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CHROME THE MEYDAN 'STAR' THURSDAY

By Emma Berry

The Thursday morning prior to the Dubai World Cup meeting is billed as 'Breakfast With The Stars,' and for those up early enough at Meydan there was the chance for breakfast with a rock star. **California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit) has received this lofty billing from his veteran trainer Art Sherman, and it's a title he wears with ease.

"I call him the California rock star. He's got such a following all over the world," said Sherman, who has also received invitations for trips to Hong Kong and Royal Ascot with America's Horse of the Year.

The majority of Saturday's runners wait until the sun creeps over the horizon before taking to the track, meaning that California Chrome has the spotlight all to himself as he wanders from his barn with rider Willie Delgado and entourage a little after 5 a.m. The European horses--generally trained away from the clamor of clockers and



California Chrome and Willie Delgado on track at Meydan Thursday

Emma Berry

cameramen in the forests of Chantilly or private training grounds of Lambourn and Newmarket--may find it less easy to cope with morning trackwork, but this is old hat for the four-time Grade I winner. He stands stock still for a good five minutes, his ears pricked to the sound of camera shutters and the more distant call to morning prayer. Eventually Delgado coaxes California Chrome into a casual saunter within touching distance of the press pack, and then asks him to jog on round the bend under the glare from the vast Meydan grandstand.

At 77, Sherman is enjoying the attention as much as his horse, and happily consents to interview after interview. "I thought nobody would know me in Dubai, but from the moment I stepped off the plane, people said, 'There's California Chrome's trainer.' He's kind of like a drawing magnet for racing right now," he said. California Chrome and his connections may be reveling in their lead billing ahead of the world's richest race day, but there are plenty of stars still to come as the sun and the temperature both start to rise. **Cont. p6**

SHARED BELIEF TO CT CLASSIC

Champion **Shared Belief** (Candy Ride {Arg}), whose latest triumph came in the GI Santa Anita H. Mar. 7, will race outside of California for the first time Apr. 18 in the GI Charles Town Classic, part-owner Jim Rome confirmed via Twitter Wednesday.

"Shared Belief's getting on a plane for the first time," tweeted Rome, who heads Jungle Racing. "We're headed to West Virginia for the Charles Town Classic Apr. 18."



Shared Belief
Benoit Photo

The 4-year-old gelding finished off his sophomore season with a dazzling victory in the GI Malibu S. Dec. 26 after suffering the first

loss of his career when a controversial fourth in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic Nov. 1. The dark bay kicked off this term with a victory over Horse of the Year California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) in Santa Anita's GI San Antonio Invitational S. Feb. 7 prior to his win in the Big 'Cap.

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La Tia Retired

Salvador Hernandez's GI Matriarch S. heroine **La Tia** (City Place) has been retired from racing and will be bred to Candy Ride (Arg). The 6-year-old retires with 10 wins from 24 starts and earnings of \$1,023,326. "She is done racing and has been a great racehorse," Hernandez said. "She is going to be a good momma."

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Casners Back for More in Dubai

After winning the 2009 G1 Dubai World Cup with homebred Well Armed (Tiznow), Bill and Susan Casner are back for more this year. Their 3-year-old homebred **My Johnny Be Good** (Colonel John) will line up Saturday for the G2 UAE Derby. "We've been waiting for a horse good enough to bring us back here, and now we have one," Bill Casner said. "We're excited about being back in Dubai."



(l to r) **Bill and Susan Casner** with **Eoin Harty** at Meydan
Michele MacDonald

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Australia Hosts Three Group 1 Races



First Seal
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A trio of Group 1 events will take place in Australia this weekend, with Japanese invader **To the World (Jpn)** (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) headlining the G1 The BMW S. at Rosehill. **Angelic Light (Aus)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) looks like the one to beat in Moonee Valley's G1 William Reid S., and **First Seal (Aus)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) hopes to remain the leader of her division in Rosehill's G1 Vinery Stud S.

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RMTC BOARD APPROVES COBALT THRESHOLD

The Racing Medication and Testing Consortium board of directors approved a uniform threshold for cobalt regulation in the United States at its regularly scheduled meeting Mar. 24 at Gulfstream Park.

The cobalt threshold, which was developed and unanimously recommended by the RMTC's Scientific Advisory Committee, will be submitted to the Association of Racing Commissioners International for consideration as a model rule at RCI's April meeting in Tampa Bay, Florida. Technical assistance will be provided by the RMTC to individual jurisdictions seeking to adopt cobalt regulations. The SAC is a standing committee of the RMTC, comprised of leading chemists, pharmacologists, lab directors, regulatory veterinarians and racetrack veterinarians from across the U.S. horse racing industry.

Under the RMTC recommendation:

- Horses that test above 25 parts per billion (ppb) of cobalt in plasma shall be: (i) subject to a fine or a warning for the first offense; (ii) placed on the veterinarian's list; and (iii) ineligible to race until they test below 25 ppb of cobalt in plasma (at the owner's cost); and

- Horses that test above 50 ppb of cobalt in plasma shall be subject to a class B penalty which in most jurisdictions includes: (i) disqualification of the horse; (ii) a fine; and (iii) trainer suspension.

"This proposal is designed to protect the health and welfare of the race horse," explained Dr. Rick Arthur, RMTC Secretary and California's equine medical director. "The recommended thresholds provide generous allowances for vitamin and mineral supplementation, but make the administration of cobalt salts impractical. Importantly, the 25 ppb total cobalt threshold in blood is comparable to the 100-200 ppb thresholds in urine being administered internationally."

In other action, the RMTC board approved Interim Accreditation for the Pennsylvania Equine Toxicology and Research Laboratory (PETRL), after receiving a report from the Horseracing Testing Laboratories Committee, a committee which oversees the RMTC laboratory accreditation process. PETRL is the sixth laboratory accredited by the RMTC since the program began in 2011. With this action, Pennsylvania becomes the 24th horse racing state to utilize an RMTC-accredited lab and an external quality assurance program for its equine drug and medication testing services.

"We applaud the many state racing authorities and industry stakeholders around the U.S. who are working diligently toward nationwide adoption of the uniform medication program," said Alex Waldrop, RMTC Chair.

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RMTC Board Approves Cobalt Threshold cont.

Waldrop continued, "These reforms are critical to the health and safety of horse and rider, while also creating a level playing field for horseplayers and for horsemen who race in multiple jurisdictions."

The RMTC board also addressed the use of gamma-aminobutyric acid (GABA)--an endogenous substance that has also been inappropriately administered on race-day as a performance enhancer under the name Carolina Gold. Representatives from the SAC updated the RMTC board on the status of research into the proper regulation of GABA, including an RMTC-funded administration study and industry-sponsored analysis of more than 400 post-race samples. Based upon the final results of the SAC's study and analysis, the RMTC board expects to finalize a recommendation concerning a normally occurring threshold for GABA in the next two weeks. The RMTC will then submit the recommended threshold for GABA to the RCI for consideration at its April meeting.

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BARRETT'S TO PARTICIPATE IN CHRFB PILOT TESTING PROGRAM

The California Horse Racing Board will be collecting hair, urine and blood samples from horses to be sold at this year's Barrett's May Sale as part of a pilot out-of-competition testing program.

The program will not impact the conditions of sale for the May venue and efforts will be made to minimize inconvenience. The test results will not affect the sale of any horse at the auction.

"We are pleased to be working closely with the CHRFB as it explores a new OOC standard for the sales industry," Barretts General Manager Kim Lloyd said. "The preservation of the integrity and credibility of sales programs is a top priority. Barretts will assist the CHRFB with the process of introducing and implementing the OOC pilot protocols at the upcoming May sale."

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ONE LUCKY DANE POSSIBLE FOR SA DERBY

Michael Lund Petersen's 'TDN Rising Star' **One Lucky Dane** (Lookin at Lucky) is under consideration for the



One Lucky Dane
Benoit Photo

GI Santa Anita Derby Apr. 4, trainer Bob Baffert announced Thursday.

"I might run him," Baffert said. "He likes this track. Either that or I could wait for the [Gill Coolmore] Lexington [S. Apr. 11 at Keeneland]. Now's the time to find out if you fit."

An impressive graduate at third asking in Arcadia Oct. 4, the bay was sixth in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Nov. 1 and kicked off his sophomore season with a 9 3/4-length romp in a one-mile optional claimer at Santa Anita Mar. 19.

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CASSATT TO HAVE KNEE CHIP SURGERY

Fox Hill Farm's 'TDN Rising Star' Cassatt (Tapit) will undergo surgery after a displaced chip was found in one knee and a non-displaced chip was found in the other, the farm announced on Facebook Thursday.



Cassatt
Equi-Photo

The Fox Hill Farm Facebook page stated, "Cassatt had a thorough exam by Dr. [Larry] Bramlage over the past two days, including a bone scan. She has a displaced chip in one knee and a non-displaced chip in the other. She also has strained her hind suspensories. She will be fine after chip removal surgery and 60 days of recuperation."

Trained by Larry Jones, the GIII Monmouth Oaks heroine scored three straight victories in the Zia Park Oaks Nov. 26, Fair Grounds' Tiffany Lass S. Dec. 21 and the Houston Ladies Classic S. Jan. 24. The speedy gray was most recently seen fading to sixth in the GI Santa Margarita S. Mar. 14. in Arcadia.

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GRADE I WINNER LA TIA RETIRED

Salvador Hernandez's GI Matriarch S. victress La Tia (City Place) has been retired and will begin her new career as a broodmare. Originally considering a start in the GIII Churchill Downs Distaff Turf Mile May 2,



La Tia
Four Footed Fotos

Hernandez decided to skip that race and breed his homebred to Candy Ride (Arg).

"There was an offer to buy her from a Japanese interest, but it fell through," Hernandez said. "When that happened, I decided to turn her into a broodmare. I want to keep her and breed her to Candy Ride. She is done

racing and has been a great racehorse. She is going to be a good momma."

La Tia's first black-type win came immediately following her graduation in Arlington's 2012 Purple Violet S., and she made it three in a row with a victory in the GIII Arlington Oaks. The Illinois-bred's best season came in 2014 when she won the GIII Arlington Matron S., GIII Ontario Matron S. and GIII Athenia S., in addition to besting GISW Discreet Marq (Discreet Cat) in the Matriarch.

"She is the best horse I've ever been around and she means a lot to me," said trainer Armando De La Cerda. "She is so fast and is a very sound and happy horse who gives 100% in every race. She is one of the best turf fillies in the country and has a great attitude."

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Grade I Winner La Tia Retired cont.

De La Cerda continued, "She could race another season, but [Hernandez] would like to breed her. I would love to run her on Kentucky Derby Day to show everyone how good she is one more time, but she has nothing to prove. She's a Grade I winner and will make a great broodmare."

The dark bay spent her winter training at Fair Grounds and made one start this year at Santa Anita, finishing second to 'TDN Rising Star' Diversy Harbor (Curlin) in the GII Buena Vista S. Feb. 16. The 6-year-old retires with a record of 24-10-2-5 and earnings of \$1,023,326.

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Executive Committee Agrees to Reopen Debate on Expanded Gaming at Woodbine

"Councillors voted in favour of Deputy Mayor and Ward 1 councillor Vincent Crisanti's motion requesting that the executive committee ask council to authorize public consultations on expanded gaming at the Rexdale racetrack and that the city manager report back by June 30 with an 'assessment of the technical planning requirements, and merits and potential risks' of the idea." **Chris Fox, CP24.com**

Will Sports Betting Legalization Increase Gambling Addiction?

"The question is beginning to appear as if it's when, not if, sports betting will be legalized in the U.S., but is the country mature enough as a gambling society to handle it?" **David Purdum, ESPN**



Chrome the Meydan 'Star' Thursday cont. from p1

Team Valor's **Euro Charline (GB)** (Myboycharlie {Ire}) scoots around the turf, which will later be graced by Hong Kong's G1 Sheema Classic contender **Designs On Rome (Ire)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), followed by powerful stayer **Brown Panther (GB)** (Shirocco {Ger}), his head tucked low in trademark style under jockey Richard Kingscote.



Epiphaneia and Tap That
Emma Berry

Wherever Japanese horses run in the world they are guaranteed to have a large contingent of fans and photographers in tow, and Dubai is no exception. As the statuesque G1 Japan Cup winner **Epiphaneia (Jpn)** (Symboli Kris S), unmissable in his green bridle, takes to the track alongside grey

compatriot **Tap That (Jpn)** (Tapit), the photographers pursue him through the tunnel and into the paddock where he heads for a spot of schooling ahead of the big night. **Cont. p7**

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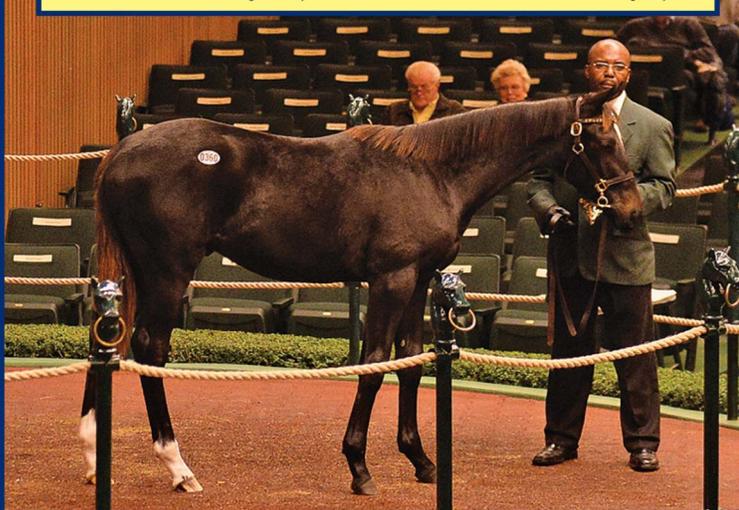
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Chrome the Meydan 'Star' Thursday cont.

Epiphaneia will be one of California Chrome's deadliest foes in the World Cup, and he could give him a run for his money in the competition to be the week's best poser, too, unfazed is he by the rising clamor as hundreds of guests gather for breakfast under the parasols on the Meydan concourse and presenters Rishi Persad and Scott Hazelton take to the microphones.

Horses continue to canter round the track in the background, but they become almost a sideshow as bands and stilt-walkers are interspersed with loudspeaker comments from trainers and jockeys. Art Sherman is called up again, this time in front of a much larger audience, as is Victor Espinoza, but the prime focus this morning is on team Godolphin. This is, after all, Sheikh Mohammed's party and one that has grown in grandeur and largesse with each passing year. Trainers Saeed Bin Suroor and Charlie Appleby and newly signed stable jockeys James Doyle and William Buick are each decked out in identical Godolphin blue polo shirts and caps and are unfailingly polite in answering queries as to their chances of making Saturday a night to remember for their boss.

The winter has been kind to the two teams within the Godolphin operation: Bin Suroor and Doyle have been crowned champion jockey and trainer, respectively, at the culmination of the Dubai Carnival, while Appleby has taken England's All-Weather Championship, which concludes today, with more than double the earnings of his nearest rival, Marco Botti.

That a Godolphin trainer should even be challenging for all-weather honors is a departure from the strategy of old, which saw the majority of the organization's horses shipped from Newmarket to Dubai for the winter, returning in time for the start of the British turf season. This time around, Appleby's yard at Moulton Paddocks has remained full as last year's juveniles have made the transition to their Classic season under a colder English sky.

"We regrouped last year and this is the way we decided to go," Appleby explains. "We didn't want to come here [to Dubai] and butt heads with Saeed's

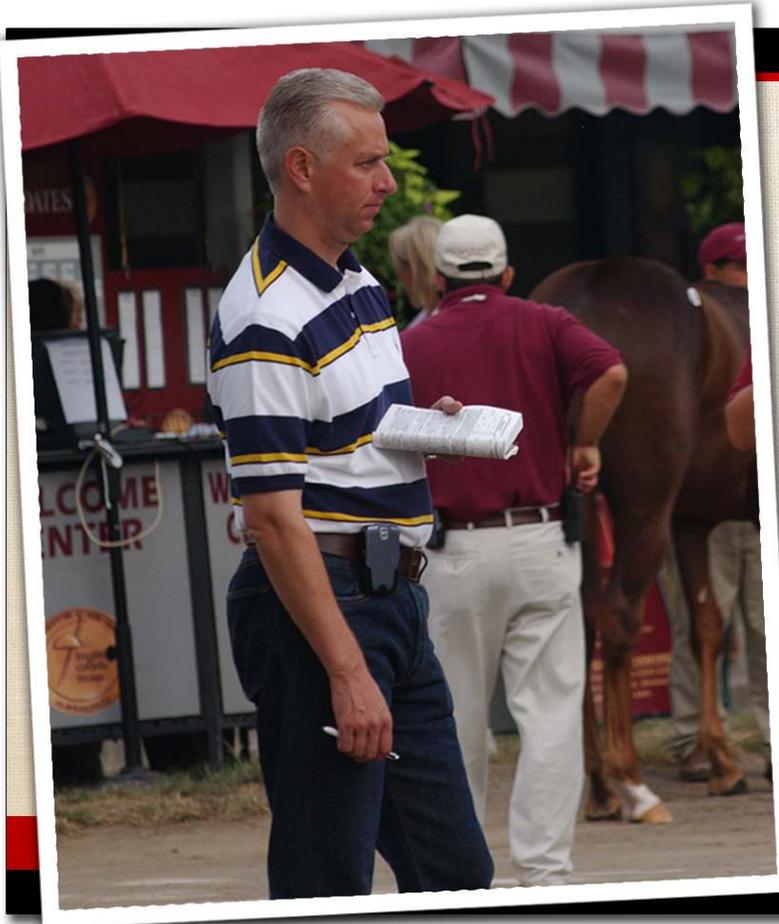


Charlie Appleby
Emma Berry

horses. It's been something new for Godolphin and it's been very productive. There's a different atmosphere at the yard now as it's been kept very active through the winter."

Having horses in Newmarket and

Dubai has meant weekly commuting between the two for Appleby, who is looking forward to assessing the ability of the wealth of youngsters purchased by Sheikh Mohammed at last year's yearling sales, not to mention some extremely well credentialed homebreds. **Cont. p8**



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Chrome the Meydan 'Star' Thursday cont.

One juvenile who is certain to garner plenty of attention when he makes his debut is the Dubawi (Ire) half-brother to dual Derby winner Australia (GB), purchased privately by Godolphin from his breeder Lord Derby last summer. The trainer, however, is taking the long-term view.

He said, "We're going to take our time with them, we're not planning to have lots of Royal Ascot 2-year-olds. We're looking to go down the Classic route--that's what Godolphin is all about, winning Group 1s and Classics."

That quest will start with the 10 runners being primed for Saturday, among them **African Story (GB)** (Pivotal {GB}), who will bid to become the first horse ever to win the Dubai World Cup twice. The 8-year-old is one of five mounts for James Doyle on the card as he attempts to add to the Group 1 success notched here for his old boss, Prince Khalid Abdullah, aboard Cityscape (GB) (Selkirk) in the G1 Dubai Duty Free of 2012.

Asked how he feels after giving up an equally high-profile riding retainer to join the Godolphin team last autumn, he offered, "I wouldn't say it adds to the pressure, but of course I want to do well riding for the home team and I've been lucky to be champion in Dubai this winter. This is the biggest night of racing in the world and we know it's going to be tough coming up against horses like California Chrome and Lea."

Buick also has a Dubai World Cup night win to his credit having landed the G1 Sheema Classic with Dar Re Mi (Ire) (Singspiel {Ire}) for John Gosden in 2010. He will partner Saeed Bin Suroor's second World Cup runner, **Prince Bishop (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), as well as the Uruguayan Triple Crown winner **Sir Fever (Uru)** (Texas Fever) for Appleby among his five rides on Saturday. He said, "Riding for Godolphin is a dream job from a jockey's point of view and Saturday is going to be extra special. It's a very important race day for everyone involved and riding for His Highness Sheikh Mohammed it means that bit more."

There's no doubt that in signing Doyle and the Norwegian-born Buick, Sheikh Mohammed has ensured that he has two of the brightest stars of the British weighing room at his disposal. How quickly his faith in them will be repaid by a return to the glory days for Godolphin remains to be seen, but the revised strategy won't fail for lack of commitment from the new boys in blue.

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TRACKSIDE IN DUBAI THURSDAY

By Michele MacDonald

The sprawling complex of Meydan Racecourse buzzed with activity from end to end on Mar. 26 as fans came out en masse to enjoy Breakfast with the Stars and runners from around the world tuned up for their appointed dates with destiny on the \$30 million Dubai World Cup program.

Hong Kong Horse of the Year **Designs on Rome (Ire)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) was eagerly awaited by morning railbirds and he did not disappoint as he breezed about six furlongs on the turf under exercise



Designs On Rome
DRC/Neville Hopwood

rider Kevin Wong, who reported that the 5-year-old gelding hardly took a deep breath afterward.

"He's really fit, he looks particularly well in the coat and I couldn't be happier with his preparation," trainer John

Moore told the Dubai Racing Club's notes team after the move, which he described as "nice and easy."

Jockey Joao Moreira, who is set to ride Designs on Rome in the \$6 million G1 Dubai Sheema Classic, could take his mount back out on the turf during training hours Friday, Moore said.

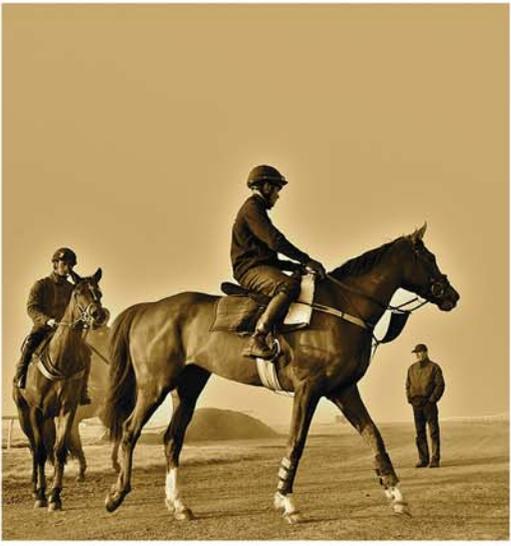
Also catching the eye with a turf canter was 2014 Japanese champion 3-year-old filly **Harp Star (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), who was partnered by her jockey Ryan Moore as they aim to take on Designs on Rome and American champion **Main Sequence** (Aldebaran) in the Sheema Classic.



Harp Star and Ryan Moore
Michele MacDonald

Harp Star had not looked particularly robust or fluid when galloping earlier in the week on the Meydan main track, but she appeared a different horse as she glided over the grass. Moore reported that she seemed to be easy to ride and in a good frame of mind. **Cont. p9**

The Curragh set for 2015 Season



Photos by Amy Lynam





Trackside in Dubai Thursday cont.

Another contender for the Sheema Classic--which offers perhaps the deepest field on the Dubai World Cup program with nine high quality runners--appearing for a gallop was G1 Hong Kong Vase winner **Flintshire (GB)** (Dansili {GB}), the runner-up to Main Sequence in the Breeders' Cup Turf and to Treve (Fr) (Motivator {GB}) in the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. Flintshire, trained by Andre Fabre, joined a string of French-based runners who stretched their legs on the main track as they have done together for several days.

Teddy Grimthorpe, racing manager for owner Prince Khalid Abdullah, reported that he was "very pleased" with how Flintshire seems to have come on in fitness since his prep race, a runner-up effort to Sheema Classic rival **Dolniya (Fr)** (Azamour {Ire}) over the all-weather track at Chantilly on Mar. 3.

Dolniya also drew praise from her trainer, Alain de Royer Dupre, who described the 4-year-old filly as having filled out into a more impressive specimen this year. Dolniya, who has been one of the most visually appealing of the French-based horses at Meydan, cantered once around on the main track.

While many of his rivals came out to the main area of Meydan, Main Sequence returned to the relative seclusion of the training track after what is expected to be his only appearance at the racing complex the previous day. Trainer Graham Motion schooled Main Sequence in the starting gate for the second time and the gelding was calmer than he had previously been before cantering about 1 1/8 miles under regular exercise rider Alice Clapham.

Back at the main track, Freddy Head was among the growing number of trainers on the scene, and he observed Alain and Gerard Wertheimer's **Solow (GB)** (Singspiel {Ire}) as the 5-year-old gelding did an easy canter. Winner of the G2 Prix Daniel Wildenstein last year, Solow has drawn the outside stall in the 10-horse field in the G1 Dubai Turf and will be ridden by Maxime Guyon.

Jockey Joel Rosario, well known in Dubai for winning the 2013 World Cup aboard Animal Kingdom (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}), was also on the scene Thursday. Rosario laughed when relating his momentary panic when he got a phone call requesting he come out to exercise his G2 Godolphin Mile mount, veteran campaigner **Haatheq** (Seeking the Gold), for trainer Ali Rashid Al Raihe, because he had not brought any clothes for trackwork with him. However, he found some appropriate attire and donned his vest and helmet and made the appointment.



Joel Rosario
Michele MacDonald

In addition to Haatheq, Rosario will ride in his first purebred Arabian race when he partners Valiant Boy in the \$1 million Dubai Kahayla Classic to open the Dubai World Cup program. His other mounts are **Big Macher** (Beau Genius) in the Golden Shaheen and **Lea** (First Samurai) in the World Cup.

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CASNERS BACK FOR MORE IN DUBAI

By Michele MacDonald

Bill and Susan Casner have tasted victory from some of racing's most sumptuous platters, including the G1 Kentucky Derby with Super Saver (Maria's Mon), the G1 Belmont S. with Drosselmeyer (Distorted Humor) and the G1 Travers S. with Colonel John (Tiznow).

Nothing has come close, however, to the exhilaration of winning the world's richest race, the now \$10



(l to r) Bill and Susan Casner with Eoin Harty at Meydan
Michele MacDonald

million G1 Dubai World Cup, which they captured in 2009 with their homebred Well Armed (Tiznow).

"That was absolutely the highest mountain top that Susan and I have ever stood on," Casner said while standing at the rail at Meydan

Racecourse watching morning workouts this week. "We've been waiting for a horse good enough to bring us back here, and now we have one. We're excited about being back in Dubai."

The Casners have traveled from their Texas ranch--where, in storybook fashion, Well Armed now lives with them and a fellow Dubai racing veteran, Bet Me Best (Barberstown), who finished third in the 2000 G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen--to cheer on their homebred **My Johnny Be Good** (Colonel John) in the \$2 million G2 UAE Derby.

Trainer Eoin Harty, who conditioned Well Armed and Colonel John, has pointed My Johnny Be Good to the UAE Derby, which offers points for the Kentucky Derby as well as its copious purse and will be run over 1900 meters. Harty and the Casners both were enthusiastic about My Johnny Be Good's workout at Meydan Mar. 24, in which the colt breezed a half-mile in :47 and change.



My Johnny Be Good training at Meydan
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"That's the best piece of work I've seen him put in," Harty declared.
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Casners Back for More in Dubai cont.

Whereas the task is not an easy one for My Johnny Be Good, who finished third in the Gill Sam F. Davis S. at Tampa Bay Downs before checking in eighth after pressing the pace in the Gill Tampa Bay Derby won by Carpe Diem (Giant's Causeway), his connections are not faint of heart.

After all, Casner brought Well Armed back from near death to win the Dubai World Cup, so he knows that anything can be possible in racing.

When Well Armed was three, he won a race in Dubai while trained by Clive Brittain and seemed like a possible UAE Derby candidate himself. However, a knee chip sent him back to the U.S., where, while recovering from surgery in his stall, he fractured the point of his hip. Casner recalled that Well Armed was in so much pain after incurring the fracture that it was not certain the gelding would survive. Then Casner--who for many years was a trainer long before he co-founded WinStar Farm with friend Kenny Troutt--spent about a year working to rehabilitate Well Armed, with long sessions of swimming to build up atrophied muscles followed by riding with a Western saddle.

When Well Armed was physically ready, Casner sent him to Harty. And the rest is history.

"From Cigar to Well Armed"--I believe that was the call that night [of the 2009 Dubai World Cup]," Casner said, reliving the moment Well Armed ran away with a record-breaking 14-length victory in the final race ever run at Nad Al Sheba, where Cigar had prevailed in the inaugural World Cup in 1996. "That memory is burned in my mind."

But the story is not over. My Johnny Be Good has the chance to add more memories to the Casners' Dubai collection, which began in 1998 when they accompanied Art Preston to watch his Belmont S. winner Victory Gallop (Cryptoclearance) finish third in the Dubai World Cup for then-trainer Elliott Walden. The Casners' saga in the desert continued when they raced Bet Me Best in the 2000 Golden Shaheen.

Well Armed (bay) and Bet Me Best at the Casners' ranch

Photo courtesy Bill Casner

Prior to his landmark Dubai World Cup victory, Well Armed also competed in the 2008 edition of the race, in which he was third behind Horse of the Year Curlin (Smart Strike).

Fittingly for a horse that took them on the ride of their lives, Well Armed leads a happy life with the Casners at their Flower Mound, Texas, ranch.

"He still gets ridden and gets his turnout time," said Casner, pulling up a photo of 12-year-old Well Armed grazing in a paddock while standing with 19-year-old Bet Me Best.

"He still thinks he's a racehorse," added Susan Casner.

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JAPAN TO THE FORE DOWN UNDER

With a winner and a runner-up at the Group 1 level for its first-up competitors at Rosehill last weekend, the Japanese have staked daunting claims to the rich spoils set to be offered at Sydney's The Championships Apr. 4 and 11, and the nation rolls out what could be the strongest of its invaders in **To The World (Jpn)** (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) in Saturday's A\$1.5 million G1 The BMW. To The World flashed promise when runner-up in last year's G1 Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas),



To The World stretching his legs at Sydney's Canterbury quarantine facility

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and he solidified himself as one of the top horses in the country with a runner-up finish to Gentildonna (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) when stepping up to 12 1/2 furlongs for the G1 Arima Kinen when last seen Dec. 28.

The BMW has been a rich hunting ground for

G1 Melbourne Cup winners in recent years, with the likes of Makybe Diva (GB) (Desert King {Ire}) and Might and Power (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}) having proven victorious, and thus it is no surprise to see last year's G1 Melbourne Cup hero **Protectionist (Ger)** (Monsun {Ger}) prominent in the betting. The 5-year-old has failed to shine in two outings thus far this year, including a last-out eighth in the G1 Australian Cup over 2000 meters two weeks ago, but he will appreciate the added distance. Godolphin import Hartnell (GB) (Authorized {Ire}) has made a big impression in his first two Australian outings this campaign--a runner-up finish to stablemate **Contributer (Ire)** (High Chaparral {Ire}) in the G1 Chipping Norton S. and a victory in the G3 Sky High S. over this track and trip two weeks ago--and he seeks his first score at the highest level.

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Saturday, Rosehill, Australia, post time: 1:30 a.m. ET

THE BMW-G1, A\$1,500,000 (US\$1,177,785), 3yo/up, 2400mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	12	Protectionist (Ger)	Monsun (Ger)	Williams	Lees	130
2	9	Who Sht Thbarmn (NZ)	Yamanin Vital (NZ)	Boss	Waller	130
3	7	Beaten Up (GB)	Beat Hollow (GB)	Schofield	Waller	130
4	4	Opinion (Ire)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Angland	Waller	130
5	1	Extra Zero (Aus)	Danzero (Aus)	Walker	Hyes/Dberng	130
6	5	Fast Dragon (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Oliver	Wallace	129
7	6	To The World (Jpn)	Kng Kmehmha (Jpn)	Hall	Ikee	127
8	3	Hartnell (Jpn)	Authorized (Ire)	McDonald	O'Shea	127
9	8	Silent Achiever (Aus)	O'Reilly (NZ)	McEvoy	James	125
10	2	Lucia Valentina (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Cassidy	Lees	124
11	10	Rising Romance (NZ)	Ekraar	SCR	SCR	SCR
12	11	Hampton Court (Aus)	Rdoute's Chce (Aus)	Berry	Waterhouse	119

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LADIES THE LEADING LIGHTS IN REID

The G1 William Reid S. has previously served as a launch pad for a handful of Australia's successful Royal Ascot invaders, including Black Caviar (Aus) (Bel Esprit {Aus}) and Miss Andretti (Aus) (Ilturahim {Ire}), and while none of this year's participants appear headed that direction, it has drawn some qualities fillies and



mares. **Angelic Light (Aus)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) overturned champion sprinter Lankan Rupee (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) in a shock result over this strip in the G2 McEwen S. last September, and was narrowly beaten at the highest level three times over the

Trainer Robbie Griffiths will saddle two in Friday's G1 William Reid
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spring. She likes this track and makes her first start since a fifth in the G1 Winterbottom S. in November.

"She's got all the right form at the Valley," trainer Robbie Griffiths, who will also saddle It Is Written (Aus) (Written Tycoon {Aus}), told *Racenet*. "I'm very happy with her. She's had two trials and she galloped on Monday morning on the grass. She ran her last three [furlongs] in :35.50 and she went really well."

Vain Queen (Aus) (Artie Schiller) has won over the course and has strong form second up, and although the draw wasn't overly kind to her--she'll exit from gate nine--she's hard to overlook after a strong first-up fourth in the G1 Oakleigh Plate Feb. 28. Last year's G1 Blue Diamond S. heroine **Earthquake (Aus)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) was a well-beaten 10th in the Oakleigh, but rebounded to be second going 1000 meters at Flemington two weeks ago.

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Friday, Moonee Valley, Australia, post time: 6:45 a.m. ET

BROWN BALDWIN WILLIAM REID-G1, A\$400,000 (US\$314,076),

3yo/up, 1200mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	7	Rebel Dane (Aus)	California Dane (Aus)	Williams	Portelli	129
2	12	Famous Seamus (NZ)	Elusive City	Clark	Mayfld-Smth	129
3	10	Bel Sprinter (Aus)	Bel Esprit (Aus)	McEvoy	Warren	129
4	14	Fontelina (Aus)	Testa Rossa (Aus)	Shinn	Cummings	129
5	2	Lucky Hussler (Aus)	Husson (Arg)	Boss	Weir	129
6	8	It Is Written (Aus)	Written Tycoon (Aus)	Allen	Griffiths	129
7	4	Angelic Light (Aus)	Hly Rman Empror (Ire)	Oliver	Griffiths	124
8	9	Vain Queen (Aus)	Artie Schiller	Hall	Sadler	124
9	11	Griante (Aus)	Good Journey	Arnold	Brideoake	124
10	13	Girl Guide (Aus)	Churchill Downs (Aus)	Walker	Hyes/Dberng	124
11	1	Peron (Aus)	Husson (Arg)	Melham	Moody	124
12	5	Galaxy Pegasus (Aus)	War Pass	Dunn	Hyes/Dberng	123
13	3	Earthquake (Aus)	Exceed and Excl (Aus)	Berry	O'Shea	119
14	6	Veزالay (Aus)	Shamardal	King	L/T Corstens	119

SEAL SET TO MEET SQUARE

The G1 Vinery Stud S. is a key prep race for the G1 Australian Oaks Apr. 11, and the China Horse Club's **First Seal (Aus)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) is still considered the leader of her division despite being turned over first-up against elders in the G1 Coolmore Classic S. two weeks ago. First Seal was just nipped on the wire after traveling wide that day and has strong claims at this distance, having finished second to the colt Hampton Court (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) in last season's G1 Spring Champion S. over 2000 meters.



First Seal
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Trainer John Thompson told *Racenet* First Seal has come through her season opener well and "hasn't left an oat." James McDonald will ride First Seal for the first time, replacing regular rider Blake Shinn.

One who undoubtedly fits the distance profile is **Set Square (Aus)** (Reset {Aus}), last season's G1 Crown Oaks winner who has yet to race outside Victoria. Set Square has placed in a pair of leadup races at seven furlongs and a mile, and should be ready for this jump back up in trip. **Thunder Lady (NZ)** (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) finished second to Set Square in the Crown Oaks and has also spent her first two starts of the season building up to a favorable distance. She has been off the board in her two starts this season but will undoubtedly relish the added ground.

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Saturday, Rosehill, Australia, post time: 12:50 a.m. ET

VINERY STUD S.-G1, A\$400,000 (US\$314,076), 3yo, f, 2000mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	7	First Seal (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	McDonald	Thompson
2	12	Set Square (Aus)	Reset (Aus)	Williams	Maher
3	8	Amicus (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Clark	Waller
4	6	Winx (Aus)	Street Cry (Ire)	Berry	Waller
5	9	Thunder Lady (NZ)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Angland	Sargent
6	3	Slightly Sweet (Aus)	Charge Forward (Aus)	O'Hara	Coyle
7	10	Sweet and Speedy (Aus)	Street Cry (Ire)	Avdulla	Moody
8	5	Adrift (NZ)	Zabeel (NZ)	Oliver	Waterhouse
9	13	Ballet Suite (Aus)	High Chaparral (Ire)	McEvoy	Waller
10	11	Fenway (Aus)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Shinn	L/S Hope
11	14	Lady Macan (Aus)	Where's That Tiger	Schofield	Payne
12	1	Wildenstein (Aus)	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Walker	Perry
13	4	Heavens Above	Street Cry (Ire)	Collett	Martin
14	2	Miss Interiors (Aus)	Flying Spur (Aus)	Hall	Cummings

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HUNTER UNDER COAL THREAT AGAIN

The Hunter Valley, Australia's Thoroughbred breeding capital, is once again under threat from new coal mines, with the mining company Anglo American having submitted its third proposal to cut ground within miles of Darley and Coolmore.

The plans submitted by Anglo American last year were rejected by the New South Wales government's planning assessment commission because the affected areas were too close to Darley and Coolmore, but Anglo American reportedly believes its latest proposal, which suggests breaking ground more than two kilometers from the farms, addresses all the previous concerns raised.

The Hunter Thoroughbred Breeders' and Hunter Valley Wine and Tourism Associations have called on political parties to protect their industries, according to *Racing and Sports*.

"Together our two industries inject more than A\$4.5 billion to the NSW economy, support nearly 100,000 jobs and attract over 3 million visitors every year to the Hunter region," said the HTBA's president Cameron Collins. "These are internationally and nationally recognized industries of state significance and should be protected. The equine and viticulture critical industry clusters are the bedrock of the Hunter's agricultural and regional economy. Our industries have been mapped and recognized as nationally significant. Yet they have not been protected from mining."

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WIGAN DISCUSSES 2015 MATING PLANS

By Kelsey Riley

With the calendar officially turned over to spring, foaling season is well underway and breeding plans are being executed, too. Theories abound as to the best methods for selecting for future champions, and James Wigan, who manages some of the most high-class mares on the planet through his London Thoroughbred Services, spoke with the *TDN* about the mating plans for some of his more high-profile cases, and how those decisions came about.



James Wigan
Tattersalls

Wigan works with highly successful transatlantic owner/breeder George Strawbridge, whose list of 2015

mares includes **In Clover (GB)** (Inchinor {GB}), the dam of a pair of stakes winners including last year's G1 Prix de l'Opera heroine **We Are (Ire)** (Dansili {GB}).

Wigan noted that being by Inchinor makes In Clover rather straightforward to mate, as an outcross to many stallions.

"She herself is a very good-looking mare," he said. "I tend to be a bit unadventurous in going for proven stallions. We were looking for a proven stallion and she's gone back to Dansili, which is really obvious because of We Are."

We Are made headlines last year for unusual reasons. She displayed immense talent, going undefeated through her first three starts culminating in a win in the G1 Prix Saint-Alary in May. It was later found that she had elevated levels of testosterone in her latter two races; the cause determined to be an ovarian tumor she later had removed. We Are was stripped from those victories, however, including the Saint-Alary, and went from Group 1 winner back to maiden winner. She quickly made amends, however, winning the Prix de l'Opera in her second start off a layoff in October.

"We Are stays in training this year, and all being well I think she'll go on to greater things this year," Wigan said, adding that the Freddy Head trainee would likely kick off her season in the G1 Prix Ganay May 3.

"It's a very big ask, but I think Freddy Head's intention is to start her in the Prix Ganay, which will mean taking on the colts, but being a Group 1 winner there aren't an awful lot of opportunities early on," Wigan noted. "So we'll see how things go and maybe she'll come to Royal Ascot."

Wigan bought We Are's second dam, Bellarida (Fr) (Bellypha {GB}), out of training, and said that knowing the families helps greatly in planning matings.

"That's one of the nicest things about doing matings for owner/breeders--you can follow the horses when they're in training and know what their

problems and attitudes are," he said. "On the whole, we're not looking to be particularly commercial--we're just going for the proven horses, and the ones we think will suit on pedigree, conformation and very much on character. If you get something that has a temperament problem, we want to try to breed to the calmest influence we can. I find the latest pedigree programs immensely useful in finding crosses that have worked and more particularly those that have not worked"

Another family Wigan knows well if that of **Moonlight Cloud (GB)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Strawbridge's seven-time Group 1-winning sprinter/miler. Moonlight Cloud has produced her first foal this year at Coolmore in Ireland, a colt by Galileo, and she visits the champion sire again this year.

"I'm going to look at [the Galileo colt] in Ireland shortly, but I've seen videos of him at Coolmore and he looks the part," Wigan said. "He's a good walking little fellow and he has a bit of charisma about him, so we'll keep our fingers crossed for him." **Cont. p13**



We Are winning the Prix de l'Opera
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Wigan Discusses 2015 Mating Plans cont.

“Once again, it’s just a question of breeding to the best available for her--she’s more than justified it,” he continued. “I don’t think there would be much dispute that Galileo is the best sire in the world at the moment--Mr. Strawbridge would probably have felt it insulting to the filly to have gone elsewhere.”

Wigan purchased Moonlight Cloud’s dam, Ventura (Ire) (Spectrum {Ire}) for 500,000gns at Tattersalls December in 2001. She was sold for 58,000gns at the same sale eight years later, and visited the ring again just a year further on from that, fetching 260,000. Offered another year later in 2011, just months after Moonlight Cloud had won her first Group 1, Ventura was

purchased by Coolmore for 900,000gns.

Moonlight Cloud has a stakes-winning half-brother by Galileo, “but he needed a bit of a trip,” Wigan explained, “and so that might have put one against sending someone from the same family back to Galileo, but Moonlight Cloud was a very different horse--she had so much speed that it didn’t seem to be a worry. She is a lovely, quality, medium-sized mare.”

Another of Wigan’s clients is the highly successful owner/breeder Lady Rothschild, whose broodmare band includes **Magnificent Style** (Silver Hawk), the dam of seven stakes winners including dual Group 1 winner Nathaniel (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), G1 Irish Oaks heroine Great Heavens (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) and G1 Fillies’ Mile winner and \$10.5 million broodmare Playful Act (Ire) (Sadler’s Wells). Thus, it should not be a shock that Magnificent Style has stuck with the Sadler’s Wells/Galileo line, having been bred already to Galileo’s champion first-season sire son New Approach (Ire), a resident of Darley’s Dalham Hall Stud. Wigan explained that Magnificent Style had come up empty to Galileo the last two years and, due to her age, he opted not to ship her to Ireland.

“She’s quite an old girl now--she’s 22, but she looks absolutely fantastic,” he said. “We obviously wanted to repeat the Galileo cross that produced Nathaniel, but equally I was keen not to travel her at her age and keep her close to hand, so she’s at the National Stud, where she’s boarding while visiting New Approach. It will give us the same cross, but without having to travel her.”

Magnificent Style has a 2-year-old filly by Fastnet Rock (Aus) named Rocksavage (Ire) who will go into training with John Gosden this year.

Great Heavens is also now a member of Lady Rothschild’s broodmare band, and she visits Dansili this year after a producing a Dubawi colt Mar. 11.



George Strawbridge
Racing Post

“Dubawi is to my mind one of the best stallions around,” Wigan said. “They have a great will to win, and it’s a cross that has worked well--it’s the same cross that produced last year’s G1 2000 Guineas winner Night of Thunder. That family stay very well, and Dubawi gives a lot of speed.”

Lady Rothschild’s GI Beverly D. S. and GI Diana S. winner **Angara (GB)** (Alzao) is in foal to Nathaniel, who was also campaigned by Lady Rothschild. Nathaniel was Europe’s second-leading first-season sire by weanling average at last year’s breeding stock sales--behind only Frankel (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) and well clear of Excelebration (Ire) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}).

“A bit of sentiment probably crept in there, but [Nathaniel] should suit her well,” Wigan said. “He’s a nice, big, strong horse, and she’s a neat, strong, low-to-the-ground mare and has lots of speed. She needs a big, strong horse and I think he’ll give her the size and scope she needs. And Nathaniel’s foals sold extremely well last year--he looks the part.”

Wigan noted that **Dolma (Fr)** (Marchand De Sable), who produced Lady Rothschild’s 2014 G1 Pretty Polly S. winner Thistle Bird (GB) (Selkirk), will visit champion first-season sire Lope De Vega (Ire) (Shamardal) this year.

“She is a small, quality, rather lightly made mare but was enormously tough and courageous as a racehorse,” he explained. “Lope de Vega is a fine, big, slightly old-fashioned type; a little bit in the mold of Selkirk by whom she produced last year’s Group 1 winner Thistle Bird. In addition, Giant’s Causeway on Nureyev has worked--Maid’s Causeway, Niagara Crossing, etc. **Thistle Bird** herself goes to the tried and tested Dansili, my favorite of the English stallions.”

Wigan noted that his own **Dank (GB)** (Dansili {GB}), winner of the 2013 GI Breeders’ Cup Filly and Mare Turf and GI Beverly D. S., will visit Galileo (Ire) for her first covering this year.

“She visits Galileo for her first covering,” he said. “Like Mr. Strawbridge with Moonlight Cloud I felt I owed it to her. She’s a fine, big, well-made mare and the Galileo-Danehill cross works very well.”

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Lady Rothschild and Wigan with Group 1 winner Thistle Bird
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LAYOUT CHANGE FOR GUINEAS COURSE

Newmarket Racecourse will introduce a change to the course layout of the Rowley Mile for this year's Qipco Guineas Festival May 2 and 3. The starting gates, previously positioned in the center of the course, will now be placed alongside the stand-side rail. A false rail will also be introduced three metres off the permanent stand side rail and will cut in at the three furlong pole.



Newmarket's Rowley Mile
Racing Post

The maximum field size for the festival will be cut to 25 from 30 last year; however, over the last five years the festival has not had a race with more than 25 runners declared.

The Jockey Club Racecourses' Head of Racing Michael

Prosser explained the changes were decided upon with a view to preventing the field from splitting.

"Following consultation with certain horse men, it was agreed that the stalls would be positioned in the center of the course for the 2004 Classics, which has remained the same ever since," Prosser said. "This has been a successful move and the best horse in the race has invariably won. However, tactics can lead to the field splitting, which was the case in the 2014 QIPCO 2000 Guineas, and this is unsatisfactory. By positioning the stalls against the stand-side rail and introducing a false rail at the three furlong pole, we are encouraging the field to stay together with the false rail helping to eliminate any hard luck stories."

Trainer Roger Varian voiced his support for the change.

"I think it's a good thing that Michael Prosser and his team are thinking of ways that the showcase event gets run as fairly as possible as nobody likes seeing the race split," he said. "There is a strong argument for having the stalls against the stand-side rail to encourage the field to race as one. The false rail at the three furlong marker should eliminate any hard luck stories, which are inevitable when large fields race against one rail. Truth will be in the running but I think it's certainly a positive development."

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Florida

Friday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 1:30 p.m.

TAMARAC S., \$60,000, 3yo, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Mr. Jordan	Kantharos	G Saez	Plesa	6-5
2	Social Request	Lookin at Lucky	Panici	Sanchez	30-1
3	Chipit	Tapit	Zayas	Pletcher	8-1
4	Competitive Edge	Super Saver	Velazquez	Pletcher	1-1
5	Cool Man Walkin	Cool Coal Man	Castellano	Joseph	10-1
6	Renombre	Henrythenavigator	Vasquez	Jehaludi	30-1

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Thursday's Results:

7th-GPX, \$43,500, Msw, 3yo/up, 5fT, :55 1/5, fm.

MOONSHINE SIPPER (g, 3, Bring the Heat--Highdollargirl, by Helmsman), fourth on debut over Gulfstream's main track a year ago, went wire-to-wire but lugged out badly and was disqualified from first and placed third over the lawn versus \$35,000 maiden claimers last time out Feb. 15. Adding blinkers for this second try over the turf, the 7-2 shot zipped out to a clear early lead and raced eagerly through fractions of :21.12 and :43.31. Challenged at midstretch, he found another gear and skipped home 1 1/2 lengths the best. Pool Winner (Broken Vow) was second. Favored Prima Storm (Stormy Atlantic), jostled at the break, rallied stoutly five wide on the turn before flattening out to finish fourth. Highdollargirl, with Moonshine Sipper in utero, RNA'd for \$1,500 at the 2012 OBS January sale. **Click for the Brisnet.com chart or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).** Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$31,680. O/B/T-Wesley A Ward (FL).

5th-GPX, \$36,000, Msw, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11 4/5, ft. + TONY ADAMS (g, 4, High Cotton--Keikik, by Aloha Prospector), a \$600,000 OBSAPR juvenile, was sent off at 5-2 in this belated bow. The chestnut gelding pressed the pace through an opening quarter in :21.90, darted clear on the turn and was two lengths in front after a half in :44.93. He sailed clear down the lane to win by 10 lengths. Great Harbour Cay (Greatness) was second. The winner, who worked a quarter at the 2013 OBS April sale in :21.1, is a half-brother to St. Louis City (City Place, SW, \$173,246). **Click for the Brisnet.com chart or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).** Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$21,600. O-St Elias Stable & West Point Thoroughbreds. B-University of Florida Foundation (FL). T-Thomas Albertrani.

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New York

DWC Simulcast Available at Aqueduct:

Aqueduct Racetrack and Belmont Cafe will offer a live simulcast of the G1 Dubai World Cup Saturday. Both venues will also offer wagering on all eight Thoroughbred races on the World Cup card, with advance wagering available Friday. Wagering will also be available on Telebet and NYRAREwards.com. Both Aqueduct and Belmont Cafe open at 9 a.m. Saturday, but online wagering begins at 8 a.m. and post time for the first race, the G2 Godolphin Mile, is 8:40 a.m.

Saratoga Tickets & Passes to Begin Selling Mar. 30:

Reserved seat tickets and season passes for the 2015 Saratoga meet will go on sale to the general public starting Mar. 30 at 10:00 a.m. Full season passes for new subscribers will be available on a first-come first-serve basis, and can be purchased [here](#).

Weekly seat packages will go on sale beginning Apr. 20 and daily seat can be purchased through Ticketmaster starting May 11. The admission and seating fees will be integrated for the first time this year to expedite the admission process.

"This new bundling structure will replace a practice that required guests to effectively pay twice: once when purchasing seats and again at the turnstiles for admission to Saratoga Race Course," said New York Racing Association CEO and President Christopher Kay. "Individuals who attend a major league sporting event are used to paying one price for admission and seating and our guests at Saratoga will now do the same. We are confident that this change will facilitate a more efficient, enjoyable and faster welcome to Saratoga for our valued guests while eliminating confusion regarding ticketing pricing."

Saratoga season passes for guests who are interested in Grandstand and Clubhouse admission only will go on sale beginning Mar. 30. The cost of a Grandstand season pass will be \$35; the cost of Clubhouse season pass is \$55.

Thursday's Results:

8th-AQU, \$69,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW2\$X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11 1/5, gd.

JOHN'S ISLAND (g, 4, Posse--Morning Gallop {MSP, \$299,695}, by Victory Gallop), fourth in last year's GII Amsterdam S., was making his first start since a Dec. 27 track-and-trip allowance victory. The 7-1 shot sat just off the pace while racing three wide. He rallied down the center of the track and reeled in the leaders late to just get his head in front on the wire. Green Gratto (Here's Zealous) was second and Glacken Too (Smoke Glacken) was third in a blanket finish. John's Island was a \$60,000 FTNAUG yearling. **Click for the Brisnet.com chart or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).** Lifetime Record: 14-5-1-0, \$229,975.

O-J Confort & A Weis. B-Edition Farm (NY). T-J Jerkens.

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Eastern U.S.

Thursday's Results:

6th-LRL, \$41,160, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000-\$35,000), NW1X, 3yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:04 4/5, ft.

DANZATRICE (f, 3, Dunkirk--Lady Pewitt, by Orientate), a debut winner at Parx last July, came up just a head short when second at that oval Oct. 12, but had not been seen since. The prohibitive 1-5 favorite was never far from the lead, grabbed control after a quarter in :22.79 and powered clear to score by 4 1/4 lengths. Mondor (Monba) was second. Sales history: \$5,500 wlng '12 KEENOV; \$10,000 yrl '13 FTKOCT; \$105,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$59,340.

O-Gainesway Stable (Antony Beck). B-Glenn Justiss (KY). T-Cathal A Lynch.

Kentucky

KHC Announces New Executive Director:

Katy Ross will be the new Executive Director of the Kentucky Horse Council as of Apr. 6, the KHC announced Thursday. Ross brings both equine and non-profit legal experience to the KHC, most recently serving as a staff attorney to the Kentucky Department of Financial Institutions.

"On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Kentucky Horse Council, I am excited to announce Katy Ross as the new Executive Director," said Board President Erin Woodall. "Her background and experience will ensure the Kentucky Horse Council continues to move forward in its mission and serve all the horses of the Commonwealth."

As Executive Director of the Kentucky Horse Council, Ross will head-up the education and assistance programs, and the public outreach arms of the organization. She will also be charged with identifying new partnerships to ensure the longevity and improvement of horse welfare in Kentucky.

Prior to serving at the Kentucky Department of Financial Institutions, Ross was an associate at the Regard Law Group in Lexington, Kentucky, where she focused on equine law, among other things. She also maintained her own law practice, where she specialized in equine and non-profit law.

Fillies and Lilies Party to Benefit PDJF:

The Permanently Disabled Jockey's Fund has been named the beneficiary of the 2015 Fillies and Lilies Party May 1.

"We are honored to be a part of such a high-profile event at the Kentucky Derby Museum right there on the grounds at Churchill," said Nancy LaSala, President of the PDJF. "We look forward to celebrating our mission with our supporters and with all the Derby Experiences guests."

Derby Experiences, the official experience package provider to Churchill Downs, will donate \$100 of each of the remaining tickets sold to the PDJF. This year's event will be headlined by country artist Sara Evans. There will also be a special tribute to Ron Turcotte, jockey of Secretariat, who was paralyzed in a track accident in 1978. Tickets can be purchased [here](#).

Central U.S.

Thursday's Results:

8th-FGX, \$41,000, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, a1mT, 1:39, fm. GALILEO'S MOON (IRE) (f, 4, Galileo {Ire}--Adoration {MGSW, \$2,051,160}, by Honor Grades), making her third start over the Fair Grounds lawn, had the best finish of her career when third last time out over course and trip Feb. 12. Well back in the early going, the tepid 3-1 favorite was tipped out six wide for the stretch run, closed determinedly and forged past My Love Venezuela (Scat Daddy) late to win by a half-length. A \$560,000 FTSAUG yearling, Galileo's Moon is out of GI Breeders' Cup Distaff winner Adoration, who sold to Coolmore's Demi O'Byrne while in foal to the late Smart Strike for \$3.1 million at the 2007 Keeneland November sale. The winner's full-sister Awesome Diamond (Ire) sold for \$625,000 at last year's Barretts March sale. Adoration produced a colt by Galileo last year. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-1, \$29,738. O-Robert & Lawana Low. B-Smithfield Inc (Ire). T-Daniel C Peitz.

California

Thursday's Results:

6th-SAX, \$65,540, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW2\$X, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:22 1/5, ft.

FIVE PALMS (h, 5, Unbridled's Song--Ema Bovary {Chi} {MGSW, \$706,120}, by Edgy Diplomat) won two out of three starts in the winter of 2013, but had not been seen since taking a Santa Anita allowance that December. The even-money favorite off the long layoff, the gray pressed the pace through fractions of :22.94 and :45.80. He surged to the lead into the stretch, turned back Raised a Secret (Songandaprayer) at midstretch and powered clear to win by 4 1/2 lengths. Five Palms was an \$80,000 KEESEP yearling. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$100,680.

O-Karl Watson, Michael Pegram & Paul Weitman. B-Northwest Farms LLC (KY). T-Bob Baffert.

• ON THE WORKTAB •

SANTA ANITA

Bayern (Offlee Wild), 6f, 1:13.40, 5/18

Beholder (Henny Hughes), 6f, 1:12.40, 2/18



ROOKIES

First/second-crop starters to watch: Friday, Mar. 27

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

BULLSBAY (Tiznow), Northview, \$3K, 37/4/1

6-LRL, Msw, 1 1/16m, Irina Baranova, \$15K RNA EAS SEP yrl, 5-1

CHARITABLE MAN (Lemon Drop Kid), Taylor Mountain Farm, \$4K, 80/10/0

7-CT, Alw, 7f, One More Time, 5-2

7-CT, Alw, 7f, Too Much to Do, 5-2

COOL COAL MAN (Mineshaft), Journeyman, \$4K, 57/14/1

2-GP, Stk, 7f, Cool Man Walkin, \$42K OBS APR 2yo, 10-1

DISCREETLY MINE (Mineshaft), Lanes End, \$10K, 181/24/1

6-TAM, Ocl, 1 1/16m, Lord Tyrion, \$110K FTK HRA 2yo, 2-1

3-AQU, Aoc, 6f, Sonora, \$77K FTK OCT yrl, 7-5

KANTHAROS (Lion Heart), Ocala Stud, \$5K, 74/19/1

2-GP, Stk, 7f, Mr. Jordan, \$155K OBS APR 2yo, 6-5

LOOKIN AT LUCKY (Smart Strike), Ashford Stud, \$15K, 175/36/4

2-GP, Stk, 7f, Social Request, \$100K OBS APR 2yo, 30-1

MUNNINGS (Speightstown), Ashford Stud, \$10K, 165/37/4

8-CT, Alw, 4 1/2f, Carolina Speed, \$30K RNA OBS OPN 2yo, 15-1

3-PEN, Alw, 6f, Capar Girl, \$25K KEE SEP yrl, 3-1

10-FG, Msw, 5 1/2fT, Colerful Bride, 8-1

MUSKET MAN (Yonaguska), Elite Thoroughbreds, \$3K, 38/7/1

6-TAM, Ocl, 1 1/16m, J's Buck Shot Bang, 15-1

SOUTHWESTERN HEAT (Gone West), A & A Ranch, \$3K, 40/7/1

10-SUN, Msw, 5 1/2f, Gator Heat, 5-2

STREET MAGICIAN (Street Cry {Ire}), Heritage Stallions, \$3K, 57/7/2

3-PEN, Alw, 6f, Magic Soul, \$95K OBS APR 2yo, 2-1

SUNDARBAN (A.P. Indy), Milky Way Farm, \$3K, 47/0/0

3-SA, Msw, 1m, Howdy, 7-2

SUPER SAVER (Maria's Mon), Winstar, \$20K, 203/28/4

2-GP, Stk, 7f, Competitive Edge, \$750K FTF MAR 2yo, 1-1

1-FG, Msw, 1m, Super Stylish, \$75K KEE SEP yrl, 3-1

1-FG, Msw, 1m, Super Sissy, \$40K KEE NOV wnl, 4-1

7-TP, Msw, 1m, Super Mazz, \$27K KEE SEP yrl, 4-1

TALE OF EKATI (Tale of the Cat), Darby Dan Farm, \$15K, 128/21/1

1-FG, Msw, 1m, Tale of Class, 5-2

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-OPX, \$66,640, Opt. Clm. (\$45,000), NW2RYX,

4yo/up, 1m, 1:38 3/5, ft.

TEXAS AIR (g, 7, **Texas City--Malaysian Air, by Mizzen**

Mast) Lifetime Record: SW, 38-7-11-4, \$231,774.

O/B-Paul J Rigali Jr (TX). T-Allen Milligan.

7th-OPX, \$66,500, NW2L, 3yo, 1m, 1:39 3/5, ft.

PHENOMENAL PHOENIX (g, 3, **Summer Bird--Bluegrass**

Phenom, by Bluegrass Cat) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1,

\$87,578. O-Wayne Sanders & Larry Hirsch. B-Fred W

Hertrich III & John D Fielding (KY). T-Donnie K Von

Hemel. *\$28,000 yrl '13 FTKOCT; \$50,000 yrl '13

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8th-LRL, \$58,550, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000-\$35,000), C,
4yo/up, 1m, 1:36 1/5, ft.

TALK SHOW MAN (g, 5, **Great Notion--Mark Me**

Special, by Haymaker) Lifetime Record: SW, 18-5-2-5,

\$237,631. O/B-Michael J Harrison (MD). T-Hamilton A

Smith.

7th-SAX, \$58,750, Opt. Clm. (\$20,000), NW1\$X, (S),
4yo/up, f/m, a6 1/2fT, 1:13 4/5, fm.

IT'S AINE (m, 5, **Swiss Yodeler--La Fresa {SP}, by**

Cozzene) Lifetime Record: 35-6-4-5, \$156,140. O-Paul

Aguirre & Craig Siedler. B-Revocable Trust of Dr Mikel

C & Patricia O Harrington (CA). T-Paul G Aguirre. *Full

to Edgewick Road, SP, \$151,558.

6th-AQU, \$57,000, Opt. Clm. (\$75,000), NW1\$X, (S),
3yo, f, 1m, 1:41 4/5, gd.

IN SPIKE OF MAMA (f, 3, **Speightstown--Mama Theresa**

{MSP, \$240,898}, by Carson City) Lifetime Record:

8-2-2-1, \$108,894. O/B-William Butler (NY). T-Michael

J Maker.

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4th-FGX, \$44,000, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), C, 4yo/up,
f/m, a1mT, 1:37 1/5, fm.

COMPELLING CASE (m, 6, **Successful Appeal--**

Jousting, by Sword Dance {Ire}) Lifetime Record: SP,

19-6-7-4, \$209,065. O/B-Team Block (IL). T-Richard R

Scherer.

7th-FGX, \$44,000, Opt. Clm. (\$30,000), NW2L, (S),
3yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:05 2/5, my.

PERSUADE ME LADY (f, 3, **Lydgate--Holy Love, by**

Holy Bull) Lifetime Record: SP, 6-2-3-0, \$72,400.

O-Darlene Peterson. B-J Adcock (LA). T-Wesley E

Hawley. *\$9,700 yrl '13 ESLSEP. **1/2 to My Great

Love (Albert the Great), MSW-PR; Ling Ling Qi

(Yonaguska), MSP, \$274,812.

9th-FGX, \$44,000, NW1X, (S), 4/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11, my.

ALIANA (m, 5, **Majestic Warrior--Lake Como, by Salt**

Lake) Lifetime Record: 10-2-3-2, \$123,374. O-Dubb,

The Elkstone Group LLC, Bethlehem Stables LLC, et al.

B-Roger S Braugh Jr (LA). T-William I Mott. *\$150,000

yrl '11 KEESEP; \$47,000 RNA yrl '11 KEEJAN.

5th-FGX, \$44,000, NW1X, (S), 4/up, 6f, 1:11 3/5, my.

SILVER PLANET (g, 5, **Planet Earth--Walk on Silver, by**

Silver Deputy) Lifetime Record: 36-6-6-2, \$97,667.

O-Action Racing Stables LLC. B-Curt & Rachael Bourque

(LA). T-Ricky Courville.

6th-FGX, \$43,000, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW2X,
4yo/up, f/m, a5 1/2fT, 1:03 3/5, fm.

ENCHANTED RIVER (m, 5, **War Chant--Island Fire, by**

Island Whirl) Lifetime Record: 16-3-6-4, \$135,166.

O-Wolfe Racing LLC & Hugh H. Robertson. B-Peter

Vegso Racing Stable (FL). T-Hugh H Robertson.

*\$30,000 yrl '11 OBSAUG. **1/2 to Rikman (Storm

Creek), SW, \$462,846; Full to Asphalt, MGSP,

\$233,569.



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8th-GPX, \$37,620, Opt. Clm. (\$12,500), NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13 1/5, ft.

LITTLE DANIELLA (f, 4, Mr. Sekiguchi--Wellingtons Choice, by Valid Appeal) Lifetime Record: 18-4-1-1, \$76,195. O-Little Dreams Racing. B-Juvenal Diaz (FL). T-Carlo Vaccarezza. *\$31,000 2yo '13 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Gadir (Sejm), MSW, \$199,534; Wellingtons Appeal (Half Ours), SP, \$208,180.

5th-PEN, \$31,068, 3-26, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:46 4/5, ft.

CORINTHIAN LUCK (f, 4, Corinthian--Racing Luck {SW, \$260,140}, by Out of Place) Lifetime Record: 10-5-0-1, \$92,890. O-Los Aguacates LLC. B-Farm III Enterprises LLC (FL). T-Juan C Vazquez.

4th-GGX, \$30,845, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW2\$X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (AWT), 1:38 4/5, ft.

OUR LITTLE HEN (m, 5, Henny Hughes--Muklah {Ire} {SW-Eng}, by Singspiel {Ire}) Lifetime Record: SW, 22-9-7-2, \$113,790. O-Roger, Sol C & Laqueta Hicks. B-Dr Thomas P Keenan (KY). T-Dan L Markle. *\$3,000 yrl '11 KEESEP.

7th-CTX, \$27,000, 3-26, NW3LX, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:19, ft.

ARKAYBEE (c, 3, Deputy Storm--Heavens Belle, by Pulpit) Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-1, \$49,030. O/B-Christ is King Stable (PA). T-Ronney W Brown.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Lo and Behold, f, 3, Concerto--Cutoffs, by Notebook.

LRL, 3-26, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:06 1/5. B-Ocala Stud, J Michael O'Farrell Jr & Edward Wiest DVM (FL). *\$42,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR; \$30,000 HRA '14 OBSOCT. **1/2 to Stopspendingmaria (Montbrook), GSP.

Duval St., c, 3, Divine Park--Luminaire Mystique, by Forestry. GPX, 3-26, (C), 1mT, 1:35 2/5. B-Brereton C Jones (KY). *\$33,000 RNA yrl '13 FTKJUL; \$32,000 RNA yrl '13 FTKOCT.

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Rosary Man, g, 3, Songandaprayer--Doubtless, by Grand Slam. GGX, 3-26, 1m (AWT), 1:38 2/5. B-Roy Zupardo (LA). *\$50,000 yrl '13 KEESEP. **1/2 to Hero Force (Political Force), MSW, \$290,340.

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Southern Sunshine, f, 4, High Cotton--Sunshine Song, by War Chant. AQU, 3-26, (S), 6f, 1:14 3/5.

B-Stephanie Brennan, Murette Farrell & Gaye Swartz (NY). *\$50,000 yrl '12 FTNAUG; \$340,000 2yo '13 OBSMAR. **1/2 to Den's Legacy (Medaglia d'Oro), GSW & GISP, \$537,675.

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Fort Cady, c, 4, Lucky Pulpit--Cody's Choice (NZ) (SP-NZ), by Ekraar. SAX, 3-26, (S), (C), 1m, 1:38.

B-Albert & Kathleen Mattivi LLC (CA).

Cape Song, m, 5, Unbridled's Song--Capeside Lady (MGSW & GISP, \$809,540), by Cape Town. OPX, 3-26, 1 1/16m, 1:48 1/5. B-Dixiana Farms LLC (KY).

Asia

Thursday's Result:

NAGOYA DAISHOEN-Listed, ¥31,500,000, Nagoya, 3-26, 4yo/up, 1900m, 2:00.80, gd.

- 1--**MEISHO COLUMBO (JPN), 121, h, 6, Manhattan Cafe (Jpn)--Meisho Haab (Jpn), by Erhaab.** O-Yoshio Matsumoto; B-Toshiaki Nakajima; T-Koichi Tsunoda; J-Koshiro Take. ¥21,000,000. Lifetime: 19-8-5-1.
- 2--**Asia Express, 121, c, 4, by Henny Hughes--Running Bobcats, by Running Stag.** (\$230,000 2yo '13 OBSMAR). O-Yukio Baba; B-Ocala Stud; ¥5,460,000.

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- 3--**Feel the Smart (Jpn), 119, c, 4, Black Tide (Jpn)--Feel the View, by Distant View.** O-Tadashi Sakurai; B-Hiraoka Farm. ¥2,730,000.

Margins: HF, 9, 3/4. Odds: 3.80, 0.50, 2.50.

FLORES COPS ONE-YEAR BAN IN SINGAPORE

Jockey David Flores, who relocated to Singapore in late 2013 after riding at Santa Anita and at the Fair Grounds for a spell, has received a one-year suspension by stewards at the Singapore Turf Club for his ride aboard Kiss Me (Aus) (Casino Prince {Aus}) in the opening race Feb. 22, 2015.

Flores was partnered for the first time with the Alwin Tan-trained gelding, who entered the 1200-meter event with a single victory and eight minor placings from 24 career appearances. Drawn post position three (saddle towel seven) and sent off at odds of 4-1 while dropping slightly in class, the 4-year-old was better than midfield while saving ground and closed off to finish fourth, beaten three lengths ([video](#)). In their post-race report, stewards advised that they would be conferring with Flores 'regarding the run of Kiss Me.'



David Flores at Kranji Feb. 20
Alan Carasso photo

The inquiry took place this past Wednesday, Mar. 25, and after taking evidence from both jockey and trainer, Flores was found guilty under Malaysian Racing Authority Rule 44(8) for 'failing to take all reasonable and permissible measures to obtain the best possible placing.' Specifically, stewards ruled that Flores failed to improve his position when 'reasonable and permissible to do so' from the 600-meter mark to the 400-meter mark and further 'failed to ride with sufficient vigor and determination over the final 400 meters.' In assessing the penalty, stewards took into account that nature of the charge and Flores's record.

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The disqualification is set to expire Mar. 24, 2016, and Flores was advised of his right of appeal.

According to Equibase statistics, Flores is the winner of 3,538 races in the U.S., including Breeders' Cup successes aboard Singletary (2004 Mile), Action This Day (2003 Juvenile) and Tempera (2001 Juvenile Fillies). Since 2013, he had ridden 47 winners in Singapore, but just three in the current season. Flores returned to the U.S. over the Christmas holiday in late 2014 and rode five horses at Santa Anita.

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APPOINTMENTS

John Fulton, South American Representative, Tattersalls

- Tattersalls has appointed established bloodstock agent John Fulton to be its representative in South America in a role that will complement that of Samir Abujamra who will continue to represent Tattersalls in Brazil.
- Fulton was a trainer in the U.S. for more than 15 years and moved into bloodstock work more than 25 years ago. He is based in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and his business focuses primarily on Argentina and Chile, although he has expanded into Uruguay and Peru.
- Tattersalls Chairman Edmond Mahony said, "Tattersalls has long exported bloodstock to South America and it remains a market of key importance and we are delighted to have someone of John's extensive experience working for us."
- Fulton added, "Horses purchased at Tattersalls have had an enormous impact on the South American racing and breeding industry and I am looking forward to assisting Europe's leading bloodstock auctioneers throughout the continent."



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EVE GISELLE, 8, Five Star Day--Captiva Cat, by Tale of the Cat

Foal born Mar. 9, a colt by More Than Ready. Will be bred back to Pioneerof the Nile. Owned by Harry Papaleo. Boarded at Taylor Made. Accomplishments: GSW, \$288,620.

MAMMA KIMBO, 6, Discreet Cat--Bag Lady Jane, by Devil's Bag

Foal born Mar. 9, a colt by Tapit. Will be bred back to Malibu Moon. Owned by Aaron & Marie Jones. Boarded at Taylor Made. Accomplishments: GSW, \$242,250.

LADY ECLAIR (IRE), 9, Danehill Dancer (Ire)--Bex, by Explodent

Foal born Mar. 11, a colt by Dutch Art (GB). Will be bred back to Australia (GB). Owned and boarded at Newsells Park Stud. Accomplishments: SW-Eng.

NAVY GARDENS, 9, Storm Cat--Marley Vale, by Forty Niner

Foal born Mar. 12, a filly by Bernardini. Will be bred back to Bernardini. Owned by Robert & Lawana Low. Boarded at Diamond A Farm. Accomplishments: Dam of Glenville Gardens (Street Cry {Ire}), SW, \$100,254.

LAHUDOOD (GB), 12, Singspiel (Ire)--Rahayeb (GB), by Arazi

Foal born Mar. 13, a filly by War Front. Will be bred back to Tapit. Owned and boarded at Shadwell Farm. Accomplishments: Ch. Turf Mar, MGISW-US, SW & MGSP-Fr, \$1,695,373.

SWEET CECILY (IRE), 7, Kodiak (GB)--Yaqootah, by Gone West

Foal born Mar. 13, a filly by Nathaniel (Ire). Will be bred back to Iffraaj (GB). Owned and boarded at Newsells Park Stud. Accomplishments: SW-Eng.