

STRONG OPENER AT OBS APRIL



Session-topping hip 289 | Louise Reinagel

by Jessica Martini and Christie DeBernardis

OCALA, Florida – The Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's April Sale of 2-Year-Olds kicked off its four-day run with figures up across the board during a strong opening session in Ocala Tuesday. For the session, 154 head grossed \$11,180,500. The average of \$72,61 was up 26.9% from last year's opening session, while the median rose 17.5%.

"While it's always hard to compare day-to-day results, we are very pleased with today's results," said OBS Director of Sales Tod Wojciechowski. "It seemed like there was a level of strength all the way through the market. I think this bodes well and is a good start for the sale. All in all, a great start to the four days."

A colt by Into Mischief ([hip 289](#)) topped the day's session when selling for \$335,000 to B. Wayne Hughes's Spendthrift Farm. Consigned by Leslie and John Malone's Bridlewood Farm, the youngster was one of six to top the \$300,000 mark Tuesday, while 11 topped the \$200,000 plateau. The top price during last year's opening session was \$280,000, with seven juveniles topping \$200,000.

With a total of 304 head catalogued for Tuesday's session, 214 went through the sales ring and 60 horses failed to meet their reserves for a buy-back rate of 28%. Last year's opening-session buy-back rate, with the inclusion of post-sale transactions, was 20.3%.

The OBS April sale continues through Friday, with sessions beginning daily at 10:30 a.m. **Cont. p3**

FINAL COUNTDOWN

by Bill Oppenheim

After the upset win by **Creator** (Tapit) in the final Grade I Derby prep, last Saturday's GI Arkansas Derby (Beyer 96), even with the other, favored Tapit, Cupid, out of the money and now out of the Derby, Gainesway's flagship sire has reclaimed the top spot on the 2016 YTD TDN General Sire List (NA/EU earnings only) from Coolmore Ashford's **Uncle Mo** ([click here](#)). Tapit now has 52 winners in NA/EU this year (as of Tuesday), and the earners of \$4.65-million, and is now the leading NA/EU sire in 2016 by number of Graded/Group SW (GSW), with seven, topping **Bernardini**, who has six. Interestingly, all the Black-Type Winners (BTW) by both horses this year are GSW, which must be an indicator of class. Tapit is also the leading sire of Black-Type Horses (22), as well as of Graded/Group stakes horses (GSH), with 18; so 82% of his BTW are GSH. Bernardini has 92% GSH/BTH (12/13). **Cont. p10**

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TODAY'S GRADED STAKES

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10:40a	Prix de Fontainebleau-G3, CHA	-----	----
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Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
289	colt	Into Mischief	Summer Song	335,000
		(\$100,000 yrl '15 KEESEP)		
		<i>B-Richard & Connie Snyder (KY)</i>		
		Consigned by Bridlewood Farm		
		Purchased by Spendthrift Farm LLC		
33	colt	Midnight Lute	Platinum Preferred	310,000
		(\$28,000 yrl '15 KEESEP)		
		<i>B-Roger Long (Ky)</i>		
		Consigned by Randy Miles, Agent I		
		Purchased by Ruis Racing		
128	filly	Shackleford	Royal Affection	310,000
		(\$125,000 yrl '15 SARAUG)		
		<i>B-Kaz Hill Farm (NY)</i>		
		Consigned by SGV Thoroughbreds		
		Purchased by Narvick International		

95	filly	Street Cry (Ire)	Real Sense (Ire)	300,000
		(\$240,000 wlg '14 KEENOV; RNA \$235,000 yrl '15 KEESEP; RNA \$170,000 yrl '15 FTKOCT)		
		<i>B-Brookdale, Ted Folkerth & Double K (KY)</i>		
		Consigned by Stephens Thoroughbreds LLC, Agent VIII		
		Purchased by Alessandro Marconi/Al Aasfa Racing		
148	colt	Pioneerof the Nile	Sangam	300,000
		(\$62,000 wlg '14 FTKNOV; RNA \$135,000 yrl '15 KEESEP)		
		<i>B-Victor Zambrano & Crowning Point Farm (KY)</i>		
		Consigned by Bobby Dodd, Agent VI		
		Purchased by L.E.B./D.J./D.I.		
235	filly	Kitten's Joy	Softly	300,000
		(\$85,000 wlg '14 KEENOV; \$120,000 yrl '15 KEESEP)		
		<i>B-Ben P. Walden Jr. & John Stuart (KY)</i>		
		Consigned by Hoppel's Horse & Cattle Co., Inc., Agent II		
		Purchased by Mike Ryan, Agent		
242	colt	Shackleford	Something Brewing	280,000
		<i>B-English Range Farm (FL)</i>		
		Consigned by Envision Equine, Agent IV		
		Purchased by Ray Willis et al		
301	filly	Majestic Warrior	Sweetest Song	270,000
		<i>B-SJT Racing Stable (FL)</i>		
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Into Mischief Colt on Top at April Opener

B. Wayne Hughes's Spendthrift Farms secured a colt by its stallion Into Mischief for a session-topping \$335,000 during Tuesday's opening session of the OBS April sale. [Hip 289](#), consigned by Bridlewood Farm, is out of graded stakes placed Summer Song (Sunday Break {Jpn}), a half-sister to graded stakes winner Don't Tell Sophia (Congaree). He worked a furlong during last week's under-tack show in [:10 flat](#).

"He was very much what you'd expect from Into Mischief," Spendthrift General Manager Ned Toffey said. "Into Mischief stamps them pretty much and he's very much what you'd be looking for in an Into Mischief. It was a great breeze and it was a really good organization that was selling him. We're thrilled to have him."

Of future plans for the colt, Toffey added, "We're not sure where he'll go yet. He'll go back to Spendthrift and get about 30 days off and then we'll sort things out with various trainers."

The session-topper was Spendthrift's second purchase of the day. The farm, in partnership with Town & Country Racing went to \$100,000 to acquire [hip 79](#). The juvenile is another son of Into Mischief, who stands at Spendthrift for \$45,000.

-[@JessMartiniTDN](#)

Bridlewood Back on Pinhooking Scene

Bridlewood Farm, now owned by Leslie and John Malone, has made headlines as a leading buyer at recent bloodstock sales, but Tuesday's session topper at OBS April marked a successful return to the pinhooking arena for the historic Ocala-based farm.

"We did pinhooking for years under the old Bridlewood and it was one of my goals when the Malones bought Bridlewood that we would get back into pinhooking on a very limited, quality, basis," explained longtime Bridlewood general manager George Isaacs.

On behalf of Bridlewood, Isaacs signed the ticket on the Into Mischief colt at \$100,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale. The youngster was one of seven Isaacs purchased to pinhook last fall.

"He is by a very good stallion and out of a stakes-winning mare," Isaacs said of the colt's appeal. "When I bought him at Keeneland September, I thought I bought him at good value. And everything went right. I want to give Jonathan Thomas credit for the job he did preparing the horse at the farm--he made my job easy."

Bridlewood will continue to be a part of the pinhooking scene on a limited basis going forward, according to Isaacs.

"I want it to be strictly boutique," he said. "I want people to know that we're offering quality horses. That they vet and that we are representing quality." -[@JessMartiniTDN](#)

Midnight Strikes Twice for Miles

When [hip 33](#) brought a final bid of \$310,000 from Ruis Racing early in Tuesday's opening session of the OBS April sale, it marked a major pinhooking score for Virginia-based consignor Randy Miles. Miles purchased the youngster for \$28,000 out of last year's Keeneland September Yearling Sale.

"We were a little surprised to get him for that, but we were delighted to get him," Miles said. "He had the same look [as a yearling]--he was big and strong and we just thought and hoped he would turn into what he turned into. Sometimes those things work and sometimes they don't and this one did."

The juvenile, who worked a furlong in [:10 flat](#) at the sale's under-tack preview, is out of Platinum Preferred (Vindication), a half-sister to Canadian champion A Bit o'Gold (Gold Fever).

Miles knew early on the colt would be a popular offering in Ocala.

"We knew right away he had some quality and some class," Miles recalled. "Early in 2016 when we started breezing him a little bit, he showed that he had the talent to go with the class. And everything just worked. And then we had a lot of interest [at the sale] and several vettings."

Miles, who estimated his operation would pinhook about a dozen head a year, had more success with Midnight Lute later in Tuesday's session of the sale when [hip 172](#) sold for \$150,000. Miles had purchased the youngster for \$42,000 at the Keeneland September sale. **Cont. p5**



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“It just happened that we really liked those two horses at the yearling sales and they happened to be by Midnight Lute,” Miles explained. “I’ve had good luck with the Midnight Lutes in previous years--he’s just a good, solid sire. Both horses were sound and healthy and hopefully they’ll go on and win some races.” - [@JessMartiniTDN](#)

Shackleford Filly to Japan

Riki Takahashi has bought his share of Japanese champions at OBS through the years, such as Moanin (Henny Hughes), Asia Express (Henny Hughes) and Best Warrior (Majestic Warrior). The Japanese bloodstock agent hopes that he has found his latest star in [Hip 128](#), a Shackleford filly he purchased for \$310,000 during Tuesday’s session of OBS April.

“I like Shackleford,” Takahashi said of the [:20.4](#) breezer’s appeal. “The breeze was so beautiful and she has a very nice face. I like her very much. She will be sent to Japan for my clients.”

Takahashi did his bidding alongside Narvick International’s Emmanuel de Seroux and that pair was also responsible for the topper of the Barretts March Sale, a \$460,000 colt by The Factor.

Hip 128 is the second foal out of Royal Affection (Vindication), a half-sister to GIII Pin Oak Valley View S. winner Tiger Ride (Candy Ride {Arg}) and MSW and GSP Ol Donyo (Curlin). She was purchased for \$35,000 with this filly in utero by Kaz Hill Farm’s Peter Kazamias, at the 2014 Keeneland January sale.

The dark bay filly went through the ring for the first time at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga New York-bred sale last August, where she was snapped up for \$125,000 by a pinhooking partnership known as The Team. Steve Venosa’s SGV Thoroughbreds consigned her to this sale on their behalf.

“Anytime you lead a horse up there and are able to sell it, you are very pleased, so we were very happy with the price,” Venosa commented while basking in the sunshine outside of his Barn 3. “She is going to a great home. Given she is a New York-bred, you always want to see them perform at Saratoga, but I’m sure going over [to Japan], she will definitely show up and do well over there.”

The filly’s good looks and nice movement, which caught Takahashi’s eye, were also what attracted The Team to her as a yearling.

“She had a good overall frame and a very athletic walk,” Venosa recalled. “She looked like she had a very good disposition on her and just the way she conducted herself for the sale--she showed the same in the afternoon as she did in the



Riki Takahashi & Hip 128 | Christie DeBernadis

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morning, so we liked that about her. She just had a really elegant walk, the way it flowed.”

The April foal continued to impress Venosa as she developed over the winter.

“She was one that was always a late bloomer, but she was always just doing everything right,” he remarked. “So, we had felt being that she was an April foal, we would target her for this sale. She was peaking at the right time and it was evident by her performance here.”

As for his impressions of the 2-year-old market, Venosa said, “We’ve had a really solid year. We are kind of a small consignment. We only sell approximately 30 horses a year. We are kind of different from the next guy, so we like to come to market with what we feel are really good quality horses and we have been rewarded so far this year with them. For us, we are very pleased with the market. It seems like the top sells well, if they want them, and there really isn’t a middle market. Sales like here where there are 1200 horses, there is a horse that appeals to all buyers.” - [@CDeBernadisTDN](#)



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Street Cry Filly Finds a Home Overseas

After RNA'ing three previous times, [Hip 95](#), a Street Cry (Ire) filly, has found a new home across the pond after selling to bloodstock agent Alessandro Marconi for \$300,000 during the opening session of OBS April Tuesday. Consigned by Stephens Thoroughbreds LLC, Agent VIII, the filly breezed a furlong in [:10.](#)

"It's a client that is related to a good family in Dubai, but does not want to disclose his name," Marconi offered after signing the ticket out back for Hip 95 and [Hip 99](#), a Pioneer of the Nile filly who sold for just \$19,000. "She will go to Newmarket and then eventually to Dubai, but first she is going to stay in Newmarket for a while."

The bay went through the ring the first time as a weanling at the 2014 Keeneland November sale, where she RNA'd for \$240,000. Back in the Keeneland ring just 10 months later for the September sale, she failed to sell again after a bid of \$235,000 and she RNA'd once more at last term's Fasig-Tipton October sale for \$175,000.

Bred by Brookdale, Ted Folkerth and Double K, Hip 95 is out of the Galileo (Ire) mare Real Sense (Ire), who is a half-sister to German Group 1 winner and French group stakes winner Saddex (Sadler's Wells {Ire}). This is also the family of English highweight Chimes of Freedom (Private Account).

"We like Street Cry and my client has been so keen for the dam line has Galileo," Marconi commented as to what attracted him to the filly. "She looks like she will grow a bit."

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Bullet Worker Causes Late Sparks

A Shackelford colt, catalogued as [Hip 242](#), inspired lively bidding late in the day Tuesday when selling for \$280,000 after breezing in a bullet [:20.3](#) during the second session of last week's breeze show. The winning bidder was Jay Kilgore of Data Track International, a company which analyzes stride length, biomechanics, conformation and cardio scores in horses.

"I never thought I'd be interviewed, but I also never thought that horse was going to go for that much," Kilgore remarked. "I am surprised at the price, but he is that good of a horse. I was



Jay Kilgore | Data Track

here for all the [breeze] videos. I shoot my own videos and do my own stride analysis and everything. Just coming around the turn, I thought this was a nice moving horse and he just continued to do it. He had good stride numbers, good biomechanics, good cardio score, so he passed everything that we do for my company. I bought him for some guys out West, so what

they are going to do with him I don't know."

Bred in Florida by Gary Smith's English Range Farm, the chestnut is a half-brother to GSP Pedal to the medal (Medallist) and also hails from the family of GSW and GISP Concave (Colonel John).

He was consigned to the sale by Envision Equine, a company started by 23-year-old Brittany Dallaire and 31-year-old Jonathan Poole that is in just its second year of selling. Ridden by Dallaire during the breeze show, Hip 242 is the first bullet worker for Envision and their highest-priced horse sold to date. The operation's previous top seller was a Sidney's Candy colt that brought \$125,000 during last year's OBS June sale.



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Dominus Filly in Demand at OBS

Consignor Cary Frommer admitted she wasn't sure what to expect when she sent [hip 161](#), a first-crop daughter of multiple graded stakes winner Dominus (Smart Strike), through the sales ring Tuesday at OBS.

"She did everything perfectly, but I just didn't know what to expect with a first-year sire," said Frommer, who was selling the filly on behalf of breeder Allen Poindexter.

Frommer need not have worried. The youngster, who RNA'd for \$14,000 at last year's Keeneland September Yearling Sale, attracted a final bid of \$200,000 from Lollipop Farm.

"She had a beautiful breeze and a beautiful gallop-out," Frommer added. "And she is an Iowa-bred, which was a big appeal to a lot of people."

The bay filly is out of stakes winner Sea Bloom (Sea Hero) and is a half to Panamanian champion Tale of Angel (Tale of Ekati).

Dominus, winner of the 2011 Gil Dwyer S., stands at Spendthrift for \$3,500. The stallion was represented by a \$250,000 yearling colt during last year's Fasig-Tipton July Sale and his success in the OBS sales ring was no surprise to Spendthrift general manager Ned Toffey.

"Right from as soon as they were foals on the ground, we've been hearing from breeders and then from people who bought them as weanlings to pinhook, every step along the way we've heard really good feedback," Toffey said. "So we're really excited about him. He's a beautiful horse with a great pedigree.

He's doing all the right things so far."

Dominus, who is out of multiple graded stakes placed Cuando (Lord at War {Arg}), has a further four juveniles expected to sell this week in Ocala.

"It didn't look like there was a bad breeze among them," Toffey said. "So we are really tickled about that."

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• No. Sold	154	181
• RNAs	60	46
• % RNAs	28%	20.3%
• No. \$200K+	11	8
• High Price	\$335,000	\$280,000
• Gross	\$11,180,500	\$10,351,200
• Average (% change)	\$72,601 (+27%)	\$57,189
• Median (% change)	\$47,000 (+17.5%)	\$40,000

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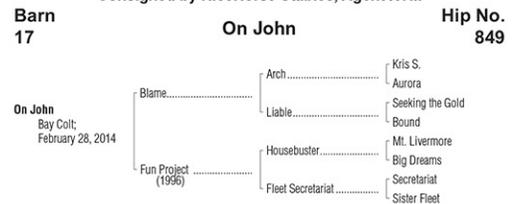
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FUN LOGIC (f. by Miesque's Son), 5 wins, 2 to 4, \$371,012, Adoration H.-R (DMR, \$69,012), 2nd Likely Exchange S. (TP, \$9,400), 3rd California Cup Juvenile Fillies S.-R (OSA, \$15,000), Cat's Cradle H.-R (HOL, \$12,000).

FREESGOOD (c. by Free House), 4 wins at 2 and 4, \$313,449, California Cup Juvenile S.-R (OSA, \$75,000), Phil D. Shepherd S. (FPX, \$35,750), 2nd El Camino Real Derby [G3] (BM, \$40,000), Ralph M. Hinds Invitational H. (LJ) (FPX, \$22,500), 3rd Alydar S. (LJ) (HOL, \$11,910).

Youarefun (g. by You and I), 18 wins, 3 to 8, \$184,250, 2nd Albuquerque Derby (ALB, \$11,000), Ruidoso Thoroughbred Derby (RUI, \$11,000).

Our Laughing Lady (f. by Zensational), 2 wins at 3, \$79,471.
Bemuse (f. by Benchmark), 4 wins, 3 to 5, \$78,705. Producer.

Moss Code (g. by Congrats), Placed at 3, 2015, \$44,947.

2nd dam
FLEET SECRETARIAT, by Secretariat, 6 wins, 3 to 5, \$165,760, Burnsville H. (CBY, \$27,700), [Q], 2nd Coca Cola Centennial H. (LJ) (ELP, \$20,000), Fargo S. (CBY, \$6,000), [Q], 3rd [Q]. Dam of 8 foals, 6 winners, incl.--

HOUSTON FLEET M D (c. by Houston), 13 wins, 2 to 8, \$201,974, Albany H. (LJ) (GG, \$34,650), Berkeley H. (GG, \$26,600), Simply Majestic H. (GG, \$24,360), Ken Arnold Ranch H. (BM, \$19,565), 2nd Leland Stanford S. (LJ) (BM, \$10,000).

FLEET BROAD (f. by Broad Brush), 7 wins at 3 and 4, \$146,320, Conniver S.-R (LRL, \$36,000), 3rd Gaillardette H. [G3], Geisha H.-R (PIM, \$11,000). Sent to Japan. Dam of 4 foals to race, 3 winners--

My Navy (g. by Valley Crossing), 9 wins, 2 to 5, \$152,193, 3rd Maryland Juvenile Championship S.-R (LRL, \$11,000).

Fluid (f. by Dehere), Winner at 2, \$48,940, 3rd Blue Hen S. (LJ) (DEL, \$8,250). Dynamic Ace, 3 wins at 3, \$51,649,000, in Japan. (Total: \$455,178).

High Drama, 11 wins, 3 to 9, \$226,730.
Gunpowder Falls, 12 wins, 3 to 10, \$54,674.

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Mulligan Gets Back in the Game

Mike Mulligan, whose Leprechaun Racing Partnerships was one of the preeminent 2-year-old consignors in the early 2000s, has been out of the game since suffering injuries from a fall in 2009, but the native New Yorker is back at OBS April both as a seller and with a new business venture.

“Once I got involved in the Thoroughbred business, it’s all I’ve wanted to do,” Mulligan, who served as president of the National Association of 2-Year-Old Consignors for nearly a decade, said Tuesday. “I love it, it’s in my blood. I’ve been in it since 1997 full time. I had to take a little vacation due to injury, but I’ve been wanting to come back and I just wanted to make sure that I was good enough to fairly represent the people who invested with me and trusted me to make sure that we put the horses in the right place and do the right thing and buy the right horses and have financial success and to have our buyers believe in the horses that we buy and have respect for us and to have repeat business like we did in the past.”

Mulligan returned to the sales sheets at last year’s Fasig-Tipton July Sale and in the name of his newly formed pinhooking partnership Emerald Bloodstock purchased five yearlings. Among those youngsters was a colt by Majesticperfection out of Magic Belle (Gold Case). Consigned by RiceHorse Stables as [hip 1090](#), the colt turned in a co-bullet :9 4/5 work during last

week’s under-tack preview.

“I scored that horse a 6F, which is the best score I gave at the July sale,” Mulligan said of the speedy youngster. “And I think he is one of the best physical horses. He may be lacking in pedigree, but what he is lacking in pedigree, he more than overcompensates for in ability. He is beautiful on the end of the shank and he galloped out in :9 4/5, :20 flat, :33 1/5 and :46 4/5.”

There are eight members of Mulligan’s pinhooking partnership and, in addition to RiceHorse, Grassroots Training and Sales is also handling consignor duties for the partnerships.

“I have three partners from my old partnerships,” he said of the group. “Then I have some people who are involved in the training process who asked to get involved financially as well. One of them is a longtime client who I have bought horses for a number of years and believes in my program. And there are two people who aren’t in the Thoroughbred business, but know me well enough and decided to invest with me.”

Mulligan, whose pinhooking graduates include \$1.7-million Fasig-Tipton Florida graduate Munnings, has also launched a new initiative featuring in-depth analysis of breeze show results.

“I felt like there was a need in the marketplace,” Mulligan said of his analysis, which ranks juveniles by work time, gallop-out time and barn number, as well as providing observations on

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wind directions and incidents prior and during a work. "I wanted to put something together that was as much information as I could do and put 100% effort into it and make it market-friendly from a financial standpoint to where there are a lot more informed buyers who have information that helps them make good decisions. Because I think what we need is more racehorse owners that are having good experiences and are going to continue to buy 2-year-olds in the marketplace. And I think this is a good way to do it."

Mulligan is clearly enjoying his return to the industry.

"I'm loving it," Mulligan said. "I feel better than I have in years." -@JessMartiniTDN

All Star Sighting at OBS April

At 6'8" tall, Hall of Fame NBA forward Scottie Pippen was easy to spot sitting at a table in OBS's tiki bar beside the walking ring.

"I just came here with a friend, Sam Herzberg," Pippen commented. "He is big into horse racing, so I am just down here enjoying the day with him. He had Black Onyx in the Derby a few years ago, but he got scratched."

The Arkansas native, who joined forces with Michael Jordan to lead the Chicago Bulls to six NBA titles, is a new face on the Thoroughbred scene, but isn't looking to buy any racehorses of his own just yet.

"I would say it's enticing, but I don't have any plans of investing," Pippen offered.

However, the 50-year-old does have a few Quarter Horses that he uses for trail riding on his property in Hamburg, Arkansas, which is about three hours outside of Hot Springs. Despite being a lifelong Arkansas resident, Pippen has never been to Oaklawn, but does go to Churchill Downs for the GI Kentucky Derby.

"I don't really ride them much," Pippen said. "My nephew pretty much does the horse stuff. I tried it for a couple years, but it wasn't my thing." -@CDeBernardisTDN

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Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
41	colt	Gemologist	Positive Energy	170,000

B-Kim & Rodney Nardelli (KY)

Consigned by Grassroots Training & Sales, Agent III

Purchased by Team D

From the first crop of this son of Tiznow, this colt was bred on a \$15,000 cover, but was bought back on a bid of \$72,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton October sale. The May 20 foal breezed a furlong in a slick [:10 flat](#) and made the decision to retain him look shrewd.

134	filly	Munnings	Runaway Beauty	155,000
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B-Kathleen Elizabeth McIsaac (KY)

Consigned by Best A Luck Farm LLC, Agent VII

Purchased by Little Red Feather Racing

Best A Luck Farm gave just \$45,000 at last year's FTKOCT sale for this daughter of Coolmore's Munnings, sire of GI Cotillion S. victrix I'm a Chatterbox and the good turf male Om. The chestnut covered her eighth of a mile in [:10.1](#) during the under-tack preview and rewarded her resellers' confidence Tuesday.

255	filly	Candy Ride (Arg)	Spankin'	185,000
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B-Mount Brilliant Farm & Ranch (KY)

Consigned by Harris Training Center, Agent V

Purchased by Barry Berkelhammer, agent

By the sire of GI Kentucky Derby candidate Gun Runner, this Apr. 22 foal out of an A. P. Indy half-sister to the good turf horse Flag Down was knocked down to David Meah for only \$30,000 as a KEESEP yearling a little more than six months back. With a [:10.1](#) breeze in her pocket, she made for a nice profit Tuesday.

301	filly	Majestic Warrior	Sweetest Song	270,000
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B-SJT Racing Stable (FL)

Consigned by Stephens Thoroughbreds LLC, Agent XI

Purchased by Hill 'n' Dale Bloodstock

SJT Farm and Juan Pablo Larrazabal teamed to purchase this filly's dam for \$30,000 in foal to Discreet Cat at Keeneland November in 2012. The mare produced a colt by that sire in 2013, but this--her second foal--knocked it out of the park in the waning moments of day one in Ocala.

From the desk of...

BILL OPPENHEIM



Uncle Mo, for his part, has now sired 25 winners this year, and the earners of \$4.43-million (including the \$1-million bonus won by Nyquist in the GI Xpressbet.com Florida Derby). He leads the three Black-Type categories which Tapit doesn't lead, with eight 2016 BTW, two Grade I winners, and four Grade I horses (placed).

It is perhaps not a coincidence then that Tapit and Uncle Mo between them are likely to be responsible for nearly a third of the GI Kentucky Derby field. Tapit's remaining three, with the defection of Cupid, are: GI Arkansas Derby winner Creator; GI Xpressbet.com Fountain of Youth S. winner Mohaymen; and the G2 UAE Derby winner, the Japanese-trained colt, Lani. Uncle Mo is represented by the undefeated favorite and future Darley stallion, Nyquist; GI Wood Memorial S. winner Outwork; and the subsequently luckless GIII



Tapit: Back on Top

Mathea Kelley, courtesy Gainesway

LeComte S. winner, Mo Tom, who inherits 20th place on the points board and a guaranteed spot in the starting gate with Cupid's defection.

To return to the General Sire List for a moment, it's notable that, as of Tuesday, six of the 12 North American sires to have over \$2-million in NA/EU earnings this year represent the Seattle Slew sire line through A.P. Indy. Besides Tapit, back at number one, Lane's End's **Mineshaft**, sire of last weekend's GII Oaklawn H. winner Effinex and GI Arkansas Derby second Suddenbreakingnews, has jumped into fifth place on the list (\$2.56-million), just ahead of Darley's Bernardini (\$2.55-million), as noted now second only to Tapit with six 2016 GSW. The full brothers **Flatter** (Claiborne, eighth, \$2.47-million) and **Congrats** (WinStar, 10th, \$2.25-million); and the venerable **Malibu Moon** (Spendthrift, 12th, \$2.17-million) round out the five A.P. Indy sons and one grandson (Tapit, by Pulpit) who comprise half of America's top sires this year.

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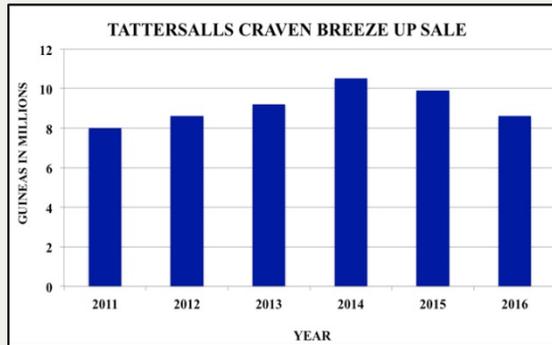
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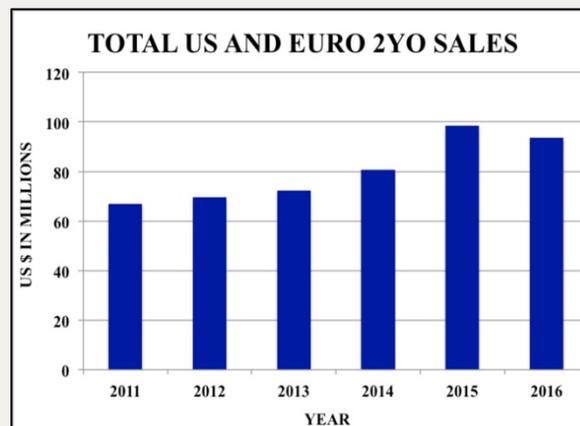
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“The 2-Year-Old market is holding up but has limited depth, as international economic circumstances and uncertainties continue to affect consumer confidence and enthusiasm. Tattersalls Craven 2-Year-Old Sale, really Europe’s top 2-year-old sale, was up 7.5% on average, but the number sold dropped by 19%, the percentage sold from those catalogued dropped from 66% to 56%, and the gross dropped by 13%. For all the 2-year-old sales covered so far, compared with 2015 the number catalogued is up 4%, the number sent through the ring is exactly the same (786), the number sold is down 4%, the gross down by 5%, and the average off a tick, 1%. There is demand, but limited, and no wild spending.”



TATTERSALLS CRAVEN SALE (IN GUINEAS)

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2016	140	107	78	23.6%	72.9%	55.7%	8,641,500	110,788
2015	146	121	96	17.1%	79.3%	65.8%	9,893,500	103,057
2014	166	131	93	21.1%	71.0%	56.0%	10,489,000	112,785
2013	182	155	103	14.8%	66.5%	56.6%	9,235,000	89,660
2012	183	150	117	18.0%	78.0%	63.9%	8,578,000	73,316
2011	196	164	112	16.3%	68.3%	57.1%	7,987,000	71,313



TOTAL US AND EUROPEAN 2YO SALES AS OF APRIL 18, 2016

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2016	1,142	786	571	31.2%	72.6%	50.0%	\$ 93,731,496	\$ 164,153
2015	1,095	786	594	28.2%	75.6%	54.2%	\$ 98,358,654	\$ 165,587
2014	928	608	425	34.5%	69.9%	45.8%	\$ 80,661,921	\$ 189,793
2013	901	645	453	28.4%	70.2%	50.3%	\$ 72,229,027	\$ 159,446
2012	961	692	510	28.0%	73.7%	53.1%	\$ 69,636,516	\$ 136,542
2011	1,122	778	557	30.7%	71.6%	49.6%	\$ 66,845,836	\$ 120,010

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley

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Besides Uncle Mo, the other non-A.P. Indy-line sires with over \$2-million in 2016 NA/EU earnings, include: third-ranked by earnings, Lane's End's **Candy Ride** (\$3.45-million), leading sire of 2016 NA/EU winners, with 64, including GII Twinspires.com Louisiana Derby winner Gun Runner; Ashford's even more venerable **Giant's Causeway** (fourth, \$2.68-million), sire of two Derby contenders in GI Toyota Blue Grass S. winner Brody's Cause, and the Pletcher-trained sleeper, GII Lambholm South Tampa Bay Derby winner Destin. Hill 'n' Dale's **Curlin** (seventh, \$2.49-million) is the sire of the impressive wet-track GI Santa Anita Derby winner Exaggerator, now the likely Derby second favorite; Darley's **Medaglia d'Oro** (ninth, \$2.41-million) is the sire of super-filly Songbird; and another now-venerable, Lane's End's **City Zip** (11th, \$2.24-million) rounds out the non-A.P. Indy line half of the current top 12.



Candy Ride: #1 by NA/EU winners
Brittlan Wall photo

If we want to factor in worldwide earnings, including Hong Kong, Japan, and particularly Dubai World Cup night, the picture at the top does change a bit. Darley's flagship sire, **Dubawi**, racked up \$5.75-million in earnings on Dubai World Cup night, between Postponed's win in the \$6-million G1 Sheema Classic, and Mubtaahij's bang-up second in the G1 Dubai World Cup. So Dubawi leads all NA/EU sires by worldwide earnings ([click here](#)) with 27 winners this year, and the earners of \$8.38-million. Tapit had intended GI Kentucky Derby runner Lani, who is trained in Japan, win on the big night, too, in the \$2-million G2 UAE Derby, which means Tapit is second on the worldwide earnings list, with 58 winners and earners of \$6.84-million (leader by NA/EU earnings, with \$4.65-million). California Chrome's California-based sire (Harris Farms) **Lucky Pulpit** ranks third, with the earners of almost \$6.7-million, of which \$6,210,000 has been won by California Chrome in his three 2016 starts.

Of the current top 10 NA/EU 2016 sires with over \$3-million in worldwide earnings, besides Dubawi; **Empire Maker** (seventh, \$3.20-million with first Japanese crop 4-year-olds of 2016); and fellow Darley F2007 sire **Shamardal** (eighth, \$3.18-million), the balance of the top 10 are the top Kentucky 2016 sires: fourth Uncle Mo (\$4.5-million worldwide), fifth Candy Ride (\$3.5-million), sixth Bernardini (\$3.29-million), eighth Congrats (\$3.11-million) and 10th Giant's Causeway (\$3.04-million).

Both these tables will of course look a lot different by the time a couple of Guineas and the May 7 GI Kentucky Derby have been run in the next three weeks, but as noted the current one-two

by 2016 NA/EU earnings, Tapit and Uncle Mo, could provide 30% of the Derby field. That field is looking pretty well set now. Paul Reddam's racing stable's undefeated Nyquist, from Uncle Mo's first crop, is deservedly, on form, clear favorite around the 5-2 mark. He hasn't run big speed figures, but then again he's never had a great trip, either, always harried for the lead but kicking clear as a 2-year-old, then overcoming a double-wide trip in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile. The third and fourth-place finishers in the Juvenile, Brody's Cause (Giant's Causeway) and Exaggerator (Curlin) came back to win Grade I races the week after Nyquist remained undefeated in the GI Xpressbet.com Florida Derby. The form looks strong.

Then there is a group of maybe seven colts who could be pretty well matched. Exaggerator's impressive win in the GI Santa Anita Derby earned a Beyer of 103, but on a sloppy track which may have played to his strengths; still, he figures to be second favorite. Santa Anita Derby second Mor Spirit (Eskendereya); GI Toyota Blue Grass S. winner Brody's Cause (Giant's Causeway); GII Twinspires.com Louisiana Derby winner Gun Runner (Candy Ride); GII Lambholm South Tampa Bay Derby winner Destin (Giant's Causeway); GI Arkansas Derby winner Creator (Tapit); and GI Wood Memorial winner Outwork (Uncle Mo) all have claims, and some handicappers also seem prepared to still forgive recent beaten favorites Mohaymen (Tapit) and 'TDN Rising Star' Danzing Candy (Twirling Candy).

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LEADING DERBY CONTENDERS

Rk	Horse	Sire	Trainer	2-turn Beyer	Prob Odds
1	Nyquist	Uncle Mo	O'Neill	94+	3
2	Exaggerator	Curlin	Desormeaux	103	7
3	Mor Spirit	Eskendereya	Baffert	97	9
4	Brody's Cause	Giant's Causeway	Romans	91	9
5	Gun Runner	Candy Ride	Asmussen	91	9
6	Destin	Giant's Causeway	Pletcher	100	10
7	Creator	Tapit	Asmussen	96	10
8	Outwork	Uncle Mo	Pletcher	98	12

OTHER CONTENDERS

Horse	Sire	Trainer	2-turn Beyer	Prob Odds
Mo Tom	Uncle Mo	Amoss	88	20
Mohaymen	Tapit	McLaughlin	95	20
Danzing Candy	Twirling Candy	Sise	100	25
My Man Sam	Trappe Shot	C. Brown	95	25
Lani	Tapit	Matsunaga	(est)92	30
Suddenbreakingnews	Mineshaft	Von Hemel	94	30
Whitmore	Pleasantly Perfect	Moquett	92	30
Tom's Ready	More Than Ready	Stewart	85	50
Shagaf	Bernardini	C. Brown	87	50
Oscar Nominated	Kitten's Joy	Maker	82	50
Majesto	Tiznow	Delgado	89	50
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The 2016 Breeders' Cup Challenge series will consist of 77 automatic qualifying races, including four new races, into the Breeders' Cup World Championships with 49 Challenge races held in the U.S. and Canada, and 28 races to be run outside of North America, it was announced Tuesday. Breeders' Cup will pay entry fees and provide travel allowances for the connections of the Challenge winners to compete in the Championships.



Click [here](#) for the complete 2016 "Win and You're In" schedule, which includes winners of the foreign qualifying races which have already been won.

Horses from around the globe will be qualifying for the 33rd Breeders' Cup World Championships, which will be held at Santa Anita Park in Arcadia, Calif., on November 4-5, and televised live in the U.S. by the NBC Sports Group.

This year, the NBC Sports Group will also televise the "Breeders' Cup Challenge Win and You're In Series presented by Lane's End Farm and America's Best Racing," featuring Challenge races across nine shows in the U.S. from June until the World Championships. Click [here](#) for the schedule.

The Breeders' Cup Challenge series, now in its ninth year, will be held at 12 countries: U.S., Canada, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, England, France, Germany, Ireland, Peru and South Africa.

As part of the enhanced benefits to horsemen in the Breeders' Cup Challenge series, Breeders' Cup will pay the entry fees and guarantee a starting position in a corresponding Championships' race for winners of all Challenge races.

Breeders' Cup will also provide travel allowances to all starters outside of California for this year's Championships, including Challenge race winners. Breeders' Cup will provide a \$40,000 travel stipend to the connections of each Challenge winner from outside of North America and a \$10,000 travel allowance for winners within North America that are stabled outside of California. The Challenge winner must already be nominated to the Breeders' Cup program or it must be done by the Championships' pre-entry deadline of October 24 to receive the rewards.

Last year, a record 39 participants in the Breeders' Cup World Championships earned automatic starting positions through the Breeders' Cup Challenge series with six winning their respective divisions: American Pharoah (Pioneer of the Nile), Classic; Stephanie's Kitten (Kitten's Joy), Filly & Mare Turf; Nyquist (Uncle Mo), Sentient Jet Juvenile; Songbird (Medaglia d'Oro), 14 Hands Winery Juvenile Fillies; Runhappy (Super Saver), TwinSpires Sprint; and Catch a Glimpse (City Zip), Juvenile Fillies Turf. A total of 25 Challenge-winning starters earned first-

through fifth-place purse money in the 2015 World Championships.

"Over the years, horsemen around the world have realized that one of the best ways to qualify for the World Championships is through winning a Breeders' Cup Challenge race and receiving the added benefits of an automatic starting position and free entry provided in the series," said Craig Fravel, Breeders' Cup President and CEO. "As we continue to encourage international participation in the Challenge series, we thank our partner race tracks and jurisdictions for their commitment in the administration and promotion of these races."

The series includes four new races in 2016: The G1 Coolmore Legacy Queen of the Turf (Filly & Mare Turf), which was run Apr. 9 at Royal Randwick in Australia; G1 Gran Premio Club Hipico Falabella (Mile) at Club Hipico in Santiago, Chile May 25; G1 Gran Premio Pamplona at Hipodromo Monterrico (Filly & Mare Turf) in Lima, Peru June 26; and the G2 Derrinstown Stud Flying Five S. (Turf Sprint) at The Curragh in Ireland Sept. 11.

The first North American race of the series will be the G1 Shoemaker Mile at Santa Anita Park June 4 for an automatic berth into the Breeders' Cup Mile, followed by the G1 Metropolitan H. (Dirt Mile) and the G1 Ogden Phipps S. (Distaff) at Belmont Park June 11.

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2	I'm a Chatterbox	Munnings	Geroux	Jones	118
3	Welcome Aboard	Rock Hard Ten	Parker	Reed	118
4	Sea Shadow	Jump Start	Castellano	Colebrook	118
5	Back in Dixie	Put It Back	Hill	Mason	118
6	Ahh Chocolate	Candy Ride (Arg)	Hernandez, Jr.	Howard	120
7	White Clover	Exchange Rate	Lanerie	Arnold, II	118
8	Pretty Fancy	Lemon Drop Kid	Rocco, Jr.	Arnold, II	118
9	Innovative Idea	Bernardini	Graham	Harty	118

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One day after the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association (ITHA) [sued Arlington Park in a federal court](#) to keep an alleged “sweetheart” deal from going through that would install a rival organization as the legally recognized body for signing contracts between the track and horsemen, Arlington general manager Tony Petrillo insisted his track has been negotiating in good faith and exclusively with the ITHA, emphasizing that “we’ll participate in constructive dialogue to get the industry out of the mess that’s being created by this lawsuit.”



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The ITHA suit, filed Monday in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (Eastern Division), names the Illinois Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Foundation (ITBOF), and the Illinois Racing Board (IRB) as co-defendants because they allegedly acted “in collusion” and “unlawfully and backhandedly attempted to usurp the ITHA as the horsemen’s lawful representative body.”

According to the lawsuit, the ITHA, as it has done for the previous two decades, entered into negotiations earlier this year with Arlington on a contract for the 2016 summer meet, which is scheduled to begin May 6. When talks stalled, the IRB ordered the ITHA and Arlington to mediation, with IRB chairman Jeffrey Brincat acting as the self-appointed mediator.

On Apr. 7, with no contract signed and the meet less than a month away, the lawsuit alleges that “through an engineered vote by secret ballot endorsed and facilitated by Defendants, the ITBOF passed a resolution stating that it would indeed attempt to supplant ITHA and take over negotiations on behalf of the horsemen with Arlington.”

This change would be detrimental to Illinois racing, the lawsuit alleges, because the ITBOF, “will demand less of the racetracks at the bargaining table and neglect to adequately protect the interests of horsemen before the IRB and in the Illinois legislature, to the benefit of racetracks like Arlington and to the detriment of horsemen.”

To remedy this situation, the ITHA is seeking declaratory and injunctive relief, plus monetary damages that might include, but are not limited to “the loss of the ITHA’s share of the purse account for the 2016 Summer season at Arlington, which would total hundreds of thousands of dollars.”

According to David McCaffrey, the ITHA executive director, the next legal step in the process is a Wednesday court hearing on the motion for a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction.

“We’re dismayed and really dumbfounded as to what this lawsuit is intended to accomplish,” Petrillo said in a Tuesday phone interview. “We’ve actively participated in mediation, and we participated in discussions as late as Monday, the same date the lawsuit was filed, [that were] outside of mediation. We get the feeling that there are very few issues remaining on the table.”

When asked directly if Arlington has entered into any contract talks with the ITBOF, Petrillo said, “we have not started any negotiations with the other group.”

McCaffrey said several times in a Tuesday phone interview that the purpose of the lawsuit was “to protect horsemen’s rights.” But when asked if it was a fair characterization to say there are two separate issues at stake--the immediate issue of the 2016 contract, and the longer-term issue of which entity will move forward as the legally recognized horsemen’s group—he declined to elaborate for the record, citing the pending litigation.

Similarly, with regard to the 2016 contract, neither executive was overly eager to go into detail about specific negotiating points. But based on the few pieces of information Petrillo and McCaffrey did divulge for the record, the two sides appear to be in disagreement over whose move it is next in the bargaining.

“We’ve made them an offer that gives them one-and-a-half times more money than they received last year,” Petrillo said. “We just need to hear back if they accept our offer or not. There are just one or two other minor things that are out there, but nothing that hasn’t really been solved.”

Asked to name the specific dollar amount, Petrillo said, “You’ll have to get that from the ITHA. I don’t want to embarrass them as to the amount of money that they’re seeking.”

Petrillo continued: “We’ve been down the same path before, and it always seems to come down to the last minute for one reason or another. Insofar as we are concerned, we have met or fulfilled all of the requests that the ITHA has made, and vice-versa. I thought we were there on Monday.”

McCaffrey acknowledged that the two sides had talked as recently as Monday, but he said those negotiations were “ancillary” to the main to topic, involving Thoroughbred aftercare. “That’s still a very important piece, but that’s not the big sticking point,” he added.

“[Arlington is] in full receipt of an offer,” McCaffrey continued. “If they were to agree to that offer, then I think the contract would be signed. I don’t remember seeing a written offer from them [in the most recent round of negotiations].”

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As for Petrillo's suggestion that the two sides were close, McCaffrey said, "Not only is 'close' subjective, 'close' is irrelevant. A contract isn't done until a contract is done. Then and only then, is it final."

Both sides are in agreement over one point, though: It's a little more than two weeks until the scheduled start of the meet, and the stable gates at Arlington have been closed to incoming horses.

"This is clearly a lockout," McCaffrey said.

"Our gates will not open until...we get a positive [negotiating] response," Petrillo said.

A number of horses had already been let into the Arlington stable area before the closure of the gates. Petrillo would not confirm how many; McCaffrey estimated it was about 100. Petrillo said caretakers are free to come and go to feed and exercise the horses, and that they have full use of the track during traditional training hours.

At the end of their respective interviews, both Petrillo and McCaffrey were asked to estimate the chances that Arlington meet would actually start as scheduled on May 6.

"One hundred percent," Petrillo said.

"I have no idea, but I'm hopeful," McCaffrey said.

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TODAY'S INSIGHTS

1st-AQU, \$100K, Msw, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f, 1:20 p.m. EDT

Robert LaPenta's **SO FANCY (Tapit)** faces the starter in this juvenile debutante heat from the Rudy Rodriguez barn. Out of a stakes-winning daughter of GI Humana Distaff H. heroine Mayo on the Side (French Deputy), the chestnut was snapped up for a sale-topping \$500,000 from the 2015 Fasig-Tipton July Sale. The presence of a Wesley Ward 2-year-old always adds some intrigue, and the trainer--who currently sports a 2016 mark of three winners, three seconds and a fourth from seven first-out juvenile starters through Tuesday--will saddle Brian Kahn homebred **Lady Stardust (Union Rags)**. Out of a stakes-placed dam, the 4-5 morning line chalk is the first starter to represent her GI Belmont S. and GI Champagne S.-winning sire. [TJCIS PPs](#)

5th-KEE, \$62K, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, f, 1mT, 3:18 p.m. EDT

Brant Laue colorbearer **SAGE HALL** (Cape Blanco {Ire}) returns to the races after a debut win going 1 1/16 miles over the Saratoga lawn last July. Out of the stakes winner Cayuga's Waters (Langfuhr), the homebred is a half-sister to GII Vagrancy H. heroine Glorious View (Pleasant Tap), SW Cascadilla Falls (E Dubai) and MGSP Highball (Lemon Drop Kid). Hot-handed Chad Brown saddles **She Doesn't Mind (Fr)** (Meshaheer) in this Stateside bow. The filly was an upset 3 1/2-length winner at first asking going about seven furlongs at Maisons-Laffitte Oct. 16, defeating well-regarded Aga Khan homebred Roshanara (Fr) (Sea The Stars {Ire}), a half-sister to G1 French 1000 Guineas Rosanara (Fr) (Sinndar {Ire}). Owned by Sheep pond Partners, Tim and Anna Cambron and Bradley Thoroughbreds, the bay should finde the race's one-mile distance well within her scope. She Doesn't Mind will receive first-time Lasix and leaves from gate one. [TJCIS PPs](#)



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5th-AQU, \$70K, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 3:32 p.m. EDT
TAILOREDFORSUCCESS (IRE) (Sea The Stars {Ire}), the lone newcomer in this turf affair, represents Klaravich Stables Inc and William Lawrence. One of two representatives of her sire at the 2014 Keeneland September Yearling Sale, she was acquired for \$400,000. The Chad Brown trainee is out of a full-sister to G1 Epsom Oaks heroine Casual Look (Red Ransom) and French stakes winner and GI Yellow Ribbon S. third-place finisher Shabby Chic (Red Ransom). Third dam is GI Frizette S. scorer Charleston Rag (Ire) (General Assembly). [TJCS PPs](#)

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Select Sales Adds New Partners:

Select Sales announced the addition of two new partners to the sales agency Tuesday: Mullikin Thoroughbreds (Tom & Michelle Mullikin) and Amy Bunt.

"We are really excited about bringing our new partners on board," said Select Sales' partner Andrew Cary. "We have experienced tremendous growth and success since we started our business in 2009 and adding new young and dedicated partners like the Mullikins and Amy Bunt will help ensure that we continue to grow and prosper in the future. Amy joined us in late 2013 as our Director of Sales and she has already proven to be a tremendous asset on a variety of levels."

Tom Mullikin previously served as the general manager of Kevin Plank's Sagamore Farm in Maryland for nine years. His initial Thoroughbred industry experience was working for Craig and Carrie Brogden's Machmer Hall back in 2001 and he also worked for the late Ned Evans's Spring Hill Farm in Virginia. The Brogdens are also partners in Select Sales, and Carrie Brogden was a college friend of Michelle Mullikin. The Mullikins purchased the historic Loch Lea Farm in Paris, KY last fall and are fully up and running with a full-service boarding, foaling and sales prep facility.

"Michelle and I couldn't be more thrilled to be joining the ranks of Select Sales," said Tom Mullikin. "We are proud to be joining such a hard-working, loyal and successful group of partners. Select Sales is an industry leader, as evidenced in the number of graded stakes horses sold under its banner. We're looking forward to contributing to Select's continued success through our resources at Mullikin Farm. The momentum and energy that is building within Select Sales is undoubtedly special, a great future lies ahead."

Before joining Select Sales, Bunt had compiled over a decade of professional experience in the Thoroughbred breeding and sales industry. A graduate of Virginia Tech with a degree in Animal Sciences, she previously worked for Hagyard Davison



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McGee as a veterinary technician and as a sales coordinator for Van Meter Sales, Niall Brennan Stables and Eaton Sales. She was also the Membership and Education coordinator at Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders Association.

"I am very honored to be brought on as a partner at Select Sales," said Bunt. "I believe having a young self-made staff, with diverse backgrounds and skill sets makes for a very strong company. For the past two years, while working closely with the team, we have built an outstanding working relationship together. I am so thankful to be part of an operation that has achieved so much success in such a short period of time. I really look forward to working closely with my partners in taking Select Sales to the next level and beyond."

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Central U.S.

Tuesday's Results:

7th-IND, \$32,000, Msw, 4-19, 3, 4/5yo, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:03.97, ft.
+SARGE'S DAUGHTER (f, 4, Salute the Sarge--Mind Blowing, by Friends Lake), tabbed the 7-2 third choice on the back of three bullet five-panel works in a row, including most recently over the Turfway all-weather in :59 2/5 (1/18) Apr. 9, quickly zipped to the front and rolled through a :21.99 first quarter. **Cont. p4**

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IN MALAYSIA:

Littlebitofjoy, g, 8, [Kitten's Joy](#)--Shortstop Sal, by Ghazi. Perak, 4-17, Perak Derby (\$52k), 2400mT. B-Kenneth & Sarah Ramsey (KY). *Winning this race for the third time in the last four years. [VIDEO](#)

IN PERU:

Sweet Aurelia, f, 3, [Archarcharch](#)--Aly's Sweet Sheba (SP), by Twining. Monterrico, 4-14, Cond., 1000m, :57.71. B-Renee Louise Scucci (KY). *\$13,000 Wlg '13 KEENOV; \$17,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP. [VIDEO](#)

IN SOUTH KOREA:

Hwanggeum Bisang, c, 3, [Curlin](#)--Moon Berry (Brz) (GSW & G1SP-Brz, GSP-US), by Burooj (GB). Seoul, 4-17, Hcp. (\$53k), 1400m. B-Magdalena, Carl Gessler Jr & Danny Wiginton (KY). *\$12,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP.

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Jangsan Blade, g, 3, [Tale of Ekati](#)--Regal and Fleet, by Seattle Slew. Seoul, 4-17, Hcp. (\$67k), 1200m. B-Charles Fipke (KY). *Won by four lengths as the even-money favorite to take his record to two wins from four starts. **\$30,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP.

ROOKIES

First-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, April 20

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2013 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

ASTROLOGY (A.P. Indy), Taylor Made Stallions, \$7.5K, 84/1/0 1-KEE, Msw 4 1/2f, +Troubled Charlie, \$4K KEE SEP yrl, 20-1

NOBLE'S PROMISE (Cuvee), Breakway Farm, 8/0/0

1-KEE, Msw 4 1/2f, +Reverend John, 8-1

UNION RAGS (Dixie Union), Lane's End Farm, \$35K, 106/0/0

1-AQU, Msw 4 1/2f, +Lady Stardust, \$105K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 4-5

Second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, April 20

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2012 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

CAPE BLANCO (IRE) (Galileo {Ire}), JBBA Shizunai Stn Stn, \$17.5K, 259/19/1

1-KEE, Msw 4 1/2f, +Hey Mike, \$60K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 6-1

CUSTOM FOR CARLOS (More Than Ready), Clear Creek Stud, \$3K, 88/13/1 3-EVD, Msw 6f, +Fairwell Tax Break, 8-1

PADDY O'PRADO (El Prado {Ire}), Spendthrift Farm, \$15K, 229/28/1 1-KEE, Msw 4 1/2f, +Absolute Asset, \$34K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 6-1

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-PRX, \$59,948, Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 4-19, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.84, ft.

CINCO Y CINCO (g, 6, [Macho Uno](#)--Pledge Mom, by Wild Rush) Lifetime Record: 29-5-7-3, \$167,018. O-JRM Stable; B-Homewrecker Racing LLC (KY); T-Michelle Castillo. *1/2 to [Wildeysouthernboy](#) (Double Honor), SW, \$255,659.

6th-IND, \$36,000, (S), 4-19, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:03.60, ft. **SYLVIA'S WARRIOR** (c, 4, [Majestic Warrior](#)--Beauty for Ashes {SP}, by City Place) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$56,740. O-Good Stuff Stable & Feel The Thunder Stable; B-Southern Chase Farm, Inc., Karen & Greg Dodd (IN); T-Michael Stidham. *1/2 to [Putyourdreamsaway](#) (Put It Back), SW, \$153,050.

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5th-IND, \$34,000, Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 4-19, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:36.20, ft.

TIGER OF WALES (c, 4, [D'wildcat](#)--Cuckoo Sue, by Notebook) Lifetime Record: 16-3-2-3, \$101,000. O-J. Armando Rodriguez Racing Stable, Inc.; B-Carol Kemp (FL); T-Michael J. Maker. *\$13,000 Wlg '12 OBSOCT; \$36,000 Ylg '13 OBSAUG; \$45,000 2yo '14 EASMAY.

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3rd-WRD, \$22,990, 4-19, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.60, sy.

WILL IT THUNDER (g, 6, [Thunder Gulch](#)--Aunt Sis, by Stravinsky) Lifetime Record: 26-8-3-2, \$77,669. O-Randy J. Stone; B-Jim & Lois Hawkins (KY); T-Karl Broberg.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Dolled Up, f, 3, [King Puma](#)--Summer Sting (MSP, \$302,795), by Intensity. PRX, 4-19, (C), 7f, 1:28.93. B-Carolyn Sleeter (NJ).

Desert Gambler, f, 4, [Desert God](#)--Inrightclassitime (SP), by Straight Man. SUN, 4-19, (S), 6f, 1:11.00. B-Dale F. & Debbie Taylor (NM). *MSP.

+S S Astonishment, g, 4, [Eckelson](#)--Sunday Prayers, by Eishin Masamune (Jpn). IND, 4-19, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05.47. B-Arven P. & Jay J. Holden (IN).

Mancini's Code, g, 5, [Mancini](#)--Lip Code, by Lost Code. IND, 4-19, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05.29. B-Peggy A Pate & Denise Kevil (IN). *1/2 to [Fear No Evil](#) (Trust N Luck), MSW, \$120,278.

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Goffs UK breezer Quiet Reflection | *Racing Post*

By Daithí Harvey

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Perhaps the highest achiever so far from last year's sale is **Quiet Reflection (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}). Consigned by Tom Whitehead's Powerstown Stud and bought by her trainer Karl Burke for what is now an inexpensive £44,000, the filly won her third stakes race in a row when scoring on her seasonal debut in the G3 Prix Sigy at Chantilly Apr 10, with an appearance in the G1 Commonwealth Cup at Royal Ascot a possible future objective.

This week's catalogue is bound to contain future stars and one with a stallion's pedigree already is [lot 79](#) from Jim McCartan's Gaybrook Lodge Stud. The colt is an Oasis Dream (GB) (Green Desert) half-brother to the ill-fated Classic winner and Group 1 producing stallion Aussie Rules (Danehill) out of the MGSW Last Second (Ire) (Alzao {GB}), herself the dam of nine other winners.

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ZARAK RETURNS RUNNING, EYES POULAINS

Zarak (Fr) (Dubawi {Ire}), who earned 'TDN Rising Star' status on his only previous trip to the races last October, returned to the races with a defeat of the promising **George Patton** (War Front) in a one-mile conditions test Tuesday afternoon at Maisons-Laffitte. "He needed the run, but these good horses don't really need to be at 100% to win races like this," explained trainer Alain de Royer-Dupre. "What we really like about him is the way he can quicken and he has definitely booked his ticket to the [May 15 G1 Poule d'Essai des] Poulains [at Deauville]." [Cont. p6](#)



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Goffs UK Breeze-Up Preview cont.

The March foal was bought for £75,000 at Tattersalls October Book 1 Sale and breezed professionally on Tuesday. McCartan also bought an Invincible Spirit (Ire) (Green Desert) colt at Tattersalls October 1 for £50,000 and he appears this week as [lot 123](#). He is a half-brother to a promising Luca Cumani-trained horse called Four On Eight (GB) (Lawman {Fr}) and is another that seemed to know his job when asked to quicken up the Doncaster straight. The Irish National Stud's flagship stallion is also represented a few lots later by [lot 126](#) a colt offered by Norman Williamson's Oak Tree Farm. The first foal out of the stakes winning Putyball (Silver Deputy) was bought by Mags O'Toole at Arqana last October for €70,000 and is also eligible for French premiums.

The progeny of Kodiak (GB) (Danehill) continue to be much sought-after at sales and Tally-Ho Stud, who stand the stallion among others at their stud in Westmeath, offer four by the sire from their draft of 16 horses. Perhaps the pick of the quartet on paper is [lot 55](#) a colt out of Good Clodora (Ire) (Red Clubs {GB}) from the speedy family of Group 1-winning sprinter Maarek (GB) (Pivotal {GB}). Tally-Ho's Sir Prancealot (Ire) (Tamayuz {GB}) is off to a quick start at stud and finds himself alongside Helmet (Aus) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) at the head of the first season sire table with three winners. Tally-Ho sold five-time Group 1 winner and promising sire Dream Ahead (Diktat) at this sale for £36,000 six years ago and they offer two by Sir Prancealot, including [lot 20](#) a half-sister to Group 1 placed stakes winner Monsieur Chevalier (Ire) (Chevalier {Ire}).

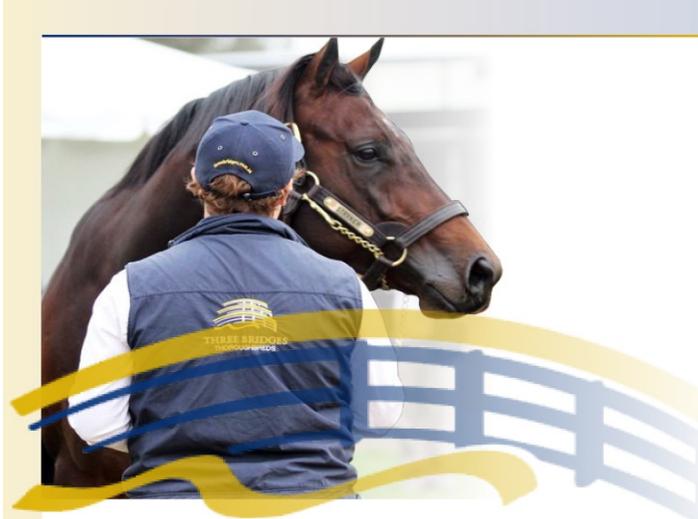
Breezes of all lots are available to view on the Goffs UK [website](#) and selling will commence at 10am Wednesday morning.

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Leopardstown Racecourse has announced a €200,000 prize-money boost to two of their flagship races on Irish Champions weekend in September. The G1 QIPCO Irish Champions S., officially the joint-fourth highest rated race in the world and won last year by Golden Horn (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}), has seen its purse rise €150,000 to €1.25m. The G1 Coolmore



Pat Keogh | *Racing Post*

Rock Matron S. will this year be worth €350,000, an increase of €50,000. Pat Keogh, Chief Executive of Leopardstown Racecourse, said, "We are delighted to announce the increased prize-money for the QIPCO Irish Champion S. and the Coolmore Fastnet Rock Matron S. These are two major international races and to attract the top horses we need to make

sure that the prize-money is appropriate to races of this standing. I would like to thank QIPCO and Coolmore for their very generous support of Longines Irish Champions Weekend." This announcement brings the total prize-money for the third renewal of Longines Irish Champions Weekend at Leopardstown and the Curragh to €4.5 million.

KUWAITI OWNER HAS BIG AMBITIONS

Sheikh Abdullah Al-Malek Al-Sabah looks like becoming a growing presence in British racing following his acquisition of three 2-year-olds at the recent Craven Breeze Up Sale at Tattersalls. The member of Kuwait's ruling family has already enjoyed success in Britain with the likes of the David O'Meara trained **Salateen (GB)** (Dutch Art {GB}) and Kevin Ryan's **Areen (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}), runner up to Washington DC (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}) in last year's Listed Windsor Castle S. at Royal Ascot. The



Sheikh Abdullah Al-Malek Al-Sabah | *Richard Knight*

trio of purchases made in conjunction with Sheikh Abdullah's bloodstock advisor Richard Knight is headed by Tumbulgum (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}), bought for 175,000gns. His racing manager Abdullah Al-Otaibi outlined the team has big ambitions for the future and commented, "The aim in the next few years, will be to target the British Classics." Richard Knight is naturally keen to foster Sheikh Abdullah's interest in the sport and added, "Sheikh Abdullah thoroughly enjoys British racing and spending time in his London home over the summer months watching his horses run, especially at

tracks like Ascot, Newmarket, York and Goodwood. Hopefully between Abdullah Al-Otaibi, myself and our selected trainers we can deliver both the fun and success that Sheikh Abdullah is striving for over the coming years."

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CANDIDE SEEKS FONTAINEBLEAU GLOSS

With Europe's trials season now getting into full swing, attention turns to Chantilly for a trio of pointers towards upcoming Classics. Transferred from Longchamp due to the Bois de Boulogne track's ongoing refurbishment, the G3 Prix de



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Fontainebleau takes centre stage initially. Andre Fabre equalled Etienne Pollet's tally of nine victories in the contest when subsequent G1 2000 Guineas runner-up and G1 Prix Jean Prat winner Territories (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) prevailed last year, and the master conditioner sends forth **Candide (Fr)** (Turtle Bowl {Ire}) in search of the outright record. Baron Edouard de Rothschild's homebred bay followed up a debut score at Saint-Cloud in September with success back there in the following month's G3 Prix Thomas Bryon, both on softened turf, and he makes his seasonal reappearance upped from seven furlongs for the first time here. Jean-Claude Rouget has yet to win this mile event and is doubly represented, by **Taareef** (Kitten's Joy) and **Almanzor (Fr)** (Wootton Bassett {GB}), this time around. The former, a the \$675,000 KEESEP yearling who is undefeated in two starts, goes postward coming back from easy wins at Bordeaux-le-Bouscat in September and Deauville at the end of November. Almanzor registered a third straight success in the Oct. 8 Listed Grand Criterium de Bordeaux, but lost his unbeaten tally when slipping to seventh tackling deep mud in the Nov. 1 G1 Criterium International at Saint-Cloud in his most recent start. Like Taareef, Freddy Head trainee **Estikmaal (Ire)** (Oasis Dream {GB}) carries the colours of Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum and lines up off a narrow verdict gained going nine furlongs at this track in his only prior start last October. **Dicton (GB)** (Lawman {Fr}), one of two entries for owner Robert Ng, has won five of his six most recent starts and displayed his wellbeing when running out the game winner of Saint-Cloud's Listed Prix Omnium II last month.

Wednesday, Chantilly, France, post time: 4:40 p.m.

PRIX DE FONTAINEBLEAU-G3, €80,000, 3yo, c, 8fT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Millfield (Fr)	Whipper	Benoist	Smaga
2	Candide (Fr)	Turtle Bowl (Ire)	Boudot	Fabre
3	Dicton (GB)	Lawman (Fr)	Peslier	Bietolini
4	Taareef	Kitten's Joy	Mendizabal	Rouget
5	Free From Desire (Fr)	Iffraaj (GB)	Bazire	A & G Botti
6	Vedevani (Fr)	Dubawi (Ire)	Soumillon	Royer-Dupre
7	Estikmaal (Ire)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Barzalona	Head
8	Almanzor (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Eyquem	Rouget
9	Royal Julius (Ire)	Royal Applause (GB)	Jarnet	Watrigant
10	Mont Ormel (Fr)	Air Chief Marshal (Ire)	C Demuro	Brandt

All carry 128 pounds.

PLEASE PLEASEMETOO

Andre Fabre's domination of the domestic scene is again reflected in the number of victories registered in the G3 Prix de la Grotte and the trainer, who equalled Francois Mathet's record of seven renewals with subsequent G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches placegetter Mexican Gold (Medaglia d'Oro) last year, goes in search of another outright record with **Pleasemetoo (Ire)** (Vale of York {Ire}) and **Gherdaiya (GB)** (Shamardal) in this



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distaffers' heat. Godolphin acquisition Pleasemetoo improved off a debut third in the colours of Jean-Etienne Dubois at Chantilly in June, scene of today's re-routed contest, and graduated going seven furlongs at Deauville in August, but was unable to contend with the dominating tactics of **Antonoe** (First Defence) when second in September's G3 Prix d'Aumale over this course and distance in her final start for previous connections last time. Juddmonte's Antonoe earned **TDN Rising Star** status when routing subsequent G1 Prix Marcel Boussac third **Qemah (Ire)** (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) by daylight at Deauville in August and doubled up in the Prix d'Aumale the following month, but was unable to adopt her usual frontrunning role and slipped to seventh in October's Marcel Boussac at Longchamp last time. She will bid to add to conditioner Pascal Bary's sole success in the contest, which was provided by Divine Proportions (Kingmambo) in 2005. Gherdaiya, like Qemah, carries the Al Shaqab Racing silks and registered a brace of midsummer scores last term before succumbing to Antonoe and Pleasemetoo in the Prix d'Aumale in her only other out. **Positive Vibration (Ire)** (Canford Cliffs {Ire}), a third representative for Al Shaqab Racing, shed maiden status at lowly Carpentras in her sixth attempt last time Mar. 27 and the Jean-Claude Rouget incumbent is expected to undertake lead duties for her owner's other entries in this leap forward.

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Prix de la Grotte cont.

Trixia (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}) and **Kenriya (Fr)** (Kendargent {Fr}) are both undefeated, but the former has much better form having annexed both the Listed Criterium de Lyon and G3 Prix des Reservoirs last year.

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Wednesday, Chantilly, France, post time: 5:40 p.m.

PRIX DE LA GROTTTE-G3, €80,000, 3yo, f, 8fT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Chartreuse (Ire)	Lawman (Fr)	Jarnet	Head
2	Kenriya (Fr)	Kendargent (Fr)	Guyon	Ferland
3	Trixia (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	Peslier	Royer-Dupre
4	Positive Vibration (Ire)	Canford Cliffs (Ire)	Eyquem	Rouget
5	Antonoe	First Defence	Cheminaud	Bary
6	Qemah (Ire)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Benoist	Rouget
7	Gherdaiya (GB)	Shamardal	Boudot	Fabre
8	Ella Diva (Fr)	Heliostatic (Ire)	C Demuro	Caullery
9	Pleasemetoo (Ire)	Vale of York (Ire)	Barzalona	Fabre

All carry 126 pounds.

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Unable to deliver a winner of the G1 Prix du Jockey Club since Anabaa Blue (GB) (Anabaa) prevailed in 2001 and stripped of its Group 2 status in 2014, today's G3 Prix Noailles exemplifies the reason for that downgrade with a less-than-inspiring renewal at Chantilly. It is an open contest nonetheless and presents an



Burger And Fries | Scoop Dyga

opportunity for Andre Fabre to extend his record haul of ten. He is represented here by Baron Edouard de Rothschild homebred **Cleonte (Ire)** (Sir Percy {GB}), who finished ahead of both **Burger and Fries (Fr)** (Sageburg {Ire}) and **Chanducoq (Fr)** (Voix du Nord {Fr}) when second to, the

absent-here, **Black Sea (Fr)** (Dubai Destination) in the Listed Prix Francois Mathet at Saint-Cloud last month. Burger and Fries, who has been supplemented for this 2100-metre event, had previously plundered a 10-furlong conditions heat at Mont-de-Marsan by a wide margin in February, where **Valkena (Fr)** (Kendargent {Fr}), the sole distaffer here and another supplementary entry, finished a distant seventh. Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum's **Raseed (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) has no collateral form with any of today's opponents and may prove best in this sophomore return after garnering two of his three juvenile starts, most recently when going nine furlongs on the artificial surface here in October. **More Than A Dream (Ire)** (Halling) completes the line up and goes postward off a five-length maiden win at Bordeaux-le-Bouscat in November and a close-up last of four in a 10-furlong Toulouse conditions heat last month.

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Wednesday, Chantilly, France, post time: 6:40 p.m.

PRIX NOAILLES-G3, €80,000, 3yo, 10 1/2fT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Chanducoq (Fr)	Voix du Nord (Fr)	Mendizabal	Gallorini
2	Cleonte (Ire)	Sir Percy (GB)	Boudot	Fabre
3	Burger and Fries (Fr)	Sageburg (Ire)	Eyquem	Ferland
4	Raseed (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Lemaitre	Head
5	More Than A Dream (Ire)	Halling	Soumillon	Rouget
6	Valkena (Fr)	Kendargent (Fr)	Montenegro	C Boutin

All carry 128 pounds bar Valkena, 125.

Tuesday's Results:

PRIX LORD SEYMOUR-Listed, €52,000, MLF, 4-19, 4yo/up, 12fT, 2:35.69, sf.

1--#ONE FOOT IN HEAVEN (IRE), 123, c, 4, [Fastnet Rock \(Aus\)](#)--Pride (Fr) (2x Hwt. Older Mare-Eng at 9.5-11f, 2x Hwt. Older Mare-Fr at 11-14f, Hwt. Older Mare-Fr at 9.5-11f, G1SW-Eng, Fr & HK, \$3,915,220), by Peintre Celebre. O-Fair Salinia Ltd; B-Craigavon Agro Ltd (IRE); T-Alain de Royer-Dupre; J-Christophe Soumillon. €26,000. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, €55,250.

2--Tiberian (Fr), 127, c, 4, Tiberius Caesar (Fr)--Toamasina (Fr), by Marju (Ire). O-Haras du Logis, Heiko Volz & Stefan Falk. €10,400.

3--Meandre (Fr), 123, h, 8, Slickly (Fr)--Penne (Fr), by Sevres Rose (Ire). O-Said Shaptukayev. €7,800. Margins: HF, 1 1/4, 2. Odds: 6.10, 7.60, 8.70.

One Foot In Heaven, who followed up a debut sixth at Saint-Cloud Oct. 14 with a maiden win at Lyon-Parilly Nov. 7, doubled his tally at Deauville Dec. 12 before hitting the board back at Lyon-Parilly on seasonal return last time Mar. 20. Settled many lengths off a solid pace for most of this stamina test, he rumbled closer once into the final quarter mile and exhibited a neat turn of foot under whipless coaxing in the closing stages to claim a first black-type score in snug fashion. "Like his dam, he is an improving horse and a late-maturing sort," said trainer Alain de Royer-Dupre. "He benefitted from his first run of the season at Lyon and it was nice that there was some pace in the race. We might think about the [May 8 G3] Prix d'Hedouville [at Saint-Cloud] for his next run." **Click for the [Racing Post result](#). [Video](#), [sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**

2nd-MLF, €34,000, Cond, 4-19, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:42.30, sf. COME ALIVE (GB) (f, 3, [Dansili {GB}](#)--Portrayal (SW & GSP-Eng, MGSP-Fr, \$105,212), by Saint Ballado), who won a debutantes' event going one mile at Deauville in her only prior start Oct. 22, was immediately into a rhythm and stalked the pace in second for most of this sophomore return. Cruising to front passing the two pole, the 14-5 second favourite was shaken up soon after and kept on strongly for one flick of the persuader in the latter stages to easily best Saimaa (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}) by 1 1/2 lengths.

“She is talented, but had only had one previous run,” said winning jockey Mickael Barzalona. “She was still a bit raw, but she had a race today and I’m sure she will improve lot for that. She looks like a filly with a bright future.” Come Alive’s family, under her third dam, includes G1 Irish Oaks winner Moonstone (GB) (Dalakhani {Ire}), G1 Prix Saint-Alary victress Cerulean Sky (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}), and G1 Irish Oaks and GI Breeders’ Cup Filly & Mare Turf runner-up L’Anresse (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}). She is kin to the 2-year-old filly Belle Boyd (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) and a yearling filly by Exceed and Excel {Aus}). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €29,500. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Godolphin SNC; B-Darley (GB); T-Andre Fabre.

4th-MLF, €34,000, Cond, 4-19, 3yo, c/g, 8fT, 1:42.62, sf.
ZARAK (FR) (c, 3, [Dubawi {Ire}](#)--Zarkava {Ire} {Horse of the Year-Eur, Ch. 3yo Filly-Fr, Hwt. 2yo Filly-Fr, Hwt. 3yo-Fr at 9.5-11f & 11-14f, MG1SW-Fr, \$4,793,989}, by Zamindar), who earned **TDN Rising Star** status going one mile in a firsters’ test at Deauville in his only prior start Oct. 22, sought cover in third and travelled sweetly through halfway in this comeback. Easing into the clear approaching the final quarter mile, the 17-10 favourite quickened to the fore passing the eighth pole and was pushed out to safely hold the hitherto unbeaten George Patton (War Front), who had defeated subsequent G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud victor Robin of Navan (Fr) (American Post {GB}) in his latest start, by a cozy neck. Out of the unbeaten G1 Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe, G1 Prix de Diane and G1 Poule d’Essai des Pouliches heroine Zarkava (Ire), Zarak’s siblings include the 2-year-old colt Zarmitan (Fr) (Redoute’s Choice {Aus}). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €29,500. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan’s Studs SC (FR); T-Alain de Royer-Dupre.

1st-MLF, €29,000, Cond, 4-19, 2yo, 5fT, 1:00.02, sf.
VEGA SILICILA (FR) (f, 2, [Elusive City--Volvoreta {GB}](#) {G1SW-Fr, \$431,244}, by [Suave Dancer](#)), a debut third in a newcomers’ heat over this trip at Chantilly last time Apr. 6, missed a beat at the kick here, but recovered to track the lead in a handy third. Urged forward to challenge with a quarter mile remaining, the 33-10 second choice was pushed out in the closing stages to comfortably assert by 1 3/4 lengths from Sirma Traou Land (Fr) (Soul City {Ire}). Vega Sicilia is out of the G1 Prix Vermeille victress Volvoreta (GB). She is the latest offspring of that G1 Prix de Diane and G1 Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe placegetter. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, €19,500. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Maurice Lagasse; B-Pontchartrain Stud (FR); T-Yann Barberot.

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Tuesday’s Results:

1st-BRG, £4,500, Mdn, 4-19, 2yo, 5f 59yT, 1:04.23, g/s.
+VISIONARY (IRE) (c, 2, [Dream Ahead--Avodale {Ire}](#), by [Lawman {Fr}](#)), a 20,000gns TAOCT yearling who is kin to a yearling filly by Dream Ahead, dwelt at the break and raced last of the seven runners through the early strides of this first go. Still in arrears at halfway as jockey Jamie Spencer remained unflustered, the 3-1 second favourite was angled wide to launch his bid approaching the final furlong and swooped late under whipless cajoling to register an ultimately snug half-length success from Sheila’s Lad (Ire) (Lilbourne Lad {Ire}). The homebred bay hails from the family of G1 William Hill Futuity S. scorer Al Hareb (El Gran Senor). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,156. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O/B-Khalifa Dasmal (IRE); T-Robert Cowell.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Kelvin Hall (GB), f, 3, [Halling--Barawin \(Ire\)](#), by Hawk Wing.
 WOL, 4-19, 12f 5oy (AWT), 2:39.51. B-Clive Dennett (GB).
 *16,000gns Wlg ‘13 TATFOA; 6,000gns Ylg ‘14 TATYEA.

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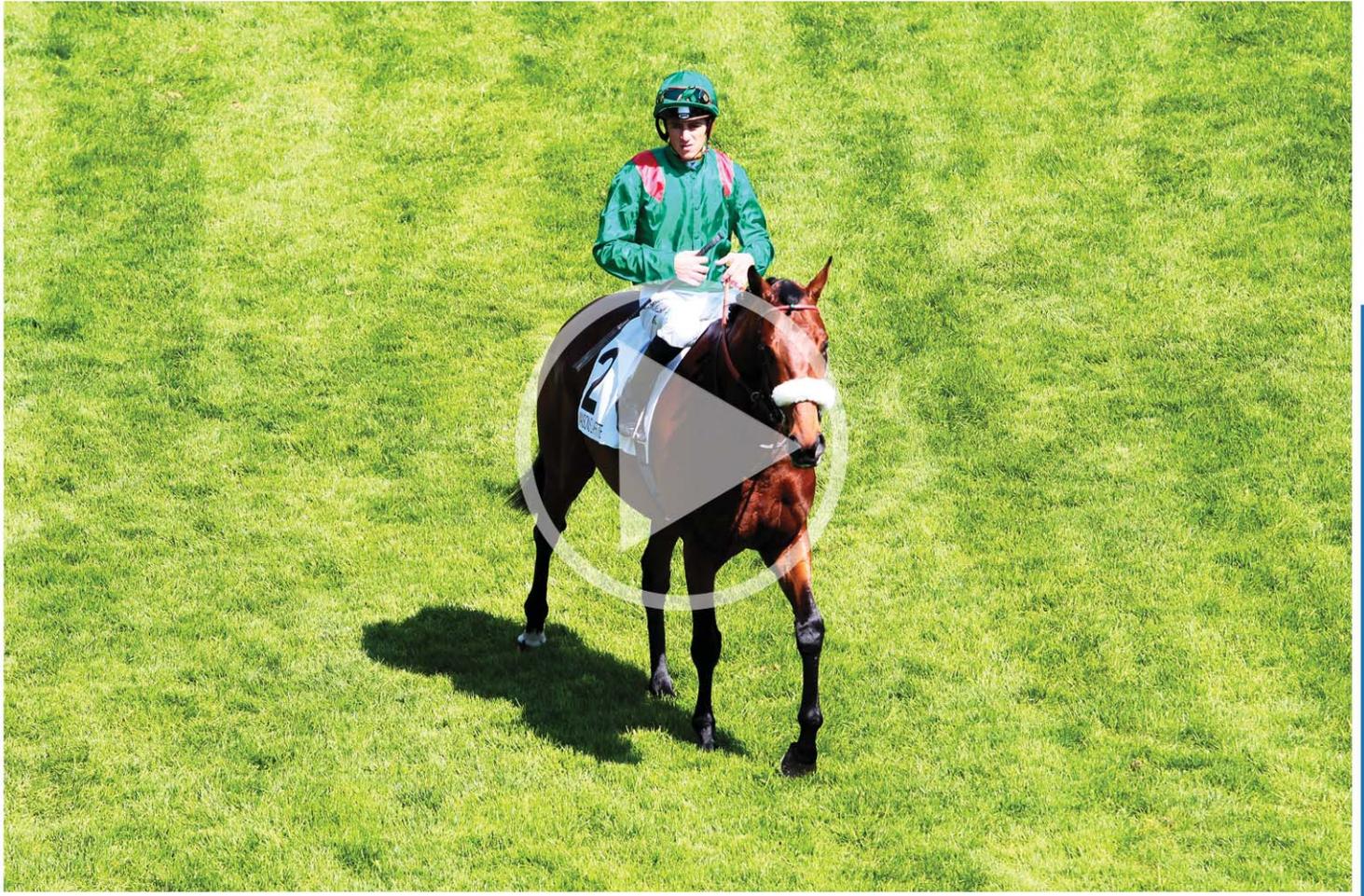


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PRESS STATEMENT TO STUD

Dual Group 1 winner **Press Statement (Aus)** (Hinchinbrook {Aus}) has been retired from racing and will take up stud duties at Vinery Stud. Trained by Chris Waller for owners Vinery Stud, Mrs G Muollo Et Al, Press Statement was unbeaten in three juvenile starts including in the G1 BMW JJ Atkins at Doomben.



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He carried that progress into his 3-year-old season by winning the G1 Beck Caulfield Guineas followed by the G2 CRC Hobartville S. in February. He rounded out his racing career running behind two brilliant fillies, finishing third to Winx (Aus) (Street

Cry {Ire}) in the G1 CHC George Ryder S. and then beaten into fifth behind English (Aus) (Encosta De Lago {Aus}) in the G1 All-Aged S. last Saturday. A cover fee has yet to be announced for the half-brother to ill-fated Group 1 winner Pressday (Aus) (Doomsday {Aus}) who retires with a lifetime record of 11-6-2-1, A\$1,802,275 (US\$1,401,324).

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ERTIJAAL CONTINUES TO THRIVE AT SHA TIN

by Alan Carasso

Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum's **Ertijaal (Aus)** (Hard Spun) took to the Sha Tin turf course Tuesday morning, stretching out smartly as he continues to impress ahead of



Ertijaal | HKJC photo

Sunday's G1 Audemars Piguet Queen Elizabeth II Cup.

A day after closing off a 1200-metre gallop with an ultimate quarter-mile in :25 flat, the G1 Cape Derby winner was asked for a bit more this time around with big-race rider Douglas

Whyte in the irons, capping off his move with a final 400 metres in a solid :23.7.

Commented Trevor Brown, assistant to trainer Mike de Kock, "All good. We were very happy with the gallop this morning, and Dougie came back quite pleased with that too. He is all settled into his new surroundings without issue."

Ertijaal, who is exiting a running-on fourth-place effort behind Japan's Real Steel (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in the G1 Dubai Turf Mar. 26, the same race in which the De Kock-trained Archipenko (Kingmambo) finished third in 2008 before heading to Hong Kong for a 13-1 upset of that year's QE II. Irridescence (SAf) (Caesour) gave the de Kock barn a first QE II success two years prior.

Whyte, a perennial leading rider in Hong Kong before the arrival of the likes of Zac Purton and Joao Moreira, picked up the mount on Ertijaal at Meydan when jockey Dane O'Neill was injured in an earlier race.

"Mike and I go back a long way," Whyte explained. "He was assistant to Ricky Ginsberg and when Ricky Ginsberg passed away, Mike took over his yard and has never looked back. I used to ride quite a bit for him. He was in the same class [at school] as my sister."

The "Durban Demon" is already a three-time winner of the QE II, most recently guiding Ambitious Dragon (NZ) (Pins {Aus}) to a 3/4-length triumph over California Memory (Highest Honor {Fr}) in 2011.

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RECORD NO 'NUOVO' SHOOTER

by Alan Carasso

Nuovo Record (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) is not difficult to pick out at trackwork thanks to her distinctive green headgear, ear muffs and matching polos. The 5-year-old mare is back in Hong Kong this week and despite her strong form, could be the least-preferred of a formidable Japanese trio for Sunday's G1



Nuovo Record | HKJC photo

Audemars Piguet Queen Elizabeth II Cup at Sha Tin.

Runner-up in back-to-back runnings of the QE II at Kyoto, a race restricted to females, the blaze-faced chestnut is no stranger to taking on the males and turned in a highly

creditable effort when last seen over the Sha Tin 2000 metres, closing well to complete a Japanese exacta behind tearaway A Shin Hikari (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Cup last December. [Cont. p8](#)

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“Last year when she came out on the turf course for the first time, she was a bit unsure with the new surface of the track,” reported her work rider Kazuyoshi Aita. “She lost a bit of her concentration the first time she started working on turf [Tuesday] morning, too. However, we are happy with her condition and she is in great shape. She is as fit as we had her last December. We have to look after her carefully getting ready for her gallop on Thursday.”

Nuovo Record has one tightener under her belt this season, a slightly subpar sixth behind Ambitious (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in the G2 Sankei Osaka Hai Apr. 3.

Nuovo Record’s compatriots **Lovely Day (Jpn)** (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) and **Satono Crown (Jpn)** (Marju {Ire}) figure at or near the top of the QE II market come Sunday.

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AEROVELOCITY GEARS UP FOR CHAIRMAN’S

by Alan Carasso

Whereas the QE II Cup serves as the centrepiece of the Apr. 24 meeting, a pair of Group 1 events are carded for Sunday, May 1, including the Chairman’s Sprint Prize.

Repositioned on the Hong Kong racing calendar to fill the hole left by the cancellation of the G1 KrisFlyer International Sprint, the Chairman’s Sprint Prize has also been added to the Global Sprint Challenge and has attracted G1 Al Quoz Sprint hero **Buffering (Aus)** (Mossman {Aus}) as well as G1 T J Smith S. victor **Chatauqua (Aus)** (Encosta de Lago {Aus}), widely regarded as Australia’s top sprinter.

The Chairman’s Sprint Prize will also mark the return to action of 2014 G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint hero **Aerovelocit** (NZ) (Pins {Aus}), who was most recently scratched from a title



Aerovelocit | HKJC photo

defence in the G1 Takamatsunomiya Kinen with a bout of colic. The champion prepped for the Chairman’s with a smooth ‘victory’ in a Tuesday barrier trial over the Sha Tin all-weather surface, coming with a three-wide challenge into the stretch before easing home to score by a half-length [\(video\)](#).

“He was just very relaxed today, probably the most relaxed he’s ever been, which was a good sign,” said jockey Zac Purton of the oft-temperamental gelding.

“I think he’s just happy to be back home, after everything he’s been through he’s just comfortable being back here. But he’s been getting more and more relaxed as he’s gone on and I keep saying to [trainer] Paul [O’Sullivan] that he seems to be handling things better all the time. It doesn’t worry me that he was like that today --I actually take a bit of comfort out of it, knowing that he’s just cruising along doing his thing.”

In the morning’s other two trials, **Giant Treasure** (Mizzen Mast) defeated **Packing Pins (NZ)** (Pins {Aus}) by a neck [\(video\)](#), then galloped out strongly past the wire in the first heat. Both are set to clash in the G1 Champions Mile. **Gold-Fun (Ire)** (Le Vie Dei Colori {GB}), the beaten favorite in last year’s G1 Hong Kong Sprint, was given a fairly easy time of it in the third and final trial of the morning, finishing fifth without being overly extended [\(video\)](#). He is expected to take on Aerovelocit in the Chairman’s Sprint Prize.

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 **EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS**

IN AUSTRALIA:

Guardini (Fr), h, 5, **Dalakhani (Ire)**--Guantana (Ger) (MSW & GSP-Ger), by Dynaformer. Randwick, 4-16, Japan Racing Association Plate-G3 (£81k/€103k), 2000mT, 2:03.99. B-Gestut Schlenderhan. *GSW-Ger & Fr. **1/2 to Guizot (Ire) (Tertullian), GSP-Ger.

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IN SOUTH AFRICA:

Newlands (Aus), c, 2, **High Chaparral (Ire)**--Delphi Lodge (Aus), by Fusaichi Pegasus. Kenilworth, 4-16, Maiden, 1400mT, 1:28.88. B-Goldendale & Chelsaus (Ireland) (NSW). *Formerly Umwini (Aus). **A\$80,000 Ylg ‘15 INGMEL; R1,300,000 2yo ‘15 CTSRTR.

Umthetho (Aus), g, 3, **Encosta de Lago (Aus)**--Legal Engagement (Aus), by Thunder Gulch. Turffontein, 4-19, Maiden, 2600mT, 2:49.09. B-Erinvale Investments Pty Ltd (Vic). *A\$25,000 Ylg ‘14 INGMEL; R900,000 2yo ‘14 CTSRTR.

IN MACAU:

#Turquoise Power (Aus), g, 4, **More Than Ready**--Elle Duccio (Aus), by Danehill. Taipa, 4-17, Macau Derby (A\$417k), 1800mT, 1:56.10. B-G Harvey (NSW). *SP-Aus. **Full to Perfectly Ready (Aus), G1SW-Aus, A\$685,650. ***Formerly Duccio (Aus). ****A\$170,000 Ylg ‘13 MMGCYS. [VIDEO](#)