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EL KABEIR ON TRACK FOR WOOD

Zayat Stables's **El Kabeir** (Scat Daddy), coming off a 2 3/4-length victory in the Mar. 7 GIII Gotham S., tuned up for Saturday's GI Twinspires.com Wood Memorial S. with a bullet five-furlong work over Belmont's training track Monday. The gray colt completed the work in 1:01.12--fastest of 27 at the distance. "The clockers got him galloping out in 1:13 3/5, just as easy as can be," said trainer John Terranova. "He went great. We were really happy. It went perfect, just as we were hoping. He came out great and is cooling out really well." Also expected for Saturday's Wood are: **Toasting Master** (Congrats); **Tencendur** (Warrior's Reward), **Frosted** (Tapit); **Far From Over** (Blame); and **Daredevil** (More Than Ready).



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BREEDERS' CUP 2015: ROOM AT THE INN?

By *Lucas Marquardt*

Editor's note: *Leading up to the 2015 Breeders' Cup, our Lexington-based reporter, Lucas Marquardt, is filing a series of stories on how Keeneland and its home city will go to extraordinary means to stage an extraordinary event. [Last month, he covered on-track accommodations.](#) Today, he looks at hotel space.*

Later this year, the people of Lexington, Kentucky, in concert with Keeneland and the Breeders' Cup, will aim to showcase the Bluegrass region as a world-class destination as the city hosts the Breeders' Cup World Championships Oct. 30-31. A big part of that effort will take place away from Keeneland, and will focus on guest accommodations for those human connections, including fans, owners and horsemen, shipping in for the 32nd Breeders' Cup.

"Lexington actually has a history of hosting these world-class events, whether it's the Final Four, the World Equestrian Games or the Breeders' Cup, and we felt that was one of the drawing points, that we do have a strong region to be able to support the Breeders' Cup," said Keeneland's Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Vince Gabbert. **Cont. p3**



Downtown Lexington at twilight.
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PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

by *Andrew Caulfield*

MUBTAAHIJ CAPS BIG DAY FOR DUBAWI

There was nothing unusual about the Southern Hemisphere half of Dubawi's extraordinary sequence of group successes last Saturday. The Emancipation S. success of Catkins was the third Group 2 victory of the year for this Australian mare and the Group 3 South African win by Amber Orchid also came on turf. Incidentally, these two mares come from the second of Dubawi's three Australian crops, which have contributed handsomely to his high number of group winners.

However, the emphasis then switched to Dubai, where two of Dubawi's sons shone, not on turf, but on Meydan's new dirt track. Firstly we saw Mubtaahij burst into the GI Kentucky Derby picture with his eight-length romp in the G2 UAE Derby, and then the veteran Prince Bishop produced a career-best performance to overcome the gallant California Chrome in the G1 Dubai World Cup.

I suppose we shouldn't have been too surprised by these outstanding victories on dirt, as Dubawi's progeny have repeatedly shone on non-turf tracks in the UAE. Prince Bishop had himself enjoyed Group 1 success on the former Tapeta surface, as had Hunter's Light, and we had of course seen another son, Monterosso, triumph in the 2012 G1 Dubai World Cup. **Cont. p6**

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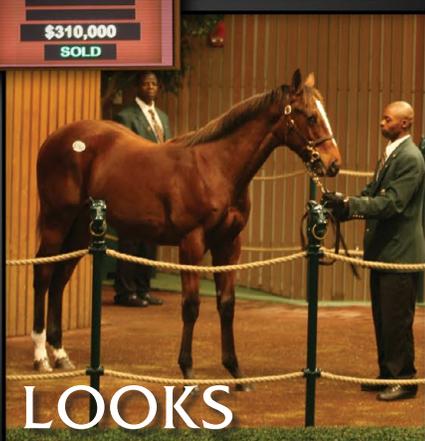
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Keeneland Opens with Transylvania

Racing returns to Keeneland Friday and Luck of the Kitten (Kitten's Joy) faces 12 rivals in the opening-day feature, the GIII Transylvania S. The field also includes graded stakes winners Night Prowler (Giant's Causeway) and Eh Cumpari (Elusive Quality). The Transylvania is the ninth race on Friday's 10-race card with a post time of 5:13 p.m.



Luck of the Kitten
Benoit

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Pre-Ascot Break for Chrome

Horse of the Year California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit), fresh off a runner-up effort in Saturday's G1 Dubai World Cup, will get a two-week break in trainer Rae Guest's yard before beginning preparations for a Royal Ascot engagement. "It takes some getting used to Newmarket to start with," Guest said Monday.



California Chrome
Benoit

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Strangles Alert at Newmarket

A horse in the Newmarket barn of trainer Marco Botti has tested positive for strangles. The horse, who had recently returned from the Dubai World Cup carnival has been isolated, as have two other horses who were on the same flight back to England. It is the first case of strangles in Newmarket since 2009. "At the moment our main yard at Prestige Place is not affected and we are able to run horses and operate as normal," Botti told *Racing Post*.



Marco Botti
Racing Post photo

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Breeders' Cup 2015: Room at the Inn? (cont. from p1)

Lexington has hosted NCAA Tournament games a total of 12 times since 1977, most recently when it staged second- and third-round games in 2013. The city hosted the World Equestrian Games in 2010.

The Bluegrass region has approximately 10,000 hotel rooms (7,500 directly in Lexington), according to VisitLex.com, and with the event capacity capped around 35,000 for each of the Breeders' Cup days, officials are confident there will be plenty of available space for those visiting. That said, there are several other big attractions in Lexington that weekend. They include an important football game on the University of Kentucky's schedule on Breeders' Cup Saturday, when the Tennessee Volunteers visit Commonwealth Stadium. The five-day CP National Horse Show is being held at the Kentucky Horse Park Oct. 27-Nov. 1. And the Keeneland and Fasig-Tipton November bloodstock sales will immediately follow the Breeders' Cup.

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So Keeneland and the Breeders' Cup are coordinating with VisitLex, a local tourism board, and with hotels and inns in nearby towns and cities, to make sure everyone who wants to visit has accommodations that live up to expectations.

"We're encouraging our fans to go on to Breederscup.com, and to click on the 'Plan Your Visit' icon," said Jim Gluckson, Breeders' Cup Spokesman. "From there, you can plan your stay, and through VisitLex.com, you can book hotels based on availability."

Gabbert said that Versailles, Midway and Georgetown, all within a short drive of Lexington, offer a variety of options for travelers, too. "And we'll have auxiliary cities that support the event as well," he said. "Cincinnati and Louisville are both within a 90-minute drive and will be big supporters, not just with their airports, but with hotel space and whatever amenities people are looking for."

For those who have searched for rooms already and found hotels mostly booked, not to worry. Mark Ravenscraft, general manager of the Griffin Gate Marriott in Lexington, said that more and more hotel rooms will be made available to the general public in the coming months. "Through the year, we'll open up groups of rooms for individual travelers. We haven't determined when we'll do that yet, but we'll watch the demand and then open it up at the right moment."

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"In terms of overall volume for the hotel, it's not the largest event we've ever hosted," said Ravenscraft. "But in terms of the magnitude of the event itself, and the overall reach throughout the U.S. and overseas to Europe and elsewhere, it's right up there at the top. We're very excited about it. The hotel will be draped in purple--the color of the Breeders' Cup color--and there are a number of receptions being planned. We're also working to put together a signature drink for our lounges that will be totally focused on the Breeders' Cup."

Part of the allure of Lexington is its small-city charm, and smaller hotels, such as the boutique Gratz Park Inn near downtown, are also busy preparing for the Breeders' Cup.

"We are very excited to see the Breeders' Cup come to Lexington, Horse Capital of the World, and we are getting ready to make sure each guest that stays with us has a Lexington experience!" said Gratz Park General Manager Zedta Wellman. "From storytelling to wonderful food and the best hospitality, we are brushing up on our culture, and on things to do in Lexington, so we can be great ambassadors. All our employees are on board to welcome this event, and we will be rolling out the red carpet with our signature drink--of course with bourbon--and bourbon balls. Plus we have a new restaurant called Distilled At Gratz Park Inn that we're excited to share with Breeders' Cup fans. We even have bees on the rooftop making honey that the restaurant cooks with, and our mixologists make drinks with. Lexington is such a beautiful city and has the best hospitality in the South."

Lexington's appeal, of course, has a lot to do with the fact that some of the world's most stately Thoroughbred breeding farms are located here. Officials say that opens to the door to a fan experience not available anywhere else, and even provides further accommodation options for some horsemen.

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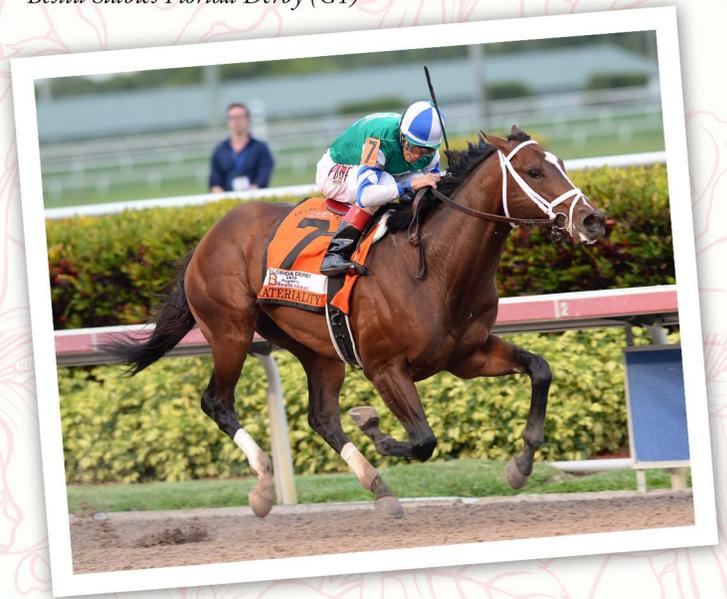
Lexington's iconic sign outside of the airport welcomes visitors to a sister city of some of the world's great racing towns.

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DESTINATION DERBY FOR ANOTHER KEENELAND SEPTEMBER GRADUATE.

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Besilu Stables Florida Derby (G1)



Alto Racing's MATERIALITY remained undefeated in winning the Besilu Stables Florida Derby (G1) earning his spot in the Kentucky Derby (G1).

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“Lexington is the breeding capital of the world, and is home to all these wonderful farms,” said Gabbert. “It gives people the opportunity to experience the Breeders’ Cup and the racing industry in a way they couldn’t at other venues. We have seen a tremendous amount of interest and farms large and small that want to host events, and are working with the Breeders’ Cup directly. Some farms want to host tours, others are opening their homes to clients coming in from overseas. The interest on the farm side has been phenomenal.”

Eight years ago, the Breeders’ Cup moved to a two-day format, and fans have slowly adjusted the way the plan for Breeders’ Cup week, official say. Before, many fans might come in on the Friday before the event. Now, more and more are coming earlier in the week.

“It took a little time, but I think yes, people started to extend their trips,” said Gluckson. “I know in California over the last two years, there was definitely an uptick on hotel rooms on Wednesday of Breeders’ Cup week. And since we start with the draw on Monday, some horsemen are definitely coming in earlier.”

The Breeders’ Cup and Keeneland are intent on making sure there are plenty of entertainment options for visitors the entire week. KentuckyOne Health, the largest health system in the Commonwealth, has signed on as the title sponsor of Breeders’ Cup Festival Week, which “will present a broad offering of entertainment and hospitality events,” said officials. In the coming weeks, we’ll take a look at what’s being planned.



Keeneland’s Vince Gabbert
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Full fields and sunny skies? Organizers hope for both at the ‘15 Breeders’ Cup at Keeneland.

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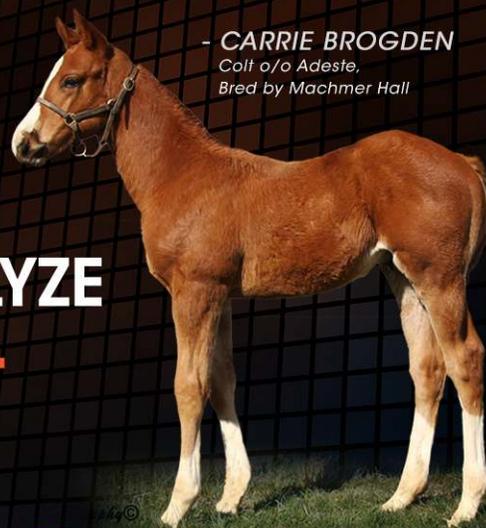
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LASSOFTHEMOHICANS EYES ASHLAND

Wachtel Stable, Brous Stable LLC and Meadowland Thoroughbreds’ **Lassofthemohicans** (Indian Charlie) ships in from Florida Tuesday ahead of a tilt at Saturday’s GI Central Bank Ashland S. at Keeneland. The dark bay filly was second behind Birdatthewire (Summer Bird) in the Jan. 24 GI Forward Gal S. and is looking to rebound from a fifth-place effort in the Feb. 21 GI Davona Dale S.

“I don’t know if she really liked the track down there,” trainer Brendan Walsh said Monday. “The track is too speed-favoring and in the Davona Dale, I thought she’d be last at the three-eighths pole, but she hung in there. It was a funny track that day.”

Lassofthemohicans was a nose short runner-up in a maiden race at Keeneland last October.

“She ran well here in the fall, and her first time going two turns at Churchill Downs, she was only beaten a length and a half by Birdatthewire and that was her third race around two turns,” Walsh continued.

Lassofthemohicans tuned up for the Ashland with a five-furlong work at Palm Meadows Saturday in 1:02.45.

The probable field for the Ashland also includes: **Achiever’s Legacy** (City Zip); **Angela Renee** (Bernardini); **Lovely Maria** (Majesticperfection), **Peace and War** (War Front); **Silverpocketsfull** (Indian Charlie), **Temper Mint Patty** (Congrats); and **West Coast Belle** (Tapit).

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PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

by Andrew Caulfield

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1--@MUBTAAHIJ (IRE), 121, c, 3, by [Dubawi \(Ire\)](#)

1st Dam: Pennegale (Ire), by Pennekamp

2nd Dam: Gale Warning (Ire), by Last Tycoon (Ire)

3rd Dam: Gay Apparel, by Up Spirits

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There is, though, a substantial difference between all-weather and traditional dirt and Dubawi had never struck me as the type to sire top dirt performers.

For a start, he is a neat, muscular horse standing 15.3 hands--not the type one normally associates with first-rate success on dirt (though I did make the point, when writing about Dubawi's son Night of Thunder last May, that several of today's highest-priced American stallions also stand around 16 hands).

It was probably Dubawi's own racing record which seemed the main obstacle to his becoming a sire of top dirt performers. Not only did he spend his entire career on turf, but he also showed what Timeform described as a "short, choppy action" and he disappointed on the only occasion he encountered firm ground (when favorite for the G1 2,000 Guineas).

MUBTAAHIJ, c, 2012

Dubawi (Ire)	Dubai Millennium (GB)	Seeking the Gold	Mr. Prospector	
		Colorado Dancer (Ire)	Con Game	
	Zomaradah (GB)	Deploy (GB)	Shirley Heights (GB)	Shareef Dancer
		Jawaher (Ire)	Slightly Dangerous	Fall Aspen
Pennegale (Ire) 9-0-0-1 9Fls, 1Ch, 2GSW, 1SW	Pennekamp	Bering (GB)	Arctic Tern	
		Coral Dance (Fr)	Beaune (Fr)	
	Gale Warning (Ire) 1-1-0-0 10Fls, 1SW 1SP	Last Tycoon (Ire)	Green Dancer	Carvinia (Fr)
		Gay Apparel 11Fls, 1Ch, 2GSW	Try My Best	Mill Princess (Ire)
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Plenty of his progeny have since shown that they too appreciate some give in the ground. For example, the ground was very soft when his son Makfi landed the G1 Prix Jacques le Marois--a race which had earlier been won by Dubawi and his exceptionally talented sire Dubai Millennium (who scored on heavy ground).

Of course there are exceptions to every rule, but the general view in Britain is that American-bred horses are best suited by fast conditions when racing on European turf. Conversely, could a horse who arguably preferred an easy turf surface make his mark as a dirt sire?

Back in 1989, when Britain was just beginning to expand into all-weather tracks, I asked a couple of experts with considerable experience of American racing for their views on the differences between dirt and turf.

Coincidentally, one of them was the late Michael Osborne, an exceptional man who Sheikh Mohammed credited with establishing the Dubai World Cup as a great international race. The second was John Gosden, another of racing's deep thinkers.

Inevitably some of their comments sound a bit dated more than 25 years later, but parts of the article are worth repeating:

Both seemed convinced that certain American lines have proved less effective in Europe than in their home country. As Osborne put it, "the returned Yanks as I call them, the Anglo- or Irish-American horses who have spent a bit of time in Europe at some stage of their career, can take the European mixture much better than the true American-bred. A good example would be the Royal Charger, Turn-to, Sir Ivor line. Cont. p7



"Raja Baba and his sons, Raise a Native and his sons, I don't ever see them making it. The returned Yanks are the ones that make it on the whole."

In Gosden's view, "certain families and certain sires obviously predominate on one surface or the other. Particular examples would be Raja Baba, Cox's Ridge, In Reality and Raise a Native, they're all very much dirt sires, dirt lines."

"Cox's Ridge, Fappiano and In Reality--with the exception of Known Fact--haven't done well in Britain. Raise a Native hasn't done too badly through Mr. Prospector, though everyone seems to um and ah whether it's entirely the right thing."

What explanation could there be for this situation? Could the two racing surfaces demand different physical attributes? According to Osborne, "the only big difference is the size of their feet." Osborne added that "a horse's stride pattern, of course, is different between dirt and turf. Horses will get away with varying stride patterns--such as a high knee action or a low action, and so on, on turf, but they won't necessarily get away with that on dirt."

Could years and years of racing on dirt have engrained certain characteristics and preferences into the truly American-bred animal? For example, we've seen American-breds enjoying tremendous results in Europe this year [1989], a year when the weather has been unusually hot and the ground unusually fast. Could there be a link between the fast ground and the success being enjoyed by Alydar's European performers, notably Cacoethes and Alydaress?

Once again Osborne and Gosden were in agreement. "American dirt performers generally prefer fast ground over here," said Osborne. "American-bred horses--the true American-breds, the Bold Rulers, the Raise a Natives, the Native Dancer lines--all those need good-to-firm ground, not many of them go on soft. This year is the year of the American racehorse, because the ground is perfect for them--fast ground, from good to firm to hard, they love that."

"I think it's fair to say," added Gosden, "that the faster the ground and the warmer the summer, the more it favours a lot of American-bred horses. The American-breds generally are definitely better on fast ground than soft. They are used to running on pretty fast ground. All dirt tracks are pretty fast. They've got the cushion on top, but there's a hard base to them all. And then when it rains, they race on slop, which is straight onto the bottom. They lose their cushion and it gets even faster sometimes."

Indeed, even American turf performers are unused to racing on soft ground because most American courses switch turf races to the dirt when it rains heavily.

Further into the article I did question whether Osborne and Gosden were right to include Raise a Native, citing the number of accomplished European turf horses sired by Raise a Native and Mr. Prospector. Dubawi, of course is a member of the Mr. Prospector branch, being a grandson of Seeking the Gold, whose career was spent entirely on dirt.

Despite his dirt background, Seeking the Gold was represented by several good quality turf horses in Europe, including the Japanese filly Seeking the Pearl and the G1 Middle Park winner Lujain. But it was his son Dubai Millennium who stood out from the crowd, with his magnificent record of nine wins from 10 starts and his Timeform rating of 140. Arguably his most memorable display came when he left the American contenders toiling in his wake as he set a track record on Nad Al Sheba's dirt track in the Dubai World Cup of 2000.

Take a look at Dubai Millennium's pedigree and you may notice that all four of his grandparents were bred in North America and the same applied to all eight great-grandparents, as well as most of the 16 horses in the next generation. It was therefore not surprising that he shone on dirt in Dubai. His physique also equipped him well for the demands of a dirt track. The polar opposite to Dubawi, Dubai Millennium developed into an imposing, deep-girthed, leggy individual standing 16.3. One thing he did share with Dubawi, though, was a less-than-impressive action in his slower paces--Timeform described it as a short, unimpressive action.

Dubai Millennium's size and physique occasionally emerges in Dubawi's progeny, a good example being his tall son Poet's Voice, whose first runners race this year. Mubtaahij appears to be a conventional-sized individual, but he is clearly very progressive, he is experienced and he has now won four of his five starts on dirt in the UAE (having been unfancied in his two starts on turf in England). **Cont. p8**



Stamina clearly isn't an issue with him and he quickened very impressively on the Meydan dirt.

I don't know how the Meydan dirt compares with the track at Churchill Downs--where there is probably more kick-back--but Mubtaahij appears to have much stronger claims than most of the previous UAE Derby winners which have challenged for the Kentucky Derby.

For the record, the first was China Visit, the impressive winner in 2000 who went on to finish sixth behind Fusaichi Pegasus. The next two winners, Express Tour and Essence of Dubai, respectively, finished eighth behind Monarchos and ninth behind War Emblem.

The next to attempt the UAE-Kentucky Derby double was the 2009 winner Regal Ransom, who finished eighth to Mine that Bird and then came Daddy Long Legs, who failed to finish in 2012, and Lines of Battle, seventh a year later. It would have been interesting, though, to see how Toast of New York might have fared against California Chrome last year, as there was little between them in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic.

The fifth generation of Mubtaahij's pedigree features duplications to three outstanding stallions in Northern Dancer, Northern Dancer's son Lyphard and the brilliant Mill Reef. The colt represents another triumph for his dam Pennegale, who has played a major part in the transformation of her sire Pennekamp from disappointing stallion to accomplished broodmare sire.

Pennekamp had been good enough to win the first six of his seven races, including the G1 Dewhurst S. and G1 2,000 Guineas. After a fertility issue restricted his first crop to 29 foals, he was soon struggling for support and he left Ireland for France before returning to Ireland to cover modest numbers of jumping mares.

Although Pennekamp is credited with more than 330 foals, only five of them became stakes winners on the flat and only one of them, Alexander Three D, managed a group success, in the G3 Park Hill S.

However, three of his broodmare daughters have so far produced Group 1 winners. One, Shadow Line, has hit the Group 1 target with her Montjeu colt Jan Vermeer and her Galileo filly Together, and Pennegale looks poised to match her achievement. She too enjoyed Group 1 success with Galileo, producing the Prix de l'Opera winner Lily of the Valley, and now has Mubtaahij.

Both these mares are vivid illustrations of the fact that moderate racemares can become very different propositions as producers. Shadow Song's only victory came in an 11-furlong maiden race at the minor French track of Segre, and Pennegale didn't even win. Her best finishing position in a nine-race career was a remote third at the minor track of Castera-Verduzan.

Needless to say, Pennegale comes from a distinguished family. The number of group-winning descendants of her second dam Gay Apparel stands in double figures.

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Ashford stallions sired Graded/Stakes winners over the weekend....

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Kentucky Oaks contender **I'm A Chatterbox (MUNNINGS)** wins the **Fair Grounds Oaks-Gr.2**, her third straight Stakes win of 2015.



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Friday, Keeneland, post time: 5:13 p.m. EDT

TRANSLYVANIA S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Majestico	Majesticperfection	Graham	Lukas	118
2	Saham	Lemon Drop Kid	Lopez	Walsh	118
3	Eh Cumpari	Elusive Quality	Albarado	Dilger	123
4	A Lot	Tapit	Velazquez	Mott	118
5	Magic of Believing	Badge of Silver	Leparoux	McPeek	118
6	Danish Dynaformer	Dynaformer	Contreras	Attfield	118
7	Tiz My Valentine	Tizdejavu	Torres	Galvan	118
8	Divisidero	Kitten's Joy	Hernandez	Bradley	118
9	Night Prowler	Giant's Causeway	Castellano	Brown	118
10	Luck of the Kitten	Kitten's Joy	Smith	Ward	123
11	It'll Be Fine	Greatness	Rosario	McPeek	118
12	Tuba	Magna Graduate	Geroux	Smith	118
13	Milwaukee Mist	Milwaukee Brew	Lezcano	Matejka	118

Guest said the connection with Sherman was established through Chris Mills, who has horses with Guest. "His son Robbie worked for Art Sherman in California a couple of years ago and he was out there riding before Saturday's racing in Dubai," Guest said. "We had a chat and they asked if the horse came to England could he stay with me and liaise with Robbie, who they knew."

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NOSEDA APOLOGIZES

Conditioner Jeremy Noseda apologized for comments he made after trainee **Sloan Avenue** (Candy Ride {Arg}) was narrowly defeated in Saturday's G2 Goldophin Mile. After the race, Noseda aired his frustration, believing that the 15 post position cost his charge the race.

"I knew my horse was ready to run the race of his life, but after the draw I realized the odds were heavily stacked against us," he wrote on www.jeremynosedad.com.

"My passion, competitive desire to win the race and the frustration of going so close just came to the surface when I was interviewed moments afterwards," he said. "I apologise to the owner and connections of a very brave winner, if I upset them. Likewise, I want to apologise to the Dubai Racing Club. My comments were made in the heat of the moment."

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STRANGLES POSITIVE AT NEWMARKET

A horse in the Newmarket barn of trainer Marco Botti has tested positive for strangles, it was confirmed Monday. The horse, who had recently returned from the Dubai World Cup Carnival, has been moved into isolation and two stablemates who shared a flight from Dubai are being monitored at Botti's yard at the Warren Hills training grounds. This is the first case of strangles in Newmarket since 2009.

"All three horses came back on the same flight," Botti told *Racing Post*. "We took one straight to a pre-training yard after he tested positive for strangles, and he has since been moved to an isolation yard out of town. We didn't want to take any chances with him and are monitoring the other two at our second yard, the White Stable. Their first tests have both proved negative and we are taking precautions by only exercising them in the afternoons as it's not fair on the other trainers if they go out normally. At the moment our main yard at Prestige Place is not affected and we are able to run horses and operate as normal."

Mark Tompkins, chairman of the Newmarket Trainers Federation, stated, "I've only just heard about it and hopefully the vets have caught it in time as it's a horrible disease which is so easily spread. Trainers should be very aware about this outbreak of a disease which can shut racing down. It's all very well having all this international racing, but with no quarantine for some places, this is what can happen. I would hope all the horses in Marco's yard are being tested."

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CHROME TO GET BREAK BEFORE ASCOT

Horse of the Year and recent G1 Dubai World Cup runner-up **California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit) will get a two-week break in the Rae Guest yard before he heads to the Newmarket gallops. The big chestnut, who has been under the care of trainer Art Sherman for his entire career, will transfer to the Guest barn for a tilt at Royal Ascot.

"It's a great honor to have him and we're very lucky to be that close to a GI Kentucky Derby winner," Guest told *Racing UK*. "We're going to give him two weeks off, then get him back up and see how he is."

The G1 Lockinge S. at Newbury May 16 could be a possible first European start for California Chrome, while the G1 Prince of Wales's S. at Royal Ascot June 17 remains the ultimate target.

"Art's son Alan is going to come over and see him in about a month's time and make a decision which way they go with him," Guest continued. "Because they are used to training on their own in America, we will probably just send him out with another horse to start with. We will try and train him quite normally, but not with the string, just with another gelding to lead him. It takes some getting used to Newmarket to start with. Whether he goes for the Lockinge will be found out in the next month because it will be different for him. For a couple of weeks he will be getting used to Newmarket and English ways."

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Sunday, Gavea

GRANDE PREMIO ZELIA GONZAGA PEIXOTO DE CASTRO-G1, R\$144,400, Gavea, 3-29, 3yo/f, 2400mT, 2:29.10, fm.

1--**CRUISELINER (BRZ)**, 125, f, 3, by Wild Event
 1st Dam: **Quantia Exata (Brz)**, by Trempolino
 2nd Dam: **Ex Facto**, by Known Fact
 3rd Dam: **Premiere Princess**, by Exclusive Native
 O-Stud Estelinha; B-Haras Santa Maria de Araras (Brz); T-Roberto Solanes; J-Altair Domingos.
 R\$71,909. Lifetime Record:5-3-0-2. **Werk Nick Rating: A+**. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Leading Hat (Brz)**, 125, f, 3, Top Hat (Brz)--Leading Cat (Brz), by Roi Normand. O/B-Haras Sao Jose da Serra (Brz); T-Roberto Solanes. R\$21,572.

3--**Lady Charlotte (Brz)**, 125, f, 3, Wild Event --Gimme Kiss (Brz), by Know Heights (Ire). O/B-Haras Doce Vale (Brz); T-Venancio Nahid. R\$14,387.

Margins: 1 1/4, 1 3/4, HD. Odds: 6.20, 3.50, 41.10. [Click for the free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

Sunday, Gavea

GRANDE PREMIO CRUZEIRO DO SUL-DERBY-G1, R\$207,880, Gavea, 3-29, c, 3yo, 2400mT, 2:26.06, fm.

1--**▲@ FAMOUS ACTEON (BRZ)**, 125, c, 3, by Acteon Man (Brz)
 1st Dam: **Dancing Chris (Brz)**, by Roi Normand
 2nd Dam: **Red Chris (Brz)**, by Ghadeer (Fr)
 3rd Dam: **Honey Chris (Brz)**, by Apollon (Brz)
 O-Stud H&R; B-Aluizio Merlin Ribeiro (Brz); T-Dulcino Guignoni; J-Angelo Marcio Souza. R\$100,787.
 Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-1. **Werk Nick Rating: D+**.
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2--**Quinhao (Brz)**, 125, c, 3, Ivoire (Brz)--Que Festa (Brz), by Wild Event. O-Stud Blue Mountain; B-Haras LLC (Brz); T-M. Ferreira. R\$30,236.

3--**Caballo de Hierro (Brz)**, 125, c, 3, Wild Event--Bukebele (Brz), by Punk (Arg). O/B-Haras Regina (Brz); T-Roberto Solanes. R\$20,157.

Margins: 3/4, HD, 2. Odds: 7.20, 19.20, 3.80. [Click for the free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)



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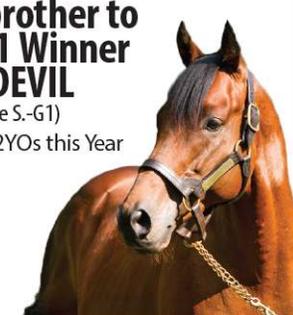
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 Foal born Mar. 15, a filly by Kitten's Joy.
 Will be bred back to Curlin.
 Owned by Robert & Lawana Low.
 Boarded at Diamond A.
 Accomplishments: SW & GSP, \$144,586.

DYNAFORCE, 12, Dynaformer--Aletta Maria, by Diesis (GB)
 Foal born Mar. 16, a colt by Galileo (Ire).
 Will be bred back to Invincible Spirit (Ire).
 Owned and boarded at Newsells Park Stud.
 Accomplishments: MGISW-US, SW & GSP-Fr,
 \$1,086,649.



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 World Cup heroest William Buick went to check in on Prince Bishop this morning (P: williambuick_official)
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F-T TEXAS SALE TODAY

Fasig-Tipton's Texas 2-Year-Olds in Training and Horses of Racing Age Sale will be held Tuesday at Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie. Bidding begins at noon. A total of 118 juveniles have been catalogued for the one-day sale, to be followed by five horses of racing age. At last year's Texas sale, 80 horses sold for \$1,818,700. The average was \$22,734 and the median was \$15,000. Three lots sold for six figures, including a pair of co-topping juveniles who each elicited final bids of \$135,000. Consigned by Wolf Creek Farm, Serious Fun (Harlan's Holiday) brought that amount when selling to Dennis Foster. While Carrol Castille matched that bid for Sheza Freak (Munnings), who was consigned by Inside Move, agent.


Central U.S.
Graham, Amoss and Moss take Fair Grounds Titles:

James Graham was the leading rider at the Fair Grounds meeting which concluded Sunday. The Irishman earned his first title at the New Orleans oval while tallying 106 wins over the 81-day meeting. Tom Amoss was the meet's leading trainer with 41 victories. The New Orleans native has now won 11 Fair Grounds training titles and two in the last three years. For the fifth year in a row, Maggi Moss was the meet's leading owner. Moss won 15 races.

Kentucky Horse Park Hosts Thoroughbred Show May 3:

The Thoroughbred Horse Show Association will host its fourth annual show May 3 at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington. The event will benefit Our Mims Retirement Haven for broodmares. Entries close Apr. 18. For the first time this year, the show will feature western classes, in addition to jumping, dressage and pleasure classes. This year's renewal is held in conjunction with Thoroughbred Alliance Show Series (TASS) and the Jockey Club Thoroughbred Incentive Program (TIP). Both groups offer year-end awards to nominated entrants. Visit www.thoroughbredalliance.org and www.jockeyclub.com for more information.

Sponsorship opportunities are also available for the event, with AmWest Entertainment, Bantry Farms, Columbus Circle Partners, Horse Racing Nation, Hurricane Boys Racing Stable, Juddmonte Farms, My Meadowview, and Taylor Made Farm already signed up.

"Thanks to the support of our generous sponsors, we can continue our goal of giving owners an affordable option to ride or handwalk their Thoroughbreds under actual show conditions," said THSA executive director Jan Roehl. "The horses gain valuable experience and fans enjoy seeing horses from the track transitioning to new careers."

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Eastern U.S.
Pimlico to Broadcast in HD at Upcoming Meet:

The Maryland Jockey Club has utilized \$1.5 million in capital to broadcast the upcoming 2015 Pimlico spring meet in high-definition television, the organization announced Monday. Through a partnership with the International Sound Corporation, new graphics have been added to the simulcast feed and 150 new high-definition televisions have been installed throughout the Pimlico facility.

"We are very excited about going high-definition and anxious for the public to see the new graphics on our daily show," commented Sal Sinatra, General Manager of the Maryland Jockey Club. "Pimlico is a historic track, and it plays host to one of the sport's most iconic events in the [GI] Preakness S. I think our fans will be pleased with the new direction we're taking for a more vibrant telecast."

The spring meet begins Thursday, Apr. 2, and runs through June 6. As usual, the Pimlico season is highlighted by the 140th running of the Preakness, to be contested May 16.

Handle Up at Laurel Winter Meet:

Total average handle was up 14.6% at Laurel's winter meet which concluded Sunday. Wagering on the track's live program was up 15.8%. Laurel's average daily handle was \$1.764 million, compared to \$1.540 million in 2014. Daily export handle increased 20.2% from \$1.179 million in 2014 to \$1.417 million this winter. Total wagering was down 5.4%, from \$79.8 million to \$75.5 million, despite the loss of 12 race days due to winter weather.

"Despite losing 12 days this winter and with the mid-Atlantic dispute, the numbers are quite respectable overall," said Maryland Jockey Club General Manager Sal Sinatra. "There's no doubt we would have beaten our 2014 numbers for total handle if we had raced just a few more days. We want to thank our fans, many coming to Laurel in less-than-ideal weather conditions, as well as our horsemen, who put on a great show each day. We will continue working hard each day to improve Maryland racing and our facilities. We believe there is tremendous potential for growing Maryland Thoroughbred racing."

Racing returns to Pimlico Thursday with a first post time of 1:10 p.m.

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Tambourin (Smart Strike) wins his first career start at Chantilly.

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First/second-crop starters to watch: Tues., March 31

Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2011 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/
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CONCORD POINT (Tapit), Hill N Dale, \$8K, 91/16/2
8-PRX, Alw, 6f, Sizzling Quatorze, \$10K OBS APR 2yo, 9-2

SILVER CITY (Unbridled's Song), Valor Farm, \$2K, 33/8/1
8-WRD, Msw, 6f, Silver Diablo, 7-2

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

4th-MVR, \$22,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:16, ft.
BOOT LEGGER (g, 3, **Afleet Express**--Brouhaha, by Mecke) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-2, \$29,650. O-Mast Thoroughbreds LLC. B-Sheltowee Farm (OH). T-Robert M Gorham. *\$6,500 RNA yrl '13 KEEJAN.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Skidmore, f, 4, **Stevie Wonderboy**--Saratoga Drive (SP), by Siphon (Brz). PRX, 3-30, 7f, 1:26 4/5. B-Marvin Delfiner (KY).

Sassie Okie, f, 4, Burbank--Distant Red Lady, by Distant Ryder. WRD, 3-30, 6f, 1:12 4/5. B-Dortha Martin (OK).

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+ **Tambourin**, c, 3, **Smart Strike**. See "France."

IN JAPAN:

Charlie Brave, g, 5, **Indian Charlie**--Catchoffthecentury, by Carson City. Chukyo, 3-29, Suzuka Tokubetsu, 7f. Lifetime Record: 11-4-0-0, \$370,420. O-Masamichi Hayashi; B-Mike Abraham; T-Tomohito Ozeki.

*\$130,000 wnlg '12 KEENOV; \$65,000 RNA yrl '11 KEESEP; \$100,000 2yo '12 BESMAR. ** 1/2 to Spring Awakening (In Excess {Ire}), SW & GISP, \$258,178; Cat's Cat (Tobasco Cat), SW, \$168,513.

***Winning jockey Keita Tosaki commented, "He started off fast and traveled comfortably. He is a very talented horse and showed it today."

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El Kabeir (Scat Daddy), 5f (tr), 1:01.12, 1/27

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GULFSTREAM PARK WEST

Lady Shipman (Midshipman), 4f, :51.60, 7/7

PALM MEADOWS

Clothes Fall Off (Daaher), 4f, :49.05, 8/20

Social Inclusion (Pioneerof the Nile), 5f, 1:00.90, 5/16

Startup Nation (Temple City), 3f, :37.00, 1/5

V.E. Day (English Channel), 5f, 1:02.05, 11/16

PAYSON PARK

Mean Season (Henny Hughes), 4f, :49.00, 1/27

Miss Besilu (Medaglia d'Oro), 4f, :50.80, 14/27

Puca (Big Brown), 4f, :49.60, 2/27

Tonalist (Tapit), 4f, :49.80, 4/27

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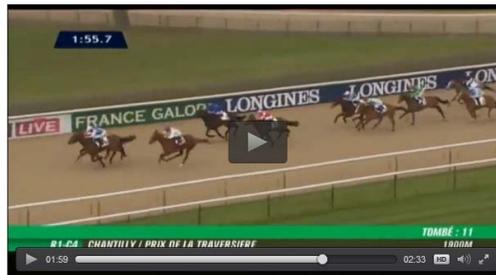
2nd-CHY, €25,000, Mdn, unraced 3yo, f, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:56.88, ft.

+ **USHERETTE (IRE)** (f, 3, **Shamardal**--Monday Show {SP-Ger}, by Maria's Mon) was away well to assume control after the early strides of this firsters' test. Dictating a steady tempo thereafter, the 43-10 chance came under pressure when threatened approaching the two pole and was ridden out in the closing stages to hold Kataniya (Ire) (Raven's Pass) by a neck. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €12,500. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Godolphin SNC. B-Darley (Ire). T-Andre Fabre.

4th-CHY, €25,000, Mdn, unraced 3yo, c/g, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:58.71, ft.

+ **TAMBOURIN** (c, 3, **Smart Strike**--Colony Band {SW & GSP-Fr & US, \$187,048}, by Dixieland Band) stalked the leaders in third after breaking in the front rank. Cajoled along on the home turn, the 14-5 chalk came under sterner urging in the straight and kept on strongly inside the final furlong to deny Fort Merville (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}) by an ultimately snug short neck nearing



the line. Haras du Quesnay's Full (Fr) (Mr. Sidney), a homebred sibling of G1SWs Fuisse (Fr) (Green Tune) and Full of Gold (Fr) (Gold Away

{Ire}), stumbled as the gates opened and unseated rider Thierry Jarnet. The winner is a half to Colizeo (Distorted Humor), GSW-US, \$399,767. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €12,500. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (KY). T-Andre Fabre.

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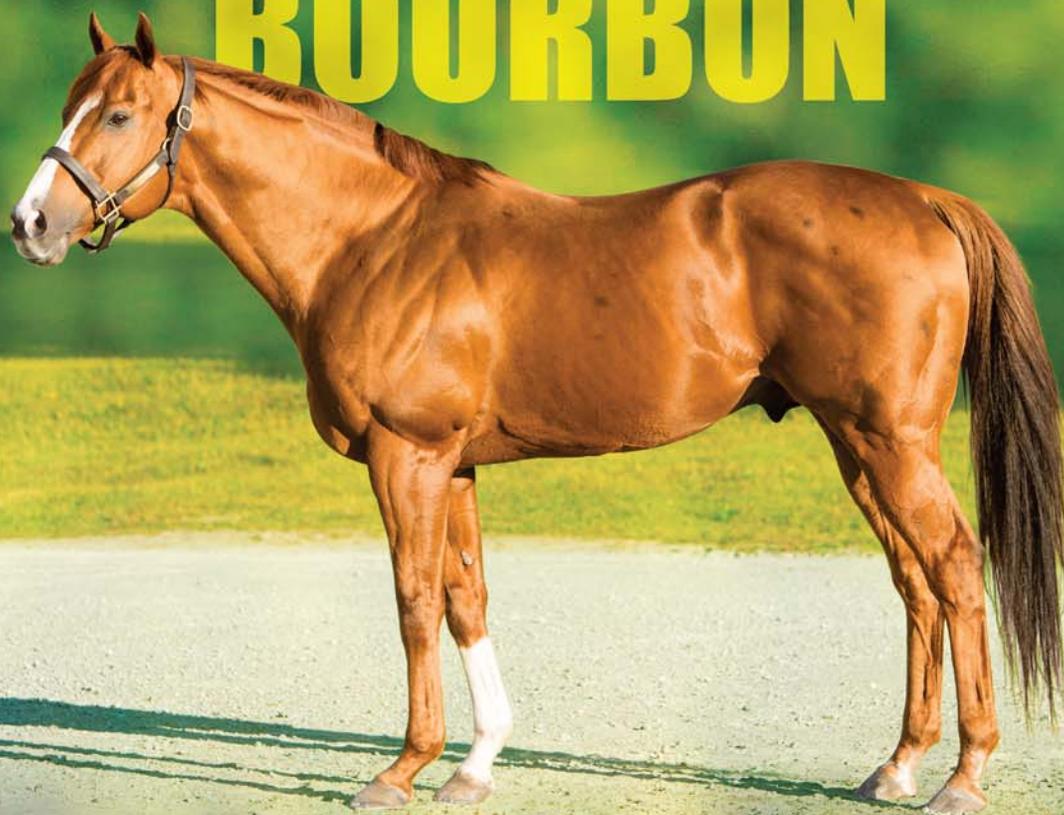
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OBITUARIES

Fujiyama Crest Passes Away at 23:

Fujiyama Crest (Ire) (Roi Danzig--Snoozy Time {GB}, by Cavo Doro {GB}), the horse who became part of racing history when he completed Frankie Dettori's "magnificent seven" at Ascot in 1996 with a win in the Gordon Carter H., has passed away at the age of 23. After his Gordon Carter victory, Fujiyama Crest became a hurdler before returning to the flat. He was due to go through the sales ring in 2000, but Dettori purchased him and Fujiyama Crest has lived out the rest of his days as a family pet. "He died peacefully in his paddock," Dettori said. "He's been at my home in



Fujiyama Crest & Frankie Dettori
Racing Post

Stetchworth ever since I bought him when he was up for sale 15 years ago and I'll never forget him. He changed my life. There would have been no magnificent seven without him. He's been a real family pet out in the paddock at home and all my children have sat on him. Fujiyama Crest was the horse who made me famous, not the group winners on that day. I was doing well before that, but that day was the one that put me on the world map."

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HANDICAP RESULTS:

1st-CHY, €60,000, 3-30, 3yo, 8f (AWT), 1:38.86, ft. CHERBOURG (FR) (c, 3, **Dunkerque {Fr}**--**Seduisante {Fr}**, by **Anabaa**) Lifetime Record: 6 starts, 2 wins, 3 places, €51,000. O-Philippe Pierry. B-Haras du Quesnay (Fr). T-Henri-Alex Pantall. *€16,000 wlng '12 ARQDEC.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

3rd-CHY, €29,000, 3-30, 3yo, 5 1/2fT, 1:10.97, hy. FINSBURY SQUARE (IRE) (c, 3, **Siyouni {Fr}**--**Diamond Square {Fr}**, by **Dyhim Diamond {Ire}**) Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 7 starts, 2 wins, 5 places, €54,000. O/B-Berend van Dalfsen (Ire). T-Fabrice Chappet.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Ilioushka (Ire), f, 3, **Iffraaj (GB)**--Pearlescence (GSP-Fr), by Pleasantly Perfect. CAP, 3-29, 2150mT, 2:21. B-Oceanic Bloodstock Inc & Cuadra Montalban (IRE). *70,000 RNA yrl '13 ARQAUG.

+ **Rising Sun (Ire)**, c, 3, **Iffraaj (GB)**--Rolly Polly (Ire) (Hwt. 2yo Filly & GSW-Ity, MGSW-US, GSW-Fr & Eng, \$436,004), by Mukaddamah. LYP, 3-29, 10fT, 2.22 1/5. B-Dayton Investments Ltd (IRE). *120,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT.

La Houssay (Fr), f, 3, Le Havre (Ire)--Our Dream Queen (GB), by Oasis Dream (GB). MAC, 3-29, 8 1/2fT, 1:45 4/5. B-Franklin Finance S.A. (FR)

Casino (Fr), c, 3, **Montjeu (Ire)**--Legerete (MSW & MG1SP-Fr), by Rahy. LYP, 3-29, 11fT, 2:29 4/5. B-Wertheimer et Frere (FR). *1/2 to Pilote (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}), SW & MGSP-Fr, SP-UAE, \$378,201.

Fee d'Artois (Fr), f, 3, **Palace Episode**--Vallabelle (Fr), by Valanour (Ire). CAP, 3-29, 7 1/2fT, 1:35 3/5. B-Bucher & Mlle F Perree (FR). *1/2 to Le Valentin (Fr) (Slickly {Fr}), GSP-Fr, \$337,623.

Tucano (Ire), c, 4, **Monsun (Ger)**--Tenderly (Ire), by Danehill. CHY, 3-30, 9f (AWT), 1:50.19. B-Stiftung Gestut Fahrhof (Ire). *88,000gns RNA yrl '12 TATOCT.

Important Time (Ire), f, 4, **Oasis Dream (GB)**--Satwa Queen (Fr) (G1SW-Fr, GSP-Eng & SP-UAE, \$776,571), by Muhtathir (GB). MAC, 3-29, 8 1/2fT, 1:42 4/5. B-Darley (IRE).

UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track
Apr. 3	GIII Transylvania S.	KEE
Apr. 4	GI Carter H.	AQU
	GI TwinSpires.com Wood Memorial	AQU
	GI Central Bank Ashland S.	KEE
	GI Madison S.	KEE
	GI Toyota Blue Grass S.	KEE
	GI Santa Anita Derby	SA
	GI Santa Anita Oaks	SA
	GII Gazelle S.	AQU
	GIII Bay Shore S.	AQU
	GIII Shakertown S.	KEE
	GIII Commonwealth S.	KEE
	GIII Fantasy S.	OP
	GIII Providencia S.	SA
Apr. 9	GIII Count Fleet Sprint H.	OP
Apr. 10	GI Maker's 46 Mile	KEE
	GI Apple Blossom H.	OP
Apr. 11	GI Arkansas Derby	OP
	GI Jenny Wiley S.	KEE
	GII Oaklawn H.	OP
	GII Kona Gold S.	SA
	GIII Las Cienegas S.	SA
	GIII Top Flight H.	AQU
	GIII Ben Ali S.	KEE
	GIII Coolmore Lexington S.	KEE
Apr. 12	GII Beaumont S.	KEE
	GIII Appalachian S.	KEE
Apr. 17	GIII Doubledogdare S.	KEE

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