

'CANDY' BRINGS FRIENDS ON MEMORABLE RIDE



Danzing Candy and connections after the San Felipe | Benoit Photo

by Ben Massam

A quick glance at the past performances of GI Kentucky Derby hopeful **Danzing Candy** (Twirling Candy) reveals that the fleet-footed 'TDN Rising Star' is a homebred campaigned by Ted Aroney's Halo Farms--an impressive accomplishment to be sure. But the basic information on the lines of a program does little justice to the extensive ties of friendship, both old and new, that the colt represents.

Aroney said the development of Danzing Candy, owned in partnership with Jim and Dianne Bashor, into a Kentucky Derby candidate is made even more special because of his long-standing friendship with prominent owner Jenny Craig and her late husband, Sidney. The Craig family campaigned both Danzing Candy's sire, Twirling Candy, and grandsire, Candy Ride (Arg), to Grade I victories in Southern California. As such, the prospect of Danzing Candy making it into the starting gate for the Run for the Roses is particularly satisfying to Aroney.

"It feels great," the owner/breeder said. "It feels great with this one, especially because I bred him."

Aroney was right there beside the Craigs for many of their memorable wins, and said the exploits of Candy Ride were particularly influential in also capturing the imagination of his close friends, the Bashors. **Cont. p3**

ECLIPSE ACQUIRES SHARE IN DESTIN

Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners has acquired a minority interest in multiple graded stakes winner and GI Kentucky Derby hopeful **Destin** (Giant's Causeway), Twin Creeks Racing Stables announced Tuesday. Winner of the Feb. 13 Gill Sam F. Davis S. and the Mar. 12 Gill Lambholm South Tampa Bay Derby at Tampa Bay Downs, the Todd Pletcher trainee arrived at Churchill Downs Monday to finalize his preparations for the May 7 Classic.

"We are excited to partner with [Eclipse's] Aron [Wellman] and Brian [Spearman] and their racing partners on Destin," said Twin Creeks Racing Stables' Randy Gullatt. "Twin Creeks and Eclipse have both been in the same barn with Todd for a long time, so there is familiarity and a comfort level working with Eclipse. I have great confidence it will be a good team, and we're all now just looking forward to the Kentucky Derby." **Cont. p3**

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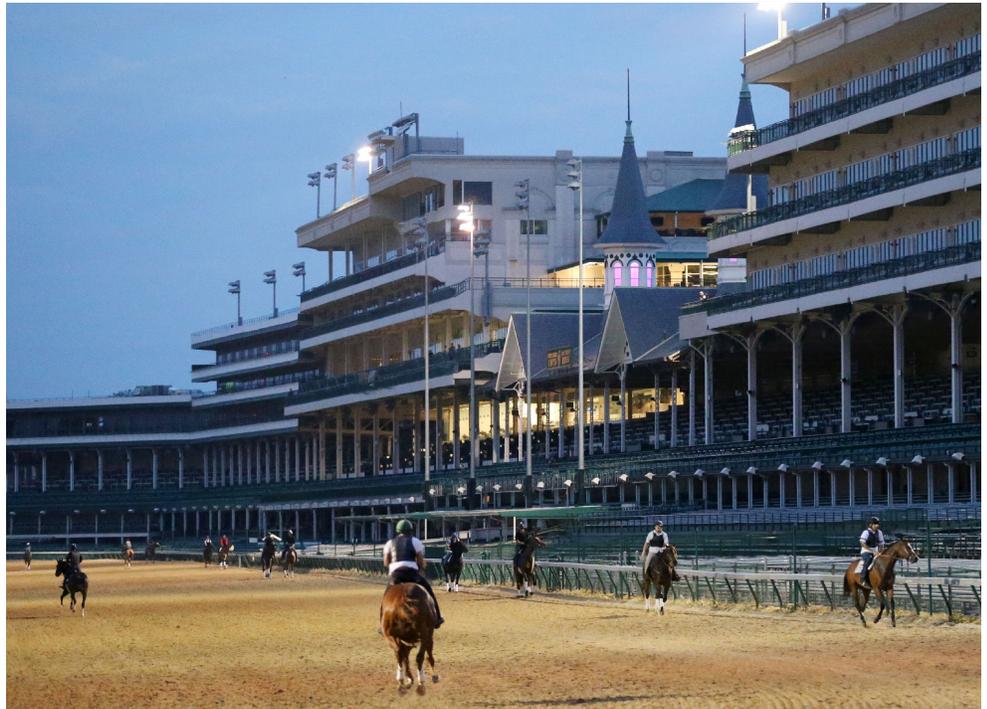
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Horses train at Churchill Downs on Tuesday morning under the iconic Twin Spires, which were lit purple in celebration of Monday's announcement that the track will host the 2018 Breeders' Cup. | Coady Photography. **More Derby news on p6.**

HOF SECURED, ASMUSSEN SETS SIGHTS ON DERBY 13

Now a future Hall of Famer, trainer Steve Asmussen talks about his two contenders for the GI Kentucky Derby, a race that could add another major feather to his formidable cap.

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Eclipse Acquires Share in Destin (cont. from p1)

A first-out maiden winner at Belmont last October, Destin showed steady improvement throughout the winter, culminating in a track-record setting win in the Tampa Bay Derby, defeating next-out Grade I winners Outwork (Uncle Mo) and Brody's Cause (Giant's Causeway) in the process.

"We are honored to team up with Randy and Steve [Davison] of Twin Creeks to partner on Destin," added Eclipse president Aron Wellman. "The Twin Creeks team and Todd have done an exceptional job of developing and managing Destin. He has exhibited brilliance in his pair of graded stakes wins, and Destin is a fast and progressive colt. We are certainly bullish on his prospects for the Kentucky Derby, but equally as excited about the long-term vision we share with Twin Creeks for Destin's racing future. We are proud to be associated with a colt of this caliber."

Destin, purchased for \$400,000 by Twin Creeks as a Keeneland September yearling, worked five furlongs in 1:00 1/5 last Saturday at Palm Beach Downs, and trained over the Churchill track for the first time Tuesday. He is scheduled to have his final breeze in Louisville this coming Saturday.

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'Candy' Brings Friends on Memorable Ride (cont. from p1)

"I'm looking forward to visiting Twirling Candy and Candy Ride when I'm back [in Kentucky]," said Aroney, who holds interests in the pair of Lane's End stallions as an advisor to Jenny Craig. "I've owned a few horses with Jim and Dianne Bashor previously. They were also close to Sid and Jenny Craig when we had Candy Ride, and they were rooting for Candy Ride when he was at his best. They've always wanted to have a good horse-- one horse for the Derby is what they asked for. I said that's pretty tough to do, but they've had a few horses every year and gotten some good ones."

Aroney, a consultant who served as a founding director of McHenry Metals Golf Corporation and Odyssey Golf, has owned some "good ones" of his own over the years, including GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile winner Dakota Phone (Zavata) and once-beaten GI Hollywood Futurity and GI Haskell Invitational H. victor King Glorious (Naevus). Such triumphs are no small feats



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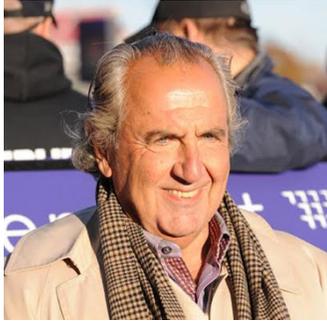
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for a man who decided to venture into Thoroughbred ownership after years of trips to Santa Anita as a dedicated race-goer.

“My father started taking me to the track when I was 12 at Santa Anita, and that’s how it started, and we’d go every Saturday,” Aroney recalled. “I was around it and liked it, and mostly I enjoyed the races betting-wise, so I decided to get involved in ownership and breeding.”

The success of King Glorious remains a major part of Aroney’s identity in the Thoroughbred business. Fondly recalling the colt’s final career start—a three-length romp in the 1989 Haskell—the



Ted Aroney | Horsephotos

Californian noted that he hopes that Danzing Candy’s sophomore season can follow a similar trajectory.

“King Glorious was an inch behind Easy Goer,” Aroney reflected metaphorically, referring to Ogden Phipps’s Hall of Fame colt as the measuring stick for others of his generation. “I’m

getting the same feeling with Danzing Candy. I have the Haskell on my mind right now. I liked that track, Monmouth, when I went with King Glorious, and I see the race is \$1 million.”

In many ways, the careers of Danzing Candy and many other

Halo Farms runners are also illustrative of the renewable tie between Aroney and the Craigs. Given his familiarity with Candy Ride’s pedigree, Aroney does not hesitate to fill his stable with descendants of the undefeated 2003 GI Pacific Classic hero.

“I have some Twirling Candies that are 2 years old, and yearlings and babies,” explained the owner, who has roughly 10 horses in training at the moment. “I’m looking to develop them and always looking to buy a horse, too. We keep our eyes open. [Trainer] Jerry [Hollendorfer] and I usually buy a couple horses a year as yearlings or at the 2-year-old in training sales. I’m very fortunate.”



Candy Ride | Brittlan Wall

In a game where fortune plays a major role, Aroney joked that he is playing it conservative when it comes to making plans for Derby weekend. Although with every passing day it becomes more likely that Danzing Candy will be in the starting gate on the first Saturday in May, the veteran owner is still reminded of his 2013 GII San Felipe S. winner Hear the Ghost (Ghostzapper), who was knocked off the Derby trail one month prior to the race with a knee injury.

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Aroney added that, if all goes according to plan, he and his wife Leslie will accompany the Bashors on their Louisville-bound private jet.

As for Danzing Candy, the dark bay posted a bullet six-furlong



Danzing Candy | Benoit Photo

workout in 1:12 flat at San Luis Rey Training Center for trainer Cliff Sise, Jr. this past Saturday, his first move since setting a scorching pace and fading to finish fourth over a sloppy strip in the GI Santa Anita Derby. Aroney said the GII San Felipe S. winner is

slated to work once more next Saturday, and ship to Churchill Downs in the early morning hours of May 2. The gambler-turned-owner concluded that Danzing Candy deserves a pass for his uneven effort over an unfamiliar surface in Arcadia.

"The last time he ran he had a track that was sloppy and muddy, and [jockey] Mike [Smith]'s comment was that the mud and slop hit his belly, and he had never had that happen to him

before," Aroney related. "So, he said that he couldn't get him to relax because of that. We'll see him right on the pace [again]."

If Aroney has a keen sense of what to expect through years of experience, the Bashors represent new faces in the game--welcome additions to the pool of California owners that occasionally has a tendency to stagnate. The couple has designed their silks to bear the red and gold colors of Jim's beloved alma mater, the University of Southern California.

"[Jim and Dianne] are great owners and they're extremely excited," Aroney remarked. "They can't believe it. They sent somebody out to Churchill Downs to take a tour of it before they made all of their reservations and daily planning on what they're going to do there. So that's how excited they are. It's great for the business to get some new people in the business like this in California. We need it."

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WITH HOF OUT OF WAY, ASMUSSEN SETS SIGHTS ON ELUSIVE DERBY WIN

by Brian DiDonato

It was announced Monday that Steve Asmussen will be among those inducted into the National Museum of Racing's Hall of Fame this summer at Saratoga, but the second-most-winningest American trainer of all time still has unfinished business to attend to.

The 50-year-old veteran has never won a GI Kentucky Derby, but boasts two strong chances in this year's renewal with GI Arkansas Derby hero **Creator** (Tapit) and GII Louisiana Derby winner **Gun Runner** (Candy Ride {Arg}).



Steve Asmussen | Horsephotos

"It's very unique that with our Hall of Fame, you're still an active participant when it's being voted on," Asmussen noted during an NTRA teleconference Tuesday. "So, I personally feel like we're in the middle of this and we've got a lot of great things to do... The timing of it with the announcement coming 12 days before the Derby, when we have two excellent chances, we feel, going in, is very exciting. Obviously, we feel like there's a lot left to accomplish."

The two-time Eclipse Award winner sent both of his Derby contenders out for [strong breezes Monday](#) under the Twin Spires, and couldn't be more pleased with how both colts are doing.

"Right now, [after] watching the works [Monday] that they put in, and how they came out of it, I'm just extremely proud of the whole team for the physical shape and mental condition that they're in," the trainer said. "I think that is our responsibility and what we have control over. How fast the competition is, or how fast they actually are as individuals, is out of our hands. But I think that we are at our best when it matters most. That still may not be enough, but that's what our responsibility is, and what has us excited about this year's Derby."

Asmussen's best Derby finish came with 2011 runner-up Nehro (Mineshaft). He also finished third in a very strong 2007 renewal with eventual two-time Horse of the Year Curlin (Smart Strike).

"Curlin is the best chance I've ever had at anything every day," he quipped when asked if 2016 was his best chance to take home the roses. "But I do think that we've learned from those



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WinStar Farm's late-developing Creator does his best running late, having rallied from last to upend the Arkansas Derby Apr. 16. Winchell Thoroughbreds and Three Chimneys Farm's Gun Runner employed stalk-and-pounce tactics when annexing the GII Risen Star S. Feb. 20 and Louisiana Derby Mar. 26.

"It's an excellent conversation for us," Asmussen said when asked to discuss the complimentary running styles of Creator and Gun Runner. "When you imagine a race, you work out a scenario in your head which is favorable to you and how you would want it to unfold.



Creator | Coady Photography

I feel very good about how sharp--or how much life--Gun Runner is showing. He's always been a very handy horse, so I think he's capable of attending the pace or at least not letting the pace get away from him... Creator, out the back the last couple of races of his, has been very confident off of his Arkansas Derby win, so I do think we'll have a few more options with Creator than we've had in the past. I do believe the horses are a compliment to each other."

You don't win nearly 7,300 races like Asmussen has without understanding the good fortune that goes into each trip to the winner's circle, and the lack thereof that often contributes to a defeat. Asmussen acknowledged that plenty can go wrong trip-wise in a field of 20, and the possibility that another runner might simply turn out to be faster, but he doesn't sound as if he'd be interested in trading places with anybody at this point.

"These two horses are very special--just personality-wise, ability wise," he offered. "Creator has just blossomed before our eyes... Just to watch him train over the last five weeks from the colt that was here last fall, it's very exciting. He's got a sense of direction, a sense of purpose, a sense of calm about him that he didn't have previously."

"Gun Runner's work--1:12 1/5 here at Churchill after the break, out in 1:39, very few horses are capable of doing that. That separates them and has us excited and gives us a great amount of confidence. You see how they rest in their stall, eat up, it's not overwhelming to them. It puts a smile on the face of everyone involved and makes us feel good about our chances."

If Creator or Gun Runner run as well next Saturday as they seem to be doing now, there might be another major accomplishment listed on Asmussen's Hall of Fame plaque come this August.

MOR SPIRIT BREEZES AT CHURCHILL

Michael Lund Petersen's **Mor Spirit** (Eskendereya), winner of the GI Los Alamitos Futurity and Gill Robert B. Lewis S., breezed five furlongs in :59.80 (2/18) Tuesday morning at Churchill Downs. Working in company with stablemate Jimbo Fallon (Midnight Lute), the dark bay posted eighth-mile splits of :11.40, :22.40, :34.20 and :46 flat en-route to galloping out six furlongs in 1:13.20 and seven furlongs in 1:27 with regular pilot Gary Stevens aboard. It was the Bob Baffert trainee's first workout since finishing second behind Exaggerator (Curlin) in the Apr. 9 GI Santa Anita Derby.



Mor Spirit | Benoit photo

"Loved the work," said Stevens, who has three Kentucky Derby

victories to his name. "The work went great. He was very aggressive going to the pole, which is not always him. He's a little quirky sometimes. Bob put a little more blinkers on him this morning to get him a little more focused and it did the job. He went to the pole aggressive, was aggressive throughout the work, he galloped out strong into the backstretch."

Likewise, Baffert said he was also pleased with the workout--the Pennsylvania-bred's first since arriving to Churchill Downs last Friday.

"He worked well today," Baffert said. "He's never been a real willing worker. He got a good work today, seems like [Gary Stevens] didn't go too hard on him. This track is pretty quick, but it was good for him, he got into it. When Gary worked him a few weeks ago he started off slow and kind of lost interest. The surface is really kind on him, he likes the surface."

Mor Spirit has one previous start over the Churchill main track, a runner-up finish in the slop behind Airoforce (Colonel John) in the GI Kentucky Jockey Club S. last November.



Gun Runner | Lou Hodges

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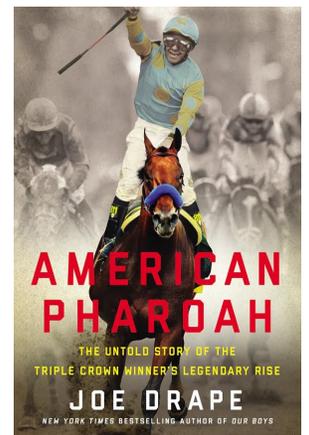
LEGENDARY RISE by Joe Drape

Review by T.D. Thornton

Anyone reading this edition of *TDN* is all too familiar with the 37-year drought between Triple Crown winners in United States racing that existed until American Pharoah (Pioneer of the Nile) mesmerized the nation with his scintillating sweep of the spring Classics in 2015. What might only be apparent to media members who cover the sport, though, is that the 13 near-misses by horses who won the GI Kentucky Derby and GI Preakness S. but failed to win the GI Belmont S. during that same time frame also caused a hefty number of potential book deals to go down in flames.

Journalists who cover the Triple Crown have been known to craft and pitch book proposals by the time the second leg of the series is official.

Considering that major publishing houses require six months minimum to turn a manuscript into a fully finished book, it's not



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jumping the gun to attempt to wow acquisitions editors in the small window of time between the Preakness and the Belmont, when the general public's interest in the sport is at its zenith if a Triple Crown is on the line.

In the introduction to his fine new book, "American Pharoah: The Untold Story of the Triple Crown Winner's Legendary Rise" (Hachette Books), author Joe Drape admits that during his two-decade tenure covering racing for *The New York Times*, he spent many a Saturday in early June "hoping that by day's end I would be writing the first draft of history (as they call journalism) about America's 12th Triple Crown champion."

Now, after following Team Pharoah through a whirlwind championship season that culminated with a win in the



Joe Drape | Heather Johnson

GI Breeders' Cup Classic, Drape has had a chance to fine-tune his writing that appeared in the pages of the *Times* while solidifying the behind-the-scenes backstory of the entire captivating campaign.

The resulting book,

which went on sale Apr. 26, is a deep dive that manages to impart all the heartwarming aspects of American Pharoah's magnetism without glossing over the more prickly aspects of the industry that produced--and will benefit from--this once-in-a-lifetime racehorse.

Drape faces two obvious difficulties in telling American Pharoah's tale. The first is that anyone who buys his book already knows how the story ends. But considering that the racing public couldn't get enough of Pharoah in 2015, this should not be an obstacle to selling his story in 2016.

It takes a literary craftsman to overcome the second difficulty though, which is that any narrative about an animal--racehorse or otherwise--inherently has to be a story about people's experiences of interacting with that animal. And this is where Drape ends up being most successful--he takes a familiar tale and pumps it with new life by capably fleshing out what Pharoah was like before he blossomed into an equine for the ages; shaping the story of a special horse by detailing how American Pharoah touched the lives of the people around him.

The main players--owner Ahmed Zayat, trainer Bob Baffert, and jockey Victor Espinoza--are all subjected to fairly detailed character studies, and the complex juxtapositions of each of their personalities end up being more fascinating than any of their traits that stand alone.

Take Zayat, for instance. Before Pharoah came along, the passionate, emotional Zayat, according to Drape, both embraced the sport and walked the highly leveraged financial tightrope

that a number of elite-level Thoroughbred owners do (without the public being aware of it) while coming oh-so-close to winning the Kentucky Derby. He hired, fired, then sometimes rehired big-name trainers, yet, as one horseman who dealt with Zayat attested, his mercurial behavior was tolerated because, "He plays the game hard. He buys good horses to give himself every opportunity. It's fun to be a part of."

When Zayat finally wins the Triple Crown with Pharoah, he is resolute in his vow to share such a "gift" horse with the American public. Later in the book, it is difficult not to empathize with Zayat's jumble of emotions once he realizes Pharoah has crossed the finish line for the final time, with Drape describing him as "relieved, ecstatic, and sad all at once."

Baffert is capably rendered as a split personality whose public and private sides are both mellowing thanks to two life-altering experiences. The first was a 2012 heart attack that nearly killed him; the second is American Pharoah.

The most humanizing moments of the book involve Baffert's realizations that he had made career choices early on as a trainer that cost him precious parts of his private life, and one of the true ironies involves how he finally hit the Triple Crown jackpot only after making conscious attempts to scale back his "always-on" racetrack lifestyle and spend more time with his family and young son. "Baffert wanted people to know that he was a contented man," Drape writes, "one who had tried humility on and found that it fit him."

Espinoza's zen-like equanimity in both the heat of battle and everyday life earns him the spot as the book's most likable human character. After losing the 2002 Belmont S. and Triple Crown aboard War Emblem (Our Emblem), Drape explains how Espinoza lost his heart for riding. He only regained it after deciding that horse racing is only, well, horse racing, and not anywhere on the same scale of importance as giving of himself to help children with cancer, which Espinoza does faithfully but with zero fanfare.

Then, of course, there are the character juxtapositions of the horse himself: American Pharoah was widely regarded by those who raised and cared for him as a weanling and yearling as extremely physically gifted and intelligent. Yet his pedigree was considered too unproven and chancy to be worth the high reserve Zayat felt he warranted at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale. Shortly before the sale, when Pharoah scraped an ankle and developed a superficial swelling, it appeared to tank his chances of bringing a high price. When a sales advisor insisted to Zayat that "This is the kind of horse we try to buy, so why are we selling it?" the deal to keep him was sealed.

It can be difficult to capture the poetic motion of a horse in full flight with written words, but Drape does so admirably. As a young foal, Pharoah is described as "exuding joy," with his "head high, folding and unfolding himself with exquisite balance." His first open gallop is recounted by his rider as "at once

brehtaking and terrifying.”

Of his pre-Derby workout, a clocker says, “he stays in the air longer than any horse, and you get the feeling that there’s not one gear left, but he may have two, three or four gears.”

In the Preakness he “rolled down the lane with the force of a waterfall.”

The Belmont? Pharoah “glided into the first turn like a marble circling a roulette wheel” and hit the finish wire “as if he were walking on clouds.”

The Triple Crown aftermath doesn’t play as large a role in Drape’s book as it might have seemed to race fans who experienced it last summer. Still, there are some nice touches in this concluding section, particularly when Drape captures a quietly candid side of Baffert. The trainer was so awed by the turnout at Pharoah’s pre-Travers public gallop that he confessed that “this was the greatest moment in his career as a horse trainer, to see how a knowledgeable crowd had appreciated the work of art before them.”

You know how the tale ends at Keeneland. But Drape’s words about the BC Classic are worth repeating as we consider how his book about American Pharoah might whet the appetite as hope springs eternal for the 2016 Triple Crown season.

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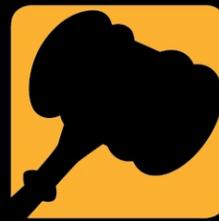
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Kentucky Downs has added upwards of \$600,000 in additional overnight purses to its unique five-day all-turf race meet in September, the track announced Tuesday. Building on a foundation that already offers the highest daily purses in America, Kentucky Downs' 12 stakes races are now worth a total of \$3.95 million, led by the \$600,000 GIII Calumet Farm Kentucky Turf Cup. The \$400,000 More Than Ready Mile will be held on the same Sept. 10 card, receiving a \$100,000 purse boost.

Total purses at the track are scheduled to average \$1.56 million per day, or \$7.8 million overall--up from the \$7.15 million paid out in 2015. Kentucky Downs will also



Kentucky Downs photo

contribute \$1.35 million toward purses at Ellis Park's summer meet, one component of Kentucky Downs' initiative to assist in promoting racing in the Commonwealth year-round.

"The overall health of the Kentucky circuit is very important to Kentucky Downs," said track president Corey Johnsen. "That means keeping Kentucky-breds at home, running for big purses."

With such a lucrative purse structure and low takeout rates, the Kentucky Downs boutique meet has become a favorite of horseplayers and horsemen alike.

"Frankly, it's just amazing they've found a way to generate that kind of money down there," said Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott, whose five Kentucky Downs stakes victories include last year's More Than Ready Mile with Tourist (Tiznow) and Dueling Grounds Derby with Closing Bell (Tapit). "It's great. Big purses are what makes good racing. They had good fields down there last year, and I'm sure it will continue to improve with the addition of more money."

Given that Kentucky Downs is now squarely on the radar of many horsemen with stakes-quality turf horses in the barn, Johnsen said the logical goal for the Franklin, Kentucky, track is to help their cornerstone events achieve prestigious status.

"The next step in the development of Kentucky Downs racing program is to get more graded races," Johnsen said. "We are very aware of the situation. Whenever we have a race like the More Than Ready, which had several horses that went on to run in the Breeders' Cup, we are going to emphasize the purses in those races. We think it's important, especially in Kentucky, to have more graded races in which our breeders can run."

The condition book for the 2016 meet can be found [here](#).

▶ Eastern U.S.

Tuesday's Results:

5th-PRX, \$63,000, Msw, 4-26, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:43.15, ft. SMARTY NEVER QUILTS (f, 3, Smarty Jones--Quitters Never Win, by Songandaprayer) closed from out of the clouds to get up for third in a state-bred six-furlong dash here Dec. 7 and lost all chance when fifth against similar after being steered around a spill upon return Mar. 5. She took the overland route when completing the trifecta over track and trip Mar. 21 and was even-money with first-time Lasix Tuesday. The chalk pressed the pace two off the fence in third as the leading duo crawled through splits of :25 flat and :49 3/5. Given her cue, the chestnut swooped up to take command on the final bend and, although cornering poorly into the home straight, strolled home a facile 10 1/2-length victrix. Second choice I Dream of Lois (Uncle Mo) was 13 lengths ahead of the remainder. Her dam is a half to MGSW Josh's Madelyn (Quiet American). Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-2, \$54,880. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O/B-A & B Stables Inc. (PA); T-Frank L. Pollara.

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TODAY'S INSIGHTS

8th-KEE, \$62K, Alw, NWIX, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT, 4:57 p.m. EDT

Christophe Clement, who's barn has been firing on all cylinders recently, sends out **AMNICALOLA (Arch)** for Mrs. S. Johnston, Jr. in this salty allowance heat. A half to SW Fly Away Angel (Skip Away) and out Copelan's Angel (Copelan), who ran third in the GIII Selima S., she stalked the pace en route to a length victory going a sixteenth shorter over the Tampa Bay lawn and looks to remain perfect. She hails from the female family of GISW Pure Fun (Pure Prize). The similarly hot Julien Leparoux will pilot Amnicalola. Augustin Stable's **Gone Away** (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}), off the mark at second asking going this trip over the Hallendale lawn Dec. 20, enters off a third-place finish behind Canadian Horse of the Year Catch a Glimpse (City Zip) in the GIII Herecomesthebride S. Feb. 27. The Michael Matz charge's dam is a half-sister to GI Wood Memorial S. hero Bellamy Road (Concerto). [TJCIS PPs](#)

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Tuesday's Results:

2nd-IND, \$34,560, Msw, 4-26, 3, 4, /5yo, f/m, 1m, 1:38.20, ft. +Q BEE (f, 3, [Quality Road](#)--Pike Place Dancer {GISW, \$578,682}, by Seattle Dancer), sent off at 13-1, raced in tight quarters into the clubhouse turn, but soon stalked from a wide fourth for the backstretch run. She bid for the lead after a half-mile in :48.36, angled three deep in upper stretch--although quite green--and refused to let the closing Heronetta (Marchfield) past for a determined neck victory. Q Bee is out of the venerable 1996 GI Kentucky Oaks heroine Pike Place Dancer, who also captured the GIII California Derby on grass over males. She foaled an Oxbow filly this term. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,200. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#) O/B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-George R. Arnold, II.

INDUSTRY INFO

Derby Day Silent Auction Fundraiser to Support PDJF:

29 different tracks and racing venues will play host to the second annual Derby Day Silent Auction Fundraiser to benefit the Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund (PDJF) Saturday, May 7, the organization announced Tuesday. Proceeds from the collaborative effort by the Thoroughbred Racing Associations (TRA), PDJF, JockeyTalk360, and the Jockeys' Guild will provide aid for permanently disabled jockeys' health care and living expenses.

"We had a successful Derby Day Silent Auction in 2015 and look forward to this year's event," said PDJF President Nancy LaSala. "We have some outstanding items and would like to thank Reed Palmer Photography, Skip Dickstein, Ron Turcotte, Victor Espinoza, Bob Baffert and all the racing venues. Without their generous support, this auction would not happen."

Contributions to the fundraising effort can also be made by sending checks payable to: PDJF, P.O. Box 803, Elmhurst, Illinois, 60126, or by visiting the PDJF's [website](#).

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IN SOUTH KOREA:

Dashing Eddie, c, 3, [Put It Back](#)--Darling Kitty, by Tale of the Cat. Seoul, 4-24, Hcp. (\$52k), 1000m. B-Carl Bowling (FL). *\$40,000 Ylg '14 OBSAUG; \$25,000 2yo '15 FTMMAY.
Queen's Champion, f, 4, [Colonel John](#)--Side Venture, by Touch Gold. Seoul, 4-24, Hcp. (\$78k), 1800m. B-Don Ameche & Phyllis Johnson (KY). *\$37,000 RNA Wlg '12 KEENOV; \$85,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP; \$52,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR.

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ASTROLOGY (A.P. Indy), Taylor Made Stallions, \$7.5K, 84/1/0 4-KEE, Msw 4 1/2f, +Capt. Grider, 5-1
GET STORMY (Stormy Atlantic), Crestwood Farm, \$5K, 70/0/0 2-KEE, Msw 4 1/2f, Mr D's Way, \$10K FTK OCT yrl, 5-1

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*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2012 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*
FIELD COMMISSION (Service Stripe), Solera Farm, \$2.5K, 36/1/0 2-KEE, Msw 4 1/2f, +Drafted, \$35K OBS MAR 2yo, 10-1

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-PRX, \$43,200, (S), 4-26, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05.72, gd.
PRODIGIOUS (g, 5, [With Distinction](#)--Mary's Silver Pen {SW, \$155,186}, by Dawn Quixote) Lifetime Record: 13-3-2-1, \$97,570. O-Gumpster Stable LLC; B-Ponder Hill, Inc. (PA); T-Patricia Farro. *\$110,000 2yo '13 EASMAY.

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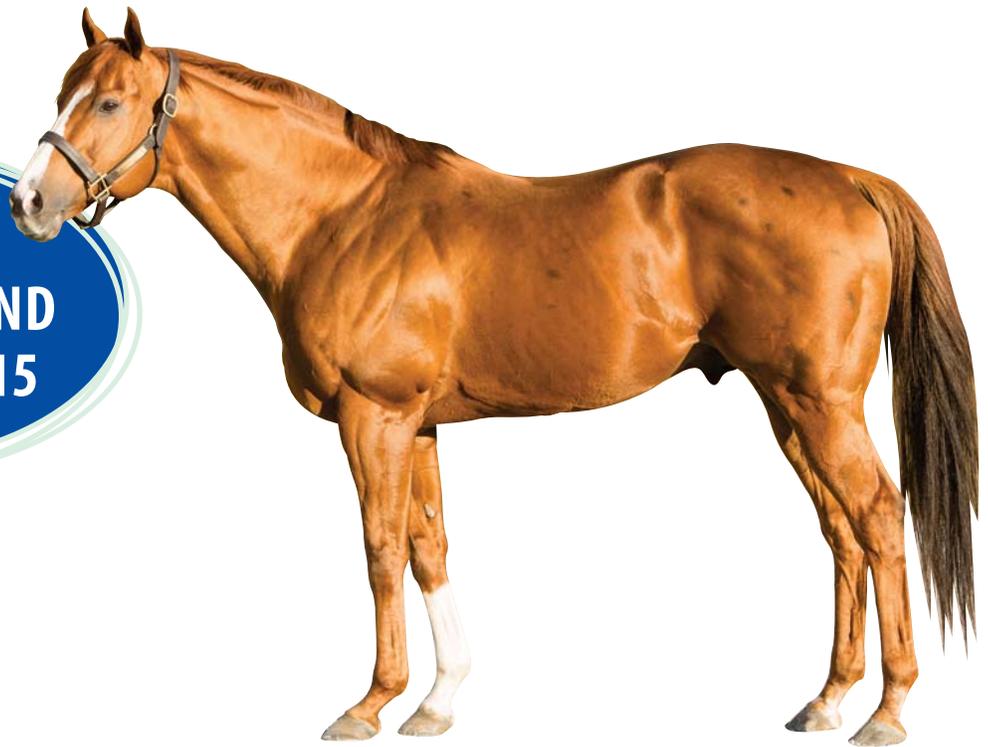
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3rd-SUN, \$41,695, (S), 4-26, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05.49, ft. MUY RAPIDO (f, 4, Diabolical--Rapidamente, by Dixieland Band) Lifetime Record: SW, 12-4-0-3, \$156,895. O/B-J. Kirk & Judy Robison (NM); T-Henry Dominguez. *1/2 to Now More Than Ever (More Than Ready), SP, \$204,361.

8th-IND, \$36,000, (S), 4-26, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.96, ft. CONTAINMENT (g, 3, Pass Rush--Christina's Gold {SP}, by Gold Token) Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$31,630. O/B-Swifty Farms Inc. (IN); T-Mort Shirazi.

7th-IND, \$34,000, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$30,000), 4-26, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10.94, ft.

VACANZIE INN (f, 3, Greatness--Whitepark Bay, by Giant's Causeway) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-0, \$40,597. O-Bill Birkett; B-The Big Mares LLC (FL); T-Joseph D. Davis. *\$10,000 Ylg '14 FTKOCT.

2nd-SUN, \$30,555, 4-26, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.41, ft. OVERLAND PARK (g, 4, Snow Ridge--Bonnie's Slam, by Grand Slam) Lifetime Record: 10-3-5-0, \$62,716. O-Donna Eaton; B-Joe K Davis (TX); T-Nancy Summers.

9th-WRD, \$25,080, (S), 4-26, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:03.37, ft. MY VALIDATION (g, 5, Valid Expectations--Anna's Girl, by Distorted Humor) Lifetime Record: 11-2-0-1, \$37,288. O/B-Hobby Horse Farm, Inc. (OK); T-Scott E. Young.

7th-SRP, \$21,800, 4-25, (NW23M), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:25.01, ft. BIG TALL PAUL (g, 9, Big Country--Abolinnna, by King of Kings {Ire}) Lifetime Record: SP, 61-11-7-11, \$235,504. O-Jackie & Sylvia Herron; B-Emilie Gerlinde Fojan & Bona Terra Stud LLC (KY); T-Justin R. Evans. *\$5,500 Wlg '07 KEENOV.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Mordecai, c, 3, Cyclone--My Oh My, by Broken Vow. IND, 4-26, (S), 6f, 1:11.08. B-Larry & Charlene Whitaker (IN). *\$17,000 2yo '15 OBSOPN.

Hyper Drive, g, 3, Don't Get Mad--Plenty Sweet (SP), by Blushing John. WRD, 4-26, (S), 1m, 1:39.54. B-Tracy Strachan (OK). \$12,500 Ylg '14 OKCYRL.

+Crimson Bandit, c, 3, Red Giant--Blowsmoke, by Red Bullet. IND, 4-26, (S), 6f, 1:12.65. B-J. Bauman & D. Kortkamp (IN).

+Tropical Joy, f, 3, Silk Broker--Tropical Trip, by Trippi. FL, 4-26, 4 1/2f, :53.64. B-Christopher J Trakas (MA).

Sir Munnings, g, 4, Munnings--Famous Lady, by Tactical Cat. WRD, 4-26, 5 1/2f, 1:03.81. B-R Cher Family Farm, LLC (KY). *\$14,000 RNA Ylg '13 FTKOCT.

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GUINEAS TIME



Heavy 2000 Guineas favourite Air Force Blue | *Racing Post*

by Bill Oppenheim

Most years, the first English Classics, the one-mile G1 English 2000 Guineas, for colts, and the G1 English 1000 Guineas, for fillies, are run on the same weekend as the G1 Kentucky Oaks and G1 Kentucky Derby, but because of the vagaries of the calendar this year, the two Guineas races will be run at Newmarket this weekend--colts Saturday, fillies Sunday--whereas the Kentucky Classics will be the following weekend. No doubt it's because the European turf flat season has really only been underway for the last month, so it rather feels sometimes like all of a sudden, here we are; feelings no doubt reinforced by a particularly cold or wet April, and also by the fact that the main protagonists for the opening mile Classics now almost always go straight to the Guineas, without a prep race--as is the case again this year.

Ballydoyle's champion European 2-year-old of 2015, **Air Force Blue** (War Front), won four of his five starts let year, losing only when second to **Buratino** (Exceed and Excel) in the G2 Coventry S. at Royal Ascot in June in his second start. Thereafter he ripped off decisive wins in three consecutive Group 1 races: the Phoenix S. at six furlongs at the Curragh; the National S., Ireland's most important 2-year-old-race, by three lengths over Dawn Approach's brother, **Herald The Dawn** (New Approach); and the Dewhurst S., Europe's most important 2-year-old race, by 3 1/4 lengths over Sheikh Hamdan's **Maassat** (Teofilo).

ACE DC?

With Aidan O'Brien's string sharper than in recent times so far in the early part of the season, Susan Magnier's **Washington DC (Ire)** (Zoffany {Ire}) takes to Ascot on Wednesday to take part in the G3 Pavilion S., his first dress rehearsal for the Royal meeting's G1 Commonwealth Cup. Stretched out to seven furlongs for the first time on his seasonal return in Dundalk's Listed Loughbrown S. at the start of the month, last year's Listed Windsor Castle S. winner who was also runner-up to Air Force Blue (War Front) in the G1 Phoenix S. at The Curragh in August is the perfect candidate for these Ascot six-furlong dashes. Coolmore's UK representative Kevin Buckley said, "He has done well over the winter and is in good form after his win at Dundalk. We are coming over here to look for the better ground, as we are not getting that in Ireland at the moment." **Cont. p4**



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Air Force Blue ran RPR's of 122 in the National S. and 125 in the Dewhurst. Air Force Blue has been odds-on for the Guineas most of the winter, and is now a 7-10 favorite on Betfair. The trainer was heard to remark the other day the colt has so much speed he wouldn't be guaranteed to stay a mile, but having won the Dewhurst over seven on the same course, Air Force Blue is about 4-5 lengths clear on ratings. **Stormy Antarctic** (Stormy Atlantic), winner of the G3 Craven S. (RPR 116), is a tepid 7-1 second choice. The only others trading at under 20-1 are: **Marcel** (Lawman), upset 33-1 winner of the G1 Racing Post Trophy (RPR 118), who was 14-1 on Betfair yesterday; Dewhurst second (RPR 116) **Massaat** (17-1); and **Buratino** (17-1), who stayed at six furlongs after the G2 Coventry, running third behind Air Force Blue and Washington DC (Zoffany) in the G1 Phoenix S., then second (RPR 117) to the now-sidelined **Shalaa** (Invincible Spirit) in the G1 Middle Park S. Only Stormy Antarctic has run this year.

Sunday's G1 English 1000 Guineas for fillies seems more intriguing, at least in that there seem to be a number of high-class fillies with persuasive form lines. Ballydoyle's **Minding** (Galileo) was second to Ballydoyle's **Ballydoyle** (Galileo) (been waiting to do that) in the G2 Debutante S., but reversed the form in the G1 Moyglare Stud S., also at seven furlongs, before scoring a decisive win at Newmarket in the G1 Fillies Mile (RPR 119). Ballydoyle, second in the Moyglare, went to France and won the G1 Marcel Boussac S. (RPR 113) over **Turret Rocks** (Fastnet Rock), trained by fellow Irishman Jim Bolger, and who had previously won the G2 May Hill S. Then Al Shaqab's **Qemah** (Daneshill Dancer), who had been third in the Boussac, came back to win the G3 Prix de la Grotte last week, the principal prep for the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches (French 1000 Guineas). So Minding beat Ballydoyle, who had beaten Turret Rocks and Qemah. Furthermore, when Minding won the Fillies Mile her immediate victim was **Nathra** (Ifraaj), who came out this year and won the G3 Nell Gwyn S. at Newmarket.

Minding was around 9-5 on Betfair yesterday, with Ballydoyle around 5-1 along with a Shamardal filly who runs in the new silver colors of Dubai's Crown Prince, Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed, and is trained by Mark Johnston, named **Lumiere**. She was a deeply impressive all-the-way winner of the G1 Cheveley Park S. (RPR 114) at six furlongs last autumn, and trainer Johnston has made it pretty clear he thinks she is extra special.

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Nathra is 10-1, with the Zoffany filly **Illuminate**, second in the Cheveley Park, then three lengths sixth behind Catch A Glimpse in the G1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf at Keeneland, trading around 20-1, along with Turret Rocks, with another Ballydoyle outsider, **Alice Springs** (Galileo), at 25-1; she was third to Minding and Ballydoyle in the Ballydoyle trifecta in the Moyglare, then went on to finish a close fourth to Lumiere and Illuminate in the Cheveley Park before finishing runner-up to Catch a Glimpse in the G1 Breeders Cup Juvenile Fillies' Turf at Keeneland, which she might have actually won had she got clear a little earlier. A Ballydoyle trifecta in the 1000 Guineas isn't out of the question, though if Lumiere stays the trip she will be a danger to all.

With the European season only gradually winding up, naturally their second-crop sires (whose first 3-year-olds are now racing) have not yet been generating the earnings, or headlines, of their American counterparts (think Uncle Mo). Though none of the European second-crop sires yet has worldwide earnings even over the \$300,000 mark for 2016 (click [here](#)--European YTD 2nd-crop sires--worldwide earnings), things will start to change pretty quickly now. What we do know so far is that Coolmore's Leading European freshman sire of 2015, **Zoffany** (Dansili), appears to be coming back strong. **Cont. p3**

Bill Oppenheim cont.

He's already had five black-type Horses this month, two Listed winners in Washington DC (Dundalk) and Ventura Storm



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(9-furlong Feilden S., Newmarket), and three Group 3 seconds, in the G3 Craven S. (Foundation), the re-routed G3 Greenham S. (Knife Edge), and the G3 Fred Darling S. (Light Up The World). That's a good first month of his first

3-year-olds' year, and Washington DC is entered in the six-furlong G3 Pavilion S. at Ascot Wednesday.

Darley's **Poet's Voice**, Dubawi's second big chance at stud following the improving third-crop sire Makfi, has moved into second spot among European second-crop sires with Poeta Diletto's win in Sunday's G3 Premio Paroli (Italian 2000 Guineas). **Roderic O'Connor** (Galileo), now at England's National Stud, ranks third, with Coolmore's **Canford Cliffs** (Tagula) fourth at this very early stage of the season. These are the only European second-crop sires so far with YTD earnings over \$200,000 but as we say that is all going to be changing pretty rapidly now.

There was sad news this week at the death of the popular **Big Bad Bob**, at the age of 16, at the Irish National Stud. He was a legendary rags-to-riches story, by the jumps sire Bob Back, by Roberto. He was a good, tough racehorse, winning four times at two, including the one-mile Listed Autumn S. for trainer John Dunlop, finishing with eight wins, including a Group 3 in Germany, and running a peak RPR of 121. Bred to mostly Mrs. Patino's own mares, he had just 10 foals in his first crop, of which nine started, and eight won or placed, as 2-year-olds, and the story just got better from there. He was moved from Islanmore to the Irish National Stud for the 2011 season, and the great thing was that he 'stood the raise' in numbers in that he sired 2015 G3 winner (and last weekend's Listed winner) Bocca Bacciata and 2015 2-year-old Listed winner and G1 Dewhurst S. fourth Tashweeq from these bigger crops.

But maybe the story isn't over, and not just because there are lot more Bobs to come; no. Also, just about the time Bob's runners were appearing, along came Snow Fairy, out of a half-sister to Big Bad Bob. She won the G1 Epsom and Irish Oaks in 2010 and went on to win six Group 1 races and almost £4-million in all. Even before that, in 2009, Cara Fantasy, who is a Sadler's Wells half-sister to Big Bad Bob's granddam, produced two Group 3 winners in succession: Palavacini, by Giant's Causeway, who became a Group 3 winner; and Elusive Pimpernel, by Elusive Quality, who won the G3 Acomb S. at York

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and ran second to St. Nicholas Abbey in the G1 Racing Post Trophy as a 2-year-old; came back at three to win the G3 Craven S. and run fifth (to Makfi) in the G1 English 2000 Guineas.

Now, Elusive Pimpernel's first foals are 3-year-olds. After Bocca Bacciata scored a Listed win for Bob on Sunday, trainer Ger Lyons ran a colt named Elusive Heights, by Elusive



Snow Fairy and her now-yearling filly by Elusive Pimpernel
Irish National Stud photo

Pimpernel out of the Group 3 winner Berg Bahn, by Big Bad Bob, in the last race at Naas Monday night, a hot-looking 10-furlong maiden. He won it, too, over a couple of other fancied colts. For you aficionados of inbreeding to one 'tap-root' mare, any foal by Elusive Pimpernel out of a Big Bad Bob mare is inbred 3x5 to the Troy mare, Gay Fantasy; and Elusive Pimpernel also has a yearling filly out of Snow Fairy (also 3x5 to Gay Fantasy). The dream is alive.

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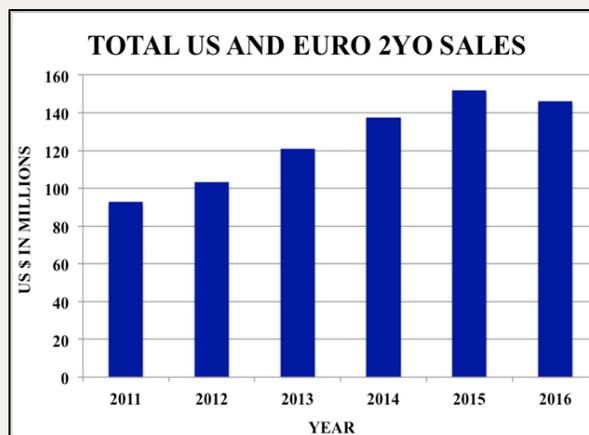
by Bill Oppenheim

“There was discussion in TDN during the sale last week about how strong or weak is the ‘middle market’? Recovery in the horse business is hampered now by general economic conditions, yes, but also concern that the 40% drop in the North American foal crop the last 10 years has been matched by a corresponding drop in the number of racehorse owners; otherwise, prices should rise. That’s why the Churchill Downs initiative of an Owners’ Club (200 shares x \$500 = \$100,000) is an interesting concept – and sold out in days, and they’re doing another. Good idea.”



OBS APRIL 2YO SALE

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2016	1,216	853	660	29.9%	77.4%	54.3%	\$ 52,279,500	\$ 79,211
2015	1,203	867	674	27.9%	78.8%	56.8%	\$ 53,291,900	\$ 78,982
2014	1,206	941	770	22.0%	81.8%	63.8%	\$ 56,965,000	\$ 73,981
2013	1,195	948	802	20.7%	84.6%	67.1%	\$ 48,549,000	\$ 60,535
2012	1,196	922	771	22.9%	83.6%	64.5%	\$ 33,506,400	\$ 43,458
2011	1,337	1,084	822	18.9%	75.8%	61.5%	\$ 25,897,400	\$ 31,505



TOTAL US AND EUROPEAN 2YO SALES AS OF APRIL 25, 2016

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2016	2,358	1,639	1,231	30.5%	75.1%	52.2%	\$ 146,010,996	\$ 118,612
2015	2,298	1,653	1,268	28.1%	76.7%	55.2%	\$ 151,650,554	\$ 119,598
2014	2,134	1,549	1,195	27.4%	77.1%	56.0%	\$ 137,626,921	\$ 115,169
2013	2,096	1,593	1,255	24.0%	78.8%	59.9%	\$ 120,778,027	\$ 96,237
2012	2,157	1,614	1,281	25.2%	79.4%	59.4%	\$ 103,142,916	\$ 80,517
2011	2,459	1,862	1,379	24.3%	74.1%	56.1%	\$ 92,743,236	\$ 67,254

Pavilion S. cont. from p1

Washington D C's main rival on paper is Dr Ali Ridha's front-running sensation **Gifted Master (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}), who is on a roll having won the G3 Autumn S. over a mile at Newmarket in October and that track's £500,000 Tattersalls Millions 2yo Trophy and £100,000 Tattersalls Millions 3-y-o Sprint over seven and six furlongs respectively. He has had the measure of



Gifted Master | *Racing Post*

Ballydoyle's Waterloo Bridge (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}) on two occasions and also Beacon Rock (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) from the same stable, so Aidan O'Brien will have some idea of what it will take to subdue him. Gifted Master's trainer Hugo Palmer commented, "I think

he is a mile horse, but annoyingly for John Gosden with Shalaa not out until later in the season, it rather opens up the three-year-old sprinting division. The owners are very keen to go to Royal Ascot with him. He is in the [June 17] Commonwealth Cup and he will probably get an entry in the [G3] Jersey [at Royal Ascot June 15]. If he wins the Pavilion, we will look at the [May 28 G2] Sandy Lane [S.] at Haydock and if he wins that then we will look at the Commonwealth Cup. If he gets beaten in that we would look to go back up to seven furlongs."

Shaikh Nader Mohamed Al Khalifa's Listed Doncaster S. winner **Dhahmaan (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}) is one who is open to improvement, which is also the case for Rick Barnes' **C Note (Ire)** (Iffraaj {GB}). He opened his account in comprehensive fashion from the group-placed yardstick Lil's Joy (Ire) (Lilbourne Lad {Ire}) in a six-furlong conditions event at Leicester staged on heavy ground Apr. 8 and a prominent showing will keep Royal Ascot dreams alive.

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MERRIEBELLE STABLE PAVILION S.-G3, £80,000, 3yo, 6fT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	C Note (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	Sweeney	Meade	127
2	Washington DC (Ire)	Zoffany (Ire)	Moore	A O'Brien	127
3	Dhahmaan (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Dettoni	M Botti	127
4	Priceless (GB)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Hanagan	Cox	124
5	Gifted Master (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Smullen	Palmer	130
6	Zebstar (Ire)	Zebedee (GB)	Egan	Unett	127
7	Gracious John (Ire)	Baltic King (GB)	Kirby	Evans	127
8	Orvar (Ire)	Dandy Man (Ire)	Atzeni	Hannon	127
9	Dream Dubai (GB)	Kyllachy (GB)	de Sousa	Kirk	127

Wednesday, Ascot, Britain, post time: 3:20 p.m.

LONGINES SAGARO S.-G3, £60,000, 4yo/up, 16fT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Glaring (GB)	Champs Elysees (GB)	Crowley	Perrett	128
2	Suegioo (Fr)	Manduro (Ger)	Hanagan	Fahey	128
3	Sandro Botticelli (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Kelly	J Ryan	124
4	Seismos (Ire)	Dalakhani (Ire)	de Sousa	M Botti	128
5	Amber Flush (GB)	Sir Harry Lewis	Clark	Smith	125
6	Mizzou (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Atzeni	Cumani	128
7	Burmese (GB)	Sir Percy (GB)	Smullen	Tregoning	124
8	Flying Officer	Dynaformer	Dettoni	Gosden	133
9	Frosty Berry (GB)	Proclamation (Ire)	Gray	de Giles	125
10	Clever Cookie (GB)	Primo Valentino (Ire)	Moore	Niven	128



PALMER ON BRAVE ROUTE TO NEWBURY

Home Of The Brave (Ire) (Starspangledbanner {Aus}) will bid to gain his first legitimate group win when he lines up in the G1 Al Shaqab Lockinge S. at Newbury May 14. Hugo Palmer's colt was stripped of his victory over Gordon Lord Byron (Ire) (Byron {GB}) in the G3 Minstrel S. at The Curragh last year when traces of a prohibited substance were discovered in his post race sample. Newbury will also be the colt's first attempt back at a mile since



Home Of The Brave *Racing Post*

his run in the G1 QIPCO 2000 Guineas last year when he finished sixth behind Gleneagles (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). The Flemington Bloodstock Partnership owned colt made a successful seasonal debut last weekend at Leicester when winning the King Richard III S.

over seven furlongs and his trainer is sure there is more to come from the 4-year-old. "You wouldn't know he had a race on Saturday. It didn't look like he was stopping at the line at Leicester so we are going to try him over a mile again in the Lockinge," said Palmer. He continued, "He tried to make the running in the 2000 Guineas last year in quite a strong headwind and he was only beaten five or six lengths by Gleneagles. That was a pretty good run and he is a better horse now." Palmer is not looking too far beyond Newbury and added, "I don't think he would get a stiff mile at Ascot and that's why he is not in the [G1] Queen Anne, but we will have a go at Newbury."

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SETBACK FOR JOHANNES VERMEER

Potential G1 Epsom Derby candidate **Johannes Vermeer (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) is unlikely to make the lineup at Epsom having picked up a hock injury.



Johannes Vermeer (farside)
Scoop Dyga

The 3-year-old's form has a solid look to it now as he was last seen beating subsequent G3 Craven S. winner Stormy Antarctic (Stormy Atlantic) in the G1 Criterium International at Saint-cloud last November. "It is not career-ending, it is just a

hold up, said Coolmore's UK representative Kevin Buckley. "He is not going to make a Guineas but he would have been more a horse for a Derby trial. Hopefully we will see him back in the middle to later part of the season." Johannes Vermeer was kept busy by Aidan O'Brien in the second half of last season. He broke his maiden at Killarney in August, won the G3 Willis Champions Juvenile S. at Leopardstown in September before being beaten into fourth behind Ultra (Ire) (Manduro {Ger}) when favourite for the G1 Qatar Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere at Longchamp in October. He bounced back three weeks later to be second to Marcel (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}) in the G1 Racing Post Trophy before rounding out his season a week later with success at Longchamp.

The pair join [lot 244A](#) the colt by Power (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) who was added to the breeze up section of the sale and will be consigned by Willie Browne's Mocklershill. The breeze up is scheduled to commence at 9am Thursday morning at the Rowley Mile Racecourse with selling beginning Friday morning at 10am in Tattersalls.

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GOD'S OWN RULES AT PUNCHESTOWN

Punchestown kicked off their five-day jumping extravaganza on Tuesday where the first three of a total of twelve Grade 1 contests were run. **Yorkhill (Ire)** (Presenting {GB}), chasing a Grade 1 four timer following impressive displays at Sandown, Cheltenham and Aintree was widely expected to add to his tally in the G1 Herald Champion Novice Hurdle, but he didn't reproduce his best form, eventually finishing a tired fourth behind the Jessica Harrington-trained winner **Don't Touch It (Ire)** (Scorpion {Ire}). JP McManus' 6-year-old took over from **Brain Power (Ire)** (Kalanisi {Ire}) running to the last and had enough in hand to repel the gallant **Petit Mouchoir (Fr)** Al Mamix {Fr}) by half a length.

There was another reverse for both odds-on punters and the Willie Mullins yard when his **Vautour (Fr)** (Robin Des Champs {Fr}) was beaten into second by **God's Own (Ire)** (Oscar {Ire}) in the G1 Boylesports Champion Chase. The Tom George trained winner was following up his Grade 1 victory in Aintree's JLT Melling Chase and he was also confirming his liking for



God's Own gets a pat from trainer Tom George | *Racing Post*

Punchestown having landed a Grade 1 Novice chase there two years ago. Vautour ran like he needed a longer trip, getting outpaced between the last two fences before staying on again late to snatch second spot from **Simonsig (GB)** (Fair Mix {Ire}) who ran a terrific race after a

long absence. It was a sweet win for jockey Paddy Brennan who commented, "He was awesome today. It's great to ride a winner on home turf, I'm from here and very proud."

The third Grade 1 of the evening was the Growise Champion Novice Chase and it saw a quick reappearance of G3 Crabbies Grand National hero **Rule The World (GB)** (Sulamani {Ire}). There was no fairytale follow up though as finished sixth though running well for a long way. The race was won in good style by **Zabana (Ire)** (Halling) who gained compensation for an unfortunate incident at Cheltenham where he unseated Davy Russell at the start of the G1 JLT Novice Chase. [Cont. p6](#)

INTERESTING WILDCARDS AT NEWMARKET

Two interesting wildcards have been added to the horse-in-training section of this week's Guineas Breeze Up & HIT Sale at Newmarket. The Richard Fahey-trained pair of 2-year-olds **Cullingworth (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}) and **Springwood (Ire)** (Zebedee {GB}) have been added to the catalogue as [lot 83](#) and [lot 84](#) on



Springwood | *Racing Post*

Friday. Cullingworth, a 36,000gns yearling, broke his maiden on his second start when winning at Redcar on Apr. 11. Stablemate Springwood also showed the benefit of his debut when scoring a week later on his second start at Pontefract Apr. 18. Fahey's assistant

trainer Robin O'Ryan described him on that occasion as a 'tough, relaxed, good-moving horse.'

Punchestown Opener cont.

He made no mistake on this occasion staying on stoutly to beat the Gigginstown Stud owned pair of **Outlander (Ire)** (Stowaway {GB}) and **Sub Lieutenant (Ire)** (Brian Boru {GB}). It was a first Grade 1 victory for veteran trainer Andy Lynch who trains the 7-year-old for Chris Jones.

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NEW ENDEAVOUR FOR EBDON

Trainer Mick Channon made his mark in international soccer before turning his attention to racing and forging a highly successful training career. Peter Ebdon is a former World Snooker Champion and while he has no intentions of going down the training route he has decided to put his significant knowledge of thoroughbred pedigrees to use by launching a pedigree consultancy. Designer Pedigrees is the company Ebdon has set up and he hopes his passion for the last 25 years, which has seen the snooker star also breed numerous winners, will aid others in deciding mating plans and purchasing horses. Group 3 winner **Sesmen (GB)** (Inchiner {GB}) ranks as the most successful horse Ebdon has bred and regarding his future enterprise he commented, "Thoroughbred pedigrees have been such a huge passion of mine for such a long time now, that late last year I decided to set up a professional pedigree consultancy business called Designer Pedigrees Ltd, so that I can share my knowledge with breeders with a view to helping them breed group horses and, hopefully, future champions." Ebdon hasn't turned his back on the day job just yet as he told the *Racing Post*, "My snooker career may not be over, quite yet, but my passion will always be with pedigree research and I'm determined to become a better professional pedigree consultant than I ever was as a snooker professional."

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Meade Purchases Snailwell Stud

Newmarket trainer Martyn Meade has finalised the purchase of Snailwell Stud, located just two miles outside of the town. Meade, who trains at Sefton Lodge intends to return the historic stud to its former glories. Originally developed in 1910 by Thomas, 8th Baron Howard de Walden, the stud was then



Martyn Meade | *Racing Post*

purchased some 30 years later by Mr Stanhope Joel. The Joel family were key players within the racing industry at that time, with Joel standing two of his Group 1 winning horses, Chamossaire and Busted, as stallions at Snailwell Stud. "I am delighted to have purchased a

stud farm which has such deep breeding roots as Snailwell Stud. We very much hope to return the stud to its former successful breeding days. The plan is to stand stallions as well as housing broodmares and their progeny," commented Meade.

Goodwood to Honour Alan Lee in Cricket Match

The annual cricket match between Lord March Racing XI and the Lord's Taverners following racing on the first day of the Qatar Goodwood Festival will be staged in memory of the late racing journalist Alan Lee, who passed away in December 2015.

The "Alan Lee Memorial Trophy," scheduled for Tuesday, July 26, 2016, will have the same 20/20 format as previous years. The public are invited to attend the match which will take place in front of Goodwood House.

Said Lord March: "Alan Lee was a huge supporter of



Vicky and James Lee at their father's memorial service Apr. 18 | *Racing Post*

Goodwood and obviously loved his cricket both personally and professionally. He will be hugely missed by everyone who knew him and in terms of the cricket he was always spotted on the boundary chatting to the players.

We felt that the Alan Lee Memorial Trophy was an appropriate way of remembering him and we are delighted that his children Vicky and James will be our guests for racing and will present the trophy." **Cont. p7**



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Goodwood to Honour Alan Lee cont.

Mike Atherton, The Times cricket correspondent and colleague of Alan Lee, commented: "I think this is a fitting memorial to a fine journalist and a man who loved both cricket and horse racing."

Alan Lee's daughter, Vicky, commented: "Dad loved Goodwood and obviously loved cricket as well so we are all thrilled that Goodwood have honoured his memory with the cricket match on Tuesday 26 July being played for the Alan Lee Memorial Trophy. James and I are looking forward to presenting the trophy."

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Tuesday's Results:

First Winner for Freshman Sire

1st-BRG, £4,500, Cond, 4-26, 2yo, 5f 213yT, 1:10.62, g/f.

SAYESSE (GB) (c, 2, Sayif {Ire}--Pesse {Ire}, by Eagle Eyed), fourth over five furlongs on debut at Leicester Apr. 8, started at 8-1 and raced under restraint with one behind early. Sent to the front passing the quarter pole, the 5,500gns TATOCT yearling stretched away to score by 3 3/4 lengths from Masquerade Bling (Ire) (Approve {Ire}). The dam, who is a half to the G1 Racing Post Trophy winner Kingsbarns (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and GSW Sweeter Still (Ire) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), has a yearling full-sister to Sayesse. He becomes the first winner for his first-season sire (by Kheleyf), who stands at Llety Stud in South Wales at a fee of £3,000. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$4,520. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Lord Ilsley Racing (Steele Syndicate); B-Llety Farms (GB); T-Mick Channon.

3rd-BAT, £4,000, Cond, 4-26, 2yo, 5f 11yT, 1:04.14, gd.

KREB'S CYCLE (IRE) (c, 2, Helmet {Aus}--La Noe {GB}, by Nayef), runner-up over this course and distance on debut Apr. 15, was sent off the 1-2 favourite and raced in third throughout the early exchanges. Sent to the lead with a furlong remaining, the 26,000gns TATFOA foal and €85,000 GOFORB yearling asserted to win by a length from Havelock (Ire) (Helmet {Aus}), making it not only a one-two for the first-season sire (by Exceed and Excel {Aus}) but also the Darley resident's fourth winner. The dam, who hails from the extended family of the G2 Royal Lodge S. winner and G1 2000 Guineas runner-up Snow Ridge (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}), also has a yearling colt by Epaulette (Aus). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$5,247. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Middleham Park Racing CIV; B-Michael Fennessy (IRE); T-Richard Hannon.

2nd-LIN, £5,000, Mdn, 4-26, 2yo, 5f 6y (AWT), :58.83, st. +KANANEE (c, 2, Exceed and Excel {Aus}--Zoowraa {GB} {SW-Eng}, by Azamour {Ire}), backed into 13-8 favouritism, was sharp from his outside draw and stuck close to the early pace. Asked to take control approaching the furlong pole, the homebred responded in generous fashion to assert and win by 1 1/2 lengths from Monks Stand (More Than Ready). Zoowraa, who captured the Listed Radley S. as a juvenile and descends from a half-sister to the Belmont-winning champion Risen Star, was barren to Lonhro (Aus) in 2015. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,684. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Godolphin; B-Darley (KY); T-Saeed bin Suroor.

4th-WOL, £4,500, Mdn, 4-26, 4yo/up, 7f 32yT, 1:27.62, st. HAKAM (g, 4, War Front--Lauren Byrd {SP-US}, by Arch), a \$450,000 KEESEP yearling who has now been gelded, was an encouraging third on his seasonal debut and first run for a year over a mile at Chelmsford Apr. 7 and tracked the early pace in fourth. Sent forward on the turn, the 4-9 favourite got the better of Madame Butterfly (Ire) (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}) to take the lead with 150 yards remaining and asserted for a half-length success. The dam, who has produced this year's GI Toyota Blue Grass S. runner-up My Man Sam (Trappe Shot), GISP-US, \$251,200, has a 2-year-old full-brother to the winner and is reported in foal to Trappe Shot once again. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-1, £6,183. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Jay W Bligh; T-Charles Hills.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Siri (GB), f, 3, Atlantic Sport--Search Party (GB), by Rainbow Quest. NOT, 4-26, 8f 75yT, 1:48.44. B-G. Hedley & Mike Channon Bloodstock Limited (GB).

Aragon Knight (GB), g, 3, Kheleyf--Midnight Allure (GB), by Aragon (GB). LIN, 4-26, 5f 6y (AWT), :58.79. B-Executive Bloodlines (GB). *7,000gns RNA Wlg '13 TATFOA; 16,000gns Ylg '14 TATNOV.

Red Cardinal (Ire), g, 4, Montjeu (Ire)--Notable (GB), by Zafonic. BAT, 4-26, 11f 144yT, 2:31.31. B-Lynch Bages Ltd. (IRE). *Full to Maria Royal (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}), GSW-Fr, \$216,475.

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**Monday Night's Results:**

8th-NAA, €11,500, Mdn, 4-25, 3yo, 8fT, 1:40.67, gd.

+ELUSIVE HEIGHTS (IRE) (g, 3, Elusive Pimpernel--Berg Bahn {Ire} {GSW-Ire & SP-UAE, \$153,595}, by Big Bad Bob {Ire}), sent off at 7-2, raced behind the leaders early on the rail before sneaking through on the inner at the top of the straight. Green when angled out for his challenge, the homebred, who has a 2-year-old gelding full-brother to come, got the message in time to nail Freeman (Ire) (Arcano {Ire}) on the line and win by a head. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$7,941. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Anamoine Limited; B-Windflower Overseas Holdings Inc (IRE); T-Ger Lyons.

**Tuesday's Results:**

PRIX SERVANNE-Listed, €52,000, MLF, 4-26, 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:11.00, gd.

1--#LOVE SPIRIT (GB), 127, g, 6, Elusive City--Indian Maiden (Ire) (GSW-Fr, MSW & GSP-Eng & SW-Ire, \$466,690), by Indian Ridge (Ire). (€16,000 Ylg '11 ARQOCT; €47,500 2yo '12 ARQMAY). O-Louis Baudron & Aleyrion Bloodstock Ltd; B-SCEA Haras de Saint Pair (GB); T-J Baudron; J-Pierre-Charles Boudot. €26,000. Lifetime Record: 41 starts, 7 wins, 15 places, €151,400.

2--Finsbury Square (Ire), 127, g, 4, Siyouni (Fr)--Diamond Square (Fr), by Dyhim Diamond (Ire). O-Berend Van Dalfsen. €10,400.

3--Ride Like the Wind (Ire), 131, c, 4, Lope de Vega (Ire)--Biswa, by Kafwain. (€180,000 Ylg '13 ARAUG; €570,000 RNA HRA '15 ARQAUG). O-Olivier Thomas. €7,800.

Margins: 1, 1 1/4, 2. Odds: 4.10, 1.60, 5.10.

Also Ran: Son Cesio (Fr), Pupa Di Saronno (Fr), North End (Fr), Gammarth (Fr).

Out of the iron-tough Indian Maiden, Love Spirit has taken only slightly longer to reach a standard that his dam was comfortable at on several occasions. Steadily progressive last term, the bay signed off with a course-and-distance handicap win in October and returned to take another over this trip at Fontainebleau Mar. 11 before finishing fifth in the 5 1/2-furlong Listed Prix Cor de Chasse back there at the end of the month. Taking a lead early from Finsbury Square, he was driven along to take over from that rival with 150 yards remaining and stayed on resolutely to record the breakthrough success. **Click for the [Racing Post result.](#) [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

6th-MLF, €24,000, Cond, 4-26, 3yo, 10 1/2fT, 2:14.04, gd.
SALLY FOR ME (FR) (f, 3, [Pour Moi {Ire}](#)--Salicorne, by Aragorn {Ire}), runner-up over 11 furlongs at Lyon-Parilly last time Apr. 23, was sent up to race in third initially before tanking her way to the front after the first half-mile. Stretching her rivals once in the straight, the 4-1 second favourite stayed on strongly to win by three lengths from Redcold (Fr) (Nayef). The dam, who is a half-sister to Stacelita (Fr) (Monsun {Ger}), champion grass mare and French highweight as a result of her wins in the G1 Beverly D., G1 Flower Bowl Invitational, G1 Prix de Diane, G1 Prix Vermeille, G1 Prix Saint-Alary and G1 Prix Jean Romanet, has a yearling colt by Mastercraftsman (Ire). Sales history: €260,000 RNA Ylg '14 ARQOCT. Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 1 win, 3 places, €17,600. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)
O/T-Jean-Pierre-Joseph Dubois; B-Dream With Me Stable Inc (FR).

1st-MLF, €25,000, Debutantes, 4-26, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:46.20, gd.
+DOURDANA (FR) (f, 2, [Exceed and Excel {Aus}](#)--Dardania {GB}, by Dalakhani {Ire}), sent off the 11-5 favourite, bowled along in mid-division throughout the early stages against the rail. With a gap opening inside the last quarter-mile, Christophe Soumillon had to commit and as a consequence was in front too soon and the grey appeared to idle as Grand Jete (GB) (Dansili {GB}) closed to narrow the winning margin to a neck. The dam, who is a daughter of the G1 Prix de Diane (French Oaks) and G1 Prix Vermeille heroine Daryaba (Ire) (Night Shift) and therefore a half-sister to the G1 Hong Kong Vase winner Daryakana (Fr) (Selkirk) and the group-winning sire Daramsar (Fr) (Rainbow Quest), has a 2-year-old filly by Acclamation (GB) named Datia (Ire). Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €12,500. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-H H The Aga Khan; B-His Highness The Aga Khan's Studs SC (FR); T-Alain de Royer-Dupre.

2nd-MLF, €25,000, Debutantes, 4-26, 3yo, c/g, 8fT, 1:45.00, gd.
+AL ERAYG (IRE) (c, 3, [Oasis Dream {GB}](#)--Vallee des Reves, by Kingmambo), a \$150,000 KEESEP yearling and €600,000 ARQMAY 2yo, broke smartly but raced freely exposed on the front end with no cover until reined back by Gregory Benoist to sit in fifth. Caught in a pocket momentarily in the home straight, the 13-10 favourite was pulled wide for his challenge and responded to one stroke of the whip with a surge to cut down Repercussion (GB) (Manduro {Ger}) near the line for a neck success. Bold Emperor (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), the half-brother to the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches heroine Beauty Parlour (GB) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), raced up with the pace but could not find extra when it was required and faded to be a further two lengths away in fourth. **Cont. p9**

2nd-MLF Cont.

Al Erayg is a half-brother to Maids Causeway (Ire) (Giant's Causeway), G1SW-Eng, \$632,940, just one of several top-notchers from this distinguished Wildenstein family. The dam is a half to the highweight Verveine (Lear Fan), later the dam of the G1 Hong Kong Vase winner Vallee Enchantee (Ire) (Peintre Celebre) and E. P. Taylor heroine Volga (Ire) (Caerleon), and also the GSW and G1SP Vetheuil (Riverman). She is the second dam of, among others, the sire Vespone (Ire) (Llandaff) and the high-class Purple Moon (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), who went so close to winning the Melbourne Cup for the Cumani stable. Vallee des Reves has a yearling filly to come by Declaration of War. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €12,500. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Al Shaqab Racing; B-Vallee des Reves Syndicate (IRE); T-Francis-Henri Graffard.



Tuesday's Result:

2nd-COL, €6,000, Cond, 4-26, 3yo, 11fT, 2:20.93, gd.
+SAVOIR VIVRE (IRE) (c, 3, Adlerflug {Ger}--Soudaine {Ger} {SW & GSP-Ger}, by Monsun {Ger}), sent off the 11-10 favourite, was blinkered for this debut and blew the start before racing in last early. Tanking into contention in the back straight, the homebred sauntered to the lead with 1 1/2 furlongs to race and with the minimum of fuss drew away to win in style by 6 1/2 lengths from Kashmar (Ger) (Samum {Ger}). Savoir Vivre, who is a half-brother to Sussudio (Fr) (Nayef), MSW-Fr, \$216,118, hails from the family of the top German runner Simoun (Ire) (Monsun {Ger}) and the dam of the champion Stacelita (Fr) (Monsun {Ger}), as does Tuesday's Maisons-Laffitte winner Sally For Me. The extended family includes the headline-makers Steinlen (GB) and Zagreb. He has a 2-year-old half-sister by Excelebration (Ire) named Suddenly (Ger) and a yearling half-sister by Wiener Walzer (Ger). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €3,000. O/B-Stall Ullmann (IRE); T-Jean-Pierre Carvalho.

OBSERVATIONS
 on today's European racing scene

2.10 Ascot, Cond, £14,000, 2yo, 5fT
CREATE A DREAM (Oasis Dream {GB}) makes her keenly-anticipated debut, having been withdrawn by Wesley Ward from Doncaster's curtain raiser for the juveniles, the "Brocklesby", earlier this month due to the soft conditions. St Elias Stables' daughter of Anabaa's Creation (Ire) (Anabaa),

second to the great Zenyatta (Street Cry {Ire}) in the 2009 GI Clement L Hirsch S., meets the winner of that contest, John Brown and Megan Dennis' **The Last Lion (Ire) (Choisir {Aus})**, the Mark Johnston-trained relative of the Irish 1000 Guineas heroine Tarascon (Ire) (Tirol {Ire}) in a race won by Log Out Island (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) and Zebedee (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) in recent times.



Kilfrush Stud Increase Curragh Involvement:

Kilfrush Stud has increased its level of sponsorship at The Curragh this year, adding the G2 Sapphire S. to its existing backing of the G3 Royal Whip S. The renowned Limerick based stud was purchased by Qatari businessman Mubarak Al Naemi in 2013 and the stud's manager David Ryan, a brother of Yorkshire based trainer Kevin said, "We, at Kilfrush Stud, are thrilled to be associated with two such prestigious races and we look forward to continuing our relationship with The Curragh for the foreseeable future."

The newly named Kilfrush Stud Sapphire S., slated for July 16, is one of the premier sprint contests in Ireland while Kilfrush have been associated with the Royal Whip S. since 2014 and the prestigious Group 3 contest takes place Aug 21.

Evan Arkwright, Commercial Manager of the Curragh Racecourse, added, "We are very grateful to Mr Al Naemi for his significant support of two very prestigious races, which highlights the close partnership we have developed with him and his team at Kilfrush."

EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

IN AUSTRALIA:
Raw Impluse (GB), c, 4, Makfi (GB)--Marika (GB) (SW-Eng), by Marju (Ire). Caulfield, 4-23, Hcp. (£32k/€41k), 1800mT, 1:49.72. B-Shutford Stud. *1/2 to Sabratah (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), MSW & GSP-Fr, \$165,478. **50,000gns Ylg '13 TATOCT.

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BSA NATIONAL YEARLING SALE BEGINS

by Liesl King

Held at its Germiston Sales complex, Bloodstock South Africa's three-day National Yearling Sale, with 453 lots catalogued, kicks off at 3pm when the first of day one's 151 lots will enter the ring. The Sale is celebrating its 40th anniversary and from champion and US-sire Bold Tropic (SAf), sold at the inaugural Germiston sale in 1977, to Futura (SAf), the 2015 Horse of the Year, the sale has consistently produced champions.

Champion sire Dynasty (SAf) (Fort Wood), who sired the 2014 and 2015 Horse of The Year recipients, Legislate (SAf) and



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Futura, respectively, has two outstanding yearlings on offer in [Lot 33](#) and [96](#). Lot 33, consigned by Cheveley Stud is none other than a full sister to Legislate and on paddock value alone, she should be one to look out for.

Consigned by Mauritzfontein Stud, Lot 96, the aptly named

Big Parade (SAf), is a stunning Dynasty colt out of the G1 Summer Cup winner Flirtation (SAf) (Silvano {Ger}). A Tiger Ridge half-brother to lot 96 named Ordinary Love (SAf) fetched R800,000 from Shadwell South Africa at last year's sale.

Var is another sire that just keeps on churning out Group winners and [Lot 53](#), consigned by Varsfontein Stud and [Lot 230](#), consigned by Cheveley Stud are likely to be among the top lots. Out of the multiple group-winning Western Winter mare Covenant (SAf), Lot 53, a colt named Varallo (SAf), oozes quality. While Lot 230, a colt out of star broodmare Mystic Spring (Ire) (Royal Academy), is a half brother to five Group-winning horses including Equus Champion 3-Year-Old Rabiya (SAf).

Champion sire Silvano has 23 yearlings on offer and Mauritzfontein Stud consigns two quality colts in [Lot 184](#), Earl of Warwick (SAf), out of Lady Brooke (SAf) (Fort Wood); and [Lot 226](#), Diamondveld (SAf), out of Mrs Brock (SAf) (Fort Wood). Other standouts include [Lot 15](#), a Lope De Vega (Ire) colt out of the Cat Thief mare Bootsey, [Lot 24](#); a Pathfork (Distorted Humor) colt out of Capitol Steps (SAf) (National Assembly); and [Lot 224](#), a full-brother to multiple Group 1 winner Inara (SAf) (Trippi) and a half-brother to Madeira Mist (Ire) (Grand Lodge),



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the dam of the globetrotting Joshua Tree (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}).



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Another offering certain to intrigue is [Lot 258](#), a colt by the sensational Tapit out of Pin Turn (GB) (Pivotal {GB}). Named Wheel of Time (SAf), the chestnut colt was bred by and is also consigned by Drakenstein Stud and is out of a daughter of G1 Dubai Duty Free S. and G1 Durban July S. winner, the Equus and Spey

Bridge Champion Ipi Tombe (Zim) (Manshood {GB}).

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Sire	Fee (+GST)
Canford Cliffs (Ire) (Tagula {Ire})	A\$13,750
Turffontein (Johannesburg {USA})	A\$11,000
Glass Harmonium (Ire) (Verglas {Ire})	A\$6,600
War (More Than Ready {USA})	A\$6,600

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Sire	Fee (+GST)
Free Eagle (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire})	A\$18,700
Zebedee (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire})	A\$16,500
Valentia (Fastnet Rock)	A\$11,000
Good Journey (USA) (Nureyev {USA})	A\$11,000
Ambidexter (Commands)	A\$5,500

 **AUSTRALIAN-BRED WINNERS**

IN HONG KONG:

Friends of Nanjing (Aus), g, 3, **Jet Spur (Aus)**--She's the One (Aus), by Hurricane Sky (Aus). Sha Tin, 4-24, Hcp. (A\$194k), 1400mT, 1:23.79. B-Hoboken Stud Syndicate Pty Ltd (NSW). *Formerly Golden Thirst (Aus). **A\$37,500 RNA Ylg '14 INGCLS. [VIDEO](#)

Care Free Prince (Aus), g, 3, **Street Sense**--Angora (Aus) (SP-Aus), by Barathea (Ire). Sha Tin, 4-24, Hcp. (A\$133k), 1400mT, 1:22.89. B-J B Cummings (NSW). *1/2 to Canali (Aus) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), SW & GSP-Aus, A\$549,490. **A\$100,000 Ylg '14 INGCLS; A\$200,000 2yo '14 STRRTR. [VIDEO](#)

Solar Hei Hei (Aus), g, 4, **Churchill Downs (Aus)**--Miss Tabitha (Aus), by Tabkir. Sha Tin, 4-24, Hcp. (A\$194k), 1600mT, 1:37.49. B-B Maher (Vic). *Formerly Baron Churchill (Aus). **A\$8,500 Wlg '12 INGGSW; A\$17,000 RNA Ylg '13MMADE; A\$25,000 RNA 2yo SYDRTR. [VIDEO](#)

IN SINGAPORE:

Lim's Archer (Aus), g, 3, **Authorized (Ire)**--Miss Paris (NZ), by Flying Spur (Aus). Kranji, 4-24, Graduation Race (A\$72k), 1400mT, 1:22.70. B-J J Starr (NSW). *Formerly Lucky Shamrock (Aus). [VIDEO](#)

Nova Spirit (Aus), g, 3, **Congrats**--Sienna Gold (Aus), by More Than Ready. Kranji, 4-24, Hcp. (A\$57k), 1200mT, 1:10.51. B-John Stuart Investments (Qld). **A\$ Ylg '14 INGEAS. [VIDEO](#)

Murdoch (Aus), g, 3, **Written Tycoon (Aus)**--Lively Colours (NZ), by Montjeu (Ire). Kranji, 4-24, Restricted Maiden (A\$72k), 1400mT, 1:23.70. B-Independent Stallions Victoria (Vic). *Formerly Lucky Colours (Aus). **A\$20,000 Ylg '14 INGVBS. [VIDEO](#)

IN SOUTH AFRICA:

Santiburi (Aus), f, 2, **High Chaparral (Ire)**--Kiss and Cuddle (Aus), by Foreplay (Aus). Turffontein, 4-23, Maiden, 1600mT, 1:40.92. B-Oakwood Farm (Qld). *A\$32,500 Wlg '14 MMNWNL; R625,000 Ylg '15 BSANAT.



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