

## TAKE TWO FOR AIR FORCE BLUE



Air Force Blue will attempt to reverse his G1 QIPCO 2000 Guineas flop in Saturday's G1 Tattersalls Irish 2000 Guineas | *Racing Post*

Those unable to believe that **Air Force Blue** (War Front) can bounce back from such a tame effort in the G1 2000 Guineas three weeks ago and win the G1 Tattersalls Irish 2000 Guineas at The Curragh on Saturday should bear in mind that when it comes to reviving fortunes in that short turnaround, Aidan O'Brien has previous form. Four years ago, Power (GB) ran a similar race at Newmarket before prevailing here, and that followed the win of the fellow Guineas also-ran Roderic O'Connor (Ire) for the stable 12 months previously. With a record 10 renewals to his name already, the current Ballydoyle conductor said in a recent interview that his biggest concern is whether Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith's G1 Phoenix S., G1 National S. and G1 Dewhurst S. winner has the stamina for a mile. "He is a very quick horse. The thing is, we're not probably going to be sure about whether he will get a mile or drop back to shorter distances, and the next couple of weeks will tell us a lot about him," he said of the bay, who will not be re-fitted with a tongue tie. "Anything I did for the English Guineas, I won't do again as it was a dramatic failure, really. Sometimes when you put a tongue tie on a horse and a cross noseband, it can make them slow down a little bit and he did that straight away in his canters." **Cont. p2**

## HOLLINDALE REMATCH IN DOOMBEN CUP

Saturday's G1 Hardy Brothers Doomben Cup shapes up as somewhat of a rematch of the Gold Coast's G2 A.D. Hollindale S., with most of the leading contenders here exiting that 1800-metre contest May 7. **Leebaz (NZ)** (Zabeel {NZ}) won the Hollindale for the second straight year, rebounding from a 13th-place finish in the G1 Queen Elizabeth S. at The Championships, which came on the back of a win in Caulfield's G3 Easter Cup over this trip. The Team Hawkes-trained Leebaz finished second in this two years ago, but beat just one home last year after leading early. Godolphin's **Hauraki (Aus)** (Reset {Aus}) was second in the Hollindale and has been consistent all season, hitting the board in all but one of five tries, including twice in Group 1 company, but he has not won for over a year and needs to prove once again that he wants to get his head in front.

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## IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

### PEGASUS WORLD CUP OVERSUBSCRIBES

During a Thursday morning press conference at Pimlico, officials from The Stronach Group announced that the \$12-million Pegasus World Cup has attracted an overflow number of entries.

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### Take Two For Air Force Blue cont. from p1

O'Brien continued, "I still won't believe that he is going to get a mile until I see it, but I would imagine looking at his work recently he is going to travel very strong early. The Curragh comes at a good time and it sorts out your plans for Ascot."

Like the 2009 winner Mastercraftsman (Ire), Air Force Blue's stablemate **Air Vice Marshal** (War Front) fared reasonably well in the Newmarket Classic, finishing fourth, and he is in the line-



Galileo Gold has drawn post one for the Irish Guineas  
*Racing Post*

up again alongside the two who were withdrawn from the Guineas at the declaration stage, **Bravery (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) and **Shogun (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}). All have to beat Al Shaqab Racing's 2000 Guineas titleholder **Galileo Gold (GB)** (Paco Boy {Ire}), with Michael O'Callaghan keen to accept the challenge with Qatar Racing Limited and Sheikh Khalifa Abdulla Al Thani's G3 Killavullan S. scorer **Blue de Vega (Ger)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}). Runner-up

to the re-opposing **Awtaad (Ire)** (Cape Cross {Ire}) attempting to give that rival three pounds in the May 2 Listed Tetrarch S. over seven furlongs here, he is expected to take closer order with that run under his belt.

"He is very well, in good order and we're looking forward to running him," O'Callaghan said. "He's come on a lot from his first run in the Tetrarch a couple of weeks ago. A mile is going to be his absolute minimum from now on. With his stout German pedigree, I'd say he's going to end up stepping up in trip. We'll take in the Guineas first and see where we go after that."

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Saturday, Curragh, Ireland, post time: 5:40 p.m.

TATTERSALLS IRISH 2000 GUINEAS S.-G1, €300,000, 3yo, c/f, 8fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE
1	8	Air Force Blue 	War Front

(\$490,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP)

O-Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith; B-Stone Farm; T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Ryan Moore. Lifetime Record: 6-4-1-0, €696,453.

Last Start: 12th Apr. 30 G1 2000 Guineas

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## Irish 2000 Guineas Field cont.

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

O-Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier & Joseph Allen LLC;  
B-Cherry Valley Farm LLC; T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Seamus Heffernan.  
Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, €63,935.  
Last Start: 4th Apr. 30 G1 2000 Guineas

### 3 5 Awtaad (Ire) Cape Cross (Ire)

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd; T-Kevin Prendergast; J-Chris Hayes. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-1, €60,530.  
Last Start: WON May 2 Listed Tetrarch S.

### 4 6 Blue de Vega (Ger) Lope de Vega (Ire) (€32,000 Ylg '14 BBAGS; €75,000 2yo '15 GBMBR)

O-Qatar Racing Ltd, HH Sheikh Khalifa Abdulla K H Al Thani, HH Sheikh Suhaim Abdulla K H Al Thani & Mohammed Ali M K Al-Kubaisi; B-Gestut Ammerland; T-Michael O'Callaghan; J-Colin Keane. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, €58,575.  
Last Start: 2nd May 2 Listed Tetrarch S.

### 5 7 Bravery (Ire) Galileo (Ire) (400,000gns Ylg '14 TATOCT)

O-Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor & Mrs A M O'Brien; B-Whisperview Trading Ltd; T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Donnacha O'Brien.  
Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, €9,570.  
Last Start: WON Apr. 18 Dundalk maiden

### 6 1 Galileo Gold (GB) Paco Boy (Ire) (7,500gns RNA Wlg '13 TATFOA; €33,000 Ylg '14 TISEP)

O-Al Shaqab Racing; B-Brian O'Rourke; T-Hugo Palmer; J-Frankie Dettori. Lifetime Record: 6-4-1-1, €480,579.  
Last Start: WON Apr. 30 G1 2000 Guineas

### 7 4 Sanus Per Aquam (Ire) Teofilo (Ire)

O-Mrs J S Bolger; B/T-Jim Bolger; J-Kevin Manning. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-2, €144,363.  
Last Start: 3rd Oct. 10 G1 Dewhurst S.

### 8 3 Shogun (Ire) Fastnet Rock (Aus) (€400,000 Ylg '14 GOFORB)

O-Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor & Mrs A M O'Brien; B-Whisperview Trading Ltd; T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Colm O'Donoghue.  
Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-2, €52,003.

Last Start: 2nd May 8 G3 Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial

All carry 126 pounds.

## WORK IN PROGRESS


Chantilly's G3 Prix Vanteaux on Friday features the exciting **Maquette** (Tapit), Khalid Abdullah's homebred who earned 'TDN Rising Star' status for Andre Fabre over a mile at Saint-Cloud in October. A daughter of the 2011 G1 Prix Jean Romanet winner Announce (GB) (Selkirk), the grey has everything in place for a bright future, but first has to come through this pattern test against some similarly unexposed rivals.

Alain de Royer-Dupre supplies two, with His Highness The Aga Khan's **Dourdana (Fr)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) successful on her Maisons-Laffitte debut over a mile Apr. 26, and the Wildenstein Stables representative **Asterina (GB)** (Dalakhani {Ire}) coming in off a win also over that course and distance May 2. On that occasion, the half-sister to last year's G1 Prix du Moulin runner-up Akatea (Ire) (Shamardal) had a length to spare over stablemate Rosvana (Fr) (Dansili {GB}), who was only beaten just over three lengths when sixth in Monday's G1 Prix Saint-Alary.

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## Friday, Chantilly, France, post time: 2:15 p.m.

### PRIX VANTEAUX-G3, €80,000, 3yo, f, 9fT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Azaelia (Fr)	Turtle Bowl (Ire)	Eyquem	S Brogi
2	Dourdana (Fr)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Soumillon	Royer-Dupre
3	Maquette	Tapit	Cheminaud	Fabre
4	Valenka (Ger)	Sholokhov (Ire)	Boudot	Munch
5	Hiort (Ire)	Rip Van Winkle (Ire)	Pasquier	Bary
6	Zghorta Dance (Fr)	Le Havre (Ire)	Mendizabal	Rouget
7	Asterina (GB)	Dalakhani (Ire)	Jarnet	Royer-Dupre

All carry 126 pounds.

## IRELAND'S TURN FOR BREEZE-UP ACTION

By Daithí Harvey

The picturesque Co. Kilkenny racecourse Gowran Park is again the scene where 238 horses galloped on Thursday in advance of Friday's Goresbridge Breeze Up Sale. The track was riding on the easy side of good following some overnight rain that lingered on well into the morning. That didn't stop a large turnout of prospective buyers arriving in their quest to find the next Fiesolana (Ire) (Aussie Rules) or Music Show (Ire) (Noverre), two subsequent Group 1 winners sourced from the sale for a



Goresbridge sales grounds  
in 2015 | Racing Post

combined total of just over €50,000. The European breeze-up market has been slightly hit-and-miss this year, but Martin Donohoe is confident he has assembled the right cast of horses to help drive the sale up another notch.

Last year, turnover came in at €4.6 million, up just over a million on the previous year, and Donohoe said, "I'm very happy with the catalogue and I'd like to thank all the vendors who have supported us with such a good bunch of horses. Thankfully we've seen a lot of activity here today and yesterday. **Cont. p4**

## Goresbridge Sales Preview cont.

He continued, "A lot of the major players seem to be present, so let's hope that plays out into some good, strong bidding."

Grove Stud provided the sale topper last year when selling the subsequent winner Semra (Candy Ride {Arg}) for €170,000, but unfortunately one of their interesting offerings, lot 89, a half-sister to Giovanni Boldini (War Front) by The Factor, has been withdrawn. Brendan Holland's farm, fresh from another successful Arqana sale, still offers an interesting trio including lot 49. This son of Kyllachy (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) has had a nice pedigree update recently with his half-sister Squash (GB) (Pastoral Pursuits {GB}) finishing second in the G3 Lanwades Stud Nell Gwyn S. and third in the G3 Betfred Chartwell Fillies S. at Lingfield. He put in a good, professional breeze and looks sure to be popular. Following a Group 1 double last weekend courtesy of Belardo (Ire) and Jemayel (Ire), stock by Lope De Vega (Ire) (Shamardal) are bound to be sought after, and Con Marnane consigns a filly by the Ballylinch Stud sire through his Bansha House Stables. Lot 102 has an attractive pedigree, being a half-sister to a stakes-winning 2-year-old in Boca Dancer (Ire) (Indian Ridge {GB}), and cost €30,000 as a yearling at Goffs last year.

Charles O'Neill and the team at Irish Thoroughbred Marketing have worked hard over the years alongside Martin Donohoe to bring this sale to where it is now, and O'Neill is hopeful their latest innovation involving Kranji Racecourse in Singapore will prove a success. "The sale will be streamed live in the owners' lounge at Kranji and prospective buyers have the ability to bid on horses through a Goresbridge representative at the track. It's exciting and hopefully something we can build on in the future," said the ITM CEO. "We're also pleased to see increased representation from Greece and the Middle East, so we're hoping for a solid day of trade," added O'Neill.

After breezing and some further inspections, those still at Gowran Park attended the Mark O'Hanlon memorial buffet, a now annual event held in memory of the former ITM executive who died last year. The sale commences at 10 a.m. on Friday morning in the Goresbridge Sales complex, and footage of the breeze show and the catalogue are available at [www.irishhorse.com](http://www.irishhorse.com).

## WINGS OF DESIRE ENTERED IN IRISH DERBY

G2 Dante S. winner **Wings Of Desire (GB)** (Pivotal {GB}), as well as Listed Lingfield Derby Trial winner **Humphrey Bogart (Ire)** (Tagula {Ire}), were entered in the G1 Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby at a cost of €20,000 at Thursday's second entry stage.



Wings Of Desire | Racing Post

Listed Dee S. winner **Viren's Army (Ire)** (Twirling Candy) and recent Newbury handicap winner **Imperial Aviator (GB)** (Paco Boy {Ire}) were also added, bringing the total of eligible horses to 59 for the June 25 Classic. The

Irish Derby will this year be worth a record €1.5 million, up by €250,000 from last year.

Thursday was also the second entry stage for the G1 Darley Irish Oaks July 16, and seven fillies were added, including the John Gosden-trained **Sovereign Parade (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) and **Swiss Range (GB)** (Zamindar); **Fadillah (GB)** (Monsun {Ger}), trained by Willie Haggas; and **We Are Ninety (Ire)** (Thewayyouare), conditioned by last year's winning trainer Hugo Palmer.

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## MEKHTAAL LIKELY FOR JOCKEY CLUB

Al Shaqab Racing's **Mekhtaal (GB)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}), winner of the G2 Prix Hocquart at Deauville on Sunday, is unlikely to be supplemented for the G1 Investec Derby and will instead target the G1 Prix du Jockey Club June 5. Harry Herbert, racing advisor to Al Shaqab, said of the Jean-Claude Rouget trainee, "I think we will probably go for the Prix du Jockey Club with him and keep him in France. He's certainly bred to get



Harry Herbert | Racing Post

further than 10 furlongs in time and he's a very exciting horse."

An Al Shaqab colourbearer who could make a trip to Britain is G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulaches-third **Qemah (Ire)** (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), who targets the G1 Coronation S. at Royal Ascot June 17. [Cont. p5](#)

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## Mekhtal cont.

"She looks likely to go for the Coronation S., where a faster pace would be to her advantage," Herbert said. "She really didn't help herself by pulling and pulling in the Guineas, and when she came through to challenge, she couldn't go on. They are likely to go a faster early pace at Ascot, which should help her to settle better. To be fair to Jean-Claude, this has been his plan for a while."

The Rouget-trained, Al Shaqab-raced **Jemayel (Ire)** (Lope De Vega {Ire}), winner of Monday's G1 Prix Saint-Alary, will go for the G1 Prix de Diane June 19.

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## PROTECTIONIST BACK WITH WOHLER

**Protectionist (Ger)** (Monsun {Ger}), winner of the G1 Melbourne Cup in 2014, has returned to trainer Andreas Wohler in Germany and will make a return to the races in the coming weeks. The now 6-year-old won the Melbourne Cup under Wohler's care before being transferred to local trainer Kris Lees by owner Australian Thoroughbred Bloodstock.



Trainer Andreas Wohler | *Racing Post*

Protectionist failed to thrive training Down Under, however, failing to hit the board in eight starts in 2015.

"He arrived back here in December of last year," said Wohler, who also trained Protectionist to wins in the 2014 G2 Prix

Kergorlay and G2 Hansa Preis. "We took things easy for a while, but I am quite happy with him now."

"He is still owned by Australian Bloodstock," Wohler noted. "He didn't really like the conditions there, so they brought him back and hopefully there'll be some nice races for him here. He could run in a conditions race somewhere in around three weeks' time, and we are just taking things step-by-step. He is not back at his best level yet and we will just see how things go."

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## EUROPEAN-BRED SUCCESS

with Tom Morley

**Hometown?:** Born in London, raised in small village of Westerdale in North Yorkshire.

**How did you end up where you are now?:** I initially came to work for Eddie Kenneally for a couple of years after being with Jeremy Nosedo for four years. I planned to go back to England and train but after being here for six months my mind started to change and my love for racing and life here grew.

**What have you found to be the major difference between racing/breeding in America and your home country?:** Wow! Where to start. Surfaces, direction, training methods, climate, day to day race programs are the fundamental differences for



Tom Morley

the horse and conditioner to adjust to. But we are so terribly disjointed in the US about the governing of our industry, and I do believe we are trying hard to come together, clean up and push forward in the correct direction, but it needs someone

to grab it and take the industry where it needs to go. I could go on forever on this question.

**Name one home comfort you miss:** Theakston Black Sheep Ale.

**Favourite sport or hobby outside of racing?:** Sport, reading, traveling. Very unoriginal but I have a deep love for the African continent and am sport mad.

**What would you say is your proudest accomplishment?:** Managing to persuade Mrs Morley (New York Racing Association television personality/analyst Maggie Wolfendale) to marry me!!

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## BRITAIN



Friday, Goodwood, post time: 3:20 p.m.

**EBF STALLIONS COCKED HAT S.-Listed, £40,000, 3yo, c/g, 11ft**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Speed Company (Ire)	Fast Company (Ire)	Moore	J Quinn
2	Ormito (Ger)	Mamool (Ire)	Probert	Balding
3	Prize Money (GB)	Authorized (Ire)	Doyle	bin Suroor
4	Algometer (GB)	Archipenko	Crowley	Simcock
All carry 126 pounds.				



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**Thursday's Results:**

**VEOLIA HEIGHT OF FASHION S.-Listed**, £40,000, GOO, 5-19, 3yo, f, 9f 192yT, 2:08.67, gd.

1--**#SKIFFLE (GB)**, 126, f, 3, by [Dubawi \(Ire\)](#)

**1st Dam: Princesse Dansante (Ire) (SW & GSP-Fr, \$113,927), by King's Best**

**2nd Dam: Vallee Dansante, by Lyphard**

**3rd Dam: Green Valley II, by Val de Loir**

O-Godolphin; B-Darley (GB); T-Charlie Appleby; J-William Buick. £23,680. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$35,685.

2--**The Black Princess (Fr)**, 126, f, 3, [Iffraaj \(GB\)](#)--Larceny (Ire), by Cape Cross (Ire). (€170,000 Ylg '14 ARAUG). O-R J H Geffen. £8,956.

3--**Play Gal (GB)**, 126, f, 3, Multiplex (GB)--Plead (Fr), by Bering (GB). O-R Kent & D Mossop. £4,476.

Margins: 1, 7, 4. Odds: 5.00, 1.60, 25.00.

Also Ran: Visage Blanc (GB), September Stars (Ire), Zaakhir (Ire), Mirsaalah (GB), Dessertoflife (Ire), Cajoled (Fr).

Skiffle could hardly have shaped with more promise on debut when third after a slow break in the 10-furlong Ascot maiden won by the giant Abingdon (Street Cry {Ire}) and confirmed that with a first black-type success in this former Oaks trial which used to be known as the Lupe. Better from the gate to race contentedly with two behind throughout the early stages, the bay needed to thread through rivals in early straight and when in the clear to pursue The Black Princess gave plenty to wear her down in the last 100 yards. "She was a different filly today. She was a bit more on her toes and jumped alertly, took a keen hold for a couple of furlongs but then just settled into a nice passage and rhythm and got a nice run round there," trainer Charlie Appleby said. "She's learnt a lot again today--as William [Buick] said, she is only going to improve stepping up to a mile and a half. She doesn't quicken, she lengthens well. She's a filly we've thought about for the [G2] Ribblesdale [S. at Royal Ascot June 16] and we thought we could just test the water here. I feel she's justified that now." Skiffle's group-placed dam Princesse Dansante is out of a half-sister to the leading sire Green Dancer from a family generally jam-packed with pattern-race performers. They include the G3 Prix Cleopatre winner Brooklyn's Dance (Fr) (Shirley Heights {GB}), dam of the Arc heroine Solemia (Ire) (Poliglote {GB}) and the G1 Prix du Jockey Club runner-up Prospect Park (GB) (Sadler's Wells), the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac and G1 Prix Saint-Alary heroine Silasol (Ire) (Monsun {Ger}), the G1 Grand Criterium-winning sire Okawango (Kingmambo) and the G1 Epsom Derby and G1 Juddmonte International hero and sire Authorized (Ire). This family was updated again on Sunday when The Gurkha (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) ran away with the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains. Princesse Dansante has a yearling filly by New Approach (Ire) and a foal full-sister to the winner to come. [Click for the Racing Post result.](#) [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

**1st-GOO, £8,000, Cond**, 5-19, 2yo, 6fT, 1:12.91, gd.

**+YALTA (IRE) (c, 2, [Exceed and Excel {Aus}](#)--Lacily {SP-Eng}, by Elusive Quality)**, an Aug. 7 G1 Phoenix S. entry, was sharpest from the boxes to seize an immediate lead racing under a firm grip throughout the early strides of this unveiling. Holding sway throughout, the 5-2 second choice was nudged along soon after passing the two pole and pushed out in the closing stages to comfortably account for Repton (Ire) (Zebedee {GB}) by two lengths. The homebred bay's dam, Listed Pretty Polly S. third Lacily (Elusive Quality), is out of the G1 Irish Oaks, GI Flower Bowl Invitational and G1 Nassau S. victress Lailani (GB) (Unfuwain), who is a half-sister to MG1SP Faithful Son (Zilzal). Lailani is also the dam of MGSP Ecuadorian champion Gabriel's Hill (A.P. Indy). Yalta is half to a yearling colt by Invincible Spirit (Ire). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$7,555. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

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

**1st-SAN, £6,000, Cond**, 5-19, 2yo, f, 5f 6yT, 1:03.07, g/f.

**+GRIZZEL (IRE) (f, 2, Kodiak {GB}--Milana {Fr}, by Mark of Esteem {Ire})**, sent off at 6-1, missed the break slightly and ended up in a pocket as a result against the rail. Getting a run up the inner to lead with 150 yards remaining, the €28,000 GOFNOV weanling, 23,000gns TATOCT yearling and 75,000gns TATBRE 2yo comfortably held the challenge of Naafer (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), the full-sister to the G1 Al Quoz Sprint runner-up Ertijaal (Ire), to score by a 3/4 of a length. The dam, who is from the extended family of the sire Kopelman (Fr), has a yearling filly by Haatef. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,666. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Merriebelle Irish Farm/Potensis Bloodstock; B-Martin Butler (IRE); T-Richard Hannon.

**1st-RIP, £5,000, Cond**, 5-19, 2yo, f, 6fT, 1:12.99, g/f.

**+APPOINTED (GB) (f, 2, Delegator {GB}--Celestial Harmony {GB}, by Polish Precedent)**, sent off at 8-1, was slowly away and positioned in mid-division early. Responding to rousting along to get to the lead with 150 yards remaining, the 6,000gns TATFOA weanling and £15,000 DONNOV yearling asserted to win by 3/4 of a length from Melaniemillie (GB) (Hellvelyn {GB}). Appointed, who becomes the second winner for his first-season sire (by Dansili {GB}), has a yearling half-brother by Pastoral Pursuits (GB). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,721. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Habton Farms; B-Lady Jennifer Green (GB); T-Tim Easterby.

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**5th-SAN, £6,000, Mdn, 5-19, 3-4yo, 10f 7yT, 2:11.94, g/f.**  
**SHABEEB (c, 3, [Smart Strike--Sortita {Ger}](#), by Monsun {Ger})**, sixth on debut behind the subsequent G3 Sandown Classic Trial winner Midterm (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) over a mile at Newbury in October, was settled behind the leading quartet after the early stages. Shaken up to close inside the final two furlongs, the 2-1 favourite stayed on resolutely to gain the lead with 150 yards remaining and assert for a 1 1/4-length defeat of Plenary (Kitten's Joy). "He's a nice horse out of a really nice German mare and we've always thought a lot of him," the owner-breeder's racing manager Richard Hills commented. "We've taken our time and he's going to be a good stayer. He was always going to be a horse who was better the further he went. We'll see how he comes out of this, but we'd have to look at [Royal] Ascot." Sortita is a daughter of the sensational producer Sacarina (GB) (Old Vic {GB}), whose matings with Monsun are the stuff of legend in Germany. As if two G1 Deutsches Derby winners, Schiaparelli (Ger) and Samum (Ger), were not enough, she is also responsible for a G1 Preis der Diana (German Oaks) heroine in Salve Regina (Ger) who has in turn bred the German highweight and GII Ballston Spa H. winner Salve Germania (Ire) (Peintre Celebre). Sortita, who is also a half to the dams of another Deutsches Derby hero and sire Sea the Moon (Ger) (Sea the Stars {Ire}) and of the currently unbeaten €1.2million TDN Rising Star Fadillah (GB) (Monsun {Ger}), has already produced the G2 King Edward VII S. third Mutashaded (Raven's Pass) and has a 2-year-old by Medaglia d'Oro named Naseej (GB) and a filly foal by Sea the Stars (Ire). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,666.

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

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Farm, LLC (KY); T-Roger Varian.

(Galileo {Ire}). Atone's other half-siblings include Midsummer Sun (GB) (Monsun {Ger}), SW & MGSP-Aus, \$311,278, and Hot Snap (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), GSW & G1SP-Eng, GSP-Ire, \$138,733. Midsummer is a half-sister to the G1 Eclipse S. and G1 Phoenix Champion S.-winning sire Elmaamul and the G1 Epsom Oaks heroine Reams of Verse (Nureyev), who has bred the GIII Valedictory S. scorer Eagle Poise (Empire Maker), from the extended family of Zafonic and Zamindar. Others to provide recent boosts to this pedigree include the G2 Yorkshire Cup winner Manifest (GB) (Rainbow Quest), the GIII Cardinal H. scorer Button Down (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), the G3 Newcastle Cup winner Disclaimer (GB) (Dansili {GB}), the G3 Joel S. winner Confront (GB) (Nayef) and Midweek (GB) (Motivator {GB}), who was second in the G3 Prix Imprudence in April. She also has a 2-year-old filly by Frankel (GB) named Aurora Gold (GB) and another filly foal by that colossus. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,666. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-Sir Michael Stoute.

#### HANDICAP RESULT:

**3rd-SAN, £7,250, Hcp, 5-19, 3yo, 8f 14yT, 1:45.13, g/f.**

**MANSON (GB) (c, 3, [Equiano {Fr}](#)--Swain's Gold, by Swain {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$18,893. O-The Agincourt Partnership; B-Minster Stud (GB); T-Dominic French Davis. \*1/2 to Niceofyoutotellme (GB) (Hernando {Fr}), GSP-Eng, \$140,172, & to Jack Hobbs (GB) (Halling), Hwt. 3yo-Ire at 11-14f, G1SW-Ire, GSW & MG1SP-Eng, \$1,662,339. \*\*18,000gns RNA Wlg '13 TATFOA; 40,000gns Ylg '14 TATOCT.

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

**Arcamist (GB), f, 3, [Arcano \(Ire\)](#)--Good Enough (Fr) (SW & G1SP-Fr), by Mukaddamah. RIP, 5-19, 9f 170yT, 2:09.49.**

B-Whitsbury Manor Stud and Mrs M. E. Slade (GB). \*1/2 to Smart Enough (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}), Champion miler in Scandinavia, SW & GSP-Swe, SP-Eng, \$200,303; & to Oasis Dancer (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), SW-Eng, \$1,030,045.

\*\*30,000gns Ylg '14 TATOCT.

**Jam Session (Ire), g, 4, [Duke of Marmalade \(Ire\)](#)--Night Dhu (GB), by Montjeu (Ire). LIN, 5-19, 11f 106yT, 2:34.08. B-Haras de l'Hirondelle (IRE). \*€80,000 Ylg '13 ARAUG.**

**6th-GOO, £6,000, Mdn, 5-19, 3yo, f, 9f 192yT, 2:11.06, gd.**  
**ATONE (GB) (f, 3, [Oasis Dream {GB}](#)--Midsummer {GB} {SP-Eng}, by Kingmambo)**, who made no show at all when last as the favourite for a 10-furlong maiden at Sandown Apr. 22, was in an entirely different place this time and gained the early lead before settling into second before halfway. Tackling Pleasure Dome (GB) (Makfi {GB}) inside the final furlong, the 8-1 shot dug deep to get in front in the shade of the post and win by a short head. Talisa (Ire) (Pour Moi {Ire}), a half-sister to the 2003 G1 Prix Saint-Alary winner Fidelite (Ire) (In the Wings {GB}), made some progress from rear to be eighth. The winner is a full-sister to the considerable talent Midday (GB), Hwt. Older Mare-Eng at 11-14f, Hwt. Older Mare-Eng at 9 1/2-11f, MG1SW-Eng, GISW-US, G1SW-Fr, MG1SP-Ire, \$3,438,502, who is now the dam of this year's G3 Sandown Classic Trial winner Midterm (GB)

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- Maiden Claiming Races: purses of \$18,000/up & a minimum claiming price of \$40,000

## GOFFS UK SPRING SALE CONCLUDES

Goffs staged the second and final session of its Spring Horses-in-Training Sale on Thursday, with cumulative statistics up on last year's sale. The average was up 16% to £19,012, while the median rose 18% to £10,000. The turnover was up 25% with 17



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fewer horses catalogued.

Thursday's prices didn't reach the heights of Wednesday, but trade was solid nonetheless. The top price of the day was the £70,000 paid by Oliver Murphy and

Gordon Elliott for [lot 516](#), the Grade 2-winning chaser Ned Stark (Ire) (Wolfe Tone {Ire}). Godolphin's triple bumper winner Waterlord (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}) ([lot 472](#)) commanded the day's second-highest price when selling to Donald McCain for £58,000.

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### Thursday's Results:

**2nd-FTB, €25,000, Mdn, 5-19, unraced 3yo, c/g, 11fT, 2:26.90, vsf.**

**+SHALAKAR (FR) (c, 3, Cape Cross {Ire}--Shalanaya {Ire} {G1SW-Fr & GISP-Can, \$637,986}, by Lomitas {GB})** fluffed the break and raced in rear before making a gradual move beyond rivals to the lead at halfway. Dictating from there until shaken up when pressed with 500 metres remaining, the 5-2 favourite would not succumb to a host of challenges and stayed on strongly for two flicks of the whip inside the final quarter-mile to hold Fixed Rate (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) by an ultimately snug neck. Shalakar is out of the G1 Prix de l'Opera heroine and G1 Prix Ganay and GI E.P. Taylor S. placegetter Shalanaya (Ire) (Lomitas {GB}), herself a half-sister to GSW heavyweight and G1 Prix Royal-Oak third Shankardeh (Ire) (Azamour {Ire}). His third dam, G3 Prix Minerve winner Sharamana (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}), is a half-sister to dual Derby-winning champion Shergar (GB) (Great Nephew {GB}) from a family which also includes G1 Irish Oaks runner-up Shamadara (Ire) (Kahyasi {Ire}). The winner is kin to the 2-year-old filly Shazia (Fr) (New Approach {Ire}), who is also in training with Mikel Delzangles, and a yearling filly

by Redoute's Choice (Aus). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €12,500.

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O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (FR); T-Mikel Delzangles.

**1st-FTB, €25,000, Mdn, 5-19, unraced 3yo, f, 11fT, 2:28.70, vsf.**  
**+DEREMAH (f, 3, [More Than Ready](#)--Darma {Fr}, by Danehill Dancer {Ire})** was restrained to race fourth after an alert exit in this first go. Making smooth headway in the long straight until finding traffic at the quarter-mile marker, the crowd's 11-10 pick was angled outside for her bid approaching the final furlong and quickened impressively in the closing stages to easily best Vodka Double (Fr) (Peintre Celebre) by 1 1/4 lengths. Godolphin's Joyeria (Medaglia d'Oro), a daughter of MG1SW Evening Jewel (Northern Afleet), held a prominent pitch throughout, but was unable to match the winner's kick and finished fourth. Deremah is out of a half to G1 Prix du Jockey Club hero Darsi (Fr) (Polish Precedent), from the family of MG1SW European champion Darjina (Fr) (Zamindar). She is kin to a 2-year-old filly by Giant's Causeway and a yearling filly by Stormy Atlantic. Her dam Darma was bred to City Zip last year. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €12,500. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (KY); T-Alain de Royer-Dupre.

**2nd-LYN, €27,000, Cond, 5-19, 3yo, 8fT, 1:44.61, gd.**  
**BOXEUR (IRE) (c, 3, Slickly {Fr}--Joha {Fr} {SW-Fr, \$123,854}, by Johann Quatz {Fr})** Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, €27,500.

O/B-Jean-Claude Seroul (IRE); T-Frederic Rossi. \*Full to Le Ring (Fr), MSW & GSP-Fr, \$279,965; and Mariage Tardif (Fr), MSP-Fr, \$226,752.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Bohemien (Ire), c, 3, Acclamation (GB)--Blagueuse (Ire), by Statue of Liberty.** FTB, 5-19, 6fT, 1:09.40. B-Dayton Investments Ltd (IRE).

**Djaouad (Fr), c, 3, [Mastercraftsman \(Ire\)](#)--Land Bound, by Boundary.** LYN, 5-19, 11fT, 2:24.62. B-Maurice Hassan (FR). \*€75,000 Ylg '14 ARAUG. \*\*1/2 to Lucky Like (Fr) (Lucky Story), SW-Eng, \$661,186.

**Spring Princess (Ire), f, 3, [Nayef](#)--Voie de Printemps (Fr) (MSP-Fr, \$125,440), by Della Francesca.** LYN, 5-19, 11fT, 2:30.05. B-Pontchartrain Stud (IRE). \*€40,000 Ylg '14 AROCT.

**Rien Que Pour Toi (Fr), f, 3, Orpen--Ilinka (Fr), by Gentlewave (Ire).** FTB, 5-19, 6fT, 1:08.70. B-Le Thenney SA (FR). \*€18,000 Ylg '14 ARAUG.



# WORLDWIDE NEWS

## Hollindale Rematch In Doomben Cup cont. from p1

Trainer John O'Shea, who also saddles Hollindale fifth **It's Somewhat** (Dynaformer), will add blinkers to try to get that little bit more about of Hauraki, and he said, "Hauraki has been a very honest horse for us right from the start. He's also a Group 2 winner and a Derby placegetter, and he's run well in some of this country's best races, so he deserves a Group 1 against his



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name. He ran very well last start, he had to make a very long run and it just told a bit at the end. But he's drawn ideally this time and we'll put the blinkers on just to help him focus better."

**Volkstok'n'barrell (NZ)** (Tavistock {NZ}) was third in the Hollindale, and returns

to the trip over which he won last year's G1 Rosehill Guineas, as well as the G1 New Zealand S. in March. Volkstok'n'barrell could manage only 10th of 15 in the G1 Doncaster Mile Apr. 4, but was finishing well in the Hollindale to suggest he retains his top-class form.

An interesting proposition here is yet another Chris Waller-trained import in the French group winner **Spiritjim (Fr)** (Galileo {Ire}). The Sun Bloodstock colourbearer was just seventh in the Hollindale but certainly wants more distance, with Saturday's trip likely still being the minimum he wants to contest.

## BART HAS HEART IN GOODWOOD

The G1 Darley Goodwood S. is South Australia's most important sprinting contest, and indeed some worthy shippers have lined up for a shot at the A\$500,000 pot on Saturday. **Black Heart Bart (Aus)** (Blackfriars {Aus}) is the early favourite as he wraps up a productive season that has seen him finish first or second in all three outings. Nosed out by **The Quarterback (Aus)** (Street Boss) in the G1 Newmarket H. Mar. 12, he dropped down in class to take Caulfield's G3 Victoria H. going 1400 metres two weeks later, and was again a head second over the



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same distance in the G1 All Aged S. at Randwick Apr. 16. He has won over this trip three times and searches for his first Group 1 win. The Quarterback looks to bounce back from two respectable losses since the

Newmarket, but will have work to do coming from behind in a full field from the rail draw.

**Flamberge (Aus)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) is a two-time Group 1 winner this year, having taken the G1 Oakleigh Plate and the G1 William Reid S., the latter over this trip, but was an eased-down last in the G1 TJ Smith S. Apr. 2 and will navigate from a wide draw here.

Singapore's unbeaten champion 2-year-old **Super One (Aus)** (I Am Invincible {Aus}) failed to make an impact second-up in Australia in the G1 Coolmore Stud S. in October for trainer Michael Freedman, beating just one home in 11th, but the 3-year-old made a big impression over this track when making a winning belated seasonal debut for Freedman's brothers, Anthony and Lee Freedman, in the G3 D C McKay S. May 7, and enjoys a weight-break from the favourites here. Another who will benefit from carrying less weight is the mare **Sheidel (Aus)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), who endured a huge class jump May 7 to finish second in the G1 UBET Classic over this track and trip, but faces a much deeper field this time.

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**Saturday, Doomben, Australia, post time: 4:01 p.m. (2:01 a.m. EST)**

**HARDY BROTHERS DOOMBEN CUP-G1, A\$650,000**

(£322,131/€418,927/US\$470,089), 3yo/up, 2000mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Hauraki	Reset	McDonald	O'Shea
2	Leebaz (NZ)	Zabeel (NZ)	Cahill	Hawkeses
3	Spiritjim (Fr)	Galileo (Ire)	Bowman	Waller
4	Messene	Lonhro	Orman	Hawkeses
5	Volkstok'n'barrell (NZ)	Tavistock (NZ)	Shinn	Logan/Gibbs
6	Our Ivanhowe (Ger)	Solider Hollow (GB)	McEvoy	Freedmans
7	Lady Le Fay (NZ)	Thorn Park	Collett	Waller
8	Noble Protector (GB)	Haafhd (GB)	Clark	Smerdon
9	<b>It's Somewhat (USA)</b> 🐾	<b>Dynaformer (USA)</b>	<b>Browne</b>	<b>O'Shea</b>
10	Maurus (GB)	Medicean (GB)	Spriggs	Vandyke

All carry 130 pounds bar Noble Protector & Lady Le Fay, 125 pounds.

All horses bred in Australia unless otherwise noted.

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**Saturday, Morphettville, Australia, post time: 4:20 p.m. (2:20 a.m. EST)**

**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/Dborg	119
9	Supido	Sebring	Winks	Kent	120
10	Faatinah	Nicconi	Dy Dunn	Hys/Dborg	122
11	Under the Louvre	Excellent Art (GB)	Dw Dunn	Smerdon	122
12	Sheidel	Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)	Neilson	Hys/Dborg	118
13	Super One	I Am Invincible	Moor	Frdmns	120
14	Big Money	Choirir	Thmpson	Northam	125
15	Churchill Dancer	Churchill Downs	Hall	Hys/Dborg	126
16	Fast 'N' Rocking	Fastnet Rock	Baster	Hys/Dborg	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 SOUTH AFRICA:

**+Heavenly Blue (Aus), c, 2, Snitzel (Aus)**--Simply Carina, by El Prado (Ire). Vaal, 5-19, Maiden, 1600mT, 1:39.68. B-Arrowfield Group Pty Ltd & Cloros Bloodstock (NSW). \*Bet down to 11-10 favoritism to open his account at first asking, this Mike de Kock-trained and co-owned runner strode out late to score by a little



Heavenly Blue as a yearling | Inglis photo

under 2 1/2 lengths in the very first race contested over the new Vaal Classic course. \*\*Heavenly Blue, an A\$200,000 Inglis Easter yearling purchase from the Arrowfield Stud consignment by Jehan Malherbe's Form Bloodstock, is

the first foal for her dam, a winning daughter of Allen Paulson's four-time Grade I-winning turf mare Astra (Theatrical {Ire}), who was purchased by Freyer Bloodstock for US\$290,000 out of the 2010 Keeneland November sale. Simply Carina's second produce, a filly by Smart Missile (Aus), fetched A\$270,000 at this year's Magic Millions Gold Coast sale and she foaled a full-sister to Heavenly Blue in 2015. Simply Carina was covered by Smart Missile last November. [@EquinealTDN](#)

## NEW INTEGRITY UNIT FOR VICTORIA

Racing in the state of Victoria looks set to establish a new integrity unit after the Andrews Labor Government agreed in principle to recommendations made by Paul Bittar, according to *Racing.com*. Bittar last summer undertook a review of the integrity functions in Victoria under all three codes of racing--Thoroughbred, harness and greyhound--and recommended the establishment of the Victorian Racing Integrity Unit to encompass integrity services for all three codes. The VRIU would be a private, independent company, with the three codes as equal stakeholders and a five-member independent board. Bittar also recommended a cross-code Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board.

"A criticism that is often made is that there is real or perceived interference from boards or the executive in integrity matters,"



Paul Bittar | *Racing Post*

Bittar told *Racing.com*. "I am hopeful that the creation of the VRIU as a fully independent body will eliminate the perception of conflict. I have had great access and direct engagement

with key executives from the three codes throughout the review process. I understand that the legislative timetable can be difficult, but I believe that the faster that these recommendations can be implemented then the better the chance of success. The idea and concept is one thing but successful implementation is the key."

The recommendations would be expected to take two years to implement. Racing Victoria Chairman Davie Moodie released a statement supporting the review, which read, "Racing Victoria acknowledges the receipt of the Bittar Review and welcomes the opportunity to discuss the report with government. Having just received the report, management and the board will take its time to digest the information within and the recommendations made and consider the implications for thoroughbred racing in Victoria. We support the principle of collaboration between the three racing codes and believe that our expertise and processes will be invaluable in helping to inform future discussions with Government, HRV and GRV. We also believe in continual development and strengthening of our integrity programs and resources, as maintaining the integrity of Victorian Thoroughbred racing is at the core of our existence."

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## NATIONAL SUPPLEMENTARY ONLINE

The supplementary catalogue for the Magic Millions National Weanling and Broodmare Sales are online. The weanling sale May 29 and 30 has six supplementary entries, including a Snitzel (Aus) half-brother to Group 1 winner Steps In Time (Aus) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) ([lot 401](#)). The broodmare sale June 1 to 5 is bolstered by 61 supplementary entries, including Group 1 winner Pasadena Girl (NZ) (Savabeel {Aus}) ([lot 1330](#)) and Listen Here (Aus) (Elusive Quality), ([lot 1375](#)), the latter the dam of Group 1 winner Shooting To Win (Aus) (Northern Meteor {Aus}) and Group 2 winner Deep Field (Aus) (Northern Meteor {Aus}), in foal to Medaglia d'Oro.

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## AUSTRALIAN REVIEW BY JAMES HARRON BLOODSTOCK

The next breeding season in Australia is still three months away from its commencement on Sept. 1, yet already studs are putting up the 'book full' signs as the market becomes increasingly polarised towards the proven stallions, while of course the freshmen also remain as popular as ever. In this column we take a look at the five new stallions in Australia for 2016 standing for fees in excess of A\$25,000.

**VANCOUVER (AUS)** (Medaglia d'Oro--Skates {Aus}, Danehill) Coolmore Australia, A\$66,0000

After his European campaign, Vancouver will be arriving to commence his new position on the Coolmore Australia roster a matter of weeks prior to the beginning of the breeding season, as his return quarantine will begin the day after his planned G1 July Cup start. Vancouver was a brilliant 2-year-old in a country that craves as such, unbeaten in his four juvenile starts for Gai Waterhouse. He began with a victory in the first Sydney stakes race of the 2-year-old season, the Listed Breeders' Plate,



Vancouver | Shandon Cundiff

which has a remarkable record for producing future stallions, particularly in recent years. Current leading stallions Snitzel (Aus), Sebring (Aus) and Choisir (Aus) are all past winners, as are exciting young

stallions Smart Missile (Aus) and Pierro (Aus). Vancouver followed that up with victory in the G3 Canonbury S. before a sensational performance in the G2 Todman S., his performance on the clock exemplary, almost 1.5 seconds faster than the

fillies' equivalent on the same day, won by subsequent Group 1 winner and Golden Slipper runner-up English (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}). In the Slipper he showed toughness and grit to go with his ability, overcoming barrier 16 to defeat English by almost a length.

Vancouver is the leading performer in Australia for Medaglia d'Oro, who is very quickly establishing himself as part of the rare group of stallions who are leading performers in both hemispheres. After a Golden Slipper winner last year, Medaglia d'Oro has followed up in Australia with a pair of group-winning juveniles in the current season: Astern (Aus), winner of the G2 Silver Slipper S.; and Tessera (Aus), winner of the G3 Canonbury S. Vancouver, like outstanding mare Winx (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}) produced from John Camilleri's select band of broodmares, also hails from an exceptional Australian pedigree, his dam Skates responsible for two further stakes winners including Group 1 winner Juste Moment (Aus). His second dam is G1 Doncaster H. winner Skating (Aus) (At Talaq), a blue hen producer of seven black-type horses, including group-winning 2-year-old Murtaajill (Aus) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}) and Magic Millions 2YO Classic winner Bradbury's Luck (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}).

Now in the care of Aidan O'Brien, Vancouver's European campaign of three planned races begins this Saturday at The Curragh in the G2 Greenlands S., with the G1 Diamond Jubilee S. at Royal Ascot also on the agenda before the July Cup.

**PRIDE OF DUBAI (AUS)** (Street Cry {Ire}--Al Anood {Aus}, by Danehill) Coolmore Australia, A\$55,000

The loss of Street Cry at just 12 years old is one which has been keenly felt worldwide, particularly in Australia, where he represented a valuable proven outcross option for a mare population saturated with Danehill blood. This affinity is ably demonstrated by his first domestically bred and raced son to retire to stud in Australia, G1 Blue Diamond S. winner Pride of Dubai. Trained by Peter and Paul Snowden, Pride of Dubai's career began in Sydney with a third-placed effort behind 'TDN Rising Star' and subsequent Group 3 winner

**Ottoman (Aus)**

(Exceed and Excel {Aus}) at Randwick before a switch to Melbourne. He was tremendously unlucky in the G3 Blue Diamond Prelude (C&G) at Caulfield, ending up too far back and meeting interference in running.



Pride Of Dubai | Bronwen Healy

**James Harron cont.**

Despite this he managed to finish a fast-closing second to Of The Brave (Aus) (Starspangledbanner {Aus}). Such was the impression of the effort that he was sent off half Of The Brave's odds in the Blue Diamond itself, with only the Fillies' Prelude winner, Fontiton (Aus) (Turffontein {Aus}) shorter in the market. Much more went the way of Pride of Dubai on the big day, and he was always holding the charge of Reemah (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) to take out the race. He followed up his Blue Diamond win when completing an unprecedented double by taking the G1 ATC Sires' Produce S. at Randwick, defeating dead-heaters Rageese (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}) and Odyssey Moon (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}) by almost a length. Pride of Dubai then missed the entire spring campaign with bone bruising and, after disappointing on his return in the Autumn, was retired to stud as the winner of three of his five starts.

Like Vancouver, Pride of Dubai hails from an exceptional female line, his with an international flavour. He is out of the stakes-placed Al Anood, making him a half-brother to Melbourne listed winner Al Aneed (Aus) (More Than Ready). Al Anood is bred in the purple, a half-sister to G1 Prix de Diane winner Rafha (GB) (Kris {GB}), dam of four stakes winners, notably leading Irish stallion Invincible Spirit (Ire). She is also the dam of popular sire Kodiak (GB).

**CRITERION (NZ)** (Sebring {Aus})--Mica's Pride {Aus}, by Bite The Bullet, Newgate Stud Farm, A\$35,750

As far as longevity and racecourse performance goes, they don't come much more accomplished than Criterion. In four seasons of racing on three continents Criterion amassed an incredible A\$7,268,869 in earnings and was a winner from two to five years old. Twenty-six of his 36 lifetime starts came in Group 1 company and he was a winner four times at that elite level. As a 2-year-old he was amongst the best of his crop, a



**Criterion** | Bronwen Healy

winner against subsequent Group 1-winner Sweet Idea (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}) in November before going on to victories in the Listed Black Opal and the G2 Todman S., a race taken by many important stallions over the years,

including current top-10 stallions Exceed and Excel (Aus) and Written Tycoon (Aus). As a 3-year-old Criterion excelled upped in trip, winning the G1 Rosehill Guineas over 2000 metres--

defeating his now studmate and 2014/15 Horse of the Year Dissident (Aus) (Sebring {Aus})--and the G1 ATC Derby over 2400 metres at Randwick. Criterion's 4-year-old season saw him go winless for the first half of the year, but again he performed with great credit at the highest level, including on his first overseas trip when third to Designs on Rome in the G1 Hong Kong Cup at Sha Tin. He chose as good a day as any to return to the winners' circle when a superbly impressive winner of the G1 Queen Elizabeth S., the country's richest weight-for-age race, at Randwick at The Championships. The field of 12 that day included nine previous Group 1 winners, so to put daylight on such a field represented a top-class effort from Criterion. He then went once more on his travels, again third at Sha Tin, this time to Blazing Speed in the G1 QEII Cup before two creditable efforts in England. As a 5-year-old he returned to his best to defeat another strong field in the G1 Caulfield S. prior to running into a superstar at the top of her game when second to Winx (Aus) in the G1 Cox Plate at Moonee Valley, solidly accounting for the remainder of the field. In his next start Criterion would show incredible versatility for a horse who won a G2 race over six furlongs as a 2-year-old by finishing a strong third in the G1 Melbourne Cup over two miles, and probably unlucky not to finish even closer after suffering interference in transit. His best effort this autumn came when third to The United States (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the G1 Ranvet S. at Rosehill, and he retires to Newgate as the winner of seven of his 36 starts.

Criterion was retained by his breeder Sir Owen Glenn, and hails from a family which has been exceptionally productive in Australia. He is the best of three stakes winners for his dam Mica's Pride, who is herself a Group 3 winner in Sydney. This is a family littered with recent stakes winners, notably Group 3 winner and Group 1-placed Bull Point (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), who also retires to stud this year, commanding a A\$7,700 fee. His sire, Golden Slipper winner Sebring (Aus) (More Than Ready), is now well-established as one of the leading stallions in Australia, and will stand for a career-high A\$77,000 in 2016.

**EXOSPHERE (AUS)** (Lonhro {Aus})--Altitude {Aus}, by Danzero {Aus})

Darley Australia, A\$27,500

When he was on-song there is little doubt that Exosphere was a tremendous talent, his performances in the G1 Golden Rose and the G2 Roman Consul in particular both being as impressive on the clock as they were to the eye. A son of Lonhro, like Triple Crown winner Pierro (Aus), Exosphere was out before Christmas as a 2-year-old but fluffed his lines on debut. Given time in the paddock, he returned to win twice before the end of his 2-year-old year. He was an impressive winner at Kembla Grange and took a marked step-up in grade in his stride when similarly



dominant in the G2 Skyline S. at Warwick Farm, accounting for subsequent Group 1-placer Odyssey Moon (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}) by four lengths, his final 600 metre time on the day bettered only



**Exosphere** | Bronwen Healy

by the year-older Group 1 winner First Seal (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}). He was a leading fancy for the Golden Slipper, sent off at 7/2 behind 6/4 favourite Vancouver, but proved a disappointment, finishing last and reportedly suffering from cardiac arrhythmia. In his first three starts as a 3-year-old he suffered no such problems, an imperious winner by daylight on all three occasions. He defeated subsequent Group 1 winners Press Statement (Aus) (Hinchinbrook {Aus}) and Holler (Aus) (Lonhro {Aus}) in the G2 Run to the Rose, a performance he followed up in tremendous style when taking Sydney's 3-year-old showcase, the G1 Golden Rose, over 1400 metres by more than two lengths from Group 1 winner Speak Fondly (Aus) (Northern Meteor {Aus}). He then stepped back to 1200 metres for the G2 Roman Consul S. and produced staggering acceleration to account for a top-class field in a matter of strides, sauntering home more than three lengths ahead of his competition. Unfortunately that would be the final victory for Exosphere, below his best in his final three starts, and he retires to Darley Australia as winner of five of his 10 starts.

**PRESS STATEMENT (AUS)** (Hinchinbrook {Aus})--Kaaptive Empress {Aus}, by Kaaptive Edition {NZ}  
Vinery Australia, A\$27,500

It is around 12 months ago to the day that Press Statement announced his arrival on the Australian racing scene, unbeaten in his first three starts. After two wins in Sydney metropolitan company, he was pitched into Group 1 company at Doomben for the JJ Atkins S. Such was the impression of his two previous victories that he was sent off second-favourite and he didn't disappoint, winning by almost a length.



**Press Statement** | Bronwen Healy

As a 3-year-old he progressed to become leading 3-year-old miler of his crop in the spring, bouncing back from a below-par run in the Golden Rose to take the G2 Stan Fox S. over 1500 metres prior to a win in the G1 Caulfield Guineas over 1600 metres. Press Statement, and his pilot Hugh Bowman, did a good job in the Caulfield Guineas, overcoming a wide barrier in 14 of 16, sitting just off the pace and accounting for the field by daylight. He returned for his autumn campaign with a strong win the G2 Hobartville S. at Rosehill over 1400 metres, accounting for Le Romain (Aus) (Hard Spun) by over two lengths. That rival would turn the tables two weeks later in the G1 Randwick Guineas over 1600 metres, Press Statement enduring a chequered passage from barrier 12. Press Statement rounded off his career his a pair of efforts against older horses, the best of them when third behind Winx (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}) and Kermadec (NZ) (Teofilo {Ire}) in the G1 George Ryder S. at Rosehill. He retires to Vinery Australia the winner of six of his 11 starts.

Press Statement is the second JJ Atkins winner produced by his dam Kaaptive Empress, who is also responsible for 2001 winner Pressday (Aus) (Domesday {Aus}) when the race was known as the BRC TJ Smith Classic. He is from the first crop of Yarraman Park's stallion Hinchinbrook (Aus), a Group 3-winning half-brother to Snitzel who will stand for a fee of A\$38,500 in 2016, more than double his 2015 figure of A\$16,500.

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Giovanni Canaletto (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Bosson	O'Sullivan
2	Werther (NZ)	Tavistock (NZ)	Bowman	Moore
3	Helene Happy Star (Ire)	Zamindar	Teetan	Moore
4	Victory Magic (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Purton	Moore
5	Designs On Rome (Ire)	Hly Rmn Empror (Ire)	Moreira	Moore
6	Ambitious Champion (NZ)	Zed (NZ)	Schofield	Gibson
7	Blazing Speed (GB)	Dylan Thomas (Ire)	Callan	A Cruz
8	Military Attack (Ire)	Oratorio (Ire)	Rawiller	Fownes

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**Worldwide News cont.**

**Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 2:00 p.m.**

**SHA TIN VASE H.-G1**, HK\$3,000,000 (£264,230/€344,766/A\$534,531/US\$386,188), 3yo/up, 1200mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Domineer (GB)	Shamardal	Doleuze	Fownes	123
2	Peniaphobia (Ire)	Dandy Man (Ire)	Chadwick	A Cruz	130
3	Amazing Kids (NZ)	Falkirk (NZ)	Moreira	Size	126
4	Blizzard (Aus)	Starcraft (NZ)	Teetan	Yiu	113
5	Born In China (GB)	Shamardal	Yeung	Lui	113
6	Not Listenin'tome (Aus)	Dylan Thomas (Ire)	Bowman	Moore	133
7	Fabulous One (NZ)	Elusive City	Leung	So	113
8	Charles the Great (Ire)	Hly Rmn Empr (Ire)	Cheng	Moore	115
9	Divine Boy (Aus)	Street Cry (Ire)	Schofield	Tsui	113



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PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Kitcat	Scat Daddy (USA)	G Ulloa	Silva	121
2	Dulce de Camote	Soldier of Fortune (Ire)	Robles	Sanchez	126
3	Robben	Indy Dancer (USA)	Toledo	Solar	126
4	Capricho Brillante	Last Impact	Ricardo	Baeza	133
5	Porto Fino	Dushyantor (USA)	Torres	Baeza	133
6	Rio Allipen	Seeking the Dia (USA)	H Ulloa	Baeza	126
7	Yansel	Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)	Medina	Baeza	121
8	Super Socio	Sudan (Ire)	Sanchez	Sanchez	126
9	Il Rey Ivan	Scat Daddy (USA)	Maureira	Sanchez	126
10	Tambo Alto	Pavarotti (USA)	Castillo	Sanchez	126
11	Larco	Ivan Denisovich (USA)	O Ulloa	Inda	126
12	Del Bosque	Ivan Denisovich (USA)	Albornoz	Sanchez	126
13	Top Casablanca	Seeking the Dia (USA)	Fuenzalida	Baeza	133
14	El Bromista	Scat Daddy (USA)	Berrios	Baeza	134
15	El Mexicano	Dushyantor (USA)	Cisternas	Baeza	133
16	Flyer	Scat Daddy (USA)	Gonzalez	Aguirre	126

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## O'NEILL SEEKS BLACK-EYED SUSAN/ PREAKNESS DOUBLE



Land Over Sea (left) romps in the FG Oaks | Hodges Photography

By Christie DeBernardis

Doug O'Neill looks to become just the third trainer ever to win the GII Black-Eyed Susan S. and GI Preakness S. in the same year, and the first since Hall of Famer D. Wayne Lukas completed the double in 1995 with champions Serena's Song and Timber Country. The California-based conditioner saddles morning-line favorite **Land Over Sea** (Bellamy Road) in the Friday feature at Pimlico, just one day before he is scheduled to send out undefeated GI Kentucky Derby hero Nyquist (Uncle Mo) as the favorite in the Preakness. The Reddam Racing colorbearer has spent the majority of her career chasing unbeaten champion Songbird (Medaglia d'Oro), finishing second to that "TDN Rising Star" in three of their six meetings. Taken to New Orleans to get away from Eclipse winner, Land Over Sea romped by 4 1/2 in the GII Fair Grounds Oaks Mar. 26 and made an impressive late run to finish second behind a dominant performance from "TDN Rising Star" Cathryn Sophia (Street Boss) in the GI Kentucky Oaks May 6.

The chestnut's biggest competition will come from the only other Oaks runner returning in this spot, fourth-place finisher **Go Maggie Go** (Ghostzapper). A decisive debut winner sprinting at Gulfstream Mar. 13, the Mike Tarp homebred followed suit with an equally impressive victory when stretched to 1 1/16 miles in the GII Gulfstream Park Oaks next out Apr. 2. **Cont. p6**

## WORLD'S RICHEST RACE OVERSUBSCRIBED

by Steve Sherack

BALTIMORE, Md. - All 12 spots for the inaugural \$12-million GI Pegasus World Cup—to be held at Gulfstream Park Jan. 28—have been filled, The Stronach Group announced Thursday morning in a press conference held at Pimlico.

Owners holding entries in the world's richest race, at a cost of \$1 million apiece, include: 1) California Chrome LLC; 2) J. Paul Reddam; 3) Jerry & Ronald Frankel; 4) Jim McIngvale; 5) Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith & John Magnier; 6) Sol Kumin & James Covello; 7) Starlight Pegasus Partners; 8) Dan Schafer; 9) Rosedown Racing Stables (Jeffrey Weiss); 10) The Stronach Group; 11) Reeves Thoroughbred Racing; 12) Ruis Racing.

Stronach was prepared to purchase as many as three spots if necessary. **Cont. p3**

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"He doesn't seem to get older, that's the amazing thing. We have the same exercise boy galloping him now as when he first got to the track and he keeps saying he's as good as ever." -Hall of Famer King Leatherbury on the 10-year-old Ben's Cat, who runs in Pimlico's Jim McKay Turf Sprint S. Friday. | Photo: Jon Kral

## THURSDAY'S TRACKSIDE REPORT FROM PIMLICO

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The TDN's Senior Editor Steve Sherack continues to provide his daily trackside reports from Pimlico. He has all you need to know on the GI Preakness S. contenders morning activities.

## TODAY'S GRADED STAKES

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2:39p

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Prix Vanteaux-G3, CHY

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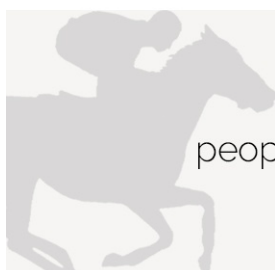
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**World's Richest Race Oversubscribed cont. from p1**

"We at the Stronach Group believe that this is going to be an industry game changer," said Belinda Stronach, Chairman and President of The Stronach Group. "The Pegasus World Cup represents the Stronach Group's ongoing commitment to invest in the future of horseracing--to make it more viable, to make it more exciting and to modernize the sport to attract a whole new generation of fans."

"We were oversubscribed by Tuesday," added Jack Wolf, CEO of the Pegasus World Cup and founder of Starlight Racing. "We had 14 people wanting the 12 spots. One ended up partnering with another outfit and the other dropped out. Everybody is paid up and the deal is closed with the 12 entrants."

The Pegasus World Cup, to be contested at 1 1/8 miles, will replace the GI Donn H. on the Gulfstream Park stakes schedule for 2017. Horses running without Lasix in the Pegasus World Cup will receive a five-pound weight allowance.

Owners can choose to race, lease, contract or share a starter or sell their place in the starting gate. Original entrants will also have the first option to participate in future Pegasus World Cup races. All entrants will also share equally in 100% of the net income from handle, media rights, and sponsorships from the Pegasus World Cup. The winner's share of the purse is \$7 million.

"We think it's a great new concept and obviously it was received really well," The Stronach Group's Chief Operating Officer of Racing Tim Ritvo commented. "Gulfstream Park has been a brand like The Stronach Group to initiate new thoughts and new beliefs in racing and we hope that we can have an exceptional event."

As for the timing of the race, Ritvo said, "I think it's important to recognize that the placement of this race was not to be disruptive to any other successful series. It's in between the Breeders' Cup and Dubai World Cup and also scheduled before the breeding season."

Ritvo added that talks with networks have begun to nationally televise the event.



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## THURSDAY'S TRACKSIDE REPORT FROM

### PIMLICO *by Steve Sherack*

BALTIMORE, Md. - With owners Paul and Zillah Reddam and trainer Doug O'Neill looking on from the press box porch, there were some brief anxious moments when their unbeaten GI Kentucky Derby winner **Nyquist** (Uncle Mo) went out for his

final gallop at Pimlico following the break Thursday morning.

The 3-5 morning-line favorite for the GI Preakness S. stood calmly with the stable pony and assistant trainer Jack Sisterson by the outer rail near the quarter pole while a loose horse took off.



**Nyquist** | *Sherackatthetrack*

Pimlico apparently doesn't use a siren for situations like this, but lights did flash throughout the oval along the rail to warn riders of the dilemma at hand. Thanks to the heady work of an outrider, the horse was quickly apprehended near the wire before a packed house at Old Hilltop, including several enthusiastic families with young children.

With the sun attempting to find its way out through the clouds on another cool morning, Nyquist was joined on the track by **Collected** (City Zip) and 'TDN Rising Star' **Cherry Wine** (Paddy O'Prado) at around 8:45 a.m.

For Nyquist, it was business as usual after the brief scare, galloping another strong 1 1/4 miles ahead of the big one Saturday with a drone from high above recording his every move.

Collected and Cherry Wine were right behind Nyquist, getting a good rise from the crowd of fans pointing out their yellow Preakness saddle towels as they came down the stretch in succession.

The handsome gray Cherry Wine, a rallying third in the GI Blue Grass S., got his first look at the track after arriving from Kentucky Wednesday afternoon and also schooled in the gate before his 1 1/2 miles of galloping. **Cont. p5**

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*Thursday's Trackside Report from Pimlico cont.*

Lani | Sherackatthetrack

Bob Baffert watched with a large group of media while standing on the track near the gap as his GIII Coolmore Lexington S. hero Collected went about his activities.

The area by the stakes barn was by far the most crowded it has been all week when the temperamental Derby ninth **Lani** (Tapit), fully equipped with black ear muffs and burgundy travel boots, got off the van from his trip down the Turnpike from New York just before 9 a.m. while Nyquist got cleaned up before an adoring large audience. Lani will be housed in an isolation portion of Barn B.

Earlier in the morning, **Fellowship** (Awesome of Course) and **Uncle Lino** (Uncle Mo) were both early risers as the first two Preakness runners to head out for training.

The maiden **Laoban** (Uncle Mo) received more than his share of attention during his trip out at 7:40 a.m. as well, which also included a visit to the starting gate.

Derby runner-up **Exaggerator** (Curlin) walked the shedrow for 30 minutes, a common routine for Keith Desormeaux's operation on a Thursday.

The streaking **Abiding Star** (Uncle Mo), Federico Tesio S. hero via DQ **Awsome Speed** (Awesome Again) and 'TDN Rising Star' **Stradivari** (Medaglia d'Oro) were the final three runners to make it on the grounds Thursday with the big day right around corner. --@SteveSherackTDN

**THURSDAY'S PREAKNESS CHATTER**

*"He was born in my backyard. He's like one of my children. He's got a little Paddy O'Prado personality about him. Paddy was the most personable horse I ever had. He was curious about things. He would holler and scream at other horses--never mean. He'd holler at people when they came into the barn, like he wanted them to come visit with him. And this horse is inquisitive. He's not quite as verbal as Paddy. He's got the ability of Paddy, who didn't run very well in the Preakness, which maybe that's not good. But Cherry Wine is an emerging horse. He's getting better all the time and the race should set up for him."* --Dale Romans on his GI Preakness S. contender & "TDN Rising Star" **Cherry Wine** (Paddy O'Prado)

*"[A wet track is] not going to affect Nyquist. It will affect half of the field. The winner is either going to be completely clean or completely, really dirty. I think my horse definitely has to be up there in the front. There is so much speed. There is quality speed. Uncle Lino is quality, my horse is fast and you've got some other horses that could be fast. The break is going to be the whole key. Nyquist is in a spot down there that if he were to get away slow it could be bad for him, because he could get caught up in the vacuum there. I'm sure they are going to be aggressive with him. I assume that he will be on the lead."*

--Hall of Fame Bob Baffert, who will saddle GIII Coolmore Lexington S. hero Collected (City Zip) in the Preakness.

*"We're crossing our fingers, toes, arms, legs. In terms of coming up against a horse like Nyquist and Exaggerator and these many good horses, it does make you get a bit nervous inside. None of us has a crystal ball to say how he will do. We're just very hopeful. We think he's talented and it's worth trying."*

--John Gunther, breeder & part owner of Preakness contender & "TDN Rising Star" **Stradivari** (Medaglia d'Oro).



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## Black-Eyed Susan Preview cont.

Squeezed out at the start of the Kentucky Oaks, Go Maggie Go was shuffled back and forced to check entering the far turn, but still managed to produce a powerful late rally way out in the center of the track to get up for fourth, just a neck and a head behind Land Over Sea.

Todd Pletcher saddles an interesting runner in Cheyenne Stables' **Kinsley Kisses** (Congrats), who opened her account with a pair of eye-catching victories sprinting in Florida, first at Gulfstream Jan. 16 and then at Tampa Mar. 13. Third behind the undefeated Lightstream (Harlan's Holiday) and GISW Nickname (Scat Daddy) in the seven-panel GIII Adena Springs Beaumont S. Apr. 17, the chestnut tries two turns for the first time here.

Magdalena Racing's **Dothraki Queen** (Pure Prize) gets back on dirt for the first time since last November in this event. Opening her account with a seven-length graduation on the turf last summer, the Ken McPeck trainee followed that with a win in the GII Pocahontas S. on the Churchill main track and was second in the GI Alcibiades S. Running on late to finish a respectable third behind Songbird and Rachel's Valentina (Bernardini) in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Oct. 31, the bay finished fourth, but was promoted to third via DQ in the GII Golden Rod S. Nov. 28 and was a non-factor eighth last time behind Canadian Horse of the Year Catch a Glimpse (City Zip) in Keeneland's grassy GIII Appalachian S. Apr. 14.

## LOCAL HERO TOPS PIMLICO SPECIAL

By Ben Massam

With GII Charles Town Classic winner **Stanford** (Malibu Moon) scratching in favor of the June 11 GI Metropolitan H., local hero

### Page McKenney

(Eavesdropper) may inherit the role of favorite in Friday's GIII Sagamore Spirit Pimlico Special S. Finishing in the trifecta in each of his last 24 starts, the gritty Pennsylvania-bred gelding earned his initial graded stakes success with a rallying



Page McKenney | MJC

tally in the GIII General George S. at Laurel Feb. 15, and recently chased Stanford home in second at Charles Town.

"You can't tire this horse out," co-owner Adam Staple told the Pimlico notes team. "Everyone is texting me back [at trainer Mary Eppler's barn], saying he's just bouncing off the walls, happy as can be. He knows when he does well and is really proud of himself."

John C. Oxley's **Noble Bird** (Birdstone) enters as the most accomplished runner in the field by virtue of his win in the GI Stephen Foster H. at Churchill Downs last June, but the chestnut has gone winless in four subsequent starts. The Mark Casse trainee's 2016 season got off to an inauspicious beginning with a dull sixth-place finish in a Feb. 21 Oaklawn optional claimer, and Noble Bird showed renewed interest when second behind Eagle (Candy Ride {Arg}) in Keeneland's GIII Ben Ali S Apr. 16. **Cont. p7**

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Friday, Pimlico, post time: 4:50 p.m. EDT

**BLACK-EYED SUSAN S.-GII**, \$250,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	A P Majestic	Majestic Warrior	Carrasco	Trombetta	30-1
2	Dothraki Queen	Pure Prize	Leparoux	McPeck	15-1
3	Land Over Sea	Bellamy Road	Gutierrez	O'Neill	2-1
4	Ma Can Do It	Majesticperfection	Albarado	Romans	30-1
5	Go Maggie Go	Ghostzapper	Saez	Romans	5-2
6	She's a Warrior	Majestic Warrior	Stevens	Eurton	6-1
7	Downdraft	Warrior's Reward	Cruz	Lawrence, II	30-1
8	Double Entendre	American Lion	Spieth	Walder	30-1
9	Midnight On Oconee	Midnight Lute	Saez	Jones	15-1
10	Kinsley Kisses	Congrats	Velazquez	Pletcher	6-1
11	In the Navy Now	Midshipman	McCarthy	Trombetta	30-1
12	Flora Dora	First Dude	Alvarado	Coffey	30-1
13	Cced	Curlin	Geroux	Asmussen	15-1
14	Mom's On Strike	First Dude	Rocco, Jr.	Sharp	15-1

**Owners:** 1-Triple Threat LLC, 2-Magdalena Racing, 3-Reddam Racing LLC, 4-Kyle Nagel, 5-Mike Tarp, 6-C R K Stable, 7-Matthew Schera, 8-Looch Racing Stables Inc. & Glenn Ellis, 9-Cottonwood Stables LLC, 10-Cheyenne Stables LLC, 11-R. Larry Johnson & R. D. M. Racing Stable, 12-Coffeepot Stables, 13-LNJ Foxwoods, 14-XYZ Racing & 3C Stable. **Breeders:** 1-Triple Threat LLC, 2-Liberty Road Stables, 3-Jack Swain III, 4-Hargus & Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm LLC, 5-Mike Tarp, 6-T.C. Flounders, 7-Hunter Valley, 8-Dr. Jeff Allen, 9-Cottonwood Stables, LLC, 10-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 11-Greenwood Lodge Farm, Inc., 12-Dizney Double Diamond LLC, 13-Pauline Drazin, 14-Courtney & Chad Meagher.

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### Local Hero Tops Pimlico Special cont.

Noble Bird still has many questions to answer, however, on the heels of a last-place finish in the May 6 GII Alysheba S. at Churchill--a race in which he hesitated at the start and never

settled off an extremely wide trip.

As is the case with Noble Bird, Pozo de Luna Inc., Jose Luis Guerra and Fernando Fantini's **Idolo Porteno (Arg)** (Jump Start) looms as a logical contender if he is granted forgiveness for his



Noble Bird (rail) | Reed Palmer

most recent race, a tiring eighth-place finish over the turf in Keeneland's grassy GII Elkhorn S. Apr. 23. The dark bay, a Group 1 winner on turf and dirt in his native Argentina, made a favorable impression in his North American debut--a third-place run behind Upstart (Flatter) in Oaklawn's GIII Razorback H. Mar. 19. Conditioned by Ignacio Correas IV, who will be making a Maryland homecoming after nearly six years spent as a private trainer for Sagamore Farm, Idolo Porteno signaled his readiness for Friday's tilt with five-furlong breeze in 1:00.80 over the Keeneland main track May 15.

"I've only had this horse for four months, five months," Correas said of Idolo Porteno. "He's still adapting himself to America. We are trying to get to know him better. But I think that he should run a good race."



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## PLENTY OF PACE IN MISS PREAKNESS

by Brian DiDonato

Ten sophomore filly sprinters--many with early zip--line up Friday at Pimlico for the GIII Miss Preakness S. Repole Stable's **Lost Raven** (Uncle Mo) boasts two wins and a runner-up effort at this six-furlong distance, including a score in Laurel's Smart Halo S. last November and second-place finish in that venue's Marshua S. in January. Third when stretched to an extended mile for Aqueduct's Busanda S. Jan. 31, she was fifth in the Busher S. to stablemate Mo d'Amour (Uncle Mo) and cut back to this trip to take the Cicada S. box to wire back in Ozone Park Mar. 26.



Lost Raven | NYRA/Coglianesse

**R Girls a Charmer** (In Summation) was acquired privately by Gary Barber and transferred to Mark Casse from Alfred McIntosh off a romping maiden score at Gulfstream Jan. 2. She ran away with Tampa's Gasparilla S. in her first attempt for new connections Jan. 23, but faded to a distant fourth behind GI Kentucky Oaks one-three finishers Cathryn Sophia (Street Boss) and Lewis Bay (Bernardini) in Gulfstream's one-mile Davona Dale S. Feb. 27. **Cont. p8**

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Friday, Pimlico, post time: 2:39 p.m. EDT

PIMLICO SPECIAL H.-GIII, \$300,000, 3yo/up, 1 3/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Page McKenney	Eavesdropper	Karamanos	Eppler	5-2
2	Stanford	Malibu Moon	SCR	SCR	SCR
3	Savoy Stomp	Medaglia d'Oro	Velazquez	Pletcher	15-1
4	Golden Glint	Medaglia d'Oro	McCarthy	Eppler	10-1
5	Idolo Porteno (Arg)	Jump Start	Geroux	Correas, IV	12-1
6	Hesinfront	War Front	Saez	Romans	15-1
7	Noble Bird	Birdstone	Leparoux	Casse	3-1
8	Warrioroftheros	A. P. Warrior	no rider	Dilodovico	30-1

**Owners:** 1-Adam Staple & Jalin Stable, 2-Stonestreet Stables LLC, Susan Magnier, Michael B. Tabor & Derrick Smith, 3-Team Valor International & Southern Equine Stable LLC, 4-Adam Staple, 5-Pozo de Luna, Inc., Jose Luis Guerra & Fernando Fantini, 6-Frank L. Jones, Jr., 7-John C. Oxley, 8-Richard J. Hackerman. **Breeders:** 1-Dr. James E. Bryant & Linda P. Davis, 2-WinStar Farm, LLC, 3-Southern Equine Stables, LLC, 4-Adena Springs, 5-La Esperanza, 6-Frank Jones, 7-Jack Swain, 8-Richard J Hackerman



**Plenty of Pace in Miss Preakness cont.**

R Girls a Charmer was last seen setting a fast pace en route to a fourth-place run in Keeneland's GIII Adena Springs Beaumont S. over about seven furlongs Apr. 17.

Among those who figure to benefit from heat up front is 7-2 morning-line favorite **Banree** (Macho Uno). Runner-up in last July's GIII Schuylerville S., the Wesley Ward trainee checked in sixth in the GI Spinaway S. in early September. She bounced back to take a Keeneland allowance Oct. 7 over GII Black-Eyed Susan S. runner Midnight On Oconee (Midnight Lute), and was third in the on-mile GIII Tempted S. at Aqueduct Nov. 3. A disappointing sixth as the favorite facing males on the Polytrack in Turfway's WEBN S. Feb. 20, she was fifth of five in a strong running of the 1 1/16-mile GI Ashland S. at Keeneland Apr. 9.

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**Friday, Pimlico, post time: 5:54 p.m. EDT****ADENA SPRINGS MISS PREAKNESS S.-GIII**, \$150,000, 3yo, f, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	She's All Ready	Girolamo	Carmouche	Ryerson	6-1
2	Ultra Brat	Uncle Mo	Ortiz, Jr.	Motion	20-1
3	Right There	Eskendereya	Desormeaux	Desormeaux	12-1
4	Lost Raven	Uncle Mo	Velazquez	Pletcher	5-1
5	Quick Release	Trappe Shot	Castellano	Dini	10-1
6	Moment Is Right	Medaglia d'Oro	Prat	Callaghan	5-1
7	One True Kiss	Warrior's Reward	Leparoux	Asmussen	15-1
8	R Girls a Charmer	In Summation	Saez	Casse	4-1
9	Banree	Macho Uno	McCarthy	Ward	7-2
10	Simple Surprise	Cowboy Cal	Geroux	Asmussen	12-1

**Owners:** 1-Nirvana Stables, 2-Alex G. Campbell, Jr., 3-Big Chief Racing, LLC, Justice, James C. and Shelton, Billy R., 4-Repole Stable, 5-Ballybrit Stable, LLC, 6-Ten Broeck Farm, Inc., 7-J. Kirk & Judy Robison, 8-Gary Barber, 9-Mark Dodson, 10-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC. **Breeders:** 1-Kings and Queens Farm, 2-Alex G. Campbell, Jr. Thoroughbreds, LLC, 3-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 4-Repole Stable, Inc., 5-Colts Neck Stables, LLC., 6-Woodford Thoroughbreds, 7-Pat Murphy, 8-Ocala Stud, 9-Adena Springs, 10-Winchell Thoroughbreds, LLC.

**Friday, Pimlico, post time: 3:44 p.m. EDT****ALLAIRE DUPONT DISTAFF S.-GIII**, \$150,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Theogony	Curlin	Leparoux	Casse	6-1
2	Engaginglee	Fusaichi Pegasus	Saez	Romans	6-1
3	Camille Claudel	Broken Vow	Boyce	Abbott, III	20-1
4	Mei Ling	Empire Maker	Velazquez	Pletcher	3-1
5	Ahh Chocolate	Candy Ride (Arg)	Hernandez, Jr	Howard	5-1
6	Savings Account	Medaglia d'Oro	Rosario	Proctor	7-2
7	America	A.P. Indy	Alvarado	Mott	15-1
8	Joint Return	Include	Carmouche	Servis	12-1
9	Super Majesty	Super Saver	Geroux	Asmussen	15-1
10	Tiger Ride	Candy Ride (Arg)	Prado	Motion	8-1

**Owners:** 1-Conrad Farms, 2-Lichtefeld, Paul A. and Stewart, Jack D., 3-Sycamore Racing II, 4-Barry K. Schwartz, 5-Stoneway Farm, 6-Heider Family Stables LLC & Craig Bernick, 7-Bobby Flay, 8-Main Line Racing Stable, 9-LNJ Foxwoods, 10-Dixiana Farms LLC. **Breeders:** 1-A. Lakin and Sons, Inc., 2-Paul Lichtefeld & Jack Stewart, 3-Gail Cullen & Jeanne Owens, 4-Mr. & Mrs. Larry D. Williams, 5-Stoneway Farm, 6-Dell Ridge Farm, LLC, 7-B. Flay Thoroughbreds, 8-Virginia D. Moore & Include Syndicate, 9-WinStar Farm, LLC, 10-Dixiana Farms LLC

**Sunday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 9:00 p.m. EDT****CALIFORNIAN S.-GII**, \$200,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Crittenden	Distorted Humor	Prat	Harty	120
2	Lieutenant Colonel	Colonel John	Bejarano	Hollendorfer	120
3	Second Summer	Summer Bird	Gutierrez	Eurton	120
4	Point Piper	Giant's Causeway	Garcia	Hollendorfer	120
5	El Huerfano	Tannersmyman	Espinoza	Miller	120
6	Follow Me Crev	Quality Road	Quinonez	Cerin	120
7	Hard Aces	Hard Spun	Lezcano	Sadler	122

**Owners:** 1-Godolphin Racing, LLC, 2-Clarke & Braverman, 3-S. Alesia, Ciaglia Racing LLC or Ferrell, Et Al, 4-Gatto Racing, LLC, Russo or Schlaich, Et Al, 5-Barber or Wachtel Stable, 6-Holly & David Wilson, 7-Hronis Racing, LLC. **Breeders:** 1-Darley, 2-Phil Owens, 3-Richard Shultz, 4-Barronstown Stud, 5-M. A. Douzos, 6-Lynn B. Schiff, 7-Dreamchaser Thoroughbreds.

**TRIO SHARE BULLET AS F-T MIDLANTIC****SHOW CONCLUDES** by Jessica Martini

TIMONIUM, Md - The sun finally shown on Timonium as the three-session under-tack preview of the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale concluded Thursday with a trio of youngsters tying the bullet furlong mark of :10 flat and two juveniles sharing the show's fastest quarter-mile time of :21 2/5.

[Hip 527](#), a filly by Into Mischief, was first to turn in the bullet quarter-mile work of :21 2/5. Out of Firey Glow (Smoke Glacken), she is a half to Panamanian champion Normandia (Scat Daddy). The filly was purchased by Susan Moulton for \$110,000 out of this year's Fasig-Tipton Florida sale and is consigned to the Midlantic auction by Nick De Meric's De Meric Sales.

"That was a super breeze for a nice filly who has trained really well at home on the farm," De Meric said. "She wasn't with us, she was with my friend Danny Pate, and she had been working really well at home and she had a very good prep up here."

Asked if the intention was always to resell the filly later in the spring, De Meric said, "That would be a question for Susan Moulton. But I think at the [Florida sale] she didn't have any clear intentions, it was a little bit of an impulsive move. But when she started coming around in her training, it seemed like there was an opportunity there and she decided to take advantage of it." **Cont. p9**

**F-T Midlantic Show cont.**

A filly by Uncle Mo ([hip 490](#)) tied the [:21 2/5](#) mark later in the session. Consigned by Pike Racing, the dark bay filly is out of Dream Street (Tale of the Cat) and is a half-sister to graded stakes placed Lassofthemohicans (Indian Charlie).

"We thought she was special all winter," said Al Pike. "She's been fun to train--she never had a bad day, she loves her job. We're very excited that she showed up today and breezed well."

The dark bay filly was purchased privately after RNA'ing for \$80,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.

"I bought her privately for a good client of mine from Lafayette, Louisiana named Danny Saloom," Pike said of the filly's ownership. "And Tom VanMeter, the breeder, stayed in and I think he has some partners in her. So it's a group of us."

Justin Casse's Casse Sales sent out its third furlong bullet worker of the show Thursday when [hip 568](#), a filly by First Samurai, worked in [:10 flat](#) during the day's first set. Out of Grand September, the youngster is from the family of Grade I winner Grasshopper.

Also working in [:10 flat](#) during Thursday's first set was [hip 592](#), a daughter of More Than Ready from the Grassroots Training & Sales consignment. The dark bay is out of stakes winner Holly's Way (Seattle Fitz {Arg}).

Scanlon Training & Sales was represented by a [:10 flat](#) worker Thursday in [hip 461](#), a colt by Friesan Fire out of stakes winner Crafty Toast (Crafty Prospector).

The preview show began on a rainy and chilly Tuesday, continued with overcast skies and temperatures in the low 50s Wednesday and concluded with a sunny session and temperatures in the 60s Thursday. In all, six horses worked in [:10 flat](#) during the three-day preview. While the show's fastest quarter-mile time of [:21 2/5](#) was hit twice Thursday, an additional six juveniles worked in the second-fastest time of [:21 3/5](#) throughout the three sessions.

"It was a good week," said Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Sales Director Paget Bennett. "Obviously today was the prettiest day, but I think the track has been pretty even. It could have been a lot worse, luckily it was just kind of a drizzle Tuesday and it was as even as you could expect with what we had. There were [:10 flats](#) throughout the three days."

De Meric, who also had a bullet quarter-mile worker in [hip 112](#), who worked in [:21 3/5](#) Tuesday, agreed the track was fair throughout the week.

"I think the guys up here do a great job with the racetrack," he said. "Obviously, the weather wasn't perfect coming into it, but I think they kept it very safe and pretty consistent over the three days. I really don't think you could have any complaints about the surface."

Of the track condition, Pike added, "It was wet and rainy earlier, but I thought the times were fairly consistent. I thought Fasig and the track crew did a great job. There were fast horses every day."

The Fasig-Tipton Midlantic sale will be held next Monday and Tuesday with sessions beginning daily at 10 a.m.

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## PHILLIP DUTTON JOINS WEST POINT TBS

Olympic level three-day event rider Phillip Dutton has joined the West Point Thoroughbreds partnership group that owns Grade I winner Ring Weekend (Tapit), who returns in Saturday's GI Longines Dixie S. at Pimlico for trainer Graham Motion.

"Phillip and his wife Evie are close friends with Graham and Anita Motion," said West Point Thoroughbreds President Terry



Evie & Phillip Dutton with Ring Weekend

Finley. "At the Thoroughbred Makeover this past fall, Graham mentioned to my daughter Erin that Phillip really likes racing and would love to be involved with a horse like Ring Weekend. We made it happen and are honored to have such a well-respected, successful rider as a part of the West Point family. He's the Angel Cordero of the eventing world. Phillip has campaigned several Thoroughbreds at the highest levels of the sport and shares our commitment to providing retired

racehorses with second careers."

An Australian native, Dutton is based out of West Grove, Pennsylvania and is a dual Olympic and Pan American gold medallist, who has also won the most prestigious eventing competition in North America, the Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event. One of the Thoroughbreds he competes with is MSW Icabad Crane (Jump Start), who Motion campaigned to a third-place finish in the 2008 GI Preakness S. and now owns with his wife.

"I spend a lot of time traveling and competing, but like to spend time at Fair Hill with Graham whenever I can," said Dutton. "It's really neat to be involved with a horse of this caliber trained by Graham. I've worked with a number of Thoroughbreds over the years and this is a great opportunity to get to know more about racing."

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## NEW YORK

### Thursday's Results:

6th-BEL, \$62,000, (S), Alw, 5-19, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.95, ft.

LOVE THAT JAZZ (r, 3, Not For Love--Val's Jazz {MSP, \$145,378}, by Kentucky Jazz) won the Aspirant S. at Finger Lakes as a maiden in September, but was a well-beaten fifth in that track's

Oct. 17 New York Breeders' Futurity before finishing third in Aqueduct's Notebook S. to close out his 2-year-old season Nov. 21. Off at a tick over 2-1 here, the bay broke sharply from the rail and showed the way through a sharp :22.25 opening quarter. Pressed intently by favored Bluegrass Prevails (Bluegrass Cat) past a :45.03 half, Love That Jazz appeared collared at the eighth pole, but gamely stayed on towards the rail to beat back that foe's challenge and earn a half-length tally. The winner is a half to Boowoogeemalia (El Corredor), SW, \$135,661; and Grand Refer (Grand Slam), SW, \$112,850. Sales History: \$57,000 Ylg '14 SARAUG. Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-1, \$153,208. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

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1st-BEL, \$92,500, Msw, 5-19, 2yo, 5f, :58.44, ft.

+STAR EMPIRE (GB) (c, 2, Foxwedge {Aus}--Celestial Empire, by Empire Maker) was last out of the gate at 17-10 in this debut, but quickly recovered to rush up and press 4-5 chalk Fuhrlong (Langfuhr) through a :22.23 first quarter-mile. The two of them opened up in tandem by a wide margin on the turn before Star Empire started to edge away from his pace foe approaching the top of the stretch. He then kicked clear in the lane under mild urging, coming home to score impressively by 6 1/2 lengths. The bay colt is the second winner for his freshman sire (by Fastnet Rock {Aus}), who stands at Newgate Farm and shuttled up to Whitsbury Manor Stud in England. He is one of three Foxwedge colts sent to Wesley Ward's barn by the Bateman family, who raced the Group 1 winner, and will be pointed to a start at Royal Ascot next. His second dam is a half to GSW's Academy Award (Secretariat), Statuette (Pancho Villa) and Good Mood (Devil's Bag). Sales History: 40,000gns Wlg '14 TATFOA. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$50,000. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.



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"We are delighted to partner with Woodford Reserve again and are appreciative of its long-standing commitment to excellence in thoroughbred racing," said Lynn LaRocca, Senior Vice President and Chief Experience Officer for NYRA. "We are proud to offer Woodford Reserve to our guests at Belmont Park and Saratoga Race Course and feature it on our biggest and most prestigious days of the year."

As many as 12,000 "Belmont Jewels," the official cocktail of the Belmont S. made with Woodford Reserve, will be served in souvenir glasses throughout on Belmont day June 11.

"Woodford Reserve is proud to partner with the New York Racing Association in some of the thoroughbred industry's finest races," said Mark Bacon, Woodford Reserve Global Brand Director. "We've had a longstanding place in the horse racing industry, and Woodford Reserve is excited to extend our ties through this affiliation with Belmont Park and Saratoga Race Course."

#### 2015 Belmont S. Wins "Sports Event of the Year":

The New York Racing Association won the *Street & Smith's Sports Business Journal* "Sports Event of the Year" award Wednesday night for the 2015 GI Belmont S. NYRA earned top honors among a premier group of finalists that included Super Bowl 50, the FIFA Women's World Cup Final, Bojangles' Southern 500 and the Mayweather vs. Pacquiao prize fight.

"This honor belongs to all the men and women of the New York Racing Association, who have embraced change and implemented the solutions that made the 2015 Belmont S. the greatest sporting event of the year," said NYRA President and CEO Chris Kay. "I thank our board of directors, who are totally committed to improving the quality of racing and creating significant economic impact--and jobs--throughout New York State. This is a tremendous honor for NYRA and we thank our fans and guests for their continued support."

Launched in 2008, the Sports Business Awards were established by *Sports Business Journal* and *Sports Business Daily* to celebrate and recognize the leaders, visionaries and day-to-day practitioners who personify excellence in the business of sports.

## EASTERN U.S.

#### Wednesday's Late Results:

**8th-MNR, \$28,785, (S), Alw, 5-18, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.41, ft.**

**BULLETS FEVER (c, 3, Fiber Sonde--Ghost Canyon, by Indian Charlie)** broke his maiden against West Virginia-breds on debut in the Charles Town slop Sept. 30, then stepped up to dominate the state-bred Vincent Moscarelli Memorial Breeders' Classic by five lengths there Oct. 10 before closing his 2-year-old season with a neck victory in the open Tri-State Futurity Oct. 31. Making his sophomore bow in the state-bred Coin Collector S. Apr. 23, he took control early and coasted to a four-length score. Off as the 11-10 choice here, the gray colt was first out of the gate and dueled for the lead through splits of :23.10 and :47.14, but widened quickly once turning into the lane and came home a 2 3/4-length victor under wraps. The winner is a full to Hidden Canyon, MSW, \$313,695. Lifetime Record: MSW, 5-5-0-0, \$136,719. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#)

O-David M. Raim; B-John D. McKee (WV); T-Jeff C. Runco.

#### Friday, Pimlico, post time: 4:16 p.m. EDT

**HILLTOP S.**, \$100,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Cowgirl Tough	Silver Tree	Alvarado	Cibelli	20-1
2	Melody Croon	War Chant	Karamanos	Mejia	30-1
3	Look Who's Talking	Cape Blanco (Ire)	Boyce	Graham	30-1
4	Spinamiss (Ire)	Lilbourne Lad (Ire)	Velazquez	Pletcher	9-2
5	Miss Katie Mae (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	I. Ortiz	Motion	5-1
6	Family Meeting	Sky Mesa	Stevens	Proctor	4-1
7	Thundering Sky	Sky Mesa	G. Saez	Weaver	10-1
8	Koala Queen	Lonhro (Aus)	Leparoux	Delacour	10-1
9	Channel Regatta	English Channel	Toledo	Smith	12-1
10	La Piba	Lookin at Lucky	Prado	Correas	20-1
11	Gone Away	Leroidsanmx (Brz)	Geroux	Matz	10-1
12	Morehtanjusthelo	More Than Ready	Castellano	Maker	15-1
13	Princess Princess	Discreet Cat	Centeno	Colebrook	12-1
14	Wessex	Unbridled's Song	Lezcano	Mott	8-1

#### Also Eligible:

15	Lookout Sister	Giant's Causeway	McCarthy	Motion	15-1
16	Lady Oak (Ire)	Arcano (Ire)	L. Saez	Wisner	15-1

## KENTUCKY

#### Thursday's Results:

**4th-CD, \$39,105, Msw, 5-19, 2yo, 4 1/2f, :51.38, ft.**

**+CONQUEST WILDCAT (c, 2, Wildcat Heir--Vee Cee Dancing, by Pulpit)** became the third 2-year-old debut winner for the Mark



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Casse barn at the current Churchill meet with a professional looking score from off the pace. Sent to post at 11-2, the bay colt settled in fifth heading onto the turn, a good half-dozen lengths off the lead. Coming four-wide at the top of the lane, he began to gain momentum passing the furlong pole and blew by the frontrunners late once switching leads to win by 2 1/4 lengths on the line in sharp



Conquest Wildcat | Coady

time. Cool Arrow (Into Mischievous) ran well to be second after getting pinched back in the opening furlong. The winner's second dam is MGSW Wild Heart Dancing (Farma Way), a half-sister to GISW Man From Wicklow (Turkoman). Sales History: \$100,000 Ylg '15 FTKJUL. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$21,960.

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**5th-SA, \$63,205, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 5-19, 3yo/up, 6 1/2ft, 1:14.29, fm.**

**EBADAN (IRE) (g, 3, [Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}](#)--Ebareva {Ire}, by Machiavellian)** was seventh in his career bow over soft turf at Limerick Oct. 10, then was third Nov. 13 and second by a nose Nov. 27 on synthetic at Dundalk before earning his diploma by there on the all-weather surface Jan. 15. Off at 12-1 in this stateside debut, the bay ran in the clear while second-last in the early going and saved ground on the turn while still well out of touch before picking up the pace near the three-sixteenths pole. Still with eight rivals to pass entering the lane, he started to charge at the eighth pole and closed relentlessly in the center of the course to nail leader Zinvor (Tribal Rule) by a nose in the last jump. The winner's dam is a half to Group 1 stakes winners Ebadiyla (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), Edabiya (Ire) (Rainbow Quest), Enzeli (Ire) (Kayhasi {Ire}) and Estimate (Ire) (Monsun {Ger}). Sales History: €85,000 3yo '16 GOFEB. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$46,362. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-David Heerensperger; B-His Highness the Aga Khan's Studs S.C. (IRE); T-Neil D. Drysdale.

**A Shawn Dugan/MAB Agency purchase at GOFES Ire**

**1st-SA, \$56,690, (S), Msw, 5-19, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f, :52.64, ft.**

**+LOVE A HONEYBADGER (f, 2, Bushwacker--Angela's Love {GSW, \$347,145}, by Not For Love)** reeled off three consecutive bullet works at Los Alamitos in preparation for this debut, but was let go at 11-2 and immediately shot to the front, opening clear through a :22.08 quarter-mile. Pressured by My California (Calimonco) on the turn, the two of them hooked up in the stretch, with Love a Honeybadger digging in gamely at the rail to hold sway for a half-length decision. The winner's dam captured the 2004 GIII Gardenia H. at Ellis Park and placed in three other graded stakes. Sales History: \$10,000 Ylg '15 BAROCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$33,600. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-E-Racing.Com, Rod Faurot & Janet Lyons; B-Terry C. Lovingier (CA); T-Brian J. Koriner.

**Santa Anita Announces \$1m Handicapping Tournament Bonus:**

Santa Anita Park has announced a \$1 million bonus to any player who is able to win one of three remaining live money handicapping contests at The Great Race Place, beginning with this weekend's Santa Anita Preakness Challenge, in addition to winning the 2016 Breeders' Cup Betting Challenge at Santa Anita Nov. 4-5.

The remaining Santa Anita handicapping contest schedule is as follows:

--Santa Anita Preakness Challenge, May 21-22.

## Thursday's Results:

**7th-SA, \$65,991, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 5-19, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:08.10, ft.**

**SENSITIVELY (f, 4, [Street Sense](#)--Dressmaker, by Elusive Quality)** blew away the competition in her local February 2015 debut, bounding home a 9 1/4-length winner and earning 'TDN Rising Star' status for the effort. Off the board in her next three starts, she got back on track Feb. 13 with a wire-to-wire score here by 4 1/4 lengths and followed that up with an equally impressive 5 1/2-length front-running romp Apr. 7. Breaking sharply as usual at 1-5 in this spot, the bay filly showed the way through a :21.61 opening quarter under light pressure, then spurred well clear past a sizzling half in :43.98. Under a perfectly still Tyler Baze, she strutted home to win by five easy lengths for her third straight tally. Sales History: \$95,000 RNA Ylg '13 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 7-4-0-0, \$148,210. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Anthony Fanticola and Joseph Scardino; B-John Liviakis (KY); T-Philip D'Amato.

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--Santa Anita Gold Cup Challenge, June 25-26.

--Autumn Handicapping Championship, Oct. 8-9.

In the event that a player wins any of those three contests and the 2016 BCBC, that player would be eligible to win another \$1 million bonus should they go on to win the 2017 NTRA National Handicapping Championship in Las Vegas.

"Santa Anita has an extremely loyal group of players that regularly participate in our live money handicapping contests," said Nate Newby, Santa Anita's Vice President of Marketing.

Players can register now for the Santa Anita Preakness Challenge by calling Annie Gutierrez at (626) 574-6388. The Santa Anita Preakness Challenge (May 21-22) has a \$4,500 buy-in and will have an estimated \$150,000 prize pool, including BCBC and NHC entries.

## INSIGHTS

on the American racing scene

### 1st-CD, \$44K, Msw, 2yo, 4 1/2f, 12:45 p.m. ET

Bernard Schaeffer snapped up **MAXIMUM EDGE** ([Dialed In](#)) for \$160,000 at OBS March after a [:10 flat](#) breeze and she makes her career bow for William Connelly in this spot. The gray's unraced dam is a full-sister to GI Arkansas Derby hero and GI Kentucky Derby third Danza (Street Boss); and a half to GISW millionaire Majestic Harbor (Rockport Harbor). The juvenile, who is the first starter for her freshman sire, enters off a three-panel bullet in :37 3/5 here May 16. [TJCIS PPs.](#)

--Christie DeBernardis

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1-CD, Msw 4 1/2f, +Maximum Edge, \$160K OBS MAR 2yo, 6-1

**EMPIRE WAY** (Empire Maker), Lovacres Ranch, \$5K, 21/1/0

1-SA, Msw 4 1/2f, +Mr Ability, 5-2

**STAR GUITAR** (Quiet American), Clear Creek Stud, \$4K, 41/0/0

1-EVD, Msw 4 1/2f, +Star Rocket, 4-1

**TIGHT GRIP** (Distorted Humor), Sunset Stables, 7/0/0

1-EVD, Msw 4 1/2f, +Good Gosh Gene, \$500 RNA ESL MIX yrl, 4-1

### Second-crop starters to watch: Friday, May 20

Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2012 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/

BlackTypeWnrs \* Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

[ALBERTUS MAXIMUS](#) (Albert the Great), Shadwell Farm, Pvt., 94/8/2

1-CD, Msw 4 1/2f, +Ivy's College Fund, RNA E '16 KEE JAN, 8-1

[AMERICAN LION](#) (Tiznow), Darby Dan Farm, \$5K, 132/13/1

11-PIM, \$250K GII Black-Eyed Susan S., 1 1/8m, Double Entendre, 30-1

**CAPE BLANCO (IRE)** (Galileo {Ire}), JBBA Shizunai Stallion Station, \$17.5K, 259/21/1

10-PIM, \$100K Hilltop S., 1 1/16mT, Look Who's Talking, 30-1

[FIRST DUDE](#) (Stephen Got Even), Double Diamond Farm, \$7.5K, 195/29/1

11-PIM, \$250K GII Black-Eyed Susan S., 1 1/8m, Flora Dora, \$87K FTS AUG yrl, 30-1

11-PIM, \$250K GII Black-Eyed Susan S., 1 1/8m, Mom's On Strike, \$75K OBS APR 2yo, 15-1

[GIROLAMO](#) (A.P. Indy), Darley, \$15K, 150/24/2

13-PIM, \$150K GIII Adena Springs Miss Preakness S., 6f, She's All Ready, \$45K EAS MAY 2yo, 6-1

**IQBAAL** (Medaglia d'Oro), Ward Ranch, \$0, 17/4/0

1-SA, Msw 4 1/2f, +Western Warrior, 4-1

**LILBOURNE LAD (IRE)** (Acclamation {GB}), Rathbarry Stud, \$7.5K, 157/35/0

10-PIM, \$100K Hilltop S., 1 1/16mT, Spinamiss (IRE), 9-2

[LONHRO \(AUS\)](#) (Octagonal {NZ}), Darley, \$30K, 176/19/2

10-PIM, \$100K Hilltop S., 1 1/16mT, Koala Queen, \$60K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 10-1

[TRAPPE SHOT](#) (Tapit), Claiborne Farm, \$10K, 182/27/0

13-PIM, \$150K GIII Adena Springs Miss Preakness S., 6f, Quick Release, \$43K OBS APR 2yo, 10-1

[UNCLE MO](#) (Indian Charlie), Ashford Stud, \$35K, 261/56/13

13-PIM, \$150K GIII Adena Springs Miss Preakness S., 6f, Lost Raven, 5-1

13-PIM, \$150K GIII Adena Springs Miss Preakness S., 6f, Ultra Brat, 20-1

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BlackTypeWnrs \* Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

[CREATIVE CAUSE](#) (Giant's Causeway), Airdrie Stud, \$15K, 86/1/0

1-SA, Msw 4 1/2f, +Will Tell, 10-1

**DIALED IN** (Mineshaft), Darby Dan Farm, \$7.5K, 102/0/0

### IN BRITAIN:

Shabeeb, c, 3, [Smart Strike](#). See "Britain."

### IN FRANCE:

+Deremah, f, 3, [More Than Ready](#). See "France."





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## ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**7th-BEL, \$65,000**, (S), (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 5-19, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:33.84, fm.

**BROTHER O'CONNELL (c, 4, [Giant's Causeway](#)--Shared Dreams {GB} {SW-US & SP-Eng, \$141,698}, by Seeking the Gold)** Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-1, \$139,478. O-Donegal Racing; B-Sarah J. Leigh (NY); T-Thomas Morley. \*\$125,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP.

**8th-BEL, \$65,000**, (S), (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 5-19, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:17.23, ft.

**ZIPPIITY ZOOM (m, 5, [City Zip](#)--Riserva, by Dixie Brass)** Lifetime Record: 11-4-2-1, \$157,860. O-F. Jack Liebau, Sr.; B-Song Hill Thoroughbreds LLC (NY); T-Linda Rice. \*\$47,000 RNA Ylg '12 SARAUG.

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**2nd-CD, \$56,480**, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 5-19, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:08.64, ft.

**W. B. SMUDGE (g, 7, Grand Reward--Beauty Is, by Personal Flag)** Lifetime Record: MSP, 50-13-12-6, \$449,502. O-Robert O'Hara Jr. & Gwyneth Gower; B-World Thoroughbreds Racing Inc. (KY); T-Matt Kordenbrock. \*1/2 to Wayzata Bay (Roar), GSW, \$718,895; and Yournotthebossofme (Johannesburg), SW, \$197,078.

**3rd-WO, C\$49,500**, (S), 5-18, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:36.63, gd.

**SARAH TOGA SAINT (f, 4, [Singing Saint](#)--Halo of Silver, by Halo's Image)** Lifetime Record: 9-2-3-2, \$72,141. O-John Breeze & Steven Owens; B-Harold & Jessie Ladouceur (ON); T-Steve Owens.

**3rd-LAD, \$25,110**, 5-19, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.03, wf.

**SOLAR CHARGE (g, 9, Authenticate--Another Sunlit, by Orbit Dancer)** Lifetime Record: MSW, 71-18-17-14, \$544,339. O-Carolyn R. Barnett and David & Lana Alford; B-Carolyn R. Barnett (TX); T-Ellen Williams.

**5th-LAD, \$24,500**, 5-19, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.45, wf.

**SO SORRY RUSTON (c, 3, Interactif--So Sorry, by The Prime Minister)** Lifetime Record: MSP, 7-3-2-1, \$105,250. O-Terrell Jarrett Jr. and Lara Racing Stables, LLC; B-Neal McFadden (LA); T-Jorge Lara. \*\$2,200 Ylg '14 ESLMIX; \$6,500 2yo '15 TEXAPR. \*\*1/2 to Nubin Ridge (Gold Tribute), MSP, \$420,405.

**4th-CT, \$24,500**, (S), 5-18, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :53.37,

ft.

**PARTY SONG (f, 3, Fiber Sonde--Ladies Party, by Seattle Slew)** Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-1, \$56,312. O-Gary W. Myers; B-John McKee (WV); T-Douglas S. Adams.

**9th-CT, \$24,500**, (S), 5-18, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:20.73, ft.

**FOLLOW THE NOTION (g, 5, Great Notion--Follow the Queen, by Not For Love)** Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-0, \$53,344. O/T-Gary L. Williams, Jr.; B-Gary Williams (WV).

**6th-CT, \$24,000**, (S), 5-18, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 4 1/2f, :52.64, ft.

**CAT COME HOME (g, 3, Fiber Sonde--Kusadasi, by Came Home)** Lifetime Record: 6-2-3-0, \$41,552. O/B/T-John D. McKee (WV).

**8th-CT, \$24,000**, 5-18, (NW2LX), 3yo/up, 4 1/2f, :52.84, ft.

**ON THIS DAY (g, 5, Any Given Saturday--Velvet Throne, by Cox's Ridge)** Lifetime Record: 17-2-2-2, \$49,326. O-Hank Aversa; B-Avalon Farms, Inc. (KY); T-Douglas R. Barron. \*\$3,500 Wlg '11 KEENOV. \*\*1/2 to Grand Velvet Bay (Grand Slam), GSP-SAF.

**4th-BTP, \$23,700**, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 5-19, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.97, ft.

**SHEZA FINE JUSTICE (f, 3, [Regal Ransom](#)--Even Tempo, by Stephen Got Even)** Lifetime Record: 14-4-0-1, \$67,354. O-Charles Lawson; B-Justice Farm & Greg Justice (OH); T-Charles Lawson. \*\$7,000 RNA Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$5,200 Ylg '14 PEDIND.

## ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**End Play**, c, 3, **Cape Blanco (Ire)**--Run Rosie, by Cherokee Run. BEL, 5-19, (C), 7fT, 1:21.22. B-Mary A. Sullivan (KY).

**Completely Bonkers**, g, 3, **Giacomo**--Complete Approval, by With Approval. BEL, 5-19, (C), 7fT, 1:21.18. B-H & E Ranch (FL). \*\$12,000 Ylg '14 OBSWIN; \$15,000 2yo '15 OBSOPN.

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**Ya**, c, 3, **Jump Start**--Lady Chace (SW & GSP, \$252,225), by Tiznow. PEN, 5-19, (S), 1m 70y, 1:44.60. B-Gold Square, LLC (PA).

**Expectaholotmore**, g, 4, **Littleexpectations**--Charlomaine, by Meadowlake. LAD, 5-19, 6f, 1:12.23. B-Easy Acres Performance Horses (LA). \*\$4,000 Ylg '13 ESLYRL.

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