



## RECORD TAPIT FILLY SETS PACE AT OBS

by J.M. Severni and Jessica Martini

Action picked up noticeably during Wednesday's second session of the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's Spring Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training in Ocala, with a filly by leading sire Tapit setting an OBS record when selling for \$1.9 million to bloodstock agents Alex Solis and Jason Litt, bidding on behalf of the ownership group LNJ Foxwoods. [Hip 439](#), consigned by Woodford Thoroughbreds, is out of a half-sister to Grade I winner Corinthian (Pulpit), and was purchased by Dennis Farkas for \$335,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.

The \$1.9-million price tag, the first-ever seven-figure horse at the OBS Spring sale, was the most expensive horse ever sold at the Ocala auction house. The price surpassed the previous OBS record of \$1.8 million set by a Belong to Me colt at the 2006 March sale and equaled by a Smart Strike colt at the 2013 March sale. The previous Spring record was \$975,000 set by a Distorted Humor colt at the 2004 sale.

"We're very appreciative of Woodford and Mr. Farkas entrusting us to sell that filly," said OBS Director of Sales Tod Wojciechowski. "We appreciate them having the faith in OBS that we could get it done. I think that reflects the confidence that buyers and sellers have in our 2-year-old sales."

The Spring auction's initial seven-figure juvenile comes on the heels of a pair of record-setting renewals of the sale, which continues to enjoy a growing reputation for producing talented runners.

"You could see that coming," Wojciechowski said. "We're coming off two tremendous years for April. So, while it is exciting and surprising in certain ways, we hoped that the sale was evolving in that direction to have that ability." **Cont. p3**



Team Woodford with record-breaking Tapit filly.  
 Louise Reinagel

## NYRA SURVIVES BRUTAL WINTER, LOOKS FORWARD TO BETTER DAYS AHEAD

By Bill Finley

With 16 full card cancellations and a horse shortage that allowed the racing office to card just eight races on many occasions, this was a winter that the New York Racing Association would like to forget. Yet yesterday's meeting of the New York Racing Association Reorganization Board at times took on a celebratory tone as management and Board members said that the organization battled back valiantly against the weather and actually, when including VLT revenue, made a small profit.

It was the first NYRA Board meeting since December and the first run by newly appointed Chairman of the Board Anthony Bonomo, whose confirmation did not come until yesterday.

Plenty of numbers were tossed around yesterday at the Midtown Manhattan meeting, including the fact that there was an \$11.2-million loss when it came to racing operations in the first quarter of 2015. But expectations, officials said, were that the numbers would be worse. Handle on Aqueduct racing was off \$85 million during the first quarter. **Cont. p12**



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Session one of the Bloodstock South Africa National Yearling Sale commenced Wednesday and Liesl King has the scoop. A new Bloodstock South Africa record price was established for a yearling when [lot 41](#) went for R4.25 million (US\$348,388).

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**Laxfield Road (Quality Road) romps in the second at Keeneland Wednesday and earns 'TDN Rising Star' status.**

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**OBS cont. from p1**

For the session, 142 juveniles grossed \$12,393,700. The average of \$87,280 rose 13.5% from last year's second session, while the median was up 11.1% to \$50,000. With 62 horses reported not sold, the buy-back rate was 28.9%. With post-sale transactions included, the buy-back rate a year ago was 14.1%.

"The RNAs were a little high," Wojciechowski said. "We would like to see them lower, but they are going to come down."

Tuesday's buy-back rate, which was originally reported at 28.2% with 64 RNAs, was amended to include private sales and, with 53 RNAs, the session's buy-back rate landed at 23.35%.

Through two sessions of the four-day auction, 313 horses have sold for \$22,476,400. The average is up 1.3% to \$71,810 and the median is up 11.1% to \$50,000.

With two sessions in the books, 22 horses have sold for \$200,000 or more. At the same point a year ago, there were 24 over that mark with a high price of \$725,000.

"Everything is moving in the right direction," Wojciechowski said. "And there are still plenty of good horses out there to come."

The OBS Spring sale continues through Friday with sessions beginning daily at 10:30 a.m.



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• No. Sold	152	207
• RNAs	62	34
• % RNAs	29%	14.1%
• No. \$200K+	14	15
• High Price	\$1,900,000	\$725,000
• Gross	\$13,266,700	\$15,916,500
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<a href="#">439</a>	filly	<a href="#">Tapit</a>	Silver Wolf	1,900,000
(\$335,000 yrl '14 KEESEP) B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings (KY) Consigned by Woodford Thoroughbreds, Agent Purchased by Solis/Litt				
<a href="#">395</a>	colt	<a href="#">Summer Bird</a>	See Rock City	500,000
(\$60,000 yrl '14 FTKJUL) B-Fredericka V Caldwell & Mitchel Skolnick (KY) Consigned by Hartley/DeRenzo Thoroughbreds LLC, agent Purchased by Frank Fletcher Racing Operations				
<a href="#">488</a>	filly	<a href="#">Tizway</a>	Spanish Empress	420,000
B-Alastar Thoroughbred Co (KY) Consigned by Randy Bradshaw, Agent I Purchased by Linda Rice, agent				
<a href="#">330</a>	colt	<a href="#">Uncle Mo</a>	Rhiana	325,000
(\$60,000 yrl '14 KEESEP) B-Meadow Oaks Farm LLC & Dr Frank Justice (KY) Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent IX Purchased by Jonathan Thomas, agent for Repole Stable Inc				
<a href="#">581</a>	colt	<a href="#">Here Comes Ben</a>	Thunder Babe	310,000
(\$3,000 wnlg '13 FTNMIX) B-Patricia L Moseley (NY) Consigned by Rick Lopez Training & Sales Purchased by K.K. Eishindo				
<a href="#">536</a>	colt	<a href="#">Scat Daddy</a>	Sunny	300,000
(\$162,000 yrl '14 FTNAUG) B-Pat Pavlish (NY) Consigned by Cary Frommer, Agent III Purchased by Team D				
<a href="#">458</a>	colt	<a href="#">Scat Daddy</a>	Sky Mystic	280,000
(\$50,000 wnlg '13 KEENOV; \$105,000 yrl '14 FTKJUL) B-Redmon Farm LLC (KY) Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent IX Purchased by McElroy & McCalmont				
<a href="#">550</a>	filly	<a href="#">Street Boss</a>	Sweet Sierra	280,000
(\$55,000 yrl '14 KEESEP) B-Sally Thomas & New Dawn Stud (KY) Consigned by Grassroots Training & Sales LLC, Agent VII Purchased by West Point Thoroughbreds				
<a href="#">586</a>	colt	<a href="#">Discreet Cat</a>	Tikkarita	260,000
(\$45,000 wnlg '13 KEENOV) B-P Headley & Nancy Bell & NATO (KY) Consigned by Off the Hook LLC, Agent IX Purchased by Gary Contessa, agent for Wounded Warrior Stable				
<a href="#">486</a>	colt	<a href="#">Scat Daddy</a>	Southern Accents	250,000
(\$85,000 yrl '14 KEESEP) B-Douglas S Arnold (KY) Consigned by Secure Investments Purchased by Great Point Partners				
<a href="#">487</a>	filly	<a href="#">Quality Road</a>	Southern Flu	250,000
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• No. \$200K+	22	24
• High Price	\$1,900,000	\$725,000
• Gross	\$23,448,900	\$27,869,000
• Average (% change)	\$71,929 (+1.4%)	\$70,913
• Median (% change)	\$50,000 (+11.1%)	\$45,000

**Tapit Filly Lights Out at OBS...**

by Jessica Martini

A filly by leading sire Tapit lived up to all the pre-sale hype, selling for an OBS record \$1.9 million to bloodstock agents Alex Solis and Jason Litt, who were bidding on behalf of the ownership group LNJ Foxwoods. It was the second big-ticket purchase of the spring for the group, which purchased a filly by Bellamy Road for \$800,000 at the OBS March Sale.

“At the beginning of the year, we talked about buying the best fillies we could at the 2-year-old sales and we feel like we bought the best two fillies at the 2-year-old sales,” Solis said after signing the ticket out back.

Among the underbidders on the filly were bloodstock agent Steve Young and trainer Simon Callaghan. The direct underbidder was bidding on the phone.

[Hip 439](#), consigned by Woodford Thoroughbreds, is out of the unraced Silver Wolf (Silver Deputy). The mare is a half-sister to Grade I winner Corinthian (Pulpit), and to graded stakes winner Desert Hero (Sea Hero). Bred by Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings, she was purchased by Dennis Farkas for \$335,000 at last year’s Keeneland September sale. **Cont. p6**



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**Tapit Filly cont.**

“There is not a knock on that filly,” Solis said. “You’ve got pedigree--it goes back to an unbelievable family. The mother cost \$530,000 [at Keeneland September in 2007] and is a half to Corinthian and we know how good he was.”

The filly worked a furlong during last week’s under-tack preview show in [:10 1/5](#).

“If you watch the breeze, it was unbelievable,” Solis continued. “She galloped out like a freak. Steve Asmussen is going to get the filly. He went right back after the breeze show and he said she still had bounce in her step. He said she was unbelievable.”

Litt agreed the filly was the complete package and the duo expected to have to stretch for her.

“She’s a beautiful filly,” Litt said. “I think I went back to see her seven times and every time she looked the same, not a care in the world. She has a lot of class, breezed great, galloped out great. At these sales, you’re looking for them to check all the boxes and she did. We knew we would have to pay. Everyone could see it.”

Solis added, “You don’t get a better stallion in the whole world than Tapit. So when you get a chance like this at public auction, when you have one you know can run, and they are by the right stallion with the right pedigree, it might cost a lot of money, but to get to this point and have all this information is really valuable. It’s the best filly of the sale and it wasn’t even close to the next one.”

While Solis has declined to name the principals in LNJ Foxwoods, the relatively new group has already campaigned stakes-placed runners Fleet of Gold (Medaglia d’Oro), third in last year’s Busanda S., and Welcome Guest (Rock Hard Ten), second in the 2012 GIII Comely S.

Despite the purchase of two high-priced fillies this spring, Solis said, “They’ll buy anything, but we’ve been focused on fillies because they are putting together a broodmare band and this filly checked every box. She was the star of the show from the moment we saw her.”

**Big Score for Farkas...**

by Jessica Martini

Dennis Farkas, who was pinhooking for the first time at the OBS Spring sale, appeared remarkably calm after watching the Tapit filly he purchased for \$335,000 at last year’s Keeneland September sale sell for \$1.9 million in Ocala Wednesday.

“I think I’m kind of in shock,” he smiled. “That was unbelievable. I was not at all expecting that.”

Farkas, who has owned racehorses for some 25 years, is president of Trico Surveying and Mapping. Prior to the OBS sale, he admitted of the filly’s yearling price tag, “I don’t buy in that range usually.” He added his wife had given him a figure over which he would have to sell the filly.



**Dennis Farkas**  
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He admitted Wednesday, “I think her figure was \$700,000. The [\$1.9 million] was way beyond I think what anybody expected. That was about three or five minutes of pure excitement for me.”

Farkas already has plans for the profit.

“It’s my son Derek’s birthday today,” Farkas said. “He turned 13. I am going to call him and tell him that college is not out of the picture just yet. He’ll probably want a lap top or something like that, but for me to know that he can go to college now is a good feeling.” Click [here](#) for a feature on Farkas.



**Hip 439**

*Louise Reinagel*



**Summer Bird Colt to Fletcher...**

by J.M. Severni

Bloodstock agent Donato Lanni made his first purchase of the OBS Spring sale early Wednesday, and he did so in a big way, going to \$500,000 to secure

[hip 395](#) on behalf of Frank Fletcher. The Summer Bird colt went in [:10 flat](#), covering the distance in the co-fastest time during last Tuesday's under-tack show. He will go to trainer Bob Baffert.



**Donato Lanni**  
Photos by Z

"There's a common saying at the yearling sales that there are certain boxes that need to be checked," Lanni explained. "At the 2-year-old sales, the boxes are bigger and there are more of them to check. It's hard for a 2-year-old to check every box and, to me and Bobby, he checked every box. He's the kind of horse we like and we just hope we get lucky. We liked the move on the track through the gallop-out. He

came back to the barn and I liked that he carried a lot of flesh--I like horses that carry a lot of flesh after the breeze show and he did. Bob and I liked him and he's going to a really good owner."

Bred by Fredericka Caldwell and Mitchel Skolnick, the chestnut was scooped up as a \$60,000 yearling by Hartley/DeRenzo at the Fasig-Tipton July sale. He is the third foal out of dam See Rock City (Tapit), making him a half-sibling to GSP One More (Holy Bull) and Dynamic Dash (Pleasantly Perfect), who was named champion imported 2-year-old colt in the Republic of Korea last year. She produced a Broken Vow yearling.

This colt is from the second crop of champion Summer Bird, who stood at Pauls Mills in 2011 and WinStar Farm in 2012. The GI Belmont S. winner was then sold to Japan and died of colic in Japan in 2013.

"I knew how much [Donato and Baffert] love Summer Bird," Randy Hartley said. "When I saw that colt out of a Tapit mare, I was like 'I'm going to buy one and try to sell him to Bob.' I knew he'd love him. [The colt] just did everything right. We planned on bringing him here when we bought him. We're happy Bob got him, so we're excited."

Fletcher, a former manufacturer's representative for Walmart, founded Cheyenne/Silverwood Industries, which produces lamps, mirrors and framed art. The Arkansas native is also involved in a number of hotels, steakhouses and car dealerships. He currently has horses with Baffert, Al Stall, Jr., Al Cates and D.T. Howard. He purchased Wolf Man Rocket (Mineshaft) for \$550,000 out of this sale last year. The Baffert trainee annexed Oaklawn's Northern Spur S. earlier this month.

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**Top-Priced Tizway 2yo Goes to Rice...**

by J.M. Severni

A month after taking home a session-topping Broken Vow colt from the OBS March Sale, trainer Linda Rice was back in Marion County making another notable purchase when she went to \$420,000 to secure [hip 488](#). Rice, who sat alongside former model Sheila Rosenblum, did the bidding on behalf of a newly formed syndicate of female investors led by Rosenblum.

The filly became the highest-priced 2yo progeny of first-crop Spendthrift stallion Tizway to be sold at



**Linda Rice**  
*Horsephotos*

Bred by the Alastair Thoroughbred Co., she is the first foal out of Spanish Empress (Empire Maker). The filly was consigned by Randy Bradshaw and was clocked in [:10 1/5](#) at the under-tack show.

“I think Tizway is a good sire, I’m excited about the Tizways I’ve seen this year,” Rice offered. “She has a lot of strength in the female family, so I think that she could really turn into a very nice filly in the long run. Her breeze was very nice, she galloped out

well. I liked her action on the racetrack--she has a long reach. With the combination of her track performance and her pedigree, she was on our list.”

Of her increased participation in the 2-year-old sales, Rice said, “This year [with the partnership] our intent was to buy quality young horses, and we’ve been working hard at that. We don’t always get the one we want, but we’re trying.”

**‘Mo’ for Repole at OBS...**

by Jessica Martini

Mike Repole, who purchased a colt by Tapit for a sale-topping \$725,000 at last year’s OBS Spring Sale, acquired a colt from the first crop of his champion Uncle Mo for \$325,000 during Wednesday’s second session of this year’s sale.



**Mike Repole**  
*A. Coglianese*

Repole’s racing manager Jim Martin, sitting alongside Jonathon Thomas, signed for the youngster, who was consigned by Eddie Woods.

“It was a team effort between Todd Pletcher, Mike Repole, Jim Martin and Eddie Rosen,” explained Thomas. “This horse will go to [Jim] Crupi and he’s a huge part of the team, too. And this colt got a thumbs up from everybody.”

Out of Grade I placed Rhiana (Runaway Groom), [hip 330](#) is a half-brother to graded stakes winner Behindatthebar (Forest Wildcat). He worked a quarter in [:21 2/5](#).

Repole campaigned juvenile champion Uncle Mo, but Thomas said that was only part of the colt’s appeal.

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“We’re a big fan of Uncle Mo, but this horse stood out on his own merit,” Thomas said. “He’s going to get every chance to succeed and hopefully he’ll hold up his end of the bargain.”

The bay colt was purchased by Pete Bradley’s Bradley Thoroughbreds for \$60,000 at last year’s Keeneland September sale.

Last year’s OBS Spring topper, now named Overcontrol was tabbed a “**TDN Rising Star**” after winning his debut at Gulfsream last December. The colt was well-beaten in a January allowance in his second outing.

“He is training well at Jim Crupi’s and will be returning to Todd in the near future,” Repole confirmed via e-mail Wednesday.

Repole homebred Outwork, another juvenile by Uncle Mo, makes his debut for trainer Todd Pletcher in Keeneland’s fifth race Thursday.

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## Scat Daddy Colt Vindicates Frommer's Faith...

by Jessica Martini

Cary Frommer and Barry Berkelhammer were sitting in the back row of the Saratoga sales pavilion during the Fasig-Tipton New York-bred sale last August bidding on a colt by Scat Daddy for part of their pinhooking partnership. Bidding had stalled at \$160,000 and Berkelhammer seemed happy to let the colt go, but Frommer shook him off and made an additional bid to secure the youngster for \$162,000. The colt returned to the sale's ring Wednesday at OBS as [hip 536](#) and rewarded Frommer's faith when selling for \$300,000 to Team D, but it wasn't all smooth sailing.

"Ask her how she sold a horse who worked in [:11 flat](#) for \$300,000," Berkelhammer beamed at the barn after the colt sold.

"Don't think we weren't worried when he worked in :11 flat," Frommer admitted. "The key was he got going midway through the breeze and people could see that on the tape and then he just kept going. He galloped out as good as any horse at the sale that day and a lot of the other days, too ([click here for ThoroStride gallop out video](#)). He had a beautiful video and he kept going and he wouldn't have blown out a match when he was done. He just walked home flat footed, nice and not

even breathing heavy."

Asked what made her want to keep bidding last summer at Saratoga, Frommer said, "When I saw him as a yearling, I just felt like he was the real deal. He just caught my imagination and I just loved him and I told the people that were with me as a group and they all agreed and they bought him."



**Cary Frommer**  
Tibor Photography

The colt is out of Sunny (Dixieland Band), a half-sister to multiple stakes winner Wake Up Kiss, who is the dam of Japanese Group 1 winner A Shin Forward.

Frommer was confident the colt would acquit himself well in Ocala.

"We liked him a lot at the farm, but he wasn't bunny rabbit fast and we knew he wasn't going to work in :10 flat, but we also knew he was a nice horse and he'd been training great and he has a good mind," she said.

Frommer's list of 2-year-old graduates includes graded stakes winner Trappe Shot (Tapit), who sold for \$850,000 at the 2009 Fasig-Tipton May sale. She thinks buyers might be more willing to accept slower works from her consignments.

"I know they are more forgiving of [slower works] from me than from other people because I tend to have slower times," she said. "So they know that I'll never have a bullet work. My horses don't work that fast because I'm not willing to push that extra bit you have to that's either going to make it the fastest work or a hurt horse. I'm not willing to make that last work count."

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Frommer and Berkelhammer generally team up for five to six pinhooking prospects a year and have learned to trust in their teamwork.

"We usually agree, but when we don't agree we have learned to listen to the other one's gut feelings," Frommer said. "We've been working together for a while now and we pretty much have it figured out. My weaknesses are his strengths and vice versa. Between Barry and I, we'll usually pinhook between five and six. And we've had some major runners come out of that small number of runners. And I think that's a combination of his work at the farm [Abracadabra Farm in Ocala] and my work at the farm [in Aiken] and his believing in the horses and backing them up with his clients. But the end result, we have wonderful statistics. With a small number of horses we just keep putting out nice horses."

Berkelhammer will have the chance to prove his instincts at Saratoga were just as good as his partner's during Thursday's session of the Spring sale when [hip 605](#) goes through the ring.

"She is a Curlin filly and it was the same up in Saratoga," Frommer said. "But the reverse, with me going 'Well...maybe that's enough' and him saying, 'No, no, no.' She is another one who has jumped through every hoop. She came here, she worked exactly how I thought she was going to work. She was fast ([:10 1/5](#)), galloped out beautifully, vetted perfectly. She just checks all the boxes."

Out of Trust N Intuition (Trust N Luck), the Curlin filly was an \$80,000 Saratoga New York-bred yearling.



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## Small Batch Selling at 'Mauk' Speed...

by J.M. Severni

Small batch, a variety of premium bourbon that's been aged in a limited number of barrels, is well-regarded for its quality, craftsmanship and rarity. It's also a fitting name for Fletcher Mauk's Thoroughbred investment agency. The Lexington native created Small Batch Thoroughbreds, which races, pinhooks and breeds, with the understanding that limited numbers of quality horses can be sound financial investments. So far, that theory has paid off during the OBS Spring sale.



Fletcher Mauk

Mauk, worked for his father in the summers during college, and decided to make a career of it after graduating.

"He started taking me to work every day where we were evaluating weanlings and yearlings," Mauk explained. "That's the first time I realized I was a visual person, and I got hooked on it. I worked with him, kept going from there. I trained for a while, worked the sales and put a partnership together. This is the first year I've done 2-year-old sales. Before the economy went bad, I pinhooked anywhere between five to 10 horses a year—usually weanlings to yearlings or buy yearlings and try to resell them at the races. This is the first year there's an actual partnership structure taking yearlings to 2-year-old sales."

In its inaugural year dipping into the 2-year-old sales, Small Batch Thoroughbreds brought three fillies to Ocala: [hip 294 \(Thorostride inspection video\)](#), [hip 487 \(Thorostride video\)](#) and [hip 635 \(Thorostride video\)](#). The trio were consigned by Top Line Sales. Mauk purchased hip 294, a filly by Ghostzapper, for \$63,000; hip 487, a filly by Quality Road, for just \$40,000; and hip 635, a filly by Hold Me Back, for \$42,000 at the Keeneland September sale. Two of those savvy investments have already paid off, with hip 294 going to Christina Jelm for \$115,000, while hip 487 was purchased by 1230 Partners for \$250,000.

Hip 635 will go through the ring Thursday afternoon.

Although Mauk had hopes his modest string of horses would do well in the sale's ring, he has been more than pleased with the results so far.



Hip 294  
Thorostride photo



Hip 487  
Thorostride photo

where I can anticipate how they're going to grow into their muscle and how they're going to develop based on their structure." **Cont. p11**

# NTRA REPORT FROM CAPITOL HILL

## CONTACT TREASURY AND THE IRS: TELL THEM TO MODERNIZE TAX REGULATIONS

The NTRA has submitted its [official response](#) to an invitation by the U.S. Treasury Department (Treasury) and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for comments on amending Treasury regulations regarding withholding and reporting pari-mutuel winnings. Submission of the NTRA's response kicked off a six-week campaign during which the NTRA is encouraging fans, horseplayers and industry stakeholders to support the push for tax withholding and reporting modernization.

Specifically, the NTRA is asking Treasury and the IRS to amend their tax regulations to make it clear that the definition of the "amount of the wager" includes the total amount wagered by a bettor into a pari-mutuel pool when determining whether a bettor's winnings are subject to withholding and reporting. As explained in detail in the NTRA's response, such a clarification will result in more accurate withholding and reporting while also benefiting bettors and the horse racing and breeding industry as a whole.

The NTRA encourages horseplayers, fans and industry stakeholders, all of whom will be positively impacted if the proposed changes are adopted, to submit their own comments to Treasury and the IRS using a simple form now available online at [www.NTRA.com/IRScomment](http://www.NTRA.com/IRScomment).

For more information contact Joe Bacigalupo, director of government relations and membership development, (859) 422-2677 or visit [www.SupportHorseRacing.org](http://www.SupportHorseRacing.org).



Mauk acknowledged that there are numerous components responsible for the success of Small Batch Thoroughbreds.

"I selected these horses myself at the sale, then there are a number of people that handle them," he explained. "They were broke at Mill Iron Farm in Lexington where they learned the early stages of long lining and were jogged around the paddock with a rider. Then, I sent them to Web Carroll in South Carolina for about 10 weeks where he introduced them to the racetrack. Jimbo and Torie Gladwell of Top Line Sales had them since January and there they started focusing on speed. I'm a big believer that, as long as your horses are in good hands, it's good for them to be with a lot of people so they get to see a lot of different environments."



**Hip 635**  
*Thorostride photo*

As far as future aspirations go, Mauk said wants to continue selecting quality horses in the hopes that they are successful on the track.

"Small Batch Thoroughbreds is playing on the concept that we have limited numbers, a specialized procedure and superior results," Mauk concluded. "If I can continue to sustain that through a career, I'll be happy."

**Miller Adds Another In Summation...**  
*by J.M. Severni*

California-based trainer Peter Miller ended the session with five purchases, amongst them [hip 313](#), a colt by In Summation. Bred and consigned by Ocala Stud, the hammer dropped at \$77,000 for the dark bay. Miller is hopeful the colt will be similar to another Ocala-consigned In Summation colt he purchased at this sale last year--Calculator. That Richard Pell colorbearer, who was purchased for \$132,000, was second behind American Pharoah (Pioneer of the Nile) in both the GI Del Mar Futurity and GI FrontRunner S. before graduating in the GIII Sham S.

"They can run," Miller said of the In Summations he has seen. "They're nice horses and they're fast."

The trainer said he did see similarities between Calculator and hip 313.

"He's very athletic, correct and long-legged," he said of the new purchase. "They have similar body types."

As for Calculator, who has been sidelined with an injury since February, Miller added, "He's doing well, he'll be back to training in a couple of months."



**Peter Miller**  
*Horsephotos*

# WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

"The market seems kind of like it's been for the last few years. The horses that people fall on get plenty of money and plenty of action. The ones that they don't really fall by the wayside. I think we've seen that now for a few years. The change in the buying habits of the Koreans has obviously affected it much. It's affected the middle and lower markets significantly, pumping up values of horses in the \$30-40,000 range and depressing some of the lower-priced values." -**Joe Appelbaum, Off the Hook LLC**

"It's been a very good sale, we bought a few so far through the first two days. It's going well, there's a lot of good horses. The market is strong. The good horses are still selling very well." -**Peter Miller**



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<b>Hip</b> <u><a href="#">330</a></u>	<b>Sex</b> colt	<b>Sire</b> <u><a href="#">Uncle Mo</a></u>	<b>Dam</b> Rhiana	<b>Price (\$)</b> <b>325,000</b>
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*B-Meadow Oaks Farm LLC & Dr Frank Justice (KY)*  
Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent IX

Purchased by Jonathan Thomas, agent for Repole Stable Inc.

From the first crop of champion sire Uncle Mo, this Pennsylvania-bred was snapped up by Pete Bradley's Bradley Thoroughbreds for \$60,000 out of last year's Keeneland September sale. After breezing a quarter-mile in a slick [:21 2/5](#) through the fog, the half-brother to GSW Behindatthebar (Forest Wildcat) is set to race in the same silks borne by his sire during his days at the track.

<b>404</b>	colt	<b>J P's Gusto</b>	<b>Settling Seas</b>	<b>180,000</b>
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*B-Brent & Crystal Fernung (FL)*

Consigned by Journeyman Bloodstock Services Inc (B & C Fernung), agt Purchased by John Brocklebank, agent for Legacy Ranch

One of 29 reported foals from the first crop of the 2010 GI Del Mar Futurity winner (by Successful Appeal), this Florida-bred colt was knocked down to Mike Meeks for \$8,000 at the OBS Winter Mixed Sale in early 2014. The racy bay, named Journey By Sea, stretched out very nicely through a two-furlong breeze in [:21 flat](#) and made for a very successful transaction Wednesday afternoon.

<b>581</b>	colt	<b>Here Comes Ben</b>	<b>Thundersnow</b>	<b>310,000</b>
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*B-Patricia L Moseley (NY)*

Consigned by Rick Lopez Training & Sales  
Purchased by K.K. Eishindo

From the first crop by GI Forego S. hero Here Comes Ben (Street Cry {Ire}), this New York-bred was barely six months old when he was offered at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Fall Mixed and Horses of Racing Age Sale and was originally led out unsold before Rick Lopez struck a private deal to acquire him for \$3,000. Just 18 months later, the handsome dark bay could not have looked more impressive in drilling an eighth of a mile in [:10 flat](#) and Lopez was rewarded richly for his foresight Wednesday afternoon.



**NYRA Board Meeting cont. from p1**

"We quickly responded to unfavorable conditions, as we did during the first quarter of this year," NYRA CEO Chris Kay said. "Severe winter weather reduced the number of race days and handle, but we took aggressive steps to offset these losses."

NYRA officials said it weathered the tough winter by cutting back on expenses and by doing healthy business taking wagering on imported simulcast signals.

"It was very tough," Kay said. "What we did, for example, with certain budget items, I said we were planning to spend X and I cut that in half. There were certain positions eliminated. For example, I have been both Chief CEO and Chief Human Resources officer for last four months. There were positions where we thought we would hire in the first quarter and postponed things... We didn't just cut, we weighed the pros and cons and tried to be very prudent about how we went about this."

Still, NYRA lost \$11.2 million on the racing end during the winter and also saw an inordinately high number of horses break down. Despite all that, Board member Len Riggio was adamant that winter racing is here to stay.

"We're going to continue to have winter meets," he said. "There's no question about that. The racing committee and the Board are committed to winter racing. People talk about Belmont being open year-round, but you'd need hundreds of millions of dollars to make that happen."

When asked if there would even be a brief interruption of the schedule, like, perhaps, no racing in January or February, Riggio said: "That is absolutely not under consideration."

Riggio went on to explain that even if NYRA shut down in the winter the fixed costs involved with running the operation would still have to be dealt with and reasoned that NYRA might lose even more money if it closed in the winter."

The Reorganization Board was created to come up with a plan for NYRA's future and its original mandate was to present one to Governor Andrew Cuomo by April of this year. That isn't going to happen and NYRA officials now say they are hopeful a plan will be in place by April of next year.

"It's complicated," Bonomo said. "This isn't simple. There are a lot of moving parts, a lot of different things happening. Certainly NYRA is making an effort to get there, but the first thing we have to be concerned with is racing and how we are doing in the racing business."

Bonomo didn't exactly sound like he was in any hurry to finalize a reorganization plan.

"We've had a good year, we are meeting our obligations and we are working hard to get there," he said. "When we get there and how we get there, we will see. It's fair to say we've had our first profitable year in 13 years. We're keeping the focus on the racing stuff; the other thing will play itself out."

"At the end of day we need to focus on what did happen. So what did happen? Racing made a profit, we've done a tremendous amount of things at the individual tracks to enhance the guest experience. We're trying to keep our eye on the ball, which is to make racing better."

Kay also spoke about problems NYRA had dealing with the overflow crowd at last year's Belmont and the many complaints from customers. He vowed last year's problems would be fixed and that talks have taken place with the Long Island Railroad to ensure that people can leave the track after the races in a reasonable amount of time.

The meeting was briefly interrupted by a fan named Wayne Johnson, who scolded NYRA for not doing more to protect the horses and said the number of breakdowns over the winter was unacceptable.

"I won't rest until no horses die on your racetracks," he said.

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**PAIR OF DERBY RUNNERS WORK AT CHURCHILL**

GI Kentucky Derby hopefuls **Mr. Z** (Malibu Moon) and **War Story** (Northern Afleet) both breezed five furlongs over a fast track at Churchill Downs Wednesday morning.

Zayat Stables' Mr. Z hit the track after the morning renovation break and breezed five furlongs in 1:01 (4/20) in company with fellow sophomore Majestico (Majesticperfection). Ridden by Edwin Vargas, the chestnut started a length back from his workmate and finished on even terms in splits of :12.80, :25, :37 and :48.60 with a six-furlong gallop out in 1:15.60.



Mr. Z Horsephotos

"I thought it was fine," Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas said. "You don't get paid at 8:30 in the morning."

An impressive maiden winner over this strip last summer, Mr. Z has earned many black-type placings in the top races for his class both this year and last year. Ninth in the GII Louisiana Derby Mar. 28, the chestnut returned on just two weeks rest to finish third behind champion and fellow Zayat colorbearer American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile) in the GI Arkansas Derby Apr. 11. Jockey Ramon Vazquez, who was aboard in the Arkansas Derby, will pilot the colt on the first Saturday in May.

"He is probably the most seasoned horse in the race and didn't need to do too much," Lukas said. "Plus, he has an affinity for this race track." **Cont. p13**



**Derby Works cont.**

Working on his own when the track opened, Loooch Racing Stables, Glenn Ellis and Christopher Dunn's War Story stopped the clock in 1:02 with fractions of :12.80, :24.60, :36.40 and :49 under Dylan Davis. The Tom Amoss trainee, who clocked the seventh fastest move of 20 at that distance, galloped out six furlongs in 1:15.60.

"That was a typical work for him," Amoss said. "He definitely knows the difference between practice and a race. To say that he is a lazy work horse is accurate."

It was the third local work for the chestnut gelding, who was runner-up in both the GIII LeComte S. Jan. 17 and GII Risen Star S. Feb. 21, and was third in the GII Louisiana Derby Mar. 28. Louisiana Derby pilot Joe Talamo retains the mount for the Run for the Roses May 2.

"This work was similar to his others except that his extension of stride was nicer this morning," Amoss said. "This will probably be his last work. This is the plan we used before the Risen Star [working 10 days before the race] and that worked well."

Amoss added, "He has improved daily and I see an enthusiastic horse. War Story deserves to be in the Derby. He has got to improve dramatically to win this race."

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

**BEWITCH S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/2mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Lots o' Lex	Kitalpha	Homeister Jr.	Aschinger	118
2	Anipa (GB)	Sea the Stars (Ire)	Leparoux	Clement	118
3	Antonia Autumn	Bernstein	Hernandez	Colebrook	118
4	Cay Dancer (GB)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Rosario	Brown	118
5	Street of Gold	Street Sense	Albarado	Reed	118
6	Caroline Thomas	Giant's Causeway	Maragh	Tagg	118
7	Annabird	Flower Alley	Graham	Jurado	118
8	Maria Maria	Curlin	Geroux	DiVito	118
9	Kitten's Point	Kitten's Joy	Prado	Motion	120
10	Tabreed (GB)	Sakhee	Velazquez	Clement	118
11	White Rose	Tapit	Bridgmohan	Mott	120
12	Courtesan	Street Sense	Bravo	Clement	118
13	Tapfire	Pleasant Tap	Lanerie	Block	118
14	Hellenistic	English Channel	Castellano	Brown	118

Also Eligible:

15	Honey Lake	Dynaformer	Court	Oliver	118
16	Tuttipaesi (Ire)	Clodovil (Ire)	Lezcano	Mott	118

**Saturday, Aqueduct, post time: 4:57 p.m. EDT**

**EXCELSIOR S.-GIII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/4m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Micromanage	Medaglia d'Oro	Castellano	Pletcher	119
2	Effinex	Mineshaft	Arroyo	Jerkens	123
3	Stormin Monarcho	Monarchos	Velasquez	Jacobson	119
4	North Slope	Elusive Quality	Alvarado	McLaughlin	119
5	Cousin Stephen	Proud Citizen	Carmouche	Brown	117
6	Red Rifle	Giant's Causeway	Ortiz Jr.	Pletcher	123
7	Wicked Strong	Hard Spun	Maragh	Jerkens	123
8	Turco Bravo (Chi)	Caesaron (Ire)	Ortiz	Contessa	119

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**Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 5:00 p.m. EDT**

**MIAMI MILE S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Middleburg	Lemon Drop Kid	Lezcano	Clement	119
2	Adios Nardo	Invisible Ink	Cruz	Gabriel Jr.	117
3	Rerun	Grand Reward	Caraballo	Stewart	117
4	Shatak	Cryptoclearance	Castro	Weaver	119
5	Hammers Terror	Artie Schiller	Prado	Maker	117
6	Grand Tito	Candy Ride (Arg)	Zayas	Delgado	117
7	Storming Inti	Stormy Atlantic	Goncalves	Brown	117
8	McIlroy	Modigliani	Gaffalione	Nicks	117
9	Sette E Mezzo	Dynaformer	Wales	Sexton	117
10	Inchcape	Indian Charlie	Saez	Servis	117
11	Red Vine	Candy Ride (Arg)	Lezcano	Clement	117

**Saturday, Golden Gate Fields, post time: 6:45 p.m. EDT**

**SAN FRANCISCO MILE S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	G. G. Ryder	Chhaya Dance	Gonzalez	Hollendorfer	122
2	Toruk Makto	Rahy	Terrero	Hollendorfer	122
3	Are You Kidding Me	Run Away and Hide	Blanc	Drysdale	122
4	Polytechnicien	Royal Academy	Martinez	Matos	122
5	Tiz Dynamic	Tiznow	Amador	Baker	122
6	Summer Hit	Bertrando	Baze	Hollendorfer	122
7	Pepper Crown	Peppered Cat	Lopez	Paszkeicz	122
8	Edge of Reality	Lawyer Ron	Van Dyke	Motion	122

**Saturday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 7:00 p.m. EDT**

**LAST TYCOON S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Big John B	Hard Spun	Smith	D'Amato	122
2	Power Foot	Powerscourt (GB)	Bejarano	Drysdale	120
3	Ganesh (Brz)	Sulamani (Ire)	Prat	Mandella	122
4	Joes Blazing Aaron	Graeme Hall	Baze	Hess Jr.	120
5	Play Hard to Get	Purim	Desormeaux	Kruljac	120
6	Si Sage (Fr)	Sageburg (Ire)	Trujillo	Vienna	120
7	Quick Casablanca (Chi)	Until Sundown	Stevens	McAnally	120
8	Abbey Vale (Ire)	Moss Vale (Ire)	Pereira	D'Amato	120

**CHAMPION SMUGGLER PASSES AWAY**

Phipps Stable's champion **Smuggler** (Unbridled--Inside Information, by Private Account) passed away at Claiborne Farm Apr. 16 at the age of 13 due to complications from foaling. She was buried at the Marchmont Cemetary at Claiborne.

Produced by fellow Phipps homebred and champion Inside Information, the bay was named champion 3-year-old filly in 2005 after winning the GI Mother Goose S. and GI



**Smuggler**  
Horsephotos

Coaching Club American Oaks, and finishing second in the GI Acorn S. Only racing twice as a 4-year-old, the Shug McGaughey pupil closed out her career with a third in the 2006 GII Shuvee H. She retired with a record of 9-5-2-1 and earnings of \$654,352.

Out of Smuggler's seven foals, five are of racing age with two winners and two who have placed. She produced a filly named Secret Agenda (Malibu Moon) in 2013 and a full brother to that filly named Lead Astray (Malibu Moon) last year.

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## DAM OF HAVRE DE GRACE DIES

**Easter Bunnette** (Carson City--Toll Fee, by Topsider) died as a result of hemorrhaging after foaling her Bernardini colt Apr. 18 at Mill Ridge Farm. The 17-year-old was known best for producing Horse of the Year Havre de Grace (Saint Liam).

"It is everyone's dream in this business to associate with a mare like Easter Bunnette," Mill Ridge Farm's Headley Bell said. "Most of her foals were of the quality that led you believe they could be champions. Fortunately for breeder Nancy Dillman and owner Rick Porter, Havre de Grace fulfilled that dream being named the 2011 Horse of the Year."

The fourth foal out of Easter Bunnette, Havre de Grace was named champion older female and Horse of the Year in 2011 after beating the boys in the GI Woodward S., in addition to winning the GI Beldame Invitational S., Gill Azeri S. and Gill Obeah S. Finishing fourth to Drosselmeyer (Distorted Humor) in that year's GI Breeders' Cup Classic, the bay boasts a racing record of 16-9-4-2 and earnings of \$2,586,175.

Havre de Grace set a new world record for a broodmare prospect at auction when hammered down to Mandy Pope's Whisper Hill Farm for \$10 million at the 2012 Fasig-Tipton November sale. Easter Bunnette's now 4-year-old Brabbham (Bernardini) brought \$1.2 million as a yearling at the 2011 Fasig-Tipton August sale; and her now 3-year-old Tizavision (Tiznow) sold for \$1.7 million at the 2012 Keeneland September yearling sale.

Easter Bunnette produced a total of 10 foals, and out of the five that have raced there is only one other winner besides her champion filly. Her unraced progeny include Tizavision, 2-year-old filly Mademoiselle Coco (Medaglia d'Oro), a yearling colt by Medaglia d'Oro and the Bernardini colt she produced last week.

Campaigned by Jack H. Smith III Thoroughbreds and trainer Frank Shannon during her brief career, the chestnut retired with a record of 11-3-3-1 and earnings of \$36,851.



**Easter Bunnette with Havre de Grace**  
*Joyce B. Gilbert*

## SPEAKERS ADDED TO PAN AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Jorge Luis Batlle Ibañez, the former president of Uruguay and longtime Thoroughbred breeder and owner; Louis Romanet, the chairman of the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA); and Frank Stronach, the founder and honorary chairman of The Stronach Group, have been added to a growing list of prominent international racing executives who will share their insights and perspectives on Thoroughbred racing at the Pan American Conference during the first week of June at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in New York City.

It was also announced Wednesday that Tom Durkin, the longtime New York Racing Association announcer, will serve as master of ceremonies for the entire conference.

The Jockey Club and the Latin American Racing Channel (LARC) are co-hosting the conference. It begins Wednesday, June 3, and concludes Saturday, June 6, with the running of the 147th GI Belmont S. All business presentations are scheduled for Thursday, June 4, and Friday, June 5.

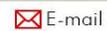
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## LETTERS/FEEDBACK

*In Response to RCI president Ed Martin's comments in [Welfare, Doping Conference Kicks Off in Florida](#) (4/21):*

### ARTHUR HANCOCK:

Mr. Martin,

I would respectfully submit to you that the definition of insanity is repeating the same behavior over and over again expecting different results.

The insanity would be to continue down the same path we are on while our industry and sport continue to slip down the drain. Any sport that loses 4% of its fan base a year is headed for oblivion.

This industry needs a change.

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Sincerely,  
Arthur Hancock



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In Response to Dr. Gary Priest's [letter joining the Water Hay Oats Alliance](#) (4/20/15):

**GARY BISZANTZ, COBRA FARM:**

Thank you Dr. Gary Priest for your excellent assessment of the major problem confronting American racing, the excessive and often unwarranted use of therapeutic medication used and allowed to be used on or very close to race day.

In 2002, I spoke to this problem at The Jockey Club Round Table Conference in Saratoga Springs and we are still struggling to correct the error that was accepted in belief that increased use of therapeutic drugs would improve racing in America. I have always believed the opposite occurred, including weakening of the breed and performance enhancing drugs creating an un-level playing field. I suggest federal legislation could be helpful, and I am more convinced of that today.

Therapeutic medication should always be administered to help horses recover from an illness or injury, but it should never have been the formula to race on. Advances in veterinary diagnostic treatments should allow the racetrack veterinary community to re-think its current methods of selling and injecting drugs. Proper diagnostic analysis allows the vet to offer treatments that treat the cause, not the symptoms, and allows the horse to recover and be sound to enter and race clear of drugs. Vets should consider charging for their time to diagnose an injury thereby possibly reducing the need for extremely expensive drugs in lieu of rest.

As Dr. Priest so accurately reports, track vets make their living by selling drugs and injecting drugs. The current model is not in the best interest of racing, best interest of the horse or the perceived opinion of American racing by both our fans and foreign countries.

The current vet model is wrong and all owners of horses should eagerly support the water, hay, and oats movement and the affiliation with USADA, the independent oversight organization that runs the anti-doping programs for U.S. Olympic and other athletes.

As an industry in America, too many years have gone by with lots of talk and not much action. We got it wrong when Lasix was approved and the definition of therapeutic was re-written.

Thank you again Dr. Priest. It is enlightening and encouraging that someone with your experience sees the light.

I urge every Thoroughbred owner in America to support and join WHOA, the water, hay, and oats movement and support USADA to help us improve both our quality of racing and our perceived integrity by the world at large.



**HEAD RIDING HIGH HOPES INTO GUINEAS**

The Freddy Head-trained **Ride Like The Wind (Ire)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}) was one of 34 entries remaining in the G1 2000 Guineas at Wednesday's declaration stage for the May 2 Classic, and the Olivier Thomas silkbearer has his conditioner comparing him to Charm Spirit (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), who was Head's first Guineas entrant last year, finishing fifth in that vintage renewal before going on to win three Group 1s.



**Freddy Head**  
*Racing Post*

"He is on the same sort of level as Charm Spirit was at this time last year," Head said. "They are similar horses in that they tend to be a bit keen and if Ride Like The Wind settles better than Charm Spirit did last year, I think that he has a good chance."

Ride Like The Wind, a grandson of triple Grade I-winning mare Kostroma (Ire) (Caerleon) bred by S F Bloodstock, broke his maiden at first-asking last July but failed to shine at the pattern level, finishing fourth in the G3 Prix de Cabourg Jockey Club de Turquie and sixth in the G1 Prix Morny at Deauville before rounding out his season with a second in conditions company at Longchamp in September. He filled the same slot in a polytrack conditions race at Deauville on seasonal return Mar. 6 and won the G3 Prix Djebel Apr. 2. Head said he has given his charge two runs, "to get the freshness out of him before the Guineas."

"I was very happy with his Prix Djebel victory," Head added. "He settled then quickened well and it was to his credit that he won despite being held up at the back of the field when the pace was slow. The undulations at Newmarket won't be a problem for him and although seven furlongs is a good trip for him at the moment, I think that he will stay a mile as long as he relaxes and gets a good run. He needs 'good' or 'good to firm' ground."

Ride Like The Wind currently sits at 40-1 for the Guineas, and his 33 possible rivals include current market leaders **Gleneagles (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) (9-4) and his Ballydoyle stable companion **Highland Reel (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) (8-1) as well as dual Group 2 winner and last week's G3 Greenham S. second **Estidhkaar (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}).



You can also pick up a copy of the TDN today at the OBS Spring Sale.



## BOLGER HOPING FOR GUINEAS DEJA VU

Trainer Jim Bolger will be hoping his G2 Rockfel S. scorer **Lucida (Ire)** (Shamardal), who was one of 25 fillies remaining in the May 3 G1 1000 Guineas at Wednesday's declaration stage, will continue to follow the path of his previous winner of that Classic, Finsceal Beo (Ire) (Mr. Greeley).

Finsceal Beo closed out her juvenile campaign with a Rockfel score, having previously taken the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac. She won the Guineas first-up without a prep and Godolphin colorbearer Lucida will attempt to do the same.



**Lucida**  
*Racing Post*

"We have decided to send her there without another run as I wanted to follow the same route as I did with Finsceal Beo," Bolger confirmed. "It is difficult to compare

the two as they are different types of fillies and Finsceal Beo had already won a Group 1 in Paris by this stage, but Lucida's performance was good when she won the Rockfel."

All the top contenders remained engaged in the Guineas Wednesday, including Ballydoyle stablemates **Found (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) and **Together Forever (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), the top two betting choices at 5-2 and 10-1, respectively. Lucida is one of three at 12-1 in addition to G3 Prix Imprudence winner **Ervedya (Fr)** (Siyouni {Fr}) and Rockfel second **Fadhayil (Ire)** (Tamayuz {GB}).

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## HIGHCLERE FILLY OUT OF GUINEAS

Highclere Thoroughbred Racing's **Sympathy** (Henrythenavigator), an eye-catching maiden winner at Leicester in October, has been ruled out of the G1 1000 Guineas and will instead prepare for later-season targets.

A statement on the Highclere website read, "[Sympathy] has been in season and is still shedding her winter coat, so rather than pushing her to be ready [trainer] Sir Michael Stoute has sensibly made the decision to wait until the filly tells him she is ready. Sympathy holds some exciting entries for later in the season."

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## IRISH GUINEAS TILT FOR BOCCA BACIATA

Last weekend's Listed Salsabil S. winner **Bocca Baciata (Ire)** (Big Bad Bob {Ire}) has been confirmed as a contender for the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas May 24 by trainer Jessica Harrington. The Flaxman Stables colorbearer will have to drop back two furlongs from her last-out victory, but Harrington did not express concern.

"I think she showed enough speed the other day," Harrington told *At The Races*. "We've lots of options and you'd imagine, being the size she is, that she will improve as the season goes on. She did well from two to three; I'm not sure if she grew but she filled her frame out and looks a lot stronger."

Harrington said **Bocca Baciata** came out of the Salsabil in good order.

"She's absolutely perfect--we took her out for a canter, [and] she was so well in herself," the conditioner noted.



**Jessica Harrington, trainer of Bocca Baciata**  
*Racing Post*

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## TEN COUNTRIES AMONG ASCOT ENTRIES

Ten countries are represented among the 388 entries received for the eight Group 1 races at Royal Ascot, including **California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit), who has been entered in the G1 Prince of Wales's S. over 10 furlongs. Entries have been received from the UK (237), Ireland (75), France (46), the U.S. (11), Australia (8), Hong Kong (4), Germany (3), Japan (2), Spain (1) and Sweden (1).

The highest number of entries (77) came in for the G1 Commonwealth Cup, a new addition to the Royal



**The Royal Ascot winner's enclosure**  
*Racing Post*

Ascot program that will be contested over six furlongs for 3-year-olds. Entries include champion 2-year-old filly **Tiggy Wiggy (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}); **The Wow Signal (Ire)** (Starspangledbanner {Aus}); and the Wesley Ward trio of **Hootenanny** (Quality Road), **Luck of the**

**Kitten** (Kitten's Joy)--both also entered for the G1 St. James's Palace over a mile--and **Sunset Glow** (Exchange Rate). The race has also drawn interest from two Australian camps with Southern Hemisphere 2-year-olds: Godolphin with **Holler (Aus)** (Commands) and Gai Waterhouse with the as-yet unraced **Cyrus Rocks (Aus)** (Bernardini). **Cont. p17**



**Ascot Entries cont.**

Other notable entries include Australia's G1 Queen Elizabeth S. winner **Criterion (NZ)** (Sebring {Aus}) in the Prince of Wales's; star Hong Kong miler **Able Friend (Aus)** (Shamardal) in the G1 Queen Anne S.; **Karakontie (Jpn)** (Bernstein) in the Queen Anne; evergreen sprinter **Sole Power (GB)** (Kyllachy {GB}), seeking his third G1 King's Stand S. where he could face the likes of Australian sprinter **Brazen Beau (Aus)** (I Am Invincible {Aus}) and U.S. invaders **Undrafted (Purim)** and **Holy Lute (Midnight Lute)**. The Graham Motion-trained **Miss Temple City (Temple City)**, second to Lady Eli (Divine Park) in the GIII Appalachian S. at Keeneland, is entered for the G1 Coronation S.

"To have 10 countries represented at this initial stage is very pleasing, especially as there are star international names in the two races we most want to build as global events--the Prince of Wales's S. and the Queen Anne S.," said Guy Henderson, chief executive of Ascot. "We are very grateful to all connections from home and abroad for providing the initial cast for what will hopefully be the racing event of the summer."

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**'THUNDER' ON TRACK FOR LOCKINGE**

Last year's G1 2000 Guineas scorer **Night of Thunder (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) is on course for his season-opener in the G1 Lockinge S. May 16, and trainer Richard Hannon revealed at a press day at his yard Wednesday that his first Classic winner "appears to have retained all his ability."

"We got [last year's Lockinge winner] Olympic Glory pretty straight for the race last year and Night Of Thunder is the very same," Hannon noted. "He will take a lot of beating in the Al Shaqab Lockinge S."

Night of Thunder, who will be making his first appearance since finishing second in the Oct. 18 G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. on British Champions Day, was beaten first-up by Kingman (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) in last year's G3 Greenham S., but Hannon did not express concern of his



**Richard Hannon with Night of Thunder (left) and Toormore at his Herridge Stables press day Wednesday**  
*Racing Post*

charge's ability to win fresh.

"I think the Greenham came just too early for him last year, which is why he did not show his class when he was beaten soundly by Kingman," he said. "The fact that the Al Shaqab Lockinge comes about a month after the trials is the right time for him this year."

With last year's star milers like Kingman and QEII winner Charm Spirit (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) already in the breeding shed, Hannon said he hopes this will be a big year for Night of Thunder, who could next take in the G1 Queen Anne S. at Royal Ascot.

"A lot of the milers from last year have retired or gone by the wayside and hopefully Night Of Thunder will have improved," the trainer said. "The ground is no problem for him--he acts on all sorts of going and copes with soft ground better than most horses and goes on fast ground as well. Ideally, it will be good ground at Newbury on May 16."

Night of Thunder will be joined in the Lockinge by stablemate **Toormore (Ire)** (Arakan), with **Shifting Power (GB)** (Compton Place {GB}) also a possibility.

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**CHROME VISIT IN STORE FOR SHERMAN**

Trainer Art Sherman is expected to travel to Newmarket next week to check in on his dual Classic winner and Horse of the Year **California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit), according to trainer Rae Guest, who is currently housing the 4-year-old.

California Chrome's chief European target is the 10-furlong G1 Prince of Wales's S. at Royal Ascot in June, and he could take in the G1 Lockinge S. over a mile at Newbury May 16. California Chrome arrived at Guest's yard via Dubai after finishing second in the G1 Dubai World Cup.



**Art Sherman and California Chrome**  
*Horsephotos*

"He's in great form and it's a pleasure to have him," said Guest. "We are just getting him up to racing speed, but he seems to be enjoying his time with us. Art Sherman is going to be here by the end of next week, I think, and we'll give the horse a proper gallop and see where we go from there."

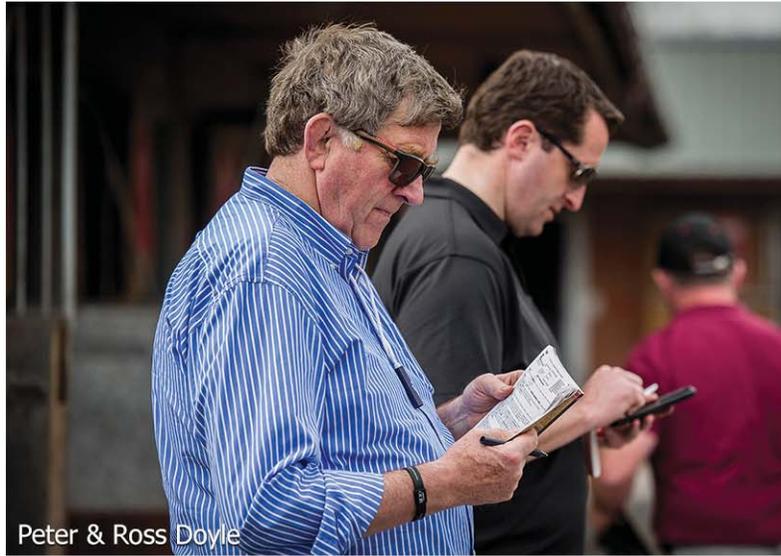
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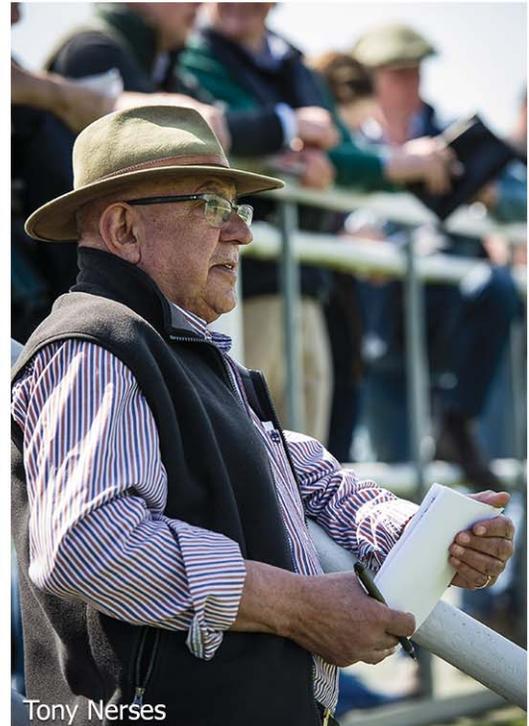
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# INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

by JAMES WILLOUGHBY

## GUINEAS TRIALS WASH-UP

It is clear from history on both sides of the Atlantic that conditioning is a much bigger factor in U.S. Classics than in European ones.

Seven of the last 10 winners of the G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket--sponsored this year by Qipco and run on May 2--have skipped the trial races completely, while Aidan O'Brien, the modern master of winning the race,



**Aidan O'Brien's six 2000 Guineas winners have all won without a prep race that year**  
*Racing Post*

has unleashed six victors from Ballydoyle all without a race that year.

Even if the points system for GI Kentucky Derby qualification facilitated it, can you imagine Bob Baffert or Todd Pletcher using the same strategy? When the Michael Matz-trained Barbaro won the race in 2006, his five-week layoff was the longest for a winner in 50 years.

This year, my money is on O'Brien making it seven-off-the-bench with **Gleneagles (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), the ante-post favourite and clearly the most athletically gifted horse in the 2000 Guineas line-up.

This contrasting aspect of the 2000 Guineas and Kentucky Derby is a function of the different surfaces on which they are run. For various reasons, dirt races are attritional and usually run in what athletes call "positive splits"--the first half of the race timing faster than the second. Turf races demand much more late explosion, even on galloping tracks like the Rowley Mile at Newmarket.

The realization among European trainers is that some horses have more explosion first time off a layoff than second. Only last year, for example, the John Gosden-trained Kingman (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) annexed the G3 Greenham S. at Newbury by five lengths, only to be turned over by his subdued foe Night Of Thunder (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) at Newmarket.

Now, a prep race clearly helped Night Of Thunder, who parlayed an unremarkable run into a Classic win, but controlling the effort level of a big-race aspirant is not an exact science. The best move for some is to hedge against the possibility of wasting a Group 1-level effort by skipping a prep race altogether.

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So it is that the legacy of the latest Greenham S. at Newbury must be viewed with interest. On an unseasonably warm afternoon, nine colts not quite ready for prime time served up something usually reserved for the Utah Salt Flats.

Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum's **Muhaarar (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}) stopped the clock in a dazzling 1:20.80 for the straight seven furlongs from a standing start, a new track record ([video](#)). Had it been athletics, the time would not have counted for the history books because



**Muhaarar in a track record-setting Greenham performance**  
*Racing Post*

the wind was measured at 19 mph directly behind during the race. Still, the times of the other races over the same course strongly suggested this was something for the ages, the winner pushed to his absolute best in a stirring dual with the same owner's

Estidhkaar and prevailing by a neck with the field well strung out behind.

Muhaarar is more likely to take in his Guineas race in France, but Estidhkaar is now on target for Newmarket. Though he comes from the Richard Hannon stable, which has won the 2000 Guineas three times using good performances in trials (the license holder for the latest success was Richard Jr), a larger probability than usual has to be assigned to the Greenham causing recoil. Hannon also saddled the third, **Ivawood (Ire)** (Zebedee {GB}), who might be a better proposition to peak May 2.

Looking on from his box at Ballydoyle is the likely winner, however. Gleneagles, disqualified after passing the post in front in the G1 Jean Luc-Lagardere on the Arc undercard last October ([video](#)), will take the trusted O'Brien route to Newmarket and employ all the fast-twitch energy stored up since last year in a Classic, rather than a Classic trial.

The day after the colts' race, the G1 Qipco 1000 Guineas also sees a hot favorite trained by O'Brien. **Found (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) looks head-and-shoulders better than her rivals, which include Group 1-winning stablemate **Together Forever (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}). The daughter of Galileo and Group 1 winner Red Evie (Ire) (Intikhab) showed superb acceleration to win the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac ([video](#)) on the same day as the disqualification of Gleneagles, and I don't believe any filly in the line-up can cope with a burst like that--assuming the favorite is on song.

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**Willoughby cont.**

And that latter caveat must be considered after it was reported that Found was a little behind in her Guineas preparation earlier in the spring. She had spiked a temperature, according to her trainer, meaning that she had to do less strenuous exercise than that originally timetabled for her.

Every year, the rate of progress O'Brien horses can make between starts on the track seems an echo for the sudden bulletins of dazzling workouts off it. The great trainer can bemuse early in the season with horses who perform as if miles short of their best, only for the same animal to appear transformed next time it is seen out.



**Found**  
*Racing Post*

This year's example might be the deposed G1 Epsom Derby favorite, John F Kennedy (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). He could hardly have run worse earlier this month when a dull last of three in a Group 3 at Leopardstown; this might have signalled the end of Classic aspirations for any other trainer's horse.

Not necessarily with this mercurial genius, however. Even those close to O'Brien at Ballydoyle/Coolmore admit that they don't always figure his strategy, only that they observe that it tends to work.

Like the trials for the 2000 Guineas, the fillies' Classic trials have not yielded that much of interest in Britain. At Newmarket, Estidkaar's stablemate **Osaila (Ire)** (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) had to battle hard to prevail in the G3 Nell Gwyn S. ([video](#)), which is usually a suspect trial in any case, while the Group 3 race registered as the Fred Darling at Newbury saw **Redstart (GB)** (Cockney Rebel {Ire}) beat **Jellicle Ball (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) in a time 1.33 seconds slower than the colts in the Greenham ([video](#)). That, of course, was no disgrace this year, and it is the Gosden-trained runner-up who appears the filly most likely to make improvement. The daughter of Timeform World Champion Kingman's sire, Invincible Spirit, is best kept on the right side.

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**NEW RECORD AT BSA NATIONAL SALE**

*By Liesl King*

Session one of the Bloodstock South Africa National Yearling Sale, held at the TBA sales complex in Johannesburg yesterday, commenced with 150 lots going through the ring. Kevin Woolward, Bloodstock South Africa's chief executive officer, was cautiously optimistic after the first session.

"The day started slowly, but picked up momentum nicely, although the aggregate is slightly lower than last year," he said. "It was encouraging that in the current economic climate, we had a new Bloodstock South Africa sales record of R4.25 million (*US\$348,388*) for lot 41."



**Record-setting lot 41**  
*Liesl King*

Consigned by Ascot Stud, [lot 41](#)--named Arabian Dynasty and by Dynasty (SAf) (Fort Wood) out of Arabian Jazz (Aus) (Danehill Dancer {Ire})--was considered one of the top horses of the sale and the colt certainly

did not disappoint. Prior to leaving South African shores for Hong Kong, trainer Tony Millard produced the colt's second dam, Arabian Lass, to four Grade 1 victories and two champion titles. Millard made the journey to Johannesburg for the sale for good reason, and he was not going to go home empty-handed. The champion trainer did not have things all his own way as stiff competition from Form Bloodstock forced him to the new record price.

"He looks like a Classic-type of horse and those are hard to come by," said Millard. A thrilled Ashley Parker of Ascot Stud explained how an Australian-bred filly, Arabian Jazz, ended up in his paddocks.

"I bred both the third dam, Lorehana (SAf), as well as Arabian Lass (SAf), and was on the lookout for a daughter. Arabian Lass had been exported to Australia by Robert Sangster and when her daughter by Danehill Dancer came up for sale at the 2006 Inglis Easter yearling sale, I managed to get her for A\$70,000. Not a bad buy was it?"

Parker's day got even better when [lot 68](#), a Silvano (Ger) colt out of Blushing Fairy (SAf) (Jallad) also breached the R2 million mark. This time Form Bloodstock was not to be denied, and the hammer fell in their favour at R2.2 million (*US\$180,342*). Jehan Malherbe was philosophical about the earlier defeat to Millard. **Cont. p20**



**BSA Sale cont.**

"That's auctions for you," he said. "Fortunately we got this one. He is one of the best-looking colts in the sale and we purchased him for a client of [trainer] Dean Kannemeyer's."

Having been one of the underbidders on several of the earlier lots, Shadwell South Africa's Angus Gold was not to be denied when one of the sale standouts, [lot 110](#), named Scottish Guard, entered the ring. Another quality colt from the Mauritzfontein Stud draft, the son of Silvano (Ger) (Lomitas {Ger}) out of Crown Office (Horse Chestnut {SAf}) was duly knocked down to Gold for R1.8 million (US\$147,552).

"He is a very classy horse by a great stallion, from a very fast Australian family," Gold said. "His dam is a half-sister to Greys Inn, who of course was a great horse for Mike de Kock and he loved this colt. We are here to buy two or three colts with a bit of scope and class to them and he fits the bill perfectly."

The bidding may have started slowly on [lot 31](#), but the half brother to G1 Golden Horseshoe S. winner Forest Indigo (SAf) was never going to be cheap. By first-season sire sensation Gimmethegreenlight (Aus) (More Than Ready) out of Albizia (SAf) (Fort Wood), the colt was knocked down to TBA as agent for R1.7 million (US\$139,355), on behalf of overseas clients.

"He is a very good-looking colt, with a great walk and he is by a great freshman sire," commented Peter Gibson, TBA's Director of Breed Affairs.

The last offspring of four-time champion sire Western Winter have been snapped up by buyers all year long and [lot 83](#), consigned by Mauritzfontein Stud, was no exception. By Western Winter out of Cashew Nut (SAf) (Horse Chestnut {SAf}), the bay colt, named Cashew Apple, was knocked down to Ridgemont Stud for R1.5 million (US\$122,960).

"I thought he was the top colt of the sale," said Ridgemont's Managing Director Craig Carey. "He moves beautifully and comes from a top farm--you can't go far wrong with that."

The last lot of the day somewhat unexpectedly produced some fireworks. Consigned by Klipdrift Stud as agent, [lot 150](#), a Dynasty colt out of Firstnightbliss (SAf) (Jallad), was slow off the mark with bidding starting at a mere R50,000. Visiting auctioneer Steve Davis had to work hard to keep the bidding going, as it slowly crept up to around the R700,000 mark. Figuring that the colt was a good buy at that price, Dean Kannemeyer threw his hat into the ring. It was however not to be, as Gavin Smith stuck to his guns, eventually having to fork out a hefty R2 million (US\$163,947) to secure the colt.

"He is a beautiful specimen with a lovely eye, a good walk and he is from a great farm. Pity I got pushed," Smith quipped, "but I was determined to have him."

Statistics were not available after Wednesday's session. The sale continues Thursday with lots 151 to 330 going under the hammer.

**BSA NATIONAL YEARLING SALE  
SESSION ONE TOP LOTS**

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (R)
<a href="#">41</a>	c	Dynasty (SAf)	Arabian Jazz (Aus) <i>B-Ascot Stud</i> Consigned by Ascot Stud Purchased by Tony Millard	4,250,000
<a href="#">68</a>	c	Silvano (Ger)	Blushing Fairy (SAf) <i>B-Milkwood Stud</i> Consigned by Ascot Stud Purchased by Form Bloodstock	2,200,000
<a href="#">150</a>	c	Dynasty (SAf)	Firstnightbliss (SAf) <i>B-Mr W J Engelbrecht Jr</i> Consigned by Klipdrif Stud Purchased by Gavin Smith	2,000,000
<a href="#">110</a>	c	Silvano (Ger)	Crown Office <i>B-Not available</i> Consigned by Mauritzfontein Stud Purchased by Shadwell South Africa	1,800,000
<a href="#">31</a>	c	Gimmethegreenlight (Aus)	Albizia (SAf) <i>B-Varsfontein Stud</i> Consigned by Varsfontein Stud Purchased by TBA as agent	1,700,000
<a href="#">83</a>	c	Western Winter	Cashew Nut (SAf) <i>B-Not available</i> Consigned by Mauritzfontein Stud Purchased by Ridgemont Stud	1,500,000



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**CRITERION PLEASES HAYES, PURTON IN QEII GALLOP**

In the absence of regular jockey Craig Williams, who will arrive in Hong Kong only on raceday to pilot **Criterion (NZ)** (Sebring {Aus}) in Sunday's G1 Audemars Piguet Queen Elizabeth II Cup, trainer David Hayes reached out to leading local rider Zac Purton to put the 4-year-old through his paces ahead of the 2000-meter feature.

Purton, who has the call atop 2013 QEII hero **Military Attack (Ire)** (Oratorio {Ire}) for trainer Caspar Fownes, was happy to accept the trackwork assignment and partnered Sir Owen Glenn's runner in a 1200-meter gallop which concluded with a final quarter mile in a tidy :24.2. The overall clocking was 1:24.4.

"He felt great," Purton told Hayes. "It was really nice work. His attitude was 100% and he quickened up nicely at the end of the gallop. He's so relaxed you wouldn't know he was a colt."



**Criterion is holding his form heading into Sunday's QEII at Sha Tin** *HKJC.com*

Despite backing up on just 15 days' rest, having annexed the G1 Longines Queen Elizabeth S. during The Championships at Royal Randwick, Criterion looks to have taken the travel across to Hong Kong very well and is making an excellent

physical impression as well.

"His coat's great and he's a healthy, no-nonsense horse who reminds me of Jeune (GB) and his relaxed attitude is similar to Better Loosen Up (Aus)," Hayes said referring to two of his past greats--Jeune, a G1 Melbourne Cup winner and Better Loosen Up who won a G1 Japan Cup. Hayes was also a fixture in Hong Kong for about a decade in the early 2000s. "I'm really happy with him," he continued. "He's done so well here. Like me, he obviously likes Hong Kong and I was happy and thankful to have Zac [Purton] help us out this morning. I didn't want the horse to do too much and I knew Zac would get it right which he did."

Criterion is also no stranger to Hong Kong, as he finished a bang-up third behind **Designs on Rome (Ire)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire})--the defending QEII champ--and **Military Attack** in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Cup last December.

Criterion's fellow raiders **Red Cadeaux (GB)** (Cadeaux Geneux {GB}) and **Smoking Sun** (Smart Strike) were out for some light work over the Sha Tin dirt track, Japan's **Staphanos (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) let down nicely in the final 400 meters of his move, covering that part of the distance in a swift :22.7. He then took a turn of the spacious parade ring.

"The track was softer than the turf course in Japan--this is new for him and he had to work to pick his feet up a little bit more than he is used to," commented assistant trainer Kazuo Fujisawa. "But he was fresh and lively after the gallop. He appears to be fit and is now familiar with this new environment. I think he will move up into another gear from today's gallop."

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**GORDER SUSPENDED 14 MONTHS**

The Kentucky Horse Racing Commission stewards issued a pair of rulings dated Apr. 18, suspending trainer Kellyn Gorder for a total of 14 months after a formal hearing. Gorder was fined \$5,000 and suspended from May 1, 2015 to Apr. 29, 2016 after Gorder trainee Bourbon Warfare tested positive for methamphetamine (a Class A drug) in her blood following a maiden special weight win at Churchill Downs Nov. 22. Bourbon Warfare, a then-3-year-old owned by Bourbon Lane Stable who took an Oaklawn optional claimer Apr. 2, was disqualified from purse money. Gorder was suspended an additional two months after a Dec. 27 Keeneland barn search found him in "possession of injectable medications, hypodermic syringes and needle 'by a person other than a veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary medicine' and oral medication 'not properly labeled or validly prescribed by a licensed veterinarian.'"



**Kellyn Gorder**  
*Churchill Downs/Reed Palmer*

Gorder issued the following statements Wednesday afternoon:  
"I am devastated, not just for me but for my clients and my employees. I love horses. Period. They are my passion, my profession, my life. I would never, ever do something or give something to one of my horses that would in any way put them or the people around them in jeopardy, or gain them an unfair advantage over their competition. To put it bluntly, I did not, nor would I ever, give a horse methamphetamine, nor have I ever done or been in contact with methamphetamine.

"The levels of methamphetamine found in Bourbon Warfare's bloodstream suggests this is a contamination situation rather than doping. I have drug tested all 31 of my employees since learning of this positive, and all came back clean for methamphetamine and all other Class A drugs. I don't know whether it was a person walking through the barn one day with something on their hand and fed a horse a mint, or someone touched paper money with residue on it and then tied a tongue tie before her race. I am completely puzzled. I want to get to the bottom of it and find out where the contamination came from. I am looking into an appeal so I can better present my case before the authorities."

Of the second violation, Gorder said:  
"In early 2014 there was a horse in my care for training who had an infected artenoid chondroma and needed 14 days of Naxcel nebulizer treatments, which had been prescribed by a veterinarian. The protocol for administering Naxcel, which is an antibiotic, via the nebulizer includes the use of a syringe and a needle to combine the Naxcel and sterile water and put it in the nebulizer so the horse can inhale the antibiotic treatment."

"I keep syringes in my barn to give oral medications and eye medications as well," continued Gorder. "I never injected the horse with the Naxcel. I only used the needle for the nebulizer treatments. The horse shipped out in June of 2014 and unfortunately I did not dispose of the medication and needle upon his departure properly as I should have, thus they were found in my possession when my stable was searched."

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 **New York**

**8th-AQU, \$75,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW2\$X, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:49 1/5, my.**  
**COACH INGE (g, 4, [Big Brown](#)--Touch too Much, by Holy Bull)**, runner-up in an inner-track allowance here Jan. 15, was back in the winner's circle in another allowance going a mile at Aqueduct Feb. 11. The Kentucky-bred faded to third behind SW Effinex (Mineshaft) in an optional claimer over a mile and 70 yards at this oval Mar. 27 and was the crowd's choice at 8-5 to make amends. The Repole Stable colorbearer relished the muddy going and led the way into the grandstand turn. Under mild pressure to his outside, the gelding was able to dole out moderate fractions down the backstretch and had plenty left in the tank when tackled by rivals leaving the far bend. As his foes labored, Coach Inge set sail for home and skipped away 12 1/2 lengths to the good of Touchofstarquality (Mineshaft). Touch too Much (Holy Bull) produced a full-sister to the winner in 2014. Sales history: \$150,000 2yo '13 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-1, \$156,177. [Click for the brisnet.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)  
O-Repole Stable. B-Paul Pompa Jr (KY). T-Todd A Pletcher.

 **Trained at Crupi's New Castle Farm**   
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**Thursday, Aqueduct, post time: 2:22 p.m. EST**  
**MEMORIES OF SILVER S., \$100,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Been Here Before	Tapit	Franco	McLaughlin	8-1
2	Pine Needles	Giant's Causeway	Saez	Clement	4-1
3	Darling Sky	Sky Mesa	Pennington	Reid, Jr.	20-1
4	Kawfee Fa Marfa	Hard Spun	Ortiz	Violette, Jr.	12-1
5	Consumer Credit	More Than Ready	Ortiz, Jr.	Brown	3-5
6	Colour Party (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Alvarado	Clement	5-1

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## New York Report cont.

**Joe King Passes Away:**

Joe King, former track superintendent at the New York Racing Association and Army veteran, died Tuesday at the age of 80.

A native of Queens, N.Y., King got his start with NYRA after working for the company that rebuilt Aqueduct Racetrack in the 1950s, and became track superintendent in 1970. His legacy at the company includes the installation of the inner track at Aqueduct, which he proposed in the mid-1970s as a means to safely conduct winter racing. In 1975, with NYRA's consent, King opened his own consulting firm, which he turned to full time at the conclusion of the 1994 season.

In addition to his impact at NYRA, King was integral to the construction of racing surfaces at Arlington, Gulfstream Park, Laurel, Pimlico, Prairie Meadows and Turfway Park. He was also a key figure in the implementation of the first synthetic track in the U.S. at Remington Park, designed a seven-furlong dirt track at Chantilly in France, and helped improve the condition of dirt tracks in South America.

A wake for King will be held at Fairchild Sons Funeral Chapel, 1570 Northern Blvd., Manhasset, N.Y. 11030, Thursday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Friday from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. A funeral mass will be held at St. Peter's Church, 1327 Port Washington Blvd., Port Washington, N.Y. 11050, Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

King was predeceased by his wife, Joan. He is survived by a son, Joseph; daughters, Sarah Anne and Barbara; and five grandchildren.

**Florida****Wednesday's Results:**

**2nd-GPX, \$38,100, Msw, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 3/5, gd. SUN MAGIC (c, 3, [Warrior's Reward](#)--Gal of Mine, by Mining)** pressed the pace before fading to sixth going a mile at first asking here Feb. 7. Sent off at 2-1 to improve, the sophomore took a few strides to get going, but soon took over leadership duties approaching the far turn. All by his lonesome and going easily with a half-mile remaining, Sun Magic continued to kick away from his rivals and skipped down the lane to win by 5 1/2 lengths over heavily favored Have a Good Laugh (Graeme Hall). The winner is a half to America America (Mister Baileys {GB}), MSW & MGSP-NA, MSP-Eng, SP-Ger, \$403,093; and So Long George (Arch), GSW, \$290,307. Sales history: \$40,000 wnlg '12 KEENOV; \$100,000 yrl '13 KEESEP; \$220,000 2yo '14 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$22,000. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

O-Passion Stable Inc. B-Hidden Brook Farm (KY).  
T-Gustavo Delgado.

**WOODS EDGE FARM GRADUATE**  
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**Kentucky****Wednesday's Results:**

**6th-KEE, \$59,190, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, a7f, 1:27 3/5, ft.**

**DANCE CHAMPION (g, 4, [Medaglia d'Oro](#)--Dance Away Capote {GSW, \$586,773}, by Capote)**, trailed in 11th as the crowd's choice after getting bumped at the break of a grassy optional claimer at Belmont Park last July, but showed marked improvement to complete the trifecta in a Gulfstream dirt allowance to end his year Dec. 31. Back in action with a runner-up performance in a seven-panel Gulfstream optional claimer Mar. 15, the bay was 80 cents on the dollar to go one better Thursday. Part of a three-way battle for the lead, the 4-year-old dropped back to sit third well off the rail through the early stages, but launched another rally turning for home and sprinted clear inside the final quarter mile to win by 5 3/4 lengths over Purgentiality (Purge). The winner hails from the same family as Horse of the Year and MGISW Skip Away (Skip Trial). Dance Away Capote (Capote) produced a filly named Grand Folly (Street Cry {Ire}) in 2013 and a Quality Road filly last term. Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-2, \$80,340. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

O/B-Robert S Evans (KY). T-Christophe Clement.

**7th-KEE, \$54,560, Alw, NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/2mT, 2:30 1/5, gd.**

**MERI SHIKA (FR) (m, 5, Spirit One {Fr}--Folle Biche {Fr}, by Take Risks {Fr})**, third in the 2012 edition of the G3 Prix des Reservoirs-Haras d'Etreham during her tenure in France for trainer Emile Eyvaso and J. Bertran De Balanda, was purchased privately by Stella Perdomo and found the winner's circle in her seventh U.S. appearance when winning Woodbine's Flaming Page S. last August. Campaigned exclusively in graded stakes company thereafter, the 5-year-old was sixth in the GIII Long Island H. at Aqueduct Nov. 8 and eighth in the 1 3/8-mile GIII The Very One S. over the Gulfstream sod in her seasonal bow Feb. 21. The 7-2 chance raced second-last early in this marathon affair, one off the pine in the strung-out field, before keeping closer order after six furlongs in 1:13.41. Making a five-wide bid at the head of the lane, Meri Shika swerved between rivals to take command and proved tough all the way to the wire, hanging on to score by a neck over favored Carnevale (GB) (New Approach {Ire}). Stellaris (Harlan's Holiday) was only a nose back in third. Lifetime Record: SW-Can, GSP-Fr, 23-3-2-2, \$207,839. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**  
O-Stella Perdomo. B-Christine Pastor (Fr). T-Roger L Attfield.

Correction: Due to a press release error, Claiborne Farm was omitted from yesterday's [story](#) about Horse Country, Inc. Claiborne is an existing member of the organization and represented on its board of directors.



**Kentucky Report cont.**

**5th-KEE, \$53,700, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, 1 3/16mT, 1:56 4/5, gd.**  
**OAK BROOK (c, 3, [Giant's Causeway](#)--Crafty Oak {GSW, \$442,155}, by Crafty Prospector),** who ran third in an Oaklawn optional claimer for Brian Williamson Jan. 19, went one better in an allowance at that venue Feb. 19. Fifth in his final start for that conditioner over a muddy strip in a 1 1/16-mile Hot Springs allowance Mar. 20, he was off at 6-1 in this return to the turf for original trainer Chris Block. The dark bay led from the bell, but was soon joined by Almasty (Scat Daddy) on his outside flank. Challenged in earnest by that foe after six furlongs in 1:13.88, Oak Brook's advantage shrank to only a head, but he refused to give way, winning by a half-length over that rival. Task Force Glory was loaded at the top of the lane, but was kept in a box by the top two for the length of the stretch and ultimately had to settle for fourth. The winner is a full to Apple Martini, MSW & GSP, \$352,581; and Giant Oak, MGISW, \$1,484,829. Lifetime Record: 9-2-3-1, \$98,749. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O/B-Virginia H Tarra Trust (IL). T-Chris M Block.

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**2nd-KEE, \$48,163, Msw, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f, :52 1/5, ft.**  
**+ LAXFIELD ROAD, f, 2, by [Quality Road](#)**  
**1st Dam: Katori, by Dixie Union**  
**2nd Dam: Hamba, by Easy Goer**  
**3rd Dam: Ciao, by Silent Screen**

Laxfield Road, who took all the money at the windows as the 1-5 favorite in this debut, didn't let her



**Laxfield Road**  
*Coady Photography*

backers down and won with ease for master 2-year-old trainer Wesley Ward. Away in good order, the bay motored straight to the head of affairs against the rail under token pressure to her outside. The \$130,000 KEESEP yearling zipped through the first two furlongs in :22.20 and hit the half in :45.72, already five lengths ahead of her

nearest pursuers. Under a confident Joel Rosario, Laxfield Road more than doubled that margin in the rush to the line, pulling clear with authority down the lane to score by 11 1/4 lengths. Sombree (Eskendereya) was second.

**2nd-KEE cont.**

Out of a half-sister to GI Toyota Bluegrass S. hero Monba (Maria's Mon), Laxfield Road also hails from the family of precocious GI Arlington-Washington Futurity winner Secret Hello (Private Account); and GSW & GISP Silent Account (Private Account). Her dam produced a colt by Bodemeister in 2014. Ward is familiar with offspring of Lane's End stallion Quality Road, as he has had great success with GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf hero and G1 Darley Prix Morny runner-up Hootenanny (Quality Road). That colt won a similar contest at first asking over the synthetic during the Keeneland Spring Meet last April, as well as the Windsor Castle S. at Royal Ascot last term. He most recently scored in a Keeneland allowance this past Saturday in preparation for an intended start in the inaugural G1 Commonwealth Cup at Royal Ascot this June. (\$130,000 yrl '14 KEESEP). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$30,000. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) [Click for the free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

O-Hat Creek Racing. B-Rose Hill Farm & Sean & Barbara Speck (KY). T-Wesley A Ward.

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**Old Friends to Host Annual Homecoming:**

Old Friends will host its 11th annual homecoming Sunday, May 3 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 pm. Tickets for the event, which is an open house and fundraiser, are \$25 for the general public and \$15 for shareholders and Old Friends members. Reservations can be made by contacting the farm at (502) 863-1775 or by visiting their [website](#).

The day will include a barbeque buffet by Furlong's Catering, farm tours, music by Shades of Grass and live and silent auctions of racing memorabilia, photography, artwork, jewelry, pottery, books and much more. Also being auctioned are numerous collectible stallion halters. Among them: Mucho Macho Man, Gio Ponti, War Front, Will Take Charge and Giant's Causeway.

A highlight of the event will be a special Paddock of Champions meet-and-greet with Old Friends's newest retirees: Three-time GI Santa Anita H. winner Game On Dude (Awesome Again), champion Amazombie (Northern Afleet) and 1997 GI Kentucky Derby and GI Preakness S. winner Silver Charm (Silver Buck), who was recently re-patriated from Japan and retired to Old Friends.

Also on hand this year will be the hot pink Spetz Gelato truck, which will be selling homemade gelato in custom flavors inspired by Old Friends horses, such as Sarava's Sriacha and Zippy Chippy's Rocky Road.



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# Central U.S.

## Wednesday's Results:

**7th-IND, \$32,000, Msw, 3,4,5yo, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05 1/5, ft.**

**LOVETHISLIFE (f, 3, Holy Bull--Loveyou Everybody, by Five Star Day)** reported home 10th when unveiled going 6 1/2 furlongs over the synthetic at Turfway Park Mar. 29, and was less than half of her 12-1 morning line by post time when sent off at 5-1 for this second go. In a tugging third one off the rail, the bay had dead aim on the dueling leaders on the far turn, swept up to even terms three wide entering the straight and powered away to win by 4 1/2 lengths. Candy Cate (Candy Ride {Arg}) completed the exacta. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$19,299. [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#)

O-Ramona Holt Thomson. B-Ramona & Dustin J Thomson (KY). T-William R Connelly.

# ROOKIES

## First-crop starters to watch: Thurs., April 23

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

**ARCHARCH** (Arch), Spendthrift Farm, \$10K, 122/0/0

9-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, Tia Flor, \$2K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1

**CAPE BLANCO (IRE)** (Galileo {Ire}), JBBA Shizunai Stallion Station, \$18K, 165/0/0

5-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, Patchouli, \$2K FTK OCT yrl, 20-1

**IQBAAL** (Medaglia d'Oro), 5/0/0

9-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Iron in the Fire, 5-2

**UNCLE MO** (Indian Charlie), Ashford Stud, \$35K, 164/0/0

5-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Outwork, 9-5

9-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Abiding Star, 15-1

## First/second-crop starters to watch: Thurs., April 23

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

**DESERT PARTY** (Street Cry {Ire}), Sequel, \$8K, 115/20/3

3-PIM, Msw, 5fT, +It's All Right Now, \$100K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1

9-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Mykonos, \$4K FTK OCT yrl, 12-1

**MAJESTICPERFECTION** (Harlan's Holiday), Airdrie Stud, \$10K, 124/28/3

6-PEN, Msw, 6f, +Firey Diamond, \$45K OBS APR 2yo, 9-2

**WARRIOR'S REWARD** (Medaglia d'Oro), Spendthrift Farm, \$13K, 173/26/1

9-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Dre's Warrior, \$3K KEE JAN yrl, 15-1

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### AQUEDUCT

Dads Caps (Discreet Cat), 4f, :49.01, 5/15

### BELMONT PARK

Havana (Dunkirk), 3f (tr), :38.55, 4/6

Imagining (Giant's Causeway), 4f, :50.12, 13/15

Paulassilverlining (Ghostzapper), 5f, 1:00.65, 5/15

### CHURCHILL DOWNS

Mr. Z (Malibu Moon), 5f, 1:01.00, 4/20

War Story (Northern Affleet), 5f, 1:02.00, 7/20

### KEENELAND

Villandry (Mr. Greeley), 3f, :39.00, 4/4

### SANTA ANITA PARK

Ocho Ocho Ocho (Street Sense), 6f, 1:13.60, 9/10

Secret Circle (Eddington), 4f, :49.40, 11/15

# TODAY'S INSIGHTS

## 2nd-KEE, \$58K, Msw, 3yo, f, 1 3/16mT, 1:36 p.m. ET

Keene Ridge Racing Stable homebred **KELTON'S WAY (Medaglia d'Oro)** makes her first career appearance for trainer Graham Motion Thursday. A half-sister to champion turf horse and MGISW English Channel (Smart Strike), the she is out of a full-sister to GI Santa Ana H. heroine Pharma (Theatrical {Ire}). Her second dam is English and French champion Committed (Hagley), who also produced MGSW & MGISP Hap (Theatrical {Ire}) and Irish SW Committed Dancer (Nijinsky II). [Click for Brisnet.com PPs.](#)

## 5th-KEE, \$50K, Msw, 2yo, 4 1/2f, 3:09 p.m. ET

Trainer Wesley Ward, sends out **FINNEGAN (IRE)** (Unbridled's Song) in his debut for Ice Wine Stable, Mrs. John Magnier, Derrick Smith and Michael Tabor. Out of GSW & GISP Untouched Talent (Storm Cat), the chestnut is a half to GISW & GI Kentucky Derby runner-up Bodemeister (Empire Maker) as well as MGISP Fascinating (Smart Strike). Untouched Talent was snapped up by M. V. Magnier for \$5 million with this foal in utero at the 2012 Fasig-Tipton November sale. Todd Pletcher saddles **Outwork (Uncle Mo)**, who has fired three consecutive bullets at Palm Beach Downs including a four-furlong move in :48 (1/6) flat Apr. 19, in this first trip to the post. The Repole Stable homebred is out of GI Frizette S. third Nonna Mia (Empire Maker), a half-sister to MGSW Cairo Prince (Pioneer of the Nile). [Click for Brisnet.com PPs.](#)

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## IN BRITAIN:

Christophermarlowe, c, 3, [Tapit](#). See "Britain."

## IN SOUTH KOREA:

**Cheogang Plus**, f, 3, [Exchange Rate](#)--Blasted, by Dynaformer. Busan, 4-19, Hcp. (\$65k), 1400m. B-Three Chimneys Farm LLC & J V Shields Jr (KY). \*\$22,000 RNA yrl '13 KEESEP; \$36,000 2yo '14 OBSJUN.

**B K Top**, g, 4, **Bernstein**--Tash Dash, by Coronado's Quest. Busan, 4-17, Hcp. (\$51k), 1200m. B-Alastar Thoroughbred Co (KY). \*\$27,000 RNA yrl '12 KEESEP; \$30,000 2yo '13 OBSAPR.

# BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

## ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**3rd-HAW, \$24,200, C, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft.**

**SUMMER AGAIN (m, 6, Empire Maker--Summer Mis {GSW, \$542,662}, by Summer Squall)** Lifetime Record: SP, 11-3-4-0, \$81,012. O/B-Richard Otto Stables Inc (IL). T-Anthony Mitchell. \*Full to Summer's Empire, SW, \$191,237.



Breeders' Edition America cont.

**3rd-MVR, \$21,300, NW2L, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:16 2/5, gd.**

**IAMACONGATOO (m, 5, [Congaree](#)--Imahoneytoo {MSW, \$268,337}, by Latvia) Lifetime Record: 19-2-5-5, \$56,208. O/B-Ronald Zielinski (OH). T-Richard Zielinski.**

**7th-TUP, \$20,000, 4-21, Opt. Clm. (\$30,000), NW23MX, 3yo/up, a7 1/2fT, 1:28, fm.**

**MAGIC D' ORO (h, 5, [Medaglia d'Oro](#)--Jennie R. {MSW, \$338,034}, by Awesome Again) Lifetime Record: MSP, 20-7-4-2, \$140,941. O-Martin Yeroschak. B-James & Sylvia Didion (KY). T-Wade Rarick. \*1/2 to La Grange (Curlin), SW & GSP, \$107,200.**

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**First Winner for Sire**

**Boarding Card, f, 3, On Board Again--Cardo, by Relaunch. IND, 4-22, (S), 5f, 1:01. B-Tom K Shearer (IN).**

**Unspoken, f, 3, [Silent Name \(Jpn\)](#)--Caught Cheatin', by Scarlet Ibis. AQU, 4-22, (S), (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:51 3/5. B-Merrylegs Farm North LLC (NY).**

**This Minute, f, 3, Straight Line--Now (SP, \$108, 959), by Presently. HAW, 4-22, (S), 1mT, 1:45. B-Nancy Vanier (IL).**

**3rd-EPS cont.**

Added Gosden, "A mile and a half will be his game, and he likes this type of ground. It was a nice performance and, having been here before, he handled the track well enough. We'll watch a few more trials and see where we go. He could go to Chester for the [May 7 G3] Vase, but it's two weeks to the day and I'm not convinced about that as he had a strong race today. He could come here for 'Breakfast With The Stars' [May 26]. They are the two options." Sales history: \$175,000 wlng '12 KEENOV; \$200,000 yrl '13 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, £43,721. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Michael Tabor & Rachel Hood. B-Dress Rehearsal Syndicate (KY). T-John Gosden.

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**5th-EPM, £6,000, Mdn, 3-4yo, 8f 114yT, 1:47.55, gd. MEZAJY (IRE) (c, 3, [Makfi {GB}](#)--[Maidin Maith {Ire}](#), by [Montjeu {Ire}](#)), a 87,000gns TATDEC weanling and 230,000gns TATOCT yearling, was prominent early on the outer before being committed on the front end with a quarter mile remaining. Tackled by Mile High (GB) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) soon after, the even-money favorite stayed on to score by a head. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, £8,931. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Saleh Al Homaizi & Imad Al Sagar. B-Ballylinch Stud (IRE). T-Ed Walker.**

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**Wednesday's Results:**

**3rd-EPS, £50,000, Cond, 3yo, 10f 18yT, 2:07.92, gd. CHRISTOPHERMARLOWE (c, 3, [Tapit](#)--Dress Rehearsal {Ire} {GSW-US & SW-Ire, \$211,878}, by Galileo {Ire}),** who debuted with a promising Sandown win Sept. 12,



**John Gosden and Lester Piggott at Epsom yesterday**  
*Racing Post*

enhanced his tally going 8 1/2 panels here last time Sept. 28, and maintained an unblemished record with a dominant display in this Investec Derby Trial. Recovering from a slightly awkward break to sit second, the 4-6 chalk was stoked up rounding Tattenham Corner and into the straight to lead approaching the final quarter mile, and kept on relentlessly under mild urging thereafter to score by a decisive four lengths from Future Empire (GB) (New Approach {Ire}). "Frankie [Dettori] thought he really went strong and took him all the way down to the stables," conditioner John Gosden told *Racing Post*.

**TOTE IRELAND TO DONATE TO INJURED JOCKEYS**

Tote Ireland will donate all profits on bets placed on French racing May 3 to the Irish Injured Jockeys Fund. Tote customers can bet on up to four race meetings on the day including Longchamp, which will feature the G1 Prix Ganay. Tim Higgins, chief executive officer of Tote Ireland, said, "Tote have been supporting Irish racing since 1930 with all our profits returning to Irish racing. The work of Irish Injured Jockeys Fund is crucial in supporting the jockeys who put themselves on the line every day. We're delighted to run this special fundraiser for the Irish Injured Jockeys Fund and we hope people get behind us to raise lots of money."



**OBSERVATIONS**  
on today's European racing scene

**1.15 Longchamp, Cond, €34,000, 3yo, f, 10f ANA'S BEST (FR) ([King's Best](#)) bids to build on a promising debut effort when second over this trip at Saint-Cloud at the start of the month. Cocheese Bloodstock's daughter of the 2003 G2 Prix d'Harcourt winner and multiple Group 1 placegetter Ana Marie (Fr) (Anabaa) is a half-sister to another who made an impact at the highest level in Ana Americana (Fr) (American Post {GB}) and represents the Henri-Alex Pantall stable as she tackles six rivals.**



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## MOREIRA QUICKEST TO A CENTURY



Joao Moreira HKJC.com

Brazilian rider Joao Moreira continues to rewrite the record books in Hong Kong, as he became the quickest in history to reach the 100-win milestone in a single season with a victory in Wednesday night's third race at Happy Valley Racecourse. It was also the 200th riding victory since arriving in Hong Kong in October 2013 following a wildly successful stint in Singapore.

Moreira achieved the mark in the 60th fixture of the 2014-15 racing season, easily bettering the record of Douglas Whyte, who

took until the month of June to earn his quickest century. Moreira is just the third to reach 100 winners in a single season, joining 13-time champion Whyte, who has accomplished the feat on a half-dozen occasions, and Zac Purton, whose 112 victories in the 2013-14 season earned him champion jockey honors.

Whyte holds the record for total number of winners in a season on 114, and with a strike rate of 23% and with almost three months left on the racing calendar, Moreira seems a good bet to eclipse that mark as well.

"It was great to win two races right away," said Moreira, who had had to wait through a three-meeting suspension before he could move off the 99 mark. "The first was important because it gave me more confidence for the second. I was expecting to get stuck on 99 because that is what has happened to me the last times when I've been in the same position in Singapore and Brazil. Fortunately we were able to make it today."



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### HANDICAP RESULTS:

4th-EPS, £50,000, 4-22, 4yo/up, 10f 18yT, 2:11.06, gd.

**COLLABORATION (GB)** (g, 4, Halling--Red Shareef {GB}, by Marju {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 12-4-1-0, £43,560. O-Another Bottle Racing 2. B-Shareef Racing & Redmyre Bloodstock (GB). T-Andrew Balding. \*57,000gns yrl '12 TATOCT. \*\*1/2 to Caesar Beware (Ire) (Daggers Drawn), MSP-Eng, \$704,426.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Cabelo (Ire)**, f, 3, Azamour (Ire)--Fringe (GB), by In the Wings (GB). CAT, 4-22, 7fT, 1:26.43. B-Naiff Sa & Newtown Stud (Ire). \*€5,000 yrl '13 GOFSP. \*\*1/2 to Master Carpenter (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), GSW-Fr, SW & MGSP-Eng, \$169,845.

**Parla Piano (Ire)**, c, 3, Observatory--Peaceful Light (GB), by Doyen (Ire). SRO, 4-22, 7.5fT, 1:32.60, gd. B-Francesca Turri (Ire).

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