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'PHAROAH' BRINGS THE RAIN

by Steve Sherack

It felt much more like a Breeders' Cup program was on the horizon later this weekend rather than a potential Triple Crown sweep on an unseasonably brisk and rainy Tuesday June morning in Elmont, New York.



Mubtaahij loving the slop at Belmont Tuesday morning
Christie DeBernardis photo

With heavy overnight storms leaving the main track a sloppy and sealed mess, **Tale of Verve** (Tale of Ekati) was the first local GI Belmont S. contender to head out for a spin just a tick before 6 a.m. The well-put-together GI Preakness S. runner-up galloped once around Belmont's mighty 1 1/2-mile oval. A very bundled-up Dallas Stewart--sporting black New Orleans Saints gloves--was keeping a close eye on his charge as he exited the track through the paddock tunnel as a slight wind made it feel much colder than the 47-degree reading being displayed on the iPhone Weather Channel app. **Cont. p3**

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American Pharoah (Pioneer of the Nile) arrives at Belmont Tuesday afternoon
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PRE-DERBY SCARE FOR ZAWRAQ

Sheikh Hamdan's **Zawraq (Ire)** (Shamardal), among the favorites for Saturday's G1 Epsom Derby, is not certain to start in that Classic after suffering an injury scare Tuesday. The Dermot Weld charge, who is unbeaten in two starts including the Apr. 12 Listed Leopardstown 2000 Guineas Trial S., was slightly lame after returning from a routine piece of work.

"He did a bit of work this morning with Pat Smullen up, he did it fine and walked back to the yard okay, but when the head lad came back into his box, he just thought he took a lame step," said Angus Gold, racing manager to Sheikh Hamdan. "He did his work fine, had a pick of grass back at the yard, but they just felt he wasn't 100% when they trotted him up. He has been taken to the vets for x-rays and scans and they came back fine, they didn't show up anything apart from a small mark on the inside of his near-fore cannon bone, so hopefully he has just given himself a knock. We will obviously know more over the next 36 hours or so. We are hoping to get him to the Derby, but we just wanted to make everyone aware of what has happened."



Zawraq and trainer Dermot Weld
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Keen Ice Works for Belmont

Donegal Racing's **Keen Ice** (Curlin) put in his final breeze early Tuesday morning at Churchill Downs in preparation for Saturday's GI Belmont S. before joining American Pharoah on a plane to New York.

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Oppenheim on 'Pioneer'

Bill Oppenheim looks at the third-crop sire list, which is headed by American Pharoah's sire Pioneerof the Nile. Plus Kelsey Riley profile a pair of sires (one NA and one EU) that are flying under the radar further down the third-crop sire list.

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It was awfully hard to miss the stunning blaze-faced defending Belmont S. champion **Tonalist** (Tapit), who galloped under a snug hold shortly thereafter. A perfect four-for-four at Belmont, the 'TDN Rising Star' heads to an absolutely loaded renewal of the GI Metropolitan H. after posting an eye-catching tally in the May 2 GIII Westchester S. Trainer Christophe Clement certainly appears to have him at the top of his game for this weekend.

Even without their Belmont S. saddle towels, the Todd Pletcher-trained duo of 'TDN Rising Star' **Materiality** (Afleet Alex) and **Madefromlucky** (Lookin At Lucky) immediately made their presence felt at approximately 6:15 a.m. Neither seemed to mind the slop one bit, especially **Materiality**, who, of course, romped in the off going on debut in Hallandale earlier this winter.



Materiality
Christie DeBernardis photo

The previously unbeaten GI Florida Derby hero was a well-documented troubled sixth in the GI Kentucky Derby, while **Madefromlucky** broke through with a career high in the GII Peter Pan S. here most recently May 9.

The globe-trotting Mike de Kock was on hand to supervise **Mubtaahij (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), who made his way out after the 8:30 a.m. renovation break. With the rain beginning to pick up, de Kock, as well as a slew of media, relocated to take cover by the nearby grandstand seats after initially watching by the wire.

Along with stablemate **Umgiyo** (Aus) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), the pair--both tacked with tan quarter sheets with South African flags--jogged the wrong way before turning in energetic gallops. Even with six timed workouts under his belt since a disappointing eighth in Louisville, **Mubtaahij** clearly wanted to do more, giving his exercise rider a good workout while attempting to apply the brakes near the finish line. De Kock later announced that **Umgiyo**, third in this term's G2 Dubai City of Gold, will bypass the GI Manhattan S. and instead shoot for an allowance spot on Saturday's undercard.

Dual Classic winner **American Pharoah** (Pioneerof the Nile), meanwhile, began his trip from the Bluegrass just before noon.

NYRA Tweeted, "Wheels up on #AirHorseOne! About an hour and a half to Long Island for American Pharoah, Bayern, Smokey, Keen Ice, and the rest!"

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The Zayats were immediately swarmed by the media upon their 2:30 p.m. arrival back at Barn 1. While the anticipation continued to build for the arrival of the Derby and Preakness winner, you guessed it, the rain returned. With camera crews from **ABC7 Eyewitness News, CBS 2 News, Fox News, NBC New York, SportsNet New York** and plenty more all jockeying for position, Hall of Famer **Bob Baffert** stood alongside as assistant trainer **Jimmy Barnes** led **American Pharoah** off the van without a hitch at 3:41 p.m. Baffert as well as **Ahmed** and **Justin Zayat** held court under an umbrella cover outside of the barn moments later.



Bob Baffert holding court
Horsephotos

"He shipped really well," Baffert confirmed. "I think he looked really well for what he's been through--all of the shipping...If the race was tomorrow, we're ready to go."

American Pharoah is slated to jog at Belmont Park at 8:45 a.m. Wednesday.



ROMANS TRAINEE 'KEEN' FOR BELMONT

Donegal Racing's **Keen Ice** (Curlin) put in his final breeze early Tuesday morning at Churchill Downs in preparation for Saturday's GI Belmont S. The Dale Romans trainee covered a half-mile in :50.20 with regular exercise rider Tammy Fox aboard.

"I thought he looked great and he worked great; it looked perfect," Romans said. "He's doing so good that it's scary. It's all a matter of whether or not he's good enough. There's not another fear to have. With a lack of pace [Keen Ice] will be laying closer.

This is a race that, even though people think it's for a deep closer, it's not; you need to be in the race. Woody Stephens said years ago that it's a speed horse race going a mile-and-a-half, so lack of pace will keep us in contact and I know that we have the endurance to keep going."

Keen Ice will look for just his second career trip to the winner's circle Saturday. Campaigned in graded company since his maiden victory, the bay most recently finished seventh in the GI Kentucky Derby. Keen Ice, along with Triple Crown hopeful American Pharoah boarded a chartered flight to New York later in the morning.



Keen Ice before the Derby
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Racehorse owner Bobby Flay became the first chef to earn a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame Tuesday in Los Angeles.

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◀ **CATCH A FLIGHT** won the G2 Californian Stakes on the main track on Saturday for **Richard Mandella** recording a Beyer Figure of **105**

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BILL OPPENHEIM



'PIONEER' TOP THIRD-CROP SIRE

The Triple Crown is on the line, and American Pharoah has one huge stat in his favor: he has beaten, it looks like, every horse set to line up against him; plus, the long-range forecast says it could rain on Saturday. Of course, he still has to be moving forward after his first two Triple

Crown wins; and--huge if--he has to get the trip. His daddy, WinStar's **Pioneerof the Nile**, was never tested for America's version of an extreme distance, as he never ran again after being eased in the 2009 GI Preakness won by the filly Rachel Alexandra; but his granddaddy, Empire Maker, won the GI Belmont; and if his damsire, the sprinter Yankee Gentleman (by Storm Cat), hasn't stopped him yet, that's unlikely to be what stops him now.

Even before the Belmont, Pioneerof the Nile is the Leading Third-Crop Sire, both on the *TDN* Year-to-Date 2015 Third-Crop Sire List ([click here](#)), and on the *TDN* Cumulative Third-Crop Sire List ([click here](#)). Naturally, American Pharoah winning the GI Kentucky Derby and Preakness has a lot to do with that. In fact, American Pharoah's four wins (from four starts) this year have earned him \$3,368,800 of Pioneerof The Nile's 2014 total of \$4.48 million (through Monday); his other 73 runners this year have earned a little over \$1.1 million. Moreover, cry the skeptics, American Pharoah is Pioneerof the Nile's only Grade I winner; is he a one-horse sire? But when you look at the stats, Pioneerof the Nile had three Grade II winners from 86 named foals in his first crop, including Cairo Prince, who was probably the early 2014 Derby favorite after



Pioneerof the Nile at WinStar Farm
Jan Siegel

winning the GI Holy Bull in Florida, but was stopped by injury, and incidentally has just completed his first season as an extra-promising \$10,000 stallion (especially considering what 'A.P.' will cost to breed to if he wins on Saturday) at Airdrie.

Pioneerof the Nile's second crop, American Pharoah's crop, includes a relatively small 62 foals, and his third crop, this year's 2-year-olds, is also in the sixties. So it's not like he was particularly highly touted; he was originally a \$20,000 stallion at Vinery, and had dropped to \$15,000 by the time of his transfer to WinStar for the 2013 season.

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Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
Golden Lad	Medaglia d'Oro	Mountainview H.	107
Catch a Flight (ARG)	Giant's Causeway	Californian S.-G2	103
Flutterby	Congrats	Sea Lily H.	102
Amelia's Wild Ride	D'wildcat	Pennsylvania Governor's Cup S.	101
Hillbilly Royalty	Langfuhr	Prairie Mile S.	99
Saucy Don	Don Six	John J. Reilly H.	97
The Pizza Man	English Channel	Opening Verse S.	96
Fatal Sting	For Glory	Cherokee Nation Classic Cup S.	95
Lockout	Limehouse	Connaught Cup S.-G2	95
Cara Marie	Unbridled's Song	Indy Star S.	94
Alsvid	Officer	Aristides S.-G3	93
Oliver's Tale	E Dubai	Siren Lure S.	93
Sarah Sis	Sharp Humor	Panthers S.	92
Royal Renege	Broken Vow	Lyphard S.	91
Divisidero	Kitten's Joy	Pennine Ridge S.	90
Force the Pass	Speightstown	Penn Mile S.-G3	90
Street of Gold	Street Sense	Amelia Island H.	90
More Than a Party	More Than Ready	Open Mind H.	88
Spanish Queen	Tribal Rule	American Oaks-G1	87
Gliding Alone	Quien	Green Carpet S.	86
Strict Compliance	Into Mischief	Penn Oaks	86
Deb's Wildcard	Desert Code	Seattle H.	85
Galina Point	Saffir	Lady Angela S.	85

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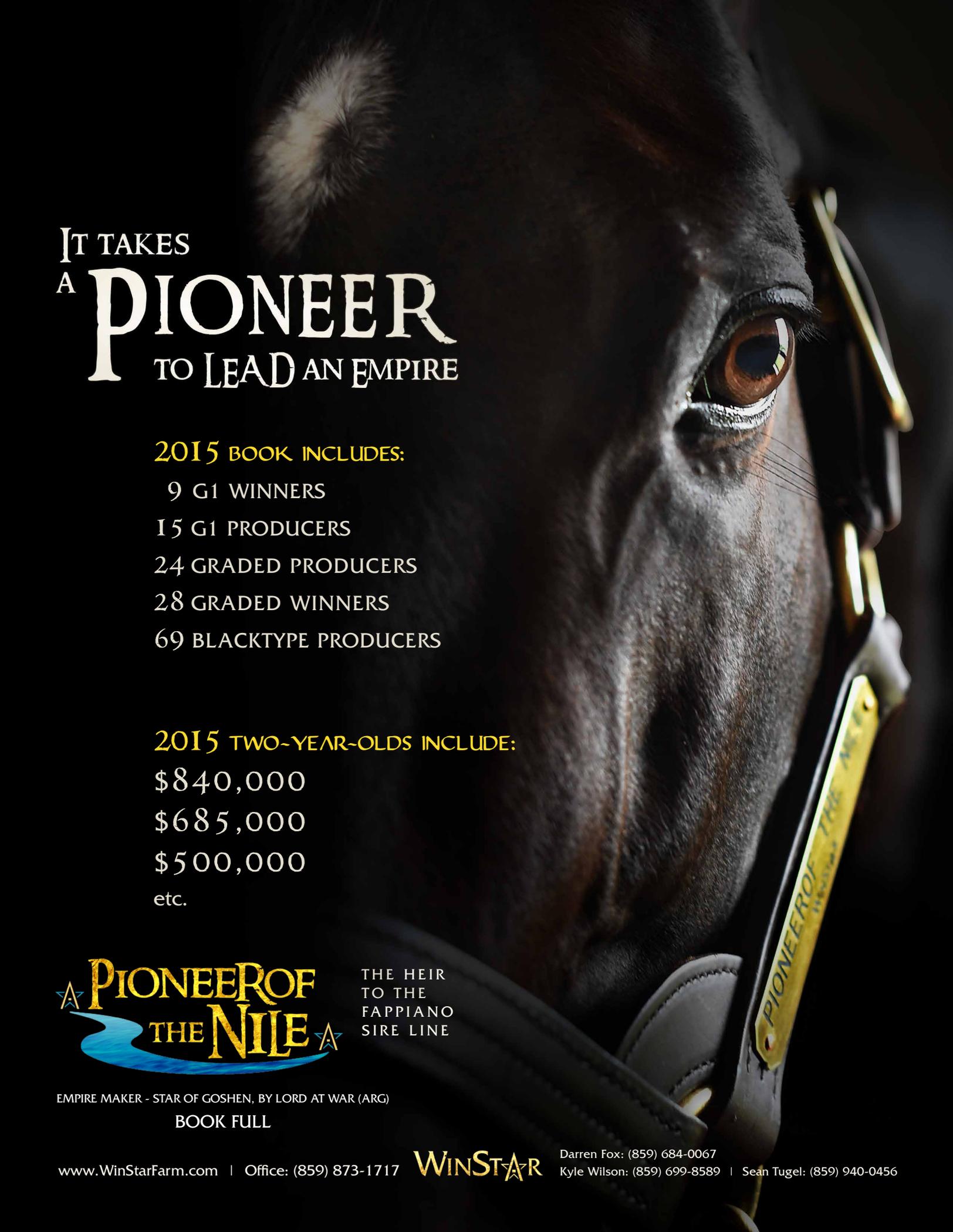
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The Zayat stable acquired Pioneerof the Nile's dam, the Lord At War (always an influence for class) mare Star of Goshen, in foal to Empire Maker, from Gary Bizantz after she was bought back for \$160,000 at the 2005 Keeneland November sale. She had been bred by the Lavin family at their Longfield Farm in Goshen, Ky., and was bought as a 2-year-old in training at the Keeneland sale for \$175,000 by one of the 'pioneer' California bloodstock agents, Rollin Baugh, from Kip Elser's consignment. Trained by Mike Pupye for Bizantz's Cobra Farm, Star of Goshen won three of five, including the seven-furlong La Troienne S. at Churchill Downs as a 3-year-old in 1997, but after breeding a few foals from her without notable success, Bizantz sold her, and that's when Ahmed Zayat started to get really lucky in the horse business. **Cont. p6**

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A \$290,000 buyback at the 2007 Keeneland September Sale (American Pharoah was himself a \$300,000 buyback at Saratoga), Zayat sent Pioneerof the Nile first to Bill Mott, then, after he had run fifth, beaten under three lengths, to Midshipman in the 2008 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, he left the horse in California with Bob Baffert. Pioneerof the Nile then reeled off four consecutive Grade I/Grade II victories at Hollywood Park (GI Cashcall Futurity) and Santa Anita (GII Robert B. Lewis, GII San Felipe, GI Santa Anita Derby)--this was the zenith of the synthetic era in California racing, remember--and Pioneerof the Nile went to the 2009 GI Kentucky Derby, untested on dirt, as the 6-1 third favorite behind Friesan Fire and Dunkirk. They caught a sloppy track, and Calvin Borel cut the corner on the unconsidered 50-1 no-hoper Mine That Bird (Birdstone). Pioneerof the Nile held on for second after briefly leading in the stretch. He had a nightmare trip in the GI Preakness two weeks later, was eventually eased down, and never ran again.

Because he ran so well on synthetics, there was a question what kind of sire Pioneerof the Nile might ultimately prove to be, but there need not have been any cause for concern. We have found, in the analyses we have published periodically on all-weather sires, that in the main the best sires are the best sires whatever the surface; A.P. Indy was a very good sire of AW horses, as has been Kitten's Joy. For his part, Pioneerof the Nile, like his own sire Empire Maker (like his sire Unbridled, and the Fappiano line in general), looks principally a dirt sire: he does have one Grade II winner on the grass, 2014 Del Mar Derby victor Midnight Storm. But Cairo Prince was a dirt horse, American Pharoah is a dirt horse, last year's GI Preakness third Social Inclusion was a dirt horse, 2014 GII Summertime Oaks winner Jojo Warrior is a dirt filly, and 2014 GIII Sam F. Davis winner Vinceremos was a dirt colt. Not an issue.

Only two North American or European third-crop sires have more than one Grade I or Group 1 winner: cumulative third-crop number two by progeny earnings,



Sea The Stars at Gilltown Stud
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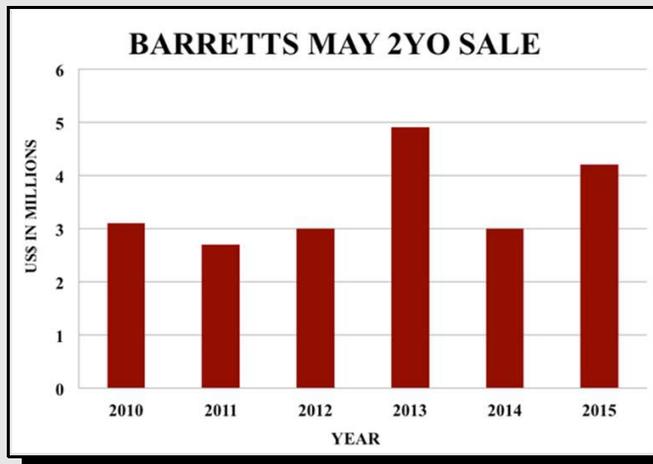
Coolmore's **Mastercraftsman**, and the Aga Khan Gilltowns Stud's **Sea The Stars**, cumulative number three ([click here again](#)). Sea The Stars, Galileo's half-brother by Cape Cross (also damsire of last year's G1 Epsom

Derby winner, Australia, and sire of this year's Epsom favorite, G2 Dante winner Golden Horn), was hailed by many (including me) as the best racehorse we'd seen since Secretariat 36 years earlier. **Cont. p7**

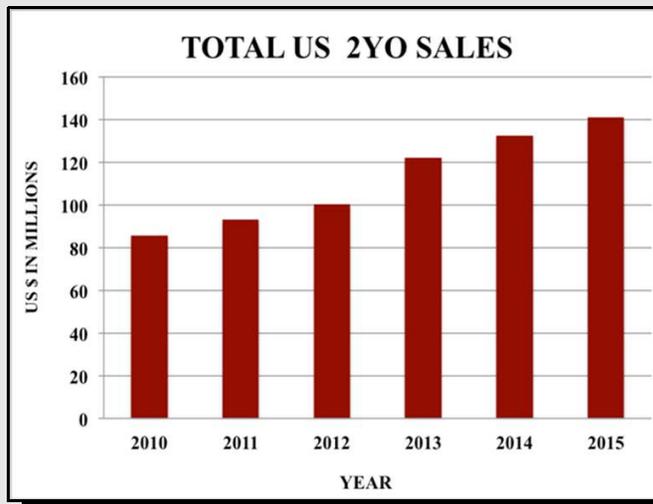
Weekly Sales Ticker

by Bill Oppenheim

"The Barretts May Sale survived the move from Pomona to Del Mar just fine; the number sold was the highest in the last six years, and the clearance rate from the catalogue rose by a full 10% to above the national average. When we take into account the demise, at least this year, of the Keeneland April sale, and the redistribution of numbers at OBS, the overall increases in gross (6.5%) and average (4%) are small, but they're going in the right direction." – Bill Oppenheim



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2015	155	124	94	20.0%	75.8%	60.6%	\$4,216,000	\$44,851
2014	141	91	70	35.5%	76.9%	49.6%	\$3,031,500	\$43,307
2013	155	109	88	29.7%	80.7%	56.8%	\$4,869,200	\$55,332
2012	124	85	69	31.5%	81.2%	55.6%	\$2,986,500	\$43,283
2011	123	92	72	25.2%	78.3%	58.5%	\$2,662,000	\$36,972
2010	166	115	86	30.7%	74.8%	51.8%	\$3,096,000	\$36,000



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2015	2,381	1,709	1,301	28.2%	76.1%	54.6%	\$140,863,300	\$108,273
2014	2,319	1,651	1,266	28.8%	76.7%	54.6%	\$132,246,700	\$104,460
2013	2,240	1,649	1,312	26.4%	79.6%	58.6%	\$122,148,950	\$93,101
2012	2,309	1,670	1,295	27.7%	77.5%	56.1%	\$100,282,000	\$77,438
2011	2,632	1,948	1,442	26.0%	74.0%	54.8%	\$93,123,200	\$64,579
2010	2,503	1,899	1,361	24.1%	71.7%	54.4%	\$85,466,300	\$62,797

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley



Oppenheim cont.

Trained by John Oxx for the Tsui family, as a 3-year-old in 2009 Sea The Stars went six-for-six, winning the G1 English 2000 Guineas at a mile, the G1 Epsom Derby and the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at a mile and a half, and in between did what all owners of Epsom Derby winners seem desperate to do--proved he was just as good at 10 furlongs, at which distance he won three Group 1s: the Eclipse, the Juddmonte International, and the Irish Champion S. Timeform awarded him a year-end rating of 140; he ran *Racing Post* Ratings (RPR) of 135 and 138 at 10 furlongs, and won the Arc with an RPR 132 after a troubled passage. He was a superstar racehorse, and when he retired, his rider, Mick Kinane, did too. Unfortunately for him, Sea The Stars only held the title of "world's best racehorse since Secretariat" for two years, until Frankel came along.

Sea The Stars has had about the best books of mares it's possible for a stallion to receive, but he is upholding them. He leads NA/EU third-crop sires with 15 Black-Type Winners (BTW); 25 Black-Type Horses (BTH); 17 Graded/Group Stakes Horses (GSH); and three Group 1 winners in his first crop, 3-year-olds of 2014: the fillies Taghrooda (G1 Epsom Oaks, G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S.) and Vazira (G1 Prix Saint-Alary); and the colt Sea The Moon (G1 German Derby). The only black-type category in which he does not lead this group is number of Graded/Group Stakes Winners (GSW), of which Mastercraftsman has eight and Sea The Stars seven. Mastercraftsman, a son of Danehill Dancer, was a very good racehorse in his own right: he won the G1 Phoenix S. (6f.) and G1 National S. (7f.) at two; the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas and the G1 St. James's Palace S. at a mile at three; and placed twice behind Sea The Stars at 10 furlongs, when second in the G1 Juddmonte S. and third in the G1 Irish Champion S. He's sired two Classic winners in his first crop, both still in training at four: dual 2014 G1 winner The Grey Gatsby (G1 Prix du Jockey-Club--French Derby--and G1 Irish Champion S.); and 2014 G1 English St. Leger winner (and G1 Epsom Derby second) Kingston Hill.

Australian champion sire and former Coolmore reverse shuttler **Fastnet Rock** has his first Northern Hemisphere 4-year-olds, and is having a good year so far, which sees him third on the 2015 third-crop sire list and fourth overall now on the cumulative list. Fifth on the cumulative list is France's Haras de la Cauviniere's **Le Havre**, sire of the dual Classic-winning filly Avenir Certain in his first crop last year. The other third-crop sires with more than five Black-Type Winners so far are Banstead Manor's **Champs Elysees** (17th by earnings), with six; and New Mexico sire **Diabolical** (16th by earnings, seven BTW), a Grade II winner sprinting at Saratoga (over another New Mexico stallion, Atila's Storm) and later a Group-1 placed sprinter for Godolphin.

Further Down The List...

Back by popular demand is *TDN* International Editor Kelsey Riley, to profile a pair of sires (one NA and one EU) that are flying under the radar further down the third-crop sire list:

TWO STEP SALSA (2005, Peticionville--Two To Waltz, by Seattle Slew. Get Away Farm, FL, \$7,500)

I wrote about Two Step Salsa when contributing my 'under \$15,000 value sires' to this column Jan. 28 ([click here](#)), and for me the Florida resident remains the best value on the third-crop sire list (he currently sits 12th). Two Step Salsa was a three-time graded/group winner who did his best running as a late 3-year-old and 4-year-old--he finished third in the inaugural Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile in 2008 before winning the



Two Step Salsa

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G2 Godolphin Mile the following year. His Grade I winner Dance With Fate was twice Grade I-placed as a 2-year-old and won the G1 Blue Grass S. before finishing a respectable sixth in the G1 Kentucky Derby, and his other graded winner,

Conquest Two Step, won his graded race at four this year. The last run of APEX ratings generated in January show Two Step Salsa with a respectable 2-year-old ABC Runner Index of 1.46 and a 3-year-old ABC Runner Index of 1.40. His first two crops have produced three A Runners and three B Runners (2.31 for each index).

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Two Step Salsa cont.

Conquest Two Step, who gave Shared Belief a scare when second in the GI Malibu S. in December, is a new stakes winner for his sire this year. He took the GII Palos Verdes S. in January over dual Breeders' Cup winner and next-out G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen winner Secret Circle and finished third in the GII San Carlos S. in March. Conquest Two Step was sadly euthanized in April after surgery to repair a condylar fracture. Two Step Salsa has been dealt some seriously bad luck: Dance With Fate was also euthanized after a freak accident last year, meaning both the sire's graded winners died during their prime on the racetrack. Two Step Salsa's numbers will be against him the next few seasons--he has just 34 live 3-year-olds, 31 2-year-olds and 39 yearlings, but last year he bred a reported 109 mares.

CHAMPS ELYSEES (GB) (2003, Danehill--Hasili {Ire}, by Kahyasi {Ire}, Banstead Manor, GB, £10,000)

Currently 17th on both the year-to-date and cumulative third-season sire lists is Champs Elysees and, the top three aside, he has more black-type winners than any other European sire on the list (six). His highest-rated performer is his first-crop daughter Xcellence, who won last year's G3 Prix Imprudence and placed in the G1 Prix de Diane and G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches. Xcellence was twice graded-placed in the U.S. before being bought back by owner Martin Schwartz for €950,000 at Arqana December last year.

Another classy filly by the full-brother to Dansili is last year's G3 Silver Flash S. winner and G1 Prix Marcel Boussac third Jack Naylor, who--in her first start of the year--finished fourth in the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas with a career-best RPR of 108. She goes to the G1 Epsom Oaks on Friday.

Champs Elysees has also had a pair of potentially classy stayers surface last week from his first crop. Glaring--who earned an RPR of 107 for finishing second in a French listed race Apr. 16--finished second in the 15 1/2-furlong G2 Prix Vicomtesse Vigier for Khalid Abdullah and Andre Fabre May 24, and Trip To Paris was runner-up for Ed Dunlop in the 16 1/2-furlong G3 Henry II S. May 28--earning a 107 RPR--off three handicap wins between 12 and 18 1/2 furlongs to begin the year. So while Champs Elysees is still searching for that all-important first Group 1 winner, he has done well enough siring classy runners that are improving with age to think that it may not be far off. And remember, he was a late-bloomer himself. He won his first group race--the G3 Prix Hedouville--at four and went on to win Grade Is at five and six, recording his best RPR of 121 when winning his final start, the GI Canadian International of 2009.

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MOORE TO RIDE CANALETTO IN DERBY

Ryan Moore, Coolmore’s number one jockey, will ride **Giovanni Canaletto (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) in Saturday’s G1 Epsom Derby. The colt, one of three in the lineup for trainer Aidan O’Brien, is a full-brother to Ruler of the World (Ire), whom Moore rode to victory in the Derby in 2013.

Giovanni Canaletto finished third on debut last October and broke his maiden three weeks later. He was second in The Curragh’s G3 Gallinule S. on seasonal debut May 24, and has been the subject of heavy recent market support; he is currently the 8-1 co-fourth choice.

Coolmore also revealed on Twitter that Joseph O’Brien will ride Listed Derby Trial S. winner **Kilimanjaro (Ire)** (High Chaparral {Ire}) in the Derby, while Seamie Heffernan will be aboard G3 Chester Vase winner **Hans Holbein (GB)** (Montjeu {Ire}).

In Friday’s G1 Epsom Oaks, Moore will ride the David Wachman-trained, Michael Tabor silkbearer **Legattissimo (Ire)** (Danehill Dancer {Ire}). O’Brien will be aboard G1 Fillies’ Mile winner **Together Forever (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}); Heffernan will ride Listed Chesire Oaks winner **Diamondsandrubies (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}); and Colm O’Donoghue will be on G3 Park S. winner **Qualify (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}).



DETTORI FEARS JACK HOBBS IN DERBY

Jockey Frankie Dettori, who will partner G1 Epsom Derby favorite **Golden Horn (GB)** (Cape Cross {Ire}) for the first time in that June 6 Classic, told *At The Races* Golden Horn’s John Gosden stable companion **Jack Hobbs (GB)** (Halling)--runner-up to the favorite with Dettori aboard in the G2 Dante S. May 14--is one of the rivals he will fear most Saturday.

"I'm scared of Jack Hobbs; the horse has improved since the Dante and he stays well," Dettori said.

Godolphin bought an interest in Jack Hobbs after the Dante, meaning one of that operation’s retained riders would partner the colt in the Derby. One of those riders, William Buick, rode Golden Horn in the Dante,



Frankie Dettori *Racing Post*

and therefore that mount was left open for Dettori’s taking. While many believe Golden Horn’s stamina concerns could get him beat Saturday, Dettori said his “gut feeling” is that his mount will stay.

"He is favorite; we know what he's made of," Dettori said. "The same question keeps coming up: Will he stay? My gut feeling says yes, so it's fingers crossed now as his preparation has gone well."

Dettori also noted he will not underestimate the Aidan O’Brien-trained trio of **Hans Holbein (GB)** (Montjeu {Ire}), **Kilimanjaro (Ire)** (High Chaparral {Ire}) and **Giovanni Canaletto (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}).

"Their forte is that they are all good stayers so I'm sure they are going to make a race of it," the rider said. "The [G3] Chester Vase winner [Hans Holbein] looked a good stayer. You can never dismiss Aidan O'Brien; he's a master, and whatever he runs you have to respect."



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CRITERION IMPRESSES IN ASCOT SPIN

Sir Owen Glenn's **Criterion (NZ)** (Sebring {Aus}), who is preparing for the G1 Prince of Wales's S. at Royal Ascot, pleased trainer David Hayes in a workout at Ascot Tuesday. A three-time Group 1 winner in Australia--including the A\$4 million G1 Queen Elizabeth S. Apr. 11--the 4-year-old was last seen finishing third in the G1 QEII Cup in Hong Kong Apr. 26.



David Hayes *Racing and Sports*

"He's a horse that thrives on not a lot of work but we just felt that with it being six weeks between runs, we'd give him a look at Ascot and we've done that two weeks out from his race," Hayes explained.

"He's very good on a soft surface and it just slows a few of the others down, so if it rained we'd be very happy."

The Prince of Wales's is shaping up as perhaps the most anticipated race of the meeting, with the likes of **California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit), **Cirrus des Aigles (Fr)** (Even Top {Ire}), **The Grey Gatsby (Ire)** (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) and Japanese raider **Spielberg (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) expected to clash.

"There are horses from Japan, America and the best of the Europeans--it's going to be a classic," Hayes said.

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TOSCANINI STILL ON ASCOT TRACK

Godolphin's **Toscanini (Ire)** (Shamardal), third as the favorite in Monday's G3 Lacken S. at Naas, remains on track for Royal Ascot, where he will target either the G1 Commonwealth Cup over six furlongs or the G3 Jersey S. over seven.

"[Jockey] James Doyle was happy with Toscanini, but said that he was never comfortable on the ground--he just rolled around on it--and there was a very strong headwind," said trainer Mick Halford.

"He finished his race well, but the ground went against us and I am sure that there is better to come from the horse. We were keen to get a run into him before Royal Ascot and the plan is still to head there for either the Commonwealth Cup or the Jersey S."

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NEW BAY STAMINA CONCERNS GRIMTHORPE

Teddy Grimthorpe, racing manager to Khalid Abdullah, is taking it one step at a time when it comes to the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe prospects of **New Bay (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), eye-catching winner of the G1 Prix du Jockey Club on the weekend. Grimthorpe noted the colt's pedigree leads to concerns about whether he can stay the 12 furlong trip.



Teddy Grimthorpe *Racing Post*

"You've got to be a little bit steady before we get to that stage mainly because he's by Dubawi, who was basically a miler out of a mare by Zamindar, who was fast," Grimthorpe told *At The Races*. "The second dam did stay nearly two miles so there is stamina in the pedigree."

New Bay has never finished out of the top two in four outings, and was a hard-luck second from a wide draw in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains (French 2000 Guineas) three weeks before the Jockey Club.

"He had a shocking draw at Longchamp and didn't have a great draw at the weekend, but there weren't as many runners and he put the race to bed in great style," Grimthorpe added. "Having spoken to Prince Khalid and [trainer] Andre [Fabre], we've got to try to get him to be the best he possibly can at the best possible distance. He's in the Arc and it would be given top-class consideration."

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TRIPLE CROWN HAS GLOBAL AUDIENCE

By Kelsey Riley

Saturday evening millions across America will tune in to NBC to witness American Pharoah's bid for the Triple Crown. Interest in the G1 Belmont S. is certain to extend across the globe, however, and for the first time exclusively, viewers in Britain and Ireland will be able to tune in to extensive Belmont S. coverage on Racing UK.



American Pharoah's Triple Crown run has been popular among UK viewers
Horsephotos

Racing UK also enjoyed exclusive rights to air the G1 Kentucky Derby and G1 Preakness S. last month, an arrangement that turned out to be quite popular among its 50,000 subscribers. The channel devoted more than seven hours to Derby coverage and three to the Preakness, which included features from the NBC coverage as well as insights from U.S. experts Angus McNae, James Willoughby, Rachel Candelora and Timeform's Mark Milligan.



Global Audience cont.

Seb Vance, Director of PR & Communications for Racecourse Media Group, which owns Racing UK, explained that the channel has put a strong focus on increasing its international reach in recent years.

"We're constantly looking to strengthen our international portfolio, because racing fans are racing fans; their knowledge and enjoyment of the sport stretches beyond just the UK," Vance said. "Over the last year or so we've shown the Dubai races, Singapore and Hong Kong's major races, and we show the Canadian International, Melbourne Cup and others; lots of the key international fixtures, and a lot of them do tie in to each other, so it gives people a chance to enjoy racing beyond the UK."

Vance noted that the timing of the U.S. racing airing in Europe makes it a particularly attractive market.

"Racing UK shows racing from 34 tracks (in the UK), so on a Saturday afternoon we may have all four meetings on simultaneously," he explained. "There isn't much chance to analyze, discuss, review and preview, whereas with the American racing [the Derby and Preakness] it was just that fixture, so there was a chance to indulge ourselves and our viewers with a real taste of American racing."

Racing's UK's website and social media traffic also highlights the interest in U.S. racing in Europe; the site's story on American's Pharoah's stud deal with Coolmore was its most-read that week. Racing UK's photo gallery of Animal Kingdom's racecourse gallop prior to Royal Ascot in 2013 had over 11,000 views, and a Tweet about California Chrome last week was clicked on by more than 10,000 people.

Racing UK also has a monthly international round-up program called *Planet Turf* that has been a hit with viewers.

"That's an extremely popular program," Vance noted. "We're finding that 10 years ago, or maybe five years ago, there wasn't as great an interest in international racing because people didn't have the chance to watch it or to really understand it, but I think now that channels like ours are showing more international racing, it will hopefully broaden the sport's appeal."

Vance noted that Saturday should be an action-packed day for the channel, with the world's oldest Classic, the G1 Epsom Derby, taking place in the afternoon and the Belmont later that night.

"It's going to work really well on Saturday when it's the Epsom Derby, and then everyone, having drawn breath after watching the Derby, can then watch the final leg of the Triple Crown," he said. "We're going to bill it as a Classic weekend."

Viewers outside Britain and Ireland can watch Racing UK's coverage at intl.racinguk.com.

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STRATUM COLT STARS ON THE GOLD COAST

A flashy colt by Stratum (Aus) out of Delaware stakes winner New Edition (Stormy Atlantic) ([lot 1648](#)) is set to join the training ranks in Hong Kong after being secured by agent George Moore for A\$225,000 to top the opening session of the three-day Magic Millions National Yearling Sale Tuesday.



George Moore *Aushorse*

The session witnessed a very selective market, with 31% of the offerings failing to find homes. A total of 133 lots changed hands for A\$3,235,000, compared to 132 sold for A\$4,991,000 during this session a year ago. The average dropped 35.6% to A\$24,323, and the median was A\$15,000.

"As predicted being an end-of-season sale, the market is very selective," Magic Millions Managing Director Vin Cox said. "As always quality is attracting strong interest with competitive bidding all around. We have two more days of yearlings and there's no better place to be now than in the glorious weather of the Gold Coast."

The session-topping colt, consigned by Yarraman Park Stud, hails from the family of stakes winners Halory Hunter (Jade Hunter), Van Nistelrooy (Storm Cat) and Brushed Halory (Broad Brush), and this year's GII Risen Star S. and GII Louisiana Derby winner International Star (Fusaichi Pegasus). New Edition was purchased by Vin Cox Bloodstock for \$140,000 at Keeneland January in 2011 and expatriated to Australia.

"We've had a lot of luck in the past with progeny by Stratum," George Moore said. "He was the nicest type at the sale today. He's a cracking individual and we choose our horses completely on type. He moves so well and has great drive from behind. He is from a nice international listed-winning mare and I'm delighted to be able to buy the colt." **Cont. p12**

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I Am Invincible (Aus) was Australia's leading first-season sire last year, and currently sits second to Medaglia d'Oro on the country's second-crop sire list. His progeny proved popular yesterday, notching the second- and third-highest prices. First through the ring was [lot 1699](#), a colt from the Heinrich Bloodstock dispersal through Eliza Park International. He was picked up by Laurel Oak Bloodstock for A\$160,000. A colt out of Pure Pleasure (Aus) (Foreplay {Aus}) ([lot 1702](#)), a half-sister to two stakes winners, later fetched A\$130,000 from Singapore's Nova Racing.

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ABLE FRIEND TRIALS FOR QUEEN ANNE

Able Friend (Aus) (Shamardal), the world's joint top-rated racehorse, is on track for the G1 Queen Anne S. at Royal Ascot June 16 after running on nicely to finish a close second in a 1600-meter barrier trial Tuesday morning at Sha Tin Racecourse.

Winner of six straight, including the G1 Champions Mile May 3, the massive chestnut won the break from gate nine, but he immediately switched off and allowed



Able Friend (right) finds the line well in a Tuesday tune-up for the Queen Anne S.
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himself to be taken to the back of the field while ridden cold by Joao Moreira. With the dogs out about halfway into the turf course, Able Friend was still last as they reached the head of the lane and, without ever being asked to extend, readily gained on the front

rank and was just beaten to the wire by Packing Llaregyb (GB) (Dylan Thomas {Ire}), himself a stakes winner last November and beaten just two lengths in fifth in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup Apr. 26. Romantic Touch (Aus) (Northern Meteor {Aus}), third in this year's Hong Kong Derby, finished a head behind Able Friend to round out the top three. Able Friend was timed in 1:37.74 for the metric mile.

"Joao said he's 85-90% there now and with two weeks up our sleeves it's just right on schedule with how I've trained him for his previous big races," trainer John Moore commented. "All in all I'm very pleased with the outcome of that trial. He's at the end of his prep so when we get to England it'll just be a case of fine-tuning him."

Added Moreira, "He did that nicely, he's done nothing wrong and I was delighted with how he travelled. I was actually very happy he didn't trial in an outstanding manner. That means he is heading to his best when we need him to be. He's done extremely well and I think he's as good as or even better than when he won the Champions Mile."

But the Brazilian isn't taking anything for granted.

"Based on Solow (GB) (Singspiel {Ire})'s win in Dubai [in the G1 Dubai Turf], he looks like he's the main danger to our horse, but obviously we've got to respect the other horses in the race," Moreira continued. "But at the same time I'm full of confidence for my horse, he's been good to me and I have a lot of faith in him."

Able Friend departs for England this Saturday.

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MAGIC MILLIONS NATIONAL YEARLING SALE--DAY ONE TOP LOTS

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
1648	c	Stratum (Aus)	New Edition	225,000
<i>B-R S & R W Dufficy</i>				
Consigned by Yarraman Park Stud, agent				
Purchased by George Moore Bloodstock				

1699	c	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Prinny's Girl (Aus)	160,000
<i>B-Dr. I Duckworth</i>				
Consigned by Eliza Park International, agent for Heinrich Bloodstock				
Unreserved Dispersal				
Purchased by Laurel Oak Bloodstock				

1702	c	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Pure Pleasure (Aus)	130,000
<i>B-Miss. J Henderson</i>				
Consigned by Ambergate Farm, agent for Middlebrook Thoroughbreds				
Purchased by Nova Racing				



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• No. Offered	193	204
• No. Sold	133	132
• RNAs	60	72
• % RNAs	31%	35%
• High Price	A\$225,000	A\$300,000
• Gross	A\$3,235,000	A\$4,991,000
• Average (% change)	A\$24,323 (-35.6%)	A\$37,811
• Median (% change)	A\$15,000	n/a

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FASIG JULY CATALOGUE RELEASED

Fasig-Tipton has catalogued 332 selected yearlings as part of its July Sale, which will be held July 9 at 10:00 a.m. at Lexington, KY's Newtown Paddocks. Last year's catalogue featured 265 yearlings. The yearling session of the sale will be followed by a horses of racing age session, for which nominations remain open. "Our selected yearling sales are benefitting from positive results and momentum on the racetrack, which has helped The July Sale climb over 25% in numbers catalogued from last year," said Fasig-Tipton president Boyd Browning. "This particular sale has sold the second-highest percentage, behind only Saratoga, of U.S. graded and open stakes-winners. We are in the middle of a string of successes for high-profile Classic stars, including cover horses like Dortmund (Big Brown) and Firing Line (Line Of David). Because of elements like this, we have nearly 25% more consignors this July. It is a very exciting time for The July Sale." The July catalogue can be accessed online at fasigtipton.com and through the Equineline app. Printed catalogues will be released June 12.

INDUSTRY INFO

Five New Additions to Owners Concierge:

Following a successful launch in March, the TOBA Owners Concierge has welcomed five new additions, boosting the initiative's participants to 25. The incoming tracks are Finger Lakes, Indiana Grand, Lone Star Park and Mountaineer. Oak Tree Racing Association, which will conduct live racing at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, CA later this summer, has also joined the initiative.

The TOBA Owners Concierge, which has been developed to provide concise information presented in an easily accessible format (at www.ownersconnection.horse), is an owner-based initiative that, both directly and indirectly, caters to the Thoroughbred owners' needs. It also serves to enhance Thoroughbred owners' on-track and off-track experience by offering information about local resources, in addition to providing owners with the needed support and guidance as they negotiate the sport's vast and sometimes daunting channels.

"The response to the TOBA Owners Concierge has been overwhelmingly positive since its launch in late March," said Christina Bossinakis, Owner Concierge Services Director. "We enthusiastically welcome our latest partners, and greatly appreciate the continued support of our existing racetrack roster, whose assistance has been vital in our ability to serve Thoroughbred owners across the country. We look forward to continuing to strengthen our ties with all of our on-track associates, a relationship which will ultimately translate in added service to Thoroughbred owners."

2016 NHC Dates Set for Treasure Island Las Vegas:

The 17th Daily Racing Form/NTRA National Handicapping Championship will be held Thursday, January 28 to Saturday, January 30, 2016 at Treasure Island Las Vegas, the NTRA announced yesterday. The organization also revealed that the purse for "NHC 17" has been raised to \$2.5 million. Additionally, the challenge will undergo a few notable changes to the rules in 2016, which can be found [here](#).

NTRA Chief Operating Officer Keith Chamberlain commented, "Thanks to the support of our sponsoring partners, the participating organizations that host tournaments throughout the year and the thousands of horseplayers who have been attracted to tournament play, the stage is set to host another exciting NHC."

The NTRA also announced that a Last Chance tournament will be contested on Wednesday, January 27, 2016, with the winners earning seats in the final, which begins the following day.

Eastern U.S.

Tuesday's Results:

4th-PRX, \$45,000, Msw, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16 2/5, my. **AMERICAN SOLDIER (c, 3, [Pioneerof the Nile--Gwinnett, by Vindication](#))** raced evenly to check in fifth on debut sprinting six furlongs at Aqueduct Nov. 10 and was sent to the sidelines for an extended rest following that effort. The dark bay returned to the worktab Apr. 25, posted a steady series of five works at Fair Hill and was sent postward at odds of 9-2 in this comeback spot. Away to a sharp beginning from the outside post, he pressed the pace from the two path through a half-mile in :45.15 and moved to the front turning for home. American Soldier was in full command by mid-stretch and coasted to the wire seven lengths clear of Maxwell's Hammer (Rock Hard Ten). The winner's second dam is MSW & MGSP Wilzada (Meadowlake). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$28,200. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**

O-Thomas F VanMeter II. B-France & Irwin J Weiner (FL). T-Anthony W Dutrow.

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Pearly Steph (Fr) (Oasis Dream {GB}) wins the Prix des Lilas at Longchamp.

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Eastern U.S. cont.

7th-DEL, \$34,250, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12, sy.
TIDE IS HIGH (f, 3, [Broken Vow](#)--Reef Bay, by Danzig) raced in traffic and rallied to finish a distant third on debut in a local 5 1/2-furlong test May 16. Tabbed as the 8-5 choice for this second start, the bay pressed Yankee Wildcat (Wildcat Heir) from the two path through a quarter-mile in :22.55 and grabbed the lead approaching the far turn. Cornering for home over the sloppy track with a clear advantage, the homebred was kept to his task in the lane and came home 4 1/2 lengths clear of Grand Yolo (Mineshaft). Reef Bay has also produced the unraced juvenile colt Kid's Alright (Lemon Drop Kid) and has a weanling by Hat Trick (Jpn). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$24,140. O-Augustin Stable. B-George Strawbridge Jr (PA). T-Jonathan E Sheppard.

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ROOKIES

First/second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, June 3

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

ESKENDEREYA (Giant's Causeway), Taylor Made, \$18K, 195/28/0
 8-DEL, Stk, 1m, Milaya, \$140K FTS AUG yrl, 15-1

LUCKS MINE (Mineshaft), Outback Stallion Station, \$750, 13/1/0

5-BOI, Stk, 5f, Mining Fever, 7-2

7-BOI, Stk, 5f, Memo to Reese, 5-2

MAST TRACK (Mizzen Mast), 34/3/0

3-ASD, Stk, 5 1/2f, Fanciful Treaty, \$5K KEE SEP yrl, 3-1

MUNNINGS (Speightstown), Ashford Stud, \$10K, 165/46/6

7-DEL, Msw, 6f, +Strawbridge, \$3K KEE JAN yrl, 12-1

ONE UNION (Dixie Union), 5/1/0

5-BOI, Stk, 5f, Tizzy Dizzy, 5-2

ORTHODOX (Pulpit), Peach Lane Farms, \$1000, 46/1/0

3-EVD, Msw, 5fT, +Angelet, 8-1

OUTRAGEOUS LIMIT (Tiznow), 8/1/0

7-BOI, Stk, 5f, Outrageous Dance, 15-1

5-BOI, Stk, 5f, Limitlessinyellow, 3-1

SMOOTH AIR (Smooth Jazz), Gulf Coast Equine, \$3K, 33/3/0

3-EVD, Msw, 5fT, +Miso Smooth, \$28K OBS WIN 3yo, 15-1

SUPER SAVER (Maria's Mon), WinStar, \$20K, 203/33/4

8-DEL, Stk, 1m, Embellish the Lace, \$320K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1

WARRIOR'S REWARD (Medaglia d'Oro), Spendthrift Farm, \$13K, 173/32/1

8-DEL, Stk, 1m, Stroke Play, \$8K RNA KEE NOV wnl, 6-1

IN SOUTH KOREA:

Queen's Champion, f, 3, [Colonel John](#)--Side Venture, by Touch Gold. Seoul, 5-30, Hcp. (\$63k), 1400m. B-Don Ameche & Phyllis Johnson (KY). *\$37,000 RNA wnlg '12 KEENOV; \$85,000 yrl '13 KEESEP; \$52,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR.

Muhudaeje, c, 3, [Majestic Warrior](#)--Crafty Queen, by Crafty Prospector. Seoul, 5-30, Hcp. (\$50k), 1200m. B-S A Couldridge & Gabriel Duignan (KY). *1/2 to Great Point (Point Given), GSP, \$166,506. **\$30,000 yrl '13 KEESEP.

Hold the Mustard, h, 5, **Henny Hughes**--Speak Halory (SP), by Verbatim. Busan, 5-31, Hcp. (\$77k), 1600m. B-Gary J & Cindy Falter (LA). *Won by nine lengths. **1/2 to Lovely Sage (Gentlemen {Arg}), GSP. *\$4,000 yrl '11 KEEJAN; \$20,000 2yo '12 OBSJUN.



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IN PERU:

Black Master, c, 3, [Arch](#)--Seeking Ema (MSP), by Seeking the Gold. Monterrico, 5-30, Cond., 1500mT. B-Northwest Farms LLC (KY). *\$50,000 yrl '13 KEESEP.

Lady Mafe, f, 3, [Majestic Warrior](#)--She Just Might (SP), by Citidancer. Monterrico, 5-29, Cond., 1000m. B-David E Hager II et al (KY). *Remained perfect in two career starts. **\$13,000 RNA wnlg '12 KEENOV; \$17,000 yrl '13 KEESEP.

#Arezzo, g, 4, **Rock Hard Ten**--Love Sting (SW, \$198,750), by Lit de Justice. Monterrico, 5-31, Premio Colonel Alfonso Ugarte-Listed, 1600m. B-Kenneth Litrell (KY). *\$27,000 yrl '12 KEESEP.

Condor d'Oro, g, 5, [Medaglia d'Oro](#)--Sweet Sierra, by Crafty Prospector. Monterrico, 5-29, Hcp., 1000m. B-Liberation Farm & Brandywine Farm (KY). *Took his record to nine wins from 11 starts. **1/2 to Golden Country (Menifee), MSW, \$340,645. ***\$14,000 RNA yrl '11 KEESEP; \$37,000 RNA 2yo '12 FTMMAY.

IN PANAMA:

Tale of Tuscany, f, 3, [Tale of Ekati](#)--Tuscan Chianti, by Roman Ruler. Presidente Remon, 5-31, Cond., 1200m. B-Charles Fipke (KY). *\$11,000 2yo '14 OBSJUN.

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IN BRITAIN:

Ventura Quest, g, 4, [Henrythenavigator](#)--Ing Ing (Fr) (SW & GSP-Fr, SP-US, \$129,475), by Bering (GB). RIP, 6-2, 9f 170yT. B-James T Gottwald. *\$60,000 yrl '12 KEESEP; 65,000gns 2yo '13 TATAPR.

BREEDERS' EDITION
AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-PRX, \$37,375, C, (S), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:23 1/5, my.
GRASSHOPPIN (g, 4, **Cat Thief**--Sweetheart Sami, by **Broad Brush**) Lifetime Record: 16-4-6-0, \$154,550. O/B-Michael W Jester (PA). T-Mario Serey Jr.

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Breeders' Edition America cont.

7th-IND, \$34,000, NW2L, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:38 2/5, fm. LUREGO (h, 5, Borrego--Personal Allure, by Wekiva Springs) Lifetime Record: 9-2-0-3, \$63,786. O-4-D Stable (Donna Arnold). B-4-D Stables (KY). T-Charles LoPresti. *1/2 to Turallure (Wando), GISW, \$1,378,997.

3rd-PID, \$29,600, 6-1, NW1X, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17, ft.

COOKING UP A STORM (g, 5, Pure Prize--Race With Grace, by Rahy) Lifetime Record: 27-5-5-3, \$94,262. O-Ronald Clark. B-Castro Stables LLC (KY). T-Gerald E Brooks. *\$30,000 yrl '11 KEEJAN; \$60,000 yrl '11 KEESEP; \$22,000 2yo '12 OBSMAR.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Onemorequickkone, g, 3, Drinkwiththedevil--Sheso (MSW), by Blumin Affair. IND, 6-2, 5fT, :58. B-Marvin A Johnson (IN). *Full to Bisque, SW, \$169,479; 1/2 to Ice Hockey (Cactus Ridge), SW, \$262,896.

BRITAIN

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Tuesday's Results:

1st-BTN, £5,000, Mdn, 2yo, 5f 213yT, 1:16.98, gd/sf. + MIRAGE (IRE) (f, 2, Oasis Dream {GB}--Applauded {Ire}, by Royal Applause {GB}), whose dam is a half to Power (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), was off the tempo in rear early. Delivering a strong late effort out wide, the 7-2 chance swooped on the lead inside the last 100 yards en route to a 3/4-of-a-length success from Cuppatee (Ire) (Canford Cliffs {Ire}). Sales history: 200,000gns RNA wlng '13 TATDEC; 150,000gns yrl '14 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £3,235. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Mrs P Shanahan & Mr T Hyde. B-Norelands Stud & Lofts Hall Stud (IRE). T-Jamie Osborne.

STATUE TO BE SCULPTED AT ROYAL ASCOT

A life-sized statue of a racehorse will be sculpted during the Royal Ascot meeting and will later be cast in full bronze. Edward Waites will be the sculptor, and patrons will be able to talk to Waites as he works. "Being brought up in Newmarket and horses on my doorstep I've always been inspired to sculpt them," said Edward, who has been commissioned by a number of Royals, including The Queen. "I've chosen to depict a 3-year-old colt, giving myself some free will to sculpt the piece under my own instinct as opposed to identifying a particular racehorse."

OBSERVATIONS
on today's European racing scene

2.00 Wolverhampton, Mdn, £4,500, 2yo, 5f 216yT
CRIMINALISTIC (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) bids to start where his half-sister and stable companion Wordcraft (GB) (Shamardal) left off when making her winning debut at Newmarket on Saturday for Godolphin and Charlie Appleby. He is out of the high-class Australian sprinter Forensics (Aus) (Flying Spur {Aus}), who was sharp enough at two to garner the 2007 G1 Golden Slipper before stretching out to add two further top-level contests to her tally at a mile the following year.

4.10 Maisons-Laffitte, Debutantes, €25,000, 3yo, f, 10ft
BORGIA'S BEST (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) is an ambitiously named daughter of Gestut Ammerland's illustrious racemare Borgia (Ger) (Acatenango {Ger}), who beat the colts in the G1 Deutsches Derby and G1 Grosser Preis von Baden in 1997 before signing off two years later with victory in the Hong Kong Vase. Andre Fabre has charge of the bay half-sister to last year's G3 Hamburg Trophy winner Bermusa Reef (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}), who encounters His Highness The Aga Khan's Darannya (Fr) (**Invincible Spirit {Ire}**), an Alain de Royer-Dupre-trained immediate relative of the 2006 G1 Prix du Jockey Club hero Darsi (Fr) (Polish Precedent).

FRANCE

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Wednesday, Maisons-Laffitte, post time: 6:55 p.m.

PRIX MATCHEM-Listed, €55,000, 3yo, c/g, 9fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	1	Inordinate	Harlan's Holiday	Pasquier	Bary
2	6	Ashlan (Fr)	Dansili (GB)	Soumillon	Royer-Dupre
3	5	Beyond the Clouds (Fr)	Peintre Celebre	Blondel	Rod Collet
4	3	Madrileno (GB)	Sir Percy (GB)	Mendizabal	Elosegui
5	2	The Comissioner (Ire)	Sea the Stars (Ire)	Jarnet	Th-Demeaulte
6	4	Jolly Good Kitten	Kitten's Joy	C Demuro	Bietolini

All carry 123 pounds.

Tuesday's Results:

PRIX DES LILAS-Listed, €55,000, LCP, 6-2, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:40.17, gd.

1--PEARLY STEPH (FR), 123, f, 3, by Oasis Dream (GB)
1st Dam: Pearl Banks (GB) (GSW-Ger & SW-Fr, \$127,264), by Pivotal (GB)
2nd Dam: Pearly Shells (GB), by Efisio (GB)
3rd Dam: Piffle (GB), by Shirley Heights (GB)
O/B-Haras de Saint Pair (Fr); T-Freddy Head; J-Aurelien Lemaitre; €27,500. Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 2 wins, 3 places, €64,500.

2--Zaridiya (Ire), 123, f, 3, Duke of Marmalade (Ire)--Zarkalia (Ire), by Red Ransom. O-H H The Aga Khan. €11,000.

3--Scarlet Honey (Fr), 123, f, 3, Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)--Paper Profits (GB), by Kendor (Fr). O-Marquise de Moratalla. €8,250.
Margins: NK, 2HF, SHD. Odds: 1.40, 2.80, 6.50.
Also Ran: Rafaadah (GB), Bandanetta (Fr), Xaarina (Fr), Remake (GB). [Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

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4/27 at PRX – **SIR DREAM A LOT**
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French Result cont.

Unraced as a juvenile, Pearly Steph stepped up from a Mar. 5 debut second at Deauville to graduate at Saint-Cloud Mar. 28 before running fifth in the G3 Prix de la Grotte over this course and distance on stakes bow Apr. 12. The bay was then beaten a sliver, by 'TDN Rising Star' and last Sunday's G2 Prix de Sandringham third Night of Light (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}), in the May 8 Listed Prix Volterra at Chantilly last time and made amends here to register a career high. Racing a shade keenly on the lead, she slipped to second as a stirrup-less Olivier Peslier was unable to halt Xaarina (Fr) (Aussie Rules) from careering to the front at halfway, but was determined under a drive once regaining the initiative inside the final quarter mile to hold the late thrust of Zaridiya.

4th-LCP, €34,000, Cond, 3yo, 8fT, 1:41.07, gd. ARCTIC GYR (IRE) (c, 3, [Invincible Spirit {Ire}](#)--Cephalonie, by Kris S.), who hit the board going one mile at Saint-Cloud last time May 5, raced in fourth early before inching forward to stalk the lead in second. Pushed along to challenge approaching the final quarter mile, the 22-5 chance kept on well under whipless coaxing in the closing stages to comfortably best Jansin (Fr) (Palace Episode) by 1 1/4 lengths. Vision des Aigles (Fr) (Vision d'Etat {Fr}), who is out of a half-sister to Cirrus des Aigles (Fr) (Even Top {Ire}), was a half-length further back in third. The winner is a full to Festivale (Ire), SW & GSP-Eng; and Simple Magic (Ire), GSP-Eng. Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 2 wins, 2 places, €38,950. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Prince A A Faisal. B-Nawara Stud Company Ltd (Ire). T-Andre Fabre.

1st-LCP, €33,000, Cond, 4yo/up, 10 1/2fT, 2:11.27, gd. AMOUR A PAPA (FR) (f, 4, [Montmartre {Fr}](#)--Prudence Royale {Fr} {SW & GSP-Fr}, by Loup Solitaire) finished runner-up in last term's G1 Prix de Diane and ran fifth in the Apr. 27 G3 Prix Allez France back at Chantilly in her only other start since. Positioned in second from the break, the well-backed 6-4 second choice eased to the fore inside the two pole and was pushed clear of her two rivals from there to easily best Norse King (Fr) (Norse Dancer {Ire}) by six lengths. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Fr, 8 starts, 2 wins, 6 places, €296,550. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O/T-Jean-Yves Artu. B-Jean-Yves Artu, Mlle Marie Artu & Damien Artu (Fr).



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Italy

Tuesday's Result:

PREMIO ALESSANDRO PERRONE-Listed, €55,000, CAP, 6-2, 2yo, f, 5.5fT, 1:06.14, gd.

- 1--**#FLY ON THE NIGHT (GB), 122, f, 2, by Equiano (Fr)**
 1st Dam: **Midnight M (GB), by Green Desert**
 2nd Dam: **Midnight Shift (Ire), by Night Shift**
 3rd Dam: **Old Domesday Book (GB), by High Top (GB)** (6,000 gns yrl '14 TATOCT). O-Pietro Sinistri; B-Natton House Thoroughbreds (GB); T-Mario Giorgio; J-L Maniezzi. €21,250. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €29,750.
 - 2--**La Vacanza (GB), 122, f, 2, [Aussie Rules](#)--La Virtu (Ire), by Mozart.** O-Sc. All. Clodia. €9,350.
 - 3--**Beaprove (Ire), 122, f, 2, Approve (Ire)--Beau Cheval (Ire), by Spectrum (Ire).** (€7,500 RNA wnl '13 GOFNOV, €10,500 yrl '14 GOFORB). O-Fabrizio Alessandrucchi. €5,100.
- Margins: 1, 1HF, 1HF. Odds: 0.91, 23.11, 3.73.

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

2nd-LCP, €24,000, 6-2, 3yo, 12fT, 2:38.86, gd. GAIUS CAESAR (FR) (c, 3, [Soldier of Fortune {Ire}](#)--Carousel Girl, by Gulch) Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 2 wins, 2 places, €30,200. O-Stall Konigsforst. B-Haras du Logis Saint Germain (Fr). T-Waldemar Hickst. *€12,000 wlng '12 ARQDEC; €32,000 RNA yrl '13 ARQAUG; €28,000 RNA yrl '13 BBAOCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

- Fashionable Spirit (Ire), f, 2, [Invincible Spirit \(Ire\)](#)--White and Red (Ire), by Orpen.** RIP, 6-2, 5fT, 1:00 2/5. B-E O'Sullivan (IRE). *85,000gns yrl '14 TATOCT.
- + **Repeat Offender (Ire), g, 2, [Thewayyouare](#)--Dame Rochelle (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire).** WLTV, 6-2, 5f 216y (AWT). B-Rev John Naughton (IRE). *€7,000 RNA wlng '13 GOFNOV.
- + **Talyani (GB), g, 3, [Halling](#)--Italian Connection (GB), by Cadeaux Genereux (GB).** RIP, 6-2, 8fT, 1:43 3/5. B-Meon Valley Stud (GB). *40,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT.
- Perestroika (GB), f, 3, [Sir Percy \(GB\)](#)--Lekka Ding (Ire), by Raise a Grand (Ire).** WSR, 6-1, 10f 7yT, 2:11 1/5. B-Clover Lea Bloodstock (GB). *6,000 wlng '12 TATDEC; 8,000gns RNA yrl '13 TATOCT.
- Wirbelwind (Ger), c, 3, [Tiger Hill \(Ire\)](#)--Waleria (Ger) (MGSW-Ger, \$173,044), by Artan (Ire).** HOP, 6-1, 11fT, 2:27. B-Dr Christiane Otto (Ger).

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