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CARPE DIEM HEADLINES BLUE GRASS

Saturday's GI Toyota Blue Grass S. has drawn eight sophomores, headlined by GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity and GII Tampa Bay Derby winner **Carpe Diem** (Giant's Causeway). The even-money morning-line

favorite, who is co-owned by WinStar Farm and Stonestreet Stables, drew the five hole.

"We're happy [with the post]," said John Moynihan, bloodstock adviser for Stonestreet Stables. "He's a tactical horse and [jockey] Johnny [Velazquez] knows him well and he can put him wherever he



The draw for the Blue Grass

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wants to put him. He can stalk; if there's not a lot of speed, he can go to the front, like what he did in the race in October [in the GI Breeders' Futurity]."

'TDN Rising Star' and GIII Delta Downs Jackpot S. winner **Ocho Ocho Ocho** (Street Sense) drew the rail and was established as the co-second choice on the morning-line at 6-1. The colt was a little slow out of the of gate in the GII San Felipe S. Mar. 7 and finished eighth.

"The rail is fine," conditioner Jim Cassidy explained. "I'd rather be inside than outside in any event. He broke a little slow last time, but he won't this time."

Trainer Kiaran McLaughlin will send out Cheyenne Stable colorbearer **Classy Class** (Discreetly Mine) from the seven post position Saturday. The bay hasn't returned to the winner's circle since his unveiling, but was third in both the GIII Withers S. Feb. 7 and last time out in the GIII Gotham S. Mar. 7.

"It's a pretty good run to the first turn and he usually breaks well," McLaughlin stated. "He's pretty straightforward to ride and I like the outside post. Seven of eight is fine. He's a very honest horse and he tries hard." Full field. p3

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FAR FROM OVER OFF DERBY TRAIL

Far From Over (Blame), who overcame a stumbling start before winning the GIII Withers S. Feb. 7 and was expected to be one of the top choices in Saturday's GI TwinSpires.com Wood Memorial S. at Aqueduct, suffered an injury during a workout at Palm Beach Downs last Saturday and is off the Kentucky Derby trail.

"It's a bummer for sure and I feel badly for those guys," trainer Todd Pletcher said on 'At the Races' with

Steve Byk, referring to the ownership group of Black Rock Thoroughbreds, James Covello and Madaket Stable. "Those guys certainly dream of making a race like the Kentucky Derby. The good news is that it's a minor fracture. He was slightly off



Far From Over

Susie Raisher

coming out of the work and we had to do a nuclear scan to get to the bottom of it. The prognosis is good and we should get him back this summer. He's a May foal and a big colt. He's a little immature, and it's hard to use the term 'blessing in disguise' when you have a situation like this, but the future looks good." cont. p3

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Dual Group 1 winner Vercingetorix (SAf) (Silvano {Ger}), who was forced into early retirement after suffering an injury in the G1 Jebel Hatta Mar. 7, will take up stud duties at Maine Chance Farm.



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NORTH AMERICAN NEWS

Saturday, Keeneland, post time: 6:00 p.m. EDT

TOYOTA BLUE GRASS S.-GI, \$1,000,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Ocho Ocho Ocho (K)	Street Sense	Gonzalez	Cassidy	6-1
2 Gorgeous Bird	Unbridled's Song	Hernandez	Wilkes	8-1
3 Pepper Roani (K)	Broken Vow	Mena	Maker	12-1
4 Unrivaled (K)	Super Saver	Albarado	Montoya	12-1
5 Carpe Diem (K)	Giant's Causeway	Velazquez	Pletcher	1-1
6 Frammento (K)	Midshipman	Stevens	Zito	8-1
7 Classy Class (K)	Discreetly Mine	Alvarado	McLaughlin	6-1
8 Danzig Moon (K)	Malibu Moon	Leparoux	Casse	8-1

Saturday, Keeneland, post time: 5:20 p.m. EDT

CENTRAL BANK ASHLAND S.-GI, \$500,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Lassofthemohicans (K)	Indian Charlie	Lopez	Walsh	121
2 Temper Mint Patty	Congrats	Lanerie	Romans	121
3 Peace and War (K)	War Front	Leparoux	Stevens	121
4 Angela Renee	Bernardini	Velazquez	Pletcher	121
5 Silverpocketsfull (K)	Indian Charlie	Hernandez	Wilkes	121
6 Lovely Maria (K)	Majesticprfction	Clark	Jones	121
7 West Coast Belle	Tapit	Bridgmohan	Catalano	121

Saturday, Keeneland, post time: 3:28 p.m. EDT

MADISON S.-GI, \$350,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Sam's Sister (K)	Brother Derek	Stevens	Hollendorfer	123
2 Wedding Toast	Street Sense	Lezcano	McLaughlin	118
3 Stopchargingmaria (K)	Tale of the Cat	Velazquez	Pletcher	118
4 Lady Sabelia	Majestic Warrior	Karamanos	Graham	120
5 Clearly Confused (K)	Successful Appeal	Leparoux	Baltas	118
6 Princess Violet	Officer	Alvarado	Rice	118

Saturday, Keeneland, post time: 4:05 p.m. EDT

COMMONWEALTH S.-GIII, \$300,000, 4yo/up, 7f

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 I Got It All (K)	Tiz Wonderful	Hill	Swearingen	118
2 Kobe's Back	Flatter	Stevens	Eurton	118
3 Bourbon Courage	Lion Heart	Lopez	Gorder	118
4 Rocket Time (K)	Tiz Wonderful	Borel	Stall Jr.	118
5 Jessica's Star (K)	Magna Graduate	Graham	Stidham	118
6 Hip Four Sixtynine	Southern Image	Albarado	Wilson	118
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Saturday, Keeneland, post time: 4:42 p.m. EDT

SHAKERTOWN S.-GIII, \$125,000, 4yo/up, 5.5fT

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Mellow Fellow	The Cliff's Edge	Vargas	Richardsn	118
2 Go Blue Or Go Home (K)	Bluegrass Cat	Mena	Baker	118
3 Zee Bros	Brother Derek	Lopez	Lukas	118
4 Something Extra (K)	Indian Charlie	Bridgmhn	Cox	118
5 Choctaw Chuck	Bwana Charlie	Rice	Rice	118
6 Berlino Di Tiger (Brz)	Tiger Heart	Geroux	Caramori	118
7 Mosler (K)	War Front	Lezcano	Mott	118
8 Heaven's Runway	Rn Awy and Hde	Alvarado	Ice	118
9 Channel Marker (K)	Purim	Torres	Bauer	118
10 Power Alert (Aus)	Alert (Arg)	Leparoux	Lynch	118
11 Amelia's Wild Ride	D'wildcat	Alvarado	Preciado	118
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FAR FROM OVER OFF DERBY TRAIL

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Bred in Kentucky by Alexander Groves Matz LLC, Far From Over, a \$550,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase, debuted over the mile-and-70-yard distance over the Aqueduct inner track Dec. 12 and looked defeated at the eighth pole after knocking heads throughout. But he fought back gamely to graduate by a nose. Spotting the field a fair bit of experience in the Withers, Far From Over stumbled badly at the outset and found himself far back early on. But he responded rounding the turn, came out in the stretch and raced past El Kabeir (Scat Daddy) to take it by 1 3/4 lengths.

Following that victory, a minority share in the colt was sold by owner Steven Marshall to Jim Covello and Madaket Stable. Bloodstock agent Nick Sallusto, who advises both Marshall and Covello, helped to pull that deal together.

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WACHTEL SET FOR ACTION-FILLED SATURDAY

by Ben Massam

With three sophomore prospects slated to run in three different Grade I events at three different racetracks Saturday, owner Adam Wachtel has a busy weekend of race-watching ahead.

The owner's schedule became even more complex as of Tuesday morning, when Wachtel and partners resolved to redirect 3-year-old prospect **Tiz Shea D** (Tiznow) from an anticipated appearance in Keeneland's GI Toyota Blue Grass S. to a bid at Aqueduct's GI Wood Memorial. The shift in plans was the latest in a quick series of decisions made by the ownership group concerning their promising colt.



Tiz Shea D

Joe Labozzetta/NYRA Photo

The Gill Gotham S. runner-up was scheduled to depart for Kentucky by van from Belmont Park Tuesday afternoon, but the news of likely Wood favorite Far From Over (Blame)'s withdrawal from the race with an injury facilitated the decision to remain in New York.

"With Far From Over getting hurt, we are staying for the Wood," Wachtel said from Montana, where he is

spending the week. "It's still very tough, but we don't have to get on a van, and losing the favorite out of the Wood makes it at least a bit more appealing."

Tiz Shea D was privately purchased by Wachtel, Nils Brous and Gary Barber from Daniel Shea following a flashy four-length debut score in a Feb. 7 maiden contest at Parx Racing ([video](#)). Wachtel uses a number of different criteria to evaluate horses that grab his attention, but noted that his initial attraction to the colt was a result of the eye-catching performance he delivered that day.

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Commissioner	A.P. Indy	Skip Away S.-G3	113
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Pants On Fire	Jump Start	Sir Shackleton S.	105
Sky Kingdom	Empire Maker	Tokyo City Cup S.-G3	103
Competitive Edge	Super Saver	Tamarac S.	101
Imagining	Giant's Causeway	Pan American S.-G3	101
International Star	Fusaichi Pegasus	Louisiana Derby-G2	99
Lady Lara (IRE)	Excellent Art (GB)	Honey Fox S.-G2	99
Beauty Parlor	Elusive Quality	Orchid S.-G3	98
Birdatthewire	Summer Bird	Gulfstream Park Oaks-G2	97
Call Me George	Point Given	New Orleans H.-G2	97
Broadway Empire	Empire Maker	Coyote H.	96
Creative Art	Shore Breeze	Robert S. Molaro H.	94
War Correspondent	War Front	Appleton S.-G3	94
Blue Tone	Birdstone	Santana Mile S.	93
I'm a Chatterbox	Munnings	Fair Grounds Oaks-G2	92
Weast Hill	Rockport Harbor	Rainbow S.	92
Trace Creek	Harperstown	Arkansas Breeders' S.	90
Win'em All	Cherokee Rap	Third Chance H.	90
Lady Rosberg	Rosberg	Mesa H.	89
Udoknowjack	Storm Day	Star Guitar S.	89
Celestine	Scat Daddy	Sanibel Island S.	88

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"You couldn't be sure of who he was running against at the time, but he looked so impressive," recalled Wachtel. "He had a great closing move and a real long stride. When it was first brought to my attention, the first thing I looked at was the replay--and there was nothing not to like about that."

Notwithstanding his inclination to believe Tiz Shea D possessed significant upside, Wachtel acknowledged that he wanted to learn more about the athletically built colt before making an offer.

"I looked at the pedigree, and I loved it," he explained. "The dam [Ender's Sister (A.P. Indy)] was a really talented filly who could run long. She finished second in the [Gill] Delaware H. On sheets, she was tremendously fast, and she had a full-brother who was very talented too. So I loved the family."

Noting that he always uses Ragozin Sheets numbers to guide decisions on prospective purchases, Wachtel said that the quantifiable data from the race ultimately confirmed what he saw on the racetrack and in the horse's pedigree.

Transferred from the care of trainer Jason Servis to Hall of Famer Bill Mott after the deal was finalized, Wachtel said it quickly became apparent to all involved that Tiz Shea D was a healthy animal with an excellent disposition.

"He was so impressive in person as well--just incredibly well-behaved," the owner reflected. "He just had that air of class about him, and he was so athletic when he trained on the track. He had everything you want to see in a horse." **cont. p5**



Wachtel credited Servis for keeping Tiz Shea D in impeccable condition prior to the sale. The dark bay was doing so well, he said, that a last-minute decision was made to enter him in the Gotham over 1 1/16 miles at Aqueduct Mar. 7. In his first try around two turns, the 3-year-old raced close to a swift pace over the muddy going and came through a narrow opening along the inside to finish second, beaten 2 3/4 lengths, by favored El Kabeir (Scat Daddy).

“For him to show great courage coming up the rail the way he did, I was so impressed with him, as were my partners and Bill,” continued Wachtel. “We figured off that performance, it was worthwhile to go ahead and nominate him to the Triple Crown races and see what we have.”

Wachtel acknowledged that Tiz Shea D’s rapid transformation from Parx maiden winner to graded stakes competitor and supplemental Triple Crown nominee has been rather unorthodox, yet all indicators point to continued improvement from the colt. The owner pointed out that the Mott trainee breezed four furlongs in :50.25 over the Belmont Park training track Monday morning--the final workout prior to his weekend engagement.

Although Tiz Shea D will not be making the trip to Keeneland on Saturday, the 3-year-old filly **Lasso of the Mohicans** (Indian Charlie) will represent Wachtel in the GI Central Bank Ashland S. Runner-up in her seasonal debut in Gulfstream Park’s seven-furlong GII Forward Gal S. Jan. 24, she was most recently fifth in the GII Davona Dale S. over one mile there Feb. 21.

“We think she’s a super talented filly,” commented Wachtel. “As well as she performed in the one-turn races at Gulfstream, I don’t think they really suited her. We’re excited to go two turns with her again, and trainer Brendan Walsh said she’s really thriving and training well right now.”

Completing a triad of sophomore stakes action, Wachtel noted that he also owns a share of **Bolo** (Temple City), who will go postward in the GI Santa Anita Derby. The dark bay, a dominant winner of two starts on the turf to close out his juvenile campaign, recently checked in third behind Dortmund (Big Brown) and Prospect Park (Tapit) in Santa Anita’s GII San Felipe S.--his first try on dirt. Bolo is expected to meet those two rivals again this weekend.

“I think he’s a freak of a horse,” said Wachtel of his west-coast investment. “It’s a very big day, and you try not to get your hopes up too much, but I feel like we’re coming into these races with talented horses who are doing well.”



Bolo
Benoit Photo

LEADING PLETCHER DUO READY FOR FINAL PREPS *By Christie DeBernardis*

Seven-time Eclipse Award winner Todd Pletcher approaches the GI Kentucky Derby May 2 fully loaded with six possible runners. Having clinched his second straight GI Florida Derby victory last week with undefeated ‘**TDN Rising Star**’ **Materiality** (Afleet Alex), the conditioner heads into this big Derby prep weekend with a pair of Grade I-winning colts that are arguably his leading contenders, **Carpe Diem** (Giant’s Causeway) and **Daredevil** (More Than Ready).

Co-topping the OBS March sale at \$1.6 million after breezing a furlong in :10.1, Carpe Diem showed talent and immense promise from the very beginning.

“He was sort of on everyone’s radar [at OBS March],” Pletcher remarked on a media teleconference Tuesday. “He had a sensational breeze. We were well aware of his capabilities early on and he came into Saratoga and trained accordingly for us. What probably surprised me more than anything was the amount of speed he showed that he had as we were training him.”

Tabbed a ‘**TDN Rising Star**’ following a spectacular debut victory sprinting at Saratoga Sept. 1, the WinStar Farm and Stonestreet Stable runner showed distance was not an issue when airing by 6 1/4 lengths in the GI Breeders’ Futurity S. at Keeneland Oct. 4.

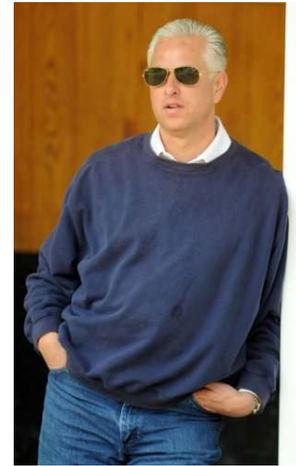
“Normally with a horse of his pedigree, you wouldn’t think you would start them off at 5 1/2 furlongs in their first start,” Pletcher said. “Based on where he was in his training, we decided to run him late in the meet at Saratoga going 5 1/2. I think when a horse like him is able to win from a one post in that type of situation, and show speed from the gate, shows his quality. Then to be able to stretch out to 1 1/16 miles in his second start is pretty exceptional.”



Carpe Diem
A. Coglianese

The first lost of the hulking bay’s career came at Santa Anita when he was a late-running second to the runaway winner Texas Red (Afleet Alex) in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Nov. 1.

“With the exception of kind of getting lost a little bit in the far turn and acclamating to that dirt in the Breeders’ Cup, he had a remarkable 2-year-old season,” Pletcher said. “He has done all the thing you physically want one to do from two to three, so he is the whole package.” **cont. p6**



Todd Pletcher
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Given a breather following the Breeders' Cup, Carpe Diem proved he had not lost anything during his time off with a dazzling victory in the GII Tampa Bay Derby Mar. 7.

"He wasn't quite ready for the [GII] Fountain of Youth [S. Feb. 21] and we didn't want to start him at 7/8," Pletcher remarked. "We wanted to get a two-turn race under his belt. Timing wise we felt [the Tampa Bay Derby] was a great place for him and Tampa historically is a great place to prep horses. It's a safe surface and we have had success there in the past with a few horse, but in particular [2010 Kentucky Derby winner] Super Saver."

The 47-year-old conditioner added, "It was kind of a no brainer for us. Once we got him back in training and saw where he was in his development, we never really considered any other race."

Carpe Diem will make his final start before the Derby Saturday in Keeneland's GI Toyota Blue Grass S.

"Once he ran so well in the Breeders' Futurity, we kind of always felt like the Blue Grass would be a natural fit for his final prep, and he has done nothing along the way to make us think otherwise," Pletcher commented. "We just hope for a smooth run and another good performance."

The conditioner continued, "I wouldn't say he has to win in order to go on to the next one. He has already stamped himself as one of the leaders of the division. The horse has trained remarkably well since the Tampa Bay Derby. We are excited about running him and hope for another Carpe Diem-like performance and have him come out of the race healthy."

Pletcher and WinStar Farm will also be represented in Saturday's GI TwinSpires.com Wood Memorial S. at Aqueduct by Daredevil, who WinStar owns in partnership with Let's Go Stable and China Horse Club.

An impressive first-out winner in the mud at Belmont Sept. 13, the bay posted another dominating victory in a sloppy renewal of that venue's one-mile GI Champagne S. next out Oct. 4. Installed as the second choice behind Carpe Diem in the Juvenile, he never lifted a hoof, finishing last of the 11, and was subsequently shelved.

Heavily favored to capture his sophomore bow in Gulfstream's seven-furlong GII Fasig-Tipton Swale S. Mar. 7, the bay was forced to settle for second behind 6-1 shot Ready for Rye (City Zip).

"I thought his Swale was a very good race," Pletcher remarked. "We didn't anticipate that we would have to run as fast as we would have had to in order to win the Swale [1:22.39]. We had him prepared in a fashion where we hoped he would run well, and expected him to run well, but didn't actually think we would have to run quite that fast to get the job done."

He added, "I thought he ran super and he came out of it well."



Daredevil
Adam Mooshian

Given his disappointing performance in the 1 1/16-mile Breeders' Cup Juvenile, distance seems to be the major question for Daredevil, but his conditioner is not concerned.

"He did win at a mile as a 2-year-old, so that gives us some confidence that he will stretch out," Pletcher said. "His half-brother Albertus Maximus (Albert the Great) won the [GI] Donn H., which gives us added confidence. Plus, we had success with Verrazano (More than Ready) around two turns in the Wood Memorial and [GI] Haskell [Invitational S.], which gives us confidence that More Than Ready can produce a horse that would do that."

The trainer added, "I think he is very talented. He is also fast and part of his success stretching out will be how he settled in the first part. We are excited about the opportunity and looking forward to it. Like everyone else, we are going to be interested to see how he sees out the mile and an eighth."

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BAFFERT PAIR PRIMED FOR NEXT TESTS

By *Christie DeBernardis*

Todd Pletcher may have six strong GI Kentucky Derby contenders on his hands, but it is Bob Baffert who is in the enviable position of conditioning the two early Derby favorites in champion **American Pharoah** (Pioneer of the Nile) and the undefeated **Dortmund** (Big Brown).



Bob Baffert
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"They are both outstanding 3-year-olds and I feel so fortunate," the Hall of Famer remarked on an NTRA teleconference Tuesday. "I can't believe I have two horses like that in the same year, like I did with Congaree and Point Given [in 2001]. They are both really solid, but they have totally different types of styles. Dortmund is a taller horse, but not by a lot. Pharoah is starting to grow. They are just two different types of horses and it is sort of hard to compare them."

A decisive debut winner at Santa Anita Nov. 2, Dortmund earned 'TDN Rising Star' status after an impressive allowance victory from the 12-hole going Churchill Downs's one-turn mile Nov. 29. The Kaleem Shah colorbearer closed out his juvenile campaign with a gritty victory over subsequent GIII Sunland Derby romper Firing Line (Line of David) in the GI Los Alamitos Futurity Dec. 20.

Dortmund showed a new dimension when capturing his seasonal bow in the GIII Robert B. Lewis S. Feb. 7. Assuming command at the half-mile pole, the hulking chestnut was headed by Firing Line in the stretch and looked beat, but found another gear in the final sixteenth to regain control and keep his perfect record in tact. **cont. p7**



“That was pretty amazing,” Baffert said of that effort. “He gained so much respect for that run. We were hoping for something like that. When that horse went by him, the first thing in my mind was, ‘Wow. Boy was I wrong about this horse. He is not as good as I thought.’”

The conditioner chuckled and continued, “Going in to the race, I thought he couldn’t lose, but when he did that and came back, it was amazing. It really makes you appreciate the win so much more.”



Dortmund
Benoit Photo

Dortmund went on to wire a strong field in Arcadia’s 1 1/16-mile GII San Felipe S. Mar. 7 and is the likely favorite for this Saturday’s GI Santa Anita Derby.

“We are just concentrating right now on keeping our horses healthy, because if they are not healthy and on top of their game, it doesn’t matter who is in

the Derby,” Baffert said. “That is my main concern, keeping them at that peak level and they are really doing well right now.”

He continued, “Dortmund is coming into this race in perfect form. American Pharoah, he shipped [to Oaklawn], had to race, came back and worked fantastic [Sunday completing five furlongs in :58.60]. He goes back [to Hot Springs]. When they start going 1 1/8 miles, that is when they start separating themselves.”

Fifth on debut sprinting over the Del Mar synthetic Aug. 9, Zayat Stables homebred American Pharoah broke through with a spectacular victory in the GI Del Mar Futurity Sept. 3. The bay clinched the juvenile championship with a subsequent win in Santa Anita’s GI FrontRunner S. Sept. 27, before being scratched just days before the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile with an injury.

Shipped to Oaklawn for his highly anticipated return, American Pharoah showed he was as good as ever with a 6 1/4-length romp in the 1 1/16-mile GII Rebel S. Mar. 14. The bay is set to return to Hot Springs for his final Derby prep in the GI Arkansas Derby Apr. 11.

“It was never that serious of an injury, just a set-back, so I gave him plenty of time to grow up and it’s really worked out and is paying off,” Baffert commented. “He has been marching forward and he came out of [the Rebel] better than he went in. I am really happy with the way he is coming into the Arkansas Derby.”

As for how American Pharoah stacks up against his undefeated stablemate Dortmund, Baffert reiterated that they are too different to compare.

“We know that Dortmund is probably more battle-tested,” the conditioner remarked. “He has been in a fight. American Pharoah is a different type of horse. He is fast, but he does it effortlessly. He hasn’t been in a dog fight, so we don’t know how he is going to respond. It’s like the Final Four.

“We are in a smaller bracket right now where things start to pick up a little bit. I think after [American Pharoah’s] next race we will know more about him.”

With the two early Derby favorites in the barn, it would be hard for any conditioner not to be dreaming of roses, but Baffert remains cautiously optimistic.

“I have gone there loaded before,” Baffert said. “I went with Point Given and Congaree, and the pace was ridiculous and it was just bad luck. We didn’t get it done. With Point Given, the other two races were nothing for him. It was pretty disappointing, so I know disappointing and I don’t dare get ahead of myself.”

The Hall of Famer added, “The owners can dream in technicolor, but I dream in black and white. I keep it the same. Everybody around me, my barn, Jimmy [Barnes], Dana [Barnes], we are going to go in like we are 10-1. Take nothing for granted. Just go in there, stick to your game plan and hope it happens.”

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The solid gold trophy (center) that will be awarded to the owner of the winner of the 141st running of the GI Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands May 2 was on display for members of the media Tuesday. The 14-karat gold Kentucky Derby Winner’s Trophy arrived in Louisville Mar. 27 and was shown to the public for the first time during a media event in the Directors Room of the Churchill Downs Clubhouse. The smaller adjacent replica trophies will be presented to the winning trainer, jockey and breeder.

Churchill Downs photo



WEEKEND RESULTS

The last weekend in March proved very informative, with major racing taking place in Dubai, at Gulfstream Park and at Fair Grounds. I think there were 19 group and graded races among the three racetracks. You could argue that the most significant result, especially if you look at the TDN YTD General Sire List ([click here](#)),



Dubawi darleystallions.com

was that Darley's **Dubawi**, as Andrew Caulfield detailed in his [column](#) yesterday, sired a Group 1 winner and a Group 2 winner, both on the dirt. The 8-year-old Prince Bishop, winner of the \$10-million G1 Dubai World Cup over American invaders

California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) and Lea (First Samurai), is from Dubawi's first crop; while the ultra-impressive G2 UAE Derby winner Mubtaahij is from his sixth, and most recent, crop of 3-year-olds. The \$7.2 million credited to Dubawi for those two dirt wins rockets him to the top of the Sire List, now with 2015 earnings already over \$10.1 million, over \$6 million clear of two other European sires, both unfortunately deceased: Sinngpiel, sire of G1 Dubai Turf winner Solow; and Azamour, sire of G1 Sheema Classic winner Dolniya. Mubtaahij's eight-length demolition of the UAE Derby field punched his ticket to the G1 Kentucky Derby, since the UAE Derby is the only race outside North America which earns points for the Kentucky Derby via what I still consider a badly flawed points system--though that's a subject for another day.

So now the top North American sire on the combined TDN YTD General Sire List ranks fourth, but it is not Gainesway's **Tapit** who rules that particular roost this week, it is Lane's End's **Candy Ride** ([click here](#)). He had three graded stakes horses last weekend, including the 5-year-old gelding Chocolate Ride, who won the GII Mervin Muniz H. at Fair Grounds; and Sloane Avenue, a 4-year-old colt who narrowly missed in the G2 Godolphin Mile; as well as Candy Boy, a 4-year-old colt who ran fourth in the G1 Dubai World Cup. Candy Ride now has the earners of over \$3.67 million this year, with Tapit at \$3.44 million (including 18 black-type horses already this year, 12 of them graded). Please note that four of the top five on the North American list right now are F2006 (eighth crop now 2-year-olds) sires: after Candy Ride and Tapit, Darley's **Medaglia d'Oro** ranks third in North America (\$2.98-million). Fourth is California's Harris Farms' **Lucky Pulpit** (\$2.46-million), sire of California Chrome, and not an 8th-crop sire; and fifth is WinStar's **Speightstown** (\$2.35-million). That was some sire crop, as you hear me saying almost every week now.



Who's number one in N.A.? After this weekend, Candy Ride has a hoof up on the competition *Lane's End Farm/Lee Thomas photo*

The canny breeder's reaction to this fact, not surprisingly, goes something like, "okay, that's interesting, now what is the next great sire crop?" Of course we don't know that yet, but we can say that the crop of sires with first 3-year-olds in 2015 (F2012 sires, first foals 2012) is showing considerable promise. Ashford's **Munnings**, by Speightstown--whose filly I'm A Chatterbox won her third straight stakes in New Orleans in the GII Fair Grounds Oaks Saturday--has been just edged by his barnmate **Lookin At Lucky** among second-crop sires ([click here](#)). Spendthrift's **Line Of David** is narrowly third among second-crop sires, with Taylor Made's **Eskendereya** fourth, and the deceased **Summer Bird**, by Birdstone, fifth, following the win by his filly Birdatthewire in the GII Gulfstream Park Oaks. **cont. p9**

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Derby Contenders...

All will become clearer after the major GI Kentucky Derby preps this weekend: the GI Wood Memorial at Aqueduct; the GI Blue Grass S. at Keeneland; and the GI Santa Anita Derby; as well as the GI Arkansas Derby Apr. 11, featuring **American Pharoah** (Pioneerof the Nile), who is actually the tepid 5-1 favorite for the Derby. Monday's TDN ([click here](#)) displayed the results of the final Kentucky Derby future pool. Ten horses, including G2 UAE Derby winner **Mubtaahij**, were quoted below 20-1 (as was 'Other'). Though Mubtaahij literally could not have been more impressive, opinion is still divided on the merit of the trouncing he delivered to his opponents. The Racing Post rated Mubtaahij's performance RPR (Racing Post Rating) 118, equal



American Pharoah
Coady photography

with Saturday's GI Florida Derby winner **Materiality** (Afleet Alex). Four 3-year-olds share third billing, each with RPRs 116: this Saturday's GI Santa Anita Derby favorite **Dortmund** (Big Brown) ; American Pharoah; last Saturday's GI Florida Derby second **Upstart** (by Flatter, who also sired the third); and GI Blue Grass S. favorite **Carpe Diem** (Giant's Causeway). **Firing Line** (Line of David), twice runner-up to Dortmund, then winner of the rich GIII Sunland Park Derby by better than 14 lengths, registered an RPR 114.

Comparing these with Beyer numbers is interesting, if not decisively illuminating. Materiality has run the top Beyer number (110), in the Florida Derby, in which Upstart ran a 108. Dortmund and Firing Line have run Beyer 104; American Pharoah 100 when he won the GII Rebel S. Carpe Diem won the GIII Tampa Bay Derby, with 98. Andy Beyer estimates Mubtaahij's 'fig' was only around 95. It is worth pointing out, though, that whichever scale you use, 3-year-olds' numbers do tend to improve almost by the month, so a horse which ran a 104 at the beginning of March could well improve by the beginning of April. So these figures are very much not set in stone, it is definitely a developing picture.

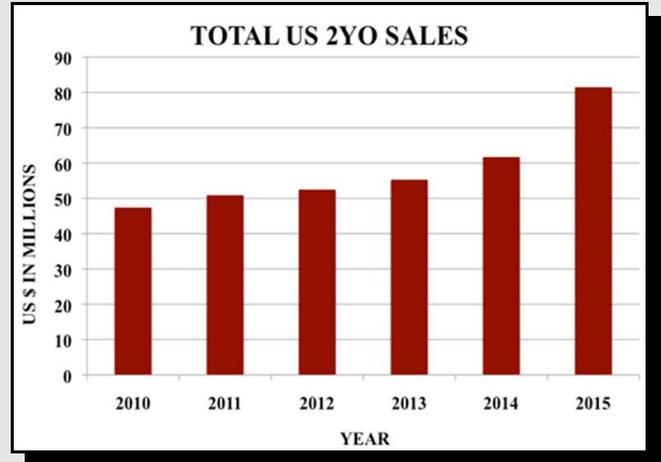
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Weekly Sales Ticker

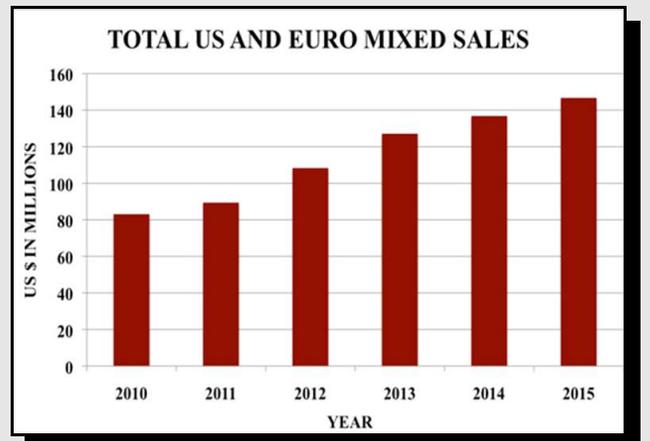
by Bill Oppenheim

"With nearly 50% more 2-year-olds sold so far this year resulting in a \$20-million gain in revenue – the greatest part of that, of course, the \$18-million increase at OBS March – overall gross revenues for the North American and European sales we cover are up by about \$10-million (7%), to \$146-million, from \$136-million last year. The average is up by 4%: \$46,007 this year, \$44,184 in 2014."
– Bill Oppenheim



TOTAL US 2YO SALES AS OF MARCH 31, 2015

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2015	901	619	458	31.3%	74.0%	50.8%	\$81,540,500	\$178,036
2014	709	440	308	37.9%	70.0%	43.4%	\$61,662,500	\$200,203
2013	619	406	289	34.4%	71.2%	46.7%	\$55,347,000	\$191,512
2012	678	449	316	33.8%	70.4%	46.6%	\$52,460,000	\$166,013
2011	836	536	380	35.9%	70.9%	45.5%	\$50,934,000	\$134,037
2010	712	482	326	32.3%	67.6%	45.8%	\$47,411,000	\$145,433



TOTAL US & EURO MIXED SALES AS OF MARCH 31, 2015

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2015	5,194	4,109	3,189	20.9%	77.6%	61.4%	\$146,715,205	\$46,007
2014	5,086	3,987	3,096	21.6%	77.7%	60.9%	\$136,793,383	\$44,184
2013	4,729	3,731	2,753	21.1%	73.8%	58.2%	\$127,125,159	\$46,177
2012	4,506	3,570	2,646	20.8%	74.1%	58.7%	\$108,283,537	\$40,923
2011	4,865	3,768	2,692	22.5%	71.4%	55.3%	\$89,369,898	\$33,198
2010	4,832	3,813	2,532	21.1%	66.4%	52.4%	\$83,120,011	\$32,828

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WORLDWIDE NEWS

'BREAK' ON THROUGH by Gai Waterhouse

Five years ago, I changed my breaking in process and I changed it for the better. This change has been better for me and--more importantly--for all of my horses. My father Tommy Smith once upon a time broke in 60 to 80 babies at a time at Randwick and he did this with great success. T.J. had three breakers, and they all did the work, and my word, did they work hard. For some reason, my father's breaking-in facilities disappeared with the coming of several new apartment blocks. As



Gai Waterhouse inspecting yearlings

such, I was unable to use these facilities when I took over and many of my of my early 2-year-old winners were broken in out on farms. Golden Slipper winners Ha Ha, Sebring and Dance Hero were all broken in on the farm, not within my current facilities.

After my husband Rob and I visited Wesley Ward in Florida, I decided that it was utter madness that my babies were not under my nose for the year round. I need to be seeing my babies every day as my father did. Since I have made this happen, my record speaks for itself. I sourced some yards suitable for breaking, found some of the best breakers in the business and before too long, I had my kindergarten class under my watch every day.

Following my father's theories, I like to keep the breaking process short and sweet. All my boys and girls like the process to take the minimum amount of time, and I truly believe that having the likes of Pornichet, Diamond Drille and Vancouver around the babies a lot of the time aids in the development.

It is a two- to three-week process to break in a yearling, a process that starts immediately after a yearling arrives at my stable. During this time, I get a horse's mind where I need it to be and get it under my control and comfortable with my pattern of training. Within this period, a yearling gets used to people, the reins, the bit, and most importantly, the barriers.

"I have to make sure that all of my yearlings are comfortable around their peers. If they have a rival laying all over them in a race, they will still need to find a way to win. Getting a horse familiar with anything that can be thrown at it in a race is most important before a horse even gets close to running in a trial or a race."

The yearlings need to be comfortable with their surroundings--the big city and all of the noise. My stables are no more than 10 minutes from the Sydney CBD, a city with a population of around five million people. In the other direction it is only a short 10-minute journey to the airport. In England and in the USA, horses can be broken in away from the hustle and bustle of city life. Not in Sydney!

I need to make sure a horse enjoys the walk from its stall to the track, and of course the presence of other horses. As such, I



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have to make sure that all of my yearlings are comfortable around their peers. If they have a rival laying all over them in a race, they will still need to find a way to win.

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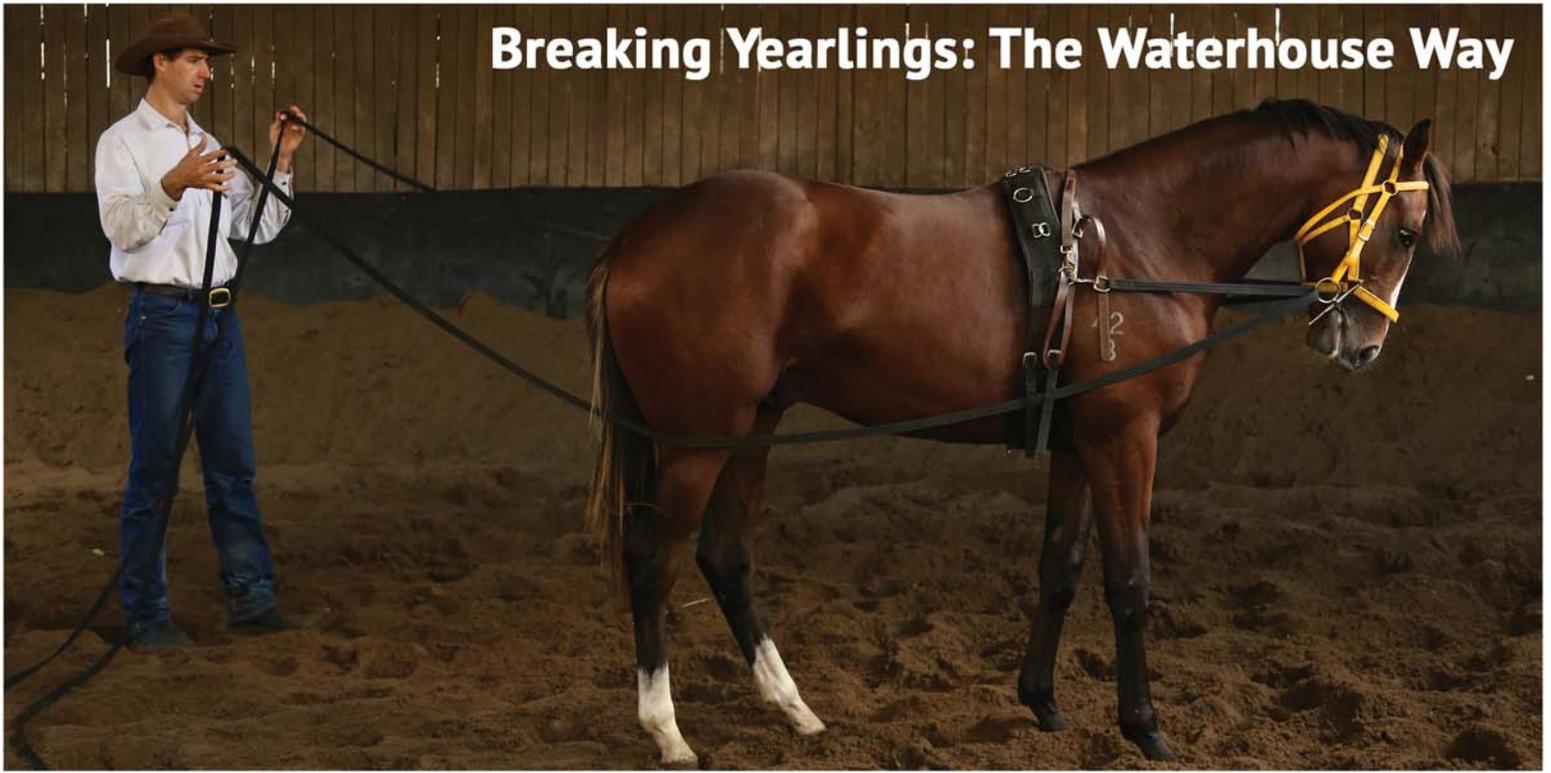
The team starts with some ground work with a cavesson halter and a 12-foot lead. This allows the horse to respect the halter. Then the flexing starts. Flexing involves a breaker standing at the horse's shoulder and moving its head towards them. This in turn shows the horse how to react to pressure. While this is happening, I make sure that the breaker keeps patting the horses back gently as well as around their legs to keep them relaxed. At the end of the session, the breaker will flex the horse on both sides and then they will stand next to the horse quietly before--with little fuss--climbing on its back and dismounting on each side. The horse will be laid all over, the first step in getting them to appreciate human contact.

It is ever so important to get the babies comfortable with a work pony. If one of my established racehorses is under-performing I often threaten it and tell it 'I will make you a pony if you keep running slowly!'

By around day four of the process, it is time to introduce the big breakers saddle. After the saddle is applied, the horse will be lunged in said saddle and again driven with the long reins. If the horse is responding well to the bit at this stage, meaning it is stopping and turning and backing up, one of the breakers will hop aboard and ride the yearling around. This is also the time when I like to march a yearling on and off the float [i.e., van] and take them to the barriers by float, as to introduce them to the mode of travel they will regularly face for the rest of their racing career.

By the end of the first week of the breaking process, it is time for a yearling to experience the world outside its stable. It is at this time that I also like the babies paraded under my eye so I can keep a close watch over them. cont. 11

Breaking Yearlings: The Waterhouse Way





An exercise saddle is put on before one of the breakers rides the horse around the yard, then outside the yard around the pool, the tress and the bull ring. By now each of the ingredients in the process is starting to come together. A horse is now happy with its gear, it is comfortable being ridden, it is experienced at being driven and lunged and it is familiar with its stablemates and fellow youngsters that are being broken in at the same time.

Each part of the breaking procedure ushers in another. It is not too dissimilar to childhood learning. These young horses need to be comfortable with a new skill so they may use this skill in the process of developing the next one. It is a recipe that I have used for a long time. One step leads to the next, then to the next and then to the next.

“When it is time to race, it is time to race. But when it is time to relax, a horse NEEDS to relax.”

By the start of the second week it is time to learn all about daily trackwork. A horse is ridden out of the yard at 4 a.m. when it is really quiet. Perhaps, on occasions, a wilful colt will need more time, but for the most of

the babies it is time to be ridden over the hill around the back of the stable and around the bull ring. Each yearling is accompanied by two older horses and in all, there are five or six horses all walking together towards the track. Once at the track they will participate in some basic easy work before they enjoy a nice guided tour back to their yard. The walk home relaxes them, especially if they walk on a loose rein. It is of the utmost importance that a horse learns to work, but then learns how to switch off and relax. When it is time to race, it is time to race. But when it is time to relax, a horse NEEDS to relax. I also make sure after a good walk that the horses are hosed off when they get home. Hosing off is another thing a horse seems to enjoy and it therefore adds to their relaxation.

The final piece of the puzzle occurs when the horses are walked to the mile marker on the inside training track at Randwick. They are then worked back to where they started their walk from. After they work from the mile, a horse is walked through the bull ring barriers, both ways. In Sydney, our horses run in a clockwise direction and in Melbourne it is the opposite. A horse could end up running in Sydney or Melbourne and as such, it has to be happy and comfortable with the barriers no matter which direction it is loaded. I make sure the riders stand the horses in the barriers for a moment before they move through. After this, it is time for the first trip to the pool.



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A horse swims for three afternoons straight. A horse is led into the pool, led out and the process is repeated two or three times. I also like when a yearling is led off the pony after these swimming sessions.

I have been to many different racing facilities over the years, and I can assure you that no one does it better than Wesley Ward and Monty Roberts. You do it best America, and I have never seen horses behave better in barriers than they do in the United States. Monty and Wesley’s attention to detail in regards to perfecting horse’s manners in the barriers is second to none.

In my small way in Sydney, I have tried to replicate what happens in America. I often send some of my boys and girls over to America to learn the ways of Wesley and Monty, and when they come back, they are forever better for the experience. The breaking in of the babies and getting them comfortable with conditions that they will face on a daily basis for the rest of their careers is one of the keys to any stable’s success.

Gai

Gai Waterhouse is arguably Australia’s most recognized trainer internationally. Gai has trained more than 126 Group 1 winners since earning her trainer’s license in 1992, including five Golden Slipper winners. Gai was inducted into the Australian Racing Hall of Fame in 2007. She will be penning a monthly column for the TDN.

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VERCINGETORIX TO STAND AT MAINE CHANCE FARM

Dual Group 1 winner **Vercingetorix (SAf)** (Silvano {Ger}--National Vixen {SAf}, by National Assembly), who was forced into early retirement after suffering an



Vercingetorix
Dubai Racing Club

injury in the G1 Jebel Hatta Mar. 7, will take up stud duties at Maine Chance Farm alongside his own sire, in a deal brokered by Form Bloodstock’s Jehan Malherbe. Acting on behalf of Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum, Malherbe paid R1.4 million (US \$205,660) at the 2011 Emperors Palace National Yearling Sale for the Klawervlei Stud-bred, a half-brother to the

multiple group scorer and G1 Cape Fillies Guineas S. runner-up Trinity House (SAf) (Captain Al {SAf}), from a very solid South African family.

Sent to Mike de Kock, Vercingetorix remained unbeaten in his home country with three wins as a 3-year-old, culminating in the G1 Daily News 2000. **cont. p12**



Vercingetorix Retired cont.

Shipped to Dubai on the back of this effort, Vercingetorix extended his unbeaten record to five, including an impressive display in the 2014 G1 Jebel Hatta. He first encountered defeat at the hands of Longines 'World's Best Racehorse' Just A Way (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) in the G1 Dubai Duty Free (now Dubai Turf), and rounded off his 2014 campaign with a third to Hong Kong champion Designs On Rome (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup. He returned to winning ways first-up at Meydan this year in the G2 Al Rashidiya, before managing sixth in the Jebel Hatta despite pulling a sesamoidal ligament in the race.

Andreas Jacobs, owner of Maine Chance Farm and Gestut Fahrhof in Germany, commented, "[Vercingetorix] is the best son of Silvano, a horse that has always been close to my heart, who became a record-breaking champion sire in Germany and in South Africa. Both were champion racehorses, each with a phenomenal race record in their respective home countries, as well as abroad."

Vercingetorix is currently being syndicated and a stud fee will be announced at a later stage.

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Doncaster Mile

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Saturday, Royal Randwick, post time: 2:10 a.m. EDT
THE STAR DONCASTER MILE-G1, A\$3,000,000 (US\$2,286,417),
 3yo/up, 1600mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	20	Sacred Falls (NZ)	O'Reilly (NZ)	Purton	Waller	128
2	2	Happy Trails (Aus)	Good Journey	Oliver	Beshara	125
3	16	World Ace (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Hall	Ikee	122
4	21	Real Impact (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	McDonld	Hori	121
5	11	Moriarty (Ire)	Clodivil (Ire)	Angland	Waller	120
6	18	Royal Descent (Aus)	Redte's Chce (Aus)	Moreira	Waller	119
7	8	Ninth Legion (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Dunn	Hawkses	116
8	17	Puccini (NZ)	Encsta de Lgo (Aus)	Newitt	McKays	116
9	15	Csmc Endeavour (Aus)	Nrthrn Meteor (Aus)	Clark	Waterhse	115
10	23	Hallowed Crwn (Aus)	Street Sense	Berry	Cummngs	115
11	12	Hooked (Aus)	Casino Prince (Aus)	Tourneur	Thompson	115
12	4	It's Somewhat	Dynaformer	Williams	O'Shea	116
13	22	Diamond Drille (Aus)	Al Maher (Aus)	Huet	Waterhse	112
14	13	Pornichet (Fr)	Vespone (Ire)	McEvoy	Waterhse	112
15	9	Destiny's Kiss (Aus)	Pwr of Destny (Aus)	No Rider	Pride	112
16	5	Arabian Gold (Aus)	Dubawi (Ire)	Schofield	Vandyke	111
17	3	Leebaz (NZ)	Zabeel (NZ)	No Rider	Hawkses	111
18	6	Rudy (Aus)	Red Dazzler (Aus)	Tarrant	Page	111
19	1	Suavito (NZ)	Thorn Park (Aus)	Brown	Blackiston	110
20	10	Plucky Belle (Aus)	Mossman (Aus)	O'Hara	Moody	110
Also Eligible						
21	7	Sweynesse (Aus)	Lonhro (Aus)	Clippertn	O'Shea	110
22	19	Kermadec (NZ)	Teofilo (Ire)	Boss	Waller	110
23	14	Aomen (Ire)	Shamardal	No Rider	A Cmngs	110
24	24	Malavio (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	No Rider	Englbrcht	110

T. J. Smith S.

WIN AND YOU'RE IN®

Saturday, Royal Randwick, post time: 1:30 a.m. EDT
DARLEY T J SMITH S.-G1, A\$2,500,000 (US\$1,902,912), 3yo/up, 1200mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	4	Lankan Rupee (Aus)	Redte's Choice (Aus)	Newitt	Price
2	10	Terravista (Aus)	Captain Rio (GB)	Bowman	Pride
3	9	Chautauqua (Aus)	Encsta de Lago (Aus)	Berry	Hawkses
4	2	Tiger Tees (NZ)	Dubawi (Ire)	McDonald	Pride
5	1	Famous Seamus (NZ)	Elusive City	Clark	Mfld-Smth
6	8	Fontelina (Aus)	Testa Rossa (Aus)	Purton	A Cmngs
7	11	Fast 'N' Rocking (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Dunn	Hys/Dbrng
8	6	Rain Affair (Aus)	Commands (Aus)	Williams	Pride
9	7	Lord of the Sky (Aus)	Danerich (Aus)	Oliver	Laing
10	5	Sweet Idea (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Moreira	Waterhse
11	3	Press Report (Aus)	Written Tycoon (Aus)	Collett	Curtis

All carry 129 pounds, bar Sweet Idea, 125; and Press Report, 120.

Saturday, Royal Randwick, post time: 12:50 a.m. EDT
BMW AUSTRALIAN DERBY-G1, A\$2,000,000 (US\$1,522,251), 3yo, 2400mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	10	Prefement (NZ)	Zabeel (NZ)	Oliver	Waller
2	5	Volkstok'n'barrell (NZ)	Tavistock (NZ)	Williams	Logan
3	1	Mongolian Khan (Aus)	Holy Roman Empr (Ire)	Bosson	Baker
4	6	Hampton Court (Aus)	Redoute's Chce (Aus)	Parr	Waterhse
5	9	Hauraki (Aus)	Reset (Aus)	McDnld	O'Shea
6	3	Quick Strike (Aus)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Angland	Waller
7	2	Omeros (Aus)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Moreira	Sargent
8	4	Ruling Dynasty (Aus)	Medaglia d'Oro	Berry	B/J Cmngs
9	8	Bikila (Aus)	Street Sense	Schofld	Carey
10	7	Brogue (NZ)	Zabeel (NZ)	Reith	Englbrcht

All carry 125 pounds.

Saturday, Royal Randwick, post time: 12:10 a.m. EDT
INGLIS SIRE'S S.-G1, A\$1,000,000 (US\$761,492), 2yo, 1400mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	6	Pride of Dubai (Aus)	Street Cry (Ire)	Bowman	Snowdns	125
2	3	Mishani Honcho (Aus)	Jet Spur (Aus)	Whiteley	Ross	125
3	8	Rdy for Victory (Aus)	More Than Ready	Hall	Price	125
4	5	Odyssey Moon (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Oliver	Northam	125
5	7	Tarquin (Aus)	Hard Spun	McDonld	O'Shea	125
6	10	Rageese (Aus)	Street Cry (Ire)	Dunn	Hawkses	125
7	9	English (Aus)	Encsta de Lgo (Aus)	Berry	Waterhse	120
8	2	Pasadena Girl (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Duric	Moody	120
9	11	Always Allison (Aus)	More Than Ready	Moreira	Waller	120
10	4	Perignon (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Purton	Ryan	120
11	1	Queen of Wands (Aus)	Nt a Sgl Dbt (Aus)	Clippertn	Ryan	120

IN OTHER NEWS...

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[Sheikh Mohammed rides Dubai World Cup to sell UAE image](#)
 As the world's richest horse race galloped to a thrilling conclusion over the weekend, event host and UAE Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum rushed from the royal box to the winner's circle and left behind a swirl of conversation that covered Gen. David Petraeus, the new Chinese elite and the threat of the Islamic State.
Dan Boylan, *The Washington Times*

CORINTHIAN COLT TOPS FINAL F-T TEXAS SALE *by Jessica Martini*

A colt by GI Metropolitan H. winner Corinthian brought \$75,000 to top Tuesday's Fasig-Tipton Texas 2-Year-Olds in Training and Horses of Racing Age Sale at Lone Star Park. The auction, which was the final to be staged by Fasig-Tipton Texas, saw 66 horses sell for a total of \$1,161,900. The average fell 22.6% to \$17,605 and the median decreased 13.3% to \$13,000. A year ago, 80 horses sold for a total of \$1,818,700. The average was \$22,734 and the median was \$15,000. The buy-back rate was 33.3%.

"We had a 67% clearance rate, which is not bad for a 2-year-old sale," said Fasig-Tipton Texas Sales Director Tim Boyce. "Our average did go down, but we just didn't have the moon and stars line up on a lot of horses--the good works with the good breeding."

Carl Moore, who campaigned 2010 GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint winner Chamberlain Bridge (War Chant), made the sale-topping bid on [hip 115](#). By Corinthian, the yearling is out of stakes winner Bountempo (Cape Town) and from the family of Canadian champions Benburb and Chopinina. Ray Bryner consigned the bay colt on behalf of B & C Bloodstock, which purchased the youngster for \$12,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Kentucky October sale.

Fasig-Tipton Texas has conducted auctions at the Lone Star Park sales pavilion since 1997. The racing industry in Texas was dealt a crippling blow last November when a Texas judge ruled the Texas Racing Commission had overstepped its authority by authorizing historical racing terminals intended to supplement purses.

Boyce put the blame on the state's declining racing industry squarely on the Texas legislature.

"The efforts by the racing commission have been very proactive and very encouraging, but the legislature down here has been problematic for many years," Boyce said. "The problem with the legislature is that it's your partner--in that you give it money for taxes--it's your regulator--with its racing commission it tells you what you can and can't do--and then it's your major competitor by having a lottery machine at every gas station. It professes that it doesn't want to increase the imprint of gambling and yet it puts a lottery machine in every new gas station. Well, the racing commission did what needed to be done and was proactive with regulations with instant racing, which by many interpretations fits, only to have a judge cut it off at its knees and then have the legislature pull them in front and slap them around a little bit in a committee hearing on funding. That type of reaction makes it look like the legislature doesn't really care for racing. Our opinion is that, over the years it's been going down and down and down, and by now the only movement, I'm afraid, in Texas racing is circling the drain. So we just thought it would be a good idea to get out."

The Texas Thoroughbred Association has sponsored the auctions at Lone Star Park, but Boyce said the organization has made no announcement on potential future sales. TTA officials did not return calls for comment as of press time.

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FASIG-TIPTON TEXAS SALE

SESSION TOTALS	2015	2014
• Catalogued	123	138
• No. Offered	99	124
• No. Sold	66	80
• RNAs	33	44
• % RNAs	33.3%	35.5%
• High Price	\$75,000	\$135,000
• Gross	\$1,161,900	\$1,818,700
• Average (% change)	\$17,605 (-22.6%)	\$22,734
• Median (% change)	\$13,000 (-13.3%)	\$15,000

Eastern U.S.

Parx to Offer New Wagering Options Saturday:

Parx Racing has made a number of changes to its daily wagering menu, management announced Tuesday. Beginning Saturday, the minimum wager for all trifecta bets has been lowered from \$1 to fifty cents. Trifecta wagering is offered on every race. Additionally, the ten-cent superfecta wager will now be offered on every race on the card. The base-level wager was previously limited to two races per day. Parx has also repositioned the late daily double to be offered on the final two races of the program, regardless of the total number of races carded.

• ON THE WORKTAB •

AQUEDUCT

Condo Commando (Tiz Wonderful), 4f, :50.01, 5/9

BELMONT PARK

Palace (City Zip), 5f (tr), 1:00.80, 2/19

Paulassilverlining (Ghostzapper), 5f, 1:03.90, 17/19

CHURCHILL TRAINING

Granny's Kitten (Kitten's Joy), 5f, 1:00.20, 1/11

GOLDEN GATE FIELDS

Shared Belief (Candy Ride {Arg}), 6f, 1:14.20, 1/3

KEENELAND

Hootenanny (Quality Road), 5fT, 1:02.40, 1/8

Judy the Beauty (Ghostzapper), 4fT, :53.00, 1/1

Undrafted (Purim), 5fT, 1:04.00, 7/8

OAKLAWN PARK

Work all Week (City Zip), 4f, :47.80, 1/26

PALM MEADOWS

Danza Cavallo (Fr) (Sunday Break {Jpn}), 5fT, 1:01.40, 6/13

Lady Eli (Divine Park), 4f, :48.95, 7/20

Rosalind (Broken Vow), 4fT, :47.90, 3/13

Testa Rossi (Fr) (Dr Font), 4fT, :47.90, 3/13

PAYSON PARK

My Miss Sophia (Unbridled's Song), 5f, 1:02.60, 1/5



Kentucky

Maker's Mark Teamed with RunTheBluegrass for OTTBs:

Last Saturday the Maker's Mark Secretariat Center hosted runners and their families for an afternoon in collaboration with RunTheBluegrass. A day of running and experiencing the best of Central Kentucky's farms and horse parks, RunTheBluegrass offered races of various lengths. After the races, participants had the opportunity to paint and decorate horseshoes, take pictures with the Secretariat statue, watch the off-the-track Thoroughbreds play in the arena, groom a horse, and dress like a jockey. "RunTheBluegrass is a fantastic event that really showcases all the beauty that Lexington has to offer," said Maker's Mark Secretariat Center Executive Director Susanna Thomas. "I am so glad that the MMSC was able to partner with the race to teach participants about all the work that we do to help Thoroughbreds and to give families an enjoyable and memorable afternoon with the horses." The day raised money which will go towards helping Thoroughbreds learn new skill sets and find second careers.

Richardson Named Track Superintendent at Churchill:

Track superintendent David Lehr will retire from his post at Churchill Downs at the end of May, the track has announced. Lehr, who has been the superintendent there since 2012, will be replaced by current assistant track superintendent James Richardson. Richardson served as track superintendent at Oaklawn Park before his tenure at Churchill Downs. "It's a wonderful and very special thing to be named to this position at Churchill Downs and it is humbling to realize that only four other individuals have held this post in 104 years," Richardson said. "It's special to continue a long relationship with Triple Crown races that included my years of working with Pimlico and the Preakness and my work here at Churchill Downs during the past two runnings of the Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks. I'd like to thank David Lehr for sharing his experience and knowledge during my time as assistant track superintendent at Churchill Downs and I wish him the best in his retirement."

☆ TRACK OPENING ☆

Aqueduct - Ozone Park, NY

Opens: Wednesday, April 1

Closes: Sunday, April 26

Racing Days: Wednesday through Sunday

Post Time: 12:25 p.m.

Stakes Schedule: 14 stakes worth \$3.4 million

Highlights: \$400,000 GI Carter H.-April

4●\$300,000 GIII Bay Shore S.- April 4● \$300,000

GII Gazelle S.-April 4●\$1,000,000 GI

TwinSpires.com Wood Memorial S.-April

4●\$200,000 GIII Top Flight H.-April

11●\$200,000 GII Distaff H.-April 18●\$200,000

GIII Excelsior S.-April 25

Website: nyra.com/aqueduct

APPOINTMENTS

Jennifer Stevens: Assistant Director of Development & Horse Sponsorship, Thoroughbred Retirement Fund

- "For my whole life, I have watched the Thoroughbreds here in Saratoga," said Stevens. "I am thrilled to be part of the TRF in making a difference in the lives of these deserving horses."
- Stevens comes to the TRF from Cornell University Cooperative Extension (CCE) of Saratoga County, where she was the Ag Economic Development Educator and Equine Specialist. In that role, her duties ranged from education on best management practices and farm business management to public relations and advocacy for the agricultural community.
- "The combination of Jennifer's obvious love of horses, overall equine experience and depth of understanding of the equine industry make her a perfect fit for the TRF," said Diana Pikulski, Director of External Affairs of the TRF.

ROOKIES

First/second-crop starters to watch: Weds., April 1

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

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

6-AQU, Msw, 1m, East Side Kid, 30-1

ESKENDEREYA (Giant's Causeway), Taylor Made, \$18K, 194/24/0

6-GP, Stk, 1mT, Escondido, \$370K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1

MIDSHIPMAN (Unbridled's Song), Darley, \$8K, 117/25/2

9-OP, Msw, 1 1/16m, Thread of Life, 10-1

QUALITY ROAD (Elusive Quality), Lane's End, \$25K, 178/24/3

9-OP, Msw, 1 1/16m, The Strip, \$105K FTK OCT yrl, 2-1

SING BABY SING (Unbridled's Song), Lane's End Texas, \$3K, 51/8/0

8-OP, Aoc, 6f, The Lone Roo, 8-1

TEMPLE CITY (Dynaformer), Spendthrift Farm, \$5K, 161/17/4

8-OP, Aoc, 6f, Henry Jones, 9-2

WARRIOR'S REWARD (Medaglia d'Oro), Spendthrift Farm, \$13K, 173/24/1

9-OP, Msw, 1 1/16m, Distraction, \$45K OBS APR 2yo, 5-2

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-PRX, \$46,000, NW1X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12, ft.

DODDSPRIVATELABEL (g, 4, **Suave--Dodd {SW, \$105,780}**), by Rare Brick) Lifetime Record: 18-5-5-4, \$109,609. O-M-Z Racing Partnership. B-Victoria Ashford & Suave Syndicate (TX). T-Marcos Zulueta.

9th-SUN, \$33,355, 3-30, NW2\$X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:08 4/5, ft.

TEA LIGHT (f, 3, **Right Rigger--Tea Rona, by Dry Gulch**) Lifetime Record: SP, 4-3-1-0, \$60,220. O-Larry & Harry Teague. B-Larry R Teague (NM). T-Weston Martin.

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Breeders' Edition America cont.

8th-MNR, \$20,700, 3-30, NW4LX, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:41 4/5, ft.

CUP OF JOY (g, 7, Kitten's Joy--Computer Hacker, by Lear Fan) Lifetime Record: 23-4-3-3, \$94,781. O/T-April Thorpe. B-Kenneth & Sarah Ramsey (KY). *\$19,000 RNA yrl '09 KEESEP.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Secret in the City, g, 4, City of Peace--Miss Joetta, by Harriman. WRD, 3-31, 6f, 1:12 3/5. B-A R Null (OK).

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Liverpool to Start MBA in Racing:

The BHA and Levy Board have announced the launch of a Thoroughbred Horseracing Industries MBA at the University of Liverpool. The course is designed for individuals already working in British racing or anyone wishing to embark upon a career in the industry. Employers within the sport are also being urged by BHA to enrol suitable employees to the course. The core elements of the program include leadership, strategy, managing the environment, innovation, entrepreneurship and managing financial resources. Trainees will also gain understanding of management of racecourses and training centers, marketing, advertising, sponsorship, bloodstock management and veterinary issues.

The course, which is designed as a 12 month full-time program or 24 month part-time program, offers vocational training through industry placements and visits to racecourses, studs, training facilities, media companies and companies in the betting industry. The University of Liverpool also offers a similar MBA for the football industry which is rated in the top 10 global sports MBAs. Carole Goldsmith, Director of People and Development for the BHA, commented, "We are delighted to launch and help fund the Thoroughbred Horseracing Industries MBA, a new world-class educational program, created to cultivate leaders in the racing industry. The highly-regarded British Horseracing Graduate Program and Management Academy have proven successful in nurturing promising leaders in the industry and this MBA will complement these courses, while offering an even higher level of qualification for successful candidates."

Applications for the course are now open, with the first term beginning in September 2015. Additional information can be found [here](#).

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Student Racing Association Launched:

Four students with connections in the thoroughbred world, Marie Rohaut, William Rimaud, Felix Lepeudry and Gregoire d'Ablon, have launched a racing society aimed at all students wishing to discover horseracing. The aim of this independent project, which is modeled on similar initiatives in the UK and Ireland, is to draw more young people towards the sport and France's many racecourses. *Aux Courses Les Jeunes* ('To The Races, Young Ones') held its first event last Saturday, when 30 Parisian students were invited to watch morning trackwork at Chantilly's spectacular training center. The group met with grounds manager Matthieu Vincent, trainers Rodolphe Collet and Nicolas Clement, and was spoilt to an encounter with dual Arc heroine Treve (Fr) at Criquette Head-Maarek's yard.

The day continued with lunch at Saint-Cloud racecourse courtesy of the Syndicat des Eleveurs' 'Young Breeders' initiative, and racing, with some precious insight into race tactics and life as a jockey being provided to the students by leading hoop Stephane Pasquier. The event was supported by France Galop and the Syndicat des Eleveurs, and hailed as a great success by all participants. A video wrap-up of the day as well as dates for future events can be found [here](#).



A lucky group of French students meets Treve

Monday's Result:

1st-MLN, €17,000, Cond, 4yo/up, 5fT, 1:01.80, hy. HAPPY VALENTINE (SAF) (m, 5, Silvano {Ger}--Happy Ever After {SAF}, by National Assembly) went postward as the 3-5 chalk returning off a runner-up finish at Kempton Jan. 18, and was slick from the gate to race in a prominent second from the outset of this one. Coaxed forward with 300 meters remaining, the lightly raced 2013 G1 Allan Robertson Championship victress led passing the eighth pole and was pushed out in the latter stages to comfortably best Amadeus Wolfe Tone (Ire) (Amadeus Wolf {GB}) by 1 1/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: G1SW-SAf, 5 starts, 3 wins, 1 place, €50,787. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O-Team Valor International LLC. B-Maine Chance Farms (Pty) Ltd (SAf). T-Alain de Royer-Dupre.

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Lookin at Lucky	61	4	6.56%	\$25,000
Line of David	32	2	6.25%	\$3,500
Super Saver	69	4	5.80%	\$35,000
TIZDEJAVU	18	1	5.56%	\$5,000
Midshipman	43	2	4.65%	\$7,500
Quality Road	65	3	4.62%	\$35,000
Majesticperfection	45	2	4.44%	\$10,000
Tale of Ekati	38	1	2.63%	\$15,000
Hold Me Back	41	1	2.44%	\$5,000
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France Report cont.

Tuesday's Results:

2nd-MRS, €22,000, Cond, 3yo, 10fT, 2:02.76, gd. STAY THE NIGHT (f, 3, Arch--Louve Royale {Ire} {MSW & MGSP-US, \$316,057}, by Peintre Celebre), an easy debut winner at Pau last time Jan. 31, recovered from an awkward exit to race at the back of midfield here. Coming under pressure to close rounding the home turn, the 7-10 favorite kept on resolutely for stretch-long urging to deny Octoking (Fr) (Kingsalsa) by a short head in the final stride. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 2 wins, €19,000. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O/B-Joseph Allen (KY). T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

3rd-ARG, €16,000, Mdn, 3yo, 12 1/2fT, 2:56.30, gd. + CULMINATION (GB) (c, 3, Beat Hollow {GB}--Apogee {GB} {GSW-Fr}, by Shirley Heights {GB}), sent off the 8-5 favorite, was held up at the back from the outset and ran wide on the first turn before continuing to run greenly without cover. Making a mid-race move around rivals to enter contention with six furlongs remaining, the homebred was still clueless in the stretch but responded to a drive to swoop on Sarintia (Ire) (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}) 50 meters out and score snugly by 3/4 of a length. The winner is a three-parts brother to Dance Routine (GB) (Sadler's Wells), MGSW & G1SP-Fr, \$217,608; to Apsis (GB) (Barathea {Ire}), GSW-Fr, \$244,836; and to Concentric (GB) (Sadler's Wells), SW & GSP-Fr, \$118,048. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €8,000. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O-Khalid Abdullah. B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB). T-Andre Fabre.

Wednesday, Dundalk, post time: 7:05 p.m.

PATTON S.-Listed, €45,000, 3yo, 7f (AWT)

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	2	Convergence (Ire)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Keane	Lyons
2	6	Intense Style (Ire)	Intense Focus	Manning	Bolger
3	1	Rapid Applause (GB)	Royal Applause (GB)	McDonogh	O'Callaghan
4	3	Song of Love (Ire)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	D O'Brien	A O'Brien
5	4	War Envoy	War Front	Moore	A O'Brien
6	7	Wychwood Warrior (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Foley	Halford
7	8	Orcia (Ire)	Shamardal	Hoban	Halford
8	5	Sparklingsovereign (GB)	Archipenko	Roche	Donohoe

All carry 129 pounds bar Orcia & Sparklingsovereign, 124.

TODAY'S FEATURED VIDEO REPLAYS

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Joseph Allen homebred **Stay the Night** remains undefeated in France.

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OBSERVATIONS

on today's European racing scene

6.05 Saint-Cloud, Cond, €29,000, 3yo, c/g, 10fT ETERNAL (GB) ([New Approach {Ire}](#)) caused an instant stir when scoring by five lengths on debut over a mile here in November for the strengthening Prince Faisal-Andre Fabre connection. The three-parts brother to last year's G3 Rose of Lancaster S. winner Amralah (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) encounters a dark horse in Kenneth Ramsey's Lyon la Soie Scorer **Conquistadorkitten ([Kitten's Joy](#))**, a Gianluca Bietolini-trained full-brother to the Woodbine Oaks runner-up Spooky Kitten.



Longines to sponsor Irish Champions Weekend

Horse Racing Ireland has announced Swiss watchmaker Longines as the title sponsor for the Irish Champions Weekend as well as official timekeeper for The Curragh and Leopardstown racecourses. The first Longines Irish Champions Weekend will take place on September 12 & 13 and feature five Group 1s, including the QIPCO Irish Champion S. at Leopardstown and the Palmerstown House Estate Irish St Leger at The Curragh. Brian Kavanagh, CEO of HRI, said, "It is an honour to announce Longines as the Title Partner for Irish Champions Weekend and to welcome this Swiss watchbrand as Official Timekeeper for Leopardstown and the Curragh, which together host 42 race meetings, including all the Irish Classics. The inaugural Irish Champions Weekend in 2014 immediately established itself as one of the leading flat racing events in the world. It is effectively the first leg of a triple crown of late-season flat championships in Europe, followed by the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe meeting and QIPCO British Champions Day in October." Juan-Carlos Capelli, Vice-President of Longines, commented, "Providing our long-lasting timekeeping expertise for this two-day meeting illustrates our continued commitment to equestrian sports, which are part of our rich history since 1878."

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

3rd-MRS, €21,000, 3-31, 4yo/up, 9fT, 1:48.90, gd. WIRELESS (FR) (c, 4, Kentucky Dynamite--Sachet, by Royal Academy) Lifetime Record: MSP-Fr, 8 starts, 4 wins, 4 places, €77,350. O-Ecurie I M Fares. B-Haras de Manneville (Fr). T-Jean-Claude Rouget. *€80,000 RNA HRA '14 ARQARC.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Du Pyla (Fr), c, 2, Vertigineux (Fr)--Do I Worry (Fr),** by Charge d'Affaires (GB). MRS, 3-31, 4f 165yT, :56.81. B-Dr Yves & Eliane Fremiot (Fr). *€12,000 yrl '14 OSASEP.

Country Gorgl (Fr), f, 3, Country Reel--Gorgl d'Ouille (Fr), by Man O West (Fr). MRS, 3-31, 6fT, 1:10.75. B-J Baudouin & C Baudouin (Fr). *SP-Fr. **€8,000 yrl '13 ARQOCT.

Monsecret d'Etat (Fr), c, 3, Vision d'Etat (Fr)--Coolraoul (Fr), by Suave Dancer. ARG, 3-31, 1950mT, 2:08 2/5. B-J Y Payet Descombes, Mme E Libaud, J Detre & Mme J Y Payet-descombes (FR).