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BREAKING NEWS: MAGERS HAS BRED DERBY CONTENDER



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By Bill Finley

A good newsman is always looking for a good story, and Ron Magers has found one. It just happens to be his own.

Magers is best known for being the veteran news anchor for WLS-TV's 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. broadcasts in Chicago. His avocation is breeding horses, a field where he has combined skill and a big helping of luck to produce a number of top horses. The best, though, could be 'TDN Rising Star' Zulu (Bernardini), a colt Magers bred in partnership with Robert Marcocchio. The runner-up in the GII Fountain of Youth S. could give Magers his first crack at breeding a GI Kentucky Derby winner, a phenomenal achievement considering that the broodmare line that has been the cornerstone of his success all stems from a \$16,000 claim he made in 1991.

Magers, 71, grew up in Yakima, Washington and got interested in racing when a small racetrack, Yakima Meadows, opened there while he was in high school. As his broadcasting career started to take root, he continued to follow the sport and frequented the tracks in whatever city he was working in. Magers broke into the Chicago market in 1981 with WMAQ-TV and that allowed him to focus his attention on racing at Arlington, Hawthorne and Sportsman's Park. Cont. p3

DEBERDT BULLISH ON BARRETTS

by Jessica Martini

Bruno DeBerdt, whose Excel Bloodstock will send eight juveniles through the sales ring at Barretts Wednesday, is among those excited about the company's inaugural March Select Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training at Del Mar. After making its longtime home in Pomona, Barretts relocated to Del Mar--some two hours to the south--last year and conducted its first auction at the oceanside oval with the May Sale of 2-Year-Olds-in-Training.

"I think Del Mar is a great location for a 2-year-old sale," DeBerdt said. "There was a big learning curve because Barretts had to learn to work with the 22nd Agricultural District [which operates Del Mar Fairgrounds], but a lot of the logistical frustrations we experienced in May of last year have all been worked out. And it's a very good track. The barn is close by and the staff is very good, but more importantly, it's a very safe environment, a very pleasant environment in which to work." Cont. p5

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'FAST' FINISH FOR NEWEST RISING STAR

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John Gunther and Eurowest Bloodstock's Irish-bred Take These Chains (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) made an auspicious Easter Sunday debut at Gulfstream, rallying wide to earn the 'TDN Rising Star' distinction.

'MO'-MENTUM CONTINUES

1-RR

Well-backed second timer Sea Wizard (Uncle Mo) ran to the money at Gulfstream to duel and draw off by three lengths. That runner's red-hot sire enjoyed his second victory of the afternoon when Uncle Mo Money upset a Fair Grounds allowance.

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The Australian-bred El Divino is the latest Southern Hemisphere youngster to earn TDN Rising Star status.

He joins the growing list of Aussie 'Rising Stars' which includes the 2015 Golden Slipper winner, Vancouver (Aus), and the recently-crowned 2016 Golden Slipper winner, Capitalist (Aus).

Click here to see all TDN Rising Stars.





Magers cont. from p1

Magers had owned a few horses in partnerships with others, but wanted to branch out on his own when he discovered a filly named Lehmi Go (Lemhi Gold) running in a \$16,000 claimer at Arlington. Winning a five-way shake, he claimed her, the first horse he ever owned on his own.

"I think anybody who has been in this game a while realizes that you do a ton of due diligence to put yourself in a spot where you hope to get lucky," Magers said. "I don't think it's any more complicated than that."

There's skill involved in the claiming game, but there's also a lot of luck. And few have been more fortunate with a claim than

Magers did when he took Lemhi Go. She would retire in 1993 with \$330,805 in earnings and wins in the GIII Arlington Matron H. and the GII La Prevoyante H. More importantly, she became the foundation of Magers' breeding operation and is the granddam of Zulu.

Magers intended to sell Lemhi Go after she was done racing.

"I didn't know the first thing about breeding," he said.

Magers credits Bill Betz with talking him out of selling Lemhi Go.

Betz bought a piece of the mare and promised, in return, he would teach his new partner about the breeding game.

Betz and Magers sold Lemhi Go's first goal, a filly by Gone West, for \$650,000 at the 1996 Keeneland July sale. Magers kept her second foal, Temporada (Summer Squall), who would produce Zulu.

Temporada would make only \$25,811 in her four-race career, but once again the whims of fortune would play a major part in the story of Magers and his mares. Temporada's second foal was a filly named Azvedo (Mr. Greeley) and Magers thought she

could continue the broodmare line he was establishing and decided that Temporada was expendable. Magers sold her for a mere \$26,000 at 2003 Keeneland Novermber.

It looked like a huge mistake after Azvedo died in a barn fire before producing a foal.

"When she died in that fire we were crushed," Magers said. Little did he know at the time that he and his new partner, Marcocchio, would essentially be able to have a do-over. Four years after she was sold by Magers, Temporada was back in the 2007 Keeneland November Sale and Magers and Marcocchio bought her back, in foal to Kafwain, for \$19,000. The mating with Kafwain produced a \$481,464 earner and her next foal,

Banner Bill (Rockport Harbor), made \$381,217.

With each success, Temporada became more valuable, which encouraged Magers and Marcocchio to go outside their normal price range and breed their mare to Bernardini. The result was Zulu.

Magers and Marcocchio sold Zulu for \$400,000 at the 2014 Keeneland September sale, where he was bought by Northwest Stud. Northwest Stud put the colt in the 2015 Fasig-Tipton March Sale,

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where he was bought by the combination of Stonestreet & Coolmore's M.V. Magnier for \$900,000.

"If you're in breeding business you're in it to sell your product as a yearling, at least we are," Magers said. "We like to present them well, like to get what we can for them and then we root for anyone who buys them. Obviously, success on the track reflects on the pedigree, and that's the business we are in."

Magers has already had more success as a breeder than he ever could have hoped for, but he knows that the best could be yet to come with Zulu. **Cont. p4**





Magers cont.

"We've been fortunate enough to be living versions of the dream off and on for a long while," he said. "We've had a lot of success along the way. I know people who have tried real hard in this business and have been in it a long time who never bred a graded stakes winner or even a horse who placed in a graded stakes. We've been able to have Illinois champions in our home state, we've been able to present high-priced horses for sale at Keeneland going back to the days of the old July Select sale. So every step of this has been part of a dream, but Zulu is obviously the most exciting part. We've been very lucky."



DeBerdt cont. from p1

The Del Mar location will force trainers based at Santa Anita to focus solely on the sale, which will be a benefit, according to DeBerdt.

"I think it works out better, when you have a trainer who is training his horses in Arcadia," DeBerdt explained. "[In the past he would] drive to Pomona for the afternoon, then he had to run back to his barn. He was more focused on his training stable. But when he or she comes down to Del Mar, they are going to be here for one or two days. So they are going to be focused only on the sale horses."

He continued, "It's a great catalogue, a good group of horses. There are a lot of trainers looking for horses and this is right in their backyard. There is no reason why they wouldn't show up."

DeBerdt, whose previous Barretts graduates include Grade I winner Havana (Dunkirk), is very high on his 2016 March consignment. Prepared in Ocala by W.D. North, the octet are owned by DeBerdt in partnership with two longtime clients.

The Excel-consigned hip 120, a daughter of Ghostzapper, received a timely update when her half-sister Kinsley Kisses (Congrats) opened her career with back-to-back impressive victories in Florida. Owned by Cheyenne Stables and trained by Todd Pletcher, Kinsley Kisses earned a 97 Beyer while debuting with a 2 1/4-length victory at Gulfstream in January. She added a seven-length allowance romp as the 1-10 favorite in a Tampa

allowance Mar. 13.

"She is a nice, big, good-boned filly," DeBerdt said of the \$100,000 Keeneland September graduate. "When you see her on the end of the shank, she is extremely hard to fault. She has a nice walk. She is very well put-together. She's probably not going to go down there in :10 flat, that's not her. But she has a lovely way of travelling. And I think she is probably going to be better going a little bit further distance. But the two basic ingredients you want in a good racehorse is 1) ability and 2) a good mind. This filly has a great mindset."

The Excel consignment also includes hip 72, a son of last year's leading freshman sire Uncle Mo out of multiple graded stakes placed Her She Kisses (Dehere). The youngster was purchased for \$50,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton October sale.

"We are very excited about the Uncle Mo colt," DeBerdt said. "The sire couldn't be any hotter. This is a nice colt. He's showing up. He will breeze well--I know that is a bold thing to say before a breeze show because it's always the kiss of death when you

> say something like that, but I've got a lot of confidence in that colt."

Also receiving rave reviews from the consignor is hip 33, a filly from the first crop of GI Florida Derby winner Dialed In (Mineshaft).

"She has turned out to be a lovely filly and has a lot of ability," DeBerdt said of the juvenile, who is out of Fall Fantasy (Menifee).

The juvenile sales have already produced strong results at the Fasig-Tipton Florida Sale and at the OBS March Sale. DeBerdt thinks Barretts will continue the trend.

"I think we've got a great group of horses on the grounds," he said. "I've watched horses prep and there are a lot of good horses here. Barretts did a good job and they got the horses. I think it's very important that we have a presence in California. We have some of the top racing here on the West Coast and there is no reason that we shouldn't have a good product to

The training preview for the Barretts March sale will get underway Monday at 10 a.m. (PT). The sale commences 2 p.m. (PT) Wednesday.

offer to these trainers here. Too many good horses have come

out of Barretts for it to be discounted."



Kinsley Kisses | Leslie Martin





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\$200,000

BEN ALI (G3)

4-Year-Olds and up, 9 Furlongs Nomination Fee: \$100 To Be Run Saturday, April 16

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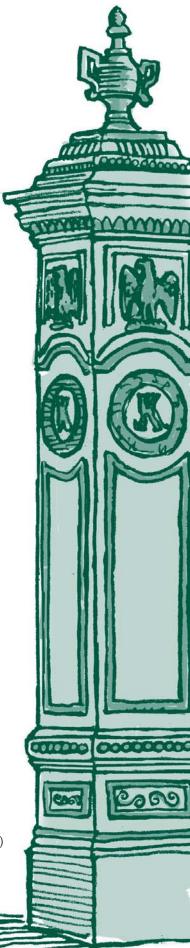
ADENA SPRINGS BEAUMONT (G3)

3-Year-Old Fillies, 7 Furlongs & 184' Nomination Fee: \$100 *To Be Run Sunday, April 17*

\$100,000

GIANT'S CAUSEWAY (L)

4-Year-Olds and up, F&M, 5.5 Furlongs (turf) Nomination Fee: \$100 To Be Run Saturday, April 16



Florida

Sunday's Results:



7th-GP, \$40,000, Msw, 3-27, 3yo, f, 7 1/2fT, 1:29.47, fm. **+TAKE THESE CHAINS (IRE)**, f, 3, Fastnet Rock (Aus)

1st Dam: Take the Ribbon (GSW & GISP, \$372,102), by

Chester House

2nd Dam: Magical Flash, by Miswaki 3rd Dam: Gils Magic, by Magesterial

Take These Chains took all the early money here for this top turf outfit, and drifted up to 5-2 at the off. Beaten for speed out of the blocks, the bay was taken in hand and maneuvered to the rail to bide her time towards the back of the pack. Inching closer

while three deep down the backside, she continued to pick off rivals turning for home, but still had some five lengths to make up on the leaders entering the lane. Given her cue by Javier Castellano, Take These Chains quickened impressively, and catapulted past d'Oro Paradise (Medaglia d'Oro) to



Take These Chains | Lauren King

don cap and gown by 2 1/4 lengths. Well-bred Juddmonte newcomer Assembly (Candy Ride {Arg}) closed to complete the trifecta. According to Trakus data, Take These Chains covered 10 ft. fewer than the runner-up, but anywhere from 12 to 44 ft. more than the rest of the field. Out of 2006 GI Garden City Breeders' Cup S. runner-up and 2007 GIII Churchill Distaff Turf Mile S. heroine Take the Ribbon, Take These Chains is a half to Bookrunner (Tiznow), G1SP-Ity & GSP-Fr, \$149,856. Take the Ribbon produced a Dansili filly last year. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

O-John D. Gunther & Eurowest Bloodstock Services; B-Eurowest Bloodstock (IRE); T-Chad C. Brown.







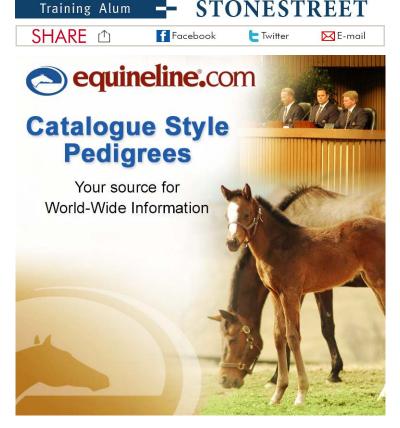
4th-GP, \$41,000, Msw, 3-27, 3yo, 5 1/2f, 1:03.25, ft.
SEA WIZARD (c, 3, Uncle Mo-Sea Road {MSW & GSP, \$198,725}, by Tale of the Cat), backed all the way down to favoritism for his Oct. 11 debut at Belmont, found only eventual GIII Sam F. Davis S. and GII Tampa Bay Derby hero Destin

(Giant's Causeway) better that day. Showing an upbeat local tab in the interim while getting first-time Lasix, the \$75,000 KEESEP yearling turned \$190,000 OBS March juvenile was installed as the 2-5 chalk and didn't disappoint. Pressing a similarly speedy rival through a swift opening quarter of



Sea Wizard | Lauren King

:21.70, the public's pick put his head in front midway on the home bend and started to open up passing the quarter pole. Newcomer Tarpys Zapper (Ghostzapper) rallied the cut Sea Wizard's margin of victory to three lengths, but there was no beating the winner Sunday. Dam Sea Road is a half-sister to MGSW Great Intentions (Cat Thief) as well as the dam of GISW Karlovy Vary (Dynaformer). She hails from the extended female family of Grade I winners War Pass, Oath and Jack Milton. Sea Road produced a Take Charge Indy filly last year and was bred back to Super Saver. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$39,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. O-Mac Nichol; B-R. Alex Rankin & R. & P. Lenihan (KY); T-John F. Mazza.





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Central U.S.

Sunday's Results:

5th-FG, \$42,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 3-27, 3yo, 1m (off turf), 1:40.43, sy.

UNCLE MO MONEY (c, 3, Uncle Mo--Overrated, by Smart Strike) failed to lift a hoof when unveiled on the Churchill dirt in September, but broke through when dropped in for a \$25,000 tag turf sprinting here Mar. 6. Let go as the 11-1 longest shot in the field while returning to the main track and stretching out, the bay pestered favored D. Shifflett (Valid Expectations) throughout and wrestled the lead from that rival to score by a neck after a hard-fought duel. The winner's second dam is Canadian champion grass horse Hero's Love (Hero's Honor). Sales history: \$100,000 Ylg '14 KEEJAN; \$25,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$52,000 Ylg '14 FTKOCT; \$13,000 2yo '15 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$39,178. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Wayne Spalding; B-Fred Hertrich III & John D. Fielding (KY); T-Tim Glyshaw.

3rd-FG, \$41,000, Msw, 3-27, 3yo, f, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:05.99, sy. +FROZEN HANNAH (f, 3, E Dubai--Hanna's Harmony, by **Stormin Fever**), given a 4-1 first-out chance in this rained-off affair, took a bump from the rival to her inside at the start, but recovered to track in midpack while out in the clear. Asked for more as they approached the home straight, she took one or two awkward strides when switching leads in upper stretch, but leveled off nicely to graduate by 1 1/2-lengths. Longshot fellow first Mundy Road (Lonhro {Aus}) got the bob for second. The winner is a half to Classy Zip (City Zip), SW, \$204,931. Sales history: \$20,000 Ylg '14 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,600. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Wayne Sanders & Larry Hirsch; B-David A. Ross (KY); T-Joe Sharp.





Word going round French Quarter this AM is LA Derby wnr Gun Runner ate up last nite and is in great shape today @fairgroundsnola

RETWEETS

6th-FG, \$41,000, Msw, 3-27, 3yo, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:04.94, sy. +TOP MENTION (g, 3, Congrats--Bellehop, by Hennessy) showed a steady series of works at Laurel and then locally, and was 5-1 making his first start over this sloppy surface. Showing good early speed to press three deep, the newcomer challenged favorite Adens Dream (Wildcat Heir) hitting the quarter pole. That pair engaged in a heated confrontation in the run to the wire, with the chalk coming out and brushing Top Mention before crossing the line a neck in front. The stewards' reviewed the stretch run, and reversed the order of finish. Top Mention, a \$47,000 KEESEP RNA, is a half to Gallon (Victory Gallop), MSW, \$262,691. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,600. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. O/B-Cardinal Farm LLC (KY); T-Michael Stidham.

California

Sunday's Results:

DREAM OF SUMMER S., \$101,380, SA, 3-27, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m. 1:36.82. ft.

- 1--SHEER PLEASURE, 118, f, 4, Birdonthewire--Kathryns Birthday, by Blare of Trumpets. O-Little Red Feather Racing & R/M Racing; B-Madera Thoroughbreds LLC (CA); T-Philip D'Amato; J-Martin Garcia. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 11-4-2-0, \$383,030.
- 2--Kiss At Midnight, 118, f, 4, Decarchy--Mink Kiss, by Distinctive Cat. (\$27,000 Ylg '13 BAROCT). O-William Marasa, Nancy Messineo, Richie Robershaw, Mark Rose, et al; B-Steven Greco (CA); T-Richard Baltas. \$20,000.
- 3--Swissarella, 119, m, 5, Swiss Yodeler--Donerella, by Doneraile Court. O-Harry Pellman & Lauri Seymour; B-Heinz Steinmann (CA); T-Vladimir Cerin. \$12,000.

Margins: HF, HD, NO. Odds: 4.10, 2.00, 7.80.

Also Ran: Singing Kitty, Tiz a Kiss, Ashley's Sassy, Light One, Melanistic, Lucy in Diamonds.

Sheer Pleasure was a winner of last April's restricted Evening Jewel S. sprinting and the 1 1/16-mile Melair S.--by 7 1/4 lengths--going long in May. She was fourth behind Stellar Wind (Curlin) and Tara's Tango (Unbridled's Song) in the GII Summertime Oaks in June, and was put up from third to second in Del Mar's seven-panel Fleet Treat S. for Cal-breds in July. She hadn't guite found her best form this season, checking in a widetip sixth in an open optional claimer here Jan. 10 and eighth in the rained-off Wishing Well S. Jan. 31 before finishing second last time when stretched to 1 1/16 miles in another unrestricted optional claimer Mar. 5. Hung widest of all along the first turn, Sheer Pleasure bided her time just off the pace and inched closer into the lane. Cont. p3



Dream of Summer S. cont.

She eventually wore down pacesetting Swissarella in between horses, and held off a late bid from Kiss At Midnight to return to winning ways. "The Cal-bred program is so rewarding," said Little Red Feather Racing's Billy Koch. "We know how hard it is to win and this filly is very special. I get choked up when I talk about her. She won two stakes last year and then had terrible trips to start off this year... Her last race was more like her, and then today, to win a stake like this, it means everything to the Little Red Feather Racing owners. We have 15 to 20 partners, and we're also co-owners with Rom McMackin of RM Racing." Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

8th-SA, \$57,380, Msw, 3-27, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:17.65, ft. FERVENT FEMME (f, 3, Run Away and Hide--Daedal, by Orientate) outran her 17-1 odds to check in third--a neck better than Emmzy (Eskendereya)--going an additional sixteenth of a mile Feb. 28. Installed as the 9-5 favorite to Emmzy's 5-2, the bay broke quickest and was soon joined by Emmzy along the rail. That pair traded jabs through an opening quarter of :22.16, but Emmzy began to shake clear of the chalk around the turn for home. Kept after by Kent Desormeaux, Fervent Femme called on all she had to claw back the advantage late in the game and score by a neck. Lily (Uncle Mo) came with an ominous run in the lane, but settled for third. Sales history: \$45,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$100,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$40,320. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Anthony Zankich; B-Ronald Kirk, Greg McDonald & John Bates (KY); T-Michele Dollase.

INDIAN CREEK SALES GRADUATE

2nd-SA, \$56,345, Msw, 3-27, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44.35, ft. D DAY DUDE (c, 4, Fusaichi Pegasus--Athena Two O Four, by El **Prado (Ire)**) got going much too late to check in fifth over a mile here last May, and faded to sixth when trying turf off the bench Feb. 26. Adding blinkers this time, the 7-2 shot broke alertly, but was taken back by the typically patient Drayden Van Dyke to sit in fifth along the rail. Scrubbed on for more along the home bend, the bay chipped away at the leaders' advantage, but seemed to be running for second as odds-on Clickjab (Rock Hard Ten) began to open up in midstretch. Undeterred, D Day Dude came flying in the shadow of the wire to get his head in front. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$35,065. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Laura A. Recachina; B-Dion A. Recachina (KY); T-Philip D'Amato.

ROOKIES

First/second-crop starters to watch: Monday, March 28

Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2012 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/ BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available) ARCHARCHARCH (Arch), Spendthrift Farm, \$10K, 251/30/2

10-PRX, Alw 6f, Atizapan, \$40K OBS MAR 2yo, 2-1

DESERT KEY (E Dubai), Steve Williams, 17/2/0

8-WRD, Msw 5 1/2f, +Gospel Key Wee, 20-1

UNCLE MO (Indian Charlie), Ashford Stud, \$35K, 261/43/11 3-WRD, Aoc 6f, Junkers, \$85K KEE SEP yrl, 15-1

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

5th-SA, \$58,000, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 3-27, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:43.49, ft.

MISHEGAS (g, 3, Include--Peachez'n'kreme, by Golden Missile) Lifetime Record: 9-3-0-2, \$78,380. O-Zvika Akin, Robert A. Bach, GP Stables, LP & William J. Zellerbach; B-Abdul Samet Tekin (KY); T-Art Sherman. *\$15,000 Ylg '14 OBSAUG; \$30,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR.

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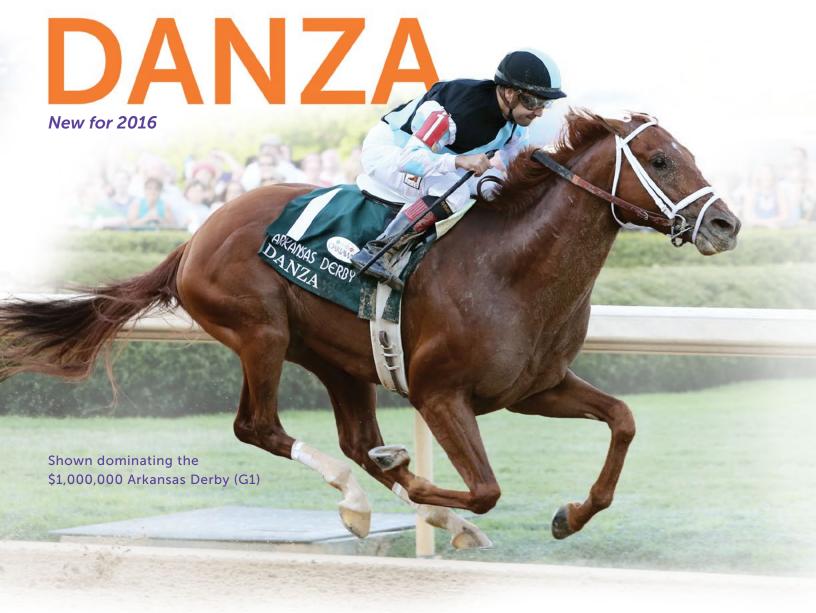
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9th-FG, \$45,400, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 3-27, 4yo/up, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:04.59, my.

MARS CURIOSITY (g, 6, Lunarpal--Kelly's Lake, by Salt Lake) Lifetime Record: 14-6-3-2, \$182,639. O/T-Louie J. Roussel III; B-Heiligbrodt Racing Stable (LA). *\$4,500 Ylg '11 TEXAUG; \$32,000 2yo '12 OBSAPR.

8th-GP, \$42,800, 3-27, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 7f, 1:22.07, ft. WE'RE ALL SET (g, 5, With Distinction--True Glitter, by Robin des Pins) Lifetime Record: 33-5-5-8, \$214,579. O-David Dengel, Norman Rader & Brett Brookman; B-Curtis Mikkelsen, Patricia Horth & Gordon & Lindie Reiss (FL); T-Peter R. Walder. *\$27,000 Ylg '12 OBSAUG; \$30,000 2yo '13 OBSAPR.



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6th-GP, \$38,000, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 3-27, 3yo/up, 5fT, :55.65, fm.

MASCHERATO (g, 4, Sky Mesa--Seeking Silence, by Seeking the Gold) Lifetime Record: 12-4-2-3, \$81,080. O-Maria Sol Aller; B-Pin Oak Stud, LLC (KY); T-Murat Sancal. *\$42,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP.

3rd-GG, \$36,656, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 3-27, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:10.09, ft.

BOLD FANTASY (g, 5, Bertrando--Fantasy Rocks, by Rock Hard Ten) Lifetime Record: 20-4-3-3, \$186,118. O-Curt & Lila Lanning; B-Steve & Maria Pavich (CA); T-Ed Moger, Jr.. *\$25,000 Ylg '12 BAROCT.

8th-SUN, \$31,930, (S), 3-27, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.89,

LIGHTLY TOASTED (f, 3, Fusaichi Zenon {Jpn}--Apple Butter, by Dixie Union) Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$33,873. O/B-Samuel F. Henderson (NM); T-Gary W. Cross.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Uncle Chato, g, 4, Elusive Warning--Ambitious Angel, by Slew of Angels. SA, 3-27, (S), 6 1/2fT, 1:14.77. B-Madera Thoroughbreds (CA).

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CAPE CROSS RETIRED FROM STUD DUTIES



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by Brian DiDonato

Top stallion **Cape Cross (Ire)** (Green Desert--Park Appeal {Ire}, by Ahonoora {GB}), sire of last year's Cartier Horse of the Year Golden Horn (GB), has been retired from his duties at Darley's Kildangan Stud in Ireland due to fertility issues.

"We are approaching the end of March and he has failed to get a mare in foal, so it has been decided that he should be retired from stallion duties," Sam Bullard, Darley's Director of Stallions, said of the 22-year-old. "Breeders have been kept informed throughout."

A Sheikh Mohammed homebred out of champion 2-year-old filly Park Appeal, Cape Cross was trained by Saeed bin Suroor and carried Godolphin blue to victories in the 1998 G1 Juddmonte Lockinge S. and 1999 G2 Queen Anne S. and G2 Celebration Mile.

Retired to Kildangan Stud in Co. Kildare in 2000, Cape Cross has been responsible for no fewer than 103 black-type winners through Mar. 26, including 51 group/grade winners, 11 Group 1/Grade I winners and eight champions. His progeny have earned nearly €90 million, and broodmares by the stallion have produced the earners of another almost €27.4 million.

Beginning his career at a modest fee, Cape Cross was represented from his first crop by globe-trotting superstar Ouija Board (GB), whose long list of victories at the highest level included wins in the 2004 Epsom and Irish Oaks, 2004 and 2006 Breeders' Cup F/M Turfs, and the 2005 Hong Kong Vase. cont. p2

THE WEEKLY WRAP WITH CHRIS MCGRATH

On the face of it, the Turf's most opulent raceday could not have played out more consistently with its billing: a winner apiece for Australia, the United States, France and Britain, and two for Japan. Moreover, the fact that the other races on the Dubai World Cup card were both won by local trainers might even encourage the Japanese, as they stagger home with all those dirhams, to accelerate the removal of protectionist fetters on their own sport.

Yet the paradox persists that a meeting devised to dismantle barriers between racing cultures seems, increasingly, only to amplify a retrenchment in their most parochial attitudes. Certainly the decision to dig up the synthetic surface at Meydan has been treated as an admission that nothing, any time soon, will end the schism between dirt and turf racing. With the exception of Animal Kingdom (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}), who had of course established his calibre on turf, even \$10 million had no longer been sufficient to guarantee the participation of bona fide American stars on a synthetic surface. cont. p3

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Cape Cross Retired From Stud Duties cont. from p1

Ouija Board, the two-time European Horse of the Year and dual Eclipse winner earned nearly €5,654,000, and is responsible for 2014 dual Derby hero Australia (GB).

Blue hen Urban Sea (Miswaki) was sent to Cape Cross in 2005,



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yielding another all-time great in 'TDN Rising Star' Sea the Stars (Ire). The John Oxx trainee annexed the G2 Juddmonte Beresford S. at two before a perfect six-for-six season in 2009 that saw him win the G1 2000 Guineas, G1 Epsom Derby, G1 Coral-Eclipse S., G1 Juddmonte International S., G1 Irish Champion S. and G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. Currently standing at the Aga Khan's Gilltown Stud, Sea the Stars is already responsible for the likes of G1 Oaks and G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. heroine

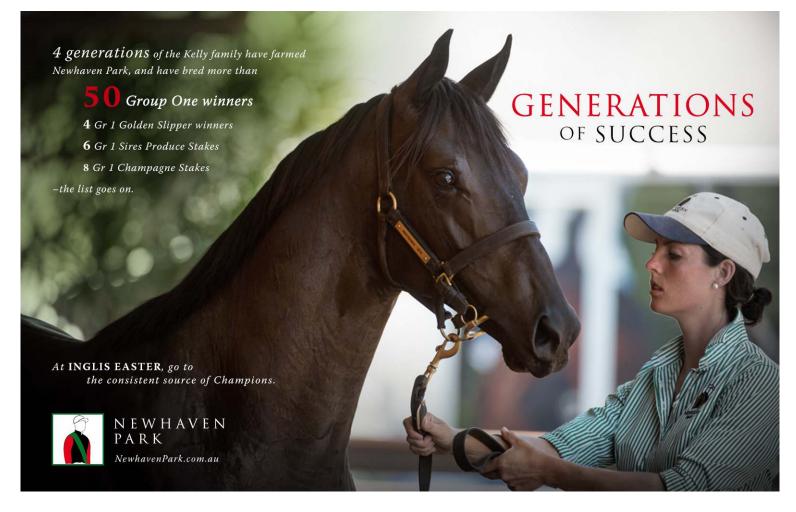
Taghrooda (GB) and G1 German Derby romper Sea the Moon (Ger).

Anthony Oppenheimer's Golden Horn (GB) became the latest superstar to bolster Cape Cross's already impressive C.V., as he was a clear-cut winner of last year's Investec Derby and Coral-Eclipse S. before missing by a neck in the Juddmonte International. The John Gosden pupil bounced back with scores in the QIPCO Irish Champion S. and the Arc, and was beaten just a half-length by fellow European invader Found (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the GI Breeders' Cup Turf at Keeneland Oct. 31. Golden Horn took up stud duties this season at Darley's Dalham Hall Stud in Newmarket, where he commands a fee of £60,000.

Cape Cross was ninth on the TDN's 2015 general sire list of stallions based in North America and Europe with progeny earnings of \$11,422,825. One Man Band (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}), winner of Saturday's G2 Godolphin Mile, is out of the MSW and MG1SP Cape Cross mare Musicana (GB).



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THE WEEKLY WRAP by Chris McGrath



If there has been a clear price, in the standard of dirt racing during the Carnival, then California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) will doubtless make it seem one worth paying.

But perhaps the time has come for us Europeans to repent of our self-righteous

complaints about all the vested interests that reversed the United States's own brief experiment in synthetic surfaces. We made hay for a couple of years, with Raven's Pass (Elusive Quality) et al, but they call it the Breeders' Cup for a reason--and those American breeders who had skillfully refined generations of dirt blood to produce champions in a wholly different discipline were absolutely within their rights to feel disenfranchised by our arrogant insistence that they tough things out; that they accept our prejudice that synthetic surfaces are not only safer, but produce performers of purer class. What we really meant, of course, is that synthetic surfaces suited turf pedigrees, and a European style of racing.

It was always specious to conflate synthetic and dirt racing. As such, perhaps we should turn those charges of myopia on ourselves. Back in the 1970s, stagnant European pedigrees were revived by a champion dirt runner, Northern Dancer; but an

apparent want of equivalent transferability in his principal son and grandson, Sadler's Wells and Galileo, seems to have persuaded everyone that dirt and turf pedigrees can no longer be integrated. But there is a perilously self-fulfilling quality to this belief.

Andre Fabre. author of the most spectacular experiment of all in Arcangues (Sagace {Fr}), evidently misplaced a parallel hunch about Vadamos (Fr) (Monsun {Ger}), beaten out of sight as



California Chrome winning the Dubai World Cup Saturday | DRC/Andrew Watkins

the only European-trained runner in the World Cup. Yet how many of those who sniggered at the master trainer, for bringing so predictable a humiliation upon himself, had once watched Mubtaahij (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire})--a son of a Pennekamp (Bering (GB)) mare--finish down the field in two turf maidens and recognised an eight-length winner of the G2 UAE Derby and, now, a World Cup runner-up? Both the other dirt races on Saturday, moreover, were won by horses with putative turf



pedigrees in One Man Band (Ire) (Pivotal (GB)) and Muarrab (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}). And we think it's the Americans who are short-sighted?

No less than when we are surprised by the end of an apparently harmonious marriage, we are seldom qualified to pass judgement when a trainer and his patron fall out. Few could resist a sense of injustice on behalf of Luca Cumani when Postponed was among 35 horses abruptly moved across Newmarket by Sheikh Obaid last September--less than two

months after he had won the G1 King George VI & Queen Elizabeth S. at Ascot. But none of us should presume what kind of private differences can have vitiated so obvious and recent a debt in the Sheikh's mind: whether a failure of chemistry, or some more specific grievance. After all, the two observations that do seem legitimately to suggest themselves, after events on Saturday, are too contradictory to take us a great deal farther.

One is that the Sheikh will hardly be regretting his decision. In the G1 Sheema

Classic all the world could see that Postponed (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) looks better than ever for his new trainer, Roger Varian. Fewer people registered the success of Barsanti (Ire) (Champs Elysee (GB)), in a handicap at Kempton, 90 minutes earlier. But the 4-year-old was so impressive that the conjunction of the two performances can only consolidate the impression that Varian, now supervising one of the biggest strings in Newmarket, would plainly represent an upgrade on the vast majority of trainers in Britain.

But that is not necessarily to say that Cumani would be among them. Both Barsanti and Postponed were given a trademark

grounding, of the type that has enabled Cumani to coax sustained improvement from so many maturing horses over the years. He must have had a cruel certainty that both these horses (and many others, no doubt, whose development he has managed with equal forbearance) would make radical strides this year. His only comfort, cold as it must seem, is that their new trainer did not just learn professional Roger Varian after Postponed won the Dubai acuity from his late mentor, Michael Jarvis, but also a faultlessly understated style. It is Cumani's misfortune, however, that Varian-

> -in contrast with Churchill's assessment of Clement Attlee-should be a modest person with so little to be modest about.



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Weekly Wrap cont.

There was a time, not so long ago, when smaller yards in Britain were able to target the early juvenile races with cheap, precocious sprinters competent to rack up a few wins, often in muddy going, before being swatted aside by the Royal Ascot types. You have to feel for those trainers, men like David Evans and Bill Turner. At Doncaster this weekend they will bump into Wesley Ward himself in the Brocklesby Stakes - historically, the first juvenile race of the turf season. The three 2-year-old races already staged, meanwhile, have all been won in devastating fashion by

streaks of lightning trained for the Maktoums by Mark Johnston.

Evans saddled no fewer than nine of the 18 runners in two divisions of a fillies' maiden at Kempton on



Trainer Mark Johnston has won Britain's three 2year-old races so far | Racing Post

Saturday--and watched aghast as two raking daughters of the rookie sire Helmet (Aus) (Exceed And Excel (Aus)) exploded out of the gate and bounded clear to win by seven and six lengths, respectively. The previous day, Evans had saddled the heavily backed favourite for the first maiden of the year at Wolverhampton, only for a son of Invincible Spirit (Ire) (Green Desert) to open up by nine lengths in the straight.

But this feels like a different syndrome from the farming of all-weather races during the winter by Godolphin, which has caused much resentment. Rest assured, Johnston will be saddling plenty of green, gawky youngsters during the months ahead--many of whom will make striking improvement on a modest debut--but it makes a lot of sense to get the natural born racehorses up and running, away from extreme ground. One or two of them could well progress towards the elite of their generation. But if Johnston happens to come up with even better ones himself, in the meantime, he will know exactly where he stands. All trainers like to treat their first juvenile runners as a guide, but not all of them realise that they need to be good enough to take you somewhere worthwhile.





ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Muthraab Aldaar (Ire), c, 3, Baltic King (GB)--Vertigo On Course (Ire), by Anabaa. WOL, 3-27, 9f 103y (AWT), 2:00.17. B-G. Devlin (IRE). *€8,000 Wlg '13 GOFNOV; 30,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT.

Avenue of Stars (GB), c, 3, Makfi (GB)--Clifton Dancer (GB) (SW-Eng), by Fraam (GB). WOL, 3-27, 5f 216y (AWT), 1:15.56. B-Steve Lock & Redmyre Bloodstock (GB). *47,000gns Wlg '13 TATFOA; 60,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT.



Sunday's Results:

PREIS DES GESTUTS ROTTGEN-Listed, €27,000, HOP, 3-27, 4yo/up, f/m, 8fT, 1:42.40, gd.

- 1--#ROYAL SOLITAIRE (IRE), 123, f, 4, Shamardal--Reverie Solitaire (Ire) (SW & MGSP-Fr, \$125,894), by Nashwan. (€160,000 Ylg '13 ARAUG). O-Gestut Ammerland; B-Janus Bloodstock Inc & Stilvi Compania Financiera SA (IRE); T-Peter Schiergen; J-Daniele Porcu. €16,000. Lifetime Record: 10-5-1-0, €33,200.
- 2--Nymeria (Ger), 123, f, 4, Soldier Hollow (GB)--Narooma (Ger), by Silver Hawk. (€68,000 Ylg '13 BBAGA). O-Stall Grafenberg. €6,500.
- 3--Si Luna (Ger), 130, m, 7, Kallisto (Ger)--Signorita (Ger), by Generous (Ire). O-Gestut Hof Iserneichen. €3,000. Margins: 1 1/4, 2HF, 1HF. Odds: 17.00, 2.90, 1.90.

Sunday's Result:

3rd-HOP, €**8,750, Mdn**, 3-27, 3yo, 9fT, 2:01.20, gd. +NIGHT MUSIC (GER) (f, 3, Sea the Stars {Ire}--Night Woman **(SP-Ger), by Monsun (Ger))**, sent off at a prohibitive 1-5, was settled in mid-division throughout the early stages before being rousted along on the home bend as Baltic Best (Ire) (King's Best) attempted to cut loose. Grinding down that granddaughter of the champion Borgia (Ger) (Acatenango (Ger)) passing the quarter pole, the half-sister to the G1 Preis der Diana heroine Night Magic (Ger) (Sholokhov {Ire}), 2x Hwt. Older Mare-Ger at 11-14f, MG1SW-Ger, G1SP-lty, \$1,073,939, stayed on strongly to win by 2 1/2 lengths. The dam, who descends from the champion and G2 Preis der Diana winner Novelle (Ger), has also produced Night Wish (Ger) (Sholokhov (Ire)), SW & MG1SP-Ger, \$148,282. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €5,000.

O-Stall Salzburg; B-Gestut Etzean (GER); T-Andreas Wohler.

4th-HOP, €5,100, Cond, 3-27, 3yo, 9fT, 1:58.40, gd. BOSCACCIO (GER) (f, 3, Mount Nelson {GB}--Bianca de Medici (GB), by Medicean (GB)), who won on debut over a mile at Hanover in August, raced in third early before making a wide move on the final turn. Taking command with 2 1/2 furlongs remaining, the 4-5 favourite pulled away to win with authority by five lengths from Moonshiner (Ger) (Adlerflug (Ger)). The dam, who hails from the extended family of the Grade I performer Tsigane (Fr) (Anabaa) and, more importantly, Treve (Fr) (Motivator {GB}), also has a colt by Campanologist and a yearling filly as a result of a visit to Motivator no doubt inspired by the historical exploits of the latter. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €6,000.

O-R Hupe & Friends; B-Gestut Fahrhof Stiftung (GER); T-Christian Sprengel.

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Sunday's Result:

6th-SRO, **€18,700**, Cond, 3-27, 3yo, 10fT, 2:04.7, gd. FREEDOM BEEL (IRE) (c, 3, PourMoi {Ire}--Querida {GB}, by Rainbow Quest), who won on debut Nov. 29 at Pisa, was rated just the second choice of the Scuderia Effevi in the Premio Guido Clerici, a good trial for the G2 Derby Italiano. The colt set the pace and held on by a head from stablemate Vischeto (Ity) (Montalegre {Ire}), and gained an entry for the Classic. Winners of the Premio Clerici have enjoyed good results in the Derby returning one winner, one second and two thirds in the last eight seasons. Freedom Beel is the second winner from three foals out of Querida, who ran once and is out of the French champion juvenile filly Qirmazi (Riverman), runner-up to high Machiavellian in the G1 Prix Morny and Prix De La Salamandre. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0 €11,475.

O-Scuderia Effevi; B-Razza Del Velino (Ire); T- Alduino & Stefano Botti.



ASCOT CALLING FOR HOLLER

Godolphin could be represented by a pair of Australian-based sprinters at Royal Ascot this year after trainer John O'Shea told Racing.com the stable's Holler (Aus) (Commands {Aus}) could join last year's G1 Golden Rose S. winner Exosphere (Aus) (Lonhro {Aus}) on the flight to Britain.

Holler, winner of a contentious G1 Canterbury S. Mar. 5, finished second in the G1 William Reid S. at Moonee Valley last

Thursday. O'Shea told Racing.com Holler would likely point to the G1 Diamond Jubilee S. over 1200 metres, and Exosphere the G1 King's Stand S. over 1000

metres. "At this stage John Ferguson [Godolphin chief executive and racing manager] would



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like him to go to Ascot," O'Shea said. "We're just going to play it by ear, but I'd say at this stage he's going to have another season racing. Obviously his main aim will be the Manikato [next season] if that's the decision made."

O'Shea added, "That was the first feedback I got, that the boss [Sheikh Mohammed] wanted to see him at Ascot. This is only after giving it 48 hours consideration, but we would run Exosphere in the 1000 and Holler in the six [furlong race]."

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Sunday, Chukyo, Japan

TAKAMATSUNOMIYA KINEN-G1, ¥192,260,000, Chukyo, 3-27, 4yo/up, 1200mT, 1:06.70 (ntr), fm.

1-&@BIG ARTHUR (JPN), 126, h, 5, Sakura Bakushin-Oh (Jpn)

1st Dam: Siyabona, by Kingmambo 2nd Dam: Relish (Ire), by Sadler's Wells 3rd Dam: Reloy, by Liloy

O-Akira Nakatsuji; B-Bamboo Farm; T-Kenichi Fujioka; J-Yuichi Fukunaga; ¥101,822,000. Lifetime Record: 11-7-2-1. Werk

Nick Rating: First SW From Cross. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

- 2--Mikki Isle (Jpn), 126, h, 5, Deep Impact (Jpn)--Star Isle (Ire), by Rock of Gibraltar(Ire). (¥76,000,000 yrl '12 JRHAJUL) O-Mizuki Noda; B-Northern Farm; ¥40,092,000.
- 3--Albiano, 123, f, 4, by Harlan's Holiday--Antics, by Unbridled. (\$380,000 yrl '13 KEESEP; \$400,000 2yo '14 FTFMAR). O-Kazumi Yoshida; B-Helen Alexander & Helen Groves Rev. Trust; ¥25,546,000.

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Margins: 3/4, 13/4, HD. Odds: 2.90, 2.90, 4.10. Also Ran: Active Minoru (Jpn), A Shin Bullseye, Teehaff (Jpn), Snow Dragon (Jpn), Let's Go Donki (Jpn), Uliuli (Jpn), Earth Sonic (Jpn), Hakusan Moon (Jpn), Hiruno Devaro (Jpn), Ukiyono Kaze

(Jpn), Bravissimo (Jpn), Sugino Endeavour (Jpn), Laurel Veloce (Jpn), Sakura Gospel (Jpn), Satono Lupin (Jpn). Click for the JRA chart and video or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Cont. p7



Takamatsunomiya Kinen cont.

Big Arthur made his Group 1 debut in style here, winning the third leg of the Global Sprint Challenge in track-record time. Although lightly raced as a 5-year-old with just 10 starts under his girth, Big Arthur has made the most of his opportunities to date. He kicked off his career with five straight wins over six furlongs from April 2014 to June of last year, but had his streak snapped when trying group company for the first time in the G3 Kitakyushu Kinen last August, finishing second. He bounced back with a three-length win in Kyoto's Yukan Fuji Hai Opal S. Oct. 11 and was again second, this time beaten a head, when testing Group 3 waters again in the Nov. 29 Keihan Hai. The bay was third when trying seven furlongs for the first time in the G2 Hanshin Cup Dec. 26, and had made one start this year prior to Saturday: a fifth in the G3 Silk Road S. Jan. 31. Settling about four lengths off the lead and off the rail down the backstretch and into the turn, Big Arthur swung five-wide off the turn. He took a few strides to find his momentum but once he got going, he swept past Mikki Isle in the final furlong to win convincingly. "With the fast-pace track condition, we were able to break well and travel smoothly in perfect position," said jockey Yuichi Fukunaga. "The front-runners were persistent but my mount managed to fend them off. The horse has the form of a great sprinter and can also maintain speed. He will definitely be leading the sprinters going forward."



Sunday, Nakayama, Japan

MARCH S.-G3, ¥68,810,000, Nakayama, 3-27, 4yo/up, 1800m, 1:52.70, gd.

1-@#SHONAN APOLLON (JPN), 119, h, 6, Admire Max (Jpn)

1st Dam: Mejiro Aludra (Jpn), by Afleet

2nd Dam: Mejiro Roberta (Jpn), by Mogami (Fr)

3rd Dam: Mejiro Pantera (Jpn), by Chateaugay

O-Tetsuhide Kunimoto; B-Mejiro Farm; T-Fumio Koga;

J-Masami Matsuoka; ¥36,567,000. Lifetime Record: 40-5-5-5.

Werk Nick Rating: B+. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

- 2--Buster Type (Jpn), 123, c, 4, White Muzzle (GB)--Global Song (Jpn), by Brian's Time. O-Minoru Murakami; B-Fujiwara Bokujo; ¥14,162,000.
- 3--Dokofukukaze (Jpn), 125, h, 6, Wild Rush--Deputy Premier (Jpn), by French Deputy. O-Jun Kokubu; B-Funny Friends Farm; ¥9,081,000.

Margins: 3/4, 3/4, NK. Odds: 19.40, 1.60, 4.50.

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