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by Jessica Martini

The Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's April Sale of 2-Year-Olds, which has seen record growth in each of its last three renewals, begins its four-day run Tuesday in Ocala with the first of 1,216 catalogued juveniles scheduled to go through the ring at 10:30 a.m.

"There are a lot of quality horses on the grounds," said OBS Director of Sales Tod Wojciechowski. "The consignors have done a great job of continually upping the quality of what they have to offer and we are excited to see what is going to happen this week."

The 2015 April sale saw 676 horses sell for a gross of \$53,711,400. The average was a sale record \$79,455 and the median was a record-tying \$45,000. The auction was topped by a \$1.9-million daughter of Tapit--the sale's first-ever seven-figure result. Now named Inheritance, the LNJ Foxwoods runner was tabbed a 'TDN Rising Star' with a maiden-breaking score at Belmont Park last October.

After selective buying at the season's previous sales, consignors are looking for a broader base of buyers in Ocala this week.

"We had a very good breeze show at the [OBS] March sale," commented Matt Lyons, vice president and general manager of Woodford Thoroughbreds, which consigned last year's April topper. **Cont. p4**

SONGBIRD OUT OF OAKS DUE TO FEVER

Unbeaten champion and 'TDN Rising Star' Songbird (Medaglia d'Oro) will be forced to miss the May 6 GI Kentucky Oaks due to a minor illness, owner Rick Porter announced Sunday evening.

"Unfortunately we have to report that Songbird will miss the Kentucky Oaks," Porter said in a statement via his Fox Hill Farms' Facebook page. "She developed a low grade fever after the [Apr. 9 GI] Santa Anita Oaks and has not been able to go out to the track. With the fever not resolved, she was started on a course of antibiotics [Sunday], and as a result it'll be another seven to 10 days before she's able to return to the track. We are sorry to have to miss the Oaks, but what's most important is to get Songbird well, and we have two great vets along with [Hall of Fame trainer] Jerry [Hollendorfer] and his team taking good care of her." **Cont. p3**

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Michelle Hemingway of Hemingway Racing and Training Stables shares a sweet moment in the Florida sun with this Wildcat Heir - Exchangeable filly. The OBS April Sale starts tomorrow at 10:30 AM. | Brittlan Wall

CUPID OUT OF DERBY, TARGETS PREAKNESS

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Andrew Caulfield examines the stamina-laden bloodlines of Saturday's GI Arkansas Derby winner Creator (Tapit) and evaluates his prospects on the first Saturday in May.



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'Songbird Out of Oaks Due to Fever' cont. from p1

Last year's dominant GI Del Mar Debutante, GI Chandelier S. and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies heroine picked up right where she left off this season with facile victories in the Feb. 6 GII Las Virgenes S., Mar. 5 GIII Santa Ysabel S. and Apr. 9 Oaks. The \$400,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga yearling, who has earned \$1,982,000 to date, was expected to be a very short-priced favorite at Churchill Downs. Her absence from the Oaks may sway connections who were on the fence to enter their charges for the first Friday in May.



Songbird | Benoit Photo

When contacted for more information Monday afternoon, Porter said he was waiting for an update from Dr. Nathan Slovis, who is based at Hagyard Equine Medical Center in Lexington and is overseeing Songbird's treatment in collaboration with her veterinarian in California.

"They're 99% sure it's a virus--a lot of her symptoms have subsided," the prominent owner said. "The bottom line is that Jerry and I decided we don't want to take any chances--I think that would be the most foolish thing we could do. We just have to look to the future and hope she comes out of this well... The overall long-term outlook is fine. Unfortunately, it's just a little setback."

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LATE NOMINATIONS: GI LONGINES KENTUCKY OAKS
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Lyons continued, "We had a lot of traffic, but it seemed like it was very picky to me. People were picky on vetting. We had a lot of vetting on some horses. A lot of people seemed to land on the same horses and there were ones that didn't have many people at all."

"I am hoping the April sale is more of the true market," Lyons continued. "The select sales, you don't get a lot of the middle market. This April sale to me is kind of the equivalent of Keeneland September. Everyone is going to be there that is trying to buy horses from all different levels. At least in the past, it has been a really healthy market."

Wojciechowski agreed the April catalogue should offer something for everyone.

"I think the buying bench takes care of itself in April," he said. "It certainly has evolved into the sale for everyone. I think buyers have a very high degree of confidence that, regardless of what price level they may be shopping in, there are a lot of good options and a lot of good horses here for them. I think that's just become the appeal of April."

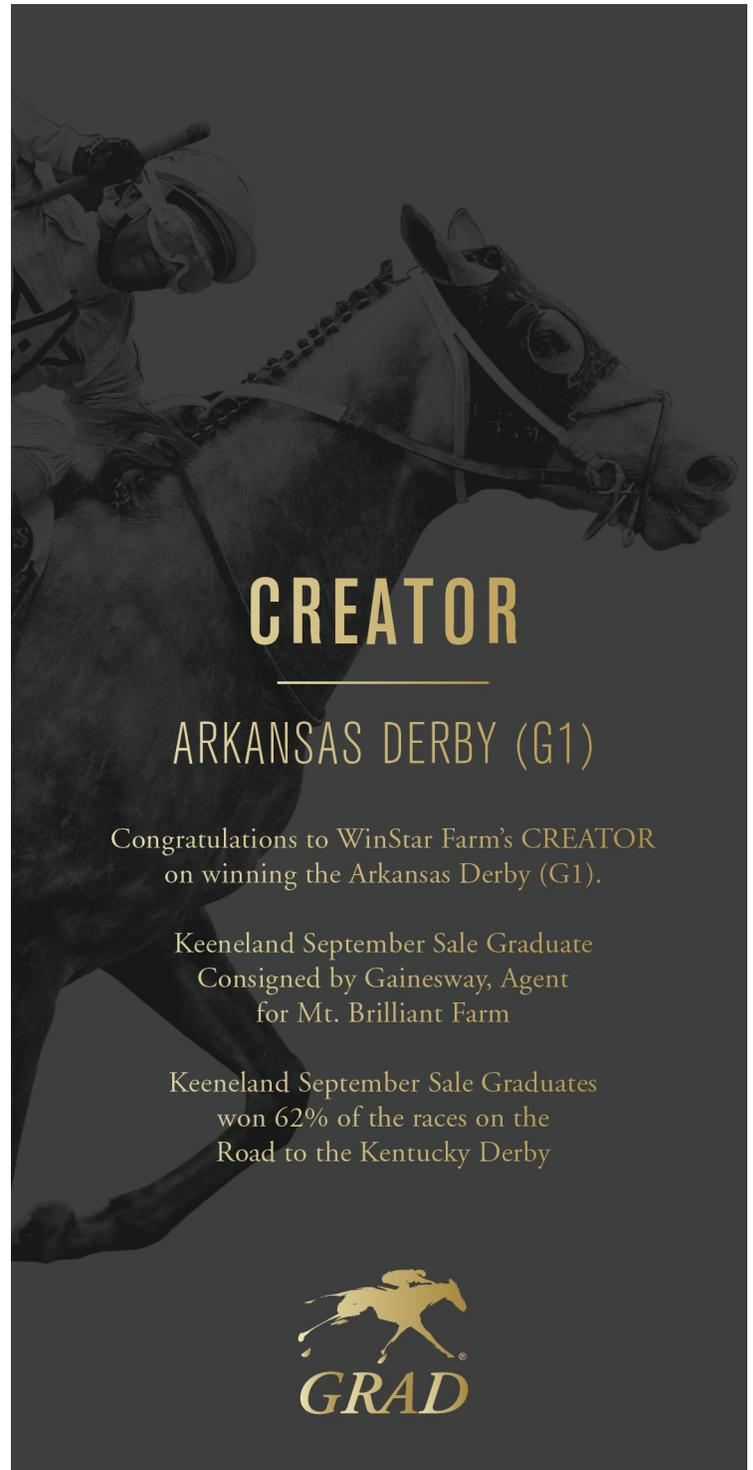
With a sale average that has exploded from just \$27,918 in 2010 to its record level a year ago, the April sale has become a must-attend for horsemen from around the world, according to Wojciechowski, who used 'TDN Rising Star' Polar River (Congrats) as an example of the sale's international appeal. The filly sold to Irish bloodstock agent Tony Watkins for \$40,000 at last year's April sale and has gone on to win the G3 UAE Oaks and was second in the G2 UAE Derby while racing for Valentin Bukhtoyarov and Evgeny Kappushev.

"We see people from all parts of the world," Wojciechowski said. "The Koreans are well represented, the Japanese interests are well represented, as well as the Europeans. It really has become the 2-year-old source for the world."

OBS hosted a six-session under-tack preview ahead of the April sale. A trio of juveniles shared the preview's quarter-mile bullet time of :20 2/5: [hip 790](#), a colt by Shackleford from the Wavertree Stables consignment; [hip 1127](#), a filly by Ghostzapper consigned by Off the Hook, LLC; and [hip 1214](#), a filly by Quality Road consigned by Q Bar J Thoroughbreds. Twenty-five juveniles shared the bullet furlong time of :9 4/5.

"It went really well," Wojciechowski said of the preview. "The weather was very kind to us. As everyone knows, it can get a little hot in April, but it stayed relatively tepid. We didn't have any extreme heat and with the weather helping us, the quality horses showed up and it was a very good breeze show."

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The colt emerged from the race with an entrapped epiglottis and was scheduled to undergo surgery Monday. Cupid chased a swift pace in the Arkansas Derby before tiring to finish 10th, beaten 11 1/4 lengths by Creator (Tapit). He previously captured his first two starts around two turns, easily winning a Feb. 7 Santa Anita maiden event and notching a determined pacesetter score in Oaklawn's Mar. 19 GI Rebel S.

Cupid's withdrawal from Derby consideration moves Mo Tom (Uncle Mo) into an assured spot in the starting gate for the May 7 Classic. Baffert also trains Mor Spirit (Eskendereya), who holds the eighth spot on the Kentucky Derby points leaderboard.



Cupid | Coady Photography

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GUN RUNNER FIRES CHURCHILL BULLET

Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC and Three Chimneys Farm's **Gun Runner** (Candy Ride {Arg}) took another step toward a start in the May 7 GI Kentucky Derby with a bullet five-furlong breeze in 1:00 flat [1/16] over the main track at Churchill Downs Monday morning. With regular pilot Florent Geroux aboard, Gun Runner clicked off eighth-mile splits of :12.80, :24.40, :36.40 and :48 flat en-route to galloping out six furlongs in 1:13.20. The GI Twinspires.com Louisiana Derby winner worked in company with stablemate Gold Hawk (Empire Maker), who covered the distance in 1:00.60.

"I thought he breezed very well this morning and has settled into Churchill very nicely," trainer Steve Asmussen said. "I thought that he handled the racetrack very well and I'm obviously very excited about our opportunities. He's a tremendous individual as far as conformation and pedigree-wise, and he's got a great attitude. He's very energetic as far as training goes. He's always been very effortless over the racetrack."



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Monday's work was Gun Runner's third since capturing the Louisiana Derby. He breezed four furlongs Apr. 4 and five furlongs Apr. 11. Asmussen said that the colt, who also won the GII Veterans Ford Risen Star S. Feb. 20, will likely be asked for a bit more in next week's work.

"I'm going to need more of a blow with him next week," Asmussen said. "I think today had a lot to do with what I want to do with next week's work and what adjustments I need to make, and talking to Florent before we've worked him in the past."

Asmussen also worked two of his prospects for the May 6 GI Longines Kentucky Oaks Monday, with GIII Fantasy S. winner **Terra Promessa** (Curlin) and GII Gazelle S. runner-up **Royal Obsession** (Tapit) breezing half-miles in :52.20 and :51.40, respectively. Additionally, 3-year-old fillies **Stageplay** (Curlin) and **Adore** (Big Brown) also worked five furlongs in company in 1:00 flat [1/16] in preparation for starts in the GII Eight Belles S. on the Oaks undercard.

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PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

by Andrew Caulfield



When I reviewed Cupid's pedigree following his victory in the GII Rebel S., I concluded that "perhaps, like Frosted, Cupid will stay well enough to acquit himself with credit on Kentucky Derby day, but at this stage it is impossible to be confident that he will. Let's hope the GI Arkansas Derby will provide more information..."

Well, the Oaklawn Park Grade I certainly did that. As Cupid faded back to 10th in the stretch, victory went to another Tapit colt, Creator, who had finished three lengths behind Cupid in the Rebel. Creator's surge from last to first was certainly more encouraging from a Triple Crown viewpoint and it is well worth remembering that the Arkansas Derby's roll of honor features American Pharoah, Curlin, Afleet Alex, Smarty Jones and Victory Gallop, as well as the Derby and Preakness runner-up Bodemeister.

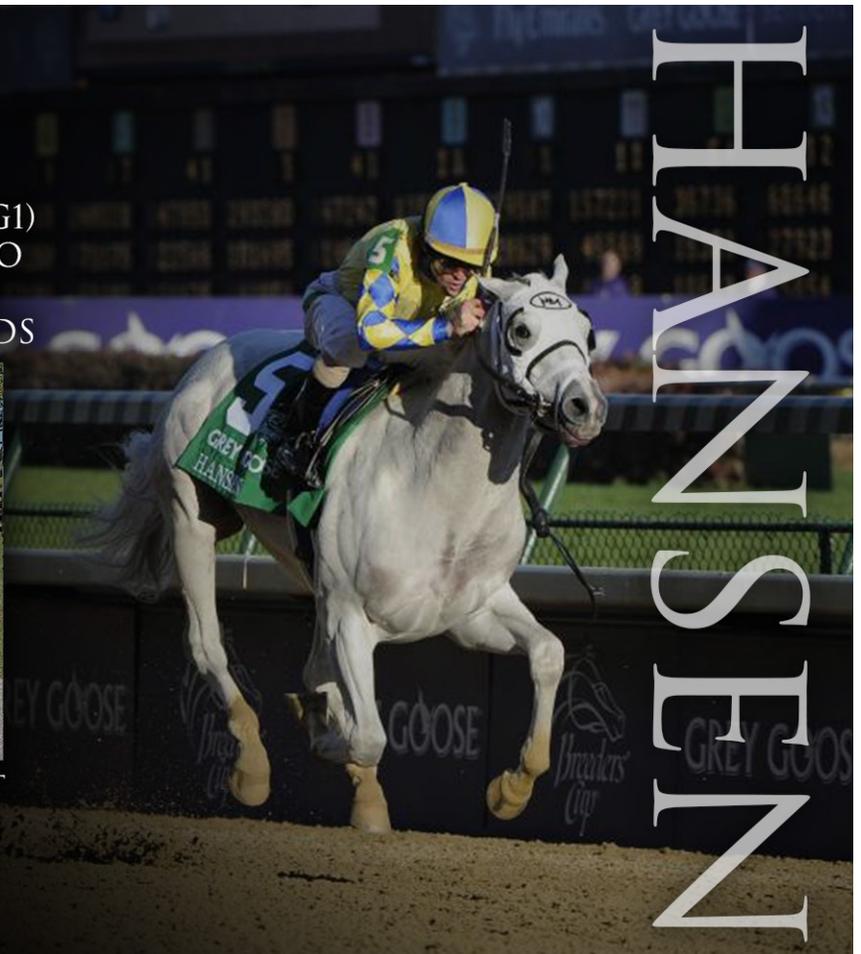
The 100 points earned by Creator at Oaklawn mean that he now ranks sixth in the Derby standings and his total of 110 points makes him the highest ranked of the four Tapit colts which feature among the top 13. The others are Lani (100), Mohaymen (80) and Cupid (50).

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We know plenty about the broodmare sires of these last three Tapit colts--Sunday Silence, Dixie Union and Beau Genius--but what about Privately Held, the stallion responsible for Creator's Peruvian-bred dam, Morena?

Privately Held was a very well-related individual but his only black-type came when second in the Meadowlands Endurance S. While that race doesn't quite live up to the image it conjures in my European mind, it was over 1 3/8 miles. The durable son of Private Account did most of his winning in dirt routes, so Privately Held doesn't represent a weak link in Creator's potential stamina--even though Privately Held's sister, the high-class British filly Chimes of Freedom, excelled at up to a mile, becoming a Group 1 winner at both two and three. This is a versatile family and Privately Held was also a half-brother to MGISW Denon, a Pleasant Colony colt who shone on the turf in the U.S., where his wins included the GI Turf Classic Invitational S. over a mile and a half at Belmont Park.

Fortunately, there is also encouragement to be gleaned from the record of Creator's dam Morena. It is never easy to gauge



Creator | Coady Photography

the precise merit of South American champions, which is what Morena was, both at two and three. Racing on dirt, she stayed well--well enough to win the G2 Clasico La Copa over 1 3/8 miles and the G2 Clasico Hipodromo de Monterrico over a mile and a half.

Morena's stamina was again in evidence after her transfer to the U.S., where she was trained by Michael Matz. She carried the colors of Mount Brilliant Stable when she put up arguably her best American effort, when a neck second in the GIII Obeah

S. over 1 1/8 miles at Delaware Park. She was also second in the GII Falls City H.

Morena's owners have given her every chance, her first five mates being Smart Strike, Tapit, Lemon Drop Kid, Street Cry and Tiznow. Tapit's fee at the time was \$125,000, so Creator provided a useful profit for Mt Brilliant when he sold for \$440,000 at Keeneland. The Lemon Drop Kid colt fared less well, selling for \$100,000, but there is now sure to be keen interest in Morena's yearling colt if he too heads for the sales--especially as he is a member of the last crop sired by Street Cry.

Whenever we talk about South American horses, the chances are that their pedigrees will feature quite a lot of imported stallions and mares or stallions which were shuttled from the U.S. or Europe. Sure enough, Creator has a second dam, Charytin, who was sired by the Jonabell Farm resident Summing before being imported in utero to Peru.

Summing adds to the belief that Creator is not going to fail for want of stamina as the distances lengthen (although Tapit's only previous graded winner from a Private Account line mare is Trappe Shot, who did most of his winning at under a mile). A tough son of Verbatim, Summing turned in a career best when he triumphed in the 1981 GI Belmont S., during a 15-race sophomore season.



Tapit | Brittan Wall

Summing's best effort as a stallion was Epitome, a champion 2-year-old filly who won the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies back in 1987, but Charytin also earned acclaim as Peru's Broodmare of the Year. Perhaps Charytin owed some of her success to being inbred 5 x 5 x 5 x 5 to Nasrullah, a five-time champion American stallion.

Charytin's sire King of Macedon was one of those intriguing animals who was a product of two extremes. His sire Diatome had shone from a mile and a quarter to nearly two miles, whereas his dam was a sprint winner by Grey Sovereign, a noted influence for speed. In this instance it was the speed which proved dominant, with King of Macedon shining over sprint distances in France at the ages of two, four and five.

King of Macedon's speed is probably irrelevant in a pedigree in which the four stallions in the third generation all won over at least a mile and a quarter. They include a GI Kentucky Derby winner in Unbridled and two Belmont S. winners in A.P. Indy and Summing, which suggests that Creator will again be running on strongly at the end of the Kentucky Derby, when many of the others are crying enough.

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Warrior's Cross, c, 3, [Warrior's Reward](#)--Datt's Cool, by Bluegrass Cat. Nakayama, 4-16, Alw, 6f, Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-2, \$75,000. O-Silk Racing; B-B & B Bloodstock Inc & Marty Hughes; T-Sakae Kunieda. *\$62,000 Ylg '14 ESLSEP; \$200,000 2yo '15 OBSMAR. **"Since we started from the outside gate and I thought he was a different level than the field, I pushed him to take a position from the early stages," said winning pilot Yukito Ishikawa. "He gave a strong performance, responding to me really well heading into the stretch. He lost a bit of focus after we hit the front, so if he would mature mentally, he could compete in a higher class."
Cool Zephyr, f, 3, [Street Cry \(Ire\)](#)--Desert Song, by Unbridled's Song. Hanshin, 4-16, Alw, 7fT, Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$82,407. O-Yuki Hashimoto; B-Rabbah Bloodstock LLC; T-Keiji Yoshimura. *\$200,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP. ** "She traveled nicely, going from wire to wire," said winning hoop Ryuji Wada. "She showed lots of progress physically, but if her hindquarters develop more, she is going to bloom into the upper class. She has plenty of scope."

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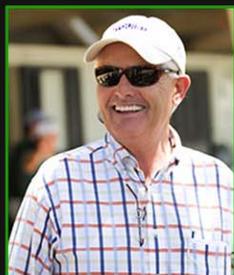
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Kaba Tot, c, 3, [Trappe Shot](#)--Ms Louissett (GISP, \$132,163), by Siphon. Funabashi, 4-12, Alw, 8f. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$18,519. O-Naoya Fuji; B-Tim Thornton; T-Hideyuki Mori. *\$50,000 Wlg '13 KEENOV; \$95,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP. **1/2 to Surmount (Speightstown SP-US \$75,694).

Seto Arrow, h, 5, [Curlin](#)--Ramatuella (Chi) (GSP, by Jeune Homme. Fukushima, 4-16, Alw, 5.75f. Lifetime Record: 18-3-2-4, \$320,893. O-Sumiko Namba; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC; T-Hideyuki Mori. *\$55,000 Ylg '12 KEESEP. **1/2 to Texas Red (Afleet Alex), GISW, \$1,767,300.

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Swift Raid (Jpn), c, 3, [Smart Strike](#)-- Swift Temper (GISW & \$1,296,688), by Giant's Causeway. Nakayama, 4-17, Alw, 9f. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$56,481. O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shadai Farm; T-Noriyuki Hori.

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STAKES RESULTS:

SWIFT THOROUGHBREDS INAUGURAL S., (NB) C\$50,000, HST, 4-17, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.91, ft.

1--**MODERN, 119, g, 6, [Tiznow](#)--Interior Design, by A.P. Indy.** O-Swift Thoroughbreds, Inc.; B-Darley (KY); T-Dino K. Condilenios; J-Richard Harvey Hamel. C\$27,500. Lifetime Record: 21-6-5-3, \$166,402.

2--**Hollywood Angel, 119, g, 4, Circular Quay--Angel of Bataan,** by Holy Mountain. (\$12,000 Ylg '13 OBSWIN). O-Peter Redekop B. C., Ltd.; B-Lisa McGreevy (FL); T-Anita Bolton. C\$10,000.

3--**Shooting Jacket, 115, g, 6, Hard Spun--Nortena,** by Mr. Prospector. (\$145,000 Ylg '11 KEESEP). O-Hastings Racing Club 2; B-Hargus Sexton, Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm, LLC (KY); T-Nancy Betts. C\$5,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, NO, 2 3/4. Odds: 1.35, 3.85, 9.40.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-PRX, \$57,160, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 4-18, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38.41, ft.

GADGET MAN (g, 5, Honour and Glory--Mutual Fund, by Notebook) Lifetime Record: MSP, 26-4-6-5, \$219,315. O/B-A.J. Bardaro & J.H. Pierce Jr. Inc. (NJ); T-Patricia Farro.

7th-LRC, \$50,690, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 4-17, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:41.57, ft.

SECOND SUMMER (g, 4, Summer Bird--Greenstreet, by Street Cry {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 12-3-2-1, \$150,610. O-Alesia, Sharon, Ciaglia Racing LLC, Ferrell, Marc C. and Slam Dunk Racing; B-Richard Shultz (FL); T-Peter Eurton. *\$72,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP. **1/2 to Dry Summer (Any Given Saturday), MSW, \$312,983.

7th-GG, \$34,024, 4-17, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:49.48, fm.

HIDDEN ZENSATION (g, 5, Zensational--Smuggle {SW, \$106,582}, by Lord Avie) Lifetime Record: 25-7-4-1, \$113,645. O-Mary Tucker; B-Klaravich Stables (KY); T-Armando Lage. *\$32,000 Ylg '12 KEESEP; \$47,000 RNA 2yo '13 OBSAPR. **1/2 to One and Twenty (Honour and Glory), GSW, \$176,400; and Code of Ethics (Honour and Glory), SW, \$116,075.

9th-WRD, \$25,080, (S), 4-18, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38.83, sy.

HOT WALKER (g, 6, Ocean Terrace--Honored Warrior, by Double Honor) Lifetime Record: 27-5-6-5, \$50,544. O/T-Mike Durham; B-Joe D. Casey (OK).

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Awesome Papa Al, c, 3, [Awesome of Course](#)--Sister Greeley, by Mr. Greeley. FL, 4-18, (S), 4 1/2f, :53.82. B-Brenda K Jones & Scott Alan Lackey (NY). *\$25,000 Ylg '14 OBSAUG; \$40,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Missunitednations (Peace Rules), GSP, \$199,291.

 **SGV THOROUGHBREDS GRADUATE**

Stormy Angel, f, 3, **Twice as Bad**--Bent Spur, by Lost Opportunity. WRD, 4-18, 6f, 1:12.60. B-Fred Kaminska (OK). *\$2,000 Ylg '14 OKCYRL.

Eyes On Tomorrow, g, 5, **Mercer Mill**--Striking Michelle, by Light Idea. MVR, 4-18, (S), 1m, 1:45.52. B-Eyes of a Child Stable (OH).



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‘CAMP’ ROCKS THE PENELOPE



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Camprock (Fr) (Myboycharlie {Ire}), who opened her account going 9 1/2 furlongs atop Chantilly’s Polytrack on debut Jan. 29, made a smooth transition to black-type company with a victory upped to 10 furlongs in Saint-Cloud’s Mar. 12 Listed Prix de Mai last time and remained on course for Chantilly’s June 19 G1 Prix de Diane by maintaining her perfect tally in Monday’s G3 Prix Penelope back at Saint-Cloud. Positioned in a stalking second after an alert getaway, she was sent to the front soon after turning for home and kept on relentlessly under mild urging in the closing stages to register a career high and strip **The Juliet Rose (Fr)** (Monsun {Ger}) and **Jadhaba (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) of their unbeaten records.

“Camprock has shown great improvement at home since her win in the Rose de Mai here,” commented winning trainer Pia Brandt. “It was just a question of whether or not she could transfer that to the racecourse and she did so in very good style today. She will now go for the [May 16 G1] Prix Saint-Alary [at Deauville] or go straight to the Prix de Diane. We will see what she tells us and how she comes out of this race, and we’ll make a decision in time.”

Camprock’s fourth dam is the G1 Cheveley Park S.-winning Irish champion juvenile filly Sookera (Roberto), herself the dam of G1 Nunthorpe S. victor So Factual (Known Fact) and G3 July S. winner Bold Fact (Known Fact), from the family of Juddmonte’s blue hen Hasili (Ire) (Kahyasi {Ire}). She is a half-sister to the 2-year-old colt Storm Trigger (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}). **Chart p2**

QEII CHALLENGERS IN GOOD SHAPE

Ertijaal (Aus) (Hard Spun) looked on good terms with himself on Monday morning when breezing on the turf track at Sha Tin ahead of Sunday’s G1 Audemars Piguet QEII Cup. The Mike De Kock-trained 4-year-old went 1200 metres, covering the last 400 metres in :25 seconds even. The colt is bidding to win his first Group 1 outside of South Africa when he lines up on Sunday and arrives on the back of a fourth-place finish behind Real Steel (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in the G1 Dubai Turf at Meydan last month.



Ertijaal | HKJC

Cont. p6

In **TDN America** today...

SONGBIRD OUT OF KY OAKS DUE TO FEVER

Unbeaten champion and ‘TDN Rising Star’ Songbird (Medaglia d’Oro) will miss the May 6 G1 Kentucky Oaks due to a fever, owner Rick Porter announced Friday evening.

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1--@CAMPROCK (FR), 126, f, 3, by Myboycharlie (Ire)

1st Dam: Camporese (Ire) (GSW-Fr, \$124,541), by Sadler's Wells

2nd Dam: Campestral, by Alleged

3rd Dam: Field Dancer (Ire), by Northfields

(€30,000 Ylg '14 AROCT). O-Ecurie du Grand Chene, Gerard Augustin-Normand & Anne Seagroatt; B-Mlle M Sundstrom (FR); T-Pia Brandt; J-Maxime Guyon. €40,000. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, €80,000. *1/2 to Alice Belle (Street Cry {Ire}), SW-US, \$118,320. **Werk Nick Rating: B. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**The Juliet Rose (Fr)**, 126, f, 3, Monsun (Ger)--Dubai Rose (GB), by Dubai Destination. (€650,000 Ylg '14 ARAUG). O-Mayfair Speculators SARL & Equifrance Holdings; B-Guy Heald (FR); T-Nicolas Clement. €16,000.

3--**Jadhaba (Ire)**, 126, f, 3, [Galileo \(Ire\)](#)--Naissance Royale (Ire), by Giant's Causeway. (€620,000 Ylg '14 ARAUG). O-Al Shaqab Racing; B-Ecurie des Monceaux (IRE); T-Jean-Claude Rouget. €12,000.

Margins: 1 3/4, SNK, HD. Odds: 3.20, 6.30, 2.30.

Also Ran: Impressionist (Ire), Tierra Del Fuego (Fr), Indecence Choisie (Fr), Valenka (Ger), Sweet Electra (Fr), Coif (Ire). **Click for the [Racing Post result](#) or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**



The happy connections of Camprock, who landed the G3 Prix Penelope at Saint-Cloud Monday for her first group score. | *Scoop Dyga*



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GOLD CUP MAIN AIM FOR 'GEORGE'

Last year's G1 Irish St. Leger winner **Order Of St. George (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) is nearing a return to action and has his sights set firmly on Royal Ascot in the middle of June. The 4-year-old was last seen demolishing his rivals by 11 lengths under Joseph O'Brien in that Irish Classic last September in what was his first run at the top level.



Order Of St. George | *Racing Post*

"He's back in full work and the plan is to get a run into him before Royal Ascot where the G1 Ascot Gold Cup will be his target," said trainer Aidan O'Brien. "We might start him back in the Saval Beg at Leopardstown or the

Vintage Crop at Navan."

O'Brien won last year's Listed Saval Beg S. with **Kingfisher (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), who subsequently ran a slightly unlucky second to Trip To Paris (Ire) (Champs Elysees {GB}) in the Ascot Gold Cup. The 5-year-old is also back in full work with O'Brien.

"We're waiting for better ground before running Kingfisher and he'll also be aimed at some of the top staying races," concluded O'Brien.

'DRAMA' STRAIGHT TO LOCKINGE

Ger Lyons expects his season to start clicking into gear shortly, as he begins to prepare some of his higher profile horses for racecourse action. One that he had hoped to have gotten out at this stage is **Endless Drama (Ire)** (Lope De Vega {Ire}). Lyons originally wanted to get a prep run into the lightly-raced 4-year-old in advance of a tilt at the G1 Lockinge S. at Newbury May 14, but that plan has been altered due to ground conditions and a lack of suitable opportunities.



Endless Drama | *Racing Post*

"The programme isn't helping me out, I wanted to go to the [G3] Gladness S. [Apr. 3], but because of the ground I wasn't going to do that. Between now and the Lockinge there is no prep race for us, so we are just going to have to get our finger out and do the job at home the best we can."

Endless Drama only ran three times last year, finishing second on each occasion including when chasing home Gleneagles (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the G1 Tattersalls Irish 2000 Guineas at The Curragh. Lyons is hoping for a clearer run this year with the Qatari owned colt and added, "He's a massive horse. If I have a genuine group horse in the yard, it's him and I couldn't be happier with him."

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CORRECTION: In Sunday's German results, the *TDN* incorrectly reported the owner and breeder of maiden winner Degas (Ger). The result should have read: O/B-Gestut Rottgen (Ger). We regret the error.

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Another smart prospect...

PRIVATE AFFAIR won a debutants race as Saint Cloud yesterday by **4 lengths** for trainer Nicolas Clement and owner Frederic Sauque



English Classic entries include **MR KHALID** (Marco Botti) and **DIAMONDS POUR MOI** (Ralph Beckett)

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FAHEY PAIR STILL IN CLASSIC MIX

Richard Fahey has European Classics very much in mind for two of his leading 3-year-olds in **Ribchester (Ire)** (Iffraaj {GB}) and **Birchwood (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}). Ribchester won the G2 Dubai Duty Free Mill Reef S. at Newbury last year before



Richard Fahey | *Racing Post*

reappearing with a second--disqualified to fifth for interference-- in the G3 Prix Djebel at Maisons-Laffitte Apr. 7.

Fahey commented, "It was a messy race in France, but I just wanted to get that run into him for the experience. For the first couple of furlongs

they went steady and then it turned into a bit of a sprint. It was not a disaster and he has come back fine. He is in the [G1] English [2000 Guineas at Newmarket Apr. 30] and [G1] French [2000] Guineas [at Deauville May 15] and if I was picking one now, then the French is what I would be thinking. We will keep an eye on what is turning up at Newmarket, while I will speak to the owners, too."

"Birchwood, like Ribchester was also purchased by Godolphin from Emma and David Armstrong as a 2-year-old and he had a busy juvenile season running seven times, winning three and finishing out the year with a very respectable third to Hit It A Bomb (War Front) in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf," continued Fahey. "I am very happy with Birchwood and I purposely have given him a long break as he had a long season. He looks fantastic but I'm not sure where we are going with him. He is in the [G1] Irish 2000 Guineas [May 21], but there is also the [G2] German Guineas [May 16]. We will see where he is nearer the time. We are quite happy getting him ready here."

Brilliant Vanguard (Ire), g, 3, **Fast Company (Ire)**--Alyska (Ire), by Owington (GB). PON, 4-18, 6fT, 1:25.10. B-Frank Moynihan (IRE). *Dead-heated for first. **€18,000 Wlg '13 GOFNOV; €16,000 RNA Ylg '14 TISEP; 50,000gns 2yo '15 TATHIT.

+Zebedaïos (Ire), g, 3, **Zebedee (GB)**--Refuse to Give Up (Ire), by Refuse to Bend (Ire). PON, 4-18, 6fT, 1:25.10. B-Tally-Ho Stud (IRE). *Dead-heated for first. **£80,000 Ylg '14 DNPRM.

Baadi (GB), g, 4, **Dansili (GB)**--Dashing (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. WDS, 4-18, 10f 7yT, 2:16.06. B-Saleh Al Homaizi & Imad Al Sagar (GB). *38,000gns RNA 3yo '15 TA15.

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Monday's Results:

1st-DUN, €14,000, Mdn, 4-18, 2yo, 5f (AWT), 1:00.30, st.
+CARAVAGGIO (c, 2, Scat Daddy--Mekko Hokte, by Holy Bull) was hammered into 1-3 favouritism on the boards and duly obliged in this debut run. Steady away from the inside gate to track the leaders in third, he was sent to the front approaching the final furlong and ran on well for mild coaxing, despite exhibiting shades of greenness, in the closing stages to score by 1 3/4 lengths from stablemate Lundy (GB) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}). "They are two nice horses and the winner could be a bit special," said trainer's son Joseph O'Brien. "The Scat Daddy is very fast and Dad thinks an awful lot of him. Royal Ascot is probably high on the agenda. He looks the real deal I think. Everyone that has sat on him has loved him and he didn't disappoint today. He was green, but it's his first day away and he's never been round a bend either." They grey, who is a half-brother to My Jen (Fusaichi Pegasus), GSW-US, \$203,000, hails from the family of MGSW G1 Secretariat S. third Sharp Performance (Kris S.). He is also kin to a filly foal by Scat Daddy. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €8,610. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)
 O-Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith; B-Windmill Manor Farms Inc & Petaluma Bloodstock (KY); T-Aidan O'Brien.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Fastnet Spin (Ire), f, 2, **Fastnet Rock (Aus)**--Lucky Spin (GB) (MGSW-Eng, \$203,756), by Pivotal (GB). WDS, 4-18, 5f 10yT, 1:04.78. B-Rockhart Trading Ltd (IRE). *€35,000 Ylg '15 GOFORB.

Springwood (Ire), c, 2, **Zebedee (GB)**--Nasharaat (Ire), by Green Desert. PON, 4-18, 5fT, 1:09.61. B-Con Marnane (IRE). *€22,000 RNA Ylg '15 GOFFEB; £26,000 Ylg '15 DNPRM.

4th-DUN, €11,000, Mdn, 4-18, 3yo, 8f (AWT), 1:37.70, st.
SEVENTH HEAVEN (IRE) (f, 3, Galileo {Ire})--La Traviata {GSW-US, \$129,248}, by Johannesburg), a Sept. 12 debut seventh going seven furlongs at Leopardstown before running fourth to subsequent G3 Oh So Sharp S. victress First Victory (Ire) (Teofilo) over the same trip in a Newmarket maiden two weeks later, broke in the second rank and raced in a midfield fifth for most of this seasonal return. Nudged into contention on the home turn, the 9-10 chalk was sent to the front with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining and ran on well from there to assert by 3 1/4 lengths from Heartful (Ire) (Shamardal). [Cont. p5](#)

4th-DUN Cont.

“She’s a lovely filly, but was weak last year and obviously won nicely today,” said trainer Aidan O’Brien. “I think the [May 11 G3] Musidora [S. at York] or [the May 11 G3] Blue Wind [S. at Naas] might be the plan for her. She’ll be better stepping up in trip and good ground is important to her.” Seventh Heaven, who is entered in the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas, G1 Epsom Oaks and G1 Irish Oaks, is a half-sister to the 2011 G1 Middle Park S. hero Crusade (Mr. Greeley), G1SW-Eng, \$164,123, and MGSP Cristoforo Colombo (Henrythenavigator). She is also a sibling of a 2-year-old filly and a yearling colt, both by Galileo (Ire). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, €7,219. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier & Michael Tabor; B-La Traviata Syndicate (IRE); T-Aidan O’Brien.

5th-DUN, €11,000, Mdn, 4-18, 3yo, c/g, 8f (AWT), 1:37.72, st. BRAVERY (IRE) (c, 3, [Galileo {Ire}](#)--Lady Icarus {GB}, by Rainbow Quest), a 400,000gns TATOCT yearling who ran sixth going one mile at The Curragh on sophomore return last time Mar. 20, was steadied off the pace in seventh until improving one spot on the home turn. Making ominous headway on the inside in the straight, the multiple Classic entry and 1-2 favourite seized control approaching the final eighth and was ridden out to prevail by 2 1/4 lengths from Mittersill (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}). “He had a good run last year [at Leopardstown on debut Oct. 25] and had a nice start at the Curragh in very bad ground,” commented Aidan O’Brien. “He ran a nice race there as he was a bit keen. He’ll step up in class now and could go for the [May 21 G1] Irish [2000] Guineas or a Derby Trial. I’d say there is a good chance he’ll run in the Irish Guineas. He doesn’t need a mile-and-a-half, but he might get it.” Bravery’s second dam is the MG1SW champion and G1 1000 Guineas heroine Sonic Lady (Nureyev). His siblings include G1 Poule d’Essai des Poulains third Furner’s Green (Ire) (Dylan Thomas {Ire}), G1 Irish Oaks third Lady Lupus (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}) and MGSP Mystical Lady (Ire) (Halling), herself the dam of G1 Irish Derby and G1 Ascot Gold Cup placegetter Kingfisher (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, €9,570. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-D Smith, Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor & Mrs A M O’Brien; B-Whisperview Trading Ltd (IRE); T-Aidan O’Brien.

3rd-DUN, €13,000, Cond, 4-18, 4yo/up, 7f (AWT), 1:24.12, st. YUFTEN (GB) (h, 5, [Invincible Spirit {Ire}](#)--Majestic Sakeena {Ire}, by King’s Best) Lifetime Record: 10-2-2-1, €61,087. O/B-Saleh Al Homaizi & Imad Al Sagar (GB); T-Johnny Murtagh.

‘Go Racing Kids’ Club’ Day Held at Leopardstown:

Horse Racing Ireland (HRI) hosted a ‘Go Racing Kids’ Club’ Day at Leopardstown Racecourse in advance of the May 8 Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial Day HRI announced Monday. The initiative, which is focused on building ties between racecourses and their local community, is aimed at encouraging an affinity with racing which will hopefully produce future racegoers. A total of 250 fifth and sixth class pupils from four local schools attended the event and were welcomed by Chief Executive, Pat Keogh. They participated in R.A.C.E. (Racing Academy and Centre of Education) demonstrations and listened to jockey Paul Carberry and trainer Philip Rothwell speaking about their day-to-day routines in racing. The children also engaged in various racing games, puzzles and quizzes, overseen by Marie-Louise Donnelly from ‘Front Runner-Racing Club for Kids’.

“We had a great morning here in Leopardstown when we welcomed children from local schools,” said Keogh. “It was great to see their interest in racing and we look forward to seeing them all back here with their families before too long.”

Added Carberry, “The Go Racing Kids Club is a great initiative to encourage local children to get interested in racing, especially in Dublin where many children may not have been exposed to the sport.”



Monday’s Results:

2nd-SCD, €25,000, Mdn, 4-18, unraced 3yo, c/g, 10fT, 2:20.02, vsf.
+PRIVATE AFFAIR (FR) (c, 3, [Pour Moi {Ire}](#)--Private Eye {Fr} {SW-Fr}, by American Post {GB}), a €100,000 ARAUG yearling, tracked the leaders in fifth until improving one spot at halfway in this first go. Nudged closer once into the stretch run, the 13-2 chance seized control passing the two pole and was pushed clear inside the final furlong to easily account for Instant de Reve (Fr) (Vision d’Etat {Fr}) by four lengths. He is a half-brother to a 2-year-old colt by Rock of Gibraltar (Ire). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €12,500. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Frederic Sauque & Simon Lloyd; B-Mme Hilary Erculiani (FR); T-Nicolas Clement.

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3rd-SCD, €25,000, Mdn, 4-18, unraced 3yo, c/g, 10fT, 2:19.73, vsf. +ARMANDE (IRE) (f, 3, Sea the Stars {Ire}--Alpine Snow {Ire} {SW & GSP-Fr}, by Verglas {Ire}), settled off the pace towards the rear from the break in this unveiling. Fanning wide with the field into the straight, the 4-1 favourite was shaken up to close approaching the final quarter-mile and pushed out once taking over entering the final eighth to comfortably assert by 1 1/2 lengths from Thurgovia (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}). Armande's third dam Alegretta (GB) (Lombard {Ger}) is the dam of G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe victress Urban Sea (Miswaki), herself the dam of Galileo (Ire), Sea the Stars {Ire}), et al. He is kin to a 2-year-old filly and a yearling colt, both by Invincible Spirit (Ire). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €12,500. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+En Souplesse (Fr), f, 3, Air Chief Marshal (Ire)--Saroushka (Fr), by Westerner (GB). SCD, 4-18, 12fT, 2:48.22. B-Elie & Mlle Sarah Lellouche (FR).

Belle Dauphine (GB), f, 3, Dalakhani (Ire)--Bruxcalina (Fr), by Linamix (Fr) (SP-Fr). LSU, 4-17, 13fT, 3:14.80. B-Newsells Park Stud (GB). *€70,000 RNA Ylg '14 ARAUG.

Deduce (Fr), f, 3, Iffraaj (GB)--Count the Cost, by Cozzene. AUC, 4-17, 10fT, 2:04.04. B-London Thoroughbred Services Ltd (FR).

Firstclass (Ger), f, 3, Lawman (Fr)--Fulminante (Ger), by Dashing Blade (GB). LSU, 4-17, 9 1/2fT, 2:12.10. B-Gestut Etzean (GER). *€67,000 Ylg '14 BBAGS.

Mixed Mind (Fr), c, 3, Soldier of Fortune (Ire)--Princess Mix (Fr) (MSP-Fr), by Linamix (Fr). BBG, 4-17, 9f 165yT. B-Jonathan Pease (FR). *€10,000 Wlg '13 ARQDEC.

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Fame game: Hong Kong jockeys and trainers reveal their celebrity status in racing-mad culture Tony Cruz took public transport once: "Never again." Granted, Cruz's fame is probably unparalleled in Hong Kong racing, with multiple jockey and trainer championships and a combined win tally approaching 2,000 giving him local hero status, but he isn't alone in being a celebrity jockey or trainer--particularly with the racing-mad working class. **Michael Cox, South China Morning Post**



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De Kock's assistant trainer Trevor Brown is happy with Ertijaal's condition and said, "The horse has done well and he's quite adaptable. He looks to have adjusted well to the surroundings here and is working along as we'd hope."

Also given the thumbs up was the Aidan O'Brien-trained **Highland Reel (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}). Pat Keating is on hand in Hong Kong overseeing preparations with the 4-year-old, who already has a course win to his name when beating Flintshire (GB) (Dansili {GB}) in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase last December.

"The horse travelled well," said Keating. "He's a pretty seasoned traveller now and he's settled in well."

That's certainly no exaggeration when you consider Highland Reel's last six runs have been in Britain, USA, Ireland, Australia, Hong Kong and Dubai. The Coolmore runner drops back two furlongs on Sunday after finishing fourth to Postponed (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) in the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic at Meydan, but Keating is not overly concerned with the trip.

"He's a versatile galloper and the trip's no problem," said Keating. "He did win the [G1] Secretariat S. at the distance and was good behind Winx (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}) in the [G1] Cox Plate. That form has held up.

The race is shaping up to be a thriller with a classy home defence headed by the likes of **Designs On Rome (Ire)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) and **Werther (NZ)** (Tavistock {NZ}) in addition to the Japanese challengers **Satono Crown (Jpn)** (Marju {Ire}) and **Nuovo Record (Jpn)** (Heart's Cry {Jpn}).

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ENGLISH VICTORY SO APT

The final Group 1 race-day of the Sydney Autumn Carnival provided yet more reminders that the influence of great mares is a gift that keeps on giving. Two ever-fruitful families tasted big-race success at Randwick with **English (Aus)** (Encosta De Lago {Aus}) taking the weight-for-age feature, the G1 All-Aged S., and **(He's) Our Rokkii (NZ)** (Roc De Cambes {NZ}) winning the principal 3-year-olds' race, the G3 Frank Packer Plate. Both come from great families who have been throwing up good horses for decades.

The victory of English would have brought a smile to the face of the late Lord Howard de Walden, one of the last of the great English owner/breeders and a man whose love of the antipodes was nearly on par with his love of the turf. He enjoyed great success over several decades and the influence of his bloodlines was carried around the world by the likes of 1957 Coventry S. winner Amerigo (GB) (Nearco {Ity}) and 1965 Coronation Cup winner Oncidium (GB) (Alcide {GB}), who enjoyed excellent stud careers in the USA and New Zealand respectively.

Sharpen Up (Atan) was arguably the stallion whom Lord Howard de Walden used to greatest effect. Charged with finding a fast horse with a low stud fee for Doubly Sure (GB) (Reliance {Fr}), Lord Howard's stud manager Leslie Harrison booked the mare into Sharpen Up, who was standing in 1975 at Side Hill Stud for £200. The result was Kris (GB), a champion miler who



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became champion sire of Great Britain and Ireland in 1985 when standing at Lord Howard's Thornton Stud in Yorkshire. Doubly Sure's return to Sharpen Up in 1979 yielded Diesis (GB), a Group 1 winner at two in both the Middle Park S. and the Dewhurst

S. before enjoying a very successful stud career in the USA.

Another stallion whom Lord Howard favoured was the Hyperion (GB)-line horse Tudor Melody (GB) (Tudor Minstrel {GB}). The first good Tudor Melody filly whom he owned was Dulcet (GB), out of Soft Angels (GB) (Crepello {GB}), who he purchased in utero. An even better Tudor Melody filly whom Lord Howard bred and raced was Magic Flute (GB). Trained in Warren Place by Noel Murless, she was England's champion 2-year-old filly of 1970 before excelling again at three, when she finished second in the 1000 Guineas before recording a six-length triumph in the Coronation S. at Royal Ascot. Magic Flute duly turned out to be an excellent broodmare, producing seven winners.

Although bred in the purple, Magic Flute's daughter La Papagena (GB) (Habitat) never raced. However, she more than made up for that omission by producing the last great horse to carry Lord Howard's apricot silks: Grand Lodge (Chief's Crown), a Group 1 winner of the 1993 Dewhurst S. and the 1994 St James's Palace S., as well as being nosed out in both the 2000 Guineas and Champion S. Grand Lodge went on to do well at stud, most notably being represented by Sinndar (Ire) and Freemason (Aus), winners on the same day in June 2000 of the G1 Derby at Epsom and the G1 Queensland Derby at Eagle Farm.

Two years after Grand Lodge had entered William Jarvis' Newmarket stable, his half-sister La Papaya (Alleged) followed suit. Her stay there was less notable as she never raced but, exported to Australia, she has ultimately flown the family's flag with distinction.

Speed-oriented stallions have been used most effectively on her tribe

Down Under. Her daughter Splish (Aus) (Zeditave {Aus}) proved a good servant for Newhaven Park Stud, most notably by breeding Court (Aus) (Anabaa), whose best wins came over 1200 metres at Group 2 level in the Champagne Classic at Doomben as a 2-year-old in May 2008 and in the Sapphire S. at Randwick the following season. Court has followed the family tradition by thriving at stud now that her daughter English has carried the Newhaven Park silks to Group 1 glory in the All-Aged S. to complement her juvenile form which saw her take the G2 Reising S. before finishing second in last year's G1 Golden Slipper S.

In an era in which the focus seems to be directed ever more sharply towards young stallions, it is possibly worth mentioning that English's sire, the excellent Encosta De Lago (Aus) (Fairy King), was aged 19 when English was born. **Cont. p8**



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English Victory So Apt Cont.

Great filly though Magic Flute (GB) was, her racecourse achievements fell short of the feats of La Mer (NZ) (Copenhagen {GB}). La Mer was the greatest filly/racemare in New Zealand in the 1970s, winner of 24 races and a champion at ages two, three and four. After her retirement, she was bought by Captain Tim Rogers of Airlie Stud in Ireland. There she proved slightly disappointing in the first generation--although her seven winners did include the stakes winner Cipriani (Ire) (Habitat)--but good horses have continued to emerge from her clan including the Group 1 winners Nahrain (GB) (Selkirk) and Little Jamie (Aus) (St Jude {Aus}), as well as 1998 Oaks runner-up Bahr (GB) (Generous {Ire}).

The latest star to descend from La Mer is (He's) Our Rökkii, who has now won two stakes races at Randwick this month: the G3 Frank Packer Plate on Saturday and the G3 Carbine Club S. two weeks previously. His dam Clerihew (GB) (Lomitas {GB}) is a great-grand-daughter of La Mer, being a daughter of Irish Group 3 winner Clerio (GB) (Soviet Star), herself a half-sister to Bahr.

(He's) Our Rökkii is clearly progressive and, while he would need to make further improvement, it is not fanciful to think that he might measure up in weight-for-age company in the spring. In fact, one could see him lining up in something like the G1 Mackinnon S. at Flemington on Victoria Derby Day, a race in which his fourth dam La Mer chased home the previous season's Cox Plate winner Family Of Man (Aus) (Lots Of Man) 36 years ago.

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Stryker Colt Tops Inglis Day 2:

A colt by Stryker (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) topped the second of two days of selling at the Inglis VOBIS Gold Yearling Sale on Monday. [Lot 152](#) was knocked down to trainer Shea Eden for A\$85,000 and was one of six yearlings purchased by the Cranbourne based trainer for a total of A\$211,000 on Sunday and Monday, including the top two priced yearlings in the sale. Throughout the day a total of 119 of the 133 offered yearlings



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were sold at an average of A\$15,018 giving an aggregate of A\$1,787,250.

“On behalf of Inglis I would like to thank all vendors who have supported our yearling sales in Victoria this year and have been

rewarded with record results across the board, from Premier Sessions One and Two through to this tremendous VOBIS Gold Sale,” said Inglis Victorian Manager Simon Vivian.

The sale-topping colt is the second foal of a multiple winning Elvstroem (Aus) (Danehill) mare Actrice (Aus) and was offered through the draft of Three Bridges Thoroughbreds, which stand the Group-1 producing sire Stryker.

“I’ve got a number of Stryker’s in the stable and I really like them,” said Eden. “I heard prior to the sale that Three Bridges had a really nice colt coming here and I was really keen to come and have a look at him.”

The trainer also signed for the next most expensive yearling, a colt by Foxwedge (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), [lot 189](#) that sold for A\$82,000.

Added Eden, "As soon as I saw the Foxwedge colt I really liked him. He has a strong pedigree being out of Stravinsky mare that ran second in a Group 1 and he just looks like an early type. He has a great nature, good attitude and is really good bodied horse."



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