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Champion **Nyquist** (Uncle Mo) is doing well after his impressive victory in the \$1 million GI Xpressbet.com Florida Derby Saturday at Gulfstream Park, according to trainer Doug O'Neill.

"Talking to the crew, he looks good and he ate up well," O'Neill said of the undefeated colt, who left Gulfstream at approximately 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

Owned by Reddam Racing LLC, Nyquist was perfect in five starts in 2015 and capped his stellar season by prevailing in the \$2-million GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile at Keeneland. Reddam purchased the son of Uncle Mo for \$400,000 13 months ago at the Fasig-Tipton Florida Sale at Gulfstream Park, and Fasig-Tipton offered a \$1 million bonus if a Florida Sale graduate could capture Gulfstream's marquee event the following year.

"We had this plan from after the Breeders' Cup of what we wanted to do and it's all unfolding perfectly," O'Neill added.

Nyquist became the first Eclipse Award-winning 2-year-old to capture the Florida Derby since Fly So Free in 1991, and the first Breeders' Cup Juvenile hero to follow up in the Florida Derby since Unbridled's Song in 1996. Now seven-for-seven lifetime, he has earned \$2,322,600 on the track for the Reddams.

Trainer Kieran McLaughlin had more mixed emotions Sunday after his star colt and multiple Grade II winner **Mohaymen** (Tapit) suffered his first career loss when finishing fourth behind Nyquist. **Cont. p3**

## CATHRYN SOPHIA TUNES UP FOR ASHLAND

Cash is King LLC's undefeated 'TDN Rising Star' **Cathryn Sophia** (Street Boss) worked a half-mile over a fast Keeneland track Sunday morning in her final move before a start in Saturday's GI Central Bank Ashland S. Working by herself, the filly coasted through a quarter-mile in :25.40 and completed the half in :48.20, galloping out five furlongs in 1:01 and six furlongs in 1:14.60, according to Keeneland clockers.



Cathryn Sophia  
Adam Coglianesse

"I am tickled to death with it, tickled to death," trainer John Servis said. "If you can't be happy with that, you are not a happy guy." **Cont. p5**

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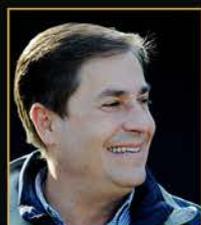
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*1996 Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner and Champion Two-Year-Old Colt Boston Harbor (Capote) celebrates his 22nd birthday on April 4. He resides at the Japan Bloodhorse Breeders' Association's Shizunai Stallion Station in Hokkaido. Horsephotos.*

## LANI ARRIVES FOR DERBY PREPARATIONS

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*Lani (Tapit), who overcame a difficult trip to best TDN Rising Star Polar River (Congrats) in the G2 UAE Derby Mar. 26, vanned down from Chicago and is stabled at Churchill Downs to prepare for the GI Kentucky Derby May 7.*

## BIG JOHN B SNAPS SKID IN TOKYO CITY CUP

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*Marathon specialist Big John B (Hard Spun) added the GIII Tokyo City Cup S. over the Santa Anita dirt to his resume Sunday. It was the 7-year-old's first start over that surface since last year's GIII Cougar II H.*

## BEACH PATROL A NEW RISING STAR

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*Gary and Mary West's Beach Patrol (Lemon Drop Kid), a \$250,000 Keeneland November weanling, earned Rising Star status Sunday.*

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Though disappointed in the Shadwell Stable runner's result, McLaughlin was pleased with how the horse emerged from the race, both mentally and physically.

"He came out of the race in good shape," McLaughlin said as he overlooked Mohaymen's stall outside his barn office at Palm Meadows. "He's never been beaten and we thought he was invincible going in so, yeah, we're a little down about the result. But, we're moving forward. We're happy that he's happy this morning and we can move forward to the Kentucky Derby."

Breaking from post nine of 10 as the 4-5 favorite, Mohaymen found himself wide throughout the 1 1/8-mile race while Nyquist led from start to finish from post four, dismissing Mohaymen's brief challenge at the top of the stretch to defeat **Majesto** (Tiznow) by 3 1/4 lengths.

Mohaymen wound up beaten 8 1/4 lengths over a main track that had taken rain intermittently during the 14-race program. McLaughlin said that Junior Alvarado, aboard the \$2.2-million Keeneland September joint topper for all six starts, would retain the mount for the Derby

"We feel like it was a perfect storm of unfortunate things that happened with the track," McLaughlin said. "Raining earlier and then later. Basically it was very wet and we were very wide. We ran 54 feet further than the winner, but congratulations to Nyquist and their team. They had to run over the same racetrack under the same conditions and they did it better than us. Congratulations to them, because it was a big showdown. We'll regroup and point for the Kentucky Derby and hope for the best."

McLaughlin said Mohaymen will leave South Florida next week for Louisville, Ky. and do his training at Churchill Downs, where the Derby will be run May 7.

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**GULFSTREAM** The 2015-2016 championship meeting at Gulfstream Park in Hallandale Beach, Florida, drew to a close Sunday, with all-sources handle that crushed the previous record established just last year.

All-sources handle for the meet totaled \$807 million, a 15% increase over the record \$704 million handled in 2014-2015.

The new mark was established despite inclement weather which saw 57 races transferred from the turf to the main track in comparison to just 13 last season.



Gulfstream Park | Adam Coglianese

The track's Rainbow 6 wager retained its popularity during the 2015-2016 meet and generated a North American record pool for a mandatory dispersal Mar. 26. A total of \$10.8 million in 20-cent wagers was added to the pool that afternoon, resulting in a gross pot of \$15.185 million. Several successful bettors took home in excess of \$89,000.

Saturday's GI Florida Derby program also attracted record handle for a non-Breeders' Cup card. Highlighted by a best-versus-best matchup between Mohaymen and Nyquist on a day featuring no fewer than eight black-type events, betting turnover for the afternoon was \$32.082 million, easily surpassing the 2015 Florida Derby day record of \$27.255 million.

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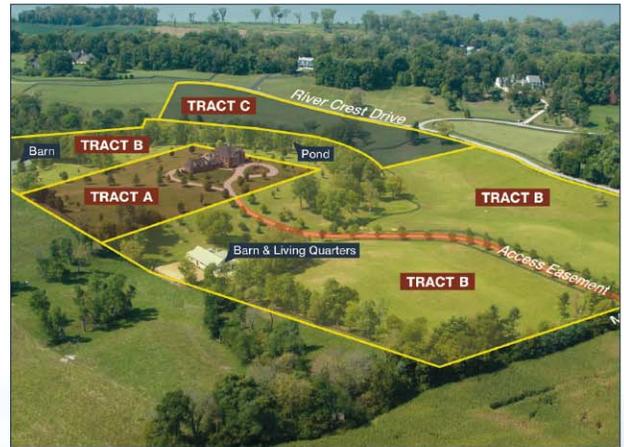
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Campo continued, "Despite an inclement December and 57 races being taken off the turf, we continued to build our racing program with incredible equine and human performances and wonderful support from horsemen throughout North America. We still believe there's plenty of room for growth in our Championship Meet and we're excited about our summer program; a program we continue to reinvigorate. We're looking forward to a great summer with our Summit of Speed and Florida Sire Stakes races, and we're looking forward to making our Championship Meet even better next year."

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**LANI ARRIVES TO PREPARE FOR DERBY**

Lani (Tapit), who gave Japan one of its two victories on the Dubai World Cup program Mar. 26, is bedded down in Barn 17 on the Churchill Downs backstretch after arriving Sunday to prepare for the GI Kentucky Derby May 7.

The homebred gray flew from Dubai to Chicago and remained in quarantine at Arlington Park until Sunday morning. He later boarded a van for the 5 1/2-hour trip down Interstate 65 to Louisville.



Lani (center) | DRC/Andrew Watkins

"There were no problems at all on the trip," veterinarian Takanao Cho said through interpreter Keita Tanaka. "He was very quiet. It was very smooth."

Owned and bred by Koji Maeda and trained

by Mikio Matsunaga, Lani was rumored as far back as January as a candidate for the U.S. Classics and was nominated to the Triple Crown, but a disappointing and excuse-filled fifth in the Hyacinth S. at Tokyo in February cast some doubt over the plan. Connections pressed on to Dubai and the G2 UAE Derby, and, despite a tardy dispatch and another wide journey, Lani managed to get home in the waning strides to best 'TDN Rising Star' Polar River (Congrats).

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*April 6*

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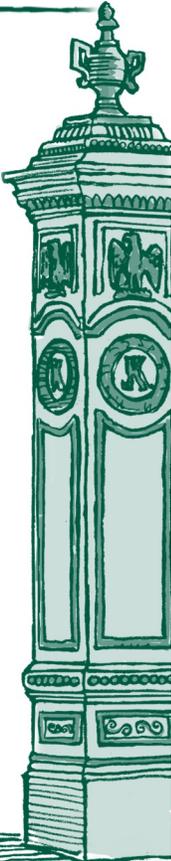
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Lani would become just the second Japanese-based horse to contest the Kentucky Derby. Ski Captain, who was ridden by Lani's jockey Yutaka Take, finished 14th behind Thunder Gulch in 1995.

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**PLETCHER CONFIRMS DUO FOR WOOD**

Trainer Todd Pletcher confirmed Sunday that the barn will be represented by recent allowance winner **Cards of Stone** (Bustin Stones) and GII Tampa Bay Derby runner-up **Outwork** (Uncle Mo) in Saturday's GI Wood Memorial S. at Aqueduct.

Each horse turned in their respective final move for the \$1-million race at their home bases Sunday morning. Cards of Stone breezed five furlongs over the Belmont training track in 1:02 2/5 Saturday, his third work since crushing a field of state-bred allowance/optional claimers by some 13 lengths Mar. 4. Outwork, owned by Repole Stable, will ship up to the Big Apple this week and drilled five-eighths of a mile in 1:00 2/5 Saturday morning at Palm Meadows. It was his second timed move since completing a Pletcher-trained exacta at Tampa behind Destin (Giant's Causeway).

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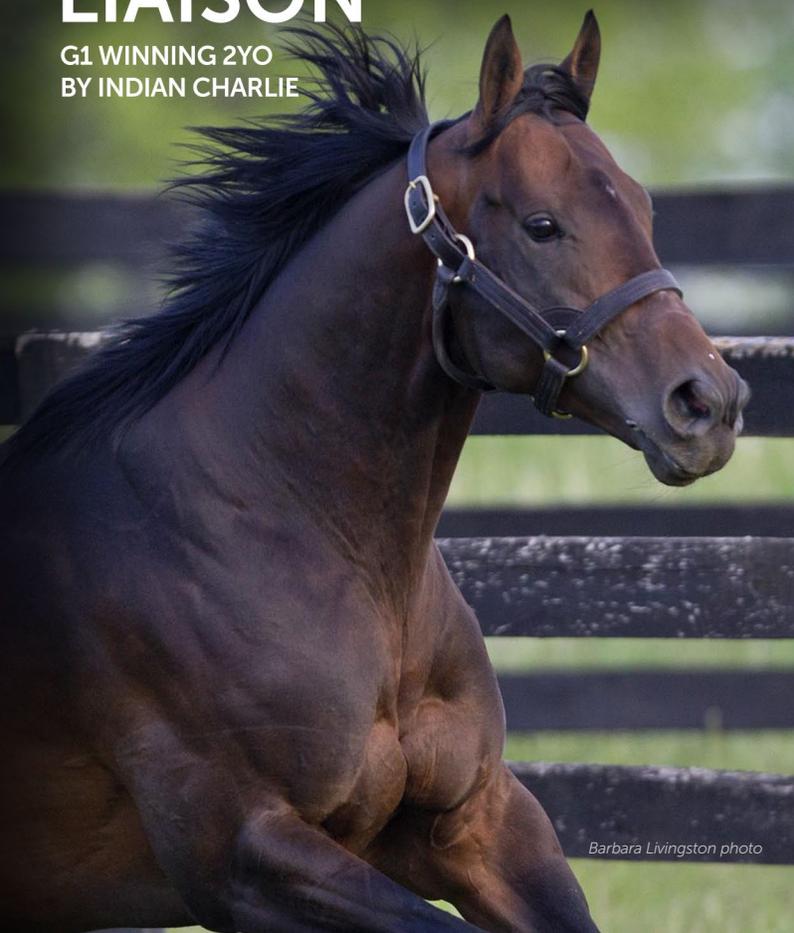
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"He's a big, strong colt," the conditioner said of Outwork. "He stepped up off one six-furlong race and ran a really key race in the Tampa Derby and we hope that that race and the works he's had since then will move him forward."

In other Wood developments, **Tale of S'avall** (Tale of Ekati), most recently fifth in the Tampa Bay Derby, went five furlongs in 1:00.05 Sunday morning at Palm Meadows.

"He's doing great," said Barclay Tagg, who trains the colt for his breeder Charles Fipke. "It was a very nice work in company and we're happy with it. Going a minute, it was just what we were looking for."

**Cathryn Sophia cont. from p1**

Cathryn Sophia easily annexed her career debut at Parx in October and earned 'Rising Star' status after a 16 1/4-length romp in Laurel's Gin Talking S. going seven furlongs Dec. 5. Sent to Florida for the winter months, the bay demonstrated a new ability to rate off the pace with a decisive tally in the GII Forward Gal S. Jan. 30 and followed with an equally impressive seven-length score in the one-mile GII Fasig-Tipton Davona Dale S. Feb. 27. Servis said the Ashland's prominence and spot on the calendar factored into his choice for his star's first try around two turns. "Obviously the Grade 1 made a difference and if she is fortunate enough to win, it would be nice to have on her resume," Servis said. Javier Castellano, who filled in for injured Joel Rosario in the Davona Dale, will retain the mount in Saturday's tilt against the likes of fellow 'Rising Stars' **Carina Mia** (Malibu Moon) and **Rachel's Valentina** (Bernardini). The Ashland offers a total of 170 qualifying points for the Kentucky Oaks, with 100 going to the winner. Servis added that if all goes according to plan, Cathryn Sophia will remain at Keeneland until a week prior to the Kentucky Oaks, before shipping to Churchill Downs.

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3	Creator (Tapit)	58
4	Cupid (Tapit)	11
5	Danzing Candy (Twirling Candy)	16
6	Dazzling Gem (Misremembered)	121
7	Destin (Giant's Causeway)	16
8	Exaggerator (Curlin)	27
9	Flexibility (Bluegrass Cat)	81
10	Gun Runner (Candy Ride {Arg})	13
11	Lani (Tapit)	25
12	Matt King Coal (Cool Coal Man)	44
13	Mo Tom (Uncle Mo)	17
14	Mohaymen (Tapit)	8
15	Mor Spirit (Eskendereya)	11
16	Nyquist (Uncle Mo)	3
17	Outwork (Uncle Mo)	30
18	Shagaf (Bernardini)	17
19	Suddenbreakingnews (Mineshaft)	34
20	Swipe (Birdstone)	29
21	Tom's Ready (More Than Ready)	70
22	Whitmore (Pleasantly Perfect)	22
23	Zulu (Bernardini)	23
24	All other 3-year-olds	10

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1st Dam: Baldomera (MSW & MGSP, \$313,390), by Doneraile Court

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(\$185,000 RNA Ylg '12 KEESOP). O-Lane's End Racing; B-W. S. Farish (KY); T-John W. Sadler. \$20,000.

**LANE'S END Bred and Raised**

3--Blingo, 120, g, 7, [Artie Schiller](#)--Wassifa (GB), by Sure Blade.

(\$80,000 Ylg '10 KEESOP). O-Moss, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome S.; B-B P Walden Jr. & B Ray (KY); T-John A. Shirreffs. \$12,000.

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Making his first start on dirt since annexing last year's GIII Cougar II H. at Del Mar, marathon specialist Big John B took his career batting average to .375, winning for the 15th time in 40 career starts in Sunday's Tokyo City Cup.

Claimed by owner Michael House for \$40,000 just shy of two years ago, the Florida-bred had failed to Beyer in the 90s on just three occasions, including a 10th in last year's GI Breeders' Cup Turf at Keeneland where the give in the ground was simply not to his liking.

Runner-up to The Pizza Man (English Channel) in the GII Hollywood Turf Cup at Del Mar Nov. 26, he was a never-nearer eighth in this track's GII San Gabriel S. over an insufficient nine panels Jan. 2 before finishing an even third in the GIII John B. Connally Turf Cup at Sam Houston Jan. 30. There was too much juice in the ground in the GII San Luis Rey S. at this venue Mar. 13 and Big John B plugged home a one-paced seventh, setting up this return to the main track.

Away without incident, Big John B dropped well out the back of the field and was switched off nicely for Rafael Bejarano as a



Benoit photo

reasonably quick pace for this 12-furlong trip materialized about a dozen lengths ahead of him. Still quietly ridden as they made their way around the turn and down the backside for the second and final time, the dark bay had tacked on to the main body of the field

when they passed the half-mile marker, though some work still lie ahead. Going well and full of run on the turn, Big John B was momentarily strung up in traffic and that allowed Class Leader first crack at the tiring pacesetters at the head of the lane. But when the daylight came, Big John B sliced his way through, was shifted out widest for the drive and powered past Class Leader for a comfortable success.

"I really wasn't worried [about him being that far back], because when he won that mile and a half on the dirt at Del Mar [Cougar II], he did the same thing," commented trainer Phil d'Amato, who won three races Sunday to put a gap between him and Doug O'Neill for the meet's leading trainer. "He just kind of waited to find his stride, slowly moved up on the back side by the half-mile pole. To me it was just a matter of whether he was going to get out or not around the turn. Once he finally got him in the clear, he showed him a big kick."

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## ▶ Eastern U.S.

**Sunday's Results:**

**3rd-LRL, \$46,840, Msw, 4-3, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:06.25, ft.**  
**+BLU MOON ACE (g, 3, [Malibu Moon](#)--Access Fee {MSW, \$159,150}, by Menifee)** took a fair amount of play to be 7-2 in this firster-laden affair, but broke a half-step slowly and was bounced around a bit after the start. Recovering nicely, the homebred pulled his way through at the rail to challenge for the lead and poked a neck in front after a quarter in :22.94. Nudged along passing the three-eighths pole, he shook loose from his closest pace challengers and opened clear through a half-mile in :46.63. Kept to his task while the other speeds plummeted, he ran up the score in the stretch to register an impressive 4 3/4-length victory. Fellow first-timer Blixt (Charitable Man) kicked on nicely late to get the place money. Blu Moon Ace's dam was a stakes-winner over this circuit who most recently foaled a filly by Blame in 2015. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$29,640. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**  
 O-The Estate of Howard M. Bender; B-Howard M. Bender (MD); T-Lawrence E. Murray.

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**4th-LRL, \$40,000, Msw, 4-3, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:36.36, fm.**  
**POP ROCKS LADY (f, 3, [Sidney's Candy](#)--Dance Hall Days {SW, \$105,040}, by Seeking Daylight)** rallied to be fourth behind a slow pace in the mud in her debut Oct. 4, then moved forward when switched to turf Nov. 7, finishing third behind subsequent GIII Jimmy Durante S. winner Family Meeting (Sky Mesa) over soft going. She suffered a wide journey when fifth on the Tampa lawn Jan. 16 and was given a brief layoff for this fourth start. Sent off as the 27-10 second choice, the \$75,000 EASMAY purchase was pinched back a bit in the first few strides and bided her time toward the rear while 11-5 chalk Rose Essence (Speightstown) tore through a :45.77 half-mile. Left with six horses to pass at the top of the lane, the chestnut sophomore picked her way through an opening at the inside, but it appeared as if Whatifiwaswilling (Wilburn) and Flower Valley (Discreet Cat) had gotten the jump on her outside. Continuing her determined charge, she dove late to just nail Flower Valley by a nose on the line, with Whatifiwaswilling a neck back in third. The favorite faded to finish sixth after setting the ambitious pace. The winner's dam won her final start in Monmouth's Serena's Song S. in 2008. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$29,800. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

O-High Five Racing Stables; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-H. Graham Motion.

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## ▶ Florida

**Sunday's Results:**

**3rd-GP, \$37,620, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 4-3, 3yo, 1m, 1:37.25, ft.**  
**SHARP AZTECA (c, 3, [Freud](#)--So Sharp, by Saint Liam),** only two lengths adrift of subsequent 'TDN Rising Star' Zulu (Bernardini) in their mutual unveilings going six furlongs over this strip Dec. 5, got bumped at the start and faded to fifth after briefly pressing the pace in a seven-furlong dash Jan. 16. Off the mark with a sharp four-length track and trip score Feb. 20, the dark bay was bet down to 60 cents on the dollar and proved the worthy chalk Sunday. Dueling for leadership duties from the bell with a longshot to his inside, Sharp Azteca began to edge ahead after that rival threw in the towel through a half-mile in :47.30. Challenged by Lazarus Project (Discreetly Mine) turning into the home straight, he kicked clear to romp by 7 1/2 lengths over that rival. A half-brother to a 2-year-old colt by Include, Sharp Azteca's dam foaled a colt by Redding Colliery in 2015 and an Alpha colt this term. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$55,200. Sales history: \$35,000 Ylg '14 OBSAUG; \$220,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

O-Gelfenstein Farm; B-Cloyce C. Clark (KY); T-Jorge Navarro.

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**8th-TAM, \$20,000, Msw, 4-3, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:24.36, ft.**  
**CAPITAL LETTERS (g, 4, [Afleet Alex](#)--Madame Pandit {GSW & GISP, \$393,460}, by Wild Again)** showed well for a firster from this barn Jan. 27, finishing a late-running fifth at 21-1 after breaking last, just 2 3/4 lengths behind the promising Magnifier (Awesome Again), who returned with a 14 1/2-length romp in his next start. The bay ran fifth over this trip at Gulfstream Feb. 18 and had been working well locally since. Off a beat slowly at a tick under 3-1, he moved through a rail opening on the chute to challenge the pacesetter through a :22.87 quarter. The two matched strides past the half-mile pole, and urged to quicken, Capital Letters opened up on his rivals turning for home. Kicking on strongly in the lane, the homebred drew off to an auspicious 4 1/4-length score. Refer (Divine Park) ran on decently to be a clear second. The winner's dam captured the GIII Monrovia H. and was runner-up in the GI Santa Monica H. She produced brilliant GISW turfer Mea Domina (Dance Brightly), \$744,628, as well as GSP Ivory Empress (Seeking the Gold), \$189,402. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$12,320. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**  
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"It was a fantastic afternoon of incredible performances, highlighted by the exciting match between the undefeated colts Nyquist and Mohaymen in the Florida Derby," said P.J. Campo, General Manager and Vice President of Racing. "We want to thank the great crowd and participation of our horsemen, and the incredible performances of our equine athletes who made this such a memorable Florida Derby Day."

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**Sunday's Results:**

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**7th-SA, \$58,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 4-3, 3yo, 1 1/8mT, 1:46.62, fm.**

**BEACH PATROL, c, 3, by Lemon Drop Kid**

- 1st Dam: Bashful Bertie, by Quiet American**
- 2nd Dam: Clever Bertie, by Timeless Native**
- 3rd Dam: Clever But Costly, by Clever Trick**

Beach Patrol notched his second win in as many starts since arriving to California with an authoritative allowance score at Santa Anita Sunday afternoon, becoming the newest 'TDN Rising Star'. The dark bay began his career in the barn of Wayne Catalano and ran respectably in two tries over the Fair Grounds sod, checking in third on debut after a wide run in a one-mile



Beach Patrol | Benoit photo

turf event Nov. 26 and following up with a runner-up effort after being hit by a rival's whip in a 1 1/16-mile test Dec. 19. Subsequently transferred to this new barn which has enjoyed considerable success with turfmen in Southern

California, the \$250,000 Keeneland November purchase stormed home a much-the-best winner over a grassy mile here Mar. 12, easily defeating next-out winner Tristan's Trilogy (Scat

Daddy). Tabbed as the slight second choice in this spot, Beach Patrol seized control soon after the start and was well-rated on the front end through a half-mile in :47.46. Confronted by Arcature (Archarcharch) cornering for home, the West colorbearer had plenty left in reserve and kicked clear to notch a decisive tally. The winner's dam is a half to MGSW & GISP Allamerican Bertie (Quiet American) and Hurricane Bertie (Storm Boot). This is also the extended family of MGSW & MGISP Sun King (Charismatic) and MGSW turfman Ocean Drive (Belong to Me), herself the dam of last term's Del Mar Juvenile Turf hero and GI FrontRunner S. third-place finisher Hollywood Don (Tapit). Beach Patrol's dam, Bashful Bertie, produced a colt by Speightstown in 2015 and was most recently bred to Malibu Moon. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, \$79,870. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Gary & Mary West; B-Nancy C. Shuford (KY); T-Philip D'Amato.

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# Central U.S.

**Sunday's Results:**

**5th-OP, \$76,000, Msw, 4-3, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.72, ft.**

**SPANK (f, 4, Blame--Liberty School {SP, \$104,853}, by Pine Bluff)** pressed the pace and chased Chiding (Blame) home from afar when second on debut in a six-furlong dash at Fair Grounds Jan. 23. Relocated to Hot Springs following that effort, the bay

dueled for command and faltered late, checking in sixth in a trip-and-track maiden test Feb. 20. Let go at odds of 8-1 while adding Lasix for this third try, the bay broke alertly and set a pressured pace along the inside through a quarter-mile in :21.84. She shook off her pursuers on the turn, pulled clear under steady encouragement and had ample gas left in the tank to hold safe a late bid from Modify (Candy Ride {Arg}) by 2 1/4 lengths. The homebred winner is a half to three-time graded stakes winner Just Jenda (Menifee), MGSW, \$750,680. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$53,880. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Elizabeth S. Lavin; B-Lavin Bloodstock (KY); T-Albert M. Stall Jr.



Sunday Cancellations

**AQUEDUCT**  
 (Full card; heavy winds)

# ROOKIES

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**BANK HEIST** (Maria's Mon), Kaz Hill Farm, \$2.5K, 18/1/1  
9-PRX, Msw 6f, Grande Heist, 15-1

**FRIESAN FIRE** (A.P. Indy), Country Life Farm, \$4K, 102/18/1  
9-PRX, Msw 6f, +Themaloikson Billy, 12-1

## BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

### STAKES RESULTS:

**RAINBOW S.**, (NB) \$100,000, OP, 4-3, (S), 3yo, c/g, 6f, 1:11.04,  
ft.

1--**MAIZE ROAD, 122 (g, 3, Afleet Alex--Becker County Miss  
{SP}, by Langfuhr)** (\$15,000 Ylg '14 OBSWIN). O-Randy  
Patterson; B-McDowell Farm (AR); T-Randy L. Morse; J-Alex  
Canchari. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-1, \$119,800.

2--**Carson's Suspect**, 122, g, 3, Primary Suspect--Bexley, by Level  
Sands. O/B-Jim Bussey (AR); T-Al Cates. \$20,000.

3--**Mr Ark**, 117, c, 3, Primary Suspect--Miss Brown Eyes, by El  
Corredor. (\$13,500 2yo '15 TEXAPR). O-Simmons & Associates,  
Inc.; B-Rickey Smith (AR); T-Scott Gelner. \$10,000.

Margins: 3HF, NK, 1 1/4. Odds: 1.80, 1.90, 19.20.

### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**7th-LRL, \$55,037**, (NW3X)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000-\$40,000), 4-3,  
3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT, 1:02.71, fm.

**MONSTER SLEEPING (m, 7, Oratory--Bold Questor, by  
Norquestor)** Lifetime Record: MSW, 48-10-10-9, \$516,707.  
O-Charles J. Reed; B-Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth C. Holt & Mr. & Mrs.  
Mark Vogel (MD); T-Dale Capuano.

**7th-PRX, \$43,000**, (S), 4-3, (NW1BX), 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f,  
1:17.60, ft.

**PODEROSA (m, 6, City Sharpster--Balanza, by Lord At Law)**  
Lifetime Record: 39-4-7-8, \$168,903. O-Barbara Hopkins;  
B-Charles A. Cuprill (PA); T-Ramon Preciado.

**5th-GP, \$38,000**, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 4-3, 4yo/up, f/m,  
1 1/16mT, 1:45.02, fm.

**FLYING TIPAT (f, 4, Tapit--Flying Marlin, by Marlin)** Lifetime  
Record: 16-2-2-3, \$125,830. O/B-Frank Jones (KY); T-Dale L.  
Romans. \*\$585,000 RNA 3yo '15 FTKNOV. \*\*Full to Tapitsfly,  
MGISW, \$1,495,503.

**6th-SUN, \$34,555**, (S), 4-3, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:36.35, ft.  
**THE WAKI RAPPER (g, 5, Rapper S S--Wakidevil, by Waki Bob)**  
Lifetime Record: SP, 26-5-6-5, \$150,853. O/T-Luis C. Rojero;  
B-Lucky Six Inc. (NM).

**6th-PEN, \$33,300**, (S), 4-2, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11.26, ft.  
**SHINY FINISH (g, 5, Jump Start--Buff 'n Polish, by Polish  
Numbers)** Lifetime Record: SP, 21-4-5-6, \$132,680. O-Thomas G.  
McClay; B-Nina H. Gardner (PA); T-Brandon L. Kulp. \*\$15,000 Ylg  
'12 EASSEP.

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**7th-CT, \$24,500**, (S), 4-2, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:27.01, ft.  
**PROFIT MACHINE (g, 4, Stephen Got Even--Cedar Run's  
Emblem {SW, \$211,808}, by Our Emblem)** Lifetime Record:  
17-3-2-4, \$87,530. O-Vince Campanella; B-Cleil W Albrite (WV);  
T-Jeff C. Runco. \*\$40,000 Ylg '13 KEEJAN.

**2nd-TUP, \$22,500**, 4-3, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.64, fm.  
**PEPPY MILLER (m, 6, Fusaichi Pegasus--Amandas Bandit, by  
Royal Academy)** Lifetime Record: 26-6-4-8, \$116,058.  
O-Raymond E. McElhaney; B-Robert Pierz (KY); T-Kevin  
Eikleberry. \*\$85,000 Ylg '11 FTKOCT; \$42,000 3yo '13 KEENOV.

**6th-TP, \$20,400**, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 4-3, 3yo/up, f/m,  
6f (AWT), 1:11.07, ft.

**ELUSIVE HOLIDAY (f, 4, Harlan's Holiday--Touch of Charm, by  
Elusive Quality)** Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-0, \$75,936. O/B-Stephen  
Wigmore (KY); T-Charles LoPresti.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Justabitunderage**, g, 3, **Old Topper**--Just Seventeen, by Tale of  
the Cat. SUN, 4-3, 6 1/2f, 1:16.63. B-Tommy Town  
Thoroughbreds, LLC (CA).

**Grace H.**, f, 3, **Mineshaft**--Hartigan (MSW, \$197,300), by  
Include. PRX, 4-3, (C), 6f, 1:13.20. B-Fitzhugh, LLC (MD). \*1/2  
to Starry Moon (Malibu Moon), MSP, \$180,736.



**Que Chistoso**, g, 3, **Papa Clem**--Bella Banissa (MSP, \$199,684),  
by Good and Tough. SA, 4-3, (S), (C), 1m, 1:37.86. B-Legacy  
Ranch (CA). \*\$15,000 2yo '15 BARJAN.

**Lady Chairman**, f, 3, **Society's Chairman**--Rubywood, by  
Woodman. SA, 4-3, (C), 1mT, 1:37.79. B-Charles Fipke (KY).

**Ms. Scarlet Fever**, f, 3, **Value Plus**--Frontier Franny, by Lucky  
Lionel. TAM, 4-3, 1mT, 1:38.78. B-Arboritanza Racing, LLC,  
Jolane Weeks & Barbara Rehbein (FL).



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**Unleash the Dream**, g, 4, **Decarchy**--Dreaming of Janet, by Petionville. GG, 4-3, 6f (AWT), 1:11.48. B-Kevin Zietz (CA).  
**One Sweet Ford**, f, 4, **Medford**--Sweet Safari, by Johannesburg. CT, 4-2, (S), 4 1/2f, :54.43. B-Barbara Joan Belotti (WV).  
**First Splash**, c, 4, **Speightstown**--Banga Ridge (SW, \$159,207), by Snow Ridge. OP, 4-3, (C), 6f, 1:10.28. B-Christine Hayden (ON). \*\$200,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP; \$150,000 2yo '14 OBSMAR. \*\*1/2 to Unspurned (Lemon Drop Kid), GSW, \$492,057.

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**Twilight Appeal**, f, 4, **Successful Appeal**--Twilight Parade, by El Prado (Ire). TP, 4-3, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:18.31. B-Donamire Farm (KY). \*1/2 to Parade Clown (Distorted Humor), SW.  
**High Dive**, f, 4, **Wildcat Heir**--Victory Pool (SW & GSP, \$335,950), by Victory Gallop. CT, 4-2, 4 1/2f, :52.07. B-New Farm (FL).

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## THE WEEKLY WRAP WITH CHRIS MCGRATH



Secret Brief | Racing Post

Success in the first big race of the new turf season in Britain lent a sense of earnestness to all the talk of a fresh start for Godolphin, but nobody will be getting carried away just yet. Too many previous lines in the sand have been effaced by the desert wind--whether through poor luck or judgement--for any meaningful flag to have been planted in the slurry navigated by **Secret Brief (Ire)** (Shamardal) in the Lincoln H.

That said, enough eggs remain in the twin, in-house baskets for Appleby's success with Secret Brief to be reckoned a legitimate tonic. An internal appointment, after the Mahmood Al Zarooni scandal, seemed a stubborn rejoinder to protests that priceless bloodstock could only be sensibly entrusted to trainers with "runs on the board." And few in the industry felt comfortable with Appleby seeking an initial comfort zone on the all-weather during the winter of 2014-15. But he was sensibly restrained this time round, perhaps a sign of growing confidence, and there are encouraging vibes that **'TDN Rising Star' Emotionless (Ire)** (Shamardal) can bounce back after chipping a bone in his knee in the G1 Dewhurst S. That would certainly be consistent with a physique that always promised fulfilment with maturity--and would also suggest a parallel, sustainable renewal in the broader fortunes of Godolphin.

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## Q & A WITH JOHN MESSARA

Racing in New South Wales, Australia received a major boost last November when the state government passed legislation to reduce its share of wagering tax revenue. The legislation brings the government's sharing of the wagering taxes in line with the state of Victoria, and means an additional A\$235 million will be funneled into New South Wales racing over the next five years. That money will go towards the likes of purses, with an early focus on country and provincial racing; racecourse capital developments; marketing; and training and apprenticeship programs in the state's rural areas. It also secures the financial future of The Championships, Sydney's two-day season-ending showcase that bookends the Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale Apr. 2 and 9. The *TDN's* Kelsey Riley sat down with Racing NSW Chairman John Messara to discuss how parity came to fruition, and what will be done with the early funds. [Cont. p10](#)

in **TDN America** today..

### NYQUIST, MOHAYMEN MOVING ON

Champion **Nyquist** (Uncle Mo) came out of his victory over fourth-place finisher **Mohaymen** (Tapit) in the GI Xpressbet.com Florida Derby in fine fettle according to trainer Doug O'Neill.

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THE WEEKLY WRAP by Chris McGrath



**Lost and Found: Ballydoyle Hitting Its Stride...**

Whatever the substance of Godolphin's regeneration, the Maktoums will have perceived an ominous familiarity to the first skirmishes of the season in Ireland--where a couple of striking 3-year-old winners on the synthetic circuit at Dundalk Friday showed that Aidan O'Brien demonstrably has his horses where he needs them.

That would not have been so evident in years past, when people might have looked at the odds-on defeat of 'TDN Rising Star' Found (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) at The Curragh Sunday and concluded that the Ballydoyle horses were behind schedule. As it is, we are able to keep the defeat of the G1 Longines Breeders' Cup Turf winner, eight lengths third of five in a mere listed race, in due perspective. O'Brien was obviously happy to treat Found's first public appearance since her defeat of Golden Horn (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}) as little more than a piece of work to get her mind and body tighter for a long season ahead. She received a very pragmatic ride in appalling conditions, understandably a little too eager on her return and largely just held together once it was clear she was struggling to pull her limbs out of the gloop in the closing stages.

It was all very different in the less demanding environment of Dundalk, Long Island Sound (War Front) palpably learning as he went through a mile maiden before getting it all together in the straight and Washington DC (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}) opening up Classic options by seeing out a seventh furlong really well in a listed race. It was his first sighting since chasing home his champion stablemate, Air Force Blue (War Front) in the G1 Keeneland Phoenix S. last summer, and he had previously shown enough speed to win over the bare five at Royal Ascot.

Perhaps the most significant Ballydoyle performance to date, however, was the debut of US Army Ranger (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the last race at The Curragh. With an arrow blaze like his sire, and under another admirably restrained ride from Ryan Moore, he ran down a heavily backed colt from the Dermot Weld yard with an inexorable surge through ground that could not have been less flattering.



US Army Ranger | *Racing Post*

Three years ago Ruler Of The World (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) started his career in the same maiden en route to winning the Derby and O'Brien may well elect to take this one to Chester, as well, as the ideal track for a horse required to compress his education before Epsom.

**A Name to Watch...**

The dreadful conditions at Doncaster prompted Wesley Ward to abandon his exotic challenge for the Brocklesby S., leaving the field clear for Mark Johnston to produce a fourth explosive winner in five juvenile races to date in The Last Lion (Ire) (Choisir {Aus}). Even his solitary failure, a colt who finished fourth at Kempton Saturday, contrived to fortify Johnston's position: the winner had been trounced nine lengths by his Sutter County (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) in the first 2-year-old race of the season, at Wolverhampton eight days previously.



The Last Lion | *Racing Post*

As mentioned last week, nobody feels more disenfranchised by the bewildering tempo of these early races than David Evans--but he could yet be consoled by the amplification of his singular talents through Dougan (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}). Discarded by Shadwell for just 3,500 guineas last September, this 4-year-old gelding was seriously impressive dropped back to six furlongs in a handicap at Kempton Saturday. Few have registered his name as yet, but if he proves as effective on turf--he is now four for six on synthetic surfaces--it would be no surprise to see Dougan break into elite company as a sprinter.

**No Man's Land...**

For the aficionados, the British turf season really begins at the Craven meeting next week. In the meantime, however, few can see any intelligible reason for the perversion of some of the calendar's most venerable traditions. The Lincoln meeting was rudely displaced from its historic role, in opening the new campaign, by a numbingly mediocre fixture at Redcar on Monday. In fairness, the Musselburgh card abandoned two days previously would have offered prizemoney consistent with the excellent endeavours of several Scottish tracks in recent years. But there is absolutely no excuse for persevering with the preposterous innovation, last year, of a jockeys' championship contested only during a core season that exists only in the fantasies of industry novices who have somehow been permitted to break out of the marketing department and impose their glib prescriptions on everyone else. **Cont. p3**

**The Weekly Wrap With Chris McGrath Cont.**

As a result, the four winners ridden by Andrea Atzeni at Kempton Saturday will be joined in a weightless void by any he might add in various historic races still to be staged before the Guineas meeting. It's unpardonably stupid, and it's got to be put right as soon as possible--if not before.

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**Sunday, Saint-Cloud, France**

**PRIX LA FORCE - FIGAROSCOPE-G3**, €80,000, SCD, 4-3, 3yo, 10fT, 2:17.91, hy.

1--**CLOTH OF STARS (IRE)**, 128, c, 3, by **Sea the Stars (Ire)**

- 1st Dam: **Strawberry Fledge**, by **Kingmambo**
- 2nd Dam: **Lingerie (GB)**, by **Shirley Heights (GB)**
- 3rd Dam: **Northern Trick**, by **Northern Dancer**

(400,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT). O-Godolphin SNC; B-Peter Anastasiou (IRE); T-Andre Fabre; J-Mickael Barzalona. €40,000. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Fr, 5-3-1-1, €161,650. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++**. \*Triple Plus\*. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Viserano (Fr)**, 128, c, 3, [Rock of Gibraltar \(Ire\)](#)--Visinada (Ire), by Sinndar (Ire). (€130,000 Ylg '14 ARAUG). O-Bernard Giraudon; B-Haras de Beauvoir (FR); T-Didier Prod'homme. €16,000.

3--**Ghaaly (GB)**, 128, c, 3, Tamayuz (GB)--Ghizlaan, by Seeking the Gold. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd (GB); T-Jean-Claude Rouget. €12,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 1 1/4, DIST. Odds: 0.70, 4.90, 2.00. Also Ran: Magari (Fr).

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This may not have been the most competitive renewal of this G1 Prix du Jockey Club trial to be staged, but Cloth of Stars duly



**Cloth Of Stars** | *Scoop Dyga*

did what was asked of him and put himself in the running for the June 5 Chantilly Classic. Off the mark over a mile at Deauville in August before following up at that trip in the G3 Prix des Chenes at Longchamp in September, the bay was third to Robin

of Navan (Fr) (American Post {GB}) in the G3 Prix de Conde over nine furlongs at Chantilly in October and second behind that rival in the G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud over this trip the following month.

Fresh early restrained last of the quartet headed by the enterprisingly-ridden Viserano, he was asked to move up through the gears turning for home and had reeled in the lone leader passing the furlong pole en route to a comfortable success. Mickael Barzalona, who exercised extreme cool despite the length of rope given to Viserano to provide Andre Fabre with the outright record of seven wins in this contest, is hoping for bigger and better things in the near future. "He has a tendency to be keen, so I was happy with the way the race went after the first turn. They went a really good pace and he settled nicely and quickened to get it done," he said. "I hope he'll learn more from that and there is good room for improvement." Godolphin's Lisa-Jane Graffard added, "We were afraid that he was going to be quite keen early on, but one went on which helped him to settle. This performance has confirmed his rating of last year and it is always satisfactory to win first time out. There is no plan at the moment, but he will certainly be racing over 10 furlongs plus."

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**Sunday, Saint-Cloud, France**

**PRIX EDMOND BLANC-G3**, €80,000, SCD, 4-3, 4yo/up, 8fT, 1:46.12, hy.

1--**MAIMARA (FR)**, 122, f, 4, by **Makfi (GB)**

- 1st Dam: **Hideaway Heroine (Ire) (SP-Eng)**, by **Hernando (Fr)**

2nd Dam: **Dulcinea (GB)**, by **Selkirk**

3rd Dam: **Ahohoney (Ire)**, by **Ahonoora (GB)**

(€65,000 Wlg '12 ARDEC). O-Alain Louis-Dreyfus; B-Le Thenney SA & Edy SRL (FR); T-Mikel Delzangles; J-Gregory Benoist. €40,000. Lifetime Record: 9-4-1-1, €167,445. \*1/2 to Cisneros (Ire) (Johannesburg), SW-Ity, \$202,182. **Werk Nick Rating: A++**. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Stillman (Fr)**, 123, h, 5, Vespone (Ire)--Kikinda (Fr), by Daliapour (Ire). (€12,000 Ylg '12 ARNOV; €145,000 3yo '14 ARARC). O-Luigi Roveda; B-Patrick Chedeville (FR); T-Patrick Khozian. €16,000.

3--**Diego Valor (Fr)**, 123, h, 5, Le Havre (Ire)--Summer Sea (GB), by Bahhare. (€28,000 Ylg '12 AROCT). O-Gran Servicio Movil SL; B-Haras de Gratte Panche (Fr); T-Alberto Carrasco Sanchez. €12,000.

Margins: 1 3/4, 2HF, 1HF. Odds: 1.40, 4.40, 9.10.

Also Ran: Ross (Ire), Incahoos (GB), Palace Prince (Ger), Buscavidas (Ire). Scratched: Leader Writer (Fr), Mr. Owen.

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**G3 Prix Edmond Blanc Cont.**

Consistent at three without hitting the heights, Maimara captured the Listed Prix de Bagatelle over a mile at Maisons-Laffitte in July and the G3 Prix de Lieurey also over that



Maimara | Scoop Dyga

trip at Deauville in August after finishing eighth in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches at Longchamp in May and runner-up in the nine-furlong G3 Prix Chloe at Chantilly in June. Fourth in the G1 Prix du Moulin back at Longchamp in September, the bay was reappearing after a

season finale seventh in the G1 Sun Chariot S. at Newmarket in October. Exuberant early tracking the pace-setters, she moved easily to the lead with 300 metres left and quickly asserted for a convincing win. "My trainer said she was a little bit tired at the end of last year and she had spent a good winter and got much stronger," commented owner Alain Louis-Dreyfus. "She certainly likes it when the ground is soft and won in good style, so I imagine we'll bring her back here for the [May 1] G1 Prix du Muguet next."

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**Sunday, Curragh, Ireland**

**BIG BAD BOB GLADNESS S.-G3**, €62,500, CUR, 4-3, 3yo/up, 7fT, 1:37.50, hy.

1--**ONENIGHTDREAMED (IRE)**, 136, g, 5, by [Footstepsinthesand \(GB\)](#)

1st Dam: **Pivotalia (Ire)**, by **Pivotal (GB)**

2nd Dam: **Viscaria (Ire)**, by **Barathea (Ire)**

3rd Dam: **Zivania (Ire)**, by **Shernazar (Ire)**

(€14,000 Wlg '11 GOFNOV; 24,000gns Ylg '12 TAOCT). O-New Pension Fund Syndicate; B-Brian O'Neill (IRE); T-Tommy Stack; J-Wayne Lordan. €36,875. Lifetime Record: 7-4-1-1, \$171,646.

Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#). **Werk Nick**

**Rating: A++.**

2--**Flight Risk (Ire)**, 133, h, 5, [Teofilo \(Ire\)](#)--Raghida (Ire), by Nordico. O-Mrs J S Bolger; B-James F Hanly (IRE); T-Jim Bolger. €12,500.

3--**Joilliere (Ire)**, 130, f, 4, [Dubawi \(Ire\)](#)--Majestic Silver (Ire), by Linamix (Fr). O/B-Moyglare Stud Ltd (IRE); T-Dermot Weld. €6,250.

Margins: HF, 1, NK. Odds: 9.00, 12.00, 9.00.

Also Ran: Sruthan (Ire), The Happy Prince (Ire), Dick Whittington (Ire), Cougar Mountain (Ire), Gordon Lord Byron (Ire). Scratched: Endless Drama (Ire).

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Despite his age, Onenightdreamed remains unexposed having been confined to racing only during the habitually wet Irish springtime throughout the past three seasons and he again had the testing ground he relishes here to add a second pattern race to his tally.

After three starts from March to May 2014, the chestnut returned to this venue to win the Irish Lincolnshire over a mile last March before taking the G3 Amethyst S. at that distance at Leopardstown in May. Once more absent until the season opener here Mar. 20, he was seventh this time in the Irish Lincolnshire but stepped up off that effort to come out on top in a war of attrition typical of these early Curragh features.

Tracking the early leaders Joilliere and Flight Risk, he ground down the latter in the last 50 yards in a slow-motion finale.

"He didn't run too badly in the [Irish] Lincoln, as he got interfered with early and came home



Onenightdreamed (nearside) | Racing Post

well," Fozzy Stack explained. "I thought this ground might level things out and that one or two of them wouldn't handle it as well as him and was proved right. If it keeps raining, you'll see him more often and if it doesn't you won't."

**CURRAGH NEXT UP FOR BOBBY'S**

Dermot Weld is looking forward to a good season with his latest classy recruit **Bobby's Kitten** (Kitten's Joy). The Ken & Sarah Ramsey owned homebred got his Irish career off to the perfect start when winning the Listed Cork S. last week by eight lengths, showing great versatility on heavy ground. "He was very impressive at Cork and it's onwards and upwards with him," said Weld. "He didn't win when trained in America last year, so I was



Bobby's Kitten | Racing Post

keen to get him back to winning ways and he did it in style. While he wouldn't want the ground as testing as it was at Cork, he did have a few hard races on very firm ground in America. He's a big, heavy horse, so I think he will appreciate an ease in the

ground," added the Curragh trainer. [Cont. p5](#)

### Curragh Next Up For Bobby's Cont.

Weld plans on stepping the 5-year-old up in grade for his next start with the G2 Greenlands S. at The Curragh May 21 as a probable next start. "We are likely to keep him to six and seven furlongs and the hope is that he could develop into a Group 1 horse in due course, with a race like the Prix de la Foret on Arc day appealing as being a smashing race for him in the longer term. The Greenlands S. at The Curragh is his next target."

Dermot Weld also issued an update on G1 QIPCO Champion S. winner **Fascinating Rock (Ire)** (Fastnet Rook {Aus}), last seen beating GI Longines Breeders' Cup Turf winner Found (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and G1 Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby winner Jack Hobbs (GB) (Halling) at Ascot last October. "He will reappear in the Mooresbridge S. at the Curragh [May 2] and while I hope he'll run very well, it is important to note that he's a very hard horse to get fit first time up. I'll have him as straight as I can going there, but whatever he does should put him right for his main early-season target which is the G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup at the Curragh," added Weld.

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### POSTPONED AIMING FOR EPSOM

Roger Varian is hoping **Postponed (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) can make it three runs, three wins for the Newmarket trainer when he lines up next in the G1 Coronation Cup on Epsom Derby day, June 4. Varian inherited the 5-year-old last autumn following



Roger Varian | *Racing Post*

Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum's split with Luca Cumani.

Varian commented, "He's come home from Dubai in great shape and it's likely his next race will be in the Coronation Cup at Epsom, all being well."

Though thrilled to be

given an opportunity to train a horse like Postponed, Varian is mindful of the success Cumani had with the horse and of his own responsibility to maintain the excellent progression that Cumani had nurtured.

"There is a bit of pressure when you take over a horse like him, but he's won two races in Dubai for us already, including a Sheema Classic," Varian continued. "You can only train them as you find them, but obviously Luca had done an extremely good job with him."

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#### CONDITIONS RESULT:

**5th-DON**, £20,000, 4-3, 4yo/up, 12fT, 2:43.00, sf.

**SANDRO BOTTICELLI (IRE)** (g, 4, [Galileo \(Ire\)](#)--Ask for the Moon {Fr} {G1SW-Fr, \$234,626}, by **Dr Fong**) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$30,441. O-Mr A Dee & Mr G Smith Bernal; B-Ask For The Moon Syndicate (IRE); T-John Ryan. \*14,000gns HRA '15 TA15. \*\*Full to Astrology (Ire), GSW & G1SP-Eng, GSP-Ire, \$352,360.

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

+**Fisher Green (Ire)**, g, 3, [Rip Van Winkle \(Ire\)](#)--Prealpina (Ire), by Indian Ridge (Ire). DON, 4-3, 7fT, 1:34.18. B-Sandro Garavelli (IRE). \*€10,000 Ylg '14 GOFEBB.

**Philadelphia (Ire)**, g, 3, **Roderic O'Connor (Ire)**--Harvest Joy (Ire) (SP-Eng), by Daggers Drawn. DON, 4-3, 7fT, 1:33.22. B-John Hutchinson (IRE). \*€52,000 Ylg '14 GOFORB.

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#### Sunday's Results:

**CORALIE ALLEGED S.-Listed**, €47,000, CUR, 4-3, 4yo/up, 10fT, 2:23.89, hy.

1--**ZHUKOVA (IRE)**, 129, f, 4, [Fastnet Rock \(Aus\)](#)--**Nighttime (Ire)** (G1SW-Ire, \$299,507), by **Galileo (Ire)**. (540,000gns RNA Ylg '13 TAOCT). O-Mrs C C Regalado-Gonzalez; B-Mrs C L Weld (IRE); T-Dermot Weld; T-Pat Smullen. €27,730. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0, \$84,902.

2--**Success Days (Ire)**, 136, c, 4, Jeremy--Malaica (Fr), by Roi Gironde (Ire). O-Robert Ng. €9,400.

3--**Found (Ire)**, 133, f, 4, Galileo (Ire)--Red Evie (Ire), by Intikhab. O-Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith & Susan Magnier. €4,700. Margins: 4 3/4, 3, 3. Odds: 6.00, 4.50, 0.90.

If Dermot Weld had Classics in mind for Zhukova last spring, his instincts told him to wait even after she had registered a comprehensive maiden win over 10 furlongs at Navan in mid-June. Fourth when staying on upped to a mile and a half in the G3 Give Thanks S. at Cork in August, the bay was left alone until staging a winning return in the Listed Oyster S. at Galway also over 12 furlongs on her 3-year-old finale in September. Always likely to earn plenty of trainer Dermot Weld's time and attention as a daughter of his late mother Marguerite's G1 Irish 1000 Guineas heroine Nighttime (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), she had reportedly thrived for her off-season break and came to the fore in these desperate conditions in which the Breeders' Cup Turf heroine Found floundered. **Cont. p6**

**Listed Coral.ie Alleged S. Cont.**

Sticking close to the leader Success Days throughout, Zhukova had to muscle him out of the lead as he lugged left into her passing the quarter pole but once she had brushed him aside



Zhukova | *Racing Post*

stayed on with real intent to record an authoritative win. “I couldn’t believe how well she had done over the winter—she has improved out of all recognition,” jockey Pat Smullen commented.

“Obviously, Found needed the run but this filly has a good long season ahead of

her. We know she gets a mile and a half and goes through this ground, but she’ll be better on better ground.” Weld is also looking ahead with relish. “She’s a big mare who is going to make a gorgeous staying type as the year progresses,” he added. “She had been working very well and our horses are forward, but this was very high-class and the equivalent of a Group 2. There aren’t that many races for her, but the G3 Blue Wind S. is likely to be her next race. “She won on good-to-firm last year, but wouldn’t want it firm. It’s a great family and I’m delighted she’s doing what she’s doing.” Aidan O’Brien said of Found, “We think there is a lot of improvement to come and it’s far from the end of the world. She’ll be back for the [May 2] G3 Mooresbridge S. and then the [May 22] G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup, then we’ll have look at the G1 Prince of Wales S. [at Royal Ascot June 15]. The plan is to have a break then and come back for a prep in the autumn before the Arc.” [Click for the \*Racing Post\* result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

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**2nd-CUR, €16,500, Mdn, 4-3, 3yo/up, f/m, 6fT, 1:25.12, hy. CEOL AN GHRA (IRE) (f, 3, [Teofilo {Ire}](#)--Key To Coolcullen {Ire}, by Royal Academy),** who was struck into when sixth as the favourite for a seven-furlong Naas maiden in September, raced prominently early in third. Staying on to lead with 100 yards to race, the 3-1 chance asserted for a hard-fought half-length success from Waitaki (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). The dam, who is a half to the G1 Phoenix S. winner Eva Luna (Ire) and the second dam of the G1 Criterium International hero Loch Garman (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) and G1 Irish 1000 Guineas runner-up Rehn’s Nest (Ire) (Authorized {Ire}), has a 2-year-old full-brother to the winner named Ringside Seat (Ire). Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$14,568. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Mrs J. S. Bolger; B/T-Jim Bolger (IRE).

**7th-CUR, €15,000, Mdn, 4-3, 3yo, 10fT, 2:31.11, hy. +US ARMY RANGER (IRE) (c, 3, [Galileo {Ire}](#)--Moonstone {GB} (G1SW-Ire & G1SP-Eng, \$613,532), by Dalakhani {Ire}),** a son of the 2008 G1 Irish Oaks heroine and G1 Epsom Oaks runner-up,



US Army Ranger | *Racing Post*

carried a substantial reputation into this contest but was sent off the 15-8 second favourite with the word out for Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum’s Aasheq (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}). Switched off towards the rear of mid-

division by Ryan Moore throughout the early stages, the half-brother to Nevis (Ire) (Dansili {GB}), SW-Eng & Aus, \$161,331; to Stubbs (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), SW-Ire, SP-Eng & Nor, \$110,592; and to Words (Ire) (Dansili {GB}), GSW-Ire, was threaded through the crowd in early straight as the Dermot Weld-trained 11-10 favourite loomed large towards the fore. Delivered with hands and heels to overhaul that son of the 2009 G1 Pretty Polly S. runner-up Beach Bunny (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}) 50 yards from the finish, the bay had the upper hand by 3/4 of a length at the line. “We are very happy, as he has only ever done half-speeds at home and on that ground you are never sure,” Aidan O’Brien said of the potential Classic-bound winner. “We wanted to educate him, as if he is going to be a Derby horse he is only going to have one more run beforehand. That will have taught him a lot and it will be either Chester now for one of their trials or the [G3] Derrinstown [Derby Trial]. We’ve always liked him and we know that Dermot [Weld] thinks a lot of his horse [Aasheq]. He’s a lovely horse with plenty of class who stays.” [Cont. p7](#)

**7th-CUR Cont.**

The dam is a daughter of Solo de Lune (Ire), responsible for the top-level Darshaan (GB) pair of Cerulean Sky (Ire) and L'Anresse (Ire) and whose legacy continues to gain gravity with the likes of Orchestra (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and Mayhem (Ire) (Whipper) furthering the reputation of the family in recent times.

Moonstone also has a 2-year-old colt by Fastnet Rock (Aus) and a yearling colt by Frankel (GB). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$10,509. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Mrs John Magnier & Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith; B-Orpendale, Chelston & Wynatt (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien.

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**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:**

**The McGregornator (Ire)**, g, 2, **Bushranger (Ire)**--Bridal Path (GB), by Groom Dancer. CUR, 4-3, 5fT, 1:10.75. B-Denis Noonan (IRE). \*€7,500 Ylg '15 GOFSP.

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**Sunday's Results:**

**PRIX ZARKAVA - FONDS EUROPEEN DE L'ELEVAGE-Listed**, €48,000, SCD, 4-3, 4yo/up, f/m, 10 1/2fT, 2:23.75, hy.

1--**MARYPOP (FR)**, 123, f, 4, **Layman--Sampaguita (Fr)**, by **Muhtathir (GB)**. O-Wood Hall Stud Ltd; B-Alain Haddad (FR); T-Pia Brandt; J-Maxime Guyon. €24,000. Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-0, €70,000.

2--**Brandybend (Ire)**, 123, f, 4, Galileo (Ire)--Elusive Wave (Ire), by Elusive City. (\$345,000 RNA Ylg '13 FTSAUG). O-A J Suited Partnership. €9,600.

3--**Havana Moon**, 123, f, 4, Malibu Moon--Sobinka (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. (\$120,000 RNA Ylg '13 KESEP). O-Papillon Stables. €7,200.

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Margins: 3, HD, 1. Odds: 2.00, 8.30, 14.30.

Also Ran: Pacific Angel (Ire), Ame Bleue (GB), Rosie Cotton (Ire), Bella Donna Borget (Fr), Mambomiss (Fr).

Beaten a nose in the Listed Prix de Liancourt over this trip at Longchamp in September, Marypop showed she was still progressing when fourth in that venue's G2 Prix de Royallieu upped two furlongs on Arc weekend and returned with the same attitude to register a convincing first black-type success here. Always traveling with purpose stalking the leading duo, the chestnut took control with 300 metres remaining and scampered clear before being eased late on. **Click for the [Racing Post result](#). [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

**1st-SCD, €25,000, Mdn**, 4-3, 3yo, c/g, 10fT, 2:21.35, hy. **CANESSAR (FR)** (c, 3, **Kendargent {Fr}**--**Candara {Fr}**, by **Barathea {Ire}**), a debut seventh going 7 1/2 panels at Deauville last time Aug. 7, raced in fourth through the early fractions of this sophomore return. Making smooth progress to lead soon after halfway, the 11-5 favourite hooked up with Incitator (Fr) (Motivator {GB}) in early stretch and kept on tenaciously under final-furlong rousting to assert by 1 1/4 lengths from that persistent rival. The homebred bay is a half-brother to last term's G1 Prix Vermeille runner-up Candarliya (Fr) (Dalakhani {Ire}), MGSW & G1SP-Fr, \$375,233. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €12,500. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (FR); T-Mikel Delzangles.

**2nd-SCD, €25,000, Mdn**, 4-3, 3yo, f, 10fT, 2:19.25, hy. **HIGHLANDS QUEEN (FR)** (f, 3, **Mount Nelson {GB}**--**Queen of Poland {Fr}**, by **Polish Presedent**), runner-up in a newcomers' test over this course and distance in her only prior start Mar. 12, occupied a prominent pitch in second after the initial strides of this one. Sent to the front soon after turning for home, the 13-5 chalk maintained a relentless gallop under final quarter urging to prevail by a short neck from Mango Tango (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}). Mahati (Fr) (Montjeu {Ire}), a half to MGSW & G1SP Macleya (Ger) (Winged Love {Ire}), raced in rear throughout and finished 10th of 11. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, €17,500. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Mme Nathalie Kerjean, Yves Kerjean & Henri Malard; B-SCEA Domaine de l'Argos (FR); T-Yohann Gourraud.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

+**Grey Magic (Fr)**, c, 2, **Kendargent (Fr)**--Magical Flower (GB), by Oasis Dream (GB). LYP, 4-3, 4 1/2fT, :55.20. B-S Holt & J A Crowley (FR). \*€31,000 Ylg '15 AROCT.

**Irish Report Cont.**

**Broken Circle (Fr)**, c, 3, [Canford Cliffs \(Ire\)](#)--Baracoa (Swi), by Llandaff. AGM, 4-3, 5fT, :59.04. B-Erich Schmid (FR). \*€25,000 RNA Ylg '14 AROCT. \*\*1/2 to Big Monologue (Ire) (Testa Rossa {Aus}), SW-Ger, \$117,410.

**Show Day (Ire)**, f, 3, [Shamardal](#)--Monday Show (SP-Ger), by Maria's Mon. MRX, 4-3, 9fT. B-Darley (IRE).

## Italy

**Sunday's Results:**

**PREMIO SEREGNO-Listed**, €41,800, SRO, 4-3, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:36.3, gd. 1--**#CONSELICE (GB), 124, f, 3, Showcasing (GB)-Dictatrix (GB), by Diktat (GB)**. (4,200gns Wlg '13 TATDEC; €25,000 Ylg '14 TISSEP). O-Stefano Botti; B-Jackie Penny (GB); T-Alduino & Stefano Botti; J-Silvano Mulas. €16,150. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-2 €33,490.

2--**Valuta Pregiata (GB), 124, f, 3, Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)**--Veronica Franco (Ity), by Lomitas (GB). O-Scuderia Blueberry. €7,108.

3--**Epica (Ire), 124, f, 3, Excellent Art (GB)-Vanilla Loan (Ire)**, by Invincible Spirit (Ire). (10,000gns Ylg '14 TATOCT). O-Raffaele Biondi. €3,876.

Margins: HF, 4, SHNK. Odds: 6.25, 2.25, 6.58

Also Ran: Page One (Fr), Identity Run Fast (Ire), Windy York (Ire), Santa Serena (Ity), Cavalla Selvaggia (Ire).

Conselice opened her account in attempt number four in a maiden at Capannelle last November, before being shelved. She easily won on her return at Pisa Feb. 28, and achieved some coveted black-type here. The sophomore set a solid pace from the bell and stayed on well when challenged by Valuta Pregiata to claim a 1-2 for the father and son training partnership of Alduino and Stefano Botti. The grey filly is the first winner out of Dictatrix. Conselice and the runner-up are expected to have a rematch in the G3 Premio Regina Elena, the Italian 1000 Guineas. [Click for the Ippoweb Chart](#) or the [Ippoweb video](#).

**PREMIO GARDONE- Listed**, SRO, 4-3, 3yo, c&g, 8fT, 1:36.4, gd. 1--**SAENT (IRE), 127, c, 3, Strategic Prince (GB)-Eroica (Ger) (SP-Ger), by Highest Honor (Ire)**. (€35,000 Ylg '14 SGASEL). O-Scuderia Incolinx; B-Azienda Agricola La Morosina (Ire); T-Il Cavallo In Testa; J-Dario Vargiu. €16,150. Lifetime record: 7-3-1-2, \$38,351. \*1/2 to Punta Stella (Ire) (Elusive City), Hwt. 2yo Filly-Ity, GSW-Ity, SP-Fr; and Tepmokea (Ire) (Noverre), SP-Eng, €45,271.

2--**Dylan Dancing (Ire), 124, c, 3, Dylan Thomas (Ire)**--Raindancing (Ire), by Tirol. (€24,000 Wlg '13 GOFNOV; 15,000gns Ylg '14 TATOCT). O-Azienda Agricola San Felice. €7,186.

3--**Poeta Diletto (GB), 126, c, 3, Poet's Voice (GB)**--Mia Diletta (GB) MSW-Ity, by Selkirk. O-Scuderia Blueberry. €3,876.

Margins: 1HF, HD, 2HF. Odds: 0.98, 3.76, 2.02.

Also Ran: Perego (Ity), Pythius (Ire), Scratched: City Of Stars (Ire).

Saent showed a lot of ability as a 2-year-old when scoring his first win in the Listed Premio Vittorio Riva in September, but ran fifth in the G2 Grand Criterium Oct. 18. The grey colt added another mark to the win column three weeks ago at San Siro and confirmed that form again, defeating Dylan Dancing, who tried to make all but found no extra in the final furlong when Saent arrived on the outside to challenge. Poeta Diletto, who won the G3 Premio Beradelli in November, could not match the fitness level of the top two when eager, but finished third. [Click for the Ippoweb Chart](#) or the [Ippoweb video](#).

**TATTERSALLS PREMIO CIRCO MASSIMO-Listed**, €41,800, CAP, 4-3, 4yo/up, 2:12.2, gd.

1--**CLEO FAN (ITY), 129, h, 5, Mujahid--Cuprea (Ire), by Best Of The Bests (Ire)**. O-Dioscuri; B-Giuliano Fanti (Ity); T-Stefano Botti; J-Fabio Branca. €16,150. Lifetime Record: G1SW-Ity, 15-5-6-1, €216,903.

2--**Refuse To Bobbin (Ire), 129, h, 6, Refuse To Bend (Ire)-Super Bobbina (Ire) SWG1P-Ity**, by Daggers Drawn. O-Scuderia Chimax. €7,108

3--**Brex Drago (Ity), 129, c, 4, Mujahid-Shibuni's Thea (Ire)**, by Barathea (Ire). O-Intra. €3,876

Margins: 3, HF, HD. Odds: 0.69, 6.04, 2.79.

Also Ran: Pentagono (Ire), Alegro (Ity).

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**2nd-SRO, €27,500, Cond**, 4-3, 3yo, f, 10fT, 2:03, gd.

**RESPONSIBLEFORLOVE (GB) (f, 3, Duke Of Marmalade {Ire}-Vee Gita {Ire}, by Vettori)** strolled home in the Premio Zanoletti, a former listed race, en route to the G2 Oaks d'Italia The chestnut filly, who was beaten by the subsequent listed winner Aquila Solitaria (Ire) (Raven's Pass) on her debut at San Siro in September, was very impressive when she opened her account by seven lengths one month later. The €17,000 purchase at the Goffs Open Yearling Sale was on the short list for the fillies' Classic and she looked like the winner even when walking in the paddock before the race. Responsibleforlove enjoyed a perfect trip behind the pacesetting Berneri (Ire) (Roderic O'Connor {Ire}) and made a bold move at the 600-metre pole. She cruised to the front in a matter of strides and scored by seven lengths, geared down in the last 200 metres. She is the second winner out of the unraced Vee Gita, a half-sister to Vale Of York (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), the 2009 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile hero. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1, €18,681. [Click for the Ippoweb Chart](#) or the [Ippoweb video](#).

O-Razza Latina; B-Pat Grogan; T-Endo Botti Galoppo.

**3rd-CAP, €22,000, Cond, 4-3, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:38.7, gd.**  
**VICTIM OF LOVE (ITY) (f, 3, Ramonti {Fr}-Imco Imagination {Ire}, by Darshaan {GB})** took no prisoners in this comeback. The sophomore miss set a strong pace and crossed the line eight lengths clear over Miss Steff (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}). The light-framed filly, who won the Listed Criterium Femminile at two, is still unbeaten in three starts and will head to the G3 Premio Regina Elena (Italian 1000 Guineas) with a solid chance. The winner is a half to Bit of Hell (Ire) (Hurricane Run {Ire}), MSW-Ity, GSP-Aus, \$147,480re); and Goldstream (Ity) (Martino Alonso {Ire}, Hwt. 3yo-Ity at 11-14f, GSW-Ity, \$419,180. Lifetime Record: SW-Ity, 3-3-0-0, €30,175. [Click for the Ippoweb Chart](#) or the [Ippoweb video](#).  
 O-Scuderia Effevi; B-Allevamento Deni; T- Alduino & Stefano Botti.

**4th-CAP, €22,000, Cond, 4-3, 3yo, c&g, 8fT, 1:38.4, gd.**  
**IRISHMAN MARK (IRE) (c, 3, [Vocalised](#)--Zelloof {Ire}, by Kheleyf)** posted a 50/1 upset in the Premio Daumier. The colt, placed twice at listed level in a busy 11-start juvenile campaign, was a bit underrated in the betting after only one win from three starts this season. He settled well of the pace and outgunned the favoured Basileus (Ire) (Dream Ahead), slightly disappointing after a decent second-place in his comeback. Irishman Mark was a bargain €4,000 purchase at the Tattersalls Ireland September Sale. Lifetime Record: MSP-Ity, 15-4-1-5, €41,574. [Click for the Ippoweb Chart](#) or the [Ippoweb video](#).  
 O/T-Agostino Affe; B- Michael Ryan.



This chestnut colt is by Shadwell's 2014 G1 Coral-Eclipse S. winner Mukhadram and was bred by Saxstead Livestock. Foaled Jan. 28, he is out of Lady Tabitha (Tamayuz), who is a half-sister to GSP Whipless (Whipper). | Shadwell Stud

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**Sunday's Results:**

**1st-MUL, €5,100, Cond, 4-3, 3yo, 6fT, 1:18.05, sf.**  
**SCHANG (GER) (c, 3, Contat {Ger}--Shaheen {Ger}, by Tertullian)** Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-1, €9,800. O-Stall Biancolino; B-Albert Jorres (GER); T-Pavel Vovcenko.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Cashman (Fr), c, 3, Soldier of Fortune (Ire)--Crystals Sky (Fr), by Hernando (Fr).** MUL, 4-3, 10fT, 2:21.39. B-Hans Wirth (FR). \*€20,000 RNA Ylg '14 AROCT. \*\*1/2 to Chameur (Fr) (Shirocco {Ger}), SW-Fr, \$134,170.

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

**2.50 Chantilly, Debutantes, €25,000, 3yo, f, 9 1/2f (AWT)**  
**NEKO (FR) ([Dansili](#) {GB})** is a full-sister to the G2 Prix de Malleret winner and G1 Prix Vermeille runner-up Testosterone (Ire) who was snapped up by George Strawbridge for €220,000 at Arqana August and sent to Freddy Head. She meets Godolphin's **Praskovia (Ire) ([Manduro](#) {Ger})**, a daughter of the triple group 1 winner and Irish Oaks heroine Petrushka (Ire) (Unfuwain) who has yet to produce anything near her own calibre.

**3.55 Chantilly, Debutantes, €25,000, 3yo, c/g, 9 1/2f (AWT)**  
**GALILEO'S SPEAR (FR) ([Galileo](#) {Ire})** is a son of the GIII Bewitch S. and GII New York S. winner Lady Shakespeare (Theatrical {Ire}) who represents the Charles Fipke-Alain de Royer-Dupre connection. Among those he encounters is ECURIE Jean-Louis Bouchard's **Spring Master (GB) ([Mastercraftsman](#) {Ire})**, a Pascal Bary-trained half-brother to the G1 Prix Saint-Alary winner Coquerelle (Ire) (Zamindar).

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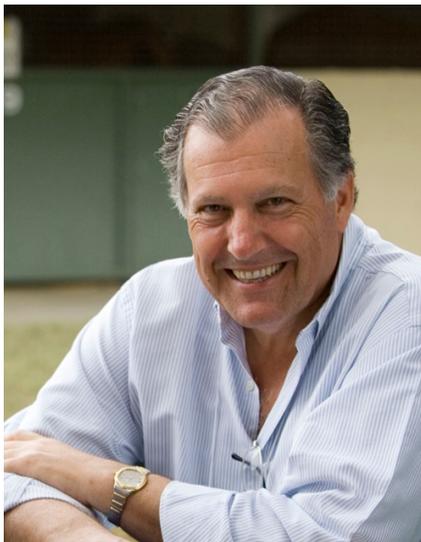
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**Q & A with John Messara Cont. from page 1**

**KR: Can you describe the process Racing NSW went through with the New South Wales government to have the legislation changed that would lead to parity with Victoria?**

**JM:** It was a long process, but achieving "parity" was one of the principal objectives which the new Racing NSW board set for itself in early 2012, after I was appointed chairman. For us in the racing industry, the inequity of the NSW wagering tax regime



John Messara | Sportpix

was obvious, but it was a quite obscure concept to the decision makers in the state government and it is always difficult to persuade any treasury to give away revenue.

So it was a big job to convince the government and its advisers of the disadvantage that NSW suffered from the differential tax rate and the impact that parity would have on NSW racing and the NSW

economy as a whole. This involved the commissioning of independent studies by both ourselves and the government and, of course, numerous meetings during the process. We enjoyed support for our cause from a few quarters in the media and this brought the issue to the fore. In the end, with the steadfast support of our Racing Minister, the Hon. Troy Grant, the NSW State Premier Mike Baird granted us parity on a graduated basis over five years.

This has palpably raised confidence in the Thoroughbred industry and allowed us to begin to execute our Racing NSW Strategic Plan for re-invigorating the state's racing industry. That's important for national racing too, because we're the largest jurisdiction in Australia.

**KR: I understand that the first A\$10-million instalment went to The Championships and Highway races. Can you explain why these were the first priorities?**

**JM:** The first two Championships events were funded by government grants pending consideration of our submissions on parity. It was always intended that The Championships would be funded out of parity money if and when it was granted. As for the Highway Races, they form part of a much larger stimulatory package for country and provincial racing, where the ratio of training costs to prize money was more out of kilter than in Sydney.

Regional participants are a critical part of our industry and their sustainability is important to the overall health of

NSW and Australian racing. As funds from parity permit, from July 1 this year, minimum prize money will rise 33% in the country; we will hold 40 showcase meetings across the regions in NSW at elevated prize-money levels; and of course, we've already launched the Country and Provincial Qualifiers and Championships. All this has brought new life to country and provincial racing.



The grandstand at Randwick

**KR: It was also announced that Racing NSW would put A\$1 million towards a trainee and apprenticeship scheme for youth in regional NSW, and funds will also be put toward capital developments at country and provincial tracks. Can you explain why these are important initiatives?**

**JM:** The trainee and apprentice scheme will boost the supply of various skills, such as farriery, track maintenance, etc. that are required for future industry growth.

We have had a major agenda of capital expenditure in country and regional areas totaling A\$70 million over the last two to three years, which is still underway. This program has been funded from a once-only windfall from our Race Fields Case. However, the capital expenditure you are referring to in the Strategic Plan is for capital works on a continuing basis into the future, as required.

**KR: How will the government, and the state, benefit from reducing its share of the state wagering taxes?**

**JM:** The state is set to benefit economically from additional interstate and international tourism, employment, investment and also from the multiplier effect of the added prize money distribution, especially in the country and provincial regions.

**KR: The first day of the third renewal of The Championships went off successfully Saturday, with the second day set for Saturday, Apr. 9. Can you summarize what has been accomplished with this meeting in its first two years, and what the future vision is for The Championships going forward?**

**JM:** The experts tell me that it takes five to 10 years to establish a brand. I think the first two years of The Championships have launched a brand that will stand alongside the great racing events of the world. Importantly, The Championships have been able to attract the best horses from Australasia as well as some international competitors.



**Chautauqua winning Saturday's TJ Smith | Sharon Chapman**

The Championships have been established from races with a rich history, but they have been lifted to a new level. The Queen Elizabeth S. is now Australia's highest-rated race and as a 2000-metre race I hope for it to become an important

target for the world's best horses, while the TJ Smith S. is the highest-rated sprint in the world. Our great city of Sydney now has a racing event that is truly aspirational and that showcases the Thoroughbred industry in our state of NSW. Valuable economic consequences are beginning to flow for both the industry and the state.

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## A FRENCHMAN IN AUSTRALIA

by *Nicolas de Chambure*

Sue Finley of the *TDN* asked me why I was going to Australia, but the question should be: why would I not go to Australia?

My first visit was about 10 years ago. I came to learn the Australian way and had the chance to spend six months at Lindsay Park with the Hayes family. I was riding out in the morning for David and helping out in the office at the stud in the afternoon with Sam and his team. I couldn't have dreamed of a better introduction to the Australian breeding and racing world. I have learned a lot from David and Sam but also from Jenny McAlpine, Mark Pilkington, Andy Mckive, Tony McEvoy and Louis Lemetayer. It was not always about horses, but always very useful. I owe them a lot for that. The great little town of Tanunda in South Australia, within a renowned wine region, was perfect to give me a sense of home with their great vineyards. If I didn't have Etreham, the family stud in France, to go back to, I would have stayed for a lot longer.

Since then, I have been trying to come at least once a year. Indeed, Australia is probably the most dynamic Thoroughbred market in the world. A mix of great prize money, horse culture, and lack of big owner/breeders, has made this market really strong. Anyone in Australia--more than anywhere else--can dream of winning a Group 1 race. Owning a share in a racehorse is as normal in Australia as it is for a French man to have cheese at every meal in France. Therefore, the syndication system is the most evolved and connected in the world. We have in France a lot to learn in that matter.

I come to Australia to try to bring home different bloodlines and different types of horses through fillies that would race first in Australia before going stud in France or through stallions that could work for the French breeders. It's also always a great pleasure to catch up with friends and clients and the double nine-hours flight trip seems shorter every time. I will take the opportunity in this article to remind my good friend Bret Jones about traveling and that I am surprised not to see him in Sydney!

Coming to Australia also gives me a break from rainy Europe and allows me to swim in the ocean every morning with Louis Lemetayer, which Australia always keeps in very good shape! On



**Nicolas de Chambure**

this trip, I am joined by my friend Ghislain Bozo, a bloodstock agent in France through its agency Meridian International, making his first visit to Australia. I am sure he will love it.

Our first 48 hours in Australia have been pretty busy. We enjoyed a great day of racing at Randwick on Saturday. We got to see some of the best Australian horses. I really hope Winx can come to Europe to run in some of our good Group 1 races from eight to 10 furlongs. It will be great for Australia and great for the sport.

Sunday was a full day of inspections in the Newmarket sales complex and I will write more about the sale in the next couple of days.

***Nicolas de Chambure runs his family's Haras d'Etream in France, and has agreed to write a blog about his travels in Australia for the TDN.***

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## INGLIS AUSTRALIAN EASTER SALE DAY ONE - TUESDAY, APR. 5

### [lot 3, f, \*\*Fastnet Rock \(Aus\)\*\*](#)--**Pane In The Glass (Aus)**, by **Testa Rossa (Aus)**

Consigned by *Newgate Farm*

This daughter of champion sire Fastnet Rock could get the Easter sale off to a strong start, also being the first foal out of G3 Silver Shadow S. winner Pane In The Glass, who was also placed in both the G1 Sires' Produce S. and G1 Champion S. as a juvenile.

### [lot 7, f, \*\*Fastnet Rock \(Aus\)\*\*](#)--**Perfect Persuasion (Aus)**, by **Encosta de Lago (Aus)**

Consigned by *Yarraman Park Stud*

Perfect Persuasion's three latest progeny, all by Fastnet Rock, have been offered at this sale. The filly that would go on to be the Group 3-placed Lady Sharapova made A\$800,000 in 2013; a colt now named Lighthouse Keeper (Aus) fetched A\$1.6 million the following year and another filly also made A\$1.6 million last year to the bid of Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa al Maktoum. Perfect Persuasion is herself a full-sister to champion Alinghi (Aus), as well as the dam of leading young sire Beneteau (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}).



Lot 7

### [lot 71, c, \*\*Shamardal\*\*](#)--**Shaqira (GB)**, by **Redoute's Choice (Aus)**

Consigned by *Widden Stud*

This colt should be a hot commodity, being by Shamardal, who has made a big impression Down Under but who no longer shuttles. Shamardal sired Hong Kong champion and Easter graduate Able Friend during his tenure in Australia, as well as Group 1 winners Captain Sonador (Aus), Delectation (Aus) and Faint Perfume (Aus). This bay colt is the first foal out of German stakes winner Shaqira (GB) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}).

### [lot 113, c, \*\*Redoute's Choice \(Aus\)\*\*](#)--**Top Cuban (Aus)**, by **Anabaa**

Consigned by *Arrowfield Stud*

Arrowfield's three-time champion sire Redoute's Choice has 26 entrants in this sale, and this colt is the third foal out of Top Cuban. That mare's first foal, Havana (Aus) (Starcraft {NZ}), won the G3 BTC Classic and was second in the G2 Todman S. as a juvenile. The family traces back to American Grade I winner Weber City Miss (Berkley Prince) and her Grade I-winning son Slew City Slew (Seattle Slew).

### [lot 128, f, \*\*Pierro \(Aus\)\*\*](#)--**Upon This Rock (Aus)**, by **Fastnet Rock (Aus)**

Consigned by *Willow Park Stud*

Two-year-old champion and Triple Crown winner Pierro (Aus) has proven very popular at Australia's yearling sales thus far this year, and this filly is one of 41 catalogued by the Coolmore sire for this sale. She is the first foal out of the dual stakes winner Upon This Rock and descends from the same family as four-time Group 1 winner Criterion (NZ) (Sebring {Aus}).

### [lot 135, c, \*\*Snitzel \(Aus\)\*\*](#)--**Vegas Showgirl (NZ)**, by **Al Akbar**

Consigned by *Segenhoe Stud*

Leading into this week, Segenhoe's colt out of Vegas Showgirl already boasted one of the standout pages in the book, being a half-brother to the currently peerless Winx (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}). His page was further enhanced Saturday on the first day of The Championships, however, when Winx ran away with the G1 Doncaster Mile in an ultra-impressive performance, and his 2-year-old full-brother, El Divino (Aus), deadheaded to win the G3 Kindergarten S. earlier on the card. That win



Lot 135

for El Divino came two weeks after the colt had earned 'TDN Rising Star' status when breaking his maiden on debut at Gosford.

### [lot 137, f, \*\*Animal Kingdom\*\*](#)--**Victory Party**, by **Yankee Victor**

Consigned by *Arrowfield Stud*

This Team Valor International-bred filly is one of nine in the sale from the first Southern Hemisphere crop of G1 Kentucky Derby and G1 Dubai World Cup winner Animal Kingdom. She hails from a highly productive and current American family, being out of a half-sister to multiple Eclipse champion Beholder (Henny Hughes) and Grade I winner and leading young sire Into Mischief (Harlan's Holiday). Victory Party has produced the 2-year-old winner Captain of the Nile (Pioneer of the Nile), her lone foal to race.

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## CONTRIBUTER, COMPLACENT TO MAPPERLEY

by Alan Carasso

**Contributer (Ire)** (High Chaparral {Ire}--Serisia {Fr}, by Exit to Nowhere), Australia's champion middle-distance horse of 2015, and his Godolphin stablemate **Complacent (Aus)** (Authorized {Ire}--Insouciance {Aus}, by Quest for Fame {GB}) will stand at Mapperley Stud in New Zealand in conjunction with Darley stallions.

"The Darley stallions have always been well supported by New Zealand breeders in Australia and we have strong relationships



Contributer winning the Ranvet  
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with most of the key players over there," said Godolphin's Managing Director Henry Plumtre. "However, we are confident that the New Zealand domestic market has established a solid base for the future and we are placing these exciting

horses over there to be part of that success."

A multiple listed winner--including the prestigious Wolferton H. at Royal Ascot--and placed behind the likes of Magician (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and Noble Mission (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) at group level in Europe for George Bolton and trainer Ed Dunlop, Contributer won the G3 David Jones Cup in his Australian debut in October 2014. Contributer dominated middle-distance races in early 2015, winning the G2 Apollo S. (1400m), the G1 Chipping Norton S. (1600m) and the G1 Ranvet S. (2000m) over the course of five weeks to lock down championship honors. He retired to stud with eight wins from 18 starts and earnings of A\$988,700.

The Darley-bred Complacent took flight after graduating in his third career start, adding the G3 Gloaming S. followed by a win in the G1 Spring Champion S. Sidelined nearly two years following a runner-up effort in the G1 AAMI Victoria Derby in November 2013, he retained enough talent to annex the G2 Chelmsford S. and G3 Craven S. at Randwick in the spring of 2015. Complacent won five of his 11 starts and placed in four others while earning A\$908,225.

"We are thrilled to be going into business with Darley in both of these tremendously talented racehorses," Mapperley Stud owner Simms Davison said.

"The farm had huge success with the progeny of High Chaparral with both So You Think (NZ) and Dundee (NZ) being raised and grazed at Mapperley," added Davison. "I see no reason why the success we had with High Chaparral will not continue with his champion son Contributer. He is a wonderful-moving horse with great presence. I am really excited about showing him to breeders when he arrives at Mapperley.

Davison added, "Complacent is a very exciting Group 1-winning stallion who, due to injury, never reached his full potential. Breeders will get real value from such a talented, good-looking Australian athlete. The support we have received from many of New Zealand's top breeders has been both fantastic and very encouraging."

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## BOBAN PASSES AWAY

The Chris Waller-trained **Boban (Aus)** (Bernardini--Kenbelle {Aus}, by Kenmare {Fr}), recently retired after bleeding post-race in the Feb. 27 G1 Futurity S., passed away in a freak paddock accident reported *justhorseracing.com.au*. The five-time Group 1 winner had bled in the 2014 edition of the G1 Queen Elizabeth



Boban | Darren McNamara/Racing.com

S. and with the second bleeding episode in February, had been banned from Australian racing, resulting in his retirement. Beginning his career in 2012, the bay raced for six seasons, amassing

A\$2,818,663 (US\$2,162,064) during a 37-start career. Boban, who raced for an ownership group, was first past the post 11 times, taking the top flight G1 Emirates Cantala S., G1 Doomben 10,000, G1 Chipping North S., G1 Star Epsom and G1 New Zealand Bloodstock Memsie S.

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## AMBITIOUS LANDS SANKEI OSAKA HAI

by Heather Anderson

In a field dotted with no fewer than five Group 1 winners, it was the Hideko Kondo homebred colt **Ambitious (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) that added the G2 Sankei Osaka Hai to his resume at Hanshin Sunday. As it turned out, Ambitious led that high-class quintet across the line to claim the top six spots. Second choice in the wagering at nearly 3-1, with only **Lovely Day (Jpn)** (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) more popular at 2-1, Ambitious settled in a wide second from stall nine before sidling closer to the fence once he reached the back straight, as 2015 G1 Japanese St. Leger scorer **Kitsan Black (Jpn)** (Black Tide {Jpn}) showed the way through the first 1000 metres in 1:01.1 while on a loose rein. Lovely Day, meanwhile, saved ground in seventh against the pine through the early going. Ambitious began to edge marginally closer to Kitsan Black leaving the final bend, but had work to do inside the last 200 metres. Pilot Norihiro Yokoyama got busy on Ambitious in upper stretch and the nearly black colt responded, whittling down Kitsan Black's advantage with every stride. Despite his earlier exertions on the front end, Kitsan Black only grudgingly gave way inside the final 50 metres, as Ambitious secured a neck victory carrying five fewer pounds. Shonan Pandora (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), last year's G1 Japan Cup winner, made up some late ground to take third, while favored Lovely Day, in his first run since landing the G1 Tenno Sho (Autumn) Nov. 1, showed some late interest to be a running-on fourth.

### Sunday, Hanshin, Japan

**SANKEI OSAKA HAI-G2**, ¥128,820,000 (US\$1,152,983), Hanshin, 4-3, 4yo/up, 2000mT, 1:59.30, fm.

1--**AMBITIOUS (JPN)**, 123, c, 4, Deep Impact (Jpn)

1st Dam: Carnival Song (Jpn), by El Condor Pasa

2nd Dam: Carniola (GB), by Rainbow Quest

3rd Dam: Carnival Spirit (GB), by Kris (GB)

O-Hideko Kondo; B-Tsuji Farm; T-Hidetaka Otonashi; J-Norihiro Yokoyama; ¥67,784,000. Lifetime Record: 10-5-1-2, ¥200,949,000. **Werk Nick Rating: A++**. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Kitsan Black (Jpn)**, 128, c, 4, Black Tide (Jpn)--Sugar Heart (Jpn), by Sakura Bakushin-Oh (Jpn). O-Ono Shoji Inc.; B-Yanagawa Farm; ¥27,224,000.

3--**Shonan Pandora (Jpn)**, 123, m, 5, Deep Impact (Jpn)--Cutie Gold (Jpn), by French Deputy. O-Tetsuhide Kunimoto; B-Shiraoi Farm; ¥17,112,000.

Margins: NK, 1 1/4, 1HF. Odds: 2.90, 5.20, 4.90.

Also Ran: Lovely Day (Jpn), Isla Bonita (Jpn), Nuovo Record (Jpn), Red Raven (Jpn), Action Star (Jpn), Touching Speech (Jpn), Meiner Lacrima (Jpn), Nishino B Quick (Jpn).

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A winner of both his juvenile starts going 1600 metres, Ambitious ran third to this year's G1 Dubai Turf hero Real Steel (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) stepped up in class in the 1800-metre G3 Kyodo News Service Hai at Tokyo last February and filled the same position in Hanshin's Listed Mainichi Hai tried over this course a month later. Returned to Tokyo, he got the job done when extended to 2000 metres in the Listed Principal S. May 9 and saluted in Fukushima's G3 Radio Nikkei Sho July 5. Given a freshening, Ambitious ran off the board in the wake of G1 Hong Kong Cup victor A Shin Hikari (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in the G2 Mainichi Okan at Tokyo Oct. 11 and improved one position to be fifth to Lovely Day in the G1 Tenno Sho (Autumn) Nov. 1. The progressive 4-year-old ran a neck second to 2015 Japanese champion 3-year-old male and this season's G1 Dubai Sheema Classic bridesmaid Duramente (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) in the 1800-metre G2 Nakayama Kinen with Real Steel (Jpn) in third last time Feb. 28.

The most accomplished offspring out of the winning El Condor Pasa mare Carnival Song (Jpn), Ambitious's second dam is French stakes winner Carniola (GB) (Rainbow Quest), who is a full-sister to Irish GSW Exaltation (Ire) and a half to French SW and GSP Bustling (GB) (Danehill). The latter is the dam of G1 Deutsches Derby hero Buzzword (GB) (Pivotal {GB}).

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### Sunday, Nakayama, Japan

**LORD DERBY CHALLENGE TROPHY-G3**, ¥75,410,000

(US\$674,945), Nakayama, 4-3, 4yo/up, 1600mT, 1:32.80, fm.

1--**#@MAGIC TIME (Jpn)**, 117, m, 5, Heart's Cry (Jpn)

1st Dam: Time Will Tell (Jpn) (MSP-Jpn, \$623,413),

by Brian's Time

2nd Dam: Fusaichi Katsura (Jpn), by Sadler's Wells

3rd Dam: Kris the Lady (Ire), by Kris (GB)

O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm; T-Tadashige Nakagawa; J-Andrasch Starke; ¥38,567,000. Lifetime Record: 17-5-6-0, [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#). **Werk Nick Rating: A.**

2--**Logotype (Jpn)**, 128, h, 6, Lohengrin (Jpn)--Stereotype (Jpn), by Sunday Silence. O-Teruya Yoshida; B-Shadai Farm; ¥16,162,000.

3--**Satono Aladdin (Jpn)**, 126, h, 5, Deep Impact (Jpn)--Magic Storm, by Storm Cat. (¥130,000,000 Wlg '11 JRHAJUL).

O-Hajime Satomi; B-Northern Farm; ¥9,881,000.

Margins: NK, 1 1/4, 3/4. Odds: 12.00, 9.70, 2.40.

Also Ran: Daiwa Liberal (Jpn), Sunrise Major (Jpn), Dashing Blaze (Jpn), Extra End (Jpn), Campbell Junior (Jpn), Meisho Yataro (Jpn), Impulse Hero (Jpn), Daiwa Maggiore (Jpn), Arma Waioli (Jpn), Tagano Burg (Jpn), Clarente (Jpn), TM Taiho (Jpn), Fra Angelico (Jpn). [Click for the Racing Post chart](#), or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). [JRA Video](#).

## PREBBLE FEELING 'LUCKY' AGAIN

by Alan Carasso

With the recent retirement of the top sprinter Lucky Nine (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), jockey Brett Prebble was left with something of a void. But in the form of the progressive 4-year-old **Lucky Bubbles (Aus)** (Sebring {Aus}), who stormed home to take Sunday's Sprint Cup at Sha Tin, the veteran reinsman may just have found an animal that can carry him to similar lofty heights over the coming seasons.

A strong third behind the talented Sun Jewellery (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}) in a Class 1 over 1400 metres Dec. 13, Lucky Bubbles failed to run out the trip when fourth to that foe in the Hong Kong Classic Mile Jan. 23 and it was back to shorter trips. Terribly unlucky when second to fellow 4-year-old



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**Amazing Kids (NZ)** (Falkirk {NZ}) going six furlongs down in Class 2 Feb. 14, the handsome chestnut was exiting an authoritative success when upped to Class 1 over this distance Mar. 20.

Perfectly positioned by Prebble in third as the commonly owned **Rad (Aus)** (Foreplay {Aus}) and **Dundonnell** (First Defence) knocked heads on the business end, Lucky Bubbles traveled up sweetly to that pair three wide off the point of the turn. He quickly put pay to them, hopped off onto his incorrect lead for a few strides, but lengthened away again once he switched back over and sprinted in handsomely clear. Amazing Kids just outfinished the useful **Packing Pins (NZ)** (Pins {Aus}) for second.

"He was just gone, he was awesome," the winning jockey commented. "I've been very fortunate to ride some very good sprinters in my time and he's coming along, I'll tell you. For a young horse, the way he does it, he does it at the front end and then he shows that turn of foot at the back end. It's hard for them to do that at both ends of the race."

Lucky Bubbles will head to the G1 Chairman's Sprint Prize May 1, a race expected to attract top locals such as Aerovelocity (NZ) (Pins {Aus}) and Gold-Fun (Ire) (Le Vie Dei Colori {GB}) as well as the Australian-trained duo of Buffering (Aus) (Mossman {Aus}) and Chautauqua (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}).

A Stratum (Aus) half-sister to Lucky Bubbles is catalogued as [hip 216](#) to Wednesday's session of the Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale. A November foal, the bay is consigned to Easter by Musk Creek Farm. [Click for the HKJC.com chart.](#) [VIDEO.](#)

## Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

**SPRINT CUP**, HK\$4,000,000 (£362,956/€452,740/US\$515,824), 3yo/up, 1200mT, 1:08.36, gd.

1--**#LUCKY BUBBLES (AUS)**, 123, g, 4, **Sebring (Aus)**--**Bubble Below (Aus)** (SP-Aus), by **Hussonet**. (A\$90,000 Ylg '13 INGMEL). O-Lucky Syndicate; B-Gilgai Farm (Vic); T-Francis Lui; J-Brett Prebble; HK\$2,280,000. Lifetime Record: 12-6-2-1, HK\$8,456,530.

2--**Amazing Kids (NZ)**, 123, g, 4, Falkirk (NZ)--Cadence (NZ), by Rhythm. O-Ricky Tsoi. HK\$880,000.

3--**Packing Pins (NZ)**, 123, g, 5, Pins (Aus)--Splashing Out (NZ), by O'Reilly (NZ). (NZ\$160,000 Ylg '12 NZBPPE). O-Lee Wan Keung & Lee Wong Wai Kuen. HK\$460,000.

Margins: 2, NK, 2. Odds: 19-10, 11-10, 41-10.

Also Ran: Divine Boy (Aus), Charles the Great (Ire), Frederick Engels (GB), Dundonnell, Rad (Aus).

## BEAUTY ONLY BOUNCES BACK AT SHA TIN

by Alan Carasso

Shut out in six tries since a spectacular first-up win last September, **Beauty Only (Ire)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) led home a one-three finish for his successful sire with a mild upset in Sunday's Chairman's Trophy at Sha Tin. The race serves mainly as a course-and-distance prep for the G1 BMW Champions' Mile May 1, though third-place finisher **Designs on Rome (Ire)** and **Blazing Speed (GB)** (Dylan Thomas {Ire}) were using the race as a springboard to the 2000-metre G1 Audemars Piguet Queen Elizabeth II Cup Apr. 24.

Victorious in Class 1 on seasonal debut Sept. 13, Beauty Only was third in the G2 Jockey Club Cup over the metric 10 furlongs Nov. 21, but no better than eighth to A Shin Hikari (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Cup the following month. Fourth behind Giant Treasure (Mizzen Mast) in the G1 Stewards' Cup Jan. 21, he filled third spot behind



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Contentment in the G1 Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup Feb. 28, and may have had an excuse when fifth to **Rewarding Hero (GB)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) in a Class 1 over the mile Mar. 13.

Settled three from the tail early on as **Multivictory (NZ)** (Bachelor Duke) pushed through to lead on a soft pace, Beauty Only was patiently handled on the circle by Neil Callan and allowed Designs on Rome to make his typical looping run around the field leaving the 600-metre mark. Pushed on off the final corner, Beauty Only showed superior acceleration and knifed through between Blazing Speed to his inside and Designs on Rome on the outer, hit the front going well with a furlong and a half to race and rattled home best of all. [Cont. p16](#)

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### Beauty Only Bounces Back at Sha Tin Cont.

"I knew coming in that the quicker ground today was right up his street--the soft ground last time just went completely against him," said Callan, who will reunite with Blazing Speed in the QE II. "With the weight difference and that faster ground I knew he had a chance to produce his best and he did, so I'm very happy."

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### Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

**CHAIRMAN'S TROPHY**, HK\$4,000,000 (£362,956/€452,740/US\$515,824), 3yo/up, 1600mT, 1:33.22, gd.

1--**BEAUTY ONLY (IRE)**, 123, g, 5, [Holy Roman Emperor \(Ire\)](#)--**Goldendale (Ire)**, by **Ali-Royal (Ire)**. (€72,000 Ylg '12 ITYSEP).

O-Eleanor & Patrick Kwok; B-Massimo Parri; T-Tony Cruz; J-Neil Callan; HK\$2,280,000. Lifetime Record: GSW-Itly, G1SP-HK, 22-8-3-2, HK\$15,648,620. \*Formerly Gentleman Only (Ire).

2--**Rewarding Hero (GB)**, 123, g, 7, Exceed and Excel (Aus)--**Caldy Dancer (Ire)**, by **Soviet Star**. (80,000gns Ylg '10 TATOCT).

O-Lee Fung Tai. HK\$880,000.

3--**Designs on Rome (Ire)**, 128, g, 6, **Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)**--**Summer Trysting**, by **Alleged**. (€10,500 Ylg '11 GOFORB).

O-Cheng Keung Fai. HK\$460,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 3/4, HF. Odds: 13-2, 8-1, 5-1.

Also Ran: Secret Weapon (GB), Contentment (Aus), Blazing Speed (GB), Multivictory (NZ), Dashing Fellow (Aus).

### 'MAX' BOSSES KRANJI SPRINT RIVALS

by Alan Carasso

Reigning champion sprinter **Emperor Max (Aus)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) completed a multi-jurisdictional feature-race double for Holy Roman Emperor (Ire) with a smashing first-up victory in Sunday's Kranji Sprint, a track-and-distance prep for the S\$800,000 Lion City Cup Apr. 24.

Runner-up in each of the last two runnings of the now-defunct G1 KrisFlyer International Sprint, Emperor Max validated 6-5 favoritism in the Garden City Trophy last September, earning a trip to Ascot for Champions weekend in the process. Dispatched at long odds in the Oct. 17 QIPCO British Champions Sprint S., he was hardly disgraced in finishing seventh, beaten under six lengths, by champion Muhaarar (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) and was the distant third wagering choice Sunday behind 3-5 Spalato (NZ) (Elusive City).

With Corey Brown opting for the odds-on selection, it was Danny Beasley atop Emperor Max and the duo jumped well before settling three wide outside of the fleet filly **Kiwi Karma (NZ)** (Fast N' Famous {Aus}). Coddled along while making ominous ground at the quarter-mile marker, Emperor Max took a narrow lead 300 metres from home and clung on gamely from there to prevail narrowly.

**Zac Spirit (Aus)** (Flying Spur {Aus}), critically checked for racing room with about 3 1/2 furlongs to run, was just able to get his nose down ahead of **Wimbledon (Aus)** (Snitzel {Aus}), who ran a blinder to be third.

"He's not the freakiest horse, but he's just a very, very good horse. He's the best sprinter in Singapore and he's showed it



**Emperor Max (pink cap) returns running at Kranji | Singapore Turf Club photo**

today," winning trainer Stephen Gray explained. "We had to bring him back after he ran in England, and get him going again, but he's a great horse and we don't have to do much. I'd like to travel with him again, but he's

already done so much for us. He's a dream horse to train and we'll focus on his next target which is the Lion City Cup."

Spalato, carrying top weight of 128 pounds, traveled in the company of the winner down the back, but was one-paced in the lane before running on mildly to be fifth. He will likely seek redemption at level weights in the Lion City. **Click for the**

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### Sunday, Kranji, Singapore

**KRANJI SPRINT**, S\$200,000 (£104,298/€130,166/US\$148,318), 3yo/up, 1200mT, 1:09.18, yl.

1--**EMPEROR MAX (AUS)**, 118, g, 6, [Holy Roman Emperor \(Ire\)](#)--**Maxerelle (Aus)** (MGSP-Aus, A\$242,750), by **Strategic (Aus)**.

(A\$110,000 RNA Ylg '11 INGEAS). O-Yau Hok Man Gordon; B-Dr Gordon & Dr Ernest Yau (NSW); T-Stephen Gray; J-Danny Beasley; S\$119,000. Lifetime Record: Ch. Sprinter & MG1SP-Sin, 17-8-6-1, S\$1,414,285.

2--**Zac Spirit (Aus)**, 119, g, 6, **Flying Spur (Aus)**--**Kidman (Aus)**, by **Quest for Fame (GB)**. (A\$95,000 Wlg '10 MMNWNL; A\$140,000 Ylg '11 INGEAS). O-Zac Stable. S\$42,500.

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3--**Wimbledon (Aus)**, 110, c, 4, **Snitzel (Aus)**--**Ditaz (NZ)**, by **Don Eduardo (NZ)**. (A\$170,000 Ylg '13 INGEAS). O-China Horse Club Stable. S\$21,500.

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Margins: 3/4, NO, 1 1/4. Odds: 6.40, 7.60, 14.80.

Also Ran: **Kiwi Karma (NZ)**, **Spalato (NZ)**, **Goal Keeper (Aus)**, **El Padrino (NZ)**, **Happy Money (Aus)**.