700 selling for an average around $250,000 for Keeneland Books 1 and 2 combined (not including Fasig) would be realistic targets.

The Keeneland sales grounds will be busy for the September yearling sale | *Keeneland photo*

Ultimately, though, sales averages are an awful lot about the sires. Though it's not strictly comparable, we went back and looked at a table we ran last year of sires' averages in Keeneland Books 1-3. There are two sires, **Tapit** and **War Front**, who averaged over $600,000 each, and another seven sires--**Speightstown**, **Medaglia d'Oro**, **Pioneerof the Nile**, **Curlin**, **Scat Daddy**, **Malibu Moon**, and **Uncle Mo**--who averaged over $240,000 each. We're going to throw in **Candy Ride**, who is having a career year, headlined by Gun Runner and Mastery (who still might have been the best 3-year-old to race in North America this year). These 10 sires are represented by 463 yearlings catalogued in Keeneland Books 1-2, and another nine at Fasig-Tipton. The 463 account for 38% of the yearlings catalogued in Keeneland first two books--call it three out of eight. Using a global estimate of 60% selling from those catalogued, if Tapit and War Front average $600,000 and the other eight sires average $250,000 we could project a gross of $85 million for those 10 sires, which would be about half of the $175 million we're projecting for Books 1-2. So, primarily as an exercise against which we'll have something to measure results, we'll be looking for Tapit and War Front to average $600,000; the other eight sires mentioned to average $250,000; and everything else, by all other sires in Books 1-2, to average $200,000. The 10 top sires mentioned, by the way, do have another 131 yearlings catalogued in the later books.

Only War Front, with 33 catalogued in Books 1-2 and one at Fasig, is not among the 10 sires with 40 or more catalogued between Fasig and Books 1-2. It's the last crop by Scat Daddy, and the breeders are giving the buyers plenty of opportunities to buy one, as there are 71 catalogued in the first five days of selling--five at Fasig, 11 in Keeneland Book 1, and 55 in Keeneland Book 2 (he has another 17 catalogued in the 'back books', for a total of 88). Pioneerof the Nile has 53, 11 in Book 1 and 42 in Book 2, and Medaglia d'Oro has 51, consisting of two at Fasig, 16 in Book 1, and 33 in Book 2. Curlin and Speightstown have 47 and 46 catalogued, respectively, over the first five days, all at Keeneland, while also with 47 is **Declaration of War**, the first freshman sire to have two black-type winners this year; he has 13 in the Fasig sale, four in Book 1, and 30 in Book 2. Malibu Moon has 44 catalogued (one at Fasig), Uncle Mo 43 (none at Fasig, but another 30 in Books 3-6), Candy Ride 42 (plus 20 later), and Tapit 41 (plus three later). **Cont. p7**

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SIRE	FT TURF	KEE BK1	KEE BK2	FT & B1&2	2017 Ylg Avg.	MidYear 17 APEX	1st Fls	15 fee	'17 fee	ST	Farm
Animal Kingdom	5	1	5	11	$251,166	N/A	2015	35000	30000	KY	Darley
Arch	1	1	12	14	$140,000	1.56	2000	40000	dead	KY	Claiborne Farm
Archarcharch	1	0	0	1	N/A	0.16	2013	9000	6000	KY	Spendthrift Farm
Artie Schiller	2	0	0	2	N/A	1.03	2008	15000	10000	KY	WinStar Farm
Australia (GB)*	0	1	3	4	N/A	N/A	2016	50000	35000	IRE	Coolmore Stud
Awesome Again	0	0	5	5	$180,000	1.8	2000	75000	Private	KY	Adena Springs
Bernardini	0	2	33	35	$175,000	2.44	2008	85000	100000	KY	Darley
Blame	4	0	8	12	$63,500	1.75	2012	20000	25000	KY	Claiborne Farm
Bodemeister	0	2	33	35	$192,500	2.17	2014	30000	25000	KY	WinStar Farm
Broken Vow	1	0	2	3	$275,000	1.01	2003	25000	25000	KY	Pin Oak Stud
Cairo Prince*	0	0	14	14	$177,647	N/A	2016	10000	15000	KY	Airdrie Stud
Camelot (GB)	0	0	1	1	N/A	N/A	2015	25000	35000	IRE	Coolmore Stud
Candy Ride (Arg)	0	9	33	42	$355,000	2.21	2006	60000	60000	KY	Lane's End Farm
City Zip	0	0	13	13	$224,285	1.77	2003	40000	50000	KY	Lane's End Farm
Congrats	0	0	5	5	$135,500	1.04	2008	35000	20000	KY	WinStar Farm
Court Vision	0	0	1	1	N/A	1.49	2013	7500	3500	LA	Acadiana Equine
Creative Cause	0	0	1	1	$45,500	1.29	2014	15000	15000	KY	Airdrie Stud
Cross Traffic*	0	0	1	1	$58,285	N/A	2016	12500	7500	KY	Spendthrift Farm
Curlin	0	5	42	47	$437,500	2.49	2010	35000	150000	KY	Hill 'N' Dale Farm
Dansili (GB)	0	1	0	1	N/A	3.2	2002	100000	65000	ENG	Banstead Manor Stud
Data Link	7	0	0	7	$35,000	N/A	2015	7500	7500	KY	Claiborne Farm
Declaration of War	13	4	30	47	$173,571	N/A	2015	40000	35000	KY	Ashford Stud
Deep Impact (Jpn)	0	1	0	1	$1,028,932	4.71	2008	Pvt.	30000000	JPN	Shadai Stallion Station
Discreet Cat	1	0	0	1	N/A	1.61	2009	7500	1500000	JPN	Darley Japan
Distorted Humor	2	2	23	27	$252,500	1.99	2000	100000	80000	KY	WinStar Farm
Divine Park	1	0	0	1	N/A	0.88	2010	7500	Pvt.	KOR	Jeju Stud
Dominus	1	0	0	1	N/A	4.44	2014	4500	7500	KY	Spendthrift Farm
Dubawi (Ire)	0	0	1	1	N/A	3.56	2007	125000	250000	ENG	Dalham Hall Stud
Elusive Quality	5	0	4	9	$90,000	1.18	2000	40000	Pnsd.	KY	Darley
Empire Maker	0	0	1	1	N/A	1.49	2005	7000000	85000	KY	Gainesway Farm
English Channel	7	0	1	8	N/A	2.23	2009	25000	25000	KY	Calumet Farm
Exceed And Excel (Aus)	1	0	0	1	N/A	1.31	2006	40000	50000	IRE	Kildangan Stud
Exchange Rate	6	1	13	20	$110,000	1.19	2003	20000	Dead	KY	Three Chimneys Farm
Fed Biz*	0	0	2	2	$112,500	N/A	2016	12500	10000	KY	WinStar Farm
First Samurai	1	0	3	4	$185,833	1.87	2008	15000	15000	KY	Claiborne Farm

Fasig-Tipton Turf Showcase & Keeneland September Books 1 & 2 (page 2)

SIRE	FT TURF	KEE BK1	KEE BK2	FT & B1&2	2017 Ylg Avg.	MidYear 17 APEX	1st Fls	15 fee	'17 fee	ST	Farm
Flat Out	1	0	0	1	$42,500	N/A	2015	10000	7000	KY	Spendthrift Farm
Flatter	0	1	8	9	$173,125	1.93	2005	20000	35000	KY	Claiborne Farm
Frankel (GB)	0	1	0	1	N/A	5.7	2014	125000	125000	ENG	Banstead Manor Stud
Fusaichi Pegasus	0	0	1	1	N/A	0.54	2002	7500	7500	KY	Ashford Stud
Galileo (Ire)	0	0	2	2	N/A	4.73	2003	Pvt.	Pvt.	IRE	Coolmore Stud
Gemologist	0	0	4	4	$52,000	1.2	2014	15000	25000	KY	WinStar Farm
Get Stormy	1	0	0	1	N/A	0.57	2014	5000	5000	KY	Crestwood Farm
Ghostzapper	1	2	22	25	$233,571	3.21	2007	60000	75000	KY	Adena Springs
Giant's Causeway	0	4	22	26	$10,000	2.21	2002	85000	75000	KY	Ashford Stud
Gio Ponti	6	0	1	7	N/A	0.53	2013	15000	7500	KY	Castleton Lyons
Goldencents*	0	0	2	2	$55,000	N/A	2016	15000	15000	KY	Spendthrift Farm
Graydar	0	0	2	2	$33,857	N/A	2015	15000	12500	KY	Taylor Made Stallions
Hard Spun	1	3	29	33	$196,666	1.82	2009	35000	45000	KY	Darley
Include	1	0	0	1	$55,000	1.77	2004	10000	10000	KY	Airdrie Stud
Into Mischief	0	3	36	39	$278,333	2.84	2010	35000	75000	KY	Spendthrift Farm
Invincible Spirit (Ire)	0	1	0	1	N/A	1.72	2004	100000	120000	IRE	Irish National Stud
Justin Phillip	1	0	1	2	$50,666	N/A	2015	5000	5000	KY	Castleton Lyons
Kitten's Joy	7	5	16	28	$80,000	2.63	2007	100000	100000	KY	Ramsey Farm
Lemon Drop Kid	1	2	27	30	$197,500	1.92	2002	40000	40000	KY	Lane's End Farm
Lookin At Lucky	0	0	1	1	$200,000	3.09	2012	25000	17500	KY	Ashford Stud
Magician (Ire)*	7	0	1	8	N/A	N/A	2016	12500	7500	KY	Ashford Stud
Majestic Warrior	1	0	0	1	$110,000	1.12	2010	17500	Private	JPN	East Stud
Majesticperfection	0	0	3	3	$112,500	1.96	2012	10000	15000	KY	Airdrie Stud
Malibu Moon	1	4	39	44	$386,875	1.71	2001	95000	75000	KY	Spendthrift Farm
Medaglia d'Oro	2	16	33	51	$756,250	3.41	2006	125000	150000	KY	Darley
Midnight Lute	0	0	4	4	$86,000	1.65	2010	25000	20000	KY	Hill 'N' Dale Farm
Mineshaft	0	0	3	3	$103,333	1.67	2005	25000	25000	KY	Lane's End Farm
Mizzen Mast	3	0	1	4	N/A	1.52	2004	25000	10000	KY	Juddmonte Farms
More Than Ready	5	2	26	33	$270,555	1.53	2002	50000	60000	KY	WinStar Farm
Mucho Macho Man*	0	0	1	1	$61,166	N/A	2016	15000	10000	KY	Adena Springs
Munnings	0	0	1	1	$84,000	2.05	2012	12500	25000	KY	Ashford Stud
Musketier (Ger)	2	0	0	2	N/A	N/A	2014	7500	5000	KY	Calumet Farm
Noble Mission (GB)*	13	0	13	26	$80,000	N/A	2016	25000	25000	KY	Lane's End Farm
Orb	0	1	26	27	$336,428	N/A	2015	25000	25000	KY	Claiborne Farm
Oxbow	0	0	1	1	$32,000	N/A	2015	17500	20000	KY	Calumet Farm
Paynter	0	0	3	3	$55,000	N/A	2015	25000	20000	KY	WinStar Farm
Pioneerof the Nile	0	11	42	53	$458,333	2.12	2011	60000	110000	KY	WinStar Farm
Poet's Voice (GB)	0	0	1	1	N/A	0.49	2013	12000	8000	ENG	Dalham Hall Stud
Point of Entry	1	0	5	6	$49,000	N/A	2015	25000	20000	KY	Adena Springs
Proud Citizen	0	0	1	1	N/A	1.09	2005	10000	Dead	KY	Airdrie Stud

Fasig-Tipton Turf Showcase & Keeneland September Books 1 & 2 (page 3)

SIRE	FT TURF	KEE BK1	KEE BK2	FT & B1&2	2017 Ylg Avg.	MidYear 17 APEX	1st Fls	15 fee	'17 fee	ST	Farm
Quality Road	0	2	32	34	$115,000	2.51	2012	35000	35000	KY	Lane's End Farm
Raison D'Etat	1	0	0	1	N/A	N/A	2015	7500	5000	KY	Calumet Farm
Real Solution*	2	0	0	2	N/A	N/A	2016	12500	5000	KY	Calumet Farm
Red Rocks (Ire)	5	0	0	5	N/A	N/A	2011	12500	10000	KY	Calumet Farm
Run Away And Hide	2	0	0	2	$14,000	1.69	2010	7500	5000	KY	Darby Dan Farm
Scat Daddy	5	11	55	71	$373,000	2.49	2009	35000	Dead	KY	Ashford Stud
Shackleford	0	0	3	3	$74,111	1.85	2014	20000	15000	KY	Darby Dan Farm
Shanghai Bobby	0	0	3	3	$81,416	N/A	2015	15000	25000	KY	Ashford Stud
Sky Mesa	0	0	2	2	$24,333	1.63	2005	20000	15000	KY	Three Chimneys Farm
Smart Strike	0	1	0	1	N/A	2.57	1998	100000	dead	KY	Lane's End Farm
Soldat	2	0	0	2	N/A	N/A	2015	5000	5000	FL	Woodford T'breds
Speightstown	0	8	38	46	$258,750	2.71	2006	80000	100000	KY	WinStar Farm
Stormy Atlantic	2	0	1	3	N/A	1.44	2000	25000	15000	KY	Hill 'N' Dale Farm
Street Boss	0	0	2	2	$56,250	1.41	2010	10000	17500	KY	Darley
Street Sense	1	1	19	21	$136,250	1.83	2009	35000	45000	KY	Darley
Strong Mandate*	0	0	1	1	$222,833	N/A	2016	10000	10000	KY	Three Chimneys Farm
Super Saver	0	1	13	14	$219,000	1.26	2012	35000	50000	KY	WinStar Farm
Take Charge Indy	0	0	2	2	$78,333	N/A	2015	20000	Private	KOR	N/A
Tale of the Cat	1	0	5	6	$135,000	1.03	2000	30000	30000	KY	Ashford Stud
Tapit	0	23	18	41	$600,000	3.04	2006	300000	300000	KY	Gainesway Farm
Tapizar	1	0	0	1	$59,200	0.81	2014	15000	15000	KY	Gainesway Farm
Temple City	18	1	3	22	$63,750	1.57	2012	12500	15000	KY	Spendthrift Farm
The Factor	6	0	5	11	$88,000	1.11	2014	15000	25000	KY	Lane's End Farm
Tiznow	0	4	32	36	$316,000	1.73	2003	75000	60000	KY	WinStar Farm
Tizway	2	0	0	2	$32,000	1.24	2013	15000	7500	KY	Spendthrift Farm
Twirling Candy	0	0	4	4	$81,400	2.38	2013	10000	20000	KY	Lane's End Farm
Uncle Mo	0	1	42	43	$326,000	4.59	2013	25000	150000	KY	Ashford Stud
Union Rags	0	1	34	35	$237,500	2.69	2014	35000	50000	KY	Lane's End Farm
Verrazano*	4	1	16	21	$143,625	N/A	2016	22500	17500	KY	Ashford Stud
Violence	0	0	8	8	$114,571	N/A	2015	15000	15000	KY	Hill 'N' Dale Farm
War Command*	1	0	0	1	N/A	N/A	2016	15000	12500	IRE	Coolmore Stud
War Front	1	25	8	34	$710,000	4.15	2008	150000	250000	KY	Claiborne Farm
Will Take Charge*	0	1	22	23	$257,272	N/A	2016	30000	30000	KY	Three Chimneys Farm

Oppenheim cont.

Declaration of War has 47 yearlings catalogued over the first five days of selling in Kentucky | *Coolmore photo*

War Front (25) and Tapit (23), not surprisingly, have the greatest representation in Keeneland Book 1, and in fact account for almost 30% between them of those catalogued for Monday's sale. Medaglia d'Oro has 16 in Monday, Scat Daddy and Pioneerof the Nile 11 each, Candy Ride nine, and Speightstown eight. In the Fasig Turf sale, Spendthrift's **Temple City** has the biggest representation, with 18. Declaration of War and Lane's End's first-crop full-brother to Frankel, **Noble Mission**, have 13 each. **Kitten's Joy**, **English Channel**, Coolmore Ashford's first-crop son of Galileo, **Magician**, and Claiborne's **Data Link**, like Declaration of War a son of War Front with his first 2-year-olds this year, have seven each at Fasig.

NUMBER CATALOGUED, KENTUCKY 1ST WEEK

DAY	SALE 2017	2017	2016	2015
Sunday	FTK Turf	171	0	0
Monday	Kee Book 1	167	202	241
Tuesday	Kee Book 2	345	203	241
Wednesday	Kee Book 2	345	202	241
Thursday	Kee Book 2	345	0	0
Friday		0	400	403
Saturday		(Book 3)	369	403
Total Kee		1202	1407	1530
Total 5 Days		1373	1407	1530

DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY

It's been tough sledding for some of last year's top 3-year-olds this year. **Almanzor**, from the first small crop by Wootton Bassett, was hands down Europe's top 3-year-old colt of 2016. But he was hit by the virus in trainer Rouget's yard, was a shadow of his former self at Deauville last week, and has subsequently been retired. **Arrogate**, who marched through four Grade I wins in the Travers, Breeders' Cup Classic, the inaugural Pegasus, and Dubai World Cup, running Beyers of 122-120-119, Timeform 134 and scooping up somewhere in the neighbourhood of $16.8 million in four races, has been a shadow of his former self since coming back from Dubai. And even **So Mi Dar**, Lord Lloyd-Webber's filly by Dubawi out of Dar Re Mi, who was injured after winning last year's G3 Musidora S. and becoming favorite for the G1 Epsom Oaks last year, has struggled to find her form since, including in two races this year. Rouget, Baffert, and Gosden are among the top 10 trainers in the world, so if they can't get them back, well, it just shows how tough it can be. But here's what's important to remember: Almanzor was the best 3-year-old colt in Europe in 2016; Arrogate really did win four consecutive Grade I races with Beyers of 119+; and So Mi Dar really is a Group 1 filly who has never won one. News flash: this is a tough game.

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YOUNG PRIMED FOR ANOTHER BIG SATURDAY

By Christie DeBernardis

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y.--Aside from trainers and jockeys, there are not many people in racing who can say they are connected to four Grade I contenders on a single day. However, on Saturday, bloodstock agent Steve Young will be able to say just that as four horses he has purchased compete on Saratoga's blockbuster GI Travers S. day card.

Leading the quartet is the horse that recently provided Young with his career high, GI Kentucky Derby hero **Always Dreaming** (Bodemeister), who will take on a fully-loaded field, including the other two Triple Crown race winners, in the Travers.

Young selected the dark bay for $350,000 as a Keeneland September yearling, but his connection to the colt goes back much further than that.

"I looked at his dam's babies just about every year. Above Perfection (In Excess {Ire}) was a very, very good horse in California," said Young, a former trainer who raced in California for over 13 years. "She was a horse that could fly. The day that she caught my attention was the day she hooked with Xtra Heat and they ran :21 4/5, :44 3/5, :56, 1:08 1/5 all the way to the wire. You know a filly that could run like that was capable of throwing you anything." **Cont. p8**

Young Primed for Another Big Saturday cont.

Always Dreaming training at Saratoga | *Sarah Andrew*

The Illinois native continued, "I looked at her babies and never got one bought, but this horse was from the first crop of Bodemeister and I love In Excess mares. I also loved [Always Dreaming's half-sister and GISW] Hot Dixie Chick (Dixie Union). He has tremendous balance and tremendous movement about him."

Always Dreaming is from his sire's first crop and was produced by an older mare. These two factors are a deterrent for some buyers, but did not bother Young.

"In Excess mares are unbelievable," Young said. "The one thing I do that some people don't is I've had a lot of luck buying out of a tick older mares than some people will buy. [2011 GII True North H. winner and MGISP] Trappe Shot (Tapit) is also out of an older mare, as is [2017 GII Rebel S. winner] Malagacy."

As for the freshman sire aspect, Young said, "In the last 15 years, first crop sires are very popular. They are a bit hard to appraise because you don't know how the market is going to perceive them. There was a buzz about Bode. He ran one of the best losing Derbies ever."

Always Dreaming captured this year's GI Xpressbet.com Florida Derby, making him Young's second Florida Derby winner in the past three years, following 2015 victor Materiality (Afleet Alex). He scored an impressive victory in the mud on the First Saturday in May (video), giving Young not only his first Derby winner, but his first Triple Crown race winner.

"I'm not a big self-analyzing, Twitter type of person, so it was one of those things that at the time, I don't think it fully sunk in," said Young, who tends to keep to himself when working the sales or observing from the paddock with Joanne Wiegand-Daw, preferring to let the horses do the talking. "It's what everyone gets up seven days a week to try to do. I had a lot of people that helped me get there. It was very cool."

Another buzz horse on Young's list of Travers day runners is undefeated '**TDN Rising Star**' **Coal Front** (Stay Thirsty). Winner of the GII Amsterdam S. last time July 29 (video), the Todd Pletcher pupil will be one of the likely favorites in the GI H. Allen Jerkens S. (formerly known as the King's Bishop).

Young purchased Coal Front for $575,000 at last year's OBS April sale after the colt breezed in :21 1/5.

"He was a 'get the shank' horse that day," Young said. "I bought him for Mr. [Robert] LaPenta, who is a great owner and deserves this. He had [2011 Travers winner] Stay Thirsty, sold him and this is his way back. The horse was probably the best 2-year-old maiden here last year. He worked :58 and change out of the gate and got hurt. He made it back through the effort of many people. I can't like a horse more than I like him."

He added, "We've done good with the family. It's a great, fast family, goes back to Madame Lagonza, who didn't make the races, but could fly. It's a family of hidden quality, a very good family. Part of me is very happy and grateful that the horse made it back because some of them don't, but if he hadn't got hurt, who knows what would have happened. Hopefully, he has his chance now."

Coal Front | *Sarah Andrew*

Young will also be represented by a private purchase Saturday in GI Ballerina S. contender **Paulassilverlining** (Ghostzapper). The New York-based agent purchased the mare for Juddmonte Farms, who transferred her to Chad Brown, and she is a perfect three-for-three since, with hard-fought victories in the GI Madison S., GI Humana Distaff and most recently the July 26 GII Honorable Miss H.

"[Juddmonte's] Garrett O'Rourke talked to me last year about buying some fillies with racetrack quality and pedigree to race for Juddmonte and go to Arrogate (Unbridled's Song) when they are done running," Young explained. "Paula was the first one we bought together. Since we bought her she won three races and she is everything good about a racehorse. She comes off the turn with bad intentions. She knows where the wire is and fortunately she has gotten there in all of our races. There are four Grade I races for female sprinters and she has won the first two. If you take her with her desire and put it with Arrogate and his desire and his ability, it will be pretty explosive to see what she throws." **Cont. p9**

Young Primed for Another Big Saturday cont.

Also in Young's Travers day lineup is Waterford Stable homebred **Going For Broke** (Blame), who is scheduled to run in the GI Personal Ensign S. He purchased her dam Support the Cause (Put It Back) privately for Tom and Judy Moore's operation and arranged the mare's breeding to Blame.

Steve Young | *Fasig-Tipton*

"She is an interesting story," Young said. "We were the underbidder on her dam here as a Saratoga yearling with Glen Hill Farm buying her. She was a full-sister to In Summation, who was a very good horse that Waterford raced. We checked on her a few times during her career. She did not make the races and we bought her privately in foal to Scat Daddy. We bred her to Arch and then Blame and this is the result. She is a gorgeous filly and probably has a big second career ahead of her after she retires."

Going For Broke scored three times last year before finishing second to two-time champion Songbird (Medaglia d'Oro) in this venue's GI Alabama S. just over a year ago. Off the board in the GI Beldame S., she was third in the GIII Comely S. Nov. 26 and has made just one prior start this term, completing the exacta behind GISW '**TDN Rising Star**' Carina Mia (Malibu Moon) in this venue's Shine Again S. Aug. 2. Going for Broke will face off with Songbird yet again Saturday.

"If Going for Broke could do good this weekend, it not only helps her, but a rising tide carries all boats, it takes her dam, her sister, all of them to a different level," Young said.

Young also privately purchased the favorite for Friday's $250,000 Albany S., **Twisted Tom** (Creative Cause), who won a pair of stakes in Maryland earlier this term and captured the New York Derby July 22.

Young trained horses for 23 years--conditioning the likes of GI Wood Memorial S. hero Irgun, as well as Beveled, Fieldy (Ire) and Birdie's Legend, before shutting down his stable in 2005. He got his start in the bloodstock game when asked to buy some horses for Darley's Sheikh Mohammed. **Cont. p10**

Young Primed for Another Big Saturday cont.

"I had stopped training horses in 2005 and had the opportunity through John Ferguson and Kiaran McLaughlin to buy a couple of horses for Sheikh Mohammed, one of them being [MGSW & MGISP] Diabolical," Young said. "That progressed into pinhooking [MGISW and sire] Zensational with Walker and Alison Hancock and from there we were on our way."

Since then, Young's list of clients and horses reads as a who's who in horse racing. In addition to this weekend's runners, he also purchased GISW **Avenge** (War Front) for longtime client Ramona Bass; Mill House's aforementioned Trappe Shot; GI Breeders' Cup F/M Sprint winner **Wavell Avenue** (Harlington); GISWs **Materiality**, **Jack Milton** (War Front) and **Slumber (GB)** (Cacique {Ire}); and MGSWs **Summer Front** (War Front) and **Anchor Down** (Tapit).

There are not many big race days that go by in which Young does not have a runner and often a winner. With the team he has assembled Saturday, it will be no surprise to see him reach another top achievement during what may be his best year yet.

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IRAP, FIT PHYSICALLY (AND MENTALLY), READY FOR TRAVERS THROWDOWN

by Alan Carasso

Reddam Racing LLC's **Irap** (Tiznow) was already a veteran of seven races when he entered the gate for Keeneland's GII Toyota Blue Grass S. Apr. 8, still a maiden with creditable efforts behind the likes of now-retired 'TDN Rising Star' Mastery (Candy Ride {Arg}), Royal Mo (Uncle Mo) and Conquest Mo Money (Uncle Mo) in graded stakes company. The $300,000 OBS March purchase put it all together that Saturday afternoon with a 3/4-length victory and in this weekend's GI Travers S. at Saratoga, a vastly improved version of Irap will get a shot at redemption against the deepest field of sophomores assembled since the first Saturday in May.

"It is just jaw-dropping, the amount of talent in this race," trainer Doug O'Neill said during a national media teleconference Tuesday afternoon. "We're so excited and grateful to be a part of it. Any one of them can win, I wouldn't be shocked."

Though he finished down the field behind **Always Dreaming** (Bodemeister) and **Lookin At Lee** (Lookin At Lucky) in the GI Kentucky Derby in his next start, Irap has rebounded to win his last two, getting up in the final stride to win the GIII Ohio Derby June 24 before looping rivals with a wide run in the July 15 GIII Indiana Derby to score by a decisive five lengths. The quality of those performances was amplified when the runners-up, **Girvin** (Tale of Ekati) and Colonelsdarktemper (Colonel John), returned to win the GI betfair.com Haskell Invitational S. and GIII West Virginia Derby, respectively. **Cont. p11**

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Irap Ready for Travers Throwdown cont.

Irap has thrived on the frequent travel and has trained well since, including a stamina-building six furlongs in 1:13 flat over the Del Mar main track Aug. 19.

"He's really training well," O'Neill said. "To see Irap put in that nice six-furlong work with a nice gallop out [a mile in 1:42, per O'Neill], it validated our optimism going into Saturday's race. Hopefully what we've been seeing on a daily basis we'll see Saturday afternoon."

Not only has Irap progressed physically, but O'Neill says that his pupil has learned much over the last four months.

Irap winning the Indiana Derby
John Engelhardt photo

"He's always been a big, strong colt and always physically more mature than his peers. It took him a while to mentally figure it all out," he commented. "I think the Ohio Derby really sent him forward and then we saw it again in the Indiana Derby. He continues to train like a mature horse mentally and we're optimistic. We're facing a lot of the horses from the Derby, where we got annihilated, but the traffic, the 20-horse field--he wasn't mentally ready for that. Come Saturday we're going to be ready for this challenge."

Because he was slow to come along mentally, O'Neill says Irap was a bit one-dimensional early on in that he needed to be ridden for speed and given a clear trip. But versatility is something Irap has added to his repertoire.

"Watching our guy the last few weeks, he can definitely sit off a hot pace, he can come inside, outside, in between, which months ago, I couldn't say that about him," he said. "I think the trip in the Ohio Derby where they didn't go that quick and he was behind that pace, it really just showed how everything is really just starting to click right now for Irap. I think if it's a slow pace [in the Travers], we'll be close, but if it's a realistic pace, I have no problem seeing him four or five lengths off of it early."

Victory in the Travers, against a field that will also include GI Preakness S. hero **Cloud Computing** (Maclean's Music) and GI Belmont S. winner **Tapwrit** (Tapit), puts Irap in the thick of the Eclipse Award discussion, O'Neill believes.

"This Saturday is going to make the picture a lot clearer," he commented. "Obviously, if any of the Triple Crown race winners win, they lead the way, but if we were so lucky as to win Saturday, I think we are definitely in the mix. This race is so exciting anyway, but it's got a lot riding on it as end-of-year awards go."

Owner Paul Reddam has a Travers win to his credit courtesy of Deputy Commander (Deputy Minister) 20 years ago. O'Neill has yet to visit the Travers winner's circle, but certainly relishes the opportunity.

"We're pumped," he assured. "I know the humans are ready and we hope Irap is ready."

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FANCIFUL ANGEL SOLD, TRANSFERRED TO BROWN

Fanciful Angel (Ire) | *Andrew Watkins/Dubai Racing Club*

Fanciful Angel (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), runner-up at over 70-1 in the GI Arlington Million Aug. 12, has been sold to BSW Bloodstock on behalf of a partnership including Michael Dubb and Sol Kumin, Touch Gold Racing--the gelding's previous owners--announced Tuesday. He will be transferred to Chad Brown's stable and continue his racing career in the United States.

Most recently purchased for 135,000gns by Touch Gold at Tattersalls July in 2016, the gray won of five of 23 starts for trainer Marco Botti in Europe and the United Arab Emirates. Termed a "low-level bleeder" by manager Adam Driver of Global Equine Group, he was treated with Lasix for the first time in the Million and responded by running a career-high, second by a half-length to Brown pupil Beach Patrol (Lemon Drop Kid).

"Touch Gold Racing will be extremely sad to see Fanciful Angel depart, but having long believed that the U.S. style of racing would bring out the very best in him, we are extremely excited to see what he can achieve for his top new connections," Touch Gold said in a statement.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PAUL BERUBE:

I took great notice of Bill Nader's recent observations in *TDN* about the state of parimutuel wagering in the U.S. Paramount in the salient issues he raises is that of liquidity in wagering pools. Current business practices related to Computer Robotic Wagering (CRW) are, in my opinion, a significant factor as to why handle has stagnated and will continue to do so or get worse in the years ahead.

CRW is conducted through well-organized and capitalized teams that look to parimutuel pools as a form of arbitrage that seeks to capture perceived value in the pools through application of handicapping platforms and mathematical algorithms. Profit is their ultimate goal. Some teams are highly successful and can turn a profit on wagering activity alone, but all teams look to rebates to put them over the top.

It is well-known within the industry that CRW teams are responsible for $2.5 billion (approximately 23%) of annual U.S. handle. This is significant liquidity in itself, but the question is whether it is good liquidity over the long term. To answer the question, one needs to understand that CRW is a strictly controlled exercise. CRW does not behave like "regular" players who, upon winning a wager, will generally increase and churn their winnings. The amount of CRW is proportionate to the money in any given parimutuel pool that comes from all other players. If, for any reason, these other players have less money to wager and pools are smaller, CRW reacts accordingly by also betting less.

As we all know, winning payouts are determined by final odds and takeout percentages. But in the current wagering environment, CRW also has an effect on payouts. As noted, CRW is geared to capturing perceived value or imbalances in parimutuel pools. Thus, when these teams land on a winner, payouts are lower than what they would ordinarily be without CRW. These smaller payouts directly affect how much money is going back into the pockets of regular players. This money shift amounts to tens of millions in liquidity over the past 15 years, as evidenced by the negative settlements host tracks and off-track wagering venues have been paying to the locations that serve CRW teams. The bottom line is that an untold amount of churn has been and continues to be lost.

So the bottom line is that, short term, CRW adds liquidity to parimutuel pools, but long term it is detracting from this metric. Adding insult to injury is the fact that CRW teams are receiving the highest rebates possible, thus increasing the effective takeout for all other bettors. How fair is that?

Bill Nader's call for a full evaluation of this nation's current parimutuel business practices is on point. Will host track stakeholders undertake an in-depth examination of CRW and all other factors that are adversely affecting parimutuel wagering? Who will step up to the plate and lead the way? Stay tuned.

Paul Berube is the former President of the Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bereau.

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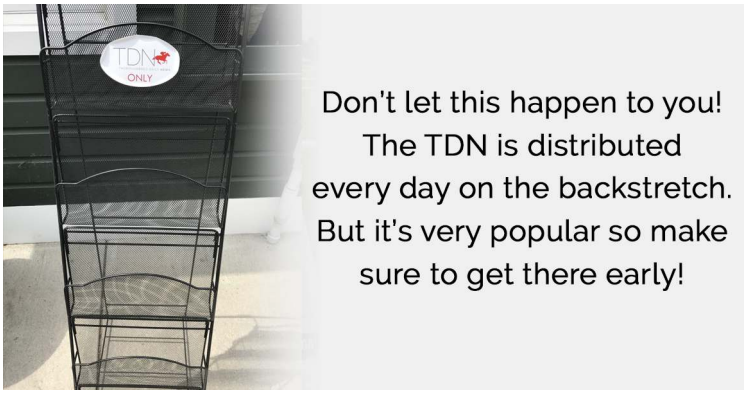

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TOO MUCH BLING YEARLINGS TOP TTA SALE

A pair of yearlings by Texas sire Too Much Bling topped Monday's Texas Summer Yearling and Mixed Sale with matching $100,000 final bids. The auction was being conducted by the Texas Thoroughbred Association for the second year.

The yearling portion of the auction posted solid gains compared to 2016, as 59 of 90 head sold for $681,800 with an average of $11,556 and a median of $4,500. The average rose 19% from $9,711 and the median increased 80% from $2,500. The buy-back rate this year was 34.4%, compared to 31.5% last year.

"I was very pleased with the yearling session, and this sale again proved that a Texas-bred by a Texas stallion can still bring big money," said sales director Tim Boyce. "It was good to see the average and the median improve, and I expect to see a good number of these horses back here for our 2-year-olds in training sale this spring."

Hip 14, a colt by Too Much Bling, was first to reach the six-figure mark Monday when selling for $100,000 to Jackson Durham. Consigned by Benchmark Training, the yearling is a full-brother to multiple stakes winner and graded stakes placed Bling on the Music, who topped the 2016 Texas 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale at $95,000 and has now earned $153,082. His dam Soft Music (Action This Day), with this yearling then in utero, sold to breeder Danele Durham for $1,700 at the 2015 Texas October Mixed Sale.

Also selling for $100,000 was hip 62, a daughter of Too Much Bling consigned by Asmussen Horse Center and prepped by Brent Schafer. Susan Moulton made the winning bid on the filly, who is out of General Reunion (General Meeting) and is a full-sister to multiple stakes winner Nublado Bling.

Hip 62 | *Denis Blake/TTA photo*

The mixed session totaled $33,000 with 14 of 36 sold for an average of $2,357 and median of $1,400. Last year's mixed session, which featured a strong consignment from the closing of Lane's End Texas, brought in a total of $167,700 with 28 of 30 sold for an average of $5,989 and median of $2,700.

"The Lane's End Texas consignment gave us a big boost for the mixed session last year, and we just didn't have that same firepower this year, but overall I think it was still a good sale," Boyce said.

The high seller from the mixed session was hip 212, **Tin Top Cat** (Supreme Cat), in foal to Stonesider, who sold for $11,000 to Jerry Durant from Eureka Thoroughbred Farm, agent.

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INDUSTRY INFO

Smith Pledges Piece of Travers Day Income to Equine Research:

Hall of Fame jockey Mike Smith has pledged to give 1% of his earnings from Travers Day this Saturday to the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation, The Jockey Club announced Tuesday. Smith is scheduled to have four stakes mounts on the card, including West Coast (Flatter) in the GI Travers S. and dual champion Songbird (Medaglia d'Oro) in the GI Personal Ensign S.

"The horses give us so much," Smith said. "This is my way to give back to them."

Grayson chairman Dell Hancock added, "Mike has been an enthusiastic supporter of Grayson and we certainly appreciate this latest example of his dedication to doing what is best for the horses."

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CENTRAL U.S.

Tuesday's Results:

4th-LAD, $18,690, Msw, 8-22, 2yo, 5fT, 1:00.04, fm.

+TARUCA (c, 2, Creative Cause--Blushing Touch, by Street Boss) was scooped up by these connections for $100,000 as an FTFMAR juvenile earlier this year and took a first step towards realizing that potential with a debut score Tuesday afternoon. Away to a sharp beginning, the colt controlled the pace through measured fractions of :23.95 and :49.17 and led home a 1-2 finish with his entrymate, $75,000 EASMAY purchase and fellow first-time starter Charlie Good Son (Custom for Carlos), one length back. The winner's dam--a half-sister to GSW Bryan's Jewel (Rockport Harbor)--is also responsible for a yearling full-sister to the winner and was bred back to Summer Front this spring. Second dam Saphira (Touch Gold) is herself a half to champion Left Bank (French Deputy). Sales History: $50,000 Wlg '15 KEENOV; $110,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; $100,000 2yo '17 FTFMAR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $10,800. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Susan Moulton; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Brandon Jenkins.

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ANIMAL KINGDOM (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}), Darley, $35,000
107 foals of racing age/3 winners/2 black-type winners
5-DEL, Msw 1mT, LOVELY TIME, 30-1
$32,000 RNA OBS AUG yrl; $10,000 EAS MAY 2yo

CURRENCY SWAP (High Cotton), Woodford Thoroughbreds, $3,500
30 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
6-FL, Msw 5 1/2f, UBER MIMI, 8-1
$1,000 OBS AUG yrl

DECLARATION OF WAR (War Front), Ashford Stud, $40,000
135 foals of racing age/5 winners/2 black-type winners
5-IND, Msw 5fT, WAR TOM, 5-1
$135,000 KEE NOV wnl; $130,000 KEE SEP yrl

EMCEE (Unbridled's Song), Sequel Stallions New York, $7,500
32 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
5-EVD, Msw 4 1/2f, ANOTHER LEVEL, 6-1
$11,000 KEE JAN yrl; $3,200 TTA APR 2yo

FLAT OUT (Flatter), Spendthrift Farm, $10,000
104 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
5-IND, Msw 5fT, FLATOUTJUSTICE, 30-1
$9,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; $20,000 PED IND yrl; $47,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo

FORTY TALES (Tale of the Cat), Sequel Stallions New York, $6,500
25 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
6-FL, Msw 5 1/2f, SCINTILLATION, 10-1
$29,000 RNA SAR AUG yrl

JUSTIN PHILLIP (First Samurai), Castleton Lyons, $12,500
71 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner
5-EVD, Msw 4 1/2f, REBECCA'S RABBIT, 8-1
$4,000 KEE SEP yrl

POINT OF ENTRY (Dynaformer), Adena Springs, $25,000
78 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner
3-SAR, Msw 5 1/2fT, DEVINE ENTRY, 6-1
$65,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; $100,000 KEE SEP yrl

POSEIDON'S WARRIOR (Speightstown), Pleasant Acres Stallions, $6,500
51 foals of racing age/2 winners/1 black-type winner
3-SAR, Msw 5 1/2fT, NAVY COMMANDER, 8-1

SOLDAT (War Front), Woodford Thoroughbreds, $5,000
87 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
5-DEL, Msw 1mT, MY SOLDAT GIRL, 30-1
$1,000 KEE JAN yrl

WINSLOW HOMER (Unbridled's Song), Journeyman Stud, $5,000
24 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
6-FL, Msw 5 1/2f, PHANTOM SHARK, 12-1

Second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, August 23

Farm and fee represent current information

BOB BLACK JACK (Stormy Jack), Paradise Road Ranch
11 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
6-ALB, Msw 6f, JIMNJACKNHANK, 5-1

BODEMEISTER (Empire Maker), WinStar Farm, $30,000
262 foals of racing age/43 winners/5 black-type winners
3-SAR, Msw 5 1/2fT, SPIRIT FLY, 12-1
$60,000 KEE SEP yrl

STAR GUITAR (Quiet American), Clear Creek Stud, $4,000
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Grace City, c, 3, **Proud Citizen**--Gracious Sakes, by Langfuhr. Seoul, 8-19, Hcp. *($66k)*, 1200m. B-Dr Dede McGehee (KY). *$20,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT; $50,000 2yo '16 OBSJUN.

Cheongdam Dokki, g, 3, **To Honor and Serve**--Elusive Gold, by Strike the Gold. Seoul, 8-20, Hcp. *($97k)*, 2000m. B-Blue Heaven Farm LLC (KY). *Won this Class 1 debut by five lengths as the 1-2 chalk to take his record to 9-5-3-0. **1/2 to Gouldings Green (Charismatic), MGSW, $682,493; Baby Bird (Cape Town), MSP, $222,804; and Filare l'Oro (Hard Spun), SW & GSP, $185,100. ***$20,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP.

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Cheonjiga, g, 4, **Trappe Shot**--What a Girl Needs, by Dixieland Band. Seoul, 8-20, Hcp. *($79k)*, 1200m. B-Nursery Place (KY). *$85,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; $14,000 2yo '15 OBSJUN.

IN PANAMA:

+Princesa Nathalia, f, 2, **Colonel John**--Ice Storm Coming (SP), by Storm Boot. Presidente Remon, 8-18, Maiden, 1200m, 1:15 1/5. B-Joe Mulholland Sr Estate, J Mulholland Jr, K Mulholland & J P Mulholland (KY). *Won by seven lengths as the 4-5 favorite. **$9,500 RNA Ylg '16 KEEJAN; $7,000 Ylg '16 OBSAUG; $12,000 RNA 2yo '17 OBSMAR. **VIDEO**

+Stedfast Heart, c, 2, **Include**--That's a Trick, by Mazel Trick. Presidente Remon, 8-19, Maiden, 1200m, 1:13.4. B-Brereton C Jones (KY). *$3,500 Ylg '16 KEESEP. **VIDEO**

California Music, c, 3, **Maclean's Music**--You Call That Art, by Royal Academy. Presidente Remon, 8-20, Clasico Appucapa (NB), 1700m, 1:45 3/5. B-Kildare Stud (KY). *Ch. Imp. 2yo Colt-Pan. **$18,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. **VIDEO**

IN RUSSIA:

+Winning Surprise, c, 2, **Discreet Cat**--Well Related, by Quiet American. Kazan IEC, 8-18, Maiden, 1400m (AWT). B-Godolphin (KY). *$8,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP.

BREEDERS' EDITION

STAKES RESULTS:

RAINBOW CONNECTION S., C$75,000, FE, 8-22, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :57.89, gd.

1--**#VEAISHA, 118, m, 5, Wando--Love Co (SW, $121,881), by Not For Love**. (C$17,000 Ylg '13 CANSEP). O-Nathan Flight & Veronica Attard; B-Gustav Schickedanz (ON); T-Larry Attard; J-Luis Contreras. C$45,000. Lifetime Record: SW, 14-6-2-2, $222,052.

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3--**Green Freedom**, 115, f, 3, Not Bourbon--Chasm, by Gulch. (C$9,000 Ylg '15 CANSEP). O-Dura Racing & M. J. Doyle Racing Stables Ltd.; B-Charles Fipke (ON); T-Michael J. Doyle. C$7,500.

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Margins: 1, 1, 3 3/4. Odds: 2.95, 39.40, 15.90.

CTHS SALES S., C$50,000, HST, 8-21, 2yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:20.24, ft.

1--**#BRECHIN'S COMMAND, 118, f, 2, Second in Command--Tricksaren't Free, by Western Trick**. (C$3,400 RNA Ylg '16 BRCSEP). O/B-Pooli Thoroughbreds (BC); T-Greg Tracy; J-David G. Lopez. C$35,000. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $28,242.

2--**Largo**, 115, f, 2, Lookin At Lucky--Classadala, by Regal Classic. (C$50,000 Ylg '16 BRCSEP). O-Tony & Pat Hepburn; B-Dr. Sheila McDonald & Ron & Karen Bidniak (BC); T-Mark Cloutier. C$10,000.

3--**Street Made**, 120, f, 2, Street Boss--Golden Made, by Allen's Prospect. O-High Field Stock Farm, Inc. & Curtis Landry; B-Highfield Stock farm (AB); T-Greg Tracy. C$5,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 1, NO. Odds: 5.80, 1.05, 0.80.

CTHS SALES S., C$50,000, HST, 8-21, 2yo, c/g, 6 1/2f, 1:18.37, ft.

1--**#EUROPEAN, 117, g, 2, Cause to Believe--Mille Luna, by Malibu Moon**. (C$5,000 Ylg '16 BRCSEP). O-Swift Thoroughbreds, Inc.; B-Peter Redekop BC Ltd (BC); T-Dino K. Condilenios; J-Richard Harvey Hamel. C$27,500. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-3, $32,943.

2--**Slew's Da Boss**, 118, g, 2, Cause to Believe--Slewpast, by Western Trick. (C$6,500 Ylg '16 BRCSEP). O-Mel Snow, Doug Corsan & Len Houweling; B-Foundation Racing Stable (BC); T-Mel Snow. C$10,000.

3--**Weekend Wizard**, 118, c, 2, Rosberg--Gosailgo, by Finality. (C$47,000 Ylg '16 BRCSEP). O-Riversedge Racing Stables, Ltd.; B-Foundation Racing Stable (BC); T-Craig MacPherson. C$5,000.

Margins: NK, NO, NO. Odds: 3.65, 5.75, 0.80.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

3rd-HST, C$28,200, 8-21, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:44.62, ft.

GOOD LUCK TO YOU (f, 3, Bellamy Road--Jump On In {GSW, $176,800}, by Jump Start) Lifetime Record: 11-4-0-2, $55,376. O-George Gilbert; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Philip Hall. *$25,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP.

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7th-HST, C$30,000, 8-21, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:44.74, ft.

HANDSOME CHEF (g, 3, Rosberg--Montero {SW, $205,063}, by Louis Quatorze) Lifetime Record: 8-1-2-2, $28,576. O/B-William Decoursey (BC); T-Barbara Heads.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+Stormy Highway, r, 2, **Get Stormy**--Truck Ride, by Candy Ride (Arg). FL, 8-22, 5 1/2f, 1:08.54. B-Grant L Whitmer (NY). *$1,000 Ylg '16 FTNMIX.

Corluna, f, 2, **Unbridled's Heart**--Red Moon Cat, by Malibu Moon. LAD, 8-21, 7 1/2fT, 1:33.04. B-Ian Yarnot (TX).

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Dancin in the Rain, g, 3, **Get Stormy**--Dance by Em, by Tapit. LAD, 8-22, (S), 1 1/16mT, 1:45.87. B-Virginia Lazenby (LA).

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BARNEY FAVOURED FOR TOUGH INTERNATIONAL

G1 St James's Palace S. winner Barney Roy | *Racing Post*

Wednesday's G1 Juddmonte International S. at York--a "Win And You're In" for the GI Longines Breeders' Cup turf-- has the feel of an epic, with a G1 Prince of Wales's S. winner trading at 50-1 providing some measure of its depth despite attracting only seven runners. Favoured at present is Godolphin's **Barney Roy (GB)** (Excelebration {Ire}), who went so close to pegging back **Ulysses (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) in a strong if messy edition of the G1 Coral-Eclipse S. at Sandown on July 8, having won the G1 St James's Palace S. in which **Churchill (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) mis-fired at Royal Ascot on June 20. Those efforts came after an impressive G3 Greenham S. success at Newbury on Apr. 22 and second in the G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket on May 6, where the run of the race was against him. His green style of racing seems to suggest there could be something special in the offing and trainer Richard Hannon is quietly confident that this straightforward track will bring out the best in him.

"He heads there in fantastic order and the Juddmonte looks the ideal race for him," he said. "It was a great run for a 3-year-old at Sandown and it was such a shame to get beaten. The Eclipse form has been boosted by the victory of Eminent last Tuesday and I think he will take all the beating."

James Doyle added, "His most impressive attribute is his length of stride. The amount of ground he can cover in just one bound is enormous. That's why York's Knavesmire will play to his strengths."

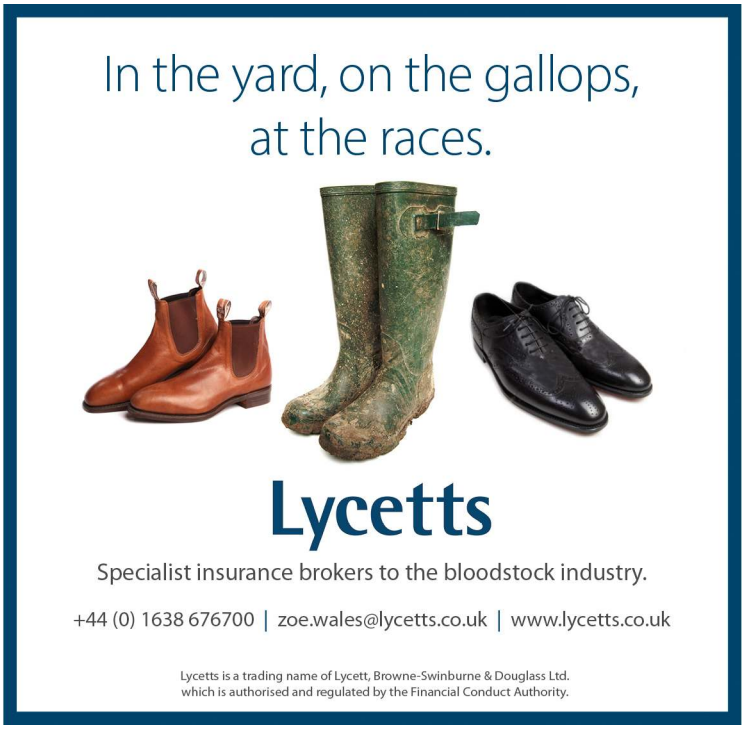
"The very nature of the Sandown course was a major concern before the race," Doyle added. "The undulations make it hard for a young horse such as 'Barney' to stretch out fully. It is a very strong field for this year's Juddmonte. It is hard to pinpoint one who shouldn't be there. It is a cracker of a race in prospect."

Despite his lacklustre fourth in the St James's Palace, Churchill has been elected over the likes of Winter (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and Highland Reel (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) to represent Ballydoyle here and has been picked by Ryan Moore over a valid contender in 'TDN Rising Star' **Cliffs of Moher (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}). His performance in the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas at The Curragh on May 27 was arguably more impressive than the Newmarket one three weeks earlier, but he has a question mark hanging over him following his Royal Ascot run and his absence from the G1 Sussex S. due to the heavy conditions. Aidan O'Brien is keen to play down expectations. **Cont. p2**

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

COURT RULES IN FAVOR OF MOTION/STRAWBRIDGE

A Kentucky court has ruled in favor of trainer Graham Motion and owner George Strawbridge, tossing out the penalties assessed by the KHRC after **Kitten's Point** (Kitten's Joy) tested positive for Methocarbamol after winning the 2015 GIII Bewitch S. at Keeneland. **Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.**



Barney Favoured For Tough International Cont. from p1

"It wasn't ideal--we had him over there and it was just one of the freak weather things, I suppose," he said in reference to the Glorious Goodwood situation. "But he seems to have been well since. He hasn't done an awful lot, because it's not long ago and he was fit going to Goodwood. Obviously, we would have preferred if we had a run, but that's the way it is. We've always thought a mile and a quarter would be within his compass. Everything seems well with him since Goodwood, so we're looking forward to it."

With no obvious pace angle, it could be that Cliffs of Moher is asked to stretch on under the front-running supremo Seamie Heffernan as he did with such prowess when winning his maiden at Leopardstown in October.

"Barney Roy's most impressive attribute is his length of stride. The amount of ground he can cover in just one bound is enormous. That's why York's Knavesmire will play to his strengths."

His effort when runner-up in the June 4 G1 Epsom Derby was high-class and his subsequent fourth in the Eclipse is no true measure of his ability after the well-documented trouble he ran into early on.

"He suffered very bad interference in Sandown and I suppose he was lucky, really, not to fall," O'Brien said. "But he has been well since and we have been happy with his work."

Ulysses has proven twice that he is more than a match for the 3-year-old colts and there was significant merit in his latest effort when second to the peerless Enable (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}) in the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. at Ascot on July 29.

"He's competent at both trips," said Sir Michael Stoute. "He loves top of the ground, but he goes on any. You've only got to look at the King George and you've got your evidence there. I think it will be a high-quality race, it's very interesting. We've had some great races for the International in the past and we'll probably have a great one this time." **Cont. p3**

Two Legends of the Turf. Sir Henry Cecil and Frankel enjoy a moment after winning the 2012 Juddmonte International. | *racingfotos.com*

Barney Favoured For Tough International Cont.

The other two Group 1 winners in the line-up are the May 28 G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup hero **Decorated Knight (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}), who was second in the G1 Prince of Wales's S. at Royal Ascot June 21 and sixth in the Eclipse, and last year's Prince of Wales's winner **My Dream Boat (Ire)** (Lord Shanakill) who sports a visor for the first time after his seventh in the King George.

The former's trainer Roger Charlton said, "The Eclipse was rough, very rough, and he didn't have much chance. He's taking on the best around, but he's had a nice break and is in good form."

Interestingly, the sponsors are represented by an outsider in **Shutter Speed (GB)** (Dansili {GB}), but the **'TDN Rising Star'** has course-and-distance winning form from the May 17 G3 Musidora S., was beaten less than two lengths when fourth in the G1 Prix de Diane at Chantilly June 18 and comes from the John Gosden stable unaccustomed to tilting at windmills. If, as Enable has suggested, the 3-year-old fillies are better than the colts in 2017, she is a fascinating contender in a race in which a member of her sex with similar credentials in Arabian Queen (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) managed to upstage Golden Horn (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}) two years ago.

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FOR THE CRACK

This season has so far been a story of a work in progress as far as **Cracksman (GB)** (Frankel {GB}) is concerned and Anthony Oppenheimer's latest pride and joy is the one with a target on his back in Wednesday's G2 Betway Great Voltigeur S. at York. According to connections, this is where the homebred's season will end after tough assignments when third in the June 4 G1 Epsom Derby and second in the G1 Irish Derby at The Curragh four weeks later. **Cont. p4**

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Cracksman | *Racing Post*

For the Crack Cont.

Ruled out of the G1 St Leger and not considered an Arc prospect by trainer John Gosden, he has been trained for this as a specific target before being wrapped up for a potentially barnstorming 4-year-old campaign in 2018.

"He's had a good rest and has been going very well at home," said Oppenheimer. "The ground is reasonable so all looks good. It really is all about next year with him, though, that is what the jockeys who ride him are telling us. Pat Smullen got off him after the Irish Derby and said if we looked after him for the rest of this year he'd be some prospect next season, so that is what we are doing. We'll see how he gets on here but he's not in the St Leger, anyway. What we're hoping is that next season he'll be in races like the King George and maybe at this meeting over 10 furlongs. He's a very short price and when there are all those Coolmore horses you never know how the race will be run, but he's very well. He just needs to fill out, and when he does you'll see the real Cracksman."

Frankel has had a particularly profitable period of late and he is responsible for half of the field including the improving Sir Michael Stoute-trained Juddmonte homebred **Mirage Dancer (GB)**. The son of Heat Haze (GB) (Green Desert) has shaped like a colt going places and his latest third in Royal Ascot's G3 Hampton Court S. over 10 furlongs on June 22 suggests he will get this trip.

"We're just leaving nice gaps between his races. He is progressive," Stoute said before appearing to rule out a subsequent tilt at the St Leger. "We like the horse and he keeps improving. This would be as far as he would ever want to go."

As usual, Aidan O'Brien is numerically strong despite the withdrawal of the Irish Derby hero Capri (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and he has three sons of Galileo in **Venice Beach (Ire)**, **Spanish Steps (Ire)** and **Douglas Macarthur (Ire)**.

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For the Crack Cont.

The former was third in the G1 Grand Prix de Paris while Spanish Steps was ninth at Saint-Cloud on July 14 before the latter took the G3 Ballyroan S. at Leopardstown on Aug. 10.

"Venice Beach has been in good form since France and we think--and hope--the track will suit him well. He is in good order as well. We think he is a horse who will progress through the whole year and look forward to him next year."

Douglas Macarthur may be a big price in the betting, but he is a 1.25-million gns 'TDN Rising Star' who beat Capri in the G3 Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial at Leopardstown on May 7. Sporting a hood for the first time and paired with Wayne Lordan, he could be a major player here.

"We're looking forward to seeing Douglas Macarthur run," O'Brien added. "We think he gets a mile and a half well--and might even get further. But he is in very good form and we're very happy with him. He had a break after his last run and is just ready to start back again."

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PREPARED FOR TAKE-OFF

Having belied inexperience by making all on debut at Glorious Goodwood, Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum's **Dee Ex Bee (GB)** (Farhh {GB}) is a warm order for Wednesday's G3 Tattersalls Acomb S. at York. Showing the type of resolute galloping manner so associated with trainer Mark Johnston's stable, the powerful bay faces contrasting conditions and some tough opposition as he bids to build on that performance on soft ground on Aug. 5.

Johnston's son and assistant Charlie said, "This was the plan for him straight away after his impressive win at Goodwood. He is a colt we have always thought a bit of and we wanted to save him for Glorious Goodwood. We have been happy with him since that win and hopefully he's good enough."

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Aidan O'Brien won this with Saratoga Springs in 1997 and Hemingway in 2000 and is represented by the progressive **Fleet Review** (War Front) who has shown a willing attitude from the front in his last two winning starts over six furlongs at The Curragh July 29 and Aug. 7.

"We always thought that he might get further than six furlongs. He is a forward-going horse," his trainer commented. "We think it's a good time and a good track to just start going a little bit further and have another look at him."

Dee Ex Bee | *Racing Post*

This is a big day for Phoenix Thoroughbred Limited, who supply the Aug. 14 Windsor novice stakes winner **Lansky (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}), while **James Garfield (Ire)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) gives the first indication of the merit of Expert Eye (GB) (Acclamation {GB}) who he trailed in fourth last time in Goodwood's G2 Vintage S. at the start of the month.

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FRENCH SIRES FEATURE AT V.2

Following on from Arqana's flagship August Yearling Sale in Deauville over the weekend was Tuesday's v2 sale, which featured more regional offerings. With a slightly larger catalogue, the clearance rate improved almost 9% to 82%, while the average was down just over 1% to €38,986 and the median was down 6.3% to €30,000. The aggregate was up 21% to €4,171,500 for 107 yearlings sold. The single-session sale featured four six-figure lots, one more than last year.

Leading local sires featured at the top end of the market, with a son of Siyouni (Fr) (lot 401) from Jedburgh Stud topping trade with a bid of €110,000 from Deauville-based trainer Stephane Wattel. Wattel revealed that the half-brother to dual Group 3 winner Pearl Flute (Fr) (Piccolo {GB}) and stakes winner Secret Pursuit (Fr) (Lawman {Fr}) was offered to dissolve a partnership.

"John Corbani has bought out his partner Alec Waugh," Wattel said. "We have been very lucky with Siyouni and this fellow has always been very straightforward. He has done very well over the past few weeks and we are pretty excited about him."

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Wednesday, York, Britain, post time: 3.35 p.m.

JUDDMONTE INTERNATIONAL S.-G1, £1,000,000, 3yo/up, 10f 56yT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	1	Decorated Knight (GB)	Galileo (Ire)	Atzeni	Charlton	132
2	4	My Dream Boat (Ire)	Lord Shanakill	Kirby	Cox	132
3	3	Ulysses (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Crowley	Stoute	132
4	7	Barney Roy (GB)	Excelebration (Ire)	Doyle	Hannon	125
5	5	Churchill (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Moore	A O'Brien	125
6	2	Cliffs of Moher (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Heffernan	A O'Brien	125
7	6	Shutter Speed (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Dettori	Gosden	122

Wednesday, York, Britain, post time: 3.35 p.m.

BETWAY GREAT VOLTIGEUR S.-G2, £170,000, 3yo, c/g, 11f 188yT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	4	Atty Persse (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Doyle	Charlton	126
2	8	Count Octave (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Murphy	Balding	126
3	3	Cracksman (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Dettori	Gosden	126
4	6	Douglas Macarthur (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Lordan	A O'Brien	126
5	1	Khalidi (GB)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Kirby	Cox	126
6	2	Mirage Dancer (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Atzeni	Stoute	126
7	7	Spanish Steps (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Heffernan	A O'Brien	126
8	5	Venice Beach (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Moore	A O'Brien	126

Wednesday, York, Britain, post time: 2.25 p.m.

TATTERSALLS ACOMB S.-G3, £90,000, 2yo, 7fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	9	Beatbox Rhythm (Ire)	Beat Hollow (GB)	McDonald	Burke	127
2	2	Chief Justice (GB)	Acclamation (GB)	Hanagan	Fahey	127
3	7	Danzan (Ire)	Lawman (Fr)	Probert	Balding	127
4	1	Dee Ex Bee (GB)	Farhh (GB)	Doyle	Johnston	127
5	10	Fleet Review	War Front	Moore	A O'Brien	127
6	6	James Garfield (Ire)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Dettori	Scott	127
7	3	Jazeel (Ire)	Roderic O'Connor (Ire)	Atzeni	Channon	127
8	11	Lansky (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Mosse	Noseda	127
9	4	Ulshaw Bridge (Ire)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Tudhope	Bethell	127
10	8	Wells Farhh Go (Ire)	Farhh (GB)	Allan	T Easterby	127
11	5	Zaaki (GB)	Leroidesanimaux (Brz)	Crowley	Moubarak	127

Thursday, York, Britain, post time: 3.35 p.m.

DARLEY YORKSHIRE OAKS-G1, £350,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 11f 188yT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	3	Abingdon	Street Cry (Ire)	Kingscote Stoute	133	
2	4	Nezwaah	Dubawi (Ire)	Atzeni	Varian	133
3	2	Queen's Trust (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Crowley	Stoute	133
4	5	Alluringly	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Moore	A O'Brien	124
5	6	Coronet (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Peslier	Gosden	124
6	1	Enable (GB)	Nathaniel (Ire)	Dettori	Gosden	124

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Stephane Wattel signs for the sale topper | *APRH*

Arqana v.2 Sale Cont.

Three youngsters shared the second spot on the leaderboard with a pricetag of €100,000. The first through the ring was Capucines's son of leading first-season sire Dabirsim (Fr) (lot 371), who was knocked down to Powerstown Stud. The colt out of a half-sister to Group 3 winner Hapsburg was a €9,000 vendor buyback at Arqana's December Sale last year. Powerstown's Tom Whitehead said he is likely to visit the ring again next year as a juvenile.

"He will hopefully come back here in the spring," said Whitehead. "Dabirsim is a most exciting sire and we've already been lucky with him so we'll just hope it continues."

Dabirsim was also the sire of a filly (lot 418) picked up by breeze-up pinhooker Con Marnane for €95,000. Marnane has enjoyed success with Dabirsim this year as the owner of his G3 Albany S. winner Different League (Fr), and he said of his latest buy, "we just hope she is half as good as Different League. I also liked the fact that her dam is by Kodiac. She really ticked all the boxes. I will now take her home and adore her for the next six months."

Lot 432, daughter of Makfi | *APRH*

Capucines was also the seller of a daughter of Makfi (GB) (lot 432) for €100,000. The filly is a half-sister to Zonza (Fr) (Alex the Winner), who won the G3 Prix du Bois on July 1 and was fourth in last weekend's G1 Darley Prix Morny, and she was secured by Haras du Saubouas. That farm's Paul Basquin said, "She is a very racy filly who uses herself very well and obviously her dam seems to be a good breeder. Makfi is another asset. Her future is still undecided, I will take her home and make plans."

The third horse to reach the €100,000 mark was Fairway Consignment's daughter of Myboycharlie (Ire) (lot 451). The half-sister to G3 Prix des Reservoirs winner Espirita went the way of Marc-Antoine Berghgracht's MAB Agency on behalf of Thierry Gillier, the founder of fashion brand Zadig & Voltaire and a new Thoroughbred investor who was also busy at the August sale buying fillies for his future broodmare band.

"She has everything we have been looking for and is by a sire we like," said Berghgracht. "She hails from a fabulous family which is important for Mr. Gillier's future breeding operation."

The filly was a €26,000 private purchase by Astute Bloodstock at last year's Arqana December sale.

Sheikh Hamdan and Angus Gold at Arqana | *Zuzanna Lupa*

"This sale was an original concept that has perfectly come to fruition," said Arqana CEO Eric Hoyeau. "It focuses on precocious types, a specificity that has absolutely hit home with buyers and vendors alike. Some breeders have this sale in mind from an early stage and the many juvenile successes registered by the likes of Olmedo (Fr), Clem Fandango (Fr), Manaha (Fr), Fakir Bere (Fr), Mamba Noire (Fr) etc., prove that the v.2 just does what it says on the tin. It is a great thrill when such virtuous circles occur and I would like to thank all our vendors and buyers for their support."

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SALES TOPPERS

ARQANA v.2 YEARLING SALE

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price(€)
401	c	Siyouni (Fr)	Secret Melody (Fr)	110,000

B-Jedburgh Stud & Isabelle Corbani (Fr)
Consigned by Jedburgh Stud
Purchased by Stephane Wattel

371	c	Dabirsim (Fr)	Mischka (Ire)	100,000

(€9,000 Wlg '16 ARQDEC)
B-N/A (Fr)
Consigned by Haras des Capucines
Purchased by Powerstown Stud, Ltd.

432	f	Makfi (GB)	Zanyeva (Ire)	100,000

B-Hugues Rousseau & Jean Pierre Joseph Dubois (Fr)
Consigned by Haras des Capucines
Purchased by Haras du Saubouas

451	f	Myboycharlie (Ire)	Belle Esprit (GB)	100,000

(€26,000 Wlg '16 ARQDEC)
B-N/A (Fr)
Consigned by Fairway Consignment (Charles Briere)
Purchased by MAB Agency (Thierry Gillier)

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SESSION TOTALS	2017	2016
• Catalogued	144	128
• No. Offered	130	118
• No. Sold	108	87
• RNAs	22	31
• % RNAs	16.92%	26.3%
• High Price	€110,000	€125,000
• Gross	€4,221,500	€3,437,000
• Average (% change)	€39,088 (-1.1%)	€39,506
• Median (% change)	€30,000 (-6.25%)	€32,000

Arqana August Yearling Sale
Leading Buyers

Buyer	No. Bought	Aggregate (€)
Shadwell France SNC	9	2,400,000
Mayfair Speculators/P&R Doyle/MV Magnier	3	2,350,000
Kerri Radcliffe Bloodstock	2	2,030,000
The Hong Kong Jockey Club	7	1,450,000
Meridian International/David Redvers	3	1,450,000
Charles Gordon Watson Bloodstock	5	1,350,000
Godolphin SNC	5	1,337,000
Jean-Claude Rouget	9	1,090,000
James Crupi/Marco Bozzi	6	1,065,000
Chantilly Bloodstock Agency	8	960,000

Arqana August Yearling Sale
Leading Vendors

Vendor	No. Sold	Average (€)	Aggregate (€)
Monceaux	33	290,515	9,587,000
Etreham	14	197,500	2,765,000
Montaigu	12	223,500	2,682,000
Capucines	14	185,357	2,595,000
La Motteraye Consignment	23	99,348	2,285,000
Coulonces Sales	15	137,000	2,055,000
Camas Park & Glenvale Studs	11	175,909	1,935,000
Cadran	18	101,278	1,823,000
Perelle	3	595,000	1,785,000
Mezeray	11	123,091	1,354,000

Arqana August Yearling Sale
Leading Sires by Average (two or more sold)

Sire	No. Sold	Average (€)	Aggregate (€)
Dubawi (Ire)	4	725,000	2,900,000
Galileo (Ire)	7	517,857	3,625,000
Shamardal	2	425,000	850,000
Frankel (GB)	8	372,500	2,980,000
Invincible Spirit (Ire)	9	296,667	2,670,000
*Kingman (GB)	9	274,444	2,470,000
New Approach (Ire)	2	235,000	470,000
Declaration Of War	4	222,500	890,000
Scat Daddy	2	200,000	400,000
*Charm Spirit (Ire)	5	192,000	960,000

**Denotes first-crop sire*

POSTPONED TO STAND AT DALHAM HALL

Four-time Group 1 winner **Postponed (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}--Ever Rigg {GB}, by Dubai Destination) will enter stud at Darley's Dalham Hall Stud next year, where he will stand for £20,000 alongside his sire.

"Postponed was a real hero of a horse, who earned his Timeform rating of 130 with four magnificent Group 1 wins in some of the greatest races on the calendar," said Sam Bullard, director of Darley stallions. "He proved himself typical of his great sire Dubawi as an extremely talented and durable performer, defeating no fewer than 27 Group 1 winners during his career. With his grandam a champion juvenile, Postponed's pedigree, race record and good looks give him great commercial appeal and he was very well received by breeders when shown at our recent stallion parade. We are delighted that he will be standing on the Darley roster."

Postponed | *Racing Post*

Initially trained by Luca Cumani, Postponed earned his first top-level score in the 2015 G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. before taking the G2 Qatar Prix Foy. Transferred to Roger Varian shortly thereafter, Postponed was on the sidelines until early 2016, when he reeled off four straight wins: the G2 Dubai City of the Gold and the Group 1 Dubai Sheema Classic, Coronation Cup and Juddmonte International. The bay was fifth as the favourite in the G1 Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and was beaten in two tries in Dubai this year: a second in the City of Gold and a third in the Sheema Classic. Postponed was officially retired on May 5 after suffering a stress fracture in training.

"Postponed was an absolute pleasure to train and he possessed all of the attributes a trainer looks for in the very best racehorses--speed, power, stamina and the ability to travel like a machine," said Varian. "He is a beautiful physical specimen and was very straightforward to deal with. He was crowned a champion on the form book and displayed all of the characteristics you could expect in such a special talent--he had everything."

Postponed is a grandson of G1 Moyglare Stud S. and G2 Lowther S. winner Bianca Nera (GB) (Salsa), and his 3-year-old half-sister God Given (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}) is an exciting prospect for St Albans Bloodstock and Luca Cumani, with wins in the G3 Prix Minerve and Listed Aphrodite S. this season.

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DUBAWI FILLY A NEW RISING STAR

Sent off the 15-8 favourite holding a smart home reputation and a G1 Moyglare Stud S. and G1 Fillies' Mile entry, the Godolphin-owned, Charlie Appleby-trained **Wild Illusion (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) was quickly away to lead in Tuesday's Yarmouth opener. Pressured by the experienced **Give and Take (GB)** (Cityscape {GB}) after halfway, the homebred showed a powerful and resolute galloping style to assert for an authoritative 2 1/2-length success. George Strawbridge's **Come with Me (GB)** (Dansili {GB}), a daughter of Fantasia (GB) (Sadler's Wells), was never a factor and finished a remote fifth as the winner strung them out. The winner's dam, Rumh (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}), was a smart performer for Godolphin, a strong front-running type who captured the Listed Ballymacoll Stud Lord Weinstock Memorial S. by six lengths in 2011. Her first foal was last year's Listed Montrose S. winner Really Special (GB) (Shamardal), who was also third as the favourite for the Listed Meydan Classic, SW-Eng & SP-UAE, $108,180. Under the third dam is Royal Highness (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}), who won the G2 Prix de Malleret and was second in the G1 Prix Vermeille and G1 Prix Ganay during her stint in France prior to shipping to the States and collecting the GI Beverly D S. for Christophe Clement. She went on to produce the G2 Prix Hocquart and G2 Prix Dollar-winning sire Free Port Lux (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}). Rumh's 2016 filly is by Oasis Dream (GB), while her colt foal is a full-brother to the winner.

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NEW
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RISING STAR

1st-YAR, £5,600, Cond, 8-22, 2yo, f, 8f 3yT, 1:38.34, g/f.
WILD ILLUSION (GB), f, 2, by Dubawi (Ire)
1st Dam: Rumh (Ger) (SW-Eng), by Monsun (Ger)
2nd Dam: Royal Dubai (Ger), by Royal Dubai (GB)
3rd Dam: Reem Dubai (Ire), by Nashwan
Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $4,674. **Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
O/B-Godolphin (GB); T-Charlie Appleby.

FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Wednesday, Aug. 22:

UNITED KINGDOM

CITYSCAPE (GB) (Selkirk), Overbury Stud
61 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
14:05-CARLISLE, 6f, HIC BIBI (GB)

EPAULETTE (AUS) (Commands {Aus}), Kildangan Stud
104 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners
13:35-CARLISLE, 6f, HIGHEST RANK (IRE)
€40,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2016; £16,000 Goffs UK 2yo Breeze-Up Sale 2017

FARHH (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), Dalham Hall Stud
38 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
14:25-YORK, 90K G3 THE TATTERSALLS ACOMB S., 7f
DEE EX BEE (GB)
18:15-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, ICONIC SUNSET (GB)
20,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2016 - Book 2
14:25-YORK, 90K G3 THE TATTERSALLS ACOMB S., 7f
WELLS FARHH GO (IRE)
€16,000 Goffs November Foals 2015; 16,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2016 - Book 3

HAVANA GOLD (IRE) (Teofilo {Ire}), Tweenhills Farm & Stud
104 foals of racing age/14 winners/2 black-type winners
14:15-BATH, 5.75f, MADAME JO JO (GB)
£24,000 RNA Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2016; 6,500gns Tattersalls February Sale 2017

From a crop of 38 foals, Farhh has two runners in Wednesday's G3 Acomb S. | *Darley*

MAZAMEER (IRE) (Green Desert), Kingfisher Stallions
24 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
16:50-YORK, 6f, MILTON ROAD (GB)
14:15-BATH, 5.75f, REDTEDD (GB)

MOST IMPROVED (IRE) (Lawman {Fr}), Coolmore Stud
72 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
14:05-CARLISLE, 6f, HANDSOME BOB (IRE)
€16,000 Goffs November Foals 2015; 65,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2016 - Book 3

RED JAZZ (Johannesburg), Ballyhane Stud
103 foals of racing age/14 winners/0 black-type winners
14:15-BATH, 5.75f, DIZZY G (IRE)
€26,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2016; €115,000 Goresbridge Flat Breeze-Up Sale 2017

SOCIETY ROCK (IRE) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud
122 foals of racing age/16 winners/1 black-type winner
16:50-YORK, 6f, GIFT IN TIME (IRE)
€15,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2016; £75,000 Goffs UK 2yo Breeze-Up Sale 2017

FRANCE

GEORGE VANCOUVER (Henrythenavigator), Haras de la Hetraie
69 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
5-VICHY, 1600m, FORBAN DU LARGE (FR)
€12,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2016
4-VICHY, 1400m, GEORGE DE THIAN (FR)
€15,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2016

PEDRO THE GREAT (Henrythenavigator), Haras de la Haie Neuve
35 foals of racing age/7 winners/1 black-type winner
5-VICHY, 1600m, FINESS BERE (FR)
€20,000 Osarus Sales La Teste Yearling 2016 Sale
4-VICHY, 1400m, PEDRO THE FIRST (FR)

PENNY'S PICNIC (IRE) (Kheleyf), Haras du Hoguenet
41 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
5-VICHY, 1600m, THOUSAND OAKS (FR)

SAONOIS (FR) (Chichicastenango {Fr}), Haras du Mesnil
13 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
4-VICHY, 1400m, ASSONANCE (FR)

IRELAND

CAMELOT (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}), Coolmore Stud
148 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
1-KILLARNEY, 8.25f, TONKIN (IRE)
50,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Sale 2016 - Book 1

DAWN APPROACH (IRE) (New Approach {Ire}), Kildangan Stud
111 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
1-KILLARNEY, 8.25f, DAWN HOOFER (IRE)

First-Season Sires With Runners Cont.

EPAULETTE (AUS) (Commands {Aus}), Kildangan Stud
104 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners
1-KILLARNEY, 8.25f, MILITRY DECORATION (IRE)
€37,000 Goffs November Foals 2015; £48,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2016

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3.10 Killarney, Mdn, €15,000, 2yo, 8f 50yT

KEW GARDENS (IRE) (Galileo {Ire}) bids to step up from his debut seventh in a hot Curragh maiden earlier this month and stake his claim to becoming another decent Ballydoyle middle-distance prospect for next season. The son of the 2004 G1 Moyglare Stud S. winner Chelsea Rose (Ire) (Desert King {Ire}) is joined by the stable's newcomer **Freetown (Ire) (Galileo {Ire})**, a 500,000gns TAOCT half-brother to the G2 Park S. winner Viztoria (Ire) (Oratorio {Ire}).

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Tuesday's Results:

2nd-BRG, £4,500, Cond, 8-22, 2yo, 7f 211yT, 1:37.20, g/s.
ENZO (IRE) (c, 2, Exceed and Excel {Aus}--Zamhrear {GB}, by Singspiel {Ire}), who ran last of seven going six panels in her Aug. 2 debut at Leicester last time, was steadied to find cover in fifth after the initial stages of this one. Inching into contention at the quarter-mile marker, the 16-1 outsider was ridden along passing the eighth pole and produced a decisive turn of foot to deny Trogon (Ire) (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}) by a half length in the dying strides. The 80,000gns TATOCT yearling is the third scorer out of a winning half-sister to three black-type performers headed by MGSW G1 Eclipse S. and G1 Juddmonte International third Blue Monday (GB) (Darshaan {GB}) and G1 Derby Italiano third Lundy's Lane (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}). His dam Zamhrear (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}) is also a half to the granddam of G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches and G1 Prix de Diane heroine Avenir Certain (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}), and he shares his stakes-winning third dam Lucayan Princess (Ire) (High Line {GB}) with last year's GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf victress Queen's Trust (GB) (Dansili {GB}). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $3,755. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton**.
O-P K Siu; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-Ed Walker.

3rd-KEM, £5,000, Mdn, 8-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 8f (AWT), 1:38.55, st.
INFLUENT (IRE) (f, 3, Shamardal--Kaabari, by Seeking the Gold), who ran sixth of seven at Lingfield in her only prior start on Dec. 18, was restrained to race in fourth after breaking second in this belated sophomore bow. Rowed along to close approaching the final quarter mile, the 11-2 chance quickened well to claim a slender advantage at the eighth pole and drew off late under urging to assert by two lengths from Ambrosia (GB) (Frankel {GB}). Half-sister to a yearling colt by Exceed and Excel (Aus) and a filly foal by Kingman (GB), she is the third scorer from as many foals produced by a winning daughter of MG1SP G3 Nell Gwyn S. victress Cloud Castle (GB) (In the Wings {GB}), whose three black-type performers include MGSP Listed Prix Rene Bedel winner Reverie Solitaire (Ire) (Nashwan), herself the dam of G2 Badener Meile heroine and G1 Grosser Dallmayr-Preis runner-up Royal Solitaire (Ire) (Shamardal); and G3 Winter Hill S. victress Queen's Best (GB) (King's Best), who in turn is the dam of last term's GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf winner Queen's Trust (GB) (Dansili {GB}). Cloud Castle is also the granddam of G3 Fred Darling winner and G1 Prix Marcel Boussac third Dabyah (Ire) (Sepoy {Aus}). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $4,173. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton**.
O-Saeed Manana; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-James Tate.

HANDICAP RESULT:

4th-WDS, £75,000, Hcp, 8-21, 3yo/up, 6f 12yT, 1:13.85, g/s.
ICE AGE (IRE) (g, 4, Frozen Power {Ire}--Incendio {GB}, by Siberian Express) Lifetime Record: 22-5-3-6, $121,866. O-Eden Racing III; B-Piercetown Stud (IRE); T-Eve Johnson Houghton. *€7,500 RNA Ylg '14 GOFFEB; 21,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT. **1/2 to Baron's Pit (GB) (Night Shift), MGSW & G1SP-Eng, $245,801.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

We Are The World (GB), g, 2, **Sir Percy (GB)**--Emerald Sea (GB), by Green Desert. KEM, 8-22, 8f (AWT), 1:42. B-Lady Juliet Tadgell (GB). *13,500gns Wlg '15 TATFOA; €22,000 Ylg '16 TIRSEP.

Miami Sunset (GB), f, 3, **Archipenko**--Laraib (Ire), by Invincible Spirit (Ire). YAR, 8-22, 6f 3yT, 1:12.55. B-Clive Dennett (GB). *4,500gns RNA Wlg '14 TATFOA; 5,500gns Ylg '15 TAOCT.

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TATTS IRELAND ASCOT SALE SEES INCREASES

The single-session Tattersalls Ireland Ascot August Sale ended with increases across the board. A total of 85 horses-in-training and potential breeding prospects grossed £585,500, with an average of £6,970 (+32%) and a median of £4,000 (100%). The clearance rate also rose to 84%, up 17% from the 2016 edition. Topping the sale was the Godolphin-consigned two-time victress **Hersigh (GB)** (Poet's Voice {GB}) (lot 75), who brought £52,000 on the bid of Michael Donohoe of BBA Ireland. She is a half-sister to the listed winner Ennaadd (GB) (King's Best) out of fellow listed winner and Group 3 placed Zayn Zen (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}).

"The sale today has attracted a wide selection of purchasers with varying demands which has resulted in considerable increases across the board," said Richard Pugh, Director of Horses-in-Training at Tattersalls Ireland. "The Godolphin and Shadwell drafts are a huge addition to the sale, but we have also seen demand from clients for both flat and national hunt horses across the baord, and we would like to extend a thank you to all our vendors for supporting our sale."

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TRAINERS IN COMMENTARY COMPETITION

Six trainers--three from Newmarket and three from Lambourn--will partake in a commentary competition at Newmarket on Sept. 23 during 32Red Newmarket Open Weekend to benefit Racing Welfare, Newmarket Day Centre and Newmarket Academy. Jamie Osborne, Joe Tuite and Brendan Powell will represent Lambourn, while Amy Murphy, Richard Spencer and Mark Tompkins represent Newmarket.

Sara Cumani, chairman of the 32Red Newmarket Open Weekend, said, "The Trainers Commentary Competition has really turned into a fantastic annual occasion and we are very pleased to welcome the new format of teams from the different training centres this year. We were also very keen to introduce an incentive which would benefit the trainer and their team, therefore we hope the prize of a Christmas Party package will help each yard back their respective boss. The coming together of these six trainers will no doubt create a bit of healthy competition which in turn will hopefully help to raise as much money as possible."

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Tuesday's Results:

4th-DVL, €27,000, Mdn, 8-22, unraced 2yo, f, 8fT, 1:50.23, gd. **+LUMINATE (IRE) (f, 2, Lawman {Fr}--Kalandara {Ire}, by Rainbow Quest)** was sharply into stride and settled in a stalking second after the initial exchanges of this first go. Shaken up to launch her bid in early straight, the 39-10 chance hooked up with No Faith (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}) approaching the final furlong and quickened smartly under urging in the closing stages to deny that rival by a head. Kin to a yearling filly by Lope de Vega (Ire), the €85,000 GOFORB yearling is the third scorer produced by a half-sister to European and US champion and MG1SW sire Kalanisi (Ire) (Doyoun {Ire}), MG1SP G2 Scottish Derby victor Kalaman (Ire) (Desert Prince {Ire}) and MSW G2 Prix de Malleret runner-up Kaloura (Ire) (Sinndar {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton**.
O-Highclere Thoroughbred Racing; B-Philip & Jane Myerscough (IRE); T-Freddy Head.

French Report Cont.

5th-DVL, €27,000, Mdn, 8-22, unraced 2yo, c/g, 8fT, 1:43.29, gd.
+WOOTTON (FR) (c, 2, Wootton Bassett {GB}--American Nizzy {Fr} {GSP-Fr, $107,781}, by American Post {GB}) broke well and soon led in this unveiling. Holding sway throughout, the 177-10 chance quickened clear of the field once into the straight and, despite plotting an erratic course under mild urging in the latter stages, had plenty in hand to easily account for Act of God (GB) (Camelot {GB}) by six lengths. Mandhari (Fr) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), Princess Zahra Aga Khan's homebred son of triple Group 1 winner Mandesha (Fr) (Desert Style {Ire}), was unable to feature at the business end and finished seventh. The homebred bay is the first winner produced by G3 Prix du Calvados third American Nizzy (Fr) (American Post {GB}) and is kin to a yearling colt named Hot Summer (Fr) (Sommerabend {GB}). American Nizzy is herself a granddaughter of Listed Prix Isola Bella victress Quittance (Riverman), who inturn is out of a winning half-sister to GISP GII Del Mar Invitational Oaks heroine Suivi (Diesis {GB}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton**.
O/B-Ecurie Haras de Quetieville (FR); T-Henri-Alex Pantall.

1st-DVL, €35,000, Cond, 8-22, 3yo, 10fT, 2:08.73, gd.
STYLE ICON (FR) (f, 3, Doctor Dino {Fr}--La Turbale {Fr}, by Ange Gabriel {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, €41,150. O/B-Mme Antonia Devin (FR); T-Henri-Francois Devin.

7th-DVL, €26,000, Cond, 8-22, 3yo, 12 1/2f (AWT), 2:41.83, ft.
ABADAN (GB) (f, 3, Samum {Ger}--Adalea {GB}, by Dalakhani {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-1, €40,100. O-Christian Langlois-Meurinne; B-Gestut Ohlerweiherhof (GB); T-Nicolas Clement. *€36,000 Ylg '15 BBAGS.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:
Party Queen (Ger), f, 2, **Tai Chi (Ger)**--La Parabol (Fr), by Trempolino. HOP, 8-22, 7fT, time: n/a. B-Gestut Karlshof (GER). *€28,000 Ylg '16 BBAGS. **1/2 to Pazifiksturm (Ger) (Samum {Ger}), Horse of the Year-Spa, Ch. 3-y-o Colt & Ch. Older Horse & SP-Spa, $203,897.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

FREEDMAN GRANTED SINGAPORE LICENSE

Australian Hall of Fame trainer Lee Freedman has been granted a license to train in Singapore. Freedman, who currently trains in partnership with his brother Anthony in Victoria, has won five Melbourne Cups, including the 2004 and 2005 editions with Makybe Diva (GB) (Desert King {Ire}). He has also trained the winners of four Golden Slippers, four Caulfield Cups and two Cox Plates.

Freedman retired from training in 2011 after a decline in success of his stable and filled various industry roles including director of racing to top owner Lloyd Williams and advisor to New Zealand's Pencarrow Stud. He entered a brief training partnership with Graeme Rogerson before returning to partner with brother Anthony in November 2014.

Freedman is the latest in his family to embark on an overseas training career; brother Michael trained in Singapore for nearly 10 years, returned to Sydney for 12 months and starts training in Hong Kong this season.

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CENTENARY SPRINT CUP UPGRADED

Hong Kong's Centenary Sprint Cup has been upgraded to Group 1 status ahead of the 2017/18 racing season. The 1200 metre race at Sha Tin will also get a HK$2-million burst boost to HK$10-million *(£995,948/€1,086,712)*. The upgrade of the Centenary Sprint Cup, which will be held on Jan. 28, brings the total of Hong Kong international Group 1s to 12.

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AUSTRALASIA

Sunday's Results:

PIALA EMAS SULTAN SELANGOR, RM320,000 *(£58,249/€63,543/A$94/473/US$74,746)*, Selangor Turf Club, 8-20, 3yo/up, 2000mT, 2:01.49, gd.

1--**TRUSON (AUS), 123, g, 6, Al Maher (Aus)--Ajaweed (Aus), by Hennessy**. (A$27,000 RNA 2yo '13 INGRTR). O-Hope Stable; B-Emirates Park Pty Ltd (NSW); T-S Cook; J-F Yap. Lifetime Record: 35-10-11-4. *1/2 to Russian Sun (Aus) (Al Samer {Aus}), MSP-Mac.

2--**Star Quality (Aus)**, 130, g, 7, Flying Pegasus (Aus)--Academy Royale (Aus), by Royal Academy. (A$31,000 Ylg '12 MMPER).

3--**Sea World (Aus)**, 122, g, 7, Spinning World--Five Straight (Aus), by King of Kings (Ire). (A$20,000 HRA '12 MMHIT).

Margins: 3/4, NO, 2HF. Odds: 9.80, 18.80, 19.80.

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for stallions standing in Europe through Monday, Aug. 21

Earnings represent worldwide figures

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	**Zoffany (Ire)**	12	18	7	12	1	6	215	110	$633,801	$5,687,976
	(2008) by Dansili (GB) FYR: 2013 Crops: 3 Named Foals: 284 Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire Fee: €35,000 Washington DC (IRE)										
2	**Poet's Voice (GB)**	7	10	6	6	--	--	214	101	$250,602	$3,160,773
	(2007) by Dubawi (Ire) FYR: 2013 Crops: 3 Named Foals: 280 Stands: Dalham Hall Stud Eng Fee: £8,000 Voice of Love (IRE)										
3	**Canford Cliffs (Ire)**	6	15	4	8	--	2	198	106	$260,872	$3,632,802
	(2007) by Tagula (Ire) FYR: 2013 Crops: 3 Named Foals: 254 Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire Fee: €10,000 Salouen (IRE)										
4	**Dream Ahead**	7	17	3	11	1	2	167	85	$654,270	$4,548,989
	(2008) by Diktat (GB) FYR: 2013 Crops: 3 Named Foals: 246 Stands: Haras De Grandcamp Fee: €12,000 Al Wukair (IRE)										
5	**Pour Moi (Ire)**	4	7	2	3	1	2	113	58	$1,376,832	$3,166,984
	(2008) by Montjeu (Ire) FYR: 2013 Crops: 3 Named Foals: 180 Stands: Grange Stud Ire Fee: Private Wings of Eagles (FR)										
6	**Roderic O'Connor (Ire)**	4	10	2	4	--	--	118	62	$209,041	$1,929,233
	(2008) by Galileo (Ire) FYR: 2013 Crops: 3 Named Foals: 161 Stands: The National Stud Ire Fee: N/A Biz Heart (IRE)										
7	**Wootton Bassett (GB)**	2	4	1	3	1	1	47	25	$3,045,085	$3,797,421
	(2008) by Iffraaj (GB) FYR: 2013 Crops: 3 Named Foals: 79 Stands: Haras d'Etreham Fr Fee: €20,000 Almanzor (FR)										
8	**Milanais (Fr)**	1	1	1	1	--	--	16	6	$102,442	$322,088
	(2006) by Dyhim Diamond (Ire) FYR: 2013 Crops: 3 Named Foals: 23 Stands: Haras de Lonray Fee: €3,500 Damila (FR)										
9	**Sehrezad (Ire)**	1	1	1	1	--	--	4	2	$275,119	$285,789
	(2005) by Titus Livius (Fr) FYR: 2013 Crops: 3 Named Foals: 14 Stands: Gestut Helenenhof (Dead/Ret/Exp) Millowitsch (GER)										
10	**Workforce (GB)**	--	3	--	3	--	--	242	93	$587,817	$8,925,047
	(2007) by King's Best FYR: 2013 Crops: 3 Named Foals: 244 Stands: Knockhouse Stud Jpn Fee: €4,500 Queen's Best (JPN)										
11	**Lilbourne Lad (Ire)**	--	5	--	2	--	--	155	75	$395,665	$2,167,178
	(2009) by Acclamation (GB) FYR: 2013 Crops: 3 Named Foals: 187 Stands: Rathbarry Stud Ire Fee: N/A Dinozzo (IRE)										
12	**Frozen Power (Ire)**	1	2	--	--	--	--	124	48	$121,866	$1,466,117
	(2007) by Oasis Dream (GB) FYR: 2013 Crops: 3 Named Foals: 153 Stands: Centro Equino Arcadia Fee: €4,000 Ice Age (IRE)										
13	**Appel au Maitre (Fr)**	1	1	--	--	--	--	54	30	$322,999	$1,043,706
	(2004) by Starborough (GB) FYR: 2013 Crops: 3 Named Foals: 58 Stands: Hjortebo Stud Den Fee: kr17,000 Suspicious Mind (DEN)										
14	**Dick Turpin (Ire)**	1	2	--	--	--	--	68	22	$114,615	$643,980
	(2007) by Arakan FYR: 2013 Crops: 3 Named Foals: 102 Stands: The National Stud Eng Fee: N/A Receding Waves (GB)										
15	**Shakespearean (Ire)**	--	3	--	--	--	--	43	15	$89,130	$589,085
	(2007) by Shamardal FYR: 2013 Crops: 3 Named Foals: 88 Stands: Haras de la Barbottiere Fee: €2,500 Fils Prodigue (FR)										

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