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SPRING SALE ANOTHER RECORD SETTER

by Jessica Martini and J.M. Severni

The Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's Spring Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training, which featured its first-ever seven-figure juvenile Wednesday, concluded its four-day run in Ocala Friday and, for the third straight year, the sale enjoyed record-setting figures. Through four days, 676 horses sold for \$53,711,400. The average of \$79,455 was up from last year's previous record by 7.4%. The median tied last year's record at \$45,000. In 2014, 770 horses grossed \$56,965,000 and averaged \$73,981. The four-day buy-back rate was 22%, compared to 18.2% a year ago.

"We are really pleased with the way the sale ended up," said OBS Director of Sales Tod Wojciechowski. "It was a good run of four days of quality horses. Buyers got to buy some nice horses and once again we had a record-setting average."

Wojciechowski said the Spring sale continues to add to its reputation.

"Since 2011, the gross has doubled, the average has gone up 2 1/2 times and the median has gone up two times," he said. "I think April has earned its reputation over the last three years and this year's results solidify its position as the preeminent 2-year-old sale in the world--there were 10 countries and 35 states represented by people who bought horses at this sale."

During a buoyant session of selling Friday, a total of 160 horses grossed \$14,054,500. The session average was \$87,841--up 20.7% from last year's final day. The median rose 7.1% to \$45,000.

With 43 horses reported not sold, Friday's buy-back rate was 21.2%. It was 22.5% during last year's final session.

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Friday's session-topping hip 1100

Louise Reinagel

WEATHER FORCES PLETCHER AUDIBLE

With wet weather in the forecast for Saturday, trainer Todd Pletcher pushed forward the final works for four of his potential five starters for next Saturday's GI Kentucky Derby, sending each out to work a half-mile beneath the Twin Spires.

Working first Friday morning were the first- and fourth-place finishers from the GI Florida Derby, Alto



Materiality

Adam Coglianese

Racing's 'TDN Rising Star' Materiality

(Afleet Alex) and Starlight Racing's Itsaknockout (Lemon Drop Kid). Both horses were credited with a time of

:48 flat, accomplished in fractions of :12, :23.60 and :35.60 before

galloping out five-eighths in 1:01 and six

panels in 1:14.60. Javier Castellano was aboard Materiality and has the call in the Derby, while Itsaknockout was ridden by Ezequiel Perez.

Following that duo was Stonestreet Stable, Mrs. John Magnier, Derrick Smith and Michael Tabor's GII Louisiana Derby runner-up **Stanford** (Malibu Moon), with Isabelle Bourez up and Cheyenne Stable and Mac Nichol's **Madefromlucky** (Lookin at Lucky), with John Velazquez in the irons. **Cont. p9**

First starter...a winner!

Sent off at 3-5 on the back of three bullets at Palm Meadows, **OUTWORK** won a 4½f MSW at Keeneland for Todd Pletcher and Mike Repole



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Darley Sires Hot at OBS



Linda Rice
Adam Coglianese

It was a good day at the OBS Spring Sale for Darley stallions, as they accounted for four of the days five top-priced horses. Niall Brennan consigned the day's most popular horse in hip 1100, a son of Bernardni out of GSW & GISP Graeme Six (Graeme Hall) and bred on the popular and successful cross of A.P. Indy over Deputy Minister. Trainer Linda Rice added to her considerable grab during the week by signing the winning ticket.

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Kitten's Point Lands Bewitch



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Augustin Stable homebred Kitten's Point (Kitten's Joy) had to do it tough for most of the trip, but proved the superior stayer at the end of the day and outfinished perfect-trip Cay Dancer (GB) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) to win the closing-day GIII Bewitch S. at Keeneland.

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Mott to Contest Suspension in Court

The lawyer for Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott says his client is going to Federal court claiming the New York State Gaming Commission violated his constitutional rights without due process of law in regards to an alleged positive test last year.

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TODAY'S GRADED STAKES

EST	Race	Click for	TV
4:57p	Excelsior S.-GIII, AQU	(Brisnet.com PPs)	HR/TVG
5:00p	Miami Mile H.-GIII, GP	(Brisnet.com PPs)	HR/TVG
6:50p	San Francisco Mile-GIII, GG	(Brisnet.com PPs)	HR/TVG
7:07p	Last Tycoon S.-GIII, SA	(Brisnet.com PPs)	HR/TVG



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OBS Spring Sale cont.

“The buy-back rates, ultimately, are going to be very comparable with last year and they were amazing numbers last year,” Wojciechowski said. “After we get done with post-sales, you can see the RNA rate from day one is already at 19%, so that number will probably creep down and the gross will creep up with the finishing up of business in the next day or two.”

Trainer Linda Rice purchased Friday’s top-priced lot, a colt by Bernardini ([hip 1100](#)), for \$900,000. It was the sale’s second-highest priced offering, surpassed only by the \$1.9-million record-setting daughter of Tapit. Friday also featured the auction’s third-highest price, when trainer Mark Casse purchased a colt by Street Cry (Ire) ([hip 1073](#)) for \$750,000. The top price at the 2014 sale was \$725,000.

In total, 14 horses topped the \$400,000 mark in 2015. That figure was 12 in 2014.

For the second year in a row, de Meric Sales was the auction’s leading consignor with 46 sold for \$4,410,000. Alex Solis and Jason Litt, who purchased the record-setting filly Wednesday, were the sale’s leading buyer, with three purchased for \$2,180,000.

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SESSION TOTALS	2015	2014
• Catalogued	303	302
• No. Offered	203	235
• No. Sold	160	182
• RNAs	43	53
• % RNAs	21.2%	22.5%
• No. \$200K+	19	15
• High Price	\$900,000	\$625,000
• Gross	\$14,054,500	\$13,242,000
• Average (% change)	\$87,841 (+20.7%)	\$72,758
• Median (% change)	\$45,000 (+7.1%)	\$42,000

CUMULATIVE	2015	2014
• Catalogued	1203	1209
• No. Offered	867	941
• No. Sold	676	770
• RNAs	191	171
• % RNAs	22%	18.2%
• No. \$200K+	60	52
• High Price	\$1,900,000	\$725,000
• Gross	\$53,711,400	\$56,965,000
• Average (% change)	\$79,455 (+7.4%)	\$73,981
• Median	\$45,000	\$45,000

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NORTH AMERICAN NEWS

Bernardini Colt Tops Final Session

by J.M. Severni

Conditioner Linda Rice was back in action during the final session of the OBS Spring sale Friday, going to \$900,000 to secure the session's top-priced lot in [hip 1100](#), a colt by Bernardini, on behalf of Seymour Smith. Bloodstock agent Donato Lanni was the underbidder on the Niall Brennan-consigned colt.

Seymour's daughter-in-law Iris Smith was on hand for the bidding.

"My father-in-law said, 'Do your homework and figure out what horse we should buy.'"

Smith is part of the female partnership that purchased other top-priced horses during the sale including a \$410,000 Big Drama filly (hip 608) and a \$420,000 Tizway filly (hip 488). The Bernardini colt, however, will run under Smith's name only.

"We tried to buy the [sale-topping] Tapit filly and we didn't get that done," Rice explained. "So Iris went back home and discussed it and came back today to buy this colt. We're very excited that we got him. Iris wanted to make a dream come true for [Seymour]."

Rice acknowledged that the snappy work in [:10 1/5](#) caught her eye.

"His breeze was very nice, his motion on the track was terrific," Rice stated. "His conformation was very nice. Bernardini is a good stallion and I thought he was the best colt in the sale."

Hip 1100 was bred by Besilu Stables and Three Chimneys Farm. The May 6 foal was born and raised at Mill Ridge Farm and RNA'd for \$290,000 as a yearling at the Fasig-Tipton October sale. This is the fourth foal out of GSW Graeme Six (Graeme Hall), making him a half-sibling to SP Cali Star (Street Cry {Ire}). Graeme Six produced an Unbridled's Song colt in 2014.

Besilu Stable's bloodstock manager Fabricio Buffolo commented, "He is a May foal and progressed very well, getting better day after day. He was always a well-made colt, just needed a little bit more time."



Linda Rice
Adam Coglianesse

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THE TALE OF EKATI CONTINUES...

#1 Second Crop Sire of 2015 by % Winners/Starters

Stallions	'15 Fee	Rnrs	Wnrs	%
TALE OF EKATI	\$15,000	32	15	47%
Eskendereya	\$17,500	51	22	43%
Munnings	\$12,500	54	23	43%
Midshipman	\$7,500	36	14	39%
Majesticperfection	\$15,000	32	12	38%
Lookin At Lucky	\$25,000	49	18	37%
Blame	\$20,000	36	11	31%
Super Saver	\$35,000	55	17	31%
Quality Road	\$35,000	56	15	27%

Source: BloodHorse.com 4/24, 25 minimum starters



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Brennan was impressed with the colt throughout his training and wasn't surprised to see him fetch the \$900,000 price tag.

"He's a beautiful colt, he was popular all week," the consignor offered. "It was a little stressful waiting since he was one of the horses near the end on the last day. When you have to wait that long, you wonder if people have spent their money, even on an exceptional colt like this horse. I think people saw that earlier in the week when they did their looking and many of the top judges were on this horse. They saw what I've seen for a while. I think he's that special. We've had good ones go through the program before and he's certainly one that ranks up there with them. He's only a May foal, he's got a huge future ahead of him. He's just a baby-- what he's doing is pure talent out there on the racetrack. I think he was even more impressive at home on our dirt track than he was here and I truly believe that next year he's going to be a tough horse to reckon with and he'll only get better with time."

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OBS SPRING SALE OF 2-YEAR-OLDS IN TRAINING
FRIDAY'S TOP LOTS

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
1100	colt	Bernardini	Graeme Six	900,000
(\$290,000 RNA yrl '14 FTKOCT) B-Besilu Stables (KY) Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent XL Purchased by Linda Rice, agent for Kaitar Racing LLC				
1073	colt	Street Cry (Ire)	Gharbiah	750,000
(\$45,000 RNA yrl '14 KEESEP) B-Darley (KY) Consigned by de Meric Sales, agent for Golden Legacy Stables Purchased by Mark Casse, agent				
1032	filly	Harlan's Holiday	Favoritism	500,000
(\$95,000 yrl '14 FTKJUL) B-George Bolton & David DiPietro (KY) Consigned by de Meric Sales, Agent XXXVI Purchased by J.W.S.				
934	filly	Bernardini	Dark Sky	450,000
(\$100,000 yrl '14 KEESEP) B-Summer Wind Farm (KY) Consigned by King's Equine, Agent X Purchased by Up Up & Away Stables				
901	colt	Street Cry (Ire)	Contessa Halo	375,000
(\$170,000 yrl '14 KEESEP) B-Darley & Clearsky Farms (KY) Consigned by Tom McCrocklin, Agent II Purchased by Whispering Oaks Farm				
1053	colt	Macho Uno	Forbidden Kiss	370,000
(\$185,000 yrl '14 KEESEP) B-Black Rock Thoroughbreds LLLP (KY) Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent XVIII Purchased by Stonestreet Stables LLC & George Bolton				

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1075 colt	Tizway	Gin Running	320,000
(\$145,000 yrl '14 KEESEP) B-Town & Country Farms (KY) Consigned by King's Equine, Agent X Purchased by Stan Hough, agent			
1097 colt	Interactif	Grable	310,000
(\$65,000 yrl '14 ESLYRL) B-J. Adcock & Neal McFadden (LA) Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent V Purchased by John Brocklebank, agent for Dickman Legacy Farm			

TDN PROGENY PP COUNTS

General Sires for the last 6 months through Thursday, April 23, 2015

Sire	Total Listings	Unique Progeny
Tapit	113	70
Giant's Causeway	83	54
Medaglia d'Oro	83	55
Candy Ride (Arg)	79	52
Distorted Humor	76	54
Dubawi (Ire)	71	54
Kitten's Joy	67	53

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OBS Spring Sale cont.

Golden Legacy Colt Shines at OBS

by Jessica Martini

Golden Legacy Stables enjoyed its biggest success in the sales ring Friday at OBS when selling a colt by Street Cry (Ire) for \$750,000 to trainer Mark Casse. [Hip 1073](#) is out of Gharbiah (Bernardini), a half-sister to Grade I winner Honey Ryder (Lasting Approval), and was consigned by de Meric Sales. The gray shared the bullet furlong work of :9 4/5 during last week's under-tack preview show. Bred by Darley, he RNA'd for \$45,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.

"It's a Venezuelan partnership group," Nick de Meric said of Golden Legacy. "They bought the training center at the old Plumley Farm and that is their headquarters of operations in Florida. They also having a training stable in south Florida."



Hip 1073 facebook.com/demeric-sales

On behalf of Golden Legacy, De Meric sent three horses through the ring at Fasig-Tipton's Florida sale in March,

with two RNAs and a \$150,000 Pulpit colt. Eight Golden Legacy juveniles went through the ring during the Spring sale. The group also sold a colt by Tapit ([hip 868](#)) for \$245,000 and a Freud colt ([hip 485](#)) for \$220,000 this week in Ocala.

"I had some horses for them in South Florida and, as this business can be, it's been a bit of a roller coaster for them this year," de Meric said. "They have had some very bright spots before this horse and they also have swallowed some lumps. This is a really great outcome for them because they have been stoic through the difficult ones and they've enjoyed the big ones and this will make up for a lot of misdemeanors."

Long-time de Meric assistant Blas Perez is the farm trainer for Golden Legacy and his old boss gave him credit for the Street Cry colt's popularity.

"Blas has done an excellent job with all the horses he has sent me," de Meric said. "He should definitely get credit for this horse because he's done a masterful job of bringing him along."

Golden Legacy is involved in almost all facets of the racing game, according to de Meric.

"They are doing a bit of everything, except standing stallions," he explained. "They are racing, pinhooking and they are breeding a little bit. This will probably fund them up for future endeavors."



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Speedy Harlan's Holiday Filly Goes to Sadler

by J.M. Severni

[Hip 1032](#), a Harlan's Holiday filly who breezed the co-fastest work of the under-tack show in :9 4/5, fetched \$500,000 during the final session of the OBS Spring Sale. The horse will go to trainer John Sadler. Stonestreet's John Moynihan was the underbidder.

Nick de Meric purchased the filly for \$95,000 as a yearling at the Fasig-Tipton July sale. She is the first foal out of the unraced Favoritism (Tiznow), who is a half-sister to GSP Chaste (Cozzene). She produced a Candy Ride (Arg) filly in 2014 and a Quality Road filly this year.

"We knew she ought to do well, but you never let yourself think they'll bring that much," de Meric said. "We felt this time that she ought to do okay."

When asked about the market during the sale, the consignor said, "I think the market has been tremendous for the right horses. It's been a little spotty in places in the lower end, but there's tremendous demand for good animals, and you've just got to hope you've got some."

When reached by phone, Sadler said, "I was so impressed with her work. She looks like a filly with speed who will be able to run on well. We love Harlan's Holiday and she was our top pick of the fillies at the sale."



OBS Spring Sale cont.

What They're Saying...

"It seems to be very good. It almost has a bit of a select sale atmosphere in that there's a lot of money here, but they're picking through just the quality horses. It doesn't seem like the old April where you have horses selling everywhere. It's not easy in that lower to middle market. There are a lot of people not here who are normally here--regional buyers and out of country buyers--there's a lot of those people not here. So I feel like it's a very difficult market right now for these lesser horses who in the past, would have gotten homes. If you factor in all the scratches and the RNAs that's a tough number to be biting on--that's a reality right now."



Consignor Niall Brennan

"There is a strong appetite for a good horse right now. People want to buy racehorses and there are a lot of good 2-year-olds to come out of the sales in the last couple of years. I think people realize that they have to come to 2-year-old sales and watch these 2-year-olds work. There's a strong appetite for a good horse and I think you see that here."

Bloodstock agent Donato Lanni

"This has been a very solid market across the board. It's been echoed several times that the bottom of the market is not as deep as it has been in the past few years. But the horses who are \$100,000 and up, there are plenty of people looking for those kind of horses. If you have a modicum of quality here, you get the good prices for them. I think the sale has gotten progressively stronger every day. Maybe the horses were a little softer as individuals in the first day, but in the last three days there have been good horses all across the board. It's looking to me like people are thinking this is the last horse sale of the year because they are really working it."



Bloodstock agent Pete Bradley



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OBS APRIL 2YO SALE

Hip <u>934</u>	Sex filly	Sire <u>Bernardini</u>	Dam Dark Sky	Price (\$) 450,000
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B-Summer Wind Farm (KY)

Consigned by King's Equine, Agent X

Purchased by Up Up & Away Stables

Picked up by Raul Reyes' King's Equine for \$100,000 as a KEESEP yearling, this daughter of Bernardini was in high demand after breezing a quarter in :20 4/5 at the under-tack show. She was produced by a two-time winning full-sister to MG1SW Nebraska Tornado (Storm Cat).

1097	colt	Interactif	Grable	310,000
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B-J. Adcock & Neal McFadden (LA)

Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent V

Purchased by John Brocklebank, agent for Dickman Legacy Farm Eddie Woods' Quarter Pole Enterprises went to \$65,000 to acquire this Louisiana-bred at last year's ESLYRL sale. Hailing from the first-crop of 2010 GII National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame S. winner Interactif, the half-brother to Get in da House (Grand Appointment), MSW & MGSP, \$511,294, proved a shrewd investment after covering a quarter in :21.

1109	colt	Tale of the Cat	Great Venue	280,000
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B-Rustlewood Farm (FL)

Consigned by de Meric Sales, Agent XVI

Purchased by David M. Clark

With his older half-brother '**TDN Rising Star**' El Kabeir (Scat Daddy) headed to the GI Kentucky Derby, this son of Tale of the Cat brought \$280,000 from David Clark. Breeder Rustlewood Farm purchased his dam while carrying this year's GIII Gotham S. winner for \$95,000 at the 2011 OBSOCT sale. El Kabeir brought \$250,000 from Zayat Stables at the 2013 OBSAUG sale. Consigned as hip 1109, the son of Tale of the Cat worked in :10 1/5.

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Friday, Keeneland

BEWITCH S.-GIII, \$150,000, KEE, 4-24, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/2mT, 2:30 1/5, fm.

1--**KITTEN'S POINT**, 120, m, 5, by [Kitten's Joy](#)

1st Dam: **Rendezvous Point**, by **Kingmambo**

2nd Dam: **Reggie V**, by **Vanlandingham**

3rd Dam: **Regent's Walk**, by **Vice Regent**

O-Augustin Stable; B-George Strawbridge Jr (PA);

T-H Graham Motion; J-Edgar S Prado. \$90,000.

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3--**Maria Maria**, 118, f, 4, [Curlin](#)--Hollow Miss, by With

Approval. (\$45,000 RNA yr '12 KEESep). O/B-Curtis

C Green (KY); T-James P DiVito. \$15,000.

Trained at Crupi's New Castle Farm

Margins: HF, 1HF, HF. Odds: 5.80, 11.70, 40.10.

Also Ran: **Courtesan**, **Lots o' Lex**, **White Rose**, **Antonia**

Autumn, **Tabreed (GB)**, **Street of Gold**, **Hellenistic**,

Caroline Thomas, **Anipa (GB)**, **Tapnfire**, **Annabird**.

Scratched: **Honey Lake**, **Tuttipaesi (Ire)**.

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Winner of the 2013 GIII Herecomesthebride S., **Kitten's Point** annexed a second-level Gulfstream allowance and was beaten a nose in that track's GII **Honey Fox S.**, but was well-beaten in three additional starts, including an eighth in the **Kathryn Crosby S.** at Del Mar Nov. 7. The homebred, produced by a half-sister to the good sprinter **Five Star Day (Carson City)**, rediscovered her winning ways in the Jan. 18 **Astra S.** at Santa Anita, but was no better than sixth in the GIII **The Very One S.** in South Florida Feb. 21 and was last seen rounding out the trifecta in the GIII **Orchid S.** in Hallandale Mar. 28.

Edgar Prado settled **Kitten's Point** in centerfield through the opening furlongs as **Lots O' Lex (Kitalpha)** took them along at a decent clip for this extended distance, tracked closest by **Anipa (GB)** (Sea the Stars {Ire}) as **Cay Dancer (GB)** (**Danehill Dancer** {Ire}) secured a rail-skimming position from third. **Kitten's Point**, trapped out about three wide, improved a spot or two rounding the second of the three turns and took closer order nearing the entrance to the second-last corner. **Lots o' Lex** remained the longshot leader as they reached the quarter pole, but **Kitten's Point** was finding her best stride while four deep into the lane. **Cay Dancer** rode the rails and got through underneath a tiring **Lots o' Lex** entering the final furlong, but **Kitten's Point** proved the superior stayer on the day and was along in the waning strides.

"She broke running out of the gate and put me in a good spot in the race," commented Prado, who was winning his first graded stakes at Keeneland since partnering with the Motion-trained **Hoofit (NZ)** (**Mossman** {Aus}) in the 2011 GIII **Phoenix S.** "When I asked her, she was there for me. We were pretty much in the clear most of the way."

A 'STRONG' FAVORITE IN EXCELSIOR

Centennial Farms's **Wicked Strong** (Hard Spun) returns to the site of his biggest triumph and gets more ground to work with in Saturday's GIII **Excelsior S.** at the Big A. Last year's local GI **TwinSpires.com Wood Memorial S.** hero was fourth in both the GI **Kentucky Derby** and GI **Belmont S.**, but soundly defeated Belmont winner **Tonalist (Tapit)** to return to winning ways in **Saratoga's GII Jim Dandy S.** in late July. He came out on the wrong side of a photo with fellow Jimmy Jerkens trainee **V. E. Day (English Channel)** in the **GI Travers S.** a month later, and skipped the **GI Breeders' Cup Classic** after clipping heels and losing rider **Rajiv Maragh** in **Belmont's GI Jockey Club Gold Cup** Sept. 27. The bay most recently finished fourth, beaten a length by **Honor Code (A.P. Indy)** in the one-mile **GII Gulfstream Park H.** Mar. 7. Jerkens will also saddle **Tri-Bones Stables's Effinex (Mineshaft)**. A 17-1 upset winner of **Belmont's Empire Classic H.** for New York-breds Oct. 18, the dark bay was fourth behind **Red Rifle (Giant's Causeway)** in the **GII Hawthorne Gold Cup H.** in November and again back in restricted company in the inner track's **Alex M. Robb S.** on New Year's Eve. **Effinex** enters this off a sharp open optional claiming score going an extended mile on the muddy inner track Mar. 27. **Winning Move Stable's Turco Bravo (Chi)** (**Caesarion** {Ire}) upended the **Stymie S.** here at 9-1 last out Mar. 22, and was directly followed in that heat by **Cousin Stephen (Proud Citizen)**, **North Slope (Elusive Quality)** and **Micromanage (Medaglia d'Oro)**.



Wicked Strong
Chelsea Durand

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

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

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Micromanage (K)	Medaglia d'Oro	Castellano	Pletcher	6-1
2	Effinex	Mineshaft	Arroyo	Jerkens	6-1
3	Stormin Monarcho (K)	Monarchos	Velasquez	Jacobson	15-1
4	North Slope	Elusive Quality	Alvarado	McLaughlin	5-1
5	Cousin Stephen	Proud Citizen	Carmouche	Brown	8-1
6	Red Rifle (K)	Giant's Causeway	Ortiz Jr.	Pletcher	10-1
7	Wicked Strong (K)	Hard Spun	Maragh	Jerkens	1-1
8	Turco Bravo (Chi)	Caesarion (Ire)	Ortiz	Contessa	10-1



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

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

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Middleburg	Lemon Drop Kid	Lezcano	Clement	9-2
2	Adios Nardo	Invisible Ink	Cruz	Gabriel Jr.	15-1
3	Rerun	Grand Reward	Caraballo	Stewart	20-1
4	Shatak	Cryptoclearance	Castro	Weaver	6-1
5	Hammers Terror (K)	Artie Schiller	Prado	Maker	5-1
6	Grand Tito (K)	Candy Ride (Arg)	Zayas	Delgado	7-2
7	Storming Inti (K)	Stormy Atlantic	Goncalves	Brown	5-1
8	McIlroy	Modigliani	Gaffalione	Nicks	8-1
9	Sette E Mezzo	Dynaformer	Wales	Sexton	20-1
10	Inchcape	Indian Charlie	Saez	Servis	6-1
<i>Main Track Only:</i>					
11	Red Vine	Candy Ride (Arg)	Lezcano	Clement	2-1

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	ML
1	G. G. Ryder	Chhaya Dance	Gonzalez	Hollendorfer	9-2
2	Toruk Makto (K)	Rahy	Terrero	Hollendorfer	10-1
3	Are You Kidding Me	Run Away and Hide	Blanc	Drysdale	4-1
4	Polytechnicien	Royal Academy	Martinez	Matos	15-1
5	Tiz Dynamic (K)	Tiznow	Amador	Baker	15-1
6	Summer Hit	Bertrando	Baze	Hollendorfer	5-2
7	Pepper Crown	Peppered Cat	Lopez	Paszkeicz	5-1
8	Edge of Reality (K)	Lawyer Ron	Van Dyke	Motion	7-2

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	ML
1	Big John B	Hard Spun	Smith	D'Amato	5-2
2	Power Foot	Powerscourt (GB)	Bejarano	Drysdale	4-1
3	Ganesh (Brz)	Sulamani (Ire)	Prat	Mandella	8-1
4	Joel Blazing Aaron	Graeme Hall	Baze	Hess Jr.	8-1
5	Play Hard to Get	Purim	Desormeaux	Kruljac	8-1
6	Si Sage (Fr)	Sageburg (Ire)	Trujillo	Vienna	20-1
7	Quick Casablanca (Chi)	Until Sundown	Stevens	McAnally	3-1
8	Abbey Vale (Ire)	Moss Vale (Ire)	Pereira	D'Amato	3-1

Sunday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 6:30 p.m. EDT

WILSHIRE S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Moulin de Mougins	Curlin	Smith	Mandella	121
2	Thegirlinthat song	My Golden Song	Nakatani	Hillendorfer	124
3	Smooove It	Square Eddie	Gutierrez	O'Neill	119
4	Blingismything (K)	Arch	Baze	Kruljac	119
5	Uzziel	Harlington	Dsormeux	Dsormeux	119
6	Sky Treasure (K)	Sky Mesa	Talamo	Casse	119
7	Indecise (K)	Pleasant Tap	Prat	Mandella	119
8	Birdlover (GB)	Byron (GB)	Bejarano	O'Neill	119

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Pletcher Foursome Work Towards Derby cont. from p1

Stanford covered the four furlongs in :48.40 in fractions of :12.40 and :24.20 before striding out five furlongs in 1:10 and three-quarters in 1:13.80. Madefromlucky was slightly in arrears in :48.60, going in splits of :12.40 and :24.20 with gallop-out times of 1:01.60 and 1:15.

"I was happy with all of the works," Pletcher said. "Materiality and Itsaknockout worked very well and I thought they both got over the track very well. Stanford breezed really well today and I thought his gallop out was particularly good."



Stanford (inside) battled right to the wire in the LA Derby *Hodges photography*

Pletcher hinted that Madefromlucky would pass the Derby, but would confer with the colt's ownership before issuing a final decision.

"I am thinking that Belmont Park with its sweeping turns might be a good fit for him," Pletcher said of Madefromlucky, most recently fourth to American Pharoah (Pioneer of

the Nile) in the GI Arkansas Derby Apr. 11.

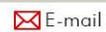
Pletcher's fifth Derby possible, GI Toyota Blue Grass S. victor and 'TDN Rising Star' Carpe Diem (Giant's Causeway), is scheduled to have his final workout Saturday morning at Keeneland. John Velazquez has the call next Saturday.



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STEADY MOVES FOR FAR RIGHT, DANZIG MOON

Harry Rosenblum and Robert LaPenta's GI Arkansas Derby runner-up **Far Right** (Notional) and John Oxley's **Danzig Moon** (Malibu Moon), second last time out in the GI Toyota Blue Grass S. Apr. 4, took to the Churchill main track for their final serious piece of work ahead of the Derby.

Trainer Ron Moquett was looking for something easy from Far Right, and the colt obliged, working a half-mile in :49 beneath Greta Kuntzweiler. After breaking off in :12.40 for the opening furlong, Far Right went past the quarter in :24.20 and galloped out five furlongs in 1:03.



Far Right
Coady photography

"I was worried it would be too quick," Moquett said of the work that came after the morning renovation break. "I wanted a Far Right work, not a :47, just a steady, grinding work."

Moquett also planned to work his charge Saturday, but moved the drill up because of the rainy forecast.

"I'm glad that we can put that behind us and now we can go on and worry about something else," Moquett said.

Danzig Moon, who was beaten 12 1/2 lengths when fourth to Carpe Diem in the Gil Tampa Bay Derby Mar. 7, trimmed that margin down to just three lengths in the Blue Grass. The Ontario-bred worked a half-mile in company in :48.80 accomplishing the move in fractions of :12.80, :25 and :37 with a gallop-out time of 1:01.80 for five furlongs.

"We just decided to get the work done and not worry about it," assistant trainer Norman Casse said of moving the work up a day for Danzig Moon. "He always works in company and we just wanted a good, even work."

He added, "His preparation could not be any better and I feel he has moved up since the Blue Grass. Other than the Tampa Bay Derby, he has run well every time. There were two reasons for the Tampa Bay results; one, he didn't handle the track at all and came back with cuts on his hind legs and two or three days after that he came down with a virus that may have affected the performance."

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FRAMMENTO STILL OUTSIDE LOOKING IN

Mossarosa's **Frammento** (Midshipman), most recently a distant fourth behind 'TDN Rising Star' Carpe Diem (Giant's Causeway) in the GI Toyota Blue Grass S. at Keeneland Apr. 4, worked a half-mile in :48 Friday morning at Keeneland, as connections hold out hope



Frammento heads for home during his Friday work at Keeneland
Coady photography

that the chestnut colt might earn a spot in the field for next Saturday's GI Kentucky Derby. Clockers timed the \$260,000 Fasig-Tipton Florida March 2-year-old purchase in fractions of :12.20 for the first furlong and :24 for the first quarter mile, then galloped out five-eighths of a mile in 1:02.40 ([video](#)).

"It was very professional, very even. That's what you want," Zito said about the breeze. "He's a true mile and a quarter horse. If he gets in there, he'll do some damage going a mile and a quarter."

Frammento sits in 21st position for the Derby, with the top 20 horses earning a spot in the gate.

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TEAM PLETCHER OUT FOR OAKS DRILLS

Trainer Todd Pletcher's two candidates for Friday's GI Kentucky Oaks worked over the Churchill main track Friday morning. Siena Farm's **Angela Renee** (Bernardini)



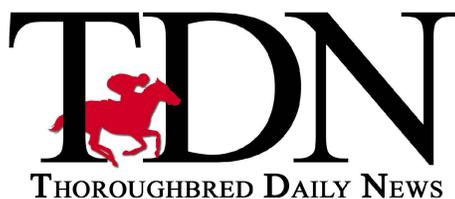
Angela Renee *Horsephotos*

was first to hit the track with John Velazquez in from Keeneland to ride and breezed a half-mile in a smart :47.80, going in fractions of :12.40 and :24.40 before galloping out five furlongs 1:00.20.

StarLadies Racing's **Eskenformoney** (Eskendereya) followed

suit with Javier Castellano calling the shots, and the filly went the half in :48.40. She broke off fast, with an opening eighth of a mile in :11.60 and remained eager through the next furlong in :12 flat. She hit the three-eighths point of the work in :36 and was out the five furlongs in 1:01.60. "I was very happy; they both went well," Pletcher said. "We will watch the weather and they may have easy jogs in the morning."

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CONDO COMMANDO HOLDING HER FORM

Michael Dubb, The Elkstone Group and Bethlehem Stables' **Condo Commando** (Tiz Wonderful) should be one of the top choices in the Oaks and did little to dissuade her backers with a five-furlong breeze in 1:00.40 Friday morning with trainer Rudy Rodriguez in the saddle. Clockers caught last year's GI Spinaway S. winner in fractions of :12.40, :24.80, :37 and :48.60.



Condo Commando *Susie Raisher*

Rodriguez said that was a typical breeze for Condo Commando, whom he said was a willing workhorse. "She looked like she got over the track pretty nice," he said. "Now she's got to do it the day of the race." Rodriguez, a former assistant to Rick Dutrow Jr., said it was possible Condo Commando could have a blow-out leading up to the Oaks in the style of his former boss. "Maybe I'll do it. Who knows? I've got to see how she comes back and I'll let her tell me what she wants to do," he said. "If I need to blow her out a little bit I'm going to do it. We've got a long way to go, so we'll take it day by day."

ADDITIONAL CHURCHILL WORKS

In other final preps Friday over the Churchill Downs strip, **Forever Unbridled** (Unbridled's Song) went five furlongs in 1:01 (:12.20, :24.20, :36.20, :48.40, out six panels in 1:15.80)...**Oceanwave** (Harlan's Holiday) also went five-eighths of a mile in 1:02 (:12.80, :24.40, :36, :48.60, out six furlongs in 1:18.20).

STELLAR WIND WORKS TOWARDS THE OAKS

Hronis Racing's **Stellar Wind** (Curlin), who is expected to be one of the favorites for Friday's GI Kentucky Oaks, turned in her final work ahead of that engagement, going six furlongs in a strong 1:12.80 Friday morning at Santa Anita. John Sadler trains the former Maryland-based filly, who in her last two starts has proven far too good for the competition in the GIII Santa Ysabel S. Feb. 28 and more recently the GI Santa Anita Oaks Apr. 4. "Awesome," said her regular rider, Victor Espinoza, who was aboard for the drill. "She went really good today. Last time she worked good, but this time she was amazing, exactly what John wanted. She's ready to go."

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MUBTAAHIJ LOOKS FOR REAL

by Bill Finley, special to espn.com

It used to be that the first horse you could throw out when handicapping the Kentucky Derby was any horse that last started in the G2 United Arab Emirates Derby. Though the race is worth \$2 million and is a 100-point race on the Derby prep points scale the UAE Derby winners have always been a terrible fit for the Kentucky Derby. They have been grass horses, synthetic horses, horses under-prepared for the challenges of the Kentucky Derby, horses with just ordinary ability or some combination of the four.

The UAE Derby was inaugurated in 2000 and since then, 10 horses from that race have started in the Kentucky Derby. Not a one has come close. The six UAE Derby winners to run in Kentucky have finished sixth, eighth, ninth, eighth and seventh and one, Daddy Long Legs, was eased.

But this time around things figure to be different. Mubtaahij doesn't have to win the Kentucky Derby. But he could. And, unlike the previous starters out of

Dubai, it's hard to imagine him getting embarrassed.

Mubtaahij bears little resemblance to the others who have come out of Dubai.

Consider: He is anything but a turf or synthetic horse.

Despite European



Mubtaahij in Dubai *Michele MacDonald*

breeding that suggests he should be a turf specialist, he was a major disappointment in two grass tries as a 2-year-old in England and did not thrive until he got on to the dirt track at Meydan in Dubai. He's three-for-four on the dirt, including his eight-length triumph in the UAE Derby.

He should have a perfect foundation for the Derby. He's had three starts this year and four since Dec. 31.

He can flat out run. There's always some question as to the quality of the field in the UAE Derby, but Mubtaahij was so impressive that you have to look at what he did and not who he beat.

Then there's the trainer. The South African Mike DeKock is renowned as one of the best trainers on the planet and has won major races all over the world. De Kock has run only a handful of horses in the U.S., but has proven he knows how to win here. He won the 2000 GIII Broward H. at Gulfstream with Horse Chestnut and in the 2013 GI Arlington Million his The Apache crossed the wire first only to be disqualified.

He's never started a horse in the Kentucky Derby before and admits that, initially, he wasn't thinking that direction with Mubtaahij.

Bill Finley cont. p12



"I'm not sure when the [nominating] entry was due, I think in January, but at that time Pat Cummings [who runs the website dubairaceneight.com] came to me and said, 'Have you ever thought of the Kentucky Derby?'" De Kock said. "I just said, 'To be honest, no,' and he said, 'Well, if your horse comes through the Triple Crown races in Dubai, you ought to consider it, so why don't you enter it? So we entered. The way he came through all the races, plus his whole demeanor and his temperament, and the fact that he's an easy horse to travel, we thought why not, let's give it a dash. And then when he goes and wins really well in the UAE Derby, you know, I suppose you get a little bit of confidence and you think 'What the hell, let's have a crack at it.'"

In some years it's possible that Mubtaahij would be the second or third choice in Kentucky. This year he figures to be the sixth or seventh. This is one of the deepest Derby fields in decades and it will take a very good effort by a very good horse to win the race.

"I am very impressed by what I see, and obviously, as I said earlier on, I probably picked one of the worst years to try and come to the Derby from another country," he said. "There are some very serious horses; there's not only American Pharoah, there's some proper horses there, so I have a healthy respect for them, there's no doubt."

There are always issues when shipping horses across the globe, and the biggest one Mubtaahij will face is that his regular feed is not approved in the U.S., so De Kock has had to go to a Plan B. He admits that could be a problem.

"I think that is probably the most significant thing with all the traveling," the trainer said. "It's obviously something that is out of our control and it's an FDA regulation, and the feed that he was on is not registered in the U.S. I do understand where they're coming from, but no trainer ever, or athlete, would like to change the regular diet going into any sort of event. The diet that I've changed to is obviously something I do know a little bit about and have used before, but, effectively, it's not what he's used to regularly. How much bearing that would have on his performance, quite frankly, I'm not that sure, but just from a trainer's psyche, it's not ideal, let's put it that way."

So it may not be easy for Mubtaahij to win the Kentucky Derby. The food is one problem, competitors like American Pharoah, Dortmund and Carpe Diem is another, more serious problem. But this is not your typical UAE Derby winner. Take him lightly at your own risk.

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ANN MAREE MATTHEWS:

Every time I see another convert to WHOA, whose goals I totally support, my hand goes up and I want to ask the question: Why don't the owners who pay the bills tell the trainers, 'enough is enough?'

I am always pleased to read when another supporter joins WHOA (Water Hay Oats Alliance). I greatly admire and respect Arthur Hancock and others who are fighting the good fight to get some unified action to settle this issue of raceday drugs once and for all. It always seems to get stalled at the door of the trainers who, on the whole, oppose removing Lasix from raceday. While there are a few trainers who favor the goals of WHOA, most do not.

To all the members of WHOA, and most especially, those who are owners and breeders, I have one basic question: What would happen if owners of active racehorses in training told their trainers that they want a phaseout of all raceday drugs and they won't support any trainer who opposes that objective?

Of course, it is always a good idea to try the carrot first before using the stick, but, bottom line, it is the owners who pay the vet and training bills and the owners could tomorrow change the status quo almost overnight.

From what I have been able to get from all the debate is there is a fatal flaw in the 1978 Horseracing Act in that the interpretation of the word "horsemen" evidently has made it impossible to get any major changes past trainers, as the law provides that horsemen have veto power. The trainers basically threatened to withdraw simulcast rights unless the Breeders Cup withdrew its plan to phase out raceday drugs. The Breeders' Cup, not having an economic death wish, dropped its plan.

So, why can't the owners who pay the bills exert more pressure on the trainers to come around to adopting a policy that is in line with the rest of the world?

As far as I can see, it is a case of "the tail wagging the dog" as things stand now. The trainers get to set policy that many owners and breeders object to, and no one stands up and says 'enough'!

Who am I? I'm just a fan of a sport I love. I am in no way associated with any stakeholders in the industry. I do support various organizations, in particular those that care for off-the-track-Thoroughbreds. We need to put the horse back at the center of the discussion.

To quote Stuart Janney III from the 2011 Round Table: "Their [Hong Kong Jockey Club] philosophical resistance to Lasix lies in the belief that they should not 'pharmacologically adapt the horse to the demands of the industry,' rather, they should adapt the demands of the industry to the limitations of the horse."

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BET365 MILE-G2, £95,000, SNP, 4-24, 4yo/up, 8f 14yT, 1:44.57, gd.

1--**CUSTOM CUT (IRE)**, 131, g, 6, by **Notnowcato (GB)**

1st Dam: **Polished Gem (Ire)**, by **Danehill**

2nd Dam: **Trusted Partner**, by **Affirmed**

3rd Dam: **Talking Picture**, by **Speak John**

(€5,800 2yo '11 GOFOPN; 105,000gns RNA HRA '12 TATHIT; 95,000gns HRA '13 TATHIT). O-Gary Douglas & Pat Breslin; B-Moyglare Stud Farm Ltd (Ire); T-David O'Meara; J-Daniel Tudhope. £53,874. Lifetime Record: MGSW-Ire, 38-11-5-4, £354,708. *1/2 to **Sapphire (Ire)** (Medicean {GB}), Hwt. Older Mare-Ire at 11-14f, MGSW & G1SP-Ire, GSW-Eng, \$518,923; and **Free Eagle (Ire)** (High Chaparral {Ire}), GSW-Ire & G1SP-Eng, \$348,319. **Werk Nick Rating: C+.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Here Comes When (Ire)**, 131, g, 5, [Danehill Dancer \(Ire\)](#)--Quad's Melody (Ire), by Spinning World. (€170,000 yrl '11 GOFSP). O-Mrs Fitri Hay; B-Old Carhue & Graeng Bloodstock (Ire); T-Andrew Balding. £20,425.

3--**Shifting Power (GB)**, 127, c, 4, **Compton Place (GB)**--Profit Alert (Ire), by Alzao. (11,000gns wlng '11 TATDEC; 28,000gns yrl '12 TATOCT). O-Elaine Chivers & Potensis Bloodstock; B-John & Susan Davis (GB); T-Richard Hannon. £10,222.

Margins: 1HF, 1 3/4, 1. Odds: 4.00, 4.00, 1.88. Also Ran: **Top Notch Tonto (Ire)**, **Baltic Knight (Ire)**, **Bow Creek (Ire)**. Scratched: **Breton Rock (Ire)**, **Master Carpenter (Ire)**. [Click for the Racing Post result, the brisnet.com PPs or the free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

On a roll last term when rattling off a trio of pattern-race successes, Custom Cut defied a penalty for the latest of those in Newmarket's G2 Joel S. to regain the winning thread here. Coaxed to a peak by David O'Meara last summer, the Moyglare cast-off built on listed wins in Windsor's Midsummer S. and



Custom Cut
Racing Post

Pontefract's Pomfret S. when adding **Leopardstown's G3 Desmond S.** over this trip in mid-August. Nine days after that foray back to his native Ireland, the bay turned back the challenge of the subsequent G1 **Woodbine Mile** hero **Trade Storm (GB)** (Trade Fair {GB}) to win the nine-furlong **G3 Strensall S.** at York

before reverting to a mile to annex the Joel.

Disappointing when only eighth on his final outing in the G1 **Queen Elizabeth II S.** at Ascot on **Champions Day**, **Custom Cut** proved that was a blip with this typically tenacious effort in a renewal lacking the kind of potential it has advertised in recent times.

Always close to the early pace, he was committed on the front end with over 2 1/2 furlongs remaining by **Daniel Tudhope** and stayed on grimly as the similarly penalized **Here Comes When** tried to make a fist of it.

"He is every jockey's dream, as he travels so well and gives you everything," Tudhope said. "He's still an improving horse and this is a good start to this season. He had a hard campaign last year and you can put his final run behind him, as we went too hard early on that day and it probably took its toll on him. I think Group 1s are probably on the agenda and, as he switches off, it will give him every chance of staying a mile and a quarter."

Connections are eyeing a tilt at the G1 **Lockinge S.** at **Newbury** May 16, where he is likely to renew rivalry with the runner-up.

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1--**MASTER APPRENTICE (IRE)**, 127, c, 3, by [Mastercraftsman \(Ire\)](#)

1st Dam: **Lady Hawkfield (Ire)**, by **Hawk Wing**

2nd Dam: **Hoity Toity (GB)**, by **Darshaan (GB)**

3rd Dam: **Hiwaayati (GB)**, by **Shadeed**

(€33,000 wlng '12 GOFNOV; €44,000 yrl '13 GOFORB). O-Jadara Stables SL; B-Grangemore Stud (Ire); T-Andrew Balding; J-David Probert. £36,862.

Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, £41,505. **Werk Nick Rating: B+.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

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2--**Cape Clear Island (Ire)**, 127, c, 3, [Fastnet Rock \(Aus\)](#)--**Kushnarenkovo (GB)**, by **Sadler's Wells**. (100,000gns wlng '12 TATDEC; 220,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT).

O-Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier & Michael Tabor; B-Kushnarenkovo Syndicate (Ire); T-Aidan O'Brien. £13,975.

3--**Snoano (GB)**, 127, c, 3, [Nayef](#)--**White Dress (Ire)**, by **Pivotal (GB)**. (36,000gns wlng '12 TATDEC).

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Minster Stud (GB); T-John Gosden. £6,994.

Margins: HF, 3, 28. Odds: 12.00, 3.00, 6.00. Also Ran: **Commemorative (GB)**. Scratched: **Grey Lion (Ire)**. [Click for the Racing Post result or the brisnet.com PPs. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

Sent off the outsider of this quartet, having finished last of nine when put to a proper test in the G1 **Criterium International** at **Saint-Cloud** in late October, **Master Apprentice** made all to upstage his flashier peers and reward jockey **David Probert's** enterprise in this **Derby** prep. Earning a crack at the **Saint-Cloud** end-of-term highlight with an all-the-way maiden success over an extended mile at **Windsor** in early October, the grey failed in his bid to dominate that contest and faded out of the action in the last furlong.



Sandown Classic Trial cont.

Shadowed throughout by Snoano on this return, he had begun to dispatch with that rival approaching the furlong pole as Ballydoyle's Cape Clear Island stayed on to emerge as the sole threat. As Snoano cracked and the 4-6 favorite Commemorative (GB) (Zamindar)



Master Apprentice
Racing Post

proved a huge disappointment well adrift, Master Apprentice kept finding to cause the upset. "He's comfortable going a mile and a quarter, so we'll look at the [June 18] G3 Tercentenary S. at Royal Ascot or, if he wants further, the [June 19] G2 King

Edward VII S.," trainer Andrew Balding commented. "We always felt he was more a Royal Ascot horse than an Epsom one. We got away with this ground today, but he's fairly versatile with regards to that and he has a good engine." His rider added, "It was quite a smart performance in a tactical race and he put it to bed sharpish when I asked him. Last year going to a Group 1 was a big stretch for him, but the way he won there suggests he's going to progress further."

Master Apprentice is out of a half-sister to dual Group 1 winner Lillie Langtry (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}).

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This colt, owned by Redpender Stud and born there Feb. 25, is from the first crop of Declaration of War out of Danetime Out, the dam of Group 1-winning champion 2-year-old Toormore as well as this year's G1 2000 Guineas contender Estidhkaar



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BET365 GORDON RICHARDS S.-G3, £65,000, SNP, 4-24, 4yo/up, 10f 7yT, 2:10.25, gd.

1--**WESTERN HYMN (GB)**, 126, g, 4, by **High Chaparral (Ire)**
1st Dam: Blue Rhapsody (GB), by **Cape Cross (Ire)**
2nd Dam: Blue Symphony (GB), by **Darshaan (GB)**
3rd Dam: Blue Duster, by **Danzig**

(50,000gns yrl '12 TATOCT). O-Robin Geffen & Rachel Hood; B-Newsells Park Stud (GB); T-John Gosden; J-Frankie Dettori. £36,862. Lifetime Record: GSW-Fr, 8-5-0-0, £260,773. **Werk Nick Rating:**

A+++ *Triple Plus*. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)
 2--**Postponed (Ire)**, 126, c, 4, [Dubawi \(Ire\)](#)--Ever Rigg (GB), by Dubai Destination. (360,000gns yrl '12 TATOCT). O-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum; B-St Albans Bloodstock LLP (Ire); T-Luca Cumani. £13,975.

3--**Cannock Chase**, 126, c, 4, [Lemon Drop Kid](#)--Lynnwood Chase, by Horse Chestnut (SAf). (310,000gns yrl '12 TATOCT). O-Saeed Suhail; B-Hascombe Stud (KY); T-Sir Michael Stoute. £6,994.

INDIAN CREEK FOALED AND RAISED

Margins: 3/4, 2 1/4, 4. Odds: 3.50, 1.88, 2.00.
 Also Ran: Tullius (Ire), Ayrad (Ire). [Click for the Racing Post result](#) or the [brisnet.com PPs](#). [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

Gelded since his fourth placing in Ascot's G1 Champion S. in October, Western Hymn returned to the scene of his success in last year's G3 Classic Trial to upset his more-fancied Newmarket rivals Postponed and Cannock Chase here. At home on testing ground when registering a workmanlike success on this card 12 months ago and when impressive in the G2 Prix Eugene Adam at Maisons-Laffitte in July, the dark bay had also at times looked an awkward conveyance with his high head carriage. Sixth when failing to handle Epsom's contours in the Derby, he never threatened on his last two starts when fourth in the G2 Prix Guillaume d'Ornano at Deauville in August and in the Champions Day feature, but arrived here with a gelding operation offering some hope that his kinks had been removed.

Settled in second early by Frankie Dettori as favored Postponed led at a sound clip, Western Hymn was edged ahead of that rival approaching the quarter pole and kept on despite the runner-up's game persistence as Cannock Chase wilted on this comeback.

"He is a good horse and when he got there he ran around a bit, so he's got his own mind as well as an engine," his rider said, while trainer John Gosden commented, "He's been off a long time and got stuck in bottomless ground at Deauville and it was pretty bad at Ascot in the big race there, so it's good to have him back and see him running his race. I think the horse in front is a pretty good horse and it was noticeable that Postponed came back again when our fellow was idling in front, but having said that he's beat him fair and square." Connections are looking at the G2 Hardwicke S. at Royal Ascot June 20.

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Frankie Dettori does a 'flying dismount' from **Western Hymn**, his second of four winners on the Sandown card. Dettori has started the flat season on a hot streak; he has won from nine of his last 15 rides, which have also included three placings *Racing Post*



VERRAZANO TO SHUTTLE TO AUSTRALIA

Dual Grade I winner **Verrazano** (More Than Ready--Enchanted Rock, by Giant's Causeway), who is currently covering his first book at Coolmore's Ashford Stud in Kentucky, will be an addition to Coolmore's Australian roster later this year, where he will stand for



Verrazano
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A\$13,750. In addition to his American exploits, the 'TDN Rising Star' was twice placed in Group 1 company in Britain last year, including a second in the G1 Queen Anne S. at Royal Ascot.

Coolmore Australia will also add 'TDN Rising

Star' and dual group winner **Rubick (Aus)** (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) to its roster this year, and **Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)** (Danehill), sire of recent G1 Australian Derby victor Mongolian Khan (NZ), returns Down Under after a five-year hiatus with a A\$22,000 pricetag. Dual Derby winner **Camelot (GB)** (Montjeu {Ire}), who stood for A\$22,000 at Coolmore Australia last year, is absent from this year's roster.

NATIONAL ENDS WITH STRENGTH AT THE TOP

By Liesl King

Bloodstock South Africa's National yearling sale ended its three-session run Friday with figures slightly down on last year, although the average and median were up marginally. The aggregate wrapped up at R126,527,500 (US\$10,451,592), versus R134,615,000 last year (a decrease of 5.9%, although with 58 fewer yearlings offered). The buyback rate was up slightly to 15.8% from 14.7%. The average was up 8.7% from R338,229 to R367,812 (US\$30,275), while the median increased by 6.7% from R225,000 to R240,000 (US\$19,795).

"There was a very strong top market, with the middle market being notably absent," said Bloodstock SA Chief Executive Officer Kevin Woolard. "There were a variety of buyers, but the big buyers were all targeting the same horses and hence there were a lot of bargains to be had at the lower end of the market."

The sale's leading vendor was Klipdrif Stud, selling 30 yearlings for R11,515,000 (US\$949,726). Ascot Stud finished second with 19 yearlings selling for R10,580,000, with Varsfontein in third with 16 yearlings selling for R9,800,000. Leading buyer was Form Bloodstock, purchasing 18 yearlings for R14,135,000 (US\$1,165,816). Tony Millard occupied the second spot, paying R10,900,000 for five yearlings and Mike Rattray, buying three yearlings for R6,750,000, ended in third. Silvano (Ger) was the leading sire by aggregate, with 28 selling for R21,360,000 (US\$1,761,715), while Dynasty ended the sale in second with 12 lots selling in R14, 525,000 and Var filled the third spot with 26 lots selling for R10,350,000. **Cont. p16**

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*Adelaide (Ire) (Galileo {Ire})	A\$22,000
Choisir (Aus) (Danahill Dancer {Ire})	A\$29,700
Declaration of War (War Front)	A\$24,750
Excelebration (Ire) (Exceed and Excel {Aus})	A\$16,500
Fastnet Rock (Aus) (Danahill)	Private
Holy Roman Emperor (Ire) (Danahill)	A\$22,000
Pierro (Aus) (Lonhro {Aus})	A\$77,000
*Rubick (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus})	TBA
So You Think (NZ) (High Chaparral {Ire})	A\$49,500
Uncle Mo (Indian Charlie)	A\$16,500
*Verrazano (More Than Ready)	A\$13,750
Zoffany (Ire) (Dansili {GB})	A\$8,800

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**Bloodstock South Africa Sale cont.
Dynasty Yearling Tops Third Session...**

The demand for yearlings by Dynasty (SAf) continued unabated Friday with [lot 407](#), a colt out of the G1 Cape Fillies Guineas winner Sports Chestnut selling for R3.1 million (US\$255,680). The colt, consigned by Avontuur Thoroughbred Farm, kept several buyers interested, with the hammer finally falling to Tony Millard. The Hong Kong conditioner has enjoyed a good sale, picking up several top lots and confirmed that all of them will remain in South Africa for the time being.

"The mare has already done it and he is a beautiful individual; a lovely, leggy horse," said Millard. "I like to buy a certain type of horse and he fits that mold perfectly."

It was a bittersweet sale for Avontuur Stud Manager Pippa Mickleburgh.

"Sadly, we lost his dam, Sports Chestnut, and he is the last of her offspring," she revealed. "He is so typical of the family--a strong, workmanlike horse."

After buying lot 192 from Cheveley Stud for R1.4 million, agent John Freeman and Jack Mitchell could not resist another Cheveley-produced Dynasty when going to R1.4 million (US\$115,468) for [lot 391](#), a colt out of Siena (SAf) (Elliodor {Fr}). Freeman tends to stick with families he knows, and he recants the story behind the purchase of the colt.



Session-topping lot 407
Liesl King

"I bought the colt's second dam, Roman Fantasy (SAf) (Complete Warrior), for Jack and she won the G2 Majorca S. for him. Her daughter, Siena, has already produced a listed winner, Rush For John, who I also bought and who incidentally was named after me. In

fact, I have bought all of Siena's offspring to date."

He added, "This colt is a great walker. He is tall and unfurnished but I like them like that; you know that there is lots still to come."

Silvano Strong To The End...

Silvano (Ger) (Lomitas {Ger}) ended Session Two as leading sire, and Session Three continued in the same vein, with a Silvano colt out of Prestine Performer (SAf) (Rambo Dancer) knocked down to John Freeman for R2 million (US\$164,955). Consigned by Drakenstein Stud as [lot 333](#), the strapping colt is a half-brother to the very versatile G1 Derby winner Seal.

"He is a lovely horse, a very nice mover with a proven pedigree," said Freeman. "And you can't go far wrong with a half-brother to Seal."

Silvano may be better known for his colts, but he has his fair share of Grade 1-winning fillies, and Form Bloodstock was pushed to R2.7 million (US\$222,689) for his daughter out of the Grade 1-winning Royal Fantasy (SAf) (Al Mufti).

Consigned by Ashley Parker's Ascot Stud as [lot 369](#), the imposing bay filly will be trained by the 2014/2015 leading trainer Sean Tarry.

"I am very pleased to have her in my yard," said Tarry. "For me she was the filly of the sale. She is a beautiful mover and such a strong filly."

Parker, who was having the sale of his life, having sold 19 lots for an aggregate of R10,580,000 at an average of R560,000, was delighted with the price achieved. "I never expected to sell the highest-priced colt and the second-highest priced filly," he said. "One always hopes for such a sale, but one has to be conservative in your estimations. We are not a big stud; we only have 55 mares of our own, so to have such a great sale is absolutely marvellous."

Varsfontein Foundation Family To The Fore...

Another proven sire, Western Winter, continued to hit the high prices, with Angus Gold adding another colt to his collection when signing for [lot 337](#) at R1.6 million (US\$131,963). Consigned by Varsfontein Stud, the colt--from the family of their great foundation mare Young Polly--is out of the six-time winner Princess Polly. Young Polly was acquired by owner Susan Rowett at a dispersal.

"I bought her as she was closely related to another of our foundation mares, Indira (SAf) (Preamble II {GB})," Rowett explained. "Indira produced sprinters for us and as Young Polly had won from 1400 meters to 3200 meters, I thought she would produce more of a Classic-type. We kept three of her daughters, including Princess Polly, and also have some of their daughters on the farm. Young Polly has been a outstanding mare for us, producing an Equus Champion in Young Rake, while her daughter Perfect Polly kept the tradition going, producing Along Came Polly, the 2013 Equus Champion 2-year-old filly."

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• No. Sold	344	398
• RNAs	65	69
• % RNAs	15.8%	14.7%
• High Price	R4,750,000	R3,750,000
• Gross	R126,527,500	R134,615,000
• Average (% change)	R367,812 (+8.7%)	R338,229
• Median (% change)	R240,000 (+6.7%)	R225,000



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(US\$164,385), 3yo/up, 2000mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	10	Louis The King (SAf)	Black Minnaloushe	Strydom	Woodruff	132
2	5	Wylie Hall (Aus)	Redte's Chce (Aus)	Fyd'hrbe	Marwing	129
3	2	Halve The Deficit (SAf)	Right Apprch (GB)	Marcus	Tarry	129
4	8	No Worries (SAf)	Kahal (GB)	De Melo	van Zyl	129
5	1	Judicial (SAf)	Miesque's Approval	Zechner	Zackey	129
6	7	Heavy Metal (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	Khumalo	Tarry	127
7	11	Killua Castle (Aus)	Churchill Downs	Randolph	Woodruff	127
8	9	Tellina (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	Lerena	Woodruff	127
9	4	Henry Higgins (SAf)	Caesour	Sturgeon	Peter	127
10	3	Unparalleled (SAf)	Lateral	Mansour	van Vuuren	121
11	6	Majmu (Aus)	Redte's Chce (Aus)	Delpech	de Kock	119

IN OTHER NEWS...

A Daily Roundup of Racing Articles in Non-Industry Media

Anglo American mining backflip: Hunter Valley horse studs are safe, for now Mining giant Anglo American has backflipped in its bid for an open-cut coal mine near Hunter Valley horse studs, reversing its previous claim that a smaller mine would be unprofitable. **John Lehmann, *The Daily Telegraph*.**

Meet the horse-racing superfan who has attended every single Kentucky Derby for the last 76 years John Sutton, Jr. has spent the first Saturday of May the same way since he was eight years old--on the sidelines of the Kentucky Derby. **Ashley Collman, *The Daily Mail*.**

Horse Racing to Bid Farewell to Record-Breaking Jockey McCoy After nearly 4,350 winners, more than 1,000 falls, 20 straight jockey titles and countless broken bones, Tony McCoy will end his record-shattering career on the aptly named Box Office on Saturday. **New York Times.**

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Will be bred back to Super Saver.
Owned by Woodford Thoroughbreds.
Boarded at Woodford Thoroughbreds Kentucky.
Accomplishments: MSW & MGSP, \$609,038.

BLESS, 16, Mr. Prospector--Angel Fever, by Danzig
Foal born Mar. 17, a filly by Into Mischief.
Will be bred back to Colonel John.
Owned by Woodford Thoroughbreds.
Boarded at Woodford Thoroughbreds Kentucky.
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MOTT TO CONTEST SUSPENSION IN COURT

By Perry Lefko

The lawyer for Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott says his client is going to Federal court claiming the New York State Gaming Commission violated his constitutional rights without due process of law in regards to an alleged positive test last year.

Drew Mollica told *Thoroughbred Daily News* the actions of the Commission against Mott violate the 14th Amendment of the United States Constitution and have affected his client's business.

At issue is what Mollica says is the State's failure to provide a split, or B sample, which is standard procedure in most jurisdictions in a drug positive. Mollica says that Mott was told that the lab had used all of the blood in testing the first sample, and there was none left to check it against.

"Bill Mott's civil rights are being violated," Mollica said. "It's a bold and drastic statement because he feels he's been violated. Bill Mott doesn't want to go to Federal court. Bill Mott doesn't want any of this. He feels his civil rights have been violated. He's not fighting for himself, he's fighting for all horsemen here."



Bill Mott *Horsephotos*

Earlier this week, Mott filed a claim in the United States District Court, Eastern District of New York, seeking "injunctive and declaratory relief" for a \$1,000 fine and 15-day suspension resulting from alleged overages of the anti-inflammatory drug Flunixin and

the diuretic Lasix following a post-race test on Saratoga Snacks Sept. 20, 2014 at Belmont Park. The horse finished last in the race.

The post-race test revealed overages 10 times the legal limit, and because Mott chose to appeal the original seven-day suspension, it was increased to 15 days. Listed as defendants in the lawsuit are: New York State Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman; the New York State Gaming Commission; NYSGC Chairman Mark Gearan; NYSGC members John Crotty, Peter J. Moschetti Jr., John J. Poklemba, Barry Sample and Todd R. Snyder; NYSGC Executive Director Rob Williams; NYSGC Co-ordinator John J. Googas; New York Racing Association Steward Stephen Lewandowski; NYSGC Hearing Officer Lewis Melendez; New York Drug Testing And Research Program at SUNY Morrisville and its Program Director Dr. George Maylin.

Mott is seeking "injunctive and declaratory relief," feeling the actions of the defendants unlawfully deprived him of his "constitutionally protective property interests" and his right to rely upon and use his racing license without limitations by the Commission. In his statement of claim, Mott says he "vehemently denies any violation, intentional, negligent or otherwise" of the medication rules of the Commission.

The statement of claim says Mott sought and paid to have a split (referee) sample of the blood sample sent to a Commission-approved independent referee laboratory. The claim further states that rather than send a blood sample to the referee laboratory, the Commission officials forwarded only a urine sample. It is Mott's contention the urine sample was "completely useless" to serve as a referee sample given that only the quantitative levels allegedly found in the post-race blood sample served as the basis upon which he received his violation.

The claim says the analysis of urine can only exhibit the presence of the legitimate therapeutic medications in the horse on race day, not the levels of those medications.

It is also Mott's contention that the denial of a split blood sample for referee analysis "eliminates any possibility" for him to exonerate himself" and otherwise denies him the "substantive right to due process in his appeal."

Lee Park, the Director of Communications for the New York State Gaming Commission, would not comment on the matter.

Mollica cited the example of the case Barry versus Barchi, which was argued by Joseph A. Faraldo in Supreme Court, as the "seminal case" that will be used to declare the violation of Mott's rights.

"It says you have a property interest in your license," Mollica says. "It can't be taken away without due process, and without the ability to get a split sample, you cannot have due process. When you look at the facts of the case, the test is so out of line, and when you look at the fact that we paid for a split sample that is unavailable, it's unbelievable. And they said there's no blood, that they used it all.

"Let me tell you where the other states fall on this," Mollica continued. "They take an A sample and a B sample. The B sample goes into the fridge. The A goes to the lab. If something comes up off in the A sample, you have 10 days to send sample B to the lab, and now you have a valid test. Not in New York. In New York, they do not take a split. They send all the blood to Dr. Maylin."

Mollica said Mott could serve the seven-day suspension, but he's fighting the matter on principle.

"He's run 25,000 horses in his career, he's had two therapeutic positives, and in this one, [he didn't] administer the Lasix, the New York Racing Association does. The therapeutic threshold for Lasix is measured on a 10cc dose. Bill's horse got three. They say someone had to have come in and given him more. If he'd have wanted more, he could have given him more in the first place. If he had come in over on one or more therapeutic, okay, but two on the same horse on the same day? It's like getting two solar eclipses in the same day."

Mollica said during the discovery process that he repeatedly asked the Commission for its protocols for the saving of blood and was told by the Commission it didn't have to give it to him.

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Mott cont.

"This is due process?" he asked. "If it can happen to Mott, who's next Graham Motion? Shug McGaughey? If you go to the doctor and your cholesterol comes up 1000, wouldn't you say, 'Come on, maybe I'll take the test again.' This (case) is crazy."

Mollica also questioned why the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (NYTHA) hadn't addressed this problem with the New York lab in the past. "Where has the horseman's organization been for all these years?" Mollica said. "Because this is systematic." **Click [here](#) for the original complaint.**

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RAMSEYS BREAK KEENELAND RECORD

The Keeneland Spring Meet concluded Friday with Ken and Sarah Ramsey earning their 15th leading owner title at the venue, breaking the previous record of 14 titles held by T.A. Grissom. The Ramseys, who won 11 races during the meet, have now earned seven leading owner titles at the Spring Meet and eight at the Fall Meet since 2000.

While the Ramseys are familiar faces atop the Keeneland leaderboard, jockey Javier Castellano notched his first-ever riding title at the Lexington oval. The two-time Eclipse Award winning pilot brought home 21 winners at the meeting, including four graded stakes triumphs and five three-win days.

"I'm very blessed," commented Castellano. "The Keeneland meet is very prestigious, and I'm very lucky to ride good horses and have a lot of support from Mr. Ramsey and a lot of owners, and top trainers Todd Pletcher, Chad Brown, Shug McGaughey, Mike Maker and everyone."

Meanwhile, Pletcher added his fourth Keeneland training title, saddling 10 winners throughout the meet. He won the meet's premier event, the Apr. 4 GI Toyota Blue Grass S., with Carpe Diem (Giant's Causeway). The colt will make his next start as one of the likely favorites in the GI Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs.

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Friday's Results:

8th-KEE, \$63,327, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$100,000), NW2\$Y+X, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16, ft.

EASTWOOD (h, 5, [Speightstown](#)--Fifth Avenue Ball, by Deputy Minister) kicked off last season with an optional claiming third behind subsequent MGSW Salutos Amigos (Salute the Sarge) in the Belmont slop in May, and was fourth in that track's GII True North S. in June. A close second back in optional claiming company in July, he aired by 4 1/2 lengths in a rained-off Saratoga heat over stakes winners Zee Bros (Brother Derek) and Great Attack (Greatness) when last seen in August. Shadowing the leaders and traveling powerfully while out in the clear, he took the lead at the head of the lane and inched away to win by 2 3/4 lengths over Schivarelli (Montbrook). Sales history: \$240,000 wlng '10 KEENOV; \$800,000 HRA '13 FTKJU2. Lifetime Record: 8-4-1-2, \$228,200. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

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HEATH (f, 3, [Pulpit](#)--Greenery {MSP, \$109,140}, by Galileo {Ire}), a half to last year's GI Donn H. winner and recent G1 Dubai World Cup third Lea (First Samurai), GISW-US, G1SP-UAE, \$1,898,618, finished fifth on debut going an extended mile over the Tampa main track Dec. 12, and was a close third when switched to the turf there Jan. 23. Fourth back at that venue Feb. 15, she broke through last time Mar. 20 and was off at 7-1 wading into these deeper waters. Well held to chase the frontrunner while off the rail early, the homebred asserted for command at midstretch and kicked away powerfully to score by 3 1/4 lengths. Season Ticket (Lemon Drop Kid) completed the exacta. The winner's dam is a half to MGSW and MGISP Grassy (El Prado {Ire}), and European group winners Lady in Waiting (GB) (Kylian) and Savannah Bay (GB) (In the Wings {GB}). Barren in 2013 and 2014, Greenery produced a filly by War Front earlier this year. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$51,000. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)** O/B-Claiborne Farm & Adele B Dilschneider (KY). T-William I Mott.

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Kentucky Report cont.

7th-KEE, \$52,697, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:50 1/5, fm.

CHOCOLATIER (FR) (f, 4, Lawman {Fr}--Sweet Shop {GB}, by Grand Lodge), campaigned previously by Edward Swyer and trained by Mikel Delzangles in France, was fourth in last April's G3 Prix Vanteaux and a promoted fifth in May's G1 Prix Saint-Alary at Longchamp. She was off the board in three subsequent efforts at the listed level, most recently when ninth in Chantilly's 10-panel Prix Charles Laffitte over soft ground Oct. 1. Hammered down to even-money off a strong-looking worktab and first-time Lasix for the always dangerous Chad Brown barn, the dark bay was keen into the first turn and hung a bit wide. She settled into a joint fourth while three deep before ranging up to challenge the top two into the lane. Under a very confident Javier Castellano, Chocolatier started to edge away with a furlong to run and showed a nice turn of foot to build up a two-length cushion at the wire. Al's Gal (English Channel) completed the exacta. Sales history: €26,000 wlng '11 ARQDEC; €125,000 yrl '12 ARQOCT; €120,000 HRA '14 ARQARC. Lifetime Record: 9-2-0-0, \$82,503. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Michael Dubb & Sheep Pond Partners. B-Haras De Bernesq (FR). T-Chad C Brown.

5th-KEE, \$57,279, Msw, 3yo, 1 3/16mT, 1:56, fm.
MUHAAWER (c, 3, Medaglia d'Oro--Alwajeeha {GISW, \$486,927}, by Dixieland Band) made a mild move from very far back to check in eighth in her Gulfstream debut over 1 1/16 miles Feb. 7, and was fifth going this distance back in Hallandale exactly a month later. Given a 5-1 chance on the same course over which her dam annexed the 2008 GIII Appalachian S. and GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup, the Sheikh Hamdan homebred bided her time off quick early splits. She mounted a wide bid on the home turn, kept on coming down the center of the course into the lane, and outkicked Juddmonte homebred Honorable Duty (Distorted Humor) for a 3/4-length success. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$35,600. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Shadwell Stable. B-Shadwell Farm LLC (KY). T-Kieran P McLaughlin.

TRACK OPENING

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- Opens: Saturday, April 25
- Closes: Saturday, June 27
- Racing Days: Thursday through Sunday
- Post Time: 12:45 p.m.
- Stakes Schedule: 30 stakes worth \$8.375 million
- Highlights:
 - \$1,000,000 GI Kentucky Oaks - May 1
 - \$300,000 GI La Troienne S. - May 1
 - \$2,000,000 GI Kentucky Derby - May 2
 - \$500,000 GI Woodford Reserve Turf Classic - May 2
 - \$300,000 GI Humana Distaff - May 2
 - \$500,000 GI Stephen Foster H. - June 13

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Among those in attendance Friday at Keeneland was Melinda "Mims" Markey Van Dyck, daughter of Adm. Gene Markey, who was married to Lucille Parker Wright of Calumet Farm. Van Dyck was with her father and stepmother at Keeneland Apr. 27, 1978 when Our Mims's half-brother Alydar won the Blue Grass S. before finishing second to Affirmed in all three legs of the Triple Crown. Photographs of the Markeys and their party standing along the outside rail on the Clubhouse Lawn while jockey Jorge Velasquez walked Alydar near them during the post parade are among the most famous images ever taken at Keeneland. Van Dyck is seen here holding that photograph. On Thursday, Van Dyck visited the modern-day Calumet Farm, now owned by Brad Kelley. "It just made my heart pound," she said. "It is so wonderful what Mr. Kelley has done. It just looks like it did when I lived here before. What he has done is superb. To even build back my dad's cabin, where he used to do all his writing and painting...It had been torn down, and Mr. Kelley rebuilt it. I can't wait to see John (Veitch) and tell him what it was like to go back to the farm. So many memories."

Saturday, Churchill Downs, post time: 9:05 p.m. EDT

WILLIAM WALKER S., \$100,000, 3yo, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Henry Jones	Temple City	Graham	Lukas	6-1
2	Blofeld	Quality Road	Velazquez	Pletcher	7-5
3	Senor Grits	Elusive Quality	Leparoux	Wilkes	8-1
4	Cinco Charlie	Indian Charlie	Santana Jr	Asmussen	2-1
5	Weast Hill	Rockport Harbor	Castanon	Cox	8-1
6	Holiday Camp	Street Boss	Mena	Baffert	5-1

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One week out from the track's main event, the Churchill Downs spring meet gets underway Saturday night with the William Walker S. for sophomores highlighting the opening card. The race features the seasonal debut of undefeated **Blofeld**, who captured the GII Futurity S. and GII Nashua S. last Oct. 5 and Nov. 2, respectively. The grey has been working every seven days at Todd Pletcher's Palm Beach Downs base, and completed preparations for this contest with a five-furlong breeze in company with MGISW Palace Malice (Curlin) Apr. 18. **Cinco Charlie**, a well-traveled winner of six races from 10 trips to post, was beaten one length by Blofeld when third in Belmont's Futurity last autumn and looms as the logical alternative to that rival in this spot. **Cont. p4**



William Walker S. cont.

Two for two over the local surface after annexing a maiden event and the Gill Bashford Manor S. in his first two career appearances, the speedy bay was most recently second when extended to 1 1/16 miles in the Mine That Bird Derby at Sunland Park Feb. 21. Like Blofeld, **Holiday Camp** will also make his first start of 2015 in the William Walker. The \$700,000 OBSMAR juvenile purchase broke his maiden first out at Santa Anita last June, but followed with well-beaten sixth and ninth-place finishes in the June 22 Santa Anita Juvenile S. and Sept. 3 GI Del Mar Futurity, respectively. Conditioned by Hall of Famer Bob Baffert, the chestnut shipped in from California and posted a four-furlong breeze in :48.40 over the local surface Apr. 21.

New York

Friday's Results:

8th-AQU, \$72,000, Alw, NW1\$X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:39, gd.

MRS MCDOUGAL (f, 3, [Medaglia d'Oro](#)--Distorted Passion {MSW & MGSP, \$294,271}, by Distorted Humor), a three-length winner as the even-money favorite when unveiled in a turf affair at Gulfstream Park Feb. 4, had the misfortune of running into Thursday's Memories of Silver S. runner-up Pine Needles (Giant's Causeway) when fourth after a wide journey once again as the crowd's choice in a 1 1/16 mile optional claimer over that course Mar. 14. The \$450,000 KEESEP yearling was the narrow 9-5 favorite Friday and soon led past the grandstand against the fence. Hard-pressed with a rival at her throat latch down the backstretch, the bay kept her head stubbornly in front after a half in :49.79. Let out a notch by Irad Ortiz, Jr. turning for home, Mrs McDougal eagerly bounded away down the lane to win by 7 1/4 lengths. Chrysolite (Freud) completed the exacta. Distorted Passion (Distorted Humor) foaled a filly by Candy Ride (Arg) in 2013 and a colt by Giant's Causeway last year. She produced a full-sister to the winner this term. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$68,880.

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O-Mr & Mrs William K Warren Jr. B-Aaron & Marie Jones (KY). T-Chad C Brown.

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Florida

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 2:30 p.m. EDT

TARPON S., \$60,000, 3yo, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	My Point Exactly	Concord Point	Leyva	Kaplan	5-1
2	Mr. Jordan	Kantharos	Saez	Plesa Jr	1-1
3	Renombre	Henrythenavigator	Vasquez	Jehaludi	15-1
4	Fastidia's Sun	Thunder Gulch	Gaffalione	Joseph	8-1
5	Cool Man Walkin	Cool Coal Man	Prado	Joesph	9-2
6	Dekabrist	Street Boss	Barber	Dorochenko	15-1
7	Royal Squeeze	Wildcat Heir	Castro	Wolfson	8-1

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Friday's Results:

6th-TAM, \$22,400, Msw, 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:17 3/5, ft. + BIG AWESOME (g, 3, Awesome of Course--Oh My Danielle, by Pentelicus) displayed a moderate worktab at Gulfstream Park West dating back to mid-January, and was sent postward as the 3-1 third choice in this debut spot. Away to an alert beginning, the chestnut shot to the front along the rail and cut the pace through a half-mile in :45.97. Widening his advantage into the stretch, the gelding coasted home 9 1/4 lengths ahead of the others in a dominant performance. Favored firster Dog Soldier (Speightstown) was second best. Sales history: \$30,000 2yo '14 OBSJUN. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$14,100. Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Kathleen O'Connell, Holli Day & D Holman. B-Just For Fun Stable (FL). T-Kathleen O'Connell.

1st-TAM, \$20,900, Msw, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:17, ft. VALKYRIA (f, 3, Value Plus--Cacoon, by Dixieland Band) finished a close fourth going a sixteenth shorter here Mar. 29, and was supported as the 24-10 co-second choice this time around. Doling out splits of :22.79 and :45.85, the homebred strode away five lengths to the good of Summer Rae (Concerto) at the line. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$13,200. Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O/B-Thomas Equels (FL). T-Gerald S Bennett.

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Eastern U.S.

Friday's Results:

7th-PIM, \$44,646, Alw, NW1X, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:42 4/5, fm.

WOODWIN W (g, 3, [More Than Ready](#)--[Josette {Ire}](#), by [Danehill](#)) won his debut in a 1 1/16-mile off-the-turfer at Tampa Bay Feb. 28 and followed that effort with a wire-to-wire score in a grassy 7 1/2-furlong starter optional claiming event at Gulfstream Mar. 18. Tabled as the 5-2 choice to remain unbeaten in this spot, the dark bay went straight to the front and dueled for command with longshot Cytherean (Street Sense) through fractions of :23.33 and 47.52. Hounded by a number of rivals turning for home, Woodwin W dug in determinedly and strode clear to post a 1 1/4-length victory. Nest of Pirates (Tiznow) emerged from the pack to earn place honors. The winner is a half to Deep Sound (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), GSP, \$650,743; and Las Venturas (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), GSP-Jpn, \$715,956. Sales history: \$225,000 yrl '13 KEESEP; \$12,000 HRA '14 OBSOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$54,540. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Woody Weeks. B-Runnymede Farm & Peter J Callahan (KY). T-Jamie Ness.



NBS GRADUATE



Napravnik to receive Special Award of Merit:

Rosie Napravnik will receive the Special Award of Merit recognizing her contribution to the racing industry at the May 14 Alibi Breakfast at Pimlico Race Course, the Maryland Jockey Club announced Friday. Napravnik began her career as a rider in Maryland and won her first race at Pimlico in June of 2005.

Nappravnik ultimately went on to become the first female jockey to win the GI Kentucky Oaks and the first to win multiple Breeders' Cup races. In 2012, she surpassed Julie Krone as the winningest female rider by earnings. Nappravnik announced her retirement following her victory in the 2014 GI Breeders' Cup Distaff aboard Untapable (Tapit).

"I'm more than honored to be receiving the Award of Merit from the Maryland Jockey Club," said the retired jockey. "To be in the same company as fellow riders Ramon Dominguez, Edgar Prado and legends such as Jerry Bailey and D. Wayne Lukas is so humbling. Maryland is where it all started for me. I was blessed to have the support of so many wonderful people, including Dickie Small and Holly Robinson. Maryland racing created so many incredible opportunities for me."



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Friday's Results:

4th-HAW, \$22,000, Msw, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft. MODERN MEDICINE (c, 3, [Thunder Gulch](#)--[Apical](#), by [Belong to Me](#)) faded to fourth in his debut over 5 1/2 furlongs of Fair Grounds sod Mar. 29 and was installed at 7-2 in this dirt bow. Avoiding the hard-right swerve of a horse two stalls to his inside at the break, the chestnut beat his rivals to the front, and battled for the lead through a :22.55 first quarter. Modern Medicine began to edge clear of his pursuers at the top of the lane and engaged the afterburners by midstretch to graduate with ease. It was six lengths back to Wildwood Dancer (Pomeroy) in second. The winner is a half to Our Lady in Red (Pioneering), MSW, \$223,653. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$15,660. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O/B-Last Call Racing Partnership (KY). T-Richard R Scherer.



Canada

Friday Night's Results:

1st-WOX, \$39,106, Alw, NW2L, (S), 3yo, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:03 4/5, ft.

MASQUERADE PARTY (g, 3, [Where's the Ring](#)--[Domasquerade Party](#), by [Domasca Dan](#)) finished a distant second to next-out stakes winner Seffeara (Old Forestry) and ahead of another subsequent graduate here in June before romping by 7 1/2 lengths over Chiricahua Signal (Where's the Ring) the following month. Transferred from Scott Fairlie to Ralph Biamonte in the interim, the 8-5 chalk led box to wire to best Chiricahua Signal by three lengths. Sales history: C\$25,000 yrl '13 ONTSEP. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$57,042. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-C E C Farms. B-James A & Janeane A Everatt & J Arika Everatt-Meeuse (ON). T-Ralph J Biamonte.

ROOKIES

First/second-crop starters to watch: Saturday, April 25

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2011 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*
[CONCORD POINT](#) (Tapit), Hill 'n' Dale, \$8K, 91/19/2
4-GP, Stk, 1m, My Point Exactly, \$65K OBS APR 2yo, 5-1
[COOL COAL MAN](#) (Mineshaft), Journeyman, \$4K, 58/18/1
4-GP, Stk, 1m, Cool Man Walkin, \$42K OBS APR 2yo, 9-2
[KANTHAROS](#) (Lion Heart), Ocala Stud, \$5K, 74/21/1
4-GP, Stk, 1m, Mr. Jordan, \$155K OBS APR 2yo, 1-1
[MAJESTICPERFECTION](#) (Harlan's Holiday), Airdrie Stud, \$10K, 124/28/3
8-PRM, Stk, 6f, Perfect Fit, \$34K FTK OCT yrl, 4-1
9-ALB, Stk, 5 1/2f, Perfect Style, \$32K KEE SEP yrl, 3-1
[MARCHFIELD](#) (A.P. Indy), 70/6/0
3-WO, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Final Offer, \$9K CAN SEP yrl, 8-1
[QUALITY ROAD](#) (Elusive Quality), Lane's End, \$25K, 178/28/3
7-CD, Stk, 6f, Blofeld, \$225K FTF MAR 2yo, 7-5

**Rookies cont.****SILVER CITY** (Unbridled's Song), Valor Farm, \$2K, 33/9/1

2-LS, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Ghost Trail, 4-5

TEMPLE CITY (Dynaformer), Spendthrift Farm, \$5K, 161/19/4

7-CD, Stk, 6f, Henry Jones, 6-1

TIZDEJAVU (Tiznow), Crestwood Farm, \$5K, 95/11/1

2-WO, Msw, 5f, +Ramona Kimona, \$3K I '14 CAN NOV, 4-1

**BREEDERS' EDITION
AMERICA****ALLOWANCE RESULTS:****7th-WOX, \$68,899**, NW1X, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16, ft.**SORRY ABOUT THAT (g, 6, Mobil--Sterling Slipper, by Classy Prospector)** Lifetime Record: MSP, 14-5-2-1, \$253,081. O-Pat O'Grady. B-Robert Patrick O'Grady (ON). T-Laurie Silvera.**6th-AQU, \$62,000**, NW1\$X, (S), 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:46 4/5, gd.**THREE FOR ME (g, 4, Frost Giant--Sly Isabella, by Majestic Light)** Lifetime Record: 15-2-3-1, \$91,364. O-Steve Klesaris & La Marca Stable. B-James Lamonica & Empire Stud LLC (NY). T-Steve Klesaris. *\$42,000 yrl '12 KEESEP. **SELECT SALES Graduate...Exceeding Expectations** **5th-SAX, \$58,750**, Opt. Clm. (\$20,000), NW1\$X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, a6 1/2fT, 1:14 3/5, fm.**TALE OF PAPA NICK (f, 4, Papa Clem--Our Hualalai, by Tale of the Cat)** Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$83,348. O/B-Nick Cafarchia (CA). T-Richard Baltas.**8th-PIM, \$42,000**, NW1X, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45 4/5, ft.**CAUSEWORTHY (g, 4, Giant's Causeway--Bachata {SW & GSP, \$163,925}, by Kingmambo)** Lifetime Record: 11-2-1-3, \$74,142. O-Vina Del Mar Thoroughbreds LLC. B-Pin Oak Stud LLC (KY). T-Timothy L Keefe. *\$32,000 HRA '14 FTKJU2. ** 1/2 to Gold Medal Dancer (Medaglia d'Oro), GSW, \$589,269.**6th-IND, \$36,000**, NW2L, (S), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05 3/5, ft.**AYE SKIPPER (c, 3, Chief Seattle--Sassy Skipper {MSP, \$153,876}, by Skip Away)** Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-2, \$34,729. O/T-Terry Berns. B-Highpointe Farm & Training Ctr (IN).**8th-IND, \$36,000**, NW2L, (S), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04 4/5, ft.**LUCKY NEWTON (g, 3, Zavata--Alice Newton, by Take Me Out)** Lifetime Record: SP, 5-2-1-1, \$64,628. O/B-Rancho Monarca LLC (IN). T-Antonio Duran.**8th-HAW, \$32,912**, Opt. Clm. (\$30,000), NW2\$X, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:39, fm.**YANKEE DEALER (g, 6, Yankee Gentleman--Lady Dealer, by Prospectors Gamble)** Lifetime Record: MSP, 30-9-7-3, \$312,893. O-Michael L Reavis & Greco Racing Stable. B-Virginia H Tarra Trust (IL). T-Michael L Reavis. * 1/2 to Table Games (Hold That Tiger), SW, \$273,095.**3rd-HAW, \$31,605**, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW2\$X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11, ft.**JAZZY SUN (g, 4, Jazil--Sunflower Hill, by Temperance Hill)** Lifetime Record: 11-5-1-2, \$102,770. O/B-Kathleen Halleran (IL). T-James P DiVito.**9th-EVD, \$29,500**, 4-23, NW2L, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05, ft.**JUST GLOSSY (f, 4, Exclusive Quality--Lip Gloss {SP}, by Lit de Justice)** Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$47,490. O/B-Anna Paul (LA). T-Brent Delahoussaye.**1st-EVD, \$27,200**, 4-23, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04 4/5, ft.**FORTY ONE WON (m, 6, Forty Won--One Fine Lover, by Onefinesilverbuck)** Lifetime Record: 31-7-6-3, \$113,080. O/T-Ron Fauchaux. B-Gerald Averett Sr (LA).**6th-HAW, \$23,100**, C, (S), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45 3/5, ft.**SILVER PRINCE (g, 5, Nobiz Like Shobiz--Kel's Silver Charm, by Silver Charm)** Lifetime Record: 30-5-2-7, \$73,312. O-Raul Delvalle. B-Elizabeth J Valando & Ida Spagnola (IL). T-Marco P Salazar.**7th-HAW, \$23,100**, C, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:48 1/5, ft.**COW CATCHER (f, 4, Cactus Ridge--Stop a Train {MSW, \$487,906}, by Devil His Due)** Lifetime Record: SP, 15-3-6-4, \$97,900. O-William Stiritz. B-Nancy & Vince Letto & Carson Springs Farm (IL). T-Scott Becker.**5th-LSX, \$21,000**, 4-23, NW2L, (S), 3&4yo, 5 1/2f, 1:04 3/5, gd.**EXPECT FOOLISHNESS (g, 3, Valid Expectations--Chatte Noir, by Cat Thief)** Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1, \$28,183. O-Jose Isidro Maciel Alvizo. B-Fletcher Properties (TX). T-Mark N Hibdon. *\$3,700 yrl '13 TEXAUG.**2nd-TAM, \$20,000**, Opt. Clm. (\$75,000), NW1X, 3yo, 1m40y, 1:40 4/5, ft.**BANDAGES (c, 3, Any Given Saturday--Beauty Is, by Personal Flag)** Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-2, \$32,400. O/B-World Thoroughbreds Racing Inc (KY). T-Chad J Stewart. * 1/2 to Wayzata Bay (Roar), GSW, \$718,895; Yournotthebossofme (Johannesburg), SW, \$197,078; W. B. Smudge (Grand Reward), SP, \$223,559.



6th-LSX, \$20,000, 4-23, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW1X, 3yo/up, 1m (off turf), 1:38 3/5, gd.

BERNIE THE JET (h, 5, Bernstein--Amaretta, by Woodman) Lifetime Record: 35-7-4-5, \$243,536. O-Danny Keene. B-Keene Ridge Racing LLC (KY). T-Shea Stuart. *\$37,000 RNA yrl '11 KEESEP; \$60,000 2yo '12 FTMMAY.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Sweet Little Lies, f, 3, [Discreet Cat](#)--Sweet Sizzle, by Distorted Humor. PEN, 4-23, (S), 6f, 1:14 4/5. B-Copper Penny Stables (PA).

Black Tide, g, 3, [Hold Me Back](#)--Turn the Tide, by Theatrical (Ire). AQU, 4-24, (S), (C), 6 1/2f, 1:18 3/5. B-Snow Lantern Thoroughbreds (NY). *\$30,000 yrl '13 OBSAUG; \$50,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Avanzare (Grand Reward), MGSW, \$385,180.

Another Webb Carroll Training Center Graduate

Texas Missy, f, 3, [Milwaukee Brew](#)--Include Katherine, by Include. WOX, 4-24, (S), 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:18 1/5. B-Terra Farms Ltd (ON). *1/2 to Why Katherine (Whywhywhy), MGSP, \$281,829.

+ Buck Roy, g, 3, [Pomeroy](#)--Buck Rose, by Running Stag. KEE, 4-24, (C), 6f, 1:12 2/5. B-Soundview Farm (AL).

Gemini Gold, g, 3, [Smooth Air](#)--Tigress Six, by Tricky Six. EVD, 4-23, (S), 6f, 1:11 1/5. B-Dr Rebecca Bynum (LA). *\$2,000 yrl '13 ESLOCT; \$15,000 2yo '14 ESLAPR.

Overland Park, g, 3, [Snow Ridge](#)--Bonnie's Slam, by Grand Slam. LSX, 4-23, (S), 1m, 1:40 3/5. B-Joe K Davis (TX).

Eton Ridge, c, 3, [Stephen Got Even](#)--Josaka, by Smart Strike. KEE, 4-24, (C), 6f, 1:11 2/5. B-Tamaroak Stable LLC (KY).

Shesanaturalblonde, f, 3, [Wando](#)--Rare Vision, by Mt. Livermore. WOX, 4-24, (S), 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:18 4/5. B-Minshall Farms (ON). *C\$23,000 yrl '13 ONTSEP.

Bentley's Gone, c, 3, [Warrior's Reward](#)--Dark Rhythm (SP), by Fit to Fight. SAX, 4-24, (C), 1m, 1:37 1/5. B-J W Lockhart Jr & Sally Lockhart (KY). *\$60,000 wlng '12 KEENOV; \$100,000 yrl '13 FTKJUL; \$120,000 RNA 2yo '14 FTFMAR; \$105,000 2yo '14 BESMAY. **1/2 to Lilly Fa Pootz (Gilded Time), SW & MGSP, \$317,722.

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My Sweet Afleet, f, 4, [Afleet Alex](#)--A. P. Baby, by A.P. Indy. SAX, 4-24, (C), 1m, 1:40. B-Randal Family Trust R David & Maryl Randal Trustees (KY). *\$6,500 yrl '12 KEESEP. **1/2 to Enchanting Lady (Tale of the Cat), MSW, \$134,280.



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Friday's Results:

1st-SNP, £25,000, Hcp, 3yo, 8f 14yT, 1:43.99, gd. MUTARAKEZ (IRE) (c, 3, Fast Company {Ire}--Nightswimmer {Ire}, by Noverre), who shed maiden status in a seven-furlong Doncaster maiden in his second go last time Oct. 24, raced without cover in fourth after breaking on terms in this sophomore bow. Nudged along with just under three furlongs of this Esher Cup remaining, the 7-1 chance was ridden to challenge passing the eighth pole and drew off in good style from there to score by 2 3/4 lengths from Shaakis (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}). Sales history: €15,000 wlng '12 GOFNOV; £50,000 yrl '13 DONAUG. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, £19,685. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum. B-John T Heffernan & Grainne Dooley (Ire). T-Brian Meehan.

7th-SNP, £15,000, Hcp, 3yo, 10f 7yT, 2:10.61, gd. JACK HOBBS (GB) (c, 3, Halling--Swain's Gold {SW-US}, by Swain {Ire}), who looked a colt with considerable promise when successful after a slow start in a lowly Wolverhampton maiden the day after Boxing Day, was hammered into 10-11 favoritism as a result of excitable chatter and broke better than on his debut to tank his way into a prominent pitch early under Frankie Dettori. Coasting to the front with over two furlongs to race, the 60,000gns TATOCT yearling--who holds a Derby entry--opened up under hands and heels urging and was being eased near the line en route to an impressive 12-length success. "Jack Hobbs



Jack Hobbs
Racing Post

is a big, rangy boy who has been doing everything nicely at home and he's a lovely progressive horse with a big stride," trainer John Gosden told the *Racing Post*. "We'll see where we go from here, but I made an entry for him in the Dante, so that is an option. Frankie felt a mile and a quarter was fine and he's fairly confident he'll get further. He's a well-balanced colt with a good mind and he relaxes." Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, £12,249. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Bailey, Hall & Hood; B-Minster Stud (GB); T-John Gosden.

**British Report cont.**

6th-SNP, £10,000, Mdn, 3yo, f, 10f 7yT, 2:13.13, gd. BRANDYBEND (IRE) (f, 3, [Galileo {Ire}](#)--Elusive Wave {Ire} {G1SW-Fr, \$782,396}, by Elusive City), a debut runner-up at Chelmsford City last time Apr. 9, broke well and was sent straight to the front here. Shaken up when threatened by La Boheme (Ger) (Montjeu {Ire}) with 2 1/2 furlongs to go, the 8-1 chance fought gamely under a late drive to repel the repeated efforts of that rival by a neck. Brandybend is a daughter of G1 French 1000 Guineas winner Elusive Wave. Sales history: \$345,000 RNA yrl '13 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, £7,624. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-A J Suited Partnership; B-Elusive Wave Syndicate (Ire). T-Marco Botti.

7th-DON, £4,500, Mdn, 3yo/up, f, 6fT, 1:13.69, gd/fm.

+ HOPE AND FAITH (IRE) (f, 3, Zebedee {GB}--Fuerta Ventura {Ire} {SP-Itly}, by Desert Sun {GB}), a 120,000gns TATOCT yearling, was held up early in rear before making smooth progress out wide to lead with a quarter mile remaining. Soon clear, the 3-1 favorite was kept up to her work to best Swiss Affair (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) by a length. The winner is a half-sister to The Gold Cheongsam (Ire) (Red Clubs {Ire}), SP-Eng, \$492,373. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £2,911. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Mr Arashan Ali. B-Tally-Ho Stud (IRE). T-Jeremy Nosedá.

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Friday's Result:

4th-DUN, €20,000, Cond, 3yo, 8f (AWT), 1:37.57, ft. POSTULATION (g, 3, Harlan's Holiday--Supposition {GB} {G1SP-Ire}, by Dansili {GB}), who was runner-up to the subsequent impressive G3 Ballysax S. winner Success Days (Ire) (Jeremy) in a conditions race over an extended mile last time Apr. 4, was sent straight to the head of affairs. Tackled by the returning 'TDN Rising Star' Queen Nefertiti (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and The Happy Prince (Ire) (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}) out wide approaching the furlong marker, the 4-1 shot was joined by the pair but stayed on gamely to assert close home and beat The Happy Prince by a half length, with Queen Nefertiti a nose behind in third. Postulation is from the family of Grade I winners Exbourne (Explodent), Expelled (Explodent) and Affirmed Success (Affirmed). Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, €26,460. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Khalid Abdullah. B-Juddmonte Farms Inc. T-Dermot Weld.

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2.30 Maisons-Laffitte, Debutantes, €25,000, 3yo, 12fT

ZOURKHAN (IRE) ([Shamardal](#)) is the latest progeny out of Zarkasha (Ire) (Kahyasi {Ire}) to race for His Highness The Aga Khan, who was blessed with her daughter, the wonder filly Zarkava (Ire) (Zamindar). Also a half-brother to the stable's smart group performer Zarshana (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}) and the top-class hurdler Zarkandar (Ire) (Azamour {Ire}), the homebred stars in a field replete with notables including a pair of Coolmore-Andre Fabre combinations in **Rich and Righteous (Ire) ([Galileo \(Ire\)](#))**, a son of the famed Rags to Riches (A. P. Indy), and **Bonjour (Ire) ([Montjeu \(Ire\)](#))**, a half-brother to the top-level performers Colombian (Ire) (Azamour {Ire}) and Clodovil (Ire) (Danehill).

2.40 Limerick, Mdn, €13,000, 3yo, f, 8f 50yT

KISSED BY ANGELS (IRE) ([Galileo \(Ire\)](#)) debuts for Michael Tabor, Susan Magnier and Derrick Smith and Aidan O'Brien and is a daughter of the luminary Lillie Langtry (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), who excelled in these silks when winning the G1 Coronation S. and G1 Matron S. five years ago. She will have to have inherited a fair amount of her dam's raw ability to master J P McManus' **Back On Top (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire})**, a David Wachman-trained half-sister to the talented Etlala (GB) (Selkirk) who was third behind the two subsequent Group 1-winning Ballydoyle daughters of Galileo Found (Ire) and Together Forever (Ire), with the potentially high-class Bocca Baciata (Ire) (Big Bad Bob {Ire}) behind in fourth, in a hot Curragh maiden when last seen in August.

9.15 Wolverhampton, Mdn, £4,500, 3yo/up, 8f 141y (AWT)

HAKKA (GB) ([Dansili \(GB\)](#)) is an intriguing newcomer for the Sir Michael Stoute stable under the floodlights, being a son of the 2008 G1 Haydock Sprint Cup heroine African Rose (GB) (Observatory). Khalid Abdullah's bay homebred encounters some experienced rivals including Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum's **Istifaa (Street Cry {Ire})**, a Roger Varian-trained son of a stakes-winning half-sister to Grand Couturier (GB) (Grand Lodge).

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BREEDERS' CUP WINNER SUCCESS EXPRESS DIES

Success Express (Hold Your Peace--Au Printemps, by Dancing Champ), winner of the 1987 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, has died at Vinery Australia at age 30. Raced by Eugene Klein and trained by D. Wayne Lukas, Success Express won four races--all as a 2-year-old--



Success Express
Vinery

and earned \$835,359. He was imported to Australia in 1989 and stood at various studs in Australia and New Zealand before landing at Vinery in 2004. Success Express sired eight Group 1 winners including Golden Slipper victor Polar Success (Aus); fellow Vinery resident Mossman

(Aus), sire of last year's Golden Slipper winner Mossfun (Aus); and New Zealand Oaks winner Savannah Success (Aus). He is also the damsire of three G1 Cox Plate winners: Savabeel (Aus), Pinker Pinker (Aus) and Shamus Award (Aus). Success Express was pensioned in 2006 due to declining fertility and lived out his days at Vinery. His lone foal from 2006, Beach Express (Aus), became his final stakes winner.

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HANDICAP RESULTS:

5th-SNP, £20,000, 4-24, 3yo, 5f 6yT, 1:02.02, gd/fm. **WAADY (IRE)** (c, 3, Approve {Ire}--Anne Bonney {GB}, by Jade Robbery) Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, £21,507. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Knocklong House Stud (Ire); T-John Gosden. *€14,000 RNA wlng '12 GOFNOV; €37,000 yrl '13 TATIRE; 240,000gns 2yo '14 TATAPR.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Hunt (Ire), c, 3, **Dark Angel (Ire)**--Mansiya (GB), by Vettori (Ire). DUN, 4-24, 7f (AWT), 1:24 4/5.

B-Michael O'Callaghan (IRE). *€78,000 2yo '14 GORMAY; €24,000 RNA wlng '12 GOFNOV.

+ **Helisa (Fr)**, f, 3, **Elusive City**--Hortanse (Fr), by Linamix (Fr). LTS, 4-24, 10fT, 2:04.21. B-Mme Yolande Seydoux de Clausonne (Fr). *€25,000 RNA yrl '13 ARQAUG.

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