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MILLION-DOLLAR BABY PACES OBS APRIL



Hip 901 | Christie DeBernardis

by Jessica Martini and Christie DeBernardis

OCALA, Florida - The Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's April Sale of 2-Year-Olds produced the second million-dollar price tag in its history Thursday when a colt by Broken Vow ([hip 901](#)) brought a final bid of \$1.2 million during a session in which figures continued to match pace with last year's record-setting auction.

Through three sessions of the four-day sale, OBS has sold 484 horses for a total of \$37,769,500. The average ticked up 1.7% to \$78,036, while the median remained steady at \$45,000. At this point a year ago, 514 horses had sold for \$39,420,900.

For the session, 156 head sold for \$13,816,500. The average was \$88,567 and the median was \$50,000. With 70 horses reported not sold, the buy-back rate was 27.1%. At the close of business on last year's third session, the buy-back rate was 26.5% and that figure improved to 22.4% with the addition of post-sale transactions.

Thursday's session produced the sale's top two prices so far, with racing newcomer Mike Hall of Breeze Easy making the biggest splash with his seven-figure purchase from the Tom McCracklin consignment. Dennis O'Neill, bidding on behalf of Paul Reddam, took home the day's second-highest price when acquiring a colt by Candy Ride (Arg) ([hip 803](#)) from the Niall Brennan consignment for \$875,000.

A filly by Tapit became the April auction's first seven-figure sale when she brought a final bid of \$1.9 million a year ago.

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by Brian DiDonato

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Foal Friday! Plenty O'Toole (*Tiznow*) takes a break from grazing to show off her Feb. 17 colt from the first crop of *Goldencents*. The colt is owned and bred by Spruce Lane Farm in Kentucky. Image provided by [foalphotos.com](#). Submit your foal photos directly to the site.

GEROUX KEEPS LEVEL HEAD AMIDST RISING STARDOM

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Michael Adolphson catches up with young French-born rider Florent Geroux, who has enjoyed major success over the past year and a half and will ride *Gun Runner* in the GI Kentucky Derby.

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RISING STAR RETURNS, ANOTHER IS MADE

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"The quality of horse that consignors bring to April continually improves over the years, as does their comfort level and their confidence in April to sell a horse like that," OBS Director of Sales Tod Wojciechowski said. "I think it's proven itself over and over again for them."

Consignors continued to be concerned about the lack of depth in the buying bench at the April sale.

"It's very fickle," consignor Eddie Woods said of the market. "The top end of it, as always, is very, very good--stout, great for everybody, if you happen to be fortunate enough to be in that spot. The lower end is treacherous. There is really no one there for them."

"There is no middle market in the country anymore for anything, even at the yearling sales," Woods continued. "They say there is a shortage of horses in California and there is a shortage of horses in New York. There isn't a shortage of horses anywhere, there is a shortage of people who want to own them. There are 26,000 foals every year, so where does the shortage come from? There is no shortage of horses. From a racing point of view, yes, there is a shortage of horses because there is a shortage of people wanting to own them. We are in the trenches here, struggling with the horses that just don't meet all of the criteria they are supposed to meet."

Niall Brennan, who was the leading consignor during Thursday's session, agreed.

"It seems a little tough--tougher than I expected," he said. "OBS April the last few years has been like Keeneland September--it's a smorgasbord for the 2-year-old sales and you get buyers from all ranges here. Obviously, the top-end horses, that's where people are really focusing their money and their budget are really geared to getting those high-end horses. But it just seems to me, the middle is lighter than I expected. Those are the bread and butter horses--the ones in the average category that are useful horses and normally you can sell them in the \$35,000 to \$65,000 range. And there is usually a great market for those horses here, but it seems like it's been tough. Obviously the high-end horses, people are doing their homework and they are not missing them and they are selling very well. But the bread-and-butter horses that people need to sell to keep it all turning over, it seems like the buyers for them are very scant." **Cont. p4**

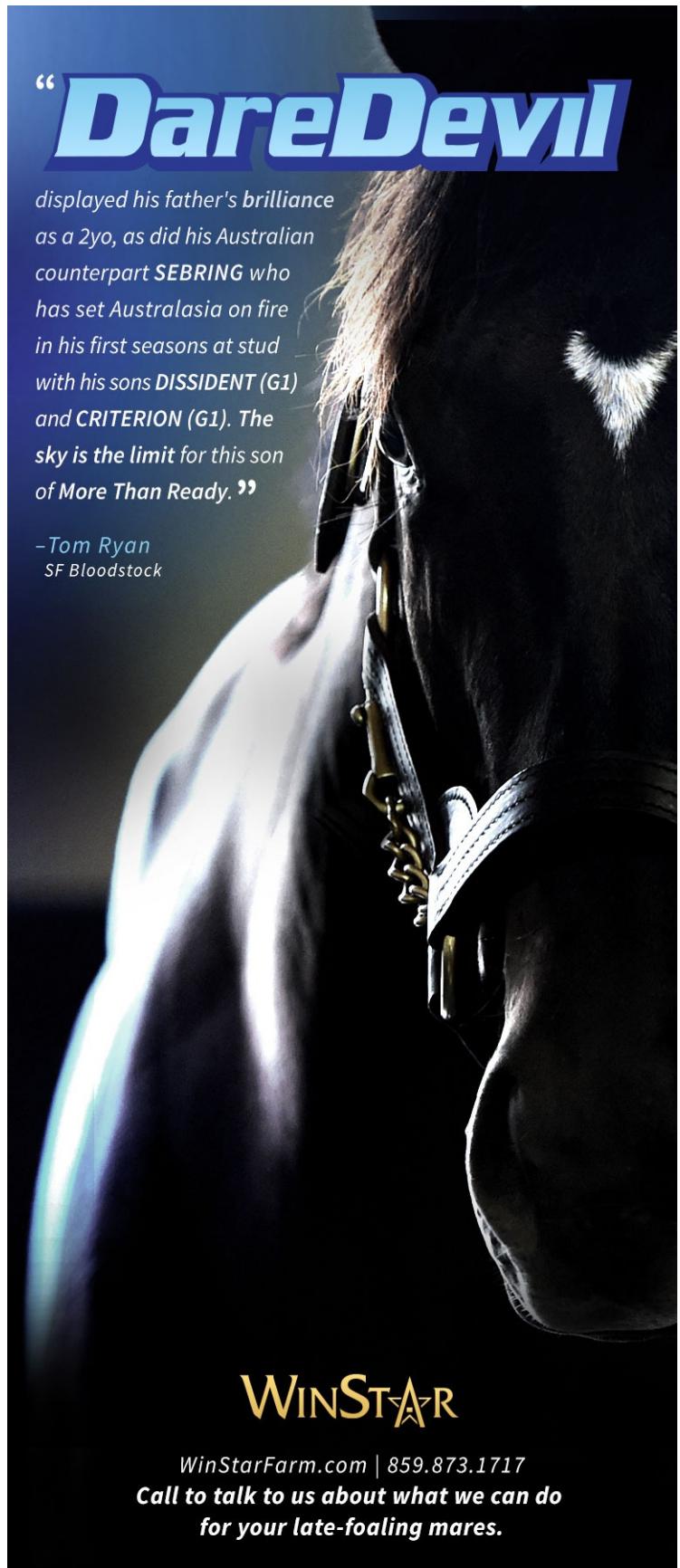


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At the other end of the spectrum, buyers admitted to finding plenty of competition in bidding.

"It's been tough for me," Dennis O'Neill said. "I've been the underbidder on a lot of horses. I am finding competition in the middle market. I've landed on a couple who I thought would be \$80,000 to \$100,000, where I'd like to be for a lot of clients, and they've gone for \$150,000 and \$200,000. So it's been really hard for me. I think I've only bought three horses and I was hoping to get eight or 10."

Asked about the April market, bloodstock agent Steve Young said, "I think it's like any other 1200-horse sale. There is the good, the bad and the in-between. I think some horses are bringing a lot more than I'd think they would bring and vice versa. I think it's an April sale. There are some horses here that are going to struggle until they get to show what they are worth on the racetrack and other horses that have been pinpointed to sell in April."

The April sale concludes Friday with a session beginning at 10:30 a.m.

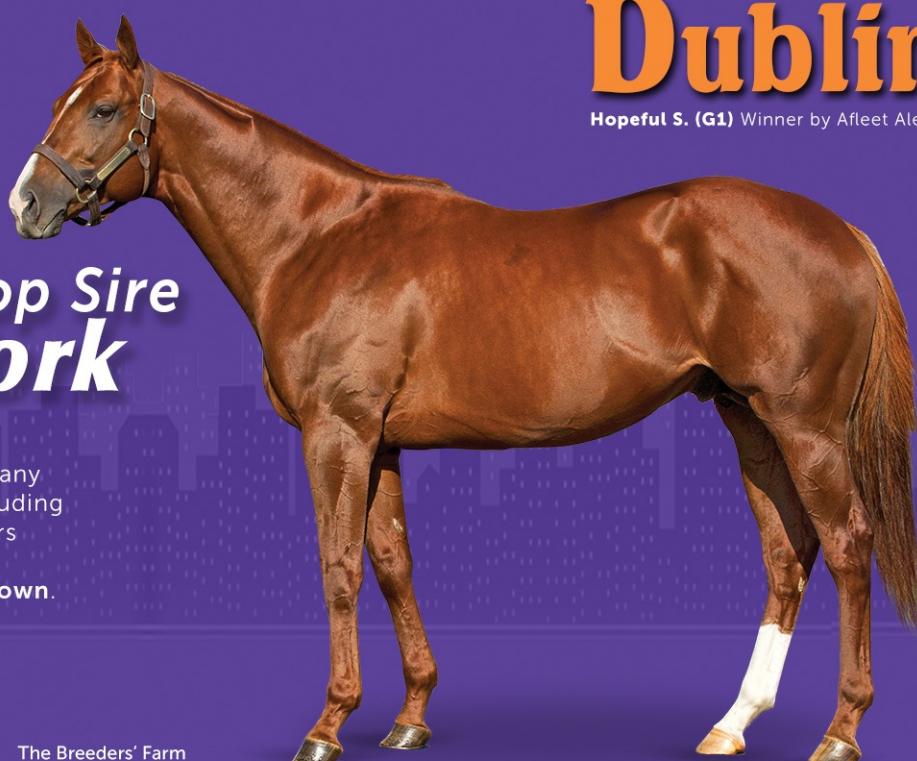
"There are still a lot of good horses left, so we are hoping for a good day tomorrow to finish things up," Wojciechowski concluded.

**OBS APRIL 2-YEAR-OLDS IN TRAINING****THURSDAY'S TOP NINE LOTS**

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
901	colt	Broken Vow	Haddie Be Good	1,200,000
				(\$55,000 Wlg '14 FTKNOV; \$105,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP)
			B-Hal Snowden Jr (FL)	
			Consigned by Tom McCrocklin, Agent II	
			Purchased by Breeze Easy LLC	
803	colt	Candy Ride (Arg)	Fencelineneighbor	875,000
			(\$130,000 in utero '13 KEENOV; \$280,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP)	
			B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds (KY)	
			Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent XLIII	
			Purchased by Dennis O'Neill	
843	filly	The Factor	Friona	420,000
			(\$75,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV; \$140,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP)	
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		(\$24,000 RNA Ylg '15 FTKJUL)		
		B-Spendthrift Farm (KY)		
		Consigned by King's Equine, Agent		
		Purchased by Kim Valerio, Michael Dubb		
640	filly	<u>Union Rags</u>	Classic Strike	375,000
		(\$170,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV; \$130,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP)		
		B-Pollock Farms, Brian Kahn, Taylor Brothers Property & Louis		
		Brooks Ranch Limited Partnership (KY)		
		Consigned by Old South Farm LLC, Agent		
		Purchased by Ruis Racing LLC, David Meah, Agent		
790	colt	<u>Shackleford</u>	Expressive Diva	340,000
		(\$70,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV; \$50,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP)		
		B-PTS Ranch (KY)		
		Consigned by Wavertree Stables Inc (Ciaran Dunne), Agent XLII		
		Purchased by Carolyn Wilson		
857	colt	<u>Gemologist</u>	Gem Sleuth	335,000
		(\$120,00 Ylg '15 KEESEP)		
		B-Fred W Hertrich III & Ronald K Kirk (KY)		
		Consigned by Mayberry Farm, Agent VI		
		Purchased by China Horse Club International Limited		

645	filly	<u>Gemologist</u>	Collect the Fee	300,000
		(\$45,000 Ylg '15 KEEJAN; \$50,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP)		
		B-Mr & Mrs Patrick Hayes & Patrick Lawlor (KY)		
		Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent I		
		Purchased by Klaravich Stable Inc		
728	filly	<u>Uncle Mo</u>	Dixietwostepper	300,000
		(\$150,00 Ylg '15 KEESEP)		
		B-Crumbaugh Lane (KY)		
		Consigned by Bridlewood Farm		
		Purchased by Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners		

Broken Vow Colt Lights Up OBS

With just 11 juveniles left to sell late in the day Thursday, a Broken Vow colt, catalogued as [hip 901](#), caused a fury of late action to become the current OBS April toppler at \$1.2 million.

The :20.4 breezer was purchased by newcomer Mike Hall of Breeze Easy Stable, who has only been in the business for three months and has about eight other horses in training. Hall was seated near the front of the pavilion alongside his trainer Troy Wismer, who will condition the colt at Woodbine.

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Broken Vow Colt cont.

"We've loved the horse ever since we saw him from day one," Hall commented. "He's just a really well-built horse, well put together. The colt's breeze was wonderful. Everything the colt's done has been wonderful here. We couldn't find a fault anywhere with the horse. We plan on taking the horse on to race. He will probably travel first to Woodbine and then we will figure it out from there."

As for the price tag, Hall said, "I expected to pay really close to that. I knew he was that caliber horse. We think the horse has a lot of potential."

Out of MSW Haddie Be Good (Silver Deputy), hip 901 is a half-brother to stakes winner Story to Tell (Bluegrass Cat). This is also the family of Grade I winners Sam's Sister (Brother Derek) and Sweet Talker (Stormin Fever).

The chestnut was purchased by Christina Jelm on behalf of Joe Minor's JSM Equine for \$55,000 at the 2014 Fasig-Tipton November sale. Picked up for \$105,000 by Solana Beach Sales at the 2015 Keeneland September sale, the colt was consigned here by Tom McCracklin. -[@CDeBernardisTDN](#)

First Seven-Figure Sale for McCracklin

When [hip 901](#) was led out of the ring after a final bid of \$1.2 million, it marked the first seven-figure sale for veteran horseman Tom McCracklin, who consigned the juvenile to the April sale Thursday. McCracklin purchased the Broken Vow colt

for \$105,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.

"We were expecting him to sell very well and he had a lot of interest, but I didn't expect that kind of interest," McCracklin admitted.

Asked what attracted him to the colt as a yearling, McCracklin said, "He had a great physical presence. He was a beautiful horse, a balanced horse with a beautiful walk. Obviously, with our crystal ball we didn't see this coming, but it worked out."

The million-dollar baby was originally slated to sell at the OBS March sale, but McCracklin said the extra time between sales made all the difference Thursday.

"He was a horse that we actually thought about putting in the March sale and he is a horse that really benefitted from the extra month or six weeks. He has blossomed and bloomed and his breeze was phenomenal. He showed like a champ. He is a super classy horse and we're extremely proud of him."

A native of Louisiana, McCracklin has earned a reputation for buying future Grade I winners at bargain prices. He purchased 2013 GI Matriarch S. winner Egg Drop (Alphabet Soup) as a yearling for \$12,500. He has been the longtime bloodstock advisor for Robert and Lawana Low, and in addition to his buying and consigning duties, also does lay-ups, turn-outs, yearling breaking and sales preparation at his Ocala base.

Despite all that experience, McCracklin admitted to some anxious moments as he watched his first million-dollar sale unfold Thursday. **Cont. p7**



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"I was nervous," McCrocklin said. "A lot of work goes in on all the horses--it's even more work on the horses you don't get sold--so this is very gratifying. It was really a team effort with all the partners on the horse." --[@JessMartiniTDN](#)

O'Neill Making Plans for Derby '17

Paul Reddam, through bloodstock agent Dennis O'Neill, purchased a juvenile by Uncle Mo from the Niall Brennan consignment at the Fasig-Tipton Florida sale last spring and ended up with juvenile champion and likely GI Kentucky Derby favorite Nyquist. O'Neill was back in action at OBS Thursday, securing a colt by Candy Ride (Arg), who he called the "spitting image of Nyquist," from the same consignment for \$875,000.

"He is probably the prettiest horse I've seen all sale," O'Neill said after fending off agent Gary Young and signing the ticket on [hip 803](#). "I told Paul he is the closest thing I've seen to Nyquist. We loved his breeze and he is an absolutely fabulously gorgeous horse."



Dennis O'Neill | Horsephotos

"He is my type," O'Neill continued. "He is a very lean, athletic horse. He vetted perfectly. They took him out for me on Saturday and my jaw just dropped. He breezed in :10 flat and he had a nice long stride and just looked like he was galloping to me."

Reddam, who won the GI Kentucky Derby and GI Preakness S. with I'll Have Another (Flower Alley) in 2012, may have the favorite in this year's Derby, but he and his team are already looking forward to next year's Classics.

"We are kind of getting addicted to this Kentucky Derby trail and this was the one we thought would get us there next year," O'Neill said. "We are hoping next year at this time, this is our guy."

O'Neill admitted the youngster's final price was less than he expected to pay.

"To be honest, I thought he'd be more," he said. "I actually lost a bet with Paul that I am very happy I lost. It was an over/under of \$1 million. I thought he'd be more. I knew all of the heavy hitters were on him and usually they don't stop.

So I was kind of surprised it stopped there."

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The bay colt is out of graded stakes winner Fencelineneighbor (Wild Rush), who was purchased by Gainesway, with him in utero, for \$150,000 at the 2013 Keeneland November sale. The mare has already produced stakes winner Barbie Wire (Tapit) and graded stakes-placed Nextdoorneighbor (Lido Palace {Chi}). The youngster was purchased for \$280,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.

"Mike Ryan and I bought him [last September] for our pinhooking partnership," Brennan explained. "We loved Candy Ride and we were looking for Candy Rides. This one was a little bit raw at the time. He was a lovely colt, but you could see he was a little different Candy Ride. You could see him growing into himself more and he had great feet and some of the things you might knock on the Candy Rides, this guy didn't have them at all. He was the most expensive yearling we bought, but sometimes you go with your gut feel."

Brennan, who sold Nyquist to Reddam for \$400,000 last March, saw some similarities between the two colts.

"He does remind me of Nyquist in the sense that he is a similar shaped horse," Brennan said. "He is a similar color. He's a big, scopey colt with a tremendous disposition who carries himself with an elegance and a class about him and an intelligence and Nyquist always had that. He's obviously got a long way to go, he's got big shoes to fill to emulate Nyquist, but I hope he can do it for them." -[@JessMartiniTDN](#)



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• No. Offered	214	223
• No. Sold	156	173
• RNAs	58	50
• % RNAs	27.1%	22.4%
• No. \$500K+	2	4
• High Price	\$1,200,000	\$700,000
• Gross	\$13,816,500	\$15,489,000
• Average (% change)	\$88,567 (-1.1%)	\$89,532
• Median (% change)	\$50,000 (+10%)	\$45,000

CUMULATIVE	2016	2015
• Catalogued	912	900
• No. Offered	672	691
• No. Sold	484	514
• RNAs	188	177
• % RNAs	28%	25.6%
• No. \$500K+	4	6
• High Price	\$1,200,000	\$1,900,000
• Gross	\$37,769,500	\$39,420,900
• Average (% change)	\$78,036 (+1.7%)	\$76,694
• Median (% change)	\$45,000 (n/c)	\$45,000

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2YO COLT AT OBS APRIL



Purchased by: Dennis O'Neill

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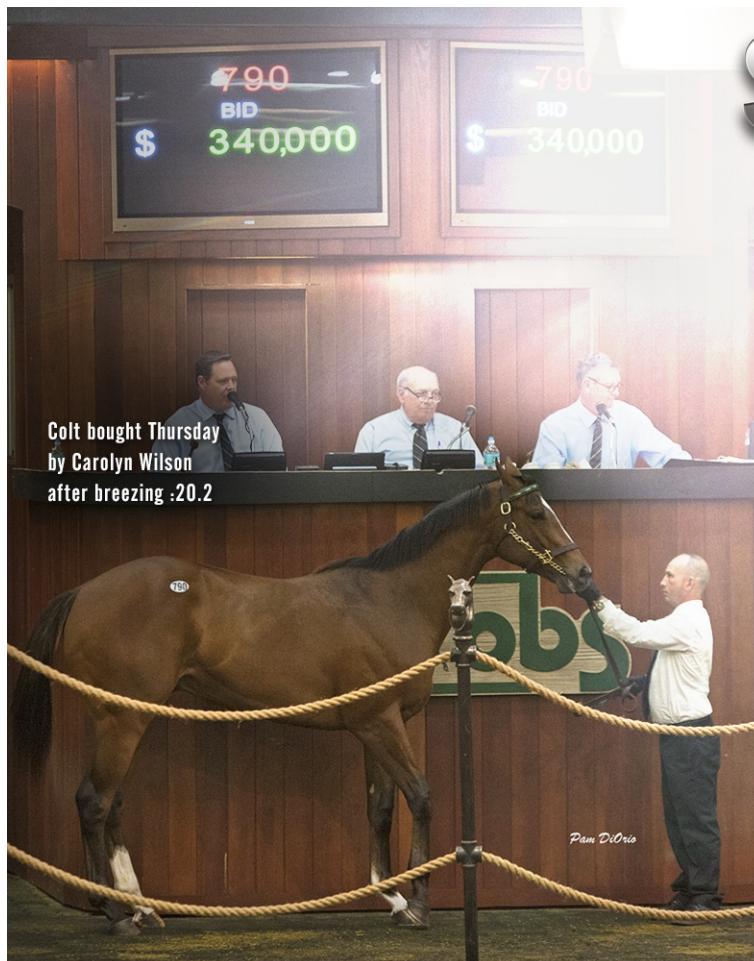
Young Purchases Filly With Wow 'Factor'

Agent Steve Young came out on top of a spirited round of bidding Thursday afternoon to acquire [Hip 843](#), a filly by The Factor, for \$420,000 on behalf of an undisclosed client. The gray breezed a quarter-mile in a speedy :20.4 at OBS last week.

"She had a terrific breeze, a wow breeze," Young remarked after signing the ticket out back. "I know the track was fast, but she did it with a lot of quality. She's a very intelligent, classy kind of horse that you like to think, if she's brave and lucky, she can run just about anywhere. I know she's by a horse that had his biggest days going short, but she's got a lot of leg and a lot of depth to her, and I think she'll run as far as we want her to. She should be a pace filly at over a mile, I would hope."

Trained by Hall of Famer Bob Baffert, The Factor was a dual Grade I-winning sprinter, capturing both the 2011 GI Malibu S. and GI Pat O'Brien S., but he also won that term's 1 1/16-mile GII Rebel S. A colt by the freshman sire, who stands at Lane's End for \$25,000, topped last month's Barrett's sale at \$460,000.

"He's by War Front, who I could not have more respect for if I tried," Young said of The Factor, while wearing a War Front ball cap. "His babies sold very well as yearlings. I didn't participate there, but they have trained very good at the 2-year-old sales. They move with quality and I would think that he is in with a very good chance to be a good sire."



Hip 843 went through the ring for the first time as a yearling at the 2014 Keeneland November sale, where she sold to Walter Bloodstock for \$75,000. Offered again in Lexington at the 2015 September sale, she garnered \$140,000 from Eddie Woods's Quarter Pole Enterprises. The consignor was the first to shake Young's hand after the sale.

"I didn't think she would bring that much with the way the sale's been going," Woods commented. "It's very up and down here. At one point at home when we were working her, I thought the filly was going to bring a lot of money and then when you get here, and you see the way things are going, the steam comes out of you a little bit. We had all the right guys on her and I thought she'd bring some money, but no, I didn't think she'd bring quite that much. I thought she would bring [around \$300,000] or a little better. I would have been delighted with that, so now I am really delighted." -[@CDeBernardisTDN](#)

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More ‘Wonderful’ for Dubb

Michael Dubb, who has already campaigned a pair of graded stakes winners by Tiz Wonderful, will be looking for more success with the stallion after purchasing [hip 631](#) for \$375,000 during Thursday’s session of the OBS April sale.

“We’ve had a lot of good ones by that stallion, we had Condo Commando and My Happy Face, so we’ll always go to that stallion,” confirmed bloodstock agent Kim Valerio after signing the ticket on the filly on behalf of Dubb.

Condo Commando won the 2014 GI Spinaway S. and GII Demoiselle S., as well as the 2015 GII Gazelle S. My Happy Face captured the 2012 GIII Tempted S. and hit the board in three Grade I events.

“This one is exactly like Condo, just a little bit smaller and lighter in color,” Valerio commented. “She has the same face and the same build, so we are going to hope we can win another Spinaway.”

Consigned by King’s Equine, the juvenile is out of stakes winner Christmas Lily (Marquetry). She worked a furlong in a co-bullet [:9 4/5](#) during last week’s under-tack preview. Bred by Spendthrift Farm, the juvenile RNA’d for \$24,000 at last year’s Fasig-Tipton July sale.

Valerio admitted she went a little overbudget on the filly.

“I don’t usually ever pay that kind of money for horses,” Valerio said. “I was hoping we would get her for about \$200,000, but the good ones are bringing money. I like to buy in the under \$100,000 range. We’ve gotten two nice fillies for good prices, so I’m excited about that. I do sit and wait a lot, but I didn’t want to sit with her. I just told [Dubb] I would rather buy her and go home.” -[@JessMartiniTDN](#)

Meah Begins to Make His Mark at OBS

A long-time exercise rider and assistant trainer to Richard Baltas, David Meah is relatively new to the sales scene, but is already beginning to make his presence felt after buying a Union Rags filly for \$375,000 early in Thursday’s session. The bay got an added push Wednesday when her freshman sire was represented by his first winner from his first starter at Aqueduct in the Wesley Ward-trained Lady Stardust.

Meah bought [hip 640](#) on behalf of California construction company owner Mick Ruis’s Ruis Racing. The filly will be trained in California by the owner’s daughter, Shelbe Ruis. The young trainer--whose brother is former jockey Mick Ruis, Jr.--saddled her first starter Rockport Babe (Rockport Harbor) in an Apr. 9 maiden special weight at Santa Anita, where the sophomore filly, who Shelbe Ruis also owns, finished fifth. **Cont. p11**

The image is a composite of several elements. At the top left, there's a photograph of a horse auction ring. Three men in light-colored shirts are seated at a table with microphones, and a large screen above them displays the number '629' and the word 'BID' in red, with '\$ 250,000' written below it twice. In the center, a brown horse is being led by a man in a white shirt and glasses. The background shows a green wall with the letters 'obs' on it. On the right side, there's a large, circular, distressed-style seal. The outer ring of the seal contains the words 'JERSEY TOWN' in a bold, serif font. Inside the circle, at the top, it says 'G1 WINNER'. Below that is a small illustration of a horse and jockey on a track. At the bottom of the seal, it says 'by Speightstown' and '*****'. To the left of the seal, there's text advertising a horse's performance: 'TOP G1 SON OF LEADING SIRE SPEIGHTSTOWN'. Below the seal, there's more text: 'FIRST-CROP 2YO BRINGS \$250,000 AT OBS APRIL'. At the very bottom right, there's a small note: 'Filly purchased Thursday by Neil Drysdale after breezing :10 flat'.

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Ruis Racing purchased two horses earlier in the sale, going to a session-topping \$310,000 Tuesday for [Hip 33](#), a colt by Into Mischief, and \$95,000 for [Hip 206](#), a colt by Broken Vow. They struck again late Thursday to take home [hip 870](#), a Bodemeister half-sister to talented GSW and OBS graduate Acapulco (Scat Daddy), for \$160,000.

"Mick just loves the game and is looking for a group of quality horses," Meah said after signing the ticket in the pavilion for hip 640.

Part of what attracted Meah to the filly was his history with her half brothers, MGSW millionaire Handsome Mike (Scat Daddy) and Handsome Dennis (After Market).

"First of all, I liked the page," he commented. "She's a half to Handsome Mike. I used to work for Doug O'Neill and galloped that horse and galloped Handsome Dennis--two very nice horses. She's just the picture of health, looked very good. She was prepped well and worked well. She is a very well-balanced, strong filly. She is going to do well on the racetrack and after her career is over too."

Hip 640 was purchased by McMahon and Hill Bloodstock for \$170,000 at the 2014 Keeneland November sale and 10 months later RNA'd for \$130,000 at the September sale in Lexington. Consigned here by Old South Farm LLC, the bay breezed a furlong in [:10 flat](#) during last week's under-tack preview.

"It was a good breeze, very athletic, nice moving, long stride," Meah remarked. "I'm very happy."

Meah also enjoyed his first success as a pinhooker during Tuesday's session of OBS April when a Candy Ride (Arg) filly ([Hip 255](#)) he bought for \$30,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale sold to Barry Berkelhammer for \$185,000. He hopes to find similar success Friday with [Hip 1212](#), a Warrior's Reward filly he picked up for \$37,000 at Keeneland September.

"It was great," Meah said of Hip 255's sale. "I bought her for \$30,000 and she sold for \$185,000, so she more than paid for the whole thing. I definitely plan to do more [pinhooking]. I have another one selling [Friday], so hopefully that goes just as well." -[@CDeBernardisTDN](#)

Flores Planning Ahead

David Flores hasn't entirely closed the door on his riding career, but the veteran reinsman is making plans for a future out of the saddle. Flores has been working with Becky Thomas's Sequel Bloodstock throughout the juvenile sales season, learning what the other side of the business is like.

"I've been riding for over 30 years," Flores said at the OBS sales complex Thursday. "I never retired. I just stopped riding because it was getting hard to keep my weight down and the business wasn't too good."

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55	colt	Kodiac (GB)	Good Clodora (Ire) B-Tally-Ho Stud (Ire) Consigned by Tally-Ho Stud Purchased by Blandford Bloodstock	170,000
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The hiatus had the 48-year-old, who has ridden such stars as Action This Day and Singletary, looking ahead.

"I just started thinking about what I was going to do when I retired," he explained. "I talked to [Barretts General Manager] Kim Lloyd about it and he introduced me to Becky Thomas and she was willing to help me to learn about being a consignor and the training and all of this. The transition for me has been unbelievable. It's been a new life for me. I would say, going back to riding is always an option, but I want to give myself a chance to learn something else before I really throw the towel in on the riding side of it."

Flores is committed to working with Sequel through the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic sale and his plans after that auction are up in the air. But no matter where he ends up, Flores said horses will always be part of the plan.

"The horses are my life and have been since I was born," Flores said. "My father was a horseman and my family has always been involved in the horses. I bought a yearling just to get started. I am going to keep her and break her and maybe put her in the sales. I'm putting myself into this industry and it's a good adventure for me and I will do my best to just learn as much as I can. I have to thank Becky Thomas for being so supportive. She has a lot of knowledge and it's a great place to start."

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Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
631	filly	Tiz Wonderful	Christmas Lily	375,000

B-Spendthrift Farm (KY)

Consigned by King's Equine, Agent

Purchased by Kim Valerio, Michael Dubb

This filly was first sent through the ring at last year's Fasig-Tipton Kentucky July yearling sale, but was led out unsold on a bid of just \$24,000. The results were dramatically different Wednesday, as the Feb. 22 foal covered an eighth of a mile in a fleet [9 4/5](#) and was knocked down to this top New York owner. Michael Dubb campaigned Condo Commando (Tiz Wonderful) to a win in the 2014 GI Spinaway S. before selling her for \$1.5 million at last year's FTKNOV sale.

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645 filly **Gemologist** **Collect the Fee** **300,000**

B-Mr & Mrs Patrick Hayes & Patrick Lawlor (KY)

Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent I

Purchased by Klaravich Stable Inc

Knocked down for \$45,000 as a short yearling at KEEJAN in 2015, this member of her sire's first crop was scooped up by Drama Bloodstock for \$50,000 last year at KEESEP. Bred on the Tiznow/Storm Cat cross that has been successful down the years, the bay clocked :10 flat for her under-tack preview and the results were smashing Thursday.

790 colt **Shackleford** **Expressive Diva** **340,000**

B-PTS Ranch (KY)

Consigned by Wavertree Stables Inc (Ciaran Dunne), Agent XLII

Purchased by Carolyn Wilson

Sold for \$70,000 as a KEENOV weanling some nine months after her February foaling date, this bay colt made \$50,000 as a KEESEP yearling last fall. One of just three horses in the entire sale to work a quarter-mile in :20 2/5, he made for an outstanding pinhook for this noted reseller.

888 colt **Include** **Good Witch Glinda** **180,000**

B-Dapple Bloodstock (KY)

Consigned by Harris Training Center LLC

Purchased by Angelinos Racing LLC

A May foal, this bay colt was purchased by Andy Smith for \$16,000 at FTKFEB in 2015, but knocked it out of the park at OBS after covering two furlongs in :21 1/5.

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1	Brooklynsway	Giant Gizmo	Albarado	Flint	15-1
2	I'm a Chatterbox	Munnings	Geroux	Jones	3-5
3	Welcome Aboard	Rock Hard Ten	Parker	Reed	20-1
4	Sea Shadow	Jump Start	Castellano	Colebrook	20-1
5	Back in Dixie	Put It Back	Hill	Mason	15-1
6	Ahh Chocolate	Candy Ride (Arg)	Hernandez, Jr.	Howard	4-1
7	White Clover	Exchange Rate	Lanerie	Arnold, II	5-1
8	Pretty Fancy	Lemon Drop Kid	Rocco, Jr.	Arnold, II	20-1
9	Innovative Idea	Bernardini	Graham	Harty	20-1

Owners: 1-Naveed Chowhan, 2-Grayson Farm (Fletcher Gray), 3-Jerry Jamgotchian, 4-Ben Colebrook and Mary Jo Colebrook, 5-Delvin Helderman and Clayton C. Jack, 6-Stoneway Farm (James L. Stone), 7-Calumet Farm (Brad Kelley), 8-G. Watts Humphrey, Jr., 9-Godolphin, LLC (Sheikh Mohammed Al Maktoum). **Breeders:** 1-HJT Racing Stable, 2-Fletcher & Carolyn Gray, 3-Gary & Mary West Stables, Inc., 4-John Bonziglia, Ben Colebrook & John T. Colebrook, 5-Bridlewood Farm, 6-Stoneway Farm, 7-Bluegrass Hall, LLC, 8-G. Watts Humphrey Jr., 9-Darley.

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GEROUX KEEPS A LEVEL HEAD AMID RISING STARDOM

STARDOM by Michael Adolphson

A lot of riders would love to be in jockey Florent Geroux's riding boots right now. The native of the Normandy region of France has been on an enviable run over the last 18 months, including victories in six seven-figure races--highlighted by three Breeders' Cup victories and a GI Arlington Million. After a romping win in the jockeys' race at Fair Grounds this winter and flying periodically to different parts of the country to ride for increasingly higher-profile outfits, it is evident that the 29-year-old father of two's ascension has yet to hit its ceiling.

Geroux--unfazed by the pressure--now focuses his attention on the most prestigious racing prize on this side of the world, as he is set to pilot one of the favorites, Winchell Thoroughbreds and Three Chimneys Farm's Steve Asmussen-trained **Gun Runner** (Candy Ride), in the GI Kentucky Derby May 7.

"I feel really good about the race. It is tough to get into the Derby with the point system, but he has more points than any horse and I believe he can win," Geroux said. "He's a good ride. He's very professional and manageable, with good tactical speed. You can place him where you want to and he's not a super-big horse so you can squeeze through horses easily and he can even stop and start a bit. He has gears."

"I think the mile and a quarter should be fine with him," Geroux continued. "He won going away at a mile and an eighth and I think we're all in the same boat as far as going more distance than ever before. I don't see a reason why he can't get the trip."

Gun Runner, who was victorious in both of his races under Geroux--Fair Grounds's \$400,000 GI Risen Star S. and \$1-million GI Louisiana Derby--has been nothing short of flawless in said pair of sophomore efforts. After breaking his maiden over the Churchill Downs surface and proving his mettle in Keeneland allowance ranks, he was a solid fourth in the GI Kentucky Jockey Club S. to cap his juvenile season in the slop, proving to be his lone loss. Like many of Asmussen's top pupils this season, Gun Runner's reins were then turned over to Geroux and success quickly followed.

"I rode a little for Asmussen last year around this time, but when he called [agent Doug Bredar] and me about riding a nice



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sprint filly, Street Story (Street Cry {Ire}), that was our break," Geroux recollected. "We won the GIII Winning Colors S. at Churchill with her. In the fall, he put us on a couple more horses at Churchill and we won on Regally Ready (More Than Ready) and a few others. Then when we came to the Fair Grounds in November he gave us some of the better horses. It is great working with him. He's a great trainer."

The son of successful French jockey and trainer Dominique Geroux, the younger Geroux has shown impressive poise in the last year and a half. In tandem with Bredar, Flo (as he is known to many of his friends and colleagues) works diligently to strategize for mounts and optimize opportunities, while remaining admirably humble--a constitution that a few desperately lean years when first arriving stateside in 2007 undoubtedly strengthened. For example, between 2007 and 2010 the graduate of the renowned French riding academy AFASEC garnered only 71 victories. In 2016 alone, he has 78 victories and nearly \$4 million in purses earned.

"I don't feel any pressure," he explained. "You just have to be happy and feel fortunate. A lot of people would love to be in this position and you need to make the most out of it. I'm not hard on myself when things go poorly because if you get too stressed, you can't ride good races afterward. To win the big races, you have to stay calm."

Geroux cont.

"I'm excited for the Derby," he continued. "I'm not nervous. I got a good taste of something similar last year when I rode one of the favorites (Fletcher and Carolyn Gray's Larry Jones-trained) I'm a Chatterbox (Munnings) in the [Kentucky] Oaks. I thought I had the best filly that day, but we had a rough trip and didn't get too lucky, but that's okay. Everyone is going to be watching the Derby, not just regular racing fans, so it's very exciting to be part of a [national] event."

Aside from Gun Runner and I'm a Chatterbox, Geroux is also the regular rider of champions Untapable (Tapit) and Leigh Court (Grand Slam), multiple graded stakes winners Cinco Charlie (Indian Charlie) and Chocolate Ride (Candy Ride), as well as Breeders' Cup winners Mongolian Saturday (Any Given Saturday) and Catch a Glimpse (City Zip).

"I try to ride for everyone," he explained. "Not just Pletcher, Jones, Asmussen and Casse, but also the guys who have been loyal to me since the beginning like Doug Matthews, Mike Stidham and Wayne Catalano. Good horses will come from everywhere, so you just ride your best."

"A funny story about Catch A Glimpse is that I actually went to Woodbine to ride a different horse in another stakes that day--The Zip Zip Man (City Zip) for Stidham--and Doug tried to get me another mount," he continued. "It was either Catch a Glimpse or a horse from New York. I wanted to ride Catch a Glimpse and two or three jockeys turned her down before I got the call. That's just how it happens sometimes."

Geroux, who won his first stakes in 2010 at Presque Isle Downs in restricted company with hard-knocking Pennsylvania-bred gelding Zoeling (Favorite Trick), has come a long way thus far in his American career. Still, he remains acutely focused on the future, which may include returning to international riding.

"If someone asks me to ride outside the U.S., that is definitely something I look forward to possibly doing," he said. "A lot of American jockeys don't get the opportunity to ride overseas because our horses rarely travel globally, but I would love to ride Royal Ascot or return to Hong Kong like I did with Mongolian Saturday in December."

"After riding through Keeneland, I will likely do Churchill



More and more trainers are giving Geroux the thumbs up | Horsephotos

Downs again and possibly Saratoga this summer," Geroux concluded. "I don't set any specific goal, really, I just try to win as many races as I can and that hopefully includes the Kentucky Derby. I just work hard and hope for better opportunities and better horses. Doug has been a big part of that and is very good at his job and I like riding in tough colonies like Keeneland and Fair Grounds. You have to ride smarter races and be a better jockey and hopefully this will be an even bigger year for me."

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'VALENTINA' HAS FIRST PRE-OAKS WORK

'TDN Rising Star' Rachel's Valentina (Bernardini) had her first work at Keeneland Thursday since finishing second, beaten a neck, in the GI Central Bank Ashland S. Apr. 9. The daughter of Hall of Fame nominee Rachel Alexandra (Medaglia d'Oro) figures to be among the favorites for the GI Kentucky Oaks at Churchill Downs May 6. Working in company with stablemate Gimlet (Lemon Drop Kid), last year's GI Spinaway S. winner and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies runner-up was clocked in splits of :12.40, :24.80, :48.60 and out in 1:00.60 and 1:13.60. She was piloted for the breeze by exercise rider Adele Bellinger. "[We wanted] just a nice easy breeze against the bridle, and that's what we got," said Tristan Barry, assistant to trainer Todd Pletcher. "We're very happy with her."

In other Oaks news, fellow 'Rising Star' Cathryn Sophia (Street Boss) is now being reconsidered for the Oaks following the defection of undefeated champion Songbird (Medaglia d'Oro). The GII Forward Gal S. and GII Davona Dale S. romper, third behind Weep No More (Mineshaft) in the Ashland as the 1-2 favorite, will work at Keeneland Friday before trainer John Servis makes a decision as to whether to point for the Oaks or seven-panel GII Eight Belles S. on the same day.

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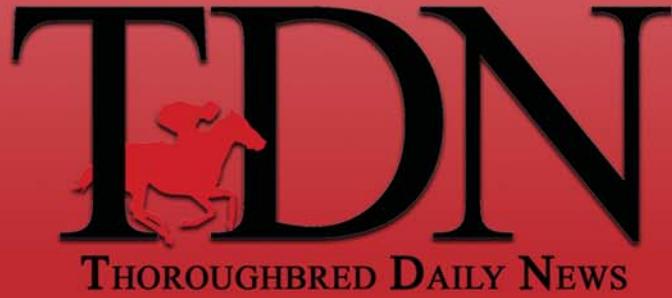
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EXCHANGE WAGERING TO DEBUT IN NEW JERSEY MAY 10 *By Bill Finley*

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey--Officials of Betfair and Monmouth Park announced Thursday in a joint press conference at the Meadowlands that exchange wagering will begin May 10 in New Jersey. Betfair, popular in many parts of the rest of the world, will be accepting its first-ever U.S. customers when launching next month. New Jersey is the only state that has officially approved the form of wagering and only residents of the state will be allowed to wager.

"We've been actively engaged in trying to bring to our consumers new ways to be entertained," said Dennis Drazin, the president of Darby

Development, which manages Monmouth Park. "We've been a leader in sports betting, been a leader in many other areas, and we believe exchange wagering is huge for our future. We want the fan who wants to come in and have a different, fun experience. That's the goal here, to try to offer our consumers other opportunities besides the traditional pari-mutuel bet. This is entertainment."

Betfair, which is the firm that created the concept of exchange wagering and remains the leader in the industry, has long sought a foothold in the U.S. market. The hope is that U.S. gamblers will gravitate to exchange wagering with the same enthusiasm that British punters have. In exchange wagering, bets are matched between players who want to bet on a horse and those who are willing to book or lay the bet at a certain price. Betfair takes a commission on winning wagers.

Leaders in the English racing industry have often complained that Betfair has cannibalized more traditional forms of betting while returning only a minute percentage of its revenues to the sport and purses. Elsewhere in the world, Betfair customers are charged a commission ranging from 2% to 5%. Realizing that the U.S. racing industry would never get behind exchange wagering unless it felt it was being fairly compensated, Betfair will pay tracks here commissions more in line with what ADWs, tracks and OTBs pay in simulcasting fees. In order to do that, Betfair will charge U.S. customers a 12% commission.

"I think we struck the right balance," Betfair US CEO Kip Levin said of the 12% take and the need to compensate the tracks.

Monmouth does not open its 2016 meet until May 14, four days after the Betfair launch. However, New Jersey customers



Monmouth Park | Sarah Andrew

will be able to bet not only on Monmouth but any one of a number of U.S. tracks that Betfair has a contract with. The U.S. bets will be commingled with wagers made in the rest of the world.

Exchange customers will also be able to place bets "in running," a concept pioneered by Betfair. During in-running wagering, betting does not close until the horses have crossed the wire, giving customers a chance to bet on horses that appear to be in a position to win or bet against horses that seem to be struggling.

"If you can play while a race is going on your attention is much more focused on what's going on during the race," Drazin said. "With the typical player, you make a bet, it's over. If doing the in-play, there's excitement the whole way. I think people will be motivated to try this."

Monmouth and Betfair are banking on the hope that exchange wagering will not cannibalize existing handle in any significant way and will also introduce a entirely new type of customer to horse racing. Studies done by Betfair show that the average of an ADW customer in New Jersey is 60, while the average age of a Betfair player is in his/her late 30's. Betfair also appeals to people who like to play the stock market, particularly those who enjoy arbitraging. Many Betfair customers aren't looking for the best horse, but inefficiencies in the odds and the market they can exploit by arbitraging.

The bottom line, Drazin, said is that Betfair should increase overall revenue for Monmouth.

"This will increase our ability to up the handle," he said. "They'll have short fields in Europe with 1-5 shots and on Betfair those races are generating 30-plus million in handle on a race. As time goes on, I believe this is going to catch fire and our country is going to look at wagering in a new way. I think we can grow handle over all and there will be a younger generation that will be exposed to a wagering format that is more exciting."

Exchange wagering has been legalized in California, as well. But efforts to get it off the ground there have stalled. Betfair officials are hoping that the experiment is so successful in New Jersey that other states that have racing will want to embrace the concept.

"We've been focused on New Jersey," Levin said. "It is a great launch place. Because we operate the 4nbets.com ADW we can truly look at the data and get a precise feel for the impact on the business in New Jersey. I think we can then take this to rest of the industry. This is going to make for a great test case. We are hopeful we will get there in California shortly and that other states will take a look at what's happening here and want to be involved, as well."

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THREE NODS FOR ZAYATS AT KY-BRED AWARDS

Zayat Stables received a trio of awards at Thursday's annual Kentucky Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders (KTOB) Kentucky-Bred Champions Award Luncheon at Keeneland Racecourse thanks to their homebred Horse of the Year **American Pharaoh** (Pioneerof the Nile). The 2015 Triple Crown winner was named KY-Bred Horse of the Year and 3-year-old, while his dam **Littleprincessemma** (Yankee Gentleman) received the coveted Broodmare of the Year honor. The Zayats, who later sold Littleprincessemma, were also presented with the Broodmare of the Year award since they owned her when she produced American Pharaoh.

The remaining 2015 KTOB awards were as follows:

- **Two-Year-Old Male: Nyquist** (Uncle Mo)
Breeder: Summerhill Farm
- **Two-Year-Old Filly: Songbird** (Medaglia d'Oro)
Breeder: John Antonelli
- **Three-Year-Old Filly: I'm a Chatterbox**
Breeder: Fletcher & Carolyn Gray
- **Older Dirt Male: Honor Code** (A.P. Indy)
Breeder: Dell Ridge Farm, LLC
- **Older Dirt Female: Beholder** (Henny Hughes)
Breeder: Clarkland Farm
- **Turf Male: Big Blue Kitten** (Kitten's Joy)
Breeder: Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey
- **Turf Female: Tepin** (Bernstein)
Breeder: Machmer Hall
- **Sprinter: Runhappy** (Super Saver)
Breeder: Wayne, Gray & Bryan Lyster
- **Steeplechase Horse: Demonstrative** (Elusive Quality)
Breeder: Gainsborough Farm LLC
- **Racing Abroad: Air Force Blue** (War Front)
Breeder: Stone Farm

Four merit awards were presented to individuals or groups honoring their contributions to the Kentucky Thoroughbred industry:

- **P.A.B. Widener Trophy** for KTOB Breeder of the Year:
Darley
- **Hardboot Breeders' Award** paying tribute to "distinctive but unsung breeders that help make up the backbone of the industry" **Arthur B. Hancock, III**
- **Charles W. Engelhard Award** acknowledges a member of the media for outstanding coverage of the Thoroughbred industry: **Sean and Joe Clancy**
- **William T. Young Humanitarian Award** distinguishes a person or organization in the Thoroughbred industry "who recognizes and promotes the human endeavor:" **Keeneland Association, Inc.**

Rewards were also given to the top Kentucky Thoroughbred Development Fund money earners:

- **KTDF Sire of the Year: Candy Ride (Arg)** (Lane's End Farm)
- **KTDF Earner of the Year: Shes a True Beauty (Yes It's True)** (SumFun Stable)
- **KTDF Owner of the Year: Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey**
- **KTDF Trainer of the Year: Michael Maker**
- **KTDF Breeder of the Year: Winstar Farm, LLC**

Recipients of the 2015 KTOB Kentucky-Bred Champion awards were voted on by the full membership of KTA/KTOB while the KTDF category leaders were tabulated using purse money won at Kentucky racetracks in 2015. KTOB merit award recipients were voted on by the KTA/KTOB Board of Directors.

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CONGRESSIONAL CAUCUS ON MEDICATION REFORM BILL SET FOR NEXT WEEK

Congressmen Andy Barr (R-KY) and Paul Tonko (D-NY), the co-chairmen of the Congressional Horse Caucus, will hold a hearing next Thursday, Apr. 28 with fellow Caucus members and leaders from the horse racing industry to discuss a path forward for the Thoroughbred Horseracing Integrity Act of 2015. Industry representatives to testify before the Caucus will include racehorse owner/celebrity chef Bobby Flay, Breeders' Cup President & CEO Craig Fravel, Hall of Fame Thoroughbred trainer Michael Dickinson, and former Maryland Jockey Club CEO Joe DeFrancis.

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ITHA VS. ARLINGTON RESTRAINING ORDER DENIED By T.D. Thornton

A federal judge on Thursday denied a temporary restraining order request by the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (ITHA) that would have kept Arlington International Racecourse from negotiating with a rival horsemen's group on a contract for the fast-approaching summer race meet.

The request was part of an ITHA lawsuit filed on Monday in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (Eastern Division) that named 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."

Judge Manish Shah wrote in a court order that the ITHA did not demonstrate an immediate need for a restraining order at a Wednesday hearing because "plaintiff's threat of litigation has deterred defendant ITBOF from pursuing a contract with Arlington" and that "plaintiff has not established a likelihood that it is entitled to a legal declaration right now that it is the exclusive horsemen's group at Arlington for the entire upcoming season."

Shah further ruled that "since I conclude that a contract between Arlington and an alternative group is not presently a risk to plaintiff, I also conclude that the irreparable harm to plaintiff's standing as the horsemen's group is not likely to occur...Before ITBOF reared its head as an alternative group, the dispute between plaintiff and Arlington was about money, and now that ITBOF has retreated, urgent equitable relief is not necessary."

A status hearing on May 3 is the next legal step. The Arlington meet is supposed to start May 6.

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Thursday's Results:

7th-KEE, \$65,936, Alw, 4-21, (C), 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:39.60, fm.
VYJACK (g, 6, Into Mischief--Life Happened, by Stravinsky) was coming off a dull last-place finish in the GIII Pimlico Special S. when he entered Bill Mott's barn and was put on turf. He responded well, finishing a closing second in the GIII Poker S., third in the Forbidden Apple S. and fourth in the GII Bernard Baruch H. before struggling home fifth in the Belmont slop Oct. 28 to close out his 5-year-old season. Back on the green as the 23-10 favorite, the gelding stalked the pace from second through soft splits of :25.10 and :51.04. Sidling up alongside the pacesetter turning into the stretch, he brushed that rival nearing the eighth pole while running on his wrong lead with his head cocked toward the grandstand. Finally focusing when a runner came to challenge on his outside, he stuck it out in the final sixteenth to hold off rallying Kulik Lodge (Curlin) to prevail by a neck. The winner is a half to Tepin (Bernstein), Ch. Turf Mare & MGISW, \$2,895,973, and Prime Cut (Bernstein), MGSP, \$167,426. Sales History: \$45,000 Ylg '11 FTKJUL; \$100,000 2yo '12 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: MGSW & MGISP, 24-7-2-3, \$1,141,900. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Pick Six Racing (David Wilkenfeld); B-Machmer Hall (KY); T-William I. Mott.

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8th-KEE, \$61,930, Alw, 4-21, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:45.11, ft.

DEE DEE BERTIE (f, 4, Bluegrass Cat--De Bertie {MGSW, \$485,920}, by De Niro) finished ninth of 10 in her debut at Churchill last May, then missed by a head after contesting the pace when second in the mud at Indiana Grand in June. The homebred graduated there one race later July 29 going wire-to-wire before being laid up for nearly nine months. Away at 5-1 here, the dark bay broke quickly and cleared the field going into the clubhouse turn and clicked off fractions of :24.40 and :48.88 while running in the clear. Increasing her advantage in hand on the far turn, she easily shook off the challenge of eventual runner-up Romantic Vision (Lemon Drop Kid) at the top of the lane and held firm for a 1 1/4-length decision. The winner's dam won the GII Rampart H. and GIII Sabin H. before producing Get Ready Bertie (More Than Ready), SW & MGSP, \$222,602; Whirlie Bertie (Stormin Fever), GSW, \$205,449; and Uptown Bertie (More Than Ready), GSW, \$227,439. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$63,041. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Richard and Bertram Klein; B-Bertram W. Klein (KY); T-Charles LoPresti.

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4th-KEE, \$57,878, Msw, 4-21, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:45.97, fm.

SWEET TAPPER (f, 3, Tapit--Sweet Talker {GISW, \$1,098,723}, by Stormin Fever) did no running in her local dirt debut last October, but was a new filly when tried over turf Feb. 13 at Gulfstream, finishing fourth sprinting at 36-1 despite a slow start before filling the same slot when stretched out to two turns Mar. 6. Off at 7-1 in this spot, the \$220,000 KEESEP grad was away alertly before being reined in to save ground in the third flight while a bit rank on the clubhouse turn. Moving up to third on the far bend, the chestnut awaited room into the stretch, then drove through an opening at the fence and kicked away to a strong 2 3/4-length triumph. The winner's dam captured the GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup S. over this course and won or placed in four other graded stakes on turf. She produced Perregaux (Distorted Humor), MGSP, has a 2-year-old colt by Smart Strike named Author, and most recently foaled a colt by Distorted Humor. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$39,786. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Winchester Place Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Courtlandt Farm (KY); T-Ian R. Wilkes.

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**3rd-KEE, \$47,930, Msw, 4-21, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f, :50.85 (NTR), ft.
+LADY AURELIA, f, 2, Scat Daddy**

**1st Dam: D'Wildcat Speed (Horse of the Year & Ch.
Imp. 3-year-old filly-PR, GSW, \$530,755), by
Forest Wildcat**

2nd Dam: Velvet Panther, by Pentaquod

3rd Dam: Blue Eyed Cat, by Great Above

Lady Aurelia became the fourth 2-year-old debut winner for Wesley Ward at this meet with a terrific track-record demolishing first-out score off of several sharp local breezes.



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Breaking from the rail as the 1-5 favorite, the bay was away sharply, making the lead in the first few strides before opening up four lengths through a :22.57 quarter-mile. With stalking Fashion Bid (Old Fashioned) getting a bit closer into the stretch, the \$350,000 KEESEP yearling buy was given

the slightest of urging to blast away from her rival in the final furlong and romp by 7 3/4 lengths in track record time for the 4 1/2 furlongs. The winner's dam was Horse of the Year and Champion imported 3-year-old filly in Puerto Rico before capturing the GII Rampart H. in the United States, while her second dam was twice named Champion imported older mare in Puerto Rico. Sales History: \$350,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$28,758. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. Free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

O-Stonestreet Stables LLC, George Bolton and Peter Leidel; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Wesley A. Ward.

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Old Friends Launches "Virtual Tour" Videos:

Old Friends, the Thoroughbred Retirement Facility in Georgetown, KY., has announced the launch of its new "virtual tour" video collection. Sponsored by a grant from the Binky Foundation and produced by Matt and Wendy Wooley of the Lexington-based EquiSport Photos, each three to four-minute virtual tour will feature one of the horses retired at Old Friends and will be presented by Old Friends founder and President Michael Blowen. The inaugural video, released Apr. 3, featured 1997 Kentucky Derby and Preakness champion Silver Charm. A video featuring three-time GI Santa Anita H. winner Game On Dude (Awesome Again) was released Thursday. Virtual Tour videos will be available on the Old Friends [YouTube](#) page.



Thursday's Results:

First Winner for Freshman Sire

**1st-AQU, \$98,000, Msw, 4-21, 2yo, 4 1/2f, :53.28, ft.
+SILVER MISSION (c, 2, Mission Impazible--Nashinda {MGSW, \$438,843}, by Silver Deputy)** got his freshman sire (by

Unbridled's Song)'s stud career off to a winning start in this circuit's first 2-year-old race of the year. Off as a heavy 1-5 favorite in a field of five, the roan was hustled to the fore to duel with second choice Fuhrong (Langfuhr) through a :22.18 quarter-mile. Silver Mission poked a head in front turning for home under John Velazquez, but Fuhrong responded at the rail and the two continued an all-out duel, brushing a few times in the stretch before the chalk just edged away late to a half-length tally. An inquiry/objection sign was posted looking into the stretch incident, but the result stood. The winner's dam is a half-sister to Sovereign Award winner Archers Bay (Silver Deputy). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$58,800. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Twin Creeks Racing Stables, LLC and Sequel Racing; B-Sequel Thoroughbreds, LLC & Twin Creeks Farm (NY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

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► Florida

Thursday's Results:

4th-GP, \$41,400, Msw, 4-21, 2yo, 4 1/2f, :52.16, ft.
+COLD SNACK THIRTY (c, 2, Backtalk--Passeporta, by Rockport Harbor) was let go at 15-1 in this first local 2-year-old race of the season and broke smartly before being out-dueled for the lead by 8-5 favorite Da Meister (Bodemeister). Maintaining a foothold at the rail, the bay punched through inside to grab a narrow lead at the top of the lane. Confronted with a fresh challenge by Wesley Ward firster Animal Quiet (Iqbaal), Cold Snack Thirty grimly held off that one's bid throughout the stretch to come home a 3/4-length victor. Sales History: \$15,000 Wlg '14 OBSOCT; \$2,500 Ylg '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$25,800. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O/T-Jason McCutchen; B-Lynn Jones (FL).

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► Eastern U.S.

Ritvo Guest Lecturer at University of Maryland:

Tim Ritvo, Chief Operating Officer of The Stronach Group, spent part of his Wednesday afternoon at the University of Maryland as guest lecturer for a class on "Gambling in the New Millennium." Ritvo spoke to a group of approximately 80 students on the University of Maryland's main campus. The innovative class, which touches on poker, the Preakness, point spreads, the lottery and public policy, is instructed by Prof. Stephen McDaniel. Ritvo spoke about The Stronach Group's passion and effort to help revitalize Thoroughbred racing, competition within the industry, the importance of the Maryland Thoroughbred industry and ideas to attract a wider audience. It was the third time Ritvo spoke at the University. He was accompanied last spring by Mike Rogers, Executive Board Member of The Stronach Group. "I am very appreciative that Tim Ritvo has been gracious enough to come speak to the undergraduate students in my course," McDaniel said. "The class covers the various sectors of the industry, including pari-mutuel gambling. Maryland has a storied tradition when it comes to horse racing. It is also an economic engine that extends beyond hosting the Preakness. So, I think it is important for our students to gain an appreciation for this, as well as for where the business is headed on a national level."

► California

Thursday's Results:

7th-LRC, \$51,796, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 4-21, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:08.46, ft.
JUSTIN SQUARED (c, 3, Zensational--Graciously Soft, by Vindication) dominated a maiden field Sep. 5 at Del Mar to become a 'TDN Rising Star', but had gone unseen since that promising effort. Returning with a slew of fast works for this allowance test, Zayat Stables' colt broke on top and pulled his way to a clear lead in the early stages. He was kept well off the rail while rattling off a quarter in :22.09, kicked further clear under no urging until passing a :44.57 half-mile, at which point he was set down by Martin Pedroza. A brief challenge came to their inside in deep stretch from Mrazek (Square Eddie), but the roan colt easily held off that bid for a 1 1/2-length score in a sharp 1:08.46. The win made Pedroza the all-time leader in wins at Los Alamitos day racing. Justin Squared is named after Justin Zayat and horseman Justin Casse. Sales History: \$130,000 RNA Wlg '13 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$69,600. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Zayat Stables LLC; B-Sun Valley Farm (KY); T-Bob Baffert. *1/2 to My Name is Michael, GSP, \$198,373.

 **Purchased by Justin Casse**

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6th-LRC, \$45,345, Msw, 4-21, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:36.14, ft.

LILY (f, 3, Uncle Mo--Therese, by Exchange Rate) finished eighth on debut Jan. 16 at Santa Anita when bet down to 5-2, but improved to be third Mar. 27. Stretching out to this two-turn route, the \$310,000 Fasig-Tipton August grad broke well as the 11-10 choice and settled to be a stalking third down the backstretch. Moving up sweetly on the far turn, she soon collared second choice Caradini (Bernardini) turning for home and kicked clear in the lane to cruise by 5 1/4 lengths under moderate urging. The winner's dam is a half-sister to the ill-fated Proud Accolade (Yes It's True), GISW, \$476,630. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$33,970. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Fox Hill Farms, Inc.; B-Angela M Ingenito (FL); T-Jerry Hollendorfer.

Stockton Fair Quits Racing; Dates Go to Pleasanton

by T.D. Thornton

The San Joaquin County Fair (Stockton) has relinquished its September/October racing dates this year. The Alameda County Fairgrounds (Pleasanton) will end up with that block of six to eight programs (actual race dates to be determined), but only after nearly 100 minutes of contentious debate among industry stakeholders and commissioners at Thursday's monthly meeting of the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB).

Stockton officials were grilled by commission members on why they requested the race dates in the first place if they were aware that the autumn racing season, which does not coincide with the actual June county fair at the property, was likely to be a money-losing proposition, like it was in 2015.

Golden Gate Fields officials lobbied hard for the CHRB to put the dates reallocation vote off for another month so they could come up with a proposal for requesting the abandoned dates.

"There are all sorts of possibilities that haven't been considered," said Scott Daruty, an executive for The Stronach Group who spoke on behalf of Golden Gate. "We think we all need to take a breath and try to sit down and come up with something that satisfies the whole industry, and not just the fair component of the industry."

Nick Coukos, the Thoroughbred Owners of California president, said his group opposed the move to Pleasanton. He pointed out that awarding the dates to Golden Gate would be a better idea, because it would dovetail with that track's existing late summer schedule and provide horsemen with badly needed grass racing opportunities.

"We have to remember, during this September period, we're racing down south at Los Alamitos. There's no turf racing in California for that entire period," Coukos said.

Christopher Korby, the California Authority of Racing Fairs (CARF) executive director, emphasized that Pleasanton had indeed undertaken a feasibility study for installing a turf course in the future, but said "there's not sufficient revenue generated from the small number of racing days...to justify the substantial investment in a turf course. So if we were able to look at scenarios in which racing days were expanded at Alameda Country Fair, the financial prospects for a turf course are enhanced accordingly."

In the end, the put-off-the-vote arguments did not win over the commissioners. After ninety minutes of debate, the CHRB finally voted 4-1 (two members were absent) to approve the dates reallocation. Two commissioners who voted in favor made it clear that their affirmative votes came under duress.

"You have an obligation to try to get Golden Gate into the discussions about this, to work it out as best you can," commissioner Jesse Choper said to Pleasanton and CARF

officials. "You've already got the 'win' if you will. Nonetheless, for future relations, I think it would be a good idea."

CHRB chairman Chuck Winner agreed: "Frankly, the way we went about this, was absolutely not acceptable for the future...We had to take a vote on the decision that none of us were really comfortable with because of the timing."

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INDUSTRY INFO

Episode 3 of ABR Series Released:

America's Best Racing released episode three of a new and original ABR Films four-episode video series, "Triple Crown Training: Where American Pharoah Learned to Be a Racehorse" Thursday. The series, presented and sponsored by Fasig-Tipton, chronicles the success story of the McKathan Brothers Training Center, where American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile) prepped in 2014 prior to his history-defining Triple Crown and Breeders' Cup Grand Slam achievements of 2015, and the instrumental role that Marion County, Fla., plays in the development of young, hopeful 2-year-old Thoroughbreds. Episode 3, Becoming a Racehorse, can be viewed [here](#).

ROOKIES

First-crop starters to watch: Friday, April 22

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

CREATIVE CAUSE (Giant's Causeway), Airdrie Stud, \$15K, 86/0/0

1-LRC, Msw 4 1/2f, +Milton Freewater, 8-5

EMPIRE WAY (Empire Maker), Lovacres Ranch, \$5K, 21/0/0

1-LRC, Msw 4 1/2f, +Downside Up, 5-1

1-LRC, Msw 4 1/2f, +Alpenhorn, 5-2

Second-crop starters to watch: Friday, April 22

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

E Z'S GENTLEMAN (Yankee Gentleman), Milestone Farm, 24/1/0

6-IND, Msw 5 1/2f, +Fuel Tank, 20-1

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-AQU, \$62,000, (S), 4-21, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:37.55, ft.

LIGHTNING LILLY (f, 4, Roaring Fever--Lillyatthehelm, by Helmsman) Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-1, \$95,932. O-Hobby Horse Stables; B-Pegasus Farms, Inc. (NY); T-Gregg M. Matties. *\$2,200 RNA Wlg '12 FTNMIX. **1/2 to Pegasus Tommy D (Gold Fever), SP, \$159,203.

3rd-GP, \$39,200, (NW3L)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 4-21, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.42, fm.

ROMPIN REID (h, 5, Medaglia d'Oro--Runway Model {MGSW & MGISP, \$725,598}, by Petionville) Lifetime Record: SP, 27-3-6-6, \$138,505. O-Steven Dwoskin and Wayne Lobdell; B-Summer Wind Farm (KY); T-Steven Dwoskin. *\$155,000 Ylg '12 KEESEP.

 **LANE'S END Sales Graduate**

7th-GP, \$37,000, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 4-21, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:35.95, ft.

SHAFT OF LIGHT (g, 5, Smart Strike--Silver Adventure, by Silver Deputy) Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-2, \$89,640. O-Monster Racing Stables; B-Sam-Son Farm (ON); T-Jorge Navarro. *Won by 11 1/2 lengths.

6th-PEN, \$33,300, (S), 4-21, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:41.41, ft.

KISSES FOR LOVE (m, 6, A. P. Warrior--Sour Kisses, by Not For Love) Lifetime Record: 41-9-7-7, \$168,102. O-Sittin Chilly Stable; B-The Elkstone Group LLC (PA); T-Brandon L. Kulp.

 **Graduate of Donna Freyer's Custom Care Equine LLC**

6th-PEN, \$33,300, (S), 4-20, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.36, ft.

IT DOESNT END WELL (g, 4, Sky Mesa--Girlfrienontheside {SW & GSP, \$128,490}, by Indian Charlie) Lifetime Record: 17-4-7-0, \$108,168. O-Allen Jackson; B-Elkstone Group, LLC (PA); T-Gina Perri.

 **Graduate of Donna Freyer's Custom Care Equine LLC**

7th-CT, \$24,500, (S), 4-20, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :52.77, ft.

MY PRINCESS SOPHIA (f, 4, Windsor Castle--Dusty Class, by Lord Parham) Lifetime Record: 11-3-1-3, \$57,182. O/B-Maple Valley Farm LLC (WV); T-Timothy C. Grams.

6th-CT, \$24,000, 4-20, (NW2LX), 3yo/up, 4 1/2f, :52.77, ft.
C. D. JAMMIN (g, 4, Bop--Miracle Mist, by Stormy Atlantic)
 Lifetime Record: 12-5-1-0, \$72,240. O-Thomas C. Weeks; B-Tommy Weeks (WV); T-Michael Lee Weeks.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Feeling Bossy, f, 3, Courageous Cat--Keep the Feeling, by Kris S. AQU, 4-21, (S), 1 1/16mT, 1:46.65. B-Emily Wygod (NY).
Chica Cherry Cola, f, 3, Dr Large--Truely Ruby, by Red Ransom. IND, 4-20, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05.16. B-Southern Indiana Racing Company, LLC (IN). *\$7,000 Ylg '14 FTKOCT; \$45,000 2yo '15 OBSOPN.

 **TOP LINE SALES, LLC** Two-Year-Old Graduate

Classic Sopo, g, 3, Sky Classic--Shawklit's Sopo (SP, \$127,468), by Mr. Shawklit. EVD, 4-21, (S), 6f, 1:11.69. B-Riceland Racing Stables LLC (LA).

Jeana Baby, f, 3, Super Saver--Start a Revolution, by Cozzene. LRC, 4-21, (C), 6f, 1:09.59. B-Camelia J. Casby & Bleu Valley Farm, LLC (MN). *\$35,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$100,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR.



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CINDY'S MOM, 13, A.P. Indy--Minister's Mom, by Deputy Minister

Foal born Mar. 31, a filly by Candy Ride (ARG).

Will be bred back to Pioneerof the Nile.

Owned by Aaron & Marie Jones LLC.

Boarded at Taylor Made Sales Agency.

Accomplishments: MGSP, \$122,250; Dam of Catron (Distorted Humor), SP, \$207,480.

DYNAMIC FEATURE, 13, Rahy--Odylic, by Dixieland Band
 Foal born Mar. 30, a colt by War Front.

Will be bred back to The Factor.

Owned by Denny Andrews, SF Bloodstock LLC & Crockett Farm.

Boarded at Taylor Made Sales Agency.

Accomplishments: Dam of Parranda (English Channel), MGSP, \$2,252,633.

FRESH FRONTIER FOR LNJ FOXWOODS



LNJ Foxwoods: Larry, Nanci & Jaime Roth

by Chris McGrath

It is not a bad way to introduce yourself to a new theatre of operations. When the Roth family gave 700,000 guineas for his yearling sister at Tattersalls 18 months ago, they could only hope for the best from Zoffany (Ire) (Dansili {GB}) as an unproven stallion then standing at €7,500. In the event, the remarkable achievements of his first crop last year not only earned Zoffany a sixfold increase in his 2014 fee, but also gave an immense boost to the value of the filly who this weekend opens a fresh frontier for one of the international bloodstock market's most purposeful new investors.

Landikusic (Ire) (Dansili {GB}), trained by Jim Bolger, is set to make her debut at Gowran Park on Sunday--and the beauty of the situation, for the Roths' LNJ Foxwoods Partnership, is that anything she achieves on the racecourse, whether in this maiden race or down the line, can be treated more or less as pure "gravy." In common with all the foundation stock found for the Roths by Alex Solis II and Jason Litt, Landikusic is already a priceless prospect for the paddocks, no matter how things play out in her first career.

Named for the Lexington-based equine artist, Katherine Landikusic, she was bought--and left--in Europe to help provide a better centre of gravity for the bloodlines assembled by Solis and Litt for Jaime Roth and her parents, Larry and Nanci, in a whirlwind assault on the sales since 2012. **Cont. p2**

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FOR WHOM THE BEL TOLLS

Godolphin dominates the entry for today's G2 Bet365 Mile at Sandown with three nominees in a race the operation has, surprisingly, yet to win. Leading the blue charge is 2014 G1 Dewhurst S. hero **Belardo (Ire)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}), who halted a string of seven straight defeats with victory in the Listed Doncaster Mile on seasonal return at the beginning of this month. Off the board for much of last term, the bay had previously started back in the groove with a third in the Oct. 9 G2 Challenge S. at Newmarket and a second in the Oct. 17 G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. at Ascot. **Cont. p3**

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BROKEN VOW COLT BRINGS SEVEN FIGS

A big-barreled son of Pin Oak Stud's Broken Vow became the first horse to crash through the seven-furlong plateau at the OBS April Sale, hammering for a sales-topping bid of \$1.2 million to Mike Bell's Breeze Easy. Consigned by Tom McCrocklin, agent, he turned in a powerful quarter-mile work in :20 4/5 during last week's under-tack show.

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Fresh Frontier for LNJ cont.

While most of LNJ's initial investment was in their native USA, and soon produced a Grade I winner in Nickname (Scat Daddy), they also bought mares in Australia and France--notably half-sisters to Goldikova (Fr) and Shamardal respectively, in Gold Round (Ire) (Caerleon) and Diamond Necklace (Unbridled's Song).

"We've always talked about how a lot of the great US pedigrees have actually been taken out of America," Solis explains. "And we just wanted to balance everything out as much as possible. We've been very lucky, we've been allowed to travel the world to find the right horses for the high-end operation the Roths want to build: a boutique band of broodmares with really big pedigrees."

Gold Round's daughter Golden Valentine (Fr) (Dalakhani {Ire}) has already laid down a marker as an LNJ home-bred in Europe. Winner of a Chantilly maiden for Freddy Head last autumn, she finished fifth on her reappearance at Compiègne on Thursday. In addition Head will soon be welcoming her half-sister by Redoute's Choice (Aus) to his yard, while last month he gave a debut to an Oasis Dream (GB) filly out of a sister to Sir Percy (GB).

Head trained Goldikova, of course, but it also helps that his family have been raising stock of their own at the Haras du Quesnay for over half a century. By the same token, his experience as a breeder underscored Bolger's eligibility to assist LNJ's expansion into Europe. "Jim understands everything we're trying to do," Solis says. "I went over to Ireland a couple of times and one day some friends took me down to his yard. So there we were, checking it all out, and I just thought it was really neat, I was so impressed with Jim himself and the technology he uses. He's a pleasure to work with."



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It is Bolger, in fact, who will be receiving the son of War Front purchased by Solis and Litt for \$675,000 at the OBS March Sale--a conspicuous departure from LNJ's first-phase emphasis on fillies and mares. Son of a champion sprinter in Maryfield (Elusive Quality), this colt clocked a breeze bettered, over two eighths, by only three others in a 600-strong catalogue. But he is being given the chance to confirm their sire's adaptability by following in the hoofprints, over European turf, of Air Force Blue.

Unraced at two, Landikusic herself has not been quite so precocious. "She has just been a little backward and immature," Solis explains. "But she's a May foal, and Jim has just taken his time with her. He knows what we paid for her and, with Zoffany doing so well, just wanted to be sure that he gave her every shot. She's not going to be 100% Sunday, but Jim's happy that she's ready for a run. Obviously her brother has been unbelievable since we bought her. With each of those three Royal Ascot winners, last summer, we were getting more and more excited. Now we just hope he goes on and becomes a sire of good 3-year-olds, as well. But this filly was always a really nice type, before all that: a lovely physical, as well as a lovely page."

Quite apart from their first Irish runner's potential contribution to the overall breeding strategy, the Roths are evidently not indifferent to the Turf's colourful Old World heritage. **Cont. p3**

"We're all sportsmen," Solis stresses. "That's why the War Front colt is going to Jim. We're definitely intrigued by European racing."



Jim Bolger | Racing Post

And that sense of adventure pervades the whole enterprise.

"Every time we've pitched an idea to the Roths, they've never said no," Solis says.

"They've put us in a very special spot. While the plan is to sell the majority of colts, we're liable to race anything--

including colts--so we'll be breeding first and foremost for the racehorse. We'll always be hoping to produce athletes, because the only way you're going to advance a family is to get them out on the track."

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G2 Bet365 Mile cont.

"I was impressed with Belardo's win at Doncaster and he has trained very well since," said trainer Roger Varian. "This was the logical next step and I think the round mile at Sandown will suit

him well. There is plenty in his favour and we are expecting him to run a big race." The team is bolstered by stablemate **Barchan** (War Front), the likely pacesetter who gets promoted from the handicap ranks, and the Richard Hannon-trained **Toormore (Ire)** (Arakan), whose 2014 highlights



Belardo | Racing Post

included wins in Goodwood's G2 Lennox S and Veliefendi's G2 International Topkapi Trophy, and a third in October's G1 Prix de la Foret at Longchamp. Cheveley Park Stud's G3 Jersey S. winner **Dutch Connection (GB)** (Dutch Art {GB}), who ran second in Chantilly's G1 Prix Jean Prat and to Toormore in the Lennox last July, comes back off a close fifth in Keeneland's Oct. 3 Shadwell Turf Mile and rates a danger. Last term's G2 Sandy Lane S. and G2 Hungerford S. victor **Adaay (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}) goes beyond seven furlongs for the first time here.

Friday, Sandown, Britain, post time: 2:55 p.m.

BET365 MILE-G2, £95,000, 4yo/up, 8f 14yT

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1 Dutch Connection (GB)	Dutch Art (GB)	Crowley	C Hills
2 Adaay (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Hanagan	Haggas
3 Barchan	War Front	Atzeni	Varian
4 Gabrial (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Moore	Fahey
5 Belardo (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Doyle	Varian
6 Breton Rock (Ire)	Bahamian Bounty (GB)	Spencer	Simcock
7 Toormore (Ire)	Arakan	Buick	Hannon

All carry 127 pounds bar Toormore, 130.

TERM OF ENDEARMMENT

Today's G3 Bet365 Classic Trial at Sandown witnesses the eagerly anticipated return of G1 Epsom Derby second-favourite **Midterm (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}) and Juddmonte's homebred son of three-time G1 Nassau S. heroine and GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf winner Midday (GB) will line up coming back off a taking score in a Newbury maiden last October. Trainer Sir Michael Stoute has won three renewals of the contest, including with subsequent Blue

Riband scorers Shergar (GB) and Shahrestani. "He's not an extravagant work horse at home," commented Teddy Grimthorpe. "He's straightforward, is moving well and doing fine.



Midterm | Racing Post

Everyone's pleased with him, but he's not a spectacular worker from that point of view. Obviously we were pleased with the way he won his maiden at Newbury last year, but he is only a maiden winner." The Hannon yard, which has never been successful here in any incarnation, is doubly represented by last year's G2 Vintage S. and G2 Champagne S. third **Palawan (GB)** (Mount Nelson {GB}) and Listed Feilden S. scorer **Ventura Storm (Ire)** (Zoffany {Ire}). Like Midterm, **High Grounds (Ire)** (High Chaparral {Ire}), from the Charlie Hills stable, is a once-out maiden winner and returns off a six-length score on the Lingfield all-weather at the end of January. William Haggas trainee **Dwight D (GB)** (Duke of Marmalade {Ire}) is another making his turf debut and goes postward off an impressive nine-length rout at Wolverhampton Jan. 15. "He's up in grade, but is a nice horse who stays well and I'm hopeful he'll run a nice race for us," Haggas said.

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Friday, Sandown, Britain, post time: 2:20 p.m.

BET365 CLASSIC TRIAL-G3, £65,000, 3yo, 10f 7yT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Ode To Evening (GB)	Poet's Voice (GB)	Doyle	Johnston
2	Algometer (GB)	Archipenko	Crowley	Simcock
3	Ventura Storm (Ire)	Zoffany (Ire)	Dobbs	Hannon
4	Palawan (GB)	Mount Nelson (GB)	Dobbs	Hannon
5	Midterm (GB)	Galileo (Ire)	Moore	Stoute
6	Dwight D (GB)	Duke of Marmalade (Ire)	Spencer	Haggas
7	High Grounds (Ire)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Holland	C Hills
All carry 127 pounds.				

HYMN READY TO BE ON SONG?

With trainer John Gosden's Newmarket barn already firing on all cylinders, **Western Hymn (GB)** (High Chaparral {Ire}) will go postward as the likely favourite in defence of his crown for

today's G3 Bet365 Gordon Richards S. at Sandown. The gelded bay, who also garnered last term's G3 Brigadier Gerard S. at the Esher track, has not been seen since midsummer and returns off a brace of thirds in Royal Ascot's G1 Prince of Wales's S. and in the



Western Hymn | Racing Post

G1 Eclipse S over course and distance. **Tullius (Ire)** (Le Vie dei Colori {GB}), runner-up in the 2014 G1 Lockinge S., was one spot behind Western Hymn in the Eclipse and arrives here race hardened after three starts this term, including a third in this month's G3 Earl of Sefton S. at Newmarket. William Haggas trainee **Our Channel** (English Channel) is another with a fitness edge having won three of four all-weather starts this term, including a neck verdict in the Listed Magnolia S. at Kempton last month. "Our Channel is fine, has done well and had a good winter," said Haggas. "This is a better class than he's used to as he's been running in high-end handicaps and won a Listed race last time, but I think he deserves a shot at it. He's fit and well, and we think he's a little bit better going right-handed, so we'll see how we get on."

4	Western Hymn (GB)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Dettori	Gosden
5	Ayrad (Ire)	Dalakhani (Ire)	Atzeni	Charlton
6	Our Channel	English Channel	Cosgrave	Haggas
7	Master Carpenter (Ire)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Tylicki	Millman
All carry 126 pounds bar My Dream Boat, 129.				

Thursday's Results:

7th-BEV, £6,000, Mdn, 4-21, 3yo, 8f 100yT, 1:49.75, g/s.

CARENOT (IRE) (f, 3, [Iffraaj \(GB\)](#)--[Sahara Sky \(Ire\)](#), by [Danehill](#)), a €35,000 GOFFEB yearling who finished runner-up at Salisbury Sept. 3 and at York last time Oct. 9, found an immediate rhythm in this easier spot. Niggled along when shuffled back to fourth and encountering traffic in early stretch, the crowd's 4-6 choice was angled to the outside for a clear passage approaching the final furlong and swooped late under a drive to prevail by 3/4 of a length from Dominannie (Ire) (Paco Boy {Ire}). The winner, whose dam is a half to G1 July Cup-winning multiple highweight sprinter Owington (GB) (Green Desert), is a half-sister to Dick Whittington (Ire) (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}), G1SW-Ire & SP-Eng, \$254,915. She is also kin to a 2-year-old colt by Lope de Vega (Ire) and a yearling colt by Declaration of War. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$12,204. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Paul Makin; B-Swordlestown Stud (IRE); T-William Haggas.

First Winner for Freshman Sire

1st-BEV, £4,500, Cond, 4-21, 2yo, f, 5fT, 1:04.82, g/s.

SEAFRONT (GB) (f, 2, [Foxwedge \(Aus\)](#)--[Locharia \(GB\)](#), by [Wolfhound](#)), an 18,000gns TATOCT yearling who ran sixth in her Newmarket debut Apr. 14, was punched out of the gate to track the leaders in fourth here. Pushed along at halfway, the even-money chalk took control entering the final furlong and was ridden out to hold Clem Fandango (Fr) (Elzaam {Aus}) by 3/4 of a length, becoming the first winner for her freshman sire (by Fastnet Rock {Aus}). Seafront's second dam is a half-sister to MG1SW dual European champion sprinter Lochsong (GB) (Song {GB}). She is also kin to a yearling filly by Champs Elysees (GB). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$4,172. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Saeed Manana; B-Jeremy Green & Sons (GB); T-James Tate.

OBSERVATIONS

on today's European racing scene

2.45 Doncaster, Mdn, £6,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6fT

SCAMPER (GB) ([Oasis Dream \(GB\)](#)), a Roger Charlton trainee, is a daughter of the 1999 G1 1000 Guineas heroine Wince (GB) (Selkirk) and is thus a half-sister to the 2004 G1 Yorkshire Oaks victresss Quiff (GB) (Sadler's Wells), and two further black-type performers. The Juddmonte homebred faces a cast of 16 in this unveiling. [Cont. p5](#)

Friday, Sandown, Britain, post time: 1:50 p.m.

BET365 GORDON RICHARDS S.-G3, £65,000, 4yo/up, 10f 7yT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	My Dream Boat (Ire)	Lord Shanakill	Kirby	Cox
2	Top Notch Tonto (Ire)	Thousand Words (GB)	Curtis	Ellison
3	Tullius (Ire)	Le Vie Dei Colori (GB)	Fortune	Balding

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4.05 Sandown, Mdn, £10,000, 3yo, f, 10f 7yT

SOUTHERN STARS (GB) (Smart Strike), one of two nominees from John Gosden's Newmarket barn, is a daughter of G1 Prix de Diane winner Stacelita (Fr) (Monsun {Ger}), who prevailed five times at the highest level on both sides of the Atlantic. Teruya Yoshida's homebred, who was a debut fifth at Doncaster last October, is joined by twice-raced stablemate **Taqdees (Ire)** (**Sea the Stars {Ire}**), a granddaughter of another MG1SW G1 Prix de Diane winner Aquarelliste (Fr) (Danehill). The field of 11 also includes Juddmonte homebred debutante **Atone (GB)** (**Oasis Dream {GB}**), who is a full-sister to three-time G1 Nassau S. heroine and GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf winner Midday (GB), from the Sir Michael Stoute stable. Additional lustre is provided by Ed Dunlop trainee **Gloryette (GB)** (**Raven's Pass**), who is kin to G1 Racing Post Trophy runner-up Elusive Pimpernel (Elusive Quality).

4.45 Sandown, Mdn, £10,000, 3yo, f, 10f 7yT

Flaxman Stables Ireland Ltd and Will Farish's **EYESHINE (GB)** (**Dubawi {Ire}**) is a daughter of the latter's 2003 G1 Epsom Oaks heroine Casual Look (Red Ransom) and makes her debut in another deep division of this maiden. She is joined by her John Gosden-trained stablemate and fellow firster **Taqaareed (Ire)** (**Sea the Stars {Ire}**), a Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum homebred out of three-time stakes scorer and G2 Lancashire Oaks runner-up Ezima (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), who is thus a full-sister to the 2014 G1 Epsom Oaks and G1 King George VI & Queen Elizabeth S. victress Taghrooda (GB). Also in opposition is the Niarchos Family's **Shall We (Ire)** (**Dansili {GB}**), a Sir Michael Stoute-trained daughter of the 1999 GI E.P. Taylor S. winner Insight (Fr), herself kin to G1 Irish 2000 Guineas hero Saffron Walden (Fr) (Sadler's Wells) and G1 Prix de la Foret winner Dolphin Street (Fr) (Bluebird); and Godolphin debutante **Final Stage (GB)** (**Street Cry {Ire}**), who is a half-sister to the 2009 G1 St Leger and 2010 G1 Hong Kong Vase victor Mastery (GB) (Sulamani {Ire}).

Guineas winner Power, whose first runner was the impressive Aidan O'Brien-trained Dundalk winner Peace Envoy (Fr).

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A colt from the first crop of Coolmore stallion Power (GB) will be offered as a 'Wildcard' in the 'breeze up' section of the Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up & Horses in Training Sale that takes place Thursday Apr. 28 & 29.

Out of the Spinning World mare Ascot Lady (Ire), he will be offered as **Lot 244A** from Willie Browne's Mocklershill. The half-brother to the Listed-placed Lady Ascot (Ire) (Excellent Art {GB}) is from the first crop of the G1 Tattersalls Irish 2,000

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Thursday's Results:**1st-TIP, €20,000, Cond, 4-21, 2yo, 5fT, 1:07.45, hy.**

+AMBIGUITY (IRE) (c, 2, [Fastnet Rock {Aus}](#)--Descant, by Nureyev) raced last of the five runners through the initial stages of this debut run. Making headway when nudged along at halfway, the 4-6 chalk seized the initiative approaching the final eighth and was ridden out late to comfortably best Eacharn (Ire) (Lilbourne Lad {Ire}) by 2 1/4 lengths. Istan (GB) (Excelebration {Ire}), a son of G1 Epsom Oaks runner-up Something Exciting (GB) (Halling), raced in patches before making late headway to finish third. "He had been working nicely at home and Seamus [Heffernan] rode him work the other day and loved him," commented trainer's son Joseph O'Brien. "The ground was slower than ideal, but he is an exciting horse. I don't know if he'll run in the [May 21 Listed] Marble Hill [S. at The Curragh] or the winners' race in Naas, but we'll get today out of the way. [Royal Ascot is the plan and, being by Fastnet Rock, he'll be better on better ground." The winner, who is out of a half-sister to Zafonic and Zamindar, is a full-brother to last term's G1 Queen Anne S. placegetter Cougar Mountain (Ire), Hwt. Older Horse-Ire at 7-9f, GSW-Ire & G1SP-Eng, \$221,838. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$13,897. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).
O-Mrs A M O'Brien; B-Whiserview Trading Ltd (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien.

4th-TIP, €11,000, Mdn, 4-21, 3yo, 12fT, 2:54.33, hy.

KELLSTORM (IRE) (c, 3, [Galileo {Ire}](#)--Another Storm, by Gone West), who hit the board behind stablemate US Army Ranger (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) at The Curragh last time Apr. 3, was well away to stalk the pace in a close second for most of this stamina test. Coming under pressure on the final turn, the 4-5 pick led soon after turning for home and kept on resolutely for stretch-long urging to assert by 1 1/2 lengths from Evening Hush (Ire) (Excellent Art {GB}). "He's a staying horse and you'd have to be happy with that," trainer Aidan O'Brien told *PA Sport*. "His brother stayed well and [Kellstorm] is a lovely, genuine horse. He's possibly a horse for the Queen's Vase [at Royal Ascot] and will have one run in between then." The 875,000gns TATOCT yearling, whose second dam is MGISW US champion juvenile filly Storm Song (Summer Squall), is a full-brother to last term's G1 Irish St Leger hero Order of St George (Ire), Hwt. 3-year-old-Eur at 14+f & G1SW-Ire, \$334,144; and a half-brother to Asperity (War Chant), GSW-Fr & GSP-Eng, \$245,483; Angel Terrace (Ghostzapper), GSW-US, \$298,848; and Sehoy (Menifee), SW-Swe, \$144,199. He is also kin to the 2-year-old filly Arwa (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) and a yearling colt by

Declaration of War. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$9,340. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Teo Ah Khing, Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith; B-Paget Bloodstock (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien.



Kellstorm, full-brother to Order Of St George, winning in the China Horse Club colours at Tipperary. Joseph O'Brien, Mick Flanagan, Seamie Heffernan, Aidan O'Brien and Maurice Moloney pictured | Racing Post

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Doc Sportello (Ire), g, 4, Majestic Missile (Ire)--Queen of Silk (Ire), by Brief Truce. TIP, 4-21, 5fT, 1:07.03. B-J Hutchinson (IRE). *€10,000 Wlg '12 GOFNOV; £62,000 Ylg '13 DNPRM.

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Thursday's Results:**2nd-CMP, €29,000, Cond, 4-21, 3yo, c/g, 10fT, 2:08.94, sf.**

CRAVEN'S LEGEND (IRE) (c, 3, [Invincible Spirit {Ire}](#)--Prudenzia {Ire} {SW-Fr}, by Dansili {GB}), a debut sixth at Deauville July 2 and a last-out third going one mile at Saint-Cloud on seasonal return Mar. 24, was positioned in fourth until improving one spot at halfway in this low-key affair. Nudged along with a quarter mile remaining, the 17-10 chalk swooped for control passing the eighth pole and was ridden out in the closing stages to withstand the late rally of The Golden Boy (Fr) (Myboycharlie {Ire}) by a head. Craven's Legend, who realised the second-highest price at Arqana's 2014 August yearling sale when selling for €1,100,000, is a half-brother to G1 Irish Oaks victress and G1 Prix de Diane runner-up Chicquita (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}), Hwt. Older Mare-Ire at 11-14f, G1SW-Ire, G1SP-Eng & Fr, \$859,094, who herself became Ireland's highest-priced Thoroughbred when knocked down for €6-million at Goffs' 2013 November

sale. The winner is a half to a yearling filly by Galileo (Ire). Lifetime: 3-1-0-1, €18,250. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Mayfair Speculators SARL; B-Ecurie des Monceaux & Ecurie Skymarc Farm (IRE); T-Andre Fabre.

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First Winner for Freshman Sire

1st-NTS, €16,000, Mdn, 4-21, 2yo, c/g, 5 1/2fT, 1:04.55, g/s.
+ICALO (FR) (c, 2, Scalo {GB}–Indyca {Ger}, by Panis), who RNA'd at €30,000 as a BBAGS yearling, raced in a handy third through the early strides of this debut. Coming under pressure when shuffled back to fifth on the home turn, the 5-2 favourite was short of room in early stretch, but found his way through traffic in the closing stages to prevail by a neck from Chiarush (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}). The first winner for his freshman sire (by Lando {Ger}), Icalo's family includes the MG1SW German highweight Ivanhowe (Ger) (Soldier Hollow {GB}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €8,000. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Sandro V Gianella; B-Appapays Racing Club (FR); T-Henri-Alex Pantall.

5th-NTS, €27,000, Cond, 4-21, 3yo, 8fT, 1:44.29, g/s.

BLACK MAX (FR) (c, 3, Fuisse {Fr}–Okapina {Fr} {SP-Fr}, by Okawango) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, €24,500. O/B-Haras de Quetieville (FR); T-Henri-Alex Pantall.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Olala (Ger), f, 3, Tertullian--Ostdogin (Ger), by Doyen (Ire). CMP, 4-21, 10fT, 2:12.49. B-Gestut Hachtsee (GER).

OMISSION: A colt by Mizzen Mast out of Sharp Apple that sold for £155,000 at Wednesday's Goffs UK Breeze-Up Sale at Doncaster, was a \$50,000 graduate of the 2015 Keeneland September yearling sale. We regret the omission.

APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Lisa Katz: Plusvital Veterinary Consultant

- Dr. Lisa Katz, who has a strong background in equine exercise physiology, will strengthen the existing research and development capabilities within Plusvital.
- Katz, a Senior Lecturer in the School of Veterinary Medicine, UCD, Ireland, obtained her DVM from the University of Georgia (USA, 1994) and holds an MSc degree in equine exercise physiology (Washington State University, USA, 1998) and a PhD degree in equine vascular biology (Royal Veterinary College, UK, 2003).

DESTINATION EUROPE UNVEILS NEW WEBSITE

Destination Europe--the strategic alliance between the French Racing and Breeding Committee (FRBC), Great British Racing International (GBRI), Irish Thoroughbred Marketing (ITM), the European Breeders' Fund (EBF) and German Thoroughbred Marketing (GTM)--has unveiled a new website at www.destinationeuroperacing.com.

The website showcases the very best racing action and key sales across Europe with the aim of attracting international owners, trainers and investors to participate in Europe's most prestigious races and invest in European bloodstock.

Backed up by a co-ordinated advertising campaign in Australia and the US, the website offers an overview of the European racing and breeding scene with news and videos highlighting what makes Europe such an appealing destination for overseas horses and their connections and also recognises the success of European-breds on the world stage.

Kerry Murphy, CEO of the European Breeders' Fund, said: "The new Destination Europe website highlights the global appeal of European racing and breeding and will be a useful tool for those planning to send horses to, or buy bloodstock in Europe. There is an increasing appetite for international owners to experience our unique race meetings and buy our bloodstock and we look forward to welcoming even more for the 2016 season."

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NEWGATE FARM ANNOUNCES ROSTER

Newgate Farm is set to stand eight stallions in 2016, with A\$7-million earner [Criterion \(NZ\)](#) (Sebring) the latest addition to the roster. A son of G1 Golden

Slipper winner and leading sire Sebring, the Sir Owen Glenn homebred captured four wins at the highest level throughout his career, including the G1 Rosehill Guineas and G1 BMW Australian Derby. He will stand for A\$35,750. **Cont. p8**



Criterion | newgate.com.au

"We are proud to present our 2016 stallion roster," said Bruce Slade, Newgate Director of Stallions and Sales. "It reflects Newgate's firm focus to offer breeders the best looking and best performed young stallions in the land at great value. Criterion is a rare commodity. Every breeder dreams of producing one as handsome as him, never mind as fast!" He concluded, "We are very grateful that Sir Owen Glenn and his family have entrusted Criterion's future to our team at Newgate."

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<u>Stallion</u>	<u>Fee (A\$)</u>
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Deep Field (Northern Meteor)	22,000
Dissident (Sebring)	33,000
Eurozone (Northern Meteor)	13,750
Foxwedge (Fastnet Rock)	22,000
Sizzling (Snitzel)	16,500
The Factor (USA) (War Front {USA})	16,500
Wandjina (Snitzel)	27,500

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VALENTIA TO CORNERSTONE STUD

Cornerstone Stud, in association with Louis Le Metayer of Astute Bloodstock, has announced the acquisition of **Valentia** (Fastnet Rock--Smart Company by Mister C.). The G2 Skyline S.

hero will stand at a fee of A\$11,000 inc. GST in his first year at Cornerstone. Valentia was a Magic Millions Gold Coast Sale topper when fetching A\$1.35 million as a yearling in 2013, the highest price achieved at the sale over the previous five years. Upon his retirement, trainer Gai

Waterhouse remarked, "Valentia is arguably the best looking colt ever seen at Tulloch Lodge. He won the Skyline Stakes Group 2 very comfortably and he was my number one chance in the Golden Slipper. Sadly a tendon injury restrained him from fulfilling the great 3-year-old career that he was destined for." Coming from a high-class speed family, Valentia is out of Smart Company, a winning full-sister to dual Group 1 winning sprinter Super Elegant. Astute Bloodstock's Louis Le Metayer was buoyant in his appraisal of Valentia. "Valentia is superb athlete with all the attributes to become a successful stallion and I am delighted to be involved," he said.



Valentia

A 'LOVELY' DRAW FOR QE II FAVE



Trainer Yasutoshi Ikee draws gate one for Lovely Day | HKJC photo

by Alan Carasso

A half-dozen overseas-based gallopers will take on seven Hong Kong-domiciled middle-distance runners in Sunday's HK\$20-million G1 Audemars Piguet Queen Elizabeth II Cup at Sha Tin Racecourse, for which post positions were drawn during a midday luncheon in Central Hong Kong Thursday.

Japanese-breds have already proved their mettle on the world stage in 2016, with Real Steel (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) and Lani (Tapit) winning the G1 Dubai Turf and G2 UAE Derby, respectively, while Duramente (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) filled the runner-up spot in the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic. The country owns three wins in the QE II, including a convincing victory from Rulership (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) in 2012, and fields a formidable threesome this year. **Lovely Day (Jpn)** (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) looms a solid favorite in the field of 13 and his chances were not diminished in any small way when he drew pole position for the 2000-metre test.

"As I walked the track along the inside this morning, the condition of the turf seemed to be good, so I wanted to draw from one to four," said trainer Yasutoshi Ikee of Lovely Day, who was fourth in his seasonal return in the G2 Sankei Osaka Hai Apr. 3.

Sixth in that event was **Nuovo Record (Jpn)** (Heart's Cry {Jpn}), and the 5-year-old mare is back in Hong Kong looking to improve on her runner-up effort behind the free-wheeing A Shin Hikari (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Cup over the course and distance last December. The chestnut drew in the middle of the gate in stall seven.

"The inside draws are said to have an advantage, but from the draw we have we can watch horses on our inside and our outside, which will be good for us," commented trainer Makoto Saito. **Cont. p9**

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The third of the Japanese hopefuls, **Satono Crown (Jpn)** (Marju {Ire}) will load just to the outside of Nuovo Record in the eight hole.

The QE II trophy has remained the property of Hong Kong since 2013 and each of the last three winners of the race is back for another crack this weekend. Trainer Tony Cruz was delighted when defending champion **Blazing Speed (GB)** (Dylan Thomas {Ire}) pulled gate three.

"Perfect!" he said, adding, "I'm very happy; gate three is perfect for him to be sitting just off the leaders."

Trainer John Moore has sent out four winners of the QE II and has three chances on Sunday. **Designs On Rome (Ire)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) gave jockey Tommy Berry a second straight win in the race in 2014 and drew two. **Werther (NZ)** (Tavistock {NZ}) will try to follow in the hoofprints of that stable companion as well as Ambitious Dragon (NZ) (Pins {Aus}) and Vengeance of Rain (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}) as winners of the Hong Kong Derby to follow up successfully here. Werther, to be ridden once again by Hugh Bowman, also landed a favorable alley in stall five.

"He'll jump, he'll get there with Hugh Bowman and he'll be right there on the speed with the favourite inside him," Moore said of Werther. "Designs On Rome will go back, that's how he runs, and that will put Werther one place in, probably with Lovely Day on his inner. Designs On Rome will go back last four and Tommy will get to the outside and be stoking him up at the usual place before the corner."

Ertijaal (Aus) (Hard Spun) represents the form of this year's Dubai Turf and drew wide in 11, while **Highland Reel (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), victorious in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase over the 2400 metres in December, will leave from the six hole.

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Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 4:35 p.m.

AUDEMARS PIGUET QUEEN ELIZABETH II CUP-G1, HK\$20,000,000

(£1,798,135/€ 2,282,626/A\$3,315,722/US\$2,578,324), 3yo/up, 2000mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	3	Blazing Speed (GB)	Dylan Thomas (Ire)	Callan	A Cruz
2	6	Highland Reel (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Moore	O'Brien
3	1	Lovely Day (Jpn)	King Kamehameha (Jpn)	Moreira	Ikee
4	2	Designs on Rome (Ire)	Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)	Berry	Moore
5	9	Military Attack (Ire)	Oratorio (Ire)	Rawiller	Fownes
6	12	Helene Happy Star (Ire)	Zamindar	Shinn	Moore
7	8	Satono Crown (Jpn)	Marju (Ire)	Purton	Hori
8	13	Helene Super Star	War Front	Prebble	A Cruz
9	11	Ertijaal (Aus)	Hard Spun	Whyte	de Kock
10	5	Werther (NZ)	Tavistock (NZ)	Bowman	Moore
11	10	Horse of Fortune (SAf)	Stronghold (GB)	Teetan	Millard
12	7	Nuovo Record (Jpn)	Heart's Cry (Jpn)	Take	Saito
13	4	Rising Romance (NZ)	Ekraar	Lane	Hayes

All carry 126 pounds, bar Nuovo Record & Rising Romance, 122.

JAPANESE, MOORE TRIOS TUNE UP

by Alan Carasso

Much as I would love to be on site for this set of international races, some extenuating circumstances have prevented me from traveling, but owing to the magic of the Internet and with a serious tip of the cap to the Hong Kong Jockey Club, we are able to comment on Thursday morning trackwork. As it did for the Longines HKIR in December, the Club is providing a live webcast of the international horses in the couple of days leading up to this weekend's fascinating renewal of the QE II and again next weekend for the G1 Champions Mile and G1 Chairman's Sprint Prize.

As is their custom the Thursday prior to raceday, the Japanese contingent turned in their final fast work--or, perhaps more accurately put, slow work, then fast work. **Nuovo Record (Jpn)** (Heart's Cry {Jpn}), who steadily improved in December before finishing second in the Hong Kong Cup, looked much more at home at Sha Tin this time around. With Yutaka Take in the saddle for the first time, the chestnut mare, all tacked-up in her customary green, galloped eagerly down the back and the 2014 G1 Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks) heroine kicked home her final 400m in :23.1.

"I wanted the jockey to get the feel of the horse and the track condition," said trainer Makoto Saito, who arrived in Hong Kong Wednesday evening. "I asked him to gallop her to make use of her flexibility but keep her energy until the race, and Take did exactly what I had asked. He had a good feel of her, so now we will do our best to maintain her good condition until the race."

Lovely Day (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}), winner of last



Lovely Day | HKJC photo

year's G1 Tenno Sho (Autumn) and runner-up in Horse of the Year balloting, was out soon after and was very much on the muscle, tugging at exercise rider Joji Yamamoto. The 6-year-old was given his cue in the stretch and closed off

his final quarter-mile in :23.2 for an overall clocking of :49.6 for 800 metres.

"After he ran the [G2] Sankei Osaka Hai, his condition has progressed and he seems to be back to almost the same level as his top form last year," trainer Yasutoshi Ikee explained. "The track surface at Sha Tin is softer than in Japan, but he grabbed the track and handled it well. The going could be yielding on Sunday because of the rain forecast, but he will handle it."

Satono Crown (Jpn) (Marju {Ire}) was only briefly on camera,

as he quickly ducked out of view and into the quarantine stables. However, he reportedly worked down the back straight and completed his work prior to the entrance to the home straight, apparently as planned.

A few hours earlier and therefore not part of the webcast, trainer John Moore sent out his QE II hopefuls. First out was 2014 QE II hero **Designs On Rome (Ire)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), who was timed in 1:22.2 for 1200 metres with an ultimate two furlongs in a smart :22.7. The veteran, who has come around following off-season surgery on his fetlocks, worked over the all-weather in a slight departure from the norm.

"As a precaution I decided to change his work to the dirt--it's more level," Moore explained. "His rider, Henry [Wong], was delighted with the work and he's going into the race as fit as we can get him."

The stable's Hong Kong Derby hero **Werther (NZ)** (Tavistock



Werther (near) | HKJC photo

{NZ}) breezed down the riverside portion of the track and finished his work with a final 400m in :23 to the delight of his conditioner.

"Werther will be right on their hammer," he said, adding "we hope. He'll need to take another step, because this is the best field of horses for the AP QEII

Cup that I can remember."

The final member of the trio, **Helene Happy Star (Ire)** (Zamindar) was timed in 1:21.7, his final quarter-mile in :22.5.

In other activity from the morning, **Rising Romance (NZ)** (Ekraar), fourth in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. at Randwick, traveled strongly in a piece of work over six furlongs; **Highland Reel (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), noticeably warm in the humid conditions, worked eagerly on the all-weather; **Chautauqua (Aus)** (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) pleased trainer Michael Hawkes ahead of the Chairman's Sprint Prize; and **Mongolian Saturday** (Any Given Saturday) galloped over the all-weather and was pulled up quickly past the line.



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For anyone interested, the link to the live webcast is [here](#) and should be online from about 9 p.m. ET (Thursday evening) and again next week. The QE II will also be streamed live at the same address Sunday morning at 4:35 ET.

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Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 3:00 p.m.

QUEEN MOTHER MEMORIAL CUP H., HK\$3,000,000 (£269,679/€342,479/A\$497,839/US\$386,769), 3yo/up, 2400mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Basic Trilogy (NZ)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Leung	Moore	113
2	Anticipation (Ire)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Chadwick	A Cruz	113
3	Mr Gnocchi (Aus)	Hard Spun	Teetan	Millard	117
4	Victory Magic (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Purton	Moore	130
5	Renaissance Art	More Than Ready	Yeung	Fownes	113
6	Flame Hero (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Doleuze	Ho	133
7	Harbour Master	Mizzen Mast	Bowman	Moore	124
8	Ambitious Champion (NZ)	Zed (NZ)	Schofield	Gibson	114
9	Giovanni Canaletto (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Moreira	A Cruz	124

Sunday, Kranji, Singapore, post time: 4:50 p.m.

LION CITY CUP S., S\$800,000 (£413,937/€525,264/A\$764,114/US\$593,174), 3yo/up, 1200mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Emperor Max (Aus)	Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)	Beasley	Gray
2	Gold Rutile (Jpn)	Gold Halo (Jpn)	Fujii	Takaoka
3	Wimbledon (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Juglall	Peters
4	Zac Spirit (Aus)	Flying Spur (Aus)	Duric	Brown
5	Kiwi Karma (NZ)	Fast 'n' Famous (Aus)	Nunes	Clements
6	Spalato (NZ)	Elusive City	Brown	O'Hara
7	Pachelbel's Canon (Arg)	Jump Start	Rodd	Shaw
8	Goal Keeper (Aus)	Untouchable (Aus)	Shafiq	Kieser
9	The Nutcracker (Arg)	Exchange Rate	Vorster	Shaw
10	Super Winner (Aus)	Kaphero (Aus)	Chaves	Kieser

All carry 127 pounds, bar Kiwi Karma & Gold Rutile, 123.



Children under the protection of Dubai Minors' Affairs Office were treated to a special stable tour at the yard of Dubai Golden Shaheen and Kahayla Classic-winning trainer, Musabah Al Muhairi on Thursday.