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BAFFERT DUO DRAW ONE-TWO IN PREAKNESS

Saturday's GI Preakness S. became even more interesting Wednesday evening when GI Kentucky Derby hero **American Pharoah** (Pioneerof the Nile) drew the rail and his stablemate **Dortmund** (Big Brown), who suffered his first loss when third in the Derby, drew the two hole. The Bob Baffert-trained duo were tabbed as the top two choices on Keith Feustle's morning line with Zayat Stables's American Pharoah getting the nod at 4-5, and Kaleem Shah's '**TDN Rising Star**' Dortmund set at 7-2.

"I can't believe I drew the 1-2 of all draws," Baffert, who has a history of drawing poorly in big spots, said. "I'm just glad I didn't draw that for the Derby. Sometimes you've got to give a little. It's a short field, eight horses. [American Pharoah] still has to break well. If he's the best horse, we'll find out."

Arnold Zetcher's **Firing Line** (Line of David) ran the race of his life when second in the Derby and he was installed as the 4-1 third choice. The Simon Callaghan pupil drew the outside post in this eight-horse affair.

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L to R: American Pharoah, Firing Line, Dortmund
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ARCI RULE WOULD PUT TRAINERS, VETS, ON THE HOOK FOR "EXCESSIVE" OVERAGES

By T.D. Thornton

The most egregious abusers of performance-enhancing equine drugs and those who load up on supposedly therapeutic medication regimens might soon face more intense scrutiny and the threat of drastic penalization based on a new rule modeled on whole-horse health that is being drafted by the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI).

In addition to the traditional United States system of imposing penalties based on established threshold overages, the ARCI wants to give state racing commissions a tool to go after the human connections of any horse found to have been "excessively" administered any substance.

The ARCI aims to do this by requiring trainers and veterinarians to prove, as a defense, that their actions did not actually endanger the welfare of the horse.

According to the [proposed new rule](#) that is posted and open to public comment on the ARCI website, penalization for pharmaceutically endangering an equine would consist of four levels:

(a) A violation of this rule shall constitute a class B violation; (b) A gross violation of this rule shall constitute a class A violation with a minimum mandatory license suspension of 10 years; (c) The horse shall be disqualified from any race and lose any purse; (d) The horse shall be ineligible to enter or race unless the trainer demonstrates to the satisfaction of the racing commission that the excessive administration will have no potential effect on racing performance.

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Mr. Z Enters Preakness Under New Ownership

Formerly campaigned by Zayat Stables, the D. Wayne Lukas-trained **Mr. Z** (Malibu Moon) became a late entry for Saturday's GI Preakness S. after Calumet Farm purchased the chestnut Wednesday.

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McCarthy Enjoying the Ride

Jockey Trevor McCarthy will be celebrating his 21st birthday Saturday with his first mount in the GI Preakness S. aboard local hopeful **Bodhisattva** (Studenty Council). Steve Sherack has the scoop on the young local rider and his family's history in racing.



Trevor McCarthy
Gulfstream Photo

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Little Nightingale

Scoop Dyga

Sophomore Fillies Shine Across Europe

Britain, France and Ireland all played host to a Group 3 stake for 3-year-old fillies Wednesday. **Star of Seville (GB)** (Duke of Marmalade {Ire}) shined in Britain's G3 Musidora S.; **Little Nightingale (Fr)** (Muhtathir {GB}) triumphed in France's G3 Prix Cleopatre S.; and **Pleascach (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}) dominated with an 8 1/2-length success in Ireland's G3 Blue Wind S.

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TODAY'S GRADED STAKES

EST	Race	Click for
9:40a	Middleton S.-G2, YRK	(Brisnet.com PPs)
9:50a	Oleander Rennen S.-G3, HPG	
10:15a	Dante S.-G2, YRK	(Brisnet.com PPs)

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Baffert Duo Draw One-Two in Preakness cont. from p1

"We're happy with that," Callaghan commented. "We've got options from out there. It's perfect. We're happy."

Firing Line's pilot Gary Stevens was equally pleased with the draw. "I think it's going to force [American Pharoah and Dortmund's] hand a little, and then with Mr. Z. drawn to the outside, I don't think it's any secret, Wayne wanted his horse up close in the Derby," the Hall of Fame jockey remarked. "New owners, new connections now. It's really going to force their hand down inside, and I'll have options."

Mr. Z (Malibu Moon) will represent Calumet Farm for the first time Saturday after being purchased from Zayat Stables Wednesday. The D. Wayne Lukas trainee, who finished 13th in the Derby, drew the three hole and was tabbed at 20-1.

"He didn't get any chance to run in the Derby," said Lukas, who was happy with his charge's post position.

"I think he'll run a good race. He didn't get a lot out of the Derby and he's training well. We'll give him a shot. I've been lucky here before."

John Oxley's **Danzig Moon** (Malibu Moon), fifth in the Derby, will exit post four at odds of 15-1. Trained by Mark Casse, the bay entered the Derby off a runner-up effort behind Carpe Diem (Giant's Causeway) in the GI Blue Grass S. Apr. 4.

Local hopeful **Bodhisattva** (Student Council) takes his shot at the big leagues for owner/trainer Jose Corrales. The chestnut, who will break from gate six at odds of 20-1, enters off a victory in the Apr. 18 Federico Tesio S., the local prep for the Preakness. He will be piloted by red hot local rider Trevor McCarthy, who will celebrate his 21st birthday Saturday.

Roy and Gretchen Jackson's Lael Stables will be represented in the Preakness for the first time since the ill-fated Barbaro (Dynaformer) in 2006. Their GIII Coolmore Lexington S. hero **Divining Rod** (Tapit), trained by Arnaud Delacour, drew the seven-hole at odds of 12-1.

Making a huge step up in class here is Charles Fipke homebred **Tale of Verve** (Tale of Ekati), who enters off a Keeneland maiden win at the Preakness distance of 1 3/16 miles Apr. 23. An also-eligible for the Derby, the Dallas Stewart pupil will exit post five as the longest shot on the morning line at 30-1. **Field p4**

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Saturday, Pimlico Race Course

XPRESSBET.COM PREAKNESS S.-GI, \$1,500,000, 3yo, 1 3/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	ODDS
1	American Pharoah	Pioneerof the Nile	4-5
	(\$300,000 yrl '13 FTSAUG)		
	O-Zayat Stables LLC; B-Zayat Stables (KY); T-Bob Baffert; J-Victor Espinoza. Lifetime Record: 6-5-0-0, \$2,830,300. Last Start: WON GI Kentucky Derby May 2		
2	Dortmund ♂	Big Brown	7-2
	(\$85,000 RNA wnlg '12 KEENOV; \$90,000 yrl '13 FTKJUL; \$140,000 2yo '14 FTMMAY)		
	O-Kaleem Shah Inc; B-Emilie Gerlinde Fojan (KY); T-Bob Baffert; J-Martin Garcia. Lifetime Record: 7-6-0-1, \$1,489,400. Last Start: 3rd Kentucky Derby		
3	Mr. Z ♂	Malibu Moon	20-1
	(\$60,000 RNA yrl '13 KEESEP; \$135,000 yrl '13 FTKOCT)		
	O-Calumet Farm; B-Richard D Maynard (KY); T-D Wayne Lukas; J-Corey Nakatani. Lifetime Record: 13-1-4-4, \$6652,226. Last Start: 13th Kentucky Derby		
4	Danzig Moon ♂	Malibu Moon	15-1
	(\$160,000 yrl '13 KEESEP)		
	O-John C Oxley; B-William D Graham (ON); T-Mark Casse; J-Julien Leparoux. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-0, \$311,120. Last Start: 5th Kentucky Derby		
5	Tale of Verve ♂	Tale of Ekati	30-1
	(\$150,000 yrl '13 FTSAUG; \$440,000 2yo '14 KEEAPR)		
	O/B-Charles E Fipke (KY); T-Dallas Stewart; J-Joel Rosario. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-2, \$54,640. Last Start: WON Keeneland maiden Apr. 23		
6	Bodhisattva	Student Council	20-1
	O/T-Jose Corrales; B-Andy Stronach (CA); J-Trevor McCarthy. Lifetime Record: 11-3-1-4, \$165,095. Last Start: WON Federico Tesio S. Apr. 18		
7	Divining Rod	Tapit	12-1
	O/B-Lael Stables (KY); T-Arnaud Delacour; J-Javier Castellano. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-2, \$249,800. Last Start: WON Gill Coolmore Lexington S. Apr. 11		
8	Firing Line ♂	Line of David	4-1
	(\$65,000 wnlg '12 KEENOV; \$150,000 yrl '13 FTKJUL; \$240,000 2yo '14 KEEAPR)		
	O-Arnold Zetcher LLC; B-Clearsky Farms (KY); T-Simon Callaghan; J-Gary Stevens. Lifetime Record: 6-2-4-0, \$974,800. Last Start: 2nd Kentucky Derby		



American Pharoah

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MR. Z SOLD & ENTERED IN PREAKNESS

Brad Kelley's Calumet Farm has purchased hard knocking sophomore **Mr. Z** (Malibu Moon), previously campaigned by Zayat Stables, and will run him in Saturday's GI Preakness S., trainer D. Wayne Lukas reported. The chestnut will remain under the care of the Hall of Fame conditioner, who teamed up with Calumet to win the 2013 Preakness with Oxbow (Awesome Again).



Mr. Z. *Horsephotos*

"He is entered with Calumet," Lukas confirmed early Wednesday. "You always worry about any horse deal until it's chiseled in stone. We're dotting all the I's and crossing the T's. They have reached an agreement. I've been on the phone negotiating and doing the dialogue. I'm just the messenger in this case."

Mr. Z, who finished 13th in the May 2 GI Kentucky Derby behind Zayat homebred American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile), arrived at Pimlico Tuesday afternoon with five other Lukas-trained horses being aimed at Preakness weekend stakes.

"He's doing well," the conditioner remarked. "I galloped him over the track this morning and he handled it really well." **Cont. p6**



Mr. Z Sold & Entered in Preakness cont.

Calumet holds the record for the most Preakness wins by an owner with seven--mostly during the Wright family's ownership of the historic Lexington-based operation--and Lukas is second among trainers with six Preakness wins under his belt.

"I don't know that I pushed the sale," Lukas said. "The sale just came through conversation and dialogue. Mr. Z is a pretty well-bred horse. He might be the best bred horse in the Preakness if you look at it real critically. Brad flat asked me, 'Would you run him?' and I said if I owned him, I'd run him."

Corey Nakatani, who piloted Mr. Z to a third-place finish in Oaklawn's GIII Southwest S. Feb. 22, gets back aboard Saturday.

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MCCARTHY ENJOYING THE RIDE

by Steve Sherack

A 21-year-old will be celebrating his birthday at the GI Preakness S. Certainly nothing new there. But Trevor McCarthy--last year's leading rider in Maryland--isn't returning to Baltimore to spend the afternoon at the Budweiser InfieldFest.

"I'm excited," McCarthy said of riding local hopeful **Bodhisattva** (Student Council) in the second leg of the Triple Crown. "Everybody else would probably be going out and having a few drinks at a casino or some bar on their 21st birthday. For me, it's one of the biggest days of my career and my life. To be riding in the Preakness on my 21st birthday means everything."

The son of former jockey Michael McCarthy--a winner of 2,907 races--has quickly burst onto the scene since riding one winner and a second-place finisher from five mounts in 2011. After getting his picture taken 11 times in 2012, he has really taken his game to the next level the past two seasons. Despite missing an extended period of time with a broken leg in 2013, McCarthy won 140 races from 919 mounts, good for \$3,653,365 in earnings. From 1,389 mounts in 2014, he delivered in 263 races (good for seventh in the nation) and accumulated \$8,115,053 in earnings.

"Ever since I saw him riding, I always wanted to do it," the Delaware native said of catching the racing bug from his father. "He's always been a big supporter of mine and he could tell that since I was little that I always wanted to ride. He's helped me out since day one, which has been great."

The elder McCarthy's riding career spanned between 1982-2002. He guided home 10 graded stakes winners while mostly competing on the Mid-Atlantic circuit, but never rode in a Triple Crown race. Since hanging up his tack, he has done a little bit of everything on the backstretch, including training and serving as a jockey's agent.



Trevor McCarthy
Gulfstream Photo

Like his dad, McCarthy is awfully hard to miss in the saddle. Both men stand at 5 foot, 9 inches tall.

"I'm excited for him that he's going to get to do it," the proud father commented. "I think it's really kind of cool. I'll take credit as being the sire of a Triple Crown jockey. That's fine with me."

He continued, "His mother and I are extremely proud of him. And we're really happy for him, too. It's all he really ever wanted to do as a kid. From such an early age he wanted to be with me with the horses. You don't see that very often. It's a wonderful opportunity for him. He's going to get an incredible experience riding in one of the Triple Crown races. Hopefully, it pushes his career a little bit further, too."

During McCarthy's aforementioned 2014 season, which was shortened by a broken wrist from a spill at Laurel in December, he won his first two graded stakes aboard Fortune Pearl (Mineshaft) in the GII Delaware Oaks and Munirah (Kitten's Joy) in the GIII Boiling Springs S. at Monmouth. He also rode Fortune Pearl to a close fourth-place finish in the GI Alabama S. at Saratoga last summer. Both runners hail from the Graham Motion barn.

"Graham's been a big supporter," said McCarthy, who returned to action at Gulfstream in mid-March. "I worked for him for about four years. He was my first gallop job and I learned a lot from him about breezing and galloping horses. I also learned a lot about the business and the training perspective, too. I just want to thank him for all he's done. He's put me on some big horses and I really appreciate it. That's really gotten me to the point that I'm at now."

That point will reach a pinnacle at Pimlico this weekend. In the money in eight of 11 career starts, Bodhisattva (a Buddhist term meaning enlightened one) continues to improve with racing experience. A well-beaten fifth in last November's GII Remsen S. at Aqueduct, he followed a second-place finish in Laurel's Private Terms S. Mar. 21 with a breakthrough win in Pimlico's Federico Tesio S. Apr. 18. Bred in California by Andy Stronach, the chestnut was produced by an unraced half-sister to 2004 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner Wilko (Awesome Again). Bodhisattva is owned/trained by Jose Corrales. McCarthy has been in the irons for Bodhisattva's last two starts.

"I expect him to run a decent race," said McCarthy, who will be riding at Delaware and Monmouth this spring/summer. "I think he's going to be competitive. He was still pretty green in his race before the Tesio. After that one, Jose Corrales did some great work with him and he's really come a long way. He's been training like a monster since."

McCarthy concluded, "It means the world to me--it's pretty exciting to have the opportunity to ride a horse in the Preakness. I'm very fortunate."



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Saturday, Pimlico, post time: 5:25 p.m. EDT

LONGINES DIXIE S.-GII, \$300,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Grand Tito (K)	Candy Ride (Arg)	Espinoza	Delgado	118
2 Ironicus	Distorted Humor	Castellano	McGaughey	118
3 Cage Fighter	Closing Argument	Bravo	Lawrence II	118
4 Aripeka (K)	Bernstein	Leparoux	Kenneally	118
5 Tricky Hat (Chi)	Hat Trick (Jpn)	McCarthy	McGaughey	118
6 Skyring	English Channel	Nakatani	Lukas	118
7 Beyond Smart	Smart Strike	Carrasco	Sheppard	118
8 Lochte	Medaglia d'Oro	Bocachica	Vitali	120
9 Legendary (GB)	Exceed and Excel	Prado	Saville	118
10 Manchurian High	The Daddy	Stevens	Kurtinecz	118
11 Up With the Birds	Stormy Atlantic	Van Dyke	Motion	118
12 Long On Value	Value Plus	Rosario	Mott	120
13 War Correspondent	War Front	Velazquez	Clement	120
14 Talk Show Man	Great Notion	Perez	Smith	118
15 Chamois	Smart Strike	No Rider	Clement	118
16 Our Emerald Frst (Ire)	Zerpour (Ire)	Wolfsont	Day	118

Saturday, Belmont Park, post time: 2:59 p.m. EST

VAGRANCY H.-GII, \$150,000, f/m, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 La Verdad	Yes It's True	Ortiz	Rice	121
2 Sustainable	Forestry	Alvarado	McLaughlin	113
3 Mamdooha	Daaher	Ortiz Jr.	McLaughlin	116
4 Room for Me (K)	Harlington	Velasquez	Jacobson	114
5 Frivolity (K)	Corinthian	Cruz	Jacobson	112

Saturday, Woodbine, post time: 4:45 p.m. EDT

MARINE S.-GIII, \$150,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m (AWT)

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Ami's Flatter	Flatter	Contreras	Carroll	115
2 Seventhfleethumor	Afleet Alex	Da Silva	Gonzalez	115
3 Bears Personality (K)	Awesome Again	Stein	Baker	115
4 R U Watchingbud	Kentucky Bear	Wilson	Ross	117
5 Danish Dynaformer	Dynaformer	Garcia	Attfield	115
6 U S Marshal	Badge of Silver	Moran	Black	119
7 Shaman Ghost	Ghostzapper	Hernandez	Lynch	119
8 Conquest Boogaloo (K)	Scat Daddy	Husbands	Casse	117
9 Decision Day	Macho Uno	Campbell	Carroll	119

Saturday, Pimlico, post time: 12:39 p.m. EDT

MARYLAND SPRINT H.-GIII, \$150,000, 3yo/up, 6f

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Jack's in the Deck	Love of Money	Perez	Graham	112
2 Coup de Grace (K)	Tapit	Clark	Jones	118
3 Picko's Pride (K)	Cactus Ridge	Carrasco	Robertson	113
4 Happy My Way	Wilko	Bravo	Orseno	116
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7 Warrioroftheroses	A. P. Warrior	Dunkelberger	Dilodovico	111
8 Service for Ten	Service Stripe	Pimentel	Geralis	112

Saturday, Pimlico, post time: 3:19 p.m. EDT

GALLORETTE H.-GIII, \$150,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Bocaiuva (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Leparoux	Delacour	112
2 Pagan Priestess	Oratory	Boyce	Bailes	111
3 Emotional Kitten	Kitten's Joy	Rosario	Ward	116
4 Cat's Claw	Dynaformer	Carrasco	Sheppard	112
5 Joy Pure	Prize	Cintron	Motion	113
6 Run of the River (K)	Tapit	Prado	McGaughey	114
7 Hard Not to Like (K)	Hard Spun	Velazquez	Clement	122
8 Watsdachances (Ire)	Diamond Green (Fr)	Castellano	Brown	114
9 Token of Love (GB)	Cape Cross (Ire)	McCarthy	Motion	113
10 Mango Diva (GB)	Holy Roman Emperor	Stevens	Matz	114
11 Sistas Stroll (K)	Stroll	Van Dyke	Proctor	114
12 Oscar Party	Dixie Union	Espinoza	Cassidy	112
13 Fasnacloich (K)	Any Given Saturday	Pimentel	Smith	113

Saturday, Monmouth Park, post time: 5:15 p.m. EDT

RED BANK S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 1mT

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Aztec Brave (Fr)	Pyrus	Serpa	Sharp	116
2 Guys Reward (K)	Grand Reward	Lopez	Romans	116
3 Winning Cause (K)	Giant's Causeway	Castellano Jr.	Pletcher	116
4 Rose Brier (K)	Mizzen Mast	Geroux	Cibelli	116
5 Slim Shadey (GB)	Val Royal (Fr)	Saez	Jacobson	116
6 Heart to Heart	English Channel	Lopez	Lynch	116
7 Mellow Fellow	The Cliff's Edge	Ferrer	Richardson	116
8 Adirondack King (K)	Lawyer Ron	Bisano	Servis	116
9 Edge of Reality (K)	Lawyer Ron	Serpa	Motion	116
10 Red Vine	Candy Ride (Arg)	Lopez	Clement	116

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The "gross violation" that would trigger a 10-year penalty is defined in part as "excessive administration of a substance that rises to the level of an egregious deviation from the standards of acceptable veterinary practice. This may occur not only when a single excessive administration is of egregious proportions, but also when multiple acts of excessive administration" cumulatively amount to egregious conduct.

"This approach is not tied to proving a threshold," ARCI president Ed Martin told *TDN*. "This approach is tied to being able to prove that somebody has done something way beyond the acceptable norm of veterinary practice. If you're going to depart from normal veterinary practice absent the science that what you're doing is safe, you're basically exposing yourself [to penalization]."

The ARCI Model Rules Committee will discuss and possibly amend this proposal when it next meets July 15. It would then be up to individual state racing commissions to adopt and enforce the rule.

"The Jockey Club supports any movement that aims to impose severe and uniform penalties, up to and including a lifetime ban from the sport, for anyone who illegally administers drugs or substances to a horse," Jim Gagliano, president and chief operating officer of The Jockey Club, said. "While there is widespread consensus that repeat violators should receive meaningful penalties, only 9 of 38 racing jurisdictions have adopted the multiple medication violations schedule of the National Uniform Medication Program." *Cont. p8*

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ARCI Rule cont.

Racing regulators worldwide have been searching for ways to keep abreast with drug cheats, who, unlike enforcement agencies, don't wait for science-based evidence before trying out new doping regimens on horses.

Currently, for emerging substances for which no rules or thresholds have been set, horsemen can dose as high as they want without fear of punishment. For testing levels that are regulated, trainers and veterinarians can try and skirt penalization by titrating doses to remain just under the penalty level.

One regulatory approach to thwart this type of drug abuse that has gained favor over the past year or so has been an attempt to combat excessive substance administration by writing new regulations (or enforcing already existing rules) that broadly treat beyond-norm pharmaceutical dosing as a horse endangerment problem.

"Those who run afoul of generally accepted veterinary practices by giving drugs or substances to a horse with no regard as the effect on the health of the horse...will be on the hot seat as a result of this approach," Duncan Patterson, chairman of the ARCI Drug Testing Standards and Practices Committee, explained in an ARCI press release.

"It's an issue we have been struggling with for a number of years," Martin said. "It's a creative legal attempt to be able to impact [drug abuse]."

"The concept was developed by regulatory attorneys in our network," Martin continued. "It's an attempt to get out in front of certain issues. In the past we've needed to wait for research and threshold recommendations to be developed and enacted. The attractiveness of this approach is that it creates a legal framework [in which] if we find [drug administration] at levels that raise the eyebrows of our regulatory veterinarians, then we have a way to legally deal with that."

Martin said the proposal was developed in part after recent commission tests revealed that some horses had cobalt levels 50 to 100 times higher than what would be considered "normal," even after accounting for routine vitamin administrations. These horses were believed to have been injected with cobalt chloride, and the test results caused regulatory veterinarians to question the effects on the health of those horses.

"I know that there were instances in Minnesota last year where they found some extremely elevated levels of cobalt, and the only recourse was to put the horse on the vet's list," Martin said. "If a legal approach had been on the books like what is being discussed [by the proposed new rule], it might have created a regulatory avenue by which somebody would have to 'do some explaining,' to use an expression."

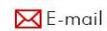
Martin said other ARCI model rules in the pipeline might be based on taking advantage of existing accountability standards that are already on the books in the form of state veterinary statutes.

"State veterinary boards can be a potential resource to state racing commissions in terms of providing an expertise as to what constitutes normal and appropriate veterinary care," Martin said. "In those instances in which there has been a departure, such as people using things on horses in amounts that would constitute a concern about an overdose or experimentation, we then would have a way to aggressively deal with that."

Martin underscored that certain regulations--most specifically the long-standing "trainer responsibility rule," initially designed to hold trainers solely accountable, but now being abused as a loophole to exclude other responsible caretakers--might be ripe for revision.

"There are some people who feel that owners, and in some cases veterinarians, are getting a free pass because of the trainer responsibility rule," said Martin.

"There are so many moving parts in racing that you need to make sure all the checks and balances are working the way they need to," Martin said. "It's not unreasonable to come back and review some of these things that we've done in the past to find better ways to do them."



UNBRIDLED'S SONG COLT FASTEST AT F-T

by Jessica Martini

The first of two under-tack previews for next week's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale took place Wednesday in Timonium, Maryland, with a colt by Unbridled's Song recording the fastest quarter-mile work of :21 1/5. Two juveniles shared the fastest furlong time of :10 flat.

First to record the bullet furlong move of :10 flat was [hip 131](#), a colt from the second crop of Grade I winner Discreetly Mine. Out of Homesteader (Pioneering), the bay is a half-brother to the ill-fated Conquest Two Step (Two Step Salsa), winner of this year's Gil Palos Verdes S. He is consigned to the Midlantic sale by David McKathan's Grassroots Training and Sales, who purchased him for \$50,000 as a Keeneland September yearling.

"He was just a really nice horse," McKathan said of the colt's appeal as a yearling. "We knew he had a nice brother out there, I like the sire, plus his conformation--he's a well-made horse." **Cont. p9**

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Fastest 1/8 mile works

<u>Time</u>	<u>Hip</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Sire</u>	<u>Dam</u>
:10 flat	035	filly	Big Brown	Cozshesaidso

Consigned by Sweetbriar Sales LLC, agent

:10 flat	131	colt	Discreetly Mine	Homesteader
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Consigned by Grassroots Training and Sales LLC, agent

Fastest 1/4 mile works

<u>Time</u>	<u>Hip</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Sire</u>	<u>Dam</u>
:21 1/5	040	colt	Unbridled's Song	Critic's Choice

Consigned by Crane Thoroughbreds, agent



Unbridled's Song Colt Fastest at F-T cont.

Of the juvenile's bullet work, McKathan added, "I thought he would breeze as fast as anybody today. I didn't know what that would be. I didn't know he'd breeze :10 flat, but I knew he'd breeze as good as any other horse here."

Grassroots sent out 12 juveniles to work Wednesday and McKathan said he felt the track played evenly all day.

"They've done a great job with the track and I thought it was consistent all day long," McKathan said. "Through the years I've found that it usually is here. Some of the other tracks, it seems they deteriorate throughout the day, but it usually doesn't do that here. They do a pretty good job maintaining this track."

[Hip 35](#), a filly by Big Brown, was the second juvenile to work in :10 flat. The chestnut is consigned by Murray Rojas's Sweetbriar Sales LLC, agent.

"I was expecting a good work," Rojas admitted. "She's a really nice filly."

"We bought her at Keeneland as a yearling," Rojas said of the \$15,000 yearling purchase. "She was just beautiful. For a Big Brown, I thought she was very correct. She just had a way about her."

The juvenile is out of Cozshesaidso (Empire Maker), a half-sister to graded stakes placed Stoic (Forestry).

In addition to the filly's speedy work, she could receive another boost Saturday when her sire's Dortmund goes postward in the GI Preakness S.

"I've been a Dortmund fan--I was really rooting for him to win the Derby," Rojas laughed.

Rojas has been consigning as Sweetbriar for three years.

"We train racehorses at Penn National, that's basically what we do," she explained. "We have about 50 in training at Penn and then we have a training center right across the street."

Rojas and partner Ronald Greener buy about 10 to 15 yearlings to pinhook a year. "Whatever we can get bought," Rojas explained.

Of her participation in juvenile sales, Rojas said, "I run about 600 horses a year and [2-year-old sales] is just really fun. I love babies. You are creating something, you are creating a beautiful animal. It's different from racing stock."

Greener, a lifelong racing fan, is owner of Mountain Trail Training Center near Penn National.

"My dad took me to the races when I was a kid and I fell in love with it," Greener said. "I actually started buying shares of racehorses as part of a syndicate, but I wasn't happy, if I had questions about the horse or if I wanted to talk to the trainer, I wasn't happy with the response I got. One day I told my wife, I can do this better. And we started doing it. We started with a racing stable and now we've graduated into doing some pinhooking."

[Hip 40](#), a colt by the late Unbridled's Song, earned the bullet quarter-mile work of :21 1/5. The youngster, who was an \$8,000 Keeneland September purchase, is out of the unraced Critic's Choice (Smart Strike), a daughter of multiple Grade I winner Starrer (Dynaformer).

"He's been fast all winter," said consignor Clovis Crane. "And I knew that I had to work him a quarter because he is pretty offset in both knees, but he's been sound as a whistle and he's been really fast. He's stood a lot of training and I worked him a quarter-mile so people could see and believe in him, and believe me when I say I've been training him."

Wednesday's under-tack show was slightly delayed shortly after it started when the first horse to breeze, [hip 60](#), bolted to the outside rail just after completing a quarter-mile work in :22 1/5. The colt darted to the gap, throwing his rider before galloping into the barn area.

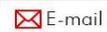
The under-tack show resumes Thursday at 8 a.m. The Midlantic sale will take place next Monday and Tuesday, with sessions beginning daily at 10 a.m.



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ATTORNEY FOR OUSTED PARX JOCKEY: BUZZER ACCUSATIONS AN "OUTRIGHT LIE"

By T.D. Thornton

The attorney representing jockey Angel Castillo, who was abruptly removed from his mounts Tuesday at Parx racetrack, filed a request with the Pennsylvania Horse Racing Commission Wednesday for a hearing and a stay of his ouster from the premises, even though the lawyer said he is unsure exactly what, if any, offenses Castillo is facing.

Several racing industry news outlets have quoted Walter Remmert, the acting executive secretary of the PHRC, as saying that Castillo was found to be in possession of an illegal electrical stimulating device, a statement that attorney Alan Pincus said was untrue and "irresponsible."

"This is quite bizarre, and I will tell you that they have gotten the wrong guy. We categorically deny having anything to do with [an electrical device]," Pincus said. "It was not found on his person, it was not found in his locker, it was not found on any of his property, okay? So when you say that it was 'found in his possession,' that is an outright lie."

Calls on Tuesday and Wednesday to Remmert, the general PHRC offices, and the Parx stewards went unanswered.

Pincus said he too cannot break through to reach anyone at the PHRC to see if his request was received.

"I have not heard anything back from them yet and I have not been able to reach them," he said.

"As for the details, all I know from my investigation is that they shook the jockeys' room down [Tuesday]," Pincus said. "I don't know what their motives were, but there was a general search. I believe they used some kind of electric [metal detecting] wand."

"Having searched Mr. Castillo and having then searched his locker, [Castillo] then went down to ride the next race," Pincus continued. "While he's in the paddock, they come down, take him off his mounts and escort him from the premises. First they detained him for awhile. They detained him with a bunch of people that don't speak Spanish, and he doesn't speak English. And that is all I know." **Cont. p10**



Buzzer Accusation an 'Outright Lie' cont.

"There was no paperwork given to him. What they did to him was certainly a constructive ejection," Pincus explained. "They didn't issue any ruling suspending him in any way, but obviously, he is not permitted to ride at this moment."

Jim Marini is the jockey's agent who has represented Castillo since 2012. When asked if the accusation of using an illegal stimulating device was something that struck him as being out of character for Castillo, Marini replied, "I don't really want to comment on that. I don't want to get involved. Let it play out the way it is, and then we'll go from there. There are stories flying around all over the place. Ninety percent of what you're reading is not true, but what can you do about it?"

Castillo is currently second in the Parx jockey standings with 38 wins and just over \$1 million in earnings for 2015.

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SHEPPARD JOINS WHOA

Hall of Fame conditioner Jonathan Sheppard has joined the Water Hay and Oats Alliance in support of federal legislation to ban race day drugs. Sheppard



Jonathan Sheppard
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released the following statement in regards to this decision:

"After much thought and not a little procrastination, I have finally decided that it is important for me to become a member of WHOA and to show my support for its mission.

I was at first reluctant to join because I didn't want to give the impression to my peers that I considered myself superior or in some way more honest than them. I was also worried that inviting federal intervention could have adverse consequences by taking over the control of our

sport by people who probably had little knowledge or understanding of it.

I have now begun to realize that we have reached a point where we really no longer have a choice. We need more sophisticated drug testing, we need stiffer penalties for major offenses, and we need uniform testing and medication policies. As a trainer who races in many different states, it has become almost impossible to keep up with all the permissible dosages and withdrawal times.

Although a lot of good work has been done to simplify these rules, I believe that the time has come for horse racing to follow the lead of human athletes and to appoint an independent body to police our sport. There is just too much money and too much self interest at stake to expect a level playing field if this is done internally.

Hopefully, if WHOA achieves its objectives, it will show the world in general and our own betting public in particular that American racing is serious about cleaning up our sport and presenting a better image. This will not only increase the value of our bloodstock and increase our revenues from wagering but also restore our position as a leader on the international racing stage."

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DUKE OF YORK CLIPPER LOGISTICS S.-G2, £110,000, YRK, 5-13, 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:10.65, gd.

1--**GLASS OFFICE (GB), 134, h, 5, by Verglas (Ire)**
1st Dam: Oval Office (GB), by Pursuit of Love (GB)
2nd Dam: Pushy (GB), by Sharpen Up (GB)
3rd Dam: Mrs. Moss (GB), by Reform (GB)
 (24,000gns wlng '10 TATDEC; €60,000 yrl '11 GOFSP). O-Mrs Fitri Hay; B-Bloomsbury Stud (GB); T-David Simcock; J-Jim Crowley. £62,381. Lifetime Record: 15-4-1-2, £112,220. **Werk Nick Rating: A + .**
Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--**Mattmu (GB), 127, c, 3, Indesatchel (Ire)**--Katie Boo (Ire), by Namid (GB). O/B-James Bowers (GB); T-Tim Easterby. £23,650.

3--**Jack Dexter (GB), 134, g, 6, Orientor (GB)**--Glenhurich (Ire), by Sri Pekan. O-F J Connor & J S Goldie; B/T-Jim Goldie (GB). £11,836.

Margins: HD, NK, HD. Odds: 40.00, 14.00, 18.00.
 Also Ran: Caspar Netscher (GB), Muthmir (Ire), Astaire (Ire), Lightning Moon (Ire), Gathering Power (Ire), Aetna (GB), Musical Comedy (GB), Justice Day (Ire), Line of Reason (Ire), Gammarth (Fr), Lucky Kristale (GB), Naadirr (Ire). **Click for the [Racing Post result](#), the [brisnet.com PPs](#) or the free [brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

Understandably 40-1 at the off, Glass Office, who was last seen finishing seventh in Newmarket's May 2 G3 Palace House S. on only his second start since August 2013, further muddied the already cloudy European sprinting waters with this far-from-predictable success. Smart as a juvenile when winning the G3 Sirenia S. over this trip on Kempton's Polytrack, he had



Glass Office and Jim Crowley
Racing Post

managed to hold his own at three when his six starts featured a second in the Listed Sandy Lane S. also at this distance at Haydock and fourth in Goodwood's five-furlong G3 King George S. Injured when next seen finishing sixth in a six-furlong handicap at Meydan at the start of last March, the grey had been sharpened by his comeback effort on 2000 Guineas day but few had foreseen the jump he was about to make in this intriguing renewal, which seemed to contain some possible champion sprinters elect.

Held up by Jim Crowley off the sound early pace provided by the free-running Muthmir (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) racing in the last quartet, Glass Office crept into the fray towards the stand's side to make a line of six sprinters fighting for the line. Employing his extra stamina reserves, he got the better of the 3-year-old Mattmu in the final yards, with the old-timer Jack Dexter next-best of the blanket out wide making an upset trifecta.

"I got squeezed out early on and we just had to work our way into it," his rider said. "We were hoping he would improve for Newmarket, but that was a great performance. He's always been held in high regard and he was entitled to be on his head over five furlongs on fast ground at Newmarket." Trainer David Simcock, who also saddled the fourth-home in the tight finale, Caspar Netscher (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}), was quick to deflect the praise for the winner's recuperation on to Jane Allison, after whom the Hays had named their former group-placed filly Agent Allison (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}). "He got struck into leaving the stalls and hurt himself quite badly in Dubai, but Jane did a fantastic job with him and had him back ready last August," he commented. "He had been ticking away and was never going to be ready first time, but he actually ran very well in the Palace House. We were hopeful York would suit and the program is there for him and Caspar Netscher now, with [the June 20 G1 Diamond Jubilee S.] Royal Ascot and the [July 11] G1 July Cup and I dare say one will beat the other in turns."

Mattmu's trainer Tim Easterby was delighted with the effort of the sophomore against his elders. "He's very good, but he's ground-dependant and is a seven-pounds better horse on soft," he explained. "He ran a super race with a three-pound penalty there and we weren't expecting too much. If it's good or good-to-soft, he'll go to Royal Ascot [for the June 19 G1 Commonwealth Cup] and if it's firm he won't go anywhere. The [Sept. 5] G1 Haydock Sprint Cup comes to mind, when he's a bit more mature."

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Wednesday, York, Britain

TATTERSALLS MUSIDORA S.-G3, £100,000, YRK, 5-13, 3yo, f, 10f 88yT, 2:11.88, gd.

1--**#@STAR OF SEVILLE (GB), 126, f, 3, by Duke of Marmalade (Ire)**
1st Dam: Stage Presence (Ire), by Selkirk
2nd Dam: Park Charger (GB), by Tirol (Ire)
3rd Dam: Haitienne (Fr), by Green Dancer
 O/B-Lady Bamford (GB); T-John Gosden; J-Frankie Dettori. £56,710. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-1, £71,321. *1/2 to English Ballet (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), GSW & G1SP-Eng, \$132,627. **Werk Nick Rating: A.**
Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--**Together Forever (Ire), 130, f, 3, Galileo (Ire)**--Green Room, by Theatrical (Ire). (€680,000 yrl '13 GOFORB). O-Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith; B-Vimal & Gillian Khosla (Ire); T-Aidan O'Brien. £21,500.

3--**Pandora (Ire), 126, f, 3, Galileo (Ire)**--Song of My Heart (Ire), by Footstepsinthesand (GB). O/B-Sir Robert Ogden (Ire); T-Charles Hills. £10,760.

Margins: HD, 2 3/4, 3 3/4. Odds: 0.67, 2.25, 9.00.

Also Ran: Amaze Me (GB), La Dorotea (Ire). **Click for the [Racing Post result](#) or the [brisnet.com PPs](#). Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**



G3 Musidora S. cont.

So impressive when dominating the same 10-furlong conditions race that the subsequent Oaks heroine Light Shift (Kingmambo) had at Newbury on her seasonal bow Apr. 17, Star of Seville had to work harder this time with Ballydoyle's G1 Fillies' Mile winner Together Forever in attendance but got the job done to keep her



Star of Seville hangs on from Together Forever in the Musidora
Racing Post

own Epsom dream alive. Third on debut in the seven-furlong maiden in which the subsequent G3 Fred Darling S. winner Redstart (GB) (Cockney Rebel {Ire}) was runner-up in early October, the bay went forward when opening her

account by six lengths in the kind of dead ground prevalent during the British autumn upped to a mile at Doncaster later that month. Encountering good-to-firm at Newbury, the homebred sauntered across it with a galloping display to leave the pundits talking about the first Friday in June, and the market vibes firmly favored her in this time-honored prep lacking quality beyond the first two. Soon placed in front by Frankie Dettori with her only serious rival restrained in fourth, Star of Seville's powerful stride was employed to outclass all bar her market rival approaching the final quarter mile. After producing what looked to be a race-winning move there, which left Ryan Moore with no choice but to resort to the whip on Together Forever, she lost concentration and began to drift left across the open space of the Knavesmire. Joined in the last 150 yards as the Irish raider gathered a head of steam, she found more with that company and was not asked to dig too deep.

"She was waiting for the others and then put her neck out," Dettori said. "She's a bit quirky, but most of the good ones are and she is very talented." Trainer John Gosden added, "It's a long time for an inexperienced filly to be in front and this is very positive with regards to the [June 5] G1 Epsom Oaks. She's still learning and it will be an interesting race."

Gosden added, "I might take her to Epsom for the 'Breakfast With the Stars' and let her have a nice canter down Tattenham Hill, as that will be a big help to her. She's well-balanced at home and is pretty quick getting on to her left lead, but it's all about getting on to that coming down the hill. She'll be perfectly happy sitting third or fourth at Epsom if someone went, but if there is no pace she will go on. Together Forever was giving her four pounds today, so you could argue she should be a shade shorter in the betting and that would be fair."

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Wednesday, Saint-Cloud, France

PRIX CLEOPATRE-G3, €80,000, SCD, 5-13, 3yo, f, 10 1/2fT, 2:13.21, gd.

- 1--#**@LITTLE NIGHTINGALE (FR), 126, f, 3, by Muhtathir (GB)**
 1st Dam: L'Etoile de Moscou (GB) (SP-Fr), by Peintre Celebre
 2nd Dam: L'Etoile de Mer (Fr), by Caerleon
 3rd Dam: Lexington Star (Ire), by Sadler's Wells
 O-Wildenstein Stables Ltd; B-Dayton Investments Ltd (Fr); T-Mikel Delzangles; J-Umberto Rispoli. €40,000.
 Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €57,500.
Werk Nick Rating: B. Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)
- 2--**Al Naamah (Ire), 126, f, 3, Galileo (Ire)**--Alluring Park (Ire), by Green Desert. (5,000,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT). O-Al Shaqab Racing; B-Lodge Park Stud (Ire); T-Andre Fabre. €16,000.
- 3--**Stay the Night, 126, f, 3, Arch**--Louve Royale (Ire), by Peintre Celebre. O/B-Joseph Allen (KY); T-Jean-Claude Rouget. €12,000.

Margins: SNK, 3/4, HF. Odds: 1.00, 5.40, 2.90. Also Ran: Moonee Valley (Fr), Shahah (GB), Ma Marie (Fr). **Click for the [Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

This trial for the June 14 G1 Prix de Diane at Chantilly attracted a field with more depth than its English counterpart, York's G3 Musidora S., and it was the well-supported favorite Little Nightingale who emerged on top in a tight finish to this renewal. Ironically, the last filly to complete the Cleopatre-Diane double was another Wildenstein colorbearer in the famed Pawneese (Ire) back in 1976, and while there was nothing flashy about this performance, Little Nightingale has put herself in prime position to attempt the feat. Second over a mile at this track on her sole juvenile outing in late September, the chestnut emerged from her winter sojourn with a new vitality to score by four lengths in a 10-furlong maiden on very soft going at Maisons-Laffitte Apr. 2, and with that experience under her belt took precedence over the 5 million gns 'TDN Rising Star' Al Naamah in the betting. Second early racing keenly behind Al Naamah's stable companion Shahah (GB) (Motivator {GB}), the homebred was angled off the fence at the top of the stretch as Al Shaqab and Andre Fabre's first string took over. Niggled at to close, Little Nightingale needed all of the straight to get to her rival and despite her initial exertions had enough in reserve to cut her down close home and prevail in a blanket of Diane hopefuls.



Wednesday, Naas, Ireland

IRISH NATIONAL STUD EBF BLUE WIND S.-G3,
 €80,000, NAS, 5-13, 3yo/up, f/m, 10fT, 2:15.04, yl/sf.
 1--#**@PLEASCACH (IRE), 121, f, 3, by Teofilo (Ire)**

1st Dam: Toirneach, by Thunder Gulch
2nd Dam: Wandering Pine, by Country Pine
3rd Dam: Wandering Lace, by Private Account
 O-Mrs J S Bolger; B/T-Jim Bolger (Ire); J-Kevin Manning. €52,000. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, €76,985. **Werk Nick Rating: C. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Zannda (Ire), 121, f, 3, Azamour (Ire)--Zanoubiya (Ire), by Dalakhani (Ire).** O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (Ire); T-Dermot Weld. €16,000.
 3--**Queen of Alba (Ire), 135, m, 6, Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)--** Mad Madam Mym (GB), by Hernando (Fr) (€800 HRA '13 GOFOCT). O-Moyclear Syndicate; B-Thistle Bloodstock Ltd (Ire); T-Tom Cleary. €8,000.
 Margins: 8HF, 4 3/4, 6. Odds: 0.91, 2.75, 25.00.
 Also Ran: Euphrasia (Ire), Morga (Ire), Loved (Ire), Avenue Gabriel (GB). **Click for the Racing Post result or the brisnet.com PPs. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

Jim Bolger often offers a clear signal when he has a class act at Coolcullen by running them straight up in a black-type race, and that was the case with Pleascach, who acquitted herself with credit when fourth in the six-furlong G3 Grangecon S. at The Curragh in June. Now that the imposing homebred has shown her potency over middle distances, that first showing takes on an even greater gravity than it enjoyed at the time especially as she was slowly away racing against speedier-bred peers. Four days after that initial effort, the bay was making no mistake over an extra furlong when putting Ballydoyle's listed performer Simply a Star (Ire) (Giant's Causeway) to the sword in a Leopardstown maiden and afterwards her owner, breeder and trainer stated that she was his Guineas and Oaks filly for the following year. Although the G2 Debutante S. was mooted as her target at the time, she missed all her planned juvenile assaults and only reappeared in the Apr. 18 Listed Salsabil S. at Navan. Runner-up to the potentially top-class Bocca Baciata (Ire) (Big Bad Bob {Ire}) and ahead of the subsequent Listed Cheshire Oaks winner Diamondsandrubies (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) in that hot 10-furlong contest, Pleascach took a large step in the right direction here to justify strong support and advertise her blatant Classic claims. Settled in fourth early by Kevin Manning as the 2013 winner Euphrasia (Ire) (Windsor Knot {Ire}) took on her customary unforgiving stance up front, she rolled alongside her market rival Zannda with nonchalance as the leader gave way approaching the quarter pole. Staying on with gusto from there, she strung out a useful field to open up a multitude of options.



Pleascach
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"She's improved a good bit from Navan," Bolger said. "She was a bit sore after Leopardstown and by the time she came right, the ground had gone so we decided to leave her for this year. She will probably go to Royal Ascot for the [June 18] G2 Ribblesdale S. and then the G1 Irish Oaks [at The Curragh July 18], but I still have to speak to Kevin and if there is any change in that it would be that we might go for the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas [at The Curragh May 24]. She has a nice turn of foot and I'm sure she'll stay a mile and a half."

Click here for an audio interview with Jim Bolger about two of his wins on the card and an update on G1 1000 Guineas runner-up Lucida (Ire) (Shamardal).

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HIGH NOON

Renewals of the G2 Betfred Dante S. rarely come as potentially informative as this one, with all the leading protagonists for Epsom bar Zawraq (Ire) (Shamardal) lining up for the leading blue riband trial on York's Knavesmire circuit. Despite their prominent place in the winter ante-post lists for the Derby, both Ballydoyle colts **John F Kennedy (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) and **Oi' Man River (Ire)** (Montjeu {Ire}) were last and soundly beaten on their respective sophomore bows in the G3 Ballysax S. at Leopardstown Apr. 12 and G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket May 2, respectively. Ryan Moore is on the former, who at least has faster ground to help redeem a reputation now tarnished after he had become the talk of Tipperary



Dante favorite Jack Hobbs
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when winning the G3 Juvenile Turf S. also at Leopardstown in September. Oi' Man River had a slick surface in the Guineas, but never looked comfortable at any stage and it would be remarkable if the G2 Beresford S. winner could turn around his fortunes in just 12 days.

Unusually, it is a colt without any pattern-race form who heads the betting in the ultra-impressive 10-furlong Sandown handicap winner **Jack Hobbs (GB)** (Halling), and despite the obvious merit of that 12-length rout Apr. 24, his presence has not deterred connections of the G1 Prix du Jockey Club-bound fellow John Gosden trainee **Golden Horn (GB)** (Cape Cross {Ire}) in taking part. The latter sports the famed Oppenheimer silks and was widely heralded as one of the season's more exciting prospects when taking Newmarket's Listed Feilden S. over nine furlongs Apr. 15.

"You've got to come here and test the waters on lovely ground in these important trials," Gosden said. "It's a true track and a proper track with a long straight and no excuses or hiding places. **Cont. p14**



High Noon cont.

One is in the English and one in the French Derby, so it makes sense to run them together. They are still relatively inexperienced horses in that developmental phase, so this will tell us a lot more.”

Qatar Racing’s **Elm Park (GB)** (Phoenix Reach {Ire}) offers a solid line of form to the mix after besting the re-opposing **Nafaqa (Ire)** (Sir Percy {GB}) in the G2 Royal Lodge S. at Newmarket in September and following up in Doncaster’s G1 Racing Post Trophy the next month. Andrew Balding dodged a fast-ground Guineas and has been rewarded with some serious rainfall in the interim as his stable star bids to emulate Authorized (Ire) and Motivator (GB) in completing the Racing Post Trophy-Dante double.

“It has been a bit tricky, as he was at his peak ready to run in the Guineas, but the main thing is the horse has to run in a trial and get his season going,” his trainer said. “Whatever he does at York, I think he will come on for the run. If he performs up to our expectations at York, I think he can have a big impact on the Investec Derby. There does not appear to have been anything overwhelming from the trials so far. There is very often a horse you notice that was staying on in the Guineas, but there doesn’t seem to be anything from that race this year. It seems everyone is turning up at York.”

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Thursday, York, Britain, post time: 3:15 p.m.

BETFRED DANTE S.-G2, £160,000, 2yo, 10f 88yT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	4	Elm Park (GB)	Phoenix Reach (Ire)	Atzeni	Balding
2	2	Golden Horn (GB)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Buick	Gosden
3	8	Jack Hobbs (GB)	Halling	Dettoni	Gosden
4	6	John F Kennedy (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Moore	A O'Brien
5	7	Lord Ben Stack (Ire)	Dylan Thomas (Ire)	Tudhope	Burke
6	5	Medrano (GB)	Archipenko	Murphy	Brown
7	3	Nafaqa (Ire)	Sir Percy (GB)	Hanagan	B Hills
8	1	Ol' Man River (Ire)	Montjeu (Ire)	J O'Brien	A O'Brien

All carry 126 pounds.

BRAGGING RIGHTS

Sir Michael Stoute holds the record of most winners of York’s G2 Betfred Middleton S., and it would come as no surprise to see Freemason Lodge celebrating a seventh on Thursday with the progressive **Bragging** (Exchange Rate). Brought out just 11 days after her comeback win in the nine-furlong G3 Dahlia S. at Newmarket, Khalid Abdullah’s bay has obviously given all the right signals for her trainer to make such an uncharacteristic move in backing her up.

Penalized for their top-level wins in 2014, Elite Racing Club’s G1 Prix Jean Romanet heroine **Ribbons (GB)** (Manduro {Ger}) and Kirsten Rausing’s G1 British Champions Fillies & Mares S. scorer **Madame Chiang (GB)** (Archipenko) both need the ground not to dry out further.



Sir Michael Stoute
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The latter won over this course and distance in the G3 Musidora S. when it was soft 12 months ago and her two efforts before Champions Day--when 10th in the G1 Epsom Oaks in June and sixth in the G1 Prix Vermeille at Longchamp in September--came on ground with no ease in it.

“She looks terrific and has done very well from three to four,” trainer David Simcock commented. “We may not see her at her best at a mile and a quarter on this ground with a penalty, but we have to start somewhere and the main objective for the first part of the season is the G1 Pretty Polly S. [at The Curragh June 28]. She’s got a great top gear, but it’s getting there that takes a little while so she might need soft ground over this trip.”

It will be interesting to see what Qatar Racing Ltd and Newsells Park Stud’s **Secret Gesture (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) can achieve this year, having looked to plateau in 2014 despite sound efforts when second in this race and in the G2 York S. over the same track and trip.

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Thursday, York, Britain, post time: 2:40 p.m.

BETFRED MIDDLETON S.-G2, £110,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 10f 88yT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	5	Madame Chiang (GB)	Archipenko	Crowley	Simcock
2	2	Ribbons (GB)	Manduro (Ger)	Queally	Fanshawe
3	9	Belle d’Or	Medaglia d’Oro	Dettoni	Gosden
4	1	Bragging	Exchange Rate	Moore	Stoute
5	6	Lady Tiana (GB)	Sir Percy (GB)	G Lee	Wadham
6	3	Lily Rules (Ire)	Aussie Rules	McHugh	Coyle
7	7	Odeliz (Ire)	Falco	Tudhope	Burke
8	8	Secret Gesture (GB)	Galileo (Ire)	Atzeni	Beckett
9	4	Talmada	Cape Cross (Ire)	Buick	Varian

All carry 126 pounds bar Madame Chiang & Ribbons, 129.

Thursday, Hoppegarten, Germany, post time: 4:50 p.m.

COMER GROUP INTERNATIONAL 44TH OLEANDER-RENNEN-G3, €55,000, 4yo/up, 16fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	7	Red Ghost (Ger)	Dai Jin (GB)	Ganbat	Smrczek	128
2	4	Salut (Ger)	Lomitas (GB)	Starke	Schiergen	128
3	3	Kaldera (Ger)	Sinndar (Ire)	Hardouin	P Harley	127
4	2	Born to Run (Ger)	Shirocco (Ger)	Pietsch	Dzulasz	126
5	6	Ephraim (GB)	Rail Link (GB)	Frank	Klug	126
6	8	Swordshire (Ger)	Shirocco (Ger)	Pedroza	Glanz	126
7	1	Walzertakt (Ger)	Montjeu (Ire)	Piechulek	Carvalho	126
8	5	Virginia Sun (Ger)	Doyen (Ire)	de Vries	Hirschberger	125

WARD’S ASCOT ARSENAL GAINS STRENGTH

Wesley Ward’s already formidable team for Royal Ascot has been further strengthened with the addition of Group 1 winner **Big Macher** (Beau Genius) to his stable. Previously trained by Richard Baltas to win the G1 Bing Crosby H. at Del Mar last July and last seen running creditably in the G1 Golden Shaheen S. on Dubai World Cup night, Big Macher could see Ward doubly represented in the G1 Diamond Jubilee S. at Ascot in four weeks time. **Cont. p15**



Wesley Ward
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Ward Ascot Arsenal Gains Strength cont.

The 5-year-old colt may join stablemate **Undrafted** (Purim) in the six furlong event on the final day of the Royal meeting and Ward is hopeful to improve on his already impressive strike rate at the festival.

"Undrafted ran on Kentucky Derby day and is going to go in the Diamond Jubilee on the closing day at Ascot," said Ward. "I've another horse called Big Macher. He's trained by a friend of mine, Richard Baltas. He was kind enough to refer me to the owners. They want to run him in Royal Ascot so Richard felt it was best I took him on as I'm familiar with going there. We'll breeze Big Macher on the grass and see how he takes to it before we decide which race to go for with him." Last year's Listed Windsor Castle S. winner **Hootenanny** (Quality Road) will again spearhead Ward's team for Ascot when he lines up for the inaugural running of the G1 Commonwealth Cup, a six furlong race for 3-year-olds only. He is sure to face tough European opposition from the likes of **Anthem Alexander (Ire)** (Starspangledbanner {Aus}) and **Tiggy Wiggy (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}), first and second in the G2 Queen Mary S. Last year. However the unbeaten **Limato (Ire)** (Tagula {Ire}), though untested at anything above Group 3 level could yet start favorite for the race.

Ward will also be represented in some of the juvenile contests, races he has such a good recent record in and he commented, "We've got a nice bunch of 2-year-olds coming over and we also have a nice 3-year-old colt, **Luck Of The Kitten** (Kitten's Joy). He could go for the G3 Jersey S. Then I've got a nice filly **Sunset Glow** (Exchange Rate), who was second in the G3 Albany S. and in the G1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies' Turf. We'll try to do our best and put up a good showing again."

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CERTERACH ON COMEBACK TRAIL

Last year's G2 Dubai Gold Cup winner **Certerach (Ire)** (Halling) is progressing well towards a comeback, according to trainer Mick Halford, and is targeting the G3 Curragh Cup June 28. The 7-year-old gelding was last seen finishing eighth in the Listed Finale S. at The Curragh in October, and was unable to defend his Gold Cup crown after suffering a setback over the winter.



Mick Halford and Certerach
Racing Post

"He's back in full work now and we're very happy with him," said Halford. "We'll probably go for something like the Curragh Cup with him on Irish Derby weekend. That might be his first run back. He's sound as a bell and is in good form."

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DARLEY GOODWOOD S.-G1, A\$500,000 (US\$405,140), 3yo/up, 1200mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	3	Huckleback (Aus)	Elvstroem (Aus)	Tourneur	Stokes	129
2	11	Lucky Hussler (Aus)	Husson (Arg)	Boss	Weir	129
3	8	Smokin' Joey (Aus)	Encosta de Lgo (Aus)	Parnham	Hunter	129
4	16	Flamberge (Aus)	Excd and Excel (Aus)	Duric	Moody	124
5	4	Thermal Current (Aus)	Excd and Excel (Aus)	Melham	Moody	124
6	15	Lord of the Sky (Aus)	Danerich (Aus)	Oliver	Laing	123
7	9	Riziz (Aus)	Zariz (Aus)	Gatt	Sweeney	123
8	14	Daytona Grey (Aus)	Artie Schiller	Lindop	McDnld/Glys	123
9	7	Black Heart Bart (Aus)	Blackfriars (Aus)	Smith	Sigley	122
10	5	Undr the Louvre (Aus)	Excellent Art (GB)	Zahra	Smerdon	122
11	1	It Is Written (Aus)	Written Tycoon (Aus)	Allen	Griffiths	122
12	6	Gregers (Aus)	Commands (Aus)	Williams	Hyes/Dberng	121
13	13	Politeness (Aus)	Street Sense	Payne	Smerdon	120
14	2	Light It Up (Aus)	Mossman (Aus)	Bowditch	Balfour	120
15	12	Yesterday's Sngs (Aus)	Henrythenavigator	Noonan	Moroney	120
16	10	Vain Queen (Aus)	Artie Schiller	Mallyon	Sadler	119
17	17	Tudor (Aus)	Strategic (Aus)	Yendall	Harrison	117

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INDIANA CHANGES EQUINE TESTING LABS

The Indiana Horse Racing Commission has terminated its contract with Truesdail Laboratory after Truesdail failed to report positive findings in three samples that contained drugs in violation of Indiana's medication rules.

The drugs, isoflupredone and betamethasone, were detected by the commission's audit laboratory, Industrial Laboratories, and confirmed by referee laboratory LGC Science. The concentrations of the drugs found were approximately two to five times the thresholds established by Indiana's medication rule, which is the same threshold as the RCI model rule.

Truesdail's inability to detect the foreign substances in the three samples is a failure to meet agreed upon performance metrics. Effective immediately, all testing of equine samples will be performed by Industrial Laboratories, its new primary laboratory.

"The Commission established its quality assurance program for just this reason--to double-check the proficiency of its primary laboratory. The program worked well and we are now able to improve our drug testing moving forward," said Joe Gorajec, Indiana's Executive Director.

The three positive audit findings came after only three weeks of racing at Hoosier Park's Standardbred race meet, which opened Mar. 27. Once the audit of Truesdail's testing is complete, a staff report will be issued to the commission and Indiana's Department of Administration. The IHRC has no plans to proceed with disciplinary action related to any of the medication overages that Truesdail failed to detect when it was serving as the Commission's primary laboratory.

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 **New York**

Wednesday's Results:

8th-BEL, \$77,000, Alw, NW1\$X, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:35 2/5, fm.

SEAGATE (c, 4, [Distorted Humor](#)--Cocoa Beach {Chi} {Horse of the Year & Ch. 2yo Filly-Chi, MGSW-Chi, MGISW-US, MSW & GSP-UAE, \$1,714,934}, by Doneraile Court), a second-up winner sprinting at Parx Dec. 29, was last in a Big A allowance Feb. 7 and fifth when stretched out at Laurel nine days later. Let go at 5-1 in this grass debut, the half-brother to last year's local Gill Pilgrim S. winner Imperia (Medaglia d'Oro), \$191,404, tugged his way up to press from second. He poked a head in front turning for home and, despite drifting a bit in the run to the line, maintained a half-length edge over Where's Danny (Ire) (Diamond Green {Fr}) at the finish. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$74,770. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

O-Godolphin Racing LLC. B-Darley (KY). T-Kiaran P McLaughlin.

5th-BEL, \$62,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$80,000), NW1\$X, (S), 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:36 2/5, fm.

R Y SQUADRON (f, 3, [Stormy Atlantic](#)--Cades Bay, by Fusaichi Pegasus), second behind eventual multiple stakes winner The Lewis Dinner (Posse) in a rained-off sprint here Oct. 16, came back a month later to don cap and gown going a mile over the Big A sod. Off at 6-5 for a hot-handed barn that excels with fillies on the grass, the homebred doled out comfortable splits of :24.50, :49.22 and 1:13.42. Amazing Anne (Freud) tried to make a race of it late, but R Y Squadron came in to close a gap along the rail, causing Amazing Anne to take up. The stewards looked into the incident, but found no reason to reverse the order of finish.

Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$84,600. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)** O/B-Alpha Delta Stables LLC (NY). T-Chad C Brown.

Stephens Thoroughbreds Graduate

6th-BEL, \$75,000, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:24 3/5, ft. + TOUCH THE MOON (f, 3, [Malibu Moon](#)--Touch Here, by Touch Gold), backed as the 7-5 chalk for this always dangerous barn off an upbeat tab mostly at Palm Beach Downs, was forwardly placed after breaking from the outside gate here and pressed splits of

:23.01 and :46.85 from a three-deep joint third. She advanced into a sole second into the lane, and took over without much resistance at the head of the stretch before kicking clear by a promising 4 1/2 lengths. Fellow firster I'll Take Charge



Touch the Moon
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(Indian Charlie--Take Charge Lady), a half to champion Will Take Charge (Unbridled's Song) who cost \$2.2 million at Keeneland September, ran on very strongly from the back of the pack to take second. The winner, a \$320,000 KESEP yearling turned \$450,000 Fasig-Tipton Florida juvenile after a :10 flat breeze, is out of a half sister to 2005 GI Kentucky Oaks heroine Summerly (Summer Squall). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$45,000. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

O-Three Chimneys Farm. B-Clearsky Farms (KY). T-Todd A Pletcher.

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Florida

Wednesday's Results:

6th-GPX, \$38,800, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:24 4/5, ft. PAPAYITA (f, 3, West Acre--Tea Dancer, by Afternoon Deelites), third going a furlong shorter against Florida-bred foes here Apr. 16, was given a 5-1 chance in this open spot. Biding her time early along the rail, the bay put in a head-turning bid along the bend to advance rapidly on the well-clear leading duo. She powered to the lead a furlong out, and lengthened her edge to 5 1/2 lengths under the line over Princess Moon (Malibu Moon). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$27,920. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O-Off The Hook LLC. B-Off The Hook Partners LLC & Farm III Enterprises LLC (FL). T-Gilberto Zerpa.

Central U.S.

Minnesota Racing Commission Approves Canterbury Stewards:

Three veteran ROAP-accredited senior racing officials, David Hooper, James Lages and David Smith, have been approved by the Minnesota Racing Commission to serve as state stewards for the 2015 Canterbury Park racing season running 70 days from Friday, May 15 through September 12.

"These three highly experienced racing professionals are dedicated to fulfilling the MRC's regulatory mandate to protect the integrity of horse racing in Minnesota," states Tom DiPasquale, Executive Director of the MRC. "The MRC is also taking additional steps for improving transparency and understanding of Steward decisions by launching the 'Stewards' Watch'".

Hooper will be returning to Canterbury's steward stand for his third year, and this year will serve as Chief Steward. Lages has logged 23 years as a racing official as either placing and patrol judge, paddock judge, claims clerk and/or clerk of scales at Keeneland, Gulfstream Park, Hialeah, Meadowlands and Monmouth Park. Smith brings both trainer and longtime racing official experience, having served the past 28 years as a Steward in Illinois, Pennsylvania and most recently in Arizona.

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ROOKIES

First-crop starters to watch: Thurs., May 14

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2011 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*
FIRST DUDE (Stephen Got Even), Double Diamond Farm, \$8K, 98/0/0 3-SA, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Skye Diamonds, 4-1
GENERAL QUARTERS (Sky Mesa), Crestwood Farm, \$9K, 38/0/0 3-GP, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Sumfloridasunfun, \$14K RNA OBS AUG yrl, 15-1

First/second-crop starters to watch: Thurs., May 14

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2011 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*
COOL COAL MAN (Mineshaft), Journeyman, \$4K, 59/18/1 7-PRM, Msw, 6f, +Miss Lady June, \$120K OBS APR 2yo, 10-1
GRACE UPON GRACE (Rio Verde), Lovacres Ranch, \$2K, 28/0/0 3-SA, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Hermosa Muneca, \$2K RNA BAR JAN 2yo, 30-1
MUNNINGS (Speightstown), Ashford Stud, \$10K, 165/44/5 7-PRM, Msw, 6f, +Seattle's Best, \$9K KEE JAN yrl, 9-2

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-BEL, \$62,000, NW1\$X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:17 4/5, ft.

CAMILLE'S STORM (f, 3, Stormy Atlantic--Raffie's Dream {SP, \$170,652}, by Raffie's Majesty) Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, \$95,358. O/B-WellSpring Stables (NY). T-James T Ryerson. *Full to Stormy's Majesty, GSW, \$336,649.

4th-IND, \$38,000, NW3L, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38 1/5, ft.

SWEET N WICKED (f, 4, Borrego--Wicked Hot, by Thunder Gulch) Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-1, \$46,940. O-Felipe Salas. B-Ron Brown (IN). T-Wayne G Minnock.

8th-IND, \$38,000, Opt. Clm. (\$12,500), NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04 3/5, ft.

DANCE PROUDLY (g, 5, Quick Action--Lady Newton, by Conscience Clear) Lifetime Record: 14-3-3-1, \$96,081. O/B-Vicki J & James E Riddle (IN). T-James E Riddle.

6th-LAD, \$26,490, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16 3/5, gd.

IDE BE COOL (g, 4, Ide--Cool Climate, by Bowman's Band) Lifetime Record: MSW, 14-8-3-1, \$456,200. O/T-Henry Ray Dunn. B-Gulf Haven Farms (LA).

5th-LAD, \$25,000, Opt. Clm. (\$17,500), NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, 1m70y (off turf), 1:44, gd.

DEEP BOTTOM (c, 4, Lone Star Special--Open Skies {SW, \$182,047}, by Defrere) Lifetime Record: 15-5-2-2, \$89,890. O-Thomas L Holyfield. B-Tigertail Ranch (LA). T-Peggy Balentine.



Breeders' Edition cont.

9th-WRD, \$22,800, 5-12, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft.

OH MY GOODNESS (f, 3, Lucky Lionel--Juanitas Babe {SP}, by Mi Selecto) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$27,763. O/B-Jean Haas (OK). T-Patrick E Swan.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Gone too Soon, g, 3, **Belong to Me**--She's Simply Sweet, by Mazel Trick. TDN, 5-13, (S), 1m, 1:42 3/5. B-Brian Poe & Robert Guciardo (OH).

Foxhall Drive, g, 3, **Congrats**--Relativa (Arg), by Parade Marshal. BEL, 5-13, (S), (C), 1 1/8mT, 1:49 4/5. B-John T Behrendt & Charles Marquis (NY).

*\$37,000 wlng '12 FTNOCT; \$200,000 yrl '13 FTNAUG. **1/2 to Stormy Relations (Stormy Atlantic), SP, \$177,518; and Relatively Ready (More Than Ready), GSP, \$123,361.

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Nevelee, f, 3, **Maimonides**--Sally's Song, by Unbridled's Song. GPX, 5-13, (S), 1mT, 1:37 3/5. B-Arindel Farm (FL).

Locust Bayou, f, 3, **Spring At Last**--La Ballerine (SP, \$153,558), by Matter of Honor. IND, 5-13, (S), 1m, 1:39 1/5. B-Michael E Lauer & Penny S Lauer (IN). *\$10,000 yrl '13 FTKOCT.

Mycottonsocks, f, 3, **Street Hero**--McKinney (MSW, \$302,719), by El Prado (Ire). IND, 5-13, (S), 1m, 1:41 1/5. B-Jennifer Thorpe (IN). *\$6,700 yrl '13 INDOCT.

Sustainability, c, 3, **Temple City**--Flexfuel, by Harlan's Holiday. GPX, 5-13, (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:42 3/5. B-Dr Angel B Contreras (KY).

Prospector d'Oro, f, 3, **Warrior's Reward**--Truly Crafty, by Crafty Prospector. TDN, 5-13, 6f, 1:12 3/5. B-Brandywine Farm (KY). *\$65,000 yrl '13 KEESAP; \$44,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR. **1/2 to La Despreciada (Vicar), MSP-Pr.

Lil Lionne, f, 4, **Leroidesanimaux (Brz)**--Lil Mai Tai (MSW), by Lil E. Tee. IND, 5-12, (S), 6f, 1:12 1/5. B-Rancho Monarca LLC (IN).

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Wednesday's Results:

1st-YRK, £25,000, Hcp, 4yo/up, 10f 88yT, 2:12.15, gd.

MAHSOOB (GB) (c, 4, **Dansili {GB}**--Mooakada {Ire} {MSP-Eng}, by Montjeu {Ire}), who was forced to run around the field to win on his 4-year-old bow over this trip at Newbury Apr. 18, again received an unfavorable wide draw and was forced to sit in rear throughout the early stages. Ridden in early straight and looking to be going nowhere for a period, the 11-4 crowd's choice eventually picked up on the outer to stay on strongly and wrest the lead from Master of Finance (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) in the final strides and score by a half-length. "I could have gone round again at Newbury and he's still learning--the penny hasn't fully dropped yet and he'll come on again," jockey Paul Hanagan commented. "I didn't want to rush him and they went a nice gallop, but York is a front-runner's track so he has done extra well." Trainer John Gosden understandably has lofty targets in mind for the lightly-campaigned homebred now after two efforts that mark him down as pattern-class. "He rode him with a great deal of confidence and has done the right thing, so full marks to Paul," he said. "He's a talented horse who had a small injury at the top of his cannon-bone and it nagged at him, so we gave him time off and he's come right. He's the first foal out of a lovely filly I trained for Sheikh Hamdan, a rangy filly with a lovely mind and he's always looked and worked like a decent horse."

Gosden added, "He's always been a bit of a favorite of ours and we had been dreaming of good things last spring. He does everything you ask at home and is a bit of a push-button horse, so is a pleasure to train as a result. We might be bold and go straight to Royal Ascot for the [June 30] G2 Hardwicke S.--he warrants it, even though it is a big jump up. Paul said he's just beginning to get the idea, which is fair enough as it's only his third race." Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, £28,015. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum. B-Shadwell Estate Company Limited (GB). T-John Gosden.

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6th-YRK, £20,000, Cond, 2yo, 5fT, 0:59.50, gd.
+ AREEN (IRE) (c, 2, Kodiak {GB}--Falcolnry {Ire}, by Hawk Wing), sent off the 3-1 second favorite, was restrained early as Ravenhoe (Ire) (Bahamian Bounty {GB}) made a bold bid to give upwards of 10 pounds to his rivals. Cutting into that rival's advantage inside the last quarter mile, the £18,000 DONAUG yearling and £85,000 TATAPR 2yo edged ahead passing the furlong pole en route to a comfortable 1 1/2-length success. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £12,450. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Sheikh Abdullah Almalek Alsabab. B-Rocal Bloodstock Ltd (IRE). T-Kevin Ryan.

1st-BTH, £3,500, Mdn, 2yo, 5f 161yT, 1:11.57, fm.
+ TAWDHEEF (IRE) (c, 2, Zebedee {GB}--Duchess of Foxland {Ire} {SW & MGSP-Ire, \$102,406}, by Medecis {GB}) received a brush at the break, but soon recovered to stalk the leaders in fifth. Improving into third soon after halfway, the 3-1 second favorite quickened to the front approaching the final furlong and was ridden clear to score by 3 1/4 lengths from Art Collection (Fr) (Shakespearean {Ire}). Sales history: €37,000 wlng '13 GOFNOV; £92,000 yrl '14 DONAUG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £2,386. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)
 O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum. B-Ms G Proctor (Ire). T-Brian Meehan.

OBSERVATIONS

on today's European racing scene

3.25 Salisbury, Mdn, £5,500, 3yo/up, f/m, 9f 198yT
LOVING THINGS (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) represents the Normandie Stud-John Gosden partnership which has proved so successful in recent times, including with this debutante's group-placed dam's half-sister Fallen For You (GB) (Dansili {GB}). Successful in the 2012 G1 Coronation S., she hails from the relentless winner-producing family of Fly To the Stars (GB) (Bluebird).

4.50 York, Mdn, £20,000, 2yo, 6fT
ODE TO EVENING (GB) (Poet's Voice {GB}) is the first high-profile runner for his Dalham Hall-based sire who is already off the mark with his first crop, being a son of Brazil's dual champion Ever Love (Brz) (Nedawi {GB}). From the Mark Johnston stable, which has started the current campaign with a vengeance with its juveniles, Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum's representative encounters another representative of a fascinating freshman in Mubarak Alarou's **Munira Eyes (Cape Blanco {Ire})**, a Roger Varian-trained half-brother to the 2013 Gil City of Hope Mile S. winner No Jet Lag (Johar). Another to watch in a maiden that saw Lord Shanakil score in 2008 is Qatar Racing's newcomer **Blue Humor (Distorted Humor)**, a \$260,000 Kevin Ryan-trained full-brother to the GSW Shumoos from the immediate family of Ishiguru (Danzig).



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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	1	Fast Act (Ire)	Fast Company (Ire)	Moore	K Ryan	128
2	7	Fendale (GB)	Excd and Excl (Aus)	Mulrennan	Smart	128
3	4	George Dryden (Ire)	Zebedee (GB)	McDonald	Duffield	128
4	9	Lightscameration (Ire)	Pstoral Prsuits (GB)	Morris	Kelleway	128
5	11	Profitable (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Kirby	Cox	128
6	8	Strath Burn (GB)	Equiano (Fr)	Spencer	C Hills	128
7	10	Zuhoor Baynoona (Ire)	Elnadim	Hanagan	Fahey	126
8	6	Al Fareej (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	Scr	Scr	
9	2	Blue Aegean (GB)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Buick	Appleby	123
10	5	Tendu (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Dettori	Gosden	123
11	3	Zeb Un Nisa (GB)	Iffraaj (GB)	Atzeni	Charlton	123

Wednesday's Results:

2nd-NAS, €15,000, Cond, 2yo, 6fT, 1:18.19, yl/sf.
+ ROUND TWO (IRE) (c, 2, Teofilo {Ire}--Khazina, by Kingmambo) was well away from the outside box to stalk the leading trio in a handy fourth after the initial strides of this unveiling. Making smooth progress from



Trainer Jim Bolger enjoyed three wins on the Naas card
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halfway, the 3-1 second favorite was shaken up to challenge inside the final quarter mile and was ridden out once taking a slender advantage with 150 yards remaining to prevail by 1 1/4 lengths from Argentero (GB) (Zoffany {Ire}). "It's always nice to see them do on the track what you think they

can do and the win wasn't a surprise," said winning trainer Jim Bolger. "He's a very quick learner and we'll be entering him in the [June 16 G2] Coventry [S. at Royal Ascot]." Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €10,350.

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 O-Godolphin. B/T-Jim Bolger (Ire).

1st-NAS, €15,500, Mdn, 2yo, f, 6fT, 1:16.70, yl/sf.
RUE BONAPARTE (IRE) (f, 2, Dark Angel {Ire}--Redoutable {Ire}, by Invincible Spirit {Ire}), runner-up going five panels here on debut last time Apr. 27, lurched to the right coming out of the stalls, but soon raced on an even keel tracking the leaders in third. Making her bid passing the quarter-mile marker, the crowd's 6-4 pick led soon after and was ridden out inside the final furlong to assert by a half length from Californiadreaming (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €13,330. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Lady O'Reilly. B-Skymarc Farm (Ire). T-Kevin Prendergast.



7th-NAA, €13,500, Mdn, 3yo/up, f/m, 8fT, 1:41.98, yl/sf.

OUTSTANDING (IRE) (f, 3, [Galileo {Ire}](#)--[Absolutelyfabulous {Ire}](#) {SW & GSP-Ire}, by Mozart {Ire}), a full-sister to the 2013 G1 Irish 2000 Guineas and GI Breeders' Cup Turf winner Magician (Ire), Hwt. 3yo-Ire at 11-14f, Hwt. Older Horse-Ire at 9.5-11f, G1SW-Ire, GISW-US, GSW & G1SP-Eng, \$2,584,157, was last seen finishing fifth over this trip at Leopardstown in October and soon had the lead against the rail. Shaken up with a quarter mile to race, the 5-2 chalk galloped to an ultimately comfortable 2 1/4-length success from Catalyst (Ire) (Makfi {GB}). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, €9,315. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Derrick Smith & Susan Magnier & Michael Tabor. B-Absolutelyfabulous Syndicate (IRE). T-Aidan O'Brien.

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Wednesday's Results:

5th-SCD, €34,000, Cond, 3yo, 8fT, 1:41.36, gd.
LEONIDA (FR) (c, 3, [Lawman {Fr}](#)--[Avventura](#), by [Johannesburg](#)), who was no match for the re-opposing Philosopher (Ire) (Shamardal) when 3 1/2-lengths second to that Godolphin representative in a Polytrack conditions event over this trip at Chantilly Apr. 15, was up to lead early. Tackled all the way inside the last quarter mile, the 5-1 second choice battled tenaciously to withstand the threat of Urjuwaan (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}) and score by a half-length. Philosopher, from the immediate family of Dubai Millennium (GB), failed to get involved and was only fifth as a disappointing 2-5 favorite. Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 2 wins, 3 places, €63,040. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)
 O/B-E Ciampi, C & L Marzocco (FR). T-Jean-Marie Beguigne.

2nd-SCD, €25,000, Mdn, unraced 3yo, c/g, 8fT, 1:44.06, gd.
+ PROGRESSION (GB) (c, 3, [Dansili {GB}](#)--[Pretty Face {GB}](#), by [Rainbow Quest](#)) dwelt slightly at the break and was roused early to claim the lead after the initial strides of this debut. Maintaining control thereafter, the 19-10 favorite was nudged along inside the two pole and kept on strongly for a couple of backhanders in the closing stages to hold the persistent effort of Oblonsky (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) by a neck. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €12,500. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)
 O-Khalid Abdullah. B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB). T-David Smaga.

1st-SCD, €25,000, Mdn, unraced 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:44.58, gd.
+ ALIOCHKA (IRE) (f, 3, [Intikhab--Luna Royale {Ire}](#) {SW-Fr}, by [Royal Applause {GB}](#)), a €160,000 ARQAUG yearling, raced off the pace in seventh for most of this first go. Taking closer order in the straight, the 33-10 third choice quickened to the fore with 350 meters remaining and was ridden out inside the final furlong to comfortably hold Sonnerie (GB) (More Than Ready) by 1 1/2 lengths. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €12,500. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)
 O-Alain Jathiere. B-Petra Bloodstock Agency Ltd (Ire). T-Pia Brandt.

New Zealand

O'REILLY MARE TOPS NZB BROODMARE SALE

NZB's National Sale drew to a close Wednesday with a session of broodmares, and it was a stakes-winning daughter of O'Reilly (NZ), Ombre Rose (NZ), who topped trade at NZ\$105,000. With comparable numbers offered to last year (166 versus 170), figures took a downward turn. The average dropped 28.5% to NZ\$6,148, while the median was down 39.8% to NZ\$2,000. The buyback rate was 22.8%, up slightly from last year's 20%.

NZB's Co-Managing Director, Andrew Seabrook, said, "The lack of depth in the catalogue reflected the prices made in the ring today. Whilst competition at the top end was strong, the lower and middle market will only improve once domestic racing shows signs of growth."

The day's leading lot, catalogued as [lot 454](#), was purchased by Seabrook on behalf of a New Zealand-based client. A three-time listed winner and Group 1-placed, Ombre Rose has produced four foals, her eldest being the 5-year-old Room For Excuse (NZ) (No Excuse Needed {NZ}), stakes-placed in Singapore. She is not currently in foal.

Mares by the late O'Reilly proved popular through the session, with eight of his daughters selling for NZ\$172,450. He was the leading sire of the day by aggregate and average. Ombre Rose was offered by Waikato Stud, who was the leading vendor for both the broodmare session and the overall sale. Waikato sold 19 broodmares for NZ\$222,700, and 62 lots total this week for NZ\$530,000.

It was a sharp drop down the day's second-highest price, NZ\$32,000, for the 7-year-old Ustinov (Aus) mare Ididit (NZ) in foal to Dalghar (Fr).

Reflecting on the three day's selling, which was highlighted by a NZ\$160,000 weanling filly by Mastercraftsman (Ire) on day one, Seabrook added, "The highlight of the three days has been the strong competition for the top weanlings. It is a sale that I would like to see utilized to better effect in the future as there is definitely room in the market for more quality weanlings to be offered in the sale. It provides a good opportunity to offer stock by stallions that are currently firing and a good avenue for promoting first-season sires." **Stats p6**

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CUMULATIVE	2015	2014
• Catalogued	604	571
• No. Offered	532	466
• No. Sold	426	369
• RNAs	106	97
• % RNAs	19.9%	20.8%
• High Price	NZ\$160,000	NZ\$160,000
• Gross	NZ\$4,085,100	NZ\$3,920,400
• Average (% change)	NZ\$9,589 (-9.7%)	NZ\$10,624
• Median (% change)	NZ\$2,775 (-44.5%)	NZ\$5,000

NZB National Broodmare Sale

SESSION TOTALS	2015	2014
• Catalogued	187	220
• No. Offered	166	170
• No. Sold	128	136
• RNAs	38	34
• % RNAs	22.8%	20%
• High Price	NZ\$105,000	NZ\$80,000
• Gross	NZ\$787,000	NZ\$1,169,950
• Average (% change)	NZ\$6,148 (-28.5%)	NZ\$8,603
• Median (% change)	NZ\$2,000 (-39.8%)	NZ\$3,325

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CONDITIONS RESULT:

7th-KIL, €13,000, 5-12, 4yo/up, 14fT, 3:09 3/5, sf.
GOOD TRADITION (IRE) (c, 4, Pivotal {GB}--Token Gesture {Ire} {GSW-Ire}, by Alzao) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, €16,388. O/B-Moyglare Stud Farm (IRE). T-Dermot Weld. *1/2 to Evolving Tactics (Ire) (Machiavellian), GSW-US & SP-Eng, \$243,797; and to Relaxed Gesture (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}), GISW-Can, MGISP-US, MGSP-Ire, \$1,593,625.

HANDICAP RESULTS:

3rd-NAS, €50,000, 5-13, 3yo, 6fT, 1:14.92, yl/sf.
THE HAPPY PRINCE (IRE) (c, 3, Rip Van Winkle {Ire}--Maid to Dream {GB}, by Oasis Dream {GB}) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, €41,590. O-Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith. B-Floors Farming (Ire). T-Aidan O'Brien. *£90,000 yrl '13 DONAUG.

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2nd-YRK, £25,000, 5-13, 4yo/up, 6fT, 1:10 4/5, gd.
ALGAR LAD (GB) (g, 5, Kheleyf--Winding, by Irish River (Fr) Lifetime Record: 18-6-1-2, £51,603. O-Great Northern Partnership. B-Highclere Stud (GB). T-David O'Meara. *1,500gns wlng '10 TATDEC; £5,000 yrl '11 DONSEP.

5th-YRK, £20,000, 5-13, 3yo, 7fT, 1:23 3/5, gd.
UDODODONTU (IRE) (g, 3, Lope de Vega {Ire}--Fifer {Ire}, by Soviet Star) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, £17,774. O-Mrs Alison Guest. B-Minch Bloodstock (IRE). T-Richard Guest. *€68,000 wlng '12 GOFNOV.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Don't Touch (GB), c, 3, Dutch Art (GB)--Expressive (GB), by Falbrav (Ire). NEW, 5-13, 6fT, 1:13 4/5. B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB). *60,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT.**

Novis Adventus (Ire), c, 3, New Approach (Ire)--Tiffed, by Seattle Slew. NAA, 5-13, 10fT, 2:18 3/5. B-J S Bolger (IRE).

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MY VINTAGE PORT, 14, Porto Foricos--My Intended, by Bold Ruckus
 Foal born Apr. 3, a filly by Victor's Cry. Will be bred back to Silent Name (Jpn). Owned by Rick Pettifer. Boarded at Grandview. Accomplishments: Ch. 2yo Filly-Can, MSW, \$734,353.

TEGGIANO (IRE), 18, Mujtahid--Tegwen, by Nijinsky II
 Foal born Apr. 4, a colt by Mount Nelson (GB) Will be bred back to Mount Nelson (GB). Owned by and boarded at Newsells Park Stud. Accomplishments: G1SW-Eng, \$278,947. Dam of Minneapolis (GB) (Sadler's Wells), SP-Ire.

FINAL FLING, 10, Bertrando--Lily La Belle, by Java Gold
 Foal born Apr. 6, a colt by Point of Entry. Will be bred back to Mucho Macho Man. Owned by and boarded at Adena Springs. Accomplishments: GSW & GISP, \$181,204.

FLAWLY (GB), 18, Old Vic (GB)--Flawlessly (Fr), by Rainbow Quest
 Foal born Apr. 8, a filly by Dubawi (Ire). Will be bred back to Kingman. Owned by and boarded at Newsells Park Stud. Accomplishments: GISP-US & MGSP-Fr. Dam of Best Name (GB) (King's Best), GSW & G1SP-Fr, \$646,306; February Sun (GB) (Monsun {Ger}), GSW-Ger; Heirloom (GB) (Dansili {GB}), SW-Ire.