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## DERBY (KENTUCKY) SIRES



Nyquist leads home Exaggerator, Gun Runner and Mohaymen in the Kentucky Derby | *Coady photography*

by Bill Oppenheim

The number four sire in North America this year is Spendthrift's **Malibu Moon** ([click here](#)); he is the only one of the North American top five who did not have a runner in the superfecta in the GI Kentucky Derby. By this I mean: winner (and future Darley sire) Nyquist, by North America's #1 sire, Ashford's **Uncle Mo**; second (and future WinStar sire) Exaggerator, by Hill 'n' Dale's **Curlin**, #5 on the sire list; third (and future Three Chimneys stallion) Gun Runner, by North America #3, Lane's End's **Candy Ride**; and fourth (and presumably future Shadwell stallion) Mohaymen, by North America #2, Gainesway's two-time champion sire **Tapit**. These sires aren't at the top of the list because of their Derby earnings; they were already there, the Derby result just reinforces their standing.

First, the race itself. It's interesting that the betting public had it absolutely right: the first four finishers were the first four betting choices, in order. It reminded me of something the great Australian poet and racing journalist A. B. (Banjo) Paterson wrote over a hundred years ago, in a chapter titled "Buying A Yearling" from his 1913 treatise, *Racehorses And Racing* (veteran readers may remember I did my Masters' Thesis, a thousand years ago, on Banjo Paterson).

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## NYQUIST SETTLES IN AT PIMLICO

GI Kentucky Derby winner **Nyquist** (Uncle Mo), who arrived at Pimlico Race Course Monday evening, had a quiet morning walking the shedrow at the Baltimore track Tuesday morning. The Paul Reddam colorbearer is expected to return to the track Wednesday, but is unlikely to have an official work before the May 21 GI Preakness S.

"We didn't work [2012 Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner] I'll Have Another (Flower Alley), so I don't think we'll work Nyquist," Jack Sisterson, assistant to trainer Doug O'Neill, said. "I'm just keeping him happy. There's not much we can do in two weeks. I think his record speaks for itself and we're not going to change anything from what we've done with him in the past."

In other Preakness news, Colts Neck Stables' **Awesome Speed** (Awesome Again) worked six furlongs at his owner's farm in New Jersey. *Cont. p3*

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### SOLOW RULED OUT OF ASCOT DEFENCE

An injury suffered earlier this year will keep **Solow (GB)** (*Singspiel {Ire}*) from defending his G1 Queen Anne S. title at Royal Ascot.

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**Forty Niner: now and then.** 1987 Champion Two-Year-Old Colt Forty Niner celebrates his 31st birthday on May 11. The pensioned stallion resides at the Japan Bloodhorse Breeders' Association's Shizunai Stallion Station in Hokkaido. | Horsephotos.

**FIRING LINE RETURNS TO WORK TAB**

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*Firing Line (Line of David), runner-up in last year's GI Kentucky Derby, returned to the work tab at Santa Anita Tuesday. Trainer Simon Callaghan is hopeful the 4-year-old, who has not started since being eased in the GI Preakness S., can start in this summer's GI Pacific Classic.*

**TODAY'S GRADED STAKES**

**EDT Race**

10:15a Clipper Logistics S.-G2, YOR

10:45a Musidora S.-G3, YOR

12:40p Blue Wind S.-G3, NAA



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## Nyquist Settles in at Pimlico (cont. from p1)

“He went three-quarters in [1:13], which is pretty good out here,” trainer Alan Goldberg said of Awesome Speed’s work. “He seemed to come back good and he might do an easy half-mile next week.”

Awesome Speed won a fees-paid entry into the Preakness when he was promoted to victory in the race’s local prep, the Apr. 9 Federico Tesio S. The dark bay opened his sophomore campaign with a win in the Jan. 2 Mucho Macho Man S. at Gulfstream and was fourth in the Feb. 27 GII Fountain of Youth S.



Nyquist Arrives at Pimlico | MJC photo

“We plan on running,” Goldberg said of the Preakness. “Maybe we can get a small piece. We got a free ride to get in there, so that was the plan.”

Also aiming for the Preakness, Kentucky Derby runner-up **Exaggerator** (Curlin) returned to the track at Churchill Downs Tuesday, galloping a mile under Peedy Landry, who reported the colt “felt great.” Exaggerator is expected to ship to Maryland Sunday.

Derby fifth-place finisher **Suddenbreakingnews** (Mineshaft) also returned to the track Tuesday, jogging 1 1/4 miles under Ramiro Gorosteita. “He had plenty of energy,” trainer Donnie Von Hemel reported.

## Derby Viewers Top 15 Million

NBC Sports’ coverage of Saturday’s GI Kentucky Derby averaged 15.5 million viewers, marking the fourth straight year the race attracted at least 15 million viewers, according to an NBC release. Viewership peaked with 17.9 million viewers from 6:45-7 p.m., which matched the peak viewership from American Pharoah’s Derby win a year ago. The Kentucky Derby posted a 9.0/21 national rating.

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## FIRING LINE BACK TO WORK AT SANTA ANITA

by Ben Massam

Arnold Zetcher's **Firing Line** (Line of David) came within a hard-fought length of upsetting American Pharoah (Pioneer of the Nile) in the 2015 GI Kentucky Derby and was subsequently eased over a rain-drenched strip in the GI Preakness S. two weeks later. Tuesday morning--just a few days shy of the one-year anniversary of the latter debacle--the bay returned to the



Firing Line | Horsephotos

worktab for the first time since with a measured three-furlong breeze in :37 2/5 at Santa Anita Park.

Reached by phone Tuesday afternoon, trainer Simon Callaghan explained that the 4-year-old's workout was a useful precursor to more substantial training sessions

on the horizon.

"It was exactly what we wanted to see," said Callaghan. "He breezed three-eighths in :37 2/5 and I was really happy with it. He switched leads on cue, and moved great--really within himself. He came back after the work full of himself and really happy. It's nice to have him back on the worktab."

Assuming Firing Line progresses as expected, Callaghan said he could be aimed at a start in the GI Pacific Classic at Del Mar Aug. 20. While the colt would likely make at least one appearance before that fixture, the young trainer is taking a wait-and-see approach before determining a specific return spot.

"I suppose our first main goal is probably the Pacific Classic, and then we'll work out what prep races we use when we get a bit further down the road with him," Callaghan continued. "We'll know a lot more in four to six weeks."

If Firing Line's performance in the Derby was a highlight of Callaghan's 2015 season, fellow stable star **Taris** (Flatter) ensured that 2016 would be similarly memorable with a win in last Saturday's GI Humana Distaff S. on the Derby undercard. Three days after drawing off to score by a widening 5 3/4 lengths over Stonetastic (Mizzen Mast), the Tabor, Smith and Magnier colorbearer had returned to the Golden State in fine condition.

"She's really kept her weight, and she looks fantastic," the conditioner remarked of the **'TDN Rising Star.'** "She flew back to California the day after the race. I saw her [Tuesday] morning and she was really feeling happy, and we can be happy with the way she's come out of it."

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Callaghan said that Taris will likely stretch out for her next start in either Santa Anita's GI Vanity Mile June 4 or Belmont's GI Ogden Phipps S. June 11, with her long-term goal being the GI Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint at Santa Anita in November.

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## DELTA DOWNS JACKPOT DATE SET

The \$1-million GIII Delta Downs Jackpot, won in 2015 by subsequent GI Kentucky Derby runner-up **Exaggerator** (Curlin), will be held Nov. 19 this season. The card will also feature the \$400,000 Delta Downs Princess and the \$250,000 Delta Mile.

"The Jackpot Day program has become one of the most important in the country each year," said Steve Kuypers, Vice President and General Manager of Delta Downs Racetrack Casino & Hotel. "The event brings top-notch horses, jockeys, trainers and horseplayers together for an afternoon of fierce competition and our team is ready to put on another great show this November."

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From the desk of...

## BILL OPPENHEIM



### Derby (Kentucky) Sires (cont. from p1)

Paterson wrote: "There is a vast silent army without generals or colonels or captains, an army that is camped everywhere on ceaseless picket duty--the army of those that back horses"; a/k/a 'the betting public', and often they know more

than all the pundits put together. The betting public certainly nailed it in the Derby, right down to sending Nyquist off at 2.30-1, shorter than most pundits predicted, but more in line with what the colt had already achieved.

Paterson went on to write that, to the army of those that back horses: "To them the owner of a really first-class horse is a greater hero than your politician, or your lawyer or your singer or you yourself ... the racehorse owner--he knows what they go through. He has been through it all: the thrill of victory, the chagrin of defeat. He knows what it is to take six to four and see it get left at the barrier. He knows what it means to take hundreds to one as soon as the weights come out, and see it start at fours and win with its head in its chest."



Uncle Mo | coolmore.com

When Paul Reddam, Doug O'Neill and their entourage brought I'll Have Another to Churchill Downs in 2012, they knew they had a lot better than a 15-1 shot off his win over Creative Cause (who had previously beaten Derby favorite Bodemeister in

the GII San Felipe S.). Then, after mastering Bodemeister again in the GI Preakness S., I for one, thought I'll Have Another was a certainty to win the GI Belmont S. and the Triple Crown. But I'll Have Another, as we know, never even got to the starting gate; he didn't get a chance to "get left at the barrier." So it's not surprising O'Neill and Team Reddam aren't getting carried away; they know better than anybody that a Triple Crown bid can come apart at any minute. Baltimore next; do that, really, one race at a time. But it's pretty telling when you read trainer O'Neill quoted as saying, "He's definitely the best horse I've ever been around." I'm going to continue to try to not jinx Reddam, so I'll just say to Paul what I said last week, before the race: Seattle Slew 1977, Affirmed 1978. The dream is alive.

Not surprisingly, Nyquist's Derby win propels his sensational young sire past Tapit into the number one spot on the North American 2016 General Sire List, by more than \$1.3 million at this point. **Cont. p6**

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# TDN WEEKLY SALES TICKER

by Bill Oppenheim

“The European 2-Year-Old sales have been markedly down this year. With virtually the same number catalogued at two Tattersalls sales (Craven and Guineas), Goffs UK (ex Doncaster), and Osarus last week, the number sold has dropped by 10%; the gross by 21%, from almost £22-million to £17.3-million; and the average by 13%. The clearance rate from the catalogues is down from 66.6% last year to just under 60% this year. There had been a big jump in the European 2-year-old market from 2013 to 2014, and this year’s figures so far are down single digits from 2014. Arqana at Deauville and Goresbridge in Ireland coming up might be a little stronger.”



**OSARUS BREEZE UP SALE**

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2016	107	89	51	16.8%	57.3%	47.7%	€1,097,500	€21,520
2015	68	59	40	13.2%	67.8%	58.8%	€973,000	€24,325
2014	82	72	47	12.2%	65.3%	57.3%	€822,500	€17,500
2013	88	79	47	10.2%	59.5%	53.4%	€816,500	€17,372
2012	48	38	25	20.8%	65.8%	52.1%	€308,000	€12,320
2016	107	89	51	16.8%	57.3%	47.7%	€1,097,500	€21,520



**TOTAL EUROPEAN BREEZE UP SALES AS OF MAY 10, 2016**

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2016	587	490	351	16.5%	71.6%	59.8%	£17,367,754	£49,481
2015	583	480	388	17.7%	80.8%	66.6%	£21,991,799	£56,680
2014	589	478	367	18.8%	76.8%	62.3%	£18,945,505	£51,623
2013	554	467	340	15.7%	72.8%	61.4%	£14,645,740	£43,076
2012	550	446	342	18.9%	76.7%	62.2%	£14,760,624	£43,160
2011	462	385	256	16.7%	66.5%	55.4%	£9,964,329	£38,923

But Tapit is still the leading North American sire in 2016 by number of black-type winners (11), black-type horses (27), graded SW (8), and graded stakes horses (19). Uncle Mo has nine BTW and 18 BTH so far this year; cumulatively he has 13 BTWs and 23 BTHs to date. Whether he ends up number one or number two on the 2016 North American general sire list when all is said and done, he could hardly have made a more impressive start, and whatever you've paid to breed to him this year, he'll definitely cost more next year.

In contrast to Uncle Mo's rocketing to sire stardom, Curlin's accession to a \$100,000 stud fee was a long time coming. North America's all-time leading money-earner until California Chrome won the G1 Dubai World Cup a few weeks ago, Curlin initially went to stud at Lane's End Farm at a \$75,000 fee in 2009. After he finished ninth on the 2012 North American freshman sire list, his fee dropped to \$25,000 for 2013. That year he did have Belmont S. winner Palace Malice in his first crop, yet he finished third on the NA second-crop sire list, behind Ashford's Majestic Warrior (since sold to Japan) and Hill 'n' Dale's Midnight Lute. Palace Malice was one of only two A Runners for Curlin the year he had his first 3-year-olds, so he had only an 0.66 A Runner Index, though he did also have five B Runners (1.64) and 12 C Runners (1.97) by the end of 2013, and he was the leading F2010 sire of 2013 ABC Runners, with 18. His 2014 stud fee remained at \$25,000, though.



Curlin | Hill 'n' Dale photo

In 2014, Curlin was leading North American third-crop sire (first 4-year-olds racing) by a mile, with 12 Black-Type Winners and the earners of over \$9.3-million, ranking him 11th on the 2014 *TDN* North American general sire list. He had 12 A Runners by the end of 2014 (1.86 A Runner Index), and 57 ABC Runners (2.21 ABC Index), which was far ahead of any other F2010 sire; Midnight Lute was second by number of 2012-2014 ABC Runners, with 38. So Curlin was getting tons of useful horses, and now plenty of black-type winners, but he still had only two GSW in 2014, and by the end of that year Palace Malice was still his only Grade I winner. He stood for \$35,000 in 2015.

In 2015, though, the year he had his first 5-year-olds racing, Curlin's third crop of 3-year-olds finally propelled him to sire stardom.

He had seven GSW last year, the earners of over \$11 million, and ranked sixth on the 2015 *TDN* North American general sire list, and these included three Grade I-winning 3-year-olds: the fillies Stellar Wind, who won the GI Santa Anita Oaks, got beat in a photo by Stopchargingmaria in the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff and was named Eclipse Champion 3-year-old filly; and Curalina, who won the GI Acorn and GI CCA Oaks via disqualification and placed in three other Grade Is, including third in the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff; and the colt Keen Ice, who upset American Pharoah in the GI Travers S., though he hasn't found the winner's circle since. While all this was going on, John Sikura of Hill 'n' Dale Farm made a successful bid of \$6.2-million for a 20% interest in Curlin in a court-ordered sale stemming from the interest still owned by Curlin's original owners, former attorneys Shirley Cunningham Jr. and William Gallion, whose Midnight Cry Stables had originally bought Curlin as a yearling for \$57,000, then sold 80% of him to Stonestreet Farm's Jess Jackson and partners. Their 20% interest was a court-ordered sale, as they had been convicted of fraud and jailed, and the 20% interest in Curlin was being sold to provide partial restitution to the fraud victims. Anyway, Sikura's bid valued Curlin at \$31-million, which meant his days as a five-figure stallion were over. He moved to Hill 'n' Dale for the 2016 season, where he has been covering this year for a \$100,000 fee.

This seems to have been working out fine, and received a further boost in Louisville when Curalina won her third Grade I race with a big score in Friday's La Troienne, then Exaggerator came out of the pack to chase home Nyquist in the Derby. Exaggerator had won the GII Saratoga Special and run fourth to Nyquist in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile last year. This year he'd been second to him in the GII San Vicente S. (first time out for both), then a disappointing third behind Danzing Candy and Mor Spirit in the GII San Felipe, but he rebounded with a big six-length win in the GI Santa Anita Derby--thus becoming Curlin's fifth Grade I winner--in the slop. It sometimes happens with sires: Palace Malice in his first crop was Curlin's only Grade I winner in his first two crops, then he has three in his third and now one in his fourth. He didn't rocket to stardom like Uncle Mo--but then neither did Curlin's sire Smart Strike. Looks like Curlin is cut from the same cloth, but one thing for sure is: once they become six-figure sires, they rarely go backwards.

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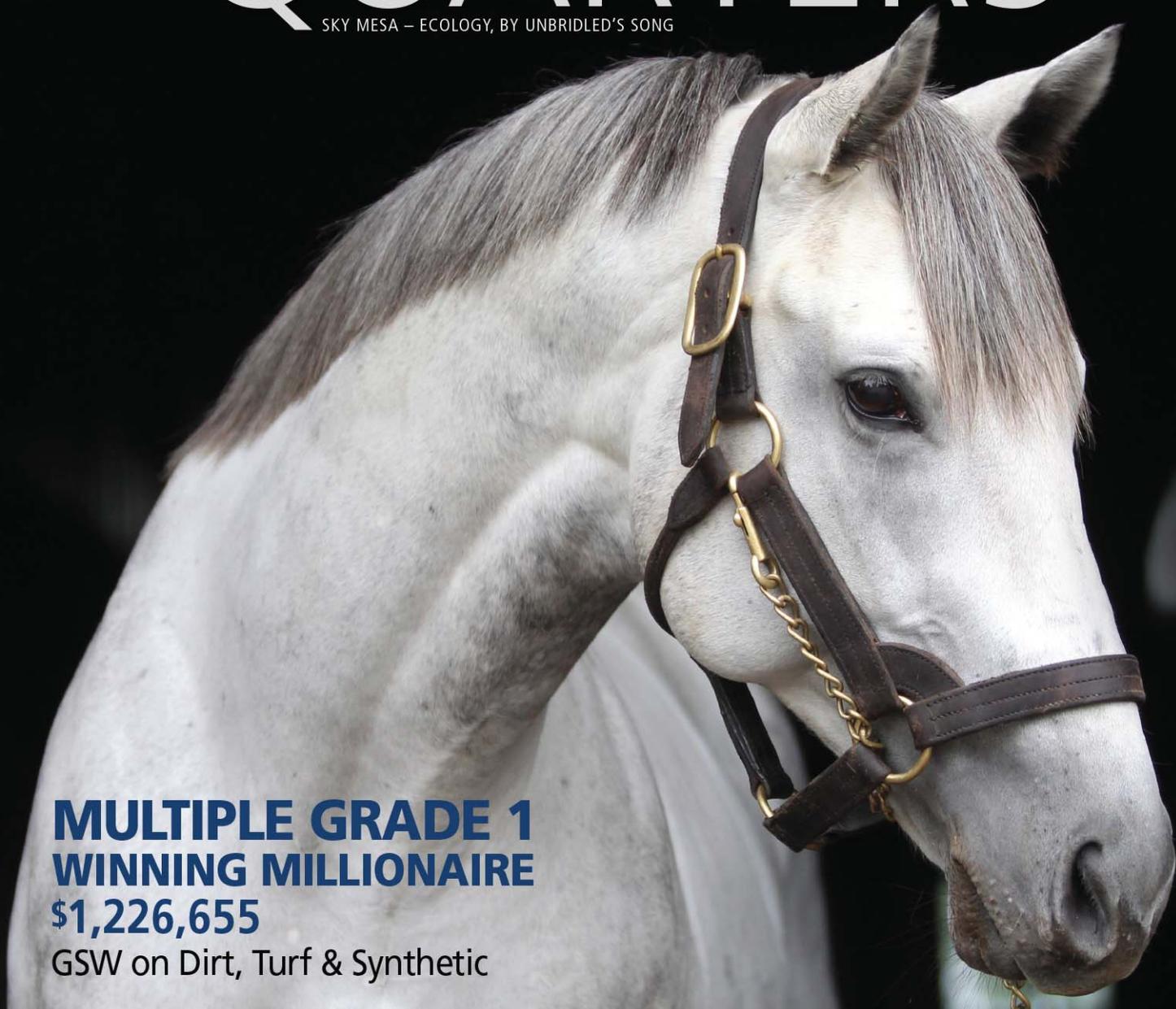
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## IROQUOIS BECOMES INTERNATIONAL EVENT

The 75th anniversary edition of the Iroquois Steeplechase is taking on an international flavor with two Ireland-based stakes winners vying for the top prize in Saturday's \$200,000 Calvin Houghland Iroquois (Gr. 1) at Percy Warner Park in Nashville, Tennessee, and a shot at the \$500,000 Brown Advisory Cheltenham-Iroquois Challenge bonus next spring.

Willie Mullins, the champion jumps trainer in England and Ireland for the past nine years, sent over stakes winners **Nichols Canyon (GB)**

(Authorized {Ire}) and **Shaneshill (Ire)** (King's Theatre {Ire}), who cleared quarantine and arrived in the Nashville area Tuesday. Both are owned by Andrea and Graham Wylie, who is an



Nichols Canyon winning last year's Ryanair Hurdle at Leopardstown | *Racing Post photo*

English technology entrepreneur.

The winner of the Calvin Houghland Iroquois earns a shot at the bonus next March in the Ryanair World Hurdle (Gr. 1) at the Cheltenham Festival. Both races are three miles.

Michael G. Hankin, Brown Advisory's CEO and a National Steeplechase Association board member, is looking forward to the excitement of an international event in Nashville.

"I think the paddock is going to be electrifying," he said.

The Irish invaders can count on stiff opposition. Jacqueline Ohrstrom's **Demonstrative** (Elusive Quality), the 2014 Eclipse Award winner, won the Calvin Houghland Iroquois twice and is defending his victory last year. Champion owner Irv Naylor will end out his **Rawnaq (Ire)** (Azamour {Ire}), an impressive 15-length winner of the Temple Gwathmey (Gr. 3) in Virginia on April 23.

The Calvin Houghland Iroquois will conclude an action-packed program that also includes the \$75,000 Marcellus Frost Novice Stakes, the \$50,000 Margaret Currey Henley for fillies and mares, and the \$50,000 Mason Houghland Memorial over timber fences. In all, purses total \$450,000.

First post time is 1:00 p.m. CDT.

## MONMOUTH PUSHES FORWARD FOR 71ST SEASON

Fresh off the heels of a 2015 season that saw Triple Crown winner American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile) capture the GI Haskell Invitational, Monmouth Park will open its doors for its 71st year of racing this Saturday. At the Oceanport oval's Opening Day Press Conference and Luncheon Tuesday, track officials and state legislators alike expressed optimism for the future of racing in New Jersey. 2016 will mark the fifth year that Monmouth Park has been operated by Darby Development LLC, a group representing local horsemen.

"We've gone from a facility that was previously operated by the state at losses of more than \$12.5 million a year and was on the verge of shutting down," said Dennis Drazin, advisor to Darby Development. "And now we've turned that corner, have nearly eradicated those deficits and placed ourselves on firmer ground and on a path toward a solid future."

As usual, the 2016 meet will be headlined by the July 31 \$1-million Haskell, which will be sponsored this year by Betfair.com--the online host of New Jersey's newly introduced exchange wagering option. Monmouth has also scheduled a

number of festival events offering food and entertainment for racegoers, highlighted by the Jersey Shore Food Truck Festival held on Memorial Day Weekend. Other new events for 2016 include an Italian Festival Aug. 6, as well as a Latin Fiesta Aug. 20-21.



Dennis Drazin (left), Senator Jennifer Beck (center) and Betfair US CEO Kip Levin (right) *Equi-Photo*

Monmouth Park continues to position itself on the cutting edge of the wagering aspect of the business as well. Betfair U.S. and TVG CEO Kip Levin was on hand to introduce exchange wagering and Haskell sponsorship to the audience, while track announcer Frank Mirahmadi made note of Monmouth's inaugural on-site Pick Your Prize Handicapping Challenge to be held June 4.

With the prospect of added casino funds and a ruling on the legality of sports betting in the Garden State on the horizon, Senator Jennifer Beck noted that securing external revenue is an integral component of efforts to preserve New Jersey's breeding and racing industries, as well as open spaces in the state.

Drazin echoed Beck's sentiments, adding that there is significant reason to be optimistic about the future. **Cont. p2**

**Monmouth Pushes Forward For 71st Season Cont.**

“While we have accomplished much, we must continue to persevere to ensure a bright future for New Jersey racing,” Drazin concluded. “Our management team is committed to our all-of-the-above strategy when it comes to making a fan-friendly racing and entertainment destination that is second to none.”

First post-time is 12:50 p.m. ET, with gates opening at 11:30 a.m. daily. Live racing runs through Sept. 25. More information about the storied venue’s racing and event schedule can be found [here](#).

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**New York**

**Maureen Lewi Elected Chair of Saratoga Panel:**

Maureen Lewi has been elected chair of the Concerned Citizens for Saratoga Racing by members of the committee, as well as the Board of Directors of the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce. The group was launched in 2004 under the auspices of the Chamber with the goal of organizing the Saratoga community to advocate predominantly in Albany for or against initiatives involving the Saratoga Race Course.

Currently at the forefront of the group’s agenda is a call for the reprivatization of NYRA as a not-for-profit corporation before the end of the 2016 Legislative session, in June 2016.

“With just a few weeks left in the 2016 Legislative Season, it is imperative that stand-alone legislation be passed this year to reconstitute NYRA as a not-for-profit corporation as was agreed upon and approved by New York State and NYRA four years ago,” Lewi said in a statement from the organization. “We’ve sent a formal letter to Governor Cuomo asking for his support of the plan approved by the NYRA Board of Directors last month. We’ve also been working very closely with local legislators in both the Assembly and Senate from both parties to ensure that all parties honor their commitment to get this done this year.”

Lewi was a partner, with her late husband Ed, in the public relations firm Ed Lewi Associates, for 35 years, before selling the company in 2010.



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**Eastern U.S.**

**Sagamore Spirit to Sponsor Pimlico Stakes:**

Sagamore Spirit has been named the sponsor of the May 20 GIII Pimlico Special and May 21 GIII Maryland Sprint S., the Maryland Jockey Club announced Tuesday. The distiller is the maker of Sagamore Spirit Straight Rye Whiskey, which utilizes spring-fed water from Kevin Plank’s Sagamore Farm. Sagamore Racing and Sagamore Spirit will present a check to Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance in the winner’s circle on Preakness Day in the amount of \$50,000.

**Increases at Laurel Meet:**

Laurel Park registered increases in total and average handle during its recently concluded winter-spring meet. Average daily handle at Laurel was \$2.372 million, up 34.5% from \$1.764 million in 2015. Total handle on Laurel’s meet was \$151.1 million, up 9% from \$140 million in 2015, while in-state wagering on Laurel was up 25% from \$37.4 million to \$46.7 million. Exports were up 12%.

“We continue to see growth in the Maryland Thoroughbred industry both locally and nationally,” said Sal Sinatra, President and General Manager of the Maryland Jockey Club. “The sport is clearly undergoing a resurgence, and racing is being revitalized with better quality racing, more participation from horsemen around the country, and our growing off-track betting network have helped. We’ve never had such a wonderful working relationship between horsemen, the commission, legislators and our fans. We are looking forward to continued growth this summer and excited about the start of our Pimlico Race Course meet Thursday afternoon.”

**Central U.S.**

**Tuesday’s Results:**

**3rd-IND, \$34,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$30,000), 5-10, 3yo, f, 1m 70y, 1:42.25, sy.**

**BATTLE GIRL (f, 3, [Midshipman](#)--Livermore Leslie {SP, \$205,192}, by Mt. Livermore)** lacked the needed late punch when a debut sixth at Oaklawn Park Jan. 17 and dropped to ninth after getting pinched at the break going six panels there on Valentine’s Day. A transfer to Turfway Park’s all-weather did the trick, as the chestnut put it all together in wire-to-wire fashion going a mile Feb. 28 and was sent off at 3-1 in this first allowance test. **Cont. p3**

**3rd-IND Cont.**

Using her rail draw to good advantage, the sophomore gained command and set solid fractions of :24.02 and :47.28 while pressed by a rival to her outside. She shrugged off that challenge entering the lane and coasted home a 4 1/4-length winner over closing favorite Missalaney (Badge of Silver). Battle Girl is a half-sister to Don't Forget Gil (Kafwain), GSW & GISP, \$370,737; and Sweet Reason (Street Sense), MGISW, \$1,437,700, who sold for \$2.7 million at FTKNOV to Katsumi Yoshida in 2015. She has a juvenile half-brother by Shackleford and a weanling half-brother by Street Sense. Sales history: \$100,000 RNA Ylg '14 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$32,254. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).**

O-WinStar Farm LLC; B-Brent & Beth Harris (KY); T-Kellyn Gorder.

**1st-IND, \$32,000, Msw, 5-10, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f, :52.57, sy.**

**+WHOLE SCOOP (f, 2, [Paddy O'Prado](#)--Nurse Donna, by Vindication)**, coupled with Lineup for Kisses (Line of David) as the 4-5 crowd's pick, won the break and quickly established an open-length advantage through the sloppy going. Well in hand in upper stretch, the blinkered chestnut sauntered across the line an 8 1/2-length winner. Lineup for Kisses was three lengths clear of the remainder. Nurse Donna had a colt by Overanalyze in 2015 and was bred back to Cross Traffic. Sales history: \$15,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,200. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).**

O-Blue Checker Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Brandywine Farm (Jim & Pam Robinson) (KY); T-John A. Hancock.

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**5th-IND, \$32,000, Msw, 5-10, 3, 4, /5yo, f/m, 6f, 1:11.05, sy.**

**+LUCKY ANN (f, 3, [Lookin At Lucky](#)--Fleeting Feline, by Tale of the Cat)**, overlooked at 14-1 in this first go, dropped back to trail the field, but had improved to second last behind a :21.68 opening quarter. She continued to make up ground on the far turn, swept in between horses in midstretch and finished with gusto to nip the tiring 7-5 chalk Vienna Rose (Discreet Cat) in the final jump and land the spoils by a head. Lucky Ann is a half-sister to a newborn filly by Midnight Lute. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,200. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).**

O-Ann Adams; B-Kehner Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY); T-Eric R. Reed.

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# TODAY'S INSIGHTS

**6th-BEL, \$75K, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 4:09 p.m. EDT**

Godolphin homebred **INDULGENT ([Bernardini](#))** faces the starter for the first time for Kieran McLaughlin. Out of MGSW Fast Cookie (Deputy Minister), she is a half-sister to GI Twinspires.com Wood Memorial S. and GII PA Derby hero Frosted (Tapit), who also finished second in both the GI Belmont S. and GI Travers S. Second dam is MGSW & GISP Fleet Lady (Avenue of Flags), who also produced champion juvenile male and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile hero Midshipman (Unbridled's Song). Christophe Clement saddles fellow firster **Taurine ([Flatter](#))** for Green Lantern Stables LLC. The daughter of SP Fight to Love (Fit to Fight), is a half-sister to GI Foxwoods King's Bishop S. scorer Capo Bastone (Street Boss), as well as MGSP C J's Leelee (Mizzen Mast). Purchased for \$500,000 at KEESEP, she was the most expensive yearling of 52 individuals sold by her sire in 2014. **TJCIS PPs --Heather Anderson**

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**IN FRANCE:**

**Absalon, g, 5, [Giant's Causeway](#). See "France."**

**IN PERU:**

**Hala, f, 3, [Paddy O'Prado](#)--Sec Secrets (MSP), by Triple Sec.**  
 Monterrico, 5-8, Cond., 1500m. B-Teneri Farm Inc (KY). \*1/2 to Sparkling Oro (Van Nistelrooy), G1SW-Per.  
**Di Lorenzo, c, 3, [Wilburn](#)--Silver Elegance, by Silver Deputy.**  
 Monterrico, 5-7, Maiden, 2000mT. B-Bend Or Thoroughbreds (KY). \*Won by six lengths. \*\*\$10,000 Ylg '14 FTKOCT.

**IN SINGAPORE:**

**Street Taipan, g, 4, [Street Boss](#)--Mariamme, by Verbatim.**  
 Kranji, 5-8, Hcp. (\$44k), 1600mT, 1:35.45. B-Indian Creek (KY). \*\$60,000 Wlg '12 KEENOV. **VIDEO**

**IN SOUTH KOREA:**

**Triple Five, g, 3, [Girolamo](#)--High Falutin Gal (Ire), by Silver Deputy.** Busan, 5-8, Hcp. (\$61k), 1200m. B-Parker Lightfield Farm LLC (NY). \*Won by five lengths as the 3-5 chalk. \*\*\$5,000 RNA Ylg '14 FTNAUG; \$30,000 Ylg '14 FTKOCT.

**AM-Breds South Korea Cont.**

**Blazing Star**, f, 3, **Pomeroy**--Blazing Fizz, by Slew Gin Fizz. Seoul, 5-7, Hcp. (\$51k), 1200m. B-Big C Farm (FL). \*1/2 to Hupomone (Omega Code), Ch. Imp. 2yo Filly-Jam. \*\*\$3,000 Ylg '14 OBSAUG; \$40,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR.

**Mighty Gem**, f, 4, **Macho Uno**--Shimmer, by Pulpit. Seoul, 5-7, Hcp. (\$77k), 1800m. B-Mr & Mrs Jerome S Moss (KY). \*1/2 to Sister Moon (Dixie Union), GSP, \$107,350. \*\*\$22,000 Ylg '13 FTKOCT.

**Dynamic Dash**, c, 4, **Pleasantly Perfect**--See Rock City, by Tapit. Busan, 5-8, Hcp. (\$90k), 1800m. B-Frederick V Caldwell & Mitchel Skolnick (KY). \*Took his record to 9-5-1 from 18 starts with earnings now in excess of US\$440,000. \*\*1/2 to One More (Holy Bull), GSP, \$162,884. \*\*\*Ch. Imp. 2yo Colt-Kor. \*\*\*\*MSP-Kor. \*\*\*\*\*\$12,000 RNA Wlg '12 KEENOV; \$19,000 Ylg '13 FTKOCT.

**Clean Up Joy**, g, 5, **Purge**--Greta's Joy, by Joyeux Danseur. Seoul, 5-8, Hcp. (\$94k), 1800m. B-James Meadows (KY). \*Posted his ninth win from 17 career starts and has amassed earnings of nearly US\$600,000. \*\*1/2 to Livi Makenzie (Macho Uno), SW & MGSP, \$354,069. \*\*\*\$1,400 Wlg '11 KEENOV; \$7,000 Ylg '12 FTKOCT; \$14,000 2yo '13 OBSJUN.

**Second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, May 11**

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

**E Z'S GENTLEMAN** (Yankee Gentleman), Milestone Farm, \$2.5K, 24/1/0 4-IND, Msw 4 1/2f, +Biscuits N Gravy, 5-1

**MUCH THE BEST** (Forestry), M/M Stables, 7/1/0 6-TDN, Msw 1m, +That Tickles, 8-1

**ORDAINED** (Pulpit), Starfish Stallions, 18/0/0 5-LAD, Msw 7 1/2fT, +He Gotta Go, 15-1

**REGAL RANSOM** (Distorted Humor), Darley, Dead, 141/11/0 4-IND, Msw 4 1/2f, +Regal Justice, \$4K PED IND yrl, 15-1

**SIDNEY'S CANDY** (Candy Ride {Arg}), WinStar Farm, \$15K, 165/19/1 2-GP, Msw 4 1/2f, +Spice Rack, \$17K KEE SEP yrl, 3-1

**SUDDENLY SILENT** (Quiet American), 1/0/0 7-CT, Msw 4 1/2f, +Derby Day Debut, 15-1

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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**8th-IND, \$36,000**, (S), 5-10, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38.97, sy.

**FAITHFUL NEIGHBOR** (g, 4, **Article of Faith--Neighbors, by Mutakddim**) Lifetime Record: 14-2-1-0, \$35,807. O-Penny S. Lauer; B-Michael E. & Penny S. Lauer (IN); T-Michael E. Lauer. \*1/2 to Joint Tenant (Article of Faith), SW, \$232,640.

**7th-FL, \$20,400**, (S), (NW3BX)/Opt. Clm (\$15,000), 5-10, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f, :59.01, ft.

**LEMME ROCK** (m, 5, **Bustin Stones--Menu Varnish, by Mr. Greeley**) Lifetime Record: 32-6-13-3, \$147,810. O-Castle Village Farm; B-Roddy Valente & Thomas Lemme (NY); T-Jeremiah C. Englehart.

**8th-FL, \$20,400**, (S), (NW3BX)/Opt. Clm (\$15,000), 5-10, 3yo/up, 5f, :58.78, ft.

**THE BIG DELUXE** (h, 6, **Silver Wagon--M'Lady Doc, by Doc's Leader**) Lifetime Record: 45-13-5-2, \$468,596. O-On the Rise Racing Stables; B-Scott Goldsher (NY); T-Debra A. Breed. \*\$20,000 Ylg '11 EASSEP. \*\*1/2 to Dayatthespa (City Zip), Ch. Grass Mare, MGISW, \$2,288,892.

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**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Goal**, g, 3, **Even the Score**--Ms. Aleah, by Mr. Greeley. IND, 5-10, (S), 1m, 1:40.36. B-Michael E. & Penny S. Lauer (IN). \*1/2 to Need Money Dad (Catienus), MSP, \$243,067; and Hey There Cupcake (Prized), MSP, \$150,638.

**Hot Rod Red**, g, 3, **Neko Bay**--Chestnut Lady (MSW, \$127,859), by Horse Chestnut (SAf). WRD, 5-10, (S), 6f, 1:11.75. B-Eureka Thoroughbred Farm (OK). \*\$5,500 RNA Ylg '14 TEXOCT. \*Won by 7 lengths.

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**ASTROLOGY** (A.P. Indy), Taylor Made Stallions, \$7.5K, 84/2/0 4-IND, Msw 4 1/2f, +Envoyer, \$50K KEE NOV wnl, 4-5

**BODEMEISTER** (Empire Maker), WinStar Farm, \$30K, 131/0/0 2-GP, Msw 4 1/2f, +Bode's Dream, \$340K RNA OBS MAR 2yo, 9-5

**CREATIVE CAUSE** (Giant's Causeway), Airdrie Stud, \$15K, 86/1/0 2-GP, Msw 4 1/2f, +Creative Talent, \$20K RNA OBS MAR 2yo, 12-1

**OVERDRIVEN** (Tale of the Cat), Ocala Stud Farm, \$3K, 59/0/0 2-GP, Msw 4 1/2f, +Faith N Hope, \$3K OBS AUG yrl, 10-1

**SANGAREE** (Awesome Again), R Star Stallions, \$1.5K, 17/0/0 4-IND, Msw 4 1/2f, +Heza Sangaree, 15-1



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**+Riverwind Cassena**, g, 3, **Savonarola (GB)**--Cassena, by Hollycombe. WRD, 5-10, 6f, 1:11.06. B-Joe L. Wilkins (OK). \*First winner for his sire (by Machiavellian).

**Rick's Raider**, g, 4, **English Channel**--Miss Carolina (Ire) (Hwt. Older Mare-Ity at 7-9 1/2f, GSW-Ity, \$257,517), by Danehill. WRD, 5-10, (S), 1m 70y, 1:41.80. B-Hobby Horse Farm Inc. (OK). \*1/2 to Miss Nashwan (Ire) (Nashwan), GSW-Ity, SP-Ire, \$107,995. \*Won by 17 1/4 lengths.

**Blushing Bella**, f, 4, **Portobello Road**--Score Six, by End Sweep. WRD, 5-10, 6f, 1:11.93. B-Jeff Bratton (AR). \*Won by 10 lengths.

**Red Raven (Ire)**, m, 5, **Raven's Pass**--Mowazana (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). IND, 5-10, 1m (off turf), 1:40.88. B-Shadwell Estate Company Limited (IRE). \*€60,000 Ylg '12 GOFSP; \$4,000 4yo '15 KEENOV.

**Taramislew**, m, 6, **Andromeda's Hero**--Kahnlén Moon, by Williamstown. FL, 5-10, 6f, 1:14.82. B-Sandra S Schultz (NY).

**DREAM OF SUMMER**, 17, Siberian Summer--Mary's Dream, by Skywalker

Foal born Apr. 8, a filly by Giant's Causeway.

Will be bred back to Tapit.

Owned by James C Weigel.

Boarded at Taylor Made Sales Agency.

Accomplishments: Dam of Creative Cause (Giant's Causeway), GISW, \$1,039,000 and Destin (Giant's Causeway), MGSW, \$390,700.

**OVERPREPARED**, 4, Quality Road--Daily Special, by Dayjur

Foal born Apr. 8, a filly by Uncle Mo.

Will be bred back to Curlin.

Owned by Woodford Thoroughbreds.

Boarded at Woodford Thoroughbreds Kentucky.

Accomplishments: SW, \$130,250.

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## SOLOW RULED OUT OF ROYAL ASCOT DEFENCE



Solow has not fully recuperated from an injury suffered earlier this year | *Racing Post*

**Solow (GB)** (Singspiel {Ire}) has been ruled out of a title defence of the G1 Queen Anne S. at Royal Ascot. The 6-year-old gelding's participation had been in doubt as he recuperated from an injury that knocked him out of the G1 Dubai Turf in March, and Pierre-Yves Bureau, racing manager to owners the Wertheimer Brothers, told *Paris Turf* Tuesday the grey has gone to the owner's farm to recuperate.

"Solow will recuperate at Haras de Saint-Leonard, further to the blow received during a previous gallop," he said. "He will return to [trainer] Freddy's Head's when he is totally recovered."

Solow has won his last 10 starts, including five Group 1s last year—the Dubai Turf, Prix d'Ispahan, Queen Anne S., Qatar Sussex S. and Queen Elizabeth II S.—when he was crowned Cartier champion older horse. Solow kicked off his 2016 campaign with a conditions win over Vadamos (Fr) (Monsun {Ger}) at Chantilly Mar. 3, but suffered an injury while training towards the Dubai Turf. Vadamos franked Solow's 2016 form when besting last year's Classic-winning filly Ervedya (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}) by 3 1/2 lengths in the G2 Prix du Muguet May 1.

In Solow's absence, star American mare Tepin (Bernstein) is the new ante-post favourite for the Queen Anne at 11-2.

## FIGURES SOAR AT NZB WEANLING SALE

The weanling segment of New Zealand Bloodstock's National Weanling, Broodmare and Mixed Bloodstock sale concluded Tuesday, with significant gains posted across the board. Despite the number of horses catalogued and sold being slightly down, the aggregate increased 89% to NZ\$5,740,300. The average was up 99% to NZ\$24,119, while the median soared 175% to NZ\$11,000. The clearance rate was 91%.

The highest price of the day—and of the two-day weanling sale—was the NZ\$185,000 paid for [lot 263](#), a son of New Zealand's deceased perennial leading sire O'Reilly (NZ), by trainer Dean Hawthorne on behalf of Kacy Fogden of the Queensland-based Aquis Farm. The colt is the fourth foal out of Singapore champion filly Mexican Rose (NZ) (Volksraad {GB}), who has already produced a winner in Singapore in Mexican Gal (NZ) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}).

"Kacy came over and picked him out as the best colt in the sale and I think she was right on the money—he's a good investment being by a proven sire in O'Reilly," said Hawthorne. **Cont. p10**

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*Bill Oppenheim has some thoughts on last weekend's results.*

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## ALMANZOR PUNCHES JOCKEY CLUB TICKET

Third in last month's G3 Prix de Fontainebleau going one mile at Chantilly, **Almanzor (Fr)** (Wootton Bassett {GB}) returned to the scene of that effort for Tuesday's G3 Prix de Guiche and easily prevailed in the nine-furlong test, punching his ticket to next month's G1 Prix du Jockey Club. Leading from the outset,



**Almanzor & Christophe Soumillon**  
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the even-money favourite was in full command with all three rivals on the stretch entering the final quarter-mile, and he was pushed out in the closing stages to claim a career high by two lengths from **Floodlight** (Medaglia d'Oro), with

**Gardol City (Fr)** (Elusive City) a head back in third. "The longer trip helped and [jockey] Christophe Soumillon reported he still had plenty left at the end," commented trainer Jean-Claude Rouget. "We will now come back here for the [June 5] G1 Prix du Jockey Club and I think he will have a good chance."

### Tuesday, Chantilly, France

**PRIX DE GUICHE-G3**, €80,000, CHY, 5-10, 3yo, c, 9fT, 1:53.98, gd.  
1--@**ALMANZOR (FR)**, 128, c, 3, by **Wootton Bassett (GB)**

**1st Dam: Darkova, by Maria's Mon**

**2nd Dam: Darkara (Ire), by Halling**

**3rd Dam: Daralbayda (Ire), by Doyoun (Ire)**

(€100,000 Ylg '14 ARAUG). O-Ecurie Antonio Caro & Gerard Augustin-Normand; B-Haras d'Etream (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget; J-Christophe Soumillon. €40,000. Lifetime Record: 6-4-0-1, €102,000. **Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)**

2--**Floodlight**, 128, c, 3, [Medaglia d'Oro](#)--Flashing, by A.P. Indy. O-Godolphin SNC; B-Darley (KY); T-Andre Fabre. €16,000.

3--**Gardol City (Fr)**, 128, c, 3, Elusive City--Plume Rose (GB), by Marchand de Sable. (€75,000 Ylg '14 ARAUG). O-Scuderia Magenta, Laurent Dassault & Mme Elisa Berte; B-Ecurie des Monceaux (FR); T-Alessandro & Giuseppe Botti. €12,000.

Margins: 2, HD, NO. Odds: 1.00, 1.70, 4.40.

Also Ran: Ankle (Fr).

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Almanzor, who opened up with comfortable scores at La Teste de Buch July 28 and Clairefontaine Aug. 21, easily registered a first black-type win in the Oct. 8 Listed Grand Criterium de Bordeaux before losing his perfect tally when seventh in the Nov. 1 G1 Criterium International at Saint-Cloud. He was undone by the heavy going dropped to seven furlongs in that test, and marked his sophomore return by hitting the board back at a mile here in the Apr. 20 G3 Prix de Fontainebleau. In command from the outset, he was never seriously threatened and required minimal encouragement in the closing stages to prevail in comfortable fashion. "Considering these races with few runners are tactical affairs, when you have the best horse in the race, the best place is in front," insisted Jean-Claude Rouget. "[Christophe] Soumillon did a great job, but, more importantly, he really liked what he felt. My first intention was to run in Sunday's G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains and another of my horses, Zelzal (Fr) (Sea the Stars {Ire}), in this. I figured he may not be at the same level as Zelzal so I re-routed each of them and, thus far, it is the correct decision."

Almanzor, who is a full-brother to the 2-year-old filly Troarn (Fr) and half to a yearling colt by Falco, hails from the family of G1 Poule d'Essai de Pouliches victress and MG1SW European champion Darjina (Fr) (Zamindar). **Click for the [Racing Post result](#) or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)** [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

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## RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON

Wednesday's G2 Duke of York Clipper Logistics S. at York sees the comeback of last year's G1 Haydock Sprint Cup winner **Twilight Son (GB)** (Kyllachy {GB}), who would be unbeaten were it not for meeting 2015's outstanding sprinter Muhaarar (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}). Beaten two lengths when runner-up to Shadwell's category leader in Ascot's G1 QIPCO British Champions Sprint S. in October, Godfrey Wilson and Cheveley Park Stud's 4-year-old is forced to carry a five-pound penalty, which trainer Henry Candy concedes will make life tough. "He has done very, very well through the winter--probably too well," he said. "He might need his first run and giving five pounds to some of these, I would think might prove too much for him. But he is in need of a run and loves York, so it's a great place to start. He doesn't show a lot in his work, he is quite lazy. But I think once he has got a race under his belt and he's back on level terms and not giving weight away, hopefully we will have some fun. He is one who does like to get his toe in a little bit, so I would prefer a bit of give in the ground."

Beaten on three occasions by Twilight Son, in handicaps at Newmarket and York and when 3/4 of a length away when third in the Haydock Sprint Cup, Kennet Valley Thoroughbreds's **Magical Memory (Ire)** (Zebedee {GB}) not only has the weight turnaround with that rival this time but also a fitness edge, having won the Listed Abernant S. over this trip at Newmarket



Twilight Son | *Racing Post*

doubt before his last run about the ground etc, but there are no excuses this time. We've met Twilight Son three times before and he's beaten us every time, but this time we've got a run under our belt and we get five pounds from him, so I'd be very hopeful he'd get pretty close to him. There are lots of others in there we've got lots of respect for, but Magical Memory is the one to beat, I think. It's the Diamond Jubilee after this, all being well."

Others who could capitalise on Twilight Son's unfavourable terms are the G3 Bengough S. winner **Eastern Impact (Ire)** (Bahamian Bounty {GB}), who was third when **Danzeno (GB)** (Denounce {GB}) was fifth in Newmarket's G1 July Cup last term, while Aidan O'Brien keeps faith in the Apr. 3 G3 Gladness S. sixth **Dick Whittington (Ire)** (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}).

Apr. 14. "He worked very well last week and [trainer] Charlie [Hills] feels he's improved from his last run," the syndicate's racing manager Sam Hoskins commented. "He's an immensely exciting horse. There was a

That run was his first since finishing fourth behind Muhaarar in Newbury's G3 Greenham S. over seven furlongs 12 months ago, and Michael Tabor's 2014 G3 2014 Anglesey S. and G1 Phoenix S. winner is likely to appreciate this test more than that seven-furlong slog on The Curragh's heavy ground.

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**Wednesday, York, Britain, post time: 3:15 p.m.**

**DUKE OF YORK CLIPPER LOGISTICS S.-G2, £120,000, 3yo/up, 6fT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Tupi (Ire)	Tamayuz (GB)	Dobbs	Hannon
2	Eastern Impact (Ire)	Bahamian Bounty (GB)	Garritty	Fahey
3	Goken (Fr)	Kendargent (Fr)	Spencer	K Ryan
4	Magical Memory (Ire)	Zebedee (GB)	Dettori	C Hills
5	<b>Movieta</b>	Hard Spun	Atzeni	Lynam
6	Danzeno (GB)	Denounce (GB)	Hanagan	M Appleby
7	Dick Whittington (Ire)	Rip Van Winkle (Ire)	Moore	A O'Brien
8	Moonraker (GB)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	de Sousa	Channon
9	Suedois (Fr)	Le Havre (Ire)	Tudhope	O'Meara
10	Mattmu (GB)	Indesatchel (Ire)	Allan	T Easterby
11	Twilight Son (GB)	Kyllachy (GB)	Sweeney	Candy
12	Jack Dexter (GB)	Orienteur (GB)	Buick	Goldie

All carry 134 pounds bar Twilight Son, 139.

## SO, HOW GOOD IS SHE?

Unbeaten and potentially of the highest class, Lord Lloyd-Webber's **So Mi Dar (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) takes to York on Wednesday to advance her reputation further in the G3 Tattersalls Musidora S. As far as form goes, the homebred could not have enjoyed a better run to this Oaks trial, with the two Hannon colts who finished behind her in Epsom's Investec Derby Trial last time Apr. 20, Humphrey Bogart (Ire) (Tagula {Ire}) and Viren's Army (Twirling Candy), winning Saturday's Listed Lingfield Derby Trial and the Listed Dee S. at



So Mi Dar | *Racing Post*

Chester on Friday, respectively. "She's done everything right," commented trainer John Gosden, who is looking for a fourth win in the last six runnings. "She's a very business-like filly, but she wasn't in love with the ground at Epsom. She's a better horse on better ground, which she should get at York."

While So Mi Dar is still about potential over black-type substance, Classic form is brought to bear by Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum's **Fireglow (GB)** (Teofilo {Ire}), who was an eye-catcher when staying-on strongly to be fourth in the G1 1000 Guineas at Newmarket 10 days ago.

**Musidora S. cont.**

It might be that she is too strong at this point for the likes of Michael Tabor's **Best In the World (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), a full-sister to Found (Ire) who was only fourth on her return in Navan's Listed Salsabil S. over this trip Apr. 17. The latter's trainer, Aidan O'Brien, is expecting better from the daughter of Red Evie (Ire) (Intikhab). "She seemed a bit disappointing in the Salsabil at Navan last time, but Ryan [Moore] was very happy with her," he explained. "It was a bit of a mess of a race, they only hacked and then sprinted. She should be able to step up from that."

Godolphin's **Promising Run** (Hard Spun) won last year's G2 Rockfel S. like a high-class filly over seven furlongs at Newmarket in September before being left behind by Polar River (Congrats) when second to the Meydan Carnival's sensation in both the Jan. 14 UAE 1000 Guineas Trial and the main event itself Feb. 11. She is burdened with four pounds extra here, but should appreciate the return to turf.

"Promising Run has been in good form since coming back from Dubai, and I have been pleased with her work," trainer Saeed bin Suroor said. "The step up in distance will suit her and I am looking forward to seeing a good run."

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**Wednesday, York, Britain, post time: 3:45 p.m.**

**TATTERSALLS MUSIDORA S.-G3, £100,000, 3yo, f, 10f 88yT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Light Up Our World (Ire)	Zoffany (Ire)	Dobbs	Hannon
2	Fireglow (GB)	Teofilo (Ire)	Buick	Johnston
3	Promising Run	Hard Spun	Doyle	bin Suroor
4	Australian Queen (GB)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Spencer	Elsworth
5	Harlequeen (GB)	Canford Cliffs (Ire)	de Sousa	Channon
6	So Mi Dar (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Dettori	Gosden
7	Best in the World (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Moore	A O'Brien

All carry 126 pounds bar Promising Run, 130.

**A PERFECT PREP?**

With the last two winners of Naas's G3 Irish National Stud EBF Blue Wind S., Tarfasha (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) and Pleascach (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}), subsequently finishing runner-up in the G1 Epsom Oaks and winning the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas, Wednesday's race has to be taken seriously as a Classic trial despite the presence of two of Ireland's leading older fillies. With all bar two of the winners being from outside the 3-year-old crop since its inception in 2001, the focus understandably falls on that generation, with the Listed Salsabil S. one-two **Pretty Perfect (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) and **Glamorous Approach (Ire)** (New Approach {Ire}) squaring off once again. The former, who like **How High the Moon (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) represents Ballydoyle, had upwards of 3 1/2 lengths to spare over some

smart rivals when making all in Navan's Listed 10-furlong contest Apr. 17, but faces a far sterner examination here with the 4-year-olds **Zhukova (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) and **Bocca Baciata (Ire)** (Big Bad Bob {Ire}) in attendance. The former, who has clearly benefitted from trainer Dermot Weld's patient approach, put the useful **Success Days (Ire)** (Jeremy) and Found (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in their place in The Curragh's Listed Alleged S. over this trip Apr. 3, where Bocca Baciata was back in fourth. The latter has since won the Apr. 24 Listed Victor McCalmont Memorial S. over an extended nine furlongs at Gowran Park, and that form received a boost on Sunday when the well-beaten



**Pretty Perfect** | *Racing Post*

third Steip Amach (Ire) (Vocalised) captured the G3 Amethyst S. Penalised three pounds for her win in the G3 Dance Design S. at The Curragh in August, the Niarchos Family's Bocca Baciata is up against

it.

"It's going to be tough giving the weight away, especially to some smart looking 3-year-olds," trainer Jessie Harrington said. "She's in great form, but I just hope there isn't too much rain. She does like a bit of an ease, but not very soft. Aidan's 3-year-old, Pretty Perfect, was very impressive in the Salsabil, so she'll be tough to beat and Dermot Weld's horse [Zhukova] beat us first time out. It's a tidy little race to say there's only six runners. It will be interesting."

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**Wednesday, Naas, Ireland, post time: 6:40 p.m.**

**IRISH NATIONAL STUD EBF BLUE WIND S.-G3, €80,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 10fT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Bocca Baciata (Ire)	Big Bad Bob (Ire)	O'Donoghue	Harrington	138
2	Cap Zhukova (Ire)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Smullen	Weld	135
3	Queen Blossom (Ire)	Jeremy	Hayes	Prendergast	124
4	How High The Moon (Ire)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Hussey	A O'Brien	121
5	Pretty Perfect (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Heffernan	A O'Brien	121
6	Glamorous Approach (Ire)	New Approach (Ire)	Manning	Bolger	121

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## OAKS IN MIND FOR GUINEAS HEROINE

By Emma Berry

The G1 Investec Oaks on June 3 now seems to be the most likely target for **Minding (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), who already has one Classic under her belt following her dominant victory over stablemates **Ballydoyle (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) and **Alice Springs (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) in the G1 QIPCO 1000 Guineas.

While plans for Aidan O'Brien's leading 3-year-olds are far from certain, what does seem clear, however, is that the three fillies are unlikely to meet again in the short term. At a press day at Ballydoyle on Monday, the trainer said, "If Minding goes to the Oaks, Ballydoyle wouldn't go there. I suppose you would like to split them at this stage. She could go to the Curragh [for the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas], but we've not had a runner in the



Minding training at Ballydoyle Monday | Emma Berry

French Oaks for a while. I think she could be a mile to a 10-furlong filly."

A trip to France is also an option for Alice Springs, who, like Ballydoyle, holds entries for Sunday's G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches and the G1 Prix de Diane on June 19, while Gleneagles (Ire)'s sister

**Coolmore (Ire)** is being primed for the Irish 1000 Guineas.

Referring to Minding's appearance in the betting for the G1 Investec Derby, O'Brien insisted that the distaff option would be preferable for the filly for whom he still has stamina queries. "It might be pitching her in too much to go and run against the colts when she doesn't have to. You can't say for sure that Minding will get a mile and a half," he said.

As a sister to the mighty Found (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), there will doubtless be high hopes for listed winner **Best In The World (Ire)**, whose Classic credentials are put to the test tomorrow at York. Her trainer says, "She will run in the Musidora on Wednesday. She seemed a bit disappointing in the Salsabil at Navan last time, but Ryan [Moore] was very happy with her. It was a bit of a messy race--they hacked and then sprinted. She should be able to step up from that."

Navan listed winner **Pretty Perfect (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) heads to Naas tomorrow with the well-related **How High The Moon (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) for the G3 Blue Wind S. O'Brien says of the former, "When we held her up on debut, she looked an ordinary filly, but her work has been better at home when in front than when held up. So we made the running with her in her two starts since then and she has been very good. Hopefully her next run will show us how good she is."

**Somehow (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) and **Seventh Heaven (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), who won last week's Cheshire Oaks and Lingfield Oaks Trial, respectively, look set to swerve Epsom after reportedly struggling to handle the demands of tight and undulating tracks at Chester and Lingfield.

### Classic Colts On The Comeback Trail...

In typically self-deprecating fashion, Aidan O'Brien is still questioning whether his decision to add a tongue tie to champion 2-year-old **Air Force Blue** (War Front) for his assault on the G1 QIPCO 2000 Guineas was to blame for colt's disappointing return, which he describes as "a dramatic failure." Along with his regular workmate, the Guineas fourth **Air Vice Marshal** (War Front), Air Force Blue is likely to be seen next in the G1 Irish 2000

Guineas on May 21. O'Brien said, "There's always a possibility that [Air Force Blue] doesn't stay a mile, and even if it is the case that I over-trained him for the Guineas, he still might not stay a mile. I think



Air Force Blue and Air Vice Marshal | Emma Berry

anything I did for the 2000 Guineas I won't do again, as it was a dramatic failure really. Everything was smooth all the way to Newmarket. He never disappointed in his work and the horse he was working with went on to finish fourth, but he didn't perform on the day."

He continued, "We put the tongue tie on because in his second-last piece of work I was a bit shocked by how quick he was and I thought he'd struggle to get the mile if he did that at Newmarket. Sometimes when you put a tongue tie and a cross noseband on a horse it can make them slow down and back off a bit. It seemed to work well in his canters at home, but it just didn't work out at Newmarket."

Adding that Air Force Blue could be dropped back in trip to contest the G1 Commonwealth Cup at Royal Ascot, the trainer said, "I still won't believe he's going to get a mile until I see it. I would imagine looking at his work recently that he's going to travel very strongly early on, but that's just his natural way of doing things. We've had horses that have disappointed in the 2000 Guineas and come out and won the Irish 2000 Guineas on their next start and hopefully he can be another one of them."

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### Looking Forward To 'Something Very Special'...

Aidan O'Brien could be accused of understatement when outlining plans for last year's G1 Breeders' Cup Turf winner **Found (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), who returned to winning ways in the G3 Mooresbridge S. recently and will head next to the G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup on May 22. He commented, "She's starting to turn into something very special. After the Tattersalls Gold Cup we'll have the option of the Coronation Cup or the



Order Of St George | Emma Berry

Prince of Wales's, and then no matter what she'll have a break after that. Then she'll come back and be trained for the autumn with the Arc in mind."

Other Ballydoyle stars who could be seen at Royal Ascot include current G1

Ascot Gold Cup favourite **Order Of St George (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), whose 11-length victory in last season's G1 Irish St Leger put down an exciting marker for future top staying races around the world.

"He's going to go to Navan for a racecourse gallop and then if all goes well he might go for the Saval Beg S. and then to Ascot," said O'Brien. "I didn't get to do too much with him through the winter so he was a bit behind but he's doing well now."

Less of a known quantity to the trainer is the Australian champion 2-year-old **Vancouver (Aus)** (Medaglia d'Oro), who has been in Ireland for the last few months since joining O'Brien from Gai Waterhouse. The G1 Golden Slipper winner is making only a fleeting visit and will return to his native country after the G1 Darley July Cup.

"We're very excited about him but I know we haven't got a lot of time with him as he's going back to Australia," said O'Brien. "We've pencilled in a run in the Greenlands S. He's very exciting at home. He's a very big horse--when you see him you're surprised by how well he did in Australia as a 2-year-old."

He added, "It's going to take him a little bit of time to adjust but if he's going to go to Ascot he's going to have to get competitive fairly quickly. He's in everything there from five furlongs, six furlongs, a mile, and a mile and a quarter, but he's very quick and I'd say the [G1 Diamond] Jubilee is more likely."

Following Vancouver south to Australia could be **Bondi Beach (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), who is being trained with a second tilt at the G1 Emirates Melbourne Cup as his long-term aim, while globetrotter **Highland Reel (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) is likely to notch further air miles this season.

Having been third in the G1 William Hill Cox Plate before winning the G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase last term and then making appearances at Meydan and Sha Tin earlier this year, Highland Reel's first major challenge of the European turf season is likely to come in the G1 Investec Coronation Cup on Derby day.



Highland Reel | Emma Berry

An intriguing addition to the Ballydoyle team is Zenyatta's unraced 3-year-old brother **De Coronado** (Street Cry {Ire}), whose stature certainly made him stand out from the crowd when he appeared during second lot at Ballydoyle on Monday.

"He's probably the biggest horse we've ever had," admitted O'Brien of the powerful colt who weighs in at more than 600 kg.

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### HERBERT: 'GOLD' STILL IN DERBY PICTURE

Five days after trainer Hugo Palmer ruled G1 QIPCO 2000 Guineas winner **Galileo Gold (Ire)** (Paco Boy {Ire}) out of G1 Investec Derby contention due to the colt returning the gene profile of a sprinter/miler, Harry Herbert, racing advisor to owner Al Shaqab Racing, said the door hasn't been completely closed on the chestnut participating in the blue riband.



Sheikh Joaan with Galileo Gold and Frankie Dettori last year

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"We just want to leave all options open because you never know," said Herbert. "If he happens to go to Ireland [for the G1 Tattersalls Irish 2000 Guineas May 21] and win impressively, who knows? Just to shut the door completely is not something [Al Shaqab's] Sheikh Joaan

wants to do, and that's absolutely fine."

"I'm not saying he's going to run in the Derby," Herbert added. "That's not going to happen unless lots of pieces of the jigsaw fall into place, and even then he may not run. It's purely keeping everything open, which is perfectly sensible."

Palmer last week had identified the Irish 2000 Guineas and Royal Ascot's G1 St James's Palace S. as Galileo Gold's likely targets.

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## 'HUMPHREY' SUPPLEMENTED FOR DERBY

Saturday's Listed Betfred Derby Trial S. winner **Humphrey Bogart (Ire)** (Tagula {Ire}) has been supplemented to the G1 Investec Derby at a cost of £75,000. The Richard Hannon charge was making his third start of the year in the Derby Trial, and had previously finished second to G1 Investec Oaks fancy So Mi Dar (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) in Epsom's Listed Investec Derby Trial Apr. 20.

"The situation we faced was asking our owners if they were



Humphrey Bogart | *Racing Post*

prepared to pay, and a lot of them are well-heeled owners with a background in the game," said James Ramsden, racing manager for owner Chelsea Thoroughbreds. "They are some really good people.

Some have owned horses for years, but two of them have never even had a leg in a horse before."

"It wasn't really a question of the money, it was whether it was the right thing to do by the horse," Ramsden added. "We know he loves Epsom and he gets the trip, so they are two vitally important boxes ticked. You can analyse it until the cows come home, but we know the answer to those two so know it is down to ability."

Godolphin confirmed Tuesday it would supplement Tattersalls Millions 3YO Trophy winner **Linguistic (Ire)** (Lope De Vega {Ire}) and Sunday's G2 Prix Greffulhe winner **Cloth Of Stars (Ire)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}) to the Derby.

## CURRAGH HOSTS FLAT SEASON LAUNCH

A number of Ireland's leading trainers and racecourse managers participated in an event to launch the 2016 Irish flat season at The Curragh Tuesday morning. Trainers Dermot Weld, Kevin Prendergast and Willie McCreery spoke to the press as their horses worked on the gallops while Jim Bolger, Aidan O'Brien, Ger Lyons, Johnny Murtagh, Tracey Collins, Adrian Keatley and Johnny Feane later spoke of their plans for the season.

The event also included a visit to trainer Michael O'Callaghan's Crotanstown Stud, where his stable stars include Sunday's Derrinstown Stud 1000 Guineas Trial winner **Now Or Never (Ire)**



Trainers Adrian Keatley, Jim Bolger and Johnny Feane admire the Champion Flat Trainer's trophy | *INPHO Photography*

(Bushranger {Ire}) and G1 Tattersalls Irish 2000 Guineas contender **Blue De Vega (Ger)** (Lope De Vega {Ire}).

"She is so laid back and doesn't show you much at home," said O'Callaghan of Now Or Never. "She has the [G1 Irish 1000] Guineas ahead of her and

possibly the [G1] Coronation S. at Royal Ascot, but if I had to pick a race that is made for her it would be the [G1] Coolmore Fastnet Rock Matron S. at Leopardstown on Longines Irish Champions Weekend."

Blue De Vega was second in The Curragh's Listed Tetrarch S. on seasonal debut May 2, and O'Callaghan said of him, "He came out of the Tetrarch S. at The Curragh very well and will improve quite a bit. All of mine are taking a run this season. We had a wet winter but we didn't rush things and didn't panic. He is a very talented horse and he thinks he owns the place."

Veteran trainer Jim Bolger has a pair of contenders for the Irish 2000 Guineas May 21 in **Sanus Per Aquam (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}) and **Herald the Dawn (Ire)** (New Approach {Ire}), but he spoke conservatively of his chances, saying, "Sanus Per Aquam had a setback earlier in the year and we are chasing a little to get him ready. I only hope I can get him fit enough to do himself justice. Herald The Dawn is another possible runner, but he has to get over Newmarket [where he was eighth in the G1 2000 Guineas]."

Horse Racing Ireland Chief Executive Brian Kavanagh spoke of the positive beginning to the flat season in Ireland, saying, "Flat racing has got off to a very positive start this year, with the average field size up from 10.0 to 10.6, and the number of individual flat runners up by 9.6% from 1129 to 1237, from the start of the year up to May 3. **Cont. p8**

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## BIRCHWOOD CONFIRMED FOR POULAINS

Godolphin's **Birchwood (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}), the winner of last year's G2 Superlative S., is set to make his seasonal debut in Sunday's G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains (French 2000 Guineas) at Deauville. The Richard Fahey charge rounded out his juvenile campaign with a pair of Grade/Group 1 thirds: in the Goffs Vincent O'Brien National S. and the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf.

"We've taken our time with him this spring, but he's ready to roll now and we're looking forward to running him in France this weekend," Fahey told *sportinglife.com*.

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He added, “We have increased flat prizemoney at both the lower end, where the minimum value is now €9,000, and for our major races, with the Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby up from €1.25 million to €1.5 million. The total value of Longines Irish Champions Weekend has been raised from €4 million to €4.5 million. The Derrinstown Stud Flying Five will be a weight-for-age contest without penalties for the first time and its prizemoney has been increased to €250,000. With these improvements and the exciting start to the season we have already seen, we expect a competitive flat season ahead.”

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**5) Favourite sport or hobby outside of racing?** *Fishing and golf, if you will excuse the pun, are pretty much on par!*

**6) What would you say is your proudest accomplishment?** *Staying married and raising two wonderful children. Being looked up to, I hope, by five beautiful grandchildren!*

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## EUROPEAN-BRED SUCCESS *with Terence Collier*

In this series, the TDN catches up with European expatriats working in the Thoroughbred industry around the world. Today's installment features Terence Collier of Fasig-Tipton.

**1) Hometown?** *The small village of Cobham in Kent, England.*

**2) How did you end up where you are now?** *You mean apart from the extradition! A blind date with a horse-mad girl, now my wife of 45 years.*

**3) What have you found to be the major difference between racing/breeding in America and your home country?** *When I arrived in America in 1976, there were a lot of differences. Now it is less so, apart from the sheer size of our breeding and sales industry here. England's breeding and sales--and I don't mean the auctioneers--are directed mainly by extremely competent DIY (do it yourself)*



Terence Collier | Fasig-Tipton photo

*operators and some professionals. In the States, it is the other way around--the breeders are not quite so hands-on and the sales are pretty much all agents acting on the part of others. As for the racing, a cold day at Aqueduct isn't very different from a wet day at Chelmsford. The Triple Crown, the Breeders' Cup, the Epsom Derby and Royal Ascot, we both do our big days very well.*

**4) Name one home comfort that you miss?** *The local pub.*

### Tuesday's Results:

**2nd-BEV, £6,000, Cond, 5-10, 2yo, 5fT, 1:02.82, g/f.**

**OREWA (IRE) (c, 2, [Helmet {Aus}](#)--[Lucky {Ire}](#) {[GSW-Ire](#)}, by [Sadler's Wells](#))**, impressive on debut over this course and distance Apr. 13, was backed into 7-4 favouritism and raced in behind the early leaders initially. Pushed along at halfway, the €18,000 TISEP yearling overhauled Carson City (GB) (Excelebration {Ire}) in the last 150 yards and kept finding to prevail by a head. The dam, who is a half to the G1 2000 Guineas and G1 National S. hero and sire King of Kings (Ire), the G1 Prix Robert Papin-winning sire General Monash and the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas runner-up Amethyst (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), has a yearling colt by Dream Ahead. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$10,844. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)  
O-Mr Keith Brown; B-Mrs C. Regalado-Gonzalez (IRE); T-Brian Ellison.

**5th-BEV, £6,000, Mdn, 5-10, 3yo, 7f 100yT, 1:32.27, g/f.**

**FAWAAREQ (IRE) (c, 3, [Invincible Spirit {Ire}](#)--[Ghandoorah](#), by [Forestry](#))**, runner-up to the potentially smart Castle Harbour (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}) over seven furlongs at Newmarket last time Apr. 12, stalked leader Heir To a Throne (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}) before looming upsides in early straight. Unable to shake off that determined rival, the 2-5 favourite had to battle to hold on to his slender advantage but stuck to his guns to win by a neck. The dam is a half to the G1 1000 Guineas and G1 Coronation S. heroine Ghanaati (Giant's Causeway), the G1 Champion S. runner-up and sire Mawathee (Danzig) and the G1 Epsom Oaks third Rumoush (Rahy) from the outstanding family of Nashwan, Nayef and Unfuwain. Another of her half-sisters is responsible for last year's talented Listed Leopardstown 2000 Guineas Trial winner Zawraq (Ire) (Shamardal). She also has a 2-year-old full-sister to the winner named Alwafaa (Ire). Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-0, \$11,438. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)  
O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Estate Company Limited (IRE); T-Owen Burrows.

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**First Winner for Freshman Sire**

**1st-CHW, £5,000, Cond, 5-10, 2yo, 5f 16yT, 1:01.06, sf.**  
**NAZIK (GB) (c, 2, Delegator {GB}--Rockburst {GB}, by Xaar {GB})**, who made a solid if unspectacular start to his career when fourth over five furlongs at Bath Apr. 26, was the 3-1 second favourite for this and raced prominently early. Gaining a narrow lead passing the two-furlong pole, the 21,000gns TATFOA foal and 8,500gns TAOCT yearling held off the challenge of Tap Tap Boom (GB) (Foxwedge {Aus}) to score by a neck. Nazik, who hails from the extended family of the GISP Naska Colors, the dam of the MGSW and MGISP sire Sir Shackleton (Miswaki), becomes the first winner for his first-season sire (by Dansili {GB}), who stands at Overbury Stud for £4,000. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$4,937. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O-Mr Naser Buresli; B-Abingdon & Witney College (GB); T-David Evans.

**4th-CHW, £4,000, Mdn, 5-10, 3yo, 8f 14yT, 1:36.26, sf.**  
**THREAT ASSESSED (IRE) (c, 3, Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}--High Reserve {GB}, by Dr Fong)**, eighth on debut in a decent mile maiden won by the G3 Sandown Classic Trial runner-up Algometer (GB) (Archipenko) at Newbury on debut in October, started as the 5-4 favourite and was steadied leaving the stalls and raced comfortably just off the early tempo. Moving smoothly to the front passing the three-furlong pole, the €32,000 GOFORB yearling soon built a sizeable margin and was eased near the line to register a six-length success from Zauffaly (Fr) (Zoffany {Ire}). The winner is descended from Meon Valley's significant class influence Bella Colora (GB), who was third in the G1 1000 Guineas before going on to produce Stagecraft (GB). Recent members of the dynasty to add further gravitas include the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas runner-up France (GB) (Desert Prince {Ire}), the G3 Lingfield Derby Trial scorer Alessandro Volta (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}), the G2 Jebel Hatta winner Alkaadhem (GB) (Green Desert) and the multiple group-winning sprinter and G2 Mehl-Mulhens-Rennen (German 2000 Guineas) hero Caspar Netscher (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}). The dam, who is out of a half to one of the Clive Cox stable's flagbearers of recent times, the MGSW Poet (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), also has a yearling colt by Dragon Pulse (Ire). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$3,729. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O-Mr Alan G. Craddock; B-Roundhill Stud (IRE); T-Clive Cox.

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**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:**

**Evening Hush (Ire)**, f, 3, **Excellent Art (GB)**--Applause (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). TIP, 5-10, 12f 110yT, 3:08.25. B-Patrick Anthony Byrne (IRE). \*€22,000 Ylg '14 TISEP.

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**Tuesday's Results:**

**PRIX DE LA SEINE-Listed, €55,000, CHY, 5-10, 3yo, f, 11fT, 2:16.54, gd.**

1--**#THE JULIET ROSE (FR), 129, f, 3, Monsun (Ger)**

**1st Dam: Dubai Rose (GB) (SW-Ger), by Dubai Destination**

**2nd Dam: Russian Rose (Ire), by Soviet Lad**

**3rd Dam: Thornbeam (Ire), by Beldale Flutter**

(€650,000 Ylg '14 ARAUG). O-Mayfair Speculators SARL & Equifrance Holdings; B-Guy Heald (FR); T-Nicolas Clement; J-Stephane Pasquier. €27,500. Lifetime Record: GSP-Fr, 3-2-1-0, €56,000.

2--**Olala (Ger)**, 125, f, 3, Tertullian--Ostdogin (Ger), by Doyen (Ire). O-Rennstall Gestut Hachtsee. €11,000.

3--**Al Wathna (GB)**, 125, f, 3, Nayef--Lemon Twist (Ire), by Marju (Ire). (€72,000 Ylg '14 AROCT). O-Al Shaqab Racing. €8,250.

Margins: 1, SNK, HF. Odds: 2.80, 9.00, 3.00.

Also Ran: \*Energida (Fr), \*Wanderina (Ire), Olivia Pope (Fr), Impressionist (Ire), Sally For Me (Fr). Scratched: Gambissara (Fr). \*Dead-heated for fourth.

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The Juliet Rose, who stepped up from a taking debut win going one mile at Saint-Cloud Nov. 11 to run second to the G1 Prix de Diane-bound Camprock (Fr) (Myboycharlie {Ire}) when pitched into the Apr. 18 G3 Prix Penelope back there in her only other start last time, took another leap forward with a career high here. Settled in second after breaking on the front end from the outside gate, she came under pressure soon after turning for home and ran on strongly once taking over with 300 metres remaining to assert superiority in determined fashion. The Juliet Rose is the second of four foals out of a stakes-winning half-sister to G2 Pretty Polly S. victress Hanami (GB) (Hernando {Fr}), herself the dam of three black-type performers. She is kin to the 2-year-old filly Pocketfulofdreams (Fr) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and a yearling colt by Redoute's Choice (Aus). **Cont. p10**

**2nd-CHY, €29,000, Cond, 5-10, 3yo, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:18.07, stn. BASILIA (GB) (f, 3, [Fastnet Rock {Aus}](#)--[Bargouzine {SP-Fr}](#), by [Stravinsky](#)) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, €30,750. O/T-Mme Elisabeth Fabre; B-Ecurie Peregrine SAS (GB). \*1/2 to Baghdadur (Ire) (Zanzibari), GSW-Fr, \$161,183.**

**6th-CHY, €28,000, Cond, 5-10, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.47, stn.**

**ABSALON (g, 5, [Giant's Causeway](#)--[Wakigoer](#), by [Miswaki](#)) Lifetime Records: 8-4-0-1, €55,350. O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (KY); T-Freddy Head. \*1/2 to Acago (Royal Academy), GSW-Fr & GSP-US, \$165,794; Quiet Force (Dynaformer), GSW-US, \$308,900; and Sandwaki (Dixieland Band), GSW-Fr, \$131,005.**

## OBSERVATIONS

on today's European racing scene

**3.20 Saint-Cloud, Debutantes, €25,000, 3yo, c/g, 8ft SPARTAKISTE (IRE) ([Dansili {GB}](#))** is the latest progeny out of the 1997 G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest and G1 Prix de la Foret heroine Occupandiste (Ire) (Kaldoun {Fr}), who has proven just as accomplished in her second career by producing the G2 Prix de Sandringham winner and dual Group 1-placed Impressionnante (GB) (Danehill) and last year's GI Woodbine Mile winner Mondialiste (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). The Wertheimers's homebred starts out for Carlos Laffon-Parias and meets Godolphin's **Ancient History (Ire) ([Shamardal](#))**, an Andre Fabre-trained son of the group-placed Antiquities (GB) (Kaldounevees {Fr}) from the family of Street Cry (Ire).

Ascot Farm/Ampulla Lodge for NZ\$180,000. Brighthill also sold [lot 199](#), a Tavistock filly, to NZB as agent for NZ\$135,000 earlier in the session. It was a productive weanling sale for Brighthill, which saw all 13 offered sold, putting it second to Gordon Cunningham's Curraghmore Stud on the leading vendors' table.

Curraghmore, which was taking home the title for the 11th straight year, sold [lot 232](#), a Tavistock colt, to NZB as agent for NZ\$140,000 Tuesday. The colt is the second foal out of the listed-winning Lamington Vegas (NZ) (Elusive City).

"I'm delighted with our results and our staff at Curraghmore deserve great accolades for their work in raising our horses and presenting them so well," said Cunningham. "Our clients are pleased and we wish those who bought our horses the best of luck. It's great to see that more breeders have recognised that this sale is a very viable trading option for our industry. We had a great buying bench here and most were rewarded with good prices too."

The most expensive filly of the day was [lot 209](#), a daughter of Cape Blanco (Ire) bought by NZB as agent for NZ\$150,000. The filly is a half-sister to G1 New Zealand Two Thousand Guineas winner Turn Me Loose (NZ) (Iffraaj {GB}), who shipped successfully to Australia to win the G1 Emirates S. and G1 Futurity S.

Another high-priced filly Tuesday was [lot 541](#), a daughter of Savabeel (Aus) consigned by Little Avondale Stud and sold to Trelawney Stud for NZ\$135,000. The filly is out of Kahurangi (NZ) (Elusive Quality), an unplaced half-sister to G1 KrisFlyer Sprint winner Green Birdie (NZ) (Catbird {Aus}).

Andrew Seabrook, managing director of NZB, expressed confidence the strong market would continue into Wednesday's broodmare session, saying, "It's clear our industry is in an upward spiral and I expect this will be the tone for some time. I believe those looking to invest in broodmares tomorrow can do so in the confidence that their end product will be sought after in the years to come."

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Hawthorne added, "This is one of the strongest weanling sales I've seen and it's great for the industry. It's good to see the filly market also slowly improving, and I believe breeders can breed with confidence this spring."

As on the opening day of the sale Monday, the progeny of New Zealand's latest sire sensation, Tavistock (NZ), proved popular Tuesday, and the Cambridge Stud flagbearer was responsible for three of the top six lots. The priciest of those was [lot 284](#), a colt consigned by Brighthill Farm and purchased by

## SESSION TOPPERS

### NZB NATIONAL WEANLING SALE DAY TWO

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (NZ\$)
<a href="#">263</a>	c	O'Reilly (NZ)	Mexican Rose (NZ)	185,000
		<i>B-D C Ellis &amp; Nearco Stud Ltd</i>		
		Consigned by Hallmark Stud		
		Purchased by Aquis Farm		
<a href="#">284</a>	c	Tavistock (NZ)	Once More (NZ)	180,000
		<i>B-D F &amp; Mrs M D Bodle</i>		
		Consigned by Brighthill Farm		
		Purchased by Ascot Farm/Ampulla Lodge		

- 209 f Cape Blanco (Ire) Indomitable (NZ) 150,000**  
*B-G W & Mrs M W Simon*  
 Consigned by Mana Park  
 Purchased by NZB as agent
- 232 c Tavistock (NZ) Lamington Vegas (NZ) 140,000**  
*B-Nearco Stud Limited*  
 Consigned by Curraghmore  
 Purchased by NZB as agent
- 199 f Tavistock (NZ) Head Enfilade (NZ) 135,000**  
*B-G C & Mrs R C Luoni*  
 Consigned by Brighthill Farm  
 Purchased by NZB as agent
- 541 f Savabeel (Aus) Kahurangi (NZ) 135,000**  
*B-R J Bergerson, P G Humphries, Little Avondale Trust & C A Rutten*  
 Consigned by Little Avondale Stud  
 Purchased by Trelawney Stud

Any sales proceeds above the stud fee go to the breeder. In addition, the breeder recoups the first A\$6,000 for a weanling sale and the first A\$12,000 for a yearling sale before Spendthrift recoups the stud fee. The breeder decides which sale the horse goes to.

“It is a program that was designed solely to equal the playing field between the stallion owner and the breeder, and it is far superior to a standard foal share,” explained Spendthrift’s B. Wayne Hughes. “The focus of the program is on relieving breeders of risk and cash-flow issues, all while still allowing them to realize the upside we all hope for with a successful horse. I have long believed that if one of our stallions does not produce a profitable foal in a particular mating, then we should bear our fair share of the responsibility for it--not just the mare owner.”

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• No. Offered	262	313
• No. Sold	238	250
• RNAs	24	63
• % RNAs	9.2%	20.1%
• High Price	NZ\$185,000	NZ\$160,000
• Gross N	Z\$5,740,300	NZ\$3,028,300
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11	Charlevoix	New Approach (Ire)	Zahra	Kent
12	Etymology	New Approach (Ire)	Melham	O’Shea
13	Prince of Pagoda (NZ)	Zabeel (NZ)	Torneur	McEvoy
14	Manhattan Boss	Sebring	Meech	Mrgn/Wddsn
15	Arcadia Dream	Domesday	Coffey	Williams
16	Rong Door Reggie	Court of Jewels (NZ)	Symons	Laurie
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### IN SINGAPORE:

**Silver Wind (Aus)**, g, 3, **Red Arrow (Aus)**--Bernina (Aus), by Iglesia (Aus). Kranji, 5-8, Restricted Maiden (A\$74k), 1100m (AWT), 1:06.58. B-D Campi (Vic). \*Formerly William Tell (Aus). [VIDEO](#)

**Jay Eff Express (Aus)**, g, 4, **Murtajill (Aus)**--Rasasa (NZ), by Zabeel (NZ). Kranji, 5-8, Hcp. (A\$99k), 1400mT, 1:22.27. B-Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa al Maktoum (Vic). \*Formerly Seenaan (Aus). [VIDEO](#)

### IN SOUTH AFRICA:

**+Our Mate Art (Aus)**, c, 2, **Artie Schiller**--Laureldean Dream, by Stravinsky. Kenilworth, 5-10, Maiden, 1200mT, 1:10.55. B-Grandlodge Thoroughbreds Pty Ltd, Ken Biddick, Stephen Anastasiou, David Plush (Vic). \*A\$135,000 Ylg '15 INGMEL.

**Jewel of Gibraltar (Aus)**, f, 4, **Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)**--Bella Jewel (Aus), by Rory's Jester (Aus). Turffontein, 5-7, Maiden, 1600mT, 1:40.57. B-Beauvest Pty Ltd (Vic). \*1/2 to Rockshaft (Aus) (Choisir {Aus}), GSW-Aus, \$140,204. \*\*A\$30,000 Ylg '13 INGMEL.

### IN SOUTH KOREA:

**Furious Runner (Aus)**, g, 3, **Canny Lad (Aus)**--Sonar (Aus), by Commands (Aus). Busan, 5-8, Hcp. (A\$64k), 1200m. B-Bowness Stud (NSW). \*Won by four lengths as the 7-10 favorite. \*\*A\$20,000 Ylg '13 INGCLS; A\$15,000 RNA Ylg '14 INGVBS.



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