



JUSTIFY BREEZES FOR BELMONT



Justify breezing Tuesday at Churchill | Coady Photography

Undefeated GI Kentucky Derby and GI Preakness S. hero **Justify** (Scat Daddy) logged his first official workout since prior to the Derby when breezing a half-mile in a sharp :46.80 Tuesday at Churchill Downs in preparation for his run at the Triple Crown in the June 9 GI Belmont S. ([click for video](#)). The move was the fastest of 43 recorded at the distance.

With trainer Bob Baffert in attendance, the chestnut breezed at 7:30 a.m. with jockey Martin Garcia aboard through splits of :12, :23.60 and :35.20 before galloping out five furlongs in :59.60 over the fast main track, according to Churchill Downs clocker John Nichols.

"I was hoping for that kind of work," Baffert said. "I wish the race were this week. We've got another week to go, but I think we're in great shape. I feel pretty strong that he's not going backward on us, he's moving forward. I was surprised by the time and how easy he was doing it. We let him gallop out a little bit just to make sure he pulled up down there where [assistant trainer] Jimmy [Barnes] was. He stopped, took a deep breath and he was happy when he turned around."

Justify strictly galloped in between his runs in the Derby and Preakness and had done so since winning the middle jewel of the Triple Crown, but Baffert said he knew the colt was ready to do more after watching him train forwardly Monday. **Cont. p3**

EURO-BREDS REIGN OVER SOCAL TURF

by Ben Massam

Just as the popularity of turf racing in America has **increased markedly** in the past two decades, so has the arrival of imported runners from overseas who often possess a class edge and a unique training foundation. In recent years, Southern California has particularly become a hotbed for European-bred imports achieving graded stakes success on the lawn. Various ownership groups and syndicates have become increasingly attuned to identifying horses who can move forward over the firm local turf and reach the highest level—a trend that was on full display over Memorial Day weekend, where all four graded stakes races contested over the Santa Anita turf were captured by horses who began their careers competing in Europe.

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Arravale delivers a colt by American Pharoah at Chanteclair Farm as part of National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame's Focal Patrol. | Courtesy of Chanteclair Farm

FREE DROP BILLY CONFIRMED FOR BELMONT

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Albaugh Family Stables' Grade I winner Free Drop Billy (Union Rags) will run in the GI Belmont S. after bouncing out of a sharp Monday workout in good order, co-owner Jason Loutsch said.

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“I knew yesterday the way he galloped, he was ready to do something,” Baffert related. “He was pretty anxious and the day before, he couldn’t do much with the rain. This week, with the rain coming, we’re not going to be doing too much. I just wanted to make sure we got a little air into him.”

The Hall of Fame conditioner compared Justify’s energy to his last charge to sweep the Derby and Preakness, who Baffert visited Monday.

“American Pharoah looked like that,” he said. “He looked really good and in great shape. He’s moving forward and held his weight for being a massive horse. I went to see Pharoah yesterday and I was really emotional when I was there. I asked him if it was okay if another horse broke his record and he didn’t seem to have a problem with it.”

Baffert added that Justify will have one more breeze in advance of the Belmont, likely next Monday.

Also working Tuesday was another Baffert hopeful for the Belmont, **Restoring Hope** (Giant’s Causeway). The Gary and Mary West-owned chestnut went seven furlongs in 1:26 flat (1/1) with Florent Geroux aboard. Third in the Gil Wood Memorial S., Restoring Hope most recently finished 12th in the GIII Pat Day Mile S. on the Derby undercard.

“I thought he worked really well,” Baffert said. “He’s a really

competitive horse and is honest on the track. We were disappointed with how he ran in the Pat Day Mile, but I don’t think he liked the sloppy track.”

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Euro-breds Reign Over SoCal Turf cont.

Saturday’s GI Gamely S. served as a case in point, as six of the eight original entrants were European-breds. When all was said and done, D P Racing’s **Sophie P (GB)** (Bushranger {Ire}) notched a nose victory over Slam Dunk Racing’s Madam Dancealot (Ire) (Sir Prancealot {Ire}).

In the aftermath of Sophie P’s breakthrough score, trainer Jim Cassidy—who has conditioned numerous other European-bred graded stakes performers—reflected on the process of adapting a horse to American training and racing.

“There are a lot of adjustments you have to make, and I’ve been fortunate enough to get along with most of them,” Cassidy said. “One thing I’ve seen with Europeans that I haven’t seen with American horses is that they don’t work much, or on the slow side. You kind of question yourself, ‘Did I buy one that just can’t run?’ But then you go over there and put the tack on them in the afternoon and the ears come up and the eyes brighten up. They know what it’s all about.” **Cont. p4**

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Jim Cassidy (center) with Deron Pearson (left) and Kent Desormeaux (right) in the winner's circle with Sophie P | Benoit

The entirety of the three-day weekend seemed to confirm the exceptional turf ability of European-breds, with **Itsinthepost (Fr)** (American Post {GB})'s Saturday win in the GII Charlie Whittingham S. and **Hunt (Ire)**'s hard-fought GI Shoemaker Mile S. victory added to the list Monday.

The final graded stake of the weekend, the GII Monrovia S. at 6 1/2 furlongs over Santa Anita's hillside turf course, was captured by Team Valor International and Gary Barber's English import **Belvoir Bay (GB)** (Equiano {Fr}). Team Valor founder and CEO Barry Irwin, who has enjoyed Grade I success in America with imported European turfers such as Euro Charline (GB) (Myboycharlie {Ire}) and Becrux (Ity) (Glen Jordan {GB}), said he believes that European horses have a superior foundation that allows them to excel upon their arrival on American shores.

"Those guys just know how to train better than us," Irwin said bluntly, adding that he firmly believes that English racing has the best overall form in the world. "They know how to develop horses from a young age. I would rather have any grass horse I can buy in Europe as opposed to buying a domestic one. We don't have the facilities or the horsemanship they have over there--that's their game and their specialty. I've always thought the best way to win over here with a grass horse is to tap into the source."

Belvoir Bay made five starts in England as a 2-year-old in 2015, with Team Valor acquiring the filly after her fourth appearance. She was subsequently shipped across the Atlantic and ran away with Santa Anita's one-mile Blue Norther S. in her second stateside race in December 2015. Over the past 2 1/2 years, the four-time graded stakes winner has found her niche in turf sprints, most recently reeling off a pair of wins in the Apr. 29 GIII San Simeon S. and Monday's Monrovia.

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"It's hard to find a horse that's under the radar--the trick is to find one that's not exposed yet," Irwin continued. "To buy a proven horse over there, it's very expensive. The other huge edge that's been proven over the years--by people like Whittingham and [Bobby] Frankel--is that the horses that come from over there are much fitter than our horses. They have better facilities to train them on and they can let them down in training. It's very difficult for an American trainer to let a horse down on the grass, fully. We're always training around soundness. In Europe, they have soundness issues, but it's not a daily thing they worry about."

To that point, Irwin suggested that the greatest challenge in managing an imported European turf horse is to find a way to maintain their initial fitness edge. A dearth of turf courses dedicated specifically to training in America stands in sharp contrast to European facilities in Chantilly, Newmarket and Ballydoyle, where horses can work out over fresh, perfectly maintained gallops.

In Southern California, according to Irwin, the situation becomes even trickier because turf workouts are not permitted at Santa Anita. Belvoir Bay, nevertheless, has been able to maintain her form over a longer period of time competing primarily in sprints for trainer Peter Miller.



Barry Irwin | Coady photo

“I’ve seen horses come here from over there and win first time out like a freak. And the second time, they do it again, but not as impressively,” Irwin added. “Those guys deserve a lot of credit in Southern California for being able to train grass horses out there—they’re behind the eight ball. We don’t have the luxury of having any extra grass anywhere [to exclusively train on].”

While acknowledging that each European import requires a different approach depending on their temperament and willingness, Cassidy explained that his training often allows horses to produce a top effort in their second or third start in the States.

“Personally, I take it quiet with them and give them plenty of time to acclimate when they get here,” Cassidy said. “I probably walk them two or three weeks before I even take them to the track. I start from the bottom, much like I would with a horse who just got into training. I usually give them a race, and then second or third time out, they usually show you what they’re about.”

Cassidy reeled off a lengthy list of American training components that European horses must learn to incorporate—anything from walking with a chain over their nose to adjusting the sights and sounds of the Santa Anita backstretch. Half the battle, according to the veteran trainer, is keeping them healthy and on a gradually adjusted feed program. In any case, Cassidy agreed that older horses naturally have a ready-made fitness edge.

“With horses that have run before, it’s easier to get them fit again, rather than a horse who’s never had any training,” Cassidy said. “What I’ve noticed in the past is that some people go to Europe, buy horses and go right to training them—just like they would with an American horse. That usually doesn’t work out. It blows their mind.”

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FREE DROP BILLY CONFIRMED FOR BELMONT

Albaugh Family Stables’ Grade I winner **Free Drop Billy** (Union Rags) has been confirmed for a start in the GI Belmont S., co-owner Jason Loutsch told the NYRA notes team Tuesday. Winner of the GI Claiborne Breeders’ Futurity last fall, the Dale Romans trainee most recently finished 16th in the GI Kentucky Derby and worked five furlongs in :59 3/5 (2/25) Monday at his Churchill Downs base.

“I guess our main thing coming out of the Kentucky Derby was, obviously, we were really disappointed,” Loutsch said. “We feel he’s a better horse than that, and we’re going to cross that one off. We wanted to see how he bounced back after that race, and yesterday he showed us he has a lot of energy and is a happy horse. He galloped out really strong, and Dale’s been really happy with his training. This is a huge race, a big stage, and this is what we’re in the game for: to run in big races. This is a great opportunity. We know it’s going to be a very tough challenge. But if we can get a piece of it, even hitting the board is a huge accomplishment, and we’re excited for the opportunity.” *Cont. p6*

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Loutsch made the decision in conjunction with his father-in-law and co-owner Dennis Albaugh partly because they believe that Free Drop Billy's bloodlines suggest he'll appreciate the 1 1/2 miles of the "Test of the Champion."

"His dad was a Belmont winner, and he's out of a Giant's Causeway mare," Loutsch said. "He's bred to go the distance. We just hope he runs to his breeding."

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The Kentucky Derby Museum has been awarded a \$1 million grant from The James Graham Brown Foundation for its renovation and expansion project, which is currently underway. The grant marks the largest single contribution to date for the campaign to fund the \$6.5 million expansion, which will be completed in late October, in time for the Breeders' Cup at Churchill Downs.

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Tina Sfondeles, *Chicago Sun-Times*

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Dick Jerardi, *The Inquirer*

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Kris Kielich, *Cecil Daily*



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Saturday, Belmont, post time: 5:50 p.m. EDT

PENNINE RIDGE S.-GIII, \$200,000, 3yo, 1 1/8mT

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1	Up the Ante 	Smart Strike	Castleton Lyons	Clement	Cohen	117
2	Hawkish	Artie Schiller	LaPenta, R, AJ Suited Racing Stable & Madaket Stables	Toner	Franco	117
3	Catholic Boy 	More Than Ready	LaPenta, Robert V, Madaket Stables & Siena Farm	Thomas	Castellano	123
4	Analyze It 	Point of Entry	William H. Lawrence	Brown	Ortiz	121
5	Irish Territory (Ire)	Declaration of War	Zayat Stables, LLC	Mott	Alvarado	115
6	Untamed Domain 	Animal Kingdom	West Point Thoroughbreds	Motion	Bravo	121
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2	Dialed In <i>(2008) by Mineshaft</i>	3	6	1	3	--	1	78	26	\$1,300,000 <i>Gunnevera</i>	\$2,435,917
3	Tapizar <i>(2008) by Tapit</i>	1	2	1	2	1	1	90	35	\$984,200 <i>Monomoy Girl</i>	\$2,376,919
4	Bodemeister <i>(2009) by Empire Maker</i>	1	8	--	3	--	--	135	54	\$134,700 <i>Christmas Sky</i>	\$2,030,358
5	Union Rags <i>(2009) by Dixie Union</i>	--	4	--	4	--	--	118	34	\$197,200 <i>Free Drop Billy</i>	\$1,614,244
6	Shackleford <i>(2008) by Forestry</i>	3	6	1	1	--	--	109	36	\$248,080 <i>Promises Fulfilled</i>	\$1,564,186
7	Gemologist <i>(2009) by Tiznow</i>	--	1	--	--	--	--	106	41	\$74,260 <i>Tighten Up</i>	\$1,428,709
8	Stay Thirsty <i>(2008) by Bernardini</i>	--	3	--	2	--	--	103	35	\$113,185 <i>Powerful Ally</i>	\$1,397,305
9	Maclean's Music <i>(2008) by Distorted Humor</i>	2	3	1	1	--	--	71	22	\$187,400 <i>Swing and Sway</i>	\$1,032,551
10	Star Guitar <i>(2005) by Quiet American</i>	2	5	--	1	--	--	48	27	\$130,000 <i>Testing One Two</i>	\$972,492
11	Mission Impazible <i>(2007) by Unbridled's Song</i>	--	1	--	--	--	--	52	23	\$74,042 <i>Dreams Are Pazible</i>	\$929,859
12	Algorithms <i>(2009) by Bernardini</i>	--	3	--	1	--	--	81	27	\$61,472 <i>Deep Red</i>	\$917,744
13	Jersey Town <i>(2006) by Speightstown</i>	2	3	1	1	--	--	50	20	\$211,400 <i>Bee Jersey</i>	\$812,065
14	Astrology <i>(2008) by A.P. Indy</i>	--	1	--	--	--	--	69	27	\$82,360 <i>Heartfullofstars</i>	\$808,703
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TAP RAP STRIKE (c, 3, Tapit--Cherokee Queen {GSW, \$628,312}, by Cherokee Run), a debut winner over this track and trip last October, stumbled at the break and came home fifth in the Dec. 2 GII Remsen S. in his second career start. Sixth behind Noble Indy (Take Charge Indy) in a Jan. 11 optional claimer at Gulfstream, the chestnut was coming off a third-place effort behind unbeaten Hydraulic (Mineshaft) at Parx May 14. The even-money favorite chased the leaders while four wide into the first turn. He inhaled pacesetter Missin the Big Dog (Archarcharch) on the far turn and skipped clear into the stretch where he extended his advantage with every stride before sailing under the wire 17 lengths in front. Missin the Big Dog was second. Tap Rap Strike, who RNA'd for \$500,000 as an FTSAUG yearling, sold for \$300,000 as a Fasig-Tipton October yearling and was acquired for \$875,000 at OBS March last spring. The winner is a half-brother to Entertainer (Malibu Moon, MSP, \$169,400). His dam produced a filly by American Pharoah last year and was bred back to Tapit. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$67,600.

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7th-Thistledown, \$32,000, Alw, 5-29, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04.72, ft.

BROWN BUCKEYE (g, 4, Big Brown--Prizes {MSP, \$162,120}, by Prized) romped home a front-running 10 1/4-length debut winner versus state-bred foes at this track and trip last June and went to the sidelines after besting Ohio-breds in a six-furlong allowance at this oval July 14. Sent off the 9-5 second choice in this return, the dark bay gelding rushed up into contention three wide approaching the stretch and strode clear to win by 1 1/2 lengths over favored Preacher Time (Oratory). The winner is a half-brother to Proper Discretion (Discreetly Mine, MSW, \$332,711). Prizes produced a colt by Louie Villain last year and was bred back to Mineshaft. **Click for Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$58,180. O/B-Bruce Tallisman (OH); T-Benny R. Feliciano.

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Wissahickon, c, 3, Tapit. See "Britain".

IN SOUTH KOREA:

Munhak Joy, c, 2, Kitten's Joy--Crimson Ore, by Exchange Rate. Seoul, 5-27, Hcp. (\$56k), 1300m. B-Kenneth L & Sarah Ramsey (KY). *1ST START WIN. **\$19,000 RNA Ylg '17 OBSOCT.

Empire Kingdom, g, 3, Bodemeister--Composition (SP), by Malibu Moon. Seoul, 5-26, Hcp. (\$70k), 1200m. B-Candy Meadows LLC (KY). *\$15,000 2yo '17 OBSAPR.

East Palos, c, 3, To Honor and Serve--Silver Charades (GSW, \$250,645), by Broad Brush. Seoul, 5-27, Hcp. (\$70k), 1700m. B-Donarra Thoroughbreds LLC (FL). *\$45,000 2yo '17 OBSAPR.

Cheongdam Dokki, g, 4, To Honor and Serve--Elusive Gold, by Strike the Gold. Seoul, 5-27, YTN Cup (NB) (\$233k), 2000m. B-Blue Heaven Farm LLC (KY). *Won for the 10th time in 15 starts, scoring by five front-running lengths as the 1-10 favorite to take his earnings past the 1-billion won mark (about \$980k). **Ch. 3yo Colt-Kor. ***\$20,000 Ylg '15 KESEF. ****1/2 to Gouldings Green (Charismatic), MGSW, \$682,493; Baby Bird (Cape Town), GSP, \$222,804; and Filare l'Oro (Hard Spun), SW & GSP, \$185,100. **VIDEO**

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Dynamic Dash, h, 6, **Pleasantly Perfect**--See Rock City, by Tapit. Busan, 5-27, Hcp. (\$102k), 2000m. B-Fredericka V Caldwell & Mitchel Skolnick (KY). *1/2 to One More (Holy Bull), GSP, \$162,884. **Ch. Imp. 2yo Colt-Kor. ***\$12,000 RNA Wlg '12 KEENOV; \$19,000 Ylg '13 FTKOCT.

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Alternation (Distorted Humor), Pin Oak Stud, \$7,500
143 foals of racing age/24 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Parx Racing, Alw 1m, COACH ADAMS, 10-1
\$1,500 KEE SEP yrl; \$27,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo
7-Thistledown, Alw 5 1/2f, MIDNIGHT RUN, 8-1
\$19,000 RNA FTK JUL yrl; \$10,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$37,000 OBS APR 2yo

Corfu (Malibu Moon), Bridlewood Farm, \$3,500
41 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Presque Isle, Msw 6f, CORFU LADY, 7-2

Justin Phillip (First Samurai), Castleton Lyons, \$12,500
124 foals of racing age/24 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Indiana Grand, Msw 5 1/2f, YANKEE ROSE, 30-1
\$14,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Kettle Corn (Candy Ride {Arg}), Fair Winds Farm, \$3,000
35 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Thistledown, Alw 1m, FUNNEL CAKE, 3-1
\$18,000 KEE JAN yrl; \$35,000 KEE SEP yrl

Overanalyze (Dixie Union), WinStar Farm, \$10,000
193 foals of racing age/42 winners/5 black-type winners
3-Presque Isle, Msw 6f, GENUWINE, 4-1
\$4,500 FTK OCT yrl
8-Indiana Grand, Alw 1 1/16mT, MI LUNA, 2-1

Shanghai Bobby (Harlan's Holiday), Ashford Stud, \$20,000
238 foals of racing age/33 winners/3 black-type winners
7-Indiana Grand, Msw 5 1/2f, MIMI'S RUBY BOBBY, 8-1
\$20,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$95,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$95,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo; \$7,000 OBS OPN 2yo



ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

5th-Parx Racing, \$42,000, (S), 5-29, (NW2BX), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:43.88, ft.

ROCKAROUNDTHEDOCK (f, 4, Rockport Harbor--Silver Glade, by Belong to Me) Lifetime Record: 15-9-0-1, \$111,335. O-Ballybrit Stable, LLC; B-Jayenne Associates, Ltd. (PA); T-Michael Dini.

9th-Indiana Grand, \$36,500, (S), Alw, 5-29, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:08.67, ft.

REVENANT ONE (g, 5, Macho Uno--Itsmylife, by Storm Cat) Lifetime Record: 4-3-1-0, \$61,600. O-Jody Mihalic; B-Swifty Farms Inc. (IN); T-Michael A. Tomlinson. *\$25,000 Ylg '14 FTKOCT. **Won by 8 1/2 lengths.

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8th-Indiana Grand, \$34,500, (S), 5-29, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.44, fm.

HIP TANG (m, 6, Spanish Steps--Nightingale, by Pentelicus) Lifetime Record: 33-2-2-7, \$92,530. O/B/T-Tianna R Richardville (IN).

3rd-Thistledown, \$34,200, (S), 5-29, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:41.28, ft.

VISUAL MISSION (g, 4, Colonel John--Visual Arrest, by Pollard's Vision) Lifetime Record: 27-3-6-8, \$115,626. O/B-Mast Thoroughbreds LLC (OH); T-Robert M. Gorham.

3rd-Indiana Grand, \$32,500, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 5-29, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.40, ft.

HEAVY ROLLER (g, 4, Malibu Moon--Yara {GSW, \$398,390}, by Put It Back) Lifetime Record: 15-3-4-2, \$84,655. O-Dundalk 5 LLC & N P H Stable; B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY); T-Paul E. Holthus. *\$50,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP.

1st-Presque Isle, \$27,300, (S), 5-29, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m (AWT), 1:37.62, ft.

AMERICAN COUGAR (g, 4, American Lion--Bell Keeper, by Chapel Royal) Lifetime Record: 14-3-3-1, \$59,386. O-Ronald E. Sapp; B-Ron & Betsy Sapp, LLC (PA); T-Jonathan E. Sheppard.

5th-Louisiana, \$23,910, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 5-29, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05.36, ft.

I'LL TAKE IT ALL (f, 4, **Include--Hussy, by Unaccounted For)**
 Lifetime Record: 9-4-2-0, \$83,120. O/B-Melissa Cantacuzene (LA); T-Ralph R. Irwin. *1/2 to Go Tiger Jack (Victory Gallop), SW, \$265,750.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Lil Bit Tipsey, f, 3, **Mutadda--Bar Hoppin, by Animo de Valeroso.**
 Fairmount, 5-29, (S), 6f, 1:13.40. B-Shellye Essenpreis (IL).

Ettalusive, f, 4, **Elusive Quality--Etta Lee, by Forestry.** Indiana Grand, 5-29, 5 1/2f, 1:04.68. B-Reiko & Michael Baum (KY).

*\$70,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP.



AMERICAN LION, American Cougar, g, 4, o/o Bell Keeper, by Chapel Royal. ALW, 5-29, Presque Isle

BIG BROWN, Brown Buckeye, g, 4, o/o Prizes, by Prized. ALW, 5-29, Thistledown

COLONEL JOHN, Visual Mission, g, 4, o/o Visual Arrest, by Pollard's Vision. ALW, 5-29, Thistledown

ELUSIVE QUALITY, Ettalusive, f, 4, o/o Etta Lee, by Forestry. MSW, 5-29, Indiana Grand

INCLUDE, I'll Take It All, f, 4, o/o Hussy, by Unaccounted For. AOC, 5-29, Louisiana

MACHO UNO, Revenant One, g, 5, o/o Itsmylife, by Storm Cat. ALW, 5-29, Indiana Grand

MALIBU MOON, Heavy Roller, g, 4, o/o Yara, by Put It Back. AOC, 5-29, Indiana Grand

MUTADDA, Lil Bit Tipsey, f, 3, o/o Bar Hoppin, by Animo de Valeroso. MSW, 5-29, Fairmount

ROCKPORT HARBOR, Rockaroundthedock, f, 4, o/o Silver Glade, by Belong to Me. ALW, 5-29, Parx Racing

SPANISH STEPS, Hip Tang, m, 6, o/o Nightingale, by Pentelicus. ALW, 5-29, Indiana Grand

TAPIT, Tap Rap Strike, c, 3, o/o Cherokee Queen, by Cherokee Run. ALW, 5-29, Parx Racing

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OUR SEATTLE STAR, 24, Seattle Song--Starsburg, by Whitesburg

Foal born May 7, a filly by Tamarkuz.

Mare will be retired.

Owned by Oscar Benavides.

Accomplishments: Dam of Seattle Smooth (Quiet American), GISW, \$1,001,160.

TIZSO, 23, Cee's Tizzy--Cee's Song, by Seattle Song

Foal born May 25, a filly by Into Mischief.

Will be bred back to Ghostzapper.

Owned by and boarded at Diamond A Racing.

Accomplishments: Full sister to Tiznow, Horse of the Year, Ch. 3yo colt & Ch. older horse, MGISW, \$6,427,830; Budroyale, MGSW & GISP, \$2,840,810; Tizdubai, GSW, \$117,780; and Tizbud, SW & GSP, \$230,266. Dam of Paynter (Awesome Again), GISW, \$1,101,924; Tizakitty (Distinctive Cat), SW, \$158,644; and Tiz West (Gone West), GSW, \$263,761.



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Colin and Janice McKenna with Jameka | Magic Millions

Colin and Janice McKenna raced the three-time Group 1-winning mare **Jameka (Aus)** (Myboycharlie {Aus}) in partnership under their Halo Racing Services, and the Warrnambool-based couple now owns their star mare outright after buying out their partners at A\$2.6-million during the opening session of the Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale on Tuesday. That figure was enough for the 5-year-old mare to top the session, which for the first time was devoted exclusively to race fillies and maiden mares and boasted some serious star power.

The fact that the session was restricted in such a way makes it difficult to draw comparisons from the same day a year ago, and thus full comparative statistics will be published upon conclusion of the sale on Friday. Nonetheless, 190 fillies and mares were sold on Tuesday for a total of A\$31,727,500, at an excellent clearance rate of 85.2%. The average was A\$166,987, while comparatively the median of A\$51,000 highlighted the fact that there were a handful of breakout horses at the top of the market. "It was a sensational day's trade," Magic Millions Managing Director Barry Bowditch said. "With Jameka going in we said she was the star act. She's a quality mare and for her to make A\$2.6 million was a great result for all and I'm thrilled Colin McKenna, who's had such a great affinity with her, was able to buy the rest of the syndicate out." **Cont. p2**

A COLLECTIVE VISION TO REVITALISE THE TOTE *By Emma Berry*

Breeders like to think that without breeding there'd be no racing and punters believe the same of gambling. Both parties are right and it's time for all involved in racing and breeding in Britain to grasp of the implications not just of the **recent decision** to reduce Fixed Odds Betting Terminal (FOBT) stakes to £2, but also the impending end of the Tote's exclusivity as the country's pool-betting operator.

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Jameka Stars At Magics Broodmare Opener Cont. from p1

"All in all we're really pleased with the day's proceedings and hopefully onwards and upwards over the next few days. We have some great offerings [on Wednesday] and Heatherly is expected to be one of the stars--above all that we're looking for solid trade and we want all the vendors who have supported us to get a win."

McKennas Buy Back Star Mare...

Jameka (lot 1606) has proven the ultimate home run mare for her connections, having been bought by trainer and former part-owner Ciaron Maher for what now looks like a total bargain at A\$130,000 at Inglis's Classic yearling sale in 2014. While it took her four starts to break her maiden at two, it didn't take her long to reach punters' radars thereafter, as she notched her first win in the G2 VRC Sires' S. Her first Group 1 win was in the VRC Oaks the following spring, and a year later she added the G1 Caulfield Cup before closing out her career on a high in the G1 The BMW. She was placed at the highest level a further five times.

"She's been very good to us," Colin McKenna said. "She won nearly A\$5 million so I don't think it [Tuesday's price] was a big outlay. We expected her to make somewhere between A\$2.5-million and A\$3 million--that's what I thought anyway. I'm very happy and the wife really wanted her back."

The McKennas also own a share of the G1 Coolmore Stud S. winner Merchant Navy (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), who was a winner in his European debut for trainer Aidan O'Brien over the weekend in The Curragh's G2 Greenlands S., and who will enter stud at Coolmore Australia later this year after a tilt at Royal

Ascot. McKenna said Jameka could be bred to him, although a decision had yet to be finalized.

"We love these horses and they are our lives and Jameka was a pretty big part of that," McKenna added. "She won the Caulfield Cup but I think her best win was the BMW at weight-for-age--there aren't too many mares that can flog the colts and geldings. She will go to a nice stallion and we'll see what happens from there." **Cont. p3**

SHE WON NEARLY A\$5-MILLION IN PRIZEMONEY, SO I DON'T THINK IT WAS A BIG OUTLAY.
Colin McKenna on Jameka



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Double Delight For Hawthorne, Freyer...

Four years ago, Dean Hawthorne and Jon Freyer teamed up to purchase The Broken Shore (Aus) (Hussonet) at this sale from the Teeley Dispersal for A\$1.9 million. As any breeder knows it can sometimes take a lifetime to reap the benefits of such an outlay, but in just four years, The Broken Shore has already proven worthy of her pricetag. The Fastnet Rock (Aus) filly she was carrying at the time of that sale has gone on to be this season's triple Group 1 winner Shoals (Aus), and that one's yearling full-brother topped last month's Inglis Easter yearling sale when fetching A\$2.3 million from Shoals's trainer Anthony Freedman.

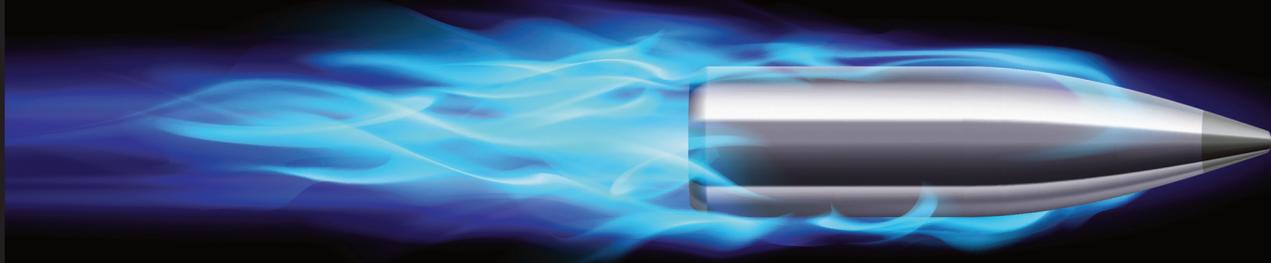
Hawthorne and Freyer teamed to buy two more seven-figure mares on Tuesday, and they would surely be thrilled with the same fate for them. The first was Segenhoe Stud's Group 1-winning **Abbey Marie (Aus)** (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) (lot 606) for A\$1.4 million, and she was followed by Newgate Farm's **Omei Sword (Aus)** (High Chaparral {Ire}) (lot 747) for A\$1.7 million.



Dean Hawthorne | *Magic Millions*

Expectations were high for Omei Sword from the very start, the filly having fetched A\$675,000 as a yearling, and she went on to capture the G2 Silver Shadow S. at three for owner CC Lai as well as finishing second to Astern (Aus) (Medaglia d'Oro) in the G1 Golden Rose S. Out of the G1 Thousand Guineas winner Irish Lights (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), Omei Sword traces back to the excellent producer Fall Aspen, whose influence has been felt all over the world through the likes of daughter Colorado Dancer (Ire) (Shareef Dancer), the dam of Dubai Millennium (GB) (Seeking The Gold), Group 1 winners and sire sons Fort Wood (Sadler's Wells) and Timber Country (Woodman) and many others.

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Hawthorne revealed Omei Sword would go to the Northern Hemisphere to be bred.

"We thought she would be well sought after and we'd have to stump up to get her," he said. "She went for a little bit higher than we thought originally but when you're chasing these big mares you've got to pay because everyone wants them."

"She will go straight to stud," Hawthorne added. "She will go to the Northern Hemisphere and then we'll sit down and work out her future from there."

Abbey Marie was another offering with a stout pedigree in addition to an excellent race record: the G1 Schweppes Oaks winner is a full-sister to Absolutely (Aus), who won that same race in addition to the G1 Australian Oaks, and their dam, Catshaan (Aus) (Catrail {Aus}), is a half-sister to Japanese Group 1 winner and sire Kinshasa No Kiseki (Aus) (Fuji Kiseki {Jpn}).

"We thought she was the filly of the day," Hawthorne added of Abbey Marie. "She has so much quality. She has a great pedigree. She's a good, tough, sound mare. She just oozed class. To get the ones you want you're going to have to pay for them, especially in this market at the top end."

Hawthorne confirmed that Abbey Marie had been bought for the partnership that races Shoals--Arrowfield and Pinecliff Racing--and he said a decision had not yet been made on whether the 5-year-old Abbey Marie would race on or head to the breeding shed.

"We've bought some nice mares together over the years and we're building up quite a nice partnership of broodmares. We're having a lot of fun with Shoals so let's hope that continues," Hawthorne said.

Yoshida Gets Silent Sedition...

Katsumi Yoshida is another buyer who has enjoyed past success at this sale; he bought Response (Aus) (Charge Forward {Aus}), carrying this season's G1 Golden Slipper winner Estijaab (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}), for A\$1.5 million here three years ago, and subsequently sold that filly on for A\$1.7 million at last year's Inglis Easter sale. On Tuesday, he added the G1 William Reid S.-winning Silent Sedition (Aus) (War Chant) (lot 784) to his Australian broodmare band for A\$1.5 million, and that daughter of Fiorentina (Aus) (Dubai Destination)--a half-sister to the dam of G1 Dubai World Cup winner Monterosso (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire})--proved a massive homerun for her owners, who had purchased her from the Magic Millions Perth Yearling Sale four years ago for just A\$45,000.

"I'm absolutely happy with it," said former part-owner Tom Curnow. "She's been a wonderful horse for us. I must give great credit to Andrew Noblet, the trainer. He's been sensational in the way he's looked after her during her entire career."

Yoshida boards his mares in Australia at Arrowfield Stud and has a longstanding, successful joint venture with that nursery, and Arrowfield's John Messara told *Sky Racing*, "She had what they look for in a filly. She had the conformation, she had the family and she certainly had the performance. They've been collecting these Group 1 mares and this is another one that joins the venture that we have with them. She'll be staying with us at Arrowfield will be bred, who knows, maybe to Maurice, maybe to Snitzel, we'll see."

"The market is becoming quite polarized; the top end is very, very strong," Messara added. "When a mare comes along like this is another country, you don't get the opportunity to buy her; they're owned by families who don't release them, so we're very lucky to be able to buy them. We've got three today, this one for Northern Farm, but we've got Abbey Marie and Omei Sword as well; this one is for a separate partnership. We're thrilled, they're the mares we wanted to get and we got them all."



John Messara and Jon Freyer | Magic Millions

Another excellent turnaround was made by the team behind Ocean Embers (Aus) (Beneteau {Aus}) (lot 745). The 5-year-old mare was bought as a yearling for just A\$23,000, and now a dual Group 3 winner, she made A\$525,000 from Newgate Farm on Tuesday when consigned by Three Bridges Thoroughbreds. Trainer Shea Eden told *Racing.com*, "It's fair to say back when we bought her for A\$23,000 it was probably the furthest thing from our minds. It was probably what we were hoping to achieve, but to be here today at the Gold Coast and selling for over a half-million dollars, it's a great result for the owners. She's a special mare and she'll always be dear to our hearts. She gave me my first Group 3 win and even the listed [win] on Melbourne Cup day was very special. It's been a great ride and it's nice to come up here today and support the team." **Cont. p5**

Married To Monsoon...

Newgate Farm had made a very determined play for descendants of Monsoon Wedding (Aus) (Danehill) at the Teeley dispersal four years ago, and has subsequently done well selling the progeny of those mares. The Scone nursery went to A\$950,000 on Tuesday to add another daughter of Monsoon Wedding, the 3-year-old filly Notting Hill (Aus) (Pierro {Aus}) (lot 743).

This was not the first time Notting Hill had been a star attraction in this ring: she made A\$1.4-million as a yearling in 2014, and has since recorded a pair of wins for Coolmore connections, including just eight days ago at Muswellbrook. Notting Hill is a half-sister to stakes winners Precious Lorraine (Aus) and Lucky Raquie (Aus), both by Encosta de Lago, and three other stakes horses. Monsoon Wedding is a full-sister to Group 1 winners and sires Redoute's Choice and Platinum Scissors (Aus), and a half to Manhattan Rain (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) as well as the dams of Rubick (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) and Shoals.



Notting Hill, daughter of Monsoon Wedding | Magic Millions

Just seven lots before selling Notting Hill, Coolmore Australia had laid out A\$875,000 for Rosemont's G1 Vinery Stud S. winner Montoya's Secret (Aus) (lot 736), a daughter of its late sire High Chaparral. High Chaparral's much-missed presence is still being felt Down Under, the Derby winner leaving four Group 1 winners this season, and his son So You Think (NZ) is also currently enjoying a fantastic run as a sire.

Among the international buyers on Tuesday was Phoenix Thoroughbreds. The investment fund had already made significant purchases at this year's Gold Coast Yearling Sale, Easter Yearling Sale and Chairman's Sale, and on Tuesday Phoenix partnered with Segenhoe Stud, breeder of Merchant Navy, to buy the 4-year-old filly Blazers (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) (lot 630) for A\$110,000 from Bhima Thoroughbreds.

Phoenix also purchased a share in leading sire Sebring for A\$290,000. Phoenix is building a strong portfolio of stallion shares Down Under; it owns a quarter of Invader (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}) with Aquis Farm, and also purchased a share in I Am Invincible (Aus) for A\$575,000 at the Inglis Chairman's Sale.

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MAGIC MILLIONS NATIONAL BROODMARE SALE

TUESDAY'S TOP 11 MARES Race Fillies & Maiden Mares

LOT	NAME	PRICE (A\$)
1606	Jameka (Aus) <i>(m, 5, Myboycharlie {Ire}–Mine Game {Aus}, by General Nediym {Aus}) (A\$130,000 yrl '14 INGMAR)</i> Breeder: Gilgai Farm Consignor: Ciaran Maher Racing Purchaser: Halo Racing Services	2,600,000
747	Omei Sword (Aus) <i>(m, 4, High Chaparral {Ire}–Irish Lights {Aus}, by Fastnet Rock {Aus}) (A\$675,000 yrl '15 INGAPR)</i> Breeder: Katom Consignor: Newgate Farm Purchaser: Dean Hawthorne Bloodstock (BAFNZ)/ Freyer Bloodstock	1,700,000
784	Silent Sedition (Aus) <i>(m, 5, War Chant–Fiorentina {Aus}, by Dubai Destination) (A\$45,000 yrl '14 MGC FEB)</i> Breeder: Ms. EE Giles Consignor: Baystone Farm Purchaser: Katsumi Yoshida	1,500,000
606	Abbey Marie (Aus) <i>(m, 5, Redoute's Choice {Aus}–Catshaan {Aus}, by Catrail {Aus}) (A\$300,000 yrl '14 INGAPR)</i> Breeder: Teeley Assets Ltd Consignor: Segenhoe Stud Purchaser: Dean Hawthorne Bloodstock (BAFNZ)/ Freyer Bloodstock	1,400,000

Tuesday's Top 11 Mares Cont.

- 743 Notting Hill (Aus) 950,000**
*(f, 3, **Pierro (Aus)**–Monsoon Wedding {Aus}, by Danehill)*
(A\$1,400,000 yrl '14 MMLJAN)
 Breeder: Katom
 Consignor: Coolmore Australia
 Purchaser: Newgate Farm
- 736 Montoya's Secret (Aus) 875,000**
*(m, 4, High Chaparral {Ire}–Divine Secret {Aus},
 by Thunder Gulch)*
(NZ\$130,000 yrl '15 NWZJAN)
 Breeder: Rosemont Stud
 Consignor: Rosemont Stud
 Purchaser: Coolmore Australia
- 676 French Emotion (Aus) 850,000**
(m, 6, Snitzel {Aus}–Love And Emotion {Aus}, by Woodman)
 Breeder: Mrs. V Klaric
 Consignor: Glenesk Thoroughbreds
 Purchaser: Widden Stud
- 633 Bonny O'Reilly (NZ) 825,000**
(m, 5, O'Reilly {NZ}–Pretty {NZ}, by Pins {Aus})
(NZ\$100,000 yrl '14 NWZJAN)
 Breeder: Waikato Stud Ltd
 Consignor: Attunga Stud
 Purchaser: Jadeskye Racing/Samaco Racing
- 686 Hell Or Highwater (Aus) 600,000**
*(m, 5, Not A Single Doubt {Aus}–Get Ready Bertie,
 by More Than Ready)*
(A\$210,000 yrl '14 INGAPR)
 Breeder: Yarraman Park Stud Pty Ltd
 Consignor: Vinery Stud
 Purchaser: Woodside Park Stud/Belmont Bloodstock
- 694 Imposing Lass (NZ) 600,000**
(m, 5, Makfi {GB}–Imposingly {NZ}, by Zabeel {NZ})
(NZ\$120,000 yrl '14 NWZJAN)
 Breeder: City Bloodstock Ltd
 Consignor: Attunga Stud
 Purchaser: Laurel Oak Bloodstock
- 685 Harlow Gold (NZ) 600,000**
(m, 4, Tavistock {NZ}–Belongs In Lights {Aus}, by Belong To Me)
(NZ\$200,000 yrl '15 NWZJAN)
 Breeder: T G Heptinstall & T M Pivac
 Consignor: Bhima Thoroughbreds
 Purchaser: Steve Morley Bloodstock/Glenlogan Park



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SESSION TOTALS	2018
• Catalogued	257
• Number Offered	223
• Number Sold	190
• Not Sold	33
• Clearance Rate	85.2%
• No. \$500K+	21
• High Price	A\$2,600,000
• Gross	A\$31,727,500
• Average (% change)	A\$166,987
• Median (% change)	A\$51,000

**The National Broodmare Sale has been reformatted in 2018, with Tuesday's opening session exclusively for race fillies and maiden mares. Comparative statistics will be published upon conclusion of the sale.*

A Collective Vision To Revitalize The Tote Cont. from p1

Britain is blessed with decent attendance figures at many racecourses and it can still dine out on the heritage which has racing fans flocking to its prestigious meetings from all corners of the world. But those visitors, if they happen to have a horse in training in, say, France or Australia, shake their heads in disbelief at how those associated with providing the British racing 'product' can make a living. Many, increasingly, cannot.

Back in 1928, the Tote was established by the British government partly with the aim of improving the Thoroughbred breed and the sport itself through a return from some of the revenue from gambling on horseracing. The betting landscape changed in 1961 with the legalisation of off-course betting. That immediately made it harder for the Tote to compete because while it could still rival the bookmakers on course, the technology did not exist at that stage for it to take bets away from the racecourse and get them into the pool. In 2011 the Tote was sold off to bookmaker Betfred with an exclusive pool betting agreement which is set to expire in July.

Important progress has been made by the British Horseracing Authority in recent years to boost racing's coffers, significantly through the closure of the loophole which allowed offshore betting operators not to contribute to the Levy, but these are small steps when giant strides are needed to keep pace with other racing nations. **Cont. p7**

A Collective Vision To Revitalize The Tote Cont.

Many of us involved in the sport will have muttered to ourselves that "something needs to be done" while sitting back and expecting somebody else to come up with a grand plan. That somebody may have just stepped forward.

Alex Frost, a 42-year-old former Merrill Lynch trader who became one of that company's youngest managing directors before his 30th birthday, turned his passion for horseracing first into ownership and then last year solidified his increasing breeding interests by buying Ladyswood Stud from Martyn Meade. He is also on the board of Epsom racecourse and is at the head of a consortium which, as of last week, now owns 25% of the Tote.

"I love the sport and I've made a huge investment in it but I'm very concerned for its future," Frost says. "We as an industry have this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to buy the Tote and to re-establish pool betting. If it wasn't us buying it, it would be one of the big bookmakers buying it."

At a time when Frost could be enjoying the fruits of his labour by watching his foals gambol around Gloucestershire paddocks while pondering next year's mating plans, he decided instead to combine his financial acumen and that love of the sport in a bid to enhance the future of racing in Britain. He is not alone in this endeavour. As the recent launch of the 'Together for the Tote' campaign highlights, Frost's Alizeti Capital has behind it a collective of racehorse owners which shares his aim. The individual identities of the powerful group haven't yet been announced, but together they account for around 3,000 racehorses.

The Alizeti consortium **reached an agreement** with Fred Done of Betfred to buy 25% of the Tote in a transaction seemingly valued at £150-million. It has the option to purchase it in its entirety, which could happen sooner than indicated.

"We have an option to buy it out 100% in the third year but it will actually be at our discretion," Frost explains. "It will effectively be a cooperative which everybody can gain from, including bookmakers and racecourses, while we will be doing everything we can to revitalise the Tote experience."

He adds, "If you are a racing-orientated person you would go with what would effectively be the [National Lottery operator] Camelot of the racing industry. People in Britain don't have a bet

on a lottery based in Yugoslavia, but they do have a bet on the National Lottery because they feel it supports the right local causes. We have plenty of things planned for the Tote but primarily it needs to be a much better consumer experience with the ability for people to see where the cash is going."

BHA figures show that owners of horses rated around 70 can expect on average a return of 8p in the pound in Britain. The current £138-million prize-money pot is set to be reduced significantly in future by last week's FOBT ruling, though there has been a suggestion that this loss could be tempered by extending the levy to bets on global racing.

While Frost's consortium certainly seems to have racing's best interests at heart, it is not the only one with pool-betting aspirations. Britbet, set to launch in July as the Tote's exclusive deal ends, represents a partnership of 55 of Britain's racecourses--the exceptions being Ascot, Bangor, Chester, Chelmsford and Towcester--and is also pushing its allegiance to

the sport with its 'by racing, for racing' slogan. Clearly, any reduction in the liquidity of the pool market will not be good for either operation or for racing itself. *Racing Post* reported last week that Britbet has entered into negotiations with Alizeti and Totepool over a potential collaboration, which was confirmed by Frost.

While those talks are ongoing, Frost says of Alizeti, "We feel strongly that we represent breeders, owners and trainers, and we feel it's very important

that everyone should be working together. We're not trying to be divisive--quite the opposite. I've brought 12 people together to work for two years on this project and they are the best people at what they do--we've got two best financial analysts that Merrill Lynch ever had, Michael Rawlinson who was at Barclays, then Freddie Grive, who ran legal counsel at Worldpay, as well as the best marketing people and the best tech people."

Among the stated aims are a 25% reduction in the take-out, which is currently 19.25p from every pound staked, as well as £1-million Jackpots and Scoop6 funds and the development of an app to allow punters to bet directly into the pool.

He continues, "We're promising that we can broaden the spectrum of the Tote and revitalise it, we can match it up with other pools globally and make it much more ambitious in terms of its reach and connectivity around the world."



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A Collective Vision To Revitalize The Tote Cont.

Frost admits to frustrations along the way in an industry which can be resistant to change. He can draw encouragement, however, from the level of support for the project, with the likes of the Thompson family of Cheveley Park Stud having already voiced their approval.

Charlie Liverton, chief executive of the Racehorse Owners Association, can also see its advantages and stated, "The retention of owners in British racing is of paramount importance and critical to ensuring that the number of horses in training increases. Whilst one of the challenges at the moment is sole owners leaving the sport, it is encouraging to see a group of owners and breeders coming together to help build a strong Tote to benefit all of racing, including through an increased contribution to prize-money. [It's] a huge positive for the industry."

While expressing bemusement at the lack of young people on racecourse boards, Frost is appreciative of the growing momentum to reinvigorate what trainer John Gosden has referred to as "one of British racing's most cherished brands".

"Thankfully we have massive support, not just from the horsemen, it extends further than that, right through most of the racecourses. We've found a lot of the racecourses fantastic to deal with--very commercial and very keen to improve the situation," he says. "We know that it's not going to happen overnight. It's going to take a lot of hard work due to structural issues, but the Together for the Tote campaign is exactly that, we're all about bringing everybody together."

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BOMBER BOOSTS RAGS TO RICHES PAGE

By Daithi Harvey

When Lancaster Bomber (War Front) won the G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup at The Curragh on the weekend, it was the 4-year-old's first stakes victory and also his first win since he broke his maiden at Leopardstown just under two years ago. Despite not being a serial winner, the Coolmore colt had racked up just short of €1-million in prizemoney prior to his much-deserved success last Sunday courtesy of some honorable placed efforts in top company, when he was often deployed as a pacemaker for a more illustrious stablemate. Five runner-up slots in Group or Grade 1 races, including at two at the Breeders' Cup and a more recent third to Rhododendron (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the G1 Al Shaqab Lockinge S., serve notice as to the massive talent the colt possesses.



Hugo Merry | racingfotos.com

Even more interesting is the tale behind his dam Sun Shower (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}) and his half-sister Rainfall Radar (Rebuttal), two horses who have clocked up thousands of airmiles before finding their current respective homes. Bloodstock agent and breeder Hugo Merry is the man who binds the whole story together, and when Lancaster Bomber won last Sunday he became the second Group 1 winner for his dam Sun Shower, who Merry purchased for Indian clients for €10,000 at Goffs in 2008. She was carrying to Strategic Prince (GB) at the time, but had left behind a 2008-born Exceed And Excel (Aus) colt who would later be known as Excelebration (Ire), a regular follower of Frankel (GB) who eventually was rewarded for his class and consistency when winning the G1 Prix Jacques Le Marois and the G1 QEII S. at Ascot before retiring to the Coolmore roster. [Cont. p9](#)

'Bomber' Boosts Rags to Riches Page Cont.

"I bought Sun Shower in Goffs for Nirmal Singh of Hazara Stud in India," Merry told the *TDN*. "She is from a great Ballymacoll family, so we sent her to India and then a couple of years later up pops Excelebration. Obviously she then became quite a valuable commodity, so I bought her back for many multiples of what we paid for her on behalf of the Coolmore partners and she went straight from India to America, where she was bred to War Front. That is how Lancaster Bomber came about."

He continued, "Obviously I have been following Lancaster Bomber since he began racing and it was great to see him finally getting his turn on Sunday. You couldn't have a more durable, brave horse than him, I would think, and he thoroughly deserved it."

At the time of her purchase by Coolmore, Sun Shower was in foal to the Indian-based stallion Rebuttal (Mr. Greeley), and part of the deal was that Merry and his Indian partners would retain ownership of the foal in utero whenever that was born.

"I actually also bought Rebuttal as a breeze-up horse. Brian Meehan trained him and he was just beaten in the [G1] Middle Park S., but he got injured after and was never quite the same again. He turned out to be a very successful stallion in India but died prematurely, unfortunately."

When Sun Shower produced a filly by Rebuttal, Merry and his partners were delighted to have a half-sister to such a prominent, high-class horse in Excelebration, who was about to embark on his first season under the tutelage of Aidan O'Brien, having been previously well-placed by Marco Botti to win the G1 Prix Du Moulin at ParisLongchamp in 2011.

Having been conceived in India, the filly, subsequently named Rainfall Radar, was born and raised at Ashford Stud in Kentucky until she was weaned, after which she boarded a plane bound for Merry's farm, Kilshannig Stud in Cork. When she came of racing age, Rainfall Radar was sent to trainer Joe Murphy in Tipperary and, despite showing ability, she never managed to get her head in front, much to the frustration of her owner.

"She was in the frame 11 times from 17 starts and she was desperately unlucky not to win one but that's life," Merry said.

Regardless of her success or lack thereof on the track, Rainfall Radar was assured of a breeding career given the exploits of her

two Group 1-winning siblings, and Merry can count himself lucky again that he did not let the hammer fall in someone else's favour when he offered her in foal to Gleneagles (Ire) at Tattersalls last year. Merry bought her back on that occasion for 180,000 gns, and since then he has welcomed another female to the family. "She foaled a very attractive filly by Gleneagles this year and she is back in foal to Caravaggio," he said.

While Merry made the decision to buy back Rainfall Radar last year, the story of Sun Shower also highlights the vagaries of Thoroughbred breeding, and how so often in this game one man's misfortune can lead to another man's gain. For that reason, one must spare a thought for fellow breeders John Tuthill and Kevin O'Donnell, who both passed Sun Shower through their hands before any of her sons hit the big time.

So what now for Rainfall Radar? Merry is a breeder as well as well as a horse trader and has forged a successful career from selling horses around the world.

He was also co-owner and co-breeder of G1 Darley Irish Oaks and G1 Longines Prix de l'Opera winner Covert Love (Ire) (Azamour {Ire}), who he sold privately to Katsumi Yoshida's Northern Farm when she retired from racing. "The team in Goffs have approached us to see if we would offer her in the London Sale, but I haven't decided yet what to do, it's still under consideration," he said. "The fact she has a filly foal means we might retain that and sell the mare at a later date; we have plenty of options."



Lancaster Bomber winning the Tattersalls Gold Cup | *Racing Post*

Whatever Merry decides to do will likely be the wise decision, as he has a lifetime of experience in the bloodstock world. As well as having a number of blue chip international clients for whom he sources horses for, his picturesque Kilshannig Stud outside Fermoy is home to around 45 mares. "We've bred a lot of good horses here over the years, obviously Covert Love was very good to us and I'm really enjoying the breeding side of things," he said. "However, the biggest problem I find is replacing the aging mares or the ones who are no longer good enough. It's hard to buy the fillies that you'd like to be breeding from."

While a statement like that comes from the breeder within Merry, one gets the impression the trader in him will win out when it comes to deciding the future home of Rainfall Radar.

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MAGICAL MUST PASS LATE FITNESS TEST

Magical (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), a winner of the G2 Debutante S. for Coolmore as a juvenile, will have to pass a late fitness test before being given the green light to run in the June 1 G1 Investec Oaks after suffering a setback. Aidan O'Brien's filly is the general second favourite for the Epsom Classic on Friday, behind the Charlie Appleby-trained **Wild Illusion (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), but her participation could now be in doubt.

"She just gave herself a little bit of a tip on the inside of her joint this morning," said O'Brien of the G1 Moyglare Stud S. runner-up. "There was a little bit of filling in it this morning but it scanned perfect and we're going to make a decision about her in the morning. The filling has to be gone out of it in the morning and we're cooling it at the moment. Hopefully it will be gone and if it is there won't be a problem."

Magical, who was fourth in the G1 Fillies' Mile at Newmarket to end her 2-year-old season on Oct. 13, resumed with another fourth-place effort in the G3 Prix de la Grotte across the Channel at ParisLongchamp on Apr. 15.

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FIRST-SEASON SIRE WITH RUNNERS

Wednesday, May 30:

UNITED KINGDOM

Bungle Inthejungle (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Rathasker Stud

95 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners

18:35-RIPON, 5f, MARK'S CHOICE (IRE)

€20,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2017; £35,000

Goffs UK Doncaster 2yo Breeze-Up Sale 2018

Burwaaz (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Longford House Stud

14 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners

13:30-BEVERLEY, 5f, LADY LAVINIA (GB)

Es Que Love (Ire) (Clodovil {Ire}), Rathasker Stud

44 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners

13:30-BEVERLEY, 5f, GO ANNIE GO (GB)

Garswood (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}), Cheveley Park Stud

74 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners

14:20-NOTTINGHAM, 5f, LITTLE KIM (GB)

45,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2017 - Book 2



Garswood is looking for his first winner at Beverley on Wednesday.

Cheveley Park Stud

Gregorian (Ire) (Clodovil {Ire}), National Stud

85 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners

13:30-BEVERLEY, 5f, KALISSI (GB)

7,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2017 - Book 3

Heeraat (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Mickley Stud

72 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners

14:20-NOTTINGHAM, 5f,

6,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2017 - Book 3

Slade Power (Ire) (Dutch Art {GB}), Kildangan Stud

99 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners

18:35-RIPON, 5f, SMILE A MILE (IRE)

EBF NOMINATION DEADLINE MAY 31

The deadline to nominate yearlings to the **European Breeders' Fund** is on Thursday, May 31. Each nomination is \$600 for any yearling by a sire not registered to the EBF and standing outside of Europe, with nominated horses eligible for an additional €5 million in prizemoney.

"This nomination stage is mostly applicable to breeders using American or Japanese stallions that are not registered to the EBF," said Kerry Murphy of the EBF. "Thanks to increasing support, the list of internationally registered stallions has grown significantly and we advise breeders to check with us to see if their yearling does need nominating. Those nominated by 31st May will be confirmed as EBF nominated on their page in the major yearling sales catalogues".

OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

2.20 Nottingham, Mdn, £6,000, 2yo, f, 5f 8yT

HEARTWARMING (GB) (Showcasing {GB}) debuts in the Hot To Trot Racing silks carried to G2 Queen Mary S. glory by her half-sister Heartache (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}) last year and, like that sibling, is trained by Clive Cox. Three of the last four winners of this heat have subsequently contested the Queen Mary and, in keeping with that theme, her rivals include Sir Mark Prescott trainee **Klass Action (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB})**, who is a daughter of 2013 Queen Mary fifth Alutiq (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}); **Kodyanna (Ire) (Kodiac {GB})**, who is a Richard Fahey-trained half-sister to last term's stakes-winning G3 Prix de Cabourg runner-up and Queen Mary seventh Darkanna (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) out of 2012 G2 Cherry Hinton S. third and Queen Mary fifth Jadanna (Ire) (Mujadil); and **Little Kim (GB) (Garswood {GB})**, who is a half-sister to last term's Queen Mary third Out of the Flames (GB) (Showcasing {GB}) out of 2010 Queen Mary ninth Primo Lady (GB) (Lucky Story), from the Karl Burke stable.

3.20 Fontainebleau, Mdn, €25,000, unraced 3yo, f, 11fT

SHALLA (GB) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) is one of two nominees for His Highness The Aga Khan in this debutantes' heat and she is out of MG1SP 2009 G1 Prix de l'Opera heroine Shalanaya (Ire) (Lomitas {GB}). The Mikel Delzangles incumbent is joined by **Shomaria (Fr) (Exceed and Excel {Aus})**, who is a daughter of 2008 G3 Prix de Lutece and 2009 G3 Prix Allez France victress Shemima (GB) (Dalakhani {Ire}), from the Alain de Royer-Dupre stable.

3.20 Fontainebleau, Mdn, €25,000, unraced 3yo, c/g, 11fT

OFFSET GUILT (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) is the first foal produced by 2012 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf and 2013 G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches heroine Flotilla (Fr) (Mizzen Mast) and debuts for the same Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Thani-Mikel Delzangles axis here. Opposition includes Gerard Augustin-Normand's **Boissey (Fr) (Iffraaj {GB})**, who is out of MGSP 2001 G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud fourth Banyu Dewi (Ger) (Poliglote {GB}) and thus kin to three black-type performers headed by MGSW 2011 G1 Gold Cup and G1 Prix du Cadran third Brigantin (Cozzene), representing Pia Brandt; and Gestut Ammerland's **Agosto (Ire) (Nathaniel {Ire})**, who is an Andre Fabre-trained gelded son of 2011 G1 Preis der Diana-German Oaks third Aigrette Garzette (Ire) (Peintre Celebre).

9.00 Gowran Park, Mdn, €12,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 7fT

RAESEEYA (GB) (Dansili {GB}) is the first foal produced by 2012 G1 Durban Golden Slipper victress Rumya (NZ) (Red Ransom) and debuts in the colours of Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum carried to success in that Greyville highlight. The Michael O'Callaghan trainee faces a baker's dozen including Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier and Michael Tabor's twice-raced **Darkness Falls (War Front)**, who is an Aidan O'Brien-trained daughter of MG1SP 2012 G1 Epsom Oaks heroine Was (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}); and Khalid Abdullah's **Clique (GB) (Bated Breath {GB})**, who is kin to three black-type performers headed by last term's G3 Winter Derby hero Convey (GB) (Dansili {GB}) and ill-fated G3 Supreme S.-winning sire Stronghold (GB) (Danehill), returning off a Sept. 17 debut fifth to subsequent G3 Athasi S. victress Lightning Quick (GB) (Frankel {GB}) and representing Dermot Weld.

9.10 Ripon, Cond, £6,000, 3yo/up, 10f 190yT

Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor and Markus Jooste's **DEPARTMENT OF WAR (IRE) (Declaration of War)**, a Richard Hannon-trained half-brother to G1SW sire Toormore (Ire) (Arakan) and MGSW sire Estidhkaar (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), returns off a third in Newmarket's May 19 Listed Fairway S. and is opposed by a cast of seven in this low-key return. It includes Godolphin newcomer **Beauvais (Ire) (New Approach {Ire})**, who represents Saeed bin Suroor and is a half-brother to MGSW 2012 G2 International Istanbul Trophy victress Local Time (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}); and Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum's twice-raced **Firlinfeu (GB) (New Approach {Ire})**, who is a gelded son of MGSW 2010 G1 Nassau S., G1 Prix Jean Romanet and G1 Premio Lydia Tesio placegetter Antara (Ger) (Platini {Ger}), making his turf debut for the Mark Johnston barn.

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BRITAIN



Tuesday's Results:

1st-Leicester, £8,400, Cond, 5-29, 2yo, 5fT, 1:01.76, gd.
SECRET VENTURE (GB) (c, 2, Kyllachy {GB}--Resort {GB}, by Oasis Dream {GB}), tracked the leaders in a share of third through the initial fractions of this first go. Angled into the clear passing the two pole, the 7-2 chance kept on strongly under whipless rousting in the closing stages to oust Blyton (GB) (Kodiac {GB}) by a nose on the line. "We thought he'd been beaten and were delighted when the result was announced," admitted trainer Kevin Ryan. [Cont. p12](#)

1ST-Leicester Cont.

“He’s an absolute professional and will improve a lot for the run. We rate him highly, he needs an extra furlong and we’ll mull it over before deciding where to go next.” Half-brother to a yearling colt by Mukhadram (GB), he is the third scorer out of a winning daughter of G1 Cheveley Park S.-winning European champion Gay Gallanta (Woodman), who in turn produced three black-type performers headed by MGSW sire Byron (GB) (Green Desert). Sales history: £85,000 Ylg ‘17 GOUKPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £5,434. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Clipper Logistics; B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB); T-Kevin Ryan.

2nd-Wolverhampton, £7,400, Cond, 5-29, 2yo, 6f 20y (AWT), 1:13.48, st.

SPORTING CHANCE (GB) (c, 2, Kodiak {GB}--Elpida, by Giant’s Causeway), backed into 6-4 favouritism, was positioned behind the leading trio throughout the early stages. Sent up the inner at the top of the straight, the bay led approaching the furlong pole and gamely held on to prevail by a short head from Finoah (Ire) (Kodiak {GB}). The winner is the first foal out of an unraced relative of the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S.-winning sire Poet’s Voice (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}). She also has a yearling colt by Champs Elysees (GB). Sales history: 41,000gns Ylg ‘17 TAOCT; £88,000 2yo ‘18 TATABR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$6,372. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Abdulla Al Mansoori; B-Ropsley Bloodstock & St Albans Bloodstock (GB); T-Simon Crisford.

2nd-Lingfield, £5,800, Cond, 5-29, 2yo, f, 6f 1y (AWT), 1:12.41, st.

OCTAVE (IRE) (f, 2, Dawn Approach {Ire}--Calando {SW & G1SP-Eng, G1SP-Fr & Ity, GSP-Ire, \$163,458}, by Storm Cat), broke well and was to the fore early, but was shuffled back to third after the initial exchanges of this unveiling. Coming under pressure at halfway, the 4-5 chalk quickened to go second entering the final furlong and kept on strongly for continued rousting to edge Royal Intervention (Ire) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) by a neck in the dying strides. “She got out well and had a nice position, but then dropped back,” explained trainer Mark Johnston. “She did well to go through a narrow gap and will have learnt an awful lot for that.” She is the ninth scorer out of G3 May Hill S.-winning G1 Fillies’ Mile and G1 Poule d’Essai des Pouliches placegetter Calando (Storm Cat), herself a daughter of MG1SW dual champion Diminuendo (Diesis {GB}), and is thus kin to Listed Chesham S.-winning sire Champlain (GB) (Seeking the Gold), Listed Silken Glider S. victress Calare (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) and a yearling filly by Night of Thunder (Ire). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £3,752. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Mark Johnston.

4th-Lingfield, £5,800, Cond, 5-29, 3yo/up, 10f (AWT), 2:04.37, st.

WISSAHICKON (c, 3, Tapit--No Matter What {GISW-US & SW-Fr, \$185,726}, by Nureyev), who followed up an Oct. 21 debut score at Wolverhampton with a Nov. 23 second at Chelmsford last time, was in mid division until tanking into second after the initial skirmishes of this one. Sent to the front on the home turn, the 11-8 chalk held a decisive advantage at the top of the straight and lengthened clear to easily best Institution (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}) by eight lengths. The homebred chestnut is one of nine winners from as many runners out of G1 Del Mar Oaks heroine No Matter What (Nureyev) and is kin to four stakes performers including MG1SW European champion Rainbow View (Dynaformer) and MGISP GIII Arlington H.-winning sire Just As Well (A.P. Indy). No Matter What, who has also produced the 2-year-old colt Repaupo (Quality Road), was bred to Temple City last year. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$13,961.

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O-George Strawbridge; B-Augustin Stable (KY); T-John Gosden.



5th-Leicester, £8,400, Mdn, 5-29, 2yo, 6fT, 1:13.78, gd.

FANAAR (IRE) (c, 2, Dark Angel {Ire}--Inca Trail, by Royal Academy), who was a slow-starting fourth to subsequent Listed National S. third Konchek (GB) (Lethal Force {Ire}) in his May 6 debut at Newmarket last time, made a better start here and raced on the front end from flagfall. Nudged along at the quarter-mile marker, the 11-10 favourite kept on well under increased urging thereafter to prevail by 1 1/4 lengths from Liberation Day (GB) (Iffraaj {GB}). “He looks like a slow burner and Royal Ascot might come too soon for him,” admitted trainer William Haggas. “He has the physique at the moment, but doesn’t yet have the strength.” Half-brother to a yearling colt by Gutaifan (Ire), he becomes the second scorer out of Inca Trail (Royal Academy), herself kin to four black-type performers, headed by MGSP Italian highweight Dream Chief (Holy Bull) and stakes-winning Prix du Prince d’Orange runner-up Indian Choice (With Approaval), out of MGSP Listed Prix de Bagatelle victress Cheyenne Dream (GB) (Dancing Brave). Sales history: £240,000 Ylg ‘17 GOUKPR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$8,211. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Bakewell Bloodstock & Freynetown (IRE); T-William Haggas.

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4th-Redcar, £6,900, Mdn, 5-29, 3-5yo, 10f 1yT, 2:06.90, g/f.
WORTH WAITING (GB) (f, 3, Bated Breath {GB}--Salutare {Ire}, by Sadler's Wells), who ran second at Nottingham on seasonal return last time May 11, was well away from the inside gate and raced in a handy fifth for most of this one. Angled into open runway with three furlongs remaining, the 1-2 lock challenged at the two pole and stayed on well under mild urging in the closing stages to assert by 1 1/2 lengths from Roddy (Ire) (Roderic O'Connor {Ire}). Half to a 2-year-old colt by Iffraaj (GB), the July 21 G1 Irish Oaks entry is a granddaughter of the stakes-winning Contare (GB) (Shirley Heights {GB}), herself the dam of G1 Prix Royal-Oak victress Montare (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}), who in turn produced G1 British Champions Fillies & Mares-winning British highweight Journey (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) and MGSP Travelling Man (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}). Sales history: 40,000gns Ylg '16 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$9,266. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
 O-Saif Ali; B-Whetton Manor Stud (GB); T-David Lanigan.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Jensue (Ire), f, 2, Red Jazz--Gold Tobougg (GB), by Tobougg (Ire).
 Redcar, 5-29, 5f 217yT, 1:13.89. B-Ciaran Mac Ferran (IRE).
 *€3,000 Wlg '16 GOFNOV; £13,000 Ylg '17 TASAYG.

The Emperor Within (Fr), c, 3, Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)--
 Watchful (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). Brighton, 5-29, 7f 211yT,
 1:33.80. B-Team Hogdala Ab (FR). *€115,000 Ylg '16 AROYRG;
 70,000gns 2yo '17 TATBRE.

Stylehunter (GB), c, 3, Raven's Pass--Sunday Bess (Jpn), by Deep
 Impact (Jpn). Lingfield, 5-29, 10f (AWT), 2:04.33. B-Chasemore
 Farm (GB). *55,000gns Ylg '16 TAOCT.

Ledham (Ire), c, 3, Shamardal--Pioneer Bride, by Gone West.
 Wolverhampton, 5-29, 7f 36y (AWT), 1:28.70. B-Tinnakill
 Bloodstock (IRE). *115,000gns Wlg '15 TATFOA; 200,000gns
 Ylg '16 TAOCT. **1/2 to Yamal (Ire) (Green Desert), SW-Eng,
 \$230,037.

FRANCE**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

4th-Strasbourg, €19,000, Cond, 5-29, 4yo/up, 11f 165yT,
 2:28.89, g/s.
DUBAI DUNES (GB) (f, 4, Nathaniel {Ire}--Amallna {GB}, by
Green Desert) Lifetime Record: 14-5-5-0, €51,423. O-Selwood
 Bloodstock Ltd & Imran Butt; B-Newsells Park Stud (GB);
 T-Jerome Reynier. *€130,000 Wlg '14 GOFNOV; £11,000 3yo
 '17 ASDER.

IRELAND**Tuesday's Results:**

VICTOR MCCALMONT MEMORIAL E.B.F. S.-Listed, €62,150,
 Gowran, 5-29, 3yo/up, f/m, 9f 100yT, 2:02.62, g/f.

1--**TURRET ROCKS (IRE), 135, m, 5, by Fastnet Rock (Aus)--**
Beyond Compare (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). O-Mrs June Judd;
 B/T-Jim Bolger (IRE); J-Kevin Manning. €32,450. Lifetime
 Record: GSW & G1SP-Ire, GSW-Eng & G1SP-Fr, 18-4-1-3,
 \$342,106. *1/2 to Beyond Thankful (Ire) (Whipper), GSW-Aus
 & GSP-Ire, \$489,825.

2--**Clear Skies (GB), 135, m, 5, Sea the Stars (Ire)--Out West, by**
 Gone West. (500,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT). O-John P McManus.
 €10,450.

3--**I'm So Fancy (Ire), 135, f, 4, Rajj (Ire)--Royal Jelly (GB), by**
 King's Best. O-Mrs James Nicholson. €4,950.
 Margins: 3/4, 2 1/4, 1HF. Odds: 1.60, 1.85, 5.00.

Also Ran: Bella Estrella (Ire), Damsel fly (Ire), Remarkable Lady
 (Ire).

Successful in the G2 May Hill S. and runner-up in the G1 Prix
 Marcel Bousac in 2015, Turret Rocks remained at a solid level
 thereafter and had the raw material to annexe The Curragh's G3
 Blue Wind S. last May. Third in the G2 Ridgewood Pearl S. back
 there later that month and in the G1 Pretty Polly S. at the same
 venue in July, the bay had been to York last time and again
 produced a decent standard to be fourth to the impressive
 Coronet (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) in the 10-furlong G2 Middleton S.
 May 17. Making all here, she benefitted from Clear Skies'
 inability to get a clear passage in the home straight to register
 another black-type win despite a late jink.

The dam, who also has the unraced 2-year-old colt Wexford
 Dawn (Ire) (Dawn Approach {Ire}) and a yearling full-brother to
 Turret Rocks to come, descends from the G1 Prix Saint-Alary
 winner Riviere D'Or (Lyphard) which connects her to Goldikova
 (Ire) (Anabaa) et al. **Click for the Racing Post result. Video,**
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7th-Gowran, €12,000, Cond, 5-29, 3yo, 12fT, 2:35.18, g/f.

ROMIYNA (IRE) (f, 3, Nathaniel {Ire}--Rose Quartz {GB}, by
Lammtarra), sent off the 5-2 favourite, was settled in mid-
 division early. Delivered to tackle the leader Queen Iseult (GB)
 (Camelot {GB}) inside the final quarter mile, the homebred was
 soon in total command and despite a late spook hit the line with
 six lengths to spare. Park Bloom (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), the full-
 sister to Was (Ire), stuck to her guns after coming under a ride a
 long way out and eventually finished fourth.

7th-Gowran Cont.

The winner is a half-sister to Rosawa (Fr) (Linamix {Fr}), MSW-Fr, who went on to produce the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac scorer and G1 Prix de Diane runner-up Rosanara (Fr) (Sinndar {Ire}). She is also a half-brother to the G2 Prix du Muguet and G2 Prix Daniel Wildenstein-winning sire Rajsaman (Fr) (Linamix {Fr}), MGSW & MG1SP-Fr, \$652,878, and to the Listed King George V Cup scorer Radanpour (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}). This is the family of the Australian champion 3-year-old colt Whobegotyou (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}) and the dual G1 King George-winning sire Swain (Ire) (Nashwan). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$8,591. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-His Highness The Aga Khan; B-Haras De Son Altesse L'Aga Khan SCEA (IRE); T-Dermot Weld.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Rapture's Delight (GB), c, 3, Invincible Spirit (Ire)--Alpine Snow (Ire) (SW & GSP-Fr), by Verglas (Ire). Gowran, 5-29, 7fT, 1:27.19. B-Ecurie de Meautry & Petra Bloodstock (GB). *€200,000 Ylg '16 AROYRG. **Full to Ambivalence (Ire), SP-Fr, & 1/2 to Armande (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}), GSW & G1SP-Fr, \$222,116.



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Bred and owned by Anthony Mithen, the bay drew off to win by 3 1/2 lengths, and, all being well in the interim, will travel to England on June 6 with an eye toward the June 20 G2 Queen Mary S.

"She trialled at Cranbourne last week [ran third] and showed talent, but left us scratching our heads a bit on a couple of fronts whether or not she was educated enough and had the brains to cope with it all," said Mithen. We fiddled around with her and put blinkers on and worked her in blinkers since and it just seemed to clearly get her focused."

Added Mithen of the 2-year-old, who was trialling for the third time, "I think she's just a natural-born runner. We did want to make sure of it and this morning she's shown us and everyone that maybe there will be another horse that we can barrack for at Royal Ascot."

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IN UNITED STATES:

Belvoir Bay (GB), m, 5, Equiano (Fr)--Path of Peace (GB), by Rock of Gibraltar (Ire). Santa Anita Park, 5-28, GI Monrovia S. (\$201,380), 6 1/2fT, 1:12.80. B-Mrs R. D. Peacock (GB). *20,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT.

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Hunt (Ire), g, 6, by Dark Angel (Ire)--Mansiya (GB), by Vettori (Ire). Santa Anita Park, 5-28, GI Shoemaker Mile S. (\$401,035), 1mT, 1:34.07. B-Michael O'Callaghan (Ire). *€24,000 RNA Wlg '12 GOFNOV; €78,000 2yo '14 GORMAY.

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'LUCK' WINS TRIAL AHEAD OF ROYAL ASCOT

Luck Favours (Aus) (Starspangledbanner {Aus}), a Northern Hemisphere-bred juvenile filly, won her May 28 800-metre barrier trial at Werribee, and remains on course for a trip to Royal Ascot, *Racing.com* reported.

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