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Cathryn Sophia wins Kentucky Oaks | Coady Photography

by Jessica Martini

Bob Manfuso has bred a number of good horses at his Maryland-based Chanceland Farm, but the longtime horseman enjoyed his biggest success as a breeder when **Cathryn Sophia** (Street Boss) romped home first in last week's GI Kentucky Oaks. Manfuso wasn't able to make it to Louisville for the Oaks, but he cheered the filly home while watching the race from Maryland.

"It was almost unbelievable," Manfuso said of the experience of watching a filly he bred win the Oaks. "I happened to be out at Laurel watching the race with three or four of my buddies and we were all wearing Cathryn Sophia hats. We were on the lower level right there facing the racetrack, and there are usually a lot of people in there. The whole place exploded—including me."

As talented as the 'TDN Rising Star' is today, Manfuso admitted his early expectations for the filly, who sold to Chuck Zacney of Cash is King for \$30,000 at the 2014 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic September sale, were more moderate.

"I don't know if anybody knows that they'll be that special, that's for sure," he said. "She was a plain wrapper as a foal, a little bit on the small side. It took her a little while to come around, but she's out of a great family. To be honest with you, what you can't measure on any of them is what I call the wannabe--that love and wanting to be a racehorse and they are competitive and have that extra dimension of, 'Hey, I want to win.' And this filly sure has it." **Cont. p3**

'AZTECA' UNLIKELY FOR PREAKNESS, AIMS FOR HASKELL *by Ben Massam*

Two days after **Sharp Azteca** (Freud) captured the GIII Pat Day Mile on the GI Kentucky Derby undercard in authoritative fashion, trainer Jorge Navarro said he will likely resist the temptation to run back in the May 21 GI Preakness S. at Pimlico and instead target Monmouth Park's GI Haskell Invitational in late July. Navarro, who enjoyed a banner day Saturday bolstered by a score in the GII Churchill Downs S. with **Catalina Red** (Munnings), said that Sharp Azteca could make his next start in Monmouth's GIII Pegasus S. June 19.

"Both horses came out of the races really good, I checked them Sunday," said Navarro. "They are at Monmouth Park right now. Sharp Azteca is going to point to the Pegasus and the Haskell if everything comes out good." **Cont. p4**

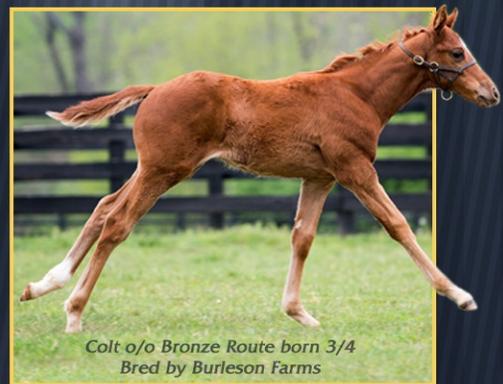
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Manfuso Celebrates First Classic Winner (cont. from p1)

Manfuso's connection with Cathryn Sophia's family goes back to the 1985 purchase of the mare Sailing Leader (Mr. Leader) for \$11,500 out of the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December sale. That mare's unraced daughter Cruising Haven (Shelter Half) produced



Belterra | Horsephotos

a pair of graded stakes winners in Royal Haven (Hail Emperor) and Belterra (Unbridled).

Racing in Manfuso's colors, Belterra won the 2001 GII Golden Rod S. and was third in the following year's GI Ashland S. Her unraced daughter Sheave

(Mineshaft) produced Cathryn Sophia. The breeder thinks Cathryn Sophia's Oaks win was redemption for her second dam.

"We thought Belterra was good enough to run really well in the Oaks, but she got hurt five days before the race and she couldn't compete," Manfuso explained. "It's special for her granddaughter to come back and win the race and say, 'Grandma, I'll take care of this for you.'"

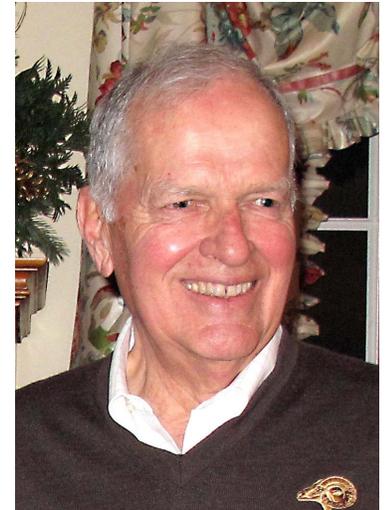
Cathryn Sophia is the first foal out of Sheave and Manfuso admitted a trip to Kentucky in 2011 led to the mating with Darley's Grade I winner Street Boss (Street Cry {Ire}).

"I come down [to Kentucky] for the November sale every year to look at the younger stallions," Manfuso recalled. "I was very impressed with Street Boss and it looked like a good cross. I'd like to say I was really smart, but I think really I was just very fortunate."

Belterra was bred last spring to another son of Street Cry (Ire), the graded stakes winner Street Magician, who stands at Maryland's Heritage Stallions.

"Yes, indeed," Manfuso said when asked if the same logic led to that mating. "But also partly because of the gradual improvement of the Maryland breeding program. I was looking to support the local stallions."

Sheave produced a filly by Denman (Aus) in 2015 and a filly by Bullsbay in 2016.



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“The Denman yearling is a very nice filly,” Manfuso said. “The plan would be to sell both of them and she is already entered in the Maryland September sale.”

Asked if either of the youngsters reminded him of their illustrious sister, Manfuso said, “It’s tough to say with young horses, but I think they are showing a little bit of her toughness. [Trainer] John Servis likes to say that Cathryn is mean, but I think she is just focused--she wants to say, ‘It’s my way or the highway.’ And the foals have a little of that in them, too.”

The 191-acre Chanceland Farm, which Manfuso owns with Katy Voss, is home to a commercial broodmare band of around 15 head.

“We send them down to Nursery Place [in Lexington] and they’ve done a great job of getting the mares back in foal,”

Manfuso explained. “The last couple of years, we’ve brought them back to foal in Maryland to take advantage of and contribute to the Maryland program, which has really enjoyed an upsurge in the quality of the product and in the racing in recent years.”

Among the graded stakes winners bred by Manfuso are Wiseman’s Ferry, sire of champion Wise Dan, and Gotta Have Her (Royal Academy). This is the second year in a row that Chanceland has been represented on the Derby/Oaks trail. Voss and



Cathryn Sophia | Coady

Manfuso bred last year’s GII Louisiana Derby winner International Star (Fusaichi Pegasus). But Manfuso readily names Cathryn Sophia as the best horse he has bred to date.

“To win the Oaks, I’d have to put her at the top of the list,” he said. “She is an exceptional filly. And John has done an incredible

job with her from the get-go, he’s understood her and handled her exceptionally well.”

Cathryn Sophia may have grown from a plain wrapper to a Classic winner, but Manfuso still sees one similarity to the foal he raised.

“That tongue-flapping, she’s had that since day one,” he chuckled. “I’m not sure what it means, but that’s been her since the beginning.”

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‘Azteca’ Unlikely for Preakness (cont. from p1)

Acquired for \$220,000 by Gelfenstein Farm as an OBS April 2-year-old, Sharp Azteca demonstrated marked improvement in graduating from the maiden ranks in his third career start going a mile at Gulfstream Feb. 20, and added a dominant allowance score over that same trip and track Apr. 3. A stress-free winner of Saturday’s Pat Day Mile, Navarro said he is in no hurry to rush the dark bay into

Grade I company. The Preakness would be Sharp Azteca’s first try around two turns.

“We’re going to do the right thing for the horse,” the trainer explained.

“There’s no sense in running in the

Preakness, what are we going to accomplish? We’re thinking about the horse. I think 14 days is just not enough time. We’re in no rush, we know we have a good horse. We’ll save him for the future. We’ll race at home with him. [Monmouth] is a fast track, a speed-favoring track.”



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Anthony A. Lenci's Catalina Red was equally impressive Saturday afternoon, tracking the pace and rallying to notch a one-length victory over proven sprint foes. Coming off a score in Tampa's restricted Sprint S. Apr. 9, the chestnut was making his first start under the care of Navarro, who added that he is likely for either the GII True North S. or GI Met Mile on the GI Belmont S. undercard, June 11.



Jorge Navarro | A. Coglianese

"I don't want to take all the credit," asserted Navarro, who is perhaps best known for his work with celebrated sprinters Private Zone (Macho Uno) and X Y Jet (Kantharos). "[Previous trainer] Chad Stewart had him and did an amazing job with the horse. The owner wanted to take a chance on

that race and he believed it was time to give the horse a chance. The next step for him is Belmont day, there are two races. The owner wants to try him going long. Let's see how he comes out of the race. We've got [the True North] or the Met Mile. We'll

make a decision once we get closer to the race, but for right now, I'm going to go easy on both of them. They both ran big races, so we're going to take our time."

As for the immediate future, Navarro's stable is settling in at Monmouth Park for the annual meet, which begins this Saturday. The conditioner said he will have two starters--**Delta Bluesman** (Wagon Limit) and **Brothersofthetime** (Bob and John)--for the Jersey Shore oval's opening day Decathlon S.

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NYQUIST SHIPS TO PIMLICO

J. Paul Reddam's **Nyquist** (Uncle Mo), undefeated winner of Saturday's GI Kentucky Derby, shipped from Churchill Downs to Pimlico Race Course Monday in anticipation of his next start in the Middle Jewel of the Triple Crown, the May 21 GI Preakness S. The Doug O'Neill trainee left the Churchill Downs backstretch at 1:25 p.m. ET for a short van ride to Standiford Field, where he departed Louisville on a flight to Baltimore-Washington International Airport.

O'Neill and his team continue to offer positive reports in the aftermath of Nyquist's 1 1/4-length triumph Saturday.

"He is full of himself this morning and it is like he never even ran," assistant trainer Jack Sinsterson commented Monday.

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Nyquist could face as many as 13 rivals in the Preakness as of Monday morning. **Dazzling Gem** (Misremembered) and **Fellowship** (Awesome of Course) were added to the list of possible entrants for the 1 3/16-mile Classic, joining Nyquist, **Exaggerator** (Curlin), **Gun Runner** (Candy Ride {Arg}), **Suddenbreakingnews** (Mineshaft), **Brody's Cause** (Giant's Causeway), **Creator** (Tapit), **Lani** (Tapit), **Awesome Speed** (Awesome Again), **'TDN Rising Star' Cherry Wine** (Paddy O'Prado), **Collected** (City Zip), **Laoban** (Uncle Mo) and **Stradivari** (Medaglia d'Oro).

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KY HBPA SOCIAL MEDIA EXPERIMENT A

SUCCESS *by Jessie Oswald*

In the weeks leading into the GI Kentucky Derby, as the horses settled into their surroundings and the Churchill Downs backside began to fill with morning onlookers, a social media project was brewing within the Kentucky Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (HBPA) that would share a unique Derby experience with others.

The campaign was created and overseen by Eclipse-winning turf writer Jennie Rees, with the help of Bailey Romans, and provided a rare look at what happens behind the scenes with the Kentucky Derby contenders, as told through the eyes of the trainers' and owners' children. Using the Twitter hashtag [#KYDerbyKids](#), around 14 sons and daughters posted videos, photos and news to the [@KyHBPA](#) Twitter account throughout Derby week. Although some of the older children used their own social media accounts to post candid videos and cleverly

captioned photos, the parents of some of the younger participants submitted private photos for the Kentucky HBPA to post through its Twitter account.

As the account manager for the Kentucky HBPA's Twitter account, Rees uses the site to promote Kentucky horsemen and their accomplishments. The idea to recruit the kids of trainers to use social media to show a rarely seen side of racing came to Rees when a son of trainer Steve Asmussen retweeted her Twitter post about Asmussen's Terra Promessa winning Oaklawn's GIII Fantasy S. Apr. 9.



An insider's look at Romans Racing via the #KYDerbyKids campaign | @KyHBPA

"I got to thinking, how cool would it be to have these kids that are obviously into racing, that are the ultimate insiders, tweeting about the Derby?" Rees commented. "It just went on from there, and you could have as many as you could get."

With only a few weeks to the Kentucky Derby, Rees took her idea to the Kentucky HBPA and a plan was created to bring it to life. Rees reached out to some Kentucky horsemen on the Kentucky Derby trail with older children, thinking the young adult population would be a great resource.

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Derby and horse racing to teenagers and young adults, actually to people of all ages," said Marty Maline, executive director of the Kentucky HBPA.

When Rees approached Tammy Fox, trainer Dale Romans's partner, she quickly volunteered 23-year-old daughter Bailey. Daughter of Fox and Romans--who saddled Brody's Cause to a seventh-place finish in the Kentucky Derby--Bailey Romans was an instrumental part of the Kentucky HBPA program.

"I know how amazing this sport is, but I think there are people that haven't had the opportunity to grow up in the industry like I have had," said Bailey Romans. "I don't think they realize how wonderful this sport is. So I wanted people to see that and get a different side of horse racing than the two minutes of the Kentucky Derby. I wanted them to see all that goes into it and the fun mornings on the backside with my mom on top of a horse, sticking her tongue out and laughing."

Bailey Romans signed onto the project early and soon became the #KyDerbyKids spokesperson. Over the course of a few days, she appeared on a half-dozen or more local radio and television channels to promote the campaign.

"We had a lot of people favoriting and retweeting the things we were posting because it was original content," said Bailey Romans. "It's stuff that can't be replicated from an everyday



Bailey Romans and father Dale Romans walk over for the Kentucky Derby

horse racing fan. This was very authentic and very much behind-the-scenes what goes on when you have a horse in the Kentucky Derby and I think people really liked it."

Chance Moquett, 23, also wanted to show the personal moments in the barn that aren't seen by most people and give those that may be far from Louisville a chance to better know a racing



Chance Moquett and Bailey Romans are interviewed by Tony Vanetti of Great Day Live, broadcasted on Louisville's ABC affiliate station | @KyHBPA

team, feel like they're with them in the barn, and cheer on the horse. Although trainer Ron Moquett's Whitmore may have finished second to last in Saturday's Kentucky Derby, his son Chance was a #KYDerbyKids success with humor and wit in his

insider's look at Whitmore's Kentucky Derby week.

"Anytime I get any kind of opportunity to advocate for the sport and get my generation involved, I'm 100% all about it," said Chance Moquett.

Chance Moquett realized the extent of what he and the others were doing to promote the sport based off feedback he received from friends and strangers through social media. The success of the week-long project now has him brainstorming ways to expand the project for next year and possibly explore new endeavors to bring the love of horse racing to those without access to inside connections.

"It would be a great thing to continue and keep people involved and turn it into something a little bit bigger," said Moquett. "It was kind of last minute and impromptu and with the kind of response and the kind of feedback I received personally from it, I can't imagine how it might go if we had our hands on top of it."

The objectives of the project were to do something positive for racing, bring the sport to a younger demographic, gain positive attention to the Kentucky HBPA, and increase the @KyHBPA Twitter accounts followers--all of which seems to have happened in the week since the #KYDerbyKids hashtag was introduced. The Kentucky HBPA tripled its Twitter followers and the idea was the buzz on the backside through most of Derby week. Rees lined up multiple radio and television interviews for Romans and Moquett and the pair used their spotlight to show a more personal side of racing.

"It went beyond any of our expectations," said Rees. "But having said that, knowing what we know now, I think we just started to tap the potential of it."

The Kentucky HBPA will donate \$100 to the charity of choice for each of the #KyDerbyKids participants.



Jennie Rees (left) and Hayley Amoss, daughter of trainer Tom Amoss, on the Churchill backside @KyHBPA

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“He was, by any definition, a warrior,” said Old Friends founder and President Michael Blowen. “Like his sire, Gulch, who was also with us for many years, Wallenda was one of the toughest and most resilient horses we have ever known.”

Campaigned by Dogwood Stable, Wallenda won the 1993 GI Super Derby and GII Pennsylvania Derby, as well as the 1992 GII Cowdin S. and 1994 GIII Stuyvesant H.

He entered stud in 1995 and stood first in New Zealand and later in Japan. Old Friends, with the help of Dogwood, trainer Frank Alexander, members of the stallion's syndicate, and loyal supporters, returned Wallenda to the United States in 2007.

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John Servis To Judge MHBA Yearling Show:

Kentucky Derby-winning trainer John Servis, who sent out Maryland-bred Yearling Show graduate Cathryn Sophia (Street Boss) to win this year's \$1-million GI Kentucky Oaks, will judge the 82nd annual Maryland Horse Breeders Association Yearling Show. Open to all yearlings eligible for Maryland-bred registration, the show will be held at the Maryland State Fairgrounds' Horse Show Ring in Timonium June 26.

Servis became only the 26th trainer in history to saddle winners of both the Derby and the Oaks, doing it with his only two starters thus far. He conditioned Smarty Jones (Elusive Quality) through an undefeated spring of 2004, which included victories in both the Derby and GI Preakness S. A native of West Virginia, Servis took out his trainer's license in 1984. Based at Parx Racing, he has sent out more than 1,500 winners and his runners have earned over \$45.5 million.

Kentucky

Kentucky Claiming Regulation Upheld By State Supreme Court:

The Kentucky Supreme Court has decided to uphold the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission's restrictions on the claiming process. The May 5 decision ended a lawsuit filed by California

horse owner Jerry Jamgotchian against the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission that alleged the state's regulation violates the U.S. Constitution's Commerce Clause. The case stems from a horse Jamgotchian claimed for \$40,000 in 2011 at Churchill Downs who was prevented from running in Pennsylvania.

The rule requires that a Thoroughbred claimed in Kentucky is prohibited from racing at another racetrack until the meet has ended at the track where the horse was purchased.

The Kentucky Supreme Court's opinion states: “We are convinced that the challenged Kentucky regulations--regulations similar (often identical) to regulations in effect in the large majority of states that allow wagering on Thoroughbred horse races--do not conflict with the federal Constitution's insistence on an interstate commerce unburdened by state-erected barriers against that commerce.”

Steven Loy, an attorney who argued the case on behalf of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission, said in a statement: “The intent of the rule is to calibrate competition, providing an incentive to have competitively equal horses in races. It also ensures legitimate purchases are made only by licensed owners.”

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Sunday's Late Results:

9th-SA, \$59,728, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 5-8, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:50.56, gd.

EXCESSIVE KID (h, 5, [Lemon Drop Kid](#)--Excessive Blend {MSW, \$173,175}, by In Excess {Ire}) started his career in February 2014 with a promising closing third behind eventual GI Santa Anita H. winner Melatonin (Kodiak Cowboy) in an off-the-turf Arcadia sprint, then earned his diploma going a mile on the grass there before running fourth in the La Puente S. and having to be laid up for almost two years. Finishing seventh in his return Mar. 5, he stepped forward Mar. 25 with a strong second to MGSP Royal Albert Hall (GB) (Royal Applause {GB}). Off as the 31-10 favorite, the bay traveled in sixth past the stands the first time and on the backstretch run. Beginning a four-wide advance at the three-eighths pole, he was fifth turning for home, but progressed well in the final furlong to surge past the leader and move away for a 1 1/2-length victory. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).** Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$91,805.

O-Mr. and Mrs. Warren B. Williamson; B-Williamson Racing, LLC (KY); T-Carla Gaines.

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Sunday's Late Results:

SEATTLE S., \$50,000, EMD, 5-8, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:14.87, ft.
1--INVESTED PROSPECT, 120, f, 3, Abraaj--No Constraints (MSW), by Katowice. (\$25,000 Ylg '14 WASSEP). O-John and Janene Maryanski and Riverbend Farm; B-Dunn Bar Ranch LLC (WA); T-Blaine D. Wright; J-Juan M. Gutierrez. \$27,500. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$63,775.

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2--B CZ Middleton, 119, f, 3, Nobiz Like Shobiz--Vickie Vee, by Vicar. O-William A. Burns and Rebecca Turcott; B-William Burns (KY); T-Jeffrey Metz. \$10,000.
3--Find Joy, 119, f, 3, Drosselmeyer--Hurricane Hannah, by Southern Halo. (\$55,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR; \$185,000 2yo '15 FTKHRA). O-David P. Taylor, Jr.; B-Eico Stable (KY); T-Frank Lucarelli. \$7,500.

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Margins: 2HF, 2 1/4, 3 3/4. Odds: 3.50, 10.60, 4.00.
 Also Ran: My Heart Goes On, Princess Kennedy, Jerre to Carrie, Aunt Maryann.

Invested Prospect was hammered down to 7-10 in August for her sloppy local debut and did not disappoint, blasting out to the front and crushing the competition by 8 1/2 lengths while well under wraps. She showed similar speed, but had to earn a much more hard-fought win in September, this time by a neck over state-bred foes in the Northwest Farms S. Away as the second choice in this wide-open group, the bay filly showed her usual early foot, opening up three lengths through a :22.13 quarter, sizzling through a :44.12 half and widening away further into the stretch before tiring a bit late while still clear under the wire.

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IN BRITAIN:

+Sea of Snow, f, 2, [Distorted Humor](#). See "Britain."

IN FRANCE:

Bolting, c, 3, [War Front](#). See "France."

IN JAPAN:

Best Macho, c, 3, Macho Uno--Encore, by Storm Cat. Tokyo, 5-8, Alw, 8f. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$123,364. O-Yukio Baba; B-Fredericka V.Caldwell & Mitchel Skolnick; T-Takahisa Tezuka. *\$100,000 Ylg '14 FTKJUL; \$260,000 2yo '15 BARFEB. ***"He is a very talented colt," said winning jockey Hugh Bowman. "It was a close finish, but it will be good experience for the next start. He is not 100% fit yet, so he will improve more."

#Stoneware, c, 4, Birdstone--Antique Auction (MSW, \$202,284), by Geiger Counter. Tokyo, 5-8, Shonan S., 8fT. Lifetime Record: 13-4-3-2, \$688,692. O-Teruya Yoshida; B-Shadai Farm; T-Naohiro Yoshida. *"He did not break sharply, but was very relaxed," commented winning rider Christophe Lemaire. "He showed strong acceleration from the last 100 metres when he found the space. It was a satisfactory race."

Neuna, f, 4, Congrats--Howaya Lily, by Silver Deputy. Niigata, 5-8, Alw, 9f. Lifetime Record: 11-2-1-1, \$170,841. O-Makio Okada; B-Frank McEntee & Frankfort Park Farm; T-Shigeyuki Kojima. *\$67,000 Wlg '12 KEENOV; \$105,000 Ylg '13 KESEP. ***"It was a tough race, but she traveled well from inside and got through the narrow space," said jockey Yoshihito Nagaoka.

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Septieme, c, 4, Harlan's Holiday--Some Pretender, by Strong Contender. Kyoto, 5-8, Alw, 9.5f. Lifetime Record: 16-2-2-0, \$166,822. O-Kazumi Yoshida; B-Machmer Hall, Cherokee Equine & Pomerol Pty LTD; T-Manabu Ikezoe. *\$95,000 Ylg '13 KESEP; \$200,000 2yo '14 OBSMAR.

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Apollo Kentucky, c, 4, Langfuhr--Dixiana Delight, by Gone West. Tokyo, 5-8, Brilliant S., 10.5f. Lifetime Record: 14-6-3-1, \$943,084. O-Apollo Thoroughbred Club; B-Doug Branham; T-Kenji Yamauchi. *\$55,000 Ylg '13 KESEP. **1/2 to Beau Ravelle (Tiz Wonderful), SP, \$83,024. ****"He was more powerful than last time I rode him," said Keita Tosaki. "He did not respond sharply since he ran in March last time, but he should improve more and I am very hopeful now."

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Danon Iris (Jpn), f, 3, Arch--California Nectar (GSW, \$344,000), by Stormy Atlantic. Niigata, 5-8, Alw, 5fT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$69,159. O-Danox Inc.; B-Northern Farm; T-Tomohito Ozeki. *\$470,000 i/u '12 FTKNOV.

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ALGORITHMS (Bernardini), Claiborne Farm, \$7.5K, 88/0/0

1-IND, Msw 4 1/2f, Radiantrithym, \$8K FTK OCT yrl, 8-5

LENTENOR (Dynaformer), Indiana Stallion Station, \$7.5K, 6/0/0

1-IND, Msw 4 1/2f, Macy's Attitude, \$1,000 KEE SEP yrl, 15-1

Second-crop starters to watch: Tuesday, May 10

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

HAYNESFIELD (Speightstown), Airdrie Stud, \$10K, 138/24/2

6-FL, Msw 6f, +Hay Field, \$65K KEE NOV wnl, 6-1

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STAKES RESULTS:

ROSS MCLEOD S., C\$50,000, HST, 5-8, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:17.39, ft.

1--**SNUGGLES, 120, f, 3, Rosberg--Daymaker (MSP, \$110,135), by Fusaichi Pegasus.** O/B-Swift Thoroughbreds Inc. (BC); T-Dino K. Condilenios; J-Rico W. Walcott. C\$28,500. Lifetime Record: 5-2-3-0, \$90,141.

2--**Princess Katie**, 116, f, 3, Finality--Two to Get Ready, by Perfect Mandate. (C\$3,000 Ylg '14 BRCSEP). O-Ernest Chu; B-Prescott Farms (BC); T-Robert Gilker. C\$10,000.

3--**Omi**, 117, f, 3, Rosberg--Groovy Minister, by Deputy Minister. (C\$43,000 Ylg '14 BRCSEP). O-Swift Thoroughbreds, Inc.; B-Tod Mtn. Thoroughbreds (BC); T-Dino K. Condilenios. C\$5,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 1, 1. Odds: 3.25, 3.90, 3.10.

JIM COLEMAN PROVINCE S., C\$50,000, HST, 5-8, 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:18.37, ft.

1--**STANZ IN COMMAND, 119, g, 3, Second in Command--Serengeti Sunrise, by Dixieland Diamond.** (C\$7,500 Ylg '14 BRCSEP). O-Robert Scott; B-White House Stables (BC); T-Charlene Miller; J-Richard Harvey Hamel. C\$28,500. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, \$82,885.

2--**Crazy Prophet**, 119, g, 3, Rosberg--Mazel Dancer, by Mazel Trick. O-Shamrock Racing Stable, Ltd.; B-Mike Chernen (BC); T-James R. Brown. C\$10,000.

3--**Dashing Don**, 117, g, 3, Popular--Summer Bay, by Meadowlake. O-JDP Holdings Ltd., Nancy Betts, Don Adams and Ross Rees; B-Rod & Lorraine Rodriguez (CA); T-Nancy Betts. C\$5,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, NK, 4 3/4. Odds: 5.40, 2.80, 14.95.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-GG, \$33,219, 5-8, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:09.79, ft.

MY FRIEND EMMA (g, 4, Tannersmyman--Ma Ka Bet, by Artax) Lifetime Record: 8-3-3-0, \$85,826. O-Rosa Camacho and Gerardo Robles; B-Jim Eaton (CA); T-Monty R. Meier. *\$1,000 Ylg '13 NCAAUG.

7th-TDN, \$33,200, (S), 5-9, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.86, ft.

HJO DE SHELTOWEE (g, 4, Devil His Due--Miss Sheltopee, by Najran) Lifetime Record: 19-4-1-2, \$71,954. O-Ronald Zielinski; B-Sheltopee Farm (OH); T-Richard Zielinski.

7th-GG, \$32,408, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 5-8, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.28, yl.

HIDDEN ZENSATION (g, 5, Zensational--Smuggle, by Lord Avie) Lifetime Record: 26-8-4-1, \$131,045. O-Mary Tucker; B-Klaravich Stables (KY); T-Armando Lage. *\$32,000 Ylg '12 KEESEP; \$47,000 RNA 2yo '13 OBSAPR. **1/2 to One and Twenty (Honour and Glory), GSW, \$176,400 and Code of Ethics (Honour and Glory), SW, \$116,075.

9th-WRD, \$21,736, 5-9, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:42.29, my. **PEONARI (g, 4, Latent Heat--Ciara's Camp, by Forest Camp)** Lifetime Record: 16-2-5-4, \$62,480. O/B-Ciara's Camp, LLC (OK); T-Kari Craddock.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Bellamy Cat, f, 3, **Bellamy Road**--Bluegrass Moves, by Bluegrass Cat. PRX, 5-9, (C), 6 1/2f, 1:19.31. B-Westrock Stables LLC (KY). *\$1,500 2yo '15 OBSOPN.

Good as They Get, g, 3, **Rosberg--What R the Odds** (MSW, \$115,995), by Lightnin N Thunder. HST, 5-8, 6 1/2f, 1:18.22. B-Mel & Fran Snow (BC).

T J's Papa, g, 3, **Tiz Wonderful**--Miami Breezes, by Prospectors Gamble. LS, 5-8, 6 1/2f, 1:18.95. B-Mr. & Mrs. James M. Herbener Jr. & Matt Herbener (KY). *\$17,000 RNA Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$40,000 2yo '15 OBSOPN.

Miz Oklahoma Blues, f, 4, **Foreign Policy**--Miz Moody Blues, by Alamocitos. WRD, 5-9, (S), 6f, 1:11.49. B-Bob & Paulette Pogue (OK).

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SIXTH DERBY WIN IN RANGE FOR O'BRIEN



Aidan O'Brien with the second lot | Emma Berry

by Emma Berry

In 2001, Galileo (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) became the first of five Derby winners for Aidan O'Brien and, between them, the trainer and the Sadler's Wells colt who would become the world's leading sire have come to dominate the Epsom showpiece.

This year, as so often in recent times, the G1 Investec Derby picture will sharpen significantly when it is clear which of the Ballydoyle horses are certain runners. At present, the name quoted at the top of the market--the G1 QIPCO 1000 Guineas winner **Minding (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire})--is much more likely to stick to competing against her own sex in the first half of the season, but a quintet of her male stablemates is under serious consideration, headed by the unbeaten G3 Chester Vase winner **US Army Ranger (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}).

As a son of the Irish Oaks winner Moonstone (Ire) (Dalakhani {Ire}), US Army Ranger's pedigree credentials are strikingly similar to Coolmore's 2014 Derby winner Australia (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), whose dam Ouija Board (GB) won both the G1 Oaks and the G1 Irish Oaks. His route to Epsom, however, has followed that of the previous year's winner Ruler Of The World (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), who was also unraced at two before bouncing straight into the cauldron of Chester's May Meeting from one maiden victory.

If onlookers were unimpressed by the proximity of **Port Douglas (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) to US Army Ranger at Chester, this is not a fact that overly concerns their trainer, who is more preoccupied with the winner's relative inexperience. [Cont. p2](#)

HARZAND ONLY A 'POSSIBLE' FOR EPSOM

Dermot Weld is still noncommittal about a G1 Investec Epsom Derby bid for his promising colt **Harzand (Ire)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}). The Aga Khan homebred is unbeaten in two starts this year and looked a smart prospect last time at Leopardstown when accounting for '**TDN Rising Star**' Idaho (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the G3 Ballysax S. Apr 10. The runner-up franked that form with a solid third-place effort behind Moonlight Magic (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}) at Leopardstown on Sunday, but Weld has concerns over potential fast ground for Harzand. [Cont. p6](#)



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Sixth Derby Win in Range for O'Brien Cont. from p1

"He seems to be fine since the race," said O'Brien, as he watches his youngest son Donnacha lob up the gallop on a very relaxed looking US Army Ranger. "He was so green at Chester. As soon as he pulled up he was whinnying. Obviously we try to have the horses prepared for the trials, but so that we learn about them and they go forward."

Referring to subsequent criticism of the colt's short-head defeat of Port Douglas, the trainer continued, "I don't ever mind about that. Everyone is entitled to their opinion, but sometimes people read into the races very quickly. There's no doubt that I was a lot happier coming out of there. We knew going to Chester that by putting in a legitimate horse it wouldn't make it easy for him, that he could easily get beat. Port Douglas was always going to improve a lot when he went beyond a mile. He's not a big horse and he scooted around the bend at Chester."



US Army Ranger at Ballydoyle | Emma Berry

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He added, "US Army Ranger had to learn in one race what he should have been learning for two or three races. When they haven't raced at two you're playing catch up and it's very hard on a horse. Going to the Derby will test every fibre of his body--the turning, his mind, he'll have to stay and he'll have to be quick--everything will be tested."

With the G2 Dante S. to come at York on Thursday, in which O'Brien plans to run yet another Galileo colt, the G3 Tyros S. winner **Deauville (Ire)**, the contenders for Epsom in just under four weeks' time are galloping into focus.

O'Brien says, "I'd send them all if I was allowed! But if we call them out now, we have the two horses from yesterday [G3 Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial second and third **Shogun (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) and '**TDN Rising Star**' **Idaho (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire})], US Army Ranger, Deauville and Port Douglas. **The Gurkha (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) will go to France, but the important thing for everyone to realise is that all those things can change."

The Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial has been a happy hunting ground for O'Brien in the past, with both Galileo and High Chaparral (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) winning at Leopardstown before going on to Derby glory. On Sunday, the trainer had to give best to his old boss, Jim Bolger, whose Godolphin representative **Moonlight Magic (Ire)** (Cape Cross {Ire}) led home the Ballydoyle trio of Shogun (a brother to last year's Investec Oaks winner Qualify {Ire}), Idaho and **Beacon Rock (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}). **Cont. p3**

A MORNING AT BALLYDOYLE

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Deauville after exercise



Idaho, Shogun & Beacon Rock



Vancouver & Donnacha O'Brien



Second lot heading to the gallops

Sixth Derby Win in Range for O'Brien Cont.

He commented, "Shogun wasn't stopping. I didn't think Idaho was stopping either. Looking at Shogun, you'd say he'd have no problem being ridden handier and no problem going farther than a mile and a quarter. I'd say he's a work in progress. He's a Fastnet Rock and they do take a little bit of time to click in sometimes, but he's progressing."



Heading home after exercise | Emma Berry

With regard to the appearance of Minding in the Derby betting, O'Brien maintains that the suggestion that she could take on the colts has come from outside the Ballydoyle

camp.

He said, "Running in the Derby mightn't be the right thing for Minding. It's two steps when you could take one and have a look at the Oaks. There's a possibility that she could go to The Curragh [for the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas] and then to the Oaks, or just to the Oaks, but things can change and I need to stress that."

US Army Ranger's swift promotion to Derby favouritism following his winning debut at the Curragh on Apr. 3 may have seemed premature, but it's clear that his trainer, while walking a tightrope to condition both his mind and body for the demands of Epsom, is prepared to believe that the beautifully bred colt can make the leap required to add his name to an illustrious roll of honour.

"I'm taking a lot of stuff on trust given the normal improvement," O'Brien admitted. "He's the horse at the moment that's open to the most improvement. He'll have an easy enough time for now, but we'll start to step him up and I've just got to hope that he's not too babyish and is going to be able to take it. If we fail to prepare, we prepare to fail, and that's how it will be for Epsom."

Whatever happens on Derby day, failure to prepare is unlikely to be charge that can ever be levelled at Aidan O'Brien.

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There was a time, before the advent of the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, when being named champion 2-year-old virtually brought with it a ticket to GI Kentucky Derby success. Thanks to Riva Ridge, Secretariat, Foolish Pleasure, Seattle Slew, Affirmed and Spectacular Bid, the double was achieved six times in the space of eight years during the 1970s.

Since then, of course, increased specialisation appears to have made it much more difficult for a future Kentucky Derby winner to dominate his generation at two. Perhaps that is starting to change. With Nyquist producing such a thrillingly smooth display at Churchill Downs, he follows Street Sense and American Pharoah as the third Eclipse Award winner in the last 10 years to take the Kentucky Derby, and the fourth to win a Triple Crown event, the other being GI Preakness S. hero Lookin At Lucky.

Logically, it shouldn't be such a giant leap for horsekind for a champion 2-year-old to take the Derby. Graduating to the Derby from the Breeders' Cup Juvenile--the race which usually confers champion status--involves a step up of only 330 yards.

Its margin is much, much bigger in Europe, where the champion 2-year-old usually wins either the G1 Dewhurst S. over seven furlongs or the G1 Racing Post Trophy over a mile. Stepping up to a mile and a half at Epsom therefore constitutes more than a giant leap, and helps explain why only three top-ranked juvenile colts (Camelot, New Approach and



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Reference Point) have gone on to win the G1 Investec Derby in more than 40 years.

The last six winners of the Derby had very mixed records as 2-year-olds, ranging from very little experience to championship-winning form. Workforce and Golden Horn had each won a maiden race on their only start, whereas Pour Moi had taken a conditions race on the second of his two starts. Ruler of the World hadn't even raced at two. The two exceptions were Camelot and Australia, a pair of group winners sired by Montjeu and Galileo--the biggest influences on the Derby in recent years. [Cont. p5](#)

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Pedigree Insights: Investec Derby Hopefuls Cont.

There was always a good chance that this year's Derby renewal would again rely heavily on colts which were largely unexposed in 2015, as the highest-ranked colts on the 2-Year-Old Classification featured sons of War Front, Invincible Spirit, Exceed And Excel, Dream Ahead, Dark Angel and Iffraaj.

The unexposed nature of many of the leading Derby contenders means that the betting is currently headed by Galileo's Classic-winning daughter Minding (though I can't help thinking that the ever-shrewd Coolmore team would much prefer to win the race with one of their blueblooded colts, thereby turning him into a very valuable stallion prospect).

There is certainly no shortage of very likeable Derby contenders with bloodlines worthy of a Derby winner.

Midterm, a lazy colt who is unbeaten in two starts, has the potential to be anything. Like Minding, he is by Galileo, who has already hit the target three times on Derby Day, with New Approach, Ruler of the World and Australia. Midterm is the first foal of that admirable mare Midday, who was beaten only a head in the G1 Investec Oaks, a race once won by her dam's half-sister Reams of Verse.

Midday went on to win six Group 1s, gaining three of her wins in the G1 Nassau S. over a mile and a quarter, the others in the G1 Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf, G1 Yorkshire Oaks and G1 Prix Vermeille. Her annual Timeform rating went from 98 at two, to 122 at three and 126 at four, so there is good reason to expect Midterm to continue improving.



US Army Ranger | *Racing Post*

A colt with a similar background is **US Army Ranger**, as he too is by Galileo and he is also out of mare who finished second in the Oaks. However this mare--Dalakhani's daughter Moonstone --went on to win the G1 Irish Oaks,

gaining the only victory of her career. There is no shortage of stamina in US Army Ranger's pedigree, as his dam was tried over 1 15/16 miles and Moonstone's close relative Cerulean Sky produced Honolulu, winner of the G2 Doncaster Cup over two and a quarter miles, as well as the Queen Alexandra S. over even further.

Many considered US Army Ranger a little fortunate to beat his stablemate **Port Douglas** in last week's G3 Chester Vase, and he was in receipt of four pounds from the short-head runner-up. He clearly needs to continue improving if he is to win the Derby, but he has raced only twice and is the type who would benefit from a very strongly-run race--something the O'Brien/Coolmore camp would be able to ensure, if--as usual--they go to Epsom mob-handed.

Last Sunday's Classic trials in Ireland and France fell to a pair of very well-connected Godolphin colts, either one of which could carry the Godolphin colours to their first Derby success.

Jim Bolger is confident that the homebred **Moonlight Magic** has what it takes to win the Derby, and this winner of the G3 Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial certainly possesses the appropriate bloodlines--as well as an encouraging record of three wins from four starts.



Moonlight Magic | *Racing Post*

Moonlight Magic is a son of Cape Cross, who has etched his name firmly onto the Derby roll of honor in recent years, principally as the sire of 2009's superlative winner Sea The Stars and of last year's stylish winner Golden Horn. Cape Cross is also the broodmare sire of Australia, winner of the 2014 edition.

The Bolger colt also has a Derby winner--Lammtarra--as his broodmare sire. For a horse who won the Derby, G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond S. and the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, Lammtarra had a lamentable record as a stallion, arguably his best representative being Moonlight Magic's dam Melikah. This fine broodmare--already dam of an Arc third--followed up her third in the Oaks with second place in the Irish version. There's a strong chance she owed her talent more to her exceptional dam Urban Sea--the Arc winner responsible for those first-rate Derby winners Galileo and Sea The Stars (as well as the Oaks second All Too Beautiful, herself dam of an Oaks runner-up in Wonder of Wonders).

Mention of Sea The Stars brings us neatly to Godolphin's other trial winner, **Cloth of Stars**, a 400,000gns yearling who would need supplementing for the Derby. His victory in the G3 Prix Greffulhe was his third at group level, and he is one of the few possible Derby contenders to have won a group race at two.

Cloth of Stars belongs to only the third crop by Sea The Stars, but the Giltown resident has already sired an Oaks winner in Taghrooda, a Derby third in Storm The Stars and a runaway G1 German Derby winner in Sea The Moon. It is relevant that Sea The Stars's Timeform rating soared from 109p as a 2-year-old, when he was a Group 2 winner, to 140 at three. Cloth of Stars also appears progressive. **Cont. p6**



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He is yet another from a family with proven Classic credentials. His dam, the Kingmambo mare Strawberry Fledge, is a sister to the Oaks winner Light Shift, as well as being a half-sister to a top older mare in Shiva (G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup). His third dam is Northern Trick, a wiry Northern Dancer filly who won the G1 Prix de Diane and was twice runner-up in the Arc.

Cloth of Stars' second dam, Lingerie, was by Shirley Heights, who played his part in the Mill Reef line's domination of the Derby in the later decades of last century. Mill Reef set the ball rolling in 1971 and was followed by his sons Shirley Heights and Reference Point, grandson Slip Anchor, great-grandson High-Rise and great-great-grandson Sir Percy.

It will be interesting to see whether **The Gurkha** develops into another Derby contender for Coolmore and Aidan O'Brien. Like Minding, he is by Galileo out of a talented miler sired by Danehill Dancer. Whereas Minding is out of Lillie Langtry, a Group 1 winner, The Gurkha is out of Chintz, a seven-furlong Group 3 winner as a 2-year-old. Both have a second dam sired by a winner over a mile and a half, Minding's being by Darshaan and The Gurkha's by Slew O' Gold.

The Gurkha has run only twice, both times over a mile and both times on heavy ground. He was impressive in winning by nine lengths at Navan in April and the runner-up, **Saafarr**, was beaten only 2 1/2 lengths by Moonlight Magic two days ago.

The flourishing Galileo-Danehill Dancer cross has already produced a group winner over a mile and a half in Quest For Peace, so it is possible that The Gurkha will also stay that far, though his stamina can't be taken for granted.



Humphrey Bogart | *Racing Post*

The weekend's other Derby Trial, at Lingfield, went to **Humphrey**

Bogart, another who would need supplementing for the Derby. As a son of the G1 Prix Morny winner Tagula, this colt doesn't have much stamina on his sire's side, but take a look at the bottom half of his pedigree. With Kahyasi as her sire and Darshaan as her broodmare sire, his dam Hazarama is bred to the same pattern as Enzeli (winner of the G3 Doncaster Cup and the G1 Gold Cup at Royal Ascot), Zainta (Prix de Diane) and Shamadara (a short-head second in the Irish Oaks). Add in the fact that Humphrey Bogart's third dam Hazy Idea was a smart winner at up to 1 3/4 miles and it is easy to see why the colt stays as well as he does. It would take a lot of money--and a lot of courage--to supplement him, but this tough and experienced colt probably wouldn't be disgraced.

The same family is also responsible for the Aga Khan's Sea The Stars colt **Harzand**, who shares the same second dam, Hazaradjat, as Humphrey Bogart. Harzand has won his last two starts, including the G3 Ballysax S. over a mile and a quarter by just over a length from **'TDN Rising Star' Idaho**. Idaho was beaten only a little further by Moonlight Magic two days ago. Harzand appears to be a very smart colt in the making but his highly experienced rider expressed concerns that the colt is too big and heavy to act around Epsom.

No doubt other contenders will emerge over the next week or



Massaat | *Racing Post*

so. Galileo's squad also includes the Group 3 winner **Deauville**, whose smart brother The Corsican just about stays a mile and a half; the aforementioned Idaho, a very useful brother to the dual Group 1 winner Highland Reel; and

perhaps we shouldn't underestimate Port Douglas, a tough Group 2 winner bred to the same cross as Ruler of the World. Then there's Galileo's grandson **Massaat**, This G1 2000 Guineas runner-up will have inherited some stamina from his sire Teofilo, but he is out of a sprinting daughter of Acclamation. He may therefore struggle to match the stamina of several of the Classically-bred bluebloods mentioned above.

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Harzand Only a 'Possible' for Epsom Cont. from p1

"He's a nice horse but he does want ease in the ground," said Weld. "I'm not going to say he won't run in the Derby, but I see him as a horse for the second part of the year. I possibly see him more of an [G1] Irish Derby horse. The form of his win looks good and he's very well in himself."

Weld is looking beyond the Derbies and feels Harzand could be even more suited to a different Classic. "He's a big, galloping horse and Pat [Smullen] said after his last run that he might be the type for the [G1] English St Leger," said Weld.

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STRONG LINEUP FOR LOCKINGE

Eighteen horses remain in the G1 Al Shaqab Lockinge S. at Newbury on Saturday, the majority of the field seeking their breakthrough victory at Group 1 level. At this early stage the betting market is headed by the Henry Candy trained **Limato (Ire)** (Tagula {Ire}), who will be tackling a mile for the first time and was last seen running second to Make Believe (Fr) (Makfi {GB}) in the G1 Prix de la Foret at Longchamp last October.

Toormore (Ire) (Arakan), one of the four Group 1 winners in the field, was a good winner of the G2 Bet365 mile at Sandown Apr. 22 and he could re-oppose **Dutch Connection (GB)** (Dutch Art {GB}) and **Belardo (Ire)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}), who both finished behind him on that occasion.



Limato currently heads the market for the Lockinge | *Racing Post*

Amazing Maria (Ire)

(Mastercraftsman {Ire}) made an encouraging return to action when third to Usherette (Ire) (Shamardal) in the G2 Dahlia S. at Newmarket 10 days ago and this dual Group 1 winner might well be the classiest entrant. Another filly with good credentials is the Marco Botti trained **Euro Charline (GB)** (Myboycharlie {Ire}). The Team Valor owned 5-year-old ran a brilliant race at Meydan last time when chasing home Real Steel (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in the G1 Dubai Turf on World Cup night.

Irish trainer Ger Lyons intends to run **Endless Drama (Ire)** (Lope De Vega {Ire}) and the trainer admits it will be a “huge ask” for the 4-year-old on his first start in almost a year. The imposing colt was last seen finishing second to Gleneagles (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the G1 Tattersalls Irish 2000 Guineas and Lyons has great faith in the horse commenting, “If I have a Group 1 horse among the older brigade of horses, this lad is definitely it.”

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TWO NEW RECRUITS FOR GODOLPHIN

Godolphin could have a very strong hand in Saturday's G1 Al Shaqab Lockinge S. following their recent acquisition of two possible runners **Dutch Connection (GB)** (Dutch Art {GB}) and **Home Of The Brave (Ire)** (Starspangledbanner {Aus}). Both horses will remain with their current trainers Charlie Hills and Hugo Palmer, respectively, with Godolphin keen on



John Ferguson | *Scoop Dyga*

strengthening their hand in the international top-level mile division.

John Ferguson, Godolphin's racing manager and chief executive, said, "Both Dutch Connection and Home Of The Brave are excellent horses, who will give us more depth in the ranks in our attempt to win the top one-mile and seven-furlong races in the calendar this year. They present us with plenty of interesting options."

Ferguson will adopt a global outlook when helping to plan a campaign for both horses that he hopes will ultimately lead to stallion careers for each and added, "They give us the chance to be competitive in the top international races later in the year, not only in Europe, but America, Asia and Australia, as well. The 'miler' division produces some outstanding stallion material, but for the time being, we are focused on their racing careers and what they can achieve for Godolphin on the racecourse in 2016."

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TATTERSALLS ADD NEW SPONSORSHIP

To celebrate 250 years in business, Tattersalls have added another Group 1 event to their sponsorship portfolio. The Newmarket based auction house will add their name to this year's G1 Falmouth S. run at Newmarket's Moet & Chandon July Festival. Scheduled for July 8, the race was won last year by David O'Meara's **Amazing Maria (Ire)** (Mastercraftsman {Ire}).



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“Sponsoring the Group 1 Falmouth S. is the perfect fit for Tattersalls,” said Edmond Mahony, chairman of Tattersalls. “Although the company started at Hyde Park Corner in London, we felt it was appropriate to sponsor

a Group 1 contest at Newmarket in our 250th year. The race also coincides with our July Sale, which always attracts a cosmopolitan crowd of buyers who enjoy the top class racing at Newmarket's July Festival.”

Amy Starkey, regional director, Jockey Club Racecourses East Region, added, “We are very much looking forward to the inaugural running of the Tattersalls 250th Year Falmouth S. This is a new sponsorship that we are very excited to be working with Tattersalls on, especially with it being their 250th year and during the 350th anniversary of the Home of Horseracing.”

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SELFRIDGES NEW PARTNER OF GOFFS LONDON

Selfridges, a high-class department store, has become a partner for the third edition of the Goffs London Sale, held at the Orangery at Kensington Palace on the eve of Royal Ascot June 13, Goffs announced Monday. Private investment company QIPCO will still be the title sponsor since the event was inaugurated in 2014. They are joined by Chateau Leoube as



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sponsors of the event, with the latter providing organic wines from the south of France.

“Selfridges is genuinely a household name and is recognised for supreme quality and unparalleled service,” said Goffs Group Chief Executive Henry Beeby. “We are so

excited that they will be working with us this year to add their unique glamour and impeccable standards to the day. The support of QIPCO has been vital to the success of the first two London Sales and we are delighted that they continue to back the concept as their enthusiasm is simply infectious, whilst we are no less thrilled that Chateau Leoube’s delicious wins will again enhance the visit of every Goffs client. All three partners are valued by the team at Goffs, especially as they work to the flawless standards to which we all aspire. Their involvement promises to ensure that the Goffs London Sale remains a truly aspirational event.”

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PREPARING FOR THE FLOOD

After the success of Cloth of Stars (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}) in Sunday’s G2 Prix Greffulhe, Godolphin and Andre Fabre could be in line for more success at Chantilly on Tuesday as **Floodlight** (Medaglia d’Oro) takes in the G3 Prix de Guiche. Making all and comfortably on top at the end of Saint-Cloud’s Prix Verso II over a mile Mar. 24, the homebred son of the dual grade 1 winner Flashing (A.P. Indy) meets only three opponents as he moves



Floodlight | *Scoop Dyga*

towards the G1 Prix du Jockey Club here June 5. “Floodlight is in good form and this is a step-up to the next level in a fairly small field,” the owners’ Lisa-Jane Graffard said. “We don’t want to see too much rain, as he has a good action and prefers better ground.”

Chief threat appears to be Ecurie Antonio Caro and Gerard Augustin-Normand’s **Almanzor (Fr)** (Wootton Bassett {GB}), the

impressive winner of Bordeaux-le-Bouscat’s Listed Grand Criterium de Bordeaux over a mile in October who was subsequently seventh for the G1 Criterium International at Saint-Cloud the following month. Back with a third in the G3 Prix de Fontainebleau staying at a mile here Apr. 20, the bay looked in need of a step up in trip and hails from the Jean-Claude Rouget stable looking for a sixth renewal and third in the last four years. “He ran third at Chantilly, which was not a bad performance,” his trainer told *At the Races*. “He never ran his race in the Criterium International. The ground was far too heavy that day and I regret that he ran that day. I had the same misadventure with Le Havre in that race. Anyway, I’m not sure yet if he is a miler or if he is a mile-and-a-quarter horse. He has entries in the [G1] St James’s Palace Stakes [at Royal Ascot June 14] and in the Prix du Jockey Club. But he definitely wants better ground.”

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Tuesday, Chantilly, France, post time: 12:40 p.m.

PRIX DE GUICHE-G3, €80,000, 3yo, c, 9fT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Ankle (Fr)	Shamardal	Guyon	Ferland
2	Almanzor (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Soumillon	Rouget
3	Gardol City (Fr)	Elusive City	C Demuro	A&G Botti
4	Floodlight	Medaglia d’Oro	Cheminaud	Fabre

All carry 128 pounds.

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Monday’s Results:

1st-WDS, £6,100, Cond, 5-9, 2yo, f, 5f 10yT, 1:01.73, gd.

+SEA OF SNOW (f, 2, [Distorted Humor](#)--Snow Ballerina {GB}, by Sadler’s Wells), sent off at 9-2, tracked the early pace before moving through to challenge Tiggalisious (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}) with a furlong remaining. Getting on top with 150 yards to race, the homebred asserted under hands and heels to score by a neck. “She looks quite precocious and small and butty, but on pedigree she should get quite a bit further,” jockey James Doyle commented. “This can only be a positive sign, as there was no hiding place there.” The dam, who also has a yearling filly by Street Cry (Ire), is a half-sister to the brilliant unbeaten G1 Derby, G1 King George and G1 Arc hero Lammtarra, being out of the promoted 1989 G1 Epsom Oaks winner Snow Bride (Blushing Groom {Fr}). Another of her progeny, Abhisheka (Ire) (Sadler’s Wells), has produced the G1 Prix Jean Prat winner Aesop’s Fables, also by Distorted Humor, while Snow Ballerina’s third dam is the champion Awaasif. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,693. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Darley (KY); T-Mark Johnston.

British Report Cont.

1st-BRG, £5,000, Cond, 5-9, 2yo, 5f 213yT, 1:09.37, g/f.

MR SCARAMANGA (GB) (c, 2, Sir Percy {GB}--Lulla {GB}, by Oasis Dream {GB}), fourth on debut after a tardy start over five furlongs at Windsor Apr. 11, was not the fastest away again but was able to race comfortably in touch in rear. Sent to the front down the outer with a furlong remaining, the 14,000gns TATFOA foal and €78,000 TISEP yearling stayed on to beat Vinnivanbaileys (GB) (Excelebration {Ire}) by a neck. A grandson of the highweight G2 King's Stand S. winner Dominica (GB) (Alhaarth {Ire}), who is in turn out of the similarly speedy Dominio (Ire), a half-sister to Ya Malak (GB), he has a half-brother to come by Swiss Spirit (GB). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,006. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O-Chelsea Thoroughbreds - Golden Gun; B-Lordship Stud (GB); T-Richard Hannon.

2nd-MUS, £5,000, Cond, 5-9, 2yo, 5fT, :59.32, g/f.

WHENEVERWECAN (IRE) (f, 2, Power {GB}--Jallaissine {Ire}, by College Chapel {GB}), runner-up on debut over this trip at Thirsk Apr. 30, raced close to the early pace in second. Driven to challenge Hamidans Girl (Ire) (Bahamian Bounty {GB}) in the last furlong, the 3-1 second favourite gained a slight edge 100 yards from the line and asserted to prevail by a neck. Wheneverwecan, a half to two black-type performers, becomes the third winner for her first-season sire (by Oasis Dream {GB}) and hails from an Aga Khan family featuring the highweight Rayseka (Ire). She is the third winner for her freshman sire (by Oasis Dream {GB}). Sales history: €19,000 RNA Wlg '14 GOFNOV; €30,000 Ylg '15 GOFSP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$6,073. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O-Mr Douglas Livingston; B-Michael O'Mahony (IRE); T-Mark Johnston.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

King of Castilla (GB), c, 2, Sayif (Ire)--Thicket (GB), by Wolfhound. WOL, 5-9, 5f 20y (AWT), 1:03.62. B-Llety Farms (GB). *9,500gns Ylg '15 TAOCT. **2nd winner for first-season sire (by Kheleyf).

Ghostly Arc (Ire), g, 4, Arcano (Ire)--Cheyenne's Spirit (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. MUS, 5-9, 9fT, 1:50.46. B-Troytown Bloodstock (IRE). *€3,000 Wlg '12 GOFNOV; €25,000 Ylg '13 GOFSP.

Central Square (Ire), g, 4, Azamour (Ire)--Lucky Clío (Ire), by Key of Luck. WDS, 5-9, 10f 7yT, 2:07.58. B-Mrs Cherry Faeste (IRE). *€50,000 Ylg '13 GOFORB.

APPOINTMENTS

Richard Willoughby: Racing Editor for ITV

- “We have a first class team at ITV Sport Production, who are highly skilled and experienced as well as hugely passionate about sport,” said Niall Sloane, ITV director of sport. “They have a superb track record in producing the highest quality coverage of some of the most important fixtures in the sporting calendar. With the appointment of Richard Willoughby, bringing with him a tremendous pedigree in racing production, we believe we have the right team in place to meet the challenge of bringing viewers the coverage this wonderful sport deserves.”
- Willoughby has a large amount of experience in racing production, having been a channel editor for Racing UK for five years. During his role there, he oversaw the coverage of all the major racing festivals such as Cheltenham, the Grand National, the Epsom Derby and Royal Ascot.



Monday's Results:

1st-ROS, €13,500, Mdn, 5-9, 3-4yo, c/g, 10f 25yT, 2:20.28, yl.
+ALISHAN (IRE) (c, 3, Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}--Aliya {Ire} {SW-Ire}, by Darshaan {GB}), a half-brother to the G1 Irish St Leger winner Alandi (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Hwt. Older Horse-Fr at 14f+, G1SW-Ire & Fr, \$570,016, was niggled out of the gates to race in a share of third. Short of room in the straight, the 3-1 second favourite stayed on when in the clear to reel in Admodum (Majestic Warrior) 100 yards from the line and win by 3/4 of a length. The winner, who is also a half to Aliyfa (Ire) (Spinning World), Hwt. 3yo Filly-Ire at 13 1/2f+ & SW-Ire, \$110,638, is out of a half to the champion and demoted G1 Epsom Oaks winner Aliya (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}) who went on to produce the MGSW and successful sire Desert Story (Ire). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$9,470. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O-H.H. Aga Khan; B-His Highness the Aga Khan's Studs S.C. (IRE); T-Dermot Weld.

Irish EBF Supporting 2-Year-Old Series:

The Irish arm of the European Breeders Fund has increased its commitment in sponsoring a series of 2-year-old auction races this year. The series consists of 17 qualifiers that culminate in a final worth €100,000 (up from €75,000 last year) run at Naas Oct. 16. The second race of the series was run in Leopardstown on Sunday and was captured by **Lundy (GB)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}).

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Irish EBF Supporting 2-Year-Old Series Cont.

To be eligible for the final in October, each horse must have run in one of the qualifying races and be EBF eligible. The races are aimed at horses purchased as yearlings or 2-year-olds at public auction for not more than €72,000, with allowances for fillies and for horses purchased at a lower auction price. Nessa Joyce, manager of IEBF commented, "The Governors of the Irish EBF are very supportive of this series and want to give purchasers of yearlings and 2-year-olds under €72,000 a valuable race to target. For example, any EBF eligible 2-year-old bought at the upcoming Goresbridge Breeze Up Sale [May 20] will be eligible to run in one of the qualifying races and be in with a chance to enter the €100,000 final in October."



Monday's Results:

PRIX VOLTERRA-Listed, €55,000, CHY, 5-9, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:37.45, gd.

1--**#VOLTA (FR), 125, f, 3, Siyouni (Fr)**

- 1st Dam: Persian Belle (GB), by Machiavellian**
- 2nd Dam: Nicola Bella (Ire), by Sadler's Wells**
- 3rd Dam: Valley of Hope, by Riverman**

O-Ecurie David Salabi, Thierry de la Heronniere & Cluny Conseil SARL; B-Thierry, Amaury & Mme Danille de la Heronniere (FR); T-Francis-Henri Graffard; J-Pierre-Charles Boudot. €27,500. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, €48,200. *1/2 to Calvados Blues (Fr) (Lando {Ger}), MGSW-Fr & G1SP-UAE, \$919,671.

2--**Qatar Power (Fr), 125, f, 3, Le Havre (Ire)--Brave Power, by Aldebaran.** (€25,000 Wlg '13 ARDEC; €170,000 Ylg '14 AROCT). O-H H Sheikh Abdulla bin Khalifa Al Thani & Qatar Racing Ltd. €11,000.

3--**Just Win (Fr), 125, f, 3, Mamool (Ire)--Just Queen (GB), by Dansili (GB).** O-Lutz Bongen. €8,250.

Margins: 2HF, 3/4, SNK. Odds: 7.20, 4.60, 15.70. Also Ran: Magnolea (Ire), Alnajmah (GB), Powder Snow, Joiedargent (Fr), La Patria (GB), Sweet Electra (Fr), Mademoiselle Flore (GB). Scratched: Saimaa (Ire).

Off the mark at the fourth attempt in a mile maiden at Saint-Cloud last time Mar. 24, Volta was able to make the jump to this standard and suggest a bright future. Settled in third initially, the bay traveled strongly to the lead passing the quarter pole and when asked the question sprinted clear for an emphatic first black-type success. "We always thought she was quite a nice filly, but it's taken time for her to adjust and understand what it's all about," part-owner David Salabi said. "The jockey was impressed and my partners are talking about Royal Ascot, but we have to have a look at the pattern book and decide what's best for her." [Click for the Racing Post result.](#)

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PRIX DU PONT-NEUF-Listed, €55,000, CHY, 5-9, 3yo, 7fT, 1:24.44, gd.

1--**#BOLTING, 125, c, 3, by War Front**

- 1st Dam: Beta Leo, by A.P. Indy**
- 2nd Dam: Denebola, by Storm Cat**
- 3rd Dam: Coup de Genie, by Mr. Prospector**

O-Flaxman Stables Ireland Ltd; B-Flaxman Holdings Ltd (KY); T-Francis-Henri Graffard; J-Thierry Jarnet. €27,500. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, €59,600.

2--**King Malpic (Fr), 125, g, 3, King's Best--Sablonniere {Fr}, by Verglas {Ire}.** (€6,000 Wlg '13 ARQDEC). O-Ecurie Lafeu. €11,000.

3--**Dhevanafushi (GB), 125, c, 3, Kendargent (Fr)--Tejaara, by Kingmambo.** O-Henri-Alex Pantall. €8,250.

Margins: SNK, 2, SNK. Odds: 14.00, 3.10, 24.60.

Also Ran: Toliman (GB), Nordic Dream (Ire), Ella Diva (Fr), Kenshaba (Fr), Saryshagann (Fr), Schang (Ger), North End (Fr), Titan Fighter (Fr), Nomadic (Fr).

Bred in the purple and held in high regard by the now-retired Jonathan Pease last term, Bolting was quick to score on debut over 5 1/2 furlongs here in June before finishing third behind the subsequent group-placed Viserano (Fr) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}) in a six-furlong conditions event at Deauville in early July. Never a factor when seventh in the G2 Prix Robert Papin back at 5 1/2 at Maisons-Laffitte later that month, the bay signed off with a confidence-restoring success over 6 1/2 furlongs on the Polytrack here in November. Switched off in last early by Thierry Jarnet, he was delivered widest of all in the straight and after passing all rivals to lead at the furlong pole, belied his greenness to secure the narrow win from King Malpic. "We are very happy, as Jonathan Pease kept him in high esteem last year and we had been very disappointed with his run in Robert Papin, although we did find something wrong and gave him time after that," the Niarchos Family's racing manager Alan Cooper explained. "It was the plan to ride him like that and see what happened, so it is a very satisfactory result. His win today automatically ensures a place in the G1 Prix Jean Prat [at Chantilly July 10], which is a nice initiative by France Galop, but first we will look at the [G3] Jersey S. [at Royal Ascot June 15]." [Click for the Racing Post result.](#) [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)



2nd-CHY, €29,000, Cond, 5-9, 3yo, c/g, 10fT, 2:03.63, gd.

CANESSAR (FR) (c, 3, Kendargent {Fr}--Candara {Fr}, by Baratheia {Ire}), who graduated by 1 1/2 lengths over this trip at Saint-Cloud last time Apr. 3, was slowest away from the gate and raced off the pace in sixth for the most part here. Nudged along approaching the final quarter mile, the 17-10 chalk took time to find the right gear and ran on strongly under a drive in the closing stages to deny Beijing (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) by a short head on the line. [Cont. p11](#)

2nd-CHY Cont.

The winner is a half-brother to last term's G2 Prix de Royallieu victress and G1 Prix Vermeille runner-up Candarliya (Fr) (Dalakhani {Ire}), MGSW & G1SP-Fr, \$375,233, a 2-year-old filly by Dalakhani (Ire) and a yearling filly by Sinndar (Ire). Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, €27,000. O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (FR); T-Mikel Delzangles.

3rd-CHY, €29,000, Cond, 5-9, 3yo, f, 10fT, 2:04.82, gd. GARGOTIERE (FR) (f, 3, Kendargent {Fr}--Bonne Gargotte {Fr} {SW & GSP-Fr}, by Poliglote {GB}), who broke through going 12 furlongs here in a debutantes' heat in her only prior start last time Apr. 24, was reined back to race six of the seven runners from the outset of this one. Making smooth headway into contention once initiating a forward move on the home turn, the 21-10 favourite was shaken up to lead entering the final eighth and kept on in determined fashion under rousing to deny War Flag (War Front) by a short head in a bobber. Bonne Gargotte, who won the Listed Prix Panacee and finished runner-up in the G3 Prix Corrida, is the dam of six winners from seven foals to race. She has also produced a yearling colt by Doctor Dino (Fr). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €27,000. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Comtesse Bertrand de Tarragon; B-Ecurie Maulepaire (FR); T-Henri-Francois Devin.

First Winner for Freshman Sire

1st-CGN, €22,000, Cond, 5-9, 2yo 5 1/2fT, 1:07.10, sf. AIMING FOR RIO (FR) (f, 2, Rio de la Plata--Tevara {GB}, by Compton Place {GB}), a debut fifth at Chantilly last time Apr. 20, made a sharp getaway and led from the outset of this second go. In command throughout, the 16-5 chance was stoked up inside the two pole and stretched clear under a tender drive in the closing stages to score by an easy 3 1/2 lengths from Jackson en Bois (Fr) (Lilbourne Lad {Ire}). She becomes the first winner for her Haras du Logis-based Darley freshman (by Rahy). The €12,000 ARQDEC foal, kin to a yearling filly by Slickly (Fr), is a granddaughter of the G2 Cherry Hinton S.-winning MG1SP European champion Torgau (Ire) (Zieten). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €12,250. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Mme Theresa Marnane; B-Haras du Logis & Julian Ince (FR); T-Matthieu Palussiere.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+Decale (GB), f, 2, Mawatheeque--Ligurian Sea (GB), by Medicean (GB). CGN, 5-9, 5 1/2fT, 1:10.43. B-Genesis Green Stud (GB). *€9,000 Ylg '15 OSLATE.

Livinginafantasy (Fr), f, 3, Monsun (Ger)--All is Vanity (Fr) (GSW-Fr & US, \$491,788), by Gold Away (Ire). NTS, 5-9, 8fT, 1:40.15. B-Mme Isabelle Corbani & Jedburgh Stud (FR). *€100,000 RNA Ylg '14 AROCT.

Dino Velvet (Fr), c, 3, Naqoos (GB)--Matgil (Fr), by Grape Tree Road (GB). CGN, 5-9, 12fT, 2:37.10. B-Herve Viallon (FR). *€9,000 Ylg '14 ARNOV.

Striveforgreatness (Fr), c, 3, Vision d'Etat (Fr)--Vandalixa (Fr), by Linamix (Fr). CGN, 5-9, 10f 165yT, TIME. B-Bruno Mazure, Marc Bouyssou & Herve Tibeuf (FR). *€12,000 Ylg '14 OSLATE.

Tuesday, Chantilly, post time: 2:25 p.m.

PRIX DE LA SEINE-Listed, €55,000, 3yo, f, 11fT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Gambissara (Fr)	Adlerflug (Ger)	Scratched	Scratched
2	Olala (Ger)	Tertullian	Hamelin	Figge
3	Enyryda (Fr)	Sinndar (Ire)	Soumillon	Delzangles
4	Wanderina (Ire)	Manduro (Ger)	Guyon	Head
5	Impressionist (Ire)	Montjeu (Ire)	Boudot	Fabre
6	Olivia Pope (Fr)	Magadan (Ire)	Piccone	Lellouche
7	Al Wathna (GB)	Nayef	Benoist	Rouget
8	Sally For Me (Fr)	Pour Moi (Ire)	Peslier	Dubois
9	The Juliet Rose (Fr)	Monsun (Ger)	Pasquier	Clement

All carry 125 pounds bar The Juliet Rose, 129.



FIGURES UP AT NZB OPENING DAY

The opening day of New Zealand Bloodstock's National Weanling, Broodmare and Mixed Bloodstock Sale got off to a very solid start showing gains across the board. This was highlighted by an aggregate of NZ\$2,952,200, up just over NZ\$1.1m on last year's opener despite fewer horses going through the ring. A healthy clearance rate of 87% was complimented by an 85% increase in the average to NZ\$22,709 with the median also up significantly to NZ\$11,500.

As expected, NZB managing director Andrew Seabrook was thrilled with the results commenting, "The product we are producing continues to perform in some of the world's toughest racing jurisdictions and the staggering results we have seen here today are not only good for our vendors but for the industry as a whole." [Cont. p12](#)

6th-CHY, €24,000, Cond, 5-9, 4yo/up, 9f (AWT), 1:51.68, stn. PRIMUS INCITATUS (IRE) (h, 5, Mastercraftsman {Ire}--Chaibia {Ire} {GSW-Fr & MGSP-US, \$163,453}, by Peintre Celebre) Lifetime Records: 23-2-3-2, €58,390. O-Alain Michel Haddad & Tarek El Sharif; B-Malcolm Parrish (IRE); T-David Smaga. *€115,000 Ylg '12 ARAUG.

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Figures Up at NZB Opening Day Cont.

As predicted young stock by Cambridge Stud’s hot young sire **Tavistock (NZ)** (Montjeu {Ire}) were popular with his colt offered as [lot 40](#) providing the highest price of the day. From the Curraghmore draft, he is out of Sentura (NZ) (Volksraad {GB})



Lot 40 | Trish Dunell

herself an own-sister to group winner Clifton Prince (NZ). The attractive bay was purchased by Mark and Shelley Treweek’s Lyndhurst Farm.

“He has a great walk and a great way about him and being by Tavistock is

obviously a big attraction,” said Mark Treweek. “He’s got a lovely pedigree and is out of a Volksraad mare which is a proven cross already with Tavistock. Nine times out of 10 Curraghmore sell the best horses out of the weanling sale and we picked him as the nicest type in the sale. He ticked a lot of boxes for us and we had to have him.”

Tavistock also supplied the second highest weanling of the day, [lot 78](#) a colt offered by Brighthill Farm and knocked down to Phill Cataldo Bloodstock for NZ\$155,000.

Leading vendor of the day by average and aggregate was Gordon Cunningham’s Curraghmore, who was topping both categories for the 10th time.

“We brought a quality draft to this sale again and expected our horses to sell well,” explained Cunningham. “The interest we’d had leading into the sale was good and that’s translated into results today that we’re delighted with.”

Rider Horse NZ were the most active of the day’s buyers, securing 20 lots for total receipts of NZ\$498,000 and striking early to secure [lot 9](#). Offered by Dan Myers’ draft, the **I Am Invincible (Aus)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) filly is the first foal from the stakes placed mare Pipette (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) and fetched NZ\$130,000. Rider Horse invested the same sum for [lot 109](#) a colt by freshman sire **So You Think (NZ)** (High Chaparral {Ire}) consigned by Curraghmore.

Selling continues on Tuesday at 10 a.m. local time, with more weanlings slated to go under the hammer followed by yearlings, 2-year-olds, unraced stock and racehorses. The full broodmare offering and stallion shares will then conclude the sale on Wednesday.



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NZB NATIONAL WEANLING SALE

SESSION TOTALS	2016	2015
• Catalogued	170	200
• No. Offered	149	179
• No. Sold	130	145
• RNAs	19	34
• % RNAs	13%	19%
• High Price	NZ\$170,000	NZ\$160,000
• Gross	NZ\$2,952,200	NZ\$1,783,750
• Average (% change)	NZ\$22,709 (+85%)	NZ\$12,302
• Median (% change)	NZ\$11,500 (+188%)	NZ\$4,000

**NZB NATIONAL WEANLING SALE
SESSION ONE TOP LOTS**

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (NZ\$)
40	colt	Tavistock (NZ)	Sentura (NZ) <i>B-Nearco Stud Limited (NZ)</i> Consigned by Curraghmore Purchased by Lyndhurst Farm	170,000
78	colt	Tavistock (NZ)	Times Remembered (NZ) <i>B-Dowager Duchess Of Bedford (NZ)</i> Consigned by Brighthill Farm Purchased by Phill Cataldo Bloodstock	155,000
9	filly	I Am invincible (Aus)	Pipette (GB) <i>B-D J Myers (Aus)</i> Consigned by D J Myers Purchased by Rider Horse NZ	130,000
109	colt	So You Think (NZ)	Astounded (Aus) <i>B-G. Calder</i> Consigned by Curraghmore Purchased by Rider Horse NZ	130,000
132	colt	Tavistock (NZ)	Cellaring (Aus) <i>B-I P Clapham</i> Consigned by Cambria Park Purchased by PA Willetts	105,000

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MURRIHY TO RETIRE AS NSW CHIEF STEWARD

Ray Murrphy, chairman of the stewards of Racing New South Wales for the past 21 years and a steward for a total of 46, will retire June 3, reported *Racing.com*. He will be replaced by RNSW deputy chairman of stewards Marc Van Gestel.

“Ray Murrphy has made an outstanding contribution to Thoroughbred racing throughout Australia,” RNSW chief executive Peter V’landys said in a statement. “Ray has been a racing administrator of the highest calibre. He is the Black Caviar of stewards and has done an exceptional job, to say the



Ray Murrphy | Darryl Sherer

least. In a career spanning 46 years, Ray has acted in a senior capacity in five Australian states across Thoroughbred and harness racing and has been the chairman of stewards for four of those states. He has been the chairman of stewards in New South Wales since Aug. 1, 1995 and has chaired the Racing Australia National Chairman of Stewards Advisory Group for most of that time. Ray’s contribution to Thoroughbred racing has been immeasurable.”

V’landys, who feels Van Gestel is well prepared for his new role added, “Marc has already proved himself as an excellent steward, having first commenced as a trainee steward some 26 years ago in 1989 and having excelled as a deputy chairman to Ray since 2006. I have faith in Marc’s ability to step up to the chairman of stewards’ role. Marc is an impressive professional and a fearless individual with immense experience.”

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Inglis Great Southern Sale Extended to Four Days:

The Inglis Great Southern Sale, held at Oaklands, Melbourne, will have an extended four-day run for the second year in a row. The 787-strong catalogue will feature 400 weanlings during the Platinum Session June 19-20. The sale continues through June 22, with over 250 broodmares, stallions, stallion shares, racing stock, and yearlings offered during the latter two sessions. The sale begins each day at 10:00 a.m. local time. For more information and the complete catalogue, go to www.inglis.com.au.



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