

ON TO BALTIMORE FOR NYQUIST



Nyquist and jockey Mario Gutierrez | Horsephotos

Nyquist (Uncle Mo) exited his victory in Saturday's GI Kentucky Derby in fine shape and is expected to ship to Baltimore Monday ahead of the May 21 GI Preakness S.

"He's doing great," trainer Doug O'Neill reported. "He had his head out over the webbing, looking bright-eyed. He ate it all up last night. Couldn't be doing better. He's just such a special horse."

Nyquist will be one of six O'Neill horses shipping to Pimlico Monday. The group will also include Friday's GI Kentucky Oaks runner-up **Land Over Sea** (Bellamy Road).

Also Preakness-bound is Derby runner-up **Exaggerator** (Curlin) (*full story p3*).

"He's good," groom Vic Bargac said of the GI Santa Anita Derby winner. "He ate it all last night and he liked his breakfast today, too. He's doing very well."

Steve Asmussen's Derby duo of **Gun Runner** (Candy Ride {Arg}), third, and **Creator** (Tapit), 13th, were both in fine shape Sunday, but the trainer will wait before making any plans for the pair.

"We'll give them a couple of days," Asmussen said. "They'll go back to the track on Wednesday, and I'll speak with the owners and see what should happen next."

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BEHOLDER BACK IN STYLE

Spendthrift Farm's champion **Beholder** (Henny Hughes), last seen winning the GI Zenyatta S. last September, returned to the races Sunday with a supremely easy victory in the GIII Adoration S. at Santa Anita. Sent off the prohibitive 1-9 favorite, the 6-year-old mare was winning her seventh straight race in her second Adoration score. Beholder's 2015 campaign included scintillating victories in the GI Clement L. Hirsch S. and against the boys in the GI Pacific Classic, but an expected match-up with Triple Crown hero American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile) was derailed when the champion mare was sidelined by illness just days before the GI Breeders' Cup Classic. Owner B. Wayne Hughes is still hoping his mare will get a chance to face a Triple Crown winner. "Not only am I still thinking about going up against the boys, but I want Nyquist to be the Triple Crown winner," Hughes said. "Because we got sick last year, it's very important to us to be able to take a shot at a Triple Crown winner. I think it would be amazing." **Cont. p6**

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BRYAN EAGER TO FACE NYQUIST AGAIN

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Still basking in the glow of watching his Exaggerator (Curlin) finish a late-closing second in the GI Kentucky Derby, owner Matt Bryan is eager to take on the undefeated champion again in the May 21 GI Preakness S.

ROMANS ESCAPES SERIOUS INJURY IN CRASH

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Just hours after saddling Brody's Cause (Giant's Causeway) to a seventh-place finish in the GI Kentucky Derby, trainer Dale Romans was lucky to escape serious injuries in a car accident close to the track.

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Derby winner on to Baltimore (cont. from p1)

Of Gun Runner’s gritty third-place effort, Asmussen said, “I’m very proud of him. I thought he gave a great effort. An excellent running of the Derby, for sure.”

Late-running Creator, meanwhile, was hampered by traffic woes nearing the stretch, according to the trainer.

“I thought Creator lost all chance at the quarter pole. Those horses came together real hard,” Asmussen said.

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BRYAN EAGER TO FACE NYQUIST AGAIN

by Jennie Rees

Owner Matt Bryan has taken on unbeaten champion **Nyquist** (Uncle Mo) eight times, most recently when his **Exaggerator** (Curlin) finished second by 1 1/4 lengths in Saturday’s 142nd GI Kentucky Derby.



Exaggerator | Coady Photography

Exaggerator and **Swipe** (Birdstone), both trained by Keith Desormeaux for Bryan’s Big Chief Racing, have faced Nyquist four times apiece, losing at distances of five furlongs, 6 1/2 furlongs, seven furlongs, 1 1/16 miles and now 1 1/4 miles.

Bryan acknowledges he’s itching for yet another crack at the champ, which is expected to come in the May 21 GI Preakness S. at Baltimore’s Pimlico Race Course.

“Sure. Ninth time’s a charm; 10th time’s the charm,” said Bryan, whose partners in Exaggerator are Sol Kumin’s Head of Plains Partners and Cody Ortowski’s Rocker O Ranch. “We’ll just keep on knocking at him. I’ll tell you one thing, we’re not scared of him. We’re not going to dodge him. We’ve got the second-best horse in the country right now.”

Bryan stopped by Churchill Downs’ backside Sunday morning to see Exaggerator. He said he was at a loss for words to describe having his first Kentucky Derby starter, one where Exaggerator came up just shy of making Keith and Kent Desormeaux the first trainer-jockey brother combination to win America’s most famous race.

“It was an amazing experience, truly nothing you could ever describe,” said the head of M.G. Bryan Equipment Co. in Grand Prairie, Texas. “Being my first time to have a horse in the Kentucky Derby and trying to make history with Keith and Kent was really, really special. But being second, we’re sure proud of that.”

While Nyquist pressed a solid early pace that slowed down every quarter-mile, Exaggerator came from more than 17 lengths back early and nine lengths back after the field turned for home. The official *Equibase* chart footnotes read: “EXAGGERATOR drafted back off the early pace saving ground, picked up steam into the far turn, angled out and aggressively knifed his way between foes nearing the quarter pole, swung out before being straightened into the stretch, then closed strongly to narrow the gap.”

“It was unbelievable,” Bryan said of the stretch run. “I thought we were going to get him, but we didn’t. I didn’t get to see the replays yet, but I heard he got checked in the corner a little bit, so maybe we can get him next time.

“You cannot even imagine,” he said of the experience. “For a horse-racing owner, it’s the ultimate: walking in front of 160,000, the second-largest crowd.” **Cont. p4**

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Of course, even Muhammad Ali lost six fights.

“He did at the end,” Bryan acknowledged, a reference to The Greatest dropping three of his final four bouts. “Exaggerator is growing, still getting better, and it looks like he’s no worse after this race.

“You’ve got to have a clean trip. We come from off the pace. We can run in front, but that’s not our style and not the way Keith trains them. That being said, you just have to be blessed and have a clean trip. I think if we’d had a clean trip, it would have been a little but closer, but I don’t know. Nyquist is a heck of a horse.

“We’ve had Swipe and Exaggerator run against him, and I think we’ve been second to him seven or eight times. But hey, it’s an amazing record, and we’re knocking on the door. I’m really proud of Keith and Kent and the whole team. It’s been a true blessing to be here.”

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PREAKNESS POSSIBLES

Horse (Sire)	Last Start
Nyquist (Uncle Mo)	1st GI Ky Derby
Exaggerator (Curlin)	2nd GI Ky Derby
Gun Runner (Candy Ride {Arg})	3rd GI Ky Derby
Suddenbreakingnews (Mineshaft)	5th GI Ky Derby
Lani (Tapit)	9th GI Ky Derby
Awesome Speed (Awesome Again)	1st Federico Tesio
Cherry Wine (Paddy o’Prado)	3rd GI Blue Grass S.
Collected (City Zip)	1st GIII Lexington S.
Fellowship (Awesome of Course)	4th GIII Pat Day Mile
Laoban (Uncle Mo)	4th GI Blue Grass S.
Stradivari (Medaglia d’Oro)	1st KEE alw
Sharp Azteca (Freud)	1st GIII Pat Day Mile
Uncle Lino (Uncle Mo)	1st California Chrome S.

CORRECTION: Saturday’s TDN incorrectly listed the produce record of **Whatdreamsmadeof** (Graeme Hall), dam of Friday’s GI La Troienne S. winner **Curalina** (Curlin). The mare produced a colt by Tale of the Cat in 2015. She was bred to Curlin this spring. We regret the error.



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ROMANS ESCAPES SERIOUS INJURY IN DERBY DAY CAR CRASH *by Jennie Rees*

Award-winning videographer John Hennegan and three others were hospitalized overnight and trainer Dale Romans was treated for rib injuries from a three-car accident several blocks from Churchill Downs about three hours after Saturday's GI Kentucky Derby.

Romans had finished seventh in the Derby with Albaugh Family Stables' **Brody's Cause** (Giant's Causeway).

Hennegan sustained fractured ribs and a bruised lung, Romans said. He said he had bruised ribs and pulled muscles in the rib cage.



photo courtesy Tammy Fox

"Just really sore," Romans said Sunday afternoon. "We'll all be OK," he said, adding of his late-model Hyundai Equus,

"The car came through. It took care of us. I had my seat belt on. I swear I have it on one out of about every 10 times. But I put it on, and I will never drive without my seatbelt on again, because that's really what saved us. It was very scary, very violent."

Romans said he was driving five house guests to his home when he was unable to avoid hitting an SUV that blew through a stop sign from a side street. Romans said he was driving down Southern Parkway, a four-lane major artery in Louisville's South End, while the SUV pulled out from a side street (Evelyn Ave.) about 9:30-10 p.m. Romans' sedan then was struck on the passenger side by a pickup truck and careened onto the curb on Evelyn, the trainer said.

Romans said he had dropped off Jason Loutsch, who manages Dennis Albaugh's bloodstock interests for his father-in-law, at the Galt House Hotel and, on his way back home, he picked up Hennegan and four other friends at the Veterans of Foreign Wars' post near Churchill, where they were waiting until Romans had finished working following the Derby.

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According to Romans and former jockey Tammy Fox, his life partner and exercise rider, Hennegan and three others were transported by ambulance to University Hospital downtown.

Fox drove Romans to Jewish Hospital, where his close friend and client Dr. Raymond Shea, a noted orthopedic surgeon, is affiliated. The fifth friend did not go to the hospital, Romans said.

Fox, who was home at the time of the accident, said they didn't know anything about the passengers in the SUV. The driver of the truck and other witnesses stopped to tell the police what happened, Romans said.

"Everybody saw what happened," Fox said. "That car just shot out of nowhere. It happened that quick. Dale said he got hit twice. Boom, boom and the next thing he knew, it just turned black. Well, the black was the airbag [deploying]. They were lucky. It could have been a lot worse."

Fox said Hennegan was expected to be released from the hospital Sunday. Hennegan, with his brother Brad, produced the Eclipse Award-winning documentary First Saturday in May, based on the 2006 Kentucky Derby.

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Sunday, Santa Anita Park

ADORATION S.-GIII, \$100,345, SA, 5-8, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:42.73, ft.

1--**BEHOLDER, 124, m, 6, by Henny Hughes**

1st Dam: Leslie's Lady (SW, \$187,014), by Tricky Creek

2nd Dam: Crystal Lady, by Stop the Music

3rd Dam: One Last Bird, by One for All

(\$180,000 Ylg '11 KEESEP). O-Spendthrift Farm LLC; B-Clarkland Farm (KY); T-Richard E. Mandella; J-Gary L. Stevens. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: Ch. 2yo & 3yo Filly, Ch. Older Mare, MGISW, 21-16-3-0, \$4,496,600. *1/2 to Into Mischief (Harlan's Holiday), GISW, \$597,080. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A.**

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3--**All Star Bub, 120, f, 4, Midshipman--High Style**, by Giant's Causeway. (\$10,000 Ylg '13 KEEJAN; \$45,000 Ylg '13 OBSAUG; \$35,000 RNA Ylg '13 ARZNOV; \$37,000 RNA 2yo '14 BARJAN;



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Breaking from the outside in the field of six, Beholder was caught four wide into the turn, but was taken in hand and settled one off the rail while chasing the pace through an opening quarter in :24.01. The bay mare pulled her way to challenge for the lead midway down the backstretch through a half-mile in :48.25. She inhaled pacesetting Sheer Pleasure on the turn and quickly opened up a clear advantage under a motionless Gary Stevens before striding under the wire well in hand.



Beholder | Benoit

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“She left there sweet like she always does,” Stevens said. “She went over super, super quiet today. I had to let her do a little something the last sixteenth because she wanted to. She had fun, I had fun.

“Being off as long as she has is a tribute to Richard [Mandella] and Mr. Hughes showing that kind of patience,” Stevens continued. “The sky’s the limit for her. She didn’t take so much as a deep breath when I pulled her up. She’s a very happy mare.”

Asked what would be next for his star mare, Mandella said, “The [June 4 GI] Vanity looks like the next step. I couldn’t be happier with the way she’s come back at six years old. I’m proud of Mr. Hughes for letting me have her back [to train].”

Beholder was named champion 2-year-old filly in 2012, champion 3-year-old filly in 2013 and champion older mare in 2015. After winning the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies in 2012 and the GI Breeders’ Cup Distaff the following season, she has been forced out of the last two Breeders’ Cups due to illness and Hughes is looking forward to the championships being held at Santa Anita in 2016.

“It’s a very nice feeling knowing she can train and run up to the Breeders’ Cup here at home,” Hughes said. “She doesn’t do well traveling. Neither do I though, at 82, so we have that in common.”

Leslie’s Lady, also the dam of Grade I-winning sire Into Mischief, produced a Scat Daddy colt in 2015. The youngster is expected to sell at this year’s Keeneland September sale. The mare’s 13-year-old daughter, Judy B (Marquetry), in foal to Super Saver, sold to Tim Hyde’s Summerhill Farm, breeder of GI Kentucky Derby winner Nyquist (Uncle Mo), for \$225,000 at this year’s Keeneland January sale.



B. Wayne Hughes welcomes Gary Stevens back to winner’s circle.
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CORRECTION: Sunday’s TDN incorrectly listed the sales history of Life Happened (Stravinsky), dam of champion and Saturday’s GII Churchill Distaff Turf Mile S. winner Tepin (Bernstein). She was purchased for \$750,000 by Alex Solis and Jason Litt on behalf of LNJ Foxwoods at the Keeneland January Sale in 2014. We regret the error.

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1--**CACTUS KRIS**, 120, m, 5, by Cactus Ridge



1st Dam: Highest Ground, by Lemon Drop Kid

2nd Dam: Highest Goal, by Slew o’ Gold

3rd Dam: Highest Regard, by Gallant Romeo

(\$2,000 Wlg '11 KEENOV; \$30,000 Ylg '12 FTKOCT). O-Anne L. Walsh; B-James Paliapito & Tom Keegan (KY); T-Ryan D. Walsh; J-Huber Villa-Gomez. C\$90,000. Lifetime Record: 20-7-6-3, \$488,410. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

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2--**Galina Point**, 118, f, 4, Saffir--Celtic Craft, by Danehill. (C\$7,000 Ylg '13 CANSEP). O-Gary Barber; B-Spring Farm (ON); T-Mark E. Casse. C\$36,000.

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3--**Skylander Girl**, 118, m, 5, [Stroll](#)--Heliotrope, by Northern Score. (C\$3,500 Ylg '12 CANSEP). O/T-Alexander P. Patykewich; B-Auchamore Stud (ON). C\$19,800.

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Cactus Kris came running late to earn the second graded stakes victory of her career in Sunday's Gill Hendrie S. at Woodbine. Settled in mid-pack along the rail through fractions of :22.22 and :44.38, the chestnut mare was tipped out four wide at top of the lane, took over with a furlong to run and powered clear to an easy tally.



Cactus Kris | Michael Burns

"She runs on everything and she's better than ever," said winning rider Huber Villa-Gomez.

"She does whatever I ask her to. If I want to go, she goes. But, mostly I just let her do whatever she wants."

Favored Leigh Court (Grand Slam), coming off a front-running two-length victory in the Apr. 10 Gill Whimsical S., pressed the quick pace and was between horses battling into the stretch, but tired and faded to last in the seven-horse field.

Cactus Kris narrowly won the Oct. 18 Ontario Fashion S. before concluding 2015 with a fourth-place effort in the Gill Bessarabian S. She returned with a runner-up finish over the Keeneland turf in the Apr. 16 Giant's Causeway S. last time out.

"The last race we were using as a prep for this and she's really exceeded anything we thought she would do," said winning trainer Ryan Walsh. "She finished with a ton of run. We know she loves the Tapeta from Presque Isle. We're real excited about this year."

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SMOKIN AGAIN, 10, Smoke Glacken--Broad Hint, by Broad Brush

Foal born Apr. 2, a colt by He's Had Enough.

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DIABLO S., \$100,000, BEL, 5-8, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09.44, my.
1--#JOKING, 120, g, 7, [Distorted Humor](#)--Spun Silk (SW), by A.P. Indy. O/T-Charlton Baker; B-Darley (KY); J-Manuel Franco. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 37-8-8-8, \$498,638.

2--Ready for Rye, 124, g, 4, [City Zip](#)--Embroidery, by More Than Ready. (\$70,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP). O-Chalk Racing; B-Soc. Agr. Santa Elena de Chimbarongo LTDA (KY); T-Thomas Albertrani. \$20,000.

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3--Green Gratto, 124, h, 6, Here's Zealous--Starship Smokester, by Smokester. O-Gaston & Anthony Grant; B-Kaz Hill Farm (NJ); T-Gaston Grant. \$10,000.

Margins: 3/4, 4 1/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 16.20, 1.25, 16.50.
 Also Ran: El Deal, Stallwalkin' Dude, Mewannarose, Dads Caps. Claimed for just \$20,000 by New York staple Charlton Baker out of an Aqueduct inner track race back in January 2014, Joking had already paid his way and then some heading into Sunday's races at Belmont. In 24 starts since, the bay gelding tallied six wins, seven seconds and four thirds, earning six figures in both his 2014 and 2015 seasons. Entered Sunday on the back of an Aqueduct optional claiming victory Apr. 13, the 7-year-old dropped out to the rear of the running early on as El Deal (Munnings) was pressed through a sharp quarter in :22.12. Following favored Ready for Rye while saving a bit more ground than that one on the turn, he responded strongly when angled out into the clear. It appeared as though the chalk would hold him off inside the eighth pole, but Joking continued a relentless rally in the final sixteenth to get up over that one by a comfortable margin. "I knew there was enough speed in the race where we figured it was going to set up for him," Baker said. "I was feeling really good about our chances heading into the race. I thought he might be outclassed a little bit in this spot but remained confident in how well he was training." **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

7th-BEL, \$80,000, Alw, 5-8, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.34, yl.
INFINITE WISDOM (g, 5, Smart Strike--Meridiana {Ger} {MGSW, G1SW-Ity & SW-Ger., \$556,795} by Lomitas {GB}) graduated from the maiden ranks in his fifth career start over this same course and distance Oct. 22 and ran respectably in his first try against winners, checking in third behind Tapitation (Tapit) in a grassy optional claimer at Gulfstream Dec. 16. Recently a fast-closing runner-up behind Seeking Alpha in Hallandale Feb. 7, the

chestnut was tabbed as the slight 5-2 favorite for this return to New York. Establishing command soon after the break, Infinite Wisdom coasted along on an uncontested lead through fractions of :24.15 and :49.24. Confronted in earnest by a duo of rivals on the final bend, the gelding found more and reestablished control at the top of the stretch, striding home a comfortable winner. It was 3 1/4 lengths back to Nigel's Destiny (Giant's Causeway) in second. The winner, a \$300,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase, is a full to Chamois, MSW & MGSP, \$303,385; and a half to Center Divider (Giant's Causeway), GISP, \$341,446; and Pine Needles (Giant's Causeway), SW & GSP, \$135,820. Meridiana, who won the G1 Oaks d'Italia in 2003 and came to America to capture the GII Orchid H. and GIII Bewitch S. in 2004, is responsible for the unraced juvenile filly Interrogation (Kitten's Joy) and a yearling filly by Giant's Causeway. Lifetime Record: 8-2-3-2, \$144,207. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)** O-Amerman Racing LLC; B-Jon & Sarah Kelly (KY); T-Brian A. Lynch.

5th-BEL, \$78,400, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 5-8, 3yo/up, 7fT, 1:23.44, yl.
COMMUTE (c, 4, Hold Me Back--Royal Humor, by Distorted Humor), winner of a seven-panel optional claimer in the slop at Churchill in June, chased the pace and tired to finish 10th in the GI King's Bishop S. at Saratoga Aug. 29. Off the board in a pair of optional claimers in the autumn, the colt was sent to the sidelines for much of the winter. He was switched back to the turf in a one-mile optional claimer at Gulfstream Mar. 12 and delivered a much-improved performance, setting a swift pace and holding on to finish second behind MGSW stablemate Conquest Typhoon (Stormy Atlantic). Dismissed as a 17-1 outsider cutting back to 5 1/2 furlongs on the lawn in Keeneland's GII Shakertown S. Apr. 9, Commute lagged behind in the early stages, but came on with a stout late rally to complete the trifecta behind Undrafted (Purim) and Something Extra (Indian Charlie). Commute found himself in a vastly different position here as the 1-2 favorite, and did not disappoint. Away in good order, he tracked the pace in second through a quarter-mile in :23.03 and advanced readily approaching the head of the lane. The Team Casse representative hit the front in midstretch and strode clear to post a 2 1/4-length victory over Captain Gaugen (Disco Rico). Sales History: \$9,500 Ylg '13 KEEJAN; \$50,000 Ylg '13 OBSAUG. Lifetime Record: GSP, 12-3-2-2, \$168,565. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)** O-Gabe Grossberg & Sagamore Farm; B-Meritage LLC (KY); T-Mark E. Casse.

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3rd-BEL, \$62,000, (S), Alw, 5-8, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.62, sy.

HOT HOUSE ROSE (f, 4, Latent Heat--Gabriela's Rose, by Anees) returned from an extended layoff in winning form Sunday. Third to begin her career in a 6 1/2-furlong dash at Gulfstream in February 2015, the dark bay did not factor going a furlong longer on the turf one month later. Hot House Rose broke through with a comfortable victory going seven panels there nearly 12 months ago to date, and was subsequently shelved for the remainder to the year. Given a 4-1 chance for this first try against fellow New York-breds, she broke sharply but was quickly outfooted by Sing for Beauty (Songandaprayer), who spurred away to open up a clear advantage through a quarter-mile in :22.95. Picking up the chase on the turn, Hot House Rose collared the pacesetter at the head of the stretch and edged clear to score by a measured 1 3/4 lengths over longshot Wisdom of Oz (Roaring Fever). Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$77,700. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Charles Dimino, Timothy A. Hills & Robert Susi; B-Richard Filosa, Tim Hills & Robert Susi (NY); T-Timothy A. Hills.

2nd-BEL, \$75,000, Msw, 5-8, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:37.21, sy.

GOING FOR BROKE (f, 3, Blame--Support the Cause, by Put It Back) was bet down to 5-4 favoritism for her Apr. 10 debut at Aqueduct, but struggled to keep up with the field early on before closing well on the rail to finish second and galloping out past the winner. Off at a tick under 7-2 in this spot, the bay homebred broke sharply, but dropped back to last as her stablemate Chase Motto (Unbridled's Song) took it to odds-on Verve's Tale (Tale of Ekati) through a quarter in :23.32. Edging up within three lengths of the lead past a :47.56 half, she was put to a drive midway on the turn while fanning four-wide. Switching leads inside the three-sixteenths pole, she charged past the dueling leaders passing the sixteenth marker to win going away by two lengths. Verve's Tale held second. The winner's dam sold for \$300,000 as a Fasig-Tipton Saratoga yearling in 2009 and is a full-sister to GISW sprinter and prominent sire In Summation. She has a 2-year-old filly by Arch named Our Cause and a yearling full-brother to the winner. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$59,000. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O/B-Waterford Stables, Inc. (KY); T-Chad C. Brown.



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Sunday's Results:

6th-GP, \$37,200, Msw, 5-8, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :55.71, fm.

SOUND DEFENCE (f, 3, First Defence--Clayoquot Sound, by Apalachee) pressed the pace and leveled off to be eighth in her six-furlong turf debut at Kentucky Downs last September and followed with a dull sixth-place effort sprinting six panels on dirt at Keeneland Oct. 4. Sent away for an extended rest following that try, the dark bay resurfaced in this spot as the 7-2 second choice. Sound Defence pressed the pace through a quarter-mile in :21.37 and moved to seize control entering the stretch. Kept to her task late, she crossed the wire three lengths in front of Somethingelse (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}). Sales History: \$15,000 Ylg '14 FTKFEB; \$13,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$90,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$22,527. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O-Gary Barber; B-Diana Shoop (KY); T-Mark E. Casse.

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5th-AP, \$32,000, Msw, 5-8, 3yo/up, 5fT, :58.32, yl.

KYZAN (c, 3, Ready's Image--Medicinal, by Coronado's Quest) did no running in his Oct. 22 debut at Keeneland, but had been working well there for this return and switch to turf. Dismissed at 26-1, the bay sophomore broke quickly and was hustled to the front, leaving behind a :23.13 quarter over off going. Widening away into the stretch in hand, the longshot finished full of run in the lane to score by 3 1/2 lengths. Flying Around (Cowboy Cal) completed the exacta. The winner's dam recently produced a yearling colt by Stay Thirsty. Sales History: \$4,000 Ylg '14 KEEJAN; \$11,500 RNA Ylg '14 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$19,263. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

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Sunday's Results:

2nd-WO, C\$66,139, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$56,166-\$58,103), 5-8, 3yo, 7f (AWT), 1:23.34, ft.

RUCK (c, 3, [Lookin At Lucky](#)--Raylene {MGSW, \$776,364}, by [Tabasco Cat](#)) finished fifth in the GIII Grey S. as a maiden here last October and found the winner's circle in his next start with a convincing score going 1 1/16 miles Nov. 8. The bay concluded his juvenile season with a punchless sixth-place finish behind Don't Be So Salty (Tiz Wonderful) in the Nov. 29 Display S. and was sent to the sidelines for a layup during the winter months. Dismissed at odds of 36-1 for this return to the races, Ruck raced in reserve at the rear of a compact field behind a quarter-mile in :23.29. Circling the field four wide turning for home, the homebred turned on the jets once straightened out for the drive and outfinished favored Aye Aye Captain (Old Forester) to score by 3/4 of a length. The winner's dam is also responsible for the unraced juvenile colt Rayready (More Than Ready) and a yearling colt by Midnight Lute. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, \$67,791. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O/B-Calmar Stables and Ranch (KY); T-Reade Baker.

3rd-WO, C\$70,428, Msw, 5-8, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:10.68, ft.

+CURLIN KISSES (f, 3, [Curlin](#)--Sunset Kisses {MSW & GSP, \$332,400}, by [Sky Classic](#)) posted just four local drills in preparation for this career unveiling and was pounded down to 6-5 favoritism. Away a touch slowly, the chestnut advanced four wide down the backstretch and pressed the leaders into the turn through a half-mile in :45.68. Asked for more cornering into the lane, the homebred put her head in front in midstretch and moved clear to score by 2 1/2 lengths. Gold to Glory (Philanthropist) followed Curlin Kisses's rally to round out the exacta. The winner's dam, a three-time stakes winner, is also responsible for the unraced juvenile colt Lookin At Bravo (Lookin At Lucky) and a yearling colt by Majestic Warrior. She was most recently bred back to Gio Ponti. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$31,189. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Conrad Farms; B-Manfred & Penny Conrad (ON); T-Mark E. Casse.



4th-WO, C\$47,800, (S), Msw, 5-8, 3yo, 5f (AWT), :56.82, ft.
+AARONIC BLESSING (g, 3, [Victor's Cry](#)--Executive Pass, by [Bold Executive](#)) blew out a bullet four furlongs in :46 flat Apr. 15 over the local training track, but had no works at this distance or further on the tab. Sent to post at a shade under 11-1, the gray gelding showed good speed to take command from between horses, led by a length past a sharp :21.38 quarter, opened up strongly heading onto the turn and straightened for home well in the clear before shortening stride at the sixteenth pole and holding on to prevail by a nose over Hipp Smitt (Spaniard). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$20,917. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Silver Duck Racing Stable, Janice & Joseph Pollard; B-Silver Duck Racing Stable (ON); T-Suzanne M. Drake.



California

Sunday's Results:

4th-SA, \$57,725, Msw, 5-8, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:37.82, gd.

LIAM THE CHARMER (c, 3, [Smart Strike](#)--Charm the Giant {Ire} {GSW, \$336,309}, by [Giant's Causeway](#)) was a non-factor sixth on debut going a mile on dirt here Jan. 24 and closed resolutely to finish second, beaten less than a length, in a grassy nine-panel maiden test over this course Feb. 20. Hammered down to 6-5 favoritism for this third trip to post, Liam the Charmer traveled a bit wide around the opening bend and took closer order down the backstretch to stalk the pace in third through a half-mile in :47.93. Given his cue on the far turn, the colt seized control at the top of the stretch and pulled clear to score by 5 1/4 lengths. Longshot Legal Authority (Distorted Humor) finished second best. The winner, a \$500,000 Keeneland September yearling, is a half-brother to Charm the Maker (Empire Maker), MSW & MGISP, \$340,290; as well as a weanling colt by Candy Ride (Arg). His second dam is MGSW and GISP Olympic Charmer (Olympio). Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$45,050. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Mr. & Mrs. William K. Warren, Jr.; B-Ron & Deborah McAnally (KY); T-Michael W. McCarthy.



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STAKES RESULTS:

EQUINE SALES DERBY, \$75,000, EVD, 5-7, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/16m, 1:44.37, ft.

1--**#COUCHE COUCHE, 122, g, 3, Pulling Punches--Sassy Belle, by Doc's Leader.** (\$20,000 2yo '15 EQL2YO). O-Jerry Namy; B-Charles Titsworth (LA); T-Karl Broberg; J-Colby J. Hernandez. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-1, \$108,230.

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2--**Ganges, 115, c, 3, Gio Ponti--Shy Baby, by Out of Place.** (\$7,500 Ylg '14 ESLYRL; \$52,000 2yo '15 EQL2YO; \$95,000 2yo '15 OBSOPN). O-Preston Stables LLC & Prestonwood Racing LLC; B-Neal McFadden (LA); T-Patrick Devereux, Jr. \$15,000.

3--**Drummer Boy, 117, g, 3, Parading--Ready At Nine, by More Than Ready.** (\$2,000 Ylg '14 ESLYRL; \$14,000 2yo '15 EVAMAR). O-Wayne T. Davis; B-June Glenn Thoroughbreds, LLC & Stelly Stables, LLC (LA); T-Shane Wilson. \$7,500.

Margins: 2HF, 3, 6HF. Odds: 0.20, 3.70, 10.80.

MISS GRACIE H., (NB) \$75,000, GP, 5-8, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:23.28, ft.

1--**SAVINGTIME, 116, f, 4, Kantharos--Daylight Time, by Time Bandit.** O-Heardsdale Racing; B/T-Vaughan Heard (FL); J-Vicente Gudiel. \$46,035. Lifetime Record: 18-3-5-0, \$186,494.

2--**My Dear Venezuela, 112, f, 3, Wildcat Heir--Bayou Mist, by Silver Deputy.** O-Orlyana Farm; B-Orlando Martinez (FL); T-Bruno Tessore. \$14,850.

3--**Hows My Gold, 120, f, 4, Gottcha Gold--How Ya Doing, by Northern Afleet.** O-Barbara Hopkins; B-Wynn & Mary Jolley (FL); T-Ramon Moya. \$7,425.

Margins: 1 3/4, 3 3/4, 5HF. Odds: 7.50, 1.80, 10.80.

SECRETARIAT S., (NB) \$50,000, GRM, 5-7, 3yo/up, 1 1/2mT, 2:56.20, sf.

1--**RUM TUM TUGGER, 151, g, 7, Afleet Alex--Catlike Dancer, by Tale of the Cat.** (\$140,000 Ylg '10 KEESEP). O-Lake Lonely Racing; B-Gulf Coast Farms LLC (KY); T-Jonathan E. Sheppard; J-William McCarthy. \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 26-5-8-3, \$167,856.

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2--**Silver Lime, 151, g, 7, Mizzen Mast--Red Dot, by Diesis** (GB). (42,000gns 4yo '13 TA13). O-Gregory D. Hawkins; B-Millsec, Ltd. (KY); T-Janet E. Elliot. \$9,000.

3--**Mutasaawy, 151, g, 6, Tapit--Pretty Proud, by Mr. Greeley.** (\$350,000 Wlg '10 KEENOV). O-Pathfinder Racing; B-Pretty Proud Syndicate (KY); T-Neil R. Morris. \$5,000.

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Margins: 3/4, HF, HF. Odds: 4.90, 6.70, 15.10.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

10th-WO, C\$87,663, 5-8, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:10.02, ft.

QUIDI VIDI (f, 4, Marcavelly--El Tara {MSP}, by Schossberg) Lifetime Record: SP, 15-4-5-0, \$247,258. O/T-Lorna M. Perkins; B-Hill 'N' Dale Farms (ON). *C\$7,000 Ylg '13 CANSEP.

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9th-WO, C\$69,129, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$46,482-\$48,419), 5-8, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:43.87, ft.

BIG BAZINGA (g, 5, Bluegrass Cat--Darling Daughter {GSP}, by Maria's Mon) Lifetime Record: GSP, 14-4-2-1, \$212,789. O-Bull & Bear Stable; B-Sheltowee Farm, Alfonso Mazzetti, Dr. Robert J Hunt & Rodney Winkler (KY); T-Katerina Vassilieva. *\$32,000 RNA Ylg '12 KEEJAN; \$25,000 Ylg '12 KEESEP. **1/2 to Holiday Mischief (Into Mischief), SW, \$243,770.

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1st-SA, \$59,725, (S), (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 5-8, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2ft, 1:14.97, gd.

MADAME MOUSSE (f, 4, The Pamplemousse--Expense, by Lemon Drop Kid) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$83,705. O-Richard Barton; B-Tom Lenner, Jeff Davenport, Bob Waltos & Alex Solis II (CA); T-Michael Machowsky.

7th-SA, \$59,035, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 5-8, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:50.26, gd.

ITSINTHEPOST (FR) (g, 4, American Post {GB}--Sakkara Star {Ire}, by Mozart {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 16-2-1-5, \$88,232. O-Red Baron's Barn LLC; B-Julien Leanes (FR); T-Jeff Mullins.

7th-WO, C\$49,900, (S), 5-8, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:04.84, ft.

WESTLODGE INTRIGUE (f, 3, Niigon--Heavens Intrigue, by Dehere) Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-1, \$56,959. O-Stacey Van Camp; B-Joannie Dass, Phil Katryan & Ravi Sugrim (ON); T-Michael Mattine. *C\$6,000 Ylg '14 CANSEP.

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8th-LRL, \$45,000, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$28,000-\$32,000), 5-8, 3yo/up, 5 1/2ft, 1:05.11, gd.

POOL WINNER (g, 4, Broken Vow--Welcome Home {SW, \$161,114}, by Dixieland Band) Lifetime Record: 12-3-6-0, \$145,090. O/B-Colts Neck Stables LLC (KY); T-Alan E. Goldberg. *1/2 to Sounds of the City (Street Cry {Ire}), MSP, \$293,399.

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9th-LRL, \$44,646, 5-8, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:47.26, gd.

SILENT WATERS (g, 3, Silent Name {Jpn}--Shadowy Waters {MSP, \$104,823}, by Wild Again) Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-1, \$64,890. O-Phoenix Stable, Inc.; B-Nine Maple Farm Inc (MA); T-Andrew L. Simoff. \$1,500 Ylg '14 OBSWIN.

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9th-GRM, \$35,000, (S), 5-7, (C), 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 1:47.00, sf.
WILLISVILLE (g, 4, Grand Reserve--Naturally, by Thunder Gulch)
 Lifetime Record: SP, 7-2-0-1, \$47,212. O-Jean L. Rofe; B-Bertram
 R. Firestone (VA); T-Jean L. Rofe.

5th-PEN, \$33,040, 5-8, (NW1X), 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:46.89, ft.
D T GOODIE (c, 3, Jump Start--Free Strike, by Smart Strike)
 Lifetime Record: 7-3-2-1, \$89,290. O-Robert Atkinson; B-Donald
 Clifford Wilson (PA); T-Carl Doran. *1/2 to Escrow Kid (City
 Place), MSP, \$514,609.

6th-PEN, \$31,616, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 5-8, 3yo/up,
 f/m, 1m 70y, 1:44.48, ft.
SICK LOVE (f, 4, Where's the Ring--Cosa Rara, by Tethra)
 Lifetime Record: 20-4-4-3, \$104,363. O-Scott H. Fairlie; B-Hard
 Eight Stables Inc. & Ace Racing (ON); T-Bruce M. Kravets. *Full to
 Cawaja Beach, MSW, \$274,430; and Who's Big Daddy, SW,
 \$263,756; 1/2 to Professor's Ride (Silent Name {Jpn}), SW,
 \$204,062.

6th-PRM, \$30,500, 5-8, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:45.47,
 ft.
**WOLF CITY (f, 4, Ile St. Louis {Chi}--Exotic Bird, by Awesome
 Again)** Lifetime Record: 15-2-2-6, \$68,297. O-Wildwood Farms,
 Inc.; B-James H. Glover (AR); T-Kenny P. Smith. *Full to Ile St.
 Molly, MSW & GSP, \$187,130.

4th-LS, \$23,000, 5-8, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39.26, ft.
**LONESOME WIND (g, 4, Grasshopper--Dehere's Dream, by
 Dehere)** Lifetime Record: 16-3-4-3, \$60,932. O/B-Fletcher
 Properties, Inc. (TX); T-Robert A. Young.

8th-LS, \$22,000, 5-8, (NW2L), 3/4yo, 5 1/2f, 1:04.89, ft.
**TASTE'S SECRET (g, 3, Taste of Paradise--Girl Secrets, by Twin
 Spires)** Lifetime Record: 12-2-4-1, \$53,307. O/B-David Bloom
 (KY); T-Mindy J. Willis. \$7,000 RNA Ylg '14 ARZNOV.

7th-LS, \$22,000, 5-8, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 7 1/2fT, 1:27.70, fm.
**PEGGY'S STAR (g, 5, Star Dabbler--Slew Peggy Slew, by
 Evansville Slew)** Lifetime Record: 27-5-3-2, \$93,882.
 O-Raymond Todd White & Duane Coker; B-Donald Schrage (IA);
 T-Karl Broberg. *1/2 to Beware the Devil (Devil His Due), MSW,
 \$235,614.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+Eileen, f, 2, **Idiot Proof--Shonetonian**, by Sky White. HST, 5-8,
 3 1/2f, :40.89. B-Ardenne Whieldon (BC). *C\$10,000 Ylg '15
 BRCSEP.

Zena Rules, f, 3, **A. P. Warrior--Tiger On the Green**, by Tiger
 Ridge. GP, 5-8, 1m, 1:38.65. B-Linda S. Rosenblatt (FL). *\$4,000
 RNA Ylg '14 OBSWIN.

Firestar, f, 3, **Here Comes Ben--Dancin On Broadway**, by
 Menifee. BEL, 5-8, (S), (C), 7f (off turf), 1:27.47. B-McMahon of
 Saratoga Thoroughbreds, LLC (NY). *\$37,000 Wlg '13 KEENOV;
 \$42,000 Ylg '14 SARAUG. *1/2 to Forever Utopia (Utopia

{Jpn}), SP, \$259,293.

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Erratic Behavior, f, 3, **Jafmil--Pulpinit**, by Pulpit. PRM, 5-8, (S),
 6f, 1:12.46. B-Joseph Robson Thoroughbreds (IA). *\$1,300 Ylg
 '14 IOWOCT.

What Power, c, 3, **Proud Citizen--Langara Lass** (MSW & GSP,
 \$190,418), by Langfuhr. LRL, 5-8, 1 1/16mT, 1:48.85. B-Ray
 Hanson (KY). *\$60,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP. **Full to Battlefield
 Angel, SW & GISP, \$149,030.

Spinner, c, 4, **Hard Spun--Inny River**, by Seattle Slew. BEL, 5-8,
 (C), 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:45.35. B-Equine Equity Partners, LLC
 (KY). *\$200,000 Wlg '12 KEENOV; \$360,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP.
 **Full to Inny Minnie, MGSP, \$186,610; 1/2 to Montgomery's
 Arch (Arch), GSW & G1SP-Eng, \$228,229; and Welcome Inn
 (Orientate), SW, \$137,656.

Middle Road, g, 4, **Outflanker--Norelands**, by Irish River (Fr).
 GRM, 5-7, 1mT, 1:48.00. B-Bonita Farm (MD). *1/2 to
 Flowerdrum (Mister Baileys {GB}), GSW-Aus, \$208,782; and
 Avanti Avanti (Royal Academy), SP, \$196,145.



Rodie, g, 4, **Stephen Got Even--Ballade's Joy**, by Devil His Due.
 GRM, 5-7, 1mT, 1:46.00. B-Rose Burns & Lawrence G.
 McDade (WV).

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Artificier, c, 4, **Lemon Drop Kid**. See "France."



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WEEKLY WRAP WITH CHRIS MCGRATH



Port Douglas & US Army Ranger | *Racing Post*

If a lot of people were in far too much of a hurry to anoint **US Army Ranger (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) as a champion in the making, then it is the colt himself who is now paying an undeserved price. Yes, the hype about a mere maiden winner was so premature as to be nearly distasteful. But much the same now applies to the resentment infecting much opinion of the colt's G1 Investec Derby prospects, following his struggle to master his stablemate **Port Douglas (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) in the G3 MBNA Chester Vase last Thursday.

Regardless of the various available extenuations, you can nearly guarantee that any horse that moves like that--at any rate one with such antecedents, in pedigree and schooling--will someday end up a bona fide Group 1 performer. Having won his debut in heavy going, his buoyancy over the drying turf of the Roodee was such that you could have strewn eggs in his path and found yourself no further in the preparation of an omelette. For almost the entire race everything went like clockwork, to the extent that watching the replay you still expect him to pick up and go away in the short straight. As it was, he only scrambled home in a photo. A couple of the others having pulled themselves to a standstill, the Ballydoyle pair ended up miles clear--ultimately giving the race the look of a rather cryptic piece of work back at home.

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'CLOTH' TAKES GREFFULHE

Beaten twice by **Robin of Navan (Fr)** (American Post {GB}) last term, Godolphin's **Cloth of Stars (Ire)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}) finally managed to reverse form with that rival and secure a place in the line-up for either the June 4 G1 Investec Epsom Derby or June 5 G1 Prix du Jockey Club at Chantilly. Successful in the G3 Prix des Chenes over a mile at Longchamp in September before finishing third to Robin of Navan in the G3 Prix de Conde over an extra furlong at Chantilly in October and second behind him in the G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud over this trip, the bay had been sharpened with a win in the G3 Prix la Force also over this track and trip Apr. 3. Settled fourth of the five by Mickael Barzalona early, he was wound up out wide in the straight and surged past his old adversary with a furlong remaining into the clear. [Cont. p3](#)

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THE WEEKLY WRAP by Chris McGrath



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The indignities then endured by their trainer began with a television inquisition even before he had heard from his jockeys, which he negotiated with his usual courtesy; and continued in the stewards' room with a still more vexing interview,

over the riding of the runner-up. The officials were probably concerned simply to demonstrate their vigilance, and had the sense to leave it there. The fact is that the winner was himself ridden with sensible restraint, and the fast-tracking of an inexperienced Derby colt is too delicate a business, and too important, to be sacrificed to that most precious and querulous of creatures, the punter.

Putting this sideshow where it belongs, the fact is that Port Douglas enjoyed the run of the race--always a lavish benefit round those bends--and anyhow represents a perfectly respectable yardstick: already an accomplished and seasoned performer, and eligible for major improvement at this distance. At the same time, however little forgiveness he requires as a result, US Army Ranger left the strong impression that he retains the raw potential to pack a still bigger punch at Epsom.

Somehow Acquires Know-How...

It is not just US Army Ranger who has failed to pass muster with pundits. Though the premier trial has still to be run, the whole Derby is already being dismissed as miserably below standard. Nobody peddles this line more eagerly than proponents of the deeply eccentric notion that **Minding (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) should be diverted from the G1 Investec Oaks to take on the colts. This scheme appears to have no traceable provenance beyond the media and bookmakers, who evidently



Somehow | Racing Post

expect the filly's owners to deprive a number of potential stallions in their own colours of a possible Derby success. Minding will have to prove her stamina even to beat her own sex at Epsom, of course, but her owners now have belt as well as braces following the success of **Somehow (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) in her own trial at Chester. Just like her stablemate the next day, she narrowly landed short odds on her first start outside maiden company; and, similarly, found herself rewarded only with disparagement.

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But this was the perfect example of why Aidan O'Brien brings callow 3-year-olds to this helter-skelter racecourse.

Somehow was on and off the bridle at the rear and looked to be on the wrong leg turning out of the back. But then she switched leads, filled her sails and got a lovely educational passage through the field to take charge late on.



Seventh Heaven | Racing Post

The daughter of Alexandrova (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) is bred for the job and, guaranteed to take a big step forward for this experience, looks extremely fairly priced for the Oaks at 20-1.

Another Ballydoyle filly won her trial in workmanlike fashion at Lingfield on Saturday, albeit Ryan Moore felt that **Seventh Heaven (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) was not at home over the kind of going and contours she can expect at Epsom. The colts' version, likewise contested by just five runners at a diffident gallop, was won by **Humphrey Bogart (Ire)** (Tagula {Ire})--a stablemate of **Viren's Army (Ire)** (Twirling Candy), who had just held out in the Listed Betdaq Dee S. the previous day. These two had filled the frame behind **So Mi Dar (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) at Epsom last month, confirming that filly as the most obvious threat to a Ballydoyle monopoly in the Oaks. Cont. p3

Stiffer Test May Suit Godolphin Pair...

The increasingly amorphous Godolphin operation was the big winner in the latest round of trials, two of its many trainers nowadays producing Classic prospects on Sunday in both Dublin and Paris.

The G3 Derrinstown Trial has admittedly lost much of its lustre since the turn of the decade, but Jim Bolger seemed convinced that **Moonlight Magic (GB)** (Cape Cross {Ire}) has authentic Derby calibre after watching him leave behind a discouraging reappearance over the same course last month. Both the going and the form of his stable were dramatically improved this time, and this grandson of the great Urban Sea shapes as though the extra distance of a Derby will draw further improvement.



Moonlight Magic | *Racing Post*

It was a curious race, all the same, the pacemakers appearing to set a strong gallop yet closely tracked by the eventual winner and eventually holding out for a close fourth and fifth. The two Ballydoyle colts who made the frame from off the pace can perhaps be

marked up as a result, especially the raking **'TDN Rising Star' Idaho (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), who had so caught the eye on his comeback. He made up much the most ground of the principals to take third and, while not showing the expected zest on this better ground, has the height and range to keep progressing this season--even if connections decide not to ask him to fling his limbs up hill and down dale at Epsom.

Cloth Of Stars (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) is by the half-brother of Moonlight Magic's dam and produced a not dissimilar display for Andre Fabre in the G2 Prix Greffulhe at Saint-Cloud. On the face of it, he rather wore his rivals down, but he pricked his ears once hitting the front and could well thrive for a more sustained test if supplemented for Epsom.

Later on the same card **One Foot In Heaven (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Ire}) confirmed himself a rising star over middle distances in the G3 Prix d'Hedouville, no less than you would hope of a son of the top-class Pride (Fr) (Peintre Celebre). But **Harlem (GB)** (Champs Elysees {GB}) once again shaped well, staying on for second after being caught flat-footed. He has very few miles on the clock and gives the impression that he is gradually piecing it all together.

Among the more established older horses, however, the big marker of the week was laid down by **'TDN Rising Star' Found (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) in the G3 Camelot EBF Mooresbridge S. at The Curragh on Monday. Her comeback spin in the mud had been a non-event and she duly looked much more recognisably a Breeders' Cup winner this time.

Two Old Masters and a Young Gun...

A footnote is more than they deserve, but hats off to two trainers, at very different stages of their careers, for ensuring that Ballydoyle will have to be on its mettle even to beat the home team in the first Irish Classics. **Awtaad (Ire)** (Cape Cross {Ire}), trained by the 83-year-old Kevin Prendergast, was a comfortable winner of his 2000 Guineas rehearsal at The Curragh on Monday. A most imposing colt, he should be better again over the extra furlong. Among the fillies, meanwhile, **Now Or Never (Ire)** (Bushranger {Ire}) promised to take her young trainer, Michael O'Callaghan, to new heights when opening right up in the straight in the G3 1000 Guineas trial at Leopardstown on Sunday.

O'Callaghan's new partnership with Kieren Fallon is one of the more intriguing elements of the new season, and it was edifying to see the veteran rider back in the winner's enclosure at Chester during the week. Fallon admits that he was not in a good place last season, and some quixotic cameos in the US seemed more or less to have sealed his disappearance from the European scene. Apart from everything else he has achieved, however, the six-time champion jockey is credited--during his stint at Ballydoyle--with persuading Aidan O'Brien that Chester was the ideal place to educate an Epsom 3-year-old. If he can win a Classic for his new boss, then, perhaps those who have written Fallon off will repent of having done the same to the latest to benefit from that legacy, in Somehow and US Army Ranger.

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'Cloth' Takes Greffulhe Cont. from p1

Sunday, Saint-Cloud, France

PRIX GREFFULHE-G2, €130,000, SCD, 5-8, 3yo, c/f, 10fT, 2:03.70, gd.

1--CLOTH OF STARS (IRE), 128, c, 3, by Sea the Stars (Ire)

1st Dam: Strawberry Fledge, by Kingmambo

2nd Dam: Lingerie (GB), by Shirley Heights (GB)

3rd Dam: Northern Trick, by Northern Dancer

(400,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT). O-Godolphin SNC; B-Peter Anastasiou (IRE); T-Andre Fabre; J-Mickael Barzalona.

€74,100. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Fr, 6-4-1-1, €235,750. **Click**

for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#). Werk Nick Rating:

A+++. *Triple Plus*.

2--**Robin of Navan (Fr)**, 128, c, 3, American Post (GB)--Cloghran (Fr), by Muhtathir (GB). (€10,000 Ylg '14 AROCT; €47,000 2yo '15 ARMA). O-Cross, Deal, Foden, Sieff; B-Mme Monique Lepeudry (FR); T-Harry Dunlop. €28,600.

3--**Kidmenever (Ire)**, 128, c, 3, Baltic King (GB)--Pepys Tillergirl (Ire), by Tillerman (GB). (€10,000 2yo '15 GBMBR). O-Gerard Augustin-Normand, Mme Elisabeth Vidal & Fabrice Vermeulen; B-George S O'Malley (IRE); T-Fabrice Vermeulen. €13,500.

Margins: 2HF, HF, HD. Odds: 1.30, 1.50, 20.90.

Also Ran: Apilobar (Fr), Le Juge (Ire). [Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#) [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

"We now know that the Prix du Jockey Club is a serious possibility, but there is also Epsom so we'll see how he trains between now and then," John Ferguson said. "The jockey said that the faster they go, the better he settles and there should be



Cloth Of Stars | Scoop Dyga

sufficient pace for him at Group 1 level. Andre [Fabre] thinks a fast mile-and-a-half will suit him, so he will guide us where to go." Strawberry Fledge is a full-sister to the G1 Epsom Oaks heroine Light Shift (Kingsmambo) and a half to the G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup winning champion mare Shiva

(Jpn) (Hector Protector), while the third dam is the French champion and G1 Prix de Diane and G1 Prix Vermeille-scoring Northern Trick. Cloth of Stars (Ire) is kin to a 2-year-old colt named Apollonian (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}) and a yearling filly by the same sire.

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Sunday, Saint-Cloud, France

PRIX D'HEDOUVILLE-G3, €80,000, SCD, 5-8, 4yo/up, 12fT, 2:34.16, gd.

1--**@ONE FOOT IN HEAVEN (IRE)**, 122, c, 4, by [Fastnet Rock \(Aus\)](#)

1st Dam: Pride (Fr) (2x Hwt. Older Mare-Eng at 9.5-11f, 2x Hwt. Older Mare-Fr at 11-14f, Hwt. Older Mare-Fr at 9.5-11f, G1SW-Eng, Fr & HK, \$3,915,220), by Peintre Celebre

2nd Dam: Specificity, by Alleged

3rd Dam: Mander, by Vaguely Noble (Ire)

O-Fair Salinia Ltd; B-Craigavon Agro Ltd (IRE); T-Alain de Royer-Dupre; J-Christophe Soumillon. €40,000. Lifetime Record: 6-4-0-1, €95,250. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++.** *Triple Plus*. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Harlem (GB)**, 121, c, 4, [Champs Elysees \(GB\)](#)--Casual (GB), by Nayef. O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-Andre Fabre. €16,000.

3--**Grey Lion (Ire)**, 121, c, 4, [Galileo \(Ire\)](#)--Grey Lilas (Ire), by Danehill. O/B-Gestut Ammerland (IRE); T-Andre Fabre. €12,000.

Margins: 1, HD, 3/4. Odds: 1.90, 2.70, 7.30.

Also Ran: Tiberian (Fr), Golden Wood (Fr), Lady of Kyushu, Havana Moon. [Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#) [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

Coming to the fore when winning the Listed Prix Lord Seymour over this trip at Maisons-Laffitte on his latest outing Apr. 19, One Foot In Heaven

mastered this next rise in class with considerable aplomb to book a ticket to the July 3 G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud in which his esteemed dam famously upset Hurricane Run (Ire) 10 years ago.



One Foot In Heaven | Scoop Dyga

Anchored with one behind early, the bay was angled wide by Christophe Soumillon to challenge in the final quarter mile and responded to one smack to rush to the lead with 150 metres remaining. Surging clear before being allowed to cruise to the line, he was comfortably on top there to earn plaudits from Pride's trainer Alain de Royer-Dupre. "He is improving all the time and could be a good horse one day--he reminds me more and more of his mother and has a kick like her," he said. "He will be aimed at the Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud and maybe the [June 5] G2 Grand Prix de Chantilly in between, but not if the ground is too firm." One Foot In Heaven is the fourth to race and the best out of his champion dam, whose half-sister is the G3 Prix de Flore winner Fate (Fr) (Teofilo {Ire}) and the juvenile winner Specifically (Sky Classic). The latter gained her place in history as the dam of the G1 1000 Guineas heroine Speciosa (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), while the third dam Mander captured the G3 Princess Royal S. and was responsible for the St Leger hero Touching Wood. This family is that of the brilliant speed influence Bold Ruler. Pride also has an as-yet unraced 3-year-old colt Man of Honor (Ire) (Raven's Pass), a 2-year-old filly by Lawman (Fr) named Speciality (Fr) and a yearling colt by Reliable Man (GB).

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Sunday, Leopardstown, Ireland

DERRINSTOWN STUD DERBY TRIAL S.-G3, €100,000, LEP, 5-8, 3yo, 10fT, 2:07.74, gd.

1--**@MOONLIGHT MAGIC (GB)**, 129, c, 3, by **Cape Cross (Ire)**
1st Dam: Melikah (Ire) (SW-Eng, G1SP-Eng & Ire, \$125,309),
by Lammtarra
2nd Dam: Urban Sea, by Miswaki
3rd Dam: Allegretta (GB), by Lombard (Ger)
 O-Godolphin; B-Darley (GB); T-Jim Bolger; J-Kevin Manning.
 €59,000. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$111,716. *1/2 to
 Masterstroke (GB) (Monsun {Ger}), GSW & G1SP-Fr, \$871,109;
 and Hidden Gold (Ire) (Shamardal), SW & MGSP-Eng,
 \$211,205. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)
Werk Nick Rating: A++.

2--**Shogun (Ire)**, 129, c, 3, [Fastnet Rock \(Aus\)](#)--Perihelion (Ire), by
 Galileo (Ire). (€400,000 Ylg '14 GOFORB). O-D Smith/Mrs
 Magnier/M Tabor/Mrs O'Brien; B-Whisperview Trading Ltd
 (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien. €20,000.

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3--**Idaho (Ire)**, 129, c, 3, [Galileo \(Ire\)](#)--Hveger (Aus), by Danehill.
'TDN Rising Star' (750,000gns Ylg '14 TATOCT). O-Michael
 Tabor, Derrick Smith & Susan Magnier; B-Hveger Syndicate
 (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien. €10,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, HF, SHD. Odds: 6.00, 3.33, 1.88.
 Also Ran: Beacon Rock (Ire), Saafarr (GB), Lieutenant General
 (Ire), Tirmizi (Fr), Ventura Storm (Ire). [Click for the Racing Post
 result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)
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On a day when Godolphin's Derby challenge strengthened considerably, Jim Bolger's Moonlight Magic took this often-vital



Moonlight Magic | Racing Post

prep for the blue riband to follow where Andre Fabre's Cloth of Stars (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}) had led in the G2 Prix Greffulhe earlier in the afternoon. Successful from the subsequently listed-placed Embiran (Ire) (Shamardal) on debut over seven furlongs at

Cork in mid-October, Moonlight Magic had gone to the Listed Eyrefield S. over nine furlongs here just eight days later and doubled his tally to promote his Classic claims but was only fifth in the G3 Ballysax S. staged on heavy ground over this course and distance on his comeback Apr. 10. Bouncing back on this faster terrain to regain the winning thread, the homebred pointed the way towards Epsom on the first Saturday in June for a Derby that is lacking a stand-out after the first raft of trials and with a G1 2000 Guineas winner who is staying in mile territory.

Settled in third early with an adequate even pace carved out by stablemate **Saafarr (GB)** (Teofilo {Ire}), the bay was driven to the lead at the furlong marker in a typically no-nonsense ride by Kevin Manning and stayed on strongly as Shogun and the favourite Idaho emerged. "I've always thought an awful lot of this horse and he disappointed me here the last day, but the ground was very heavy and he's got back to where I thought he was," his rider said. "I think stepping up another two furlongs won't inconvenience him and might bring out more in him. He's perhaps more of a Curragh horse than an Epsom horse, but he's got a big future."

Trainer Jim Bolger was leaving no ambiguity as to where he thinks Moonlight Magic should head next. "I think he can go anywhere, but I'll have to talk to the Godolphin people and arrive at a consensus. If it were left to me, I'd be keen to go to Epsom," he said. "I've always liked him and I got it wrong here the last day when we paid the price for him not being at the top of his game. He's a very classy horse who will stay a mile and a

half, but I wouldn't mind dropping him back to a mile either as he has plenty of toe. He's as good today as St Jovite was when he won the same race and he's a proper Derby horse." Aidan O'Brien said of the second and third, "They ran well. I think you'd have to say Idaho and Shogun would get a mile and a half looking at that, as they weren't stopping at the line." Arguably the finest-bred runner of the day, the winner is a son of Melikah (Ire) (Lammtarra)

who is one of eight black-type winners out of the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner and outstanding producer Urban Sea and like another of those in Sea the Stars (Ire), shares Cape Cross as a sire. Melikah, who placed in the 2000 G1 English and Irish Oaks and has produced the G2 Grand Prix de Deauville hero Masterstroke (Monsun {Ger}), is also the granddam of the G2 UAE Derby and G3 UAE Oaks-winning Khawlah (Ire), also by Cape Cross. Moonlight Magic's relative Galileo (Ire) also won this by a similar margin prior to his Epsom exploits and he has a 2-year-old half-brother by Dubawi (Ire) named Meistersinger (GB) and a yearling half-sister by the same sire to come.



Jim Bolger | Racing Post

DERRINSTOWN STUD 1000 GUINEAS TRIAL S.-G3, €60,000,
LEP, 5-4, 3yo, f, 8ft, 1:42.09, gd.

1--**#@NOW OR NEVER (IRE), 126, f, 3, by Bushranger (Ire)**

1st Dam: Queenofthefairies (GB), by Pivotal (GB)

2nd Dam: Land of Dreams (GB), by Cadeaux Genereux (GB)

3rd Dam: Sahara Star (GB), by Green Desert

(10,000gns RNA Ylg '14; £42,000 2yo '15 DONBRE). O-Now Or Never Partnership; B-Tally-Ho Stud (IRE); T-Michael O'Callaghan; J-Kieren Fallon, €35,400. Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-0, \$96,563. **Werk Nick Rating: B+. Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)**

2--**Radiantly (GB), 126, f, 3, Aussie Rules--Eccentricity, by Kingmambo. O/B-Niarchos Family (GB); T-Willie McCreery. €12,000.**

3--**Emergent (GB), 126, f, 3, [Oasis Dream \(GB\)](#)--Trojan Queen, by Empire Maker. O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-Dermot Weld. €6,000.**

Margins: 1 3/4, 6, HF. Odds: 1.63, 3.50, 7.00.

Also Ran: Siamsaiocht (Ire), Misty Millie (Ire), Kind of Magic (Ire). **Click for the [Racing Post result](#) or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#) [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

With the prospect of facing Minding (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the May 22 G1 Irish 1000 Guineas at The Curragh, there is hardly a rush to join the line up, but Now Or Never at least looks a worthy opponent for Ballydoyle's class act after this rout. Racing exclusively at seven furlongs after her debut, the bay was impressive when off the mark at the Galway festival in July before finishing second to Herald the Dawn (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}) in The Curragh's G2 Futurity S. in August and flopping when last of nine in the G1 Moyglare Stud S. back in Kildare the following month. Returning to be runner-up in the



Now Or Never | *Racing Post*

G3 Leopardstown 1000 Guineas Trial Apr. 10, where the subsequent G1 1000 Guineas third Alice Springs (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) was 2 3/4 lengths back in third, she proved that this Classic mile trip held no fears to gain rave reviews from a revived Kieren Fallon.

Tracking the leading duo against the rail early, she was unleashed on the outer turning in and after quickly gaining command bounded clear from the quarter pole. Eased down in the final furlong to flatter the staying-on Radiantly, with daylight back to Emergent in third, Now Or Never will enter her clash with the Newmarket Classic heroine with confidence high and a jockey with big expectations.

"I was actually disappointed when she beaten earlier in the year, but she enjoyed this better ground today and really accelerated," Fallon explained. "We've always liked her and with the exception of Russian Rhythm, she'd be as good as any of the rest of the 1000 Guineas winners I've ridden."

Trainer Michael O'Callaghan added, "I was a bit taken aback by it. Coming round the bend she was on the wrong lead and she switched her legs in the straight and just quickened up. The manner in which Kieren eased her down near the line was great to see. She does not show a lot at home. Blue de Vega (Ger) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) is a very good horse, I've always had him as my best in training and she's up there but she's so laid-back and today she looked half asleep. It's proper good ground out there and we've seen her at her best."

Now Or Never's second dam, the MGSW Land of Dreams, is responsible for the G1 July Cup, G1 Prix Morny, G1 Middle Park S. and G1 Prix de la Foret hero Dream Ahead (Diktat {GB}). Like that pair, the third dam Sahara Star also showed dash to win the G3 Molecomb S. and her granddaughter Princess Noor (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) also proved fast and precocious when capturing the G3 Princess Margaret S. O'Callaghan admitted to being concerned beforehand as to the trip.

"With her pedigree from the family of Dream Ahead, we were not sure she'd get a mile but she got it very well today and I'd imagine a mile will be her optimum trip," he added. "She will go to The Curragh [for the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas] and on good ground will take her chance."

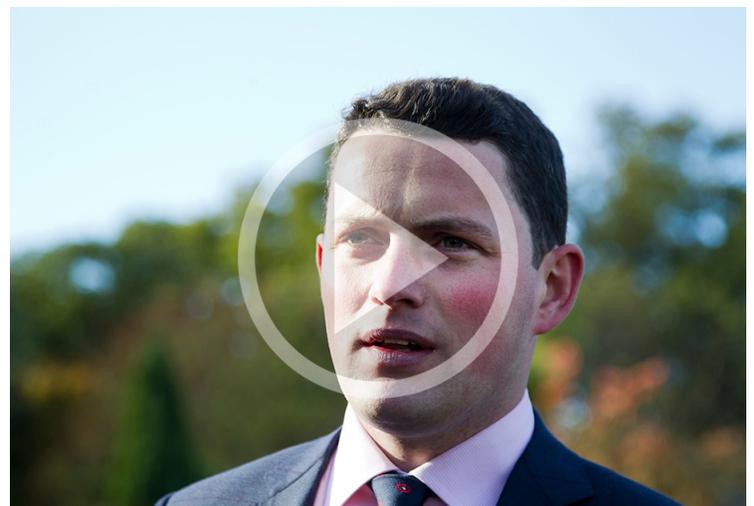
Queenofthefairies also has an as-yet unnamed 2-year-old filly by Zebedee (GB).

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Sunday, Leopardstown, Ireland

AMETHYST S.-G3, €60,000, LEP, 5-8, 3yo/up, 8fT, 1:40.32, gd.

1--**STEIP AMACH (IRE)**, 132, f, 4, by [Vocalised](#)

1st Dam: Ceist Eile (Ire), by **Noverre**

2nd Dam: Sharafanya (Ire), by **Zafonic**

3rd Dam: Sharamana (Ire), by **Darshaan (GB)**

O-Mrs J S Bolger; B/T-Jim Bolger (Ire); J-Kevin Manning. €35,400. Lifetime Record: 18-2-1-5, \$140,828. *1/2 to Ceisteach (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}), GSW-US & SP-Ire, \$235,665. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

Werk Nick Rating: C+.

2--**Cougar Mountain (Ire)**, 138, h, 5, [Fastnet Rock \(Aus\)](#)--

Descant, by Nureyev. O-Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier & Mrs A M O'Brien; B-Whisperview Trading Ltd (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien. €12,000.

3--**In My Pocket (Ire)**, 135, c, 4, [Dubawi \(Ire\)](#)--Hidden Silver (GB), by Anabaa. (290,000gns RNA Ylg '13 TAOCT).

O/B-Sunderland Holdings Inc (IRE); T-John Oxx. €6,000.

Margins: SHD, 2, 1. Odds: 14.00, 3.00, 16.00.

Also Ran: Brendan Brackan (Ire), Alphonsus (GB), Sruthan (Ire), Queen Catrine (Ire), Custom Cut (Ire). [Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

[Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

Steip Amach, who took the G3 Killavullan S. over seven furlongs here in October 2014, showed what a strong constitution she possessed when largely holding her form throughout a 10-race campaign last season and this was a fourth outing of 2016. Third in the Listed Victor McCalmont Memorial S. over an extended nine-furlong trip at Gowran Park Apr. 24 and second in Monday's G3 Athasi S. reverting to seven furlongs at The Curragh, the bay raced in second throughout the early



Steip Amach | *Racing Post*

stages before being committed on the front end by Kevin Manning approaching the final furlong. Hunted down and passed for 100 yards by Cougar Mountain, the homebred rallied gamely against the fence to wrest back the

advantage in the final stride. "She's a trier. I felt she's a better filly this year, but the ground has been very bad on her previous two runs," breeder, owner and trainer Jim Bolger commented. "With the better ground, I think we got a better result from her. I'd love to keep her as a broodmare, as she'd be very easy to mate. I would say the big target is the [G1] Matron S. [at Leopardstown Sept. 10] at the end of the year and that might just be the race for her, and maybe a trip to the July Course for the [G1] Falmouth [S. at Newmarket July 8]."

Steip Amach, whose half-sister Fiuntach (Ire) (Intense Focus) won at Wexford on Saturday, is also a half to the GIII Robert G Dick Memorial winner Ceisteach (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}) from the extended family of Shergar (GB). Her dam also has a 2-year-old filly Fidaaha (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}).

Sunday, Cologne, Germany

81ST GERLING-PREIS-G2, €70,000, COL, 5-8, 4yo/up, 12fT, 2:25.33, gd.

1--**ITO (GER)**, 132, h, 4, by [Adlerflug \(Ger\)](#)

1st Dam: Iota (Ger) (G1SW-Ger, \$254,063), by **Tiger Hill (Ire)**

2nd Dam: Iora (Ger), by **Konigsstuhl (Ger)**

3rd Dam: Incitation (Ger), by **Be My Guest**

O/B-Gestut Schlenderhan (GER); T-Jean-Pierre Carvalho; J-Filip Minarik. €40,000. Lifetime record: 12-7-1-1, €251,650. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#) **Werk Nick Rating: C+.**

2--**Sirius (Ger)**, 126, h, 5, Dashing Blade (GB)--Saratina (Ire), by Monsun (Ger). (€15,000 Ylg '12 BBAGS). O-Stall Molenhof; B-Gestut Etzean (GER); T-Andreas Lowe. €15,500.

3--**Fair Mountain (Ger)**, 126, c, 4, Tiger Hill (Ire)--Fair Breeze (Ger), by Silvano (Ger). O-Stall Margarethe; B-Margrit Wetzel (GER); T-Andreas Wohler. €8,000.

Margins: 3/4, 4, 2. Odds: 0.80, 2.60, 14.90.

Also Ran: Early Morning (Ger), Eric (Ger), Shadow Sadness (Ger), Night Wish (Ger), Vif Monsieur (Ger), Shivajia (Ger). [Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

Springing to prominence early last season, Ito took Hoppegarten's Listed Grosser Preis der Gesundheitswirtschaft over 10 furlongs in April and the G2 Grosser Preis der Badischen Unternehmer over 11 furlongs at Baden-Baden in June by an aggregate margin of nine lengths before being overhauled late on by Second Step (Ire) (Dalakhani {Ire}) when runner-up in the G1 Grosser Preis von Berlin back at Hoppegarten in August. Fourth in the G1 Preis von Europa over this course and distance in September, the bay put the G1 Grosser Preis von Baden winner Prince Gibraltar (Fr) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}) firmly in his place next time when making all in Munich's G1 Grosser Preis von Bayern at the start of November before trailing in last of the 18 that contested the G1 Japan Cup four weeks later. Soon in front in customary fashion on this return, the homebred was always doing enough to stay in control despite wandering around up the centre of the track in the home straight to defy his penalty as Sirius ran a solid race in defeat. Ending 2015 as champion older male in Germany, Ito is a son of the G1 Preis der Diana (German Oaks) heroine Iota, a half to the GSW Illo (Ger) (Tertullian). Also included in this family are the G2 Mehl-Mulhens-Rennen (German 2000 Guineas) winner Irian (Ger) (Tertullian) and the German champion Idrissa (Ger). Ito's siblings include an as-yet unraced 3-year-old filly by Galileo (Ire) named Igraine (Ger) and a yearling filly Indah (Ger) (Dabirsim {Fr}).

Sunday, Capanelle, Italy

PREMIO PRESIDENTE DELLA REPUBBLICA GBI - G2, €204,750, CAP, 5-8, 4up, 9ft, 1:48.3, gd.

1--#**@DIPLOMAT (GER), 128, h, 5 by Teofilo (ire)**

1st Dam: Desidera (Ire) (GSW-Ger \$222,864), by Shaadi

2nd Dam: Diasprina (Ger) (SW-Ger), by Aspros (Ger)

3rd Dam: Dorle (Ger) (SP-Ger), by Rheffic (Fr).

(€55,000 Ylg '12 BBAG). O-Eckhard Sauer; B-Gestut Rottgen - Ire; T-Mario Hofer; J-Dario Vargiu. €79,275. Lifetime Record:

28-7-3-7 €179,875. *1/2 to Dickens (Ger) (Kallisto {Ger}) SW & G1SP-Ger \$192,889; and to Daressalam (Ger) (Singspiel {Ire}) SW-Ger \$35,647. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++.** *Triple Plus*

Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--**Circus Couture (Ire), 128, c, 4, Intikhab--Bois Joli (Ire), by Orpen. O-Scuderia Effevi; B-Azienda Agricola Mariano (Ire); T-Alduino & Stefano Botti. €36,400.**

3--**Saint Bernard (GB), 128, h,7, Three Valleys--Fracci (GB), by Raise A Cup. (€18,000 Ylg '10 SGASEL). O-Scuderia Colle Papa; B-Grundy Bloodstock; T- Simone Langiano. €20,300.**

Margins: 3, 3/4, 2. Odds: 10.66, 0.75, 48.09.

Also Ran: Porsenna (Ire), Kaspersky (Ire), Celticus (Ire). Lodovico II Moro (Ire) DNF. **Click for the Racing Post chart or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Click for Hippoweb Video.**

The Premio Presidente Della Repubblica, downgraded this year from Group 1 to Group 2, returned a disappointing result for Italian racing. Circus Couture and Kaspersky (Ire) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}), the highest-rated horses in the country at this time, couldn't match the German raider Diplomat. The Mario Hofer trainee is a six-time winner in his home country and ran a game race last time when third in the G3 Fruhjahrsmeile at Dusseldorf Apr. 10, but until now had never won a stakes race. The Italian jockey had the colt in a perfect striking position, while the early leader Celticus (Ire) (Stroll) set the pace and gave way to eventual runner-up Circus Couture 600 metres from home. Diplomat moved out for clear running room at the 400-metre pole and ran down Circus Couture to score easily. The veteran Saint Bernard recaptured some of his sparkle to snatch third place following a long layoff.

"The third place was our target, but the race set up perfectly for Diplomat and jockey Dario Vargiu found the right solution. Diplomat is just a step below the best horses in Germany over 1600/2000 metres," said Peter Franceschini, representing the owner Eckhard Sauer. Diplomat is from one of the best female lines developed by historic Gestut Rottgen. His dam Desidera delivered the G1 German Derby runner up Dickens (Ger) (Kallisto {Ger}) and is out of Diasprina (Ger) (Aspros {Ger}), the third dam of 2011 GI Kentucky Derby hero Animal Kingdom.

LATER RETURN FOR COVERT LOVE

Dual Group 1 winner **Covert Love (Ire)** (Azamour {Ire}) will miss the early part of the season due to a hoof infection. Hugo Palmer was initially hoping the 4-year-old would start off at York this week, but the setback has interrupted her training regime and it could now be Royal Ascot before last year's G1 Darley Irish Oaks and G1 Prix de l'Opera Longines winner makes her return.



Covert Love (farside) winning at Longchamp Scoop Dyga

"She is back cantering and she has put on an awful lot of weight," said Palmer. "The [G1] Prince of Wales's Stakes [June 15] is the obvious starting point for her but we do not have to make

that decision until the week running up to it. She has run well at Ascot and a stiff mile and a quarter would be right up her street. If she doesn't make that, then there is the [G1] Pretty Polly [June 26] at The Curragh," added the trainer.

Palmer is quite happy to let Covert Love take on colts rather than restricting her to races confined to fillies and mares and added, "There are a lot of good fillies around, so why avoid the colts, especially when she gets an allowance? It might be a blessing she hasn't had a busy first half of the year and hopefully she'll pick up plenty of prizemoney this campaign."

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Crops, clashes and cornerstones: the key points to take out of Hong Kong's spring features So the Hong Kong Season is in its final throes. Many of Hong Kong's best horses are now done for the season, put aside until October rolls around and they go through the motions again. It's a never ending cycle. **Andrew Hawkins, South China Morning Post**



Sunday's Results:

1st-LEO, €16,500, Mdn, 5-8, 2yo, 6fT, 1:16.59, gd.

LUNDY (GB) (c, 2, [Fastnet Rock {Aus}](#)--Princess Janie {MSW-US, \$183,570}, by Elusive Quality), eye-catching when runner-up to Ballydoyle's Caravaggio (Scat Daddy) after a slow start on debut over five furlongs at Dundalk Apr. 18, was more professional this time racing in second throughout the early stages. Sent to the front with 1 1/2 furlongs to race, the 38,000gns TATOCT yearling was not asked a serious question en route to a three-length success from Dapper Man (Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire}). Joseph O'Brien, who trains the winner from Piltown, said, "He's always worked well and showed plenty of pace. As he stepped up his work he got better. He ran well behind Caravaggio and finished out his race well. The [G2] Coventry [S. at Royal Ascot June 14], [Listed] Windsor Castle [S. at Royal Ascot June 14] and [G2] Norfolk S. [at Royal Ascot June 16] are options and if you put a gun to my head now I would probably say the Coventry. Today was six furlongs and that is probably his trip, as there is plenty of pace in him. He could go for the [Listed] Marble Hill [S. at The Curragh May 21] or a listed race at Naas [the May 29 Rochestown S.] we would look at in between, as that is the natural progression as there are no other real races for him." The dam, who is a half-sister to the GIII Canadian Oaks and GIII Canadian Derby winner Raylene (Tabasco Cat) from the family of the G1 Middle Park S. and G1 Queen Anne S. hero Ad Valorem (Danzig), also has a yearling filly by Exceed and Excel (Aus). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$14,565. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)
O-D L O'Byrne; B-Rockcliffe Stud (GB); T-Aidan O'Brien.

7th-LEO, €12,000, Mdn, 5-8, 3yo, 12fT, 2:37.00, gd.

COLE PORTER (IRE) (c, 3, [Galileo {Ire}](#)--A Z Warrior {GISW-US, \$286,906}, by Bernardini), who was last seen finishing third in a nine-furlong maiden at Tipperary in October, was sent into the lead from the outset. Kicking into the clear with two furlongs remaining, the 4-6 favourite had done enough to hold on and was in command despite his margin being whittled to a half length by Radar O'Reilly (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}). The first foal out of the high-class G1 Frizette S. heroine, herself a half-sister to last year's GII Summertime Oaks scorer Jojo Warrior (Pioneerof the Nile), Cole Porter has two full-sisters, one a 2-year-old and the other a yearling. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$13,518. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)
O-Triermore Stud & Mrs John Magnier; B-Triermore Stud (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien.

APPOINTMENTS

Russell Ferris: Operations Director, Weatherbys Ireland

- Russell Ferris has been appointed operations director at Weatherbys Ireland. He will be responsible for the administration of the General Stud Book in Ireland as well as developing the commercial operations of the business.
- Ferris, who worked for At The Races and before that was general manager of Limerick Racecourse commented, "It has been a pleasure to work for At The Races over the past two years and I would like to thank Matthew Imi and the team for that opportunity. I'm very much looking forward to joining Weatherbys, one of the most iconic names in the thoroughbred world and to the new exciting challenge ahead."
- Ronan Murphy, chief executive of Weatherbys Ireland commented, "I'm delighted that we have been able to recruit a candidate of Russell's reputation and experience. I'm looking forward to working with him and the rest of the Weatherbys Ireland team as we look to enhance still further our products and services."



Sunday's Results:

2nd-SCD, €34,000, Cond, 5-8, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:40.03, gd.

PRAIRIE PEARL (FR) (f, 3, [Le Havre {Ire}](#)--Prairie Scilla {Ger}, by Dashing Blade {GB}), who prevailed at Fontainebleau in her Apr. 14 sophomore return last time, was slickest from the gate and took immediate hold of this one. Maintaining a cosy buffer into the straight, the 59-10 chance was nudged along approaching the final quarter mile and extended further clear under mild urging in the closing stages to hit the line a comfortable three lengths in advance of Amerindia (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}). Prairie Pearl is half to the 2-year-old colt Panos (Fr) (Panis), and hails from the family of MG1SW German highweights Paolini (Ger) (Lando {Ger}) and Platini (Ger) (Surumu {Ger}). Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, €48,250. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)
O-Sheikh Abdullah bin Khalifa Al Thani; B-Appapays Racing Club (FR); T-Henri-Alex Pantall.

1st-SCD, €34,000, Cond, 5-8, 3yo, c/g, 8fT, 1:40.20, gd.

BLACK MAX (FR) (c, 3, [Fuisse {Fr}](#)--Okapina {Fr} {SP-Fr}, by Okawango) Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0, €41,500. O/B-Haras de Quetieville (FR); T-Henri-Alex Pantall.

French Report Cont.

8th-SCD, €28,000, Cond, 5-8, 4yo, 10fT, 2:08.71, gd.

ARTIFICIER (c, 4, [Lemon Drop Kid](#)--Quiet Royal {GSW & G1SP-Fr, MSW & GSP-US, \$435,783}, by Royal Academy)

Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-2, €29,300. O-Ecurie Cerdeval & Couetil Elevage; B-Wertheimer & Frere (KY); T-Alain Couetil. *1/2 to Quiet Force (Dynaformer), GSW-US, \$308,900.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Vardak (Fr), c, 3, [Dalakhani \(Ire\)](#)--Vadiya (Fr), by Peintre Celebre. LPH, 5-8, 11fT, time: n/a. B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (FR).

Angel de La Gesse (Fr), f, 3, [Dark Angel \(Ire\)](#)--Heaven's Command (GB) (GSW-US, SW & MGSP-Fr, \$327,270), by Priolo. LMG, 5-8, 12fT, 2:25.08. B-Ecurie Skymarc Farm (FR). *€55,000 Ylg '14 ARAUG.

Lourdes (Fr), f, 3, [Le Havre \(Ire\)](#)--Yezidis (Fr), by Ski Chief. LMG, 5-8, 9 1/2fT, 1:50. B-Mme Elisabeth Vidal (FR). *€25,000 RNA Ylg '14 OSLATE.

Galileo's Spear (Fr), c, 3, [Galileo \(Ire\)](#)--Lady Shakespeare (MGSW-US & SW-Can, \$495,608), by Theatrical (Ire). CLU, 5-8, 9 1/2fT. B-Charles E Fipke (FR).

+Phedre (GB), f, 3, [Rock of Gibraltar \(Ire\)](#)--Piping (Ire), by Montjeu (Ire). LPH, 5-8, 11fT, time: n/a. B-Qatar Bloodstock Ltd, Ecurie des Monceaux & Ecurie Skymarc Farm (GB). *€260,000 Ylg '14 ARAUG.

Rappelle Moi (Fr), c, 3, [Slickly \(Fr\)](#)--Rafale Bere (Fr) (SP-Fr), by Verglas (Ire). SCD, 5-8, 8fT, 1:38.98. B-Anton Krauliger (FR).

Oakmont (Fr), c, 3, [Turtle Bowl \(Ire\)](#)--Omega Lake (Ire), by Peintre Celebre. SPC, 5-8, 10 1/2fT, 2:13.56. B-All Along LLC (FR).

Venerable (Fr), f, 3, [Way of Light](#)--Verzasca (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. SPC, 5-8, 10 1/2fT, 2:18.18. B-Cocheese Bloodstock Anstalt & Mme Antoinette Tamagni-Bodmer (FR). *€17,000 Ylg '14 AROCT. **1/2 to Vertana (Ire) (Sinndar {Ire}).

Monday, Chantilly, post time: 3:20 p.m. PRIX VOLTERRA-Listed, €55,000, 3yo, f, 8fT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	La Patria (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Cheminaud	Fabre
2	Powder Snow	Dubawi (Ire)	Veron	Pantall
3	Volta (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	Boudot	Graffard
4	Qatar Power (Fr)	Le Havre (Ire)	Peslier	Head
5	Joiedargent (Fr)	Kendargent (Fr)	Guyon	F Rossi
6	Magnolea (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Soumillon	Rouget
7	Alnajmah (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Eyquem	Rouget
8	Sweet Electra (Fr)	Sea the Stars (Ire)	Jarnet	Bary
9	Saimaa (Ire)	Zoffany (Ire)	Badel	Devin
10	Just Win (Fr)	Mamool (Ire)	Hamelin	M&S Nigge
11	Mademoiselle Flore (GB)	Footstepsinthesand (GB)	Piccone	Chappet

All carry 125 pounds.

No winner of this fledgling distaffers' test has yet to attempt Classic glory, but the race has nonetheless produced subsequent 2010 G1 Prix de l'Opera heroine Lily of the Valley (Fr) (Galileo {Ire}) and MGISP G2 Prix de la Nonette victress Dream Peace (Ire) (Dansili {GB}). Andre Fabre holds the record tally of three renewals and sends forth twice-raced maiden **La Patria** for this open edition. Runner-up over Saint-Cloud's mile in October, Godolphin's homebred chestnut ran sixth when dropped to six panels here last month and is back up in trip immediately. She is joined by fellow Godolphin colourbearer **Powder Snow**, who is unbeaten in two starts since transferring from Charlie Appely to the care of Alex Pantall having prevailed at Royan and Saint-Malo in the space of two weeks last month. Jean-Claude Rouget's haul is one shy of Andre Fabre's on the leaderboard and he is doubly represented with Faisal Salman's **Magnolea**, who won two of three juvenile starts and was a last-out conditions third at Saint-Cloud in March, and Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum's **Alnajmah**, who lost her perfect record when an Apr. 19 fourth at Maisons-Laffitte on sophomore return. **Joiedargent** is unbeaten following wins at Nimes in February and at Lyon-Parilly Apr. 8, as is **Mademoiselle Flore**, who was a two-length debut winner in the mud here two days later. Freddy Head trainee **Qatar Power** is the only nominee with black-type and goes postward off a second in the Listed Prix La Camargo at Saint-Cloud Mar. 20, and a sixth going nine furlongs here in the Apr. 24 Listed Prix Finlande. Such is the open nature of the contest, the remaining four contenders cannot be discounted with each having previously tasted victory.

Monday, Chantilly, post time: 3:55 p.m. PRIX DU

PONT-NEUF-Listed, €55,000, 3yo, 7fT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Schang (Ger)	Contat (Ger)	Minarik	Vovcenko	125
2	Nomadic (Fr)	Duke of Marmalade (Ire)	Pasquier	Bary	121
3	King Malpic (Fr)	King's Best	Peslier	Lemer	125
4	Saryshagann (Fr)	Iffraaj (GB)	Soumillon	Rouget	125
5	Toliman (GB)	Hat Trick (Jpn)	Boudot	A&G Botti	129
6	North End (Fr)	Elusive City	Hamelin	Perruchot	125
7	Nordic Dream (Ire)	Dream Ahead	Cheminaud	Fabre	125
8	Titan Fighter (Fr)	Soldier of Fortune (Ire)	Bachelot	Shavuyev	125
9	Ella Diva (Fr)	Heliostatic (Ire)	C Demuro	Caullery	121
10	Kenshaba (Fr)	Kendargent (Fr)	Thulliez	Clement	121
11	Dhevanafushi (GB)	Kendargent (Fr)	Veron	Pantall	125
12	Bolting	War Front	Jarnet	Graffard	125

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Sunday's Results:

FRUJAHRS-MEILE DES CARL JASPERS

VERSICHERUNGSKONTORS-Listed, €25,000, COL, 5-8, 4yo/up, 8fT, 1:35.51, gd.

1--**WILDPARK (GER)**, 126, g, 5, **Shamardal--Wildfahrte (Ger) (GSP-Ger)**, by **Mark of Esteem (Ire)**. O/B-Gestut Brummerhof (GER); T-Melanie Sauer; J-Filip Minarik. €14,000. Lifetime record: GSP-Ger, 13-6-2-0, €82,600.

2--**Lucky Lion (GB)**, 129, h, 5, High Chaparral (Ire)--Lips Arrow (Ger), by Big Shuffle. (€80,000 Ylg '12 BBAGS). O-Gestut Winterhauch. €6,500.

3--**Drummer (Ger)**, 126, c, 4, Duke of Marmalade (Ire)--Douala (GB), by Dubawi (Ire). (€85,000 Ylg '13 BBAGS). O-Stall Nizza. €3,000.

Margins: 3, 1, 1 1/2. Odds: 7.80, 1.20, 5.20.

Also Ran: Celestial path (Ire), Star System (Ire), Brisanto (GB), Felician (Ger). [Click for the Racing Post result.](#)

2nd-COL, €8,750, Mdn, 5-8, 9fT, 1:53,00, gd.

LAGOAS (Ger) (c, 3, Shamardal--La Hermana {GB} {MSP-Ger}, by Hernando {Fr}), fourth on debut over 7 1/2 furlongs at Dresden Apr. 16, stalked the early pace before being cut loose with a quarter mile remaining. Stretching out in authoritative fashion, the 17-10 second favourite powered to a six-length success from Alter Rail (Ger) (Rail Link {GB}). The winner, who descends from La Colorada (Ger), dam of Lomitas (GB), is a half-brother to La Luna de Miel (Monsun {Ger}), GSW-US, \$128,812 and to 2015 and 2016 colts by Maxios (GB). Lifetime record: 2-1-0-0, €5,300.

O/B-Stiftung Gestut Fahrhof (Ger); T-Andreas Wohler.

1st-COL, €5,100, Mdn, 5-8, 3yo, 8fT, 1:38.37, gd.

DYNAMIC LIPS (IRE) (f, 3, Excellent Art {GB}--Devilish Lips {Ger} {MSP-Ger & SP-Fr, \$124,233}, by Konigstiger {Ger}), who was only eighth in the G3 Karin Baronin von Ullmann Schwarzgold-Rennen over this course and distance in October, was prominent from the break before settling in third. Angled out to challenge Lady Emerald (Ger) (Tiger Hill {Ire}) in mid-straight, the 1-2 favourite passed that rival 150 yards from the post en route to a 1 1/4-length success. The dam, who is a half to five black-type performers including the GSW Dabbitse (Ger) (Soldier Hollow {GB}), has a 2-year-old colt named Dragon Lips (Ger) by Footstepsinthesand (GB) and a yearling colt by Mamool (Ire). Lifetime record: 3-2-0-0, €6,000.

O-Stall Lintec; B-Stall Parthenaue (Ger); T-Andreas Lowe.

4th-MAN, €5,100, Mdn, 5-8, 3yo, 9 1/2fT, 2:02,14, gd.
+SUMARA (Ger) (f, 3, Lando {Ger}--Sabanila {Ger}, by In The Wings {GB}), sent off the 14-5 second favourite, handled this tight turning circuit better than some when stalking the early pace in second. Sent to the front before the final turn, the homebred was green but had far too much class for her rivals and galloped to a nine-length success from Cumbriano (Ger) (Wiener Walzer {Ger}). The winner is a half-sister to Sabantuy (GB) (Mujahid), SW-Ger, \$117,719, while the second dam Subia (Ger) (Konigsstuhl {Ger}) is a full-sister to the G3 Dr Busch-Memorial winner Surako (Ger) who also ran second in the G1 Deutsches Derby. From the family of Gestut Fahrhof's first German Derby hero and leading domestic sire influence Surumu (Ger), Sabanila also has a 2-year-old colt by Exceed and Excel (Aus). Lifetime record: 1-1-0-0. €2,600.
 O/B-Stiftung Gestut Fahrhof (Ger); T-Peter Schiergen



Sunday's Results:

PREMIO TADOLINA UAE EMBASSY-Listed, €16,150, CAP, 5-8, 4/up, f/m, 8fT, 1:36.6, gd.

1--**AURY TOUCH (ITY)**, 125, f, 4, Pounced--A Touch Wild, by Touch Gold. O-Scuderia Ste.Ma.; B-Stefano Botti-Ity; T-Alduino & Stefano Botti; J-Dario Vargiu. €16,150. Lifetime Record: 18-8-6-0, €106,131.

2--**Lorenzetta (Ire)**, 122, f, 4, Mastercraftsman (Ire)--Louise Aron (Ire), by Intikhab. O-Razza Dormello Olgiata. €7,106

3--**Reset In Blue (Ire)**, 125, f, 3, Fastnet Rock (Aus)--Eurirs (Fr), by Indian Ridge. (€160,000 Ylg '13 SGSSSEL). O-Scuderia Effevi. €3,876

Margins: 1 3/4, 1, 1 1/4. Odds: 1.37, 3.79, 0.97.

Also Ran: Rayos De Sol (Ire), Planarama (Ire), Pilot (GB). [Click for Hippoweb Chart](#) and [Hippoweb Video.](#)



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'EMBLEM' WIRES NHK MILE CUP FIELD

Japanese 2015 champion juvenile filly **Major Emblem (Jpn)** (Daiwa Major {Jpn}) became just the fourth female and the first



Major Emblem winning the Hanshin Juvenile Fillies | JRA Photo

since Pink Cameo (Jpn) (French Deputy) in 2007, to win the G1 NHK Mile Cup at Tokyo over males Sunday. The favorite entered off a fourth-place effort as the crowd's pick in the G1 Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas) at Hanshin Apr. 10. She held the advantage from the bell and in the end,

was three-quarters of a length clear at the line over **Lord Quest (Jpn)** (Matsurida Go {Jpn}), who was a neck in front of **Rainbow Line (Jpn)** (Stay Gold {Jpn}). It was the second top-level victory for trainer Yasuhito Tamura and the seventh for pilot Christophe Lemaire.

Lemaire was fulsome in his praise of the Yasuhito Tamura-trained winner and commented, "She broke sharply today and I was able to place her in front. She has good speed and having already won a Group 1 title last year and another graded race earlier this year, I would say that she has confirmed her position as the top of her class with this win."

Sunday, Tokyo, Japan

NHK MILE CUP-G1, ¥186,020,000 (US\$1,736,840/£1,203,506/€1,522,740), Tokyo, 5-8, 3yo, c/f, 1600mT, 1:32.80, fm.

1--**MAJOR EMBLEM (JPN)**, 121, f, 3, **Daiwa Major (Jpn)**

1st Dam: **Catchy Title (Jpn)**, by **Opera House (GB)**

2nd Dam: **Titled (GB)**, by **Rainbow Quest**

3rd Dam: **Her Ladyship (GB)**, by **Polish Precedent**

O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm; T-Yasuhito Tamura; J-Christophe Lemaire; ¥98,364,000. Lifetime Record: Ch. 2yo Filly-Jpn, 7-5-1-0.

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2--**Lord Quest (Jpn)**, 126, c, 3, by **Matsurida Gogh (Jpn)**--**Matsurida Waltz (Jpn)**, by **Chief Bearhart**. O-Lord Horse Club; B-Samani Hori Farm; ¥39,104,000.

3--**Rainbow Line (Jpn)**, 126, c, 3, by **Stay Gold (Jpn)**--**Regenbogen (Jpn)**, by **French Deputy**. (¥50,000,000 Yrl '14 JRHAJUL). O-Masahiro Mita; B-Northern Farm; ¥24,552,000. Margins: 3/4, NK, 1 1/4. Odds: 1.30, 5.40, 39.70.

Also Ran: **Dantsu Prius (Jpn)**, **Tosho Drafter (Jpn)**, **Blanc Bonheur (Jpn)**, **Hakusan Rudolf (Jpn)**, **Brave Smash (Jpn)**, **Stormy Sea (Jpn)**, **Shadow Approach (Jpn)**, **Immortal (Jpn)**, **Shuji (Jpn)**, **Eclat Millenaire (Jpn)**, **Kaneno Iro (Jpn)**, **Personnalite (Jpn)**, **Urban Kid (Jpn)**, **Tizona (Jpn)**, **Sigerunokogirizame (Jpn)**. Click for the [JRA Video](#), the [Racing Post Result](#) or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).

Sent straight to the head of affairs as soon as the gates were sprung, Major Emblem got away with an uncontested lead one off the rail, with Sigerunokogirizame (Jpn) (Super Hornet {Jpn}) keeping the closest tabs from just behind. The blinkered miss sped the first 600 metres in :34.3 and reached the halfway mark in :46 even, as that rival came alongside. Sigerunokogirizame (Jpn) threw in the towel with a quarter mile remaining and Major Emblem raced in isolation once more, as Lord Quest fanned widest of all up the center of the course, gaining with every stride. His best was not good enough, however, to catch Major Emblem, who was comfortably ahead at the wire. Rainbow Line completed the trifecta.

Major Emblem scored over this course going 1800 metres when unveiled last June and took her record to two-for-two when landing the Aster Sho cut back to a mile at Nakayama Sept. 12. Second to Denko Ange (Jpn) (Meisho Samson) in the G3 Artemis S. returned to Tokyo on Halloween, the chestnut signed off with a first top-level victory in the G1 Hanshin Juvenile Fillies to clinch champion juvenile filly honors Dec. 13. Major Emblem made her sophomore bow a winning one, landing the G3 Daily Hai Queen Cup over course and distance Feb. 13, before her Hanshin fourth. Major Emblem's third dam, European highweight Her Ladyship (GB), is a half-sister to G1SW Lord of Men (GB) (Groom Dancer).

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Sunday, Niigata, Japan

NIIGATA DAISHOTEN-G3, ¥78,110,000

(US\$729,399/£505,695/€639,624), Niigata, 5-8, 4yo/up, 2000mT, 1:57.80, fm.

1--**PASSION DANCE (Jpn)**, 126, h, 8, by **Deep Impact (Jpn)**

1st Dam: **Kiss Pasion (Jpn)** (SP-Jpn \$855,903),

by **Jade Robbery**

2nd Dam: **Letskiss**, by **Lyphard**

3rd Dam: **Limoya**, by **Riva Ridge**

(¥90,000,000 Wlg '08 JRHAJUL). O-Makoto Kaneko Holdings; B-Northern Farm; T-Yasuo Tomomichi ; J-Akihide Tsumura; ¥41,567,000. Lifetime record: 21-7-0-0. *1/2 to **Admire Kiss (Jpn)** (Sunday Silence), GSW-Jpn, \$2,785,547; and to **Plasma (Jpn)** (Sunday Silence), SP-Jpn, \$708,921. **Werk Nick Rating: A++**. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Fluky (Jpn)**, 127, h, 6, by **Redoute's Choice (Aus)**--**Sunday Smile (GB)**, by **Sunday Silence**. (¥30,000,000 Yrl '11 JRHAJUL) O-Makoto Kaneko Holdings; B-Northern Farm; ¥16,162,000

3--**Shiny Prince (Jpn)**, 125, h, 6, **King Halo (Jpn)**--**Daitaku Pia (Jpn)**, by **Lindo Shaver**. O-Masashi Koayashi; B-Coreless Stud; ¥10,081,000.

Margins: 2, NS, 1. Odds: 18.40, 3.50, 13.50.

Also Ran: **D'Accord (Jpn)**, **Meiner Milano (Jpn)**, **Longing Dancer (Jpn)**, **Satono Gallant (Jpn)**, **Derby Fizz (Jpn)**, **Beruf (Jpn)**, **Angreifen (Jpn)**, **Shonan Bach (Jpn)**, **Historical (Jpn)**, **Satono Rasen (Jpn)**, **Meisho Kampaku (Jpn)**, **Meisho Naruto (Jpn)**, **Barone Douphol (Jpn)**. [Click for the JRA Video](#), [the Racing Post Result](#) or [the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

APPOINTMENTS

**Martin Talty: Director of Racing,
Victoria Racing Club**

- Former journalist Martin Talty is relocating back to Australia from Dubai to become director of racing for VRC with the emphasis on managing the G1 Melbourne Cup. Talty is replacing current racing manager James Ross, who is believed to be moving to Sydney.
- Talty has spent the last 20 years promoting and building the Dubai World Cup and said, "It's been a fantastic career in Dubai where we've managed to slowly build World Cup day into a major world event. The Melbourne Cup is known worldwide on the national racing calendar and I think it can only get bigger."



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