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OBS APRIL REMAINS STRONG ON DAY TWO

Session-topping hip 584 | *Judit Seipert photo*

by Christie DeBernardis and Jessica Martini

The Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's April Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training continued its positive trends with a competitive session of bidding Wednesday. A colt by Medaglia d'Oro (hip 584) led proceedings on the auction's second day when selling for $850,000 to the partnership group of Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Twin Creeks Racing, Bridlewood Farm and Robert LaPenta.

Through two days, 335 juveniles have grossed $29,660,700. The cumulative average is $88,539, up 21.7% from a year ago, while the median is up 11.1%.

"Today we saw a continuation of the momentum that we had Tuesday," commented OBS Director of Sales Tod Wojciechowski. "There was a lot of active trade at all levels. Good horses still bring quality money, but yet there were buyers for other horses as well."

The buy-back rate Wednesday was 25.1%. After the inclusion of post-sales transactions, the corresponding buy-back rate a year ago was 27.6%.

"Horses are getting moved," Wojciechowski observed. "Obviously, consignors are realistic about what their horses are worth because they are moving, but there are plenty of people here to buy them."

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HOW HORSE WITH PANIC DISORDER TURNED INTO STEEPLECHASE STAR *By Bill Finley*

Flint Stites has been training on the Mid-Atlantic circuit for over 25 years, so he's seen plenty of difficult horses, but none quite like **Senior Senator** (Domestic Dispute).

"Mentally, he was just a mess," Stites said.

So Stites wasn't the least bit upset when trainer Joseph Davies and owner Irvin L. Crawford II claimed the gelding out of a $7,500 maiden claiming race in 2013 at Penn National. His only concern was that Senior Senator, if not handled correctly, would seriously hurt someone, so he immediately called Davies to give him some pointers.

Stites already knew that the then 3-year-old was going nowhere on the flat. What he never could have imagined is that Senior Senator, mental issues and all, would turn out to be one of the best timber horses produced in this country in years and may eventually start in the Grand National at Aintree, England.

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Sixty years after his first win in the 2000 Guineas, Lester Piggott reflects on a Classic career in the saddle.

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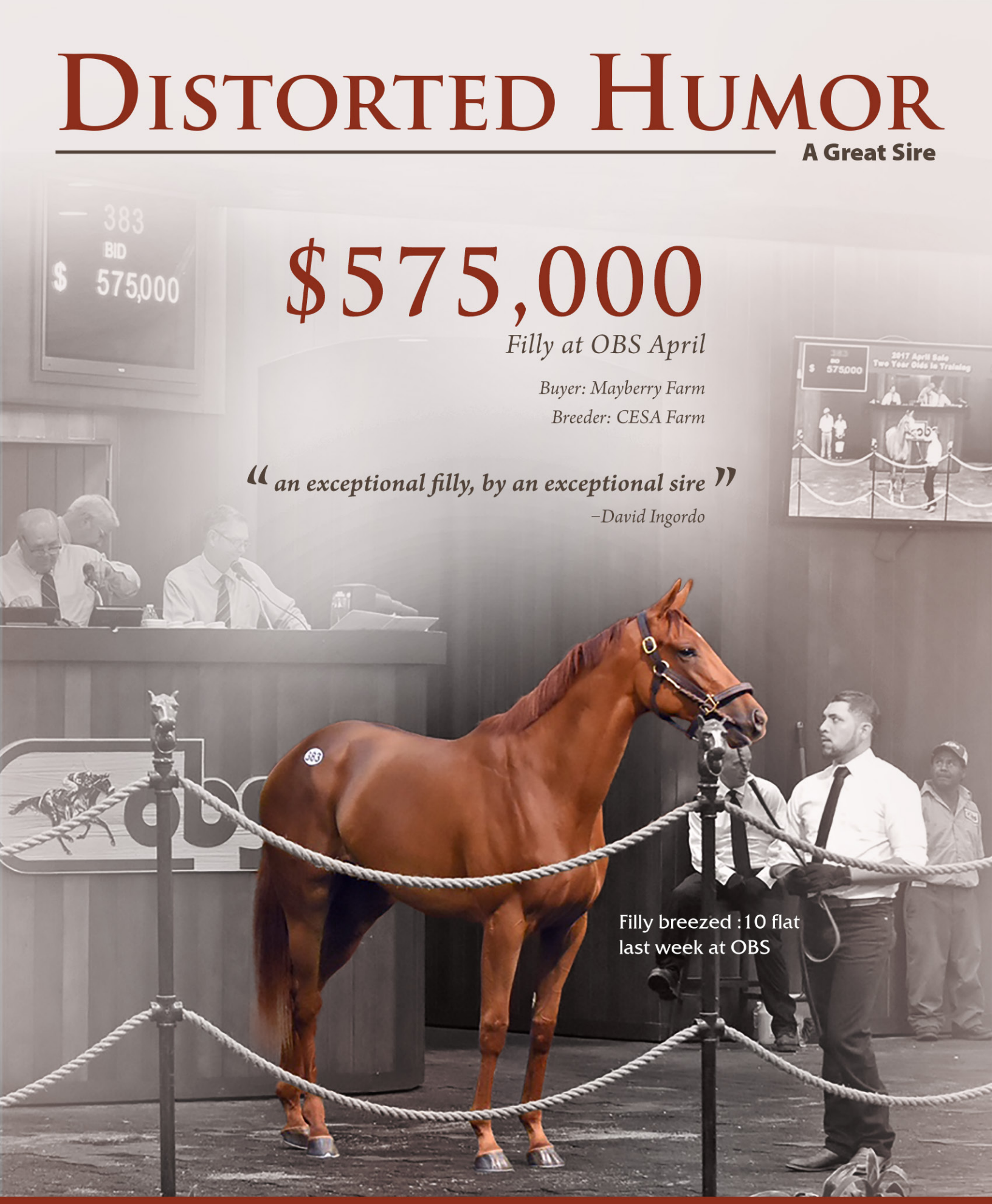

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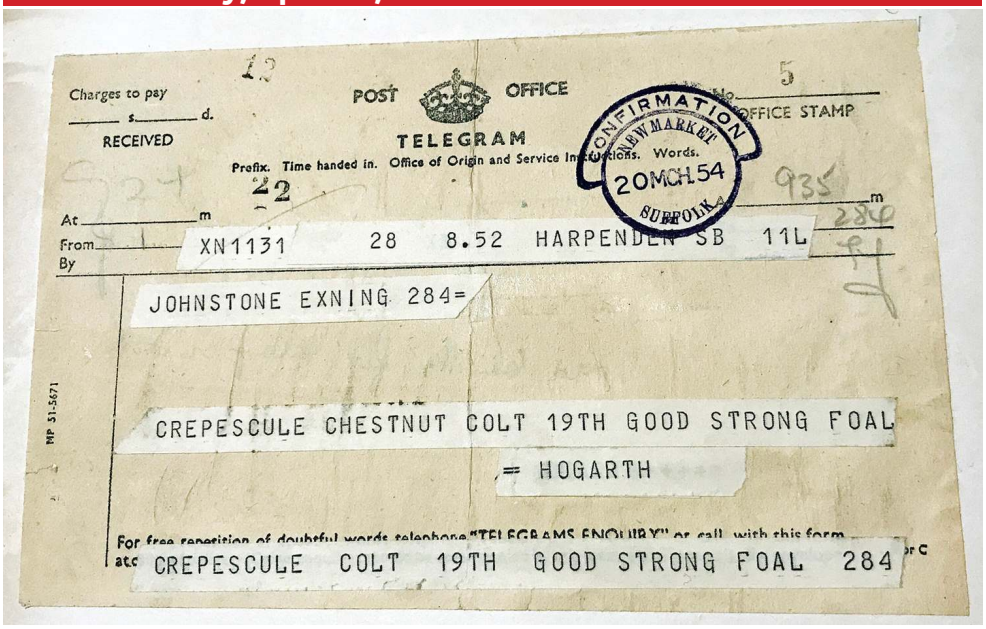

March 19, 1954. *At a special event to mark the 60th anniversary of his first 2,000 Guineas victory aboard Crepello (GB), 81-year-old Lester Piggot was joined by Julie Cecil, the daughter of the horse's trainer Sir Noel Murless. Cecil brought four leather-bound scrapbooks lovingly kept by Crepello's owner-breeder Sir Victor Sassoon and marking his entire career, including the telegram pictured above, announcing his birth. See TDN Europe/International for Emma Berry's story.* | *Courtesy of Julie Cecil*

THESE 'PRICES' PROVE RIGHT **9**

Former jockey Andro Price and his wife Tracey operate Price Thoroughbreds with a small consignment of pinhooking prospects. The team hit not one, but two home-runs Wednesday afternoon at OBS.

WEDNESDAY'S DERBY/OAKS UPDATE **12**

All of trainer Todd Pletcher Derby hopefuls are on site at Churchill Downs, and Always Dreaming (Bodemeister) proved a handful in his first trip to the track Wednesday. On the Oaks front, Farrell (Malibu Moon) worked a solid six furlongs for Wayne Catalano.

OBS April cont.

While polarization has been the trend of recent auctions, some consignors are finding a more level market at the April sale.

"I love the April market because there is a middle and a bottom, where at some of the bigger sales you don't have that luxury," said David McKathan of Grassroots Training and Sales. "I bring horses in here that I intend to sell across the board. I bring horses in here that I would be happy to get $30,000 and make my profit. I think April is the most complete market that we have."

Tristan de Meric agreed the April market shows improvement from recent sales.

"I feel good about the market," de Meric said. "I feel like the market has been better than it's been the last few sales. It's still not as strong as years past, but I feel better about the market than I have in past months."

Bloodstock agent Justin Casse acknowledged several sellers were enjoying strong results, but still said setting a reasonable reserve was pivotal.

"There are some people that are hitting some pretty good home runs with yearlings that they bought for $20,000 or $40,000 and then they just blossomed into really nice individuals," said Casse.

"Over that $250,000 mark, it is a little dicey. You just have to be careful setting your reserve. I think the clearance rate is pretty good, though, because nobody wants to take anything home. Your options from here are limited."

Justin Casse

David Ingordo signed for two of the 10 juveniles to bring $300,000 or more Wednesday, but he said there were bargains to be had as well.

"There are a lot of nice horses, there are some falling through the cracks that are nice," Ingordo said. "We are trying to pick those up, too, but the better ones are bringing what they should. The market feels pretty good."

The OBS April sale continues through Friday with sessions beginning daily at 10:30 a.m.

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OBS APRIL -- Wednesday's Top Lots

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price ($)
584	colt	Medaglia d'Oro	Indian Vale	850,000

($300,000 yrl '16 KEESEP)

(ThoroStride walking video)

B-Whisper Hill Farm (KY)

Consigned by Paul Sharp, Agent XI

Purchased by Eclipse TB's/Twin Creeks/Bridlewood/Lapenta

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price ($)
591	filly	Malibu Moon	In the Slips	650,000

($110,000 in utero '14 KEENOV; $220,000 wnlg '15 KEENOV; $47,000 yrl '16 FTKOCT)

B-Hunter Valley Farm & Beechwood Farming Investments (KY)

Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent XXXIV

Purchased by Speedway Stable

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price ($)
383	filly	Distorted Humor	Eileen's Dream	575,000

($245,000 RNA yrl '16 FTSAUG)

B-CESA Farm (KY)

Consigned by Off the Hook LLC, Agent III

Purchased by Mayberry Farm

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price ($)
581	colt	First Samurai	Indian Bay	540,000

($90,000 yrl '16 KEESEP)

B-Hinkle Farms (KY)

Consigned by Grassroots Training & Sales LLC

Purchased by Kanayama Holdings Co., Ltd.

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price ($)
422	filly	Quality Road	Favoritism	500,000

($25,000 yrl '16 KEESEP)

B-George Bolton & David DiPietro (KY)

Consigned by de Meric Sales, Agent XLIV

Purchased by Justin Casse, agent

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price ($)
345	filly	Munnings	Diva N Disguise	425,000

($67,000 yrl '16 FTKOCT)

B-Asiel Stable (IL)

Consigned by Price Thoroughbreds LLC, agent

Purchased by L. E. B

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price ($)
392	colt	Creative Cause	Endless Fancy	320,000

($85,000 yrl '16 KEESEP)

B-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey (KY)

Consigned by Craig L. Wheeler, agent

Purchased by Linda Rice, agent

OBS Wednesday Toppers cont. p5

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466 colt Sky Mesa Garden in the Rain (Fr) 315,000
($95,000 yrl '16 KEESEP)
B-Mike Abraham (KY)
Consigned by SBM Training and Sales, Agent IV
Purchased by Chuck Allen

505 filly Congrats Grand Finesse 300,000
($48,000 yrl '16 FTKFEB; $60,000 yrl '16 KEESEP)
B-The Robert & Beverly Lewis Trust (KY)
Consigned by Price Thoroughbreds LLC, agent
Purchased by Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners

567 colt Street Boss Humor and Music 300,000
($38,000 yrl '16 FTKJUL)
B-The Meadows On South Park (KY)
Consigned by McKathan Bros., Agent III
Purchased by J. Stevens Bloodstock, agent

Derby Dreams for Medaglia Colt Partners

Twin Creeks Racing and Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners teamed up with 2015 GI Kentucky Derby runner Destin (Giant's Causeway). This year, Eclipse will team up with Bridlewood Farm and Robert LaPenta with Derby hopeful Tapwrit (Tapit). Next year, the four owners hope they'll be on the trail to Louisville again, this time with a colt by Medaglia d'Oro they purchased Wednesday in Ocala for a session-topping $850,000.

"We were fortunate enough to join Twin Creeks in the Derby last year with Destin and this year, we've got Bridlewood and Mr. LaPenta as partners on what we hope will be another Derby horse in about 10 days," explained Eclipse Thoroughbreds' Aron Wellman. "There is a lot of synergy amongst the group and we envision this horse to hopefully develop into a Classic-type individual."

Of the proliferation of major owners teaming up to purchase sales horses, Wellman added, "The way this market is right now, you see all the big-time players having to team up in order to get horses bought and to try to share in some of the risk. We're all good as partners and we wanted to keep that rolling."

Aron Wellman | *Benoit photo*

By Medaglia d'Oro, hip 584 is out of multiple graded stakes winner Indian Vale (A.P. Indy), who is a daughter of Grade I winner Marley Vale (Forty Niner). The bay colt worked a furlong in :10 1/5. **Cont. p6**

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For Twin Creek's Randy Gullatt, the bay colt's appeal was obvious.

"The pedigree and the way he breezed convinced us he was a Derby-type horse and can hopefully get us where we want to go," Gullatt said. "We want to go where Destin got us and where Tapwrit got these guys. Maybe he will give us a chance next year."

Wellman added, "His breeze was exceptional--the way he got over the track was extremely impressive and the gallop-out was strong. His pedigree requires no explanation. He is by a big-time sire in Medaglia d'Oro out of a big-time A.P. Indy mare. He's sort of got it all. He is sort of a big baby and what he did out on the track was all on natural ability. We'll just give him a lot of time to come into his own and hopefully there will be something to talk about this time next year."

Session-topping hip 584 | *Lucas Marquardt/ThoroStride*

The juvenile was consigned by Paul Sharp on behalf of a partnership of longtime Bluewater Sales clients, who purchased him for $300,000 at last year's Keeneland September Yearling Sale. He was bred by Whisper Hill Farm.

The successful pinhook was likely the first of many for Bluewater's Ryder Levy. The 26-year-old spotted the youngster at Keeneland last fall.

"He was an outstanding physical as a yearling," recalled Levy. "He was a big, scopey colt with a lot of class and a huge pedigree. Quality is the name of the game these days and he hit in the top 5% in pedigree and physical. And he blossomed into an outstanding individual. Paul Sharp did a great job with him."

Levy admitted current market conditions, which can often feel like an all-or-nothing proposition, effects how much he'll pay for pinhooking prospects.

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Two more Emcee two-year-olds sell at OBS April. We asked those who know them best what they think...

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"In the last couple of years, there has been a huge dichotomy between the horses that have what people want and the ones that don't," he said. "You have to have the right horses, so sometimes that will force you to pay more for a yearling if you're planning on reselling as a 2-year-old."

While last year may have been Levy's first full season of shopping the yearling sales, his family connections almost made being a part of the racing and breeding industry inevitable.

"When I was younger, I thought I might want to do something else," Levy said. "But with my mother Meg having Bluewater Sales, my stepfather Mike has Muirfield Insurance and my grandfather John Finney was president of Fasig-Tipton, so I have the right pedigree to be in this industry."

Sharp remained humble after selling the session-topping youngster.

"For a quality horse like this, we always have good expectations, but you never know," Sharp said. "We had high hopes and at the end of the day, he did well for us. We try to stay grounded and it worked."

Sharp likely has another bullet in his arsenal for Thursday's third session of the April sale, with hip 899, a colt by Union Rags, proving popular at the barn. @JessMartiniTDN

TRIVIA: Indian Vale, bred and raced by Eugene Melnyk, made her graded-stakes debut in the 2005 GII Cotillion H. Hall of Famer Angel Cordero Jr. came out of retirement to ride the filly--at the time a winner of her three starts by a combined 25 lengths--but the duo could do no better than fifth at odds of 2-5.

Farrell Wins Out on Speedy Malibu Moon

A Malibu Moon filly (hip 591), who breezed in a snappy :20 4/5, sparked fireworks late in Wednesday's session when selling to bloodstock agent Marette Farrell for $650,000.

Farrell signed the ticket on behalf of Peter Fluor and K.C. Weiner's Speedway Stable, which has campaigned the likes of Grade I winners Hard Not to Like (Hard Spun) and Noted and Quoted (The Factor), who was a $375,000 OBS March buy from the consignment of Eddie Woods, who also consigned hip 591.

"I just thought she was really elegant and she had an amazing breeze," Farrell said after receiving congratulations from a very happy Woods. "She did it so easily and she galloped out really well. We are trying to be selective. That's the plan with Speedway Stable, to buy a filly that has pedigree and if she goes on to be a top class filly then she is worth a lot residually. She fit the bill. She was our first choice in the whole sale." **Cont. p8**

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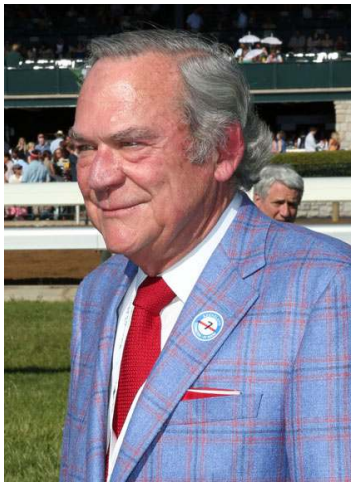
Speedway also campaigns $170,000 OBS March grad Collected (City Zip), who remained perfect in two starts at four with a facile success in the GII Californian S. Apr. 22.

Spendthrift Farm's Malibu Moon has proven to be a top class sire. He is responsible for GI Kentucky Derby hero Orb, who has proved quite popular as a sire at the sales and has his first runners this year. His top progeny this year includes GI Kentucky Oaks contender and MGSW Farrell.



Speedway Stables' co-principal Peter Fluor | *Coady*

"We love Malibu Moon," Farrell remarked. "Quite honestly, when you think about what he's done and the caliber of horses he has produced, and compare that with some of the sexy first-season sires that are making a ton of money, [this filly] represents realistic value and that is important to us."

Woods expressed similar sentiments about Malibu Moon, saying, "He's a great stallion and a great filly stallion. I've been lucky with him with fillies."

Bred by Hunter Valley Farm and Beechwood Farming Investments, Hip 591 is out of SW and MGSP In the Slips (More Than Ready), whose first foal, the 3-year-old colt Fire for Effect (Smart Strike), broke his maiden in January for Dale Romans. A partnership named Oak Farm purchased the bay filly for just $47,000 at the Fasig-Tipton October sale last term.

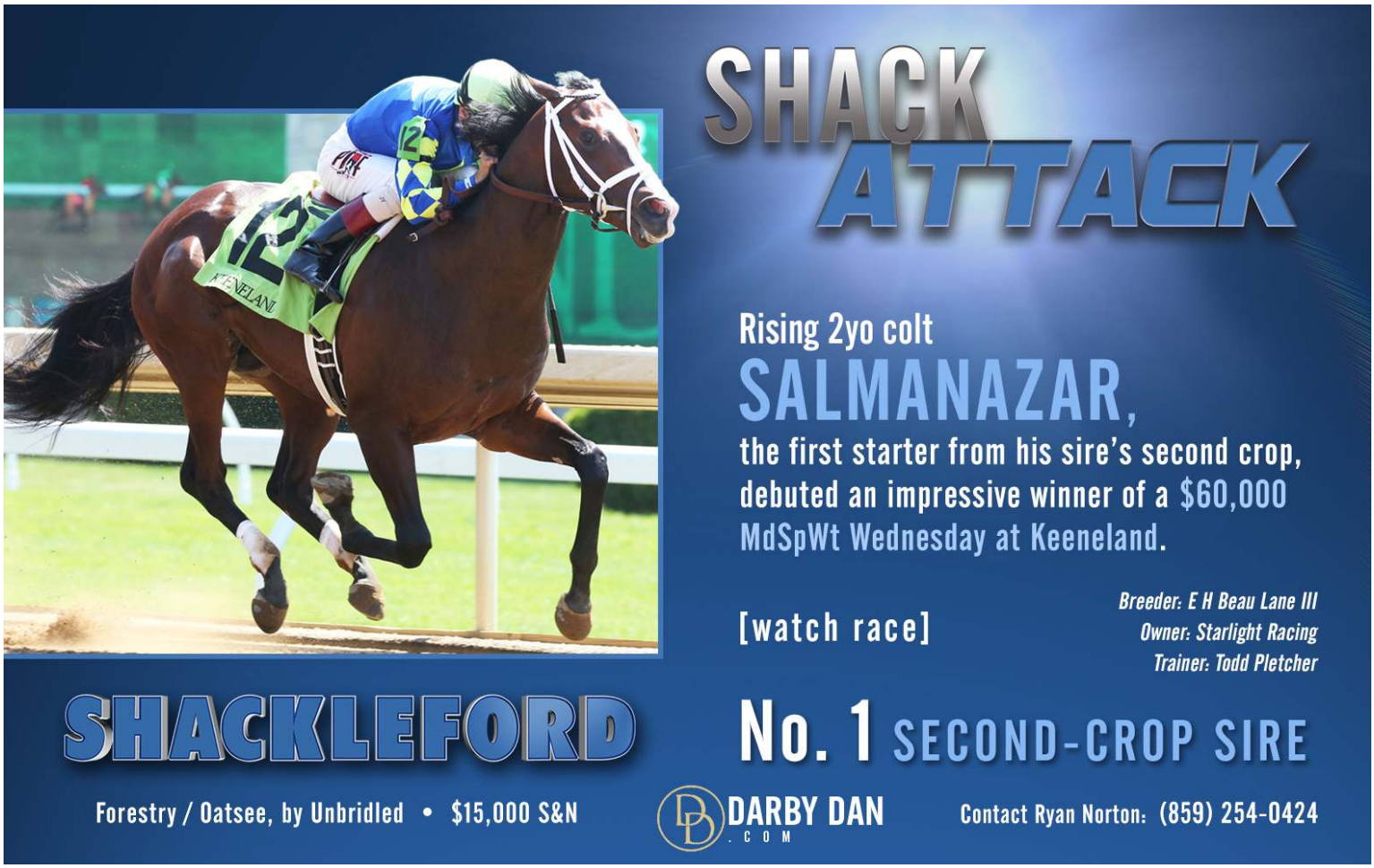
"I expected her to sell really, really well, but I can't tell you I expected her to bring $650,000," Woods offered. "I knew she was going to bring some money. She's quality, she's got pedigree, she's got sire power. She will have value for a long time." --*@CDeBernardis*

Distorted Humor Filly Heads West

Bloodstock agent David Ingordo signed the ticket at $575,000 to secure a filly by Distorted Humor on behalf of an undisclosed client.

"I bought her for some good customers in California," Ingordo, who signed the ticket as Mayberry Farm, said. "The man who is buying her is trying to build up a world-class broodmare band, so we have to start with world-class fillies."

Hip 383 is out of Eileen's Dream (Bernardini), a half-sister to multiple Grade I winner Dream Rush (Wild Rush). Dream Rush is the dam of Grade I winner Dreaming of Julia (A.P. Indy) and stakes winning '**TDN Rising Star**' Atreides (Medaglia d'Oro). She worked a furlong last week in :10 flat. **Cont. p9**



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"We absolutely loved her," Ingordo said of the juvenile. "It starts out with the physical horse and she was beautiful. She breezed lights out and stood up to it well. Some of these horses breeze and they kind of fall apart, but like the one we bought earlier, she stayed so nice and sound. It's a great family, so if she gets black-type that will be great."

David Ingordo | *Emma Berry photo*

The chestnut filly, who was an RNA at last year's Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale, was consigned by Off the Hook on behalf of her breeder, CESA Farm.

"They RNA'd her back in Saratoga for $245,000, but she has been in their program and we've broke her since then," Off the Hook's Joe Appelbaum said. "She is a Distorted Humor from a big family. She had a huge walk on her. She breezed really nicely in :10. For the high-end buyers, she has a lot of stuff. If she runs well, she is going to have huge residual value.

I think when you see her physically, she's the sort that can do more beyond April of her 2-year-old year." @JessMartiniTDN

Price Scores with Munnings Filly

Former jockey Andro Price and his wife Tracey of Price Thoroughbreds LLC enjoyed their biggest sales success yet at OBS April Wednesday when their Munnings filly (hip 345) summoned $425,000 from bloodstock agent David Ingordo.

"My wife Tracey Price and I get a select few horses every year, usually around five," a jubilant Price remarked after shaking Ingordo's hand out back. "She is our highest-priced sale to date. I'd like to see my wife to give her a big hug."

The horseman continued, "I was very happy with the price. We knew she'd sell well today, but we didn't know how well. We had a lot of people that looked at her that liked her, so we knew we'd do well. We just didn't know how well."

Price purchased the Illinois-bred for a fraction of the Wednesday hammer at the Fasig-Tipton October sale last term.

"I actually bought her from the breeder as a pinhook at Fasig-Tipton October for $67,000," Price recalled. "She was a beautiful filly. It was hard to find a fault in her."

He added, "She's always been great. She's just been a perfect lady. She's done everything we've asked of her. She's gentle. She's big, but kind." **Cont. p10**

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Bred by Richard Radke's Asiel Stable, the bay is out of the unraced Mizzen Mast mare Diva N Disguise, a half-sister to MSW and GISP Diva's Diamond (Crafty Shaw). The :9 4/5 breezer also hails from the family of MSW Classic Appeal.

"She was gorgeous and she had a brilliant breeze," Ingordo remarked. "She filled out and put on weight after the process, which is a great sign. John Sadler is going to get her to train. She was our pick of the fillies. I don't know which of John's customers it's for."

Later in the session, the Prices scored another rousing pinhooking success when hip 505, a filly by Congrats--Grand Finesse (Grand Slam) was hammered down to Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners for $300,000. The Prices paid $60,000 at Keeneland September last year for the May 8 foal, who hails from the family of Grade I winners Brocco and Gozzip Girl.

--*@CDeBernardis*

Casse Snags 'Quality' Filly

Justin Casse came out on top after a spirited round of bidding to take home hip 422, a Quality Road filly out of the unraced Favoritism (Tiznow), for $500,000. The bloodstock agent was buying on behalf of an undisclosed partnership, but did indicate that the filly would be trained by his brother Mark Casse.

"She worked :9 4/5, she's pretty and she's by a pretty hot sire," Casse commented after signing the ticket in the office. "She was the best filly in the sale in my opinion. Obviously, she's right up there with the More Than Ready filly that worked :9 3/5, but I might be biased because I bought that one too. But, now it is up to the trainer in the other room [Mark Casse]."

Bred by George Bolton and David DiPietro, hip 422 hails from the family of Japanese Group 1 winner and OBS March graduate Moanin (Henny Hughes). She was consigned to the sale by de Meric Sales on behalf of Tami Bobo, who purchased the bay filly for just $25,000 at Keeneland September last year.

"We were fortunate enough to get her," Tristan de Meric remarked. "We heard Tami was going to be spreading out a few horses to different consignors, so we put in our request for that filly. We saw her training on the track and we just loved the filly. We loved her physically and were glad to have her in the barn."

de Meric added, "The way she went and the way she looked in the barn, we were expecting that she'd do really well and we are glad she did. We are glad she got a good home."

--*@CDeBernardis*

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Grassroots Hits a Home Run with First Samurai

It's been a very successful sale for pinhookers through the first half of OBS April and David McKathan's Grassroots Training and Sales became another example of that when selling a First Samurai colt that was a $90,000 KEESEP yearling into a $540,000 2-year-old Wednesday. Hip 581 was purchased by Kanayama Holdings Co. Ltd.

"He's very athletic, very strong," McKathan said of the :9 4/5 breezer. "He's something I thought could really be an athlete."

He continued, "I'd never expect a return like that. We buy a number of horses and a horse like this is what we are hoping to get. A horse like this makes it all worth doing."

Bred by Hinkle Farms, the chestnut is the first foal out of the unraced Indian Bay (Indian Charlie) and his second dam is Grade II winner Buy the Barrel (E Dubai).

"[Hinkle Farms] brought him in [to Keeneland September] looking like a nice horse, but we were lucky enough to get him bought at $90,000," McKathan explained. "I very easily could have been outbid on the horse because I was about done. Keeneland is a huge place and horses do get by. They do slip through because you can't be everywhere at once up there."

McKathan was one of many consignors finding pinhooking success with a horse bought as a yearling for less than $100,000. For example, the Orb colt that topped Tuesday's opening session (hip 28) was a $30,000 KEESEP yearling turned $685,000 juvenile and a Quality Road filly (hip 422) purchased for $25,000 as a KEESEP yearling became a $500,000 2-year-old Wednesday.

"I think there are a number of pinhookers that have been doing this for a lot of years and the guys who have survived this have a pretty good idea about what an athlete should be, McKathan commented. "You bring a horse here, he doesn't have to hit the limelight to be a really good horse and people know that."

--*@CDeBernardis*

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OBS April cont.

Morning Line Success for Small Batch

Fletcher Mauk

Bloodstock agent Fletcher Mauk went into last year's Keeneland September Yearling Sale specifically looking for offspring of freshman sires for his pinhooking group Small Batch Thoroughbreds and ended up purchasing a colt by Morning Line for $25,000. Returned to the sales ring Wednesday at OBS, the juvenile sold for $240,000 to the bid of Westbury Stables.

"He was a really wide-bodied horse, real wide off of his spine, and I like a horse that has a lot of muscle," Mauk recalled. "And he had a fluid walk with a nice, solid straight line across his back from his head to his tail. It was the last day of the sale and no one was there. So I had a sort of an advantage in that everyone was spent out or burned out, I'm not sure which."

Hip 364 is out of Dove Season (City Zip), a half-sister to stakes winner Sleeping Indian (Lemon Drop Kid) and from the family of Student Council. He worked a furlong in :10 1/5.

Asked if there was any concern in buying pinhooking prospects by young stallions, Mauk said, "I used to think there was, but the market seems to want those horses now. I think everybody is looking for that next champion and realistically there is going to be one or two good sires out of a crop that turn out to be top sires. So I was actually looking for freshman sires last year. I got burned last year on buying horses that were slightly forgotten--nice solid athletic sires that produce good racehorses, but they were suddenly out of fashion. So I decided to go into fashionable horses."

GI Carter H. winner Morning Line (Tiznow), who stands at Lane's End for $10,000, soon became a favorite target.

"I tried to buy some Morning Lines earlier in the sale and got outbid," Mauk admitted. "So I kept landing on them, and kept saying this sire is getting really nice-looking horses. I loved them in September."

Morning Line has had one other 2-year-old go through the ring at OBS this week. Hip 116 sold for $250,000 to West Point Thoroughbreds. Consigned by Randy Miles, the black colt was a $45,000 Keeneland September Yearling.

"I hate to even say it's their walk, but it's their walk," Mauk said of the appeal of the Morning Lines he has seen. "They move like they are on a conveyor belt. They are so smooth and so solid, they cover a lot of ground. And it's not like it's a big overstride, it's just fluid. I think that adds to the way they move on the track." @JessMartiniTDN

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OBS APRIL 2YO SALE - WEDNESDAY

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price
345	f	Munnings	Diva N Disguise	$425,000

B-Asiel Stable (IL)

Consigned by Price Thoroughbreds LLC, agent

Purchased by L. E. B., **See Story, p9**

Nothing But Net cont.

364 c Morning Line Dove Season $240,000
B-W. S. Farish (KY)
Consigned by Ian Vickers, agent
Purchased by Westbury Stables LLC

This :10 1/5 breezer, a $25,000 KEESEP yearling purchase by Small Batch Thoroughbreds hailing from the first crop of GI Carter H. winner Morning Line, brought $240,000 back in the ring at OBS April Wednesday.

392 c Creative Cause Endless Fancy $320,000
B-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey (KY)
Consigned by Craig L. Wheeler, agent
Purchased by Linda Rice, agent

Airdrie Stud second-crop sire Creative Cause, already responsible for a $575,000 seller on Tuesday, enjoyed another nice sale here. An $85,000 KEESEP yearling purchase by consignor Craig Wheeler, this :10 2/5 breezer caught the eye of leading trainer Linda Rice.

405 c Violence Ever Elusive $225,000
B-Josham Farms (ON)
Consigned by Tom McCrocklin, Agent IV
Purchased by Bradley Thoroughbreds LLC, agent

Consignor Tom McCrocklin enjoyed a nice pinhook with this $40,000 KEESEP yearling purchase, who breezed a quarter in :21 1/5 at the under-tack show. The dark bay, by freshman sire and GISW Violence, is out of Winning Colors S. winner and GII Vinery Madison S. third Ever Elusive (Forestry).

422 f Quality Road Favoritism $500,000
B-George Bolton & David DiPietro (KY)
Consigned by de Meric Sales, Agent XLIV
Purchased by Justin Casse, agent
See Story, p10

437 c To Honor and Serve Five Star Holding $250,000
B-Copper Penny Stables (KY)
Consigned by Randy Miles, Agent V
Purchased by Jim Divito, agent

Purchased by Southern Springs Stables for $30,000 as a KEESEP yearling, this May 8 foal realized $250,000 after breezing in :10 1/5.

567 c Street Boss Humor and Music $300,000
B-The Meadows On South Park (KY)
Consigned by McKathan Bros., Agent III
Purchased by J. Stevens Bloodstock, agent

Scott and Evan Dilworth purchased Hip 567 for $38,000 as a FTKJUL yearling. He covered an eighth in :10 at the breeze show.

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Linda Rice

Hip 567
(c, 2, Street Boss--Humor and Music, by Distorted Humor)
Buyer: J. Stevens Bloodstock, Agent
Price: $300,000

"*His workout was spectacular and he displayed a great length of stride. He went in :10 flat and galloped out strong. He had a good presentation at the barn and his female family was a long line of top stallions: Distorted Humor, A.P. Indy, Sadler's Wells and Mr. Prospector. I think that he was a great buy.*"

WEDNESDAY'S DERBY/OAKS UPDATE

• Todd Pletcher's full complement of GI Kentucky Derby contenders has arrived at Churchill Downs, and the pair of GI Xpressbet.com Florida Derby winner **Always Dreaming** (Bodemeister) and GII Twinspires.com Louisiana Derby runner-up **Patch** (Union Rags) had their first spins over the main track Wednesday morning.

Todd Pletcher | *Horsephotos*

"Always Dreaming was full of himself this morning," Pletcher said. "He had an early ship yesterday, so he missed a day of training. He should be more settled tomorrow. I thought he got over the ground great."

With **'TDN Rising Stars' Battalion Runner** (Unbridled's Song) and **Malagacy** (Shackleford), as well as **Tapwrit** (Tapit), all galloping Wednesday, Pletcher said he is eyeing the weekend weather forecast--which calls for periods of rain--before deciding plans for final workouts. **Cont. p13**

Wednesday Derby/Oaks Update cont.

"I think the last time they were all together was the first of the month before Tapwrit went to Keeneland and Battalion Runner to New York," Pletcher said. "I was thinking of maybe staying in Florida (at Palm Beach Downs) a little longer because of the (long-range) forecast (for rain). Maybe we can get a little lucky and work Friday or Saturday."

Classic Empire gallops Wednesday | *Coady*

• The Mark Casse-trained pair of John Oxley's **Classic Empire** (Pioneerof the Nile) and Conrad Farm's **State of Honor** (To Honor and Serve) galloped 1 1/2 miles and schooled in the gate Wednesday in Louisville. Florida Derby runner-up State of Honor is slated to breeze Friday, while the timing of three-time Grade I winner Classic Empire's final workout remains in flux.

• Coffeepot Stable's **Farrell** (Malibu Moon), who is expected to be among the top choices in the GI Kentucky Oaks next Friday, posted a six-furlong work in 1:13 flat over a fast track. The dark bay swept the three-race series of Oaks preps at Fair Grounds this winter, culminating with a decisive score in the GII TwinSpires.com Fair Grounds Oaks Apr. 1.

"I'm loving this," trainer Wayne Catalano said after watching his charge post splits of :12, :24, :36, :48 and 1:00.60, with a seven-furlong gallop out in 1:27.80. "The work was perfect. It's hard to beat that."

• Semaphore Racing and Homewrecker Racing's **Sailor's Valentine** (Mizzen Mast), winner of the GI Central Bank Ashland S. Apr. 8, breezed five furlongs in 1:00 flat at Keeneland Wednesday morning in preparation for an expected start in the GI Kentucky Oaks May 5. The gray, who worked in company with stablemate Laney (Shackleford), will likely ship to Churchill Saturday.

"She worked really good, did it really easy," trainer Eddie Kenneally said. "It's her final work before the Oaks, and she's all set. We're excited about her. We think she's coming into the race real good. She's an improving filly at the moment."

Click here for a feature on Sailor's Valentine's ownership group.

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Senior Senator cont. from p1

"Flint told us that he was the most difficult horse he had ever trained," Davies said. "He has panic disorders and he is so strong and has so much power, so when they happen you better get out of his way. It doesn't matter where you are or where he is, he's going to get out of whatever confining area he is in. It can be frightening. He can be a gentle and lovely horse. But when he's not happy and his panic disorder kicks in, you better get out of way."

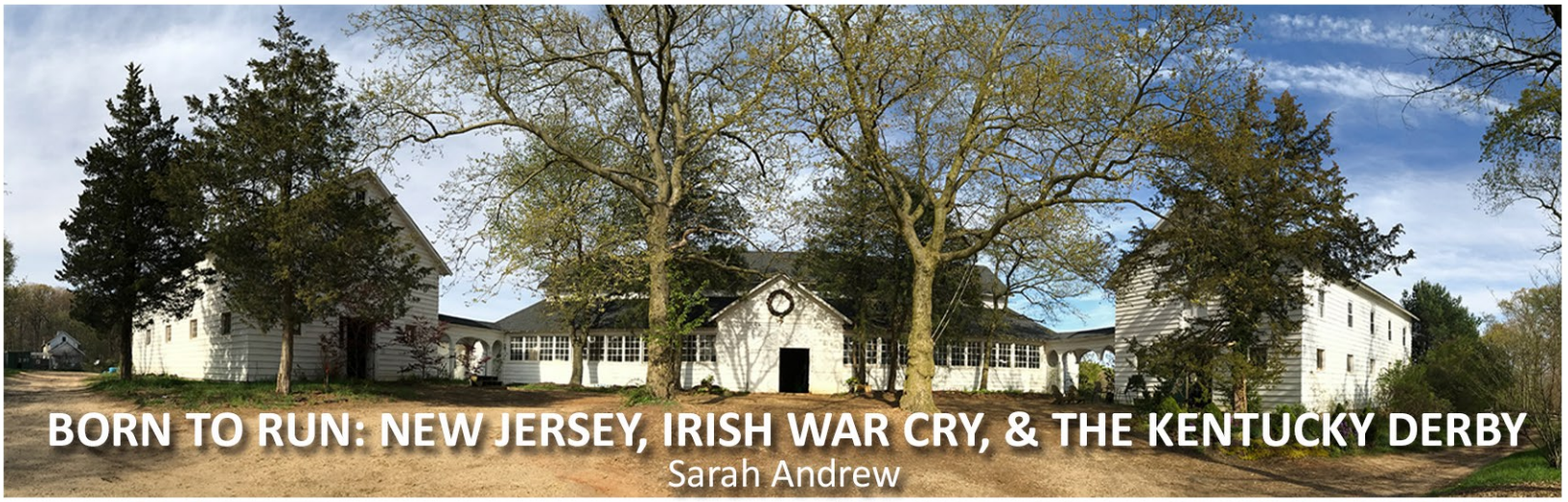
Senior Senator | *Tod Marks*

For a horse with such issues, there's no worse place than the backstretch of a racetrack, where they are confined to a stall for 23 hours or so a day. Stites couldn't get the horse to go to the gate, couldn't get him to stop trying to throw his rider. Before his first start, he dumped the jock and ran off from the post parade. He realized Senior Senator would be better off on a farm, but he also hated being hauled from one place to another and would throw tantrums in the van. For Stites, he was 0-for-5 running in cheap maidens at Penn National, though he did finish second twice.

Davies didn't want Senior Senator because he was good enough to run second in a $7,500 maiden claimer. Though he knew nothing about the mental issues, he saw a "big, robust" horse he thought he could turn into a quality jumper.

"The horse has a very long stride," Stites agreed. "From just the few times we had him on grass on the farm he really excelled over the grass and he showed he was a natural jumper. He can sail. Even in the fields, he would jump over the fences."

About a year after claiming the horse, Davies put him in his first steeplechase race, a hurdle event at Fair Hill, and it was a disaster as he lost his rider at the fifth jump. There was only one thing left to try: timber racing. **Cont. p14**



BORN TO RUN: NEW JERSEY, IRISH WAR CRY, & THE KENTUCKY DERBY

Sarah Andrew

On a dirt road three miles north and east of the TDN office stands an old sign for Woodland Farm (right), former estate of Amory L. Haskell, president and chairman of Monmouth Park from 1946 to 1966 and the namesake for that track's premier race. One of Haskell's daughters, Isabelle de Tomaso, bred and owns 2017 Kentucky Derby hopeful Irish War Cry, who was foaled in nearby Colts Neck, NJ. In 1952, Woodland Farm's homebred Blue Sparkler (plate, lower left) was foaled, and she became one of the farm's most successful runners. Her wins included the 1955 Regret H. (plate, upper left) and a six-furlong prep for the Miss Woodford S. called the American Legion Purse (trophy, left). The original barns on the Haskell property are currently in use, including the "Kentucky- style" main training barn (above), which features an oval dirt aisle shedrow (lower right). Until 1995, the annual Monmouth County Hunt steeplechase was held on the property, and on the steeplechase course, now used as a pasture, the judge's tower (below) still stands.

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Signs of New Jersey's Kentucky Derby glory of yesteryear can still be seen five miles from the Haskell Estate, where a statue of 1915 Kentucky Derby winner Regret stands watch over a courtyard behind the Warner Student Life Center at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft, NJ. The college and the neighboring Thompson Park both sit on the land that was once Brookdale Farm, where Harry Payne Whitney's famous filly was both bred and trained. The training barns (bottom, left) and the tree-lined training track (bottom, right) are both popular attractions for park visitors. The final resting place of Regret's trainer, James G. Rowe, Sr., is a 15-minute drive north and east of Thompson Park. Rowe's famous request for his epitaph to read: "He trained Colin" was not fulfilled (center, left). His son, James G. Rowe, Jr., who trained 1931 Kentucky Derby winner Twenty Grand, is also buried at the family plot (center, right).

Senior Senator cont.

When most racing fans think of steeplechase racing, they think of the type they have at Saratoga, which is, really, a hurdle race. They horses don't have to go over the tops of the jumps, they just have to get through them. They are made of brush and the best jumpers don't clear them but attack them. In a timber race, they fences are made of actual timber and can be as tall as five feet. A horse must soar into the air to get over them.

"The difference between a timber horse and a hurdle horse is their jumping ability," said Davies, who is married to former top steeplechase jockey Blythe Miller. "Their jumping ability is a little different. The timber horse needs to be more careful jumping timber fences because they are stiff and they can't brush through them. The hurdlers are a little bit reckless or more efficient; they just barely clear the frame. A horse that is a really spectacular jumper will gallop around and jump over that five-foot fence like they are allergic to wood. That same kind of horse is probably going to spend too much time in the air to be an effective hurdler."

Davies decided to turn Senior Senator into a timber horse, but first he had to figure out how to deal with his issues.

Being away from a standard racetrack setting was a huge help. Senior Senator spends almost all of his time turned out at Davies's farm in Maryland. When he takes him to a hunt meet, he is given permission to keep him out of the receiving stalls.

"That was the key to this horse, allowing him to be turned out all the time," Davies said. "That's what transformed him. At the races we had to figure out a system that works and we're still working on it. At Butler (where he won this year's American Grand National), we had three or four people dealing with him. They gave us permission where we didn't have to go into a stall, just as long as we stayed in the receiving area. Those temporary stalls they put up at the hunt meets, he can tear those to the ground."

It took a while, but with Senior Senator, Davies has found the perfect outlet for the horse. He is a very good at what he's now doing. He's never crossed the wire worse than second in a timber race and won last year's Maryland Hunt Cup, by far the most prestigious timber race in the U.S.

He even caught the attention of the 60 Minutes crew, who featured him in a story hosted by Charlie Rose they did last week on U.S. timber racing.

Davies has turned the once-cheap maiden claimer with mental problems into the best timber horse in the country and he will be the horse to beat Saturday as he tries to defend his title in the $100,000 Maryland Hunt Cup. But being the best timber horse in the country only means so much. There are so few races for timber horses that Senior Senator only ran twice last year and may do the same this year.

Those who do this definitely don't do it for the money, but for the pride, prestige and thrills.

"You can't make any money doing this," Davies said.

Saturday's race will be the 121st running of the Maryland Hunt Cup, the lone race on the card. It is a grueling four miles and there are 22 fences.

The ultimate accomplishment for a Maryland Hunt Cup winner is to go to England and win the Grand National. It's been done twice, by Jay Trump in 1965 and by Ben Nevis in 1980. Jay Trump, like Senior Senator, was a failed flat horse, purchased for $2,000 after he floundered in maiden claiming races at Charles Town. And, when it comes to the Grand National, it's not just about the prestige. The purse is £1 million. Davies said he's definitely interested in going, but may wait until 2019.

In the meantime, he'll focus on the few timber opportunities available here for Senior Senator. That and keeping his fragile psyche from becoming an issue.

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UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track
5/5	GI Kentucky Oaks	CD
	GI La Troienne S.	CD
	GII Alysheba S.	CD
	GIII Eight Belles S.	CD
	GIII Edgewood S.	CD
	GIII Twin Spires Turf Sprint S.	CD
	GIII Vagrancy H.	BEL

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 3:25 p.m. EDT

MIAMI MILE S.-GIII, $100,000, 3yo/up, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Diamond Bachelor	War Front	Diamond 100 Racing Club, LLC, Robert Trussell and Patrick L. Biancone LLC	Biancone	Figueroa	121
2	War Correspondent	War Front	Calumet Farm, Sagamore Farm and Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners	Clement	Gaffalione	119
3	Lubash	Freud	Aliyu Ben J Stables	Clement	Panici	123
4	Our Way	Tizway	William L. Clifton Jr.	Bond	Juarez	121
5	All Included	Include	Wertheimer and Frere	Pletcher	Castellano	123
6	Applicator	Henrythenavigator	Olympia Star, Inc.	Yanakov	Kappushev	117
7	Zulu (MTO)	Bernardini	Michael B. Tabor, Mrs. John Magnier, Derrick Smith and Stonestreet Stables LLC	Pletcher	Castellano	121

Breeders: 1-Jamm, Ltd., 2-Joseph Allen, 3-Aliyuee Ben J Stable Inc., 4-Farm III Enterprices LLC, 5-Wertheimer Et Frere, 6-Mikhail Yanakov, 7-Ron Magers & Robert Marcocchio

Saturday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 6:30 p.m. EDT

THUNDER ROAD S.-GIII, $100,000, 3yo/up, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Perfectly Majestic	Majesticperfection	Griffin Thoroughbred Stables/Schroeder Farms	Hess, Jr.	Desormeaux	122
2	Twentytwentyvision	Pollard's Vision	Ellen & Peter O. Johnson	Mandella	Prat	122
3	Bolo	Temple City	Golden Pegasus Racing Inc & Earle I Mack LLC	Gaines	Smith	126
4	Mithqaal	Speightstown	Sterling Stables, Haymes or Keh	O'Neill	Bejarano	122
5	Fabozzi	Sidney's Candy	Branch or Norman Stables, LLC	Glatt	Nakatani	122
6	Farhaan	Jazil	Matthew Schera	D'Amato	Baze	122
7	Sawyer's Hill	Spring At Last	Red Castle Farms	Mulhall	Pedroza	122

Breeders: 1-Brereton C. Jones, 2-Peter O. Johnson, 3-Spendthrift Farm, LLC, 4-Extern Developments LTD., 5-Budget Stable, 6-Shadwell Farm, LLC, 7-Betz/Lamantia/CoCo Equine/Magers/Burns

Saturday, Golden Gate Fields, post time: 6:45 p.m. EDT

SAN FRANCISCO MILE S.-GIII, $100,000, 3yo/up, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	G. G. Ryder	Chhaya Dance	Hollendorfer, LLC or George Todaro	Hollendorfer	Orozco	122
2	Stryker Phd	Bertrando	Jim & Mona Hour	Ross	Antongeorgi III	122
3	Patentar (Fr)	Teofilo (Ire)	Saleh Al Homaizi or Imad Al Sagar	Callaghan	Potts	122
4	Many Roses	Many Rivers	Victory Rose T-Breds, Inc, Martin or Martin	Jackson	Cedillo	122
5	Camino Del Paraiso	Suances (GB)	Glen Road Racing, LLC, Jauregui or Moniz	Jauregui	Gonzalez	122
6	Alert Bay	City Zip	Peter Redekop B. C., Ltd.	Wright	Hernandez	122
7	Star Student	Student Council	Desimone, Desimone, Kelly or MacLennan	Markle	Couton	122

Breeders: 1-Eagle Oak Ranch, LLC, 2-Char Clark Thoroughbreds & Todd Havens, 3-Peter Dane Player, 4-Ellen Jackson, Jerry Martin & MargaretMartin, 5-Red Baron's Barn LLC, 6-Thomas Newton Bell & Ross John McLeod, 7-Millennium Farms

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7th-KEE, $71,160, Alw, 4-26, (NW1X), 3yo, 1 1/8mT, 1:49.65, fm. **GORGEOUS KITTEN (c, 3, Kitten's Joy--Gorgelicious, by More Than Ready)** was second in his career bow on the Gulfstream turf Dec. 4 and graduated two starts later at Turfway Feb. 18. Seventh after a troubled beginning in the John Battaglia Memorial S. Mar. 4, the homebred checked in third in the three weeks later and was given a 51-10 chance in this return to turf. Finding a cozy spot at the rail to stalk from the second flight past fractions of :23.55 and :48.55, the bay tipped out into the clear nearing the straightaway and surged to the front at the eighth pole to score by one length. Giant Payday (Giant's Causeway) filled out the exacta. Gorgeous Kitten has a 2-year-old full-brother named Serengeti Cat and a yearling half-sister by Orb. Gorgelicious was bred to Discreet Cat last spring. Third dam Twilight Ridge (Cox's Ridge) captured the 1985 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies. Lifetime Record: SP, 6-2-1-1, $72,560. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O/B-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey (KY); T-Michael J. Maker.

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5th-KEE, $66,960, Alw, 4-26, (NW1X), 3yo, 1 1/8mT, 1:49.96, fm. **MAKARIOS (c, 3, Giant's Causeway--Blissful, by Mr. Prospector)** ran a strong, closing second at 19-1 off of a five-plus month layoff Jan. 22 on the Gulfstream lawn in a race where the pace otherwise held together, and he graduated there two starts later Feb. 26 after a failed dirt experiment. Stepping into graded stakes company in the GIII Transylvania S. here Apr. 7, the $200,000 Keeneland September grad acquitted himself well, kicking on strongly late to be third at over 38-1. Made the 13-10 chalk dropping into allowance company in this spot, the big chestnut settled in fifth behind moderate splits of :23.74, :49.12 and 1:14.10. Kept in the clear while advancing three-deep on the far bend, Makarios swept to the lead just inside the sixteenth pole to triumph by a half-length. Channel Maker (English Channel) got up late for place money. The winner's dam is a full-sister to 2000 GI Kentucky Derby hero Fusaichi Pegasus, while second dam Angel Fever (Danzig) is a full to 1992 GI Preakness S. victor Pine Bluff. Lifetime Record: GSP, 6-2-1-1, $88,932. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Mossarosa; B-Commonwealth (KY); T-Nicholas P. Zito.

Makarios | *Coady Photography*

Lynwood Stable Graduate

4th-KEE, $58,654, Msw, 4-26, 2yo, 4 1/2f, :51.33, ft. **+SALMANAZAR (c, 2, Shackleford--Grandtessa, by Grand Slam)** was hammered throughout in the wagering and rewarded his backers with a first-out score for the Todd Pletcher barn at Keeneland. Showing a quartet of works at Palm Beach Downs, capped off by a half-mile move from the gate in :49 4/5 (1/6) Apr. 19, the $180,000 Keeneland September buy broke sharply as the 11-10 favorite and was hustled from the outside stall to make a clear early lead. Clicking off a :22.44 quarter, the bay was briefly challenged by longshot I'm Corfu (Corfu) on the latter half of the turn, but quickly disposed of that foe and kicked away passing the eighth pole en route to a 1 1/2-length tally. Copper Bullet (More Than Ready) stayed on well to secure the place. **Cont. p2**

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4th-KEE, cont.

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2nd-KEE, $49,137, Msw, 4-26, 2yo, 4 1/2f, :51.65, ft.

+DIRECT DIAL (c, 2, Too Much Bling--Fast Find, by Mineshaft) took all the money for his debut and ran to the backing, dominating a field of juvenile maidens at Keeneland. Coming in off of a best-of-39 local half-mile breeze from the gate in :47 2/5 Apr. 18, the gray broke as the 7-10 chalk and traveled second early before taking charge passing a :22.44 quarter. Creeping away in hand on the turn, the favorite never gave any stretch runners a chance, cruising home 7 3/4 lengths to the good. Tememon (Tale of Ekati) completed the exacta.

Direct Dial | *Coady Photography*

The winner, who topped the Texas Thoroughbred Association's yearling/mixed sale at $105,000 last summer, is a full-brother to Scooter's Choice, SW, $113,006. His unraced dam, out of MGSP Are You Up (Eagle Eyed), was barren last season and was bred back to Too Much Bling. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $26,820. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-W S Farish (TX); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

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Warrior's Club | *Coady photography*

"Owning a racehorse is one of the most exciting experiences in all of sports," said Mike Ziegler, Executive Director of Racing for Churchill Downs Incorporated. "We gave our fans an opportunity to learn what it's all about last year and had a tremendous amount of fun--and luck--working with Hall of Famer D. Wayne Lukas and the two exceptional club horses, Warrior's Club (Warrior's Reward) and Dial Me (Dialed In). We're hoping this year's club can be just as successful."

The Club was inaugurated in 2016 with the two aforementioned horses, both trained by D. Wayne Lukas. Dial Me, a maiden winner from 10 starts, is slated to make her next start on the Kentucky Oaks undercard May 6, while Warrior's Club, winner of the Spendthrift Stallion S. last year and earner of better than $214,000 to date, is among those expected for the GIII Pat Day Mile on Derby Day. Warrior's Club was a latest second in the Northern Spur S. at Oaklawn Park Apr. 15.

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CENTRAL U.S.

Wednesday's Results:

4th-IND, $33,000, (S), Msw, 4-26, 3, 4,/5yo, 5 1/2f, 1:03.33, ft. **+PLAINFIELD (c, 3, Flatter--Saint Savior, by Yankee Victor),** displaying a trio of sharp five-furlong breezes at The Thoroughbred Center for this debut, was bet strongly to be the 3-2 chalk and broke about a length slowly before quickly recovering to show the way heading up the backstretch. Clicking off a quarter in :22.29, the homebred quickly opened up by 10 lengths nearing the furlong grounds and continued to widen from there, registering a dazzling 18 3/4-length rout. Lil Pistola (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}) was second. The winning trainer, who conditioned future Grade I winner Twilight Eclipse (Purim) to victories in his first two career starts, purchased Plainfield's second dam for $17,000 at the 1997 Keeneland September sale. Plainfield's 5-year-old full-sister Amberly Village was third in Wednesday's sixth-race, a state-bred allowance. The winner's 2-year-old half-sister named Blue Ash (Yes It's True) worked a bullet three furlongs at The Thoroughbred Center Apr. 19, and Saint Savior is the dam of a filly by Flat Out foaled Jan. 28. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $19,800. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O/B-Spooky Hollow Racing Inc (IN); T-John L Langemeier.

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ANIMAL KINGDOM (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}), Darley, $35K, 107/0/0
1-KEE, Msw 4 1/2f, +Sunny Skies, $47K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 3-1
DENMAN (AUS) (Lonhro {Aus}), Darley, $15K, 47/0/0
1-KEE, Msw 4 1/2f, Mamasita, 12-1
FAST BULLET (Speightstown), WinStar Farm, $7.5K, 32/0/0
5-KEE, Msw 4 1/2f, +Therighttobeararms, $7K KEE SEP yrl, 12-1
GRAYDAR (Unbridled's Song), Taylor Made Stallions, $15K, 99/0/0
1-KEE, Msw 4 1/2f, Country Sway, $2K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 10-1
ORB (Malibu Moon), Claiborne Farm, $25K, 99/0/0
5-KEE, Msw 4 1/2f, +Orbolution, $370K KEE SEP yrl, 9-5
OVERANALYZE (Dixie Union), WinStar Farm, $10K, 112/1/0
1-KEE, Msw 4 1/2f, Genuwine, $5K FTK OCT yrl, 4-1
5-KEE, Msw 4 1/2f, Baytown Juliet, $6K RNA FTK OCT yrl, 12-1

Second-crop starters to watch: Thursday, April 27

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

ASTROLOGY (A.P. Indy), Taylor Made Stallions, $7.5K, 156/28/2
4-KEE, Msw 1mT, Go Stellaire, $16K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1
COUNTRY DAY (Speightstown), Crestwood Farm, $3.5K, 60/4/0
1-KEE, Msw 4 1/2f, +My Soldier Girl, 8-1
DIALED IN (Mineshaft), Darby Dan Farm, $7.5K, 174/25/5
1-KEE, Msw 4 1/2f, +American Alphabet, $8K KEE SEP yrl, 9-2
GET STORMY (Stormy Atlantic), Crestwood Farm, $5K, 141/14/1
4-KEE, Msw 1mT, +Get Foxy, 15-1
MACLEAN'S MUSIC (Distorted Humor), Hill 'N' Dale Farms, $6.5K, 148/29/4
7-PRM, Msw 6f, Free Music, 10-1
OVERDRIVEN (Tale of the Cat), Ocala Stud Farm, $3K, 114/22/0
6-CT, Alw 4 1/2f, Gallant Calling, 9-2
TAPIZAR (Tapit), Gainesway Farm, $15K, 181/30/2
4-KEE, Msw 1mT, +Tapizar's Magic, $30K RNA TTA APR 2yo, 30-1
THE FACTOR (War Front), Lane's End Farm, $15K, 218/34/5
4-KEE, Msw 1mT, Game Factor, $300K EAS MAY 2yo, 3-1
TO HONOR AND SERVE (Bernardini), Gainesway Farm, $20K, 172/26/1
1-KEE, Msw 4 1/2f, +Lullingstone, $1K RNA FTK OCT yrl, 4-1
UNION RAGS (Dixie Union), Lane's End Farm, $35K, 221/26/4
5-CT, Alw 6 1/2f, Dynamic Union, $40K OBS APR 2yo, 9-2

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WILL ROGERS H., (NB) $55,000, WRD, 4-25, (S), 3yo, c/g, 1m 70y, 1:43.17, ft.

1--**MAKIN THE DOUGH, 121, g, 3, Service Stripe--Flew Past Em, by Fast Play**. ($5,200 Ylg '15 HEROCT). O-Rick S. Engel; B-Rusty Roberts (OK); T-Roger F. Engel; J-Bryan McNeil. $33,000. Lifetime Record: SP, 6-2-2-1, $80,157.

2--**Curmit**, 120, c, 3, Curlin--Merrymaker (Arg), by Rainbow Corner (GB). ($27,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV; $80,000 Ylg '15 FTKJUL). O-L and N Racing LLC; B-Jon L. Starr (OK); T-Steven M. Asmussen. $11,000.

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3--**Hunter's Humor**, 122, g, 3, Maclean's Music--Forever Brilliant, by Straight Man. ($10,000 Ylg '15 HEROCT). O-Keene Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Eureka Thoroughbred Farm (OK); T-Karl Broberg. $6,050.

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Margins: NK, HF, 5 1/4. Odds: 1.90, 0.60, 4.30.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-GP, $43,000, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($25,000), 4-26, 3yo/up, 7 1/2fT, 1:28.47, fm.

MYSTIC SKY (g, 4, Sky Mesa--Mystical Woman, by Smart Strike) Lifetime Record: 12-4-2-2, $106,475. O-Peter Vegso; B-Vegso Racing Stable (FL); T-Philip A. Gleaves.

2nd-IND, $36,000, (S), 4-26, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.39, ft.

I GOT CAT CLASS (m, 6, Classy Prospector--Musical Wildcat, by D'wildcat) Lifetime Record: 17-2-4-4, $88,075. O/B/T-Donna M. Taylor (IN).

6th-IND, $24,000, (S), 4-26, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:43.46, ft.

ELEGANT MODEL (m, 6, Suave--Top Model, by Leo Castelli) Lifetime Record: SW, 27-10-3-2, $266,482. O-Jack & Barbara Bary; B-Jack & Barbara Bary & Suave Syndicate (IN); T-Thomas Drury, Jr. *1/2 to Model's Memo (Editor's Note), SW, $128,212; and Our Rock Star (Grindstone), SP, $180,124.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Seymour Kid, g, 3, **Gone Astray**--Flor de Amelia (SP, $129,388), by Cape Town. IND, 4-26, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05.10. B-Rancho Monarca, LLC (IN).

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PIGGOTT MARKS GUINEAS ANNIVERSARY

Lester Piggott at this year's Dubai World Cup | *racingfotos.com*

By Emma Berry

NEWMARKET, UK--Though he is now a resident of Switzerland, Lester Piggott still has strong ties to his former home of Newmarket, and returned to the town this week in the build-up to the QIPCO Guineas meeting at the Rowley Mile next weekend.

Attending a special event at Palace House to mark the 60th anniversary of his first 2000 Guineas victory aboard Crepello (GB) (Donatello II {GB}), the 81-year-old was joined by Julie Cecil, the daughter of the horse's trainer Sir Noel Murless, who brought with her four leather-bound scrapbooks lovingly kept by Crepello's owner-breeder Sir Victor Sassoon and marking his entire career. Among the many newspaper cuttings, the books include a telegram to announce Crepello's birth on Mar. 19, 1954, which reads simply "Crepescule [sic] chestnut colt 19th good strong foal."

Little did the breeder know it at the time, but that good strong colt, only the second foal of Crepuscule (GB) (Mieuxce {Fr}), would become the mare's second Classic winner after his half-sister Honeylight (GB) won the 1000 Guineas of 1956, ridden by Edgar Britt. A year later, Piggott won his first Newmarket Classic with Crepello, who would also go on to become the second of his nine Derby winners. **cont. p2**

NATIONAL BROODMARE CATALOGUE ONLINE

The catalogue for the Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale is online. The sale, which runs May 30 to June 2 on the Gold Coast, comprises 1,055 lots, including 220 black-type performers. Over 500 lots of the Book 1 catalogue are at second cover or fewer.

"We are overwhelmed by the support that the vendors of Australasia have given the sale again this year," said Magic Millions Managing Director Vin Cox. "The catalogue is filled with quality from start to finish. This sale has produced so many incredible results for both vendors and buyers--the dams of this season's stars Winx, Foxplay, Montoya's Secret, Rapper Dragon, Heavens Above and Lasqueti Spirit were all purchased here, providing buyers with impressive returns on investment. The Gold Coast is the place to be in late May and June and we look forward to welcoming buyers from around Australia and the globe for a truly remarkable offering of bloodstock."

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Vegas Showgirl, the dam of Winx (above), sold at the 2008 Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale | *Bronwen Healy*

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MEDAGLIA D'ORO COLT TOPS OBS DAY TWO

There were some late fireworks at OBS April's second session, with a Medaglia d'Oro colt leading the way at $850k. **Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.**

Piggott Marks Guineas Anniversary cont. from p1

Having won the first two colts' Classics, Crepello broke down before he was able to challenge for the Triple Crown in the St Leger, but Julie Cecil told the assembled guests that her father had always wanted to try to run the horse in the following year's July Cup.

"It was his plan and he always thought that Crepello had the speed to do it--either that or dad was losing his marbles," she quipped.

It is another of Piggott's Epsom winners, the Vincent O'Brien-trained Sir Ivor (Sir Gaylord), who remains closest to the jockey's heart.

"Sir Ivor was probably the best of them," he recalled. "Every year we had these American horses in Tipperary and you never knew whether they would stay--it was always doubtful--so you had to wait as long as possible with them. Sir Ivor was really a mile-and-a-quarter horse but he won the Derby because he was the best horse. In the Arc he was beaten by a brilliant horse [Vaguely Noble] and he didn't quite get the distance but he was still a great horse to me."

Lester Piggott and Julie Cecil | *Emma Berry*

Throughout the evening Piggott, who engaged in a Q&A session with author and racing historian Sean Magee, proved that he not only retains a razor-sharp memory but an equally cutting wit. Famous throughout his career not just for his brilliance in the saddle but his ruthlessness in trying to 'jock off' his weighing-room colleagues if he felt their horse had the best chance in the race, Piggott admitted, "At that time we didn't have agents and we had to do our best."

Magee quizzed further, asking him about the 1977 Derby, which Piggott won on The Minstrel (Northern Dancer), "Did you try to get the ride on Blushing Groom?"

"Well everybody thought so, didn't they?" Piggott retorted with a grin. "But it was quite impossible really," he continued. "He was owned by the Aga Khan and trained by Francois Mathet and they didn't like English people anyway. So it would have been quite impossible. I rode The Minstrel and won."

For all Piggott's Classic success--which includes 30 victories in Britain alone--it's clear that he retains the utmost admiration for Robert Sangster's dual Arc winner Alleged (Hoist The Flag).

"Alleged was something else really," he said. "He only ran three times as a 4-year-old. He got jarred up a bit the first time so he couldn't run from May to October but he was one of the greatest horses. He was only beaten once, in the St Leger, and everybody said I went too soon but I thought to myself that day that The Queen's filly [Dunfermline] was nearly unbeatable."

He added, "You couldn't run Alleged too much and I always felt that his best race really was before the Arc as a 4-year-old when he ran over 10 furlongs in Paris."

That victory in the Prix du Prince d'Orange is remembered thus in Timeform's Racehorses of 1978: "There was no mistaking that Alleged was back to his very best, or at any rate somewhere very near it. The brilliant acceleration that had been the hallmark of his finest victories was all too evident: he blinded his rivals for speed as soon as Piggott gave him the word early in the straight."

Piggott kept his cards close to his chest when asked which colt might have the Timeform scribes waxing lyrical after the QIPCO 2000 Guineas, saying only, "It's difficult, very difficult. We've seen three very nice horses win in the last few weeks [Eminent, Barney Roy and Al Wukair] and I think Churchill will have to be at his best to beat them."

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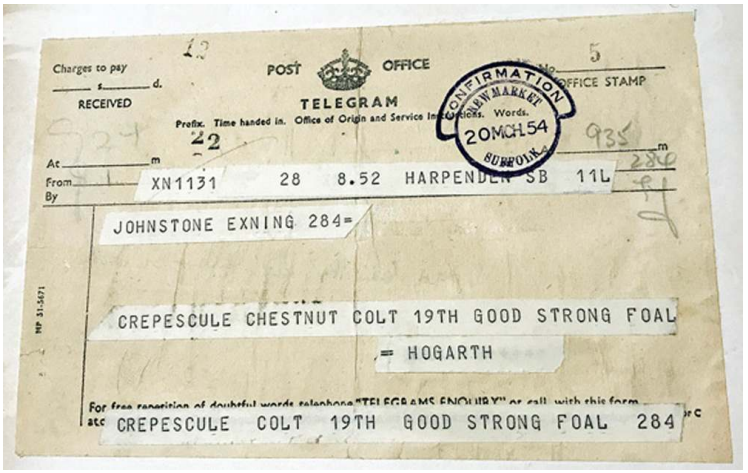

Crepello's birth telegram

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LATE CLASSIC CALL FOR THUNDER SNOW

Godolphin's G2 UAE Derby winner **Thunder Snow (Ire)** (Helmet {Aus}) is entered for two Classics next Saturday, with Sheikh Mohammed set to make a late call about which he will partake in. One, the G1 Qipco 2000 Guineas, is in the backyard of trainer Saeed in Suroor's yard in Newmarket. The other is across the Atlantic at Churchill Downs: the GI Kentucky Derby.

"He's in all the races and which one he runs in will be left to Sheikh Mohammed, he'll make the final call," said bin Suroor. "So far everything has gone well with him, traveling is no problem for him and the Kentucky Derby is the same day as the Guineas. If he goes he'd probably go about a week before the race so it wouldn't change anything. He's working very well and we know he's very good."

Thunder Snow won the G1 Criterium International in October and is unbeaten in two outings this year.

With regards to another promising 3-year-old in his care, **Dream Castle (GB)** (Frankel {GB}), bin Suroor said a hood would be added for his next start after he finished second in the G3 Greenham S. on Saturday.

"He was simply too keen, it was just his second race and he needs to learn to settle," the trainer said. "Next time he will run in a hood and we'll work him in one at home to see if it helps. He shows lots of speed so you'd have to wonder about a mile, but the key will be to get him to relax."

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Thunder Snow winning the Criterium International | *Scoop Dyga*

ASCOT GROUP 1 ENTRIES ANNOUNCED

The initial entries for Royal Ascot's eight Group 1s were revealed on Wednesday. Cartier Horse of the Year **Minding (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) headlines the meeting's opening contest, the G1 Queen Anne S., and she is joined by last year's G1 Qipco 2000 Guineas winner **Galileo Gold (GB)** (Paco Boy {Ire}), who also won the G1 St James's Palace S. at last year's Royal meeting. American-trained entrants for the Queen Anne include last-out GI Maker's 46 Mile victor **American Patriot** (War Front) and three-time Grade I winner **Miss Temple City** (Temple City), who could make her third appearance at Royal Ascot.

Galileo Gold winning the St James's Palace S. | *Racing Post*

The G1 King's Stand S., also on opening day, includes the last two winners, **Profitable (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and **Goldream (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}). Last year's G2 Queen Mary S. winner and Cartier champion 2-year-old filly **Lady Aurelia** (Scat Daddy) is also set to ship in for trainer Wesley Ward.

The 46 entries for the St James's Palace S. include the Aidan O'Brien pair of **Churchill (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) and **Caravaggio** (Scat Daddy), who were both successful at Royal Ascot last year. Caravaggio also headlines the six-furlong G1 Commonwealth Cup.

The G1 Prince of Wales's S. could set up as a clash between Cartier champion 3-year-old **Almanzor (Fr)** (Wootton Bassett {GB}) and the likes of Minding, Galileo Gold, **Hawkbill** (Kitten's Joy), **Queen's Trust (GB)** (Dansili {GB}) and **Seventh Heaven (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}).

The G1 Gold Cup could see a clash between defending winner **Order Of St George (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) and French stayer **Vazirabad (Fr)** (Manduro {Ger}), while American trainer Mark Casse, successful at last year's meeting with Tepin (Bernstein), could send **La Coronel** (Colonel John) for the G1 Coronation S.

The G1 Diamond Jubilee S. could see a rematch between **The Right Man (GB)** (Lope De Vega {Ire}) and **Long On Value** (Value Plus), one-two in the G1 Al Quoz Sprint in March and separated by a nose. They could face the likes of **Acapulco** (Scat Daddy), **Quiet Reflection (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}) and **Limato (Ire)** (Tagula {Ire}).

Nick Smith, Director of Racing and Communications for Ascot Racecourse, said, "We are pleased with the strong entries for the eight Group 1 contests at Royal Ascot this year, including a high-quality U.S. contingent. Tepin's win last year was a significant moment and has clearly opened up options for Mark Casse and other leading U.S. trainers, some of whom have not had runners with us before. The strength in depth in Australia isn't as evident as usual and, with Jameka having suffered travel sickness during her preparation to travel, we will turn our attention to 2018 and hopefully see Winx's participation."

He added, "Sixties Song, for Argentina, is on course for the King George, which would be exciting and break new ground. South America is very much an emerging force in world racing and it is testament to what has been achieved there that he gained a rating of 120 for winning the Granpremio Latinoamericano."

Click here for a statistical breakdown of the Royal Ascot Group 1 entries.

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NEW DERBY QUALIFIER AT EPSOM

The winner of the 2-year-old conditions race at Epsom Downs's final fixture of the racing season will from this year receive an automatic entry to the following year's G1 Investec Derby. The race is staged over one mile and 113 yards, and is this year set for Oct. 1. If not already entered as a yearling or a gelding, the winner of the totepool Conditions Race will gain an entry in the Investec Derby. Connections of the winner, if they want to remain in the Investec Derby, would pay the normal fees at the subsequent scratchings' deadlines the following year.

There are four other routes to Derby entry: the yearling entry stage, the second entry stage in April of the horse's 3-year-old year, by winning the Investec Derby Trial or at the five-day supplementary stage.

"This new initiative gives an added dimension to the end of the season at the historic home of the Investec Derby," said Andrew Cooper, Head of Racing and Clerk of the Course at Epsom Downs Racecourse. "Classics are all about keeping the dream alive and connections of the winning horse in the totepool Conditions Race will have plenty of time to contemplate all the possibilities over the winter months."

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LONGINES PRESENTS TIMEKEEPING TECHNOLOGY

Longines on Wednesday held a demonstration day at Hoppegarten Racecourse in Germany to present its range of timekeeping services. Those include the Longines Positioning System, which provides instant data on the exact position of horses during a race, their ranking, the distance between horses and their speed. The Longines Positioning System delivers accuracy down to five centimeters and up to 1000 measurements per second. Longines has also made available a lighter technology version using GPS satellites instead of LPS beacons called the Longines GNSS.

Longines also presented its second screen application during the demonstration day. This technology delivers to smart phones and tablets detailed statistics about horses in real-time, such as average speed or intermediate time.

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Wednesday's Results:

2nd-EPS, £50,000, Cond, 4-26, 3yo, 10f 18yT, 2:10.73, gd. **CRACKSMAN (GB) (c, 3, Frankel {GB}--Rhadegunda {GB} {SW-Fr}, by Pivotal {GB})**, a first-up winner over Newmarket's Rowley Mile in his only prior appearance on Oct. 19, recovered from a slightly sluggish start to track the leaders in third after the opening exchanges of this Investec Derby Trial. Taking closer order on the descent to Tattenham Corner into the straight, the 4-6 favourite was shuffled back to fourth with three furlongs remaining and ran on strongly under a tender drive once angled into the clear to reel in Permian (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) and deny that rival by a short head in the final stride. "They went no pace, he was truly shut in and couldn't get out, but I was delighted how he picked up," commented trainer John Gosden. "He is pretty laid back and very inexperienced on the track, and I think [if there was] more pace he would have won easier. I like the fact he finished strong, I'm very pleased with him and he will come on a bundle for it. We will go for another run and, whether it is Chester or York, we will see how he comes out of the race." Jockey Frankie Dettori added, "He has been very green and lazy at home and we got him here to educate him. Everything fell right, he jumped okay and got a nice tow into the race. They slowed right up and it was a three-furlong sprint, which would not suit him, but at least he learnt how to quicken down the hill and get out of trouble. It was a good, educational run." The homebred bay is out of Listed Prix Solitude winner Rhadegunda (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) and is a half-brother to G3 Solario S. victor Fantastic Moon (GB) (Dalakhani {Ire}) and the 2-year-old colt Military Band (GB) (New Approach {Ire}). Rhadegunda, herself a half-sister to the dual stakes-placed stayer Halla San (GB) (Halling), is out of a winning daughter of G1 1000 Guineas and G1 Sussex S. heroine On The House (Fr) (Be My Guest), from a family which also includes G1 Coronation S. and G1 Sussex S. victress Rebecca Sharp (GB) (Machiavellian), and MG1SW European highweight and G1 Epsom Derby-winning sire Golden Horn (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $47,924. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton**.

O-A E Oppenheimer; B-Hascombe & Valiant Studs (GB); T-John Gosden.

Cracksman | *Racing Post*

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5th-EPS, £6,000, Mdn, 4-26, 3-4yo, 8f 114yT, 1:47.06, gd. **LEADER'S LEGACY (c, 3, War Front--Bauble Queen {GSW-US, $221,257}, by Arch)**, a debut sixth behind the 'TDN Rising Star' performance of Best of Days (GB) (Azamour {Ire}) going a shade over seven panels at Sandown last time on July 20, stalked the pace in fourth from the outset of this sophomore return. Hurried along approaching the three-eighths marker, the 11-8 chalk swooped for control with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining and was pushed clear in the latter stages to score by four lengths from Romanor (GB) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}). The $900,000 KEESEP yearling is the first foal and winner produced by GII Robert J Frankel S. victress Bauble Queen (Arch), and he is a full-brother to the 2-year-old colt Blitzkrieg, and half to a colt foal by Malibu Moon. Bauble Queen, herself a half-sister to the stakes-winning Leamington (Pleasant Tap), is out of a winning daughter of

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GI Apple Blossom H. and GI Milady H. heroine By Land By Sea (Sauce Boat), and is from a family which includes GI Haskell Invitational third Like a Hero (Pleasant Colony) and MGSW G1 Prix du Jockey Club runner-up Lord Flasheart (Blush Rambler). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $4,984. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton**.
O-Godolphin; B-Ramona S Bass LLC (KY); T-Saeed bin Suroor.

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3rd-CAB, £6,000, Mdn, 4-26, 3yo, f, 7fT, 1:25.99, g/f. **GHADAAYER (IRE) (f, 3, Shamardal--Eldalil {GB} {GSP-Eng}, by Singspiel {Ire})**, who was last seen finishing third in the seven-furlong Kempton maiden in November won by the subsequent G3 Nell Gwyn S. heroine Daban (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}) and in which the recent Newmarket maiden scorer Tomyris (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) was a place behind, was quickly away to dispute the lead with Aimez la Vie (Ire) (Arcano {Ire}). Beginning to assert approaching the furlong pole, the 2-1 second favourite had command soon after and hit the line with 1 1/2 lengths to spare. The dam is the G2 Ribblesdale S. runner-up Eldalil, whose half-sister Madam President (GB) (Royal Applause {GB}) produced the G3 Round Tower S. winner and G1 Phoenix S. third Cappella Sansevero (GB) (Showcasing {GB}) who was also second in the G2 Coventry S. She is from a family that Sir Michael Stoute knows well, having handled the John Greetham owned-and-bred group-winning trio of Whitewater Affair (GB) (Machiavellian), Short Skirt (GB) (Diktat {GB}) and Little Rock (GB) (Warning {GB}). The former, who was successful in the G2 Prix de Pomone and was runner-up in the G1 Yorkshire Oaks, was later the dam of Japan's champion and G1 Dubai World Cup hero Victoire Pisa (Jpn) and fellow sire Asakusa Den'en (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}). Eldalil has a 2-year-old daughter of Teofilo (Ire) named Nasq (Ire) and a yearling filly by Cape Cross (Ire). Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-2, $6,211. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton**.
O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Estate Company Limited (IRE); T-Sir Michael Stoute.

2nd-LIN, £4,500, Mdn, 4-26, 3yo, 7f 1y (AWT), 1:23.31, st. **+CASIMIRO (IRE) (g, 3, Casamento {Ire}--Glyndebourne, by Rahy)**, who started at 10-1, broke well to gain a perfect stalking position behind the leading pair. Sent to the front passing the furlong marker, the €41,000 GOFNOV foal and 75,000gns TAOCT yearling quickly had total control and had 3 3/4 lengths to spare over Time's Arrow (Ire) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) at the line. The dam, who also has a 2-year-old colt by Born To Sea (Ire) and a yearling colt by Alhebayeb (Ire), is a half to the useful MGSP Portrayal (Saint Ballado) whose daughter Come Alive (GB) (Dansili {GB}) was a listed winner for Godolphin. The third dam is the influential G3 Prix de Royaumont winner Truly Special (Ire) (Caerleon), whose descendants include the sire Catcher In the Rye (Ire) and the trio of high-class fillies Dream Peace (Ire) (Dansili {GB}), L'Ancresse (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}) and Moonstone (GB) (Dalakhani {Ire}), the latter of which captured the G1 Irish Oaks. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $3,738. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton**.
O-P Inglett & P Hearson; B-Ballybrennan Stud (IRE); T-Roger Charlton.

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4th-EPS, £45,000, Hcp, 4-26, 4yo/up, 10f 18yT, 2:07.89, gd. **BROROCCO (GB) (g, 4, Shirocco {Ger}--Lady Brora {GB}, by Dashing Blade {GB})** Lifetime Record: 15-3-1-3, $61,208.
O-Kingsclere Racing Club; B-Kingsclere Stud (GB); T-Andrew Balding. *1/2 to Elm Park (GB) (Phoenix Reach {Ire}), G1SW-Eng, $448,367.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Regicide (Ire), g, 4, **Archipenko**--Armoise (GB), by Sadler's Wells. LNG, 4-26, 10f (AWT), 2:04.62. B-Flaxman Stables Ireland Ltd (IRE). *65,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT.

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SAUBOUAS CONSIGNS TOP TWO AT OSARUS

Paul Basquin's Haras du Saubouas, located about an hour and 15 minutes northwest of Toulouse, had a banner day at Wednesday's Osarus Breeze-Up Sale at La Teste, consigning the session's top two offerings.

Sales-topping lot 46 | *Osarus photo*

The afternoon's top seller on a bid of €77,000 from Richard Venn Bloodstock was lot 46 (under-tack preview), the already named Teni City (Fr), a daughter of Haras d'Etreham's up-and-coming Wootton Bassett (GB), whose progeny include the sensational G1 Prix du Jockey Club, G1 Irish Champion S. and G1 QIPCO British Champion S. hero and European champion Almanzor (Fr). Bred by Philip Mahler, lot 46 was making her third trip through a sales ring, having fetched €6,500 as a weanling at the 2015 Arqana December sale before being purchased by Saubouas for €45,000 at this auction house's September yearling sale.

The Saubouas-consigned lot 72 (under-tack preview) made for another successful resell when hammering to trainer Christophe Ferland for €60,000. The bay filly, an €8,000 graduate of the 2015 Arqana December sale, was scooped up by Saubouas for €20,000 at this venue last September. Lot 72 is the first produce for her winning dam Danoya (Fr) (Raven's Pass), while her first-crop sire Penny's Picnic (Ire) (Kheleyf {GB}) was a dual Group winner in France at two and was third in the G3 Prix Djebel in 2013. Penny's Picnic has been represented by two placed runners from three to race from his first 2-year-olds. Saubouas finished the sale as the leading vendor for the third year running.

From a catalogue that was about 33% leaner than last year, a total of 33 horses were reported as sold from 60 through the ring for €611,000. The average of €18,567 was substantially unchanged year-over-year, while the median price of €14,000 was ahead by 7.7%.

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EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

IN SOUTH AFRICA:

My Angelface (GB), f, 4, **Pivotal (GB)**--Triskel (GB) (SW-Ire), by Hawk Wing. Vaal, 4-25, Maiden Plate, 1700mT, 1:45.78. O-Mauritzfontein (Pty) Ltd (Nom: Miss J B Slack); B-D Curran; T-Michael F De Kock. *75,000gns Wlg '13 TATDEC; €260,000 Ylg '14 GOFORB.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

INGLIS LAUNCHES DIGITAL PLATFORM

Inglis will stage monthly online auctions on Inglis Digital, its new online auction platform, beginning on May 26. The inaugural online auction, which will offer free entry to vendors, will run May 26 from 3 p.m. to May 31 at 5 p.m. Each sale thereafter will close on the last Wednesday of the month, with the catalogue opening for bidding the Friday before. Entries will be accepted for each sale up until two days prior to its opening. Inglis Digital will replace all Inglis Sydney mixed sales. After the first sale, there will be an entry fee of A$199, with a flat rate of 5% commission on completed sales and no pass-in commission payable.

Inglis's Digital Business Manager Nick Melmeth said of online auctions, "They offer vendors and buyers a simple and convenient service for trading all facets of bloodstock through a trusted name with a wealth of experience. Both vendors and buyers alike can take comfort out of the fact that the new online selling format is backed by the tried and true services of a regular Inglis sale, the only difference being the sale ring is now at your fingertips. As part of a registered auction house, Inglis Digital will provide all of the regular administration services for transferring horse identification documents and ownership, as well as providing guaranteed payment to vendors for completed sales. This is something that no other online bloodstock sale currently offers."

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CHAUTAUQUA'S DAM TO 'BLUE'

Lovely Jubly (Aus) (Lion Hunter {Aus}), the dam of champion sprinter Chautauqua (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}), will visit European 2-year-old champion Air Force Blue (War Front) during his first shuttle trip to Coolmore Australia later this year.

Air Force Blue | *Coolmore*

Edwina Throsby, whose family's Woodbury Pty Ltd owns Lovely Jubly, said, "The mating was recommended to us by our advisors and having done our research into Air Force Blue, we were more than happy to go with him. He was clearly an exceptionally fast, precocious horse and the more I read about him, the more I liked him."

The 6-year-old gelding Chautauqua recorded his sixth Group 1 win with his third straight score in the G1 TJ Smith S. at The Championships on Apr. 2, where he came from last to notch one of the most impressive wins at the meeting.

Throsby added, "We are having incredible fun with Chautauqua. He is an amazing horse in so many ways. If anyone had told me in the spring of 2013 that we would be where we are now, with him having won six Group 1s and over A$8-million in prizemoney, I wouldn't have believed them. It's been a great experience with him right from the very start and it seems fitting that the mare will visit a Coolmore stallion in 2017 given that the Encosta de Lago nomination from which Chautauqua was conceived was purchased through the bush-fire appeal that Coolmore ran in 2009."

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AUSTRALIAN-BRED WINNERS

IN HONG KONG:

Victory Marvel (Aus), g, 4, **I Am Invincible (Aus)**--Senro Kisaki (Aus), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). Happy Valley, 4-26, Hcp. *(A$301k)*, 1200mT, 1:09.59. B-I K Smith (NSW). *A$60,000 Ylg '14 MMGCYS. **VIDEO**

IN SOUTH AFRICA:

Oh Susanna (Aus), f, 2, **Street Cry (Ire)**--Sharp Susan (MGSW & GISP-US, $478,326), by Touch Gold. Kenilworth, 4-26, Maiden Juvenile Plate, 1200mT, 1:12.62. O/B-Drakenstein Stud (Nom: Mrs G A Rupert); T-Justin Snaith. *1/2 to Indiano Jones (A.P. Indy), MGSP, $145,583.

FOALING NEWS

EVITA PERON (GB), 6, Pivotal (GB)--Entente Cordial (IRE), by Ela-Mana-Mou (IRE)
Foal born Jan. 27, a filly by Invincible Spirit (IRE)
Will be bred back to Frankel (GB).
Owned by Newsells Park Stud.
Accomplishments: MSW & GSP-Eng & GSP-Ger, $118,434.

KINNAIRD (IRE), 16, Dr Devious (IRE)--Ribot's Guest (IRE), by Be My Guest
Foal born Jan. 29, a colt by Oasis Dream (GB)
Will be bred back to Invincible Spirit (IRE)
Owned by Newsells Park Stud.
Accomplishments: GSW-Eng, G1SP-Fr, MSGP-Ire, $406,445. Dam of Berkshire (Ire) (Mount Nelson {GB}), MGSW-Eng, $251,161.

LADY FRANCESCA (GB), 11, Montjeu (IRE)--Purring, by Mountain Cat
Foal born Feb. 1, a colt by Muhaarar (GB)
Will be bred back to Shalaa (IRE)
Owned by Newsells Park Stud.
Accomplishments: SP-Eng & SP-Fr, $104,074.

LADY DARSHAAN (IRE), 10, High Chaparral (IRE)--Diary (IRE), by Green Desert
Foal born Feb. 18, a colt by Kodiac (GB)
Will be bred back to Le Havre (IRE)
Owned by Newsells Park Stud.
Accomplishments: G1SP-Eng, $123,743.

GIANT'S PLAY, 10, Giant's Causeway--Playful Act (IRE0, by Sadler's Wells
Foal born Feb. 22, a filly by Dubawi (IRE)
Will be bred back to Frankel (GB)
Owned by Newsells Park Stud.
Accomplishments: GSW, $159,449.

PELERIN (IRE), 6, Sharmadal--Fragrancy (IRE0, by Singspiel (IRE)
Foal born Feb. 25, a colt by Siyouni (FR)
Will be bred back to Kodiac (GB)
Owned by Newsells Park Stud.
Accomplishments: GSP-Ity & GSP-Eng, $152,593.

2014 Crop Year Report By Earnings

for stallions standing in Europe through Tuesday, Apr.25

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	**Galileo (Ire)**	8	17	6	13	3	7	87	36	$769,491	$2,989,666
	(1998) by Sadler's Wells FYR: 2003 Crops: 13 Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire (n/a)									*Churchill (IRE)*	
2	**Kodiac (GB)**	6	18	3	9	--	1	91	44	$168,785	$1,570,410
	(2001) by Danehill FYR: 2008 Crops: 8 Stands: Tally-Ho Stud Ire (€50,000)									*Second Thought (IRE)*	
3	**Dark Angel (Ire)**	6	10	4	8	--	--	119	57	$119,433	$1,370,628
	(2005) by Acclamation (GB) FYR: 2009 Crops: 7 Stands: Yeomanstown Stud Ire (€65,000)									*Markazi (FR)*	
4	**Myboycharlie (Ire)**	3	5	2	2	--	--	72	28	$99,700	$1,092,633
	(2005) by Danetime (Ire) FYR: 2011 Crops: 5 Stands: Haras du Mezeray Fr (€4,500)									*Royal by Nature (IRE)*	
5	**Fastnet Rock (Aus)**	3	7	3	3	2	2	60	24	$282,483	$1,084,526
	(2001) by Danehill FYR: 2011 Crops: 4 Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire (n/a)									*Rivet (IRE)*	
6	**Invincible Spirit (Ire)**	1	8	1	5	1	1	88	37	$269,373	$1,074,590
	(1997) by Green Desert FYR: 2004 Crops: 12 Stands: Irish National Stud Ire (€120,000)									*National Defense (GB)*	
7	**Sir Prancealot (Ire)**	2	5	1	2	--	--	80	45	$290,961	$1,035,951
	(2010) by Tamayuz (GB) FYR: 2014 Crops: 2 Stands: Tally-Ho Stud Ire (€8,000)									*Stormy Clouds (IRE)*	
8	**Shamardal**	5	6	3	4	--	2	56	26	$347,725	$1,001,170
	(2002) by Giant's Causeway FYR: 2007 Crops: 10 Stands: Kildangan Stud Ire (n/a)									*Blue Point (IRE)*	
9	**Acclamation (GB)**	2	5	2	2	--	1	75	33	$421,796	$983,984
	(1999) by Royal Applause (GB) FYR: 2005 Crops: 11 Stands: Rathbarry Stud Ire (€30,000)									*Mehmas (IRE)*	
10	**Frankel (GB)**	7	11	7	9	1	1	53	27	$183,677	$882,728
	(2008) by Galileo (Ire) FYR: 2014 Crops: 2 Stands: Banstead Manor Stud Eng (£125,000)									*Queen Kindly (GB)*	
11	**Helmet (Aus)**	2	5	1	3	1	1	59	22	$277,692	$836,562
	(2008) by Exceed and Excel (Aus) FYR: 2014 Crops: 2 Stands: Dalham Hall Stud Eng (£10,000)									*Thunder Snow (IRE)*	
12	**Arcano (Ire)**	--	1	--	--	--	--	55	26	$208,793	$818,952
	(2007) by Oasis Dream (GB) FYR: 2012 Crops: 4 Stands: Allevamento di Besnate Ity (€6,000)									*Mubtasim (IRE)*	
13	**Exceed and Excel (Aus)**	2	5	2	3	--	1	84	41	$83,031	$806,494
	(2000) by Danehill FYR: 2006 Crops: 10 Stands: Kildangan Stud Ire (€50,000)									*Yalta (IRE)*	
14	**Kendargent (Fr)**	2	4	1	2	--	--	72	20	$120,168	$732,853
	(2003) by Kendor (Fr) FYR: 2009 Crops: 7 Stands: Haras de Colleville Fr (€22,000)									*Soleil Marin (IRE)*	
15	**Harbour Watch (Ire)**	2	3	1	1	--	--	84	26	$98,957	$699,212
	(2009) by Acclamation (GB) FYR: 2014 Crops: 2 Stands: Tweenhills Farm & Stud Eng (£6,000)									*Tis Marvellous (GB)*	

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