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HUMANE SOCIETY FORMS RACING ADVISORY COUNCIL



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by T.D. Thornton

The potential of federally mandated oversight for the United States horse racing industry and closer scrutiny from national animal welfare organizations have existed on the sport's periphery for years. On Thursday those two concepts edged closer together in the form of a partnership, when the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) announced the creation of a new National Horse Racing Advisory Council (NHRAC), which will be comprised of racing industry stakeholders.

The NHRAC's stated purpose, according to an HSUS press release, will be to "advise the organization on promoting higher animal welfare standards" while "building alliances within the horse-racing industry." But in a teleconference based out of Washington, D.C., both Wayne Pacelle, the president and chief executive officer of the HSUS, and Joe De Francis, the new council's chairperson and former chief executive officer of the Maryland Jockey Club, made it emphatically clear that a foremost goal of the NHRAC will be federal passage of HR 3084, the Thoroughbred Horseracing Integrity Act of 2015.

Pacelle admitted that while his organization has always been interested in the goings-on of the racing industry, direct HSUS involvement with the sport has not been "a top-tier issue" for the past several decades. "But today we're announcing that it's moving up on our priority list, and we are going to provide some considerable focus on this issue," he said. **Cont. p3**

MOHAYMEN RETURNS TO WORKTAB

Shadwell Stable's **Mohaymen** (Tapit) posted his first breeze since finishing fourth in the May 7 GI Kentucky Derby with a three-furlong move in :36.40 at Greentree Training Facility in Saratoga Springs Thursday morning.

"He worked great, galloped out [four furlongs] in :49 and wouldn't have blown out a match," said McLaughlin after watching the gray breeze over Greentree's all-weather surface. "We're on our way to working weekly leading up to his next start."

Mohaymen is scheduled to breeze again down the road at Saratoga Race Course after the main track opens for training July 1. McLaughlin said that his trainee will likely make his next start in either the GI Jim Dandy S. at the Spa July 30 or the GI Betfair.com Haskell Invitational at Monmouth Park July 31, serving as a prep for the GI Travers S. at Saratoga Aug. 27.

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Lava Man, with jockey Corey Nakatani, after winning his third-straight Hollywood Gold Cup in 2007. Saturday marks the third running of the event since it was relocated to Santa Anita. | *Horsephotos*

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Humane Society Forms Racing Advisory

Council (cont. from p1)

In its current bill form, HR 3084's chief aim is to police Thoroughbred medication abuse via the establishment of a federal, non-governmental racing regulatory organization headed by the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA). But since being introduced and assigned to a congressional committee July 16, 2105, the legislation has not advanced.

HR 3084 has generated only mixed support from within the racing industry. The differences of opinion range from slight disagreements over semantics to flat-out resistance that anything needs to be done at all. The National Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association has made it clear that it strongly opposes any attempt to utilize federal simulcasting rights as a cudgel for compliance, and the Association of Racing

Commissioners International has spoken out against any bill that transfers regulatory powers to a private organization, like USADA, that has no experience in testing horses.



Wayne Pacelle | HSUS

"I'm sorry to say that in spite of the efforts of a number of people to try and drive reform, we still have chronic problems within the industry. And one of the biggest problems is doping of horses," Pacelle said. "Different standards for drugs in [38] different states means that [cheaters] are shopping for venues...They're so deeply involved in doping of horses that they are trying to find ways to stay ahead of the regulators." This has led, he said, to "too many horses dying on the track."

Pacelle continued: "We think that a national industry needs a national regulatory framework. If the industry had been able to do this on its own, it could have done it five years ago or 10 years ago or 20 years ago...But I think the industry has proved [to] itself that self-regulation is not happening, and that's why we need the Congress to step in and set a framework."

De Francis gave a graphic analogy of horse mistreatment in racing: Think of all of the positive, compassionate components of the sport as a barrel of fine wine, he said. Next to this barrel of wine is a barrel of sewage, which represents the industry's cheaters, dopers, and animal abusers. You can put a cup fine wine into the sewage, and it still remains sewage, he explained. But if even only a drop of sewage gets into the wine, it's ruined. Thus, he rationalized, not even a tiny amount of mixing between the two barrels can be allowed, lest it contaminate the superior

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product. “I think that story very appropriately describes the situation that we have in the horse racing industry,” he said.

“Any business that has animals at its core must treat those animals well, or it’s going to run into a juggernaut of public opinion that really finds that industry’s conduct objectionable,” Pacelle said. “If animals are not treated properly, then there’s going to be a comeuppance for these industries.”

Yet despite their dire descriptions of racing’s current woes, both Pacelle and De Francis expressed optimism that meaningful legislative reform is within reach for U.S. racing.

“I really see a consensus building on this issue, and I think the outliers on this subject are going to be marginalized over time. I do think that the Congress will act on it,” Pacelle said, noting that he expects a bipartisan Senate companion bill to HR 3084 to be introduced in July.

Pacelle’s assertion that HR 3084 is “picking up good momentum” is backed by statistics currently listed online by GovTrack, a legislative transparency organization that uses logistic regression analysis to rank the likelihood of passage of the 10,000 bills that come up annually in Congress.

As of June 23, GovTrack gives HR 3084 a 10% chance of getting past committee and a 4% chance of being enacted into law. That’s twice the likelihood that GovTrack estimated last July, when committee passage was ranked at only 5% and enactment was just 2%. (As a benchmark, GovTrack notes that in 2013-15, roughly 15% of all bills made it past committee, and only about 3% were enacted.)



Jim Gagliano | *Horsephotos*

When queried by a reporter specifically about Lasix, De Francis later made it clear that “the use of the term ‘doping’ refers to both the use of illegal drugs as well as the use of medications that are

perhaps therapeutic in some sense, but also can be performance-enhancing and potentially health threatening.”

Beyond the advancement of anti-doping legislation, De Francis outlined other roles that the NHRAC might play.

“I would divide the council’s responsibilities into what I would describe as ‘proactive issues’ and ‘reactive issues,’” De Francis said. “On the proactive front, the council will be very proactive with HSUS affirmatively in addressing things like medication reform, horse slaughter, aftercare issues. But the council will also be reactive in the sense that to the extent that as new issues arise over the course of time, as I’m sure they will, then



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the council will act in an advisory role with HSUS to help to figure out what the best possible answers are.”

Pacelle agreed: “As Joe has indicated, we really want to see people who have horses providing lifetime care to them.”

Other members of the NHRAC were listed in a press release but did not speak at the teleconference. They included:

- Jim Gagliano, President & Chief Operating Officer of The Jockey Club.
- Stacie Clark-Rogers, an operations consultant Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance.
- Chris McCarron, a retired Hall-of-Fame jockey who is well established as a mentor for aspiring riders.
- Allen Gutterman, a marketing and public relations executive in racetrack management for over 40 years.
- Joe Gorajec, who for 25 years served as the executive director of the Indiana Horse Racing Commission.
- Staci Hancock, who often advocates for equine welfare and anti-slaughter issues and whose family operates Stone Farm in Kentucky.

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Mohaymen Returns to Worktab (cont. from p1)

Purchased for \$2.2 million as a Keeneland September yearling, Mohaymen won the first five starts of his career--four of which were Grade II events. Following a win in the Feb. 27 GI Lambholm South Fountain of Youth S., he finished a dull fourth in the GI Xpressbet.com Florida Derby Apr. 2. The colt's Derby fourth-place finish represented a significant bounce back from that effort.



Mohaymen | A. Coglianesse

“Mohaymen went home [to Shadwell’s farm in Kentucky] right after the Derby, just for a once over,” McLaughlin said. “He was fine--a clean bill of health. We were never going to go to the [June 11 GI] Belmont S. He’s doing great and pointing for the Jim Dandy-Travers. We might look at the Haskell, we’ll see, but that’s the weekend we’re looking at.”

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RISING STAR ‘READY’ FOR NEXT STEP

Sagamore Farm’s **Recruiting Ready** (Algorithims) earned ‘**TDN Rising Star**’ status after running off to win by 10 1/4 lengths in his May 28 unveiling at Pimlico and has been training forwardly in the weeks following that effort, trainer Horacio De Paz reported Thursday. The bay has breezed twice since his initial victory, most recently posting a bullet five-furlong move in 1:00.40 (1/22) at Laurel June 18.



Recruiting Ready | MJC

“He’s doing really good,” De Paz said. “He came out of his race like he didn’t even run. He was quite full of himself and we’re very happy with everything, how he looks and what he’s done. He’s actually moving

forward on his own without us necessarily pressuring him to get ready for anything.”

De Paz added that a decision would be made about the Recruiting Ready’s next start after he breezes at Laurel this weekend. The colt is under consideration for the six-furlong GIII Bashford Manor S. at Churchill Downs July 2.

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“We’re going to look at that,” De Paz said of the traditional juvenile fixture at the Churchill Spring Meet. “He’ll have one more work this weekend and then we’ll decide. He worked really good this past weekend and really doesn’t need much at all. He’s pretty much ready to go. We just have to see how things look afterward and decide if we want to go there. He’s pretty legit. He’s a serious racehorse.”

De Paz said that he also has high hopes for the unraced juvenile filly Riley’s Choice (Distorted Humor). The homebred filly recently drilled four furlongs from the gate in :49 flat (2/16) at Laurel June 19.

“She’s close,” De Paz concluded. “She’s within the next two to three weeks, for sure. Recruiting Ready kind of set the bar really high for us, but she’s pretty competitive.”



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NYQUIST TO WORK ON GOLD CUP DAY

Reddam Racing's champion and GI Kentucky Derby hero **Nyquist** (Uncle Mo), beaten just once in eight career starts, will work five furlongs prior to the first race at Santa Anita Saturday, trainer Doug O'Neill said Thursday. The bay will come onto Santa

Anita's main track at approximately 3:45 p.m. ET, before the day's first post of 4:30 p.m. ET.

"It's [GI] Gold Cup Day at Santa Anita and Paul [Reddam] feels like this is a great opportunity to



Nyquist | *Coady photo*

share Nyquist with all of our fans and to help promote the sport," said O'Neill. "The horse is doing tremendous. He worked a half mile last Friday and the timing for this work is perfect. Mario [Gutierrez] is going to breeze him and we'll let him gallop out an extra eighth."

Last Friday, Nyquist posted his first breeze since finishing third in the GI Preakness S. May 21, covering four furlongs in :48.60 (15/32) at Santa Anita. O'Neill told the *TDN* Monday that he would watch how Nyquist trained in the coming days before reaching a decision with Reddam about a goal race for the summer season.

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UMAROV GRANTED STAY IN 10-YEAR SUSPENSION *by T.D. Thornton*

A Kentucky court has ruled that trainer Otabek Umarov can have a stay of suspension in his 10-year banishment by the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC) for allegedly violating out-of-competition testing rules and possessing hypodermic needles.

The Franklin Circuit Court clerk's office confirmed via phone late Thursday afternoon that a restraining order had been granted in response to a complaint filed by Umarov, but the clerk did not have immediate access to the case file to share a copy of the ruling with the *TDN*.

Earlier in the day, *The Blood-Horse* reported that Judge Phillip Shepherd ruled that Umarov can continue to train horses until his case is adjudicated via the appeals process or until the court rules otherwise on a motion for a temporary injunction. But the article further reported that in a separate action brought by Churchill Downs (and not the KHRC), Umarov has been banned from the Louisville track. Thursday's ruling affects only the status of his licensure, and not Umarov's privilege of accessing Churchill's private property.

According to *Daily Racing Form*, Umarov's KHRC suspension stems from his alleged refusal to allow out-of-competition testing on one of his Churchill-based horses in April, then ordering a stable worker to covertly remove that horse from the grounds. As part of the investigation, commission employees allegedly also found four loaded syringes in a search of Umarov's vehicle. The KHRC has since denied Umarov's requests for stays of the suspension and his \$10,000 fine.

According to a portion of the judge's ruling quoted in the *Form*, "The court finds that imposition of the penalty prior to completion of the administrative appeal process would inflict immediate and irreparable injury on the plaintiff, and that the balance of the equities and the public interest support the right of the plaintiff to complete his due-process appeal rights before being subjected to the hardship of losing his ability to earn a living through his licensed activities."

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NEW YORK

Thursday's Results:

7th-BEL, \$85,000, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 6-23, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:39.11, fm.

ROBILLARD (f, 4, [Distorted Humor](#)--Magnificence {GSW, \$163,738}, by Stormy Atlantic) went two-for-two in her initial

grass attempts last spring before producing a pair of eighth-place efforts at Saratoga, in the GII Lake George S. July 24 and in an optional claimer Aug. 30. Registering a powerful 5 1/4-length wire-to-wire allowance score at Keeneland Oct. 7, the chestnut closed out her sophomore campaign by finishing 12th in the GII Mrs. Revere S. at Churchill Nov. 14. Stretching out to 11 furlongs in the GII Sheepshead Bay over this course May 7, she set the pace before fading to finish third. Sent off at 23-10 here, Robillard broke sharply from the outside post and immediately went to the front, setting a moderate quarter-mile split of :24.09. The pace quickened significantly in the second quarter to the tune of a :46.85 half and she arrived at the head of the stretch under pressure after six furlongs in 1:10.07. Digging in gamely to fend off the two-pronged challenge of favored Itsonlyactingdad (Giant's Causeway) and Miss Chatelaine (Pulpit), the Godolphin colorbearer held on late for a neck decision. The victress's Grade III-winning dam, who sold for \$1 million at the Fasig-Tipton fall sale in 2008, has a 2-year-old Distorted Humor colt named Magoffin, a yearling filly by Street Cry (Ire) and produced a Candy Ride (Arg) filly this term. Lifetime Record: 9-4-0-1, \$193,360. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Godolphin, LLC; B-Darley (KY); T-Kieran P. McLaughlin.

Equine Advocates to Honor Jonathan Sheppard at Dinner:

Hall of Fame trainer Jonathan Sheppard will be among those honored at Equine Advocates Horse Rescue's annual awards dinner at Canfield Casino in Saratoga Springs July 29, the organization announced Thursday. Equine Advocates will also be celebrating its 20th birthday, as well as the 15th anniversary of the event being held in Saratoga Springs.

Sheppard was inducted into the National Museum of Racing's Hall of Fame in 1990. He will be honored by Equine Advocates with the Ellen & Herbert Moelis Safe Home Equine Protection Award for his humane treatment of race horses. The Moelis family were the very first recipients of this award for founding Thoroughbred Charities of America with the late Allaire du Pont. They issued this joint statement about Sheppard:

"Here is a Hall of Fame trainer who obviously knows how to be successful in training a horse to win important races, but is also dedicated to the welfare of the horse. Jonathan is focused on the aftercare and future career for retired Thoroughbreds. He also has been in the forefront in the industry effort to eliminate drugs in racing. Jonathan Sheppard is a very respected and important voice in any industry effort."

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Thursday's Results:

7th-PIM, \$42,000, Alw, 6-23, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5f (off turf), :58.75, ft.

CLASS EDGE (f, 3, Indygo Shiner--Swift and Classy {SW}, by Clever Trick) finished third in a pair of Presque Isle maiden heats to start her career, then graduated there by 1 1/4 lengths Sept. 14 in her 2-year-old finale. Returning at this distance on the local turf June 5, she sprinted clear early, but blew the turn before re-rallying to finish second, only to get disqualified to eighth for her erratic route. Given a 27-10 chance in this off-the-turf affair, the bay came away well and stalked the pace from a close-up second, well ahead of the rest of the field. Taking over from the leader nearing the top of the lane, she kicked clear into the stretch and held sway under a drive for a 2 1/2-length tally. Sweet Sway (Freud) was up in the last jump for second. The winner is a half to Rydilluc (Medaglia d'Oro), GSW, \$488,777 and Gold Wonder (Golden Missile), MSW, \$188,878. Sales History: \$12,000 RNA Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$37,000 RNA 2yo '15 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-2, \$49,440. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Olin B. Gentry & Equine Prep; B-Fieldcrest (KY); T-Dale Capuano.

4th-DEL, \$34,125, Msw, 6-23, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:05.00, ft.

+YOU KNOW TOO (f, 2, Colonel John--Palais Versailles, by Pulpit) took some early money for this debut before drifting up to 9-2 by post and broke on top from the outside stall. Opening up a clear lead through a :22.34 quarter-mile, the bay coasted past a :46.03 half and was never threatened in the lane, bounding home by six lengths for an impressive first-out score. Myositis Mystique (Haynesfield) got place honors. The winner's second dam is MGISW Versailles Treaty (Danzig), who produced 2012 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf hero George Vancouver (Henrythenavigator) and GSW/GISP Saarland (Unbridled). Palais Versailles is responsible for a yearling colt by Bodemeister. Sales History: \$56,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$20,400. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

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8th-PIM, \$42,520, Msw, 6-23, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:47.51, ft.

WINTER (f, 3, [Awesome Again](#)--Down {GISP, \$184,559}, by Mr. Greeley) failed to lift a hoof after acting up in the gate of her Delaware debut last September, but showed good speed to miss by just a half-length going nine panels in a sloppy off-the-turfer at Laurel May 6. Seventh over 10 grass furlongs at Belmont June 3, the \$95,000 FTFMAR juvenile was favored at 9-10 here. Hung very wide into the first turn, the grey sat three deep in midpack down the backside. Still in hand as she asserted turning for home, Winter cruised away from her competition to don cap and gown by 6 1/2 lengths. Head Games (Warrior's Reward) was second. The winner has an unraced full-brother named Hoppin' Mad, a yearling half-brother by More Than Ready and a weanling half-brother by Exchange Rate. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$31,700. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Matthew Schera; B-Adena Springs (KY); T-James L. Lawrence, II.

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"Blu Grotto continues our commitment to building an expansive entertainment destination at one of New Jersey's most recognizable landmarks, Monmouth Park," said Dennis Drazin, advisor to Darby Development LLC, operators of the racetrack. "This new restaurant offers a unique dining experience, as it offers views of the iconic picnic area and the top of the homestretch."

The restaurant will be open six days a week--Tuesday through Sunday--for dinner, with an eventual expansion into the lunch hour. For more information visit BluGrottoNJ.com.

FLORIDA

Thursday's Results:

6th-GP, \$50,000, Msw, 6-23, 2yo, f, 5f, :58.92, ft.

LIRICA (f, 2, [Kantharos](#)--Romantic Surprise, by Purge) was a bit slow to get going in her June 3 track-and-trip debut, but finished with interest to be second and galloped out strongly past the wire. Bet hard late to 7-5 favoritism here, the chestnut again

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found herself near the back of the field and being urged to keep up. Continuing to be hard-ridden while saving ground in fifth, about a half-dozen lengths behind a :22.28 quarter-mile, Lirica began to pick up steam nearing the top of the lane, collared leader Mia (Put It Back) just outside the sixteenth marker and drew away strongly to a four-length success over that rival. Sales History: \$12,000 Ylg '15 OBSWIN; \$20,000 Ylg '15 OBSAUG. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$41,800. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

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Thursday's Results:

2nd-CD, \$44,434, Msw, 6-23, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:04.63, sy.
JERSEY STREET (c, 2, Maimonides--Flattered, by Saint Ballado) made every yard in his Apr. 27 debut except the final one, getting nailed in the last jump at Keeneland. Next time out, he dueled early and opened a clear stretch lead May 19 at Churchill before being overwhelmed late and checking in third. Showing blazing speed once again, the dark bay rattled off splits of :22.34 and :45.87, began to get leg-weary in the final furlong but held gamely this time to prevail by a half-length. One of a Kind (Lemon Drop Kid) came on late to get his nose down for second. The winner's dam has a Flat Out yearling colt named Flawtess and foaled a Real Solution filly this season. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$42,300. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Michael A. Pietrangelo; B-Mike Pietrangelo (KY); T-Michael A. Tomlinson.

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Thursday's Results:

3rd-SA, \$56,345, Msw, 6-23, 2yo, f, 5f, :57.26, ft.
+CHALON (f, 2, Dialed In--Fall Fantasy, by Menifee) had been working well at trainer Peter Miller's San Luis Rey base, firing a :48 bullet half-mile June 1 and following that up with a bullet five furlongs in 1:00 2/5 from the gate June 8. Dismissed at 9-1



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with Jerry Hollendorfer debutante Unique Bella (Tapit) getting slammed down to 1-5, the bay broke sharply and showed the way through a :22.32 quarter-mile while pressured by You Missed It (Lookin At Lucky). Those two arrived at the top of the lane on even terms, but Chalon cut the corner nicely and quickly spurred away from that foe, then held well in the final furlong to score by 2 1/4 lengths on the line. Unique Bella was away last and made a wide move on the turn before getting up to complete the exacta. The victress is the second winner for her freshman sire (by Mineshaft). Her dam is a half to SW & GSP Boston Park (Boston Harbor), while her second dam is a half to MGSW & MGISP Red Attack (Alydar) and GISW Patches (Majestic Light). Sales History: \$32,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT; \$110,000 2yo '16 BARMAR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$33,600. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Rockingham Ranch; B-J. K. & Linda Griggs (KY); T-Peter Miller.

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4-CD, Msw 5 1/2f, +Go Glam, \$280K OBS APR 2yo, 7-2
TO HONOR AND SERVE (Bernardini), Gainesway Farm, \$30K, 97/1/0
 4-CD, Msw 5 1/2f, +Clever Serve, \$10K FTK OCT yrl, 12-1
UNION RAGS (Dixie Union), Lane's End Farm, \$35K, 106/2/0
 4-CD, Msw 5 1/2f, +Dynamic Union, \$40K OBS APR 2yo, 10-1

Second-crop starters to watch: Friday, June 24

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2012 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available) Please note: from Jan. 1-Apr. 30 all starters will be listed here. From June 1-Dec. 31, only offspring that are first-time starters or starting in a stakes race will be listed here.*

CUSTOM FOR CARLOS (More Than Ready), Clear Creek Stud, \$3K, 88/20/1
 7-LAD, Msw 5fT, +Flying Carlos, 6-1
GIANT SURPRISE (Giant's Causeway), Rockridge Stud, \$3.5K, 39/8/2
 1-MTH, Msw 5 1/2f, +Return of a Giant, 6-1
ICE BOX (Pulpit), Millennium Farms, \$7.5K, 141/17/1
 7-LAD, Msw 5fT, +Fridge Box, 6-1

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-WO, C\$69,833, 6-22, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:09.65, ft.
SMART SPREE (g, 5, Smart Strike--Celebrate, by Rahy) Lifetime Record: 20-4-3-0, \$150,841. O-Solo Racing Ltd.; B-George Strawbridge (ON); T-Vito Armata. *1/2 to Occasional View (Silver Deputy), GSW, \$455,682; and Lucky Lindy (Harlan's Holiday), MGSW, \$276,571.

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8th-BEL, \$65,000, (S), (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 6-23, 3yo/up, 7fT, 1:20.41, fm.
RUNAWAY POSSE (g, 5, Posse--Runaway Zia, by Runaway Groom) Lifetime Record: 16-3-5-2, \$221,665. O-Wachtel Stable & George J. Kerr, George; B-Edition Farm (NY); T-William I. Mott. *\$32,000 Wlg '11 KEENOV; \$25,000 Ylg '12 FTKOCT; \$40,000 2yo '13 OBSAPR.

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2nd-SA, \$61,000, (S), (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 6-23, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:03.55, ft.
FANTASY OF LUCK (f, 3, Lucky Pulpit--Fantasy Rocks, by Rock Hard Ten) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$68,000. O-Karl Watson, Michael E. Pegram & Paul Weitman; B-Steve & Maria Pavich (CA); T-Bob Baffert. *\$40,000 Ylg '14 BAROCT; \$180,000 2yo '15 BARMAR.

First-crop starters to watch: Friday, June 24

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2013 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

ALGORITHMS (Bernardini), Claiborne Farm, \$7.5K, 88/2/0
 4-IND, Msw 5fT, Radiantrithym, \$8K FTK OCT yrl, 12-1
BODEMEISTER (Empire Maker), WinStar Farm, \$30K, 131/1/1
 6-CD, Msw 5 1/2f, +Truthful, 3-1
CROSSBOW (Bernardini), Valor Farm, \$1.5K, 14/0/0
 5-LS, Msw 5f, +Stormy Crossing, 8-1
DIALED IN (Mineshaft), Darby Dan Farm, \$7.5K, 102/2/0
 6-CD, Msw 5 1/2f, +Dial Me, \$9K FTK OCT yrl, 15-1
EXCELEBRATION (IRE) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Coolmore Stud, \$22.5K, 104/2/0
 4-IND, Msw 5fT, Costa Esmeralda, 5-2
TAPIZAR (Tapit), Gainesway Farm, \$15K, 100/4/0
 4-CD, Msw 5 1/2f, Honey Bunny, \$82K KEE SEP yrl, 4-1
 6-CD, Msw 5 1/2f, +Star Quest, \$37K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 15-1

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5th-WO, C\$49,100, (S), 6-22, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.57, ft.

LUNAR LIGHT (g, 6, Where's the Ring--Moonlite Walk, by Migrating Moon) Lifetime Record: 21-4-4-5, \$137,309. O-Mark Fournier & Christopher McEachern; B-Paul Buttigieg (ON); T-Mark Fournier. *C\$60,000 RNA Ylg '11 CANSEP. **1/2 to Dreamy Moonlite (Dance to Destiny), MSP, \$256,011.

2nd-WO, C\$47,500, (S), 6-22, (NW1X), 3yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:11.97, ft.

PURE PURITY (f, 3, Perfect Soul {Ire}--Ritta, by Rizzi) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$49,529. O-Danny M. Lococo & M. Biamonte; B-Ralph Biamonte (ON); T-Ralph J. Biamonte. *1/2 to Citius (Old Forester), MSW, \$564,888; and Flashy Margarita (Bold n' Flashy), MSW, \$362,767.

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6th-DEL, \$46,000, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 6-23, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44.73, ft.

WARRIOROFHEROSES (g, 7, A. P. Warrior {SW, \$129,840}--Miss Savannah Rose, by Strategic Mission) Lifetime Record: GSP, 40-9-3-6, \$392,561. O/B-Richard J Hackerman (NY); T-Damon R. Dilodovico.

7th-DEL, \$38,250, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 6-23, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.64, fm.

AMIZZEN GRACE (f, 4, Yes It's True--Kinetic Force, by Holy Bull) Lifetime Record: 10-3-3-1, \$97,810. O-Haymarket Farm LLC; B-B. P. Walden Jr. & Dr. John Sullivan (KY); T-Arnaud Delacour. *\$52,000 Wlg '12 FTKNOV; \$65,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Enforce (Kalanisi {Ire}), SW & GSP-Eng, \$107,353.

3rd-PEN, \$33,300, (S), 6-22, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:41.69, ft.

MONBA MIA (g, 5, Monba--Emma Momenta, by Rahy) Lifetime Record: 34-4-3-7, \$146,562. O-Kazdan Racing Stables; B-Vintage Thoroughbreds (PA); T-Hubert Gaffney.

8th-EVD, \$30,000, (S), 6-22, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40.22, ft.

DEVIL'S BACKBONE (m, 5, Lone Star Special--Nasranian Devil, by Silver Ghost) Lifetime Record: SP, 17-3-7-1, \$83,935. O/B-Tigertail Ranch (LA); T-Danny Pish.

6th-PID, \$27,720, (S), 6-22, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:04.63, ft.

JUST TOO MUCH (f, 4, Coastal Storm--Just Not Enough, by Sultry Song) Lifetime Record: 10-4-0-4, \$48,480. O-Sycamore Lane Stable; B-William Joseph Solomon (PA); T-Teresa Connelly.

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7th-CT, \$27,000, (S), 6-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:26.96, ft.
RED HOT DIVA (m, 6, Devon Deputy--Sweet Music {MSW, \$176,587}, by Melodisk) Lifetime Record: MSW, 27-13-8-0, \$350,500. O/B-Naomi R. Long (WV); T-Ollie L. Figgins, III.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+Fort Pulaski, c, 3, Any Given Saturday--Jazzwithcandy, by Jambalaya Jazz. EVD, 6-22, (S), 6f, 1:11.93. B-Tigertail Ranch (LA).

Big Blue Forever, c, 3, Bluegrass Cat--Laca, by Cherokee Run. IND, 6-22, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:46.21. B-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey (KY). *1/2 to Chief Kitten (Kitten's Joy), SW, \$106,637.

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Little Punches, f, 3, Charitable Man--Scottish Punch, by My Boy Adam. CT, 6-22, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:23.44. B-James W. Casey (WV).

Desi Dublin, f, 3, Dublin--Wacissa, by Boundary. PIM, 6-23, 1 1/16m, 1:47.54. B-Highland Meadows Farm Inc (PA). *\$2,000 Ylg '14 EASSEP. **1/2 to Courting Seattle (Doneraile Court), SW, \$163,288.

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Eskenformore, f, 3, Eskendereya--Madel (SP, \$108,890), by More Than Ready. LAD, 6-23, (S), 1mT, 1:38.10. B-Sugarland Thoroughbred, LLC (LA).

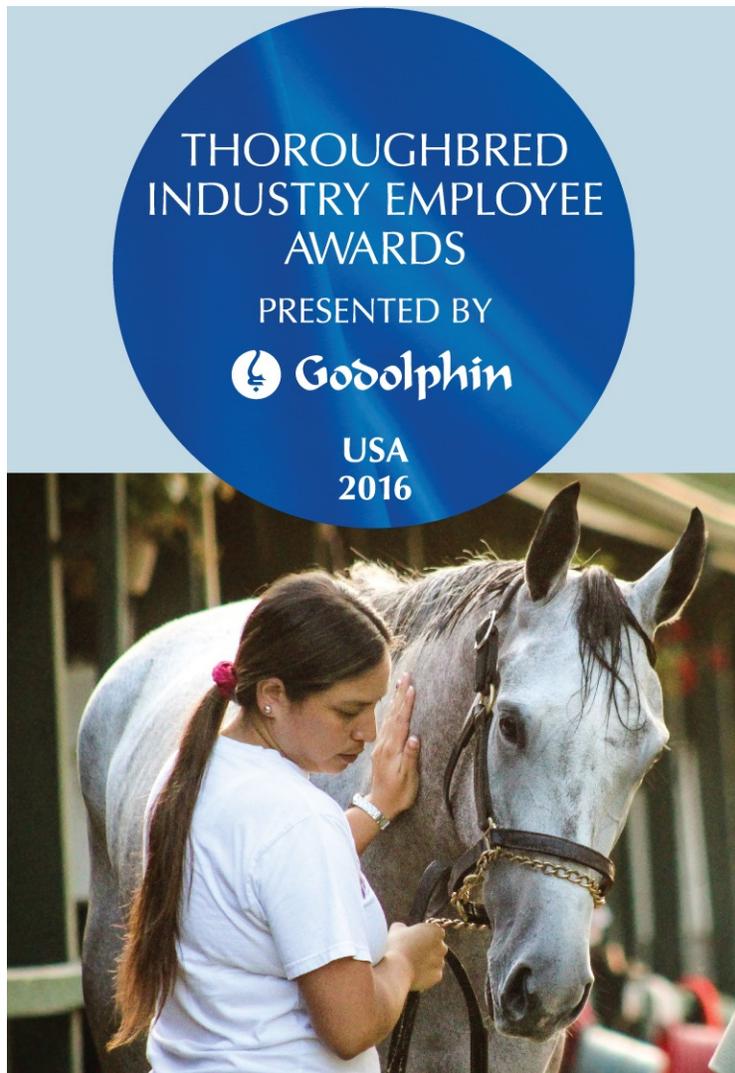
G G Flag, c, 3, Flagship--Coqui, by Fusaichi Pegasus. BTP, 6-23, (S), 6f, 1:09.56. B-Larry Byer (OH). *\$29,000 RNA Ylg '14 FTKOCT. **1/2 to Dirt Monster (Line of David), MSW, \$289,088.

Already Dancing, f, 3, Ready's Image--A Day for Dancing (SW, \$164,763), by Dance Master. EVD, 6-22, 5fT, :56.76. B-Dream Walkin' Farms, Inc. (OK).

Undercutter, c, 4, Grand Slam--Stephan's Angel (SW & GSP), by Crypto Star. BEL, 6-23, (C), 7fT, 1:21.49. B-Buck Pond Farm, Inc. (KY). *\$50,000 Ylg '13 FTKOCT; \$120,000 2yo '14 FTFMAR.

Coca Inn, f, 4, Old Forester--Truly Noble, by Awesome Again. WO, 6-22, (C), 6fT, 1:08.79. B-Doris Carey (ON). *C\$2,500 Ylg '13 CANSEP.

Pleasure Cruise, f, 4, Pleasantly Perfect--Search the Sea (SW, \$176,635), by Seeking the Gold. BEL, 6-23, (S), (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:42.83. B-Harry L. Landry & Duncan Lloyd (NY). *\$40,000 Ylg '13 SARAUG. **1/2 to Atlantic Fury (Wild Again), SW, \$274,389.



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CASTLEFARM STUD A THRIVING FAMILY AFFAIR



Castlefarm Stud resident Lady Karr with her Sea The Stars colt

Story and photos by Emma Berry

Few people will be looking forward to the return of the dual Group 1-winning juvenile Shalaa (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) more than his breeders Mark Gittins and Aisling Kinane.

The young couple first set eyes on each other at Newmarket on the day Aisling's father, Mick, rode Sea The Stars (Ire) to the first of his six top-flight wins in the G1 2000 Guineas, a few months after Shalaa's dam, Ghurra (War Chant), had been bought from the Tattersalls December Sale by the Gittins family. Two years later, the 100 acres of prime Kildare land that comprises Castlefarm Stud would become home to them and, along the way, their sons MJ, four, and Jack, who is almost two, as well as 22 broodmares and their offspring.

"We've been here since January 2011 and we have plans to expand one day," explains Gittins. "Our broodmare band is increasing all the time and we have a few fillies in training at the moment that we hope to add to the band. We have around 22 mares on the farm, which is a good number, but it would be nice to keep refreshing the pedigrees and trying to improve the stock."

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TIARA UP FOR THE TAKING AT EAGLE FARM

Saturday's G1 Sky Racing Tattersall's Club Tiara S. at Eagle Farm is the final Group 1 of the season in Australia, and therefore represents the last chance for the 16 fillies and mares assembled to secure all-important Group 1 black-type before the Southern Hemisphere calendar changes. **Azkadellia (NZ)** (Shinko King {Ire}) already hit that mark when taking the G1 Queen Of The Turf S. at The Championships at Randwick Apr. 9, one week removed from her third-place finish behind Winx (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}) in the G1 Doncaster Mile, but the 4-year-old's Queensland winter campaign has not been straightforward thus far. The 4-year-old came from last to grab second in the G1 Doomben 10,000 May 28, but was just 10th of 18 two weeks ago in the G1 Stradbroke H. over this track and trip. She was running over what was deemed the worst part of the track, the inside, on that occasion, and she is back against her own gender here in an attempt to rebound. **Cont. p13**

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Castlefarm Stud A Thriving Family Affair Cont. from p1

The vast paddocks skimmed by high, established hedgerows are lime green after a wet Irish spring which has given way to the most glorious of summer days to coincide with the *TDN* visit in early June. Over the last five years, the stud facilities have been enhanced by the addition of a five-furlong oval gallop in a far tree-lined field, alongside a smart yard to house the horses for breaking and pre-training to offer an extra element to the breeding farm.

The statuesque Ghurra quite rightly acts as if she's the queen of the farm as she stands with an imperious look, allowing visitors to approach her but displaying a cool detachment from the sudden entourage in the field she shares with two other mares she clearly feels to be her inferiors. She has no foal at foot this year but she is back in foal to Invincible Spirit, who lives handily close by at the Irish National Stud.

"The plan would be to continue to breed her to him as long as we can," says Gittins, who adds that Ghurra's yearling filly from the final crop of High Chaparral (Ire) will head to Book 1 of the Tattersalls October Sale. The bay will be consigned under the Norris Bloodstock banner by Liam and Jenny Norris, who have



Ghurra, the dam of Shalaa

become friends with the couple since Liam bought Shalaa from them as a foal.

"We're obviously delighted to have Ghurra and we'd like to have a few more like her now--we just need to find the next Shalaa. You need to keep evolving as horses can be quickly forgotten."

It's unlikely, however, that Gittins and Kinane will forget him in a hurry, their faces lighting up as they recall Shalaa's first group win, in the G2 Arqana July S., almost a year ago.

"No one was stopping us that night I can tell you, there was plenty of celebrating in Newmarket," says Gittins with a grin. A follow-up Group 2 victory in the Qatar Richmond S. paved the way to back-to-back Group 1 successes for Shalaa in the Darley Prix Morny and Juddmonte Middle Park S.

The Al Shaqab star ended the 2015 season as the highest-rated juvenile in Britain, behind only Air Force Blue (War Front) in the European rankings. A fractured pelvis has kept him off the track for the early part of 2016 but his trainer John Gosden has indicated that he hopes to have him back in action for some of the later-season sprints.

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Shalaa's breeders increased their interest in the family by buying Ghurra's half-sister Alkhawarah (Intidab) at the Tattersalls July Sale in 2011 and her first foal, Oceanus (Ire), (Born To Sea {Ire}), was third on his debut at Newbury behind Frankel's eye-catching first winner Cunco (GB).



Lady Springbank and her Galileo filly

Giving Ghurra a serious run for her money in the race to be the favourite mare in the Castlefarm paddocks is the lovely grey Lady Springbank (Ire) (Choisir {Aus}), who was bred by Mark's mother Maura and won a pair of Group 3 races in Ireland in her son's silks. A further family collaboration has seen her benefit from a Galileo foal-share with Mick Kinane--who was in the saddle for all bar one of the great horse's eight races--which has resulted in a strong bay filly foal this season.

"We had great days out with Lady Springbank on the track and there have been good days in the sales ring with her too," says Gittins. Her first foal, the dual winner Alizoom (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), was sold from the same foal draft as Shalaa for 120,000gns, while subsequent foals, a filly and a colt by Sea The Stars (Ire), have made 160,000gns and 165,000gns, respectively. He adds, "Her stock look very racey and we've been lucky that they have ended up with good trainers. The 3-year-old is with Roger Varian and the 2-year-old filly is with William Haggas. We'll probably retain the Galileo filly until she's a yearling but everything else is likely to go to the foal sales--we're lucky to



Mares and foals relaxing at Castlefarm Stud

have a few to sell by Helmet (Aus), as well as some by Born To Sea and Sea The Stars." One of the Sea The Stars foals who may head to the sales is currently alongside his dam, Lady Karr (GB) (Mark Of Esteem {Ire}), the full-sister to Derby winner Sir Percy (GB) who is owned by Aisling's father. As well as being a former Classic-winning jockey, Kinane senior also has bragging rights in the breeding department having been one of the partners in the syndicate which bred Authorized (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}). **Cont. p4**

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Castlefarm Stud A Thriving Family Affair Cont.

Both sides of the family take an active involvement in proceedings at Castlefarm Stud, with Maura Gittins having been a successful owner for a number of years.

"My parents love racing and love to have horses in training," says Gittins. "Lady Springbank's foal is shared with Mick so we've had plenty of support from both."

A number of recent breeze-up purchases from the Craven Sale and Goresbridge have recently joined the Gittins string with a view to becoming Castlefarm Stud mares in years to come, while the Goresbridge-topping Shamardal colt will also race in their colours and has gone into training in Newmarket with Ed Walker. Hopes will be high that he can follow the example of another of their colour-bearers, Lord Shanakill (Speightstown), the winner of the G1 Prix Jean Prat when trained by Karl Burke who has now returned to the land of his birth to stand at Pin



Mark Gittins and Aisling Kinane

Oak Lane Farm in Pennsylvania. From his stallion stint at the Irish National Stud, the 10-year-old is responsible for last week's G1 Prince Of Wales's S. winner My Dream Boat (Ire).

"That gave us all a real boost to watch My

Dream Boat win, not just a Group 1 but a Group 1 at Royal Ascot--it was really special," admits Mark. "He's improved from a rating of 76 this time last year. It's just incredible what Clive Cox has done with him. It's fantastic for Lord Shanakill and for us personally. I'm delighted for his owners, Paul and Clare Rooney, who have invested an awful lot in racing recently."

He continues, "We started off racing National Hunt horses and then we started to invest in some broodmares and nice bloodlines, but thought it would also be good to race a few colts. Lord Shanakill was one of the first yearlings we brought back from America so it was really nice to get a stallion."

The horses retained or bought as yearlings by the family are all broken in and pre-trained at the farm on the aforementioned recently installed gallop, with the facility benefitting from the wisdom of a particularly experienced work rider.

"Aisling's dad has been great to us--he's here every morning to ride out, so you can imagine we get some pretty good feedback," offers Gittins. "On the breaking side, we also have two or three good clients who have been very loyal. It's growing all the time. We broke in 22 yearlings this year, but I wouldn't want it to get much bigger than that. The main focus of the farm is on the breeding side and that's what we really hope to develop over time."

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WELD CONCERNS EASE AS DERBY NEARS

Dermot Weld gave his most upbeat bulletin on the G1 Epsom Derby hero **Harzand (Ire)** (Sea the Stars {Ire}) on Thursday as His Highness The Aga Khan's homebred was one of nine declared for Saturday's G1 Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby at The Curragh. While arguably his biggest threat, US Army Ranger (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) is now out of the equation, his handler--who previously won this Classic in 1996 with Zagreb and in 2004 with Grey Swallow (Ire)--remains cautious about his prospects of bouncing back from a major effort just three weeks ago.



Harzand | Racing Post

"Every little bit of rain that falls will help, but my worry is really not the ground," he explained. "My biggest worry is he is very tough, but he had a very hard race at Epsom [and] it left its mark on him and I'd love another week. He's well and at the moment, he's been declared and we'll review it from there. As we have seen with US Army Ranger, anything can happen."

Harzand will be bidding to become the sixth winner for his owner-breeder with his tally beginning with Shergar (GB) in 1981 and Alamshar (Ire) the last to prevail in his second colours in 2003. Weld also has Friday's Listed Queen's Vase fifth **Ebediyin (Ire)** (Raven's Pass) in the race to set the pace for his strong-staying stablemate, who will become the 18th colt to complete the English-Irish Derby double if he is successful.

Weld's star colt will only face representatives of three stables, with the supplemented English challenger **Red Verdon** (Lemon Drop Kid) bidding to turn around a 12-length deficit with Harzand from Epsom after Ronnie Arculli's chestnut was a respectable sixth on his first run out of handicap company. Aidan O'Brien and Jim Bolger are the two others present, with the former fielding his usual strong hand headed by the Derby third **Idaho (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}). The ground is currently good, with good-to-yielding patches on the straight course and showers are likely.

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DUBAI DUTY FREE IRISH DERBY-G1, €1,500,000, 3yo, c/f, 12fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE
1	6	Claudio Monteverdi (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)

O-Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith; B-Dance For Fun Syndicate; T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Donnacha O'Brien. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, €21,319.

Last Start: 2nd June 3 Listed King George V Cup

- 2 8 Ebediyin (Ire) [Raven's Pass](#)**
 O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC; T-Dermot Weld; J-Leigh Roche. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, €26,102.
Last Start: 5th June 17 Listed Queen's Vase
- 3 2 Harzand (Ire) [Sea the Stars \(Ire\)](#)**
 O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC; T-Dermot Weld; J-Pat Smullen. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, €1,076,046.
Last Start: WON June 4 G1 Epsom Derby
- 4 4 Idaho (Ire) [Galileo \(Ire\)](#)**
(750,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT)
 O-Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith & Susan Magnier; B-Hveger Syndicate; T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Ryan Moore. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-2, €229,551.
Last Start: 3rd June 4 G1 Epsom Derby
- 5 7 Moonlight Magic (GB) [Cape Cross \(Ire\)](#)**
 O-Godolphin; B-Darley; T-Jom Bolger; J-Kevin Manning. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0, €99,630.
Last Start: 16th June 4 G1 Epsom Derby
- 6 5 Port Douglas (Ire) [Galileo \(Ire\)](#)**
 O-Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith & Susan Magnier; B-Walzerkoenigin Syndicate; T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Seamus Heffernan. Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-0, €121,262.
Last Start: 14th June 4 G1 Epsom Derby
- 7 9 Red Verdon  [Lemon Drop Kid](#)**
(\$85,000 Ylg '14 KEESep; 90,000gns 2yo '15 TATBRE)
 O-The Hon R J Arculli; B-Liberty Road Stables; T-Ed Dunlop; J-Silvestre de Sousa. Lifetime Record: 6-3-2-0, €54,151.
Last Start: 6th June 4 G1 Epsom Derby
- 8 3 Shogun (Ire) [Fastnet Rock \(Aus\)](#)**
(€400,000 Ylg '14 GOFORB)
 O-Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor & Mrs Anne-Marie O'Brien; B-Whisperview Trading Ltd; T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Colm O'Donoghue. Lifetime Record: 9-1-1-2, €61,003.
Last Start: 15th June 4 G1 Epsom Derby
- 9 1 Stellar Mass (Ire) [Sea the Stars \(Ire\)](#)**
(280,000gns Wlg '12 TATFOA)
 O-Mrs June Judd; B-Tinnakill House & Alan Byrne; T-Jim Bolger; J-Ronan Whelan. Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-2, €81,088.
Last Start: WON June 18 Ulster Derby H.
- All carry 126 pounds.



Trainer Dermot Weld recorded his 4000th win at Naas on Wednesday. He is pictured with his family receiving his prize | *Racing Post*

AWTAAD LIKELY FOR MAROIS

G1 Tattersalls Irish 2000 Guineas winner **Awtaad (Ire)** (Cape Cross {Ire}), a last-out third in the G1 St James's Palace S. at Royal Ascot last week, is likely to bypass Glorious Goodwood in favour of the G1 Prix Jacques le Marois at Deauville Aug. 14. Trainer Kevin Prendergast said he is satisfied with the Sheikh Hamdan colourbearer's run at Ascot and noted his charge came out of the race in good order.

"He came home from Ascot well and he couldn't be in better form," the conditioner said. "He ran a good race, but the ground was atrocious on the day. He can handle easy to soft ground, but he just couldn't cope with that at all and the way the race was run, Frankie [Dettori, riding winner Galileo Gold] was just in a different league on the day. You can't make up the sort of ground we had to when the ground is as heavy as that, but he ran



Awtaad and trainer Kevin Prendergast
Racing Post

well and we move on. The Jacques le Marois at Deauville on Aug. 14 could be next on the agenda. It's not set in stone, but that's the way we're thinking at the moment."

Prendergast said Awtaad could be stepped up in distance later in the season, but for now he is content to keep his stable star at a mile.

"We're in no rush to step him up in trip at this stage," he said. "He's four from six so far and he's never been further than a mile. We have the option of stepping up to a mile and a quarter in the [G1] Irish Champion S. later in the year, or we could stick at a mile in the [G1] QEII at Ascot. We'll just see how things go."

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GENETIC TESTING DEBATE A DRAW AT TBA SEMINAR

Story and photos by Emma Berry

Newmarket, UK--The first of two annual seminars staged by the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association (TBA) was held at Tattersalls on Thursday, with a capacity crowd of breeders, stud managers and vets gathered for discussion on a range of topics from genetic testing to the threat from infectious diseases and current breeding trends.

'We Can't Hold Back The Revolution'...

Unsurprisingly, the lengthiest question-and-answer session was sparked by the very topical issue of genetic testing. The withdrawal of G1 QIPCO 2000 Guineas winner Galileo Gold (GB) (Paco Boy {Ire}) from this year's Investec Derby following his 'speed gene' test, which showed him to be a C:C type, or sprinter, has ensured that this subject has been hotly debated by breeders and racing fans alike in recent weeks. The TBA had



Dr. Peter Webbon

already been considering the implications of wider-spread use of such testing and its potential impact on its members and, at the start of the year, launched a genetic testing review. The panel is being chaired by Dr. Peter Webbon, whose various roles within the racing and

veterinary world include having been Chief Executive of the Animal Health Trust, Veterinary Director of the Jockey Club and Chief Executive of the Horseracing Regulatory Authority.

Dr. Webbon's presentation, entitled 'Equine Genetics - Fact or Fiction' focused on the importance of using genetic testing to reduce the levels of injury and disease.

"This is clearly the route we need to be taking," he said. "Genetic testing can contribute to breeding management, training and racing decisions. We've been breeding selectively for 300 years--for speed, strength, conformation, jumping ability, etc., but it's important not to neglect durability, temperament and susceptibility to disease and injury when planning matings. Performance is heritable but it depends on a number of factors, such as uterine environment, nutrition, training regime, and susceptibility to injury, among others."

He also outlined how giving consideration to soundness and durability when breeding could be advantageous in helping to fulfil the demands of the British racing fixture list, not by breeding more horses but by ensuring that those bred are physically able to race more frequently and for longer.

"The multiple advantages could be fewer injuries on the racecourse and in training, more horses fulfilling their potential, and higher-profile horses running more often, which helps with public perception and engagement," he added. "We should abandon the notion of trying to breed faster horses but try to produce sounder horses who can run more often and could even be faster because they are sounder."

Dr. Webbon was followed by Prof Max Rothschild, a geneticist from Iowa State University, who has conducted extensive research in the livestock industries and compared lessons learned from

selective breeding in pigs and cattle--for such areas as milk yield, birthweight and marbling--to potential use in racehorses.

"Good horse breeders understand pedigrees and conformation and

that is effectively genetics," he said. "Horses have 25,000 genes and the industry is currently shaken up about a test for one gene."

Prof Rothschild admitted to scepticism as to the claims by some genetic testing companies, adding, "My single biggest concern about genomic company results is that too few animals are being tested in order for them to claim their results are as good as they say they are. Associations of single genes aren't always what they seem. The horse is an athlete and is affected by many outside influences--trainers, jockeys, tracks, environment all contribute. But genetics and genomics have a role to play--we can't hold back the revolution."

Prof Rothschild concluded his talk by calling for the Thoroughbred breeding industry to form an advisory group, including geneticists and breeders, so that information could be shared publicly.

"There must be unbiased education of breeders," he stated.

Breeding Trends...

The TBA's Deputy Chairman Paul Greeves is a self-confessed statistics fanatic, but given his lengthy spell as Stud Book Director at Weatherbys, it could be considered something of an occupational hazard.

Greeves's annual updates on the size of foal crops are always informative and his presentation of the latest complete figures for 2015 point to a steady uplift in both foal numbers and coverings. [Cont. p7](#)



Prof Max Rothschild

Genetic Testing Debate a Draw at TBA Seminar Cont.

"Following the collapse in 2008, there's been stabilisation and a little bit of an increase," he explained.

Once the 2016 foal crop is properly collated, we can expect to see another small rise, with 5% more mares having been covered in Ireland last year, and 3% in Britain. Since 2008, however, the number of registered broodmares has decreased by 33% in Ireland and 18.5% in Britain.

Ireland has always been the largest producer of foals within the European countries but since 2010, France has overtaken Britain as the second-biggest producer, with France's 2014 crop standing at 4,531 foals to Britain's 4,328.

Worldwide, the USA remains the major producer of Thoroughbreds, followed by Australia, Argentina and Ireland, but with America and Europe having suffered the biggest declines in foal numbers since the global financial crisis, the number of foals bred internationally has fallen by 24%, down from 121,325 in 2008 to 92,328 in 2014.

The most significant decline in Ireland has been in the number of horses in training, which from 2008 to 2015 fell from 6,815 to 4,126--a drop of 41%. Over the same period in Britain an 8.5% decline was felt, to 14,958 horses in training last year. Among those racing in Britain, 46% were bred in the country, while 44% hail from Ireland. This latter figure has risen from 39% in 2008, while the number of US-bred imports has halved during that time from 7% to 3.5%.

"It would appear that Irish horses have filled the void in reduction of American-breds," said Greeves. "What I found most interesting, however, is that despite a significant drop in production of foals since 2008, there has been a 7% increase in the number of foals and yearlings offered for sale."

In 2008, that combined figure for Britain and Ireland was 7,319, which rose to 7,809 in 2014.

Threat of Infectious Diseases...

The afternoon session dealt with the risk to the Thoroughbred industry presented by infectious diseases--both exotic diseases such as African Horse Sickness, Dourine and Glanders, and endemic diseases such as Strangles and the different strains of Equine Herpes Virus (EHV).

Following the National Stud's temporary closure in February through a positive test for the neurological strain of EHV on a filly arriving from France, the British foaling season was blighted by a number of EHV abortion cases on farms in Hertfordshire, Sussex and Suffolk.

Dr. Richard Newton, the Animal Health Trust's Head of Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance, outlined how it is believed that up to 80% of the horse population carry the herpes virus in a dormant form, warning that stress, through such things as travel or a change of environment, can trigger an outbreak.

"Horses can spontaneously reactivate EHV from a latent state so there is never a zero risk," he said.

Nowhere has this been more harshly felt in 2016 than at Newsells Park Stud, one of Britain's leading breeding operations



Julian Dollar

with such graduates as Legatissimo (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) and Secret Gesture (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) to its name, which tragically lost 10 foals through the abortion virus this spring.

The stud's General Manager Julian Dollar said, "I wanted to share what happened at our farm in order that what was a dreadful situation for us might help other breeders in the future."

The first abortion, which took place on Feb. 22 from a mare who had been with a closed group of the same eight mares since the

previous September, led to three more mares from that group losing their foals. The first mare lost her foal within hours of being brought in from the paddock to an American barn, in which the virus then affected a further six mares.

"We isolated the barn with strict adherence to the HBLB Codes of Practice. You could follow the progress down the barn very clearly. Only one mare in the barn produced a live healthy foal. All the mares had been vaccinated for EHV-1 and EHV-4. We found that being left outside gave them a fighting chance," said Dollar.

"We engaged in open communication to stallion managers and the industry, which enabled us to recommence breeding after 28 days despite an ongoing outbreak in an isolated facility. The size and range of Newsells Park Stud meant that we could isolate barns with extremely stringent biosecurity measures, including completely separate teams of staff."

Of extra concern to the stud vets in Britain has been a shortage of the licenced EHV vaccine this year, with Newells Park going to the lengths of importing the Pneumobort K vaccine from America on a temporary licence.

Codes of Practice App

A technological boost to stud farmers and trainers alike in the coming months will be the launch of a new smartphone app for the Horserace Betting Levy Board (HBLB) and National Trainers' Federation (NTF) Codes of Practice, which is free for all breeders, stable and stud staff, trainers and vets. **Cont. p8**

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Named Equibiosafe and funded by the HBLB, the app will be available from the end of July and will include guidelines on a range of conditions, such as EHV, ringworm, and piroplasmiasis, as well as a vaccine calculator.

Outlining its uses, Prof Celia Marr of Rosssdales Equine Hospital said, "App updates can be issued very quickly in the face of new threats, and it includes links to the BHA and AHT websites."

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DE SOUSA HANDED 12-DAY WHIP BAN

Jockey Silvestre de Sousa was handed an 18-day ban, with six days deferred, for using his whip without giving his mount, Swiss Cross (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}), time to respond at Lingfield June 16. That offence warrants a suspension between two and six days, but de Sousa was given a stiffer penalty because it is his fifth offence within six months.

De Sousa's agent Shelley Dwyer said, "It's a totting-up procedure, so there are no grounds for appeal and we move on.



Silvestre de Sousa | *Racing Post*

Worse things happen and it's not the end of the world. We'll get it out of the way and then get our heads down again and go for it. He will come back battling."

In related news, William Buick has lodged an appeal against the 30-day suspension he received for

his ride in the G1 Prix de Diane last weekend. Stewards judged Buick caused the fall of Armande (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}), for which he was given 15 days, and he received an additional 15 days for being offensive to stewards. Buick's mount, Highlands Queen (Fr) (Mount Nelson {GB}), was demoted to last from eighth.

Samuel Fargeat, secretary of the stewards at France Galop, said: "So far [Buick] has appealed against the decision of the stewards. He has appealed both suspensions and the appeal body will sit at some time in the next week."

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DERBY SALE SETS NEW RECORDS

The two-day Tattersalls Ireland Derby Sale is in the books and records were met or exceeded all around. An overall average of €47,535 represented an increase of 11% on last year's mark of €42,847, while 300 sold for a gross of €14,260,50. The clearance rate was 81.7%, while the median equaled the joint-record figure of €36,000 reached in 2015. Throughout the two-day run, a total of 32 lots reached the six-figure mark, another new record for the Derby Sale. Tattersalls Ireland managing director Roger Casey was understandably pleased Thursday afternoon.

"The voracious demand for horses from the start of the sale on Wednesday morning right through to Thursday evening has been remarkable and we must sincerely thank both our ever-loyal vendors who continue to send their best stock to the Derby Sale on an annual basis and the industrious broad bench of purchasers from right across Ireland and the UK, with UK purchasers again accounting for more than a third of the overall turnover," said Casey.

Young trainer Joseph O'Brien purchased Thursday's topper for €185,000, a gelding ([lot 312](#)) by Presenting (GB) consigned by Rathbarry Stud. His unraced dam is a half-sister to MGSW and twice Grade 1 placed Rocky Creek (Ire) (Dr Massini {Ire}), as well as MGSW Tell Massini (Ire) (Dr Massini {Ire}).

Lakefield Farm, who consigned Wednesday's top lot and overall sale topper for €255,000, enjoyed another successful sale Thursday, with a Robin des Champs (GB) gelding ([lot 275](#)) snapped up by conditioner Gordon Elliott for €175,000. The gelding hails from the same family as Grade 2 winner Violin Davis (Fr) (Turgeon).

The single-day Derby Sale Part II begins at 10:30 a.m. local time Friday. For complete results or more information, go to www.tattersalls.ie.

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Thursday's Results:

1st-NEW, £7,000, Cond, 6-23, 2yo, 6ft, 1:17.96, sf.

+UNABATED (IRE) (c, 2, [Bated Breath \(GB\)](#)--[Elhareer \(Ire\)](#), by [Selkirk](#)) broke well and was steadied to track the pace in third along the fence after the initial strides of this debut. Angling to the outside for his bid approaching the final eighth, the 8-1 chance challenged at the eighth pole and was pushed out, after jockey James Doyle dropped his whip, to prevail by a head from Wahash (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}). [Cont. p9](#)

1st-NEW Cont.

He becomes the sixth winner for his freshman sire (by Dansili {GB}). Unabated is the second scorer out of Elhareer (Ire) (Selkikr), a winning daughter of the stakes-placed Ellway Star (Ire) (Night Shift), herself a half to stakes-winning G1 Irish 2000 Guineas runner-up Fa-Eq (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}) and the dual stakes-placed producer Corinium (Ire) (Turtle Island {Ire}), from the family of G1 Epsom Derby second Cavo Doro (Ire) (Sir Ivor). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$6,659. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O/B-Mubarak Al Naemi; B-Mubarak Al Naemi (IRE); T-Marco Botti.

2nd-NC, £7,000, Cond, 6-23, 2yo, 6f (AWT), 1:12.41, stn.

HYPERFOCUS (IRE) (c, 2, Intense Focus--Jouel {Fr}, by Machiavellian), an Apr. 24 Leicester debut winner who was a last-out fourth in Epsom's June 3 Listed Woodcote S., raced in third through the early fractions here. Easing into a slender lead soon after halfway, the crowd's 10-11 pick was asked to stretch passing the two pole and kept on tenaciously under stern urging to hold the promising Six Strings (GB) (Requinto {Ire}) by a head. Hyperfocus's third dam is dual stakes-winning Or Vision (Irish River {Fr}), who produced G1 Irish 2000 Guineas-winning highweight Saffron Walden (Fr) (Sadler's Wells), G1 Prix de la Foret-winning European highweight Dolphin Street (FR) (Bluebird) and GI E.P. Taylor S. heroine Insight (Fr) (Sadler's Wells), herself the dam of G1 Prix Jean Prat placegetter Ershaad (Kingmambo). Sales history: €10,000 RNA Wlg '14 GOFNOV; €55,000 Ylg '15 TISEP. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$15,183. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-MPH Racing - II; B-Stephanie Von Schilcher & Gavan Kinch (IRE); T-Hugo Palmer.

3rd-NBY, £6,100, Cond, 6-23, 2yo, f, 7fT, 1:32.04, g/s.

+EMMIE (IRE) (f, 2, High Chaparral {Ire}--Precious Dream, by Mr. Greeley), sent off at 20-1, was professional from the outset and after breaking smartly tanked along a length down on the leader Naifah (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}). Shaken up to pass that rival approaching the furlong pole, the 27,000gns TATHIT 2-year-old drew away late to record an impressive 2 3/4-length success. The winner is the first and only foal out of a daughter of Lady Carla (GB) (Caerleon), the emphatic G1 Epsom Oaks heroine who was unable to produce anything approaching her own standard afterwards but was responsible for the dam of the MSW and MGSP Avenue Gabriel (GB) (Champs Elysees {GB}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,803. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Mrs Mary-Anne Parker; B-Tullpark Ltd (IRE); T-Harry Dunlop.

1st-NC, £5,000, Cond, 6-23, 2yo, 7f 14y (AWT), 1:27.30,.

ALCAZAR (GB) (c, 2, Rio de la Plata--Zarkiyana {Fr}, by Sendawar {Ire}), a debut fourth going six panels tackling Chepstow's undulations last time June 10, found cover at the tail of the field from flagfall in this one. Inching closer on the bridle from halfway, the 8-15 chalk was stoked up to challenge approaching the final eighth and driven out to deny the persistent Major Cornwallis (Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire}) by a neck, becoming the second winner for his freshman sire (by Rahy). Alcazar is the third winner out of Zarkiyana (Fr) (Sendawar {Ire}), who is a half-sister to G3 Prix de Sandringham winner Zarkiya (Ire) (Catrail). Zarkiyana is also half to the dam of G3 Prix Minerve victress Zarshana (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}) and MG1SW unbeaten European Horse of the Year Zarkava (Ire) (Zamindar), herself the dam of this term's G1 Prix du Jockey Club runner-up Zarak (Fr) (Dubawi {Ire}), from a family which also includes G1 Prix de Diane heroine Zainta (Ire) (Kahyasi {Ire}) and stakes-winning G1 Irish St Leger third Zafadola (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}). Sales history: €40,000 Ylg '15 OSLATE; £68,000 2yo '16 GOFBRE. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,278. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Never Say Die Partnership; B-I & Mrs M Shenkin (GB); T-D. Simcock.

4th-NBY, £7,250, Hcp, 6-23, 3yo/up, 10f 6yT, 2:10.99, sf.

HUGE FUTURE (GB) (c, 3, Shamardal--Time Honoured {GB}, by Sadler's Wells), a €260,000 GOFORB yearling who scored at Newcastle last time June 4, was anchored in mid-division early and found perfect cover against the rail. Switched around rivals for his effort halfway up the straight, the 2-1 favourite surged by the long-time leader Lord Huntingdon (GB) (Lord of England {Ger}) passing the furlong pole en route to a comfortable two-length success. Time Honoured is a daughter of the stellar performer Time Charter (Saritamer), winner of the G1 Epsom Oaks, G1 King George VI & Queen Elizabeth S., G1 Coronation Cup and G1 Champion S. and later responsible for the MGSW Time Allowed (GB) (Sadler's Wells) and the G2 Jockey Club S.-winning sire Zinaad (GB). Another of her progeny, By Charter (GB), went on to throw three black-type winners headed by the G2 Lonsdale Cup scorer First Charter (GB) (Polish Precedent) and the G2 Prix Hocquart hero Anton Chekhov (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}), while another Not Before Time (Ire) was the dam of the G3 Musidora S. winner and G1 Prix de Diane third Time Away (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}). She in turn produced the G2 Prix de Malleret scorer Time On (GB) (Sadler's Wells), just one more in a long line of distinguished runners from this rich heritage. Time Honoured also has a 2-year-old gelding by Tamayuz (GB) named Headwind (GB) and an as-yet unnamed yearling filly by Dutch Art (GB). Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$12,947. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Godolphin; B-W. and R. Barnett Ltd. (GB); T-Saeed bin Suroor.

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4th-HAM, £6,000, Mdn, 6-23, 3-4yo, 9f 34yT, 1:58.82, gd.
PARLIAMENTARIAN (IRE) (g, 3, [Dubawi {Ire}](#)--[Forum Floozie {NZ}](#) {SW & MG1SP-Aus, \$332,792}, by [Danasinga {Aus}](#)), who was green when third on debut over nine furlongs at Redcar in October, broke well to race in second early. Short of room in the straight, the 4-6 favourite got out in time to pass Warp Factor (Ire) (The Carbon Unit) on the rail in the final yards en route to a neck success. The winner is a half-brother to Lawspeaker (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}), MSW-Fr, \$127,428, with their dam being the high-class Forum Floozie who was placed three times at the top level. She is a half to the Makin flagbearer Starcraft (NZ), a champion in Australia with wins in the G1 AJC Derby and G1 Chipping Norton S. before taking to French shores to win the G1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp and these to defeat this winner's sire Dubawi in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. Another of her half-sisters, the G2 Hilton International S. runner-up Pin Up (NZ) (Pins {Aus}), is the dam of Sports Illustrated (NZ) (Fast 'N' Famous {Aus}), the G2 Cal Isuzu S. winner who was also second in the G1 NZ Thoroughbred Breeders S. and third in the G1 Harcourts Thorndon Mile. This is also the family of the Australian Horse of the year Taras Bulba (NZ) (Oncidium {GB}) and the G1SP Zephyr Magic (Zephyr Bay {Aus}), dam of three smart performers in Australia, New Zealand and South Africa in Breezy (NZ) (Pins {Aus}), Neo Star (NZ) (Centaine {Aus}) and Dahlia's Best (NZ) (Dahar). Forum Floozie also has a 2-year-old colt by Raven's Pass. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$6,444. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

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

2nd-HAM, £5,500, Mdn, 6-23, 2yo, 6f 6yT, 1:11.32, gd.
MONTATAIRE (IRE) (c, 2, [Cape Cross {Ire}](#)--[Chantilly Pearl, by Smart Strike](#)), fourth when attempting to make all in the decent six-furlong Goodwood maiden won by Godolphin's potentially classy Boynton (More Than Ready) June 3, was again on to the early lead putting his experience to full effect. Relentless despite pressure from What's the Story (GB) (Harbour Watch {Ire}), the 6-4 second favourite galloped out strong to score by 2 3/4 lengths. The dam is a half to Lemon Chiffon (Lemon Drop Kid), who was third in the GII Las Palmas H. and GII Churchill Distaff Turf Mile S. from the family of the GI Selene S. winner Zofig (Cozzene). She has an as-yet unnamed yearling filly by Sea the Stars (Ire). Sales history: €29,000 RNA Wlg '14 GOFNOV; €90,000 Ylg '15 GOFSP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$6,963.

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O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Tinnakill, P. Lawlor & C. Beale (IRE); T-Mark S. Johnston.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

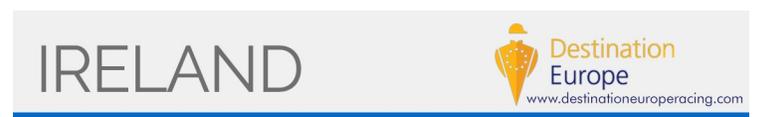
+Funky Footsteps (Ire), f, 2, [Footstepsinthesand \(GB\)](#)--Felin Gruvy (Ire), by Tagula (Ire). NBY, 6-23, 6f 8yT, 1:16.28. B-Mrs J. O'Halloran (IRE). *€3,000 RNA Ylg '15 GOYHIT.
Mister Blue Sky (Ire), c, 2, [Royal Applause \(GB\)](#)--Mujdeya (GB), by Linamix (Fr). NOT, 6-23, 6f 15yT, 1:17.81. B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd (IRE). *€28,000 Ylg '15 TISEP.
Perigee (GB), c, 3, [Cacique \(Ire\)](#)--Purissima, by Fusaichi Pegasus. NOT, 6-23, 8f 75yT, 1:50.57. B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB).
De Veer Cliffs (Ire), f, 3, [Canford Cliffs \(Ire\)](#)--Mill Guineas (SP-Fr), by Salse. NOT, 6-23, 10f 50yT, 2:18.10. B-Epona Bloodstock Ltd (IRE). *€18,000 Ylg '14 GOFORB. **1/2 to Mill Marin (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}), SW-Swe, \$148,712.
Horrah (GB), g, 3, [Royal Applause \(GB\)](#)--Aegean Shadow (GB), by Sakhee. NEW, 6-23, 7fT, 1:30.94. B-Theobalds Stud (GB). *22,000gns Wlg '13 TATFOA; 26,000gns RNA Ylg '14 TATOCT.

Plus 10 Deadline Approaching:

There is one week remaining to register eligible yearlings for the Plus 10 owner and breeder bonus scheme, with registration due June 30. Plus 10 is an almost €7 million owner and breeder incentive scheme which pays €12,500 (£10,000) bonuses on top of prize money across more than 550 2- and 3-year-old races in Ireland and Britain each year.

Plus 10 Chairman Julian Richmond-Watson said, "Following the scheme's successful first year, where 215 breeders won bonus prize money, it is already clear that breeders benefitted from investing in the Plus 10 bonus scheme. This year, with the recent changes announced, whereby registrants are guaranteed a return on investment should their horse win a bonus race, there is even more incentive for breeders and pinhookers to get involved."

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**Thursday's Results:**

1st-LEO, €25,000, Cond, 6-23, 2yo, 7fT, 1:32.23, gd.
PANDAGREEN (IRE) (f, 2, [Casamento {Ire}](#)--[Special Touch {Ire}](#), by [Spinning World](#)), fourth on debut after showing promise over this trip at Listowel June 5, traded at 7-1 and raced in mid-division out wide early with no cover. Keeping a perfect rhythm despite receiving a bump before the turn, the €14,500 GOFNOV foal and €9,500 GOYHIT yearling stayed on to gain the lead in the final strides and win by a half-length from Lady Volante (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}). [Cont. p11](#)

1st-LEO Cont.

“She’s 16’3 and shouldn’t be racing until she’s three, but she’s taken her training so well and so we’ve kept going with her,” trainer Gavin Cromwell said of Pandagreen, who becomes the third winner for her first-season sire (by Shamardal). “She tries and of the few I’ve seen, the Casamento’s are going to be nice horses. I’ll probably give her a bit of a break now and aim her at the EBF Final at Naas in October.” The dam, who is from the extended family of the G1 Grosser Dallmayr-Preis-winning sire Ransom O’War (Red Ransom), also has a yearling colt by Cape Cross (Ire). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$18,108. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Eamon Waters; B-Thomas G Cooke (IRE); T-Gavin Cromwell.

3rd-LEO, €16,500, Mdn, 6-23, 2yo, 8fT, 1:45.63, gd.

EAGLE SPIRIT (IRE) (c, 2, [Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}](#)--Romie’s Kastett {Ger}, by Halling), who attracted significant support into 11-10 favouritism following on from a promising debut third in a decent seven-furlong maiden here a fortnight ago, was sent to the lead after the initial yards and kicked in early straight.

Keeping on in the face of pressure, the €70,000 GOFORB yearling held a half-length verdict over Venezuela (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) at the line. Diodorus (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), the son of Divine Proportions (Kingmambo), put up a highly encouraging debut performance after showing early speed and was cajoled into third, a further half-length away. “He had a nice run here first time,” winning trainer Joseph O’Brien told *Irish Racing.com*.

“Donnacha said it wasn’t ideal making the running, as he was quite green in front and he’ll be better taking his time. He’s a nice colt and will step up in grade now.” The dam, who is a sister to the sire Norse Dancer (Ire), who was a “nearly horse” on so many occasions at the top level including in the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond S. and G1 Lockinge S., has a yearling filly by Dawn Approach (Ire) and a colt foal by Kodiak (GB). She descends from the G2 Sun Chariot S. third Boathouse (GB) (Habitat), a half to the Epsom Oaks heroine Bireme (GB) (Grundy {Ire}) and champion Buoy (GB) who produced the G1 St Leger S. third and sire Dry Dock (GB). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$13,145. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-M V Magnier; B-Mrs Clodagh McStay (IRE); T-Joseph O’Brien.

Wednesday Night’s Results:

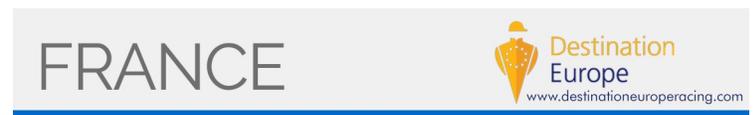
7th-NAA, €14,000, Mdn, 6-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 8fT, 1:40.47, g/y.
SEA SWIFT (IRE) (f, 3, [High Chaparral {Ire}](#)--Agnetha {Ger} {Hwt. 3yo Filly-Eng at 5-7f, Hwt. 3yo Filly-Ire at 5-6f, GSW-Eng, SW & G1SP-Ire & GSP-Ger, \$170,450}, by Big Shuffle), a 210,000gns TATOCT yearling, was seventh on debut over this course and distance Apr. 6 and tracked the leading pair throughout the early stages. Committed on the front end passing the two-furlong pole, the 15-8 favourite galloped into a decisive advantage and had 1 1/4 lengths to spare over Nuclear Option (Ire) (Frozen Power {Ire}) at the line to bring up trainer Dermot

Weld’s 4,000th career win. “I’ve had a wonderful team of staff through the years and a lot of hard work has gone in over that time,” the trainer reflected. “For many years there was only racing three days a week on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday and sometimes only two days a week. They were six-race cards and I was lucky enough to have five winners on a day a number of times. It’s nice to do it with a homebred filly of my late mother’s. We will look for some black-type later in the year with her.” The winner is a half-sister to Starstruck (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), MGSW-US, \$299,423, with their dam being the high-class sprinter Agnetha who carried the colours of the trainer’s late mother Gita to success in the G3 King George S. having been third in the G1 Phoenix S. as a 2-year-old. Agnetha’s full-brother Areion (Ger) is one of Germany’s leading sires, having been an accomplished sprinter and peaking with success in the G2 Goldene Peitsche. Sea Swift has a 2-year-old gelded half-brother by Famous Name (GB) named Right Honourable (Ire) and a yearling half-brother also by that sire to follow her. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$9,680. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Calumet Farm; B-Mrs C. L. Weld (IRE); T-D K Weld.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Midnight Crossing (Ire), f, 3, Dark Angel (Ire)--Line Ahead (Ire), by Sadler’s Wells. LEO, 6-23, 7fT, 1:30.93. B-Tom & Geraldine Molan (IRE). *1/2 to Excellent Result (Ire) (Shamardal), GSW-UAE, \$436,963. **€65,000 Ylg ‘14 GOFSP.

**Thursday’s Results:**

PRIX LA SORELLINA-Listed, €55,000, LTS, 6-23, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:37.75, gd.

1--#CHARTREUSE (IRE), 125, f, 3, by Lawman (Fr)

1st Dam: Bufera (Ire) (GSP-Fr), by King’s Best

2nd Dam: Mahalia (Ire), by Danehill

3rd Dam: Maresca (Ire), by Mill Reef

(€100,000 Ylg ‘14 GOFORB). O-Highclere Thoroughbred Racing; B-Citadel Stud (IRE); T-Freddy Head; J-Thierry Jarnet. €27,500. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, €68,900.

2--Al Hayyah (Ire), 125, f, 3, Lope de Vega (Ire)--Black Dahlia (GB), by Dansili (GB). (€60,000 Ylg ‘14 ARAUG). O-Al Shaqab Racing. €11,000.

3--Joiedargent (Fr), 125, f, 3, Kendargent (Fr)--Gaily Zest, by St. Jovite. (€47,000 Ylg ‘14 OSLATE). O-Jean-Claude Seroul. €8,250.

Margins: 2, 2HF, NK. Odds: 3.10, 9.50, 25.10.

Also Ran: Show Day (Ire), Endless Summer (Ity), Princess Gibraltar (Fr), Villebaudon (Fr), Alnajmah (GB), Roshanara (Fr), Motivee (Ire), Octavia (Fr), Elusive Million (Ire). Scratched: Dayana (Fr).

Listed Prix La Sorellina Cont.

Chartreuse broke through at Chantilly Sept. 30 after promising efforts behind good sorts at Deauville Aug. 14 and Longchamp Sept. 9, and hit the board in the Oct. 21 G3 Prix des Reservoirs back at Deauville before running fifth behind subsequent G1 Coronation S. victress Qemah (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) in the Apr. 20 G3 Prix de la Grotte back at Chantilly on sophomore return last time. Pressing the pacesetter Joiedargent in second after a sharp getaway here, she was stoked up to seize control just inside the quarter-mile marker and ridden clear thereafter to register a first black-type score in decisive fashion. Chartreuse is kin to the 2-year-old filly Your Ladyship (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}) and a yearling colt by Invincible Spirit (Ire). She is the first stakes scorer out of G3 Prix des Reservoirs third Bufera (Ire) (King's Best), herself a half-sister to G3 Prix de Flore heroine Albisola (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) and last term's G3 Prix Quincey winner Johnny Barnes (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), and to the dam of G1 Criterium International victor Ectot (GB) (Hurricane Run {Ire}) and G1 St James's Palace S. hero Most Improved (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}). [Click for the Racing Post result.](#) [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

1st-LTS, €21,000, Cond, 6-23, 4yo/up, 12fT, 2:32.49, gd.
MAMBOMISS (FR) (m, 5, [Mastercraftsman {Ire}](#)--Mambo Mistress, by Kingmambo) Lifetime Record: SW & MGSP-Fr, €109,150. O-Jean-Marc de Watrigant; B-Haras de Mandore (FR); T-Damien de Watrigant. *€22,000 RNA Ylg '12 ARAUG.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Win Boy (Fr), c, 3, [Carlotamix \(Fr\)](#)--Winima (Fr), by Nombre Premier (GB). LTS, 6-23, 12fT, 2:33.14. B-Pascal Sese & Mme Virginie Fremiot (FR). *€3,000 2yo '15 OSAJAN.



Mahari, a winning 3-year-old son of Duke of Marmalade out of a Galileo mare and from the immediate family of Miss France, will be offered as a wildcard at Arqana's Summer Sale next week | APRH

OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

2.20 Yarmouth, Mdn, £8,200, 2yo, 6f 3yT

VIA EGNATIA ([Distorted Humor](#)) is a high-profile Juddmonte newcomer, being a son of the 2000 GI Santa Monica H. heroine Honest Lady (Seattle Slew). John Gosden introduces the half-brother to the 2008 GI Forego S. hero and sire First Defence, who is also linked to the operation's flagbearers Empire Maker and Chester House.

2.45 Deauville, Debutantes, €25,000, 3yo, 9 1/2f (AWT)

LIWA PALACE (GB) ([Oasis Dream {GB}](#)) debuts for Al Shira'aa Farms and Rod Collet in this intriguing maiden, having cost 330,000 guineas at Tattersalls. The descendant of the 1994 G1 Fillies' Mile winner and 2005 G1 1000 Guineas runner-up Aqaarid (Nashwan) is up against several bluebloods, including the Niarchos Family's **That Which Is Not ([Elusive Quality](#))**, a Francis-Henri Graffard-trained daughter of the G1SW Shiva (Jpn) (Hector Protector).

5.30 Curragh, Mdn, €16,500, 2yo, f, 7fT

BEAN FEASA (GB) ([Dubawi {Ire}](#)) bids to build on a highly promising debut second to the subsequent G2 Coventry S. third Psychedelic Funk (GB) (Choisir {Aus}) over six furlongs at Naas in April for Godolphin and Jim Bolger in this maiden which pattern-race performers tend to spring from every year. The half-sister to Teofilo (Ire) should be too savvy for the Ballydoyle newcomers **Rhododendron (Ire) ([Galileo {Ire}](#))**, a daughter of the MG1SW Halfway To Heaven (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) and **Bound (Ire) ([Galileo {Ire}](#))**, a full-sister to the G1SP Wedding Vow (Ire), and on racecourse evidence too good for the other from Rosegreen **Butterflies (Ire) ([Galileo {Ire}](#))**, a half-sister to Giant's Causeway.

6.00 Curragh, Mdn, €15,000, 3yo/up, 8fT

SAVANNAH STORM (GB) ([Dubawi {Ire}](#)) cost Qatar Racing 300,000gns as a foal and finally gets the chance to flaunt his wares for the Ger Lyons stable. He is a full-sister to the 2011 G1 2000 Guineas runner-up and G2 Celebration Mile winner Dubawi Gold (GB) and will have to be sharp on debut to deal with some useful and experienced rivals.

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Tiara Up For The Taking At Eagle Farm cont. from p1

Another Group 1 winner this season to line up here is **Precious Gem (Aus)** (Econsul {NZ}), who made a decent account of herself when carrying the colours of the China Horse Club for the first time when sixth in the Stradbroke the week after that entity bought her for A\$825,000 at the Magic Millions National Sale. The 6-year-old, who won the G1 UBET Classic over 1200 metres



Precious Gem | Racing and Sports

May 7, broke slowly in the Stradbroke and was making up ground late. She has won three times over this trip.

Danish Twist (Aus) (Dane Shadow {Aus}) has done little wrong this season, having won her last four straight including the G3 Godolphin Dark Jewel Classic over this

trip at Scone May 14 and the Listed June S. at Randwick a month later, and the 4-year-old tries Group 1 company for the first time here. She has a tricky task ahead of her, however, to carve out a smooth trip from the inside draw. Another set to take the top-level plunge for the first time is the veteran 7-year-old mare **Cradle Me (Aus)** (Easy Rocking {Aus}), who confirmed she is getting better with age with a career-best win in the G2 Dane Ripper S. over this track and trip two weeks ago.

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Saturday, Eagle Farm, Australia, post time: 1:17 a.m. EST

SKY RACING TATTERSALL'S CLUB TIARA-G1, A\$500,000

(£254,927/€332,014), 3yo/up, f/m, 1400mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Azkadellia (NZ)	Shinko King (Ire)	Hall	Maher
2	Danish Twist (Aus)	Dane Shadow (Aus)	Bowman	Lees
3	Precious Gem (Aus)	Econsul (NZ)	Shinn	Dwyer
4	Cradle Me (Aus)	Easy Rocking (Aus)	Purton	Pfieffer
5	Miss Cover Girl (Aus)	Monashee Mountain	Browne	Schweida
6	Jessy Belle (Aus)	Rock Of Gibraltar (Ire)	Symons	Oliver
7	Sultry Feeling (Aus)	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Orman	J Cummings
8	Press Report (Aus)	Written Tycoon (Aus)	Wiggins	Curtis
9	Scarlet Billows (Aus)	Street Boss	Hill	Weir
10	Echo Gal (Aus)	Stratum (Aus)	Harrison	Waterhouse
11	Artistry (Aus)	Shamardal	McEvoy	Snowdens
12	Palazzo Pubblico (Aus)	Conatus (Aus)	Cahill	Smith
13	Onemorezeta (Aus)	Onemorenomore (Aus)	Lloyd	Lees
14	Beatniks (Aus)	Haradasun (Aus)	Hammersley	O'dea
15	Blueberry Hill (Aus)	Myboycharlie (Ire)	Byrne	Birchley
16	My Poppette (Aus)	Snippetson (Aus)	Parnham	Smerdon

All carry 125 pounds bar Blueberry Hill and My Poppette, 122 pounds.

FORMER CHIEF HANDICAPPER WEBBEY DIES

Former Racing NSW Chief Handicapper Mark Webbey died suddenly overnight at age 59. Webbey began his career in the racing industry in 1976 as a junior at the Sydney Turf Club's racing office before spending two years as assistant starter for the Australian Jockey Club. Webbey later rose to become the AJC's chief handicapper. Webbey was a member of the Australian Pattern Committee and the ANZ Classification Panel, and in 2005 he went to Singapore to serve as the Singapore Turf Club's handicapper and racing manager. Webbey had stints as racing manager to trainers Gai Waterhouse and John Thompson upon returning, and in 2010 he oversaw a review of handicapping procedures for NZ Thoroughbred Racing.

"Mark was a highly respected individual who possessed an excellent understanding of handicapping systems worldwide," said Racing NSW Chief Executive Peter V'landys. "Mark conscientiously served the racing industry for many years and he will be missed by the entire industry."

Webbey is survived by his wife, Kerry, and two daughters. Funeral arrangements have yet to be finalised.

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REBUILD FOR KENSINGTON TRACK

The Australian Turf Club will use Canterbury's racecourse as its model when it rebuilds the inner track at Royal Randwick, the Kensington track, according to *Racing.com*. The Kensington track has had issues since it was opened in October 2013 and has not been used for racing since November of 2014.

"The ATC has conducted with Racing NSW a detailed and diligent study into the best way forward for the Kensington track, and feels that starting from scratch gives us the best long-term future," ATC chief executive Darren Pearce told *Racing.com*. "We have held extensive discussions with a wide range of industry experts and participants and while this has taken some time, we are taking every measure to achieve an optimum long-term result for the industry."

"Canterbury is the best racing surface we have in Sydney and one that is the most consistent," he added. "We've got a profile that works sitting under our nose so we don't need to go outside the square so to speak. We will be building a modern version of Canterbury's profile and drainage."

"At the heart of the new design will be an amplified drainage system which we are confident will allow the track to perform across the year, especially during periods of poor weather," Pearce continued. "We hope to start work as soon as possible to take advantage of the optimum weather conditions during the spring and summer months of 2016 for construction and early growth, and aim to be back racing on the Kensington track in the summer of 2017."

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