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BRIGHT FUTURES: PROMISING MAIDEN WINNERS IN BRITAIN

Atty Persse | *Racing Post*

by Tom Peacock

April and May's Classic trials usually help to form some order from the chaos as dozens of young 3-year-olds have their credentials tested more firmly. It is not only an important time for owners and trainers but for stallions, and no more so this year than for Frankel (GB).

Top of the list of promising maiden winners representing the sophomore sire will be **Atty Persse (Ire)**, a first foal of Pretty Polly S. winner Dorcas Lane (GB) (Norse Dancer {Ire}).

Trained by Roger Charlton, he came good on his debut in a seven-furlong event at Sandown last September, beating subsequent winner Hamada (GB) by 1 3/4 lengths. Atty Persse then changed hands between his owner-breeder Bjorn Nielsen and Godolphin. He is entered in the G1 Investec Derby.

"He's fine and there are no plans as yet," reported Charlton. "Hopefully he'll be ready to run in mid-April. He was on the small side when he made his debut but he seems to have got stronger. It will be interesting to see how he stays, as there was stamina on the dam's side."

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EVEREST REACHES PEAK SUBSCRIPTION

Racing New South Wales's version of the GI Pegasus World Cup, known as The Everest, is now fully subscribed, with the final slot of 12 having been snapped up on Wednesday.

The chief executive of Racing NSW, Peter V'landys, broke the news on Twitter, announcing via the social media platform, "It's only fitting that my first ever Tweet is to announce that all slots for The Everest have now been filled. Sydney now has a $10mil race!"

Each of the 12 berths have been bought at a cost of A$600,000 per year, with investors signing up for a three-year commitment to race, which will be run this year at Randwick over 1200 metres on Saturday, Oct. 14. From the A$10 million prize money available, the winner will receive A$5.8 million, with A$1,425,000 allocated for the runner-up and A$800,000 for third. **Cont. p10**

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MALIBU MOON COLT STARS AT BARRETTS

A colt by Spendthrift USA's Malibu Moon fetched a final bid of $675,000 to top Wednesday's Barretts March Select 2YO Sale at Del Mar. **Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.**

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Another Frankel that could be in contention for Epsom is **Mirage Dancer (GB)**, who runs in the familiar colours of Khalid Abdullah. Somewhat appropriately, Bobby Frankel trained his dam Heat Haze (GB) (Green Desert) to success in the 2003 G1 Beverly D S. for Juddmonte. Sir Michael Stoute knows the family as he developed Mirage Dancer's useful siblings Radiator (GB) and Forge (GB).

The owner's racing manager, Teddy Grimthorpe, said, "He won well at Doncaster in October and is a nice scopey horse who everyone seems pleased with. All the bubbles are there to be burst at this time of year, but hopefully he's an important bubble."

Mirage Dancer | *Racing Post*

Alongside the more experienced Fair Eva (GB), Juddmonte also has the John Gosden-trained Frankel filly **Icespire (GB)** in the G1 1000 Guineas. This half-sister to G1 Cheveley Park S. and Guineas heroine Special Duty (GB) was sent off the 6-4 favourite for her initiation at Salisbury on Oct. 10 and caught the eye when sweeping through the field and coming home four lengths clear.

"She won very nicely in her maiden," said Grimthorpe. "John has been very pleased with her and she's done well through the winter. She's got to go up a few paces now but she does look promising."

Completing the collection for Abdullah and Gosden is **Shutter Speed (GB)** (Dansili {GB}), who is from another smart Juddmonte dynasty and was off the mark on soft ground over a mile at Yarmouth in mid-October.

Grimthorpe continued, "She's a nice scopey filly who is in the Guineas, we'll have to have a think about that. I think ultimately she will make up into a mile and a quarter filly." **Cont. p3**

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Stoute enjoyed a conspicuous rise through 2016, his best season both numerically and financially for some time. Among his most interesting youngsters must be **Frontispiece (GB)** (Shamardal), a first foal of the Queen's three-time winner Free Verse (GB) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}). He nosed past Make Time (Ire), a well-regarded colt of David Menuisier's, over seven furlongs at Ascot on Sept. 3.

"Frontispiece is coming on but won't be rushed," said the Queen's racing advisor, John Warren, of the Derby entry.

Ralph Beckett has proved one of the most adept trainers of fillies in the country in recent years, as advertised by the likes of Look Here (GB) and Simple Verse (Ire), and the latest from his Hampshire production line could very well be **Crimson Rock** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}). She was given a typically steady preparation and won over a mile at Newbury in late October. Sheikh Mohammed Bin Khalifa Al Thani's filly is out of the Sadler's Wells mare Maryinsky (Ire), hence a half-sister to Group 1 stars Peeping Fawn and Thewayyouare.

"She was a very backward 2-year-old, most of her family didn't do much at two and Peeping Fawn never ran, so it was very much against the curve that she won at Newbury, both on the day and in the race," said Beckett. "However, she was always one that we thought would get there in the end. "She is doing very well and we will probably start her off in an Oaks trial, I'm not sure which one yet. I don't think she'll be starting off at less than a mile and a quarter."

Talaayeb (GB) (Dansili {GB}) already takes a prominent position in the market for the 1000 Guineas and stands as a great hope of this year for Owen Burrows at Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum's Lambourn set-up. From the family of Ghanaati and Nashwan, Talaayeb overcame a little trouble to draw clear over seven furlongs at Newmarket on Sept. 24. **Cont. p4**

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Burrows said, "She's in work now and we're looking to give her a run to start her off before the Guineas. We're at a bit of a difficult stage as she wouldn't want to be running on soft ground so we'll have to keep a close eye on the weather. We'd certainly be looking at Newmarket and Newbury and see what the ground is like."

He added, "She's not the biggest but she has strengthened up well. She should stay, looking at her family and we don't see her as being just a miler. Although her work was good, she did surprise us a little in winning on her debut, and with the amount of speed she showed, but that can only be a good thing."

There seems to be a positive word around Newmarket for G1 2000 Guineas entry **Cape Byron (GB)** (Shamardal), who is related to Sheikh Mohammed Obaid's very capable if somewhat quirky Afsare (GB).

"He's been going nicely," said trainer Roger Varian. "He won a seven-furlong maiden at Newmarket in the autumn on what was only his second start. He'd be a miler, maybe a mile-and-a-quarter horse, and he's from a good family. He's a proper-looking horse, but at the moment he's only a maiden winner. He will hopefully be out in the spring."

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BRITISH RACING MAKES PROGRESS TOWARDS NEW LEVY

British racing took a significant step towards a new betting Levy when the UK Parliamentary process was completed regarding the implementation of an extension of the Levy to include offshore digital betting operators Wednesday evening.

Will Lambe, Director of Corporate Affairs at the British Horseracing Authority (BHA) said in a statement:

"*Today, British racing has moved a significant step closer to achieving a fair, enforceable and sustainable return from all betting activity on the sport. This has been the result of a sustained campaign for a number of years.*

"*We appreciate enormously the support that Parliamentarians across the political spectrum have provided to our unique and multi-billion pound industry. Parliament has made clear its will that the funding of British racing should be supported by legislation that reflects fully today's digital economy.*" **Cont. p5**

British Racing Makes Progress Towards New Levy Cont.

"*We now await the anticipated European Commission clearance, as the final formal step in the process and which will secure the new Levy and have a transformative effect on our sport, in particular its grassroots and our tens of thousands of employees. We look forward to working with our partners in the betting industry and beyond to grow interest and participation in our sport.*"

Regarding the European Commission process, Tracey Crouch MP, Minister for Sport, Tourism and Heritage, spoke during Monday's House of Commons Committee and said, "My officials have engaged extensively with the European Commission, and as a result I am confident that we will receive that clearance shortly. To be perfectly honest, we would not have introduced these regulations to the House if we did not have that confidence."

For more information, please contact Will Lambe, British Horseracing Authority: by phone--07816 914 409 or at wlambe@britishhorseracing.com. For the full draft of the new Horserace Betting Levy Regulations 2017, please go to www.parliament.uk.

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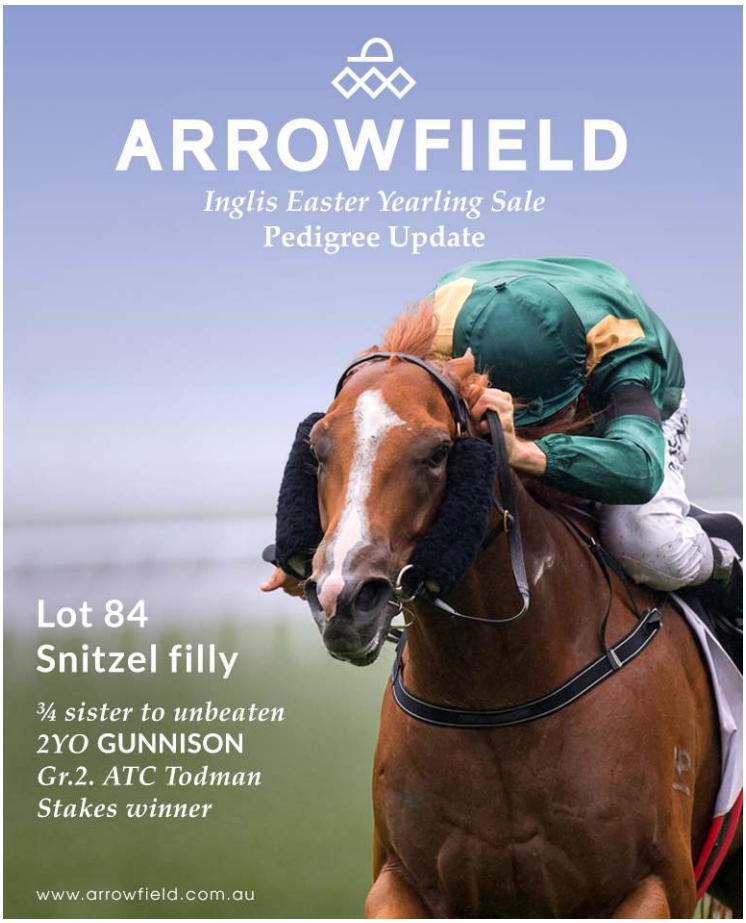

ARQANA BREEZE-UP CATALOGUE RELEASED

Arqana has released the catalogue for its breeze-up sale which, for the second year running, will be held in Deauville instead of Saint-Cloud to coincide with the relocated French Guineas meeting. The Classics were moved to the Normandy track last year while Longchamp undergoes extensive refurbishment and, while the races will almost certainly return to Paris in 2018, the meeting proved to be a great success in Deauville. This year it has been divided to run across two days, with the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches on Saturday, May 13 and the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains and G1 Prix Saint Alary to be run the following day.

This means that the breeze-up sale will be staged on the Friday, with the 137 lots on offer set to breeze at noon on Thursday, May 11.

Syphax | *Racing Post*

Johnny Collins of Brown Island Stables was responsible for the sale's most notable graduate of 2016, the unbeaten G3 Acomb S. winner Syphax (Arch), who was bought by Stephen Hillen for €100,000 having been a $25,000 Keeneland yearling selected by Collins in partnership with Chad Schumer. The Kevin Ryan-trained colt has subsequently been purchased by Godolphin and is entered for the G1 QIPCO 2000 Guineas which will be run the weekend before this year's sale. This time around Brown Island Stables will consign a draft of five juveniles.

Those buyers on the lookout for Classic contenders will have plenty to choose from in France, with two of the country's leading stallions, Siyouni (Fr) and Le Havre (Ire), represented by 12 and nine 2-year-olds respectively.

The Channel Consignment offers the only Galileo juvenile in the catalogue (lot 91), a colt out of a Street Cry (Ire) half-sister to the GI Belmont-winning duo of Rags To Riches (A.P. Indy) and Jazil (Seeking the Gold), while the same draft also contains the sole representative from the first crop of Animal Kingdom (lot 77), a filly out of a winning half-sister to last year's Prix Saint Alary winner Jemayel (Fr) (Lope De Vega {Ire}). **Cont. p6**

Arqana Breeze-Up Catalogue Released Cont.

Larissa Kneip's Haras de Saint Arnoult presents another well-related filly of a freshman sire in lot 81, who has been named Siena Firenze (GB) and is a Cityscape (GB) half-sister to G1 St Leger winner Harbour Law (GB) (Lawman {Fr}). Another of her half-brothers, the Group 3-placed Moheet (GB) (High Chaparral {Ire}), sold for 800,000gns at the Tattersalls Craven Sale of 2014.

The multiple Group 1-winning sprinter Dream Ahead is a notable breeze-up graduate, having been bought for £36,000 at Doncaster in 2010. He is standing his first season in France this year at Haras de Grandcamp and is the sire of lot 125, who is certainly bred to be fast. The colt, offered by Glending Stables, is a half-brother to G1 Haydock Sprint Cup winner G Force (GB) (Tamayuz {GB}) as well as the dam of GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf winner Flotilla (Fr) (Mizzen Mast). The family also includes another top-class sprinter and current freshman sire Lethal Force (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}).

Commenting on the catalogue, Arqana's Head of Bloodstock Freddy Powell said, "We saw some very good juveniles on our inspection tours starting in January and are thrilled with the selection that we will offer to our buyers. We are particularly happy to welcome some new vendors, a sign of the sale's momentum and attractiveness. Figures for the breeze-up sale have risen tremendously over the past few years, since we amended the date. It has allowed us to cater for more diversified profiles, naturally including 2-year-old types, but also some less precocious horses who will develop into excellent 3-year-olds. Our graduates' performances on the track reflect this diversity."

He continued, "During the first Deauville-based edition of the sale, the facilities and track pleased vendors and buyers alike. We have made some additional improvements this year in order to further upgrade our quality of service."

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FELLOWES HOPING FOR A VERY GOOD FRIDAY

The valuable All-Weather Championships for 2017 are set to take place on Good Friday, Apr. 14, and few trainers will be counting down to the valuable day's racing more keenly than Charlie Fellowes, who is set to be represented by **Carolinae (GB)** (Makfi {GB}) in the 32Red All-Weather Fillies' And Mares' Championships Conditions S.

The Meon Valley Stud-bred 5-year-old has been a star turn for the young Newmarket trainer throughout the winter, winning three of her five starts on the synthetic surface and never finishing outside the first three. Her most recent win came at Lingfield over a mile, a furlong more than she will have to run on finals' day. Cont. p7

Fellowes Hoping for a Very Good Friday Cont.

"She's been a superstar this winter and is a filly I've always believed in," said Fellowes. "She's done well and is very unlucky not to have won two good handicaps at Wolverhampton, but she got a bit of justice winning the second one. She won a conditions race at Lingfield last time out, which was a very uncompetitive race, but seven furlongs in the fillies' and mares' final will suit her. She has won there before and she likes a strong pace, as she has got a turn of foot."

He added, "We have just been keeping her ticking over as she has run a lot this winter and we will now start building her up for Good Friday. Hopefully she will go there as an in-form filly, nicely freshened up."

Good Friday was traditionally a blank day in the British racing calendar, but Arena Racing Company was given the go-ahead to stage a meeting at Lingfield on the proviso that the races carried a decent level of prize-money. Thus, the All-Weather Championships were born, with qualifying races held throughout the winter building up to a £1-million race day on Good Friday. The card features six races, comprising championships in the categories of 3-year-olds, sprint, mile, marathon, fillies and mares, and middle distance.

For Carolinae, the priority will be given to enhancing her paddock value through the summer, but not before she's had a shot at a valuable pot.

Fellowes said, "I always thought she was stakes class and after this, getting some black-type will be her number one priority. Good Friday is such good prize-money that we must go there first, though."

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Charlie Fellowes | *Emma Berry*

PLUS 10 READY FOR 2017 FLAT SEASON

The Plus 10 bonus scheme, which anticipates 600 opportunities to win a £10,000 bonus this flat season, is ready to go for the 2017 flat season. The scheme, which has paid more than £8 million in bonus prize money to owners and breeders in just two years, will see a limit on the number of bonuses a horse can win per a rule change announced in December 2016. Starting Apr. 1, Plus 10 horses are limited to one £10,000 bonus and if a horse is successful in another Plus 10 race, they are ineligible for that bonus.

The rule change is the result of the success of the scheme and changes to the 2-year-old race programme, as the number of qualifying juveniles rose 10%, a lot of races were divided into divisions due to oversubscribed fields, and the number of qualifying races rose from 550 to 600, as racecourses responded to the demand for the program by increasing purses, and thus qualifying races. The change ensures that the scheme can continue to operate within its resources. Only 6% of the 769 horses which won a bonus during 2015-2016 added a second or third bonus, equaling 0.8% of the total pool of potential Plus 10 winners from each foal crop.

Plus 10 Chairman Julian Richmond-Watson said, “Plus 10 is achieving its aims of encouraging investment in bloodstock, stimulating racehorse ownership and incentivising owners to run their horses more often. Because of its success, we are introducing this small change which we consider to be the least impactful to all stakeholders in Plus 10, to ensure the scheme operates at a sustainable level in the future. While qualifying horses will no longer be able to win a second bonus, this is offset by improved opportunities to win, thereby maintaining the broad scope of the scheme across two and 3-year-old races, with large numbers of owners and breeders remaining beneficiaries.”

As a truly joint scheme, which recognises the significant links between the British and Irish industries and supports those operations which operate across both countries, the rule change will also apply in Ireland.

Horse Racing Ireland Director of Racing, Jason Morris said, “Limiting the number of bonuses a horse can win will mean the maximum possible number of individual horses, and therefore owners and breeders, benefiting from the scheme going forwards. The rule change should also ensure a greater number of bonuses carry over for the benefit of 3-year-old maidens in Ireland each year.”

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Bishops Cannings (Ire), f, 3, **Cape Blanco (Ire)**--Carini (GB) (SP-Eng, $129,177), by Vettori (Ire). LIN, 3-29, 12f (AWT), 2:36.90. B-Joseph Hernon (IRE). *12,000gns Ylg '15 TAOCT. **1/2 to Forgotten People (Van Nistelrooy), SP-US, $120,111.

Hajjam (GB), g, 3, **Paco Boy (Ire)**--Amanda Carter (GB), by Tobougg (Ire). LIN, 3-29, 7f 1y (AWT), 1:26.16. B-Mrs Janis MacPherson (GB). *25,000gns Ylg '15 TAOCT. **1/2 to Salateen (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}), SW & GSP-Eng, $267,034.

Comprise (GB), g, 3, **Pivotal (GB)**--Constitute, by Gone West. SOU, 3-29, 6f (AWT), 1:17.47. B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB). *45,000gns Ylg '15 TAOCT. **Full to Enrol (GB), MSP-Eng.

Eskendash, g, 4, **Eskendereya**--Daffaash, by Mr. Greeley. KEM, 3-29, 11f (AWT), 2:23.00. B. D. Gibbs Farm, LLC & Chancey Mill Farm (KY). *$105,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; 38,000gns RNA 2yo '15 TATBRE; £26,000 RNA HRA '16 TINO.

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Wednesday's Results:

1st-ARG, €12,000, Mdn, 3-29, 4yo, 12 1/2fT, 2:46.70, gd. **SACRE CAROLINE (f, 4, Blame--Scare Coeur, by Saint Ballado)**, who was last of 17 going 12 panels at Clairefontaine in her only prior start Aug. 12, broke in mid division and occupied a forward role stalking the pace in second after the initial exchanges of this belated return. Nudged along rounding the home turn, the 67-10 chance came under increased pressure to challenge in early straight and was ridden out inside the final 300 metres to assert by 1 1/4 lengths from My Silver Dream (Fr) (Silver Frost {Ire}). The $360,000 KEESEP yearling is a half to GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf, GI Belmont Oaks Invitational and GI Flower Bowl S. victress Lady Eli (Divine Park) and dual Grade III scorer Bizzy Caroline (Afleet Alex). In addition to Lady Eli, her family is awash with top-level performers and also includes G1 Racing Post Trophy-winning sire Palace Episode (Machiavellian), GISW Canadian champion Spring in the Air (Spring At Last) and GI Spinaway S. heroine Sweet Loretta (Tapit). Sacre Caroline's winning dam was covered by Orb in 2014, Kitten's Joy in 2015 and American Pharoah last year. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €6,000. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton**.
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4th-ARG, €12,000, Mdn, 3-29, 3yo, c/g, 10 1/2fT, 2:13.90, gd. **LIGHT PILLAR (IRE) (c, 3, Galileo {Ire}--Burning Sunset {GB} {SW & GSP-Fr}, by Caerleon)**, fifth on his sole start over 9 1/2 furlongs on the Polytrack at Deauville in October, was pushed up to engage in the firing line from the outset with Stephane Pasquier keen to hold the rail. Asked to extend when straightened for home, the even-money favourite hung right but responded to driving to prevail by a head from Palpitator (Fr) (Motivator {GB}). Out of the useful Burning Sunset, the winner is therefore a half to the G2 Prix d'Harcourt winner and G1 Singapore Airlines International Cup runner-up Smoking Sun (Smart Strike), GSW-Fr & G1SP-Sin, $927,090, and to Zhiyi (Henrythenavigator), SW & MGSP-Fr, $172,701. The dam's second foal Ikat (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}) was also group-placed and later produced Main Sequence (Aldebaran), whose exploits in Britain when the winner of the G3 Lingfield Derby Trial and runner-up in the G1 Epsom Derby and G2 Great Voltigeur S. preceded his tenure as champion grass horse in the US courtesy of triumphs in the GI Breeders' Cup Turf, GI Joe Hirsch Turf Classic, GI United Nations S. and GI Sword Dancer Invitational. Aside from Burning Sunset, the second dam Lingerie (GB) (Shirley Heights {GB}) was responsible for a brace of top-class Henry Cecil-trained mares in the G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup heroine and G1 Champion S. runner-up Shiva (Jpn) (Hector Protector) and Light Shift (Kingmambo) who pitched him back into the big time when successful in the 2007 G1 Epsom Oaks. She also threw the G2 Prix Foy and G2 Prix Jean de Chaudenay-winning sire Limnos (Jpn) and the dams of the recent G3 Prix Exbury scorer Cloth of Stars (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}) and last year's G3 Gordon S. winner Ulysses (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). Her 2016 filly is by recent Niarchos luminary Maxios (GB). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €7,350. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton**.
O/B-Famille Niarchos (IRE); T-Andre Fabre.

7th-ARG, €12,000, Mdn, 3-29, 3yo, 12 1/2fT, 2:56.40, gd. **HUKAMAA (GB) (f, 3, Dansili {GB}--Motmayza {GB}, by Nayef)**, fifth on debut over 9 1/2 furlongs on the Polytrack at Deauville in October, was sent into the early lead and lobbed along happily there despite exhibiting signs of greenness throughout. Coming under the whip 300 metres from the line, the 5-1 chance looked to be running out of gas late on but held on by a short head from Final Fanfare (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}). The first foal out of a full-sister to the operation's G1 Prix Jacques le Marois and G1 Prix Jean Prat-winning sire Tamayuz (GB), Hukamaa is therefore a descendant of the G3 Prix de Flore scorer Allez les Trois (Riverman). A half-sister to the great Urban Sea (Miswaki) and brilliant G1 2000 Guineas hero and leading sire King's Best, she is the dam of three black-type winners headed by the G1 Prix du Jockey Club-winning sire Anabaa Blue (GB). **Cont. p9**

7th-ARG Cont.

Shadwell will be hoping that some of the magic that made Sea the Stars (Ire) and Galileo (Ire) will rub off on Motmayza's next two colt offerings, a 2-year-old by Dubawi (Ire) and a yearling colt by Oasis Dream (GB). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €7,350. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton**.

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd (GB); T-Freddy Head.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Blow My Mind (GB), f, 3, **Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)**--Be My Lady (Ger), by Be My Guest. ARG, 3-29, 6fT, 1:17.30. B-EARL Haras de Cisai (GB). *1/2 to Bathyrhon (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}), MGSW & G1SP-Fr, $369,599.

Silver Express (Fr), f, 3, **Silver Frost (Ire)**--Surpressa (Fr), by Take Risks (Fr). ARG, 3-29, 10 1/2fT, 2:16.60. B-Jean-Justin Fournier & Jerome Brion (FR).

Gentilonda (Fr), f, 4, **Gentlewave (Ire)**--Karina du Commeaux (Fr), by Law Society. ARG, 3-29, 12 1/2fT, 2:48.50. B-Hermes Vigna (FR). *€8,000 RNA Ylg '14 ARQNOV. **1/2 to Kicky Blue (Ger) (Dashing Blade {GB}), SW & G1SP-Fr, $293,874.

FRENCH RACING INDUSTRY PROTEST IN PARIS

More than 2,000 demonstrators took to the streets of Paris on Wednesday to raise concerns about falling revenue for the French racing industry and to lobby the government to implement a long-term strategy to protect the sport's finances.

Organised by the Comite de Reaction des Jeunes Professionels de Filiere Cheval (JPFC), representatives from the thoroughbred and trotting industries, which account for more than 180,000 workers in France, descended on the capital to gather in front of the finance ministry.

Chief on their list of concerns was a proposed live betting test, for which the government had agreed to let Francaise Des Jeux (FDJ), a state-owned lottery and sports betting operator, undertake in around 100 outlets in the country in direct competition to the PMU, which funds French racing. But, as the protest commenced, it was announced that the test, which had been organised to start in April, will not now take place.

French racing, which is the envy of many of its European neighbours with its high level of prize-money, lucrative owners' and breeders' premiums and travel incentives, still however faces a shortfall in funding in the coming years as betting on horseracing, which stood at €924 million in 2016, has dropped to less than half the take on general sports betting.

JPFC protestors in Paris | *APRH*

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A colt by Free Eagle (Ire) and out of Poplar Close (Ire) frolics at the Irish National Stud. He is from the same family as G1SWs Hernando (Fr) (Niniski) and Johann Quatz (Fr) (Sadler's Wells).
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BALTIC DUCHESS (IRE) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) debuts for Gestut Ammerland and Andre Fabre and is a half-sister to Baltic Baroness (Ger) (Shamardal), whose career culminated with victory in the 2014 G1 Prix Vermeille in which Treve (Fr) (Motivator {GB}) was only fourth. Also racing for the first time is Frank McNulty's **Hug (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire})**, a Fabrice Chappet-trained half-sister to Tie Black (Ire) (Machiavellian) who was awarded the 2006 G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches by the Longchamp stewards.

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Another representative of G1SW Free Eagle (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire})'s first crop, a colt out of the SP Sleeping Beauty (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}) races at the Irish National Stud. His dam is a daughter of G1 Irish 1000 Guineas heroine Nightime (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and a half-sister to European highweight Zhukova (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}).
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Over 300 fifth and sixth class pupils attended a 'Go Racing Kids Club' Education Day event at Galway Racecourse Wednesday. Throughout the day, various racing industry representatives--from racecourse manager Michael Moloney, champion point-to-point rider Derek O'Connor from Galway, racehorse trainer Fergus Hanley to groom Tazmen Murray, gave presentations to the children about what goes into preparing Galway Racecourse for its August festival, as well as their various professions in racing. The students received a 'Go Racing Kids' Club' goodie bag, observed demonstrations from Racing Academy & Centre of Education racehorse simulator, as well as 'Front Runner-Racing Club for Kids' racing-themed games, puzzles and quizzes.

"We had a great time today with all the pupils from our local schools," commented Michael Moloney, Manager at Galway Racecourse. "The activities here educate school children about racing and show them what happens behind the scenes at Galway in the lead up to the festival."

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2016 2-Year-Old Group 1 Winners in Ireland

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G1 National S.	Churchill (Ire)
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Everest Reaches Peak Subscription Cont. from p1

The fourth-placed horse will receive A$400,000, fifth takes A$250,000 and the remainder of the field will collect A$175,000 each.

Earlier in the week it was announced that the G1 Golden Slipper winner **She Will Reign (Aus)** (Manhattan Rain {Aus}) will take her place in the inaugural line-up after syndicate manager Scott Darby reached an agreement with Yu Long Investments for the star filly to use their slot in the race. Top sprinter **Chautauqua (Aus)** (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) is another intended starter, while purchasers of other Everest places include bloodstock agent James Harron and sales company Inglis.

All slots can be transferred by their owner, either by being sold or leased to the owners of eligible horses.

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She Will Reign | *Ben Melham*

GINGERNUTS IN GOOD NICK FOR ATC DERBY

Te Akau Racing's **Gingernuts (NZ)** (Iffraaj {GB}), on a four-race winning streak including a Mar. 18 2 1/2-length win in the G1 Rosehill Guineas over heavy going, is in great shape in advance of Saturday's G1 Australian Derby during the first day of The Championships at Royal Randwick Apr. 1. Trained by Stephen Autridge and Jamie Richards, the 2017 G1 New Zealand Derby hero acted over good ground in the Kiwi contest, but found the heavy going in his latest to his liking as well.

"Everything has gone according to plan and the horse is super," Richards told *racing.com* of the $3.50 Derby favourite Tuesday. "He did a little bit of work on Saturday morning and this morning [Tuesday] he worked over 1200 metres on the course proper at Randwick with on of Gai Waterhouses's horses. It gave him a good look around and he did all that was expected of him. He's not a big, strapping colt who needs a lot of work--he's more of an athletic type."

Saturday's 2400-metre race drew 13 horses, with Gingernuts breaking from stall 12. Rain is due Thursday.

Continued Richards, "The track on Saturday isn't going to worry us at all. They might think he goes better on soft ground here, but he can go on anything. I thought Jon Snow (NZ) (Iffraaj {GB}) was quite impressive last Saturday [in the G2 Tulloch S.] and he looks like he has improved and Prized Icon (Aus) (More Than Ready) also ran very well and he will go in a very fit horse. But our horse has been racing very well all the way through against good opposition and I couldn't be any happier with him."

The Australian Derby is the last race of Gingernuts's campaign and he will board a plane for New Zealand Monday.

"He'll need a break and we'd like to set him for Melbourne in the spring," concluded Richards.

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Gingernuts | *Trish Dunell*

GAILO CHOP ON THE COMEBACK TRAIL

OTI Racing has reported that its 2015 G1 Mackinnon S. winner **Gailo Chop (Fr)** (Deportivo {GB}) is set to return to training after almost a year out through injury.

Formerly trained in France by Antione de Watrigant, the 6-year-old will resume his career in Australia under the care of Victoria's champion trainer Darren Weir.

Gailo Chop suffered a tendon injury when finishing down the field behind Postponed (Ire) in last year's G1 Dubai Sheema Classic and has been undergoing rehabilitation in Australia since then.

OTI principal Terry Henderson told *racing.com*, "He's about four weeks away from going down to Weiry's stable at Warrnambool. I think the beach will suit the horse. He's been through a tendon rehabilitation process with Lee Evison at Longwarry and all the signs are good. He's in the final stages of his recovery but, fingers crossed, he'll be back racing in the spring."

Bred at Haras des Faunes by Alain Chopard, in whose colours he initially raced, Gailo Chop won seven races in his native county--four at group level including the G2 Prix Guillaume d'Ornano at Deauville--before embarking on his world travels for the OTI syndicate.

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SANCTIONED SPOILS MEROVEE'S PARTY

The first race on the card at Newcastle Wednesday was supposed to be the coming out party for A$1.6-million Inglis Easter yearling **Merovee (Aus)** (Frankel {GB}), the first offspring of MGSW & MG1SP More Strawberries (Aus) (More Than Ready) to grace the racecourse, but the John O'Shea-trained **Sanctioned (Aus** (Teofilo {Ire}) didn't get the memo and prevailed at the New South Wales course by 1 1/2 lengths in the 1200-metre contest (Video). Tabbed a 7-1 chance and ridden by James Doyle, the chestnut colt was making just his second start, after running third of nine in a Warwick Farm affair first out Mar. 8. Rushing up to take command four deep after the first quarter mile, the Godolphin colourbearer crossed over to the fence and showed the way in upper stretch. Meanwhile, Merovee was trapped in a midpack pocket against the pine until the final 250 metres. Sanctioned stole a march on his rivals in the straight and accelerated clear to graduate in style over Our Mantra (Aus) (Sebring {Aus}. Merovee plugged on to take sixth.

Sanctioned is a full-brother to Malice (Aus), a MSW in his native land who ran second or third five times at the group level. His dam has a weanling filly by Dawn Approach (Ire).

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9	Gold Fever (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Autridge & Richards	Grylls	120
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MALIBU MOON COLT TOPS VIBRANT BARRETTS MARKET

Hip 109 during Monday's under-tack preview | *Cecilia Gustavsson*

by Jessica Martini

DEL MAR, CA - The Barretts March Select 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale, conducted for the second time at Del Mar Wednesday, produced numbers up from 2016, with a colt by Malibu Moon bringing top price of $675,000.

"We are thrilled with the results," said Barretts General Manager Kim Lloyd. "A lot of good horses brought a lot of good money."

In all, Barretts sold 44 juveniles for $6,707,000. The average rose 22.4% to $152,432 and the median was up 10% to $110,000. A year ago, 43 head grossed $5,356,000 for an average of $124,558 and a median of $100,000.

West Point Thoroughbreds' Terry Finley made the auction's biggest bid when he went to $675,000 to secure hip 109, a colt by Malibu Moon, from the Starting Point Thoroughbreds consignment. The sales topper was one of 12 horses to bring $200,000 or more, compared to 11 a year ago. Nine brought $300,000 or more, compared to five in 2016.

Lloyd said the March sale at Del Mar is growing its reputation as a must-attend event.

"Our first year at Del Mar last year, we were selling this as a must-attend event, a vacation-type of place," Lloyd explained. "This year, we had new owners that we've never seen and we had new credit applications. So people came out here because they wanted to be a part of this. I think after this year, we'll have more opportunity to grow." **Cont. p3**

GUNNEVERA DRAWN WIDEST AS FL DERBY FAVORITE

Peacock Racing Stables' three-time graded stakes winner **Gunnevera** (Dialed In) drew the widest slot in a field of 11 as the 9-5 morning line favorite for Saturday's GI Xpressbet.com Florida Derby when posts were determined Wednesday morning at Gulfstream Park. The chestnut's stiffest competition is likely to come from the barn of Gulfstream's 13-time leading trainer Todd Pletcher, whose 3-1 second choice and **'TDN Rising Star' Battalion Runner** (Unbridled's Song) drew stall nine and 4-1 third choice **Always Dreaming** (Bodemeister) landed post four. The former is expected to scratch in favor of a later GI Kentucky Derby prep race. Despite the sometimes unfavorable wide draw traveling two turns at Gulfstream, Gunnevera's trainer Antonio Sano expressed confidence in his colt, who recently captured the Mar. 4 GII Xpressbet.com Fountain of Youth S. by 5 3/4 lengths. **Cont. p10**

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Thursday, March 30, 2017

March 26, 1955. *Jockey Eddie Arcaro accepts the 1955 Florida Derby trophy after a victory by a neck in a thunderstorm aboard Belair Stud's Nashua at Gulfstream Park in Hallandale Beach, FL. The field is set for the 2017 Florida Derby, and you can read about it continuing on page 10.* | *Horsephotos*

CLASSIC EMPIRE CONFIRMED FOR ARKANSAS 10

Champion Classic Empire (Pioneerof the Nile) breezed five furlongs at Winding Oaks Farm Tuesday and will make his next start in the GI Arkansas Derby at Oaklawn Park Apr. 15.

VEXATIOUS NO TROUBLE FOR DRYSDALE 11

Vexatious (Giant's Causeway), who held her own against males despite a tough trip at Santa Anita Mar. 9, heads out of town for trainer Neil Drysdale to contest Saturday's GII Fair Grounds Oaks in New Orleans.

Barretts March Wrap cont.

Lloyd was confident heading into Wednesday's action that results would be positive.

"The whole vibe of our preview, not that it was bad last year, but the vibe this year was very positive," he explained. "The horses went well and looked well breezing and we had a big turnout. Now, if they didn't like the breeze, you didn't get any action on them. That's just the way it is. But those that went well, we sold them in all ranges and they sold very well. There was lots of competition."

Ciaran Dunne
Cecilia Gustavsson

From a catalogue of 134, there were 67 outs. Of the 64 horses to go through the ring, 20 were reported not sold for a buy-back rate of 31.25%.

For Ciaran Dunne, whose Wavertree Stables was the auction's leading sales agent, the results continued to reflect the polarized market of recent juvenile sales.

"It's the same old story," Dunne said. "The ones they perceive to be the good ones sell for way more than you could ever hope they could bring and the rest of them are hard work."

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BARRETTS MARCH SELECT 2-YEAR-OLDS
WEDNESDAY'S TOP EIGHT MALES

Hip	Sire	Dam	Price ($)
109	Malibu Moon	Indian Breeze	675,000

($135,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP)
B-William Peeples (KY)
Consigned by Starting Point Thoroughbreds, Agent
Purchased by West Point Thoroughbreds Inc

Hip	Sire	Dam	Price ($)
102	Candy Ride (Arg)	Gottahaveadream	400,000

($100,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP)
B-Siena Farms (KY)
Consigned by Kings Equine, Agent
Purchased by Susumu Hayashi

Hip	Sire	Dam	Price ($)
121	Congrats	Let's Get Married	360,000

($85,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP)
B-Pin Oak Stud (KY)
Consigned by Excel Bloodstock (Bruno DeBerdt), Agent
Purchased by Dennis O'Neill

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46 Quality Road Tejati 350,000
($45,000 Ylg '16 FTKOCT)
B-Thomas J Young (KY)
Consigned by Wavertree Stables Inc (Ciaran Dunne), Agent IX
Purchased by Gary S Broad

76 Run Away and Hide Cabales 325,000
($9,500 RNA Wlg '15 KEENOV; $35,000 Ylg '16 OBSAUG)
B-Erv Woolsey & Ralph Kinder (KY)
Consigned by Wavertree Stables Inc (Ciaran Dunne), Agent
Purchased by KSI

123 Tale of the Cat Little Miss Muffet 325,000
($110,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP)
B-Winchester Farm (KY)
Consigned by Wavertree Stables Inc (Ciaran Dunne), Agent IV
Purchased by Breeze Easy LLC

48 Justin Phillip Town Belle 300,000
($45,000 Wlg '15 KEENOV; $80,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP)
B-Highland Yard (KY)
Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent XXV
Purchased by Kenji Ryotokuji

88 Candy Ride (Arg) Derwin's Star 250,000
($100,000 Wlg '15 KEENOV; $185,000 Ylg '16 FTSAUG)
B-Candy Meadows (KY)
Consigned by Wavertree Stables (Ciaran Dunne), Agent VIII
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• No. Sold	44	43
• RNAs	20	21
• % RNAs	31.3%	32.8%
• No. $250K+	10	4
• High Price	$675,000	$460,000
• Gross	$6,707,000	$5,356,000
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WEDNESDAY'S TOP FIVE FILLIES

Hip	Sire	Dam	Price ($)
6	**Lucky Pulpit**	**Nine to Five Lady**	**360,000**

($14,000 RNA Ylg '16 NCAAUG; $42,000 Ylg '16 BAROCT)

B-Cole Ranch (CA)

Consigned by Havens Bloodstock Agency Inc, Agent

Purchased by Dennis O'Neill

86	**Orb**	**Day of Victory**	**320,000**

($30,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP)

B-Lakland Farm (KY)

Consigned by Sequel Bloodstock, Agent

Purchased by Speedway Stables LLC

44	**Morning Line**	**Surrender**	**220,000**

($40,000 in utero '14 KEENOV; $19,000 RNA Wlg '15 KEENOV; $40,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP)

B-Elaine Macpherson (KY)

Consigned by Excel Bloodstock (Bruno DeBerdt), Agent

Purchased by Rockingham Ranch

Barretts March Toppers cont.

10	**The Factor**	**Pileiton**	**180,000**

($170,000 Ylg '16 FTKJUL)

B-Terry Arnold & Jon Yessin (KY)

Consigned by Checkmate Thoroughbreds LLC, Agent

Purchased by Seltzer Thoroughbreds LLC

67	**Blame**	**Bagatelle Park**	**180,000**

($247,000 RNA in utero '14 KEENOV; $195,000 RNA in utero '15 KEEJAN; $70,000 Wlg '15 KEENOV; $92,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP)

B-Robert Estill Courtney Jr & Dr H Steve Conboy (KY)

Consigned by Excel Bloodstock (Bruno DeBerdt), Agent

Purchased by Nasuno Farm

Malibu Moon Colt on Top at Barretts

Terry Finley of West Point Thoroughbreds admitted he thought he was done bidding on hip 109, but ultimately decided to make one more volley and secured the handsome son of Malibu Moon for a sale-topping $675,000 at Barretts Wednesday.

"We dropped out at $450,000 and, obviously it went up pretty quickly," Finley said. "I just took one shot and I just jumped back in at the very end. That was my final bid--I can assure you that."

West Point will partner with Spendthrift Farm on the dark bay colt, Barretts General Manager Kim Lloyd confirmed after the auction concluded.

"We bought a weanling one time for $750,000 that was from the first crop of Ghostzapper, but this is probably the most expensive 2-year-old we've bought," Finley said of the colt who worked in :21 flat. "I thought he had a beautiful stride." **Cont. p6**

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Bred by William Peeples, hip 109 is out of stakes winner Indian Breeze (Indian Charlie), a half-sister to multiple stakes winner Don't Countess Out (Take Me Out).

Finley said he was finding plenty of competition at the top of the market, both at Barretts and at the season's earlier juvenile sales.

"I think back to those kinds of horses that sold two weeks ago [at OBS March], there were a good number who brought a whole lot," he said. "The market is white hot, so we want to play at the top end of the market and I think we have a top colt. I just hope he is as good as we think he is. If they can run, it doesn't matter what you pay for them."

Asked who will train the youngster, Finley said, "He'll probably go back east, but I'm not sure who he will go to. I think we'll probably talk about it over dinner tonight."

Hip 109 back in the barn area | *Cecilia Gustavsson*

The sale result was another pinhooking score for Willie North's Starting Point Thoroughbreds, currently in its first year of operation. North and Stuart Morris acquired the youngster for $135,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale. Cont. p7

"He was a very nice horse and he's been very nice all winter," Morris said. "He performed on the racetrack and he has been very well-received in the barn. The market responded to him and he brought all that we wanted and more. He was a really super athletic horse [last September]. He is just a bigger version of the same horse now. He just stayed nice and did everything right."

Morris said the Starting Point team enjoyed its first foray at Barretts. "We'll be back," he smiled.

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Barretts March cont.

At the Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream sale, Starting Point sold a Pioneerof the Nile colt, a $280,000 yearling purchase, for $700,000. A Bernardini filly, also purchased last year for $280,000, fetched $425,000 at Gulfstream.

'MOON' LANDINGS AT BARRETTS MARCH

The offspring of Malibu Moon have excelled at Barretts:

Name	Year	Price	Best Performance
Stanford	2014	$550,000	G2/G3SW
Consigned by King's Equine, Agent ($120k Ylg '13 KEESEP)			
Corfu	2013	$675,000	G2SW
Consigned by Breaking Point Farm ($185k Ylg '12 FTKJUL)			
Enchantress	2014	$950,000	G2SP
Consigned by Hartley/DeRenzo T'breds ($160k Ylg '13 KEESEP)			

Candy Ride Colt Heads to Japan

Longtime Japanese owner Susumu Hayashi sent trainer Takashi Suzuki to California in search of his next big horse and the trainer will return to the Far East with hip 102, a colt by Candy Ride (Arg) out of Gottahaveadream (Indian Charlie), a half-sister to Grade I winner Here Comes Ben (Street Cry {Ire}).

"[Hayashi] has been a racehorse owner with Japan Racehorse Association for nearly 40 years," explained Barretts' Naohiro Goda. "He is now in his 80s and he has owned some nice horses in Japan, but now he'd like to have another big horse. Takashi Suzuki looked at the catalogue and Barretts graduates have been doing well in Japan and he decided to come here. He was looking for some ready-to-run horses."

The dark bay colt, who worked a furlong Monday in :10 flat, was consigned by Kings Equine, which purchased him for $100,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale. He was bred by Siena Farms.

O'Neill Back in Action for Zedan

Dennis O'Neill, who has been busy this spring stocking the racing stable of new owner Amr Zedan, struck early in Wednesday's Barretts sale, going to $360,000 to secure a filly by Lucky Pulpit. Hip 6, consigned by Havens Bloodstock, worked the bullet furlong of :9 4/5 during Monday's under-tack preview of the auction.

"Amr Zedan has given me strict instructions at each sale to buy the best horse in the sale," O'Neill commented after signing the ticket on the juvenile. "I told him I really liked this Lucky Pulpit. There's not a lot of pedigree there, but I thought she was a star on the racetrack. I looked at her all week and I just fell in love with her more and more every day.

She's a very classy-looking filly. So we stretched a little more than we wanted to, but we think she is the star of the sale. Hopefully we are right."

Zedan must already have a positive impression of Lucky Pulpit. He was a co-owner in champion California Chrome, who is by the late stallion.

The chestnut juvenile, bred in California by Cole Ranch, is out of Nine to Five Lady (Mr. Greeley) and is from the family of GI Breeders' Cup Classic winner Concern.

Bloodstock agent John Brocklebank purchased the filly for $42,000 at last year's Barretts October sale.

"We thought she'd sell well," consignor Andy Havens, who sold the filly on behalf of Brocklebank, said. "She's a gorgeous filly and she had everything going for. I thought she would sell very well. She was the fastest horse we had, so our expectations were pretty high."

On behalf of the Saudi Arabia-based owner, O'Neill bought a Union Rags colt for $950,000 and a filly by Flatter for $410,000 at the OBS March sale and a colt by Custom For Carlos at Fasig-Tipton's Gulfstream Sale for $400,000.

O'Neill was the leading buyer at Barretts, signing for three juveniles for a total of $875,000. In addition to the Lucky Pulpit filly, he also signed for hip 121, a colt by Congrats for $360,000, and hip 116, a colt by Flat Out for $155,000

Hip 6 stretches out Monday at Del Mar | *Cecilia Gustavsson*

Shah Stretches for Run Away and Hide Colt

Kaleem Shah purchased a colt by Run Away and Hide (hip 76) for $325,000 during Wednesday's Barretts sale. Asked what he liked about the youngster, who worked a furlong in :10 flat during Monday's under-tack preview, Shah said succinctly, "He looked fast, so let's see what he can do."

Shah admitted he was surprised by the colt's final price tag.

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Barretts March cont.

"I thought we would get him for $150,000 to $200,000," he said.

Shah split with long-time trainer Bob Baffert earlier this year and said he had not decided on a trainer for his newest acquisition. The owner admitted, "I picked him out on my own."

The bay juvenile is out of Cabales (Pulpit), a daughter of stakes winner Mudslinger (El Gran Senor). He was consigned by Ciaran Dunne's Wavertree Stables and was purchased by the operation for $35,000 at last year's OBS August sale.

Dunne admitted he couldn't take credit for the yearling purchase.

"We didn't work the OBS sale because we had to go to California," Dunne revealed. "We were taking our daughter Caitlyn out to college, so Mark Edmonds and Lee Byrne, who work for us back home, bought him while we were away."

Dunne admitted he had his concerns about the purchase initially. Asked for his first reaction, he laughed, "What did you just do?" He added of Edmonds and Byrne, "They were probably a little aggressive in what they paid for him."

He felt better about the purchase once he saw the yearling.

"He was a really nice horse when they bought him, a strong horse, clean legged and a great mover," Dunne said. "Good for them. It was a big move for them to stick their necks out and say we really want this one. Lee runs all the sales for us. She does all the therapeutic work at the farm and does all the sales. Mark does everything else."

Wavertree also sold a colt by Quality Road (hip 46) for $350,000 to Gary Broad. The colt cost $45,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Kentucky October sale.

"He belonged to a partnership from Ocala--they bought him in October," Dunne said. "He's a nice horse by the right stallion and he moved great. We were hoping for $200,000-$250,000 and they just went on with him."

Wavertree led all sales agents, with 11 head sold for $1.88 million and an average of $170,000. Its trio of $300,000 sales was completed by hip 123, a colt by Tale of the Cat who sold for $325,000 to Breeze Easy LLC. Bloodstock agent Justin Casse signed the ticket on the youngster at $110,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.

Orb Filly to Speedway

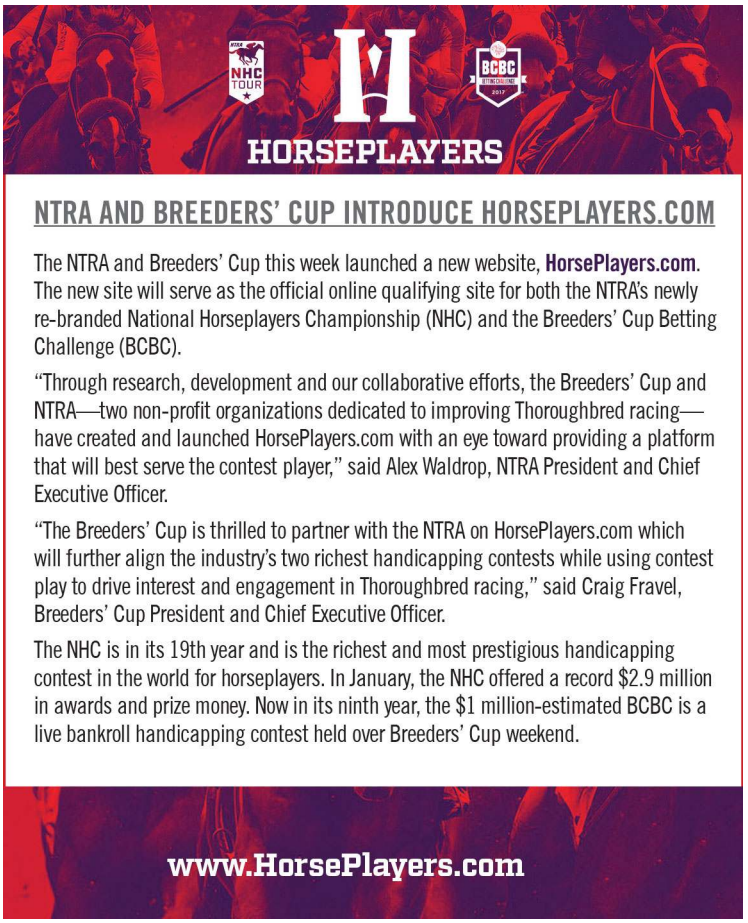
Speedway Stables' Peter Fluor, sitting alongside bloodstock agent Marette Farrell, secured a colt from the first crop of GI Kentucky Derby winner Orb (Malibu Moon) for $320,000 during Wednesday's Barretts sale.

Bred by Lakland Farm and consigned by Sequel Bloodstock, the chestnut filly worked in :10 1/5. Out of Day of Victory (Victory Gallop), hip 86 is a half to Grade I placed Finley'sluckycharm (Twirling Candy). Her third dam is Gather the Clan (Ire), who produced multiple Grade I winner Pure Clan and graded stakes winner Greater Good. She RNA'd for $30,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.

"We loved her elegance and how efficient she was in her breeze--it took nothing out of her," Farrell said of the filly's appeal. "The female family is incredible and she really reminded us of the female family. If she is as good as Pure Clan and everybody else in that family, she'll be awesome."

In business for just three years, Fluor and K.C. Weiner's Speedway Stable has already campaigned Grade I winner Hard Not To Like (Hard Spun) and graded stakes winner Collected (City Zip).

Asked the stable's buying plan, Fluor said, "If Marette and John Adger find something we like and it vets and is not unreasonable, we'll buy it."



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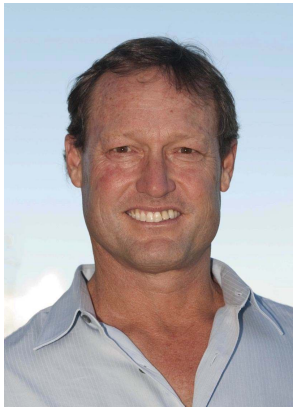

Ron Ellis

Hip 116
(c, Flat Out--Kim D, by With Approval)
Buyer: Dennis O'Neill
Price: $155,000

"He's bred to go farther, but he still worked in :10 2/5. He looks like a good, sound horse. At that price, he'll make a nice horse--but maybe not until he goes two turns."

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Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price ($)
6	filly	Lucky Pulpit	Nine to Five Lady	360,000

B-Cole Ranch (CA)
Consigned by Havens Bloodstock Agency Inc, Agent
Purchased by Dennis O'Neill
See story p7

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price ($)
46	colt	Quality Road	Tejati	350,000

B-Thomas J Young (KY)
Consigned by Wavertree Stables Inc (Ciaran Dunne), Agent IX
Purchased by Gary S Broad

Sam Wright gave $45,000 for this Mar. 18 foal at last year's Fasig-Tipton Kentucky October Yearling Sale and the colt was one of several successful pinhooks Wednesday afternoon for Ciaran Dunne's Wavertree Stables.

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76 colt Run Away and Hide Cabales 325,000
B-Erv Woolsey & Ralph Kinder (KY)
Consigned by Wavertree Stables Inc (Ciaran Dunne), Agent
Purchased by KSI
See story p7

86 filly Orb Day of Victory 320,000
B-Lakland Farm (KY)
Consigned by Sequel Bloodstock, Agent
Purchased by Speedway Stables LLC
This first-crop offering for her sire was a $30,000 buyback out of last year's Keeneland September sale a couple of months before her elder half-sister Finley'sluckycharm (Twirling Candy) won the Dream Supreme S. by 8 1/2 lengths and was narrowly beaten into second in the GI La Brea S. last season.

102 colt Candy Ride (Arg) Gottahaveadream 400,000
B-Siena Farms (KY)
Consigned by King's Equine, Agent
Purchased by Susumu Hayashi
This Mar. 31 foal, out of a half-sister to GISW Here Comes Ben (Street Cry {Ire}), caught the eye of Raul Reyes at last year's Keeneland September sale, when he parted with $100,000 for the handsome dark bay.

FL Derby Draw cont. from p1

Gunnevera | *Leslie Martin photo*

"No problem," Sano said of the post position. "My horse goes to the back. Three Rules has speed [and he is to our] inside."

Three Rules (Gone Astray), who was assigned post 10, and rail-drawn **State of Honor** (To Honor and Serve) are both likely to contribute to an expected lively pace scenario Saturday. The pair was installed as the 8-1 co-fourth choices on the morning line. Should a speed duel develop, N and K Racing's **Impressive Edge** (Harlan's Holiday) could find himself in an ideal spot, breaking from post eight as a 12-1 shot on the morning line.

"Both of his wins here were very impressive," trainer Dale Romans said of Impressive Edge. "The question is the distance. He acts like he'll do it, and he's done everything right…I'd like to sit third or fourth and just get into a rhythm and see if we can get him to get the distance." ***See graded stakes fields at the end of Headline News***

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CLASSIC EMPIRE CONFIRMED FOR ARKANSAS DERBY

Classic Empire with Mark Casse and Julien Leparoux
Eclipse Sportswire

John Oxley's **Classic Empire** (Pioneerof the Nile), champion juvenile colt of 2016, will make his next start in the GI Arkansas Derby at Oaklawn Park Apr. 15, trainer Mark Casse confirmed Wednesday. The decision was made after the colt worked five furlongs from the gate in :59.30 at Winding Oaks Farm near Ocala Tuesday morning. Classic Empire had previously been under consideration for the GII Toyota Blue Grass S. at Keeneland Apr. 8, but was re-routed to Hot Springs after reportedly refusing to breeze twice in recent weeks at Palm Meadows in South Florida. **Cont. p11**

Classic Empire cont.

"It's well documented--we've had some bumps in the road," Casse said Tuesday afternoon, referring to a series of training disruptions as a result of a foot abscess and back issue following his third-place finish as the heavy favorite in the Feb. 4 GII Lambholm South Holy Bull S. "But, the good news is it doesn't matter. As I said, it's like a baseball game. Doesn't matter how many runs you score in the early innings, it's how many you score in the end."

With a new plan to target the Arkansas Derby, Casse secures an additional week of training for Classic Empire as he eyes a final prep for the GI Kentucky Derby May 6. The dark bay breezed in company with MGSW Airoforce (Colonel John) Tuesday.

"I thought he worked extremely well," Casse said. "That was the good news. The bad news was we kind of really felt like he could use another strong work. And, given the timing of the Blue Grass, we weren't going to be able to do that...The Arkansas Derby has been in our mind for a while."

Classic Empire put forth a nearly flawless 2-year-old campaign in 2016, which included a pair of Grade I wins in the Claiborne Breeders' Futurity Oct. 8 and Breeders' Cup Juvenile Nov. 5. Bet down to 1-2 favoritism in his sophomore debut in the Holy Bull, he chased the pace from the outside and faded to finish 8 3/4 lengths adrift of '**TDN Rising Star**' Irish War Cry (Curlin) after being put to a drive on the turn. Classic Empire currently sits 11th on the Kentucky Derby qualifying leader board with 32 points to his credit. The Arkansas Derby offers a total of 170 points, with 100 awarded to the winner.

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VEXATIOUS NO TROUBLE FOR DRYSDALE

by Joe Bianca

Two well-regarded 3-year-old colts threw down in a good stretch battle Mar. 9 at Santa Anita, finishing a neck apart, and both horses have received deserved attention since. But five-plus lengths behind **'TDN Rising Star'** Battle of Midway (Smart Strike) and Reach the World (Tapit)--ranked 15th and 18th respectively in the latest *TDN* Derby 20--that day was a filly, **Vexatious (Giant's Causeway)**, who arguably ran as well as the top two considering her circumstances.

Making her first start in 104 days, the full-sister to Creative Cause and Destin was shuffled back and steadied off heels continuously throughout the running, unable to gather any momentum. She had every right to quit after such a frustrating trip, but ran on well once finally clear at the three-sixteenths pole, improbably nabbing third in the closing yards.

Vexatious also showed an impressive late kick in her debut, finishing full of run to be third behind subsequent 13 1/4-length GIII Delta Princess S. victress Shane's Girlfriend (Adios Charlie) Oct. 28 in Arcadia, and overcame another troubled trip to break her maiden Nov. 26 at Del Mar. This Saturday, the $150,000 Keeneland September buy for Calumet Farm will venture into stakes waters for the first time and face seven challengers in the Grade II Fair Grounds Oaks.

"We've always been keen on this filly," trainer Neil Drysdale said from his Santa Anita base Wednesday. "All the time. She's very well-bred, we got held up by the weather here, so we had to run her against colts, she did not have an easy trip and ran well."

The Fair Grounds Oaks likely goes through Farrell (Malibu Moon), who has captured both the Silverbulletday S. and GII Rachel Alexandra S. on the New Orleans oval. The Coffeepot Stables homebred is a speed type, and Vexatious's chances may hinge on whether the favorite encounters any resistance on the front end.

"It looks like there might be a couple of horses to go along with [Farrell]," Drysdale said, "I hope they hook up, or are close to each other anyway."

Vexatious (inside) breaking her maiden | *Benoit Photo*

True to Drysdale's old-school training approach, Vexatious generally works slow, long and steady, but in completing preparations for the Oaks, turned in a sharp half-mile drill in :47 4/5 Mar. 27 at Santa Anita, good for the bullet out of 38 moves at the distance.

"She just did it on her own," Drysdale relayed. "She's been training well all along. They've all been controlled works and she's been doing well."

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Vexatious cont.

Vexatious is one of several promising 3-year-olds for Calumet, joining GIII Sunland Derby winner Hence (Street Boss) and GII Louisiana Derby contender and **'TDN Rising Star'** Patch (Union Rags) as potential sophomore heavy-hitters. Hence's Sunland heroics came on the 25th anniversary of the once moribund farm being auctioned off for $17 million to Polish-Canadian businessman Henryk de Kwiatkowski, who started the wheels in motion to get Calumet back to the thriving operation it is now under Brad Kelley. Drysdale, who called his relationship with Calumet "excellent," predicted this may only be the beginning of its resurgence.

"Judging by their 2-year-old crop coming now, it appears to be stronger than this group," the 69-year-old conditioner revealed. "Calumet is definitely developing in the right direction."

That direction would be forward, and Vexatious is certainly a filly moving that way too. She'll just need a bit better luck Saturday.

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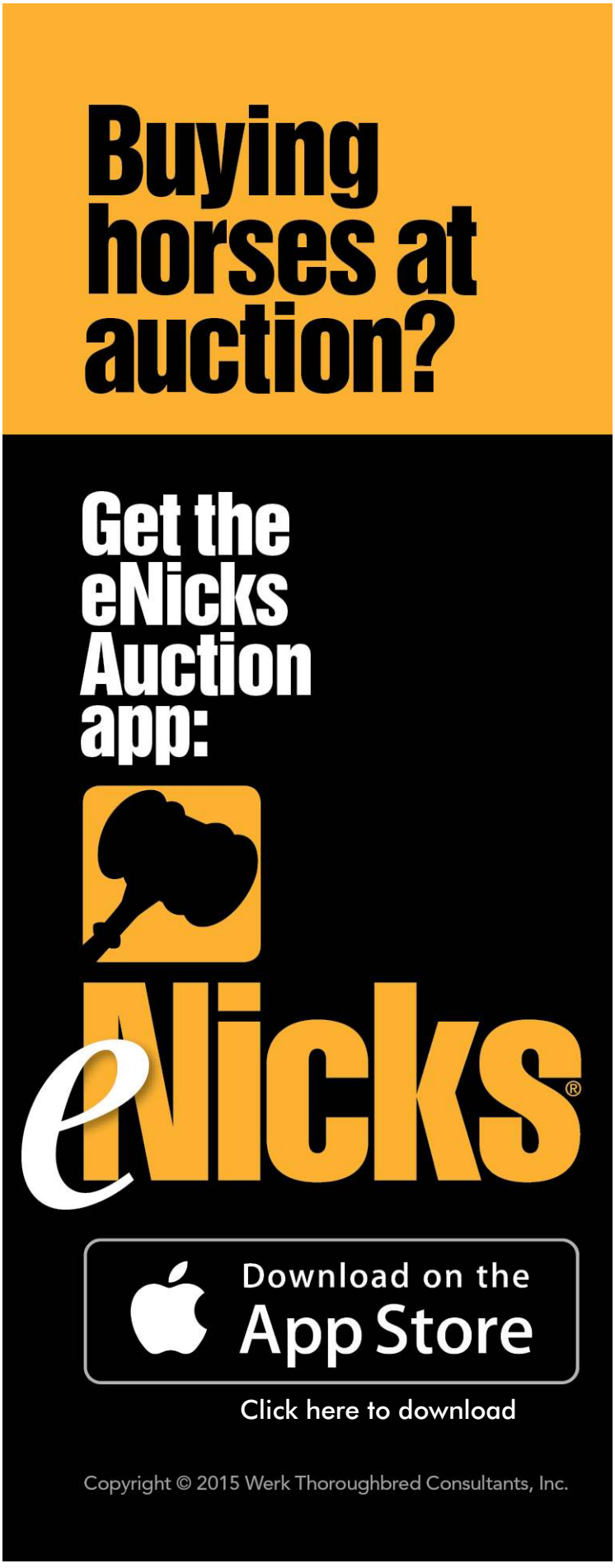
UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track
4/1	GI Xpressbet.com Florida Derby	GP
	GII TwinSpires.com Louisiana Derby	FG
	GII Mervin Muniz Memorial H.	FG
	GII New Orleans H.	FG
	GII TwinSpires.com Fair Grounds Oaks	FG
	GII Gulfstream Park Oaks	GP
	GII Pan American S.	GP
	GII Honey Fox S.	GP
	GIII Orchid S.	GP
	GIII Appleton S.	GP
4/2	GIII Top Flight Invitational H.	AQU
	GIII Tokyo City Cup	SA
4/8	GI Carter H.	AQU
	GI Madison S.	KEE
	GI Central Bank Ashland S.	KEE
	GI Santa Anita Derby	SA
	GI Santa Anita Oaks	SA
	GII Toyota Blue Grass S.	KEE
	GII Wood Memorial S.	AQU
	GII Gazelle S.	AQU
	GII Shakertown S.	KEE
	GII Royal Heroine S.	SA
	GIII Commonwealth S.	KEE
	GIII Bay Shore S.	AQU
	GIII Excelsior S.	AQU
	GIII Providencia S.	SA
4/9	GIII Distaff H.	AQU
	GIII Adena Springs Beaumont S.	KEE
4/13	GIII Appalachian S.	KEE
4/14	GI Maker's 46 Mile	KEE
	GI Apple Blossom S.	OP
	GIII Fantasy S.	OP



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Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 6:40 p.m. EDT

XPRESSBET FLORIDA DERBY-GI, $1,000,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	State of Honor	To Honor and Serve	Conrad Farms	Casse	Leparoux	122
2	Talk Logistics	High Cotton	Hardway Stables	Plesa, Jr.	Bravo	122
3	Charlie the Greek	Adios Charlie	Olympia Star, Inc.	Yanakov	Reyes	122
4	Always Dreaming	Bodemeister	Brooklyn Boyz Stbls, Teresa Viola Rcng Stbls et al.	Pletcher	Velazquez	122
5	Quinientos	Sky Mesa	Rontos Racing Stable Corp.	Sanchez	Montalvo	122
6	Coleman Rocky	Harlan's Holiday	Grupo 7C Racing Stable	Delgado	Ortiz	122
7	Unbridled Holiday	Harlan's Holiday	D P Racing	Biancone	Juarez	122
8	Impressive Edge	Harlan's Holiday	N and K Racing	Romans	Lanerie	122
9	Battalion Runner	Unbridled's Song	St. Elias Stable	Pletcher	Velazquez	122
10	Three Rules	Gone Astray	Shade Tree Thoroughbreds, Inc., Tom Fitzgerald and Geoff Roy	Pinchin	Saez	122
11	Gunnevera	Dialed In	Peacock Racing Stables, LLC	Sano	Castellano	122

Breeders: 1-Manfred & Penny Conrad, 2-Ocala Stud & Edward Wiest, 3-Suzanne Sharra-Maxwell, 4-Santa Rosa Partners, 5-Oxley, TCF Stallions et al, Barry & Shelly Simpson, 6-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 7-Don L. Ming, 8-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding, 9-Dell Ridge Farm, LLC, 10-Shade Tree Thoroughbreds Inc, Geoff Roy & Tom Fitzgerald, 11-Brandywine Farm & Stephen Upchurch

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Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 4:25 p.m. EDT

HONEY FOX S.-GII, $300,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Lori's Store	El Prado (Ire)	Miller Racing, LLC	Wolfson	Castellano	119
2	Dad's Princess	Mineshaft	D P Racing	Biancone	Saez	117
3	Inside Out	Colonel John	Miller Racing, LLC	Wolfson	Lopez	117
4	Josdesanimaux	Leroidesanimaux (Brz)	Palm Beach Racing Partnership	Nicks	Velazquez	119
5	Celestine	Scat Daddy	Moyglare Stud Farm, Ltd.	Clement	Ortiz	121
6	Mississippi Delta	Giant's Causeway	Jackpot Ranch and Mike G. Rutherford	Casse	Lezcano	119
7	Linda	Scat Daddy	Whitham Thoroughbreds LLC	Wilkes	Leparoux	123

Breeders: 1-Glen Hill Farm, 2-Robert Gentry Family Partnership, Ltd., 3-Colonel John Champions Series I, LLC, Emerald Q Partners, Inc. & TCR Ranch, 4-Palm Beach Racing II, LLC, 5-Phoenix Rising Farms, 6-Mike G. Rutherford, 7-Janis R. Whitham

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 4:57 p.m. EDT

GULFSTREAM PARK OAKS-GII, $250,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Conquest Sorceror	Pure Prize	Loooch Racing Stables, Inc.	Creque	Vasquez	122
2	Tequilita	Union Rags	Dorothy Alexander Matz	Matz	Saez	122
3	Summer Luck	Lookin At Lucky	Gary Barber	Casse	Husbands	122
4	Spring Mist	Spring At Last	Kim H. Deaton	Deaton	Castellano	122
5	Jordan's Henny	Henny Hughes	E. Ervine Woolsey and Ralph Kinder	Tomlinson	Lanerie	122
6	Salty	Quality Road	Gary Barber, Baccari Racing Stable LLC and Chester Prince	Casse	Rosario	122
7	Nonna Bella	Stay Thirsty	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Velazquez	122
8	Shezaprado	Paddy O'Prado	Out Of This World Racing LLC	Maker	Leparoux	122
9	Modacious	Uncle Mo	Cash is King LLC and LC Racing LLC	Reid, Jr.	Juarez	122

Breeders: 1-Alan Tennenbaum, 2-Dorothy A. Matz, 3-Imperious Stable & Lookin at Lucky Syndicate, 4-Hargus & Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm, LLC, 5-Erv Woolsey & Ralph Kinder, 6-Seclusive Farm, LLC & Prince Farm, LLC, 7-Repole Stable Inc, 8-Paradox Farm, Inc. & D. Andrews, 9-Lantern Hill Farm LLC.

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 6:06 p.m. EDT

PAN AMERICAN S.-GII, $200,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Designed for War	War Front	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Rosario	117
2	Sadler's Joy	Kitten's Joy	Woodslane Farm	Albertrani	Leparoux	117
3	Taghleeb	Hard Spun	Michael M. Hui	Maker	Ortiz	123
4	Snag	Harlan's Holiday	Starlight Racing	Pletcher	Velazquez	117
5	Patterson Cross	Arch	James S. Karp and James Patterson	Mott	Lezcano	117
6	Reporting Star	Circular Quay	Merriebelle Stable LLC	Walsh	Castellano	119
7	Montclair (Ire)	Montjeu (Ire)	Midwest Thoroughbreds, Inc.	De la cerda	Juarez	119
8	Mr Maybe	Ghostzapper	Michael Dubb, Head of Plains Partners LLC and Highclere America	Brown	Lopez	119

Breeders: 1-JSM Equine LLC & Greathouse HorseProperty LLC, 2-Woodslane Farm, LLC., 3-Shadwell Farm, LLC, 4-Machmer Hall & Haymarket Farm, 5-James S. Karp, 6-Gilbert G. Campbell, 7-Elisabeth Fabre, 8-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings,Liberation Farm & et al.

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 1:24 p.m. EDT

APPLETON S.-GIII, $200,000, 4yo/up, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Diamond Bachelor	War Front	Diamond 100 Racing Club, LLC, Robert Trussell and Patrick L. Biancone LLC	Biancone	Figueroa	119
2	Our Way	Tizway	William L. Clifton Jr.	Bond	Velazquez	121
3	All Included	Include	Wertheimer and Frere	Pletcher	Castellano	119
4	My Point Exactly	Concord Point	Imaginary Stables	Dobles	Lopez	119
5	Market Outlook	Lemon Drop Kid	Nick J. Mastronardi, Jr.	Mastronardi, Jr.	Juarez	117
6	Siding Spring	Warrior's Reward	Gabe Grossberg	Casse	Leparoux	117
7	Delta Prince	Street Cry (Ire)	Stronach Stables	Jerkens	Ortiz	117

Breeders: 1-Jamm, Ltd., 2-Farm III Enterprices LLC, 3-Wertheimer Et Frere, 4-Quarter Pole Enterprises LLC, 5-Flaxman Holdings Limited, 6-Doug Branham & Felicia Branham, 7-Adena Springs

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 1:53 p.m. EDT

ORCHID S.-GIII, $200,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 3/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Olorda (Ger)	Lord of England (Ger)	Martin S. Schwartz	Brown	Castellano	119
2	Summersault	Rock Hard Ten	William Parsons Jr. and David S. Howe	Hennig	Lopez	119
3	Temple Fur	Temple City	Stirrup Trouble LLC	Campitelli	Prado	119
4	Maquette	Tapit	Juddmonte Farms, Inc.	Mott	Ortiz	117
5	Quiet Kitten	Kitten's Joy	Crossed Sabres Farm LLC	Romans	Saez	117

Breeders: 1-Gestut Berwangerhof, 2-William Parsons Jr. & David S. Howe, 3-Reiley McDonald, 4-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 5-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey

Leading Fourth-Crop Sires by Cumulative Black-Type Winners

for stallions standing in North America and Europe through Tuesday, Mar. 28

Earnings represent North American/European figures

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	**Munnings**	20	28	6	9	1	3	163	122	$2,354,454	$12,456,942
	(2006) by Speightstown FYR: 2012 Crops: 4 Stands: Ashford Stud KY ($25,000)									*I'm a Chatterbox*	
2	**Lope de Vega (Ire)**	20	37	11	20	3	8	185	114	$1,371,722	$7,077,846
	(2007) by Shamardal FYR: 2012 Crops: 4 Stands: Ballylinch Stud Ire (€50,000)									*Belardo (IRE)*	
3	**Midshipman**	13	25	2	6	--	1	136	103	$902,387	$8,137,105
	(2006) by Unbridled's Song FYR: 2012 Crops: 4 Stands: Darley KY ($8,500)									*Lady Shipman*	
4	**Kantharos**	12	23	3	4	--	1	104	75	$516,235	$7,163,011
	(2008) by Lion Heart FYR: 2012 Crops: 4 Stands: Hill 'N' Dale Farms KY ($15,000)									*Mr. Jordan*	
5	**Quality Road**	11	25	8	14	4	6	201	131	$838,671	$12,549,962
	(2006) by Elusive Quality FYR: 2012 Crops: 4 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY ($35,000)									*Hootenanny*	
6	**Super Saver**	11	23	6	11	3	4	196	124	$1,496,250	$10,233,289
	(2007) by Maria's Mon FYR: 2012 Crops: 4 Stands: WinStar Farm KY ($50,000)									*Runhappy*	
7	**Siyouni (Fr)**	11	19	8	10	1	3	163	95	$1,465,398	$7,106,322
	(2007) by Pivotal (GB) FYR: 2012 Crops: 4 Stands: Haras de Bonneval Fr (€45,000)									*Ervedya (FR)*	
8	**Lookin At Lucky**	9	26	4	11	--	6	170	110	$1,060,000	$10,820,024
	(2007) by Smart Strike FYR: 2012 Crops: 4 Stands: Ashford Stud KY ($17,500)									*Madefromlucky*	
9	**Majesticperfection**	9	17	2	7	1	3	123	76	$1,003,000	$6,925,837
	(2006) by Harlan's Holiday FYR: 2012 Crops: 4 Stands: Airdrie Stud KY ($15,000)									*Lovely Maria*	
10	**Showcasing (GB)**	9	21	6	9	1	3	163	94	$884,557	$4,952,432
	(2007) by Oasis Dream (GB) FYR: 2012 Crops: 4 Stands: Whitsbury Manor Stud Eng (£35,000)									*Quiet Reflection (GB)*	
11	**Equiano (Fr)**	9	14	7	9	1	3	223	112	$664,258	$4,337,669
	(2005) by Acclamation (GB) FYR: 2012 Crops: 4 Stands: Newsells Park Stud Eng (£8,000)									*The Tin Man (GB)*	
12	**Rip Van Winkle (Ire)**	9	18	3	10	1	1	210	111	$308,889	$3,461,165
	(2006) by Galileo (Ire) FYR: 2012 Crops: 4 Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire (€12,500)									*Dick Whittington (IRE)*	
13	**Temple City**	8	14	5	5	2	4	158	93	$1,453,038	$8,177,129
	(2005) by Dynaformer FYR: 2012 Crops: 4 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY ($10,000)									*Miss Temple City*	
14	**Blame**	8	21	3	11	--	4	171	98	$607,220	$8,119,812
	(2006) by Arch FYR: 2012 Crops: 4 Stands: Claiborne Farm KY ($25,000)									*March*	
15	**Tale of Ekati**	8	20	3	8	--	1	116	81	$498,045	$6,108,045
	(2005) by Tale of the Cat FYR: 2012 Crops: 4 Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY ($7,500)									*Tale of Verve*	

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MAN O' WAR'S 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION KICKS OFF AT KYHP

The Kentucky Horse Park, in partnership with state and local officials, launched a season-long celebration honoring the 100th birthday of Man o' War, who was foaled Mar. 29, 1917. The Man o' War Celebration, presented by Windstream, will honor the life and legacy of this legendary racehorse again throughout 2017 with a series of special events at the Kentucky Horse Park and throughout Central Kentucky, as well as a museum exhibit entitled "Man o' War: The Mostest Horse That Ever Was."

Man o' War Statue
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"Man o' War is a Kentucky legend, he thrilled fans with never-seen before feats of speed and power. Nearly 70 years after his passing, the lure of the Thoroughbred has never been stronger," said Don Parkinson, Secretary of the Kentucky Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet. "We invite fans from near and far to come celebrate Man o' War, here at the Kentucky Horse Park and throughout the Bluegrass."

Mayor Jim Gray expressed similar sentiments, saying, "This is an opportunity for Lexington, the Horse Capital of the World, to celebrate one of the world's greatest horses, Man o' War. We have young people who think Man o' War is the just the name of a road. They need to learn about one of Kentucky's outstanding athletes."

Man o' War was foaled at Nursery Stud Farm during World War I, which is how he got his name. The chestnut won 20 of his 21 starts, including an undefeated 3-year-old season during which he broke track, American or even world records in seven of his 11 starts.

"What an incredible opportunity to highlight a racing legend and equally to engage our community," said Laura Prewitt, Executive Director of the Kentucky Horse Park. "We are delighted with all of the area businesses that have stepped up to support the Man o' War Celebration and in particular we would like to thank Windstream for being the presenting sponsor. They are a great community partner and we hope the events we have planned this year will encourage visitors of all ages to experience all that the Kentucky Horse Park has to offer."

The Man o' War exhibit in the International Museum of the Horse will feature artifacts, photos and a timeline showcasing his legendary career as a racehorse, sire, and one of the Kentucky's most well-known residents. Additional events are planned throughout the season to celebrate Man o' War's enduring legacy for Kentucky residents and visitors from around the world. A current list of Man o' War events can be found here.

The Man o' War Celebration will conclude with a public re-broadcast of Man o' War's funeral Nov. 1, the anniversary of his death. Man o' War, who died at the age of 30 in 1947, was laid to rest at Faraway Farm in Lexington, where he had stood at stud for most of his life. Later he was moved to the Kentucky Horse Park just prior to the park's opening in 1978, along with his statue by Herbert Haseltine and his famous offspring including 1937 Triple Crown winner War Admiral.

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Wednesday's Results:
8th-TAM, $20,000, Msw, 3-29, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.77, fm. **INITIATE (f, 3, Pioneerof the Nile--Vacationing, by Harlan's Holiday)** looked like a different horse with this switch to grass. A debut fifth sprinting over the Aqueduct dirt Nov. 6, she stretched to a mile with a ninth-place finish--beaten 50 3/4 lengths--behind '**TDN Rising Star**' Elate (Medaglia d'Oro) there Nov. 26. Adding Lasix for her sophomore debut, the 7-1 chance broke on top, showed the way through easy fractions of :24.41 and :50.09, and took off nicely in the stretch to graduate by 4 3/4 lengths. First-time starter Point System (Broken Vow) was second. The winner's dam has also produced a Blame colt in 2015 and an Arch colt in 2016. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, $13,700. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
O/B-Stuart S. Janney III (KY); T-Claude R. McGaughey III.

NEW YORK

NY-Sired Incentives to be Offered for Finger Lakes MSWs:

New York-breds by New York-based stallions will receive $7,000 bonuses (37%) for maiden special weight wins at Finger Lakes in 2017. The New York Thoroughbred Breeding and Development Fund (the Fund) approved the initiative at its Mar. 28 board meeting.

"Our hope is that the seven-grand boost in first-place money will help more of our breeders look to our registered New York stallions first when making breeding plans," said Fund Executive Director Tracy Egan. The purse bonuses come in conjunction with the Board's approval to provide approximately $1.5 million in purse enrichment to Finger Lakes this year to counteract expected gaming revenue declines and therefore funds available for purses due to new competition in the area at Del Lago Resort and Casino (for more, read Agreement Reached at Finger Lakes for 2017 racing Season).

"We are proud to provide necessary support to help Finger Lakes Racetrack thrive as part of Governor Cuomo's comprehensive plan to preserve racing." offered Fund Chairman John Poklemba. "This action, along with the other components forged by the Governor's office, ensures the track and horsemen maintain operations without spending a single taxpayer dollar."

Jeffrey Cannizzo, Executive Director of the New York Thoroughbred Breeders, Inc. and *ex officio* member of the Fund Board, added, "After a long period of uncertainty, we are stabilizing Finger Lakes for the short-term, and at the same time using the opportunity to make New York-sired New York-breds an even more valuable investment than they already are by placing the money in the condition that matters most... The New York breeding and racing programs absolutely depend on a healthy Finger Lakes. In 2016, New York-breds accounted for 73% of all Finger Lakes starts (6428 of the 8863) and earned 76% of all the purse money--about $13.4 million. The more that New York-sired horses are involved in this, the more the whole program and its participants benefit."

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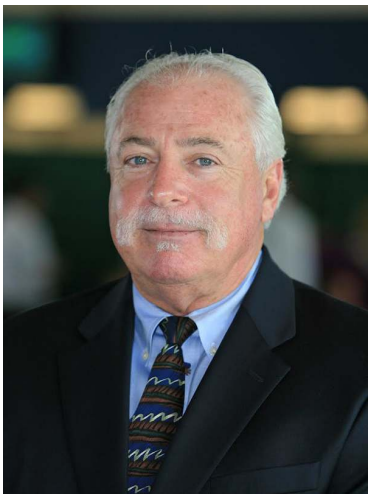
Belmont Flex Ticket Plans Available:

The New York Racing Association now offers customizable flex ticket plans, which include reserved seats on three or more premium race days during the spring/summer and fall Belmont meets with up to a 30% savings compared to a la carte purchases. Flex ticket plans can be reserved now here.

EASTERN U.S.

Monmouth Park Stalwart Dan Dufford Passes Away:

Longtime Thoroughbred trainer and Monmouth Park racing official Daniel Dufford passed away at his home on Tuesday morning at the age of 66.


Dan Dufford | *Equi-Photo*

Dufford spent his entire life in the racing industry, including a training career that lasted from 1976 to 1999. He saddled Rumptious to a victory in the 1984 GIII Salvator Mile H. at Monmouth.

After retiring from training, Dufford moved into the racing office, where he started as an official and eventually became stakes coordinator. During his time at the helm, Monmouth saw numerous champions compete at the Oceanport oval, including Triple Crown winner American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile), Rachel Alexandra (Medaglia d'Oro), Big Brown (Boundary), Curlin (Smart Strike), Funny Cide (Distorted Humor) and War Emblem (Our Emblem).

Dufford is survived by his wife, Charlene. Services will be private.

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KENTUCKY

KHP Book Author to Appear on Midday Kentucky:

Author Victoria M. Howard will appear on Midday Kentucky on ABC-36 News (WTVQ) Apr. 5 between noon and 1 p.m. to discuss her latest book, *Kentucky Horse Park: Paradise Found*. The book is the first complete book on the equine sanctuary, and is available via Amazon and the publisher, Author House. Howard is the author of several books on Thoroughbred and Standardbred racing.

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GANDHI (A.P. Indy), 13/1/0
8-CT, Alw 4 1/2f, Sterling General, 15-1
MAD FLATTER (Flatter), Diamond B Stables, 36/5/0
8-PEN, Msw 6f, Madly Precise, $22K EAS OCT yrl, 15-1
STAR GUITAR (Quiet American), Clear Creek Stud, $4K, 80/8/0
9-FG, Aoc 5 1/2fT, Wild About Star, $34K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 6-1
THE FACTOR (War Front), Lane's End Farm, $15K, 218/28/3
3-CT, Msw 4 1/2f, Factfull, $72K FTK FEB 3yo, 7-2
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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

4th-MVR, $33,300, (S), 3-29, 3yo, 6f, 1:12.93, ft.
COINCIDENTALLY (g, 3, Super Saver--Willful Ways, by Sharp Humor) Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-0, $60,225. O/B-WinStar Farm LLC & Blazing Meadows Farm LLC (OH); T-Timothy E. Hamm.

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3rd-MVR, $25,300, 3-29, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.75, ft.
AWESOME GENT (g, 4, Awesome Again--Pawnee Patti {SP, $107,901}, by Sir Richard Lewis) Lifetime Record: SW, 11-5-0-0, $203,226. O/B-Burning Sands Stable LLC (NY); T-William D. Cowans. *1/2 to Comedero (Posse), GSW, $675,814.

10th-WRD, $25,080, (S), 3-28, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39.20, ft.
OKIE SPATS (g, 5, Cavvy--Dynafine {MSP}, by Dynaformer) Lifetime Record: 14-2-3-2, $81,683. O-Troy Cartmill; B-Richter Family Trust (OK); T-Michael E. Biehler. *$3,000 2yo '14 HERDEC. **1/2 to D Fine Okie (Burbank), MSW, $470,607; Dusty Okie (Cavvy), SW, $198,095.

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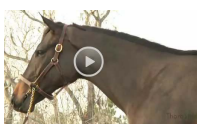
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3rd-WRD, $23,826, 3-29, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:03.54, gd.
J J'S FOREVER (f, 4, Mr. Nightlinger--In Perpetuity, by Bernstein) Lifetime Record: 10-3-3-2, $62,270. O-John Hartford, Mark Swartz & JJ Gibbs-Swartz; B-Mark Swartz & JJ Gibbs-Swartz (OK); T-Scott E. Young.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Three Illusions, f, 3, **Algorithms**--Heart of a Chief (SP), by Tabasco Cat. GP, 3-29, (C), 1m, 1:38.57. B-Fletcher & Carolyn Gray (KY). *$20,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP.
Can't Stop Samoken, g, 3, **Attila's Storm**--Dream Kin (MSP, $182,690), by Desert God. SUN, 3-28, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:18.72. B-Ramond Gonzalez (NM).
Royalaspen, f, 3, **Congrats**--Redaspen (GSW, $459,473), by Bianconi. GP, 3-29, (C), 5fT, :56.04. B-Equivine Farm & Congrats Syndicate (PA). *$40,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. **1/2 to Sonny Corleone (Mr. Greeley), GSW-Per.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY...

March 29, 1917...Man o'War, winner of 20 of his 21 career starts, was foaled at Nursery Stud, Lexington, Ky.

March 29, 1969...Diane Crump became the first female jockey to win a stakes race when she took the Spring Fiesta Cup at the Fair Grounds aboard Easy Lime.

March 29, 1988...Jockey Pat Day won his 4,000th race, guiding Ann's Bid to victory in the ninth race at Oaklawn Park.

March 30, 1970...Secretariat was foaled at The Meadow in Doswell, Va.

March 30, 1985...Jockey Laffit Pincay Jr. became the second jockey in history to surpass Johnny Longden's record of 6,032 victories, riding Sovereignty to win the sixth race at Santa Anita.

April 1, 1940...New York legalized parimutuel wagering and outlawed bookmakers at the state's racetracks.

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