

FRESH SHOOTER, FAMILIAR FACE



Stradivari | Coady Photo

by Steve Sherack

BALTIMORE, Md. - For a breeder with a select broodmare band of just 20 head or so, John D. Gunther's name always seems to pop up this time of year around the Classics.

Stay Thirsty (Bernardini), a MGISW of nearly \$2 million, finished just 3/4 of a length shy of Ruler On Ice (Roman Ruler) in the 2011 GI Belmont S. My Miss Sophia (Unbridled's Song) completed the exacta behind champion Untapable (Tapit) in the GI Kentucky Oaks two years ago. Last term's GI Florida Derby winner Materiality (Afleet Alex) was a troubled sixth in American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile)'s GI Kentucky Derby.

And even a little further back, multiple graded stakes winners like Eye of the Tiger (American Chance) (close fifth in the 2003 Derby) and Kimberlite Pipe (Take Me Out) (sixth in 1999 Derby).

These are all the work of the longtime owner/breeder, who will be well-represented by the promising **Stradivari** (Medaglia d'Oro) in Saturday's GI Preakness S. at Pimlico.

"With this colt, I thought he had a lot of potential and I'm just lucky enough to be the breeder and also retain a part of him," Gunther said of the lightly raced Stradivari, who is campaigned in partnership along with Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith and Mrs. John Magnier. **Cont. p3**

CONTROVERSIAL WIN AT BELMONT BY SHIPPER FROM CHINA

by Bill Finley

When bettors perused the past performances of **Mongolian Prince (NZ)** (St Reims {NZ}) in Sunday's sixth race at Belmont Park, a maiden event, they saw a horse who had raced once, finishing fifth in a Mar. 18 maiden race at Gulfstream. There was no way of knowing there was much more to his story.

At odds of 16-1, Mongolian Prince won the race by a head for trainer Todd Pletcher and rider John Velazquez, an outcome that might not have seemed so surprising had the wagering public been privy to the fact that not only was Mongolian Prince not a maiden, but he was a stakes winner in China.

No one involved, from Pletcher to the owners, the Inner Mongolia Rider Horse Industry, to the New York Racing Association, apparently broke any rules. However, New York Gaming Commission spokesman Lee Park told the *TDN* Tuesday that the organization is "actively reviewing the matter." **Cont. p7**

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Nyquist, with regular exercise rider Jonny Garcia, heads out to the track early Tuesday morning for a gallop ahead of forecasted rain. Extended Preakness coverage continues on page 3. | Steve Sherack

DERBY TOP TWO BEAT THE RAIN AT PIMLICO 4

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GUN RUNNER TO SKIP PREAKNESS 6

Gun Runner (Candy Ride {Arg}), third in the GI Kentucky Derby and winner of the GII Twinspires.com Louisiana Derby, has been officially withdrawn from consideration for Saturday's GI Preakness, trainer Steve Asmussen confirmed Tuesday.

DUO SHARE BULLET AT F-T MIDLANTIC OPENER 8

The under-tack preview for next week's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale got underway Tuesday and a pair of juveniles shared the bullet time of :10 flat.



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'Fresh Shooter, Familiar Face' (cont. from p1)

"Being in one of the Classics, that's really what you aim for, right?"

While Gunther does primarily breed to sell--the aforementioned trio of Stay Thirsty, Materiality and My Miss Sophia as well as champion Stevie Wonderboy (Stephen Got Even) and MGISW First Samurai (Giant's Causeway) were all sold as yearlings--the native of Vancouver, British Columbia, has also enjoyed plenty of success racing.

Stradivari's dam Bending Strings was a four-time graded winner and a five-time Grade I placer for Gunther, who campaigned her multiple graded winning sire American Chance in addition to her stakes-winning dam Straight South (Hail the Pirates), a bargain \$7,500 KEESEP yearling purchase back in 1987. The 15-year-old mare Bending Strings, currently expecting

a foal by leading sire Tiznow any day now, has a 2-year-old colt named Electric Avenue (Smart Strike) and a yearling filly by Speightstown. Her 4-year-old filly Delightful Melody (Tapit) brought \$500,000 from owner John C. Oxley as a FTSAUG yearling. Bending Strings will be bred back to Uncle Mo.

The 70-year-old also raced the aforementioned Eye of the Tiger and Kimberlite Pipe as well as the hard-knocking millionaire Last Gunfighter (First Samurai), winner of the 2013 GIII Pimlico Special S.

"We mostly breed to sell, but we're not afraid to race them," said Gunther, the proprietor of the 350-acre Versailles, Kentucky Glennwood Farm.

Gunther certainly showed no fear when the bidding stalled at \$335,000 on the cleverly named Stradivari at the 2014 KEESEP sale ([catalog page](#)).



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“I’ve been involved with his family for a few generations now,” said Gunther, adding that Stradivari’s namesake--keep in mind the dam’s name--was a famous Italian violin maker. “I really liked Stradivari as a yearling--he was our best one on the farm that year. I pulled him out to a couple of potential buyers and said, ‘This is the best colt that I’ve got in the sale,’ but I didn’t get much of a response at the time. Maybe he was a bit smaller than people would have liked. But I really liked him--he was a well-balanced colt--and he looked very good to me. If I ended up keeping him, I certainly wouldn’t be unhappy about it.”

The senior partner in the Canadian stock brokerage and investment banking firm Jones, Gable & Company Ltd. has had plenty to smile about since.

Stradivari, a debut fourth behind next out stakes winner Vorticity (Distorted Humor) in his seven-furlong debut at Aqueduct Nov. 8, has been sensational in a pair of subsequent starts at two turns. The dark bay graduated by 11 1/4 lengths in an off-the-turfer at Gulfstream Park Dec. 5 ([video](#)), then earned ‘TDN Rising Star’ honors with a 14 1/2-length tour de force, good for a 100 Beyer Speed Figure when finally re-appearing in a first-level allowance at Keeneland Apr. 17 ([video](#)). It was just a “minor setback” that kept Stradivari on the shelf and he was never totally out of training while based in South Florida this winter, per trainer Todd Pletcher. The Coolmore partners bought in before his most recent start in Lexington.

“When my daughter [Glennwood General Manager and Eurowest Bloodstock’s Tanya Gunther] was in Ireland visiting Coolmore, they showed an interest in acquiring an interest in the colt,” Gunther explained of the partnership. “And that was after his maiden win. I felt it would be a good partnership to have with their experience in the stallion industry and being one of the best in the industry. I felt good about the partnership.”

After working smartly in company with Kentucky Derby sixth Destin (Giant’s Causeway) prior to the ‘Run for the Roses,’ Stradivari punched his ticket to Baltimore with a six-furlong move in 1:14.40 (1/1) beneath the Twin Spires May 7 and a five-furlong bullet in :59.60 (1/6) over the deep Belmont training

track May 13.

“He’s been working really well,” Gunther confirmed. “Todd [Pletcher] was very happy with his works and wanted to take a shot in the Preakness. Off to Baltimore we go.”

Click [here](#) for a recent TDN feature on John Gunther’s operation.

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DERBY TOP TWO BEAT THE RAIN AT PIMLICO TUESDAY

by Steve Sherack

BALTIMORE, Md. - With a fair amount of rain predicted in the forecast, the top two finishers from the GI Kentucky Derby got down to business early Tuesday morning ahead of this



Nyquist | Sherackatthetrack

weekend’s GI Preakness S. at Pimlico.

Nyquist (Uncle Mo) began to get tacked up in Stall 24 in Stakes Barn D as the clouds continued to roll in just before 6 a.m. The unbeaten champion jogged the wrong way to the wire while accompanied by assistant trainer Jack Sistrerson via

horseback, then turned in a strong one-mile gallop ([video](#)), gliding nicely over the surface beneath regular exercise rider Jonny Garcia while conditioner Doug O’Neill looked on from the press box porch.

“Looks like we beat the rain,” Sistrerson said with a smile while Nyquist jogged back along the outer rail.

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“The lead-up and the preparation for these races is almost as fun as the actual race itself,” O’Neill said to the press back at the hospitality tent later in the morning. “When you’ve got an amazing horse like Nyquist--just watching him gallop is really special and you realize that you’re part of a once in a lifetime type of horse.”

He continued, “I realize how unbelievably blessed I am. It’s an amazing privilege for me to be a voice of Nyquist and to be able to share him with everyone. Hopefully, he can carry on the torch from [Triple Crown winner] American Pharoah.”

With the NTRA’s Joan Lawrence Tweeting out that the Derby

second-place finisher **Exaggerator** (Curlin)--the only other Preakness runner on the grounds slated to train Tuesday--would be heading out at 7:40 a.m., light rain began to fall as temperatures hovered in an unseasonably cool 55 degrees.



Exaggerator | *Sherackatthetrack*

The striking dark bay stood quietly while briefly taking in his surroundings after being led onto the track by trainer Keith Desormeaux as artist Sam Robinson took cover from the rain while painting the tranquil morning scene on the apron.

Exaggerator galloped with good energy for 1 1/2 miles ([video](#)) ahead of Round 5 with Nyquist Saturday.

With more precipitation in the cards for Wednesday, O’Neill announced that Nyquist would jog two miles at 6 a.m. Exaggerator is expected to train later in the morning and

Collected (City Zip), **Fellowship** (Awesome of Course), **Laoban** (Uncle Mo) and **Uncle Lino** (Uncle Mo) will likely be in action as well after arriving Tuesday.

–@SteveSherackTDN

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GUN RUNNER TO SKIP PREAKNESS

Winchell Thoroughbreds, Three Chimneys Farm and Besilu Stables' **Gun Runner** (Candy Ride {Arg}), third in the GI Kentucky Derby and winner of the GII Twinspires.com Louisiana Derby, has been officially withdrawn from consideration for Saturday's



Gun Runner | Sherackatthetrack

GI Preakness S., trainer Steve Asmussen confirmed Tuesday. The chestnut breezed four furlongs in :51.40 [38/42] at Churchill Downs Monday, his first move since the Derby.

"We're going to pass on the Preakness," the newly elected Hall of Famer said. "We're going to continue to train at Churchill and plan on a serious summer of 3-year-old races with him. He's been in tremendous physical condition going into the Derby--and coming out of it--and we expect for him to continue to physically develop."

Gun Runner captured his first two starts last year and concluded his juvenile season with a fourth-place run in the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. beneath the Twin Spires Nov. 28. He subsequently stamped himself as a top 3-year-old with a pair of wins in the GII Veterans Ford Risen Star S. Feb. 20 and the Louisiana Derby Mar. 26. In the Kentucky Derby, he chased a swift pace and held on to finish third behind Preakness starters Nyquist (Uncle Mo) and Exaggerator (Curlin).

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Saturday, May 20	2:30 p.m.	Preakness Saturday	NBCSN
Saturday, May 20	5 p.m.	GI Preakness S.	NBC

TUESDAY'S PREAKNESS CHATTER

"We went out and hid in some bushes and watched [Exaggerator]. He looked great. He always does. His coat looks great; his weight looks great; and he has good energy... He's a big, good-looking horse. He always carries his flesh well. He just shows up every race. It looks like we might get some rain Saturday. I'm sure Team Exaggerator is high-fiving and excited."
 ---**Doug O'Neill**, trainer of Nyquist (Uncle Mo), scouting out his competition. Click [here](#) for video.

"Obviously numbers-wise, horse for horse-wise, it's tough to think we can beat [Nyquist], right? But the strongest attribute Exaggerator has is his ability to recover. As you know, this Preakness is run back in two weeks. That's not normal in this day and age to run a horse back that quickly." ---**Keith Desormeaux**, trainer of Exaggerator (Curlin). Click for video of [Desormeaux](#) and [Exaggerator](#).

"Someone said something about picking this as a good spot. I said, 'This isn't a good spot.' It's not like I found this little, cozy allowance race. It's a classic race, running against an undefeated 2-year-old champion [Nyquist], most impressive winner of the Kentucky Derby. Exaggerator ran very impressive in the Santa Anita Derby, ran a race good enough to win a lot of Derbys... This is not a cupcake spot by any means." ---**Todd Pletcher**, trainer of Stradivari (Medaglia d'Oro), assessing the competition.

"It's fine. It's all good, nice half... We'll put him on a van at about 8:00 [a.m. Thursday]. It's about a three-hour trip if everything goes okay." ---**Alan Goldberg**, trainer of Awesome Speed (Awesome Again), after his trainee breezed a half-mile in :47 2/5 at Colts Neck Stables in New Jersey.

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PAGE MCKENNEY LOOKS FOR 'SPECIAL' WIN

by Joe Bianca

On April 25, 2014 at Pimlico Race Course, **Page McKenney** (Eavesdropper) was cut off at the start of a 1 1/16-mile first-level allowance on turf, had traffic trouble going into the clubhouse turn and ran on too late to factor, finishing fifth at 7-1. This result doesn't sound significant, but it is, only because



Page McKenney
Maryland Jockey Club

of what has--or hasn't--happened since.

The chestnut gelding has run 24 times in the intervening two-plus years and has not once finished out of the trifecta. Thirteen wins, eight seconds and three thirds, all

despite a diet of nothing but stakes races in his last 19 outings.

"He just tries every single time," Page McKenney's trainer, Mary Eppler said. "If you ever met the horse, you would think that he was just a pony. You wouldn't think, in the barn, that he would have that kind of competitiveness."

Claimed for \$16,000 by Eppler and owner Adam Staple back in July 2013, 'Page' has now earned over \$1.4 million and became a graded stakes winner with his head victory in the GIII General George S. at Laurel Park Feb. 15. This Friday, he will try to capture the GIII Pimlico Special, a race in which he was runner-up last year. The Special is one of the most historic stakes in Maryland racing and one that Eppler feels a unique connection to.

"I trained for Mr. [Alfred G.] Vanderbilt," Eppler said, "and he was the one that got the race going, so it would mean an awful lot to me."

Page McKenney's remarkable consistency makes him feel like an especially young 6-year-old. Eppler is hoping to have him around for many more racing years--and beyond.

"Sort of like Ben's Cat, we're hoping that he can come back and still be competitive at 10," she said. "He's just such a nice horse and I love being around him. I was talking to Jim Bryant, the breeder and part-owner, that I would love to have him for my stable pony when he retires, because he would love to do that."

As for the here and now, Page McKenney most recently finished second to **Stanford** (Malibu Moon) in the GII Charles Town Classic S. when that one was able to dictate a slow pace. Stanford is on the fence about running Friday, but if he does, Eppler envisions more preferable race dynamics for Page.

"I think it's a whole different race scenario here," she opined. "One, it's only two turns. Two, there's other speed in the race. The last time, Donworth (Tiznow) and Stanford were the only speed. Donworth didn't break, we ended up having to chase the pace, which I think is very tough and a little bit off his game, but he still ran very well. This race, there's a lot of pace up front, you have Warrioroftheroses (A.P. Warrior), Noble Bird (Birdstone) and Stanford, so I think it's going to set up totally different and there's an eight-pound weight shift."

One thing's for sure: nobody should be surprised if Page McKenney finishes in the trifecta Friday.

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'Controversial Win at Belmont' (cont. from p1)

The real problem is that the system clearly failed the betting public.

Getting details on horses competing in China's nascent horse racing industry is not easy. But in the case of Mongolian Prince the owners were so excited about the horse's arrival that they contacted several news outlets, including the *Thoroughbred Daily News*, in January to announce that Mongolian Prince was coming to the U.S. [The TDN's story](#) included information that Mongolian Prince had won three of five starts in China including



Mongolian Prince | Coglianese

a 21-length win at Wuhan racetrack in October. According to Victoria Wang, the assistant to Inner Mongolia Horse Racing Industry CEO Lang Ling, the purse of the race at Wuhan was worth roughly \$50,000.

Because he was born in the Southern Hemisphere, Mongolian Prince is considered a 4-year-old here, but was classified as a 3-year-old in China.

"He was the best 3-year-old in China," Wang said. "In China, he would not be considered a 3-year-old until Aug. 1, so he was racing as a 3-year-old. He improved to the point where he was unbeatable. The talent level is not high in China, so we wanted to send him to America to see how he could do."

So why was Mongolian Prince classified as a maiden and why didn't his past performances include any of his races in China? The answer involves competing racing associations in China, one the U.S. Jockey Club and other racing organizations around the globe recognize and one that they don't.

When asked to clarify Mongolian Prince’s status, the Jockey Club responded by email with the following statement: “The China Stud Book Committee submitted a letter during the importing process that Mongolian Prince (NZ) did not race in China Horse Industry Association (CHIA)-recognized races and therefore the committee did not have race records for that horse. The China Stud Book Committee is the established sole authority to register Thoroughbreds in China, and is established within the CHIA.”

Mongolian Prince competed at racetracks under the jurisdiction of the Chinese Equestrian Association. There doesn’t appear to be anything minor league about the Chinese Equestrian Association tracks. The Hong Kong Jockey Club announced last September that it had reached a strategic agreement with the CEA to assist the organization. The



Wuhan Racecourse | Shanghai
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agreement included working together on the final leg of the China Horse Racing Grand Prix at Jinma Racecourse.

According to the website, chinaculture.org, the Chinese Equestrian Association was founded in 1979 and is a formal member of International Equestrian Foundation. While it oversees

many equestrian sports, it clearly focuses on horses racing as the website says the CEA’s mission includes: “formulate rules on the management of racehorses; to define the categories of racehorses and set up evaluation standards on the horses.”

It is not clear why races at the CEA tracks are not recognized internationally.

There is no gambling on racing in China. Purses come from sponsorships, from entry fees and other sources.

The Inner Mongolia Rider Horse Industry is not the first Chinese ownership group to send horses to the U.S. The China Horse Club has campaigned several horses here and has won five races in the U.S. The best of those horses has been Parranda (English Channel) who won the 2015 GIII Marshua’s River at Gulfstream. Parranda, like many of the China Horse Club horses, either began their careers outside of China or never raced there.

It is believed that Mongolian Prince is the second horse that has raced in China to win in the U.S. In October, the China Horse Club’s Beat of the Drum (Duke of Marmalade {Ire}) won an allowance race at Santa Anita. The mare began her career in Europe for trainer Aidan O’Brien before being purchased by the Chinese group. The horse raced twice in China and won a race there in 2013. The Equibase past performances include lines from the two Chinese races, one of which had a purse of

\$163,000.

According to its website, the Inner Mongolia Horse Racing Industry is China’s “leading private horse industry firm.” Wang said that Ling is actively buying horses, particularly in Australia and New Zealand, and is also purchasing standardbreds and Arabians. She said Ling owns about 1,000 horses and that plans are to continue to send the better ones to race in the U.S.

With racing growing in China and with both Ling and the China Horse Club looking to build stables here, it appears that U.S. racing authorities need to take a hard look at how they can get accurate information on races held in China into the hands of bettors and clarify whether a horse that had won a stakes race by 21 lengths should be eligible to race against maidens.

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DUO SHARE FASTEST FURLONG AT F-T MIDLANTIC SHOW OPENER *by Jessica Martini*

TIMONIUM, Md - The under-tack preview for next week’s Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale got underway with the first of three sessions in Timonium Tuesday and a pair of juveniles sharing the bullet time of :10 flat and four youngsters sharing the fastest quarter-mile time of :21 3/5.

[Hip 6](#), a colt from the first crop of GI Preakness S. winner Shackleford (Forestry), was the first to hit the [:10 flat](#) mark. The chestnut, consigned by Justin Casse’s Casse Sales on behalf of Kinsman Farm, is out of the unraced Intentional Cry (Street Cry {Ire}), a daughter of graded stakes winner Gold Mover (Gold Fever) and a half-sister to stakes winners Giant Mover (Giant’s Causeway) and Maleeh (Indian Charlie). Kinsman Farm purchased the juvenile for \$95,000 at last year’s Keeneland September sale.



Hip 6 | Tibor Szlavik

“He’s a very efficient mover,” Casse said of the bullet breeder. “He’s built and looks a lot like a Street Cry, but he’s got the chrome on him that you would expect from a son of Forestry. He’s very straightforward. We knew he was fast, but didn’t realize he was that fast.”

Also working in [:10 flat](#) was [hip 185](#), a daughter of Gone Astray. The filly is out of the unraced Salsa City (Salt Lake), a half-sister to multiple graded stakes winner Runaway Dancer (Runaway Groom). She is consigned by Crane Thoroughbreds and was purchased by Harry Weisleder for \$19,000 at last year’s Keeneland September sale.

“She’s been really, really fast all year,” confirmed Clovis Crane. “I was debating on taking her to California for the [Barretts] select sale, but she just wasn’t quite right. We decided to just give her a month and freshen her up because she’d been going really fast, but she came into this doing great and was back to where we expected her to be.”

Times during the session, which began under overcast skies and with temperatures in the low 50s, were noticeably slower earlier and picked up as intermittent showers grew in intensity throughout the day.

“The first set was very demanding,” Crane said. “The horses didn’t go nearly as fast as the rest of the day. The track was more traditional as the day wore on. Yes, it was raining and it was gross out, but honestly the track stayed really good and, after it got some rain on it, it was better. I don’t think they put a lot of water on it early because they knew the rain was coming and it ended up getting better as the day went on. I think it was fair from the second set on, but those horses in the first set really got hindered.”

Consignor Eddie Woods, who sent out one of the four bullet quarter-mile breezers and two of the five with the day’s second fastest time of :21 4/5, agreed the rain made for a better surface.

“This track, in my opinion, is better with a lot of moisture in it rather than when it’s drying out and it gets loose and cuppy,” he explained. “We were fortunate, we breezed eight horses here today and they all came back perfect. We’re happy with them all.”

Woods consigns [hip 162](#), a filly from the first crop of GI Malibu S. winner The Factor (War Front) who worked in [:21 3/5](#). The gray is out of Ramblin Rosie (Roar), a half-sister to Grade I winner Buddy Gil (Eastern Echo) and to the dam of the speedy Alsvig (Officer). She was purchased by Gainesway for \$250,000 out of last year’s Fasig-Tipton July sale.

“The Factor is a good filly and, like everything by that stallion, she can run,” Woods said. “She is very attractive. We expected a good move from her and she gave it to us.”

Sharing the quarter-mile bullet were [hip 85](#), a daughter of Wicked Rich consigned by Wes Carter; [hip 112](#), a filly by Malibu Moon consigned by De Meric Sales; and [hip 170](#), a colt from the first crop of GI Florida Derby winner Ice Box (Pulpit) consigned by Wavertree Stables.

The Midlantic breeze show continues through Thursday with sessions beginning daily at 8 a.m. The sale will be held next Monday and Tuesday, with bidding each day commencing at 10 a.m.

F-T MIDLANTIC 2YOs IN TRAINING

Tuesday’s Fastest Furlong Works

Time	Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam
:10	006	colt	Shackleford	Intentional Cry
<i>Consigned by Casse Sales (Justin Casse), Agent for Kinsman Farm</i>				
:10	185	filly	Gone Astray	Salsa City
<i>Consigned by Crane Thoroughbreds, agent</i>				

Tuesday’s Fastest 2-Furlong Works

:21 3/5	085	filly	Wicked Rich	Mom’s Honor
<i>Consigned by Wes Carter</i>				
:21 3/5	112	filly	Malibu Moon	Our Fantene
<i>Consigned by De Meric Sales, agent</i>				
:21 3/5	162	filly	The Factor	Ramblin Rosie
<i>Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent XVIII</i>				
:21 3/5	170	colt	Ice Box	Rey Lake
<i>Consigned by Wavertree Stables, Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), agent</i>				

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NYRA ANNOUNCES NEW NATIONAL ADW

The New York Racing Association (NYRA)'s new account deposit wagering platform will be available in July to coincide with the start of the 2016 Saratoga meet, it was announced Tuesday. The new platform will be known as NYRA Bets and will take the place of their current program, NYRA Rewards.

While NYRA Rewards was formerly restricted to residents of New York State, NYRA Bets will be open to horseplayers from across the nation.

"NYRA Bets will be a premier ADW enhanced by our partnership with GBE Technologies, a recognized global leader in online wagering solutions," said Chris Kay, Chief Executive Officer and President of NYRA. "We look forward to providing horseplayers across the country with access to the industry's finest racing and most advanced technology."

As part of the transition to NYRA Bets, the organization also announced that Tony Allevalo will assume the role of President of NYRA Bets as well as Executive Producer for NYRA television. Allevalo previously spent 14 years with TVG as Executive Vice President and Executive Producer.

Existent NYRA Rewards customers will have their accounts converted to NYRA Bets without any additional registration process. For more information, visit NYRA.com.

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STRONACH VS. DERBYWARS LAWSUIT GETS STREAMLINED

By T.D. Thornton

Six tracks owned by The Stronach Group (TSG) have fine-tuned a federal civil lawsuit against DerbyWars in an effort to hammer home the argument that the online fantasy gaming site allegedly took illegal bets on TSG races without contributing anything back to the horsemen and tracks that put on the show.

The [amended lawsuit](#), which was filed Monday in accordance with a deadline set two weeks ago by the United States Central District Court of California, streamlines what was initially a four-count complaint into what the TSG tracks believe are the two strongest allegations likely to result in the awarding of monetary damages and injunctive relief.

On May 2, the judge in the case had dismissed three of the four original causes of action that had been included in the December 2015 filing. But the court gave the plaintiffs 14 days to reformulate portions of the suit and address structural deficiencies in their arguments.

In the May 16 filing, the TSG tracks (Santa Anita Park, Golden Gate Fields, Gulfstream Park, Laurel Park, Pimlico Race Course and Portland Meadows) opted not to keep pursuing the most potentially damaging cause of action, which had alleged violations of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO).

Now, the two remaining planks of the complaint will focus on alleged violations of both the Interstate Horse Racing Act of 1978 (IHA) and the California Business & Professions Code, which regulates "unfair or fraudulent" business acts.

With the RICO charges cast out of the argument, the retooled case is likely to hinge on the proving or disproving of one key point: Are the contest selections made by pay-to-play fantasy horse racing game participants actually "bets"?

If the court rules that fantasy horse racing contest selections are bets, then DerbyWars (and by extension, other fantasy gaming portals) could be considered to be in violation of the IHA and California state laws. If the selections are deemed not to be bets, then such a ruling could fling the legal doors wide open for any entity that wants to create and implement fantasy- and tournament-styled online gaming based on horse race results.

Scott Daruty, a California-based TSG executive who is spearheading the move to clarify the role of fantasy gaming within the racing industry, said in a Tuesday phone interview that "it's not that we are necessarily opposed to contests on horse racing. It's the fact that these contests are being conducted outside the regulatory framework, and without any compensation being paid to the tracks and the horsemen."

Daruty continued: "If you were to take this business model and expand it across the whole industry, the revenue source that drives our whole industry would fall away and we would be left with an industry that couldn't sustain itself. That's what we're fighting about. It's a landmark case. This is not an attempt to shut down contests on horse racing or handicapping contests themselves. It's an attempt to make sure the revenue source that sustains our industry is not put in jeopardy."

Mark Midland, the founder of Horse Racing Labs, LLC, which is the parent company of DerbyWars, wrote in a Tuesday email that "we continue to believe that the claims are without merit, and we will continue to vigorously defend ourselves going forward."

Midland's email continued, in part: "As our company name suggests, the goal of Horse Racing Labs is to innovate and grow horse racing. We find it frustrating that we are being met with resistance. As we have said publicly, our goal has always been to contribute to tracks and horsemen. And we have repeatedly conveyed this to TSG.

"To the argument being made against DerbyWars, let me be perfectly clear. We work with tracks. We have worked with tracks. We will continue to work with tracks. In fact, DerbyWars has been a sponsor of Santa Anita, and Santa Anita racetrack promoted DerbyWars on their site all throughout last year. Our company is a small startup, driven by a deep rooted passion in horse racing, and our entire mission is to see this sport grow and thrive... We look forward to resolving these issues and moving forward with what we do--creating new products and services that will engage new fans and grow this sport."

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INSIGHTS

on the American racing scene

1st-BEL, \$77K, Alw, NW1X, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:30 p.m. EDT

Shadwell Stable's **MAWTHOOQ ([Distorted Humor](#))**, a distant third after covering extra real estate in Gulfstream Park's Mucho Macho Man S. in January of 2015, cuts back in trip for this first allowance spin off a 16-month plus break from the Kiaran McLaughlin barn. Tabbed a '**TDN Rising Star**' at second asking on the back of a 10 1/2-length romp in the slop at Aqueduct in November of 2014, the Kiaran McLaughlin charge was a debut second to subsequent GII Swale S. hero Ready for Rye (City Zip) a month prior. He is out of MGSW Ready's Gal (More Than Ready) and is a full-brother to '**TDN Rising Star**' and GSW Machen. Nick Zito saddles My Meadowview Farm LLC homebred **Wave Warrior ([Candy Ride {Arg}](#))** to oppose. Tenth behind future MGSW Isotherm (Lonhro {Aus}) when unveiled routing over the Saratoga turf Aug. 22, the bay graduated by a neck going this trip at the Big A Apr. 8. He is a son of GI Acorn S. heroine Island Sand (Tabasco Cat). [TJCS PPs](#) --Heather Anderson

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APPOINTMENTS

Jenny Bowman: Racing Secretary, Penn National Race Course

- Ms. Bowman served as a member of the Racing Office since 2007, working in numerous roles in the operation including Assistant Racing Secretary, Outrider, Horsemen's Bookkeeper, Paddock Judge, Placing Judge, and Horse Identifier.
- "We are excited and proud to promote someone from within the racing operation. Jenny's hard work and dedication make her a valuable asset," said Eric Johnston, Director of Racing Operations. "Jenny has earned the respect and support of our horsemen and will work closely with the group as we continue to grow and improve the racing product."

CENTRAL U.S.

Tuesday's Results:

4th-IND, \$34,000, (S), Msw, 5-17, 3, 4, /5yo, 6f, 1:11.81, ft. +MYSTIC TIGER (g, 3, Silver Mountain--Merom, by Hold That Tiger), sent off at 10-1 in this debut, was away to an erratic beginning, but soon rushed up to form a line of three through a first quarter in :22.66. He dropped back to third against the rail on the far turn, but proved resurgent, kicking clear late to win by three lengths. Dons Singin N Rain (Pass Rush) was second. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$20,400. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#)

O-Swifty Farms Inc.; B-Dana P Myers (IN); T-Stephen D. Dunn.

CALIFORNIA

Barretts Supplemental Horses Added:

Five 2-year-olds and four 3-year-olds have been supplemented to the 2016 Barretts May Sale at Del Mar of Two-Year-Old in Training and Horses of Racing Age to be held Friday, May 27, Barretts announced Tuesday. The supplemental horses will be sold directly after the main catalog is completed.

The catalog supplement can be found [here](#), while the entire catalog can be found [here](#).

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IN BRITAIN:

Monks Stand, c, 2, [More Than Ready](#). See "Britain."

Heart of Lions, c, 3, [Elusive Quality](#). See "Britain."

IN IRELAND:

+Long Island Sound, c, 3, [War Front](#). See "Ireland."

IN PERU:

Sweet Aurelia, f, 3, [Archarcharch](#)--Aly's Sweet Sheba (SP), by Twining. Monterrico, 5-15, Cond., 1200m, 1:11.18. B-Renee Louise Scucci (KY). *Jumped best of all, was well-rated on the lead and sprinted her final 400 meters in :23.17 to score by 5 3/4 lengths for a third consecutive victory. *\$13,000 Wlg '13 KEENOV; \$17,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP. [VIDEO](#)

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First-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, May 18

Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2012 Fee, # foals of racing age/Winners/
BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)
ASTROLOGY (A.P. Indy), Taylor Made Stallions, \$7.5K, 84/2/0
2-BEL, Msw 5f, +Leah's Dream, 12-1

Second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, May 18

Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2012 Fee, # foals of racing age/Winners/
BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)
DROSSELMAYER (Distorted Humor), WinStar Farm, \$17.5K, 176/23/0
2-BEL, Msw 5f, +Forres Lily, \$30K FTK OCT yrl, 20-1
INTERACTIF (Broken Vow), Red River Farms, \$2K, 54/4/0
2-BEL, Msw 5f, +Promise Me Tiz, \$24K OBS APR 2yo, 30-1
PADDY O'PRADO (El Prado {Ire}), Spendthrift Farm, \$15K, 229/31/2
2-BEL, Msw 5f, +Grand Banks, 15-1
UNCLE MO (Indian Charlie), Ashford Stud, \$35K, 261/56/13
2-BEL, Msw 5f, +MacCorleot, \$310K OBS MAR 2yo, 3-1

BREEDERS' EDITION

STAKES RESULTS:

CHEROKEE NATION CLASSIC CUP S., \$55,000, WRD, 5-17, (S),
3yo/up, c/g, 1m 70y, 1:42.01, my.
1--**IBAKA, 119, g, 5, Uncle Abbie--Synersis, by With Approval.**
O/B-Doug Wall (OK); T-W. Bret Calhoun; J-C.J. McMahon.
\$33,000. Lifetime Record: 19-9-0-3, \$358,319.
2--**Lingerlonger, 116, g, 5, Mr. Nightlinger--Jen N Jules, by Here**
We Come. O/B-Hal Browning & David Faulkner (OK); T-Kari
Craddock. \$11,000.
3--**Okey Dokey Kyle, 116, g, 4, Tactical Cat--Memory Divides, by**
Star Dabblers. O/B-Ann Sachdev & Lori Bravo (OK); T-Francisco
Bravo. \$6,050.
Margins: 3 1/4, 1HF, 8 1/4. Odds: 1.40, 2.00, 12.50.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

2nd-IND, \$36,000, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 5-17, 3yo/up,
f/m, 1m (off turf), 1:37.34, ft.
LA MAJESTIQUE (m, 5, Majestic Warrior--Royal Prize, by
Kingmambo) Lifetime Record: 22-3-5-7, \$135,471. O-Angel O.
Montano, Sr. & Thomas Sherman; B-Susan Austin (KY); T-Angel
O. Montano, Sr.

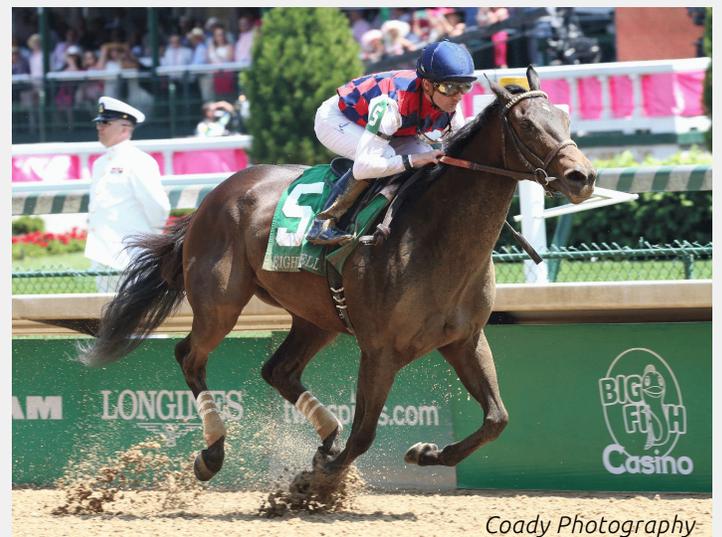
7th-IND, \$36,000, (S), 5-17, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.81, ft.
SALUTE THE MUSIC (g, 5, Salute the Sarge--Beaus Music, by
Beau Genius) Lifetime Record: SP, 31-5-2-8, \$121,717. O-48 Flat
Racing LLC; B-Joe K. & Kellyanne R. Shaw & Randy Klopp (IN);
T-Chaz Rechy.

8th-IND, \$34,000, 5-17, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5f (off turf), :58.05, ft.
ONE MINUTE (f, 3, Run Away and Hide--Bach Hamilton {MSP},
by Cherokee Run) Lifetime Record: SP, 10-2-1-1, \$95,415. O-L.
W. & C. Heiligbrodt; B-Ashley Hillyard (KY); T-S. M. Asmussen.

7th-SRP, \$20,300, 5-16, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:24.37, ft.
SPECTACULAR ARRAY (g, 4, Quality Road--Aray, by Rahy)
Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-1, \$47,115. O-Blue Snow Racing Stables
& David Wolochuk; B-Peter J. Shepell (OH); T-David Wolochuk.
*\$75,000 Wlg '12 KEENOV; \$105,000 RNA Ylg '13 KEESEP;
\$32,000 2yo '14 KEEAPR.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

John Irvin, g, 3, All Storm--Ashleys Account, by Unaccounted
For. WRD, 5-17, 1m, 1:40.74. B-L. David Hagan (OK).
Rock Garden, f, 3, Bustin Stones--Fair Weather Lady, by
Western Expression. FL, 5-17, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06.79. B-Harry L.
Landry (NY). *\$7,000 Wlg '13 FTNMIX; \$6,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR;
\$29,000 2yo '15 OBSOPN. **Won by 6 1/4 lengths.
Forever Good, g, 3, Fortifier--Royal Recognition, by Royal
Academy. IND, 5-17, (S), 6f, 1:12.80. B-Dean F. Toor (IN).



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CLASSIC STANDARDS



Le Havre, with La Cauviniere's Mathieu Alex, has now sired two Classic winners from his first three crops | Kelsey Riley

by Bill Oppenheim

Galileo's fingerprints are all over the four Guineas races which have been run so far in Britain and now France this season: he's the sire of the commanding G1 English 1000 Guineas winner, **Minding** (and the second, Ballydoyle; and the third, Alice Springs) and Sunday's impressive G1 Poule d'Essai Des Poulains - French 2000 Guineas winner, **The Ghurka**; and he's the damsire of G1 English 2000 Guineas winner Galileo Gold (by Paco Boy), and of Sunday's G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches-French 1000 Guineas winner, **La Cressonniere**, the second Pouliches winner in three crops of 3-year-olds for Haras De La Cauviniere's top young French sire, Le Havre. That's four out of four for Galileo as either sire or damsire.

Galileo has now sired 47 winners this year, and leads all European sires by combined North American/European earnings, which now total over \$2.7-million ([click here](#)), with Shamardal and Footstepsinthesand (both sons of Giant's Causeway, both sired in his first crop, the year he stood in Ireland) battling it out for second and third, at around \$1.28-million each. Galileo also leads all European sires in all worldwide black type categories from Northern Hemisphere-sired crops in 2016 with: 16 Black-Type Winners; 33 Black-Type Horses; nine Group/Graded SW; 22 Group/Graded Stakes Horses; three Group 1 winners; and five Group 1 horses.

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DESIRE TO SPREAD HIS WINGS AT EPSOM

John Gosden plans to give **Wings Of Desire (GB)** (Pivotal [GB]) a taste of Epsom Racecourse before a planned bid for the G1 Investec Epsom Derby June 4. A racecourse gallop around the unique contours of the course at next Tuesday's Breakfast With the Stars morning will hopefully convince Gosden that Lady Bamford's homebred will be worth supplementing for the Classic at a cost of £75,000. Gosden originally took the colt out of the Derby in early March as the he had not even made his racecourse debut at that stage. Appearing for the first time at Newmarket Apr. 16 he ran an encouraging third before easily opening his account at Wolverhampton 10 days later, the same course where Gosden's G1 Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby winner Jack Hobbs (GB) (Halling) broke his maiden. Gosden still had the G2 King Edward VII S. at Royal Ascot in mind but such was the quality of his G2 Betfred Dante S. victory at York last week that the Derby is back firmly on the agenda. **Cont. pxx**

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

FRESH SHOOTER, FAMILIAR FACE

TDN Racing Editor Steve Sherack files from Baltimore on John Gunther, breeder and co-owner of G1 Preakness S. hopeful and TDN Rising Star Stradivari (Medaglia d'Oro).

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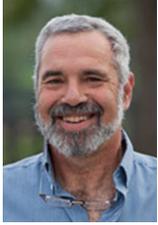
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From the desk of...

BILL OPPENHEIM



In total, from 11 crops of 3-year-olds, The Gurkha is Group 1 winner number 51 from Galileo's Northern Hemisphere-sired crops. That's 4 1/2 Group 1 winners per crop, and okay, he now averages 160 foals per crop, but really good

sires might average one Group 1 winner per crop.

Winner of the 2009 G1 Prix du Jockey-Club - French Derby (run over 2100m.), Le Havre is one of a strong corps of young French sires also including Kendargent and Siyouni, but in a European context he is also one of four European 'fourth-crop' sires (of 2016; first foals 2011) who have now separated themselves out as major international sires, along with Coolmore's Mastercraftsman and Fastnet Rock (Northern Hemisphere crops only) and Giltown Stud's Sea The Stars ([click here](#)) They are the only horses to have sired more than one Group 1 winner:

Mastercraftsman, Sea The Stars, and Fastnet Rock have sired three each; Le Havre has sired two, both winners of the 'Pouliches', **Avenir Certain** - who went on to make it a Classic double in the Prix de Diane - French Oaks, and now **La Cressonniere**.

Galileo Gold of course advertised his sire Paco Boy's credentials with a Galileo mare, and a second 3-year-old by Paco Boy out of a Galileo mare, **Imperial Affair**, won a £70,000 10-furlong handicap, the London Gold Cup, last Saturday at Newbury. There's even another Galileo sire-damsire story, because in his previous start, Imperial Affair had broken his maiden at the expense of a Galileo colt out of G1 Epsom Oaks winner Light Shift, named **Ulysses**, trained by Sir Michael Stoute for the Niarchos Family. Ulysses came out last Friday and blasted a field of maidens by eight lengths and, in a race with no favorite, was another being mentioned for the June 4 G1 Epsom Derby. Whatever those two go for, though--one by Paco Boy out of a Galileo mare and the other by Galileo - they are very much 3-year-old colts who look like they are improving rapidly.

One of the other highlights of last week's European racing was Frankel's first runner, a colt named **Cunco**, bred and owned by the Chilean-owned Don Alberto outfit and trained by Britain's reigning champion trainer, John Gosden. He ran in a six-furlong maiden at Newbury last Friday, drifted in the betting, but got the message in time and got up to win narrowly but going away;

I tweeted that jockey Rob Havlin was still trying to pull him up when the racing channel switched over to the next racetrack. Logically, the seven-furlong Chesham S. at Royal Ascot was nominated as the probable target.

There are a couple of interesting and probably significant points to make about Cunco's pedigree. Frankel, as you know, is by Galileo out of Kind, by Danehill. Cunco is out of Chrysanthemum, a dual 7f-1m Group 3 winner by Danehill Dancer out of Well Spoken, by Sadler's Wells. So Cunco has a kind of 'mirror' pedigree: Sadler's Wells 3x3 and Danehill 3x3. A lot of people (myself included) don't like the idea of these kinds of pedigrees, because they suggest a narrowing of the available population. On the whole I've never had the impression these kinds of pedigrees were particularly potent, but maybe they are when the ingredients are Galileo, Sadler's Wells, and Danehill.

Speaking of Danehill Dancer, he has gone from zero to hero as a broodmare sire in the last 12 months. There's this thing we've noticed over the years about broodmare sires, or rather about sires becoming broodmare sires: when a sire is bred to really,

really poor mares to start with, there is a delay to their success as broodmare sires, and it has to be because there is a level of mare which is of such low quality that they can't, on the whole, produce good horses in the next generation. So not until the sire starts to get mares of at least a little bit better, minimal quality so that when those mares go into production, the horse can get started as a broodmare sire. The first time I observed this phenomenon was



Cunco, Frankel's first foal, starter and winner | *Racing Post*

Sharpen Up, who started out as a £500 stallion and ended up at Gainesway Farm after siring horses the quality of the full brothers Kris and Diesis. But for a long time Sharpen Up was considered a failure as a broodmare sire, then all of a sudden, after about a five-year delay, boom, he's a good broodmare sire. The same thing happened to Pivotal; initially, he was considered a failure as a broodmare sire, yet now people go out trying to find Pivotal mares to breed from.

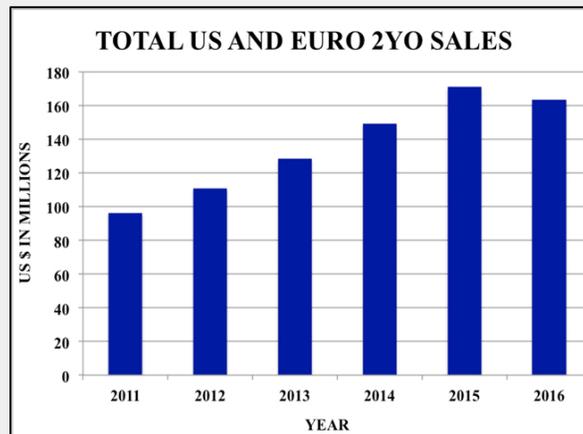
The same thing could be about to happen to Danehill Dancer, who, ironically and perhaps fittingly, is himself out of a Sharpen Up mare. His first Northern Hemisphere crop was foaled in 1999, yet by the end of 2014, when his first crop was 15 years old, Danehill Dancer had only eight A Runners as a broodmare sire, in fact was only averaging one a year. Then, in 2015, boom: 10 A Runners as a broodmare sire--of which, by the way, six of the 10 were by Galileo. These included Minding, now a Classic winner, and Alice Springs, now Classic-placed. **Cont. p3**

“They might not be able to keep the French Guineas races in Deauville when Longchamp is redeveloped, but the way the sale went there last week, Arqana will probably wish they could. Qatari support for French racing has been very strong the last few years, and Sheikh Joaan al-Thani’s Al Shaqab racing operation has played no little part in Arqana’s recent successes. Their 2-year-old sale last week was up 28% in gross and 18% in average to new record levels. The NA/EU 2-year-old 2016 auction market has now grossed \$163-million, a 4% drop from the \$171-million gross at the corresponding sales last year.”



ARQANA BREEZE UP SALE

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2016	139	115	95	17.3%	82.6%	68.3%	€10,483,000	€110,347
2015	134	119	88	11.2%	73.9%	65.7%	€8,203,000	€93,216
2014	131	116	88	11.5%	75.9%	67.2%	€6,750,000	€76,705
2013	135	115	92	14.8%	80.0%	68.1%	€6,143,000	€66,772
2012	165	149	107	9.7%	71.8%	64.8%	€6,075,000	€56,776
2011	161	142	111	11.8%	78.2%	68.9%	€6,917,000	€62,315



TOTAL US AND EUROPEAN BREEZE UP SALES AS OF MAY 18, 2016

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2016	2,837	2,052	1,542	27.7%	75.1%	54.4%	\$ 163,405,341	\$ 105,970
2015	2,815	2,085	1,610	25.9%	77.2%	57.2%	\$ 171,088,979	\$ 106,266
2014	2,635	1,975	1,533	25.0%	77.6%	58.2%	\$ 149,428,810	\$ 97,475
2013	2,503	1,936	1,523	22.7%	78.7%	60.8%	\$ 128,632,535	\$ 84,460
2012	2,589	1,966	1,536	24.1%	78.1%	59.3%	\$ 110,780,787	\$ 72,123
2011	2,796	2,147	1,569	23.2%	73.1%	56.1%	\$ 96,398,250	\$ 61,439

Bill Oppenheim cont.

Then, new in 2016: The Gurkha, Classic winner by Galileo; and, for good measure, Cunico, Frankel's first winner--all out of Danehill Dancer mares. It sure looks like some of the better mares by Danehill Dancer just came on line. We can expect Danehill Dancer mares to suddenly become fashionable, at this rate.

One of the features of the European season to date has been the resurgence of Godolphin and the continuing emergence of Qatari Sheikh Joaan al-Thani's Al Shaqab Racing, which scored a



Joaan al-Thani | *Racing Post*

notable double at Deauville over the weekend with the wins by **Mekhtaal** (Sea The Stars) in the G2 Prix Hocquart on Sunday, and by **Jemayel** (Lope de Vega) in Monday's G1 Prix Saint-Alary, and Al Shaqab is now, we think, the leading owner in France this year. They also have probably the leading British-trained contender for Royal Ascot's top 2-year-old race, the six-furlong G2 Coventry S., in the Richard Hannon-trained **Mehmas** (Acclamation), an impressive conditions race winner at Newbury on Saturday. Godolphin, meanwhile, appear to be a long way clear as Leading Owners in Britain. I keep hedging as owner's statistics are very tricky to compile: for example, **Belardo** is not owned by Godolphin, but rather by Godolphin and Prince A A Faisal, so those are tallied as different entities--not to mention the various permutations of Magnier-Tabor-Smith. The details are evasive, but we do know for sure Godolphin and Al Shaqab are having pretty good years on the European racetracks so far. **Contact Bill Oppenheim at bopp@erb.com (cc suefinley@thetdn.com).**

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Wings of Desire cont. from p1

"It's very exciting," said Gosden. "The conservative thing to do would be to go for the King Edward and if he'd finished third in the Dante, that's probably what we'd have done. But he wins the Dante, and if you win the Dante you go for the Derby. The owners are very clear what they want. He's earned the money and now we're giving it back again," added the trainer.

Though he is by a sprinter in Pivotal (GB) (Polar Falcon) Gosden has absolutely no concerns about Wings Of Desire's ability to get the Derby trip.

"Wings Of Desire is every inch a mile and a half horse and it will be his best trip. If things go well at Epsom, we will probably put him away for the [G1] King George at Ascot [Jul. 23]. He is a proper mile and a half horse like his full brother Eagle Top (GB). Touch wood he looks great and has taken everything in his stride."

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MIDTERM STILL A DERBY 'MAYBE'

Former Epsom Derby favourite **Midterm (GB)** (Galileo {GB}) hasn't been completely ruled out of the event after it transpired a hamstring injury may have prevented him showing his true colours when fifth, beaten seven lengths in last Thursday's G2 Dante S. at York. Lord Grimthorpe, racing manager for Prince Khalid Abdullah revealed, "The current situation, after speaking to Sir Michael [Stoute] is that we have found Midterm was sore in a hamstring behind. It has been isolated to that and obviously that has to come right for him to run in the Derby. However it is not insurmountable or else we would have pulled the plug already." Grimthorpe continued, "At least it gives us some explanation of why he was so disappointing. We have to wait quite a few days and like everything we have got to be sure, so it will be a last-minute decision." The regally bred Midterm, out of



Midterm | *Racing Post*

six-time Group 1 winner Midday (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) was a warm favourite at York following his previous defeat of Algometer (GB) (Archipenko) in the G3 Bet365 Classic Trial at Sandown Apr. 22. However he never threatened the

principals with jockey Pat Smullen afterwards reporting him as being 'babyish' and 'inexperienced.' Connections are still keen to do everything they can to get the colt to Epsom such is the esteem in which they hold the race, "We don't want to throw the Derby out because it is such an important race. Equally so, if Midterm does not come right in time, we would go the [G2] King Edward VII S. route," concluded Lord Grimthorpe.

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GOLD HEADS IRISH '2000' FIELD

Thirteen horses remain in the mix for Saturday's G1 Tattersalls Irish 2000 Guineas at The Curragh including **Galileo Gold (GB)** (Paco Boy {Ire}), who will bid for a Classic double following his win in the G1 QIPCO 2000 Guineas at Newmarket. Hugo Palmer



Galileo Gold | *Racing Post*

is happy with Al Shaqab Racing's colt but is under no illusions as to the stiff task ahead, "The Irish 2000 Guineas is a hugely prestigious race and we are very excited to be going there with, what I hope, is a favourites chance. The Curragh has been a happy hunting

ground for me and I hope it will be again. Galileo Gold has to go to the Curragh in exactly the same form or maybe even better form than he was at Newmarket and I hope he is," said Palmer.

Aidan O'Brien has kept his options open leaving in six potential starters including Newmarket fourth-place-getter **Air Vice Marshall** (War Front), Newmarket disappointment **Air Force Blue** (War Front) and Sunday's impressive G1 Poule D'Essai Des Poulains winner **The Gurkha (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}). "We would love to run Air Force Blue if we got a bit of nice ground. We are happy with him since Newmarket and we would love to go there with him and hopefully the ground will stay nice for him. We have tweaked a few things in his training and we are happy with him so far," said O'Brien. He added, "We will take a look at things on Wednesday and the amount of rain the Curragh gets will be a factor on what runs. Newmarket was a first run of the season for Air Vice Marshall so hopefully he will come on for that. The Gurkha obviously only ran last week and we've left him in but more than likely he probably won't run."

Veteran Irish trainer Kevin Prendergast has **Awtaad (Ire)** (Cape Cross {Ire}) on target for the race and is one trainer who won't mind some rain between now and Saturday. His colt was impressive in beating another challenger **Blue De Vega (Ger)** (Lope De Vega {Ire}) in the Listed Tetrarch S. at The Curragh May 2 on soft ground after which the trainer described Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum's colt as "a smart horse that has trained on well." Should he win, it would be a highly popular victory for the 83-year-old trainer who landed his first Classic with Pidget in the 1972 running of the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas.

BALLYDOYLE THE LIKELY ONE FOR SUNDAY

Despite the presence of **Minding (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) among 16 other horses left in the G1 Tattersalls Irish 1000 Guineas at The Curragh on Sunday, Aidan O'Brien looks more likely to rely on **Ballydoyle (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) as his main contender for the race. "We have left Minding in the race but she is not a definite runner and it is possible that Ballydoyle might run instead of her," O'Brien said. "Ballydoyle seems to be in good form and ran a blinder at Newmarket. Coolmore (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) could run as well and we think the Curragh and a mile will suit her and we could run something else, but we'll take a look later in the week," added the trainer.



Ballydoyle | *Scoop Dyga*

It could be a landmark weekend for trainer Michael O'Callaghan. He fields **Blue De Vega (Ger)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}) in Saturday's Classic and **Now Or Never (Ire)** (Bushranger {Ire}) on Sunday. Assuming Minding's absence Now Or Never is currently second favourite for the race following her impressive win in Leopardstown's G3 1000 Guineas Trial which subsequently saw her purchased by Qatar Racing. Adrian Keatley and the Equinegrowthpartners have made another brave decision to supplement their **Jet Setting (Ire)** (Fast Company {Ire}) at a cost of €30,000. It is the second Classic in a row that she has been supplemented for following her ninth placed effort in the G1 QIPCO 1000 Guineas at Newmarket and her trainer commented, "We went ahead and supplemented, so hopefully it keeps up raining. We were always waiting on the weather and there's no going back now." Jim Bolger has left in **Turret Rocks (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}). This filly ran a solid race when sixth to Minding at Newmarket and should be a major contender on Sunday.

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Found (Galileo) was tabbed as a "TDN Rising Star"

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‘FASCINATING’ TATTS GOLD CUP IN STORE

Sunday’s G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup at The Curragh looks set to be a top class event with the prospect of another clash between **Fascinating Rock (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) and **Found (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}). British challengers **The Grey Gatsby (Ire)** (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) and **Time Test (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) could add further intrigue to the ten furlong contest. Should they all



Fascinating Rock | Racing Post

stand their ground it will be round three in the clash between Newtown Anner Stud’s homebred Fascinating Rock and the Coolmore filly Found with the score currently one apiece. Found finished runner up to the Weld runner in the G1 QIPCO Champion S. at Ascot last year before exacting revenge in the G3 Mooresbridge S. at The Curragh May 2. It’s well documented that Fascinating Rock is a difficult horse to get fit so with that seasonal run under his belt it should make for an exciting renewal.

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EUROPEAN-BRED SUCCESS

with Geoffrey Russell

In this series, the TDN catches up with European expatriats working in the Thoroughbred industry around the world. Today’s installment features Geoffrey Russell of Keeneland.

Hometown? Sutton, Dublin, not a hot bed for Thoroughbreds in Ireland.

How did you end up where you are now? *Being in the right place at the right time! After college, I worked a season at Coolmore and bid spotted at Goffs. I came to Kentucky in July 1982 as a three-month summer intern at Fasig-Tipton, not knowing a soul in Lexington. I had not planned on staying longer, but was fortunate to be in Kentucky when the commercial market exploded and was offered a full time job at Fasig-Tipton. Then I worked for Jack Kent Cooke’s Elmendorf Farm, returning to Fasig-Tipton before joining Keeneland Sales in September 1996 as Rogers Beasley’s assistant. I was appointed Director of Sales in July 2001.*

What have you found to be the major difference between racing/breeding in America and your home country? *The most obvious thing was the speed of everything, not only the auctioneers but throughout the entire industry. In Europe in the 1980’s, it was more of a sport than a business but here in North America it was more of a business than a sport. Now it is highly commercial on both sides of the Atlantic. The sales agency business was in its infancy when I came here in 1982 and there were more breeders selling their own stock like they did in Ireland. Now we are seeing more professional sales agencies and less breeders selling their own stock. Obviously growing up in Europe where most racing is done on turf, it took some time to adjust to dirt racing, which I now enjoy. Today both in Europe and North America, we were are seeing a polarization in the industry, e.g. larger stallion books for certain stallions, and larger concentration of horses with fewer trainers, etc.*



Geoffrey Russell | Keeneland

Name one home comfort that you miss? *There are two. National Hunt Racing and a well poured pint of Guinness.*

Favourite sport or hobby outside of racing? *Golf, as in the past I have been a poor golfer. Travelling and reading.*

What would you say is your proudest accomplishment? *Becoming the Director of Sales at Keeneland, the largest auction sales company in the world; a major accomplishment for a lad from North Dublin who growing up had no connections in the Thoroughbred Industry. This is something that could only happen in the USA.*

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Solid Start At Goffs UK

Goffs UK kicked off their three-day Spring Sale on Tuesday with the opening day consisting of national hunt store horses. Trade was brisk with a couple of lots bringing six figures including [lot 126](#) a 3-year-old gelding by Great Pretender (Fr), consigned by Moanmore Stables and purchased by Tom Malone for £105,000. Matching this price was [lot 144](#) from Kirriemuir Stud, a gelding by the ever popular Glenview Stud stallion Robin Des Champs (Fr) and knocked down to Gerry Hogan. **Cont. p6**

British Report cont.

Cue Card (Ire) (King's Theatre {Ire})'s trainer Colin Tizzard was restocking his Dorset stable and struck for [lot 75](#), a son of Stowaway (GB) (Slip Anchor) from the family of Cheltenham Gold Cup winner Kicking King (Ire) (Old Vic {GB}) that cost the trainer £80,000.

"We have enjoyed a vibrant trade for our Store catalogue today and seen growth in every sector," commented Goffs' Chief Executive Henry Beeby. "The average advanced by 20%, there was a 33% jump in the median, and a top price some way ahead of last year, all of which flowed from an impressive 82% clearance rate."

Selling will recommence on Wednesday at 12 noon when the focus will be on horses-in-training, point to pointers and the annual Million In Mind dispersal.

Tuesday's Results:

5th-NOT, £10,000, Hcp, 5-17, 3yo, f, 10f 50yT, 2:11.84, g/f.

FADILLAH (GB) (f, 3, Monsun {Ger}--Sasuela {Ger}, by Dashing Blade {GB}), who earned TDN Rising Star status when winning over a mile at Haydock Apr. 23, was sent off at 8-15 to take this next educational step in her stride. Tending to over-race following Bombilate (Kitten's Joy) in third early, the €1.2million ARQUG yearling was sent upsides that rival passing the quarter pole and although she never truly stamped authority on affairs was always holding her at bay en route to a neck success. Jockey Pat Cosgrave explained, "She travelled round like she was going to win very easily and it all worked out nicely for me, but she idled a bit in front and wandered. She lost a shoe as well and the ground was plenty quick enough for her. It's only her second run and she was inexperienced, so there were a lot of positives to take out of it." Trainer William Haggas's wife and assistant Maureen, added, "She got her head in front, which was the main thing and she'll have learnt a bit today which is what she needed to do. I don't think she's had a hard race today and William will know what there is around for her. There's no reason why she couldn't run back in two or three weeks, but maybe that brings it a bit too close to [Royal] Ascot. There is the [G1] Irish Oaks [at The Curragh July 16] and plenty of stuff all the way through the year on slightly slower ground than she encountered today, but she's the sort of filly that will keep improving. She was better behaved today and we've a long way to go, but she's beautifully bred and she looks the part. Now she's just got to act the part." Bred as you would expect for one with such a standout price tag, Fadillah is a full-sister to fellow TDN Rising Star and G1 Preis der Diana (German Oaks) runner-up Soberania (Ger), G1SP-Ger & Ity, \$233,445, and also a half to the G1 Grosser Preis von Bayern winner Seismos (Ire) (Dalakhani {Ire}), G1SW-Ger, GSW-Eng, SW-Fr & GISP-Can, \$664,558; and to Samba Brazil (Ger) (Teofilo {Ire}), Hwt. Older Mare-Ger at 7-9.5f, GSW-Ger & MGSP-Ity, \$140,392. Her second dam is the dual Broodmare of the Year

Sacarina (GB) (Old Vic {GB}), responsible for Monsun's pair of G1 Deutsches Derby winners Schiaparelli (Ger) and Samum (Ger), and also his G1 Preis der Diana-winning Salve Regina (Ger). Still to come from Sasuela is a yearling filly by Frankel (GB) and a filly foal by Galileo (Ire). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$15,373. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Saleh Al Homaizi & Imad Al Sagar; B-Ecurie des Monceaux & Haras de Saint Pair (GB); T-William Haggas.

1st-LIN, £5,000, Cond, 5-17, 2yo, 6f 1y (AWT), 1:11.62, stn.

MONKS STAND (c, 2, [More Than Ready--Return the Jewel {SP-US}](#), by Broken Vow), who followed a debut second going five furlongs here Apr. 26 with a third upped one panel for his turf debut at Brighton last time May 9, settled in a close second after a sharp exit in this one. Nudged along soon after halfway, the even-money choice challenged at the top of the short straight and quickened smartly under a drive inside the final eighth to assert by two lengths from Poet's Society (GB) (Poet's Voice {GB}). Out of the Listed Sam Houston Distaff S. third Return the Jewel, Monks Stand is from the family of Grade I performers Closing Bell (Tapit) and Mani Bhavan (Storm Boot), and GI Breeders' Cup Sprint winner Speightstown (Gone West). He is kin to a yearling by Trappe Shot and a colt foal by The Factor. Sales history: \$40,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEEJAN; \$70,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$6,747. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Mrs Susan Roy; B-Blackstone Farm LLC (PA); T-Jeremy Nosedo.



1st-NOT, £5,000, Cond, 5-17, 2yo, 6f 15yT, 1:15.32, g/f.

HAKHEEM (FR) (c, 2, Wootton Bassett {GB}--Diamond Star {Ire}, by Daylami {Ire}), runner-up to the decent Global Applause (GB) (Mayson {GB}) going five furlongs at Newmarket on debut May 1, was well away from the outside gate to shadow the pace in second from the outset of this return. Easing to the fore at halfway, the prohibitively priced 1-16 lock extended ever clear on the bridle thereafter to score by a facile five lengths from Roar (Ire) (Pour Moi {Ire}). Hakeem's grandam Shamaiel (Ire) (Lycius), herself a daughter of G2 Ribblesdale S. third Pearl Kite (Silver Hawk), is a half-sister to MGSW G1 Sussex S. runner-up Nayyir (GB) (Indian Ridge {Ire}), MGSW G1 Prix du Jockey Club third Sky Hunter (GB) (Motivator {GB}) and MG1SP G2 Dubai City of Gold victor Highest (Ire) (Selkirk). The winner is half to a yearling colt by Poet's Voice {GB}). Sales history: €9,000 Wlg '14 ARQDEC; €80,000 Ylg '15 TISEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$7,471. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Thani; B-SARL de Chambure, Haras d'Etream & Capital Pur Sang (FR); T-Richard Hannon.

British Report cont.

6th-NOT, £6,000, Mdn, 5-17, 3yo, 8f 75yT, 1:45.29, g/f.
+BLAIR HOUSE (IRE) (c, 3, Pivotal {GB}--Patroness {GB}, by Dubawi {Ire}), whose dam is a full-sister to the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. hero and sire Poet's Voice (GB), missed the kick but quickly recovered to race in mid-division throughout the initial stages. Steadily working his way into contention in the straight, the chestnut who drifted alarmingly to 14-1 beforehand seized the lead pass the furlong pole and surged clear for an impressive 2 3/4-length score from Azizaan (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}). Mokhalad (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), the 500,000gns TATOCT half-brother to the 2009 G1 Haydock Sprint Cup and 2010 G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest hero Regal Parade (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), looked as if he might play a part halfway up the straight before fading to be eighth. Along with being directly related to Poet's Voice, Patroness is also a half to the Mile Championship Nambu Hai heroine Gold Tiara (Seeking the Gold), who went on to produce the stakes winner Golden Hind (Jpn) (Kurofune), and to the stakes-winning dam of the GIII Old Hat S. winner and GI Frizette S. third Gemswick Park (Speightstown). This is also the family of the GI Brooklyn H.-winning sire Chief Honcho (Chief's Crown), the GI Ballerina S. winner Dance To Bristol (Speightstown) and American Chance (Cure the Blues), the GII Jersey Derby and GII Forego H. winner who was also runner-up in the GI Vosburgh S. The dam has a yearling colt by Teofilo (Ire). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,590. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Godolphin; B-Darley (IRE); T-Charlie Appleby.

7th-NC, £6,000, Mdn, 5-17, 3yo, 5f 19y (AWT), 1:00.01, st.
ALSVINDER (GB) (c, 3, Footstepsinthesand {GB}--Notting Hill {Brz} {MGSW & G1SP-Brz, GISP-US, \$148,271}, by Jules), a €15,000 AR14 yearling and £185,000 DONBRE 2yo, was third as the odds-on favourite for a five-furlong Thirsk maiden on debut Apr. 24 and broke well to track the leaders racing without cover throughout the early stages. Gaining the advantage approaching the furlong pole, the 13-8 market leader stayed on to beat Acclaim the Nation (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}) by 1 1/2 lengths. The winner, whose dam Notting Hill was third in the GI John C. Mabee H. and is immediately related to some leading Brazilian lights, is a half-brother to Notting Tomorrow (Aragorn {Ire}), GSW & G1SP-Brz, and to a yearling filly by Aussie Rules. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$6,421. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Mr F. Gillespie; B-Northern Bloodstock Inc (GB); T-David O'Meara.

2nd-WET, £4,500, Mdn, 5-17, 2yo, 5f 110yT, 1:07.58, g/f.
CHEVALIER DU LAC (IRE) (c, 2, Sir Prancealot {Ire}--Crimson Sunrise {Ire}, by Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), runner-up on debut over five furlongs at Beverley May 2, was sent off the 15-8 favourite and instantly held the lead. Sent clear from before the furlong pole, the €11,000 GOFNOV foal and €17,000 TISEP yearling who has a yearling half-sister by Society Rock (Ire) hit the line in hand with six lengths to spare over Jollydee (Ire) (Frozen Power {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$5,318. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Mr Bill Hobson; B-Vincent Hannon (IRE); T-John Quinn.

3rd-LIN, £4,500, Mdn, 5-17, 3yo/up, 8f 1y (AWT), 1:37.55, stn.
HEART OF LIONS (c, 3, Elusive Quality--Ansong {SP-US, \$139,797}, by Mizzen Mast), a \$100,000 KEESEP yearling who ran fourth in starts at Newmarket Apr. 13 and Wolverhampton last time Apr. 23, raced along the fence in a close fourth for the most part here. Readied for his bid with three furlongs to go, the 8-11 favourite came under pressure rounding the home turn and kept on strongly in the short straight to swoop late for a 1 1/2-length success over Cape Banjo (Cape Blanco {Ire}). Heart of Lions's granddam, the stakes-placed Nomo Robbery (No Robbery), is the dam of four black-type performers including GIII Kentucky Cup Turf H. scorer Chorwon (Cozzene). The winner is kin to a yearling colt by Ghostzapper. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$5,227. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Godolphin; B-Mark Basinger Mueller Thoroughbred (KY); T-John Gosden.



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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Tap The Honey (GB), g, 3, [Fastnet Rock \(Aus\)](#)--Balladonia (GB) (MSP-Eng), by Primo Dominie (GB). NC, 5-17, 10f 63y (AWT), 2:10.90. B-Laundry Cottage Stud Farm (GB). *92,000gns Wlg '13 TATFOA; 35,000gns RNA Ylg '14 TATYEA. **1/2 to Wootton Bassett (GB) (Iffraaj {GB}), Hwt. 2-year-old Colt-Fr & G1SW-Fr, \$843,061; and Mister Hardy (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}), SP-Eng, \$177,335

Banish, g, 3, **Smart Strike**--Beyond Our Reach (Ire) (G1SP-Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). LIN, 5-17, 8f 1y (AWT), 1:37.75. B-Nicole Gunther (KY). *\$85,000 RNA Ylg '14 KEESEP; 52,000gns 2yo '15 TATBRE.



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**Tuesday's Results:**

3rd-KIL, €20,000, Cond, 5-17, 3yo, 8f 40yT, 1:47.88, gd.

LONG ISLAND SOUND (c, 3, [War Front](#)--[Treasure Trail](#), by [Pulpit](#)), the \$800,000 top-priced weanling at the 2013 Keeneland November sale, went from a maiden to a conditions event on Dundalk's Polytrack in the space of three weeks last month and arrived here as the 8-11 favourite with an unbeaten record to preserve on for his first run on turf. Quickly at the head of affairs, the bay who is out of a half to none other than Zenyatta (Street Cry {Ire}) was joined and briefly headed by Elusive Heights (Ire) (Elusive Pimpernel) inside the final furlong but rallied gamely against the rail to assert for a length success. "I thought the track rode a little bit tight for him and it wasn't ideal making all," jockey Seamie Heffernan said. "He's a group horse." Aside from the winner's link to the peerless Zenyatta, his dam is also a half-sister to the GI Santa Anita Oaks, GI Santa Margarita Invitational H. and GI Las Virgenes S. winner Balance (Thunder Gulch) and the stakes winner Where's Bailey (Aljabr), later the dam of the GII Yellow Ribbon H. winner She's Not Here (Street Cry {Ire}). She has a 2-year-old filly named Naples Parade by Street Cry (Ire) and also a yearling full-brother to the winner. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$35,510. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Derrick Smith, Mrs John Magnier, Michael Tabor & Joseph Allen LLC; B-Edward A Cox Jr (KY); T-Aidan O'Brien.



Long Island Sound (right) makes it 3-for-3 | *Racing Post photo*

2nd-KIL, €20,000, Cond, 5-17, 3yo, f, 8f 40yT, 1:42.95, gd.
ERYSIMUM (IRE) (f, 3, [Arcano {Ire}](#)--[Mathool {Ire}](#), by [Alhaarth {Ire}](#)), who got off the mark by 17 lengths when forcefully ridden over seven furlongs at Sligo at the start of the month, again set off in front. Kept up to her work in the straight, the 9-4 second favourite responded gamely to secure the win by 1 3/4 lengths from Gilded Reflection (GB) (Zoffany {Ire}). The dam is a half-sister to Shadwell's G2 Ribblesdale S. and G2 Lancashire Oaks runner-up Sahool (GB) (Unfuwain) from one of that operation's more successful families. Another of her half-siblings produced the ultra-reliable Maraahel (Ire) (Alzao), the dual winner of the G2 Hardwicke S. who was placed at group 1 level on six occasions, while another is responsible for last year's G2 Prix Robert Papin and G2 Flying Childers S. winner and G1 Prix Morny runner-up Gutaifan (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}). Further back are the the G3 Princess Margaret S. scorer Muhbubh (Blushing Groom {Fr}), who went on to be the dam of the GII Tom Fool H.-winning sire Kayrawan, with the MGSW and fellow sire Istintaj also featuring. Mathool has a 2-year-old colt by Dragon Pulse (Ire) named Bombero (Ire) and a yearling full-sister to the winner. Sales history: €16,000 RNA Ylg '14 GOFORB. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-2, \$26,528. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Barouche Stud (Ireland) Ltd; B-Nesco II (IRE); T-Willie McCreery.

1st-KIL, €11,000, Mdn, 5-17, 3yo, c/g, 8f 40yT, 1:43.99, gd.
ST GALLEN (IRE) (c, 3, [Majestic Missile {Ire}](#)--[Fly With Me {Ire}](#), by [Montjeu {Ire}](#)), fourth over seven furlongs on debut at Dundalk in December, was anchored towards the rear of mid-division early before being wound up at the top of the straight. Grabbing the advantage with a furlong remaining, the 14-1 shot had first run on the unlucky Monarch (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and the line came in time for him to prevail by a short head. The dam, who is a half to the G1 Moyglare Stud S. runner-up Fear and Greed (Ire) (Brief Truce), also has a yearling colt by Frozen Power (Ire). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$8,157. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Armada Racing Partnership; B-J P Jones (IRE); T-John Joseph Murphy.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Pirouette (GB), f, 3, [Pivotal \(GB\)](#)--[Passiflora \(GB\)](#), by [Night Shift](#).
 NOT, 5-17, 8f 75yT, 1:45.25. B-The Lavington Stud (GB). *1/2 to Passified (GB) (Compton Place {GB}), GSW & GISP-US, \$475,235. **40,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT.

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**Tuesday's Result:**

1st-BRE, €5,100, Mdn, 5-17, 3yo, 12fT, 2:37.48, gd.
TOPOGRAPHY (IRE) (c, 3, Monsun {Ger}--Tenderly {Ire}, by Danehill), sixth on debut over 11 furlongs at Cologne Apr. 26, was in front initially before taking a lead. Shuffled back to fourth at the end of the back straight, the 4-1 shot stayed on to gain the advantage passing the two-furlong pole and in the end was the relatively comfortable winner by 1 1/4 lengths from Santano (Ger) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}). Carrying the old Rock of Gibraltar silks of the ex-Manchester United boss Sir Alex Ferguson, Topography is a half-brother to the sire Ten Meropa (Johannesburg), GSW-US, and is a grandson of the matriarch Specificity, a half-sister to the St Leger hero Touching Wood and fellow sire African Dancer from whose roots are springing many flowers of the turf. They include the multiple group 1-winning multiple highweight Pride (Fr) (Peintre Celebre), now the dam of the recent G3 Prix d'Hedouville scorer One Foot in Heaven (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), Fate (Fr) (Teofilo {Ire}), winner of the G3 Prix de Flore and third in the G1 Prix Ganay, and also the significant producer Specifically (Sky Classic). She is responsible for four black-type performers headed by the G1 1000 Guineas heroine Speciosa (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), while she is also the second dam of the G1 Irish Derby third Festive Cheer (Fr) (Montjeu {Ire}). Tenderly, whose extended family also includes Bold Ruler, has a 2-year-old colt by Shamardal named Buckeye (GB) and a yearling filly by New Approach (Ire). Sales history: €115,000 RNA Ylg '14 BBAGS. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €3,000. O-Stiftung Gestut Fahrhof & Sir Alex Ferguson; B-Stiftung Gestut Fahrhof (IRE); T-Andreas Wohler.

OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

6.55 Kempton, Cond, £5,000, 2yo, f, 6fT

BOOST (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) debuts for the longstanding Cheveley Park Stud-Sir Mark Prescott partnership who enjoyed some of their finest moments with the dam of this homebred, Hooray (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). Successful in this race six years ago prior to hitting the heights in both the 2010 G2 Lowther S. and G1 Cheveley Park S., she failed to carry her juvenile dynamism into her 3-year-old career as her trainer suspected.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

Saturday, Morphettville, Australia, post time: 4:20 p.m.**DARLEY GOODWOOD S.-G1, A\$500,000 (£253,305/€323,649/**

US\$366,299), 3yo/up, 1200mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	The Quarterback	Street Boss	Lane	Elrtn/Zhra	129
2	Black Heart Bart	Blackfriars	M Allen	Giffiths	126
3	Griante	Good Journey (USA)	Scr	Scr	Scr
4	Cashed	Krupt	Pannell	Balfour	120
5	Smokin' Joey	Encosta de Lago	Newitt	Hunter	125
6	Admiral	Mossman	McCoull	Campbell	122
7	Sooboog	Snitzel	Yendall	Weir	117
8	Miss Promiscuity	Magnus	Meech	Hys/Dbrg	119
9	Supido	Sebring	Winks	Kent	120
10	Faatinah	Nicconi	Dy Dunn	Hys/Dbrg	122
11	Under the Louvre	Excellent Art (GB)	Dw Dunn	Smerdon	122
12	Sheidel	Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)	Neilson	Hys/Dbrg	118
13	Super One	I Am Invincible	Moor	Frdmns	120
14	Big Money	Choisir	Thmpson	Northam	125
15	Churchill Dancer	Churchill Downs	Hall	Hys/Dbrg	126
16	Fast 'N' Rocking	Fastnet Rock	Baster	Hys/Dbrg	123
17	Flamberge	Exceed and Excel	Lane	Elrtn/Zhra	130
18	Daytona Grey	Artie Schiller (USA)	Lindop	McD/Glys	123
19	Sirbible	God's Own	Kerford	Bell	120
20	Nostradamus	Medaglia d'Oro (USA)	Tourneur	Stokes	125

AUSTRALIAN-BRED WINNERS

IN SINGAPORE:

Macarthur (Aus), g, 2, Charge Forward (Aus)--Mozambique (Aus), by Redoute's Choice (Aus). Kranji, 5-15, Restricted Maiden (A\$75k), 1200mT, 1:10.66. B-Highgrove Stud & R T Gilbert (Qld). *Formerly Tribal (Aus). **A\$65,000 RNA Ylg '15 MMGCYS. ***When Macarthur belied his inexperience to finish a good third in the Kranji Nursery S. (Cond.) at first asking Apr. 10, trainer Stephen Burridge toyed with the idea of sending him straight into stakes company in the Golden Horseshoe series for locally based juveniles. But connections ultimately decided on this decidedly softer spot for his second start and the gelding overcame a bit more greenness to open his account. Carrying just 110 pounds as the only 2-year-old facing nine sophomores, the 6-5 favorite jumped beautifully and got across to lead comfortably before being taken on by the well-meant first-starter Lim's Dashing (NZ) (Darci Brahma {NZ}), the 7-5 second choice. **Cont. p10**

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Macarthur led narrowly entering the final quarter-mile and while Lim's Dashing--saddled with 126 pounds--tried to make a race of it late, the Queensland-bred youngster was always holding that one safe to the wire. It was a gap of another 3 1/2 lengths back to the well-trying Nova Legend (NZ) (Alamosa {NZ}) in third ([video](#)). "I rode him in trackwork and he gave me a good



Macarthur breaks through Sunday at Kranji
Singapore Turf Club

feel. He's got ability and is a real racehorse, but he's still very green and still doesn't know what he's doing," said winning rider Kasim A'Isisuhairi. "I wanted to slow up the pace and have someone come up to me to keep him focused but

nothing really came along. But it's worked out good in the end. In the straight, I didn't pull the whip and waited till the other horse (Lim's Dashing) to come up. That was when he responded and gave a very nice turn of foot in the last 200m." With this maiden win safely tucked away, the Golden Horseshoe series now beckons. "I would rather wait for the grass races of the series, but he's run well on Polytrack, too," BurrIDGE opined. "[Sunday] he ran on turf but it was more because of the low weight. I'll see how he pulls up and then make a decision." Four legs remain in the series, including the Magic Millions National Yearling Sale S. (1100m AWT) this coming Sunday. The first turf leg of the sequence is the IRT Juvenile S. (1200m) June 10.

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Rockfast (Aus), g, 4, [Fastnet Rock \(Aus\)](#)--Gypsy Princess (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. Kranji, 5-15, Hcp. (A\$80k), 2000mT, 2:01.96. B-Orpendale & Chelsaus (Ireland) (NSW). *1/2 to Danehill Princess (Aus) (Danehill), SP-Aus; and It's Crunch Time (Aus) (Fusaichi Pegasus), SW-Aus, A\$250,861. **G1SP-NZ. ***NZ\$410,000 Ylg '13 NZBPPE. [VIDEO](#)

IN SOUTH AFRICA:

+Daqeeq (Aus), c, 2, [Medaglia d'Oro](#)--Eight Eighty Eight, by Maria's Mon. Vaal, 5-17, Maiden, 1200mT, 1:11.22. B-J J Starr (NSW). *A\$100,000 Ylg '15 INGEAS.

Table Bay (Aus), c, 2, [Redoute's Choice \(Aus\)](#)--Gabiella (GB), by Cape Cross (Ire). Kenilworth, 5-14, Maiden, 1200mT, 1:11.45. B-Mr & Mrs K B Sullivan (NSW). *A\$120,000 Ylg '15 INGMEL.

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