

## PLETCHER FILLIES BREEZE FOR OAKS



**Rachel's Valentina (left) ready to pounce  
on her workmate | Coady**

Trainer Todd Pletcher put his GI Kentucky Oaks hopefuls through their final major works for next Friday's race with works at Churchill Downs Thursday morning.

First to go at 6 a.m. was King of Prussia Stable's **Mo d'Amour** (Uncle Mo), heroine of Aqueduct's Busher S. and third-place finisher behind Lewis Bay (Bernardini) in the GII Gazelle S. With Amy Mullen aboard and working in company with maiden Noble and True (Giant's Causeway), Mo d'Amour clocked a half-mile in :48.20 (7/22) over a good surface. Fractions for the work were :13, :25, :36.60, :48.20 and a five-eighths gallop-out time of 1:00.60 and six furlongs in 1:13.60.

Next up at 6:40 a.m. was Michael Tabor's **Thrilled** (Uncle Mo), who worked in company with Grade I winner Curalina (Curlin). With Ovel Merida aboard, Thrilled, a last-out heroine of Sunland's Plum Pretty S. Mar. 20, covered five furlongs in 1:00.20 (2/12) with fractions of :13.20, :25.20, :36.60, :48.20 and out six furlongs in 1:14.20.

After the break, Stonestreet Stables' **Rachel's Valentina** (Bernardini), working in company with maiden Caribbean (Harlan's Holiday), drilled a half-mile in :47.80 (5/22) over a track that was upgraded to fast. With jockey John Velazquez aboard, Rachel's Valentina posted fractions of :12.80, :24.80 and :36.40 and galloped out five furlongs in 1:00.80 and six panels in 1:14.20. **Cont. p3**

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Rachel's Valentina, heroine of last summer's GI Spinaway S., was a close second to Weep No More (Mineshaft) in



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Keeneland's GI Central Bank Ashland S. most recently Apr. 9.

"I thought both Rachel's Valentina and Mo d'Amour worked very well," Pletcher said. "They got over the surface well, finished strong and galloped out well. I was very pleased with both."

As for Thrilled, who is 21st on the Oaks leaderboard, Pletcher added, "She worked well, but it is probably a moot point as far as the Oaks. We will look at the [GIII] Selene [at Woodbine May 15] or the [GII] Black-Eyed Susan [at Pimlico May 20]."

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Foal born Mar. 18, a colt by Kitten's Joy.  
Will be bred back to Quality Road.  
Owned by Mr. & Mrs. John Amerman.  
Boarded at Mill Ridge Farm. Accomplishments: MSW, \$487,051.



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## AT CONGRESSIONAL HEARING, DEFRANCIS EMERGES AS POWERFUL VOICE FOR REFORM

By Bill Finley

WASHINGTON—A new day, another hearing, a familiar story. That's often been the case over these many years as reform-minded politicians have held several hearings to discuss efforts to bring reform to horse racing, particularly in the area of drugs. Thursday's hearing of the Congressional Horse Caucus, which has been pushing for passage of the Horse Racing Integrity Act of 2015, didn't exactly crack the mold as it failed to accomplish much in the area of breaking new ground.

But it did feature a relatively new player in the debate over federal intervention and drugs and one who came with a powerful message. Joe DeFrancis, the former chief executive of Pimlico and Laurel who is currently advising the Humane Society of the United States, brought his A game to the nation's capital Thursday. DeFrancis was unwavering and unapologetic when he warned the racing industry that if major changes are not made, the sport could suffer dire consequences.

DeFrancis repeatedly referred to the tragic breakdown of Barbaro (Dynaformer) in the 2006 GI Preakness and said the only reason the sport's reputation came off relatively unharmed was due to the high regard the public had for owners Roy and Gretchen Jackson and trainer Michael Matz.

He painted an ugly picture of what would happen should a horse suffer a catastrophic breakdown in a future Triple Crown race and its connections had any hint of scandal attached to them.

"Barbaro's injury was not the result of medication use," he said. "It was just tragic bad luck. But had it been traceable to some form of medication abuse, you can forget about it.

Millennials and people of all generations will abandon horse

racing so fast it will make everyone's head spin. That's why this is so critical and so critical it be done right now. We are in a state of crisis. We are one catastrophic accident away from what would be irreparable damage to sport."

DeFrancis added that the reputation of American racing elsewhere in the world could not be worse.

"Internationally, we are literally a joke," he said.

He recounted a conversation he had recently with foreign horsemen.

"Someone said, 'Don't you have bleeders in Australia?' and they all laughed and said, 'Yeah, we just send them all to the United States,'" DeFrancis said. "We've become a dumping ground for horses with infirmities. We are fiddling while Rome is burning when we talk about the ability to do this by states all coming together. We're talking about the states doing something they haven't been able to do for 50 years."

Representatives Andy Barr (R-KY) and Paul Tonko (D-NY) head the Congressional Horse Caucus and are the political leaders behind the movement to pass the Thoroughbred Horseracing Industry Integrity Act of 2015. **Cont. p2**



**Bobby Flay during Thursday's hearing in Washington D.C.**



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The act would give the federal government major control over racing, including allowing it to pass uniform medication rules across the country and turning over all drug testing to the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (USADA). The majority of those invited to speak Thursday strongly supported the act. The many Congressmen who came and went during the hearing also unanimously voiced their hopes that the act would some day be passed.

The website govtrack.us gives the act only a 4% chance of passage. Despite those odds, those in favor of government oversight apparently aren't going to go down without a fight. Celebrity chef and horse owner Bobby Flay was among those who spoke passionately about the need for reform in the sport.

He said he has many wealthy friends he has tried to interest in horse ownership and too often runs into a dead end.

"Representative [Gregory] Meeks [D-NY] said he's concerned that at some point the public is going to look down upon the sport," Flay said. "Well, that's why we're here today. It's already happened; it happened a long time ago and we're trying to climb out of that. I try to bring as many people as I can to a horse race and get them involved as much as I possibly can because I know that once I actually expose them to it they'll fall in love with it. But when they have to think about investing their money and their time it becomes a problem because they're not sure it's on

the up and up, and that's a really hard argument to fight."

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Left to Right: Craig Fravel, President & CEO, Breeders' Cup Ltd.; Eric Hamelback, CEO, Horsemen's Benevolent & Protections Association; Bobby Flay, racehorse owner and professional chef; Joe De Francis, former CEO of the Maryland Jockey Club; Chauncey Morris, Executive Director of the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association and Kentucky Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders

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Afterward, Barr said hearings such as Thursday's help build momentum for legislation and that this hearing definitely moved the needle.

"If the wagering public does not have confidence in the integrity or the safety of the sport we're going to lose fans," he said. "We need those fans to come to the racetrack to wager on these races and to fall in love with the sport like so many generations before them. The key to preserving, promoting and enhancing this sport for future generations is to establish a national uniform medication program that everybody will have confidence in."

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## SAFETY SUMMIT VII SCHEDULED FOR JUNE

The seventh Welfare and Safety of the Racehorse Summit will feature a mix of updates on previous Summit topics such as racing surfaces, rider safety and equine injuries as well as discussions of new topics that are essential to the welfare of racehorses, including nutrition, biosecurity, and respiratory health.

The summit, which is organized and underwritten by Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation and The Jockey Club and will be hosted by Keeneland Association on Tuesday, June 28, 2016, will be open to the public and streamed live on [jockeyclub.com](http://jockeyclub.com) and [grayson-jockeyclub.org](http://grayson-jockeyclub.org).

Those interested in attending the summit can register for free at [grayson-jockeyclub.org/WelfareSafety](http://grayson-jockeyclub.org/WelfareSafety).

The event will again be emceed by Donna Barton Brothers, former jockey and current NBC racing analyst. Brothers is on the advisory board for the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance and the author of "Inside Track," an informative guide to horse racing.

Other new topics include an update from the AAEP racing committee, a progress report on biomarker research, and discussions regarding compounded medications, nutraceuticals, lameness, the importance of the physical inspection, and use of the riding crop.

"We are very excited about the topics we have lined up for this year's Welfare and Safety of the Racehorse Summit," said Edward L. Bowen, president of Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation. "The first six summits resulted in meaningful improvements in horse and jockey welfare, and by focusing on such timely, important issues this summit is on target to do the same."

Bill Thomason, Keeneland president and CEO, added, "We are pleased to once again be able to host such a great event and make it open to the public who can attend in person and available through live streaming to those who can't be here. Keeneland has always been an advocate for horse and rider safety, and hosting this welfare and safety summit is one of our commitments to making the industry safer for both."

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**9th-KEE, \$56,332, Alw, 4-28, (NW2\$X), 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.98, sf.**

**PRINCE GAGARIN (IRE) (c, 4, [Dubawi {Ire}](#)—[Cara Fantasy {Ire}](#), by [Sadler's Wells](#))** won two starts in England in 2014—including Pontefract's Silver Tankard S.—but went on a prolonged losing streak during the 2015 season. Privately purchased from Windflower Overseas following a series of three races in which he was beaten a combined 105 lengths, the colt was shipped across the Atlantic to join the Michael Matz barn in hopes of reversing his fortunes in 2016. Prince Gagarin posted a steady series of five-furlong drills in preparation for this North American debut and was given a 5-1 chance breaking from the far outside post. The chestnut was a bit headstrong into the opening bend and took up the chase in fourth position as a loose leader rattled off fractions of :23.62 and :47.88. Given his cue cornering for home, Prince Gagarin rallied down the center of the course alongside Vici (War Front) and got up to best that rival by a half-length on the wire. The winner is a half to Palavicini (Giant's Causeway), GSW, \$193,930; and Elusive Pimpernel (Elusive Quality), MGSW & GISP, \$242,622. **Cont. p4**



**9th-KEE cont.**

Lifetime Record: 12-3-2-3, \$120,615. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

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**7th-KEE, \$54,820, Alw, 4-28, (NW2\$X), 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.10, sf.**

**GRANNY'S KITTEN (c, 4, [Kitten's Joy](#)--Granny Franny, by Grand Slam)** displayed considerable promise early in his career, capturing his first two starts and reporting home third, beaten less than a length, by Force the Pass (Speightstown), in the GIII Penn Mile May 30. The bay found 10 furlongs to be a bit beyond his scope when eighth behind that rival in the July 4 GI Belmont Derby and seventh next out in the Aug. 15 GI Secretariat S., but rebounded nicely with a runner-up finish behind Courtier (Pioneer of the Nile) in Indiana Grand's one-mile Centaur S. Sept. 9. A well-beaten eighth in the GIII Hawthorne Derby Oct. 17, the Ramsey homebred closed out his sophomore campaign with a tiring fourth-place finish in Churchill's GIII Commonwealth Turf S. Nov. 27. Granny's Kitten was last seen finishing 10th in a one-mile optional claimer at Gulfstream Mar. 12, and added blinkers for the first time in his career here. Away in midpack, the colt settled into stride down the backstretch as the leader completed a half-mile in :48.63. Sent up four wide on the far turn, Granny's Kitten rallied in tandem with Munjaz (GB) (Sea the Stars {Ire}) down the center of the strip and hit the front in the dying strides to score by a nose. Munjaz edged out Blarp (War Front) to complete the exacta. The winner is a full to Kitten's Dumplings, GISW, \$797,815; and Granny Mc's Kitten, SW & GSP, \$305,793. Lifetime Record: GSP, 10-3-1-1, \$231,371. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

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**4th-KEE, \$53,839, Msw, 4-28, 3yo, f, 1 1/2mT, 2:35.11, sf.**

**BOLD CONTENDER (f, 3, [Strong Contender](#)--Special Wife, by Husband)** closed with good energy to round out the exacta in a grassy Florida-bred maiden test at Gulfstream Mar. 10 and followed up with a third-place run facing open company over nine furlongs on the turf in Hallandale Apr. 2. Tabbed as the 5-2 favorite for this first venture outside of the Sunshine State, the chestnut settled in midpack in the early stages and made steady headway to reach a stalking position through six furlongs in 1:18.07. Racing between horses on the final turn, she exchanged bumps with a rival while searching for running room and found a narrow seam in midstretch. Bold Contender responded readily and kicked clear through the opening to notch a much-the-best

2 1/2-length victory over Sight Reading (Shakespeare), who rallied belatedly to secure place honors. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$43,880. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Halcrafft Stable LLC; B-Downtown Bloodstock Partnership (FL); T-Eddie Kenneally.

**5th-KEE, \$49,010, Msw, 4-28, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f, :51.17, ft.**

**+CHINA GROVE (f, 2, [City Zip](#)--Gatorette, by Distorted Humor)** took solid support as the 2-1 second choice for this career debut and did not disappoint, leading wire-to-wire. The bay posted a series of swift works over the local strip earlier this month--including a bullet four-panel gate drill in :47 flat Apr. 16. Away to a sharp beginning, she showed the way through a quarter-mile in :22.20 with favored Taglia (Union Rags) closely in tow. Confronted by that rival in the lane, China Grove found more in midstretch and reported home two lengths in front, despite attempting to drift inward for much of the final furlong. Gatorette, who captured the first two races of her own career, foaled a Twirling Candy filly earlier this year. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$30,000. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Katherine G. Ball; B-Mike & Katherine Ball (KY); T-Ben Colebrook.



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**8th-KEE, \$48,830, Msw, 4-28, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f, :51.16, ft.**  
**+LIGHTNING DOVE (f, 2, [Uncle Mo](#)--Thunders Dove {MSW & GSP, \$287,715}, by Thunderello)** registered a quartet of three-furlong breezes over the local strip and proved more than well-prepared for this career unveiling. The bay outbroke the field and immediately opened up a two-length advantage through a quarter-mile in :22.64. Bracing for a challenge from Makealittlelove (Warrior's Reward) along the rail turning for home, Lightning Dove switched leads and shut the door on that rival in midstretch, striding clear to score by 3 3/4 lengths while racing a bit erratically in the final furlong. The homebred winner hails from the extended family of graded stakes winner and sire With Distinction (Storm Cat). Thunders Dove was most recently bred back to Uncle Mo. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$30,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**

O/B-Windmill Manor Farm, Inc. (KY); T-Wesley A. Ward.

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### Guidry Finds New Career as an Agent:

Mark Guidry tried to get the racetrack out of his system. There were dalliances with golf and fishing and other activities, but nothing filled the void created when he retired from riding in 2007 after 33 years in the saddle.

"I'm an old racetracker and I'm going to die an old racetracker because there ain't nothing like it," Guidry said.

After a turn as a trainer and then a brief return to riding, Guidry retired for good in 2014 and began searching for a way to stay involved in racing. At the encouragement of friends, he decided to become a jockey agent and picked up James Graham as a client when the rider moved his tack from Santa Anita to Fair Grounds at the outset of 2016.

"I knew I had to do something," Guidry said. "When I had the opportunity to be an agent it was a good thing and I thought I would like it a whole lot and I really, really do. James [Graham] gave me an opportunity.

"I love doing it. You get to work with your rider on a regular basis and see your people. That's what I missed most about the game, [talking] every morning with everybody. It works good. It's a good job."

Guidry won 5,222 races and rode the earners of more than \$106.3 million during his career, winning the GI Kentucky Oaks in 2006 aboard Lemons Forever. --*Courtesy Keeneland Barn Notes*

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### Churchill Downs Makes Single Addition to Security List 'Do's and Don'ts' for 2016 Derby, Oaks:

Hoverboards are the only 2016 addition to Churchill Downs' list of security "do's and don'ts" for the Oaks and Derby, set for Friday, May 6, and Saturday, May 7. The ban of the new pieces of technology, which do not actually hover but have generated safety concerns as their popularity has surged in recent months, follows decisions by Churchill Downs in 2015 to ban selfie sticks, drones and remote-controlled aircraft from the track's 147 acres during Kentucky Derby Week and throughout the year. A complete list of the prohibited and permitted items is available online at the official Kentucky Derby event website at [www.KentuckyDerby.com](http://www.KentuckyDerby.com) and the Churchill Downs Racetrack website at [www.ChurchillDowns.com](http://www.ChurchillDowns.com).

### Kate Upton & Jordan Smith to Headline Kentucky Oaks Events:

*Sports Illustrated* swimsuit cover model and actress Kate Upton will serve as the First Lady of the GI Longines Kentucky Oaks and the season nine winner of NBC's "The Voice" and Republic Recording artist Jordan Smith will perform the national anthem at the Oaks Friday, May 6, it was announced. As the First Lady of the Oaks and supporter of Churchill Downs' charitable partner, Bright Pink®, a national organization dedicated to the prevention and early detection of breast and ovarian cancer, Upton will participate in the eighth annual Survivors Parade presented by Kroger. "Churchill Downs is thrilled to welcome these two superstars to the 142nd Longines Kentucky Oaks," said Kevin Flanery, President of Churchill Downs Racetrack. "Kate and Jordan will help us honor the 142 participants in this year's Survivors Parade and continue to drive awareness and make an impact in the fight against breast and ovarian cancer."



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*China Grove (City Zip) captures her career debut at Keeneland.*



## Churchill Announces Three 50/50 Charitable Gaming Raffles During Derby Week:

Three separate on-site 50/50 Charitable Gaming Raffles will take place at Churchill Downs during Derby week, one on each of Thursday, Oaks, and Derby days, it was announced. For each raffle, participants will have the chance to win half the raffle proceeds. The other half of the raffle proceeds will go to Churchill Downs Incorporated Foundation to support its charitable initiatives, including Thoroughbred retirement, educational opportunities for backside employees and breast and ovarian cancer research and prevention. Tickets for each raffle are \$5 and may be purchased at pari-mutuel windows or self-service terminals at Churchill Downs Racetrack from the time that wagering opens until 4 p.m. EDT each day.

## Florida

### Thursday's Results:

**7th-GP, \$44,000, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 4-28, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :54.55, fm.**

**BRANDY'S GIRL (f, 3, [Posse](#)--Don't Stop Dreamin {SP, \$206,210}, by West Acre)** graduated at second asking with the addition of Lasix in a six-furlong dash over the main track at Monmouth Sept. 26 and subsequently annexed the restricted Juvenile Fillies Sprint S. at Gulfstream Park West going a half-furlong longer Nov. 7. A tiring sixth in that venue's House Party S. back at six panels Nov. 28, Brandy's Girl's turf debut proved disastrous, as she clipped heels and fell in midstretch in the five-furlong Melody of Colors S. here Feb. 20. Given a brief rest following that incident, the dark bay resurfaced in this spot and took solid support as the 7-2 second choice. The homebred went straight to the front, carved out a blistering half-mile in :42.83 and held on strongly in the lane to prevail by two lengths over Spanish Concert (Concerto). The winner is a full to Posse Dreamin, SW, \$192,954, who captured a five-furlong allowance event over this course Wednesday. Don't Stop Dreamin is also responsible for the unraced juvenile filly Our Maebelline (With Distinction) and the yearling filly April Ember (Rattlesnake Bridge). Lifetime Record: SW, 6-3-0-1, \$113,690. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).** O/B/T-Edwin T. Broome (FL).

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## First Winner for Freshman Sire

**3rd-GP, \$37,800, Msw, 4-28, 2yo, 4 1/2f, :52.17, ft.**

**+I SHOD THE SHERIFF (c, 2, [Caleb's Posse](#)--Despot, by Wavering Monarch)** made his debut a successful one Thursday, becoming the first winner for his freshman sire (by Posse). Away in good order as the 5-2 third choice, the bay set the pace through a quarter-mile in :21.81 and was never truly threatened in a 3 1/2-length score. Day by Day (Awesome of Course) completed the exacta. The winner has a yearling full-sister; and his dam Despot was bred back to Mucho Macho Man. Sales History: \$14,000 RNA Wlg '14 KEENOV; \$10,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$21,600. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**

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## New York

### Voting Opens Friday for Venezia Award:

Racing fans will decide which of four jockeys will be the recipient of the 21st Mike Venezia Memorial Award, to be presented by The New York Racing Association, Inc. in a special ceremony at Belmont Park on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30. Beginning Friday, fans can choose among jockeys Javier Castellano, Joe Bravo, Cornelio Velasquez, Aaron Gryder and Mario Pino and vote for their choice online at [www.nyra.com/veneziaaward](http://www.nyra.com/veneziaaward). Voting will close at midnight May 16 with the winner announced the following day. Created in 1989, the Mike Venezia Memorial Award is given to jockeys who display the extraordinary sportsmanship and citizenship that defined Venezia, who died as the result of injuries he suffered in a spill in 1988. Venezia, a Brooklyn, New York native, won more than 2,300 races during his 25-year career.

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## Eastern U.S.

### Harry and Snowman Screening to Benefit TAA and Komen Maryland:

The Maryland Jockey Club and the Maryland Horse industry Board will play host to a special advance screening of the documentary *Harry and Snowman* as well as selections from the EQUUS Film Festival Winner's Tour Wednesday, May 11 at The Senator Theatre. Tickets for the special screenings are \$15. The evening will benefit the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance and Komen Maryland. *Harry and Snowman*, a film by Ron Davis, tells the story of Harry deLeyer, a Dutch immigrant who travels to the U.S. after World War II and rescues a plow horse for \$80. The horse, christened Snowman, goes on to win the Triple Crown of show jumping, appears on television shows in the 1960s, and was the subject of the 2011 best-selling book, *The Eighty-Dollar Champion*.

## INDUSTRY INFO

### Fourth and Final Episode of "Triple Crown Training: Where American Pharoah Learned to Be a Racehorse" Released:

America's Best Racing, a multimedia fan development and awareness-building platform created and funded by The Jockey Club, has released the fourth and final episode of a new and original ABR Films video series, "Triple Crown Training: Where American Pharoah Learned to Be a Racehorse." The series, presented and sponsored by Fasig-Tipton, chronicles the success story of the McKathan Brothers Training Center, where American Pharoah 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 4, American Cleopatra, can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

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### NTRA Reports Positive Net Revenues for Fourth Straight Year:

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association Board of Directors have approved the association's audited financial results for the fiscal year concluding January 31, 2016, which showed positive net revenues for the fourth consecutive year. A not-for-profit coalition of horse racing interests, the NTRA reported net revenues of \$43,393 for Fiscal Year 2016.

"We thank the more than 100 organizations and thousands of individuals, including horseplayers, who participate in NTRA programs and initiatives every year," said NTRA President and CEO Alex Waldrop. "We are more committed than ever to effecting positive change in the breeding and racing industry through consensus-based leadership, safety and integrity programs, legislative and governmental advocacy, corporate partner development, and marketing and communications support."

Also during Thursday's meeting, the NTRA presented a plan to grow the *Daily Racing Form*/NTRA National Handicapping Championship to a \$5 million purse within a few years. This year the NHC awarded more than \$2.75 million in cash and prizes between the NHC finals in Las Vegas and the yearlong NHC Tour.

In other news, NTRA Charities authorized the contribution of \$10,000 to the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation in memory of Ogden Mills "Dinny" Phipps, recognizing his many contributions to Thoroughbred breeding and racing, including his service as a founding member of the NTRA Board of Directors.

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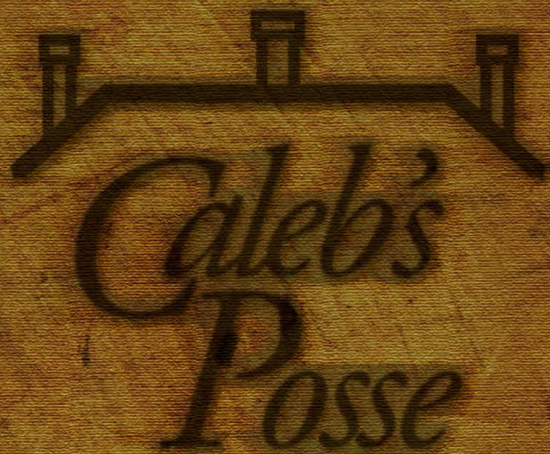
### First-crop starters to watch: Friday, April 29

Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2012 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs \* Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)  
**CREATIVE CAUSE** (Giant's Causeway), Airdrie Stud, \$15K, 86/1/0  
 1-LRC, Msw 4 1/2f, +Lofty Cause, 5-2  
**EMPIRE WAY** (Empire Maker), Lovacres Ranch, \$5K, 21/0/0  
 1-LRC, Msw 4 1/2f, +Dutt Bart, \$50K BAR OCT yrl, 4-1  
 1-LRC, Msw 4 1/2f, +Yodelers Way, 3-1

### Second-crop starters to watch: Friday, April 29

Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2012 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs \* Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)  
**ADIOS CHARLIE** (Indian Charlie), Ocala Stud Farm, \$3.5K, 84/10/0  
 4-TDN, Msw 6f, +Pyrite Adios, \$1,000 OBS OCT 2yo, 8-1  
 3-WO, Msw 5f, +Adios AI, \$55K OBS APR 2yo, 6-1  
**ARCHARCH** (Arch), Spendthrift Farm, \$10K, 251/35/2  
 7-PRM, \$65K Golden Circle S., 6f, Victory Arch, \$47K OBS OPN 2yo, 4-1  
 4-BEL, Msw 6fT, +Classy Chris, \$40K SAR AUG yrl, 5-1  
**DROSSELMAYER** (Distorted Humor), WinStar Farm, \$17.5K, 176/18/0  
 1-LS, Msw 4 1/2f, +Derails Big Punch, \$3K KEE SEP yrl, 7-2  
**GIO PONTI** (Tale of the Cat), Castleton Lyons, \$20K, 197/18/0  
 7-LRL, Msw 5 1/2fT, +Achillina Bo, \$100K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1  
**GONE ASTRAY** (Dixie Union), Northwest Stud, \$4.5K, 145/20/2  
 1-LRC, Msw 4 1/2f, +Carrie, 6-1  
**TRAPPE SHOT** (Tapit), Claiborne Farm, \$10K, 182/26/0  
 1-LS, Msw 4 1/2f, +Glade Runner, \$45K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1  
**VICTOR'S CRY** (Street Cry {Ire}), Spendthrift Farm, \$5K, 62/3/0  
 1-LRC, Msw 4 1/2f, +Victor Stone, 6-1





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### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**6th-PEN, \$29,500**, 4-27, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:40.44, ft.  
**EASY TEN (g, 5, Rock Hard Ten--Abby's Not Normal {SP, \$111,900}, by Bold Badgett)** Lifetime Record: 22-4-8-1, \$78,018.  
O-Joseph E. Besecker; B-Mercedes Stables LLC (CA); T-Timothy C. Kreiser.

**8th-EVD, \$29,100**, Alw (NW13MX)/Opt. Clm (\$30,000), 4-27, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f (off turf), :58.42, ft.  
**FIJI D (m, 6, Lydgate--Emma's Touch {SW}, by Touch Gold)**  
Lifetime Record: 33-9-10-3, \$219,400. O-Earnest G. Stovall;  
B-Time Will Tell (LA); T-Ronnie P. Ward. \$1,500 Ylg '11 BSCYRL.

**7th-HAW, \$21,000**, (S), Alw, 4-28, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:18.32, gd.  
**DANDY GAL (f, 3, Cherokee Rap--Dandy Yankee, by Yankee Gentleman)** Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-1, \$47,760. O/B-William P. Stiritz (IL); T-Scott Becker.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Determined Lady**, f, 3, **Big Drama**--Lemon Pie, by Lemon Drop Kid. GP, 4-28, (C), 1mT, 1:35.42. B-Hal Queen Farm (FL).  
**Her Divineness**, f, 3, **Divine Park**--Big Shot Baby, by Lil's Lad. PEN, 4-27, (S), 6f, 1:12.37. B-Big Shot Stable LLC (PA).  
**+Mexico Memories**, c, 3, **Like Minded**--Jaguar Baby, by Champali. HAW, 4-28, (S), 6f, 1:12.22. B-Dennis R. Crooks (IL).  
**Macho Sugar**, f, 3, **Macho Uno**--Wild Idle, by Seeking the Gold. HAW, 4-28, 1m 70y (off turf), 1:43.59. B-Mike G. Rutherford (KY).  
**Storm Temple Pilot**, f, 3, **Temple City**--Launchastorm, by Cape Town. EVD, 4-27, 5f (off turf), :58.88. B-Stephen Batchelder & Claybank Farms (KY). \*\$10,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP.

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**SCOTTISH BUBBLY**, 18, Cherokee Run--British Bubbly, by Stop the Music  
Foal born Mar. 22, a colt by Honorable Dillon.  
Will be retired.

Owned by Windhorse Thoroughbreds, LLC.  
Boarded at Cotton Hill Farm.  
Accomplishments: SW, \$154,380; Dam of Sentimental Lass (Freud), SW, \$161,659 and Chasing Bubbles (Posse), SW, \$211,179.

**DANCE TO BRISTOL**, 7, Speightstown--Dance to Dawn, by Louis Quatorze

Foal born Mar. 24, a filly by Ghostzapper.  
Will be bred back to Medaglia d'Oro.  
Owned by Colts Neck Stables.  
Boarded at Mill Ridge Farm.  
Accomplishments: GISW, \$980,880.

**TARLOW**, 15, Stormin Fever--Madam Bear, by Dreadnought  
Foal born Mar. 24, a colt by Curlin.  
Will be bred back to Honor Code.  
Owned by Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Moss.  
Boarded at Mill Ridge Farm.  
Accomplishments: GISW, \$439,740.

**WAKE UP KISS**, 18, Cure the Blues--Good Morning Smile, by Morning Bob  
Foal born Mar. 26, a colt by Scat Daddy.  
Mare will be rested.  
Owned and boarded at Edition Farm.  
Accomplishments: MSW, \$248,997. Dam of A Shin Forward (Forest Wildcat), G1SW-Jpn, \$3,323,624.

**WITH THIS RING**, 23, Green Dancer--Wedding Picture, by Blushing Groom (FR)  
Foal born Mar. 30, a filly by Verrazano.  
Will be retired.  
Owned/Boarded by Pin Oak Stud.  
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## 'BLUE' HEADS BAKER'S DOZEN FOR GUINEAS



Air Force Blue winning the Dewhurst | *Racing Post*

Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith's **Air Force Blue** (War Front) will face 12 rivals as he bids to provide Aidan O'Brien with a record eighth renewal--eclipsing the mid-19th century tally of John Scott--of the G1 QIPCO 2000 Guineas at Newmarket on Saturday. According to reports, the imposing bay has come through his spring preparations without a hitch and, despite the current unseasonal cold snap producing slightly easier ground than is customary for the year's first Classic, he is set to start the shortest-priced favourite since Frankel (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) five years ago.

"Obviously, this will be the acid test as it's his first run over a mile, we'll probably learn a lot about him," said O'Brien of the favourite. "Those seven-furlong 2-year-old races are like enhanced sprints, and it is a tough searching mile at Newmarket, but you'd have to be hopeful that he will get it; however, you can never be sure until they do it on the day."

The G1 Phoenix S., G1 National S. and G1 Dewhurst S. winner is drawn in five and will be joined by stablemate **Air Vice Marshal** (War Front), who has been absent since finishing runner-up in the G2 Superlative S. at the July meeting here. O'Brien withdrew his two other entries Bravery (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and Shogun (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), while Michael O'Callaghan was forced to accept he had lost the race against time to get Blue de Vega (Ger) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) to the Newmarket feature. [Cont. p2](#)

## BREEZERS BACK IN ACTION AT TATTERSALLS

by Emma Berry

The 2-year-old roadshow returns to Newmarket today when Tattersalls stages its 170-lot Guineas Breeze-Up Sale, which is preceded by around 80 horses-in-training set to sell from 10 a.m. at Park Paddocks.

A brace of Group 1 winners on either side of the world advertised the sale's merits in 2015, with the Ed Dunlop-trained Trip To Paris (Ire) (Champs Elysees {GB}) going from strength-to-strength to land the G1 Ascot Gold Cup and Godolphin's Contributor (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}) triumphing in the G1 Ranvet S. in Sydney.

Clutches of hardy spotters braved the cold east wind to pepper the Rowley Mile for Thursday's breeze session in search of the next big star. With Helmet (Aus) currently leading the freshman race in Europe, plenty of eyes will have been on the three colts and three fillies by the Darley sire. [Cont. p3](#)

## in **TDN America** today..

### PLETCHER'S OAKS TRIO WORK THURSDAY

*Trainer Todd Pletcher's trio of G1 Kentucky Oaks hopefuls--**Mo D'Amour** (Uncle Mo), **'TDN Rising Star' Rachel's Valentina** (Bernardini) and **Thrilled** (Uncle Mo)--put in their final works Thursday.*

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## Blue Heads Baker's Dozen For Guineas Cont. from p1

The other to be taken out was Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum's Taqdeer (Ire) (Fast Company {Ire}), from the John Gosden stable.

Frankie Dettori will be on Al Shaqab Racing's G2 Vintage S. winner **Galileo Gold (GB)** (Paco Boy {Ire}), who was third in Longchamp's G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere when last seen on Arc day and who has been drawn in one. Trainer Hugo Palmer, who had considered him initially for the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains, is in positive mood about his change of plan. "He is



Frankie Dettori will ride Al Shaqab's Galileo Gold in the Guineas | *Racing Post*

strong, fit, healthy and sound and all that could change in the blink of eye. He could stand on a stone, or catch a cold, so it makes sense for us to strike now," he told *Betfair*. "Touch wood, the horse hasn't caused us a concern all

winter and the stars are aligning for him to take his chance. The horse is in exceptionally good form and, while he obviously needs to improve to win, I don't subscribe to the theory that Air Force Blue is unbeatable. And for every Frankel, there is a One Cool Cat. I went through the results of the Guineas the other night and 14 out of the last 20 favourites have been beaten."

Godolphin, who lost 'TDN Rising Star' Emotionless (Ire) (Shamardal) from the picture, will rely on the Mark Johnston-trained **Buratino (Ire)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) who is in stall two; the Richard Fahey-trained **Ribchester (GB)** (Iffraaj {GB}) next door in three; and Jim Bolger's **Herald the Dawn (Ire)** (New Approach {Ire}) who is in 11.

Saturday, Newmarket, Britain, post time: 3:45 p.m.

QIPCO 208TH 2000 GUINEAS S.-G1, £500,000, 3yo, c/f, 8fT

| SC | PP | HORSE          | SIRE      |
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| 1  | 5  | Air Force Blue | War Front |

(\$490,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP)

O-Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith; B-Stone Farm; T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Ryan Moore. Lifetime Record: 5-4-1-0, £566,265.

Last Start: WON Oct. 10 G1 Dewhurst S.

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| 2 | 13 | Air Vice Marshal | War Front |
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(\$2,200,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP)

O-Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier & Joseph Allen LLC; B-Cherry Valley Farm LLC; T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Seamus Heffernan. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, £26,386.

Last Start: 2nd July 11 G2 Superlative S.

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| 3 | 2 | Buratino (Ire) | Exceed and Excel (Aus) |
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O-Godolphin; B-Darley; T-Mark Johnston; J-James Doyle. Lifetime Record: 8-4-2-2, £165,417.

Last Start: 2nd Sept. 26 G1 Middle Park S.

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| 4 | 10 | First Selection (Spa) | Diktat (GB) |
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(£42,000 2yo '15 BBASC2)

O-Abdulla Al Mansoori; B-D Gonzalo Ussia Figueroa; T-Simon Crisford; J-Jim Crowley. Lifetime Record: 7-4-0-0, £69,949.

Last Start: 6th Mar. 3 Listed Meydan Classic

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| 5 | 1 | Galileo Gold (GB) | Paco Boy (Ire) |
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(7,500gns RNA Wlg '13 TATFOA; €33,000 Ylg '14 TISEP)

O-Al Shaqab Racing; B-Brian O'Rourke; T-Hugo Palmer; J-Frankie Dettori. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-1, £154,732.

Last Start: 3rd Oct. 4 G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere

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| 6 | 11 | Herald the Dawn (Ire) | New Approach (Ire) |
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O-Godolphin; B/T-Jim Bolger; J-Kevin Manning. Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, £114,864.

Last Start: 7th Oct. 4 G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere

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(\$22,000 Wlg '13 KEENOV; \$19,000 RNA Ylg '14 FTKOCT; 60,000gns 2yo '15 TATHIT)

O-Woodcock Electrical Ltd; B-Turner Breeders LLC; T-Bryan Smart; J-Connor Beasley. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-0, £9,520.

Last Start: 5th Apr. 2 Kempton conditions

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- 8 7 Marcel (Ire) Lawman (Fr)  
(€50,000 Wlg '13 GOFNOV; 26,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT)  
O-Paul Makin; B-David Hyland; T-Peter Chapple-Hyam; J-Pat Smullen.  
Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, £117,495.  
Last Start: WON Oct. 24 G1 Racing Post Trophy
- 9 8 Massaat (Ire) Teofilo (Ire)  
O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd;  
T-Owen Burrows; J-Paul Hanagan. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, £115,124.  
Last Start: 2nd Oct. 10 G1 Dewhurst S.
- 10 3 Ribchester (Ire) Iffraaj (GB)  
(€78,000 Wlg '13 GOFNOV; €105,000 Ylg '14 GOFORB)  
O-Godolphin; B-A Thompson & M O'Brien; T-Richard Fahey; J-William Buick. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, £93,736.  
Last Start: 5th (DQ'd from 2nd) Apr. 7 G3 Prix Djebel
- 11 9 Stormy Antarctic (GB) Stormy Atlantic  
(68,000gns Wlg '13 TATFOA; 200,000gns 2yo '15 TATBRE)  
O-P K Siu; B-East Bloodstock Ltd; T-Ed Walker; J-George Baker. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-2, £93,949.  
Last Start: WON Apr. 14 G3 Craven S.
- 12 6 Zhui Feng (Ire) Invincible Spirit (Ire)  
(235,000gns Wlg '13 TATFOA; 340,000gns Ylg '14 TATOCT)  
O-John Connolly & Odile Griffith; B-Es Que Syndicate & Irish National Stud;  
T-Amanda Perrett; J-Tom Queally. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-2, £162,031.  
Last Start: 3rd Apr. 12 Newmarket conditions
- 13 12 Zonderland (GB) Dutch Art (GB)  
(70,000gns Ylg '14 TATOCT)  
O/B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd; T-Clive Cox; J-Adam Kirby. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, £7,737.  
Last Start: 5th Oct. 24 G3 Horris Hill S.
- All carry 126 pounds.

### Breezers Back In Action at Tattersalls Cont. from p1

The six catalogued by Helmet include [lot 206](#), Oak Tree Farm's half-brother to the G1 Nunthorpe S. winner Margot Did (GB), herself a 10,000gns breeze-up purchase and a daughter of Helmet's sire Exceed And Excel (Aus).

The offspring of first-season sires are always of interest, but also being put to the test at Tattersalls this week are a couple of first-time consignors. Representing Spain is EAM Bloodstock, the agency run by Alex Mahony, nephew of Tattersalls Chairman Edmond Mahony. With a range of experience on studs across Europe, including Haras de Monceaux and Watership Down Stud, as well as stints with French trainer Nicolas Bertran de Balanda and American consignor Kip Elser, Mahony started working as a bloodstock agent in October 2013 and pinhooked five yearlings last season to form his first breeze-up consignment.

"We've only brought three here to Tattersalls as we've already managed to sell two of them to trainers in Spain, and one is favourite for the first 2-year-old race in Madrid on Sunday," said Mahony, who was born and raised in Spain and works in partnership with his father, Dominic, and brother, Marcus.

He added, "Marcus is my right-hand man and my assistant trainer in Spain, but he's also still in university, which is why he's not here with me this week."

The equine trio, which arrived in England a fortnight ago from the much sunnier climes of Dos Hermanas racecourse in Seville, are colts by Spain's leading sire Caradak (Ire) ([lot 131](#)) and



The EAM Bloodstock team | Emma Berry

French-based Shakespearean (Ire) ([lot 251](#)), and a filly by Cheveley Park Stud's first-season sire Mayson (GB).

"I have two very quick horses. They are particularly quick on good ground, which is what we've

been training on at home. They've never felt temperatures of less than 12C all winter," said Mahony. "I brought a jockey over with us, Carlos Salgera, who is an amateur rider in Spain, and he's done a really good job with the horses."

Another new name among the consignors is FEP Ltd, which offers four fillies from its Newmarket base and is run by Lithuanian couple Linus Baliunas and Geidre Povilaviciute. Baliunas, who previously trained in his native country before coming to

Newmarket to work for Sir Michael Stoute, has his quartet in good order, with each member of the draft performing a professional breeze on Thursday morning. They include a Kyllachy (GB) filly ([lot 228](#))



Linus Baliunas and Geire Povilaviciute | Emma Berry

from the family of Group 1 winners Most Improved (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}) and Ectot (GB) (Hurricane Run {Ire}).

The final crop of the late High Chaparral (Ire) comes under the hammer at this autumn's yearling sales, and two members of his penultimate crop will take a turn in the ring Friday. [Lot 102](#), offered by Star Bloodstock, is a filly out of a half-sister to the listed winner and G1 Pretty Polly S. runner-up Beach Bunny (Ire), who is also by High Chaparral, while the second filly catalogued ([lot 172](#)) is a grand-daughter of the Oaks winner Lady Carla (GB) (Caerleon) from the Gilbinstown Stud draft.

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Thursday, Chantilly, France

**PRIX ALLEZ FRANCE-G3**, €80,000, CHY, 4-28, 4yo/up, f/m, 10fT,  
2:04.27, sf.

1--**@MARYPOP (FR)**, 120, f, 4, by Layman

1st Dam: Sampaguita (Fr), by Muhtathir (GB)

2nd Dam: Best Flower (Fr), by Galetto (Fr)

3rd Dam: Best Choice (Fr), by Rainbow Quest

O-Wood Hall Stud Ltd; B-Alain Haddad (FR); T-Pia Brandt;  
J-Maxime Guyon. €40,000. Lifetime Record: 8 starts, 3 wins,  
3 places, €110,000. **Werk Nick Rating: D+.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

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2--**Nymeria (Ger)**, 122, f, 4, Soldier Hollow (GB)--Narooma (Ger),  
by Silver Hawk. (€68,000 yrl '13 BBAAUG). O-Stall Grafenberg;  
B-Gestut Park Wiedingen (Ger); T-Waldemar Hickst. €16,000.

3--**Contribution (GB)**, 120, f, 4, [Champs Elysees \(GB\)](#)--Concentric  
(GB), by Sadler's Wells. O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Fams  
Ltd (GB); T-Andre Fabre. €12,000.

Margins: 3/4, SHD, 1 1/4. Odds: 3.60, 11.00, 12.00.

Also Ran: Beautiful Heroine (Ire), Thank You Bye Bye (Fr), Ame  
Bleue (GB), Amazona (Ger), Sassella (Ire), Sainte Amarante (Fr),  
We Are (Ire), Si Luna (Ger), Weltmacht (GB).

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Stepping into black-type company for the first time when a  
nose second in the Listed Prix de Liancourt over 10 1/2 furlongs  
at Longchamp in September, Marypop was fourth back there in  
the G2 Prix de Royallieu at a mile and a half on Arc weekend  
before returning to win the Apr. 3 Listed Prix Zarkava with



**Marypop** | Scoop Dyga

authority back over the  
former trip at Saint-Cloud.  
Keen initially before being  
held up in mid-division, the  
lightly-raced chestnut was  
left with a lot of ground to  
make up in the straight but  
stayed on strongly when in  
the clear to gain the lead  
with 100 metres remaining

as Nymeria emerged out of the pack. Disappointment of the  
race was the returning 19-10 favourite We Are (Ire) (Dansili  
{GB}), who faded out of the thick of the action in the last quarter  
mile to be only 10th.

"She's been improving since her 3-year-old days and won very  
nicely," winning trainer Pia Brandt said. "Some of my horses  
have been sick, but she passed all the pre-race tests. The G2 Prix  
Corrida [at Saint-Cloud May 29] is the obvious next step, but  
we'll see, as she's been bought to race in America."

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## WARD ENTERS FOUR FOR PHOENIX

Fresh off a victory with **Create A Dream** (Oasis Dream {GB}) at  
Ascot Wednesday, American-based trainer Wesley Ward has  
entered four juveniles for The Curragh's G1 Keeneland Phoenix  
S. Aug. 7. The quartet includes Create A Dream; **Lady Aurelia**  
(Scat Daddy) and **Silvertoni** (Tapit), both debut winners at  
Keeneland this month; and **Angelo's Ashes** (Exchange Rate),  
who was second on debut at Keeneland.

"They are four very nice 2-year-olds and could all run at Royal  
Ascot, and then we are planning to be represented in the



**Wesley Ward has entered four juveniles for the G1 Keeneland Phoenix S. | Racing Post**

Keeneland  
Phoenix S.," Ward  
explained. "Two  
very great friends  
of mine--Rogers  
Beasley,  
Keeneland's  
Director Racing,  
and Paul  
Shanahan--have  
both asked me  
about having  
runners in

Ireland, and so I would like to do it."

Ward added, "They train at Keeneland so would go back there  
after Ascot, and then we will see where we are with them with a  
view to coming to The Curragh. Winning this sort of race would  
be a real feather in my cap and a credit on my CV. Winning at  
The Curragh would be something I'd cherish for the rest of my  
life so it's something I would love to do."

The Ward runners would be the first U.S.-based runners at The  
Curragh since Fourstars Allstar (Compliance) won the G1 Irish  
2000 Guineas in 1991. The Keeneland Phoenix S. was won last  
year by the U.S.-bred 2-year-old champion and Saturday's  
G1 2000 Guineas favourite Air Force Blue (War Front), and his  
trainer, Aidan O'Brien, has 19 initial entries in this year's race,  
and has won it 14 times in the past.

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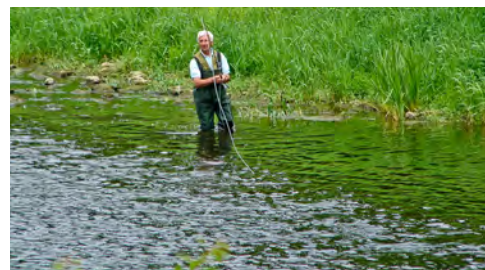
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## ANOTHER FEATURE FOR MULLINS, WALSH

**Douvan (Fr)** (Walk In The Park {Ire}) justified favouritism to win Punchestown's Thursday feature, the G1 Ryanair Novice Chase, by 11 lengths, in the process handing trainer Willie Mullins and jockey Ruby Walsh another feature win. Douvan, a 6-year-old gelding owned by Rich Ricci, was completing a major festival triple, having won the G1 Racing Post Arkle Challenge Trophy at Cheltenham in March and the G1 Doom Bar Maghull Novices' Chase at Aintree three weeks ago.

"We've seen a few not able to do the three Festivals this week, so that was great," said Mullins. "He got close at one or two but he jumped fantastically, and did it like a fresh horse. You wouldn't have known he'd been to Cheltenham and Aintree. It was as good a performance as we could have possibly hoped after that heavy schedule."

Looking ahead, Mullins added, "My immediate thoughts for next year are that we might take on Sprinter Sacre and go the Champion Chase route. But equally we could make a Gold Cup horse out of him. He travels and has the temperament that you need to be a stayer. But he'll go out to grass now and I'll chat with Mr. Ricci over the summer. He's a big, immature horse with a big frame and could get stronger over the summer. He's six and could improve again. I just hope he stays sound so everybody can get to enjoy him."

The other Grade 1 on Thursday's card, the Ladbrokes Champion Stayers Hurdle, was won by Andy Weller's **One Track Mind (Ire)** (Flemensfirth) for trainer Warren Greatrex and jockey Gavin Sheehan.

**2nd-CHD, £8,000, Mdn, 4-28, 3yo/up, 8f (AWT), 1:41.41, st. SYMBOLIC (GB) (c, 3, [Shamardal](#)--Resort {GB}, by Oasis Dream {GB}),** runner-up to the potentially classy Mootaharer (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) over seven furlongs at Newmarket in October, was allowed to assume the early lead. Shaken up to extend his advantage with a quarter-mile remaining, the 4-6 favourite did so with the minimum of fuss under a hand ride and was eased in the final yards to record a bloodless six-length success from Wafi Star (Ire) (Showcasing {GB}). Like the proven sire Byron (GB), the dam is out of the European champion Gay Gallanta (Woodman) from a superb family. The third dam is the G1 Prix Morny second Gallanta (Fr), a half-sister to another champion racehorse and leading sire in Gay Mecene, while other connected luminaries include Sauce Boat, Raja Baba, Wolfhound, Weekend Surprise and Foxhound. Resort also has a 2-year-old filly by Pivotal (GB) named Sultry (GB) and a yearling colt by Al Kazeem (GB).

Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, £6,523. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Cheveley Park Stud; B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB); T-John Gosden.

**2nd-RED, £4,500, Mdn, 4-28, 3yo/up, f/m, 6fT, 1:14.72, sf. CERSEI (GB) (f, 3, [Invincible Spirit](#) {Ire})--Elle Galante {Ger} {SP-Fr}, by Galileo {Ire}),** who disappointed when fifth as the favourite for a seven-furlong Newmarket maiden at the end of October, was content to follow the leaders throughout the early stages. Sent to the front approaching the furlong marker, the 15-8 market leader put his rivals to the sword soon after and was not hard pressed to win by 3 1/2 lengths from Brockholes (GB) (Equiano {Fr}). Elle Galante is a daughter of the renowned Elle Danzig (Ger) (Roi Danzig), the G1 Preis der Diana (German Oaks)-winning multiple highweight who has also proven herself a top producer. Elle Galante's most accomplished half-sibling is Elle Shadow (Ire) (Shamardal), another German highweight who was second in the Preis der Diana. Cersei is a half-sister to Balios (Ire) (Shamardal), GSW-Eng, \$257,170, and has a 2-year-old half-brother by Pivotal (GB) and yearling half-brother by Motivator (GB) to come. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$6,309. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O/B-Al Asayl Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-David Simcock.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**+Gerrard's Fur Coat (GB), f, 2, Captain Gerrard (Ire)--All Fur Coat (GB), by Multiplex (GB). CHD, 4-28, 5f (AWT), 1:01.86. B-Clare Lloyd & Nell Kent (GB). \*£600 RNA Ylg '15 TATDEC.**

**London Glory (GB), c, 3, Archipenko--Reflected Image (Ire), by Refuse To Bend (Ire). LIN, 4-28, 8f (AWT), 1:37.90. B-F L Li (GB).**

**King of Naples (GB), g, 3, Excellent Art (GB)--Avon Lady (GB), by Avonbridge (GB). RED, 4-28, 7fT, 1:24.49. B-Meon Valley Stud (GB). \*16,000gns Ylg '14 TATOCT.**

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### Thursday's Results:

**7th-LIN, £7,250, Hcp, 4-28, 3yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:11.67, st.**

**EXIST (GB) (f, 3, [Exceed and Excel](#) {Aus})--Harryana {GB}, by Efisio {GB}),** a 180,000gns TATOCT yearling who scored over six furlongs at Windsor in October, pulled her way to the front before settling into an easy rhythm. Kicking off the home turn, the 11-8 favourite drew away to score by four lengths from Hawatif (Ire) (Royal Applause {GB}). The dam, who has already produced Temple Meads (GB) (Avonbridge {GB}), GSW-Eng, \$264,632, has a 2-year-old colt by Bated Breath (GB) named Mohsen (GB). Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, £9,016. [Video,](#)

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O-Cheveley Park Stud; B-Whitsbury Manor Stud (GB); T-John Gosden.



**CORRECTION:** The produce record of **Anabaa's Creation** (Anabaa), the dam of Wednesday's Ascot winner Create A Dream (Oasis Dream {GB}), was reported incorrectly in Thursday's *TDN*. She foaled a Tapit colt this year, and is in foal to Super Saver. We regret the error.



#### Thursday's Results:

**1st-CHY, €34,000, Cond, 4-28, 2yo, c/g, 5fT, 1:01.71, sf.**  
**STRATTON STREET (c, 2, Street Cry {Ire}--Iltifal {GB}, by Dansili {GB})**, seventh after a slow start on debut over this course and distance Apr. 6, was a different proposition this time and instantly showed on the front end. Stretching his rivals from halfway, the 5-1 shot piled on the pressure to register an authoritative 2 1/2-length score from Capchop (Fr) (Captain Chop {Fr}). The dam, who is out of a half-sister to Carlton House (Street Cry {Ire}), has a yearling full-sister to the winner and has been bred to Animal Kingdom this year. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 0 places, €17,000. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)  
 O-Godolphin SNC; B-Darley; T-Andre Fabre.

**2nd-CHY, €34,000, Cond, 4-28, 2yo, f, 5fT, 1:01.28, sf.**  
**COSACHOPE (FR) (f, 2, Soave {Ger}--First Chope {Fr}, by Indian Rocket {GB})**, off the mark by three lengths on debut over just shy of this trip at Marseille-Borely Apr. 5, was sharp away from her wide stall to hold a narrow lead. Pressed on her outer by California Tee (Fr) (Kheleyf) inside the last quarter mile, the 2-1 second favourite whose speedy family includes the G2 Kings Stand S. winner Bolshoi (Ire) (Royal Academy) kept finding to assert for a 1 1/2-length verdict over that rival. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 2 wins, 0 places, €25,000. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)  
 O-Guy Pariente; B-A Chopard (FR); T-Philippe Sogorb.

**8th-CHY, €34,000, Cond, 4-28, 3yo, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:54.58, st.**  
**HESHEM (IRE) (c, 3, Footstepsinthesand {GB}--Doohulla {SP-Eng}, by Stravinsky)**, who broke his maiden in convincing style over this track and trip last time Apr. 4, was positioned in a close-up second throughout the early stages. Traveling strongly to the front with two furlongs to race, the 9-5 favourite was shaken up to stamp his authority on affairs and was not fully extended to win by 3 1/2 lengths from Justwantacontact (Ire) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}). A grandson of the G2 Prix du Gros-Chene winner Viva Zapata (Affirmed) and half-brother to

Xanadou (Ire) (Peintre Celebre), GSW-Fr & SP-HK, \$1,185,971, and the Spanish champion Clunia (Ire) (Silent Times {Ire}), Heshem also has a 2-year-old half-sister by Peintre Celebre. Sales history: €80,000 RNA Wlg '13 ARQDEC; €85,000 Ylg '14 ARQAUG. Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €35,250.

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O-Al Shaqab Racing; B-Yeguada de Milagro SA (IRE); T-Christophe Ferland.



## FAVOURITES DRAW 6 FOR SUNDAY FEATURES

by Alan Carasso

Barrier draws for Sunday's G1 Champions Mile and G1 Chairman's Sprint Prize were held Thursday morning a short time after the international horses had been tucked away in the quarantine stables, and neither of the horses who are expected to run favourites was done any harm by drawing in gate six.

**Maurice (Jpn)** (Screen Hero {Ire}) could be as short as odds-on in the Champions Mile, at HK\$14 million the richer of the two events, despite not having raced since taking out the



Assistant trainer Tomohiro Takahashi draws gate six for Maurice | HKJC photo

G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile over the course and distance some 140 days prior. In that event, Ryan Moore was forced to work out a trip from the 11 hole, and Joao Moreira, who will take over at the controls this weekend, believes the six will make life slightly easier.

"The gate is not too bad, in fact it's good in my opinion. He's going to find it much easier to find a position with cover from there than he had to do in December," the 'Magic Man' submitted.

Moreira rode the now-injured Able Friend (Aus) (Shamardal) to a third-place effort behind Maurice in December.

**Giant Treasure** (Mizzen Mast) turned in what was then a career best when second to Maurice late last year, then proved the effort was no fluke with a win in the G1 Stewards' Cup the following month. The Juddmonte Farm-bred grey drew gate nine, with Olivier Peslier set to jet in for the ride. [Cont. p7](#)



## Favorites Draw 6 for Sunday Features Cont.

"With Giant Treasure's nine, I'm not too perturbed," said trainer Richard Gibson. "There'll be good speed on I expect and he'll have clear air and something to run at."

**Chautauqua (Aus)** (Encosta de Lago {Aus}), the world's top-rated sprinter on official rankings, has a little something to prove this weekend as he ventures beyond Australia for the first time. The 5-year-old, who has made a very favourable impression over the last 10 days or so, likes to get back and come with a barnstorming finish and will leave the middle of the gate Sunday.

"He's not going to get locked away on the fence from there," his jockey Tommy Berry surmised. "It's good. We all know he's going to settle back and I can let him do his thing from there. I realise it won't be easy coming from a long way back, but I won't be any closer early than the horse wants to be."

His compatriot, the Queenslander **Buffering (Aus)** (Mossman {Aus}), is going as well as ever at age eight and will look to add to his last-out success in the G1 Al Quoz Sprint from barrier three, just to the outside of fellow speedster **Mongolian Saturday** (Any Given Saturday).

"I wanted four but three will do," affable trainer Robert Heathcote said after Buffering was the last horse to be drawn. "The speed is largely outside us and we might have had to work a fair bit harder had he drawn out. I'm very happy with three and happy for Buffering to lead, as he's got a high cruising speed and he's a hard horse to get passed."

The hardest-luck story in either draw was **Aerovelocitv (NZ)** (Pins {Aus}), who landed the riverside alley in 14. Zac Purton will have to work some magic from there, though it should be noted that **Peniaphobia (Ire)** (Dandy Man {Ire}) took out December's G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint from the same gate.

## Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 3:30 p.m.

**CHAIRMAN'S SPRINT PRIZE-G1**, HK\$10,000,000 (£884,868/€1,137,489/A\$1,692,636/US\$1,288,974), 3yo/up, 1200mT

| PP | HORSE                       | SIRE                      | JOCKEY       | TRAINER        |
|----|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1  | Lucky Bubbles (Aus)         | Sebring (Aus)             | Prebble      | Lui            |
| 2  | <b>Mongolian Saturday</b> 🌟 | <b>Any Given Saturday</b> | <b>Whyte</b> | <b>Enebish</b> |
| 3  | Buffering (Aus)             | Mossman (Aus)             | Browne       | Heathcote      |
| 4  | Amazing Kids (NZ)           | Falkirk (NZ)              | Rawiller     | Size           |
| 5  | Gold-Fun (Ire)              | Le Vie Dei Colori (GB)    | Peslier      | Gibson         |
| 6  | Chautauqua (Aus)            | Encosta de Lago (Aus)     | Berry        | Hawkses        |
| 7  | Charles the Great (Ire)     | Holy Roman Empr (Ire)     | Mosse        | Moore          |
| 8  | Peniaphobia (Ire)           | Dandy Man (Ire)           | Chadwick     | A Cruz         |
| 9  | Thewizardofoz (Aus)         | Redoute's Choice (Aus)    | Moreira      | Size           |
| 10 | Divine Boy (Aus)            | Street Cry (Ire)          | Leung        | Tsui           |
| 11 | Strathmore (Aus)            | Fastnet Rock (Aus)        | Callan       | Millard        |
| 12 | Not Listenin'tome (Aus)     | Dylan Thomas (Ire)        | McDnld       | Moore          |
| 13 | Super Jockey (NZ)           | Sandtrap                  | Teetan       | Millard        |
| 14 | Aerovelocitv (NZ)           | Pins (Aus)                | Purton       | O'Sullivan     |

All carry 126 pounds.

## 'MAUR' OF THE SAME AT SHA TIN

by Alan Carasso

I have to admit that in the days leading up to the G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile last December, I was not overwhelmed by **Maurice (Jpn)** (Screen Hero {Jpn}). His form was bulletproof, what with a win in the G1 Yasuda Kinen and another when first-up in the G1 Mile Championship. Still, there was something from a body language perspective that I couldn't get past, but he beat **Giant Treasure** (Mizzen Mast) and **Able Friend** (Aus) (Shamardal) on the square. Fair play.

The reigning Japanese Horse of the Year got in his final piece of serious work Thursday morning at Sha Tin and suffice to say



**Maurice opens up down the lane**  
Thursday morning | HKJC photo

I've been won over. With Joao Moreira in the irons, Maurice emerged from the stables at the top of the 1000-metre straight and cantered past the stands inside of the dogs, then was guided back to the outside on the backstretch. Neck nicely bowed, he began to

pick it up at the 800m and two-minute licked before accelerating through a final quarter-mile in a measured :23.4, striding out powerfully while under little encouragement.

"He's a beautiful horse, he moves like a real champion and the feel that he gave me from the top is that he is a champion," said Moreira. "He hasn't achieved what he has by luck—he's done it because he's got ability and because he's got everything that a horse needs to be doing what he's done. Hopefully we can get the best out of him at the weekend, and if we do, he's the one to beat." **Cont. p8**

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## Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 4:10 p.m.

**CHAMPIONS MILE-G1**, HK\$14,000,000 (£1,238,854/

€1,592,119/A\$2,371,064/US\$1,804,560), 3yo/up, 1600mT

| PP | HORSE               | SIRE                     | JOCKEY   | TRAINER |
|----|---------------------|--------------------------|----------|---------|
| 1  | Packing Pins (NZ)   | Pins (Aus)               | Mosse    | Yiu     |
| 2  | Contentment (Aus)   | Hussonet                 | Prebble  | Size    |
| 3  | Beauty Flame (Ire)  | Footstepsinthesand (GB)  | Chadwick | A Cruz  |
| 4  | Safety Check (Ire)  | Dubawi (Ire)             | McDonald | Appleby |
| 5  | Gun Pit (Aus)       | Dubawi (Ire)             | Ho       | Fownes  |
| 6  | Maurice (Jpn)       | Screen Hero (Jpn)        | Moreira  | Hori    |
| 7  | Rewarding Hero (GB) | Exceed and Excel (Aus)   | Berry    | Moore   |
| 8  | Secret Weapon (GB)  | Choisir (Aus)            | Angland  | Yip     |
| 9  | Giant Treasure      | Mizzen Mast              | Peslier  | Gibson  |
| 10 | Beauty Only (Ire)   | Holy Roman Emperor (Ire) | Callan   | A Cruz  |
| 11 | Bow Creek (Ire)     | Shamardal                | Purton   | O'Shea  |
| 12 | Dundonnell          | First Defence            | Rawiller | Fownes  |

All carry 126 pounds.

## 'Maur' of the Same at Sha Tin Cont.

Godolphin's **Bow Creek (Ire)** (Shamardal) was also given a searching gallop under the watchful eye of the operation's Australian trainer John O'Shea, completing six furlongs of work with a final 400 metres in a smart :22.6. The winner of the G2 Peter Young S. at Caulfield in February, the 5-year-old entire was hard held into and around the turn and leveled off nicely down the stretch, albeit with a somewhat high head carriage.

"Very happy with his work and he looks immaculate," O'Shea assessed. "He's as good as we can have him. On his day he's a very, very good horse but he needs a few things to go his way. He needs to be smothered up behind them, get the right genuine tempo and good to firm ground. He's ready to run a race."

**Buffering (Aus)** (Mossman {Aus}) was followed onto the all-weather track by the purple-poloed **Chautauqua (Aus)** (Encosta de Lago {Aus}). Chautauqua continues to give the impression that he is doing very well approaching race day, while Buffering galloped down lane, ears straight up, with Melly Sharpe standing tall in the irons.

**Mongolian Saturday** (Any Given Saturday) appeared to be giving his work rider all he could handle on the turn, but when finally given his head, let down nicely and looked much more comfortable in finishing his final two furlongs in a swift :22.3, then, as seems to be his custom, shut it down fairly quickly past the wire. He then got reacquainted with the Sha Tin parade ring. Per a Jockey Club release, Mongolian Saturday will be permitted to wear some headgear in the preliminaries Sunday afternoon to try to keep him calm, but will load the gate without the equipment. However, he figures to have his work cut out for him, as the Chairman's figures a much hotter race than the Hong Kong Sprint, in which he was fifth, some 4 1/2 lengths behind **Peniaphobia (Ire)** (Dandy Man {Ire}).

The progressive **Packing Pins (NZ)** (Pins {Aus}), who drew the rail for the Champions Mile, also turned in a solid piece of work over the all-weather track, going 800m in :50.2 (:27.1, :23.1).

Once again, the Hong Kong Jockey Club is providing a [live webcast](#) of the international training session beginning at 9 p.m. ET (Thursday evening). The same link may be used for live coverage of both races Sunday morning at 3:30 (Chairman's) and 4:10 a.m (Champions Mile) ET.



Mongolian Saturday | HKJC photo

## KERMADEC RETIRED TO DARLEY

Dual Group 1-winning miler **Kermadec (NZ)** (Teofilo {Ire}--Hy Fuji {Aus}, by Fuji Kiskei {Jpn}) has been bought by Darley Australia and retired to its Kelvinside Farm for the 2016 breeding season. The 4-year-old will stand for A\$22,000 alongside his sire.

An NZ\$260,000 yearling purchase by Guy Mulcaster for trainer Chris Waller, Kermadec won Flemington's G3 Carbine Club S. in his third start in the spring of his 3-year-old campaign, and was



Kermadec | Racing and Sports

beaten short margins the following season in the G1 Australian Guineas and G1 George Ryder S. before causing a mild upset to win the A\$3-million G1 Doncaster Mile at The Championships last year. The dark bay bested four Group 1 winners, including Lucia Valentina (NZ)

(Savabeel {Aus}), in the G1 George Main S. the following spring, and put together a respectable autumn campaign this year. He finished third in the G1 Canterbury S. and second to stablemate Winx (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}) in the George Ryder before faltering when last of 15 in the Doncaster, but rebounded to be third, beaten 3/4 of a length, in last weekend's G1 All Aged S. Kermadec retires with more than A\$2.9 million in the bank.

"We are thrilled to have purchased Teofilo's best son, Kermadec, to stand alongside his father at Kelvinside this season," said Alastair Pulford, Darley Australia's head of sales. "Teofilo has quickly become a global star for us and we are very excited to have him returning to Australia this season, as are many of our clients. Kermadec was a horse of exceptional quality who was able to win a Group 3 on Derby day at Flemington on just his third start. He went on to win two of the best Group 1 mile races in Australia with only the superstar Winx denying him a third win at the elite level in George Ryder last month."

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## GOVERNMENT ADDRESSES ILLEGAL WAGERING

Australia's Federal Government has issued its response to former New South Wales Premier Barry O'Farrell's review into illegal offshore wagering, with its action plan to combat the issue drawing praise from Racing Australia.

The key legislative initiatives of the plan include establishing a national consumer protection framework to minimise problem gambling, including seeking to ban lines of credit for online wagering; consultation with banks and credit card providers to limit illegal offshore transactions; and consulting with internet service providers on options to reduce illegal offshore availability to Australian customers. [Cont. p9](#)

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## Government Addresses Illegal Wagering Cont.

The initiative also includes amending the Interactive Gambling Act 2001 to make it clear it is illegal for unlicensed overseas gambling companies to offer products to Australians if they are not licensed by a state or territory.

"The Government and Minister Alan Tudge have consulted and considered the many complex issues arising from the O'Farrell Report in the most comprehensive way since the Interactive Gambling Act was enacted in 2001" said Racing Australia Chairman John Messara. "We congratulate the Minister and Government for the decisive action taken to address the growing integrity risks to racing posed by illegal offshore bookmakers. The legislative measures proposed by the Government are proportionate to the threat, and importantly provide security to Australian consumers who are often unable to distinguish between unregulated Asian operators and regulated operators."

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## MAGIC NATIONAL CATALOGUES ONLINE

*Edited Press Release*

The catalogues for the Magic Millions National Weanling and Broodmare sales, set for May 29 and 30 and June 1 to 5, respectively, are online. The [weanling catalogue](#) comprises 400 youngsters by 86 sires, including 16 first-season sires. The sale includes the Bell View Park Stud Unreserved Dispersal and the Bell River Thoroughbred Dispersal.

The [broodmare catalogue](#) includes 827 fillies and mares, including 168 stakes performers and 125 city winners. Over half the catalogue are carrying their second pregnancy or younger. Highlights include young Group 1 winners **Bounding (Aus)** (Lonhro {Aus}) and **Peggy Jean (Aus)** (Myboycharlie {Ire}).

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## SILVANO COLT TOPS NATIONAL SESSION TWO

*by Liesl King*

Silvano (Ger) and Varsfontein Stud continued to hit the headlines during the second session of the 2016 National Yearling sale when [lot 166](#), a colt out of Jodie (SAf) (Western Winter), was knocked down to Shadwell South Africa for R2.3 million (£110,261/€141,833). Hailing from the family of multiple graded winners Annie (SAf) (Trigger Finger), Ice Cube (SAf) (Western Winter) and Grand Emporium (SAf) (National Assembly), the colt--named Pietro Mascagni--caused a protracted bidding duel between Jehan Malherbe of Form Bloodstock, standing ringside, and Mike de Kock, bidding on behalf of Shadwell South Africa at the walking ring.

De Kock, who trained Grand Emporium to victory in the



Session-topping lot 166 |  
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G1 Daily News and the G2 Godolphin Mile, said "Sheikh Hamdan has already bought a number of horses for me in Australia and his support here at our National Sale is greatly appreciated. The colt is from a very strong family and he certainly looks the part." Carl de Vos, stud manager at Varsfontein Stud, said he was delighted the colt would be

going to De Kock. "Both De Kock and Malherbe are superb yearling selectors and for them both to want this colt is a great accolade."

[Lot 286](#), a Trippi colt out of the Fort Wood mare Remembrance (SAf), also went the way of Shadwell South Africa with the hammer coming down at R1.4 million (£67,107/€86,323).

Mauritzfontein Stud produced another millionaire when [lot 226](#), a Silvano colt out of Mrs Brock (SAf) (Fort Wood), was knocked down to Form Bloodstock for R1.5 million (£71,909/€92,489). Mrs Brock is a full-sister to Mr Brock, who raced in Mauritius before bounding onto the international scene with a start in the G1 Dubai World Cup in 2010. The colt, named Diamondveld, is a half-brother to Miranda Frost (SAf) (Western Winter), who is unbeaten in two starts.

"I bought him for an overseas client and he will be trained by Dean Kannemeyer," said Malherbe. "Miranda Frost, the half-sister, appears to be more than useful and the mare is off to a very good start."

Silvano and Mauritzfontein seemed to go hand-in-hand, as they also consigned [lot 184](#), a colt named Earl Of Warwick out of the Fort Wood mare Lady Brooke (SAf). Brett Crawford signed for the colt at R1.2 million (£57,527/€73,957). Crawford saw the colt on a visit to Mauritzfontein in Kimberley and said he liked him straight away. "He is a very nice, athletic type," the trainer said. "I liked him from the minute I saw him on the farm and I had to have him."

The only Tapit in the sale, a colt out of Pin Turn (GB) (Pivotal {GB})--a daughter of G1 Vodacom Durban July and G1 Dubai Duty Free Stakes winner Ipi Tombe (ZIM) (Manshood {GB})--consigned by Drakenstein Stud as [lot 258](#), was knocked down to Form Bloodstock, signing on behalf of Al Adiyat South Africa, for R1 million (£47,296/€61,631).

"Today's sale was much more buoyant after a very slow start," said Bloodstock SA CEO Kevin Woolard. "What was very pleasing was that nine horses breached the R1-million mark. We look forward to the last session tomorrow, when the remaining 151 yearlings come under the hammer."

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