

ON DISAPPOINTING SATURDAY, 'WAR CRY' DIDN'T DISAPPOINT



Rajiv Maragh and Irish War Cry return victorious | Sarah K. Andrew

by Bill Finley

Wasn't this supposed to be the Saturday where we learned something about the 3-year-olds headed to the GI Kentucky Derby? Instead, it was, to say the least, a strange day amid a strange year. More top horses have taken backward steps than positive ones this year and once **Mastery** (Candy Ride {Arg}) went down, there's been nothing close to a definitive divisional leader. Perhaps **Malagacy** (Shackleford) will run off the screen in Saturday's GI Arkansas Derby and establish himself as the clear horse to beat in Kentucky, but even that wouldn't be without a touch of, well, weirdness. Malagacy is, after all, a colt Todd Pletcher once thought so little of that he entered him in a maiden claiming race. He was scratched from that race after spiking a fever. There's also the possibility that **Classic Empire** (Pioneerof the Nile) will get his mental act together at Oaklawn and run like he is capable of running.

More and more, this has the feel of a Kentucky Derby where the winner pays \$76.40 and is someone you could have only picked with a hat pin.

A look at Saturday's Big Three preps:

The Wood Memorial: Why did **Irish War Cry** (Curlin) run so dismally in the GII Fountain of Youth? **Cont. p3**

SWEET LORETTA RETURNS A WINNER IN BEAUMONT

St. Elias Stable's GISW **Sweet Loretta** (Tapit) made her 2017 debut a winning one and remained undefeated around one turn with a convincing score in Keeneland's Sunday feature, the Gill Adena Springs Beaumont S. The bay's triumph marked the 50th Keeneland stakes win for trainer Todd Pletcher, equaling the record set by his former boss, D. Wayne Lukas. Sweet Loretta skimmed the rail and rallied to win clear from gritty longshot **Sine Wave** (Big Brown).

"She's been training very well lately," said Ginny DePasquale, assistant to Pletcher. "She hasn't missed a beat, so we expected big things from her today. She stepped up to the plate today. We're very happy."

Sweet Loretta broke her maiden at first asking at Monmouth last June and shipped north to capture the Gill Schuylerville S. on Saratoga's opening day in July. The filly capped off a fantastic summer by dead-heating Pretty City Dancer (Tapit) for the win in the GI Spinaway S. over seven furlongs Sept. 3. **Cont. p4**

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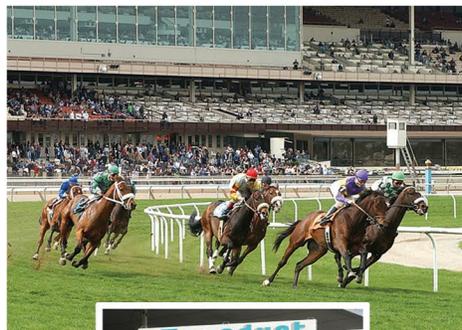


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DORTMUND RETIRED

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Dual Grade I-winning fan favorite Dortmund (Big Brown) has been retired from racing, trainer Art Sherman confirmed Sunday. Stud plans are under negotiation.

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'War Cry' Didn't Disappoint (cont. from p1)

Trainer Graham Motion had been scratching his head from the moment his Jersey-bred colt staggered across the finish line that day at Gulfstream, beaten 21 3/4 lengths, and told everyone to just draw a line through the race.

As it turns out, that was not "trainer-speak," but an accurate assessment of what happened that day at Gulfstream. Irish War Cry re-emerged in the GII Wood Memorial as the exact same horse who looked so good winning the GII Holy Bull S. Actually, he was even better. He broke from an unfavorable post (No. 8) and there was speed to the inside of him, which forced him to sit off the pace. That's something he had never been asked to do before. He rated nicely for Rajiv Maragh and drew off to win comfortably over the talented but lightly raced **Battalion Runner** (Unbridled's Song). He was easily the star of the day.

Though things may change with the Arkansas Derby yet to have been run, he's probably your favorite in the Kentucky Derby, albeit a 5-1, 6-1 favorite.

A Derby win by Irish War Cry would be a nice story. He's representing the embattled New Jersey-breeding industry, which has been brought to its knees by competition from neighboring slots states and owner Isabelle de Tomaso is Jersey racing royalty. She is the daughter of Amory Haskell, who never came close to having a top 3-year-old colt. He'll also represent a feel-good story for Maragh, who missed nearly 17 months after injuring his back and ribs and then rode just two winners from his first 62 mounts upon his return in November. He got the mount when Joel Rosario opted to ride **Practical Joke** (Into Mischief) in the GII Blue Grass.

The Blue Grass: Likely, Keeneland executives were thinking they had gotten the last laugh on the graded stakes committee. Along with the Wood, the GII Blue Grass was downgraded this year, and then Keeneland came up with, on paper, the best and deepest field of any Derby prep run this year.

While the Blue Grass might have looked loaded, the outcome suggests that the field really wasn't very good. Either that or it was just one of those bizarre races that happen every once in a while and defy explanation.

How on earth did **Irap** (Tiznow) win this race? Yes, he's well-bred, yes he's trained by Doug O'Neill, but he was a maiden after seven career starts and was coming off a dull fourth-place finish in the GIII Sunland Derby? How did he win? He just did. There is no other explanation. This was a very strange race.



McCraken | Coady photo

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Second-place finisher Practical Joke and third-place finisher **McCraken** (Ghostzapper) earned the right to say they belong in the Derby. Though they were beaten by a preposterous long shot, they have credentials. Practical Joke is a horse who keeps knocking on the door and is in the astute hands of Chad Brown. McCracken had a lousy trip in the Blue Grass and may have

needed a race after missing a planned start in the GII Tampa Bay Derby due to a minor injury. It's worth noting that McCracken's trainer, Ian Wilkes, one of the very nicest people in the game, refused to comment after the race. Apparently, he was not too pleased.

The Santa Anita Derby: Once Mastery exited the scene, the California contingent looked not only weak but as muddled as it gets. As expected, the 13-horse GI Santa Anita Derby didn't clear up a whole lot. We do know that beaten favorite **Iliad** (Ghostzapper) is

probably better off sprinting and that **American Anthem** (Bodemeister) has somehow gone terribly off form, but little else. After finishing fourth, beaten 9 3/4 lengths, in the GII San Felipe, **Gormley** (Malibu Moon) got the win but, had an absolutely perfect trip under Victor Espinoza. As three horses

battled ding-dong for the lead for nearly an entire mile, Espinoza sat fourth behind the duel and had no problem getting by the tiring front-runners. Because of his good fortune, Gormley will be one of those horses many will discount come Derby Week.

This and That: Kudos to Keeneland, NYRA and Santa Anita for not getting into the “post time war” that was waged a week earlier when Gulfstream and Fair Grounds kept tripping over one another, either running their top races within minutes apart or simultaneously. All the big races this past Saturday were spaced out and the fans had time to watch and bet on them all without any complications...Saturday was arguably the greatest day ever for New Jersey-bred horses. Not only did Irish War Cry win the Wood, Jersey star **Green Gratto** (Here’s Zealous) scored a shocking win in the prior race, the GI Carter H....Looks like Bob Baffert will not have a Derby starter. He has had a starter in eight of the last nine Derbies, last missing the race in 2013...The Derby point system has made it very difficult for a filly to start in the race. As good as Triple Crown nominee **Paradise Woods** (Union Rags) looked in the GI Santa Anita Oaks, in prior years she would have been a horse you’d have to seriously consider for the Derby. With 0 Derby points, she’ll be going in the GI Kentucky Oaks.

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Sweet Loretta Returns a Winner (cont. from p1)

Trained up to the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies following that Spinaway effort, she encountered significant early trouble and faded to finish 11th, beaten 12 lengths by Champagne Room (Broken Vow). Sweet Loretta returned to the worktab in late February and trained steadily at Pletcher’s winter base at Palm Beach Downs.



Sweet Loretta | *Coady photo*

Tabbed as the clear favorite for this cutback to a sprint distance, the \$750,000 Keeneland November weanling purchase was allowed to settle off the pace in the early stages and quickly advanced to secure a spot stalking the pace along the rail behind a quarter-mile in :23.47. Holding her position in search of running room around the turn, she punched through a generous opening cornering for home and kicked clear to open up a decisive advantage by midstretch. Despite drifting out a bit late, Sweet



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“I had a really good trip,” winning rider Javier Castellano said.

“I was inside all the way and saved all the ground the best I could.

Turning for home, the rail was open and I took my shot. She finished really well. I give all the credit to Mr. Pletcher for the way he trained the filly, coming off a layoff after the Breeders’ Cup.”

When asked about future plans for the filly, DePasquale said that Pletcher and owner Vincent Viola will discuss the best course of action.

Dancing Rags (Union Rags), winner of the GI Darley Alcibiades S. here last October, raced towards the back of the pack and never factored in a sixth-place finish. Like Sweet Loretta, it was her first start since a dull eighth-place finish in the Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies.

“It’s a little disappointing,” trainer Graham Motion admitted.

“They ran away from her early on, which I expected, but I am surprised she didn’t run on a little bit at the end. Angel Cruz did exactly what I asked him to do, which was not to rush her. She will stretch out and go two turns next time.”



Sweet Loretta (left) | *Coady photo*

Pedigree Notes:

The winner is the first foal out of a half to Canadian champion and GISW Spring in the Air (Spring At Last). Second dam Unbridled Run (Unbridled) is a half to MGSW Tejano Run (Tejano), who was second in the 1995 GI Kentucky Derby. Sweet Loretta has a juvenile full-brother who sold for \$450,000 as a KEESep yearling and a half-sister of 2016 by Street Sense.

Ithinkisawapudycat was bought by Mount Brilliant Farm for \$2.2 million in foal to Constitution at last term’s

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1--**SWEET LORETTA**, 123, f, 3, by **Tapit**

1st Dam: **Ithinkisawapudycat (SP)**, by **Bluegrass Cat**

2nd Dam: **Unbridled Run**, by **Unbridled**

3rd Dam: **Royal Run**, by **Wavering Monarch**

(\$750,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV). O-St. Elias Stable; B-Ashview Farm LLC & Colts Neck Stables LLC (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher; J-Javier Castellano. \$90,000. Lifetime Record: GISW, 5-4-0-0, \$340,520. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

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2--**Sine Wave**, 118, f, 3, **Big Brown--Curlina**, by **Cuvee**. (\$53,000 Ylg '15 KEEJAN; \$100,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR). O-Jeremiah Kane; B-John & Martha Jane Mulholland (KY); T-Benjamin W. Perkins, Jr. \$30,000.

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3--**Laney**, 118, f, 3, **Shackleford--Croon**, by **Indian Charlie**. (\$15,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV; \$17,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$60,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR). O-Joseph W. Sutton; B-Vincent Colbert (KY); T-Eddie Kenneally. \$15,000.

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DISTAFF H.-GIII, \$150,000, AQU, 4-9, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:22.25, ft.

1--**HIGHWAY STAR**, 117, f, 4, by **Girolamo**

1st Dam: **Stolen Star (MSP, \$210,544)**, by **Cat Thief**

2nd Dam: **Unbridled Star**, by **Unbridled**

3rd Dam: **Crystal Vous**, by **Crystal Water**

O/B-Chester & Mary R. Broman (NY); T-Rodrigo A. Ubillo; J-Angel S. Arroyo. \$90,000. Lifetime Record: 9-6-0-1, \$464,000. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

Werk Nick Rating: A+.

2--**Indulgent**, 116, f, 4, **Bernardini--Fast Cookie**, by **Deputy Minister**. O-Godolphin Racing LLC; B-Darley (KY); T-Kiaran P. McLaughlin. \$30,000.

3--**Clipthecouponannie**, 116, f, 4, **Uncle Mo--Lights Off Annie**, by **Freud**. O/B-Repole Stables LLC (NY); T-Todd A. Pletcher. \$15,000.

Trained at **Crupi's New Castle Farm**
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Margins: HF, 2, 6. Odds: 5.30, 2.80, 3.35.

Also Ran: Kelsocait, Carrumba, Tale for Ruby.

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Chester and Mary Broman's homebred Highway Star earned her first graded stakes victory in the Dec. 3 GIII Go For Wand H. and delivered another gritty performance to capture Sunday's GIII Distaff H. in rallying fashion. The chestnut raced in midpack in the early stages and uncorked a steady rally to wear down well-related Indulgent and prevail by a half-length.

Conditioned by Rodrigo Ubillo, Highway Star won three of her first five starts and became a stakes winner in the restricted New York Stallion Series S. over track and trip Nov. 13. She continued to show an affinity for the Aqueduct main track with her Go For Wand victory, in which she got the best of a three-horse photo finish over High Ridge Road (Quality Road) and Wonder Gal (Tiz Wonderful). Sent to the sidelines following a dull fourth-place effort around two turns on the inner track in

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the Jan. 13 Ladies H., she resurfaced with an upbeat series of works at Belmont Park in March.

Overlooked a bit here as Carrumba (Bernardini) was tabbed as the lukewarm favorite at 2-1, Highway Star bided her time along the rail as longshot Kelsocait set the pace through a quarter-mile in :22.46. Asked for more as Cliphthecouponannie and Indulgent turned up the pressure through a :45.16 half, she was guided out to the three path in upper stretch and got within a length of Indulgent as that rival struck the front in midstretch. Continuing on determinedly, Highway Star drew clear in the final yards to claim the victory. Carrumba never got involved and reported home fifth.

"We're happy," Ubillo said after the race. "She's a nice filly. I was just hoping they'd go fast up front, but she can adapt to any pace scenario, really. It certainly helped they went fast and she was able to wear them down. Her last race, she was in heat and maybe she didn't like the smaller [inner] track, but we took our time. We know her ability and took her time to bring her back and you see the result."

Pedigree Notes:

The winner's dam Stolen Star is a half-sister to Empire Classic S. winner and sire Friend or Foe (Friends Lake), as well as stakes winner Star Grazing (Sky Mesa). She produced a colt by Forty Tales this spring. The Bromans acquired the winner's stakes-placed second dam Unbridled Star (Unbridled) for \$115,000 with Stolen Star in utero at the 2002 Keeneland November Sale.



Highway Star | Chelsea Durand

DORTMUND RETIRED TO STUD

Kaleem Shah's 2015 GI Santa Anita Derby and 2014 GI Los Alamitos Futurity winner **Dortmund** (Big Brown--Our Josephina, by Tale of the Cat) has been retired from racing, trainer Art Sherman said Sunday morning. The chestnut finished sixth in the

GI Kilroe Mile over the Santa Anita turf Mar. 11 and was fourth by nearly 10 lengths in the Santana Mile S. back on dirt Apr. 1

"It seemed like the right time now that's he's getting older," Sherman said of the 5-year-old.

The Kilroe and Santana were Dortmund's only two starts for Sherman after being transferred from the care of Hall of Famer Bob Baffert in January. The son of Big Brown won his first six starts for Baffert and finished third behind stablemate American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile) in the 2015 GI Kentucky Derby. He earned two additional Grade I placings in 2016 in the Aug. 20 GI Pacific Classic S. and the Oct. 1 GI Awesome Again S.

"He's just not the Dortmund he used to be," said Sherman.

Dortmund's stud plans are still under negotiation, according to Sherman. He retires with earnings of \$1,987,505 and a record of 16-8-2-2. Bred in Kentucky by Emilie Gerlinde Fojan, Dortmund was acquired by agent Donato Lanni for \$140,000 as a Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-year-old in training.



Dortmund | Benoit photo

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IRISH WAR CRY FINE AFTER WOOD VICTORY

Isabelle de Tomaso's '**TDN Rising Star**' Irish War Cry (Curlin) returned to his Fair Hill base late Saturday night and appeared to be in fine condition following his win in Saturday's Gil Wood Memorial S. at Aqueduct, trainer Graham Motion confirmed Sunday morning.

"He seems good this morning," Motion observed. "He's obviously a little tired. It was a long day, shipping back last night and everything. He didn't eat up everything last night, but otherwise he seems absolutely fine. He's perky and looks nice."

Irish War Cry posted his fourth victory from five starts and rebounded from a head-scratching seventh-place effort in

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Gulfstream's GII Xpressbet.com Fountain of Youth S. Mar. 4. Motion said he was pleased with how the chestnut settled Saturday--a marked improvement from his overly eager effort in South Florida and a necessity if he was to go on to the GI Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs May 6.

"Things pretty much went as we hoped they would go," Motion continued. "He settled just off the pace, and I guess I was a bit concerned on the backside because he kind of moved up quite early to the leader and, from what Rajiv [Maragh] told me, he felt like he had so much horse underneath him. My big question for him was how he thought about how he won, and he said he felt like he did it pretty comfortably, really."

Motion added that he plans to keep Irish War Cry at Fair Hill to continue his training before traveling to Louisville for the Derby.

"I don't see a necessity to get him to Churchill in a hurry--it's very busy over there," he said. "One of the reasons I wanted to get him home from Palm Meadows was to get him in a quieter environment at Fair Hill where he's used to being, and I think it's shown in his behavior this last week."

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IRAP TO REMAIN AT KEENELAND, McCRAKEN ON TO CHURCHILL

Following his maiden-breaking victory in Saturday's GII Toyota Blue Grass S., Reddam Racing's **Irap** (Tiznow) will remain at Keeneland for the immediate future as he continues preparation for the May 6 GI Kentucky Derby, trainer Doug O'Neill's team confirmed Sunday. O'Neill and assistant Jack Sisterson trained Nyquist (Uncle Mo) up to his 2016 Derby score at the Lexington oval.

"[Irap] will stay at Keeneland and probably do the Nyquist thing and go to Churchill Downs the week of the Kentucky Derby," said Sisterson, who was on hand at Keeneland Saturday. "It seems like every time Doug has brought a horse here from California, they have thrived."

O'Neill said via text that he was not sure when he would come to Keeneland. Last year, he made several trips back and forth from his Santa Anita base to Keeneland before spending the final couple of weeks in Kentucky. Irap will be cared for by exercise rider Antonio Romero and groom Fernel Serrano.

Blue Grass runner-up **Practical Joke** (Into Mischief) came out of his effort in good order, according to trainer Chad Brown.



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"Practical Joke ran terrific," Brown said. "He had a little bit of a wide trip, but really ran well. I was encouraged to see him in a two-turn race with a sustained run, making up ground in the lane, not losing ground. He gives me some optimism to keep going forward towards the Derby."

Brown said Practical Joke would remain at Keeneland for the time being until he determines when to send the colt to Churchill.

Meanwhile, Janis Whitham's **'TDN Rising Star' McCracken** (Ghostzapper)--third as the favorite in the Blue Grass--jogged once around the main track at 6 a.m. on Sunday with exercise Yoni Orantes aboard. Trainer Ian Wilkes said he plans to van McCracken to Churchill Downs Monday. The colt finished third, beaten 3 3/4 lengths, in the first defeat of his career.

"I thought he was too fresh and too much on the bit, and that is where missing [the GII Tampa Bay Derby Mar. 11 with an ankle strain] showed up," Wilkes said. "He was a little too keen."

Tapwrit (Tapit), a disappointing fifth in the Blue Grass following his win in the Tampa Bay Derby, emerged from the race no worse for the wear and will remain at Keeneland for the time being, Todd Pletcher's assistant Ginny DePasquale said Sunday. With 54 points accumulated towards a spot in the Kentucky Derby starting gate, Tapwrit is one of five Pletcher trainees in the top 20. Calumet Farm's **Wild Shot** (Trappe Shot), who set the pace and faded to finish last of seven in the Blue Grass, could cut back to a one-turn mile in the GIII Pat Day Mile S. on the Kentucky Derby undercard, according to trainer Rusty Arnold.

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Nice to Meet You: GII Toyota Blue Grass S. hero Irap is pictured with Joe Taylor's great granddaughter, Mary Emily Marshall, on the day he was foaled at Taylor Made | *Taylor Made*

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Jerry and Ann Moss's **Gormley** (Malibu Moon) and **Royal Mo** (Uncle Mo), first and third, respectively, in Saturday's GI Santa Anita Derby, emerged from the race in fine condition and will be pointed towards the GI Kentucky Derby May 6, trainer John Shirreffs confirmed Sunday morning. The colts earned 100 and 20 points, respectively, towards a spot in the Churchill starting gate with their performances Saturday. The Mosses and Shirreffs won the 2005 Kentucky Derby with 50-1 outsider Giacomo (Holy Bull).

"They looked good this morning," said Shirreffs. "They ran just like we had hoped and we're happy to be going to the Derby again."

While Gormley received ample credit for his stalk-and-pounce victory, Royal Mo ran an admirable race from post 13, pressing

the pace while wide and hanging on to finish third in a blanket photo for the win. On top of his post position misfortune, Royal Mo's jockey Gary Stevens lost his whip inside the final sixteenth of the race.

"It was an excellent race for him," Shirreffs said of the bay. "He was wide from a bad post position. I thought he ran super."

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JENNY WILEY CONTENDERS TAKE TO THE TURF

Sheep Pond Partners' **Lady Eli** (Divine Park) was one of a handful of contenders for next Saturday's GI Jenny Wiley S. to breeze over Keeneland's turf course Saturday, covering five furlongs in 1:02.40 in company with **Roca Rojo (Ire)** (Strategic Prince {GB}). Beneath exercise rider Walter Malasquez, Lady Eli clicked off fractions of :14, :26.80, :38.80, 1:02:40 and a six-furlong gallop out in 1:15.60 [video]. Following the work, trainer Chad Brown confirmed that the three-time Grade I winner is on schedule to make her 2017 debut in the Jenny Wiley.

"She's been training so well in South Florida, I just wanted her to have a recent breeze over the turf course," Brown said. "She hasn't run on it since she was three [winning the GIII Appalachian S.]. Every course is a little different. I took advantage of the opportunity to get on the turf course and let her get her footing on it."

Brown added that Roca Rojo, owned by Sheep Pond in partnership with Newport Stables and Bradley



Thoroughbreds, would **Lady Eli works inside of Roca Rojo** | *Coady* not compete in the Jenny Wiley unless the course came up soft. She will instead point toward the GII Churchill Downs Distaff Turf Mile S. on GI Kentucky Derby Day May 6.

Gary Barber, Michael Ambler and Windways Farm's **Catch a Glimpse** (City Zip) worked a half-mile in :50.40 [video], while Phillips Racing Partnership's **Time and Motion** (Tapit) posted an easy half in :52.40 [video] ahead of expected starts in the Jenny Wiley.

"We wanted an easy work, because her last work was a :58 [for five furlongs at Palm Meadows]," said Tiffany Webb, assistant to trainer James Toner. "She galloped out nicely."

Time and Motion won the GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup S. over the local turf course last autumn.

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Michael Langford's Untrapped (Trappe Shot) (above) and stablemate Lookin At Lee (Lookin At Lucky) both posted half-mile workouts in :51 flat for trainer Steve Asmussen Sunday at Oaklawn in preparation for Saturday's GI Arkansas Derby | Coady

A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

AN UNPLANNED COURSE FOR ROAMER

by Rinaldo Del Gallo III

This past Saturday, the gelding Send It In (Big Brown) won the GIII Excelsior H. Excelsior is Latin for “upward” or “still higher.” It is the motto of New York. The race was first run in 1903. It is one of the few American stakes races that has become longer over the years. Now run at the Classic distance of 1 1/4 miles, the race was run at 1 1/16 miles from 1903 to 1960.

100 years ago, in 1917, another gelding won the Excelsior, the Hall of Fame inductee Roamer. Then the Excelsior was run at the Jamaica Race Track, and Roamer set a new track record running the 8.5 furlongs in 1:45 2/5. Roamer came in second in 1918.

The story of Roamer is the stuff of legends. In this publication, much is made of the science and art of breeding. Here we read ads for studs and consulting services. Just forget about anything about careful planning when you think of Roamer.

Roamer was born in 1911, and foaled by a mare born in 1896 in Great Britain by the name of Rose Tree. Rose Tree, out of the 2,000 Guineas winner Bona Vista (b. 1889)--of which most modern racehorses descend in tail male from his son Cyllene--was claimed in England, but went on to win stakes races. She won the Wokingham H. in 1901 in England, a race that started in 1874 and is a listed race today. Shipped to America in 1902, Rose Tree won and placed in stakes in Illinois in short-lived stakes races that are now defunct.

Rose Tree went blind. Here is where the story may become apocryphal, but most believe it is true. Thoroughbred

Champions, Top 100 Racehorses of the 20th Century puts it this way regarding his dam Rose Tree and his sire (the ironically named) Knight Errant: “The story goes that one or the other jumped a fence to accomplish the mating, thus the name of the offspring.” (The irony is that “errant” is archaic for “traveling in search of adventure,” which Knight Errant certainly did.) Most have Knight Errant doing the jumping.

At the time, not much was expected out of Roamer, and he was gelded. Roamer started in claiming races. In fact he was actually claimed and had to be bought back. Eventually, Knight Errant was to sire a good stakes steeple chase stakes winner named Blankenburg (a descendant of Maggie BB), another Hibler who won the 1916 American Grand National steeplechase, and Lady Errant, a 3-year-old filly who beat the boys (even older boys) in the 2 1/4-mile Latonia Cup H. and set a new track record in doing so.

As fate would have it, Rose Tree is said to have been found blind when she fell into a well and had to be pulled out by other horses when she was pregnant with McGee. The daughter, Rose McGee won no notable races nor had any children, but the story of McGee is as equally impressive as that of Roamer. McGee was bred in England by Lord Bradford and imported as a 2-year-old. And here is where the story gets interesting.

McGee was sired by a horse named “White Knight.” White Knight, born in 1895, never raced, although his sire, Sir Hugo did win the Epsom Derby. While Sir Hugo did win the Derby, the *Thoroughbred Record*, a weekly journal that was \$3.00 a year or 10 cents for a single copy, in a Jan. 13, 1923 article comparing McGee and Wrack to American-bred studs, went to great lengths to enumerate Sir Hugo’s failure at stud, listing the dismal performances, crop-by-crop for every year.

Not much was thought of White Knight, an unraced horse from an undistinguished sire, and if you look at his listed progeny, you will see but one horse--McGee. It turns out that White Knight, like Knight Errant, was another gate jumper who mated with McGee’s dam, Remorse. Remorse was born in 1876, and she was no less than the positively ancient age of 24 years old when she gave birth to McGee in 1900. She had to be euthanized that year. Remorse’s dam was Vex (b. 1865), a full-sister to the mighty Galopin, an incredibly accomplished racehorse and sire.

But there was to be no remorse with McGee. He was a minor stakes winner, winning such races as the Memphis Club H. But in 1922 he was to become the leading sire in America. He sired Kentucky Oaks winner Viva America, Latonia Championship winner In Memoriam, 91-1 1913 Kentucky Derby winner Donerail, and one of the greatest racehorses that ever lived, the gelding Exterminator.

Such is the interesting case of Rose Tree. She foaled a horse that was of an unplanned mating with Knight Errant, and was bred to a stallion that was of an unplanned mating by White Knight. Does the reader know of any other great racehorses that resulted from unplanned matings where nature just took its course?

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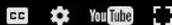
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LAND OF THE 'RISING STAR': JAPANESE-BRED COLT ROMPS AT KEENELAND



Yoshida | Coady Photography

by Joe Bianca

Yoshida (Jpn) (Heart's Cry) set a fast pace and still finished full of run to break his maiden in style Sunday at Keeneland, becoming the newest 'TDN Rising Star' in the process. Debuting on the Aqueduct lawn Nov. 19, the bay put together a strong late rally despite lugging in and finished a close second, after which he was laid up for the winter. Returning in this spot with a steady series of breezes at Payson Park on display, he was let go as the 13-5 co-favorite and broke sharply to quickly establish command. Given free rein by Jose Ortiz, he clicked off an enervating opening quarter of :22.48 before getting a bit of a breather down the backstretch through a :47.62 half. Yoshida was asked the question at the top of the lane as co-favorite Im the Captain Now (Trappe Shot) angled off the inside to mount a bid, and he spurted away in just a few strides, opening up to graduate by four powerful lengths.

The winner was purchased from Katsumi Yoshida's Northern Farm for ¥94,000,000, roughly US\$850,000, at the JRA yearling sale. He is out of Hilda's Passion (Canadian Frontier), who captured the 2010 GII Lexus Raven Run S. on the Lexington main track, as well as the 2011 GI Ballerina S. Yoshida purchased Hilda's Passion for \$1.225 million out of the 2011 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky November sale. The equine Yoshida is the first Rising Star for his sire, a MG1SW in Japan who also scored in the 2006 G1 Dubai Sheema Classic.

"Tom Ryan of SF Bloodstock and myself just fell in love with [Yoshida]," WinStar Farm's Elliott Walden told the *TDN* Sunday. "I'd never been to Japan, so I wanted to go, and we also were looking for any Empire Makers we could buy and bring back to run on the dirt. We landed on two of them and this colt. The neat thing is when we bought him off Mr. Yoshida, I asked if we could name the horse after him and he was honored."

Walden continued, "He worked extremely well last fall. Jose Ortiz worked him before he ran and loved him. He ran green in his first start and bucked a shin, so we had to bring him home and cool out his shin. We always felt like he was a really good horse. We'll see how he cools out, look at what our options are, but I think the big 3-year-old races on the grass will be in his future."

Walden's exploits at the 2015 JRA sale were chronicled in the *TDN* [here](#).

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4th-KEE, \$60,045, Msw, 4-9, 3yo, 1 1/8mT, 1:49.36, fm.

YOSHIDA (JPN), c, 3, Heart's Cry

**1st Dam: Hilda's Passion (GISW, \$739,493),
 by Canadian Frontier**

2nd Dam: Executricker, by El Prado (Ire)

3rd Dam: Trick Trick, by Clever Trick

Sales History: ¥94,000,000 Ylg '15 JRASAL. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$44,100. [Click for the Equibase.com chart, free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-China Horse Club International Ltd., WinStar Farm LLC, et al.; B-Northern Farm (JPN); T-William I. Mott.

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Sunday's Results:

3rd-KEE, \$72,520, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 4-9, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:45.80, ft.

ROMANTIC VISION (m, 5, Lemon Drop Kid--Perfect for You {SW & GSP, \$192,299}, by Giant's Causeway), winner of an Oct. 12 track-and-trip optional claimer two starts back, was making her first start since finishing fifth in the Nov. 24 GII Falls City H. The 3-1 shot settled near the back of the pack in a tightly bunched field. In behind a wall of horses leaving the backstretch, she angled to the rail and found a narrow seam to run through before tipping out a path at the top of the lane. She took control at the top of the stretch and sailed home two lengths in front. Lady Fog Horn (Zavata) was second. Perfect For You produced a colt by Orb in 2016 and was bred back to that GI Kentucky Derby winner. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: SP, 14-4-3-2, \$187,126. O/B-G. Watts Humphrey (KY); T-George R. Arnold, II.

7th-KEE, \$64,410, Alw, 4-9, (NW3\$RT9MX), 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.04, fm.

PROJECTED (GB) (g, 5, Showcasing {GB}--Deliberate {GB}, by King's Best), a close second in three difference French stakes events in 2015, was seventh in the G3 Prix du Pin that September at Longchamp in his final start for Andre Fabre, and ran fourth in the GIII Canadian Turf S. first time U.S. Mar. 4 at Gulfstream. Off as the narrow 5-2 second choice in this spot, the homebred settled into the catbird seat in third behind a quick opening quarter of :22.33 and a more moderate half of :47.44. Creeping closer along the rail as the field bunched nearing the stretch, the bay was boxed in by Pleuven (Fr) (Turtle Bowl {Ire}) until just outside the eighth pole. Finally finding daylight, he surged to the lead and tenaciously fought off the inside bid of GISW Divisidero (Kitten's Joy) to prevail by a nose. The victor's dam is a half to MGISW/MG1SW champion Flintshire (GB) (Dansili {GB}). Lifetime Record: MSP-Fr, 13-5-4-0, \$164,501. **Click for Equibase.com chart. VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O/B-Juddmonte Farms, Inc. (GB); T-Chad C. Brown.

1st-KEE, \$61,920, Alw, 4-9, (NW2L), 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:18.34, ft.

PHONE CHICK (f, 3, Dialed In--Dixie Sheikh, by Dixie Union) finished fifth with a tough trip last August at Saratoga and rallied from last of 12 to graduate here Oct. 14 and become a **'TDN Rising Star'**. Disappointing in three subsequent starts, including a sixth-place effort first time turf Feb. 16 at Tampa, the dark bay was let go at 19-2, the longest shot in a field of six, and caboosed the pack through a :22.64 quarter.

Inching into contention five wide on the turn, Phone Chick engaged with favored Five Star Factor (The Factor) approaching the eighth pole and wore that one down in the closing strides to score by a head. 'TDN Rising Star' Shackin Up (Shackleford) showed speed before fading to last in her first start since her blowout debut win May 28. The winner's dam produced a filly by Baltimore Bob last term before returning to that sire. Sales History: \$12,000 RNA Wlg '14 EASDEC; \$125,000 2yo '16 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$70,505. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Michael House; B-Alan S Kline & American Equistock, Inc (MD); T-Ignacio Correias, IV.

9th-KEE, \$66,653, Msw, 4-9, 3yo, 1 1/8mT, 1:48.74, fm.

ARKLOW (c, 3, Arch--Unbridled Empire, by Empire Maker), fourth in the GIII Lecomte S. and eighth in the GII Risen Star S. as a maiden, was given a 33-10 chance dropping back down to face non-winners and trying turf for the first time. Settling in fourth behind a runaway leader through a blistering :22.06 quarter, the \$160,000 KEESEP buy moved up two spots after a :46.22 half and was the first to pounce on the tiring pacesetter at the top of the lane. Kicking clear by the eighth pole, he finished full of run to graduate by 3 1/2 lengths over Brooklyn Bobby (Frankel {GB}). The winner's dam, a half to GISWs Forty Niners Son (Distorted Humor) and Cindy's Hero (Sea Hero), has a 2-year-old colt by Blame and foaled a Flatter filly last season before being paired with Will Take Charge. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-1, \$68,287. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Donegal Racing; B-John R. & Frank Penn (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.

2nd-KEE, \$56,853, Msw, 4-9, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f, :51.85, ft.

+HAPPY LIKE A FOOL (f, 2, Distorted Humor--Lastofthsummerwine, by Sky Mesa), sent off the 9-5 favorite to give Wesley Ward a sweep of Keeneland's two opening weekend juvenile races, broke behind stablemate Paris Cruise (First Samurai), but was soon up to that one's flank to duel through a :22.23 quarter. Taking charge on the latter half of the turn, Happy Like a Fool kicked away by the eighth pole and hit the wire four lengths to the good of her barnmate despite racing on her left lead for much of the stretch. Our Girl Abby (Majestic Warrior) kicked in strongly late to just get up for third. Happy Like a Fool is a half-sister to Conquest Panthera (Kitten's Joy, GSP, \$112,183), as well as the Ward owned/bred/trained Maniacal (Kitten's Joy, GSP, \$147,400). Conquest Panthera sold for \$100,000 as part of the Conquest Stables dispersal at last year's Keeneland November sale. Lastofthsummerwine, with Maniacal in utero sold for \$50,000 at the 2012 Keeneland November sale. **Cont. p3**

Lastofthsummerwine produced a colt by Super Saver last year and was bred back to American Pharoah. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$36,000. O/B/T-Wesley A. Ward (KY).

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Sunday's Results:

DANGER'S HOUR S., \$100,000, AQU, 4-9, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:36.13, yl.

1--**MACAGONE, 117, g, 6, Artie Schiller--Isabel Away, by Skip Away.** O/B-Trinity Farm, LLC (NY); T-William I. Mott; J-Kendrick Carmouche. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 26-8-3-5, \$525,667.

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2--**Catapult, 115, c, 4, Kitten's Joy--Gata Bella, by Storm Cat.** (\$235,000 Ylg '14 KEEJAN; \$350,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP). O-Woodford Racing, LLC; B-Breffni Farm (KY); T-Chad C. Brown. \$20,000.

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3--**Cage Fighter, 115, h, 7, Closing Argument--Untamed Passion, by Pulpit.** (\$50,000 2yo '12 OBSOPN). O-Matthew Schera; B-Craig L Wheeler (FL); T-James L. Lawrence, II. \$10,000. Margins: 1HF, 4 1/4, HF. Odds: 2.80, 1.10, 7.70.

Also Ran: Gold Shield, Eirigh, Il Segreto (Fr), Edge of Reality. Scratched: Greenpointcrusader.

Macagone concluded his 2016 campaign with a win over this same course and trip in the Nov. 19 Artie Schiller S., but was a non-factor when 10th in the Jan. 14 GII Ft. Lauderdale S. and ninth in the Mar. 4 GIII Canadian Turf S. at Gulfstream Park. The bay gelding took the field into the first turn and set the pace through fractions of :23.40 and :46.78. He extended his advantage turning for home and held sway to the wire for a confident tally. "He loves Aqueduct," said winning trainer Bill Mott. "There was a nice little cut in the ground and the plan was to go to the lead from the start. He actually just shipped in from Florida a couple of days ago and he looks fantastic. They did a good job with him and Kendrick [Carmouche] finished the job." **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

3rd-AQU, \$67,620, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 4-9, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:35.46, ft.

JAY'S WAY (c, 4, Gone Astray--Charms Way, by Salt Lake), a winner versus \$40,000 claimers at Parx to begin the year Jan. 24, was coming off a narrowly beaten third-place effort going one mile over Aqueduct's inner track Mar. 18. Sent off at 9-5, the dark bay colt went wire-to-wire and scored by 1 3/4 lengths over Backsideofthemoon (Malibu Moon). Jay's Way is a half-brother to Who What Win (Dance Brightly, MSW, \$382,445); and Ayoumilove (Gibson County, SW, \$195,357). Sales history: \$35,000 Ylg '14 OBSWIN; \$70,000 RNA Ylg '14 OBSAUG; \$50,000 2yo '15 OBSMAR. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 15-4-4-2, \$176,896.

O-Midwest Thoroughbreds; B-Jim Davis (FL); T-Danny Gargan.

6th-AQU, \$55,000, (S), Msw, 4-9, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.33, ft.

BLAME THE THIEF (c, 3, Blame--Catch a Thief {MSW & MGSP, \$338,985}, by Flatter), second sprinting on the local main Nov. 27, finished eighth Mar. 18 at Gulfstream and was dismissed at over 14-1 in this first route try. Away alertly, the homebred held a measured advantage through splits of :23.51. :46.80 and 1:11.27, shook off a host of challengers by the sixteenth pole and held on for a one-length success over fast-closing Zonic (Ghostzapper). The winner's dam is responsible for a yearling filly by Artie Schiller and foaled a Palace Malice filly Mar. 31. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, \$48,214. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O/B-Charles Dimino (NY); T-Timothy A. Hills.

9th-AQU, \$55,000, (S), Msw, 4-9, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:24.51, ft.

HOLIDAY DISGUISE (f, 3, Harlan's Holiday--Thin Disguise, by Yes It's True) showed late interest to be fourth on debut over the local inner track Mar. 18 and drilled a bullet five furlongs in 1:00 2/5 (1/52) on the Belmont training surface Apr. 3. Let go as the 29-10 second choice here, the bay traveled in fifth behind a hot :21.93 quarter and gradually crept up three-deep as the leader blew through a :44.76 half. Sidling up alongside 76-1 firster Frost Wise (Frost Giant) at the sixteenth pole, the \$220,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga buy worked her way past to score by 1 1/4 lengths. Thin Diguise, a half to GSW and New York-bred staple Naughty New Yorker (Quiet American), is responsible for a juvenile Midnight Lute filly, a yearling colt by Verrazano and a filly by Tiznow foaled Apr. 5. Sales History: \$70,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$35,750. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Lady Sheila Stable; B-Dr. William B. Wilmot & Dr. Joan M. Taylor (NY); T-Linda Rice.

FLORIDA

Sunday's Results:

8th-GP, \$43,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 4-9, 3yo, 6f, 1:08.76, ft.

WAIT (c, 3, Distorted Humor--Wait a While {Ch. 3yo Filly & MGISW, \$2,181,917}, by Maria's Mon), a dominant third-out victor against Florida-breds in his final start for trainer Ronny Werner Jan. 5, was a distant third behind 'TDN Rising Star' and subsequent GII Rebel S. winner Malagacy (Shackleford) here Feb. 12 and faded to eighth going two turns on the local lawn Mar. 11. Back sprinting on dirt in this spot, the gray broke on top as a 14-5 proposition and tracked odds-on chalk Barry Karafin Bets (First Defence) from second through a :22.85 quarter. Edging past that one leaving behind a :45.13 half, Wait steadily drew off in the lane to earn a three-length decision over longshot Mai Ty One On (Put It Back). Wait a While, champion 3-year-old filly of 2006, foaled a full-brother to the winner named Andor last term before being bred to Speightstown. Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-1, \$71,040. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O/B-Arindel Farm (FL); T-Stanley I. Gold.

5th-GP, \$42,000, Msw, 4-9, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.30, ft.

R NEXT ROLL (f, 3, Overdriven--Valid Silk, by Valid Appeal) was fourth while facing state-bred foes going six furlongs over a sloppy Gulfstream surface in her Feb. 22 debut. Sent off at 3-1, the chestnut filly sprinted out to the early lead and was clear through fractions of :22.61 and :45.50 before gliding home an unchallenged 3 1/2-length victoress. Honor Way (Caleb's Posse) finished second, but was disqualified and placed fourth. Eclipticalsrosette (Storm Wolf) was promoted to second. The winner is a half-sister to Rocky River (Concorde's Tune, SW, \$127,200). Valid Silk produced fillies by Prospective in 2015 and 2016 and was bred back to Uncaptured. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$29,500. O-Averill Racing LLC, Silver Oak Stable LLC & CCF Racing Stable; B-Ocala Stud (FL); T-Ralph Ziadie.

6th-GP, \$36,000, Msw, 4-9, 3yo, f, 7 1/2ft, 1:30.91, fm.

+FLY BY (f, 3, Johar--Flying Arch, by Arch), let go at 9-2, was outfooted early and settled just off the pace. In tight quarters leaving the backstretch, the chestnut filly ranged up three wide turning for home and forged to the lead late to win by a half-length over Crave (Candy Ride {Arg}). It was a nose further back to Peart (Badge of Silver) in third. Sales history: \$70,000 RNA Ylg '15 KESEEP. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#),**

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Sunday's Results:

7th-OP, \$80,000, Msw, 4-9, 3yo, 6f, 1:09.97, ft.

HARD SCRAMBLE (c, 3, Hard Spun--Marquet Rent, by Marquetry), seventh going one mile at Churchill in his debut last November, was cutting back to six furlongs after a pair of off-the-board outings going 1 1/16 miles at Oaklawn Feb. 20 and Mar. 12. The 6-1 shot chased the pace through splits of :21.96 and :45.34. He found room to run at the top of the lane, spurred past the pacesetter and powered clear to a three-length victory. Mo's Mojo (Uncle Mo) was second. Hard Scramble, a \$320,000 KESEEP yearling, is a half-brother to Hopeful Image (Gulch, GSP, \$112,359). Marquet Rent produced a colt by Into Mischief this year. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$52,130. O-Calumet Farm; B-Town & Country Farms Corp. (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.



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Sunday's Results:

6th-EMD, \$21,500, Alw, 4-9, (NW13MX), 3yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:02.89, ft.

RETREAT YOURSELF (f, 3, Harbor the Gold--Retreat After Me, by Liberty Gold) graduated by a front-running 5 3/4 lengths while facing \$25,000 maiden claimers in her debut over this track last August, but had not been seen since. Sent off at 2-1, the dark bay filly contested the pace through fractions of :22.47 and :44.90 before inching away at midstretch to win by 1 1/2 lengths over Paddy's Secret (Paddy O'Prado). The winner is a full-sister to Trick or Retreat (MSP, \$115,421). **Click for the [Equibase.com](#).** Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$19,525. O/B-Mark Malnati (WA); T-Doris Harwood.

CALIFORNIA

Sunday's Results:

SANTA PAULA S., \$79,290, SA, 4-9, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:15.92, ft. 1--**UNION STRIKE, 124, f, 3, by Union Rags**

- 1st Dam: **Classic Strike, by Smart Strike**
- 2nd Dam: **Classic Hostess, by Red Ransom**
- 3rd Dam: **Court Hostess, by Sovereign Dancer**

(\$170,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV; \$130,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$375,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR). O-Ruis Racing LLC; B-Pollock Farms, Brian Kahn, Taylor Brothers Property, et al (KY); T-Mick Ruis; J-Brice Blanc. \$47,160. Lifetime Record: GISW, 5-2-1-0, \$265,760. *1/2 to Handsome Mike (Scat Daddy), MGSW, \$1,005,413; and Classic Sense (Street Sense), SP, \$159,340.

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3--**Auntjenn**, 120, f, 3, **Uncle Mo**--World Event, by Quiet American. (\$52,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV; \$160,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP). O-Ike & Dawn Thrash; B-Kathie Maybee & Southern Comfort Farm, LLC (KY); T-Peter Miller. \$9,432.

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Union Strike, victress of the GI Del Mar Debutante last summer, got back on track after a pair of off-the-board finishes with a sharp victory in the Santa Paula S. at Santa Anita.

Second on debut July 31 at Del Mar, the \$375,000 OBS April buy broke her maiden at 77-10 in the Debutante for trainer Shelbe Ruis, but was sixth after a tough trip first out for Craig Dollase in the GI 14 Hands Winery Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies here Nov. 5 and made no impact when fifth in the GI Starlet S. Dec. 10 at Los Alamitos.



Brice Blanc | Benoit

Returning with several bullet works over the Arcadia training strip, the dark bay was away in midpack at a generous 9-1 and settled in fourth behind a pressured :21.85 quarter, set by favored 'TDN Rising Star' Selcourt. As the chalk shook away from her pace pursuer passing a half in :44.65, Union Strike wound up four deep, and she set upon the leader quickly approaching the eighth pole, soon drawing clear under hand urging to score convincingly. The win was the 1,000th for jockey Brice Blanc.

The winner's dam is responsible for a 2-year-old Scat Daddy filly named Pretty Lady and foaled a colt by Broken Vow last term before being bred to Honor Code. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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7th-SA, \$60,949, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 4-9, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:34.56, fm.

SHEEZA MILKY WAY (f, 4, Sidney's Candy--Mother's Milk, by Silver Deputy), a narrowly beaten third in the GIII Seniorita S. over this course and trip last May, was coming off a fourth-place finish in the Mar. 12 GII Santa Ana S. The bay filly, allowed to tarry near the back of the field early, found her best stride in the final furlong and inhaled the leaders to hit the wire one length in front at 3-1. Sweet Charity (Fr) (Myboycharlie {Ire}) was second. Sales history: \$50,000 Wlg '13 KEENOV; \$32,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$70,000 2yo '15 BARMAR. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: GSP, 14-3-1-3, \$172,355.

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6th-SA, \$55,035, (S), Msw, 4-9, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05.15, ft. HAVEITURE WAY (f, 4, Lucky Pulpit--Brief Illusion, by

Bertrando) chased the pace before flattening to fourth at 28-1 on debut here Mar. 16 and was made the 21-10 favorite this time around. Setting the pace from her rail draw, the dark bay ran a quarter in :21.90, inched away nearing the top of the lane and drew clear from there to score by 3 1/4 lengths. Justice Rules (Tribal Rule) got second at 22-1. The victress' dam was bred to Desert Code last season. Sales History: \$7,000 2yo '15 BARJAN. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$35,640. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Kings River Ranch; B-Rick Barker (CA); T-J. Eric Kruljac.



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ALGORITHM (Bernardini), Claiborne Farm, \$7.5K, 155/20/1

7-WRD, Msw 5 1/2f, Bellebreaksthecode, \$13K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 4-1

BOYS AT TOSCONOVA (Officer), Questroyal North, \$5K, 47/5/0

7-PRX, Aoc 6f, Bertranda, \$15K EAS MAY 2yo, 5-1

DIALED IN (Mineshaft), Darby Dan Farm, \$7.5K, 174/25/5

7-MVR, Alw 6f, Sheltoewe's Gold, \$27K RNA FTK OCT yrl, 5-1

MESSNER (Bernardini), PA, 26/6/0

5-PRX, Aoc 1m, Wildcat Cartridge, 5-1

STAY THIRSTY (Bernardini), Ashford Stud, \$17.5K, 160/36/2

5-PRX, Aoc 1m, Thirstforthecup, \$170K OBS APR 2yo, 3-1

THE FACTOR (War Front), Lane's End Farm, \$15K, 218/32/3

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-OP, \$82,000, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 4-9, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:44.87, ft.

IMPASSE (f, 4, Quality Road--Tempus Fugit {MSW & GSP, \$344,471}, by Alphabet Soup) Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-1, \$120,877. O-Briland Farm; B-Briland Farm, Robert & Stacy Mitchell (KY); T-D. Wayne Lukas. *1/2 to Majestic River (A.P. Indy), GSW, \$258,138.

5th-LRL, \$52,695, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000-\$25,000), 4-9, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT, 1:05.51, gd.

DAYLIGHT AHEAD (f, 4, Mineshaft--Seeking Options, by Seeking Daylight) Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-0, \$104,007. O/B-Winners Circle Partners VIII (MD); T-Hugh I. McMahon.

7th-PRX, \$49,818, 4-9, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.43, ft.
COZY LOVER (g, 4, Not For Love--Kate's Cozy Kiss, by Cozy Dell) Lifetime Record: 13-5-0-2, \$109,801. O/B-Hidden Acres 4-D Farm (NJ); T-Patricia Farro.

8th-GG, \$35,205, 4-9, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:45.35, ft.
STREET SURRENDER (f, 4, Street Boss--Sweet Sierra, by Crafty Prospector) Lifetime Record: 12-5-1-1, \$126,925. O-West Point Thoroughbreds; B-Sally Thomas & New Dawn Stable (KY); T-Jerry Hollendorfer. *\$55,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$280,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Golden Country (Menifee), MSW, \$340,645.

3rd-GG, \$33,426, 4-9, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:46.34, ft.

CALIFORNIASUNSHINE (f, 4, Lucky Pulpit--Keep Active, by Cee's Tizzy) Lifetime Record: 11-2-1-0, \$66,911. O-Alice Bamford & Ann Eysenring; B-Harris Farms (CA); T-Neil D. Drysdale. *\$30,000 2yo '15 BARJAN.

8th-SUN, \$31,400, 4-9, (C), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:08.77, ft.

SURF N SKI (g, 9, Unbridled Native--Oceans N Mountains, by Manila) Lifetime Record: 34-14-3-4, \$249,580. O-Eli Diamant; B-Old English Rancho, Patsy & Sal Berumen (CA); T-Dick Cappellucci. *\$13,000 7yo '15 BAROCT. **1/2 to What a View (Vronsky), GISW, \$763,326.

7th-CT, \$24,500, (S), 4-8, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:26.25, ft.

POSEIDON'S PRIZE (g, 3, Pure Prize--Athena Grand, by Civilisation) Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-0, \$52,473. O/B-E. C. Lowry (WV); T-Ollie L. Figgins, III.

4th-CT, \$24,000, (S), 4-8, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:50.12, ft.

CREATIVE MIST (g, 4, Yarrow Brae--Cut Number, by Numerous) Lifetime Record: 19-2-6-1, \$65,596. O-Wind N Springs Farm; B-Sharon Johnson (WV); T-Freddie R. Johnson.

5th-CT, \$24,000, (S), 4-8, (NW2L), 3/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:22.03, ft.

GROOMED TO ROCK (f, 3, Rock Hound--Chelsea Groomstick, by Groomstick) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-2, \$36,978. O/B-Randall R. Conrad (WV); T-Stephen L. Reggetts.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Pueblo Maiden, f, 3, **Roman Emperor--Siwanoy Lila**, by Indian Charlie. SUN, 4-9, (S), 6f, 1:12.63. B-Gallegos del Norte Racing (NM).

Red Duke Run, g, 3, **Roman Emperor--Twilight Victory**, by Victory Gallop. SUN, 4-9, (S), 1m, 1:40.46. B-Gallegos Del Norte Racing (NM).

+K J's Nobility, g, 3, **Primary Suspect--K J's Girl** (SW, \$112,213), by Big Pistol. OP, 4-9, (S), (C), 6f, 1:11.60. B-Hobego Racing (AR).

Calle Kingpin, c, 3, **Street Boss--Miss Playbill**, by Theatrical (Ire). SA, 4-8, (C), 1mT, 1:35.75. B-Rakesh S & Kumund S Sikand (KY). *\$17,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEEJAN; \$25,000 Ylg '15 FTKJUL; \$65,000 RNA 2yo '16 BARMAR.

Warning Sign, h, 5, **Pulpit--Clever Babe**, by Distorted Humor. OP, 4-9, (C), 6f, 1:10.51. B-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc. (KY). *1/2 to Book Review (Giant's Causeway), GISW, \$884,955.



BRIGHT FUTURES: PROMISING MAIDEN WINNERS IN FRANCE



Terrakova | Scoop Dyga

by Tom Peacock

There is never a guarantee that a mare will pass on any of her exceptional racing ability on to her offspring. On an afternoon in early November at Chantilly came the first indication that Goldikova (Ire) (Anabaa) might be able to.

'**TDN Rising Star**' **Terrakova (Ire)** has a lot to live up to, being the second foal of the 14-time Group 1 winner to reach the racecourse, but has been given every chance as her sire is a certain Galileo (Ire). In training with Freddy Head, she was sent off a short-priced favourite in a nine-furlong maiden and justified her market position by an impressive 3 1/2 lengths.

Pierre-Yves Bureau, manager for owner-breeders the Wertheimer brothers, said, "She's doing well. At the moment she's just a maiden winner at two so we don't know how good she might be. Freddy is just starting her back and she is probably going to have a prep run for the French Guineas in the coming weeks. It could be something like the [G3] Prix de la Grotte [Apr. 16], but she should certainly be out soon."

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REINE MINORU STEALS 'THE SHO'

The G1 Oko Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas) was billed as the race in which Frankel (GB) would achieve his first Classic winner with his daughter **Soul Stirring (Jpn)** a heavy 2/5 favourite to oblige. However horse racing doesn't always follow a script and it was 40/1 chance **Reine Minoru (Jpn)** (Daiwa Major {Jpn}) who was the best filly on the day, bravely holding off the strong finishing **Lys Gracieux (Jpn)** (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) by a half-length with Soul Stirring just a neck back in third. The winner broke smartly under Kenichi Ikezoe and was always well positioned in this 1600m contest sharing fourth place throughout the first half of the race, as **Kawakita Enka (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) established a clear advantage. As the leader came back to the field 300m from home Reine Minoru was beginning her challenge while being tracked by Soul Stirring.

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Sweet Loretta (Tapit) asserted her class in the stretch to capture the Gill Adena Springs Beaumont S. at Keeneland on Sunday.

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Fellow **'Rising Star' Plumatic (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) is another gilt-edged prospect for the Wertheimers. Not ready to run last year for Andre Fabre, the son of G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud winner Plumania (GB) (Anabaa) struck on his debut at Saint-Cloud a fortnight ago.

"He had been showing nice things and we were expecting him to run well, so we were really thrilled that he won," said Bureau. "It looked quite a good race and hopefully he's a horse that is good enough to go for the [G1] Prix du Jockey Club [June 4]. He will have to go for one of the trials first and that will tell us a lot."

Fabre has an enviable selection once again, with some in the blue colours of Sheikh Mohammed Bin Khalifa Al Thani. **Aim True (Ire)** popped up on the same Polytrack card as Terrakova, coming away with a colts race over the same distance. He is a Galileo half-brother to Aidan O'Brien's The Bogberry and



Plumatic | Scoop Dyga

appears a middle-distance project.

The owner's racing manager, Bertrand Le Metayer, said, "He's a lovely galloping horse who won nicely. Unfortunately he just had a minor but annoying setback which lost him two or three weeks. However, it looks like he would be maybe three weeks away from a run."

Le Metayer added that expectations are high for the same owner's **Light Up The Night (GB)** (Dutch Art {GB}) who is in training with Francis Graffard.

"She won quite a good maiden at Chantilly three weeks ago and is pretty smart," he said.

Among numerous Fabre winners in Godolphin blue was the grey Shamardal colt **Graphite (Fr)**, a half-brother to

G1 Hollywood Derby runner-up Fairly Ransom, who was fourth behind Veranda (Fr), Manqib and Falcon Wings (GB) in what looked a very good Maisons-Laffitte maiden in late September.

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He made a successful return to the same course a month later and was produced in good shape to make a winning seasonal debut in the G3 Prix La Force at Chantilly on Sunday.

Darley-bred **Inns Of Court (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) also caught the eye from the Fabre barn in an end-of-season Chantilly maiden and is well entered-up.

“He is also ready to return to the track,” said Godolphin’s French assistant bloodstock manager Lisa-Jane Graffard. “He too has done well and probably more of a seven-furlong/miler type.”

Fabre had to release his vice-like grip on the French title last season and is sure to face another stern challenge from Jean-Claude Rouget.

Among Rouget’s portfolio for 2017 is **La Cochere (Fr)** (Le Havre {Ire}), bred by owner Gerard Augustin-Normand out of his listed winner Lady Meydan (American Post {GB}). She beat subsequent scorers Senga and Normandie (Ger) over 7 1/2 furlongs at Deauville last August and has numerous Group 1 entries.

Sylvain Vidal, who manages not only Le Havre but August-Normand’s string, reported, “Jean-Claude Rouget loves this filly, she’s doing very well, but it’s too early to know what she’s likely to do.”



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Head would appear to have a strong bunch this season, although he warned that it was still too early to have formed any kind of pecking order.

His team for Shadwell includes Alrahma (GB) (Shamardal), who was second to Lady Aurelia (Scat Daddy) in the G1 Prix Morny and entered in the G1 2000 Guineas. In the same colours, and still engaged in the G1 1000 Guineas, is **Ettisaal (GB)** (Dubawi), who is a half-sister to connections’ G1 Prix Jean Prat and Jacques le Marois hero Tamayuz out of Al Ishq (Fr) (Nureyev). She collected an August Maisons-Laffitte maiden in comfortable fashion. [Cont. p4](#)

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“She had a little bit of a setback and isn’t ready to run yet, but she’s coming back nicely,” said Head. “I think she could be something good.”

The experienced Alex Pantall had yet another fruitful season from his base near Nantes and **Ambivalence (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) looks one of Classic potential.

“She won very easily at a mile at Chantilly at the end of November and she’s doing well,” Pantall said. “Hopefully she will progress towards the [G1] Prix de Diane [June 18], so there are one or two possibilities to run in before then.”

Fabrice Chappet, who has been firing in the winners in 2017 and will look to **Speed As (Fr)** (Evasive {GB}), a two-length winner at Chantilly a month ago, to continue the run. The bay has been entered in Monday’s G3 Prix Impudence at Maisons-Laffitte.

“She made a good debut, she was quite impressive, and she looks quite a promising filly,” Chappet said. “She’s a miler, although I think we can probably stretch her out further. She’s entered in group races and we will probably pick one in a couple of weeks.”

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STEP UP TO TOP LEVEL BECKONS FOR ‘STARS’

Building on his taking return success in the G3 Prix Exbury over this trip at Saint-Cloud Mar. 19, **Cloth of Stars (Ire)** (Sea the Stars {Ire}) crept closer to the group 1 that has so far evaded him with jockey Mickael Barzalona keen to show off his mount’s inherent class. Runner-up in the G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud in

November 2015, the bay returned to win the G3 Prix la Force and G2 Prix Greffulhe over this track and trip last April and May only to finish eighth under positive tactics in the G1 Epsom Derby in June. More patiently-ridden when third in the G1 Grand Prix de Paris over 12 furlongs back at Saint-Cloud the next month, he had missed the remainder of the season but re-emerged in the Exbury looking to have benefitted from the break. Anchored with three behind early here, he had over three lengths to make up at the top of the straight but was delivered wide with confidence under hand riding as **Mekhtaal (GB)** (Sea the Stars {Ire}) threatened to get away. Given two smacks with the whip late on, he overhauled that rival in the final metres to join his G3 Prix la Force-winning stablemate Graphite (Fr) (Shamardal) in setting a new track record.

“He got the good pace he needs again and has two options now,” Godolphin’s Lisa-Jane Graffard said. “One is the [G1] Prix Ganay [at Saint-Cloud May 1] and the other is the [G1] Queen Elizabeth II Cup [at Sha Tin Apr. 30].”

Pedigree Notes...

Cloth of Stars is out of a full-sister to the G1 Epsom Oaks heroine Light Shift (Kingmambo) and a half to the G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup-winning champion Shiva (Jpn) (Hector Protector), whose daughter That Which Is Not (Elusive Quality) was the recent winner of the Listed Prix Zarkava. She is one of the up-and-comers from this family alongside the Stoute trainee Ulysses (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) who captured the G3 Gordon S. last term. This Niarchos dynasty is always capable of turning up new champions, as proven by the rise and rise of Main Sequence (Aldebaran) during his groundbreaking campaign in 2014. Strawberry Fledge also has an as-yet unraced 3-year-old colt named Apollonian (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}), a 2-year-old filly Niku (Ire) also by High Chaparral and a yearling filly by War Command.



Cloth Of Stars | Scoop Dyga

Sunday, Chantilly, France

PRIX D'HARCOURT-G2, €130,000, CHY, 4-9, 4yo/up, 10fT, 1:58.77 (NTR), gd.

1--**CLOTH OF STARS (IRE)**, 126, c, 4, by **Sea the Stars (Ire)**

1st Dam: Strawberry Fledge, by Kingmambo

2nd Dam: Lingerie (GB), by Shirley Heights (GB)

3rd Dam: Northern Trick, by Northern Dancer

(400,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT). O-Godolphin SNC; B-Peter Anastasiou (IRE); T-Andre Fabre; J-Mickael Barzalona. €74,100. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Fr, 10-6-1-2, €418,430. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#). **Werk Nick Rating: A+++.**

***Triple Plus*.**

2--**Mekhtaal (GB)**, 126, c, 4, Sea the Stars (Ire)--Aiglonne, by Silver Hawk. (€300,000 Ylg '14 ARAUG). O-Al Shaqab Racing; B-Haras du Mezeray & Skymarc Farm (GB); T-Jean-Claude Rouget. €28,600.

 Purchased by Mandore Agency's Nicolas de Watrigant 

3--**Maniaco (GB)**, 126, c, 4, **Galileo (Ire)**--Plumania (GB), by Anabaa. O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (GB); T-Andre Fabre. €13,650.

Margins: NK, 1HF, NK. Odds: 0.90, 7.00, 20.90.

Also Ran: Robin of Navan (Fr), Palace Prince (Ger), Best Fouad (Fr), One Foot In Heaven (Ire), Cafe Royal (Ger), Raseed (GB), Star Victory (Fr), Gambissara (Fr). [Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equine.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

FASTNET ROCK COLT DOMINATES THE SIGY

Coming to the fore with a win in the Listed Prix Ronde de Nuit over this track and trip Mar. 16, **Fas (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) took a leap forward here with an all-the-way dismissal of some of France's quickest sophomores. Third in the 6 1/2-furlong Listed Prix Saraca at Maisons-Laffitte in mid-September and also in the G3 Prix Eclipse when involved in a three-way photo at this distance back there just nine days later, the bay revisited that circuit to be fourth in the G2 Criterium de Maisons-Laffitte the following month. Looking a more powerful proposition in the Ronde de Nuit, he was in a different league to his contemporaries this time allowed to bowl along in front from the outset by Maxime Guyon. Leaving behind the hot favourite and previously-unbeaten filly **Mrs Danvers (GB)** (Hellvelyn {GB}) as he surged clear from over a furlong out, he hit the line strong to register a resounding success.

Royal Ascot now looms large on his horizon. "He is so fast," commented trainer Pia Brandt, who had dismissed plans to step him up in trip for Monday's G3 Prix Djebel. "He was a little bit more manageable than last time and quickened brilliantly to win in very good style. He is very easy to train and does little in the mornings, keeping his best for the afternoons so it is not a

problem keeping him fresh for the G1 Commonwealth Cup [at Royal Ascot June 23]. He will not run in between."

Pedigree Notes...

Fas is the first foal out of the listed-placed Sotka, who also has a 2-year-old daughter of Dawn Approach (Ire) named Vlatka (Ire) and a yearling filly by Kodiak (GB). She is a half-sister to the five-times group 1-winning sprinter Sole Power (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}) and also the G3 Cornwallis S. runner-up Cornus (GB) (Inchiner {GB}), so the basis for Fas's sprinting prowess is there for all to see. This is also the family of the sires Tychonic (GB) and Fine Edge (GB).

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Fas | Scoop Dyga

Sunday, Chantilly, France

PRIX SIGY-G3, €80,000, CHY, 4-9, 3yo, 6fT, 1:08.43, gd.

1--**@FAS (IRE)**, 126, c, 3, by **Fastnet Rock (Aus)**

1st Dam: Sotka (GB) (SP-Fr), by Dutch Art (GB)

2nd Dam: Demerger, by Distant View

3rd Dam: Merida (GB), by Warning (GB)

(€50,000 RNA Ylg '15 TAOCT). O-Alain Jathiere & Zalim Bifov; B-Zalim Bifov (IRE); T-Pia Brandt; J-Maxime Guyon. €40,000. Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-2, €115,050. **Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Precieuse (Ire)**, 122, f, 3, Tamayuz (GB)--Zut Alors (Ire), by Pivotal (GB). O-Mme Anne-Marie Hayes; B-Knocktoran Stud (IRE); T-Fabrice Chappet. €16,000.

3--**Spanish Fly (Ire)**, 122, f, 3, **Iffraaj (GB)**--Hundredsnthousands (Ire), by Thousand Words (GB). (€18,000 Ylg '15 GOFSP). O-Maldon Racing SL; B-Mrs Diane Williams (IRE); T-Mauricio Delcher-Sanchez. €12,000.

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Margins: 3HF, 2HF, NK. Odds: 5.60, 4.30, 13.20.

G3 Prix Sigy Cont.

Also Ran: Capchop (Fr), Tresorier (GB), Mrs Danvers (GB), Farshad (Ger), Tahoe (Ire), Upendi (Fr), Hyper Hyper (GB). **Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

ALL 'LUCK' IN VANTEAUX

At comparative points of their career, it could be argued that **Gold Luck (Fr)** (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) is a step ahead of her illustrious half-sibling Goldikova (Ire) (Anabaa) now that she can boast a group win even if she had to work hard to do so. Whether she possesses the scope of her almost inimitable predecessor is open to question and it could be that she was fortunate to hold on here with the race's eye-catcher **Hebah (Ire)** (Sea the Stars {Ire}) looking a shade unlucky, but it is a case of so far, so good for the homebred. Off the mark with a narrow debut win over a mile at Maisons-Laffitte in September, the bay was not disgraced when runner-up to Monday's G3 Prix Djebel contender Al Wukair (Ire) (Dream Ahead) in the Listed Prix Isonomy also at that distance at Deauville in October. Building on that experience here, she gave a show of resilience and will-to-win that proved one of Goldikova's myriad of qualities to deny **Monroe Bay (Ire)** (Makfi {GB}) in a prolonged tussle.



Gold Luck (centre) gets the better of a three-way battle | Scoop Dyga

Always close to the pace set by the free-running Monroe Bay, Gold Luck was trapped three-wide until securing second before the end of the back straight. At work shortly after the turn for home, she managed to inch past the favourite in the final stride for a hard-earned success, as Hebah closed strongly after a less-than-straightforward trip.

"She is now another distinguished member of a fantastic family and this win is most important for a filly like her," trainer Freddy Head commented. "She did well, as she hasn't

blossomed yet and will most definitely improve off that. We have to think about coming back for the G1 Prix Saint-Alary [at Deauville May 14] now."

She will be re-opposed by Monroe Bay in that contest according to her trainer Pascal Bary. "I am very happy, because she was a difficulty filly to load last year but behaved very nicely here and is definitely more mature mentally now," he explained. "She was a little bit too fresh and did too much early, but it was most encouraging and she will now go for the Saint-Alary."

Pedigree Notes...

Gold Luck becomes the sixth pattern-race winner for Born Gold, with her other significant half-siblings being the G1 Prix Vermeille heroine Galikova and also Anodin, whose success in the G3 Prix Paul de Moussac preceded second placings in the G1 Breeders' Cup Mile, G1 Prix Jacques le Marois and G1 Prix d'Ispahan. Members of this dynasty to further force the impression that it is one of the very best in recent months include last year's G3 Prix Minerve winner Golden Valentine (Fr) (Dalakhani {Ire}) and the G3 Prix des Chenes scorer and leading Classic hope Akihiro (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}). This winner is the last foal produced by Born Gold, who is now 26.

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Sunday, Chantilly, France

PRIX VANTEAUX-G3, €80,000, CHY, 4-9, 3yo, f, 9fT, 1:50.21, gd.

1--#**@GOLD LUCK (FR)**, 126, f, 3, by Redoute's Choice (Aus)

1st Dam: Born Gold, by Blushing Groom (Fr)

2nd Dam: Riviere d'Or, by Lyphard

3rd Dam: Gold River (Fr), by Riverman

O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (FR); T-Freddy Head; J-Maxime Guyon. €40,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, €66,500. *1/2 to Goldikova (Ire) (Anabaa), 2x Ch. Grass Mare-US, Ch. Older Horse-Eur, Ch. Older Mare-Eur, MG1SW-Eng & Fr, MGISW-US, \$7,176,551; Anodin (Ire) (Anabaa), G1SW-Fr, G1SP-Eng & GISP-US, \$868,463; Galikova (Fr) (Galileo {Ire}), G1SW-Fr, \$1,127,103; Gold Sound (Fr) (Green Tune), GSW-Fr, \$369,035; Gold Round (Ire) (Caerleon), GSW-Fr; Born Something (Ire) (Caerleon), GSP-Fr & MSP-US, \$153,159; and Red Tune (Fr) (Green Tune), GSP-Fr, \$118,122. **Werk Nick Rating: C. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Monroe Bay (Ire)**, 126, f, 3, Makfi (GB)--Lune Rose (GB), by High Chaparral (Ire). 'TDN Rising Star' (€75,000 Ylg '15 AROCT). O-Ecurie Jean-Louis Bouchard & Lady Chrissy O'Reilly; B-Petra Bloodstock Agency Ltd & Ecuries des Monceaux (IRE); T-Pascal Bary. €16,000.

G3 Prix Vanteaux Cont.

3--**Hebah (Ire)**, 126, f, 3, Sea the Stars (Ire)--Lia (Ire), by Desert King (Ire). (170,000gns Wlg '14 TATFOA). O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Azienda Agricola Luciani Loreto (IRE); T-Jean-Claude Rouget. €12,000.

Margins: SHD, HD, 3/4. Odds: 3.20, 1.20, 7.20.

Also Ran: Vue Fantastique (Fr), Penny Lane (Ger), Uni (GB), Szolnok, Ghurfah (GB). Scratched: Wajnah (Fr). **Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

GRAPHITE PREVAILS IN THE 'FORCE'

Much of the positive vibe surrounded **Franz Schubert (GB)** (Dansili {GB}) ahead of this early Jockey-Club pointer, but it was Godolphin's second-string **Graphite (Fr)** (Shamardal) who enjoyed the better trip of the pair and duly proved the one to give Andre Fabre an eighth edition. Fourth behind stablemate Veranda (Fr) (Canford Cliffs {Ire}) in a mile debutantes contest at Maisons-Laffitte in September, the grey returned there a month later to deny the dual subsequent scorer Stunning Spirit (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) over this trip. Ideally placed in mid-division against the rail by Pierre-Charles Boudot as his slow-starting stablemate Franz Schubert ended up towards the back trapped wide, Graphite had a gap inside the last quarter mile and seized it to grind his way to the front passing the furlong marker and deny **Phelps Win (Fr)** (Muhtathir {GB}) in course-record time. Franz Schubert, who there was a buzz about beforehand, made significant progress from a compromising position in the straight and will be favoured by many to reverse the form next time.

Lisa-Jane Graffard of Godolphin commented, "The winner had a very nice trip and is quite mature, while Franz Schubert is still a bit tender. He travelled well and finished well and there is room for improvement, so that is most encouraging."



Graphite (I) | Scoop Dyga

Pedigree Notes...

Graphite is the last foal out of Fairly Grey, who was runner-up in the G3 Prix d'Aumale and whose initial progeny proved to be the GII Del Mar Derby-winning sire Fairly Ransom. She is herself a full-sister to the G1 Prix Ganay-winning sire Fair Mix (Ire) related to a host of stakes winners Stateside.

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Sunday, Chantilly, France

PRIX LA FORCE-G3, €80,000, CHY, 4-9, 3yo, c/g, 9ft, 1:48.27 (NTR), gd.

1--**#@GRAPHITE (FR)**, 128, c, 3, by **Shamardal**

1st Dam: Fairly Grey (Fr) (MGSP-Fr), by Linamix (Fr)

2nd Dam: Fairlee Wild, by Wild Again

3rd Dam: Raise Me, by Mr. Prospector

(€250,000 Ylg '15 AROCT). O-Godolphin SNC; B-Haras de Saint Pair (Fr); T-Andre Fabre; J-Pierre-Charles Boudot. €40,000.

Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, €56,200. *1/2 to Fairly Ransom (Red Ransom), GSW & GISP-US, SW & GSP-Fr, \$418,529 (USA); and Fairly Fair (Fr) (Sinndar {Ire}), SW-Fr. **Werk Nick Rating: F. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Phelps Win (Fr)**, 128, c, 3, Muhtathir (GB)--Take Grace (Fr), by Take Risks (Fr). O/B-Mme Nadine Chiari (Fr); T-Henri-Alex Pantall. €16,000.

3--**Franz Schubert (GB)**, 128, c, 3, **Dansili (GB)**--Measured Tempo (GB), by Sadler's Wells. O-Godolphin SNC; B-Darley (GB); T-Andre Fabre. €12,000.

Margins: NK, HD, 3/4. Odds: 6.30, 6.10, 1.40.

Also Ran: Kensai (Fr), Saglawy (Fr), Be My Sheriff (Ger), Phocéen (Fr), Prinz Hlodowig (Fr), King of Spades (Fr), Chapa (Fr), High Alpha (Fr). Scratched: Afandem (Fr). **Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

'PILOT' LANDS ALLEGED

As is customary at this time of the season, Ballydoyle's better prospects are often short of a peak and last year's G1 Epsom Derby runner-up **US Army Ranger (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) proved no exception as he plugged on into third behind **Air Pilot (GB)** (Zamindar). That veteran retains a love of the sport and of travelling overseas, as he proved with prior wins in the G3 International S. at The Curragh in June 2015 and in last year's G3 La Coupe at Chantilly. Following a break after a rare poor run when last of 10 in York's G3 Strensall S. in August, the bay moved with all his old assurance in rear and when asked to chase down the habitual leader **Success Days (Ire)** (Jeremy) gave generously to overwhelm him in the final 50 yards.

Pedigree Notes...

The dam, who hails from the extended family of the G1 Epsom and Yorkshire Oaks third Crown of Light (GB) (Mtoto {GB}) and G1 Irish 2000 Guineas third Intimidate (GB) (Formidable), also has the as-yet unraced 3-year-old colt Winkle Brown (GB) (Sixties Icon {GB}).

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Smiles all round from Air Pilot and connections | *Racing Post*

Sunday, Naas, Ireland

DR VINCENT O'BRIEN CENTENARY ALLEGED S.-G3, €63,000,

NAA, 4-9, 4yo/up, 10fT, 2:19.75, yl.

1--**AIR PILOT (GB)**, 132, g, 8, by Zamindar

1st Dam: **Countess Sybil (Ire)**, by Dr Devious (Ire)

2nd Dam: **Countess Candy (GB)**, by Great Nephew (GB)

3rd Dam: **Zoomie**, by Pinza (GB)

O/B-Lady Cobham (GB); T-Ralph Beckett; J-Fran Berry.

€37,170. Lifetime Record: GSW-Fr, SW & MGSP-Eng, 17-6-4-3, \$391,375. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

Werk Nick Rating: D+

2--**Success Days (Ire)**, 132, h, 5, Jeremy--Malaica (Fr), by Roi Gironde (Ire). O-Robert Ng; B-Robert Ng & Dermot Farrington (IRE); T-Ken Condon. €12,600.

3--**US Army Ranger (Ire)**, 132, c, 4, **Galileo (Ire)**--Moonstone (GB), by Dalakhani (Ire). O-Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith; B-Orpendale, Chelston & Wynatt (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien. €6,300.

Margins: HD, 3 1/4, 3 3/4. Odds: 6.00, 2.75, 1.00.

Also Ran: Stellar Mass (Ire), Lustrous Light (Ire). Scratched: Sea Swift (Ire).

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'FIELDS' OF 'GLADNESS'

With **Alice Springs (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) starting off her campaign, the way was open for a progressive type to make hay and it was **Diamond Fields (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) who stepped up to register a career-best. Second in the Listed Power S. over six furlongs at Navan last May, the bay looked in need of further when fourth again at that trip in the G3 Ballyogan S. at The Curragh in early June and belied her odds of 33-1 when second to the subsequent G3 Atalanta S. winner and G1 Matron S. runner-up Persuasive (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) 11 days later in Royal Ascot's Listed Sandringham H. tackling a mile for the first time. Luckless on her first start in the States when her saddle slipped as she was last of eight in the GII Lake George S. at Saratoga the following month, she put that behind her when chasing home Time and Motion (Tapit) and Catch a Glimpse (City Zip) in the GII Lake Placid S. back there in August and when runner-up in the GII Sands Point S. at Belmont in September. Held up in rear throughout the early stages as **Blue de Vega (Ger)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}) led, she was being asked the question as the front-runner looked the likely winner passing the quarter pole. With that rival tiring notably late on and letting in Alice Springs, it was Diamond Fields who delivered the telling blow on the outer as she proved too strong in the final 50 yards.

"I gave her a terrible ride, but I had a willing partner," jockey Chris Hayes said. "It was a funny race and more of a 3 1/2-furlong sprint and she is tough and genuine." Trainer Fozzy Stack, who has enjoyed a flying start to his new post after the retirement of his father Tommy, added, "She ran well at Belmont on her last start behind a very smart filly, and probably didn't just get the nine furlongs that day. She's smart and may come back here for the [G3] Athasi, and then maybe [Royal] Ascot, although there is another race back in New York around that time so we'll have to see where we go. I'm very pleased for the owner Mary Slack. It's the biggest winner she has had in Ireland or England. She is a good supporter of the yard and has a stud farm down in South Africa, so I'm sure she will breed off her at some stage." [Cont. p9](#)



Diamond Fields (nearside) | *Racing Post*

Pedigree Notes...

The winner is the first foal out of Question Times, who showed talent as a juvenile for Peter Chapple-Hyam and was second in the Listed Bosra Sham Fillies' S. She is a half-sister to another from that stable in Sunday Times (GB) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), who won the G3 Sceptre S. over this trip and was second in the G1 Cheveley Park S. and whose dam was a half to three black-type performers headed by the G2 Hungerford S. winner and dual G1 Prix de la Foret runner-up Welsh Emperor (Ire) (Emperor Jones). The dam has a 2-year-old colt by Camelot (GB) named Latrobe (Ire) and a yearling filly also by that sire.

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Sunday, Naas, Ireland

GLADNESS S.-G3, €60,000, NAA, 4-9, 3yo/up, 7fT, 1:30.05, yl.

1--**@DIAMOND FIELDS (IRE)**, 130, f, 4, by **Fastnet Rock (Aus)**

1st Dam: Question Times (GB) (SP-Eng), by Shamardal

2nd Dam: Forever Times (GB), by So Factual

3rd Dam: Simply Times, by Dodge

(€55,000 Ylg '14 GOFORB). O-Ms Mary Slack; B-Sweetmans Bloodstock (IRE); T-Fozzy Stack; J-Chris Hayes. €35,400.

Lifetime Record: MGSP-US & SP-Eng, 12-2-5-1, \$224,051.

Click for the **eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree**. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++**. *Triple Plus*.

2--**Alice Springs (Ire)**, 135, f, 4, **Galileo (Ire)**--Aleagueoftheirown (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). (550,000gns Ylg '14 TATOCT).

O-Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith;

B-Lynch-Bages & Longfield Stud (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien.

€12,000.

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3--**Blue de Vega (Ger)**, 133, c, 4, Lope de Vega (Ire)--Burning Heights (Ger), by Montjeu (Ire). (€32,000 Ylg '14 BBAGS;

€75,000 2yo '15 GBMBR). O-Qatar Racing Ltd, HH Sheikh Khalifa Abdulla K H Al Thani & HH Sheikh Suhaim; B-Gestut Ammerland (GER); T-Michael O'Callaghan. €6,000.

Margins: HF, HF, 1 3/4. Odds: 4.50, 1.50, 2.00.

Also Ran: Smash Williams (Ire), Gordon Lord Byron (Ire).

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Sunday, Dusseldorf, Germany

XTIP FRUJAHRSMEILE-G3, €55,000, DSS, 4-9, 4yo/up, 8fT, 1:34.99, gd.

1--**@WONNEMOND (GER)**, 126, g, 4, by **Areion (Ger)**

1st Dam: Windaja (Ger), by Surako (Ger)

2nd Dam: Windblume (Ger), by Nebos (Ger)

3rd Dam: Windbuchse (Ger), by Le Mas Marvent (Fr)

(€9,000 Ylg '14 BBAGO). O-Stall Frohnbach; B-Klaus-Henning

Schmoock (GER); T-Sascha Smrczek; J-Bayarsaikhan Ganbat. €32,000. Lifetime Record: 11-6-2-0, €100,000. **Werk Nick Rating: A++**. Click for the **eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree**.

2--**Degas (Ger)**, 126, c, 4, **Exceed and Excel (Aus)**--Diatribes (GB), by Tertullian. (€100,000 Ylg '14 BBAGS). O/B-Gestut Rottgen (GER); T-Markus Klug. €12,000.

3--**Diplomat (Ger)**, 130, h, 6, **Teofilo (Ire)**--Desidera (Ire), by Shaadi. (€55,000 Ylg '12 BBAGS). O-Eckhard Sauren; B-Gestut Rottgen (GER); T-Mario Hofer. €6,000.

Margins: 1, 3/4, HD. Odds: 4.20, 2.30, 11.20.

Also Ran: Millowitsch (Ger), De Treville (GB), Nordico (Ger), Palang, Baroncello (Ger). Click for the **Racing Post result** or the **free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree**.

Registering a fourth straight and first black-type success in the Listed Grosser Preis des Gestut Fahrhof over a mile at Hanover in October, Wonnemond returned to continue his seemingly relentless progress with this career-best performance. Held up in fourth early, the bay grabbed the lead passing the furlong marker and stayed on strongly as Degas closed.

Pedigree Notes...

The dam, who hails from the family of the dual German champion and leading domestic sire Windwurf (Ger), also has an unraced 3-year-old daughter of Campanologist named Waikiki (Ger) and a 2-year-old colt by Tai Chi (Ger) named Whisky Train (Ger).

A NATIONAL TREASURE?



National Defense winning at Chantilly last October | Scoop Dyga

As impressive visually as any of the recent winners of the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere, Sun Bloodstock's **National Defense (GB)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) returns with a weight of French expectation behind him in Monday's G3 Prix Djebel at Maisons-Laffitte. This race has often served as a trial for the 2000 Guineas and Nureyev, Zino (GB), Pennekamp and Makfi (GB) all captured this en route to securing leading honors at Newmarket, albeit the former was controversially disqualified.

A National Treasure Cont.

Whether National Defense is cut from the same cloth remains to be seen, but the manner of his success in the Arc day highlight for the juvenile colts suggests he will be a prominent force throughout 2017. Dropping back from a mile for the first time should hold no fears, as he was in charge at every point of that mile contest, displaying deadly speed as he dealt with the subsequent G1 Racing Post Trophy third Salouen (Ire) (Canford Cliffs {Ire}) by 4 1/2 lengths.

Any unbeaten colt from the Andre Fabre stable carries gravitas and Al Shaqab Racing's **Al Wukair (Ire)** (Dream Ahead) is no exception, having upstaged Goldikova's half-sister and subsequent G3 Prix Vanteaux winner Gold Luck (Fr) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) with a degree of comfort in Deauville's Listed Prix Isonomy over a mile in October. He is the most likely participant to land a blow on National Defense, while there is a sufficient supply of useful types such as the Listed Prix de la Californie winner **Straight Right (Fr)** (Siyouni {Fr}) to provide a measurement of the race's worth.

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UNKNOWN DESTINATION



Via Ravenna | Scoop Dyga

Unlike the Djebel, Monday's G3 Prix Imprudence at Maisons-Laffitte lacks a star turn among last year's juveniles and the prestigious Classic trial is therefore open to one of the unexposed fillies in the line-up. Despite her debut win over a mile at Chantilly Mar. 2 being less than flashy, it could be that **Via Ravenna (Ire)** (Raven's Pass) has a lot more to give for Haras de Saint Pair and Andre Fabre, who also saddles Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Thani's G3 Oh So Sharp S. fifth **Double Lady (Fr)** (Stormy River {Fr}). Ecurie Jean-Louis Bouchard and Georges Sandor's **Thais (Fr)** (Rio de la Plata) was tried against the colts in the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere by Pascal Bary, but came up well short in sixth there before finishing third in the G3 Prix Miesque over this course and distance in November.

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GOFFS TOPPER EARNS 'RISING STARDOM' AT NAAS



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Tocco d'Amore (Ire) (Raven's Pass) caused a stir when topping the sheets for a cool €2-million at the 2015 Goffs Orby sale and repeated the dose with a stunning performance in this racecourse debut en route to 'TDN Rising Stardom.' Slowest from the gate and settled in rear initially, the 9-1 chance made steady headway throughout and, despite rolling around when launching her bid approaching the final eighth, quickened smartly and surged clear for one flick of Pat Smullen's whip in the closing stages to register an impressive six-length score from Clongowes (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}).

"It's very unusual for me to run a filly first time out against the colts, so that could have told you something, and she did it very nicely," said trainer Dermot Weld. "It didn't surprise me, but first time out I thought she might have needed it. She'd worked well, it was a very true run race and I thought it rode a very good maiden. She'll go for a stakes race next, maybe an Oaks trial, and is a nice filly in the making."

The May 28 G1 Irish 1000 Guineas and July 15 G1 Irish Oaks entry is a half-sister to five black-type performers headed by G1 Premio Vittorio di Capua third and G2 Prix Daniel Wildenstein-winning sire Echo of Light (GB) (Dubai Millennium {GB}), dual stakes-winning sire Akarem (GB) (Kingmambo) and G1 Coronation S. placegetter Irish History (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}). The bay is also kin to a 2-year-old colt by Declaration of War and a yearling colt by Invincible Spirit (Ire). Her dam Spirit of Tara (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) was runner-up in the G2 Blandford S. and, herself a daughter of MGSW G1 Champion S. runner-up Flame of Tara (Ire) (Artaius). **Cont. p11**

Goffs Topper Earns 'Rising Stardom' at Naas Cont.

She is a sibling of MG1SW European highweight Salsabil (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), G1 St James's Palace S.-winning sire Marju (Ire) (Last Tycoon {Ire}), GSW G1 Irish 1000 Guineas third Danse Royale (Ire) (Caerleon) and a further three black-type performers.

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7th-NAA, €16,000, Mdn, 4-9, 3yo, 10fT, 2:18.04, yl.

+TOCCO D'AMORE (IRE), f, 3, by Raven's Pass

1st Dam: Spirit of Tara (Ire) (GSP-Ire), by Sadler's Wells

2nd Dam: Flame of Tara (Ire), by Artaius

3rd Dam: Welsh Flame (GB), by Welsh Pageant (Fr)

Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$10,437. [Click for the Racing Post result or the free EquineLine.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

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O-Moyglare Stud Farm; B-Kilcarn Stud (IRE); T-Dermot Weld.

Sunday's Results:

1st-NAA, €17,500, Mdn, 4-9, 2yo, 5fT, 1:02.95, yl.

+T FOR TANGO (IRE) (c, 2, Zoffany {Ire}--Diminish {Ire}, by Raven's Pass) was well away to track the leaders under a firm hold through the early stages of this first go. Looming large passing the two pole, the well-backed 5-1 chance seized control approaching the final eighth and was ridden out to score by a head from Guessthebill (Ire) (Reckless Abandon {GB}). The €80,000 GOFSP yearling, half-brother to a yearling colt by Gale Force Ten (GB), is out of an unraced half to G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches third Rahiyah (Rahy), herself the dam of **TDN Rising Star** and G3 Prix La Rochette runner-up Decathlete (Medaglia d'Oro). His third dam is G1 Coronation S.-winning European highweight 3-year-old filly Golden Opinion (Slew o' Gold).

Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$11,417. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-HLT Partnership; B-Wardstown Stud Ltd (IRE); T-James Nash.

2nd-NAA, €16,000, Mdn, 4-9, 3yo/up, f, 6fT, 1:14.06, yl.

SORELLE DELLE ROSE (IRE) (f, 3, Dark Angel {Ire}--Kelsey Rose {GB} {MSP-Eng}, by Most Welcome {GB}), a course-and-distance third on debut last time Oct. 16, occupied a prominent pitch in the leading wave from the outset of this seasonal return. Gaining a slender advantage at halfway, the 6-5 favourite was shaken up approaching the final furlong and kept

on strongly under urging on the climb to the line to defeat Camiyra (Ire) (Henrythenavigator) by three lengths. The €350,000 GOFORB yearling is the sixth winner out of the three-times stakes-placed Kelsey Rose (GB) (Most Welcome {GB}) and is a full-sister to GSW G1 Lockinge S. runner-up Sovereign Debt (Ire). She is also kin to G3 Fred Darling S. victress Puff (Ire) (Camacho {GB}) and a yearling colt by Charm Spirit (Ire). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$12,067. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Moyglare Stud Farm; B-Yeomanstown Stud (IRE); T-Dermot Weld.

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on the European racing scene

2.50 Maisons-Laffitte, Mdn, €30,000, 3yo, f, 8fT

TERRE (FR) (Motivator {GB}) is the full-sister to the brilliant dual G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe heroine Treve (Fr) who was runner-up on debut at Saint-Cloud in October. Sporting the red silks of Haras du Quesnay, the Criquette Head-Maarek-trained homebred is one of 10 in the line-up alongside Ballymore Thoroughbred Ltd's unraced filly **Above the Clouds (Fr) (High Chaparral {Ire})**, an Andre Fabre-trained half-sister to the G1 Prix de Diane runner-up Argentina (Ire) (Sadler's Wells).

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FRANCE

**Sunday's Results:**

3rd-CHY, €25,000, Mdn, 4-9, 3yo, f, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:58.35, stn. **LIMITED EDITION (FR) (f, 3, Kendargent {Fr}--Apperella {GB}, by Rainbow Quest)**, a debut second going 10 panels at Compiègne last time Mar. 13, broke well and raced in a stalking second for the most part here. Delivering her challenge going well with 300 metres remaining, the 47-10 chance led soon after and was ridden out to assert by a length from Louversey (GB) (Arcano {Ire}). She becomes the sixth winner produced by Apperella (GB) (Rainbow Quest) and is kin to Listed Prix de Bagatelle third Afya (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), a 2-year-old filly by Muhtathir (GB) and a yearling filly by Kendargent (Fr). Her unraced dam is a sibling of a trio of black-type performers which includes Listed Prix Ronde de Nuit third Apamea (GB) (Zafonic), herself the dam of Australia's G1 Winterbottom S. hero Takedown (Aus) (Stratum {Aus}). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, €17,500. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Moussa Mbacke (FR); T-Elie Lellouche.

1st-CHY, €25,000, Mdn, 4-9, 3yo, c/g, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:59.63, strn. AVILIUS (GB) (c, 3, Pivotal {GB}--Alessandria {GB}), by Sunday Silence was a first-up fourth going one mile here Mar. 10 and raced in third before slipping one spot at halfway in this return. Rowed along soon after turning for home, the 6-5 pick came under increased pressure thereafter and was pushed out once swooping for control with 100 metres remaining to assert by two lengths from Galikeo (GB) (Dansili {GB}). The homebred bay is a full-brother to MGSW G1 Prix du Jockey Club and G1 Grand Prix de Paris placegetter Saint Baudolino (Ire), and half to MGSP Listed Prix de Suresnes winner Army Bulletin (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). He is also half to a yearling filly by Shamardal. His second dam is MG1SP G3 Prix de Cabourg victress Tereshkova (Mr. Prospector), herself kin to G1 Middle Park S.-winning sire Lycius (Mr. Prospector) and GII Dixie H. and GII Bougainvillea H. winner and MGISP sire Akabir (Riverman). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €15,000. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Godolphin SNC; B-Darley (GB); T-Andre Fabre.

CONDITIONS RESULT:

5th-MPV, €20,000, 4-9, 4yo/up, 10f (AWT), 2:02.93, st. BE MY LADY (GB) (m, 5, Duke of Marmalade {Ire}--Za Za Zoom {Ire}) {SP-Eng}, by Le Vie dei Colori {GB} Lifetime Record: 15-4-1-0, €39,540. O-John Johnstone; B-Scuderia Archi Romani (GB); T-Criquette Head-Maarek. *19,000gns Wlg '12 TATFOA.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

+Diarissa (Fr), f, 3, Diamond Green (Fr)--Tirissa (Fr), by Country Reel. MPV, 4-8, 10f (AWT), 2:12.29. B-Mat. Daguzan-Garros & V Corp. (FR). *€6,500 Ylg '15 ARQNOV.

3--Lysistrata (Ger), 125, f, 3, Tai Chi (Ger)--Lamirage (Ger), by Monsun (Ger). O-Stall Mara. €3,000. Margins: 2HF, 10, 4. Odds: 2.50, 0.70, 14.30. Also Ran: Khan (Ger), Sexy Juke (Ger), Royal Flag (Ger). DNF: Lord of Bavaria (Ger).

Off the mark at the third attempt over a mile at Cologne in October, Windstoss ran sixth in the G3 Herzog von Ratibor-Rennen over 8 1/2 furlongs at Krefeld in November, but connections kept the faith and were duly rewarded in this early Derby prep. Stalking the favourite Nerud throughout, the dark bay started to master that long-time leader approaching the final furlong and asserted for an authoritative success. The winner is the first foal out of a daughter of the G2 Preis der Diana and G2 German 1000 Guineas runner-up Well Known, whose five black-type performers were headed by the G1 Preis von Europa-winning sire Well Made (Ger). Wellenspiel also has a 2-year-old colt by Soldier Hollow (GB) named Weltstar (Ger) and a yearling colt by Reliable Man (GB) named Walerian (Ger).

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Enjoy Vijay (Ger), c, 3, Nathaniel (Ire)--Enjoy the Life (GB) (SW-Ger), by Medicean (GB). DSS, 4-9, 8 1/2fT, 1:45.12. B-Stiftung Gestut Fahrhof (GER). *€58,000 Ylg '15 BBAGS. **GSP-Ger.

+Litaara (Ger), f, 3, Wiener Walzer (Ger)--Linton Bay (Ger) (MSW-Ger, \$111,783), by Funambule. DSS, 4-9, 10 1/2fT, 2:10.46. B-Ina Emma Zimmermann (GER). *1/2 to Liang Kay (Ger) (Dai Jin {GB}), MGSW-Ger, \$507,563; and Laeya Star (Ger) (Royal Dragon), SW & GSP-Ger.

GERMANY



Sunday's Results:

XTIP DERBY-TRIAL-Listed, €25,000, DSS, 4-9, 3yo, 11fT, 2:15.25, gd.

1--#WINDSTOSS (GER), 128, c, 3, by Shirocco (Ger)

1st Dam: Wellenspiel (Ger), by Sternkonig (Ire)

2nd Dam: Well Known (Ger), by Konigsstuhl (Ger)

3rd Dam: Well Proved (Ger), by Prince Ippi (Ger)

(€16,000 RNA Ylg '15 BBAGO). O/B-Gestut Rottgen (GER); T-Markus Klug; J-Adrie de Vries. €14,000. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, €17,600.

2--Nerud, 128, c, 3, Bernardini--Night Lagoon (Ger), by Lagunas (GB). (\$500,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP). O-Dr Christoph Berglar. €6,500.



Aintree Grand National winner One For Arthur pictured with Peter Scudamore, Jamie Duff and trainer Lucinda Russell on his arrival back home to Russell's stables in Scotland on Sunday | *Racing Post*

ITALY

Sunday's Results:

FIRST STAKES WINNER FOR SIRE

PREMIO SEREGNO-Listed, €42,900, SRO, 4-9, 3yo, f, 8fT, gd.

1--**STAMP COLLECTING (IRE)**, 122, f, 3, by **Casamento (Ire)**

1st Dam: **Almatlaie**, by **Elusive Quality**

2nd Dam: **Hachiyah**, by **Generous (Ire)**

3rd Dam: **Himmah**, by **Habitat**.

(€14,000 Wlg '14 GOFNOV; 6,500gns Ylg '15 TATOCT).

O-Scuderia Corsadoro; B-John Malone-Ire; T-Raffaele Biondi;

J-Mario Esposito. €16,575. Lifetime Record: GSP-Ity, 7-3-2-1

€49,130. *1st SW for her sire, (by Shamardal).

2--**La Gommeuse (Ire)**, 122, f, 3, Zamindar--Symba's Dream by Vindication. (€25,000 Ylg '15 ARQAUG). O-II Cavallo In Testa.

€7,293.

3--**Mujadil Lachy (GB)**, 125, f, 3, Kyllachy (GB)--Mujadil Draw (Ire), by Daggers Drawn. (27,000gns Wlg '14 TATNOV).

O-Scuderia Blueberry. €3,798.

Margins: 2 3/4, HD, HF. Odds: 4.07, 7.28, 4.51.

Also Ran: **Alambra (Ire)**, **Nijoom Star (Ire)**, **Oriental Arrow (Ire)**, **Lara Sprint (GB)**, **Odraode Xam (Ire)**. [Italian Chart](#). [Video](#).

PREMIO CIRCO MASSIMO-TATTERSALLS- Listed, €42,900, CAP, 4-9, 4yo/up, 10fT, 2 :01.98, gd.

1--**TIME TO CHOOSE (GB)**, 125, c, 4, **Manduro (Ger)**--

Penfection (Ire) (MSP-Ity), by **Orpen**. O-Scuderia Effevi;

B-Razza Del Velino; T-Alduino Botti; J-Fabio Branca. €16,575.

Lifetime Record: 9-6-1-0, 66,079. *1/2 to Baby Revolution (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}), SW-Ity.

2--**Refuse To Bobbin (Ire)**, 122, h, 7, Refuse To Bend (Ire)--Super Bobbina (Ire), by Daggers Drawn. O-Scuderia Chimax. €7,298.

3--**Jalapeno (Ire)**, 122, c, 4, Windsor Knot (Ire)--Danza Nera, by Dansili. (€8,000 Ylg '14 TATIRESEP). O-Alessandro Diolosa.

€3,798.

Margins: HD, 4, HF. Odds: 0.92, 16.12, 10.61.

Also Ran: **Slowpoke (Ire)**, **Fanoulpifer (GB)**, **Multicolours (GB)**, **Rubik (GB)**. [Italian Chart](#). [Video](#).



Reine Minoru | Horsephotos

"I felt that she was a talented filly and had a good chance to win the Oka Sho when I rode her for the first time in training," said the winning rider Ikezoe. "I was more confident today as she felt really good in the post parade, and once she broke smoothly out of the gate, I just concentrated on keeping her stride in good rhythm. I was careful not to let her go too early in the straight and once we hit the front, it felt like forever up to the finish line as the horses came chasing behind us, but she really held on well."

Christophe Lemaire felt we did not see the previously unbeaten Soul Stirring at her best and said, "The track condition was against her and she kept changing leads. She wasn't able to show her true form in this race."

Reine Minoru had fair credentials going into this race and probably did not deserve to be such a longshot in the market. Unbeaten in her first two starts as a juvenile including second time up in the G3 Kokura Nisei S. last September over six furlongs. She then posted two smart placings when second in the G2 Keio Hai Nisei S. and third to Soul Stirring in the G1 Hanshin Juvenile Fillies. She reappeared in 2017 with a fourth placed finish in the G3 Daily Hai Queen Cup over a mile Feb. 11 before building on that with a solid second to Sunday's fourth place finisher **Karakurenai (Jpn)** (Lohengrin {Jpn}) in the G2 Hoshi Hai Fillies' Revue, a 1000 Guineas trial at Hanshin Mar. 12.

Pedigree Notes...

Daiwa Major (Jpn) (Sunday Silence), who stands at Shadai Stallion Station, won the Japanese 2000 Guineas himself and his daughter has now won her version of the Classic. Reine Minoru is out of Daiwa Angel (Jpn) (Taiki Shuttle {Jpn}) who failed to win on the track. [Cont. p14](#)

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Reine Minoru Steals 'The Sho' cont.

The winner quickened the better and got a length up at the 200-metre marker and from there on was always holding the late kick of the runner up Lys Gracieux.

G1 Oka Sho Cont.

However, she has produced seven winners from 10 foals and among that 10, a pair of other stakes performers. In fact apart from Reine Minoru, one has to go back to the third generation to find a stakes winner, that being Cosmo Realize (Jpn) (Paradise Creek), winner of the G3 Hyogo Junior Grand Prix at Sonoda in 2000.

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Sunday, Hanshin, Japan

OKA SHO -JAPANESE 1000 GUINEAS-G1, ¥213,140,000 (US\$1,918,710 /€1,811,713 /£1,550,655), Hanshin, 4-10, 3yo, f, 1600mT, 1:34.50, gd.

1--&**REINE MINORU (JPN)**, 121, f, 3, by **Daiwa Major (Jpn)**

1st Dam: Daiwa Angel (Jpn), by **Taiki Shuttle**

2nd Dam: Princess Ski (Jpn), by **Royal Ski**

3rd Dam: Gift Princess (Jpn), by **Tesco Boy (GB)**

O-Minoru Yoshioka; B-Fujiwara Farm; T-Masaru Honda; J-Kenichi Ikezoe; ¥118,558,000. Lifetime Record: 7-3-2-1.*1/2 to Daiwa Desse (Jpn) (Special Week {Jpn}), GSP-Jpn, \$541,072; full to Daiwa Stream (Jpn), SP-Jpn \$367,389. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A++.**

2--**Lys Gracieux (Jpn)**, 121, f, 3, **Heart's Cry (Jpn)**--**Liliside (Fr)**, by **American Post (GB)**. O-Carrot Farm; B-Northern Farm; ¥44,558,000.

3--**Soul Stirring (Jpn)**, 121, f, 3, **Frankel (GB)**--**Stacelita (Fr)**, by **Monsun (Ger)**. O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shadai Farm; ¥26,794,000.

Margins: HF, NK, NK; Odds: 39.80, 13.50, 0.40.

Also Ran: **Karakureni (Jpn)**, **Aerolithe (Jpn)**, **Deirdre (Jpn)**, **Kawakita Enka (Jpn)**, **Rising Reason (Jpn)**, **Jeune Ecole (Jpn)**, **Vous Etes Jolie (Jpn)**, **Mi Suerte (Jpn)**, **Admire Miyabi (Jpn)**, **Gold Cape (Jpn)**, **Alonza Mona (Jpn)**, **Show Away (Jpn)**, **Miss Panthere (Jpn)**, **Belle Capri (Jpn)**. **Click for the JRA chart and video, for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

ARROWFIELD RELEASES 2017 ROSTER

Arrowfield Stud announced their 2017 roster and fees Sunday. Triple champion sire **Redoute's Choice (Aus)** (Danehill), who celebrated his 144th stakes winner and first stakes winner from his initial European-sired crop in G3 Prix Vanteaux heroine **Gold Luck (Fr)**, anchors the roster and will stand for A\$137,500. He is joined by his sales' darling sire son **Snitzel (Aus)**, who sees his fee increased to a roster-leading A\$176,000. Currently heading the Australian sires' premiership, **Not a Single Doubt (Aus)** (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) is next at A\$88,000.

They are joined by a trio of newcomers--Shadai Stallion Station shuttle stallions **Maurice (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) ([click here for more](#)) and **Mikki Isle (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) ([click here for more](#))--and **Shalaa (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), who shuttles from Haras de Bouquetot in France ([click here for more](#)).

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2017 ARROWFIELD STUD ROSTER & FEES

Stallion	Fee
Snitzel (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus})	+A\$176,000
Redoute's Choice (Aus) (Danehill)	+A\$137,500
Not a Single Doubt (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus})	+A\$88,000
Maurice (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn})*	A\$33,000
Shalaa (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire})*	A\$33,000
Animal Kingdom (Leroidesanimaux {Brz})	A\$27,500
Dundeel (NZ) (High Chaparral {Ire})	A\$27,500
Smart Missile (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus})	A\$22,000
Real Impact (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn})	A\$19,250
Olympic Glory (Ire) (Choisir {Aus})	A\$16,500
Scissor Kick (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus})	A\$16,500
Mikki Isle (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn})*	A\$13,750
Panzer Division (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus})	A\$9,900

*Indicates new stallion. + indicates fee raise

NEWGATE ANNOUNCES 2017 SERVICE FEES

Champion juvenile and G1 Golden Slipper hero **Capitalist (Aus)** (Written Tycoon {Aus}) headlines the 2017 Newgate Farm roster, which announced its service fees Monday. Also a winner of the Magic Millions 2yo Classic, **Capitalist** commands a fee of A\$55,000 ([click here for more](#)) and is already booked full.

Newgate Announces 2017 Service Fees Cont.

Two other Group 1-winning first-season sires joining the roster are both priced at A\$38,500--**Extreme Choice (Aus)** (Not a Single Doubt {Aus}), who won the G1 Blue Diamond S. and G1 Moir S. and G1 Coolmore Stud S. victor **Flying Artie (Aus)** (Artie Schiller) ([click here for more](#)). **Winning Rupert (Aus)** (Written Tycoon {Aus}) is another new addition ([click here](#)) and commands A\$22,000. **Foxwedge (Aus)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) recently celebrated his first Group 1 winner in Foxplay (Aus) and will hold court for A\$22,000.

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Undoubtedly at her best as a 3-year-old when she was voted NSW Horse of the Year, First Seal retires with a race record of 21-6-6-1 and earnings of \$1,249,060.

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2017 NEWGATE FARM ROSTER & FEES

Stallion	Fee
Capitalist (Aus) (Written Tycoon {Aus})*	A\$55,000 (book full)
Criterion (NZ) (Sebring {Aus})	Private
Deep Field (Aus) (Northern Meteor {Aus})	A\$22,000
Dissident (Aus) (Sebring {Aus})	A\$33,000
Eurozone (Aus) (Northern Meteor {Aus})	A\$11,000
Extreme Choice (Aus) (Not a Single Doubt {Aus})*	A\$38,500
Flying Artie (Aus) (Artie Schiller)*	A\$38,500
Foxwedge (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus})	A\$22,000
Sizzling (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus})	A\$16,500
Super One (Aus) (I Am Invincible {Aus})	A\$11,000
The Factor (War Front)	A\$11,000
Wandjina (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus})	A\$27,500
Winning Rupert (Aus) (Written Tycoon {Aus})*	A\$22,000

*Indicates new stallion. + indicates fee raise

FIRST SEAL RETIRED

First Seal (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}--Episode {Aus}, by Scenic {Ire}), who holds the rare distinction of having finished ahead of the mighty Winx (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}) on five occasions, has been retired from racing.

The 5-year-old mare, trained by John Thompson, won her first and only Group 1 at the expense of Winx when she beat her by three lengths in the G1 Coolmore Flight S. at Randwick in October of 2014. First Seal went on to post another four top three placings in Group 1 events while also adding three Group 2 victories to her tally, the final one coming in the G2 Schweppes Tristarc S. at Caulfield last October.

First Seal was owned by China Horse Club who tweeted, "All good things come to an end. A truly wonderful mare. Many thanks for all the wonderful memories."

SPENDTHRIFT AUSTRALIA ANNOUNCES FEES

Spendthrift Australia has announced two new additions to their stallion roster for 2017. GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf winner **Hit It A Bomb** (War Front) and **Swear (Aus)** (Redoute's Choice {Aus}--Crossyourheart {NZ}, by Show A Heart {Aus}), narrowly beaten into second in the G1 Moet & Chandon Spring Champion S.

Swear's dam was a champion 2-year-old in New Zealand and he cost A\$725,000 as a yearling. Trained by the Hawkes team of Michael, John and Wayne, Swear went a way to justifying that price tag when winning the G3 Ming Dynasty Quality H. at Randwick last September.

"This is an exciting time at Spendthrift Australia. We have a lot of big things on the horizon as we continue to grow our brand," said general manager Garry Cuddy. "We are particularly looking forward to standing our first colonial stallion Swear, who was a stand-out yearling at the sales for us. Swear lived up to his looks on the racetrack, and we invite everyone to come out and take a look at him. You won't be disappointed. We are also enthused to offer breeders a new young shuttler with serious pedigree and race record. Hit It a Bomb is a son of the world-renowned War Front and from a wonderful running family. He was a Grade I-winning 2-year-old on turf with a big turn of foot, and we believe breeders are going to really like him."

Swear will be available to breeders through the farm's "Share The Upside" program for a fee of A\$8,250 Inc. GST. He will also be offered at \$A5,500 Inc. GST Payable On Live Foal.

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2017 SPENDTHIFT AUSTRALIA ROSTER & FEES

<u>Stallion</u>	<u>“Breed Secure” /Live Foal Fee</u>
Hampton Court (Aus) (Redoute’s Choice {Aus})	A\$6,600
Hit It a Bomb (War Front)*	A\$8,800
Jimmy Creed (Distorted Humor)	A\$7,700
Swear (Aus) (Redoute’s Choice {Aus})*&	A\$5,500
Warrior’s Reward (Medaglia d’Oro)	A\$9,900

<u>Stallion</u>	<u>“Share the Upside Fee</u>
Swear (Aus) (Redoute’s Choice {Aus})*	A\$8,250

**Indicates new stallion.
&Indicates available for Life Foal & “Share the Upside” only*

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

CHAIRMAN’S TROPHY, HK\$4,000,000, Sha Tin, 4-9, 3yo/up, 1600mT, 1:33.74, gd.

1--**#@RAPPER DRAGON (AUS), 123, g, 4, by Street Boss**

1st Dam: Swing Dance (Aus), by Danehill Dancer (Ire)

2nd Dam: Newscaster (Aus), by Marscay (Aus)

3rd Dam: Stormy Dream, by Storm Cat

O-Albert Hung; B-E Cojuangco (NSW); T-John Moore; J-Joao Moreira; HK\$2,280,000. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Aus, 17-9-3-0, HK\$31,185,000. *Formerly Street Rapper (Aus). **1/2 to Swing Vote (Aus) (Northern Meteor {Aus}), SP-Aus. ***Triple Plus***. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A+++.**

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2--**Beauty Only (Ire), 128, g, 6, Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)--**
Goldendale (Ire), by Ali-Royal (Ire). (€72,000 Ylg ‘12 ITYSEP).

O-Eleanor Kwok Law Kwai Chung & Patrick Kwok Ho Chuen; B-Massimo Parri; T-Tony Cruz; HK\$880,000.

3--**Circuit Land, 123, g, 6, Mizzen Mast--**Storm Dove, by Storm Bird. (80,000gns HRA ‘14 TATOCT). O-Ngo Tai Tak;

B-Juddmonte Farms Inc; T-Danny Shum; HK\$460,000.

Margins: HF, 2 1/4, NK. Odds: 3-5, 53-10, 61-1.

Also Ran: Werther (NZ), Blazing Speed (GB), Contentment (Aus), Helene Paragon (Fr), Designs on Rome (Ire), Horse of Fortune (SAf). Scratched: Limitless (Ire).

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Backing up on three weeks’ rest since becoming the first horse ever to sweep the Hong Kong 4-year-old series, Rapper Dragon cut back in trip to face the jurisdiction’s best milers and duly obliged with a cosy defeat of 2016 G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile hero Beauty Only in Sunday’s G2 Chairman’s Trophy.



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The race serves as a prep for the G1 Champions Mile over track and trip May 7. The start of the Chairman’s Trophy was delayed by a few minutes when Limitless (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) spread a plate and was ultimately scratched, but once reloaded, Rapper Dragon jumped alertly and was put into the race immediately by Joao Moreira to be close-up from third as Contentment (Aus) (Hussonet) was able to secure the front while tracked along by the longer-winded Blazing Speed (GB) (Dylan Thomas {Ire}). Two of Rapper Dragon’s fellow former Derby winners Werther (NZ) (Tavistock {NZ}) and Designs on Rome (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) raced towards the back of the pack along with Beauty Only. Sensing a move from longshot Horse of Fortune (SAf) (Stronghold {GB}), Moreira tipped off cover and into the three path and was laying down his challenge already at the 400m. Beauty Only, who brushed with Werther at the top of the lane, was beginning to find his best stride and emerged as the sole threat from behind.

Rapper Dragon, still green despite his accomplishments, carried out Beauty Only a path or two in the final furlong, then drifted back down towards the inside, but had done enough as the wire arrived in time. Beauty Only, giving five pounds to the winner, was a came second ahead of Circuit Land.

“He went through the race beautifully,” Moreira said. “He had lovely cover and I just pulled him out a little bit early because I knew there would be some early moves and I wanted to make sure I gave him a clear run.”

“He was always going to hold the second,” Moreira added. “Unfortunately, I had him snaking around underneath me in the straight--he’s still very immature. I think there’s more improvement to come and now it’s up to Mr. Moore to help him go to that extra level that I believe is there to go for.”

Pedigree Notes...

Much of Rapper Dragon’s female family was offered by Eduardo Cojuangco’s Gooree Park Stud and performed well at the 2015 Magic Millions National Broodmare and Weanling Sale.

Chairman's Trophy Cont.

The winner's dam was purchased by Michael Wallace for A\$360,000 in foal to Congrats ([catalogue page](#)) and produced a colt by that successful dual-hemisphere stallion in August 2015. He was recently purchased by KS Research for A\$110,000 from the Newgate Farm consignment at the Gold Coast Yearling Sale. Rapper Dragon's half-sister Swing Sensation (Aus) (Northern Meteor {Aus}) fetched A\$330,000 from Rosemont Stud/Blue Sky Bloodstock, while Swing Vote, sent through the ring on an October cover by Smart Missile (Aus), realized A\$360,000 from Neil Jenkinson Bloodstock. That produce, a filly ([lot 381](#)), was purchased by Luskin Park for A\$160,000 at last week's Inglis Easter Yearling Sale. Rapper Dragon's half-sister by Your Song (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) was subsequently knocked down to Canning Downs for A\$150,000, while Amanpour (Aus) (Northern Meteor {Aus}), a half-sister to Swing Dance and winner of the G1 Queen of the Turf S., was the second-highest priced lot at the 2015 Broodmare Sale. Then four, she was hammered down to the Rosemont/Blue Sky team for A\$1.5 million. The dam of a weanling colt by Newgate's Deep Field (Aus) (Northern Meteor {Aus}), Swing Dance was most recently bred back to Street Boss.

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Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

SPRINT CUP-G2, HK\$4,000,000, Sha Tin, 4-9, 3yo/up, 1200mT, 1:08.46, gd.

1--**#MR STUNNING (AUS), 123, g, 4, by Exceed and Excel (Aus)**

1st Dam: With Fervour, by Dayjur

2nd Dam: Fran's Valentine, by Saros (GB)

3rd Dam: Iza Valentine, by Bicker

(A\$110,000 Wlg '14 INGGSW; NZ\$250,000 Ylg '15 NZBSEL). O-Maurice Woo Kin Chong; B-Makybe Racing & Breeding (Vic); T-John Size; J-Joao Moreira; HK\$2,280,000. Lifetime Record: 10-7-1-1, HK\$8,838,600. **Werk Nick Rating: F. *Triple Plus***.

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2--**Peniaphobia (Ire), 123, g, 6, Dandy Man (Ire)--Umlani (Ire)**, by Great Commotion. (€11,000 Wlg '11 GOFNOV; £20,000 Ylg '12 DONAUG). O-Huang Kai Wen; B-Aidan Fogarty; T-Tony Cruz; HK\$880,000.

(DH)-3--**Thewizardofoz (Aus), 123, g, 5, Redoute's Choice (Aus)--Princess Coup (Aus)**, by Encosta de Lago (Aus). O-Martin Siu Kim Sun; B-Evergreen Rich Pty Ltd (NSW); T-John Size; HK\$350,000.

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(DH)-3--**Blizzard (Aus), 123, g, 5, Starcraft (NZ)--Stormy Choice (Aus)**, by Redoute's Choice (Aus). (A\$75,000 Ylg '13 INGMEL). O-Infinity Syndicate; B-G S A Bloodstock Pty Ltd (Vic); T-Ricky Yiu; HK\$350,000.

Margins: HF, 2 1/4, (DH). Odds: 12-5, 6-1, (89-10, 17-1).

Also Ran: Lucky Bubbles (Aus), Sun Jewellery (Aus), Dashing Fellow (Aus), Lucky Year (Aus), Bad Boy (Aus).

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There may be no more-appropriately named horse in Hong Kong. Having won six of his first nine trips to the post, Mr Stunning made the most of his first try against some of Hong Kong's best sprinters Sunday, defeating 2015 G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint hero Peniaphobia fair and square in the Sprint Cup. The race serves as the main lead-up to the G1 Chairman's Sprint Prize over the 1200m May 7.

Able to adapt to any pace scenario to this point in his career, Mr Stunning was quietly guided back to the tail of the field as Peniaphobia and Dashing Fellow (Aus) (Duporth {Aus}) had the pedal to the metal on the business end. Rounding the turn, Mr Stunning remained at the back and clear of traffic ahead, which found Blizzard tightened for room between Thewizardofoz and Sun Jewellery (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}). But the rail remained open for Joao Moreira and Mr Stunning and they began picking off rivals before setting their sights on the lead. Peniaphobia was looking brave on the lead, but when Dashing Fellow tailed away, that gave Mr Stunning the room he needed and he gradually reeled in Peniaphobia for the score. The photo could not split Thewizardofoz and Blizzard for third, while Lucky Bubbles failed to shine as the odds-on favorite.

"There was always a natural query about whether he could compete with the top horses," trainer John Size said. "That's the case for any horse stepping out in that class for the first time, but he couldn't have done any better there. He did have all favours in the run, the way the race was run every horse had their chance but definitely suited him. Still, he went on and won the race and that's all you can ask for and there was a big margin behind the first two as well."

Pedigree Notes...

Bred in Pennsylvania by the Jenneys' Derry Meeting Farm, With Fervour, a daughter of 1985 GI Kentucky Oaks winner Fran's Valentine, was bought back on a bid of \$160,000 out of the 1998 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale and was placed at ages three and four in France before selling to John Foote Bloodstock for 65,000gns at the 2003 Tattersalls December sale. Sent to Australia, she is the dam of seven winners from eight to race and was sold in foal to Purrealist (Aus) for A\$6,000 at the 2013 Inglis Easter Broodmare Sale. The half-sister to the popular US multiple Grade I winner With Anticipation (Relaunch) did not produce a foal from that latter cover and foaled a filly by Mossman (Aus) in 2014, her last listed produce.

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Monday, Maisons-Laffitte, France, post time: 3.20 p.m.

PRIX DJEBEL-G3, €80,000, 3yo, c/g, 7fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	2	So Elusive (Fr)	Elusive City	C Demuro	Rouget
2	1	Al Wukair (Ire)	Dream Ahead	Benoist	Fabre
3	5	Ajmal (Ire)	Shamardal	Cheminaud	Fabre
4	6	Straight Right (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	Peslier	Ferland
5	8	Red Onion (GB)	Fast Company (Ire)	Soumillon	C&Y Lerner
6	7	National Defense (GB)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Boudot	Head-Maarek
7	3	African Ride (GB)	Candy Ride (Arg)	Guyon	Laffon-Parias
8	4	Oriental (Jpn)	Smart Strike	Panicucci	Laffon-Parias

All carry 128 pounds.

Monday, Maisons-Laffitte, France, post time: 3.55 p.m.

PRIX IMPRUDENCE-G3, €80,000, 3yo, f, 7fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	4	Double Lady (Fr)	Stormy River (Fr)	Boudot	Fabre
2	7	Normandel (Fr)	Le Havre (Ire)	C Demuro	Brandt
3	1	Speed As (Fr)	Evasive (GB)	Mendizabal	Chappet
4	6	Thais (Fr)	Rio de la Plata	Soumillon	Bary
5	5	Via Ravenna (Ire)	Raven's Pass	Cheminaud	Fabre
6	3	Silver Storm (Fr)	Kendargent (Fr)	Peslier	Ferland
7	8	Deep Inside (Fr)	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Guyon	Brandt
8	2	Gokena (Fr)	Kendargent (Fr)	Eyquem	Sogorb

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