



## PRE-DRAW PREAKNESS PREVIEW



Always Dreaming | Coady Photography

by T.D. Thornton

As Wednesday's draw approaches, here's a look at the likely GI Preakness S. entrants, ranked in order of estimated win probability:

### 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: MGISW, 6-4-1-1, \$2,248,700.

Last Start: 1st, **GI Kentucky Derby**, CD, May 6

Accomplishments Include: 1st, **GI Xpressbet Florida Derby**, GP, Apr. 1

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There are some years when the Derby winner "backs into" the Preakness off an unconvincing score in Louisville and every wiseguy on the planet is looking to bet against him in Baltimore as a vulnerable favorite. This is not one of them.

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## ALWAYS DREAMING "FIRED UP" AT PIMLICO

GI Kentucky Derby winner **Always Dreaming** (Bodemeister), who had been relatively subdued and settled in recent mornings since arriving to Pimlico from Churchill Downs, showed some of the fire he displayed leading up to the Run for the Roses while galloping 1 1/2 miles Monday morning in Baltimore. Shortly after stepping on to the track at 6 a.m. with regular rider Nick Bush aboard, the colt became headstrong and difficult to handle [video]. While trainer Todd Pletcher said Always Dreaming likely became "fired up" after noticing the arrival of more horses in the barn, he acknowledged that the bucking incident on the racetrack was nerve-racking.

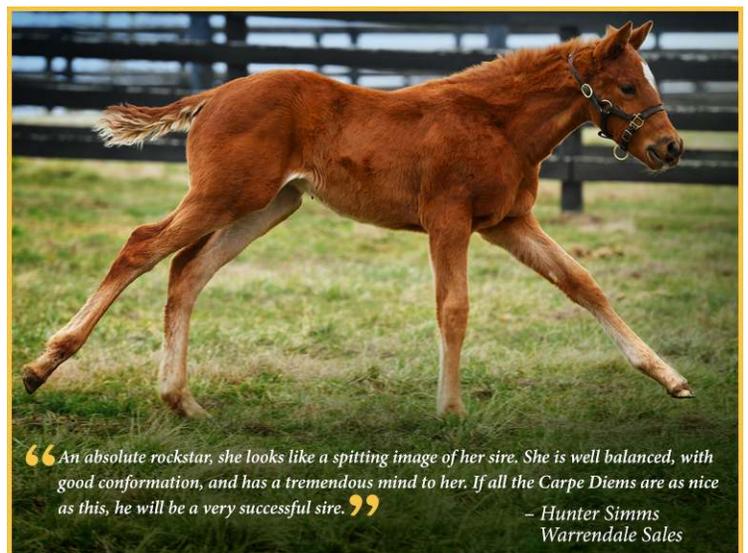
"He actually scared me a little bit because he was feeling so good when he went off," Pletcher said [video]. "The first couple of strides he went to try to buck Nick off and kind of stumbled a little bit when he did it."

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## Always Dreaming “Fired Up” at Pimlico

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Pletcher continued, “But he got right back on his feet and after that it was a very smooth, energetic, good gallop. Obviously, you don’t want any stumbles at this stage of the game, so it gave me a little bit of a fright.”

Pletcher said the dark bay cooled out fine upon returning to the barn. Always Dreaming appeared to settle down noticeably in his training after Pletcher elected to add draw reins and switch to the services of exercise rider Nick Bush on Derby week. Despite Monday’s incident, Pletcher noted that his charge appears to be coming into the Middle Jewel of the Triple Crown in sharp form.

“Since we got to Churchill, he had a little change in his personality, just in terms of how aggressive he became,” Pletcher said. “We’ve seen a little bit of that here. Not quite as much as we did at Churchill. I think coming in here early helped us in that regard.”



Always Dreaming | MJC

- Hall of Fame trainer Steve Asmussen’s pair of L and N Racing’s **Lookin At Lee** (Lookin At Lucky) and Calumet Farm’s **Hence** (Street Boss) posted a pair of maintenance breezes at Churchill Downs Monday morning ahead of Saturday’s Preakness. Lookin At Lee, who rallied strongly up the rail to complete the exacta behind Always Dreaming in the Kentucky Derby, worked a half-mile in :51.20 with internal splits of :13 and :25.80 and a five-furlong gallop out in 1:04.80. Hence, 11th in the Derby, was similarly relaxed, covering four panels in :51 flat earlier in the morning, posting splits of :13 and :25.80 and a five-furlong gallop out in 1:05 flat.

“They both had really easy works,” Asmussen said. “Both horses were traveling well and came out of the Derby in good shape.”

Lookin At Lee, previously a closing third in the GI Arkansas Derby Apr. 15, took his game to the next level with a runner-up effort at odds

of 33-1 at Churchill.

“Lookin At Lee has always had a good rhythm to his training,”

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Asmussen commented. "This is a typical breeze for him. His personality and gamesmanship gave us a lot of confidence in him going into the Derby. We have no control of how the other horses run, but we always feel like he does his best. It takes a horse like him to get the dream trip as he did in the Derby. Some of the spots that he went through aren't for everybody and that's what has us feeling so strongly about him going into the Preakness."



Lookin At Lee | Coady photo

Hence captured the GIII Sunland Derby at Sunland Park Mar. 26 and never managed to get involved at odds of 15-1 on the first Saturday in May.

"Hence didn't really run his race in the Derby," the trainer continued. "Watching from the grandstand, he was jumping from the kickback of the sloppy racetrack. I expected him to come out of the race as though he didn't exert himself, and that's exactly what he did. He's a very impressive individual and still training very well."



Gun Runner | Coady photo

Asmussen also sent out GI Clark H. hero and G1 Dubai World Cup runner-up **Gun Runner** (Candy Ride {Arg}) to work a half-mile in :51 flat. The chestnut is expected to make his next start in the GI Stephen Foster H. at Churchill June 17.

- 2016 champion juvenile colt and recent GI Kentucky Derby fourth **Classic Empire** (Pioneerof the Nile) arrived at Pimlico during the overnight hours Monday following a van ride from Churchill Downs. Norm Casse, assistant to his father Mark, confirmed that the colt settled in to his new surroundings well [video] following a troubled trip beneath the Twin Spires.

"He should be, technically, sitting on his best race," Casse said. "We all were hoping he could win the Derby, but we knew that everything had to go right, and obviously it didn't go right."

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Todd Pletcher has been in the spotlight for a long time and his list of accomplishments is an almost endless one. But his finest moment may have come last Saturday at Churchill Downs, where he broke that 1-for-45 hex and won the GI Kentucky Derby with Always Dreaming (Bodemeister). The man of the hour, Todd Pletcher, is our guest on this week's Thoroughbred Daily News podcast, brought to you by Taylor Made.

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Always Dreaming showed on the first Saturday in May that he can handle (or establish) high-level pace pressure, fend off multiple mid-race attacks, torque into several overdrive gears, and open up willingly over Classic distances without appearing taxed. Always Dreaming is now four-for-four in 2017, winning three races in succession at nine furlongs or greater. He's been an enthusiastic trainee since settling in at Pimlico, where trainer Pletcher said, "This whole two weeks in between the Derby and the Preakness is all about just refueling and keeping him healthy and happy." None of this, however, should be read as an endorsement that Always Dreaming is an automatic lock to bring home the Woodlawn Vase. Given the

trip trouble and apparent dislike for the slop at Churchill Downs that some of his rivals encountered, it's logical to think that at least one of those foes will rebound with a far sharper race in the Preakness. The Preakness will unfold differently strategy-wise too, with every other rider in the race cognizant of where the Derby winner is positioned (jockey John Velazquez might as well be riding with a target emblazoned on his back). But the hedge here is that in a cleanly run race, Always Dreaming has enough room to improve even if his rivals gang up on him pace-wise, and his development over the past two months gives the impression he has not yet bottomed out in terms of stamina and resiliency.

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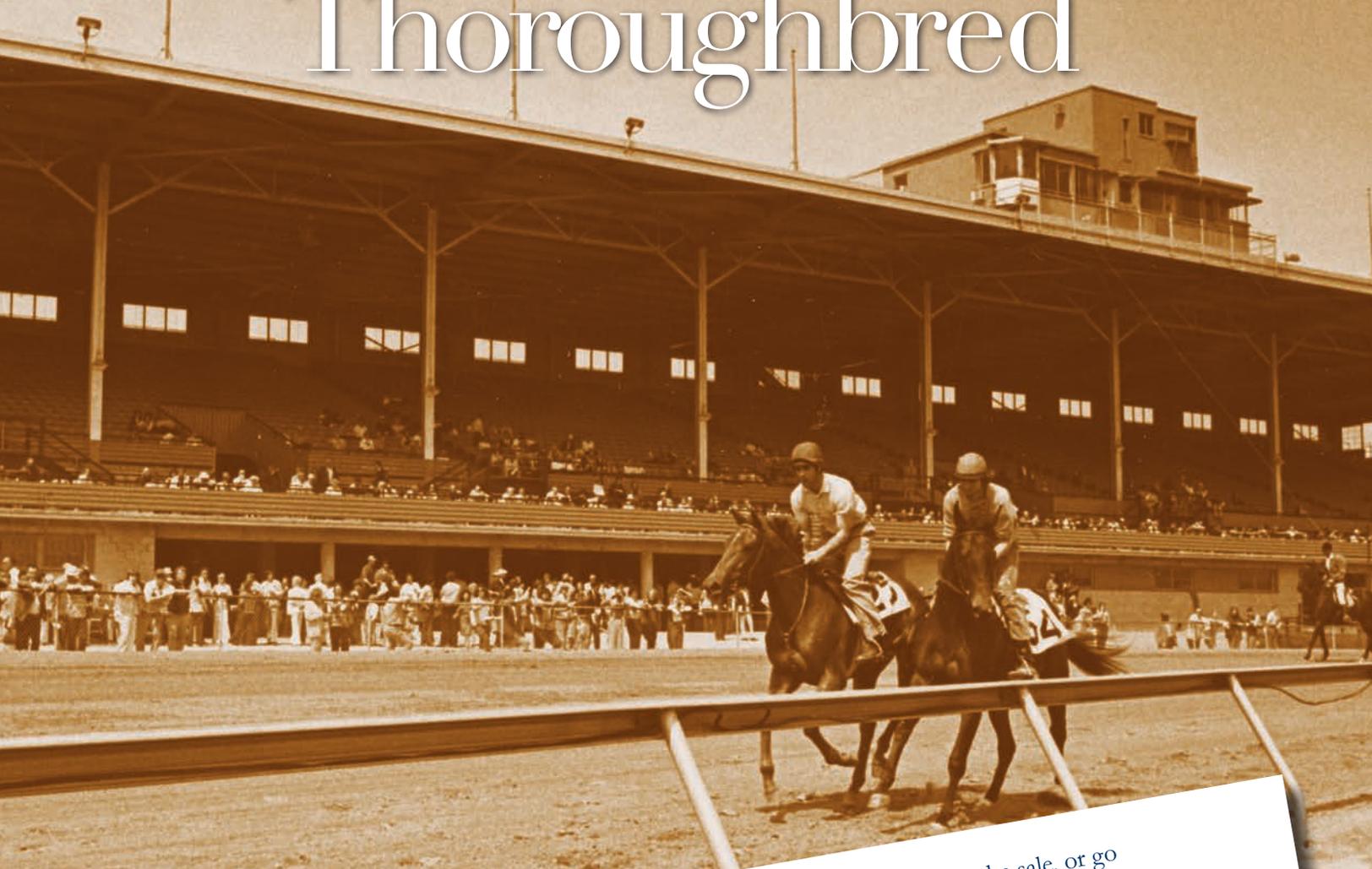


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**2. CLASSIC EMPIRE (c, Pioneer of the Nile--Sambuca Classica, by Cat Thief)**

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, 8-5-0-1, \$2,220,220.

Last Start: 4th, [GI Kentucky Derby](#), CD, May 6

Accomplishments Include: 1st, [GI Arkansas Derby](#), OP, Apr. 15, 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](#)



Classic Empire proved in the Derby that he's a pretty tough horse who can take a physical beating without retreating. In fact, this hard-charging colt almost seemed emboldened by being slammed offstride at the break, getting so roughed up that he suffered a number of abrasions on his right front leg, and

having his right eye swollen shut after being pelted with mud prior to grinding home fourth (the cuts and his eye have reportedly since healed). Although he rated from 13th place at Churchill Downs, expect him closer



**Classic Empire** | Coady Photography

to the action in the Preakness. That was trainer Mark Casse's original Derby strategy anyway, and a better-breaking Classic Empire in stalk mode with a cleaner trip against a shorter field over a (perhaps) drier track, looms as the most serious threat to Always Dreaming's Triple Crown aspirations. Even though Classic Empire's missed training and races earlier this year were not by design, the "blessing in disguise" talk is heating up regarding how he's just now approaching peak form because of those delays. But you have to decide for yourself whether you think Classic Empire is relatively fresh and just now hitting his best stride or if he's been asked to do quite a bit--maybe too much?--to catch up to the sophomores at the highest level of the division. The Preakness will be only his third start in a 98-day window. But remember, those three races will all be crunched within a five-week time frame, and Classic Empire's Derby try was a much more arduous affair than he's been used to.

**3. HENCE (c, Street Boss--Floating Island, by A.P. Indy) O/B-Calumet Farm (KY). T-Steven M. Asmussen. Lifetime Record: GSW, 7-2-1-1, \$462,601.**

Last Start: 11th, [GI Kentucky Derby](#), CD, May 6

Accomplishments Include: 1st, [GIII Sunland Derby](#), SUN, Mar. 26

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

Training Alum — **STONESTREET**

Hence has the makings of a horse who could jump up and run a big race in the Preakness, and he might even be the overlay of the field, betting-wise. I'm willing to toss out his Derby based on trainer Asmussen's interesting post-race assessment that the colt didn't necessarily

"not handle the track" so much as Hence "just jumped up and down the whole way" and got a little overwhelmed with kickback without expending much energy. If the Derby had truly sapped Hence, Asmussen



**Hence** | Coady Photography

would be disinclined to run him right back two weeks later, so I'm going to regard this colt's chances in Baltimore practically the way I rated him going into the Derby: Hence beat a better-than-it-looks field in the Sunland Derby, has run well both rating from off the pace and laying considerably closer (second beaten a neck on the lead as a 2-year-old), and will now be making his second start off a six-week freshening. He may be a chestnut, but Hence is a legitimate "dark horse" in the Preakness.

**4. CLOUD COMPUTING (c, Maclean's Music--Quick Temper, by A.P. Indy)**

O-Klaravich Stables, Inc. & William H. Lawrence. B-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc. & Stretch Run Ventures, LLC (KY). T-Chad C. Brown. Sales History: \$200,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: MGSP, 3-1-1-1, \$171,000.

Last Start: 3rd, [GII Wood Memorial S.](#), AQU, Apr. 8

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

Training Alum — **STONESTREET**

Cloud Computing falls under the "fresh face" category for this year's Preakness, and he's an intriguing candidate to spring an upset. Yet even though this angle gets played up every year, "fresh" horses that don't start in the Derby haven't accounted for many recent Preakness victories.

The last two sophomores to do it were both anomalies in my opinion: Rachel Alexandra (Medaglia d'Oro) in 2009 won the GI Kentucky Oaks against fillies the very same weekend as the Derby (so it's not like she avoided racing two weeks prior to the Preakness), and the 2006 Preakness win by Bernardini (A.P. Indy) will always have an asterisk next to it in my mind because of the tragedy that befell Derby winner Barbaro (Dynaformer) at the start. Those two victories respectfully excluded, you have to go back 17 years to Red Bullet (Unbridled) in 2000, and then another 17 years to Deputed Testamony (Traffic Cop) in 1983 to come up with the most recent Preakness winners who sat out the Derby. Yet, Cloud Computing has some positives in his favor: he was a solid winner on debut in February, then ran a game second in the GIII Gotham S. in an ambitious placement for his second start. He got bet way down in the GII Wood Memorial S., in which he was three wide on the first turn before behind ridden hard to attain a

commendable third-place finish. Cloud Computing qualified for the Derby on points, but his connections opted to sit out the first Saturday in May, declaring three weeks ago that the Preakness would be the colt's next goal. "He breezed very well, galloped out super and came back good so far," trainer Chad Brown said after a :48.85 half-mile move (2/32) at Belmont Park on Saturday. "That's his last piece of work and if he comes out of it well he'll be on to Baltimore on Tuesday."



Conquest Mo Money | Coady Photography

**5. CONQUEST MO MONEY (c, Uncle Mo--Stirring, by Seeking the Gold)**

O-Judge Lanier Racing. B-Twin Creeks Farm (NY). T-Miguel L. Hernandez. Sales History: \$150,000 Ylg '15 FTNAUG; \$8,500 2yo '16 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: SW & GISP, 5-3-2-0, \$508,900. Last Start: 2nd, GI Arkansas Derby, OP, Apr. 15. Accomplishments Include: 1st, Mine That Bird Derby, SUN, Feb. 26, 1st, Riley Allison S., SUN, Jan. 29

Thoro-Graph sheet, EquineLine PPs

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The underdog Conquest Mo Money (based on his \$8,500 dispersal auction price and off-the-radar early career in New Mexico) is taking a prudent path to the Preakness. His connections opted not to supplement the late Triple Crown

nomination fee of \$200,000 to get into the Derby even though the colt qualified on points, but the Preakness isn't exactly cheap either, requiring \$150,000. In the GI Arkansas Derby, Conquest Mo Money established good early position four wide and in hand, backed off midway down the backstretch, re-took the lead, fought and brushed with another rival off the turn, wandered out late despite stout right-handed encouragement, and had victory snatched away in the final strides when a stronger, more powerful Classic Empire barreled by in the shadow of the wire. Despite being unraced at age two, all five of Conquest Mo Money's lifetime races since January have been two-turn affairs. So stamina should not be a challenge, but class will be in the Preakness--his first four races were all against lesser Sunland Park foes. But then again, that Arkansas Derby he most recently exits could be shaping up to be a key race considering it produced two of the Kentucky Derby's first four finishers. And, for good measure,

note that Conquest Mo Money was two lengths better than Irap (Tiznow) three starts back, and that rival eventually improved enough to win the GII Toyota Blue Grass S. in a later start.

**6. 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 & GISP, 10-4-2-1, \$1,170,200.

Last Start: 7th, GI Kentucky Derby,

CD, May 6

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

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Gunnevera has already stamped himself as a colt who can drop far off the pace and make one long, sustained run against fairly high-level competition. But his execution of that tactic hasn't changed much from age two to three: He remains at the mercy of the pace in front of him (the hotter the better), and--judging by his non-threatening Derby seventh in the slop--he requires a dry track. It's also a bit troubling that his only win in 2017 came when an 11-10 favored rival finished far off the

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board, so a case can also be made that Gunnevera also needs some of the top guns not to fire their best shots for his deep-closing kick to succeed. His regular rider, Javier Castellano, has opted off, taking the mount on Cloud Computing, so “Big Money” Mike Smith will partner with Gunnevera for the Preakness. On the plus side, this colt has stamina-heavy bloodlines that are well suited to Classic distances. So if you’re willing to bank that Gunnevera’s Derby didn’t take a lot out of him, he remains (as I felt before the Derby) a solid candidate to finish in the money in the Preakness, with an outside chance to win it all provided a fortuitous speed setup materializes in front of him.

**7. 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, 10-2-3-2, \$852,795. Accomplishments Include: 1st, Ellis Park Juvenile S., ELP, Aug. 6 Next Start: Possible for GI Preakness S., PIM, May 20

**Thoro-Graph sheet, EquineLine PPs**

So what has a week done regarding your assessment of Lookin At Lee? I was initially pretty impressed with his Derby second at long odds from a brutal post, and moving forward I rank him as a very useful graded-stakes caliber horse. But in order to win the Preakness, “Lee” is going to not only have to match his Herculean, career-best race, but improve upon it by at least four lengths to be on level terms with the formidable Derby winner and the competent cast of rested challengers. If you consider that the collective connections of nearly half the field in the Derby used the “didn’t like the track” excuse (and we assume that Lee, by contrast, relished it), and you further factor in that the far-back, rail-hugging Mine That Bird (Birdstone) type of move that jockey Corey Lanerie executed with good results in the Derby traditionally does not work as well in the Preakness, Lee will have a difficult task ahead of him in the second jewel of the Triple Crown. I also have a tough time dismissing the facts that he’s winless since Aug. 6, has never won beyond seven furlongs, and has never won a race anywhere but Ellis Park. So I’d have to demand a very fat mutuel before banking that Lookin At Lee will continue to progress in enough of an upward arc to upset the Preakness.



**Multiplier (left) | Four-Footed Fotos**

**8. MULTIPLIER (c, 3, The Factor--Trippi Street, by Trippi)**

O-American Equistock. B-Mark Stansell (KY). T-Brendan P. Walsh. Sales History: \$62,000 Wlg ‘14 KEENOV; \$220,000 RNA Ylg ‘15 KEESEP; \$120,000 RNA 2yo ‘16 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: GSW, 4-2-1-1, \$187,310.

Last Start: 1st, GIII Illinois Derby, HAW, Apr. 22.

**Thoro-Graph sheet, EquineLine PPs**

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Multiplier required three starts to break his maiden this winter

at Fair Grounds, then was plunged into the deeper end of the pool against a sneaky-good field of seven in the GIII Illinois Derby. His nine-furlong win at Hawthorne is stronger than the running line and narrow victory at nearly 9-2 odds might indicate. Multiplier broke running from the rail, was rated back to save ground in fifth all the way to the quarter pole, was tipped out to the three path for the drive, got pocketed on the heels of favorite Hedge Fund (Super Saver) for about 70 yards

approaching the eighth pole, then blasted past that rival with a visually impressive kick in the final sixteenth to win by a head at the wire. Joel Rosario will be Multiplier’s new jockey in the Preakness. As for strategy, trainer Brendan Walsh said, “If the pace is slow, he’ll be closer. If not, he’ll be a little ways farther back. He’ll come running at the end, I know that for sure.”

**9. SENIOR INVESTMENT (c, 3, Discreetly Mine--Plaid, by Deputy Commander)**

O-Fern Circle Stables. B-Dixiana Farms LLC (KY). T-Kenneth G. McPeck. Sales History: \$95,000 Ylg ‘15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 8-3-0-1, \$207,080.

Last Start: 1st, GIII Lexington S., KEE, Apr. 15.

**Thoro-Graph sheet, EquineLine PPs**

**LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE**

In the GIII Stonestreet Lexington S., Senior Investment dropped far off the pace and still had only one horse beaten 2 1/2 furlongs from the wire, but he put his head down and kept methodically chugging along. He still didn’t look like he’d be involved in the photo a furlong out, but Senior Investment’s steady, building momentum carried him past the two favorites

on the lead and he got the job done at Keeneland. He's now won four of his last five races (but got disqualified from one win), yet it's difficult to rank Senior Investment among the top win threats for the Preakness. His prior maiden and optional-claiming wins simply don't match the same level of class that the upper-echelon horses in this race sport on their resumes.

**10. TERM OF ART (c, 3, Tiznow--Miles of Style, by Storm Cat)**  
 O-Calumet Farm. B-Whisper Hill Farm, LLC (KY). T-Doug F. O'Neill. Sales History: \$220,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 9-2-1-2, \$170,105.  
 Last Start: 7th, **GI Santa Anita Derby**, SA, Apr. 8.  
 Accomplishments Include: 1st, **GIII Cecil B. DeMille S.**, DMR, Nov. 27.

**Thoro-Graph sheet, EquineLine PPs**

Term of Art owns a maiden and a Grade III off-the-turf score from 2016, but has been blanked in four straight Santa Anita graded stakes preps this spring. He did manage a pick-up-the-pieces third in the overheated GII San Felipe S.



Term of Art | Benoit Photo

when Mastery (Candy Ride Arg) annihilated the field, but his six-wide move off the turn in the slowly run stretch drive of the GI Santa Anita Derby was only good enough to

earn Term of Art seventh. He is likely to go off as the longest shot on the board in the Preakness, and the price will reflect Term of Art's lack of sharp early speed and absence of a commanding closing kick.

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**ZUZANNA LUPA'S ART**

By Chris McGrath

*A relative newcomer to racing, the Polish-born Zuzanna Lupa, now firmly established as one of French racing and breeding's top photographers, shares her favorite photos with the TDN Weekend.*

We can all marvel at Caravaggio, the racehorse: his dark, sinewy propulsion; all that sculpted musculature. To Zuzanna Lupa, however, the aesthetic appeal of the outstanding European juvenile of last summer is aptly compounded by his name. One informs the other. For the paintings of Caravaggio were critical to the development of the sensibility that first drew Lupa to the nobility of the thoroughbred--and, subsequently, to the challenge of capturing its essence in a single moment.



Zuzanna Lupa

Raised in southern Poland but now resident in Normandy, Lupa can count some of Europe's premier stud farms among her patrons as a photographer. As can be seen in the accompanying portfolio, she strives for her own chiaroscuro effect--of much the same kind she absorbed, in her childhood, from the dramatic contrasts of Caravaggio; or from the softer radiance that tends to fall across the canvases of Vermeer. "My father wanted to be a painter," she recalls. "But he had three older brothers who all told him that was no way to keep a family. So he studied agricultural economics instead. But he has always painted when he has had the time. Also you have to



The photos of *Fuzanna Lupa* in this month's TDN **WEEKEND**  
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remember that those were different times. Kids didn't have many toys in the days of Communism. But we always had art books at home, and art history, and I would love to look at those beautiful paintings."

Still only 33, Lupa has experienced some exotic changes of scenery since--but the horse has always remained at centre stage. An urban upbringing confined her early fascination, juvenile paintings and pony club apart, until an animal science course at the University of Krakow opened the door to a placement, through Ohio State University, with Juddmonte in Kentucky. It was here that Lupa disclosed a serendipitous knack, whether with horse or camera, for getting to the very heart of things. For one of the very first thoroughbreds she observed at close quarters was none other than Hasili, the record-breaking dam of five Group 1 winners.

"It was just luck that I ended up where I did," Lupa explains. "Horseracing is not very popular in Poland and I didn't know much about Thoroughbreds before I went to Kentucky. But I was at Juddmonte for two foaling seasons, I was breaking yearlings, and it was an awesome experience. As a newcomer, I had no idea about the value of Hasili and that meant I was able to get to know her just as a very nice mare. She wasn't at all dominant. When we were bringing them in, she'd be at the back, she'd let herself be pushed aside by the others. But I came to know her so well that I predicted the foaling of her Storm Cat filly in 2007, when they said she wasn't ready, that the udder was not developed yet. I just felt she was different that day--and she foaled the same night."

That filly, named Deluxe, failed by just half a length to add to her dam's Group 1 litany in the Prix Saint-Alary, but did at least go on to score at Group 3 level. By that stage Lupa had returned to finish her studies in Poland, before continuing her bloodstock education with a stint at Trelawney Stud in New Zealand. When she proceeded to France, she had little more in mind than to cultivate another language before returning to Poland to study photography. In the event, once hired at Haras de Saint Pair she was overtaken by events. Every Christmas, she presented an album of images from the stud's year to its owner, Andreas Putsch, who also happens to be a collector of photographs. Impressed, he encouraged Lupa to spread her wings--and commissions soon began to multiply from neighbouring farms.

Lupa has become so busy, nowadays, that she is no longer able to develop film herself and part of her regrets the more homogenous finish of digital photography. "Seeing a print show up made you feel as though there was more of you in the photo, that the process of creation remained more hand-made," she says. "It's difficult to explain, but if you can't do that it will always feel a little more uniform."

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## EASTERN U.S.

### Monday's Results:

**6th-PRX, \$46,500, Msw, 5-15, 3yo, 1m, 1:39.00, ft.**

**MAGNOLIA MOUNTAIN (c, 3, Quality Road--Mayo On the Side {GISW, \$642,366}, by French Deputy)** finished a distant second on debut here last July and was ninth behind graded stakes winning 'TDN Rising Star' Favorable Outcome (Flatter) Aug. 20 at Saratoga. Coming in off of a fourth-place run Apr. 8 at Gulfstream, the \$75,000 OBS March buy was let go as the 21-10 second choice in this initial stretchout try. Stalking from the pocket in third through a :23.95 quarter and :47.88 half, the bay cruised up alongside the leaders three-deep at the five-sixteenths pole and surged to the lead while drifting in at the furlong grounds, kicking away from there to a 3 1/4-length graduation. The winner is a half to French Dip (Speightstown), SW, \$141,348. His dam, heroine of the 2004 GI Humana Distaff H. who sold for \$425,000 at Keeneland November in 2008, is responsible for a 2-year-old Midnight Lute colt named Midcourt. Sales History: \$130,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$39,732. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Nicholas Cammarano, Jr.; B-Dixiana Farms LLC (KY); T-Guadalupe Preciado.



**LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE**



### SUNRISE AT OLD HILLTOP

"Sunrise at Old Hilltop," a popular Preakness week tradition which allows fans to take a walking tour through the backstretch and grandstand, begins Tuesday from 6-9 a.m. ET. Tours are offered on a first-come, first-serve basis, with the last tour registration at 8:45 a.m. at the racetrack.

### Vivid Seats Named Official Ticket Reseller of Preakness:

Vivid Seats, the largest independent online ticket marketplace, is for the third consecutive year the official ticket reseller of Saturday's GI Preakness S., the Maryland Jockey Club announced last week. The 2017 partnership with Chicago-based Vivid Seats allows the option to shop for tickets from a drop-down menu on the Preakness website homepage, as well as a message re-directing fans to Vivid Seats when the most popular sections are sold out on the race's primary ticketing engine. Additionally, customers' premium seat rights allow reselling on Vivid Seats without forgoing the right to purchase the same tickets in 2018.

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## CALIFORNIA

### Sunday Night's Results:

**ALCATRAZ S., \$75,675, GG, 5-14, 3yo, 1mT, 1:37.81, fm.**

1--**#GRECIAN FIRE, 120, g, 3, by Unusual Heat**

**1st Dam: Maddie's Odyssey (SP, \$142,113), by Kitten's Joy**

**2nd Dam: Personal Odyssey, by Lemon Drop Kid**

**3rd Dam: Double Platinum (GB), by Seeking the Gold**

O/B-KMN Racing LLC (CA); T-Jerry Hollendorfer; J-William Antongeorgi III. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-2, \$90,625.

2--**More Power to Him, 120, c, 3, Slew's Tiznow--Pundit, by Beau Genius.** O/B-Brett Mason (CA); T-Faith Taylor. \$15,000.

3--**Anyporinastorm, 120, c, 3, City Zip--La Defense, by Wild Again.** (\$70,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$320,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR). O-Peter Redekop B. C., Ltd.; B-Sally J. Andersen (FL); T-Blaine D. Wright. \$9,000.



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Margins: 1 1/4, HD, 2 1/4. Odds: 4.50, 2.90, 1.50.

Also Ran: Perfect Come Back, Harvest a Storm, Carolina Island, Sweet River Baines, Pamper Me Now.

Grecian Fire graduated at third asking over the Santa Anita dirt, but boosted his Beyer figures double digits when fifth in a state-bred allowance there Mar. 31 and sixth in the Cal-bred Silky Sullivan S. over course and distance Apr. 30. Back in just two weeks against open company here, the chestnut was hard sent to sit second through splits of :23.61 and :48.46. Driven by the five-sixteenths pole, he struck the lead nearing the top of the lane and gamely turned back the stretch bid of favored Anyporinastorm to earn his first stakes score. Second choice More Power to Him nailed the chalk in the final jump for place money. The winner has a juvenile half-sister by Indian Evening named Spirit Walk and a yearling half-sister by the same sire. His dam foaled a Fast Anna filly Feb. 9. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

**8th-GG, \$28,809, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 5-14, 3yo, f, 1m (AWT), 1:38.81, ft.**

**ECCENTRIC SPINSTER (f, 3, Distorted Humor--All Star Heart {GSW, \$465,769}, by Arch)** finished well to be third in her local debut Mar. 4 and went one better as the favorite behind subsequent impressive stakes winner Alliford Bay (City Zip) Mar. 25 before graduating powerfully here Apr. 15. Bet to 3-2 favoritism in this first route try, the \$110,000 Keeneland September buy broke alertly and tracked the speed of Fiery Lady (Unusual Heat) through tepid splits of :24.84 and :49.34. Turning up the pressure by the three-furlong marker, the chestnut struck the lead under confident handling at the head of the lane and kicked clear by the eighth pole to a convincing 2 1/4-length tally. Simmy's Temple (GB) (Royal Applause {GB}) ran on late to complete the exacta. The victress is the first foal out of a Grade II-winning dam who was hammered down to Stonestreet for \$500,000 at the 2012 Keeneland November sale. She is responsible for a 2-year-old Kitten's Joy colt named Heza Kitten who sold for \$80,000 at KEESEP, a yearling colt by Ghostzapper and a More Than Ready filly born Mar. 18. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, \$40,120. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Hollendorfer, LLC, Dan Hoefflin & George Todaro; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Jerry Hollendorfer.

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### IN BRITAIN:

**+Last Voyage, c, 2, Eskendereya.** See "Britain."

### IN JAPAN:

**Banquet Square, c, 3, Bellamy Road--Cathy's Love (Jpn), by A.P.Indy. Tokyo, 5-14, Plate Race, 7f. Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-0, \$163,717. O/B-Dr. Masatake Iida; T-Eiichi Yano. \*\$7,000 i/u '14 KEENOV. \*\*"As I watched his replay last time, I was sure that I could succeed today," commented winning hoop Keita Tosaki. "The inside draw was an advantage and he was starting off the inside gate, and he never gave up until the line."**



**Kaba Tot, c, 4, Trappe Shot--Ms Louisset (GISP, \$132,163), by Siphon (Brz). Kasamatsu, 5-10, Shoka Tokubetsu, 9f. Lifetime Record: 13-2-0-4, \$53,274. O-Naoya Fujii; B-Tim Thornton; T-Hideyuki Mori. \*\$50,000 Wlg '13 KEENOV; \$95,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP.**

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### IN JAPAN:

**Seta Corona (Jpn), f, 4, Distorted Humor--C. S. Silk (GISW, \$780,396), by Medaglia d'Oro. Niigata, 5-13, Plate Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 12-2-2-0, \$187,611. O-G1 Racing; B-Shadai Farm; T-Yasutoshi Ikee. \*\$1,450,000 i/u '12 FTKNOV.**

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**BODEMEISTER** (Empire Maker), WinStar Farm, \$30K, 262/29/4 6-PRX, Msw 5 1/2f, +Former Empire, \$82K FTK OCT yrl, 8-1  
 6-PRX, Msw 5 1/2f, Crushing Powder, \$37K OBS APR 2yo, 12-1  
**GEMOLOGIST** (Tiznow), WinStar Farm, \$15K, 205/31/3 7-PRX, Msw 5 1/2f, +Fiery Opal, \$200K KEE SEP yrl, 5-2  
**HANSEN** (Tapit), KOR, \$12.5K, 129/33/3 5-IND, Msw 1 1/16mT, R Lady Hansen, \$140K KEE SEP yrl, 12-1  
**REDDING COLLIERY** (Mineshaft), Red River Farms, \$2K, 65/9/0 6-LAD, Alw 6f, Imindycatbirdseat, 4-1  
**TAPIZAR** (Tapit), Gainesway Farm, \$15K, 181/32/2 7-IND, Aoc 1mT, Stapleton, \$70K RNA OBS MAR 2yo, 10-1  
**THE FACTOR** (War Front), Lane's End Farm, \$15K, 218/38/5 6-PRX, Msw 5 1/2f, +Factor This In, \$27K OBS WIN 3yo, 7-2 Tiznow  
**WHAT NOW** (Distorted Humor), R Star Stallions, 11/2/0 4-IND, Msw 6f, Snapaselfie, 6-1

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### STAKES RESULTS:

**MICHAEL F. ROWLAND MEMORIAL H.**, (NB) \$75,000, TDN, 5-13, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.24, ft.

1--**BUCKEYE BULLET, 122, g, 4, Dark Kestrel--Buckler, by Concerto.** O-Ruberto Racing Stable, Inc.; B-Louis V. Ruberto (OH); T-Sharon Ruberto; J-Luis M. Quinones. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 13-6-3-1, \$176,339.

2--**Eightthehardway, 124, g, 5, Parents' Reward--Natural Nine,** by Cryptoclearance. O-Paul Groves; B-Blazing Meadows Farm (OH); T-Richard T. Vickers. \$15,000.

3--**My Pardner Cal, 120, g, 4, Big Atlantic--Becky Becky Becky,** by Pioneering. O/B-Dick Alderson (OH); T-Larry E. Smith. \$7,500. Margins: 2, 8, 3 1/4. Odds: 0.50, 5.20, 6.80.

**AUBURN S.**, \$50,000, EMD, 5-14, 3yo, c/g, 6f, 1:08.92, ft.

1--**#SHARKZILLA, 119, c, 3, Distorted Reality--Blue Ice Shark, by Moscow Ballet.** (\$1,200 Ylg '15 BARJAN). O-John E. Parker; B-Roger P. Downes (CA); T-Candi Tollett; J-Erick Lopez. \$27,500. Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-2, \$70,134.

2--**So Lucky, 121, c, 3, Coast Guard--Miss Pixie,** by Petersburg. (\$17,000 Ylg '15 WASSEP). O-Pegasus Too & Rising Star Stable; B-Jean M. G. Welch (WA); T-Howard Belvoir. \$10,000.

3--**Sure Sweet, 120, c, 3, Elusive Warning--Candy Gal,** by Slew of Angels. (\$10,000 RNA Ylg '15 FTKOCT). O-Donna Hjort & John Moresco; B-Madera Thoroughbreds (CA); T-Donna Hjort. \$7,500.

Margins: 1, 1 3/4, 1 3/4. Odds: 17.50, 2.80, 43.40.

**GEORGE ROYAL S.**, C\$50,000, HST, 5-14, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16.79, sy.

1--**MODERN, 119, g, 7, Tiznow--Interior Design, by A.P. Indy.** O-Swift Thoroughbreds, Inc.; B-Darley (KY); T-Dino K. Condilenios; J-Richard Harvey Hamel. C\$30,500. Lifetime Record: 28-9-5-6, \$260,948.

2--**Bistraya, 119, g, 4, Haynesfield--Lady Giselle,** by Broad Brush. (\$160,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP). O-LeeAnn Ohanesian; B-Avalon Farms, Inc. (LA); T-Robert Gilker. C\$10,000.

3--**Venetian Mask, 115, g, 6, Pulpit--Molto Vita,** by Carson City. (\$105,000 RNA Ylg '12 KEESEP). O-George Morgan; B-John D. Gunther (KY); T-Mike Anderson. C\$5,000.

Margins: HF, 2 1/4, 3. Odds: 1.10, 3.60, 3.75.

### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**7th-TDN, \$34,200, (S), 5-15, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.26, ft.**

**MASTER MICK (g, 4, Two Step Salsa--Master's Megan, by Formal Dinner)** Lifetime Record: SW, 8-3-1-0, \$95,585. O/B/T-Miguel A. Feliciano (OH).

**7th-FL, \$30,000, 5-15, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.72, ft.**

**WORTH THE WORRY (g, 7, Hook and Ladder--Maricopa, by Montbrook)** Lifetime Record: 26-12-6-4, \$281,980. O-Theresa Horky; B-Theresa Horky & Keith Shelansky (MA); T-Jonathan B. Buckley. \*\$6,000 RNA 2yo '12 OBSWIN.

**5th-WRD, \$24,772, 5-15, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.73, ft.**

**BAD HUMOR (g, 5, Sharp Humor--Classy Con, by Fast Play)** Lifetime Record: SP, 32-8-4-7, \$136,316. O-Kenneth E. Sykes; B-Rusty Roberts (OK); T-Veronica Griggs. \*\$5,000 Wlg '12 HERDEC. \*\*1/2 to Cordilleran Ice (Silver Ghost), MSP, \$166,061.

**4th-TDN, \$24,000, 5-15, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.48, ft.**

**PUERTO PLATA (h, 5, Saint Anddan--West Acre Waltz, by West Acre)** Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$27,820. O/T-Carlos Inirio; B-Marty Hershe (FL). \*\$5,000 Wlg '12 OBSOCT; \$5,000 Ylg '13 OBSAUG; \$19,000 RNA 2yo '14 EASMAY; \$4,000 3yo '15 OBSOPN.

**7th-HST, C\$21,560, 5-14, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:17.53, sy.**

**SILVERTOWN (g, 4, Speightstown--Silver Sands, by El Prado {Ire})** Lifetime Record: MSP, 15-2-6-4, \$111,877. O-Swift Thoroughbreds, Inc.; B-Paul Pompa (KY); T-Dino K. Condilenios. \*\$140,000 2yo '15 OBSMAR.

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**Barcode**, c, 3, **Big Brown**--Code Variance, by Awesome Again. PRX, 5-15, (S), 7f, 1:26.38. B-SMD Ltd. (PA).

**Mancita**, f, 3, **Chitoz**--Isabella the Lady, by Macabe. WRD, 5-15, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:04.77. B-Francisco Bravo (OK).

**Unreal Baby**, f, 3, **Flatter**--Flowerette, by Victory Gallop. LAD, 5-15, 6f, 1:13.16. B-Indian Creek (KY). \*\$100,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. \*1/2 to Arraignment (Include), GSP, \$194,300.

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**Xocoyotzin**, g, 3, **Malibu Moon**--Summer Star (SW), by Siberian Summer. LAD, 5-15, 5 1/2f, 1:05.73. B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY). \*1/2 to My Happy Face (Tiz Wonderful), GSW & MGISP, \$583,437.

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by Emma Berry

Deauville's brief sojourn as the home of the French Guineas has come to an end and the return of the country's first two Classics to their rightful home at Longchamp will be rued in some quarters. From the rout of The Gurkha (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in last year's G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains to Sunday's tooth-and-nail tussle between **Brametot (Ire)** (Rajsaman {Fr}) and **Le Brivido (Fr)** (Siyouni {Fr}), there has been much to enjoy in uncomplicated races run over a straight mile.

Hard-luck stories are a fact of racing, but a number of trainers have expressed a desire for France Galop to attempt to lessen the potential for calamity by keeping the 'Poules' in Normandy. John Gosden was frank in his assessment of the problem during a press morning at his stables last month.

He said, "If you stand at the mile start at Longchamp, you shake your head that they can run a Classic race from there. If you're drawn above six you're history, as you have to stay straight. It's a desperate start, so we all had a vote in the bar at Deauville that we'd like to keep the Poules there forever because it's such a lovely straight track. Unfortunately, France Galop weren't too amused as they are building a new grandstand at Longchamp, but the mile start at Longchamp is a dreadful problem."

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## EARLY SEASON MOMENTUM FOR MANOR HOUSE

By Kelsey Riley

For the team at Manor House Stables in Cheshire, there is perhaps no greater thrill in the game than winning races at their local Chester Racecourse. There was plenty of cause for celebration, then, when 2-year-old **Dragons Tail (Ire)** (Dragon Pulse {Ire}) broke his maiden at the meeting last Thursday for trainer Tom Dascombe and a partnership put together by Manor House co-owner Michael Owen.

Dragons Tail was bought as a yearling (lot 176) for €30,000 out of the Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling Sale by agent Ed Sackville, who said, "The guys up in Chester kind of have the mentality--not literally--but it's nearly the mentality that they'd rather win the Chester Derby trial than the actual Derby itself. They'd rather win the Agnes [Conditions S.] than [Royal Ascot's G2] Coventry. We're very lucky, we've got a very loyal base of local owners up there and they are passionate about anything to do with Chester." [Cont. p4](#)

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It's unlikely, however, that after an extensive redevelopment, the country's most prestigious racecourse will be stripped of two of its crown jewels. Arqana's Eric Hoyeau, on the other hand, is keen for the breeze-up sale to remain in Deauville and, following the incredible success of that auction in the last two years, it's easy to see why.

**Allez Brametot...**

The Arqana Breeze-up Sale came close to being able to boast another Classic-winning graduate when Le Brivido hit the front inside the final furlong only for Brametot to snatch the spoils on the line.

The winner had provided his trainer Jean-Claude Rouget with a victory arguably as important a month earlier, his impressive performance in the G3 Prix de Fontainebleau coming during the weekend on which details emerged of the **EHV-1 outbreak** at the trainer's Pau base.

There was plenty to like about his determined late surge in the Poulains, and his close connection to Monsun (Ger) on his dam side augurs well for him to step up in trip if his connections opt for the G1 Prix du Jockey Club over the G1 St James's Palace S. If Brametot should go on to complete a French Classic double, he will be emulating the fillies Avenir Certain (Fr) and La Cressonniere (Fr), both trained by Rouget and both daughters of Le Havre (Ire), the stablemate of Brametot's young sire Rajsaman at Haras de la Cauviniere. There's nothing like a first-crop Classic winner to raise the profile of a stallion's career and the fact that the enterprising team of Sylvain Vidal and Mathieu Alex have now pulled it off twice is much to their



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credit. The fillies were both homebred from mares bought to support Le Havre upon his retirement, while Brametot was a relatively inexpensive foal purchase.

Despite having already tasted top-level success so early in the history of the operation, at La Cauviniere on Friday morning there was a palpable sense of nervous anticipation as Brametot's big day drew near. By late on Sunday afternoon, however, this had given way to elation.

"I worked at Coolmore for 10 years and I know how difficult and competitive this game is," said Mathieu Alex. "It has always been our policy to support the stallions by sending them good mares and sending the offspring to good trainers but we have been very lucky."

Alex continued, "With Rajsaman, he was by Linamix and well

bred, so we thought he'd produce well. We don't want to stand too many stallions but we'll just try to upgrade the quality. It couldn't be better to have a Guineas winner in the first crop, but [Rajsaman] was leading first-crop sire in France last year after covering mares at only €4,000, so full credit to him. Linamix has been magic here and was a very tough horse--we hoped that Rajsaman could reproduce that and it's worked today."

**Al Shaqab Duo Off The Mark...**

Last week it was announced that a 50% share in Brametot had been purchased by Al Shaqab Racing, an operation which has its own burgeoning stallion roster that is likely to include this Classic winner in the coming years.

Al Shaqab's first two sires to have retired to Haras de Bouquetot, Style Vendome (Fr) and Planteur (Ire), are both off the mark with their first 2-year-olds, with **Marinka (Fr)** having become the debut winner for the latter at Strasbourg on Saturday. **Cont. p3**

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**Declaration of Peace** (War Front) was named a **TDN Rising Star** (May 10th, 2017)



M.V. Magnier purchased the colt for \$2,600,000 at Keeneland November

### Weekly Wrap Cont.

Meanwhile, Style Vendome's two winners on the board have clearly caught the eye, as the son of Anabaa managed a slot in the top five at Arqana's Breeze-up sale on Friday when a son of the listed runner-up Irisijana (Ger) (Diktat {GB}) was bought by Shadwell for €400,000. The grey colt had previously been selected by Brendan Holland as a yearling for €45,000.

Expectations will be high for the first crop of Bouquetot's most recent recruit, Shalaa (Ire), when his runners start to hit the track in 2020. Among a host of well-credentialed Al Shaqab mares, his first book includes the dual Arc winner Treve (Fr) and he is set to cover La Cressonniere following her purchase by Teruya Yoshida of Shadai Farm.

### Precieuse Moment...

The years of hope, effort, and sometimes grief, endured by breeders can be quickly forgotten on a sunlit afternoon when a homebred grasps a longed-for Classic victory. The unbridled joy of the post-race celebrations of Brendan and Anne-Marie Hayes, the owner-breeders of G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches winner **Precieuse (Fr)** (Tamayuz {GB}), was a delight to watch. The bonhomie ran long into the afternoon as they toasted the success of their well-named filly with first-time Classic-winning trainer Fabrice Chappet and Olivier Peslier, who, remarkably has ridden only 12 winners in France this year, but remains very much the man for the big occasion.

Brendan Hayes, who ran the hugely successful Kilfrush Stud for Jean-Pierre Binet from the early 1980s until its sale in 2013, has continued his pursuit of excellence at his and Anne-Marie's own farm, Knockoran Stud, the birthplace of Precieuse.

"We own the dam, the grandam and the next dam so it's been a long time coming," said Hayes. "But they've been very good to us. She's very genuine with a high cruising speed and we're very fortunate to have her." **Cont. p4**



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Precieuse's dam Zut Alors (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}) ran in the same race 10 years earlier, finishing 10th behind Darjina (Fr), but managed to claim black-type in the G3 Prix Miesque when trained by Robert Collet. It is the Collet connection that brought the Irish-based breeders to Chappet's door for the first time.

Hayes recalled, "Fabrice goes back a long way with us because we owned horses with Robert Collet for many years and Fabrice was his assistant 25 years ago. When [Precieuse] stood up as a foal I felt strongly that I wanted to keep her and fortunately it has worked out for us. We've been very lucky. We bred Tie Black (Ire), who won this race in the stewards' room, and Valentine Waltz [through Kilfrush and Stone Ridge Farm], so it's been a very lucky race for us."

He continued, "I was pretty confident that she'd stay a mile. The average winning distance for Tamayuz is nine furlongs and there are plenty of staying horses in the family. So even though she has speed I didn't feel she was a sprinter. I'm a huge fan of the sire. He's had some small crops and with those limited chances on numbers he's done very well. We have four mares in foal to him. The mare has a filly foal by Kodiak (GB) to die for and she's hopefully back in foal to Tamayuz."

## Aiming For The Top Spot...

It's been a terrific couple of weeks for breeze-up vendors Katie McGivern and Mick Murphy. The duo bought Poule d'Essai des Poulains runner-up Le Brivido as a yearling and sold him at Arqana last year through Murphy's Longways Stables, while McGivern was also behind the 1000 Guineas third Daban (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), whom she sold on behalf of Peter and Antoinette Kavanagh at Tattersalls last season.

From this year's breezers, McGivern's Derryconnor Stud has already struck with a winner in **One Minute (Ire)** (Kodiak {GB}), a



Katie McGivern & Mick Murphy | Emma Berry

£52,000 Goffs UK Breeze-up purchase by William Haggas and now a Royal Ascot prospect after her impressive debut in a Lingfield maiden on Friday, exactly a month after going through the ring.

"I've been third in the 1000 Guineas and now a close second in the French 2000 Guineas," said McGivern at Deauville on Sunday. "Perhaps One Minute will go one better in the Queen Mary."

Incidentally, One Minute was bred by Kilfrush Stud's new owner Mubarak Al Naemi.

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## Early Season Momentum For Manor House Cont. from p1

There is more to the Manor House story, however, than winning races at Chester. Dragons Tail is the team's second juvenile winner this month, with **Frozen Angel (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}) having won at Ascot on May 3. In a two-part [TDN interview](#) in October, Owen spoke of his ambitions to improve the quality of the stock at Manor House. At €30,000, Dragons Tail was in the typical price range for the stable, while Frozen Angel ([lot 127](#)) was a larger gamble at £165,000 out of the Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale last August.

"We were delighted with [Frozen Angel] because he cost £165,000 as a yearling," Sackville said. "We don't really get the opportunity to buy horses at that kind of price mark; we're usually averaging more around 50,000. It's great when we do get the chance to be able to buy a more high-end yearling. It's nice to think that we can do a good job."

Timeform figures show that, through last Friday, Frozen Angel is the highest-rated 2-year-old to have run in Europe during the early part of the season, with a figure of 102p. Dragons Tail received a mark of 92p, which puts him among the top five 2-year-old colts. Sackville said he recognizes that those positions will be difficult to maintain as the season goes on, but hopes that of the roughly 70 2-year-olds at Manor House, more may emerge in a similar mold to Frozen Angel and Dragons Tail.

Manor House Stables opened for business in 2007 under the ownership of former star footballer Michael Owen and Betfair co-founder Andrew Black, with Dascombe at the reins on the training end. The team's focus has historically been on early 2-year-olds, but the business plan has shifted somewhat over the last couple years. While they maintain a syndicate for precocious juveniles, the buying team made an effort last year to add some later maturing types to the roster.

"Certainly it's been the game plan for the yearlings we bought," Sackville said. "We bought yearlings by stallions such as New Approach, Sea the Stars, Nathaniel and Camelot. We bought yearlings by stallions like that with the view to try and have horses which can go on to be 3-year-old prospects as well as 2-year-olds." [Cont. p5](#)



Ed Sackville & Tom Dascombe at Tattersalls Ireland | *Racingfotos.com*

**Early Season Momentum For Manor House Cont.**

Looking back at Manor House’s success, it isn’t a surprise that they would want to cultivate that type of horse; the stable’s best-ever horse was Owen’s homebred **Brown Panther (GB)** (Shirocco {Ger}), winner of the 2011 King George V S. at Royal Ascot who went on to add the G1 Irish St Leger, G2 Dubai Gold Cup, G2 Goodwood Cup and a pair of Group 3s.

“Tom is more than capable of training that type of horse,” Sackville said. “Let’s not forget the best horse he’s ever had was Brown Panther. We definitely have had the idea to buy more later-maturing horses and Tom is very good with that kind of horse.”

Next on the agenda for Frozen Angel and Dragons Tail will be Royal Ascot, and Sackville noted the Royal meeting is also the target for the Dascombe-trained **Formidable Kitt (GB)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), who races as a homebred for Andrew Black’s Chasemore Farm. Formidable Kitt is a daughter of Black’s 2012 G2 Queen Mary S. winner Ceiling Kitty (GB) (Red Clubs



Frozen Angel beat a dual winner at Ascot | *Racing Post*

{Ire}) and broke her maiden at first asking at Newmarket on Apr. 19.

“She’s won her only start at Newmarket and has a Timeform of 87p, which puts her in the top five fillies,” Sackville said. The agent also nominated **Rock Of Estonia (Ire)** (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}) as a 2-year-old to watch for Royal Ascot. The colt was a 90,000gns yearling purchase by Sackville’s business partner, Alastair Donald, and has won both starts to date for trainer Charlie Hills.

As for the team at Manor House, they will be hoping their formula that has led to early season success will continue to reap rewards throughout the year.

“Tom had his best year last year and we want to try and do well on the back of that,” Sackville said. “We have more numbers so we’re hoping for the best.”

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## PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

*by Andrew Caulfield*



### SOBETSU

After a couple of weeks when everything seemed to revolve around Galileo, Galileo, Galileo, the opposition finally got a look in over Deauville’s Classic weekend (when one of the three Group 1s, the G1 Prix Saint-Alary, was actually sponsored in honour of Galileo’s son The Gurkha).

The Saint-Alary was that rare beast—a Group 1 middle-distance race without a contestant by Coolmore’s perennial champion sire (though there were runners by Galileo’s son Frankel and half-brother Sea The Stars). The 2000-metre race promptly acted as a reminder that Galileo does have at least one serious rival in Dubawi, who was responsible for ‘**TDN Rising Star**’ **Sobetsu**, the impressive three-length winner, and for the previously-unbeaten and fellow ‘**Rising Star**’ Coronet, who closed strongly from the rear to snatch third place. Sobetsu is bound for the G1 Prix de Diane at Chantilly June 18, while Coronet is on target for the G1 Investec Oaks at Epsom June 2. The Oaks betting is headed by Galileo’s daughter Rhododendron and Galileo’s granddaughter Enable.

Sobetsu finished only fifth behind Rhododendron when the two fillies shared favouritism in last year’s G1 Fillies’ Mile. Sobetsu had previously been impressive in landing a Newmarket maiden by 10 lengths and a possible explanation for her disappointing Fillies’ Mile effort quickly emerged, as she scoped dirty in her post-race test. There is one other possible explanation, though.

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**SOBETSU, F, 3**

**Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$181,052.**

Dubawi (Ire)	Dubai Millennium (GB)	Seeking the Gold	Mr. Prospector Con Game
		Colorado Dancer (Ire)	Shareef Dancer Fall Aspen
	Zomaradah (GB)	Deploy (GB)	Shirley Heights (GB) Slightly Dangerous
		Jawaher (Ire)	Dancing Brave High Tern (Ire)
Lake Toya SW & GSP-Fr, SW-Eng, 11-4-2-2, \$135,842 5Fls, 2Wnrs, 1G1SW,	Darshaan (GB)	Shirley Heights (GB)	Mill Reef Hardiemma (GB)
		Delsy (Fr)	Abdos (Fr) Kelty (Fr)
	Shinko Hermes (Ire) 1-0-0-0, \$4,733 14Fls, 1SW, 3GSP	Sadler's Wells	Northern Dancer Fairy Bridge
		Doff the Derby 13Fls, 2MG1SW	Master Derby Margarethen

As Sobetsu showed at Deauville, she is very much at home on soft going, as are many of Dubawi's progeny, and her two defeats came on the only occasions she encountered fast ground. Her chance in the Diane therefore looks to be very ground dependent.

Sobetsu is the third daughter of Dubawi to enjoy Group 1 success in France in the space of only eight months, following Left Hand in the G1 Prix Vermeille and Wuheida in the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac. Mention of Wuheida is a reminder that this unbeaten filly might well have proved a worthy challenger for Galileo's daughters Winter and Rhododendron had a stress fracture not forced her absence from the G1 1000 Guineas.

Sobetsu and Coronet have more in common than just their sire and their subsequent Classic aspirations. Both are out of daughters of Darshaan, an outstanding sire of broodmares. Just how outstanding can be summarised by his daughters' total of more than 40 Group 1 winners, headed by the Classic winners High Chaparral, Pour Moi, Milan, Darsi, Sendawar, Sarafina, Zainta, Shawanda, Ebadiyla and Yesterday. They also included the Arc-winning Marienbard and the GI Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf winners Islington and Dank.

Breeders lucky enough to own a daughter of Darshaan reaped some very rich rewards from sending these mares to Sadler's Wells, with the partnership's 169 foals producing a whopping

17% stakes winners. The natural next step was to send them to Sadler's Wells's heir, Galileo, with this combination currently having an eye-catching 14% stakes winners among its 133 foals.

On the other hand, owners of Darshaan mares were initially a bit wary of sending them to Dubawi, perhaps because this pairing produces 4 x 3 inbreeding to Shirley Heights. This dual Derby winner's name became synonymous with stamina (rarely a fashionable commodity in the commercial market), and Shirley Heights is also often associated with a high-maintenance temperament. Although Shirley Heights himself was thoroughly game, he was a member of the Nasrullah male line and his daughters often swished their tails under pressure.

This Dubawi-Darshaan partnership received a considerable boost in 2012 when Al Kazeem raised his Timeform rating to 125 with his victory in the G2 Jockey Club S., and Al Kazeem did even better in 2013, when he reeled off three consecutive Group 1 successes. This provided the incentive for a few more daughters of Darshaan to be sent to Dubawi, and there are now 10 foals of racing age bred this way. With Al Kazeem, Sobetsu and Coronet among them, this cross would be very much one to watch were it not for the fact that Darshaan's youngest daughters were born in 2002. Many of his older daughters have therefore reached the end of their productive careers.

That doesn't mean that we won't see plenty of other smart Dubawis with two lines of Shirley Heights in their pedigrees.



The ecstatic connections of Sobetsu | Scoop Dyga

Dubawi has four group winners with second dams by Shirley Heights, including that very quirky filly Journey (G1 QIPCO British Champions Fillies' and Mares' S.) and Hunter's Light (a Group 1 winner in Italy and the UAE, now standing at Haras de Logis). Shirley Heights also appears twice in the five-generation pedigrees of the Group 1-winning fillies Arabian Queen, Left Hand and Wuheida, as well as the G1 2000 Guineas second Dubawi Gold.

Two of Dubawi's Classic winners, New Bay and Night of Thunder, have two lines to Shirley Heights's sire Mill Reef (with these two also having the duplications to Mr. Prospector and Northern Dancer which are often found together in Dubawi's Group 1 winners). Dubawi's 2-year-old son Glorious Journey, who cost 2.6 million guineas as a yearling, has a third dam by Mill Reef.



Dubawi | Darley

### Pedigree Insights Cont.

Sobetsu should stay the 10 1/2 furlongs of the Diane or even a mile and a half, as her dam Lake Toya stayed at least that European Classic distance. In winning listed races over a mile and a quarter at Toulouse and Lingfield, Lake Toya became one of four stakes winners sired by Darshaan from daughters of Sadler's Wells.

Sobetsu's second dam Shinko Hermes had a career which consisted of only one start in Japan, but she was a sister to two Classic performers. One, Imagine, was good enough to win the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas and to lead home a Sadler's Wells 1-2-3 in the Epsom Oaks, while Strawberry Roan was second in Classic Park's Irish 1000 Guineas.

Shinko Hermes was by no means the first offspring of the celebrated broodmare Doff The Derby to race in Japan. Her high-priced half-brother Osumi Tycoon won the Yomiuri Milers Cup (Jpn-G2), while Matikanebenizakura, her record-priced half-sister by Royal Academy, had won thrice. Japanese buyers had been eager to acquire Doff The Derby's progeny following the exploits of her outstanding son Generous, winner of the G1 Derby, G1 Irish Derby and the G1 King George.

Shinko Hermes started her broodmare career in Japan, where her Sunday Silence filly Er Nova was placed at local Group 1 level, but she was later based largely in Europe, as part of the Darley broodmare band. She had several useful performers to her credit and some of her broodmare daughters are now beginning to shine. Her unraced Brian's Time filly Hermes Tiara is the dam of Dee Majesty, the Deep Impact colt who won the 2016 Japanese G1 2000 Guineas before finishing third in the G1 Japanese Derby. Shinko Hermes's sister Imagine has also proved very effective as a broodmare, producing four group winners headed by Horatio Nelson (G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere).

Shinko Hermes's group-winning half-sister Wedding Bouquet now ranks as the second dam of the outstanding French sprinter-miler Moonlight Cloud, who retired with six Group 1

successes to her credit. As Sobetsu has shown, this family continues to be a consistent source of very talented fillies, others being Trillion, Triptych and Treve, who all descend from Doff The Derby's dam Margarethen.

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### BHA MANAGEMENT SHUFFLED

The British Horseracing Authority has created several new management positions and restructured the remaining positions in an effort to meet the organisations's strategic objectives, reduce the chief executive's number of direct reports and save costs, the organisation announced Monday. The positions of executive director and communications and corporate affairs director have been inaugurated, while Carole Goldsmith, Director of People and Development and Gavin Jefferies, Director of Communications, are leaving the BHA later this year and their roles will not be replaced. Will Lambe, currently the Director of Corporate Affairs, is promoted to the position of Executive Director immediately. There is now an external search underway for the communications and corporate affairs director, which replaces director of communications and director of corporate affairs roles.

"Having now been at the BHA for more than two years, I have decided to make these changes to ensure that I have the right executive team structure in place to meet the needs of our strategy," said Nick Rust, Chief Executive of the BHA. "Once the communications and corporate affairs director is in place, I will have a strong and capable team, structured in a way that can best deliver for both the BHA and our sport."

Lambe's duties include stakeholder liaison, betting and funding issues, and leading the BHA's responsibilities for its key priority of continuing to improve industry people matters.

Continued Rust, "Will played a lead role in delivering the levy replacement working with government and industry stakeholders. He is well respected and fully deserves this promotion to a key role in my team, leading on strategy and industry people."

On board for the next three months, Goldsmith will lead in both areas, before handing over her responsibilities to pursue other interests, while Jefferies will depart Sept. 8. For more information on the BHA restructuring, please go to [www.britishhorseracing.com](http://www.britishhorseracing.com).

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## TWELVE REMAIN IN NEWBURY'S LOCKINGE

This Saturday's G1 Al Shaqab Lockinge S. at Newbury is shaping up into a quality renewal with 12 horses going forward at Monday's five-day stage. **Galileo Gold (GB)** (Paco Boy {Ire}), owned by the sponsors and trained by Hugo Palmer to win the G1 QIPCO 2000 Guineas on his seasonal debut last year is among the dozen along with Richard Fahey's stable-star **Ribchester (Ire)** (Iffraaj {GB}), who posted a promising return at Meydan in March when third in the G1 Dubai Turf. He could be accompanied by stablemate **Toscanini (Ire)** (Shamardal) who Godolphin transferred to Fahey earlier this year to act as a pacemaker for Ribchester. Martyn Meade fields a potential dark horse in **Aclaim (Ire)** (Acclamation {GB}) who successfully graduated from handicaps into Group 2 company last year and will be having his first outing of the season. "So far I'm very, very pleased with him," said Meade. "If you look at his last race at Newmarket [G2 Challenge S.], there was no stopping him. This was a horse who was improving and was on the up—it wasn't a fluke that he won and he won quite convincingly. I think there's more to him and more to come. We're determined to win a Group 1 somewhere with him. So whatever it takes and wherever we have to go for it, we'll go."

Aidan O'Brien has already built up a healthy lead in the British trainers championship and he could rely on recent Newmarket winner **Somehow (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) and **Cougar Mountain (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}). David Simcock could also be doubly represented with both **Lightning Spear (GB)** (Pivotal {GB}) and **Breton Rock (Ire)** (Bahamian Bounty {GB}) still engaged. The other four in contention for the race are the French trained **Dicton (Fr)** (Lawman {Fr}), Charlie Hills's **Dutch Connection (GB)** (Dutch Art {GB}), **Ennaad (GB)** (King's Best) from the Roger Varian stable and David Lanigan's **Mitchum Swagger (GB)** (Paco Boy {Ire}).

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## FRANKEL FOAL SET FOR GOFFS LONDON



Millevini and her Frankel foal | *Goffs*

Goffs have announced an exciting addition to their London Sale. **Millevini (Ire)** (Hawk Wing), a 9-year-old mare, will be offered by Heatherwold Stud alongside her March-born filly by the brilliant Frankel (GB). The mare is a half-sister to Classic winner Kingston Hill (GB) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) and is in foal to champion miler Kingman (GB). Goffs sold the first Frankel foal at public auction at the same QIPCO backed sale in 2014 when Crystal Gaze (Ire) (Rainbow Quest) and her foal were bought by MV Magnier for £1.15m. Chief executive Henry Beeby is delighted to have secured another elite offering for June 19.

"Frankel fever is a global phenomenon at the moment and we are delighted to bring it back to London this year following the massive interest at our first London Sale," said Beeby. "One of our goals in 2017 is to add a small selection of elite breeding stock to our superb catalogue of top-class horses in training and this mare and filly foal absolutely fulfil that criteria. We are working on others to complement them alongside an exciting array of form horses, many of which will have Royal Ascot entries."

Representing Heatherwold Stud, bloodstock agent Jeremy Brummitt commented, "One gets used to hearing the normal platitudes from vendors, but I think this filly speaks for herself. I can't imagine anyone who sees her will be disappointed. It's exciting to support the brave initiative of the London Sale. I think the sale is very important for the profile of British and Irish breeding and one which we should all support."

Millevini, placed multiple times in Scandinavia, has so far bred two foals; a 2-year-old as yet unraced filly by Mastercraftsman (Ire) and a yearling colt by Australia (GB).

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## ZHUKOVA HUNTING MORE GROUP 1 GLORY

Dermot Weld is no hurry to decide on plans with his latest Grade I winner **Zhukova (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}). The master of Rosewell House on The Curragh has won top-level events all over the world and his shrewd piece of race planning paid dividends last Saturday when the Chantal Regalado-Gonzalez owned 5-year-old outclassed her rivals in the GI Man O'War S. at Belmont. To make victory even sweeter, Zhukova was bred by Weld's late mother Marguerite out of Nighttime (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), who won the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas for the trainer in 2006. Zhukova had been well beaten at her only previous attempt in a Group 1, but Weld certainly wasn't surprised with



Dermot Weld | *Racing Post*

the manner of her victory on Saturday.

"I thought the conditions of the race suited and the weight conditions were attractive," he said. "The actual ground conditions were what we wanted and the rain came. She's a high-class filly and won three group races in Ireland last year. Don't forget she beat Found twice and on that form she had an outstanding

chance."

Zhukova has a range of options both at home and in the U.S. and Weld will decide on a plan in the coming days.

"I'll speak to the owner first, but there is a slight possibility she'll stay there and run in the [GI] Manhattan [June 10] or she could come home and we'd look at the [G1] Pretty Polly [at The Curragh July 2]," he said, considering that his charge prefers ground with some give in it. "We might even leave her off for the summer and look at the Yorkshire Oaks and Arc. That's probably more likely. I've always felt that she would be a very good mare as a 5-year-old. She loves an ease in the ground."

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## SOBETSU AIMS FOR DIANE

Charlie Appleby's G1 Prix Saint-Alary winner **Sobetsu (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) will swerve the G1 Investec Oaks at Epsom June 2 in favour of a crack at the G1 Prix de Diane at Chantilly on June 18. In the immediate aftermath of the 'TDN Rising Star's Group 1 win connections were keen to stress wherever the ground was softest she would end up. However, talks have already taken place with Sheikh Mohammed and the filly has been ruled out of Epsom.

"John [Ferguson, Godolphin chief executive and racing manager] and I have discussed it with His Highness Sheikh Mohammed, and the final decision is that we target the Prix de Diane," Appleby told *www.godolphin.com*. "The ground at Deauville, which in my opinion was good to soft, was a key factor in her success, and she is more likely to get the ground she likes at Chantilly than at Epsom."

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## BRITAIN



## NEW CHARITY DRIVE LAUNCHED

*At The Races*, in partnership with *Racing Post* and *The Irish Field*, has announced the launch of the inaugural 'Voice Of Racing' project, a fund-raising initiative which hopes to encourage racing aficionados to give something back to three of the sport's most important charities, namely The Sir Peter O'Sullivan Charitable Trust and the UK and Irish Injured Jockeys Funds. From now until the annual Sir Peter O'Sullivan Charitable Trust Award lunch in November, *ATR*, *Racing Post* and *The Irish Field* will raise funds and support the efforts of others across the sport with proceeds being split 50% to the Trust and 25% to each of the UK and Irish Injured Jockeys Funds. The focal point of the project will be the inaugural Voice of Racing Day, June 30.

Speaking of the launch, Matthew Imi, CEO of *ATR* said, "The Voice of Racing aims to bring together all participants within our sport to raise valuable funds for those within it who need our help most. At *ATR*, all of our fund-raising initiatives this year will be focused on supporting Voice of Racing and whilst we will start doing so immediately, we are also looking forward to the inaugural Voice Of Racing Day on June 30th. This will not only be an opportunity to showcase the amazing work these charities do but will also be a lot of fun at the same time. We would be hugely grateful if all fans of horse racing could at some point try and donate something, regardless of the amount, in recognition of the wonderful work these three charities do."

Donations can be made online at [www.jusstgiving.com/voiceofracing](http://www.jusstgiving.com/voiceofracing).

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### 2016 2-Year-Old Group 1 Winners in England

Race	Horse
G1 Cheveley Park S.	Brave Anna
G1 Middle Park S.	The Last Lion (Ire)
G1 Fillies Mile	Rhododendron (Ire)
G1 Dewhurst S.	Churchill (Ire)
G1 Racing Post Trophy	Rivet (Ire)

**British Report Cont.****Monday's Results:**

**2nd-WSR, £7,250, Hcp, 5-15, 3yo, 10fT, 2:08.68, gd.**

**CROWNED EAGLE (GB) (c, 3, Oasis Dream {GB}--Gull Wing {Ire}) {SW-Eng, \$101,549}, by In the Wings {GB}),** who was off the mark in style when last seen over an extended mile at Nottingham in November, was sent straight to the fore to dispute the lead. Firmly in control from the three-furlong pole, the 6-4 favourite was eased in the closing stages to score by a length from Secret Advisor (Fr) (Dubawi {Ire}). Gull Wing, who was successful in the Listed Further Flight S., has already produced three quality performers in her first three foals to race all by Pivotal (GB), Eagle Top (GB), Wings of Desire (GB) and The Lark (GB). The former captured the G2 King Edward VII S. and was runner-up in the G1 King George VI & Queen Elizabeth S., GSW & G1SP-ENG, \$799,113, Wings of Desire won last year's G2 Dante S. and was also second in the King George, GSW & G1SP-Eng, \$599,509, while The Lark was successful in the G2 Park Hill S. and finished third in the G1 Epsom Oaks, GSW & G1SP-Eng, \$173,765. Gull Wing, who is also a half-sister to the G1 English and Irish Oaks-winning European champion Sariska (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), has a 2-year-old and a yearling colt both by Pivotal (GB). Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-2, £8,717. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Lady Bamford (GB); T-John Gosden.

**3rd-WDS, £10,000, Cond, 5-15, 2yo, 5f 21yT, 1:00.06, gd.**

**+LAST VOYAGE (c, 2, Eskendereya--Shipboard Romance, by Pulpit),** sent off the 11-10 favourite, missed the kick a beat but quickly recovered to race behind the pace. Sent up to tackle Choice Encounter (GB) (Choisir {Aus}) inside the final furlong, the bay was not fully extended to win a shade cosily by a short head. The winner is the first foal out of an unraced daughter of the G1 Cape Fillies Guineas-winning South African champion Captain's Lover (SAf) (Captain Al {SAf}), was also able to annexe the G3 Prix du Pin during a stint with Andre Fabre and win the Taylor Made Matchmaker S. on the dirt for Todd Pletcher. She is herself a half to Ebony Flyer (SAf) (Jet Master {SAf}), another G1 Cape Fillies Guineas heroine who also captured the G1 Majorca S. and G1 South African Fillies Sprint. Shipboard Romance also has a yearling full-brother to Last Voyage and was bred to Kitten's Joy for 2017. Captain's Lover, who Sales history: \$52,000 Wlg '15 KEENOV; \$90,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$335,000 2yo '17 FTFMAR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$8,337. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Godolphin; B-Team Valor Llc & Gaynor Rupert (KY); T-C. Appleby.



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**1st-WET, £4,500, Mdn, 5-15, 3yo, 10fT, 2:08.91, g/f.**

**SHYMKENT (GB) (g, 3, Pivotal {GB}--Shabyt {GB}, by Sadler's Wells)** has been gelded since finishing off the radar, behind TDN Rising Star Big Challenge (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}), going an extended mile at Nottingham in his sole start for Roger Varian last time Nov. 2, and was let go at a whopping 50-1 in this first outing for the David O'Meara barn. Handily placed along the rail in fourth for the most part, he found a clear run approaching the two pole and was driven out in the closing stages to edge Born To Be Alive (Ire) (Born To Sea {Ire}) by a head in a to-and-fro tussle. Half to the 2-year-old filly Shaherezada (Ire) (Dutch Art {GB}) and a yearling filly by Lawman (Fr), the bay becomes the first winner out of an unraced daughter of Listed Pontefract Castle S. second Shastye (Ire) (Danehill), who also produced G2 Middleton S. victress and G1 Epsom Oaks and G1 Preis der Diana runner-up Secret Gesture (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), G3 International S. winner Sir Isaac Newton (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) and MGSP stakes scorer Maurus (GB) (Medicean {GB}). Shastye, herself a daughter of G2 Prix de Royallieu victress and G1SP European highweight Saganeca (Sagace {Fr}), is a half to G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe-winning sire Sagamix (Fr) (Linamix {Fr}), G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud-winning sire Sagacity (Fr) (Highest Honor {Fr}), G2 Prix de Malleret heroine Sage et Jolie (GB) (Linamix {Fr}), who in turn produced G1 Prix d'Ispahan-winning sire Sageburg (Ire) (Johannesburg), and to the dam of G1 Prix Saint-Alary winner Sagawara (GB) (Shamardal). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$3,751. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Nurlan Bizakov; B-Hesmonds Stud Ltd. (GB); T-David O'Meara.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Komodo (Ire), g, 3, Dragon Pulse (Ire)--Salydora (Fr) (SW-Fr), by Peintre Celebre.** WET, 5-15, 7fT, 1:29.26. B-Irish National Stud (IRE). \*€30,000 Wlg '14 GOFNOV; 20,000gns RNA Ylg '15 TAOCT.

**Secret Strategy (Ire), g, 3, Kodiak (GB)--Shall We Tell (GB), by Intikhab.** BRG, 5-15, 5f 60yT, 1:04.21. B-Tom and Hazel Russell (IRE). \*€100,000 Wlg '14 GOFNOV; £7,500 2yo '16 GUKSEP.

**Chiefofchiefs (GB), c, 4, Royal Applause (GB)--Danvers (GB), by Cape Cross (Ire).** WDS, 5-15, 10fT, 2:09.79. B-Executive Bloodlines (GB). \*30,000gns RNA Wlg '13 TATFOA; 15,000gns RNA Ylg '14 TAOCT.

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## FRANCE

**Monday's Results:**

**2nd-SCD, €26,000, Cond, 5-15, 3yo, 8fT, 1:42.76, sf.**

**AMBIVALENCE (IRE) (f, 3, Invincible Spirit {Ire}--Alpine Snow {Ire} {SW & GSP-Fr}, by Verglas {Ire}),** a Nov. 22 debut scorer going one mile at Chantilly last time, raced under a firm hold in fifth after the initial exchanges of this turf bow. Inching closer from halfway, the 63-10 chance turned for home in fourth and kept on strongly for continued rousting inside the final quarter mile to deny Angel Baby (Fr) (Canford Cliffs {Ire}) by a half length nearing the line. The homebred grey is one of three winners out of Listed Prix Urban Sea victress and G3 Prix Fille de l'Air third Alpine Snow (Ire) (Verglas {Ire}), herself out of an unraced half-sister to storied blue hen Urban Sea (Miswaki), and is thus a half to last term's G3 Prix de Royaumont third and last month's G3 Prix Allez France runner-up Armande (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}). She is also a full-sister to the unraced 2-year-old colt Rapture's Delight (GB), who hit the top ten at last year's Arqana October Yearling sale when knocked down for €200,000 and is now in training with Criquelette Head-Maarek. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €26,500. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Lady Chryst J O'Reilly & Baron Edouard de Rothschild; B-Petra Bloodstock Agency Ltd & Ecurie de Meautry (IRE); T-H. Pantall.

**3rd-ANG, €30,000, Cond, 5-14, 3yo, 6f 165yT, 1:22.54, g/s.**

**AIMING FOR RIO (FR) (f, 3, Rio de la Plata--Tevara {GB}, by Compton Place {GB})** Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-0, €42,775.

O-Godolphin SNC; B-Haras du Logis & Julian Ince (FR); T-Andre Fabre. \*€12,000 Wlg '14 ARQDEC.

**4th-SCD, €28,000, Cond, 5-15, 4yo/up, 8fT, 1:41.49, sf.**

**LORD GLITTERS (FR) (g, 4, Whipper--Lady Glitters {Fr} {MSP-Fr}, by Homme de Loi {Ire})** Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 9-4-3-0, €70,800. O-Ecurie du Trieux; B-Elevage de Tourgeville & Mme Hilary Erculiani (FR); T-Christophe Lotoux. \*€25,000 Ylg '14 AROCT.

**4th-ANG, €20,000, Cond, 5-14, 3yo, 10f, 2:04.41, g/s.**

**SUNITA (FR) (f, 3, Motivator {GB}--Serasana {GB}, by Red Ransom)** Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, €22,900. O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**+Less Pire (Fr), c, 2, Shakespearean (Ire)--Less Crazy (Fr), by Le Fou (Ire).** ANG, 5-14, 5 1/2fT. 1:05.78. B-Haras de Hoguenet & Gilles Le Baron (FR).

## GERMANY

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Lacazar (Ger), f, 3, Adlerflug (Ger)--Laey Diamond (Ger), by Dai Jin (GB).** KRE, 5-14, 11fT, 2:15.59. B-I E Zimmermann (GER).  
**Westfalica (Ger), f, 3, Areion (Ger)--Walburga (Ger), by One Cool Cat.** KRE, 5-14, 6fT, 1:11.16. B-Gestut Hony-Hof (GER).  
**Promise of Peace (Jpn), c, 3, King Kamehameha (Jpn)--Peace of World (Jpn) (Ch. 2-y-o Filly & MSW-Jpn, \$1,224,089), by Sunday Silence.** KRE, 5-14, 11fT, 2:15.48. B-Chiyoda Farm Shizunai (JPN).

## EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

**IN JAPAN:**

**#Richie Richie (Ire), c, 4, Teofilo (Ire)--Nick's Nikita (Ire) (Hwt. Older Mare-Ire at 11-13f & 14f/up, GSW-Ire, \$272,769), by Pivotal (GB).** Tokyo, 5-13, Ryokufu S., 12fT. Lifetime Record: 15-4-5-4, \$776,460. O-La Mere Inc.; B-N.Hartery; T-Yasuo Tomomichi. \*58,000gns Wlg '13 TATNOV.

## WORLDWIDE NEWS

**STRONG TRADE FOR YEARLINGS AT INGLIS**

A low key day of trade at the Inglis HTBA Scone Yearling Sale on Monday brought the curtain down on a record-breaking year for the sales company. Monday's short session, when just 50 yearlings were on offer, yielded a top price of A\$32,000 when **lot 222**, a son of Animal Kingdom, offered by Arrowfield Stud, was bought by K Law. Overall the sale posted an impressive set of results with a strong clearance rate of 91%, an aggregate of A\$3,751,750 and an average of A\$17,209.

While happy with the sale in general, Inglis managing director Mark Webster was even more satisfied with the entire yearling sale season at Inglis, the best in the company's 150 year history. Following Monday's action Inglis had sold 1,877 yearlings in 2017 at a clearance rate of 88%, an average of A\$116,000 and gross of A\$219,410,250.

"It's been a remarkable year for Inglis and what these statistics highlight to our vendors is that if you want to maximise your chance of selling your product at the highest-possible price, you need to be selling them through an Inglis sale," Webster said.

### Strong Trade for Yearlings at Inglis Cont.

“To have the five yearling sales with the top growth in Australasia—and six of the top seven—is a great achievement and wouldn’t be possible without the support of our vendors, breeders and buyers. These numbers indicate Inglis is growing ahead of the industry growth rate this year and it all augers well for our first year of selling at Riverside Stables in 2018.”

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Black Heart Bart | *Racing And Sports*

### MAHER, CONNOLLY TO FACE CHARGES

Group 1 winning trainer Ciaron Maher and his former racing manager Ben Connolly have been charged with a number of offences related to being prejudicial to the image of racing. The offences surround the actual ownership of five horses trained by Maher, including **Azkadellia (NZ)** (Shinko King {Ire}), who won the G1 Coolmore Legacy S. last year but who is currently banned from racing over the investigation into her allegedly being owned by notorious con-man Peter Foster, despite running under the name of Ben Connolly. Racing Victoria announced on Monday that stewards had issued two charges against Connolly and four charges against Maher. The stewards allege, amongst other things, that Maher knew, suspected or ought to have known, at certain times, that Connolly was not the beneficial owner of the horses. Further, the stewards allege that Maher, in those circumstances, took no steps, including to notify the stewards of his knowledge or suspicions regarding the ownership of the horses. The charges against Maher and Connolly will be heard by the Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board on a date to be fixed.

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• Catalogued	260	206
• No. Offered	240	197
• No. Sold	218	178
• RNAs	22	19
• % RNAs	9%	9%
• High Price	A\$120,000	A\$115,000
• Gross	A\$3,751,750	A\$2,696,750
• Average (% change)	A\$17,209 (+13%)	A\$15,150
• Median (% change)	A\$15,000 (+50%)	A\$10,000

### BART ALL SET FOR WEEKEND COMEBACK

The admirable **Black Heart Bart (Aus)** (Blackfriars {Aus}) is reported in good shape ahead of his return in this weekend’s G1 Goodwood H. at Morphettville on Saturday. The 6-year-old is chasing his third Group 1 in a row and was last seen narrowly beating stable mate **Tosen Stardom (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in the G1 Futurity S. at Caulfield Feb. 25.

“He’s terrific,” Darren Weir’s foreman Jarrod McLean told *Racing And Sports*. “Obviously he’s had the freshen-up since his couple of Group 1 wins at Caulfield. He trialled last Monday at Ballarat and then he galloped really well at Warrnambool on Friday morning. Brad Rawiller rode him and I probably haven’t seen him as happy with him after getting off the horse.”

Black Heart Bart claimed his maiden Group 1 in the 1200-metre Goodwood last year on his fourth start for Darren Weir and he has since gone on to add a further four top-level events to his resume. Shedding some light on what he thinks makes Black Heart Bart such a rare beast and so consistent at the highest level McLean offered, “He’s a sound horse and he eats everything you put in front of him. The more you feed him, the more you work him and that’s why he’s a good horse because he just comes up every time. He’s certainly the best horse I’ve ever dealt with.”

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## APPOINTMENTS

### **Bernard Saundry: Chief Executive of New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing**

- “Bernard’s vast knowledge and experience from the creation of *Racing.com* and negotiating media rights, will be advantageous to New Zealand racing,” said board chairman Dr. Alan Jackson. “His proven career in racing administration, club funding, building relationships with the jockey association and trainers and his experience with country racing will be invaluable.”
- Saundry has spend 37 years in racing club administration, most recently as Chief Executive Officer of Racing Victoria. He was also CEO of Harness Racing Victoria and Western Bulldogs AFL Club prior to his tenure at RV.
- “I am honoured to be appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of NZ Thoroughbred Racing,” said Saundry. “Racing in NZ is an important contributor on the international racing and breeding stage. To work with the Board and staff in leading the future growth of NZ Thoroughbred Racing for all clubs, owners, breeders, trainers, jockeys, stable hands and racing fans is an opportunity I truly appreciate. Importantly, the horse must always be a central focus in all our future planning.”

## AUSTRALIAN-BRED WINNERS

### IN JAPAN:

**Flora de Mariposa (Aus)**, f, 3, **Frankel (GB)**--Jeu de Cartes (NZ) (GSW-NZ, \$165,349), by Stravinsky. Tokyo, 5-14, Novice Race, 9fT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$44,248. O-Kazumi Yoshida; B-Cressfield; T-Noriyuki Hori. \*A\$750,000 Ylg '16 INGAPR.

## NEW ZEALAND-BRED WINNERS

### IN JAPAN:

**Cosmo Peridot (NZ)**, c, 3, **Jimmy Choux (NZ)**--Diva Von Tessa (Aus), by Testa Rossa (Aus). Tokyo, 5-14, Novice Race, 7fT. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$69,912. O-Big Red Farm; B-Chouxmaani Investments Ltd; T-Yoshiyasu Takahashi. \*NZ\$210,000 Ylg '16 NWZJAN.

## FOALING NEWS

**DATE WITH DESTINY (IRE)**, 9, George Washington (Ire)--Flawlessly (Fr), by Rainbow Quest.  
Foal born Mar. 27, a filly by Lope De Vega (Ire)  
Mare visiting: Iffraaj (GB)  
Owned by Newsells Park Stud  
Accomplishments: dam of Beautiful Morning (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), SP-Fr.

**YUMMY MUMMY (GB)**, 12, Montjeu (Ire)--Gryada (GB), by Shirley Heights (GB).  
Foal born Mar. 31, a colt by Dubawi (Ire)  
Mare visiting: Dubawi (Ire)  
Owned by Newsells Park Stud  
Accomplishments: dam of Legatissimo (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), MG1SW-Eng & G1SW-Ire, GISP-US, \$325,966.

**SHASTYE (IRE)**, 16, Danehill--Saganeca, by Sagace (Fr).  
Foal born Apr. 3, a colt by Galileo (Ire)  
Mare visiting: Galileo (Ire)  
Owned by Newsells Park Stud  
Accomplishments: SP-Eng, dam of Secret Gesture (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), GSW & MG1SP-Eng, & G1SP-Ger, Fr & U.S., \$452,505; Maurus (GB) (Medicean {GB}), SW & MGSP-Aus, \$306,565; and Sir Isaac Newton (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), GSW-Ire, \$223,565.

**ANIPA (GB)**, 6, Sea The Stars (Ire)--Anna Amalia (Ire), by In The Wings (GB)  
Foal born Apr. 3, a colt by Zoffany (Ire)  
Mare visiting: Frankel (GB)  
Owned by Newsells Park Stud  
Accomplishments: SW-Eng.

**SWEET CECILY (IRE)**, 9, Kodiak (GB)--Yaqootah, by Gone West  
Foal born Apr. 3, a filly by Showcasing (GB)  
Mare visiting: Muhaarar (GB)  
Owned by Newsells Park Stud  
Accomplishments: SW-Eng.

**WALDLERCHE (GB)**, 8, Monsun (Ger)--Waldmark (Ger), by Mark Of Esteem (Ire).  
Foal born Apr. 6, a colt by Kingman (GB)  
Mare visiting: Galileo (Ire)  
Owned by Newsells Park Stud  
Accomplishments: GSW, dam of Waldgeist (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), G1SW-Fr, \$185,567.