

MONDAY'S TRACKSIDE DERBY REPORT



Gunnevera | *Sherackatthetrack*

by Steve Sherack

LOUISVILLE, Ky - Heavy overnight rain made way for a much cooler morning as the Steve Asmussen-trained trio of GI Kentucky Derby breezers headlined Monday's activity.

Always Dreaming (Bodemeister), a jaw-dropping winner of the GI Florida Derby, continues to generate plenty of talk on the backstretch and was one of the first horses out to train over Churchill's sloppy surface at 5:45 a.m. The dark bay has been a real handful during his preparations since arriving from South Florida, and trainer Todd Pletcher switched things up a bit Monday, sending the dark bay out equipped with draw reins and a different exercise rider, Nick Bush. Always Dreaming fired a five-furlong bullet in :59.60 at Churchill Friday.

"He was better with it. I think he was getting the idea," Bush told the Derby notes team while Pletcher added, "He'll be better tomorrow. It's going to be O.K."

'TDN Rising Star' Untrapped (Trappe Shot) (:50.40) and **Lookin At Lee** (Lookin At Lucky) (:50.20) were also at it early for the Asmussen barn, turning in four-furlong maintenance moves over the saturated surface.

With temperatures hovering in the high 50s, the sun began to emerge as the main track was being harrowed just prior to the exclusive 15-minute training period reserved for the Derby/Oaks horses.

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IRISH WAR CRY TO HILL 'N' DALE AT CONCLUSION OF RACING CAREER

The breeding rights to GI Wood Memorial winner **Irish War Cry** (Curlin--Irish Sovereign, by Polish Numbers) have been purchased by a group of breeders and he will stand next to his sire at Hill 'n' Dale Farm at the conclusion of his racing career, Bradley Weisbord, whose BSW Bloodstock brokered the deal, told *TDN* Monday. The group includes Hill 'n' Dale's John Sikura, Glen Hill Farm's Craig Bernick, SF Bloodstock, Colts Neck Stables, the China Horse Club, Bobby Flay, Sol Kumin and Vincent Viola.

"Curlin has rapidly become one of the world's leading sires," Sikura said. "Adding his outstanding son Irish War Cry to our roster is very exciting. We think he is a colt of Classic ability and a world-class group of investors has been assembled to support him upon retirement."

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CLOTH OF STARS GETS HIS GROUP 1 WIN

Godolphin's **Cloth Of Stars (Ire)** (Sea The Stars (Ire)) was a narrow winner of the G1 Prix Ganay at Saint Cloud on Monday. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Europe.](#)

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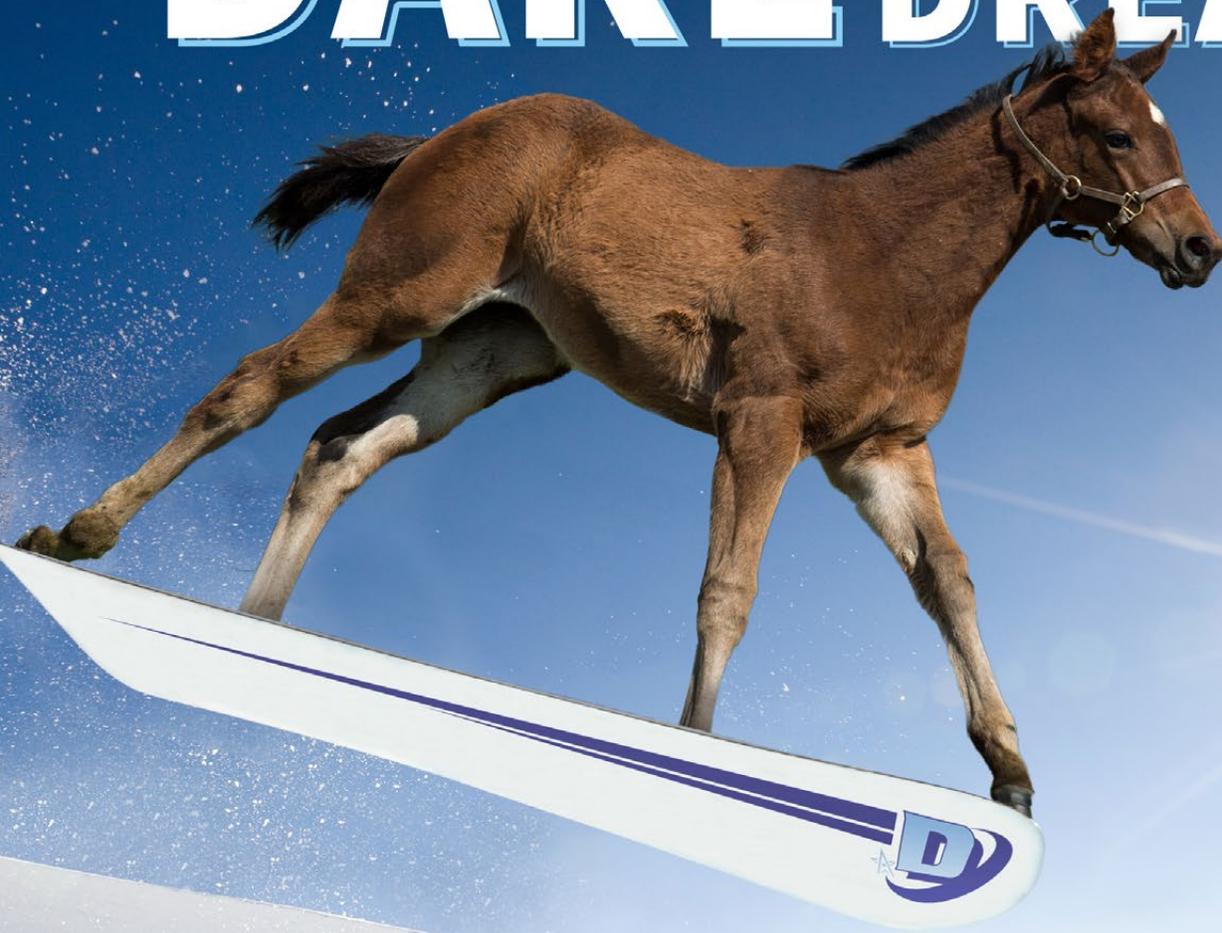
Breeders of Irap, recent winner of the Blue Grass S. (G2) and a contender in Saturday's Kentucky Derby (G1).

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Lee looking at Lookin At Lee. Outrider Lee Lockwood watches Lookin At Lee's 4-furlong work Monday morning at Churchill Downs. Kentucky Derby coverage continues on page 3. | Coady Photography

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T.D. Thornton gives his final run-down in the TDN's Derby Top 20.

FARRELL CARRIES CHICAGO'S HOPES IN OAKS

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Michael Adolphson checks in with Coffeepot Stable's Bob Cummings and Annette Bacola, who send Farrell (Malibu Moon) postward in Friday's GI Kentucky Oaks.



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Monday's Trackside Derby Report

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The first to step foot on the track at 8:30 a.m. was **Hence** (Street Boss), who was once again led out by Asmussen aboard his stable pony. The long-striding GIII Sunland Derby winner was credited with a four-furlong move in :48.80 over the upgraded "good" going. Hence continues to make a very good physical impression beneath the Twin Spires, as does the GII Blue Grass S. upsetter **Irap** (Tiznow), who galloped a strong 1 1/2 miles.

Gunnevera (Dialed In)'s chestnut coat shined bright in the Kentucky sun as he entered the track by the chute while the nearby **Practical Joke** (Into Mischief), unblinker again, enjoyed a moment to take in his surroundings.

The Pletcher pair of **Tapwrit** (Tapit) and the one-eyed fan favorite **'TDN Rising Star' Patch** (Union Rags) traveled over the ground nicely during their gallops. Despite a disappointing fifth in the Blue Grass, Tapwrit does have a bit of history on his side.

Invisible Ink and Bluegrass Cat, also conditioned by Pletcher, were able to rebound from similarly disappointing efforts in Lexington to complete the exacta at 55-1 and 30-1 on the First Saturday in May, respectively.

Champion **Classic Empire** (Pioneerof the Nile), with regular exercise rider Martin Rivera (awfully hard to miss sporting those red chaps) aboard, has been on his best behavior since joining the special Derby training period the past two days.

The maiden of 10 starts **Sonneteer** (Midnight Lute) zipped through a four-furlong bullet in :47, his first timed workout since finishing a rallying fourth in the GI Arkansas Derby Apr. 15.

'TDN Rising Star' Battle of Midway (Smart Strike), a very game runner-up in the GI Santa Anita Derby, made the trip from Southern California in good form for Hall of Famer Jerry

Hollendorfer, if his first tour around the Churchill main track late Monday morning was any indication.



Classic Empire | *Sherackatthetrack*

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TAPWRIT - NEXT STOP...THE KENTUCKY DERBY (G1)

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ASMUSSEN DERBY TRIO TUNE UP

Trainer Steve Asmussen's three GI Kentucky Derby hopefuls each turned in half-mile works at Churchill Downs Monday. **Untrapped** (Trappe Shot) went the four furlongs in :50.40, while **Lookin at Lee** (Lookin at Lucky) worked in :50.20, both over a track labeled sloppy.



Untrapped | Coady Photography

"I love the way both are doing," Asmussen said. "They both ran in the GI Arkansas Derby three weeks ago, so they're plenty fit. I like how

they're traveling over the track right now."

Michael Langford's **Untrapped**, second in the GIII LeComte S. and GII Risen Star S., was third in the GII Rebel S. and sixth in the Arkansas Derby. He galloped out five furlongs in 1:03.80 with splits of :12.60, :25.20 and :37.6.

L and N Racing's **Lookin at Lee**, third in the Arkansas Derby, galloped out five furlongs in 1:03.60. His splits were :12.80, :25.40 and :37.80.

Calumet Farm's **Hence** (Street Boss), working after the renovation break and over a track labeled good, went in :48.40. He galloped out five furlongs in 1:01.80 and six furlongs in 1:16.40 under exercise rider Angel Garcia.

"We know he's fast," Asmussen said of the GIII Sunland Derby winner. "It's just a matter of managing his speed. Angel has done a great job with him."



Hence | Coady Photography

Also working at Churchill Downs Monday, Calumet Farm's **Sonneteer** (Midnight Lute)

worked a half-mile in :47 flat. The dark bay colt, second in the Rebel and fourth in the Arkansas Derby, worked in splits of :11.80, :23.20, :35.20 and galloped out five furlongs in :59.60 and six furlongs in 1:13.60.



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"It was a good work," jockey Corey Lanerie, who was substituting for the travel-delayed Kent Desormeaux, said. "[Trainer] Keith [Desormeaux] said he wanted a good stiff work and hopefully he got it. He did everything I asked and seems like a nice laid back horse. He galloped out real nice."

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Irish War Cry to Hill 'n' Dale on Retirement *(cont. from p1)*

Irish War Cry will continue to be solely campaigned by owner Isabelle De Tomaso and will race in her silks. Graham Motion will continue to train the horse until his retirement.

The striking chestnut, was tabbed a 'TDN Rising Star' after his debut win at Laurel last November before adding a win in the Marylander S. in December. He won the GII Lambholm South Holy Bull S. in his sophomore debut and enters Saturday's GI Kentucky Derby off a win in the Apr. 8 Wood Memorial.

"This is a win-win for all involved," said Weisbord. "We are excited to be part of the career of such a brilliant horse, and BSW Bloodstock is grateful we were able to bring together such an outstanding group of partners to build on his legacy."

Curlin, whose five 2016 Grade I winners included Preakness S. winner Exaggerator, currently stands at Hill 'n' Dale for \$150,000.

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DERBY 20 by T.D. Thornton

With Wednesday's draw looming for the GI Kentucky Derby, this is how the *TDN* Top 20 contenders shake out as an aggregate:

- The No. 1 and No. 2 colts on this list both possess the shimmering, raw potential that suggests either one could be capable of pulling off a crop-defining Derby win with enough momentum moving forward to be a legitimate Triple Crown threat.
- Nos. 3, 4, and 5 in the rankings are all professional and polished enough to demonstrate Derby-winning ability on their best days.
- Between Nos. 6 and 12 you have a solid tier of contenders who have the ability to make a big leap forward, perhaps into the winner's circle if other variables and breaks go their way.
- From No. 13 on down, you have to do a fair amount of creative handicapping to paint plausible scenarios that culminate with a blanket of roses draped around those horses on Saturday.

Please note that the rankings below are independent from the "Road to the Derby" points leaderboard that Churchill Downs will use to determine actual starting berths; that list can be accessed [here](#).

1. (Apr. 18 Rank: 1) ALWAYS DREAMING (c, **Bodemeister--Above Perfection**, by **In Excess {Ire}**)

O-Brooklyn Boyz Stables, Teresa Viola Racing Stables et al. B-Santa Rosa Partners (KY). T-Todd A. Pletcher. Sales History: \$350,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GISW, 5-3-1-1, \$648,900.

Last Start: 1st, **GI Xpressbet Florida Derby**, GP, Apr. 1

Thoro-Graph sheet, **EquineLine PPs**

KY Derby Points: 100

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Always Dreaming is riding the crest of the crop at a crucial time, although being a lightly raced Derby favorite is not without its perils. He gets high marks not only for what he's accomplished (only Derby entrant to have won two nine-furlong races), but the manner in which he's done it--his scintillating score in the Florida Derby was by far the most visually impressive of all the nine-furlong Kentucky Derby preps.

Always Dreaming comes out of the gate running, responds well when cued to settle, slips into an intimidating stalk mode in seemingly effortless manner, and always appears in sync with jockey John Velazquez, extending fluidly and solidly when roused for the drive. He has a presence that belies his lack of seasoning (five starts overall; three tries to break maiden), but at this point on the Triple Crown trail, the true promise of a potential superstar hinges more on what he can produce advancing forward than what has been on his resume since debuting last July 1. If you like him in the betting, be aware that his status as a "headline horse" is going to cost you a point or two in the mutuels, especially since his final five-furlong bullet (1/35) workout last Friday (:59.60) is getting wide play as a monster move, and trainer Pletcher used colorful phrasing to describe how the colt "demolished" his breakfast afterwards. He's the horse to beat on Saturday, for certain. Just don't make the mistake of thinking he's unbeatable.

2. (2) IRISH WAR CRY (c, **Curlin--Irish Sovereign**, by **Polish Numbers**)

'**TDN Rising Star**' O/B-Isabelle de Tomaso (NJ). T-H. Graham Motion. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 5-4-0-0, \$699,460.

Last Start: 1st, **GII Wood Memorial S.**, AQU, Apr. 8

Accomplishments: 1st, **GII Lambholm South Holy Bull S.**, GP, Feb. 4, 1st, **Marylander S.**, LRL, Jan. 23

Thoro-Graph sheet, **EquineLine PPs**, **Caulfield on Irish War Cry**
KY Derby Points: 110



Brookdale Raised for Isabelle de Tomaso



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Have you noticed that much of the talk involving the projected Derby pace and the likely tactics of this year's speedsters seems to involve backing off and not letting 'em rip straight from the gate? I'd love to see a sneak attack of sorts from Irish War Cry. Although trainer Motion has been attempting to get him to settle, why risk stalling the colt behind horses when his top tactical weapon could be to establish an assertive early lead as soon as they spring the latch and then let the rest of the cavalry charge try to catch him if they can?



Irish War Cry | Sarah Andrew

I was especially impressed with his wire-to-wire Holy Bull S. win, in which this 'TDN Rising Star's defining moment came when he quickened away from juvenile champ Classic Empire (Pioneer of the Nile) without being asked before bounding home willingly, with a nice reach, fluid extension, and plenty left in the tank. He's since thrown in a clunker (Fountain of Youth S. seventh), but then rebounded smartly with an emphatic dismantling of the Wood Memorial field in his final Derby prep.

The comeback of jockey Rajiv Maragh from a devastating racing accident, the prudent, erudite conditioning methodologies of trainer Motion, and the low-key historical significance of the New Jersey-bred colt's owner/breeder all make for terrific storylines leading into the Derby. But none of that should overshadow the raw, pure talent of Irish War Cry himself, because that could end up being the dominant motif if he delivers the elite performance that I believe is within the scope of his ability going 10 furlongs on the first Saturday in May.

3. (3) MCCRAKEN (c, Ghostzapper--Ivory Empress, by Seeking the Gold)

'TDN Rising Star' O/B-Whitham Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY). T-Ian R. Wilkes. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 5-4-0-1, \$410,848. Last Start: 3rd, GII Toyota Blue Grass S., KEE, Apr. 8. Accomplishments Include: 1st, GIII Sam F. Davis S., TAM, Feb. 11, 1st, GII Kentucky Jockey Club S., CD, Nov. 26, 1st, Street Sense S., CD, Oct. 30. Thoro-Graph sheet, EquineLine PPs, Caulfield on McCracken. KY Derby Points: 40

LAMBHOLM SOUTH Training Graduate

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The colts ranked above McCracken, Always Dreaming and Irish War Cry, earned their top spots based on flash, panache, and my perception that each could be capable of delivering far more than we've seen so far. McCracken, on the other hand, has been solidly ranked at or near the top of the *TDN* Top 20 since January based on consistency, reliability, and the way he executed his job with professionalism while going undefeated through his first four starts. "A lot of horses have the talent, but they don't have the class. This horse has the class," said trainer Wilkes. "You can have all the talent in the world, but if they can't handle the pressure, that's the difference. The horse with class can handle the pressure and get better."

You have to consider his subpar third in the Blue Grass S. an anomaly if you're to have full confidence in this '**TDN Rising Star**' moving forward, and I agree with Wilkes's assessment that missed training and a missed prep (strained ankle) earlier in the season caused McCracken to bounce at Keeneland. I feel like he is back into his rhythm," Wilkes said after Sunday's 1:00.80 breeze (10/33) at Churchill Downs. "The Blue Grass was a little different for him in that he was fresh and didn't switch leads and that took away from his punch."



McCracken | SV Photography

McCracken has previously displayed a keen sense of being in control without being overly aggressive, and he has the ability to shift smoothly into multiple gears when asked. It's also a huge plus that he's 3-for-3 over the Churchill strip.

4. (5) CLASSIC EMPIRE (c, Pioneer of the Nile--Sambuca Classica, by Cat Thief)

O-John C. Oxley. B-Steven & Brandi Nicholson (KY). T-Mark E. Casse. Sales History: \$475,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: Ch. 2yo Colt, MGISW, 7-5-0-1, \$2,120,220.

Last Start: 1st, **GI Arkansas Derby**, OP, Apr. 15

Accomplishments Include: 1st, **GI Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Juvenile**, SA, Nov. 5, 1st, **GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity**, KEE, Oct. 8, 1st, **GIII Bashford Manor S.**, CD, July 2.

Thoro-Graph sheet, EquineLine PPs, Caulfield on Classic Empire
KY Derby Points: 132



If he wins the Derby, Classic Empire will certainly be able to provide an "overcoming adversity" storyline ripe with cinematic arc: The 2-year-old champ, known to be a bit of a head case, falls on hard times early in his 3-year-old season, recovers from

a foot abscess only to develop a mysterious back ailment that presumably makes him not want to train, then redeems himself in the very last prep race of the season by storming to victory in impressive fashion.

So how will the next chapter--the Kentucky Derby itself--turn out? There's no question where trainer Casse stands on the issue. "His work gave me chills," Casse said after last Thursday's :49.20 half-mile breeze (47/84) at Churchill Downs. "I said a couple months ago when everyone was giving us a tough time, this is like a baseball game. It



Classic Empire | Coady Photography

doesn't matter how many runs you score, it just matters if you're ahead in the last inning. I feel like we have the bases loaded." Based solely on the visual aspect of his Arkansas Derby win, Classic Empire looked like he could have run straight over the competition rather than past them if he had wanted to. But when you factor in the quality of who he beat, the prognostication gets murky: The tired 2-3-4 horses that Classic Empire blew by in deep stretch were all double-digit long shots, and the other three horses out of the Arkansas Derby that are advancing to Churchill have won zero races combined in 2017. His company through the lane in Louisville will be far more formidable, but if Classic Empire has truly reverted to the prime form that he displayed in winning the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, he is more than capable of slugging it out with the division's best.

5. (11) TAPWRIT (c, Tapit--Appealing Zophie, by Successful Appeal)

O-Bridlewood Farm, Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners & Robert V. LaPenta. B-My Meadowview, LLC (KY). T-Todd A. Pletcher. Sales History: \$1,200,000 Ylg '15 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: GSW, 6-3-1-0, \$343,902.

Last Start: 5th, **GII Toyota Blue Grass S.**, KEE, Apr. 8

Accomplishments Include: 1st, **GII Tampa Bay Derby**, TAM, Mar. 11, 1st, **Pulpit S.**, GP, Dec. 10

Thoro-Graph sheet, EquineLine PPs
KY Derby Points: 54



Of all the Derby contenders who are capable of improving big-time if you factor in what I call the "magic eraser" component, Tapwrit stands to benefit most. Basically, that means I'm willing to forgive his flat and uninspiring fifth in the Blue Grass S.--even his trainer has conceded he doesn't really

know what the excuse was--and basically erase it, render it invisible, and pretend it doesn't exist in his past-performance block. I'm willing to do that because I'm convinced this \$1.2 million gray is talented, assertive, and adaptable enough to be able to mix things up with the division's top 3-year-olds and come out on top in one of these Triple Crown races.



Tapwrit | SV Photography

Beyond a general gut feeling that there's more under the hood that we haven't yet seen, I specifically liked his winning Tampa Bay Derby tactics: Tapwrit looked confident jostling for position through the clubhouse turn, comfortably switched into cruise mode at the back of the main flight, willingly repositioned himself when cued by jockey Jose Ortiz entering the far turn, then sliced deftly between foes five-sixteenths out while remaining focused under measured encouragement through the lane. Also bear in mind that after debuting in a seven-furlong sprint at Saratoga last September, Tapwrit has been racing exclusively at a mile or longer, and all three of his 2017 starts have been at either 1 1/16 or 1 1/8 miles--a foundation that will be to his benefit on Derby Day.

6. (13) GUNNEVERA (c, Dialed In--Unbridled Rage, by Unbridled)
O-Peacock Racing Stables, LLC. B-Brandywine Farm & Stephen Upchurch (KY). T-Antonio Sano. Sales History: \$16,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 8-4-2-0, \$1,075,200. Last Start: 3rd, GI Xpressbet Florida Derby, GP, Apr. 1

Accomplishments Include: 1st, GII Xpressbet Fountain of Youth S., GP, Mar. 4; 1st, GIII Delta Downs Jackpot S., DED, Nov. 19; 1st, GII Saratoga Special S., SAR, Aug. 14

Thoro-Graph sheet, Equineline PPs, Caulfield on Gunnevera

KY Derby Points: 84

BRED & RAISED by Brandywine Farm (Jim & Pam Robinson)

Altamira Stable Training Graduate - Julio Rada

I ran down the list of the TDN Top 20 Derby contenders in an attempt to identify horses that instilled in me a high degree of confidence that they would be firing in the final furlong, and Gunnevera was the only name that truly stood out in terms of durability and stamina. Having said that, I still perceive him as more of a hits-the-board threat than an all-out win candidate. Yet in many Derbies, just finishing with willing encouragement when all the other foes are tiring in the final hundred yards is enough to get a horse draped in a blanket of roses, and that could happen to Gunnevera too, provided pace and traffic scenarios align perfectly for this one-run stayer.

It's promising to see that newly elected Hall-of-Famer Javier Castellano will be partnering with Gunnevera in the Derby (Castellano didn't truly commit until late in the campaign because he had calls on two other contenders, but he has been aboard for all three of the colt's graded stakes victories).



Gunnevera | Adam Coglianese

Ignore Gunnevera at your own peril in vertical Derby bets--just don't mortgage the farm keying him on top.

7. (16) HENCE (c, Street Boss--Floating Island, by A.P. Indy)

O/B-Calumet Farm (KY). T-Steven M. Asmussen. Lifetime Record: GSW, 6-2-1-1, \$542,601.

Last Start: 1st, GIII Sunland Derby, SUN, Mar. 26

Thoro-Graph sheet, Equineline PPs

KY Derby Points: 50

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Hence hasn't done anything but train quietly and capably at Churchill Downs since winning the Sunland Derby. Yet his stock has inched upward during his time between starts because his New Mexico company line got boosted by a win and a second by Irap (Tiznow) and Conquest Mo Money (Uncle Mo),



Hence | Coady Photography

respectively, in the Blue Grass S. and Arkansas Derby. With a foundation of five straight races at a mile or more, Beyer Speed Figures that have improved in every career race,

and the addition of the capable Florent Geroux picking up the mount for the Derby, Hence has all the makings of an off-the-radar contender who could pose an unforeseen threat at a vastly inflated mutuel on Derby Day. His last two running lines indicate a comfort level with rating from the back of the pack, but I'd be intrigued to see what he might be able to do if he got into the action a little bit earlier in the race. He was an effective second, beaten only a neck, over the Churchill strip going a one-turn mile as a juvenile when he was on the lead for most of the race, and when he broke his maiden in the slop at Oaklawn in February he stalked throughout, never more than 4 3/4 lengths out of the hunt.

8. (7) BATTLE OF MIDWAY (c, 3, Smart Strike--Rigoletta, by Concerto)

'TDN Rising Star' O-Fox Hill Farms, Inc. B-Thor-Bred Stables, LLC (KY). T-Jerry Hollendorfer. Sales History: \$410,000 Ylg '15 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: GISP, 4-2-1-1, \$290,000.

Last Start: 2nd, **GI Santa Anita Derby**, SA, Apr. 8

Thoro-Graph sheet, EquineLine PPs

KY Derby Points: 40

2nd TDN Rising Star out of Thor-Bred Stables' 2014 Crop

Lynwood Stable Graduate

Don't use Battle of Midway's front-running tendency in the Santa Anita Derby as a guide to where he'll placed early on in the Kentucky Derby. Trainer Hollendorfer told XBTB after the **'TDN Rising Star'** worked six furlongs in 1:13.40 at Santa Anita last Friday that he has



Battle of Midway | Benoit

been teaching the colt to sit behind horses and wait for his jockey's cue in his last two workouts. He added that Battle of Midway only ended up as the rail pacemaker in a three-way go in the Santa Anita Derby

because the colt broke so well and otherwise would have been shuffled back on the fence. "I don't plan on being on the front end in the Derby ... We'd like to probably be somewhere off the pace," Hollendorfer explained. The exact strategy will be up to jockey Flavien Prat, who re-inherits the mount in the Derby (as one of four different jockeys to have ridden Battle of Midway in his four career races). Although light on experience, Battle of Midway is a Jan. 30 foal who has demonstrated the ability to withstand pace pressure while shifting smoothly into additional gears, and he is not to be overlooked as a very live "sleeper" in the Derby picture. While not the top candidate to win, Battle of Midway (depending on his post draw) could wind up as the best value play in the mutuels.

9. (4) GIRVIN (c, Tale of Ekati--Catch the Moon, by Malibu Moon)

O-Brad Grady. B-Bob Austin & John Witte (KY). T-Joe Sharp. Sales History: \$140,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESSEP; \$130,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 4-3-1-0, \$874,400.

Last Start: 1st, **GII Louisiana Derby**, FG, Apr. 1

Accomplishments Include: 1st, **GII Risen Star S.**, FG, Feb. 25

Thoro-Graph sheet, EquineLine PPs

KY Derby Points: 150

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Girvin has been downgraded from spot No. 4 since the last installment of the *TDN* Top 20 after a quarter crack was discovered in his right front hoof Apr. 19. He's been fitted with a special bar shoe and utilized hyperbaric chambers and swimming amenities before finally getting in a twice-postponed five-eighths breeze in :59.60 (2/16) at Keeneland on Saturday. "He worked extremely well and cooled out great," said trainer Sharp. "Every day the foot has been better and better, but typically this kind of issue does improve like that."

While the quarter crack itself can certainly be overcome (and let's be realistic--any of the other 19 Derby contenders could be facing similar nagging ailments that have not yet been made public), the combination of missed training and my previous skepticism about the not-very-deep stakes fields Girvin beat in his Fair Grounds preps have eroded my level of trust in him to some degree. On the plus side, Girvin kept stretching out and winning through his first four career races, doing everything that was asked of him in capable, relaxed fashion. He has admirable tactical speed, and partnering with unflappable big-money rider Mike Smith is bound to be a positive. But he will still have to make another leap forward in terms of ability if he's to win the Derby, and the gap to victory has widened a little more over the past two weeks.



Girvin | Lou Hodges

10. (6) GORMLEY (c, Malibu Moon--Race to Urga, by Bernstein)

O-Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Moss. B-Castleton Lyons & Kilboy Estate (KY). T-John A. Shirreffs. Sales History: \$150,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESSEP. Lifetime Record: MGISW, 6-4-0-0, \$920,000.

Last Start: 1st, **GI Santa Anita Derby**, SA, Apr. 8

Accomplishments Include: 1st, **GI FrontRunner S.**, SA, Oct. 6, 1st, **GIII Sham S.**, SA, Jan. 7.

Thoro-Graph sheet, EquineLine PPs, Caulfield on Gormley

KY Derby Points: 125

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Like several contenders, Gormley falls under the "still learning how to rate" category, and the 20-horse Derby is always a dicey challenge to find out whether or not a young colt has figured out not to waste precious energy by fighting the rider. It took no small feat of manhandling by jockey Victor Espinoza to get Gormley to take a back seat en route to winning the Santa Anita Derby, and Gormley did not exactly leave the impression that he was comfortable doing so.

He was wrangled back behind a three-way go, and Espinoza admitted that he had to “jerk him one time, a bit harder than I wanted” to get him to settle. Yet Espinoza, who has been the exclusive workout and race partner for Gormley since before the colt’s first start, sees improvement in the mornings that might not yet be evident to the rest of us. “Since the last race, I see him as a different horse,” Espinoza told XBTV. “I always believed in him, that he’d run better off the pace.”



Gormley | Horsephotos

Gormley has been capably competing in two-turn graded stakes races since Oct. 1, and his only two defeats were to then-kingpins Classic Empire and Mastery (Candy Ride {Arg}). Showing up and doing his job in workmanlike fashion has gotten Gormley into the gate for the Derby. But I suspect actually winning it will require that he not only respond kindly to rating, but come up with an additional element of overdrive that we have not yet seen Gormley uncork in his races.

11. (9) PRACTICAL JOKE (c, Into Mischief--Halo Humor, by Distorted Humor)

O-Klaravich Stables, Inc. & William H. Lawrence. B-Whispering Oaks (KY). T-Chad C. Brown. Sales History: \$135,000 Ylg ‘15 KEEJAN; \$240,000 Ylg ‘15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: MGISW, 6-3-2-0, \$1,015,800.

Last Start: 2nd, [GII Toyota Blue Grass S.](#), KEE, Apr. 8
Accomplishments Include: 1st, [GI Hopeful S.](#), SAR, Sept. 5; 1st, [GI Champagne S.](#), BEL, Oct. 8.

[Thoro-Graph sheet](#), [EquineLine PPs](#)

KY Derby Points: 74

de Meric Stables Graduate

VINERY SALES GRADUATE

There was plenty of buzz about Practical Joke as a 2-year-old. The athletic bay won his first three races, including two Grade I stakes. Then he ran a respectable third in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile before being given a freshening leading to a spring campaign consisting of a pair of decent seconds in two well-stocked Derby preps. In both the Fountain of Youth and the Blue Grass S., Practical Joke moved a touch too soon, which is fine in and of itself because those five- and four-furlong sustained runs likely served a useful learning purpose. But it’s difficult to get a true read on whether this colt is being ultra-patiently primed to peak precisely on Derby Day or if he’s stuck on a development plateau and simply hitting the board is the best he’s capable of at Classic distances. It’s not inconceivable that Practical Joke unleashes a big, powerful breakout race in the Derby. I just wouldn’t bet serious money that he will.

This colt is winless since Oct. 8 and has never won a two-turn race at any level (that latter distinction is shared by five other horses among the TDN Top 20). After a 1:01.60 breeze (19/35) in blinkers last Friday, trainer Brown said, “We wanted to explore the small-cup blinker with him...I’ll think about it a little more but I’m leaning toward running him with them...He wasn’t too aggressive but he seemed a little more focused through the lane. He got away from his workmate in the gallop out, willingly, which we wanted to see.”



Practical Joke | Sarah K. Andrew

12. (10) J BOYS ECHO (c, Mineshaft--Letgomyecho, by Menifee) ‘TDN Rising Star’ O-Albaugh Family Stable. B-Betz/Blackburn/J. Betz/Ramsby/CNHHHMK (KY). T-Dale L. Romans. Sales History: \$485,000 Ylg ‘15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 6-2-1-1, \$349,600.

Last Start: 4th, [GII Toyota Blue Grass S.](#), KEE, Apr. 8
Accomplishments Include: 1st, [GIII Gotham S.](#), AQU, Mar. 4
[Thoro-Graph sheet](#), [EquineLine PPs](#), [Caulfield on J Boys Echo](#)
KY Derby Points: 63

Barry Berkelhammer 352•804•3000

J Boys Echo has a Jekyll-and-Hyde type of profile leading up to the Derby. If he runs back to his 102 Beyer Speed Figure win in the Gotham S., look out. If he throws in another no-show try without an obvious excuse like in the Blue Grass S., he’ll end up double-digit lengths behind the Derby winner. “He is a blue-collar horse, he just gets out and does what he needs to,” trainer Romans said of his \$485,000 yearling.



J Boys Echo | Sarah Andrew

“The best scenario for us in the Derby is there is a lot of speed. We’ll settle back toward the middle of the pack, get a clean trip like Mine That Bird (Birdstone) did a few years ago and hopefully come running at the end.” It will be interesting how literally Romans intends to instruct jockey Luis Saez on strategy when referring to that 50-1 Derby upsetter, because Mine That Bird was dead last, 16 lengths off the pace, and required the open-rail trip of a lifetime to win the 2009 Run for the Roses.

It's entirely plausible that the proverbial light bulb goes on and this 'TDN Rising Star' puts everything together to win the Derby on Saturday. But Romans has indicated for months now that J Boys Echo is not the easiest horse to train, and when a conditioner's pre-race Derby talk largely centers more on the need for ideal pace and trip conditions rather than the specific, positive merits of the horse himself, I tend to back away from ranking such entrants as serious win threats.

13. (17) IRAP (c, Tiznow--Silken Cat, by Storm Cat)

O-Reddam Racing LLC. B-Aaron & Marie Jones (KY). T-Doug F. O'Neill. Sales History: \$140,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$300,000 2yo '16 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: GISW, 8-1-3-1, \$772,600. Last Start: 1st, [Gil Toyota Blue Grass S.](#), KEE, Apr. 8

[Thoro-Graph sheet](#), [Equineline PPs](#)

KY Derby Points: 113

Irap ran the race of his life to break his maiden against the deepest (on paper at least) Derby prep field. Following that 31-1 upset in the Blue Grass S., he'll now be required to top that effort by coming up with yet another career-best performance if he is to finish anywhere within sniffing distance of the division's best in the 20-horse Derby. That's an improbable task, but not impossible. In Irap's favor is his last-out Beyer fig of 93, which puts him in the same ballpark as winning efforts by Classic Empire (94) and Girvin (91), and ahead of Gormley (88). Without fanfare, Irap has built a respectable foundation of seven consecutive route races going back to last fall (including two tries at nine furlongs), and his connections certainly have been-there-done-that recency going for them, as the owner/trainer/jockey combo of Reddam/O'Neill/Gutierrez scored in last year's Derby with Nyquist (Uncle Mo).



Irap | Sherackatthetrack

14. (N/A) LOOKIN AT LEE (c, Lookin At Lucky--Langara Lass, by Langfuhr)

O-L and N Racing. B-Ray Hanson (KY). T-Steven M. Asmussen. Sales History: \$70,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: SW & MGISP, 9-2-2-2, \$452,795. Last Start: 3rd, [GI Arkansas Derby](#), OP, Apr. 15

Accomplishments Include: 1st, Ellis Park Juvenile S., ELP, Aug. 6

[Thoro-Graph sheet](#), [Equineline PPs](#)

KY Derby Points: 32

Lookin At Lee will enter the Derby despite being winless since Aug. 6 of his 2-year-old season when he scored in a \$75,000 sprint stakes at Ellis Park. This one-run closer got a reputation as a bit of a hard-luck horse after having drawn the extreme outside post in three of his first four graded stakes attempts, and he has finished a respectable second, third, and fourth in three tries behind juvenile champ Classic Empire. But despite two third-place tries from three starts at Oaklawn this winter/spring, he hasn't sparked to life as a menacing win threat for the Kentucky Derby, and he still has never won a route race at any level. His trainer however, doesn't list those liabilities as concerns, preferring to focus on the positives that are evident to him. "The one thing we feel very good about with Lookin at Lee is if you look at the field, you see a lot of truly talented horses, but not a lot of experience," Asmussen rationalized. "There's a lot of variables there. With 'Lee,' you've eliminated all of that. He's well-seasoned. He's at his best right now. His last race in the Arkansas Derby was his fastest from a numbers standpoint. We're all excited about running him a mile and a quarter."



Lookin At Lee | Coady Photography

15. (N/A) UNTRAPPED (c, Trappe Shot--Exit Three, by Giant's Causeway)

'TDN Rising Star' O-Michael Langford. B-Indian Creek & Jonathan Sheppard (KY). T-Steven M. Asmussen. Sales history: \$97,000 Ylg '15 KEEJAN; \$150,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$125,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: MGSP, 5-1-3-1, \$256,800. Last Start: 6th, [GI Arkansas Derby](#), OP, Apr. 15

[Thoro-Graph sheet](#), [Equineline PPs](#)

[Thoro-Graph sheet](#), [Equineline PPs](#)

KY Derby Points: 34

BRED, RAISED AND SOLD BY INDIAN CREEK

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Untrapped is going to sneak into the Derby based on qualifying points, but he really hasn't lived up to the potential he demonstrated in career start number two last November at Churchill, when he earned 'TDN Rising Star' status by romping by 5 1/2 lengths as the 6-5 favorite. Since then he's been second, second, third, then sixth in Derby preps that were on the weaker side at both Fair Grounds and Oaklawn.

The addition of blinkers provided no real spark in the Arkansas Derby, and his jockey in that race, Mike Smith, has since jumped ship to Girvin. Ricardo Santana Jr. will pick up the mount, and although he's not a Hall-of-Famer like Smith, he is a more aggressive rider, which might be what this colt needs (Santana has previously been aboard for Untrapped's better efforts).



Untrapped | Coady Photography

16. (18) PATCH (Union Rags--Windyindy, by A.P. Indy)
'TDN Rising Star' O/B-Calumet Farm (KY). T-Todd A. Pletcher.
 Lifetime Record: GSP, 3-1-2-0.
 Last Start: 2nd, **GII Louisiana Derby**, FG, Apr. 1
Thoro-Graph sheet, EquineLine PPs
 KY Derby Points: 40

Training Alum — **STONESTREET**

Patch has the makings breeding-wise to be a nice horse and he's shown flashes of ability while compiling a 1-2-0 record from three starts, but he gives the impression that he's in a bit in over his head for his Derby assignment, and his chances fall under the "Why not take a shot?" heading. He has yet to win beyond the maiden ranks, did not race at age two, and 10 furlongs will be a sizable challenge considering his only/longest victory was a one-turn mile at Gulfstream. Patch's draw in a 20-horse field will also be critical because he does not have a functioning left eye, and thus cannot see on his rail side. Big Brown (Boundary) in 2008 and the legendary filly Regret in 1915 are the only two Derby winners since 1900 to win the Run for the Roses off of only three previous starts. Both were favored at around 5-2 odds; Patch's price will be significantly longer on Saturday. On the plus side, his Louisiana Derby second was a quietly solid effort--Patch was always in touch with the main flight of the field while rating comfortably at the fence, and he did gallop out past winner Girvin after finishing with good courage.



Patch | Lauren King

17. (19) STATE OF HONOR (c, To Honor and Serve--State Cup, by Elusive Quality)

O-Conrad Farms. B-Manfred & Penny Conrad (ON). T-Mark E. Casse. Lifetime Record: GISP, 10-1-4-2, \$382,548.
 Last Start: 2nd, **GI Xpressbet Florida Derby**, GP, Apr. 1
Thoro-Graph sheet, EquineLine PPs
 KY Derby Points: 62

B Mating Recommendation by Zach Madden B

State of Honor has had a little bit of everything thrown his way while building up a foundation of ten career tries. Early on he switched between a synthetic surface and turf, and also sprinting versus routing. Pace-wise, they've tried him on the lead and stalking. He's worn blinkers and then had them removed. Yet after all this experimentation, it's Derby time and State of Honor still has not elevated himself past the level of being a hard-trying horse who gets a little keyed up in his races; one who on his best days is capable of firing a Beyer somewhere around 90. That's been good enough to often land second or third (1-4-2 record from those 10 tries), and it's enabled State of Honor to rack up sufficient leaderboard points to enter the Derby. But you would have to optimistically project a tremendous upsurge in talent to envision this colt wearing a blanket of roses early Saturday evening. He's winless beyond the maiden ranks, is now past the six-month mark since that last win, and has never finished first in a route race. Jose Lezcano picks up the Derby mount, as Julien Leparoux, who rode State of Honor in all four of his 2017 starts, has opted to ride higher-ranked Classic Empire instead.

18. (N/A) FAST AND ACCURATE (c, Hansen--It's Heidi's Dance, by Green Dancer)

O-Kendall E. Hansen. B-John R. Penn (PA). T-Michael J. Maker. Sales History: \$24,000 RNA Ylg '15 KESEEP; \$85,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: GSW, 6-3-1-0, \$340,362.
 Last Start: 1st, **GIII JACK Cincinnati Casino Spiral S.**, TP, Mar. 25
Thoro-Graph sheet, EquineLine PPs
 KY Derby Points: 50

Pennsylvania-bred Fast and Accurate, who has never won a dirt race, owns a past performance block that is dotted with tracks like Presque Isle Downs, Parx, and Turfway Park--venues that one doesn't historically see on a Derby participant's resume.



Fast and Accurate | Coady Photography

Yes, he broke his maiden for a modest \$30,000 tag last December, but Fast and Accurate is also riding a three-race win streak into the Derby, including a score in a \$60,000 turf stakes at Gulfstream and an upset of the synthetic-track Spiral S at 24-1. That Turfway prep was truly a race of attrition based on a visual read of the race, as there were multiple runners that moved too soon and sputtered out, and the first three horses across the wire (two of them the longest shots on the board) all appeared to be laboring. Because Fast and Accurate had not been previously nominated to the Triple Crown, a steep \$200,000 supplement is required to start. The colt's connections have indicated a willingness to pay, and trainer Maker on Sunday opted to give the mount to Channing Hill, who rode Fast and Accurate to victory in his maiden win (Spiral-winning jockey Tyler Gaffalione is riding Patch for Todd Pletcher).

19. (20) THUNDER SNOW (IRE) (c, Helmet (Aus)--Eastern Joy {GB}, by Dubai Destination)

O-Godolphin Racing LLC. B-Darley (IRE). T-Saeed bin Suroor. Lifetime Record: G1SW, 8-4-2-0, \$1,627,692. Last Start: 1st, G2 UAE Derby, MEY, Mar. 25. Accomplishments Include: 1st, G1 Criterium International, STC, Oct. 30, 1st, UAE 2000 Guineas, MEY, Feb. 11.

Thoro-Graph sheet, EquineLine PPs

KY Derby Points: 100

Until late last week, Thunder Snow was also under consideration for this Saturday's G1 2000 Guineas in the United Kingdom, yet even though that race is contested in close proximity to trainer Saeed bin Suroor's yard at Newmarket, the UAE Derby victor has shipped to Churchill Downs for the Kentucky Derby instead.



Thunder Snow | DRC/Neville Hopwood

Thunder Snow is riding a three-race win streak and his UAE Derby win in the mud was the fastest clocking of that stakes during the Meydan dirt era, but his perceived temperament will contribute to long odds in the Derby betting. At Meydan, Thunder Snow spooked at the large infield video board during pre-race warmups, had trouble handling the turns, and veered and shied when encountering starting gate marks on the track before eking out a nose victory over a field that did not include any other Group 1 winners.

This colt will be bin Suroor's seventh runner in the Run for the Roses--his best finish was sixth by China Visit (Red Ransom) in 2000--and jockey Christophe Soumillon has only ridden in one previous Derby, finishing eighth with Mubtaahij (IRE) (Dubawi IRE)) in 2015.

20. (N/A) SONNETEER (c, Midnight Lute--Ours, by Half Ours)
O/B-Calumet Farm (KY). T-Keith J. Desormeaux. Lifetime Record: GSP, 10-0-4-2, \$284,445.

Last Start: 4th, G1 Arkansas Derby, OP, Apr. 15

EquineLine PPs

KY Derby Points: 30

Training Alum

STONESTREET

Sonneteer is still a maiden after 10 lifetime tries, but only once has he finished worse than fourth. His style indicates that jockey Kent Desormeaux will drop far off the pace and attempt a closing move from well off the tailgate. That strategy was good enough to earn Sonneteer a second and a fourth in two graded Oaklawn preps, which in turn was enough to garner the required leaderboard points for Sonneteer to enter the Derby. Buchanan (1884), Sir Barton (1919), and Brokers Tip (1933) are the only previous maidens to win the Kentucky Derby. Since 1937 (records are incomplete before that date), maidens are a collective 0-for-10 in the Derby, with the best finish over those eight decades being an eighth-place try.

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Olympic gold medalist Bode Miller is best known for his talents on the ski slopes, but he's pretty well known around the track as well. A longtime horse fan and race-horse owner, Miller has bought into the Derby hopeful Fast And Accurate (Hansen). He talks Kentucky Derby, skiing, horse racing and more on this week's TDN Podcast.

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FARRELL CARRIES CHICAGO HOPES IN OAKS

by Michael Adolphson

Times may be tough for Illinois racing, but when Arlington International Racecourse opens its doors on Kentucky Oaks Day, May 5, many of the thousands in attendance to unofficially kick off Chicagoland's summer season will also be cheering heartily for a home team contender in America's foremost 3-year-old filly event. Owned by Chicago-based Coffeepot Stables, trained by an 11-time Arlington champion conditioner Wayne Catalano and ridden by a locally based jockey Channing Hill, homebred **Farrell** (Malibu Moon) proudly waves the banner of the blustery burg into battle against the top fillies in the country in the \$1-million Grade I event and is considered by some to be the horse to beat.

While the daughter of Malibu Moon has never raced in Illinois, a considerable amount of her early training took place at Arlington last summer under Catalano's watchful eye. A half-sister to Grade I winners J. B.'s Thunder (Thunder Gulch) and Carpe Diem (Giant's Causeway) and Grade II-placed Pegasus World Cup Invitational also-ran Semper Fortis (Distorted

Humor), she impressed the three-time Breeders' Cup-winning conditioner so much that he nominated her to the Listed Arlington-Washington Lassie in late August. After nearly debuting her in said stakes event, he gave her a couple more weeks to mature and opted for Churchill Downs maiden company. After taking two starts in two weeks to break her maiden, she has gone on to win five of seven career tries and rides a four-stakes winning streak into the Kentucky Oaks, including three Grade II events.

"She's doing great right now," Catalano said. "Everything has gone to plan so far and we just hope for the best. I like how relaxed she is right now. She's a high-energy filly and this race has been the goal for her all along. We have known she is a class filly since the beginning."

Such sentiments are reserved for Catalano, who stated after the bay filly's romp in last fall's GII Golden Rod S. at Churchill Downs that he believed she would have won the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies three weeks prior had things gone more to plan. Six months later, his starlet has set the sky ablaze with three facile victories in the Big Easy, sweeping the entirety of Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots sophomore filly series.

Bob Cummings and Annette Bacola, the principals of Coffeepot Stables, are reveling in the talent of their homebred. After selling her siblings, they kept Farrell and now stand in ever-increasing awe of her dam, standout broodmare Rebridled Dreams. A Grade II-placed filly who debuted at Arlington and won Hawthorne Race Course's Money Penny S. while under the care of Bret Calhoun, the daughter of Unbridled's Song has produced seven winners and four stakes winners from eight foals to race.

"She's clearly been very productive and we're hopeful that she can keep going," Cummings said. "Her 4-year-old [Reddam Racing's Doug O'Neill-trained] Semper Fortis just had a bullet work and might have a big year, too. Hopefully Farrell keeps this good year going."



Farrell | Coady Photography



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“We bought Rebridled Dreams at the winter sale [Keeneland January in 2004] as a racing or broodmare prospect and originally wanted to see if she could keep racing,” Cummings continued. “She didn’t really show an appetite for racing anymore, so we converted her into a broodmare and her first foal was a War Chant who turned out to be a solid [multiple Group III-placed, listed stakes winner] in the U. K. named Doncaster Rover.

We gave her the 2016 breeding season off because her most recent foal, a Giant’s Causeway filly, was a late birth and was pretty stressful on her. She has been bred to Bernardini this year and appears to be in foal. Fingers crossed she can stay healthy because she’s obviously very important to us and has been very good to us.”



Wayne Catalano | Coady Photography

Retiring partners from a private equity firm with multiple business ventures still keeping them busy, Cummings and Bacola currently have eight broodmares, a number inflated by recent retirements that will likely decrease in the coming year. The pair began owning horses in partnership in 1993 with Gary Drake of New Phoenix Stable (owner of 2002 GI Belmont S. winner Sarava), but in the late 1990s began branching out on their own. Longtime clients of Catalano, they campaigned Gill Arlington Matron winner Imposing Grace together, but have yet to have a runner as talented as Farrell, whose \$601,357 in earnings is tops among their honor roll.

“Communication with Wayne is always interesting,” Cummings said. “He’s very cautious about signaling whether one is good or bad, but in about July or August he was starting to talk in superlative terms about her, so from Wayne, that means a lot and he knows she’s good.

“It’s incredibly exciting, obviously, and a pleasant surprise,” he continued. “We knew she had potential, but you never know until you get them on the racetrack and race them against other talented horses. Annette was there when she was born in Kentucky and immediately thought she was really exceptional and this is after we’d had horses like Carpe Diem and J. B.’s

Thunder from [Rebridled Dreams]. So, we had some good comparative sources.”

Well-regarded, well-intended and with an increasing national fan base, Farrell and the only pilot she has known, Hill, will face their toughest test to date when they race on Friday afternoon in the Kentucky Oaks in front of about 100,000 screaming Louisville fans. Still, such pales in comparison to the third-largest U.S. metropolitan area with one of the richest racing histories in the country that will be rallying behind her and aligning itself with the quickened collective heartbeat of Coffeepot and Catalano.

“It will be quite a thrill,” Cummings said. “I don’t think you ever stop having nerves when it comes to horses, especially one like her. It’s a prayer every night that the horse is healthy the next day, but you get very few chances to be in this spot.

“She stood out from the beginning,” he concluded. “She was special and she keeps proving that over and over.”

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LUKAS COLLECTION TO DERBY MUSEUM

D. Wayne Lukas’s has announced his personal racing collection of trophies and art will be permanently housed at the Kentucky Derby Museum. The collection includes four Kentucky Derby and four Kentucky Oaks trophies, Breeders’ Cup trophies, painting of Winning Colors at Keeneland by Peter Curling, bronze sculpture of Serena’s Song by artist Nina Kaiser, multiple Eclipse awards, and photos from his Quarter Horse and Thoroughbred training career.

“When I was considering a permanent home for my collection, the museum was an ideal fit to protect and showcase my legacy for many years to come,” Lukas said while making the announcement during a press conference at the museum Sunday.

Patrick Armstrong, Kentucky Derby Museum President, added, “Being the true keeper of the history of the Kentucky Derby, we are always striving to capture and showcase the stories of those connected, whether through oral histories or artifacts themselves. We are very excited to house and display the legacy of such an important figure in the racing industry and really cannot express in words how much it means to have the Lukas collection at the Kentucky Derby Museum.”

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(US\$53,560/£41,374/€49,082), 5-1, Palermo, f/m, 3yo/up, 2000m, 2:00.45, ft.

1--**KIRIAKI (ARG), 132, f, 4, by Catcher In The Rye (Ire)**

1st Dam: Kiria (Arg) (GSP-Arg), by Interprete (Arg)

2nd Dam: Key to Time (Arg), by Fitzcarraldo (Arg)

3rd Dam: Kefallinia (Arg), by Saint Sever (Fr)

O/B-Stud Santa Ines (Arg); T-Juan Udaondo. J-Gustavo E. Calvente. Lifetime Record: 13-5-4-3. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++.** *Triple Plus*. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Hispanidad (Arg), 125, f, 3, Pure Prize--Historia (Arg), by French Deputy. O/B-Haras La Providencia (Arg); T-Pedro Nickel Filho.**

3--**Magica Stripes (Arg), 132, f, 4, Equal Stripes (Arg)--Magica Star (Arg), by Stargaze (Arg); O-Stud Las Canarias; B-Estancia La Josefina (Arg); T-Roberto Pellegata.**

Margins: HD, 1HF, 4. Odds: 1.50, 3.70, 21.00.

Also Ran: Kononkop (Arg), Silver Look (Arg), Mantera Rye (Arg), Adora Listel (Arg), Sing In Holiday (Arg).

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Breeder's Cup South American representative John Fulton hands winning owner/breeder Alejandro Miserochi of Haras Santa Ines a Breeder's Cup Challenge blanket | Palermo

Odds-on choice Kiriaki fought off a strong challenge from second-choice Hispanidad in a heated stretch drive to earn the first automatic starting position into this year's \$2-million G1 Longines Breeder's Cup Distaff through the international Breeder's Cup Challenge.

Winner of last year's G1 Estrellas Classic over Monday's distance, Kiriaki returned with a vengeance after a tough defeat in this event in 2016 when caught in the last jump. Monday's triumph represented Kiriaki's third Group 1 victory and second of the year. All five of her career tallies have come on dirt at Palermo. --Michael Burns

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1--**#@&GIULIET SEATTLE (ARG), 121, f, 2, by Seattle Fitz (Arg)**

1st Dam: Giulie-Halo (Arg) (G1SW-Arg, \$104,007), by Southern Halo

2nd Dam: Giulietta (Arg), by Saint Sever (Fr)

3rd Dam: La Fornarina (Arg), by Good Manners

O-Stud Dona Serafina: B-Haras Firmamento (Arg); T-Carlos A. Bani. J-Gustavo Nicolas Villalba. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0. *1/2 to Luisina Halo (Arg) (Louis Quatorze), GSW-Arg; Julius Henn (Arg) (Hennessy), SW-Arg; Julius Top (Arg) (Giant's Causeway), G1SP-Arg; and Top Juliette (Arg) (Giant's Causeway), GSW & G1SP-Arg. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

Werk Nick Rating: A.

2--**Positive Mind (Arg), 121, f, 2, Equal Stripes (Arg)--Paula Sexy (Arg), by Ride the Rails. O-Stud Juan Antonio; B-Haras Abolengo (Arg); T-Maria Fernanda Alvarez.**

3--**Star Austral (Arg), 121, f, 2, Cosmic--Special Agus (Arg), by Stephen Got Even; O-Stud Juan Martin; B-Haras Arroyo de Luna (Arg); T-Humberto Benesperri.**

Margins: 1HF, SNK, 7. Odds: 6.50, 2.15, 52.00.

Also Ran: Terms Holiday (Arg), Hasta Vencer (Arg).

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Lifetime Record: 7-3-2-1, \$134,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Kirwan Equine Group, Inc. and Hippos, Ed; B-Toni M. Kirwan & Edward Hipps (PA); T-Marcos Zulueta.

Monday, Palermo, Argentina

GRAN PREMIO MONTEVIDEO-G1, AR\$765,000
(US\$49,706/£38,519/€45,572), 5-1, Palermo, 2yo, c, 1500m,
1:28.83, ft.

1--#**&DANIEL BOONE (ARG), 121, c, 2, by Roman Ruler**
1st Dam: Daniela Bella (Arg), by Indygo Shiner
2nd Dam: L' Enchantee (Arg), by Southern Halo
3rd Dam: La Endiablada (Arg), by Right of Way (GB)
O-Stud Santa Elena; B-Haras Vacacion (Arg); T-Alfredo Gaitan Dassie. J-Juan Cruz Villagra. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0. **Werk**
Nick Rating: A. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--**Quiet Brazilian (Arg), 121, c, 2, Catcher In The Rye (Ire)--Que**
Felicidad (Arg), by Bernstein. O-Stud Santa Elena; B-Haras Santa Maria de Araras (Arg); T-Alfredo Gaitan Dassie.

3--**Licinius (Arg), 121, c, 2, Mount Nelson (GB)--Little Goose Girl,**
by Dixieland Band; O-Stud Dieferpa.; B-Haras Tiveres (Arg);
T-Diego S. Guaragna.

Margins: 2HF, 3/4, 3/4. Odds: 3.60, 3.60, 26.00.

Also Ran: Malenchini (Arg), A Tu Alcance (Arg).

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MORE CAL BREAD, 20, Flying Continental--Nature's Way, by Nain Bleu (Fr)

Foal born Mar. 13, a colt by Bodemeister.

Will be bred back to Cairo Prince.

Owned by Dominic DeBellis & Dr Thomas Liu.

Accomplishments: Dam of Warren's Veneda (Affirmative), GISW, \$932,112.

MADAME X SKI, 18, Polish Numbers--Miss Rudy T., by Lord Gaylord

Foal born Mar. 15, a filly by Flat Out.

Will be bred back to Munnings.

Owned by M&M Stable.

Boarded at Cobra Farm.

Accomplishments: SW of \$165,410. Dam of Zig Zag (Iron Deputy), SP.

MISCHIEF MAKER, 8, Cape Town--Saint Misbehavin', by Sweetsouthernsaint

Foal born Mar. 17, a filly by Goldencents.

Will be bred back to Empire Maker.

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Boarded at Cotton Hill Farm.

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Monday's Results:

8th-PRX, \$61,098, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 5-1, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10.97, ft.

ROSE TREE (f, 3, Harlan's Holiday--Amusing, by Distorted Humor) overcame some early traffic and kicked on strongly in the stretch to run her lifetime record to three wins in three starts Monday. A dazzling 9 1/4-length victress on debut Oct. 15 at Delaware, the bay repeated in the Pennsylvania-bred Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies S. Nov. 23 at Penn National and was hammered down to 2-5 while adding Lasix to stay unblemished here. Off a half-step slowly from the rail, Rose Tree got shuffled back a bit in the opening stages, but found a comfortable spot in fourth behind a contested opening quarter in :22.92. Advancing willingly on the latter half of the turn, the favorite quickly ranged up to challenge pacesetter Ingrid (Gemologist) to that one's inside at the three-sixteenths marker and sped away in the final furlong to score by 4 1/4 lengths. The winner's dam, a half to champion Lost in the Fog (Lost Soldier), has a 2-year-old Animal Kingdom colt named Magical Kingdom and foaled a colt by Hard Spun named What a Laugh last spring before being paired with Elusive Quality. Lifetime Record: SW, 3-3-0-0, \$119,880. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Buttonwood Farm; B-Rodman W. Moorhead (PA); T-Jonathan E. Sheppard.

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Wagering at Charles Town during April set a new benchmark for the track, with \$162,021 bet per race during the month, outpacing the previous record of \$153,083 set in April 2015. The Apr. 22 GII Charles Town Classic card produced the fourth largest single card handle in its history at \$3,900,680.

"Our entire team here at Charles Town should be incredibly proud of what they've accomplished and the job they've done in moving our business forward the last several years," said Charles Town's Vice President of Racing Operations Erich Zimny. "It also goes without saying that we are very thankful for our horseplayers and industry partners who have contributed to those successes."

INDUSTRY INFO

Mary Ellet Joins PM Advertising:

Mary Ellet will join the Lexington-based PM Advertising as a marketing coordinator beginning in August. Ellet is in the final months of the Godolphin Flying Start program.

"I had the opportunity to work with PM Advertising during my time in the Godolphin Flying Start program, and now I am thrilled to be given the chance to join the team after graduation," Ellet said. "I look forward to starting my career with one of the top equine advertising agencies in the world."

Ellet ponied horses on the Southern California race circuit for six years and worked for several trainers, including Bob Baffert, Jerry Hollendorfer, and John Sadler. She interned in Del Mar Thoroughbred Club's marketing department for the 2014 racing season and worked at Chapman University's study abroad office for two years.

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IN JAPAN:

Stroboscope, c, 3, **Smart Strike**--Glimmering (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. Tokyo, 4-30, Novice Race, 8f. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, \$69,820. O-H.H. Sheikh Mohammed; B-Fred W. Hertrich & John D. Fielding; T-Kazuo Fujisawa. *\$160,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. **Full to Wave Theory, MGSP, \$211,034. **VIDEO**



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Dali, c, 2, **Scat Daddy**. See "Ireland."

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3-CD, Alw 6f, Maximum Edge, \$160K OBS MAR 2yo, 15-1

NOBLE'S PROMISE (Cuvee), Breakway Farm, 16/2/1

6-IND, Msw 5 1/2f, Noble Sowle, \$50K OBS APR 2yo, 4-1

THE FACTOR (War Front), Lane's End Farm, \$15K, 218/34/5

3-CD, Alw 6f, Five Star Factor, \$50K EAS MAY 2yo, 3-1

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-WRD, \$25,080, (S), 5-1, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.25, ft.

PRINCESS ELSANA (f, 3, Omega Code--Summer Event, by Event of the Year) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$29,129. O-Pat Swan & Robert E. Lewis; B-Rosalie A Smith & Robert E Lewis (OK); T-Patrick E. Swan.

7th-TDN, \$24,000, 5-1, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05.98, sy.

YO BERBS (g, 6, Weigelia--Malibu Mystique, by Malibu Moon) Lifetime Record: 29-8-4-1, \$110,816. O-Morlona Racing LLC; B-Wynoaks Farm, LLC & St. Omers Farm (PA); T-Nabu Morales. *\$6,000 Ylg '12 EASSEP. **Full to Brenda's Way, SW, \$350,752.

9th-WRD, \$20,900, 5-1, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:37.80, ft.

GOSPEL GAIL (m, 5, Bandini--Possessing, by Posse) Lifetime Record: 38-3-5-4, \$73,496. O-Ron David; B-University of Kentucky (KY); T-Ron David. *\$2,200 Ylg '13 FTKFEB.

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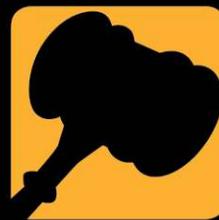
Judgement Free, f, 3, Boys At Tosconova--Notacharlie'sangel (SP, \$213,536), by Fappie's Notebook. FL, 5-1, 4 1/2f, :53.40. B-Charles Engel (NY). *\$7,000 Ylg '15 OBSAUG.

Natalie's Mischief, f, 3, Into Mischief--Miss Natalie (MSW, \$280,190), by Fistfite. WRD, 5-1, (S), 6f, 1:10.77. B-GAR Oil Corp. (OK).

Fortune of War (GB), r, 3, Sixties Icon (GB)--Susie May (GB), by Hernando (Fr). SA, 4-30, 1mT, 1:35.32. B-C. A. Cyzer (GB). *5,000gns RNA Ylg '15 TATYEA; 38,000gns RNA 2yo '16 TATHIT; 30,000gns 2yo '16 TATAHI.

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CLOTH OF STARS GETS HIS GROUP 1



Cloth Of Stars defeats Zarak and a whipless Christophe Soumillon in the G1 Prix Ganay at Saint Cloud | *Scoop Dyga*

Despite Monday's renewal of the G1 Prix Ganay featuring five Group 1 winners, it was the two up-and-comers **Cloth of Stars (Ire)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}) and **Zarak (Fr)** (Dubawi {Ire}) who emerged centre stage with the former finally able to achieve that status and fulfil Andre Fabre's expectations. Runner-up in the G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud in November 2015, the bay had started his 3-year-old campaign with a flourish by annexing this track's G3 Prix la Force and G2 Prix Greffulhe last spring before being committed to a tilt at the G1 Epsom Derby in June. Fading to eighth there after racing with too much zest throughout the early stages when he should have been switched off, the homebred was ridden more patiently again when third in the G1 Grand Prix de Paris on what proved to be his seasonal finale over 12 furlongs back here the next month. Following his smooth winning return in the G3 Prix Exbury over 10 furlongs again at this favoured circuit Mar. 19, Cloth of Stars looked ready for his return to the big league when adding Chantilly's G2 Prix d'Harcourt to his tally three weeks ago.

Prominent early and set alight by the presence of last year's G1 Eclipse hero Hawkbill (Kitten's Joy) on his outer, he eventually settled to track the leader Guignol (Ger) (Cape Cross {Ire}) before being caught in a pocket on the rails behind that duo in early straight.

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THE WEEKLY WRAP

by *Emma Berry*

At the JHRA Select Sale of 2014, Qatar Racing spent ¥870 million, which equates to a little over £6 million, on a yearling and eight foals, seven of which were by Deep Impact (Jpn).

These included the top-priced yearling of the sale, by Deep Impact out of the G1 Fillies' Mile winner Listen (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), at ¥260 million (approximately £1.8 million). Now named **New World Power (Jpn)**, he had three placed runs for Roger Varian last season and, having subsequently been moved to David Simcock, has entries to make his seasonal reappearance this weekend at either Doncaster or Hamilton.

Among the foals was a colt by the 2011 G1 Dubai World Cup winner Victoire Pisa (Jpn), whose first crop included the G1 Japanese 1000 Guineas winner Jeweler (Jpn). Bought for the equivalent of roughly £320,000, the half-brother to Group 2 winner Hakusan Moon (Jpn) (Admire Moon {Jpn}) was named **Warring States (Jpn)** and sent to be trained by Andreas Wohler in Germany. [Cont. p3](#)

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

TRACKSIDE AT THE DERBY

The track was sloppy, but the action continued to heat up as Kentucky Derby day 2017 draws closer. Steve Sherack recaps all the goings-on at Churchill Monday. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

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G1 Prix Ganay Cont. from p1

Monday, Saint-Cloud, France

PRIX GANAY-G1, €300,000, SCD, 5-1, 4yo/up, 10 1/2fT, 2:11.70, g/s.

1--&**CLOTH OF STARS (IRE)**, 128, 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 TATOCT). O-Godolphin SNC; B-Peter Anastasiou (IRE); T-Andre Fabre; J-Mickael Barzalona.

€171,420. Lifetime Record: 11-7-1-2, €589,850. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.** **Werk Nick Rating: A+++**

Triple Plus.

2--**Zarak (Fr)**, 128, c, 4, **Dubawi (Ire)**--Zarkava (Ire), by Zamindar.

'**TDN Rising Star**' O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (FR); T-Alain de Royer-Dupre. €68,580.

3--**Silverwave (Ire)**, 128, h, 5, Silver Frost (Ire)--Miss Bio (Fr), by

River Mist. (€60,000 RNA Ylg '13 ARQOCT; €420,000 2yo '14 ARQNOV). O-HSpirit; B-Mlle Marie-Laure Collet, Jean Collet & Mme Marylene Collet (FR); T-Pascal Bary. €34,290.

Margins: SNK, 3/4, HD. Odds: 1.20, 2.40, 8.40.

Also Ran: Erupt (Ire), Hawkbill, Guignol (Ger), Potemkin (Ger).

Scratched: Maniaco (GB). **Click for the Racing Post result or Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

For a few strides it appeared that he could be a hard-luck story, but once a big enough gap appeared between them he showed his trademark acceleration to seize the lead passing the 300-metre marker. Driven out by Mickael Barzalona to hold the surging Zarak, he gave extra when he felt the arrival of that '**TDN Rising Star**' to prevail with Silverwave and Erupt (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) running with credit on their seasonal bows over a trip too short.

"We had some worries, because he didn't really settle early on but it didn't stop him," Godolphin's Lisa-Jane Graffard commented. "One he found the gap, he quickened nicely. We'll probably wait and see what to do now, as he's already had three runs this season and now has his Group 1."

Pedigree Notes...

Cloth of Stars's illustrious family has been back in the headlines of late with the Niarchos homebred Ulysses (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) looking set for a big season after his win in last week's G3 Gordon Richards S. at Sandown. His dam is Strawberry Fledge's G1 Epsom Oaks-winning full-sister Light Shift, also a half to the G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup-winning champion Shiva (Jpn) (Hector Protector). Like Main Sequence (Aldebaran), Cloth of Stars could be on a roll now that he has won his first Group 1 with the sire's progeny and all this family tending to improve with age and experience. **Cont. p3**

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Frankel's Straight Shooter becomes a TDN Rising Star at Saint-Cloud | Scoop Dyja

G1 Prix Ganay Cont.

Next to come from the dam is 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. **Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

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THE WEEKLY WRAP by Emma Berry



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He became the first stakes winner for his sire outside Japan when winning yesterday's G3 Bavarian Classic in Munich.

Another foal from the same batch was **Love Conquers (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), a sister to G1 Japanese Derby winner Deep Brillante (Jpn), who made her debut in the Qatar Racing silks last week for Ralph Beckett. They also have an unraced 3-year-old filly named, **Deep Sea (Jpn)**, by Deep Impact out of the G1 Australian Derby and G1 Australian Guineas heroine Shamrock (NZ) (O'Reilly {NZ}).

Also at Sandown last Friday, the Simcock-trained Derby entry **Fierce Impact (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), a debutant winner last season, ran last of five but not beaten far in a competitive field for the G3 Classic Trial. Meanwhile, **Lethal Impact (Jpn)**, by the same sire and a full-brother to G1 Japanese Oaks winner Mikki Queen (Jpn), is declared to run at Yarmouth on Wednesday.



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Fortune Favours the Brave...

Though Flat and National Hunt racing are two very distinct codes, there can sometimes be a fine line between the two, with perhaps only eight flights of hurdles separating a top-class stayer and a champion hurdler.

As someone with a foot planted firmly in both camps, there have been few horses I've enjoyed supporting more in recent years than Overturn (GB) (Barathea {Ire}), a winner over seven furlongs at two and later over 1m6f for the late Walter Swinburn before being bought as a hurdling prospect for £75,000 by Donald McCain for Tim Leslie. That transpired to be money extremely well spent as Overturn added the Chester Cup and Northumberland Plate to his list of Flat achievements while also becoming one of the most consistent jumpers in training. In 19 starts over hurdles, he won seven times, including the G1 Fighting Fifth, and was placed in another eight, most notable when second to Rock On Ruby (Ire) in the G1 Champion Hurdle. He also won three of four steeplechases contested and was second in another.



Wicklow Brave | Darren Tindale

In short, he was the perfect all-rounder, but he now has a strong rival for my affection in **Wicklow Brave (GB)** (Beat Hollow {GB}), whose victory in Friday's G1 Punchestown Champion Hurdle helped to secure a last-gasp 10th champion trainer title for Willie Mullins. This of course came just seven months after he became a Classic winner on the Flat when beating Order Of St George (Ire) in the G1 Irish St Leger. Wicklow Brave was slower to come to hand than Overturn and didn't make his debut--in a bumper--until he was four but, now eight, he has accrued earnings of £392,772 in 10 victories from his 32 starts.

When trainers and agents are selling the dream to owners, perhaps having a 2-year-old winner at Royal Ascot who attracts lucrative offers from overseas is one appealing element, but far more of a lure, surely, is the dream of horse that can take you places, literally, just as Wicklow Brave has done for Nick Peacock of Wicklow Bloodstock.

I don't know too many owners who wouldn't relish spending five seasons and counting with a competitive runner at such occasions as the festivals of Cheltenham, Galway and Punchestown, Royal Ascot, Irish Champions Weekend and the Melbourne Cup. Those have all been destinations on Wicklow Brave's itinerary and, to paraphrase Neil Young, long may he run.

All's Wells...

Continuing the dual-purpose theme, as the jumps season has drawn to a close and the first of this season's Classics are upon us, it would be remiss not to mention the extraordinary influence of Sadler's Wells across both codes.

We now take for granted the fact that Sadler's Wells's own extraordinary run as champion sire has been continued by his son Galileo (Ire), but he has also provided the champion National Hunt sire in Britain and Ireland for five of the last six seasons in King's Theatre (Ire).

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HAVANA GOLD

FIRST 2YO HITS THE MARK

HAVANA STAR provides an impressive first 2yo winner for HAVANA GOLD, landing the Novice Stakes at Beverley on debut. Congratulations to trainer Kevin Ryan and all connections.

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Weekly Wrap Cont.

Furthermore, four of the top five stallions in the jump table for the 2016-17 season were sons of Sadler's Wells, with Kayf Tara (GB) having been the British champion for eight seasons and now very much a viable contender to take the crown of King's Theatre in the coming years.

King's Theatre's stud career was well managed by Ballylinch Stud, which takes pride in standing a top-class dual-purpose stallion and was also once home to Bob Back (Roberto). On King's Theatre's death in 2011, Ballylinch bought from Juddmonte another son of Sadler's Wells, **Beat Hollow**, who can have no finer flagbearer for the job he was recruited to do than the aforementioned Wicklow Brave.



Beat Hollow | Emma Berry

Beat Hollow's future jumping prospects are still young, but his allure was enough to be able to attract the outstanding hurdler Quevega (Fr) (Robin Des Champs {Fr}) in her first year at stud. Another Willie Mullins-trained top-class jumps mare, Annie Power (Ire) (Shirocco {Ger}), has this past week been confirmed

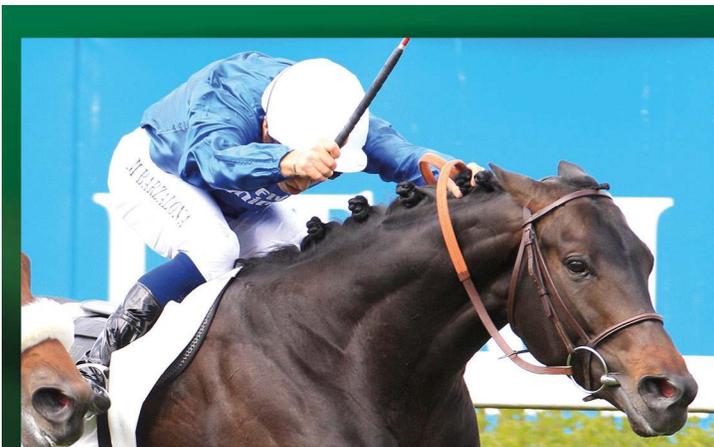
in foal to Camelot (Ire). Though the treble Classic winner's sire Montjeu (Ire) has a growing influence in the National Hunt sphere through his sons such as Walk In The Park (Ire), Scorpion (Ire) and Montmartre (Fr), the resultant foal from this particular mating should be considered a decent Flat prospect in the making. Out of a Group 3 winner in Germany and English listed winner, Annie Power, who started her career in training with Jim Bolger, is a granddaughter of German champion filly Anna Paola (Ger). That G1 Preis der Diana winner's dynasty contains numerous stakes performers, including Darley sire Helmet (Aus), whose first-crop son Thunder Snow (GB) lines up for Saturday's Kentucky Derby.

Larceny in the Black...

The Black Princess (Fr) continued the excellent recent run globally of her sire Iffraaj (GB) when making all to win the G3 Prix Allez France at Chantilly on Sunday. She also provided another reason to rue the recent death of Cape Cross (Ire), as she is out of his once-raced daughter Larceny (Ire)--a half-sister to the French Classic-winning duo of Lattice (Ire) (Inchior {GB}) and Lawman (Fr) (Invincible Spirit {Ire})--and thus inbred 3x3 to Park Appeal (GB), whose influence has been profound for Sheikh Mohammed's breeding operation. **Cont. p6**



The Black Princess | Scoop Dyga



A sixth Group 1 winner for

SEA THE STARS

CLOTH OF STARS takes the Gr.1 Prix Ganay and wins a third consecutive Group race, remaining unbeaten this year.

Congratulations to all the connections!

Weekly Wrap Cont.

Though Larceny didn't cover herself in glory on the racecourse, the family has served her connections well. Like her illustrious siblings and her stakes-winning daughter, Larceny was bred under the Petra Bloodstock Agency banner and raced for Lady O'Reilly, through whose Haras de la Louviere four of Larceny's yearlings have been sold at consecutive Arqana August Sales, for €85,000, €170,000, €210,000 and €600,000.

Charlie Liverton, an advisor to Robin Geffen and chief executive of Britain's Racehorse Owners Association, bought The Black Princess for €170,000 and clearly liked the family so much that he returned the following year to buy her half-brother Oxford Thinking (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}). The latter also started his career with John Gosden, but has returned to France since being sold on in February and is now trained by John Hammond.

Larceny's 2-year-old filly, Gabrielle (Fr) (Dark Angel {Ire}), the most expensive of the clan to date, is now in training with Andre Fabre for John Camilleri's Fairway Sas.

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MINDING KEEPS IT SIMPLE AT NAAS

European highweight distaffer as a juvenile and Europe's leading sophomore off the back of five Group 1 wins last term,

Derrick Smith's **Minding (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) duly landed prohibitive odds of 1-3 with an uncomplicated seasonal return in Monday's G2 Mooresbridge S. at Naas. The 4-year-old bay, coming back from a game win in Ascot's Oct. 15 G1 Queen Elizabeth II S., asserted for control after the initial strides and soon held a two-length buffer racing under a firm grip. Allowed a breather by Ryan Moore at the end of the back straight, she was nudged along approaching the final furlong and pushed clear in the closing stages to easily account for **Moonlight Magic (GB)** (Cape Cross {Ire}) by 3 1/2 lengths. Useful yardstick **Brendan Brackan (Ire)** (Big Bad Bob {Ire}) was two lengths further adrift in third.

"We're delighted to get her started back and it's nice to get her going again," commented trainer Aidan O'Brien. "She has the options of the [May 28 G1] Tattersalls [Gold Cup at The Curragh] or the [May 20 G1] Lockinge S. at Newbury. We'll probably be looking at the Tattersalls and I imagine that's where we'll go. We'll take it one [race] at a time, but we'd also be thinking of the [June 21 G1] Prince of Wales's S. at [Royal] Ascot. She's a great filly and what she done last year was incredible. To go right back to a mile at the end [of the season in the Queen Elizabeth II S.], it's very rare a horse can do that over a mile, a mile-and-a-quarter and a mile-and-a-half. She's very enthusiastic and Ryan [Moore] was very happy with her. She's done well physically and has changed into a 4-year-old." [Cont. p7](#)

Gr. 1 Winner

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Pedigree Notes...

Minding--who also annexed last year's G1 1000 Guineas, G1 Epsom Oaks, G1 Pretty Polly S. and G1 Nassau S.--is the leading performer out of G1 Coronation S. and G1 Matron S. heroine Lillie Langtry (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), and is a full-sister to G3 Derrinstown Stud 1000 Guineas Trial victress Kissed By Angels (Ire). She is also a full-sister to the 3-year-old filly How (Ire), the unraced 2-year-old filly Conquest (Ire) and a yearling filly. Lillie Langtry's siblings include stakes-winning GIII Autimn Miss S. second Danilovna (Ire) (Dansili {GB}) and MGSP Listed Celebration S. winner Count of Limonade (Ire) (Duke of Marmalade {Ire}), and she is also a half to the dam of G3 Classic Trial victor Master Apprentice (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}). Lillie Langtry also shares her unraced second dam Hiwaayati (GB) (Shadeed), herself a half to MGSW sires Great Commotion (Nureyev) and Lead On Time (Nureyev), with stakes-winning G1 Racing Post Trophy runner-up Winged Cupid (Ire) (In the Wings {GB}). [Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

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Minding outclasses her rivals under Ryan Moore | [Racingfotos.com](#)

Monday, Naas, Ireland

CAMELOT IRISH EBF MOORESBRIDGE S.-G2, €130,000, NAA, 5-1, 4yo/up, 10fT, 2:12.80, g/f.

1--**MINDING (IRE)**, 129, f, 4, by **Galileo (Ire)**

1st Dam: Lillie Langtry (Ire) (Hwt. 3yo Filly-Eng at 7-9.5f, G1SW-Eng & Ire, \$1,361,940), by Danehill Dancer (Ire)

2nd Dam: Hoity Toity (GB), by Darshaan (GB)

3rd Dam: Hiwaayati (GB), by Shadeed

O-Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier & Michael Tabor; B-Orpendale, Chelston & Wynatt (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Ryan Moore. £656,432. Lifetime Record: Hwt. 3yo-Eur at 7-9 1/2f, Hwt. 3yo-Ire & Eng at 7-9 1/2f, Hwt. 2yo Filly-Eur & Ire, MG1SW-Ire & Eng, 13-9-3-1, \$3,213,340. *Full to Kissed by

Angels (Ire), GSW-Ire. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++.** *Triple Plus*. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Moonlight Magic (GB)**, 129, c, 4, Cape Cross (Ire)--Melikah (Ire), by Lammtarra. O-Godolphin; B-Darley (GB); T-Jim Bolger. €24,700.

3--**Brendan Brackan (Ire)**, 129, g, 8, Big Bad Bob (Ire)--Abeyr (GB), by Unfuwain. (€4,000 RNA Ylg '10 TATFLT; 145,000gns HRA '14 TAJUL). O-David Spratt & Sean Jones; B-Anamoine Ltd (IRE); T-Ger Lyons. €11,700.

Margins: 3HF, 2, 3/4. Odds: 0.30, 6.00, 12.00.

Also Ran: Johannes Vermeer (Ire). Scratched: Jaqen H'Ghar (Ire).

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Monday, Saint-Cloud, France

PRIX DU MUGUET-G2, €130,000, SCD, 5-1, 4yo/up, 8fT, 1:41.01, g/s.

1--**JIMMY TWO TIMES (FR)**, 126, c, 4, by Kendargent (Fr)

1st Dam: Steel Woman (Ire), by Anabaa

2nd Dam: Saperlipoupette (Fr), by Highest Honor (Fr)

3rd Dam: Emmanuelle (Fr), by Margouillat (Fr)

(€85,000 Ylg '14 AROCT). O-Godolphin SNC; B-Francis Teboul & Jean Boniche (FR); T-Andre Fabre; J-Vincent Cheminaud.

€74,100. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Fr, 12-6-2-1, €308,464. **Werk**

Nick Rating: B. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Kourkan (Fr)**, 126, g, 4, American Post (GB)--Kourka (Fr), by Keos. O-Suc. Henri de la Chauvelais; B-Mme Henri de la Chauvelais (FR); T-Jean-Marie Beguigne. €28,600.

3--**Usherette (Ire)**, 122, m, 5, **Shamardal**--Monday Show (SP-Ger), by Maria's Mon. O-Godolphin SNC; B-Darley (IRE); T-Andre Fabre. €13,650.

Margins: HF, 1 1/4, SHD. Odds: 0.70, 9.70, 18.10.

Also Ran: Djiguite (Fr), Toscanini (Ire), Zalamea (Ire), Attendu (Fr), Karar (GB), Spectre (Fr), Siyoushake (Ire). [Click for the](#)

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Emerging as a miling force this term with an authoritative win in the G3 Prix Edmond Blanc at this venue Apr. 2, Godolphin's acquisition Jimmy Two Times returned to justify that purchase and favouritism and book his ticket to Royal Ascot. Second to the eventual G1 Commonwealth Cup and G1 Haydock Sprint Cup heroine Quiet Reflection (GB) (Showcasing {GB}) in the six-furlong G3 Prix Sigy at Chantilly last April, the grey had run 10th in Deauville's G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains the following month before reverting to sprinting. Staying at Deauville to take the Listed Prix Marchand d'Or over 6 1/2 furlongs in June and seven-furlong G3 Prix de la Porte Maillot in July, he was third in the 6 1/2-furlong G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest in August before finishing fourth to Limato (Ire) (Tagula {Ire}) in the G1 Prix de la Foret also at seven at Chantilly in October. [Cont. p8](#)



Jimmy Two Times | Scoop Dyga

G2 Prix Du Muguet Cont.

Settled in fourth early by regular rider Vincent Cheminaud, Jimmy Two Times was stoked up on the home turn and when the coal was lit was asked to hold on for his final surge. Finally let go with just over a furlong remaining, he quickly had the call and stayed on strongly enough to put himself out of reach of the closer Kourkan, with the winner's top-class stablemate Usherette ending up on the premises on her return.

"We are obviously delighted that we bought the horse and he quickened well to confirm the form of his last race," Godolphin's Lisa-Jane Graffard commented. "Mr. Fabre already had a plan when he was purchased and that was to wait for Royal Ascot and the [June 20 G1] Queen Anne S. We are also delighted with Usherette, who ran a good race on her first run back and the aim is to try and win a Group 1 with her this season."

Pedigree Notes...

The dam Steel Woman, a daughter of the G3 Deutscher Herold-Preis winner Saperlipoupette from the family of the GI Ramona H. third Envie de Rire (Fr) (Trepan {Fr}) and sire Solido (Fr), also has an as-yet unraced 3-year-old colt by Poliglote (GB) and a 2-year-old filly by Authorized (Ire). **Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

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Monday, Naas, Ireland

CANFORD CLIFFS IRISH EBF ATHASI S.-G3, €80,000, NAA, 5-1, 3yo/up, f/m, 7fT, 1:25.20, g/f.

1--**@REHANA (IRE)**, 123, f, 3, by **Dark Angel (Ire)**

1st Dam: Rayka (Ire), by **Selkirk**

2nd Dam: Rayyana (Ire), by **Rainbow Quest**

3rd Dam: Rayseka (Ire), by **Dancing Brave**

O-H.H. Aga Khan; B-His Highness the Aga Khan's Studs S.C. (IRE); T-Mick Halford; J-Shane Foley. €47,200. Lifetime Record:

6-2-0-2, \$91,552. **Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Rose de Pierre (Ire)**, 135, f, 4, **Dubawi (Ire)**--Profound Beauty (Ire), by Danehill. O/B-Moyglare Stud Farm (IRE); T-Dermot Weld. €15,200.

3--**Summer Icon (GB)**, 135, f, 4, Sixties Icon (GB)--Summer Cry, by Street Cry (Ire). (800gns Wlg '13 TATFOA). O-Allen, Porter, Voute Partnership 1; B-New Hall Stud (GB); T-Michael Channon. €7,200.

Margins: 2 3/4, 1 1/4, 3/4. Odds: 1.50, 1.50, 20.00.

Also Ran: Elizabeth Browning (Ire), Another Story (Ire), Diamond Fields (Ire). Scratched: Penny Pepper (Ire), Xenobia (Ire).

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Rehana, who had G1 1000 Guineas favourite Rhododendron (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in arrears when breaking through at The Curragh in her second start June 24, was just off the board in last term's Aug. 21 Debutante S.--where that foe gained revenge--and the Sept. 11 G1 Moyglare Stud S., and ran third in Apr. 8 G3 1000 Guineas Trial at Leopardstown on sophomore return last time. She dominated here to punch her ticket to The Curragh's May 28 G1 Irish 1000 Guineas. His Highness The Aga Khan's homebred bay was on her own in front until joined by the year-older Rose de Pierre (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) with just under three furlongs remaining and, coming off the bridle to gain the upper hand on that market rival at the eighth pole, she increased her margin of superiority under mild urging in the closing stages to hit the line with a comfortable advantage.



Rehana and Shane Foley | Racingfotos.com

"We said we'd keep it simple with her and the race went according to plan," said trainer Michael Halford. "It probably wasn't ideal to make the running, but she doesn't mind doing so as she is straight forward. That will do her confidence good, she's had a couple of races against top-class fillies and even her comeback run was good." **Cont. p9**

G3 Canford Cliffs Irish EBF Athasi S. Cont.

“It’s amazing at this time of year if the fillies get their head in front it does a lot for their confidence,” continued Halford. “Ground is important to her and if she gets her ground she’ll take her chance in the [Irish 1000] Guineas. She’s so genuine that she handles an ease in it, but you’d have to say she’s at her best on good or quicker.”

Pedigree Notes...

Rehana is the first black-type winner produced by Rayka (Ire) (Selkirk) and is a half-sister to Listed Corrib S. and Listed Silken Glider S. runner-up Rayisa (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), and the 2-year-old filly Raynama (Ire) (Siyouni {Fr}). Her dam is a half-sister to G3 Killavullan S.-winning Irish highweight and G1 Irish 2000 Guineas second Rayeni (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}), while her third dam is GSW G1 Irish St Leger runner-up Rayseka (Ire) (Dancing Brave). [Click for the free EquineLine.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

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Monday, Munich, Germany

WWW.PFERDEWETTEN.DE BAVARIAN CLASSIC-G3,

€55,000, MUN, 5-1, 3yo, 10fT, 2:14.60, sf.

1--**#WARRING STATES (JPN), 128, c, 3, by Victoire Pisa (Jpn)**

1st Dam: Ciliege (Jpn), by Sakura Bakushin O (Jpn)

2nd Dam: Megami Guerlain (Jpn), by Shady Heights (GB)

3rd Dam: Mogami Guelain (Jpn), by Mogami (Fr)

(Y46,000,000 Wlg '14 JRASAL). O-Qatar Racing Ltd; B-Shirai Stud Farm (JPN); T-Andrea Wohler; J-Harry Bentley. €32,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, €35,500. *1/2 to Hakusan Moon (Jpn) (Admire Moon {Jpn}), MGSW & MG1SP-Jpn, \$3,838,913.

[Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#) **Werk Nick Rating: A++.**

2--**Enjoy Vijay (Ger), 128, c, 3, Nathaniel (Ire)--Enjoy the Life (GB), by Medicean (GB).**(€58,000 Ylg '15 BBAGS). O-Gestut Ittlingen; B-Stiftung Gestut Fahrhof (GER); T-Peter Schiergen. €12,000.

3--**Kastano (Ger), 128, c, 3, Nathaniel (Ire)--Kastila (Ger), by Sternkonig (Ire).**(€140,000 Ylg '15 BBAGS). O-Newsells Park Stud & Gestut Rottgen; B-Gestut Rottgen (GER); T-Markus Klug. €6,000.

Margins: NO, 2HF, 1HF. Odds: 2.20, 5.50, 4.50.

Also Ran: Northsea Star (Ger), Rostam, Nerud, Manipur (Ger).

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Last seen finishing 10th in the G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud in October, Warring States who is a half-brother to the G2 Centaur S., G3 Summer Dash and G3 Keihan Hai winner and G1 Takamatsunomiya Kinen and G1 Sprinters S. runner-up Hakusan

Moon produced an early shot across the bows ahead of the G1 Deutsches Derby. Becoming the third individual group winner to emerge from that Saint-Cloud feature in 2017 after Cunico (Ire) (Frankel {GB}) and Rekindling (GB) (High Chaparral {Ire}), the chestnut who had scored on his only other start at Hoppegarten in early October showed battling qualities which will help in the July 2 Hamburg Classic. Held up worse than midfield by Harry Bentley initially, he was sent up to gain a slight edge approaching the furlong pole where Enjoy Vijay gave persistent chase and was tenacious as he saw off that threat. In doing so, he was providing trainer Andreas Wohler with an overall sixth and third consecutive renewal of this contest. [Click for the free EquineLine.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

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Monday, Rome, Italy

PREMIO PARIOLI-G3, €154,000, CAP, 5-1, 3yo, c, 8fT, 1:36.6, gd.

1--**@ANDA MUCHACHO (IRE), 128, c, 3, by Helmet (Aus)**

1st Dam: Montefino (Ire), by Shamardal

2nd Dam: Monturani (Ire), by Indian Ridge (GB)

3rd Dam: Mezzogiorno (GB), by Unfuwain

(18,000gns Ylg '15 TATOCT; €26,000 2yo '16 GORMAY). O-Scuderia Incolinx; B-Thomas Hasset (Ire); T-II Cavallo In Testa; J-Dario Vargiu. €59,500. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, €80,750. *1/2 to Parsley (Ire) (Zebedee {GB}), GSP-Eng. **Werk Nick Rating: A.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Patriot Hero (Ire), 128, c, 3, Pivotal (GB)--Noble Hero (Ire), by Daggars Drawn. O/B-La Nuova Sbarra (Ire); T-Endo Botti Galoppo. €26,180**

3--**Amore Hass (Ire), 128, c, 3, Azamour (Ire)--Hassaya (Ire), by King's Best. (€35,000 Wlg '14 GOFNOV; 40,000gns Ylg '15 TATOCT). O-Scuderia Rencati; B-T. Boylan (Ire); T-Alduino Botti. €14,280.**

Margins: SHD, 1HF, 1. Odds: 1.90, 1.07, 4.66

Also Ran: Aspettatevi (Ity), Dulciboy (GB), Sun Devil (Ire), Biz Power (Ire), Together Again (GB), Mister Anthony (GB).

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Anda Muchacho, who debuted Mar. 12, scored a game win in the G3 Premio Parioli (Italian 2000 Guineas) in his third career start, only 50 days after his first appearance. The brave colt, who landed his first stakes win two weeks ago in the Listed Premio Gardone at San Siro, looked in serious trouble when the favourite Patriot Hero cruised to the front 200 metres from the wire. Under a strong ride by jockey Dario Vargiu, Anda Muchacho gamely outbattled Patriot Hero in the last stride.

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G3 Premio Parioli Cont.

"He is a serious horse and improve a lot in each start" said Bruno Grizzetti of the training partnership Il Cavallo In Testa, who was winning his first win in the Guineas. The unbeaten Anda Muchacho is expected to have a tilt at the Derby Italiano, a race won by owner Scuderia Incolinx last year with Saent (Ire) (Strategic Prince {GB}), who has been sold to Hong Kong and races now under the identity of Super Chic.

Pedigree Notes...

Anda Muchacho is the second stakes performer from the unraced Montefino after the fast juvenile Parsley (Ire) (Zebedee (GB)), who ran second in the G3 Firth of Clyde at Ayr. There is plenty of stamina in the distaff part of the pedigree. The second dam Monturani (Ire) (Indian Ridge (GB)) won a Group 2 over 10 furlongs at The Curragh and the third dam Mezzogiorno's best performance was a third in the G1 Yorkshire Oaks over 12 furlongs. **Click for the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)**

Monday, Rome, Italy

PREMIO REGINA ELENA-G3, €154,000, CAP, 5-1, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:36.1, gd.

1--@MI RACCOMANDO (GB), 124, f, 3, by **Poet's Voice (GB)**

1st Dam: **Maschera D'Oro (GB)**, by **Mtoto (GB)**

2nd Dam: **La Maschera (Fr)**, by **Belmez**

3rd Dam: **Foretaste**, by **Forli (Arg)**

(€70,000 Ylg '15 SGSSEP). O-Scuderia Effeve; B-Razza Del Sole (GB); T-Alduino Botti; J-Fabio Branca. €59,500. Lifetime Record: 9-4-2-1, €123,301. *1/2 to Mia Diletta (GB) (Selkirk), MSW & GSP-Ity, \$145,734; Michele Strogoff (GB) (Aqlaam {GB}), SP-Ity. **Werk Nick Rating: A++**. **Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)**

2--**Lady Ramon (Ity)**, 124, f, 3, Ramonti (Fr)--Lady Praeneste (Ire), by One Cool Cat. O-Nazzareno Marchetti; B-Ugo Marchetti (Ity); T-Antonio Di Dio. €26,180

3--**Stamp Collecting (Ire)**, 124, f, 3, **Casamento (Ire)**--Almatlaie, by Elusive Quality. (€14,000 Wlg '14 GOFNOV; 6,500gns Ylg '15 TATOCT). O-Scuderia Corsadoro; B-John Malone-Ire; T-Raffaele Biondi. €26,180.

Margins: SNK, 3, 1 1/4. Odds: 1.15, 22.53, 2.58

Also Ran: Sopran Verne (Ire), Candy Store (Ire), Oriental Arrow (ire), Alfonsine (Ire), Morigane Forlonge (Fr), Secret Sharp (Ire), Fongani (Fr), Biri's Angel (Ire), Movees (Ire), Into The Lane (Ire), Fataliste (Fr), Mon Tresor (Fr).

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Mi Raccomando was the best filly of her generation last year in Italy and just failed to score in the G3 Premio Dormello. She had a poor trial for the G3 Premio Regina Elena, when she lost her

rider Fabio Branca at the break and ran loose in front of the others in the Premio Torricola, three weeks ago at this venue.

Fabio Branca was secure in the irons Monday and gave a fine ride, allowing Mi Raccomando to stalk the pace. She kicked for home strongly, but had to battle inside the last furlong with the 23/1 longshot Lady Ramon surged up the inside. Branca closed the door on that rival saved the win by a short neck.

"Mi Raccomando is a very good filly and she deserved that Classic win," said Branca. "I have been a bit rude in the closing stages, but Lady Ramon came inside me like a real danger."

Pedigree Notes...

Mi Raccomando is a half-sister to Mia Diletta (GB) (Selkirk), a dual stakes winner during her juvenile season. Mia Diletta is the dam of Poeta Diletto (GB) (Poet's Voice {GB}), the winner of the G3 Premio Parioli last year. The dam Maschera D'Oro delivered another stakes performer in Michele Strogoff (GB) (Aqlaam {GB}) to date. **Click for the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)**



DOZEN GO FORWARD FOR FIRST CLASSIC

A field of 12 colts have been left in the G1 QIPCO 2000 Guineas at Newmarket on Saturday headed by the long term ante-post favourite **Churchill (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}). The dual Group 1 winning juvenile is one of four potential Ballydoyle challengers along with **Peace Envoy (Fr)** (Power {GB}), **Lancaster Bomber** (War Front) and **Spirit Of Valour** (War Front). Caravaggio (Scat Daddy), as expected has been taken out of the race.

Speaking about Churchill on *At The Races* on Monday, O'Brien said, "We're very happy with him, he's done everything well. Obviously we haven't given him a run but he's been away and Donnacha rides him everyday and he's very happy with him."

Al Shaqab Racing's **Al Wukair (Ire)** (Dream Ahead) looks set to represent Andre Fabre who is confident of a bold show from the recent impressive winner of the G3 Prix Djebel.

"Al Wukair did his final piece of work before the QIPCO 2000 Guineas this morning and I was happy with everything," Fabre said. "I am quite confident that he will be in the first three on Saturday, but I am a bit concerned that he was not a Group 1 winner as a 2-year-old, something that most Guineas winners have already achieved, including both of mine, Zafonic and Pennekamp."



Andre Fabre is expecting a top three placing from **Al Wukair**
Scoop Dyga

Dozen Go Forward for First Classic Cont.

A strong home defense is headed by impressive recent trial winners **Eminent (Ire)** (Frankel {GB}) and **Barney Roy (GB)** (Excelebration {Ire}) who were successful in their seasonal debuts in the G3 Craven S. and G3 Greenham S., respectively. **Dream Castle (GB)** (Frankel {GB}) pulled hard early when beaten two lengths by Richard Hannon's Barney Roy at Newbury and could also represent Godolphin. Last year's G1 Racing Post Trophy winner **Rivet (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) also remains among the dozen, however his participation is doubtful with trainer William Haggas keener to target the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains a week later. The potential line-up, which will be the smallest field since 1995, is completed by James Tate's **Law And Order (Ire)** (Lawman {Fr}), the Saeed Bin Sueroor-trained **Top Score** (Hard Spun) and **Larchmont Lad (Ire)** (Footstepsinthesand {GB}), another for Richard Hannon.

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EIGHTEEN FILLIES LEFT IN 1000 GUINEAS

A deeper field of 18 fillies stand their ground for the G1 QIPCO 1000 Guineas at Newmarket on Sunday. The John Gosden pair of **Daban (Ire)** (Acclamation {GB}) and **Dabyah (Ire)** (Sepoy {Aus}), both owned by Abdullah Saeed Al Naboodah and both winners of their respective group trials at Newmarket and Newbury recently are still engaged, although Gosden has already stated his preference of rerouting Dabyah to run in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulaches in France the following weekend. Current favourite **Rhododendron (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) beat stablemate **Hydrangea (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) in the G1 Dubai Fillies Mile last year and both look set to take part with other Ballydoyle hopefuls **Roly Poly** (War Front), **Winter (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) and **Rain Goddess (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) also left in.

O'Brien is happy with the condition of the favourite and said, "Rhododendron is a clear minded, good moving filly with a good mind. She has done well physically since last year and we're happy with her."

Intricately (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) gave Joseph O'Brien a breakthrough Group 1 victory as a trainer last year in the G1 Moyglare Stud S. and she could be his first runner in a Classic on Sunday.

Like the 2000 Guineas, Frankel (GB) could have two to represent him in **Fair Eva (GB)** and **Queen Kindly (GB)**. Roger Charlton's Fair Eva has not run since finishing second to Spain Burg (Fr) (Sageburg {Ire}) in the G2 Shadwell Rockfel S. at Newmarket last year while the Richard Fahey trained Queen Kindly needs to improve on her first outing this year when fifth to Dabyah in the G3 Dubai Duty Free S. at Newbury Apr. 22. Also left in is the William Haggas trained **Sea Of Grace (Ire)** (Born To Sea {Ire}) who looked like she would come forward from her fifth to Daban in the G3 Nell Gwyn S. at Newmarket while Hugo Palmer's **Unforgettable Filly (GB)** (Sepoy {Aus}) and Andrew Balding's **Poet's Vanity (GB)** (Poets Voice {GB}), who finished second and third in the Nell Gwyn are also likely starters.

Other fillies still engaged in the Newmarket Classic are: **Ce La Vie (GB)** (Dutch Art {GB}), **Dream Start (GB)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), **Kilmah (GB)** (Sepoy {Aus}), Shadwell's **Talaayeb (GB)** (Dansili {GB}) and **Urban Fox (GB)** (Foxwedge {Aus}).

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Rhododendron was an impressive winner of the G1 Fillies Mile last year | *Racing Post*

CARR OWES A DEBT TO SOVEREIGN

Lady O'Reilly's evergreen 8-year-old **Sovereign Debt (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}) continues to be in great heart since his switch to trainer Ruth Carr upon the retirement of Dandy Nicholls and he is reported to be in fine shape since his most recent win in the G2 Bet365 Mile at Sandown last Friday. [Cont. p12](#)

Carr Owes a Debt to Sovereign Cont.

That was the gelding's 13th victory, his sixth at stakes level, and it brought his prize-money haul to date beyond the £700,000 mark. "He's come out the race really well. We're very happy with him and he's enjoying himself out in the paddock as normal," said Carr.

It was the second major win for the horse this year following his success in the £150,000 All-Weather Mile Championship at Lingfield Apr. 14 and the trainer's next challenge is to continue to place Sovereign Date to his best advantage, though she is slightly ruing the fact he has no upcoming Group 1 entries.

"The really big Group 1 races over a mile are now closed, unfortunately, as I was not really thinking that would be the way to go with him," she continued. "It would be quite nice for him to keep running in a grade he can do well in, though, so we'll have to sit down in the next few days and make a plan."

Sovereign Debt has been with three different trainers and has won in three different countries, showing a great affinity towards Irish tracks where he has won four times from nine visits, with victories at The Curragh, Tipperary and Leopardstown. A return trip across the water looks on the cards for the horse and Carr, who hadn't won a group race until Sovereign Debt came along, added, "He's run well before in Ireland and as he's such an easy horse to deal with and travels so well, that might be an option."

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Sovereign Debt beating Gabriel at Sandown | [Racingfotos.com](#)

MULLINS CHASING NASHVILLE BONUS

Irish champion jumps trainer Willie Mullins is planning a return trip to Nashville this month in an attempt to land a \$500,000 bonus should his **Nichols Canyon (GB)** (Authorized {Ire}) win the G1 Calvin Houghland Iroquois Hurdle S. at Percy Warner Park May 13. The Graham and Andrea Wylie-owned eight-time Grade 1 winner put himself in pole position for the bonus by

winning the G1 Stayers Hurdle at Cheltenham in March and already advertised his suitability for the race with a third place finish to Rawnaq (Ire) (Azamour {Ire}) in the 2016 renewal. He showed his current well-being with a tenacious second to Unowhatimeanharry (GB) (Sir Harry Lewis) at Punchestown last week.



Willie Mullins | [Racing Post](#)

Mullins commented, "He seems fine after his run at Punchestown on Thursday and plans are fairly advanced for taking him out to America--we'll just give him a quiet few days at home. I imagine Ruby [Walsh] would ride."

Mullins is no stranger to international jumps success and became the only European trainer to win Japan's G1 Nakayama Grand Jump with Blackstairmountain (Ire) (Imperial Ballet {Ire}) in 2013. His father Paddy sent out Grabel to win the valuable Dueling Grounds International at Kentucky Downs in 1990 and Mullins is keen to add America to his list of racing conquests.

"It was a good experience last year and they had a lot of water on the track so we are happy enough to travel back again," Mullins concluded. "The prize money is good but we are in line for the bonus so it would make the trip even better if we could win that."

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MASTERCRAFTSMAN FILLY A NEW RISING STAR AT NAAS

Alpha Centauri (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) towered over her rivals in the preliminaries and duly attracted sufficient support to make her the 2-1 favourite to become the latest notable winner from the prolific dual-purpose Jessie Harrington stable. Sharp enough to gain the early lead and the far rail, the imposing grey was sent clear from the quarter pole by Colm O'Donoghue and was able to be eased late to record a comprehensive 2 1/2-length success from Ballydoyle's fellow newcomer Actress (Ire) (Declaration of War).

"What was worrying me was the size of her," her trainer said of the imposing grey. "She's the biggest 2-year-old I have. When she came to me before Christmas she weighed 530 kilos which is heavier than most of the jumpers. I sent them back three times to weigh her because I said 'you must have got it wrong.' She still weighs over 500 kilos and it's amazing how big she is. She just has a relentless stride. She has plenty of pace, but you'd imagine she'll be better over longer as she's out of a Caerleon mare. We'll see where we go now. She loved that ground." [Cont. p13](#)



The happy connections of Alpha Centauri | *Racing Post*

Mastercraftsman Filly New Rising Star at Naas Cont.

The dam's first foal was Ballydoyle's useful Tenth Star (Ire) (Dansili {GB}), winner of the Listed Golden Fleece S. who was also runner-up in the G2 Royal Lodge S. She is a daughter of the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches, G1 Prix de Diane and G1 Prix Jacques le Marois heroine East of the Moon (Private Account), whose four black-type performers are headed by the G3 Prix d'Arenberg scorer Moon Driver (Mr. Prospector) and also include Canda (Storm Cat), dam of the G3 Horris Hill S.-winning sire Evasive (GB). East of the Moon was one of the brilliant Miesque's brigade of talented progeny alongside Kingmambo and it is notable that several of her descendants have made their mark in this country. They include the sire Mingun and the G1 Moyglare Stud S. and G1 Prix Marcel Boussac-winning European champion Rumplestiltskin (Ire) (Danehill). Alpha Lupi has a yearling filly by So You Think (NZ) to come.

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1st-NAA, €17,500, Mdn, 5-1, 2yo, f, 6fT, 1:10.60, g/f.
+ALPHA CENTAURI (IRE), f, 2, by Mastercraftsman (Ire)
 1st Dam: Alpha Lupi (Ire), by Rahy
 2nd Dam: East of the Moon, by Private Account
 3rd Dam: Miesque, by Nureyev
 Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$11,747. **Click for the *Racing Post* result or the free *EquineLine.com* catalogue-style pedigree. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
 O/B-O-Niarchos Family (IRE); T-Jessie Harrington.

FRANKEL'S STRAIGHT SHOOTER GAINS 'RISING STARDOM' AT SAINT-CLOUD

Straight Shooter received overwhelming support at the tills for this newcomers' test and justified odds-on favouritism with a blistering frontrunning display. The €400,000 ARAUG yearling was sharply away to seize immediate control and held sway under a taut rein into the straight. Nudged along to show his mettle approaching the final furlong, the 2-5 chalk surged clear under minimal coaxing in the closing stages to easily account for Zaryio (Fr) (Rio de la Plata) by seven lengths.

The May-foaled chestnut is a half-brother to G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere-winning sire Naaqoos (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), G3 Prix La Force-winning sire Barastraight (GB) (Barathea {Ire}) and Listed Prix de l'Avre third Sizing Stars (GB) (Sea the Stars {Ire}). He is also kin to a yearling filly by Invincible Spirit (Ire) and to the unraced Straight Miss (Ire) (In the Wings {GB}), who produced G3 Prix de Cabourg victor Mazameer (Ire) (Green Desert) and is the granddam of MGSP Listed Criterium du Languedoc winner Calling Out (Fr) (Martaline {GB}). Straight Shooter shares his second dam Gay Hellene (Ire) (Ela-Mana-Mou {Ire}) with G1 Metropolitan H. hero Sir John Hawkwood (Ire) (Sir Percy {GB}) and shares his G1 Irish 1000 Guineas-winning third dam Gaily (Sir Gaylord) with European champion and MG1SW sire Pilsudski (Ire) (Polish Precedent).

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3rd-SCD, €30,000, Mdn, 5-1, unraced 3yo, c/g, 8fT, 1:44.99, g/s.
+STRAIGHT SHOOTER (GB), c, 3, by Frankel (GB)
 1st Dam: Straight Lass (Ire), by Machiavellian
 2nd Dam: Gay Hellene (Ire), by Ela-Mana-Mou (Ire)
 3rd Dam: Gaily, by Sir Gaylord
 Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €14,100. **Click for the *Racing Post* result or the free *EquineLine.com* catalogue-style pedigree. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
 O-Mayfair Speculators SARL; B-Serge Boucheron (GB); T-Andre Fabre.

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BRITAIN

**Monday's Result:****2nd-BEV, £4,000, Cond, 5-1, 2yo, 5fT, 1:02, g/f.**

+HAVANA STAR (IRE) (c, 2, Havana Gold {Ire}--Nagham {Ire}, by Camacho {GB}) was slightly awkward at the break and chased the leaders in seventh after the initial strides of this debut. Under pressure and detached from the main body of the field passing halfway, the 10-1 chance powered into contention along the rail approaching the final furlong and kept on strongly for continued urging in the closing stages, despite a late leftward drift, to score by a neck from Rockin Fella (Ire) (Society Rock {Ire}). The €37,000 GOFSP yearling, who becomes the first winner for Tweenhills Farm & Stud's G1 Prix Jean Prat-winning sire Havana Gold (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}), is the only foal produced by Nagham (Ire) (Camacho {GB}), herself a winning daughter of Happy Talk (Ire) (Hamas {Ire}), who in turn is a half-sister to GIII Boiling Springs Breeders' Cup H. winner and G1 Irish 1000 Guineas third Storm Dream (Ire) (Catrail). The family also includes GSW G1 Premio Roma runner-up Border Arrow (GB) (Selkirk). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$3,352. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Hambleton Racing Ltd XXXVIII; B-Mubarak Al Naemi (IRE); T-Kevin Ryan.

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1st-BEV, £4,000, Cond, 5-1, 2yo, 5fT, 1:02.25, g/f.

+TIME TRAIL (GB) (f, 2, Swiss Spirit {GB}--Starbeck {Ire} {SP-Eng}, by Spectrum {Ire}) was slick from the gates and raced on the front end through the early strides of this first go. Gaining a slender advantage at the quarter-mile marker, the 12-1

chance came under increased pressure thereafter and was ridden out to hold the late thrust of Noble Manners (Ire) (Myboycharlie {Ire}) by a short head. The £38,000 GOUKPR yearling is the second winner for her freshman sire (by Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and the fourth produced by Listed October S. runner-up Starbeck (Ire) (Spectrum {Ire}). Her fourth dam is G1 Champion S.-winning British champion Rose Bowl (Habitat), whose descendants include G1 Haydock Sprint Cup hero Iktamal (Danzig Connection), GI Wood Memorial Invitational third Rokeby (GB) (Lomond) and G1 Italian 2000 Guineas runner-up Golden Mintage (The Minstrel). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$3,352. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O/T-Michael Dods; B-Kevin Daniel Crabb (GB).

7th-BEV, £6,000, Mdn, 5-1, 3yo, f, 9f 207yT, 2:02.69, g/f.

COCONUT CREME (GB) (f, 3, Cape Cross {Ire}--Soft Centre {GB} {SW-Eng}, by Zafonic), an Oct. 18 debut fifth to subsequent TDN Rising Star Shutter Speed (GB) (Dansili {GB}) going a shade over one mile at Yarmouth last time, raced a shade keenly in fourth through the early strides of this seasonal return. Rowed along with 2 1/2 furlongs remaining, the 5-4 favourite arrived on the front end approaching the final eighth and was ridden out to hold the late bid of Extra Mile (GB) (Frankel {GB}) by a half length. The homebred bay is a daughter of Listed Lupe S. scorer Soft Centre (GB) (Zafonic) and is a half to G1 Nassau S. heroine Sultanina (GB) (New Approach {Ire}), the 2-year-old colt Croque Monsieur (GB) (Intello {Ger}) and a yearling colt by New Approach (Ire). Soft Centre is one of four black-type performers out of GSW Lupe S. victress Foodbroker Fancy (Ire) (Halling) and is a half-sister to GIII Long Island H. winner Dalvina (GB) (Grand Lodge), who in turn produced Listed Godolphin S. victor Dal Harraild (GB) (Champs Elysees {GB}). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$4,897. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O/B-Normandie Stud Ltd (GB); T-William Haggas.

3rd-WDS, £5,000, Mdn, 5-1, 3-4yo, 8f 67yT, 1:43.54, gd.

DESERT DREAM (GB) (c, 3, Oasis Dream {GB}--Rosika {GB} {MSP-Eng, \$134,665}, by Sakhee), fifth last time over this trip at Leicester Apr. 7, started at 4-1 and broke well to gain a perfect position stalking the leaders against the fence. Switched out in the straight, the homebred was delivered wide to reel in Cool Team (Ire) (Tamayuz {GB}) passing the furlong pole and score by a half length. The winner is out of the useful Rosika, whose Dubka (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) proved a money-spinner in handicaps for the same connections last term and who is a half to the Listed Galtres S. scorer and G2 Ribblesdale S. third Rambling Rose (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}).

3rd-WDS Cont.

She is now better known as the dam of this yard's G1 Juddmonte International S., G1 Eclipse S. and G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup-winning sire Notnowcato (GB) who also took until this point of his career to get off the mark before making a fast ascent up the ranks. Rosika's 2-year-old colt Reveleon (GB) is by Exceed and Excel (Aus). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$4,190. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Sir Evelyn De Rothschild; B-Southcourt Stud (GB); T-Sir Michael R. Stoute.

CONDITIONS RESULT:

4th-BAT, £10,700, 5-1, 2yo, 5f 11yT, 1:01.73, fm.

ROCK OF ESTONIA (IRE) (c, 2, Society Rock {Ire}--Estonia {GB}, by Exceed and Excel {Aus}) Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$12,567. O-Kangyu Int. Racing (HK) Ltd & Mr F Ma; B-Colin Kennedy (IRE); T-Charlie Hills. *68,000gns Wlg '15 TATFOA; 90,000gns Ylg '16 TAOCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

I'vegotthepower (Ire), g, 3, Power (GB)--Waterways (Ire) (SW-Ire & GSP-Eng, \$142,610), by Alhaarth (Ire). BAT, 5-1, 8f 5yT, 1:40.72. B-D. Farrington, P. Gately, T. Killarney (IRE). *40,000gns Ylg '15 TAOCT.

IRELAND

**Monday's Results:**

POWER IRISH EBF TETRARCH S.-Listed, €57,500, NAA, 5-1, 3yo, 7fT, 1:26.30, g/f.

1--#DOCTOR GEOFF (IRE), 129, g, 3, by Fast Company (Ire)

1st Dam: More Respect (Ire), by Spectrum (Ire)

2nd Dam: Much Commended (GB), by Most Welcome (GB)

3rd Dam: Glowing With Pride (GB), by Ile de Bourbon

(€17,500 Wlg '14 GOFNOV; €18,000 RNA Ylg '15 GOFSP; £58,000 RNA 2yo '16 GOFBRE). O-David Spratt; B-DDE Syndicate (IRE); T-Ger Lyons; J-Gary Carroll. €33,925. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$49,318.

2--Drumfad Bay (Ire), 124, f, 3, Acclamation (GB)--Manieree (Ire), by Medicean (GB). (€140,000 Wlg '14 GOFNOV; 200,000gns Ylg '15 TATOCT). O-Stonethorn Stud Farms Limited. €10,925.

3--True Valour (Ire), 129, c, 3, Kodiak (GB)--Sutton Veny (Ire), by Acclamation (GB). (19,000gns Wlg '14 TATFOA; €100,000 2yo '16 GBMBR). O-Qatar Racing Limited. €5,175.

Margins: HF, HD, 1 3/4. Odds: 8.00, 14.00, 9.00.

Also Ran: Peace Envoy (Fr), Firey Speech, Noivado (Ire), Radio Silence, Son of Rest (GB). Scratched: Pecheurs de Perles (Ire).

Fourth on debut behind Firey Speech (Street Cry {Ire}) over six furlongs here in July, Doctor Geoff returned from a gelding operation to get off the mark by four lengths upped to a mile again at this venue in September. Held up early in mid-division under cover, the bay was pulled off the rail in time to launch his challenge as Ballydoyle's returning G3 Anglesey S. winner Peace Envoy (Fr) (Power {GB}) stayed holed up there just ahead. With that hot favourite completely trapped, Doctor Geoff was able to grab the advantage in the final yards and outstay Drumfad Bay and True Valour. "He's a horse we've always liked," trainer Ger Lyons said. "When he won his maiden [owner] David [Spratt] said he had one of the best speed figures of maiden winners last season. I just thought seven furlongs on that ground might be a tad sharp for him, but Gary [Carroll] said he was only going through the motions waiting for the gap. When he got the gap he sprinted clear. He'd have to come into the reckoning for something like the [G3] Jersey [S. at Royal Ascot June 21]. To win a Jersey, you want to be able to get a mile and have the speed for seven. He falls into that bracket."

The dam, who also has a yearling colt by Zoffany (Ire), is a daughter of the G2 Premio Regina Elena (Italian 1000 Guineas) and G2 German 1000 Guineas third Much Commended (GB) (Most Welcome {GB}) whose dam Glowing With Pride (GB) (Ile de Bourbon) was runner-up in the G2 Park Hill S. Her four black-type performers include the GII San Marcos H. winner and GI Hollywood Turf H. third Prize Giving (GB) (Most Welcome {GB}) and Victoria Cross (Ire) (Mark of Esteem {Ire}), responsible in turn for the G2 Hardwicke S. and G2 Jockey Club S. scorer Bronze Cannon (Lemon Drop Kid), last year's G2 King Edward VII S. winner Across the Stars (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}) and the GIII My Charmer H. winner Valiant Girl (GB) (Lemon Drop Kid). **Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**



Doctor Geoff | Racing Post

3rd-NAA, €25,000, Cond, 5-1, 2yo, 5fT, 1:06.60, g/f.

DALI (c, 2, Scat Daddy--Alegendinmyownmind {GB}, by Cape Cross {Ire}), a \$525,000 FTSAUG yearling, had to play second fiddle to the Joseph O'Brien trainee True Blue Moon (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) on debut at Dundalk Apr. 12 and showed the benefit of that experience from the outset by grabbing the lead. Pressed inside the final furlong by the newcomer Hawaam (Ire) (Swiss Spirit {GB}), the 4-6 market-leader stayed on to secure a length success. Stablemate U S Navy Flag (War Front), the son of Misty For Me (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and full-brother to the G2 Duchess of Cambridge S. scorer Roly Poly, was never far away and made steady headway late on to be fourth. "He came forward from his first run and he'll come forward again," Aidan O'Brien said of the winner. "I think five or six furlongs suits him, he has plenty of speed, when he learns what he's at. He could be [a Royal Ascot type] and you'd like to get another run into him before that." Scat Daddy is a big loss for Ashford Stud and only now is that becoming apparent after No Nay Never, Acapulco, Caravaggio and Lady Aurelia have lit up Royal Ascot in recent years. Alegendinmyownmind is a daughter of Midnight Line (Kris S.), who captured the GII Long Island H. and was third in the GI E. P. Taylor S. having enjoyed a fruitful European campaign at Warren Place when annexing the G3 Prestige S., G3 May Hill S. and finishing third in the G1 Epsom Oaks. Her dam Midnight Air (Green Dancer) also won the May Hill, suggesting Dali may not be just a sprinter. The dam's 2016 colt is also by Scat Daddy, while she has a colt foal by Declaration of War. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$19,793. **Video, sponsored by**

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O-Mrs John Magnier & Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith; B-Tada Nobutaka (KY); T-Aidan O'Brien.



2nd-NAA, €13,000, Mdn, 5-1, 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:11.10, g/f.

VIRTUDES (IRE) (f, 3, Invincible Spirit {Ire}--Nashama {Ire}, by Pivotal {GB}), never a factor when 14th on testing ground on her racecourse bow over this track and trip Mar. 26, was expected to do better at 8-1 and relished the slick surface to race behind the leading trio. Sent to the front passing the two-furlong pole, the homebred was pushed out to score by 2 1/4 lengths from Shinko Princess (Ire) (Strategic Prince {GB}). The dam, who is a half to the G2 Great Voltigeur S. and G3 Sandown Classic Trial S.-winning sire Centennial (Ire) from the family of Croco Rouge (Ire) and the highly influential producer Alidiva (Ire) (Chief Singer {Ire}), has a 2-year-old colt by Teofilo (Ire) named Black Jaguar (Ire) and a yearling filly by Slade Power (Ire). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$8,728. **Video, sponsored by**

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O-Godolphin; B-Darley (IRE); T-Willie McCreery.

FRANCE



Monday's Results:

PRIX DE L'AVRE-Listed, €55,000, SCD, 5-1, 3yo, 12fT, 2:35.80, g/s.

1--#WOLF COUNTRY (GB), 128, c, 3, by Dubawi (Ire)

**1st Dam: Goathemala (Ger) (GSW-Ger),
by Black Sam Bellamy (Ire)**

2nd Dam: Global World (Ger), by Big Shuffle

3rd Dam: Goonda (GB), by Darshaan (GB)

(725,000gns Ylg '15 TATOCT). O-Godolphin; B-Stiftung Gestut Fahrhof (GB); T-Charlie Appleby; J-William Buick. €27,500. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, €33,847.

2--Falcon Wings (GB), 128, c, 3, Nathaniel (Ire)--Cast in Gold, by Elusive Quality. O-Muteb bin Abdullah. €11,000.

3--Walsingham (Ger), 128, c, 3, Campanologist--Winterkonigin (Ger), by Sternkonig (Ire). (€12,000 Ylg '15 BBAGS). O-Stall Lucky Owner. €8,750.

Margins: 3/4, 1 1/4, 3/4. Odds: 9.50, 2.40, 10.60.

Also Ran: One One One (Fr), Sand Fox (Fr), Saldier (Fr), Amazing (Fr).

Wolf Country improved off a Sept. 8 debut sixth going one mile at Doncaster to graduate over the same trip at Yarmouth Oct. 10, and continued on the upgrade with a first black-type rosette here. Dictating throughout after poaching an immediate lead at the break, he came under pressure when threatened passing the two pole and stayed on strongly in the closing stages to keep all rivals at bay. "We had the the option of running Wolf Country in Friday's [G3] Classic Trial at Sandown, but it was too firm there and the softer ground here persuaded us to change our plans," revealed trainer Charlie Appleby. "I thought 12 furlongs, rather than 10 furlongs, would be better for him. He's a big, immature colt, we trained him lightly over the winter and he ought to come on a lot for that. We have no immediate plans at this stage, but we might consider a race like the [June 23 G2] King Edward [VII S. at Royal Ascot]. No matter what he does this year, he'll be a much better horse next season."

Wolf Country was produced by G3 Frankfurter Stutenpreis heroine Goathemala (Ger) (Black Sam Bellamy {Ire}) and is a half-brother to the stakes-winning Goiania (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), the stakes-place Guavia (Ger) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and a 2-year-old filly by Oasis Dream (GB). Goathemala is herself a half to Listed Premio Paolo Mezzanotte victress Guajara (Ger) (Montjeu {Ire}) and Listed Henkel Trial winner Galana (Ger) (Black Sam Bellamy {Ire}), out of the stakes-placed Global World (Ger) (Big Shuffle). The winner's fourth dam is G2 German 1000 Guineas winner Grimpola (Ger) (Windwurf {Ger}), herself the granddam of MG1SW European champion Fame and Glory (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}) and MG1SW distaffer Gonbarda (Ger) (Lando {Ger}). **Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

2nd-SCD, €30,000, Mdn, 5-1, unraced 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:47.20, g/s.

+IBIZA (FR) (f, 3, Redoute's Choice {Aus}--Olga Prekrasa, by Kingmambo) was reined back to race in rear through halfway in this unveiling. Shuffled back to be last of the eight approaching the quarter-mile marker, the 34-5 chance quickened smartly to challenge wide with 100 metres remaining and was ridden out to prevail by a nose from Speciality (Fr) (Lawman {Fr}), a daughter of MG1SW Pride (Fr) (Peintre Celebre), in a blanket finish. The homebred bay becomes the second scorer, from as many foals to race, produced by Olga Prekrasa (Kingmambo) and is a half-sister to last term's G1 Prix Jean Prat winner and G1 Prix du Moulin third Zelzal (Fr) (Sea the Stars {Ire}). Olga Prekrasa is a winning granddaughter of MG1SP G3 Lancashire Oaks victress State Crystal (Ire) (High Estate {Ire}), herself kin to four black-type performers including G1 Fillies' Mile heroine Crystal Music (Nureyev) and GSW G1 Prix Vermeille third Solar Crystal (Ire) (Alzao). Sales history: €100,000 RNA Ylg '15 AROCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €14,100. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Viktor Timoshenko & Andriy Milovanov; B-Viktor Timoshenko (FR); T-Nicolas Clement.

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7th-SCD, €26,000, Cond, 5-1, 3yo, 12fT, 2:39.42, g/s.

ICE BREEZE (GB) (c, 3, Nayef--Winter Silence {GB} {SP-Fr}, by Dansili {GB}), a debut second going 10 1/2 panels at this track Apr. 11, was off the pace in fifth for the most part here. Hurried along off the home turn, the 19-10 second choice received one flick of Vincent Cheminaud's whip when still fifth approaching the final furlong and stayed on strongly for one more flick in the

latter stages to deny Diabliesse (GB) (High Chaparral {Ire}) by a short neck nearing the line. Ice Breeze is the fourth winner produced by Listed Prix des Tourelles third Winter Silence (GB) (Dansili {GB}) and is a full-brother to G2 Hardwicke S. and G2 Yorkshire Cup hero Snow Sky (GB), and a half to the 2-year-old colt Air Frost (GB) (Iffraaj {GB}) and a yearling filly by Kingman (GB). Winter Silence is herself kin to G1 Sheema Classic winner Polish Summer (GB) (Polish Precedent) and GI Manhattan H. victor Meteor Storm (GB) (Bigstone {Ire}), out of a half-sister to MG1SW sires Raintrap (GB) (Rainbow Quest) and Sunshack (GB) (Rainbow Quest). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, €18,700. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-Pascal Bary.

GERMANY



Monday's Results:

GROSSER PREIS VON ROSSMANN-Listed, €25,000, HNO, 5-1, 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:14.62, g/s.

1--**SCHANG (GER), 130, c, 4, Contat (Ger)--Shaheen (Ger), by Tertullian.** O-Stall Biancolino; B-Albert Jorres (GER); T-Pavel Vovcenko; J-Michael Cadeddu. €14,000. Lifetime Record: Hwt. 3yo-Ger & Ity at 5-7f, GSW-Ger & SW-Ity, 13-5-2-1, €76,300.

2--**Sugar Free (Ger), 123, f, 4, Exceed and Excel (Aus)--Sugar Baby Love (Ger), by Second Empire (Ire).** (€220,000 RNA Ylg '14 BBAGS). O-Gestut Brummerhof. €6,500.

3--**Daring Match (Ger), 130, h, 6, Call Me Big (Ger)--Daring Action (GB), by Arazi.** O-Gestut Auenquelle. €3,000.

Margins: HF, HF, 9. Odds: 3.90, 11.40, 5.40.

Also Ran: Forgino (Ger).

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GROSSER PREIS DER JUNGHEINRICH GABELSTAPLER-Listed, €25,000, HNO, 5-1, 4yo/up, f/m, 8fT, 1:42.75, g/s.

1--**#A RAVING BEAUTY (GER), 126, f, 4, Mastercraftsman (Ire)--Anabasis (Ger), by High Chaparral (Ire).** (€95,000 RNA Ylg '14 BBAGO). O/B-Gestut Karlshof (GER); T-Andreas Suborics; J-Filip Minarik. €14,000. Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-1, €70,950.

2--**Partyday (Ire), 126, f, 4, Footstepsinthesand (GB)--Jolie Clara (Fr), by Kahyasi (Ire).** (€11,500 Wlg '13 GOFNOV; €13,000 Ylg '14 TISEP). O-Stall PartyDay.cz. €6,500.

3--**Shy Witch (Ger), 130, f, 4, Areion (Ger)--Shyla (Ger), by Monsagem.** O-Karin Schwerdtfeger. €3,000.

Margins: NO, 1 3/4, NK. Odds: 2.10, 7.40, 2.20.

Also Ran: Intendantin (Ger).

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3rd-HNO, €10,000, Mdn, 5-1, 3yo, 8ft, 1:43.05, g/s.

BE SWEET (GER) (f, 3, Adlerflug {Ger}--Beauty {Ger}, by Alkalde {Ger}), runner-up over this course and distance on debut Apr.

17, stalked the early pace in second before nipping to the front at the top of the straight. In no danger thereafter, the 11-10 favourite who hails from the extended family of the G2 German 1000 Guineas heroine Princess Nana (GB) (Bellypha {Ire}) and has a 2-year-old half-sister by Soldier Hollow (GB) named Blue Bell (Ger), stayed on to record a 2 1/4-length success from Waldpfad (Ger) (Shamardal). Sales history: €8,000 RNA Ylg '15 BBOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, €7,200.

O/B-U Lampe-Dreyer (GER); T-Hans-Jurgen Groschel.

4th-HAN, €10,000, Mdn, 5-1, 3yo, f, 9 1/2ft, 2:05.92, g/s.

WALATAH (GER) (f, 3, Soldier Hollow {GB}--Wakytara {Ger}, by Danehill), third over seven furlongs on debut at Cologne in October, took a keen hold early in a close-up second. Allowed to bowl to the front with two furlongs remaining, the 9-5 favourite was soon clear and only needed to be held together by Andreas Helfenbein to comfortably beat Wadia (Ger) (Campanologist) by 1 1/2 lengths. The winner is a full-sister to the G3 Ittlingen Derby Trial and G3 Grosser Preis des Hannover winner Wai Key Star (Ger), Hwt. 3yo-Ger at 9 1/2-11f, MGSW-Ger, \$123,362, and a half-sister to the G3 Bavarian Classic runner-up

Wheredreamsare (GB) (Monsun {Ger}). The dam is a half to the G1 Premio Vittorio di Capua-winning sire Waky Nao (GB) whose family includes the champion Park Express (Ire) (Ahoonora {GB}), now immortalised as the producer of the brilliant G1 Epsom Derby-winning sire New Approach (Ire). Her 2016 colt is by Areion (Ger). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, €6,600.

O/B-Gestut Park Wiedingen (GER); T-Markus Klug.

2nd-MUN, €8,750, Mdn, 5-1, 3yo, 8ft, 1:43.00, sf.

+LISSABON (GB) (f, 3, Soldier Hollow {GB}--Lavorna {Ger}, by Acatenango {Ger}), sent off at 6-1, was positioned against the rail behind the leading duo throughout the early stages. Looming on the front end passing the quarter pole, the €36,000 BBAGS yearling was clear a furlong later and was unextended to score impressively by three lengths from Kinetic Cross (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}). The first three foals out of Lavorna, who is an unraced daughter of the G2 Preis der Diana (German Oaks) third La Donna (GB) (Shirley Heights {GB}), were the High Chaparral (Ire) listed winners Lucarelli (Ger) and Laviva (GB) and Love Happens (GB) (Motivator {GB}) who was runner-up in the G3 Premio Sergio Cumani. This is the prolific family of German star Lando (Ger), fellow G1 Deutsches Derby-winning sire Laroche (Ger) and the GII Sky Classic-winning sire Lauro (Ger). Also connected to the group 1 mares Lovelyn (Ger) (Tiger Hill {Ire})

and Longina (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}), Lavorna has a 2-year-old son of Pivotal (GB) named Leonardo da Vinci (Ger). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €5,000.

O-Stall Sudwind; B-Gestut Haus Ittlingen (GB); T-John Hillis.

OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

7.10 Chelmsford, Mdn, £8,000, 3yo/up, 8f (AWT)

ABJAR (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}) debuts for the same Al Shaqab Racing-Sir Michael Stoute connection responsible for his listed-placed half-brother Abdon (GB) (Cacique {Ire}). The 525,000gns TATOCT son of the G1 Prix de l'Opera heroine Kinnaird (Ire) (Dr Devious {Ire}) who is also a half-brother to the G2 Royal Lodge S. winner Berkshire (Ire) (Mount Nelson {GB}) meets another newcomer of note in Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum's **Mabrook (GB) (Dubawi {Ire})**, a Marco Botti-trained son of the G1 Golden Slipper and G2 Balanchine winner Mahbooba (Aus) (Galileo {Ire}).

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ITALY

Sunday's Results:

PREMIO BOTTICELLI-Listed, €42,900, CAP, 1-5, 3yo, 5-1, 10.5ft, gd.

1--**AETHOS (IRE), 127, c, 3, by Dragon Pulse (Ire)**

1st Dam: **Quela (Ger), by Acatenango (Ger)**

2nd Dam: **Queen Of Love (Ger), by Nebos (Ger)**

3rd Dam: **Queen Of Realm, by Forli (Arg)**

O-We Bloodstock; B-Massimo Parri; T-Alduino Botti; J-Silvano Mulas. €16,575. Lifetime Record: Hwt. 2yo Colt-Ity, GSW-Ity, 6-3-2-0 €60,112. *1/2 to Ponticelli (Ire) (Kin Charlemagne), SP-Ity.

2--**Ground Rules (Ity), 125, c, 3, Aussie Rules--Grivele, by El Prado (Ire).** (€45,000 Ylg '15 SGSSEP). O-Scuderia Effevi. €7,293.

3--**Back On Board (Ire), 122, c, 3, Nathaniel (Ire)--Holy Moon (Ire), by Hernando (Fr).** O-Scuderia New Age. €3,978.

Margins: 1HF, NK, 11. Odds: 1.51, 0.38, 0.38.

*The stewards disqualified the coupled entry Ground Rules and Back On Board from first and second.

Also Ran: Cortese (Ire), Peruke N Periwig (Ire).

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PREMIO SIGNORINO-Listed, €42,900, CAP, 5-1, 4yo/up, 9fT, 1:48.2, gd.

1--**#PER UN DIXIR (IRE)**, 122, c, 4, **Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)--Cottonmouth (Ire)** (GSW-Ity, \$384,318), by Noverre.

O/B-Azienda Agricola Mariano (Ire); T-Alduino Botti; J-Cristian Demuro. €16,575. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0 €27,625. *1/2 to Dylan Mouth (Ire) (Dylan Thomas {Ire}), Hwt. 3yo-Ity at 11-14f, 2x Hwt. Older Horse-Ity at 11-14f, MG1SW-Ity, €886.652

2--**Circus Couture (Ire)**, 125, h, 5, Intikhab--Bois Joli (Ire), by Orpen. O-Scuderia Effevi. €7,298.

3--**Refuse To Bobbin (Ire)**, 122, h 7, Refuse To Bend (Ire)--Super Bobbina (Ire), by Daggers Drawn. O-Scuderia Chimax. €3,978

Margins: 1HF, NK, 3/4. Odds: 2.45, 0.48, 4.92

Also Ran: Pythius (Ire), Slowpoke (Ire), Mewat (GB), Fanoulpifer (GB), Jalapeno (Ire), Roman Spectrum (GB).

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EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

IN HONG KONG:

Eastern Express (Ire), g, 5, **Fastnet Rock (Aus)**--Mohican Princess (GB), by Shirley Heights (GB). Sha Tin, 4-30, Hcp. (£174k/€206k), 1600mT, 1:33.71. B-K Molloy. *GSP-HK. **150,000gns Ylg '13 TATOCT. ***1/2 to Satchem (Ire) (Inchinor {GB}), MGSW-Eng, \$234,243; Oui Say Oui (Ire) (Royal Applause {GB}), GSP-Ire, \$182,885; Eye of the Storm (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), GSW-Ire, MGSP-Eng, \$277,382; and Curbyourenthusiasm (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), GSP-Eng, \$135,233. **VIDEO**

Citron Spirit (Ire), g, 5, **Invincible Spirit (Ire)**--Citron Presse, by Lemon Drop Kid. Sha Tin, 4-30, Hcp. (£122k/€146k), 1600mT, 1:34.49. B-Mrs E Bifova. *GSW-Ger. **€450,000 HRA '14 ARQARC. **VIDEO**

Shamal (Fr), g, 5, **Siyouni (Fr)**--Sagalix (Fr), by Linamix (Fr). Sha Tin, 4-30, Hcp. (£122k/€146k), 1200mT, 1:09.38. B-Christian Hameau. *SP-Fr. **VIDEO**

WORLDWIDE NEWS

ENGLISH PRIMED FOR UBET CLASSIC

Top-class filly **English (Aus)** (Encosta De Lago {Aus}) will bid for a second Group 1 win when she lines up in the G1 UBET Classic at Morphettville on Saturday. Ben Melham has been booked to take over from the suspended Blake Shinn and co-trainer Adrian

Bott is pleased with the filly's preparation and hopes she can improve significantly from her slightly disappointing run last time when sixth in the G1 Schweppes All Aged S. at Randwick Apr. 15. Bott and fellow trainer Gai Waterhouse are also leaving nothing to chance as they prepare for the filly to race left handed for the first time in the 1200m contest for fillies and mares.

"English has been down there for a week working the other way," Bott told *Racing And Sports*. "She is racing in great form and her work in Melbourne has been good. She has been racing on heavy tracks in Sydney and it has been good for her to see firmer tracks."

Having beaten Black Heart Bart (Aus) (Blackfriars {Aus}) in the 2016 running of the G1 All-Aged S., English looked set to double her top level tally in the G1 TJ Smith S. Apr. 1 only to be collared in the dying strides by Chautauqua (Aus) (Encosta De Lago {Aus}). That form would leave her very hard to beat in Morphettville.



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"If English reproduces the TJ run I don't think there is a mare in the country that could go with her on Saturday," Bott added.

In other stable news Waterhouse and Bott have lodged an appeal against their conviction and A\$5,000 fine after recently being found guilty of conduct prejudicial to the image of racing after an inquiry into the substitution of horses listed to gallop in a televised trackwork session. The pair admitted galloping Stampede (Aus) (High Chaparral {Ire}), Fabrizio (Aus) (High Chaparral {Ire}) and Sort After (Aus) (Wanted {Aus}) at Randwick Apr. 4 in place of Serena Bay (Aus) (Sebring {Aus}), Debonairly (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}) and English, but pleaded not guilty to the charge. The gallops on the course proper were restricted to horses scheduled to compete at Randwick four days later and all horses wore racing colours. A date has yet to be set for the appeal hearing.

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AUSTRALIAN-BRED WINNERS

IN HONG KONG:

+Relentless Me (Aus), g, 3, **Statue of Liberty**--Snow Flight (NZ), by Colombia (NZ). Sha Tin, 4-30, Hcp. (A\$143k), 1200mT, 1:09.76. B-Riva Ridge Stud (SA). *1/2 to Viddora (Aus) (I Am Invincible {Aus}), GSW-Aus, A\$553,480. **A\$47,000 Ylg '15 MMADE. **VIDEO**

IN SINGAPORE:

+Whistling Win (Aus), c, 2, **Golden Archer (Aus)**--Alyssa Jean (Aus), by Dodge. Kranji, 4-30, Open 2yos (A\$86k), 1000m (AWT), :59.02. B-B M Nolan (Qld). *Fifth winner (from 17 runners) for first-crop sire (by Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}). **1/2 to Too Good to Refuse (Aus) (Rothesay {Aus}), SW & GSP-Aus, A\$438,550. **A\$28,000 Wlg '15 MMNWNL; A\$47,500 Ylg '16 MMADE: A\$80,000 2yo '16 MMGC2YO. **VIDEO**

Walking Thunder (Aus), g, 4, **Exceedingly Good (Aus)**--Kakama (NZ), by Pentire (GB). Kranji, 5-1, Maiden (A\$33k), 1100m (AWT), 1:05.01. B-Mr J & Judith D Clark (Qld). *Won by 3 1/2 lengths as the 1-5 favorite. **A\$32,000 Ylg '14 MMGCMAR. **VIDEO**

Elite Warrior (Aus), g, 4, **Reward For Effort (Aus)**--Misha's Belle (Aus), by Baryshnikov (Aus). Kranji, 5-1, Initiation (A\$62k), 1200mT, 1:11.54. B-F Borg (Vic). *Formerly Roxby Downs (Aus). **Full to Desert Lashes (Aus), SW-Aus, A\$236,600. ***A\$3,500 Ylg '14 INGVBS. **VIDEO**

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	UBET Classic	Morphettville
May 13	BTC Cup	Doomben
	SA Derby	Morphettville
May 20	Doomben Cup	Doomben
	The Goodwood	Morphettville
May 27	Doomben 10,000	Doomben
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