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## RECORD CURLIN COLT PACES MIDLANTIC FINALE



Hip 388 | Tibor Szlavik

by Jessica Martini

The Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale concluded Tuesday in Timonium with a frenetic session of selling led by a sales record-setting \$1.5-million son of Curlin. The sale topper was one of four to bring over \$700,000 on a day which saw solid bidding throughout all segments of the market.

"Obviously, today was a very, very strong session punctuated by some special horses," said Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning, Jr. "We had an idea that there could be some fireworks today based on the way the horses previewed and based on the feedback that some of the consignors were getting over the last few days of pre-sale inspections. It's always great to set another record, but given the quality of the horses that were on offer today, we were happy, but I don't think anyone was surprised. Those were a legitimate group of top-quality horses."

During the session, 168 horses sold for \$13,699,500, an average of \$76,476 and a median of \$33,500. For the two days, 330 horses sold for \$25,237,000. The average rose 11.4% to \$76,476 and the median rose 9.4% to \$35,000.

"I think folks left here optimistic about their purchases, whether they were spending \$20,000 or \$200,000 or \$500,000 and up," Browning said. **Cont. p4**

## COOLMORE ACQUIRES BREEDING RIGHTS TO CLASSIC EMPIRE

The breeding rights to champion juvenile and recent GI Preakness S. runner-up **Classic Empire** (Pioneerof the Nile--Sambucca Classica, by Cat Thief) have been acquired by Coolmore in a deal brokered by Justin Casse, brother of the colt's trainer Mark Casse, it was announced Tuesday.

The bay will continue to race in the colors of owner John Oxley. Upon his retirement from racing, Classic Empire will stand at Coolmore America's Ashford Stud alongside fellow Eclipse Award-winning juveniles American Pharoah--also by Pioneerof the Nile out of a Storm Cat-line mare--Uncle Mo and Shanghai Bobby.

"Coolmore does an outstanding job of marketing their stallions," Oxley commented. "American Pharoah is there and he is by Pioneerof the Nile, as is Classic Empire, so I think it is a good fit there. There is a big demand for American Pharoah and the spillover, so to speak, will definitely enhance the following of Classic Empire." **Cont. p3**

## IN TDN EUROPE TODAY WELD STILL PUSHING THE BOUNDARIES

Trainer Dermot Weld's victory with Zhukova (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) in the GI Man O'War S. is the latest in a long line of international successes for the Irish-based horseman.

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**Golden girl.** Earning 'TDN Rising Star' status in November with a convincing 3 1/2-length winning debut over nine furlongs on Chantilly's Polytrack, Terrakova returned Tuesday to justify that tag and hint at the bigger things that could come naturally as a daughter of the famed Goldikova. See TDN Europe/International for the full G3 Prix Cleopatre result. | *Scoop Dyga*

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Bill Oppenheim writes about Maclean's Music, who moves into the number two spot on the second-crop sires list courtesy of GI Preakness S. winner Cloud Computing.

## LEATHERBURY PRESSES ON WITH 'BEN'

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Hall of Famer King Leatherbury will press on with popular 11-year-old Ben's Cat (Parker's Storm Cat), who is winless in two starts this term.



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### **Coolmore Acquires Breeding Rights to Classic Empire cont. from p1**

Oxley continued, "Coolmore has been quite good about acquiring excellent young horses as stallions and they have quite a following of customers because of that. I think Classic Empire will benefit from that history."

"The Casse family and the Oxleys are delighted to be in business with the Coolmore team," Justin Casse commented. "They have a track record that is unprecedented. They reached out to me towards the end of last year, and obviously, I was a medium between them and Mr. Oxley. The fact that their development of stallions who were champion 2-year-olds or Breeders' Cup Juvenile winners was a key point to Mr. Oxley."

A \$475,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase, Classic Empire captured his debut at Churchill Downs traveling 4 1/2 furlongs and added the GIII Bashford Manor S. in July. He closed out his juvenile campaign with a pair

of convincing victories in the GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity at Keeneland and GI Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Juvenile at Santa Anita, landing him unanimous honors as Champion 2-Year-Old Male at the Eclipse Awards in January.



**Classic Empire** | Coady photo

At three, Classic Empire won the GI Arkansas Derby Apr. 15 before running fourth in the GI Kentucky Derby after a troubled start. He was beaten a head in Saturday's Preakness after contesting a swift early pace.

"We are very proud," Oxley said of Classic Empire's Preakness effort. "We were just thrilled. We were there rooting him home and thought we were going to be at the wire first, but we got beat by a very good horse. Nevertheless, it was a thrilling race and we are proud of Classic Empire. He is doing quite well, so we will be moving on to the

[GI] Belmont S. [June 10] and see if we can finally win one of these Triple Crown races."

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**Fasig-Tipton Midlantic cont. from p1**

Browning continued, “That’s one of the strengths of this marketplace and of this sale. There is a diverse group of horses that fit a variety of racing operations from regional markets to the absolute finest in the United States that have the ability to compete anywhere in the upper end in the U.S. or around the world.”

Buyers acknowledged bidding was competitive over the two days in Timonium.

“It’s been really tough,” bloodstock agent Dennis O’Neill admitted. “I told Mr. [Paul] Reddam the other day, it seems like whatever you think the price should be, you need to double it. And if you don’t want to spend that, then we’re not going to buy. That’s just the way it is.”



**Boyd Browning** | *Fasig-Tipton*

The buy-back rate Tuesday was a sparkling 14.3%, adding up to a two-day figure of 19.9%.

“More important than the record price, was the RNA rate, which at some point this afternoon was 13%,” Browning commented. “That is so important, overall, for consignors to get some money. Some of those were sold at a loss, but consignors were able to turn their product into cash to give them the opportunity to go to the yearling sales or to replenish their farm. That is one of the keys to our business, to change your product to cash when you go to a horse sale. So it’s very encouraging to see an RNA rate at that level.”

The Midlantic sale produced its first seven-figure transaction two years ago when a filly by Smart Strike sold for \$1.25 million. That result was followed up a year ago when a filly by Uncle Mo sold for \$1 million. The sales record was eclipsed Tuesday when a son of Curlin (**hip 388**) attracted a final bid of \$1.5 million from trainer Mark Casse, bidding on behalf of John Oxley and Breeze

Easy. The juvenile was consigned by Hartley/DeRenzo Thoroughbreds.

“There is no magic to the sales business,” Browning said. “When the consignors provide high-quality product, you’re going to have successful sales. And the most encouraging thing is that the consignors continue to have confidence in this marketplace, they continue to have confidence to bring quality horses here and the buyers now know that there are going to be quality horses on offer the Monday and Tuesday following the Preakness.”



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• Catalogued	288	297
• No. Offered	196	226
• No. Sold	168	180
• RNAs	28	46
• % RNAs	14.3%	20.3%
• No. \$500K+	6	3
• High Price	\$1,500,000	\$1,000,000
• Gross	\$13,699,500	\$12,420,700
• Average (% change)	\$81,545 (+18.2%)	\$69,004
• Median (% change)	\$33,500 (+4.7%)	\$32,000
CUMULATIVE	2017	2016
• Catalogued	575	598
• No. Offered	412	455
• No. Sold	330	337
• RNAs	82	118
• % RNAs	19.9%	25.9%
• No. \$500K+	6	6
• High Price	\$1,500,000	\$1,000,000
• Gross	\$25,237,000	\$23,136,400
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## SALES TOPPERS



## FASIG-TIPTON MIDLANTIC 2-YEAR-OLDS IN TRAINING

## TUESDAY'S TOP TEN COLTS

Hip	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
388	Curlin	Franscat	1,500,000
		(\$475,000 Ylg '16 FTKJUL)	
		B-Miller Racing (FL)	
		Consigned by Hartley/DeRenzo Thoroughbreds, Agent	
		Purchased by Breeze Easy/John C Oxley	
490	Distorted Humor	Lemon Kiss	850,000
		(\$1,325,000 in utero '14 FTKNOV; \$350,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP)	
		B-Town & Country Horse Farms (KY)	
		Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent LXXI	
		Purchased by Simon Callaghan, agent	
516	Ghostzapper	Malibu Cougar	800,000
		(\$200,000 Ylg '16 FTKOCT)	
		B-Grace Thoroughbred Holdings (KY)	
		Consigned by Cary Frommer, Agent	
		Purchased by Baoma Corp	

373	Orb	Extra Sharp	710,000
		(\$170,000 Ylg '16 FTKOCT)	
		B-Susan Casner (KY)	
		Consigned by Crupi's New Castle Farm, Agent III	
		Purchased by Dennis O'Neill	
468	Orb	Julie From Dixie	525,000
		(\$140,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP)	
		B-E H Beau Lane III (KY)	
		Consigned by Pike Racing, Agent	
		Purchased by C P Beler	
471	First Samurai	Kassidy's Kiss	350,000
		(\$50,000 Ylg '16 FTKJUL)	
		B-Morris B Floyd, Greg Ginter, Mike Bowling & Mike Eaves (KY)	
		Consigned by Kenneth Lejeune Training Stables, Agent	
		Purchased by Mike Ryan, agent	
362	Paynter	Ellie Boo	270,000
		B-Southern Equine Stables (KY)	
		Consigned by Paul Sharp, Agent V	
		Purchased by Mike Ryan, agent	
393	Tapizar	Free Flying Soul	250,000
		(\$220,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP)	
		B-Liberty Road Stables (KY)	
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**287 Shanghai Bobby**      **Canaryinacage**      **210,000**  
 (\$60,000 Ylg '16 FTNAUG)  
*B-Mina Equivest (NY)*

Consigned by Scanlon Training & Sales, Agent II  
 Purchased by Mark Stanley

**435 Into Mischief**      **Home Run**      **205,000**  
 (\$280,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP)  
*B-Peter E Blum Thoroughbreds (KY)*  
 Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent XII  
 Purchased by Kindred Stables Inc

**366 Distorted Humor**      **England Swings**      **185,000**  
 (\$275,000 in utero '14 KEENOV; \$150,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP;  
 \$95,000 RNA Ylg '16 FTKOCT)  
*B-William D Graham (ON)*

Consigned by Wavertree Stables Inc (Ciaran Dunne), Agent VI  
 Purchased by Fox Hill Farm

**390 Jimmy Creed**      **Freedom Fire**      **160,000**  
 (\$25,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP)  
*B-Spendthrift Farm (KY)*  
 Consigned by Endswell, Agent  
 Purchased by Tommy Fackler, agent

**TUESDAY'S TOP FOUR FILLIES**

**Hip Sire Dam Price (\$)**  
**465 Into Mischief Jilted 375,000**  
 (\$77,000 in utero '14 KEENOV; \$165,000 RNA Ylg '16 FTNAUG)

*B-Dr Jerry Bilinski & Roddy Valente (NY)*  
 Consigned by Pike Racing, Agent  
 Purchased by Mike Ryan, agent

**363 Flat Out Elusive Royalty 200,000**  
 (\$18,000 in utero '14 KEENOV; \$80,000 Ylg '16 FTKOCT)  
*B-H Allen Poindexter (KY)*

Consigned by Cary Frommer, Agent  
 Purchased by David Meah, agent

**Curlin Colt a Record Setter**

A colt by Curlin made his second trip through a sales ring Tuesday in Timonium and he came out a sale topper once again when selling for a Midlantic record \$1.5 million to trainer Mark Casse. Casse was bidding on behalf of longtime client John Oxley and Breeze Easy, which co-purchased the colt with Hartley/DeRenzo Thoroughbreds for a sale-topping \$475,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Kentucky July Yearling Sale.

"I was the underbidder on him as a yearling," Casse revealed after signing the ticket on the youngster in the sales office. "I thought he was just a beautiful Curlin and there are not many sires better than Curlin." **Cont. p7**



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### ***Curlin Colt a Record Setter cont.***

Reflecting on his runner-up effort with Oxley's Classic Empire (Pioneerof the Nile) in Saturday's GI Preakness S., Casse laughed,



**Hip 388** | Tibor Szlavik

"We are trying to find a Preakness winner for next year. We were so close this year."

**Hip 388** is out of Franscat (Stormin Fever) and is a half-brother to stakes winners Swinger's Party (Medaglia d'Oro) and Hubba Shake (Street Sense).

"We loved the horse from the first time we ever saw him," said Breeze Easy's Mike Hall. "So we were very happy to stay in on him. Mark Casse was the underbidder on the horse in Kentucky and he has

wanted the horse from that day forward. He kept tabs on him, he knows all about him. It's all up to Mark now. We are new at the game, but we are trying to play in it."

The West Virginia-based Breeze Easy first made headlines when purchasing a Broken Vow colt for a sale-topping \$1.2 million at the 2016 OBS April Sale

When Randy Hartley signed the ticket on the chestnut at last year's July sale, the plan was to reoffer the youngster at the Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream Sale, but the juvenile bucked shins prior to that auction and Hartley and partner Dean DeRenzo took him home to Ocala to regroup. They were rewarded for that decision when the colt worked a furlong in a co-bullet **:10 flat** during last week's under-tack show.

"I guess everything happens for a reason," Hartley said of the delay. "At the time, it was, 'Oh my gosh we spent so much money and now he has shins.' But we did the right thing by the horse. We took him home and cooled him out and pin fired him so no one would have any worries about it down the road. That was his first breeze since Gulfstream and Dean and I were really concerned because he had sat around for 60-70 days. I two-minute licked him--of course,



**Randy Hartley** | Fasig-Tipton

it wasn't fast enough for Dean. But I knew he could run. If they can run, they can run."

Hartley continued, "He's just an amazing horse. He's got the brains and he is so classy. He just walks in the ring and just stands there. He is probably the smartest horse I've ever been around. He is pretty much the same as when we bought him, just a little bigger. He was beautiful then."

Of the decision to stretch on the colt at **last year's Fasig July sale**, Hartley said, "We honed in on him because we felt like not as many end-users go to July as [Keeneland] September. So we felt like if we had a shot to get one, that was the one. There was one similar to him in September who sold for \$1 million. I know [\$475,000] was a lot, but it was still a good buy. We probably won't be able to buy another one that looks like him again."

### **Distorted Humor Colt Heads West**



**Hip 490** | Tibor Szlavik

Trainer Simon Callaghan signed the ticket at \$850,000 to secure a colt by Distorted Humor on behalf of an existing client Tuesday in Timonium. **Hip 490** is out of stakes winner Lemon Kiss (Lemon Drop Kid) and is a half to Grade I winner Lochte (Medaglia d'Oro). He worked a furlong last week in **:10 2/5**.

"He has a stallion's pedigree, a great physical and is a really well-balanced colt," Callaghan said. "I thought he ticked all the boxes."

The youngster, who was broke and received some of his early training at All in Line Stables, was consigned by Eddie Woods on behalf of Alejandro Ceballos's Venezuelan-based Grupo 7C, which purchased him for \$350,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale. He was bred by Town and Country Horse Farms, which purchased Lemon Kiss with this foal in utero for \$1.325 million at the 2014 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky November Sale.

"It's strong for these top-end horses, as it always is," Callaghan admitted. "There are a lot of good horses who have come out of this sale, so let's hope this is one of them."



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## A Ghostzapper Colt for the Chus

A colt by Ghostzapper will be joining the West Coast stable of trainer Bob Baffert after selling for \$800,000 Tuesday in Timonium. Bloodstock agent Donato Lanni, acting on behalf of



Donato Lanni | Fasig-Tipton

Susan and Charlie Chu's Baoma Corp., made the winning bid on [hip 516](#).

"We were waiting for this horse and we're very happy to get him," Lanni admitted. "Obviously, we liked the Curlin colt and we didn't get him. But this was one of our favorite horses in the sale. At the 2-year-old sales, they are asked to do so much and this horse did everything he was asked to do. Good horses

have come out of this sale. Hopefully this will be another one."

The chestnut colt is out of Malibu Cougar (Malibu Moon), a full-sister to multiple graded stakes winner Kauai Katie and to graded stakes winner Winding Way. He worked a furlong last week in [:10 1/5](#).

The Chus campaign Eclipse champion sprinter Drefong (Gio Ponti), as well as recent GIII Los Angeles S. winner Lord Simba (Discreet Cat) and stakes winner Faypien (Ghostzapper)--both OBS April purchases.

The juvenile was consigned to the Midlantic sale by Cary Frommer, who purchased him for \$200,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Kentucky October Yearling Sale.

"When I first saw him, I just went nuts and I could hardly



Cary Frommer | Fasig-Tipton

contain myself," Frommer admitted. "I called Barry [Berkelhammer], who was looking at horses on the other side of the grounds, and I told him, 'You have to come over and see this colt.' It was instantaneous. I just loved him when I saw him. It never changed. I always thought he was classy and the right horse."

"They got a great horse and we got a great price," Frommer concluded.

Frommer entered the juvenile sales season admitting she and partner Barry Berkelhammer were more selective in purchasing yearlings last year in consideration of a polarized marketplace in

which only the top offerings seem to be in demand.

The approach paid immediate dividends at the Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream sale where Frommer consigned a pair of seven-figure juveniles.

"It's been a very good season," Frommer confirmed Tuesday. "We bought a more select yearling last year and I'm feeling pretty good about that right now."

Asked her plans for the upcoming yearling sales, Frommer laughed, "I think we'll use the same strategy this year."

## O'Neill Stretches for Orb Colt



Dennis O'Neill (L) with brother Doug O'Neill | Horsephotos

Dennis O'Neill has been busy all spring stocking the fledgling racing stable of Saudi client [Amr Zedan](#) and the bloodstock agent was back in action Tuesday in Timonium, going to \$710,000 to secure [hip 373](#), a colt from the first crop of GI Kentucky Derby winner Orb. Mike Ryan, who purchased the colt for \$170,000 on behalf of one client at last year's Fasig-Tipton Kentucky October Yearling Sale, was underbidder on the juvenile while acting on behalf of another client Tuesday.

"We thought he would be \$500,000 or \$600,000, but we stretched a little bit," O'Neill admitted after signing the ticket in the sales pavilion. "As we've seen at all these sales, if there is one you've got to have, you have to stretch a little bit, which we did."

Out of Extra Sharp (Cherokee Run), the juvenile is a half to graded stakes placed Colonel Sharp (Colonel John). His second dam is multiple Grade I winner Sharp Cat. The bay worked a furlong in a co-bullet [:10 flat](#).

"I thought his breeze was fantastic, his gallop-out was great," O'Neill said of the juvenile's appeal. "He was a gorgeous individual. We are really excited to have him. He'll go out to California to [trainer] Doug [O'Neill] tomorrow." **Cont. p9**



**O'Neill Stretches for Orb Colt cont.****Hip 373** | Tibor Szlavik

O'Neill admitted he is a big fan of Claiborne's young stallion Orb, who was represented by a \$1.25-million colt at OBS March.

"I've just really loved the Orbs," O'Neill said. "They've just looked great. They are strong, athletic and have great minds. I went to check on this horse a whole bunch the last couple of days and he just stands in his stall—they have great minds and they are gorgeous, gorgeous horses. He's kind of my Uncle Mo from a couple of years ago. I haven't seen too many bad Orbs and that was pretty much the case with Uncle Mo. I think he's the one this year. I really like him."

O'Neill's purchases on behalf of Zedan this spring include a \$950,000 Union Rags colt and a \$410,000 Flatter filly at OBS March, a \$400,000 colt by Custom For Carlos at Fasig-Tipton's Gulfstream Sale, and a \$360,000 daughter of Lucky Pulpit at the Barretts March Sale.

"He's put together one heck of a stable," O'Neill said of Zedan. "If we don't do some good with it, I'm really, really bad."

Hip 373, bred by Susan Casner, was consigned by Crupi's New Castle Farm.

"I thought he was a special horse," Ryan said of the colt. "I didn't know he would bring that much. The second dam, Sharp Cat, was a great mare. But he's pretty special. I thought he was a very good yearling when I bought him in October. He is bred to go long and his breeze was spectacular. If he had been on his right lead, it would have been more spectacular. The pace he showed was pretty extraordinary. He's a two-turn horse. I saw a lot of Unbridled in him. I am seeing a lot of Unbridled coming through the Orbs because Orb's dam [Lady Liberty] is by Unbridled."

Ryan is another quick to sing the praises of the 2013 Derby winner.

"I am impressed by the Orbs," Ryan said. "They are two-turn horses, but they have class and they are sound and they are good-training horses. They are very straightforward. They are good horses to have."

**Belar Strikes for Orb Colt**

Demand for offspring of Orb continued to be strong Tuesday in Timonium when **hip 468**, a colt by the 2013 GI Kentucky Derby winner, sold for \$525,000 to Constantine Peter "Buzz" Belar, bidding alongside trainer Leon Blusiewicz. The two men, both in their late 80s won the GII Tom Fool S. in April with the Belar homebred Spartiatis.

"I've been training for him for at least 40 years," Blusiewicz said of Belar.

Blusiewicz had originally thought to add a filly to Belar's stable.

"He was looking at **hip 509** [a Point of Entry filly], but he asked me if I could find a colt because he would rather have a colt than a filly," Blusiewicz explained. "I bred 509—I bred that whole pedigree. I do the management there. But he asked me if I could find him a colt. So the other day, I was looking over the catalogue with Bill Parcells, the coach, and I said this is the one I like on the page. I said this is a super cross."

Blusiewicz was quickly sold on the Orb colt, who is out of Julie From Dixie (Dixie Union). **Cont.p10**

**Hip 468** | Tibor Szlavik

### Belers Strikes for Orb Colt cont.

"Usually, I don't buy them at a 2-year-old sale," the veteran trainer admitted. "I like to buy them at a yearling sale. But this colt was so attractive, Mr. Beler wanted to buy him. And I liked everything about him. I liked the way he X-rayed, the way he moves. And I love that cross. I love Dixie Union mares. I pick them off the mares side. I don't look at the sires, I look at the mare's side. And this is a perfect cross with this horse."

Belers is owner of The Prime Rib restaurants.

"Everybody goes there--anybody with any recognition," Blusiewicz said of the restaurants with locations in Philadelphia, Washington, D.C. and Baltimore.

The bay colt was consigned to the Midlantic sale by Pike Racing on behalf Stallionaire Enterprises, which purchased him for \$140,000 at last year's Keeneland September Yearling Sale.

"Marette Farrell picked him out for Stallionaire," Al Pike explained. "Fortunately, they sent me the horse and I had him this winter. They allowed me to bring him up here to sell him and they've been great to work with. He's a nice horse and it's a good result for all involved."

### Ryan Strikes for Into Mischief Filly

It's been a banner year for Mike Ryan, who pinhooked 2016 GI Kentucky Derby hero Nyquist (Uncle Mo), co-bred and sold reigning Derby winner Always Dreaming (Bodemeister) and purchased GI Preakness S. winner Cloud Computing (Maclean's Music) on behalf of Klaravich Stables and William Lawrence. Just



Mike Ryan

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days after his Preakness success, the bloodstock agent continued to make headlines in Maryland Tuesday, going to \$375,000 for an Into Mischief filly (hip 465) from the Pike Racing consignment.

"Into Mischief is an incredible sire," Ryan commented. "I picked out [MGISW] Practical Joke (Into Mischief) for Chad Brown and Mr. [Seth] Klaraman [of Klaravich Stables]. It is just amazing what he has done from a nominal stud fee. The one thing that impresses me about them is the fire in their bellies. They all run and they all run hard."

Bred in New York by Dr. Jerry

Bilinski and Roddy Valente, Hip 465 is out of Jilted (Runaway Groom), who also produced MGSW sire Run Away and Hide (City Zip). The gray, who RNA'd for \$165,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga yearling sale, breezed in :22 flat.

"I knew this filly was going to cost because the two [Into Mischief's Monday] were very nice and they both made \$425,000," Ryan remarked. "This filly is a New York-bred and that's a nice little perk to have. She has a lot of quality and she's a sister to a good horse. Run Away and Hide was a really good horse. We were at the end of the rope, but I wasn't shocked she would bring that kind of money. I bought her for a new client and we haven't decided where she is going to go yet."

Ryan signed for a total of eight juveniles during the two-session Midlantic sale, with the Into Mischief filly being the most expensive. His other purchases include a \$350,000 First Samurai colt (hip 471), a \$270,000 Paynter colt (hip 362), a \$225,000 Uncle Mo Colt (hip 200), a \$180,000 Bernardini filly (hip 51), a \$150,000 Paynter colt (hip 199), a \$150,000 Congrats filly (hip 23), who was a private sale, and a \$50,000 Paynter filly (hip 117).

Ryan also pinhooked and was the underbidder on hip 373, an Orb colt he purchased for \$170,000 at FTKOCT who realized \$710,000 from Dennis O'Neill Tuesday.

"I think [the market] is very strong," Ryan offered. "The good ones, you're not stealing them. You need to step up there. We got beat out on a couple, but we did buy some nice horses [Monday]. [Tuesday] was even stronger."

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#### FASIG-TIPTON MIDLANTIC 2-YEAR-OLDS – TUESDAY

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
<b>287</b>	colt	<b>Shanghai Bobby</b>	Canaryinacage	<b>210,000</b>

B-Mina Equivest (NY)

Consigned by Scanlon Training &amp; Sales, Agent II

Purchased by Mark Stanley

A half-brother to SW Sing Dixie Sing (Dixie Union), this St. Patrick's Day foal was purchased by David Scanlon's operation for \$60,000 out of last year's Fasig-Tipton Preferred New York-Bred Sale at Saratoga. He breezed an eighth of a mile in **:10 1/5**.

<b>363</b>	filly	<b>Flat Out</b>	<b>Elusive Royalty</b>	<b>200,000</b>
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B-H Allen Poindexter (KY)

Consigned by Cary Frommer, agent

Purchased by David Meah, agent

By another first-crop stallion who has posted some sneaky good results, this May foal, produced by a full-sister to GSW Royale Michele (Elusive Quality), was scooped up by this pinhooker for \$80,000 out of last year's Fasig-Tipton Kentucky October yearling sale. She was a **:10 2/5** breezer.

<b>390</b>	filly	<b>Jimmy Creed</b>	<b>Freedom Fire</b>	<b>160,000</b>
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B-Spendthrift Farm (KY)

Consigned by Endswell, Agent

Purchased by Tommy Fackler, agent

Denholtz Stables signed this ticket on bay filly from the family of the talented sprinter Flat Fleet Feet (Czaravich) at \$25,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale. Working without blinkers, she stopped the timer in **:10 flat** under tack.

<b>468</b>	colt	<b>Orb</b>	<b>Julie From Dixie</b>	<b>525,000</b>
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B-E H Beau Lane III (KY)

Consigned by Pike Racing, Agent

Purchased by C P Beler

This March foal was snapped up by Stallonaire Enterprises for \$140,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale. He covered a quarter-mile in a smart **:21 4/5** during his under-tack preview.

From the desk of...

## BILL OPPENHEIM



### NEW NUMBER TWO

WinStar's **Bodemeister** is the sire of Always Dreaming, winner of the GI Kentucky Derby, which was worth almost \$2.4 million, and is now the leading North American second-crop sire, both by 2017 progeny earnings ([click here](#)), and by cumulative progeny earnings for North American second-crop sires ([click here](#)). One Triple Crown race, one win by a 3-year-old from the first crop of a 'second-crop' sire. Always Dreaming couldn't double up in the \$1.5-million GI Preakness S., so in stepped Cloud Computing, from the first crop of 3-year-olds by another second-crop sire, Hill 'n' Dale's **Maclean's Music**, who thus moves into second place on the YTD North American second-crop sire list, and also moves into fourth place on the cumulative list--though less than \$10,000 separates the two-three-four on that list. The two-three as of yesterday were last year's top two North American Freshman sires, Darby Dan's **Dialed In** and Lane's End's **Union Rags**.

Bodemeister won the 2012 GI Arkansas Derby and ran second in the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness; even civilians may have heard of him. Dialed In won the GI Florida Derby in 2011, while Union Rags won the GI Champagne S. as a 2-year-old and the GI Belmont S. in 2012 after I'll Have Another was injured pre-race and in the absence of Bodemeister, too. But Maclean's Music; who is he?



Maclean's Music | Hill 'n' Dale

### Oppenheim cont.

Maclean's Music is by Distorted Humor out of the Grade II-winning sprinting filly Forest Music, by Unbridled's Song out of Defer, by Gone West. He was bred and raced by Stonestreet, and trained by Steve Asmussen, and won his one and only start, a 6-furlong maiden race at Santa Anita in March, 2011, clocking a time of 1:07:2/5 and registering a Beyer figure of 114--the highest Beyer figure ever recorded by a first-time starter.

Unfortunately, he never ran again, though he didn't stand as a 4-year-old in 2012, and stood his first season, for \$6,500, at Hill 'n' Dale in 2013. John Sikura has a very good record at making sires at Hill 'n' Dale--think Medaglia d'Oro and Candy Ride, for two--and Maclean's Music was priced right for breeders to take a shot that he would transmit his brilliance. In that regard, one thing we've noticed about sires who overcome the odds is that a good many of them seem to be out of good racemares, and believe me, if you don't remember: Forest Music was a rocket.

With 82 registered foals in his first crop (73 named at the end of 2016), 38 yearlings by Maclean's Music averaged \$41,463 at the 2015 yearling sales; Cloud Computing, bought by bloodstock agent Mike Ryan (also co-breeder of Always Dreaming) from Keeneland September Book 3 for \$200,000, was the most expensive yearling from the sire's first crop. Maclean's Music's second and third crops (this year's yearlings) number about 65

foals each, and he covered 90 mares last year for foals of 2017. So he's got respectable-sized crops, but like virtually all four-figure stud fee sires in Kentucky the last few years, they're more likely to cover 80 mares than 180. He made a good start in 2016, leading all North American freshman sires in two categories, with 20 winners, and seven Black-Type Horses (two were BT winners), and finishing eighth on the TDN North American Freshman Sire List ([click here](#)) by progeny earnings. His stud fee got a little bump up, to \$8,500, for 2017.

Cloud Computing, however, was not one of Maclean's Music's 40 starters or 20 winners in 2016. He broke his maiden on Aqueduct's inner track at six furlongs in February, stamped himself a horse to watch when running second to J Boys Echo in just his second start, the GIII Gotham S. in March, then was third behind Irish War Cry and Battalion Runner in the GII Wood Memorial S. in early April. As has been well documented by Bill Finley in Sunday's *TDN* ([click here](#)), Chad Brown made the decision not to throw him to the wolves in the Derby, and certainly the six-week gap after three quick races paid big dividends as Cloud Computing came and nailed Classic Empire near the wire at Pimlico for popular owners Seth Klarman (Klaravich Stables) and William H. Lawrence. In the process, he guaranteed Maclean's Music a bigger book of better mares at a higher stud fee in 2018. **Cont. p13**

### WINNING TRIPLE CROWN BEYER FIGURES 1987-2017

	<u>KENTUCKY DERBY</u>		<u>PREAKNESS S.</u>		<u>BELMONT S.</u>	
2017	Always Dreaming	102	Cloud Computing	102	N/A	----
2016	Nyquist	103	Exaggerator	101	Creator	99
2015	American Pharoah	105	American Pharoah	102	American Pharoah	105
2014	California Chrome	97	California Chrome	105	Tonalist	100
2013	Orb	104	Oxbow	106	Palace Malice	98
2012	I'll Have Another	101	I'll Have Another	109	Union Rags	96
2011	Animal Kingdom	103	Shackleford	104	Ruler on Ice	100
2010	Super Saver	104	Lookin at Lucky	102	Drosselmeyer	94
2009	Mine That Bird	105	Rachel Alexandra	108	Summer Bird	100
2008	Big Brown	109	Big Brown	100	Da' Tara	99
2007	Street Sense	110	Curlin	111	Rags to Riches	107
2006	Barbaro	111	Bernardini	113	Jazil	102
2005	Giacomo	100	Afleet Alex	112	Afleet Alex	106
2004	Smarty Jones	107	Smarty Jones	118	Birdstone	101
2003	Funny Cide	109	Funny Cide	114	Empire Maker	110
2002	War Emblem	114	War Emblem	109	Sarava	105
2001	Monarchos	116	Point Given	111	Point Given	114
2000	Fusaichi Pegasus	108	Red Bullet	109	Commendable	101
	Average 2009-2017	102.7	Average 2009-2017	104.3	Average 2009-2017	99
	Average 2000-2008	109.3	Average 2000-2008	110.7	Average 2000-2008	105
	Average 2000-2017	106	Average 2000-2017	107.5	Average 2000-2017	102.1

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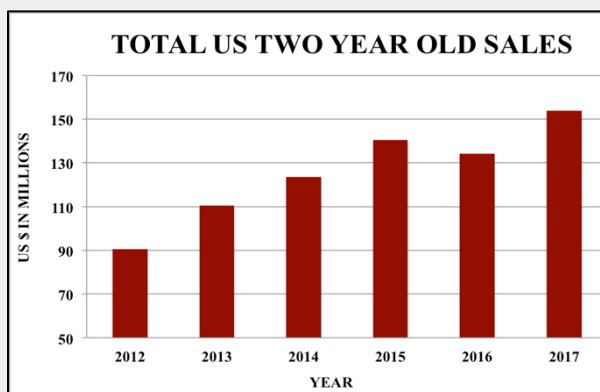


“With the number sold (46) and gross half or less than just two years ago, there had already been a lot of talk pre-sale that Barretts May 2-year-old sale would be combined with their March sale, and that seems certain now to be the case, although the average has basically remained stable. With Fasig’s Mid-Atlantic sale wrapping up yesterday but not included in these figures, the US 2-year-old sales are up 14% in gross and 13% in average from last year, though if we measure it against the latest market peak in 2015 the gross is up a little under 10%. The clearance rate from the catalogues hasn’t improved though, hovering right around 51%, which does mean once you enter one in the sale, it’s still only a 50-50 shot whether it actually gets sold. Pinhooking 2-year-olds is definitely not a business for the faint of heart.”



**BARRETTS MAY 2YO SALE**

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>CAT</u>	<u>RING</u>	<u>SOLD</u>	<u>% W/D</u>	<u>% S/R</u>	<u>% S/C</u>	<u>GROSS</u>	<u>AVE</u>
2017	90	65	46	27.8%	70.8%	51.1%	\$ 2,023,000	\$ 43,978
2016	147	105	63	28.6%	60.0%	42.9%	\$ 2,597,400	\$ 41,229
2015	156	124	92	20.5%	74.2%	59.0%	\$ 4,199,000	\$ 45,641
2014	141	91	70	35.5%	76.9%	49.6%	\$ 3,031,500	\$ 43,307
2013	155	109	88	29.7%	80.7%	56.8%	\$ 4,869,200	\$ 55,332
2012	124	85	69	31.5%	81.2%	55.6%	\$ 2,986,500	\$ 43,283



**TOTAL US 2YO SALES AS OF MAY 22, 2017**

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>CAT</u>	<u>RING</u>	<u>SOLD</u>	<u>% W/D</u>	<u>% S/R</u>	<u>% S/C</u>	<u>GROSS</u>	<u>AVE</u>
2017	2,373	1,540	1,217	35.1%	79.0%	51.3%	\$ 153,739,800	\$ 126,327
2016	2,358	1,618	1,205	31.4%	74.5%	51.1%	\$ 134,092,200	\$ 111,280
2015	2,377	1,709	1,292	28.1%	75.6%	54.4%	\$ 140,328,300	\$ 108,613
2014	2,194	1,596	1,228	27.3%	76.9%	56.0%	\$ 123,477,700	\$ 100,552
2013	2,103	1,569	1,253	25.4%	79.9%	59.6%	\$ 110,508,950	\$ 88,195
2012	2,148	1,575	1,236	26.7%	78.5%	57.5%	\$ 90,528,000	\$ 73,243

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley

## Oppenheim cont.



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Like Always Dreaming in the Derby, Cloud Computing returned a Beyer of 102 in the Preakness. Those figures are on the low side, though it's not surprising as going into the Derby the top two-turn Grade I/II 3-year-old figure was Irish War Cry's 101 in the Wood, and Classic Empire had run 102 when wrapping up last year's juvenile championship in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile. In fact, as the attached table illustrates, the average winning Beyers for all three Triple Crown races have declined by six points and change in the last nine years (2009-2017) compared to the first nine years of the new millenium (2000-2008). Specifically: the 2000-2008 average winning Kentucky Derby Beyer was 109.3; in the last nine years, 2009-2017, the average winning Beyer is 102.7 (-6.6). In the Preakness, the average winning Beyer has declined from 110.7 to 104.3 (-6.4); and in the Belmont (not including 2017, obviously) the decline has been from 105.0 to 99.0 (-6.0). In fact, American Pharoah's 105 when he completed the 2015 Triple Crown was the only time the winning Beyer in the Belmont has been above 100 since 2007; given that statistic, it's definitely true that America is not breeding 12-furlong horses any more.

Why there should be this six-point decline coinciding with the 2008 world financial crash is mysterious; it could just be coincidence, and that the timing of the decline is just the manifestation of declines that have been coming for a long time--although the fact the North America foal crop has declined by

40% since then could also be a big factor. But it hasn't meant America has not seen seriously top-class Beyer 120+ performances from 3-year-olds--we have. American Pharoah, in his final race as a 3-year-old, ran a Beyer 120 to win the 2015 GI Breeders' Cup Classic--a 15-point improvement from his best winning figure in the Triple Crown races. And of course last year Arrogate, who didn't contest any of the Triple Crown races, appeared in the second half of the season to run a 122 in the GI Travers S., followed by another 120 when defeating California Chrome in the 2016 GI Breeders' Cup Classic. A lot of horses do improve in the second half of their 3-year-old year. So perhaps in this regard the news is not as bad it looks at first glance; nonetheless, this six-point decline is widespread, and looks significant. The methodology employed hasn't changed, so the declines are real, even if we don't really understand why they have occurred or what they predict for the future. But I guess it's also fair to say the fact that the last two winners of the Breeders' Cup Classic have been 3-year-olds who both ran Beyer 120 to win does mean there are very good 3-year-olds; they just might be improving, or appearing, later.

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## LEATHERBURY WILL KEEP PRESSING ON WITH 'BEN' *By Bill Finley*



King Leatherbury & Ben's Cat | Jon Kral

Though 11-year-old **Ben Cat's** (Parker's Storm Cat) has failed to finish in the money in his two starts so far this year, owner, trainer and breeder King T. Leatherbury said that he will continue to race the horse.

In his last outing Friday, Ben's Cat was eighth in the Jim McKay Turf Sprint at Pimlico, a race he had won in each of the last four years and five times overall.

"It was a wet track," Leatherbury said of the McKay course conditions, which were listed as firm despite a considerable amount of rain hitting Baltimore in the hours in and around the race. "He was slipping, so we're giving him another excuse. He came out of it fine and he was only beaten four lengths. We're going on with him. I think we can still get a piece of the purses, especially if we get the right trip."

Ben's Cat has lost seven straight, with his last win coming in the 2016 McKay.

Leatherbury said he has not picked out a race for Ben's Cat's next start, but said it's unlikely he will head to Penn National for the June 3 Pennsylvania Governor's Cup.

"I'll probably just see what we have here for him in Maryland," he said.

When asked at what point Leatherbury would retire Ben's Cat, he replied: "When he's not picking up any checks."

The trainer said he has already found a post-race home for Ben's Cat in Kentucky, a farm that reached out to him and asked if they could have the horse when he's done racing.

"They're going to let him live the rest of his life in luxury," Leatherbury said.

Ben's Cat has made 62 career starts and has won 32 races with earnings of \$2,643,782. He has 26 stakes wins to his credit.

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Tapit</b> (2001) by Pulpit FYR: 2006 Named Foals: 117 (\$300,000)	12	17	8	10	2	2	70	33	\$343,902 Tapwrit	\$3,833,733
2	<b>Quality Road</b> (2006) by Elusive Quality FYR: 2012 Named Foals: 90 (\$35,000)	6	10	5	6	2	2	60	30	\$912,060 Abel Tasman	\$3,249,818
3	<b>War Front</b> (2002) by Danzig FYR: 2008 Named Foals: 81 (\$250,000)	11	17	5	13	1	6	56	31	\$363,534 Lancaster Bomber	\$2,999,827
4	<b>Union Rags</b> (2009) by Dixie Union FYR: 2014 Named Foals: 100 (\$50,000)	5	8	4	6	3	3	71	28	\$302,160 Union Strike	\$2,721,022
5	<b>Arch</b> (1995) by Kris S. FYR: 2000 Named Foals: 76	4	8	4	5	--	1	53	17	\$274,840 It Tiz Well	\$1,305,644
6	<b>Scat Daddy</b> (2004) by Johannesburg FYR: 2009 Named Foals: 100	5	10	3	5	2	3	61	29	\$646,365 Daddys Lil Darling	\$2,848,241
7	<b>Into Mischief</b> (2005) by Harlan's Holiday FYR: 2010 Named Foals: 158 (\$75,000)	7	16	2	7	1	2	118	69	\$1,075,800 Practical Joke	\$5,687,183
8	<b>Bodemeister</b> (2009) by Empire Maker FYR: 2014 Named Foals: 128 (\$25,000)	4	6	2	3	1	2	85	27	\$2,284,700 Always Dreaming	\$3,925,252
9	<b>Pioneerof the Nile</b> (2006) by Empire Maker FYR: 2011 Named Foals: 99 (\$110,000)	2	4	2	3	1	2	55	24	\$2,520,220 Classic Empire	\$3,675,807
10	<b>Malibu Moon</b> (1997) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2001 Named Foals: 137 (\$75,000)	3	7	2	4	1	1	84	30	\$920,000 Gormley	\$2,906,020
11	<b>Uncle Mo</b> (2008) by Indian Charlie FYR: 2013 Named Foals: 90 (\$150,000)	4	9	2	5	--	3	62	26	\$508,900 Conquest Mo Money	\$2,733,536
12	<b>Tiznow</b> (1997) by Cee's Tizzy FYR: 2003 Named Foals: 85 (\$60,000)	5	7	2	3	--	1	48	20	\$772,600 Irap	\$2,276,210
13	<b>Shackleford</b> (2008) by Forestry FYR: 2014 Named Foals: 117 (\$15,000)	2	8	2	4	--	--	79	31	\$616,800 Malagacy	\$2,242,843
14	<b>The Factor</b> (2008) by War Front FYR: 2014 Named Foals: 102 (\$25,000)	5	9	2	2	1	1	75	39	\$275,180 Noted and Quoted	\$2,039,469
15	<b>Medaglia d'Oro</b> (1999) by El Prado (Ire) FYR: 2006 Named Foals: 104 (\$150,000)	4	5	2	3	1	1	54	19	\$687,017 New Money Honey	\$1,960,323

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### Tuesday's Results:

**3rd-PID, \$29,820, Alw, 5-23, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (AWT), 1:37.89, ft.**

**FULL OF ZIP (f, 3, City Zip--Sweet Eloise, by Sky Classic)** finished showed a strong late kick to graduate as the favorite at first asking sprinting on the Laurel turf Sept. 25 and recorded two wide-trip fourths going a mile on the Tampa green Dec. 14 and Feb. 16. Made the 4-5 favorite in this synthetic track debut, the chestnut came away well and stalked the speed from third through splits of :24.84 and :48.31. Scrubbed on at the top of the far turn, she came calling three-deep passing six furlongs in 1:12.59 and rolled to the lead at the furlong grounds, kicking clear from there to a 2 1/2-length score despite jumping back to her left lead late. Queen's Gate (Divine Park) was second-best. The victress is a half to Sweet Relish (Smoke Glacken), SW & GSP, \$196,630; Don Dulce (Maria's Mon), SW, \$676,480; and Wherethewestbegins (Gone West), GSP, \$179,769. Her second dam is MGISW Ms. Eloise (Nasty and Bold). Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$42,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Pin Oak Stud, LLC (KY); T-H. Graham Motion.

**6th-PRX, \$36,000, (S), Msw, 5-23, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:25.41, ft. +ANAIS (f, 4, Malibu Moon--Trail Magic, by Indian Charlie), a \$610,000 Fasig-Tipton August yearling buy back in 2014, made her belated debut a winning one with a romping score against state-breds at Parx. Coming in off of a five-furlong gate breeze in 1:01 3/5 (3/7) on Saratoga's Oklahoma training track May 16, the bay was bet down to 11-10 favoritism and broke decently before tugging her way up to run a close second past a :22.99 quarter. Cruising to the lead on her own power passing a :46.75 half, the favorite was cut loose at the three-sixteenths pole and quickly widened away to hit the wire 11 1/4 lengths to the good of Aussie Mist (Cat Thief). The winner's dam, purchased for \$160,000 out of last term's Keeneland November sale, is a half to GISW Sweet Talker (Stormin Fever) and MGSW Silver Medallion (Badge of Silver). She is responsible for a juvenile Speightstown filly named Magic Town, a yearling full-brother to the victress and foaled a colt by Speightstown Apr. 30. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$21,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.****

O-Highland Yard LLC; B-Brushwood Stable (PA); T-Christophe Clement.

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### Tuesday's Results:

#### FIRST WINNER FOR FRESHMAN SIRE

**4th-IND, \$31,000, Msw, 5-23, 2yo, 5fT, :57.76, fm.**

**TIGERBEACH (c, 2, Treasure Beach {GB}--Cold Blooded, by Tiger Ridge)** finished an even fourth in his unveiling Apr. 26 at Keeneland was second-best as the 4-5 favorite when in against maiden claimers May 12 at Churchill. Off at 14-5 in this turf bow, the bay broke very sharply and showed the way in the clear before being taken on by a challenger past a :21.70 quarter. Shaking that foe off by the top of the lane, he kicked away once more by the eighth pole to score by 3 3/4 lengths, becoming the first winner for his freshman sire (by Galileo {Ire}). Peekacho (Hold Me Back) necked out favored Wesley Ward firster Baysider (More Than Ready) for place money. The victor is a half to Iron Rob (Twirling Candy), MSW, \$185,115. His dam, a half to MGSW Leah's Secret (Tiger Ridge), foaled his full-brother last season before being bred to Fort Larned. Sales History: \$27,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$47,000 RNA 2yo '17 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$26,435. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O-Charles W. Brown; B-John C. Pereira (FL); T-John A. Hancock.

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**8th-IND, \$31,000, Msw, 5-23, 3, 4, 5yo, f/m, 5fT, :57.24, fm.**

**CONQUEST SARAHSTAR (f, 4, Lemon Drop Kid--Yonagucci {SW & GISP, \$116,935}, by Yonaguska), a \$650,000 OBS April buy for Conquest Stables in 2015, was second by a head on the Gulfstream turf last spring and faded to ninth stretching out over the Belmont lawn in May before being shelved. Hammered down for \$35,000 at Conquest's Keeneland November dispersal, the bay was made a 19-10 favorite in this return and traveled eighth behind a sharp :21.32 quarter. Bottled up on the turn, she swung four deep at the top of the lane and flew home in the final sixteenth so score going away by 2 1/4 lengths. Street Love (Street Boss) completed the exacta. The winner's dam, third in the 2008 GI Spinaway S., has an unraced juvenile filly in Japan by Orfevre (Jpn) named Nana Lutea (Jpn). Sales History: \$120,000 Ylg '14 KEEJAN; \$190,000 RNA Ylg '14 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$30,353. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.****

O-Brad Grady; B-Machmer Hall, Cherokee Equine & Pomerol Pty LTD. (KY); T-Joe Sharp.

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### Belinda Stronach Among Honorees at Longines Ladies Awards:

Belinda Stronach was one of four women in the equine community to be honored at the Longines Ladies Awards in Washington D.C. Friday. The other honorees were G1 Melbourne Cup winning jockey Michelle Payne and international show jumpers Georgina Bloomberg and Reed Kessler.

The Longines Ladies Awards pays tribute to prominent women in equine careers dedicated to positive influence and exceptional commitment to the equine cause. All four women were presented with a Longines watch by Longines Vice President and Head of International Marketing Juan-Carlos Capelli.

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### IN SOUTH KOREA:

**Gone Walkabout**, c, 3, **Gone Astray**--Sky's Honor, by Double Honor. Seoul, 5-20, Hcp. (\$53k), 1200m. B-Linda Lee Schroetlin (FL). \*1/2 to Sweetmarys Succes (Teuflesberg), SW. \*\*\$30,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT.

### Winning with Woodford

**Good Casting**, c, 3, **Majestic Warrior**--Holly Days, by Langfuhr. Busan, 5-21, Hcp. (\$67k), 1400m. B-Mt Brilliant Farm LLC (KY). \*Won by six lengths as the 7-5 favorite. \*\*\$10,000 Ylg '15 KEEJAN; \$35,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR.

**Sinjo Daehyeop**, g, 4, **Summer Bird**--Cupids Revenge (MSW, \$215,694), by Red Ransom. Seoul, 5-21, Hcp. (\$98k), 1800m. B-Westwind Farms (KY). \*1/2 to B G Suavecito (Suave), SW, \$103,424; and Latent Revenge (Latent Heat), GSP, \$210,586. \*\*\$30,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP.

**Gumalli**, f, 4, **Tiz Wonderful**--Classic Collection, by General Meeting. Busan, 5-21, Hcp. (\$49k), 1200m. B-Equus Farm (KY). \*1/2 to Buckeye Buddy (Horse Chestnut {SAF}), SW, \$247,049. \*\*\$13,000 RNA Ylg '14 KEEJAN; \$32,000 Ylg '14 FTKOCT.

### IN BRITAIN:

**Master Singer**, c, 3, **Giant's Causeway**. See "Britain."

### IN SWEDEN:

**Spykes Bay**, g, 8, **Speightstown**. See "Sweden."

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Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2014 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs \* Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

**ALTERNATION** (Distorted Humor), Pin Oak Stud, \$7.5K, 80/0/0 8-IND, Msw 5fT, +Alteration, \$20K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1

**GRAYDAR** (Unbridled's Song), Taylor Made Stallions, \$15K, 99/0/0 3-IND, Msw 5fT, Country Sway, \$2K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 12-1

8-IND, Msw 5fT, No Show Rose, \$1,000 FTK OCT yrl, 2-1

**MORNING LINE** (Tiznow), Lane's End Farm, \$10K, 70/0/0

3-IND, Msw 5fT, Angel Goodmorning, \$25K OBS AUG yrl, 9-2

**OVERANALYZE** (Dixie Union), WinStar Farm, \$10K, 112/2/0

3-IND, Msw 5fT, Baytown Juliet, \$6K RNA FTK OCT yrl, 10-1



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BlackTypeWnrs \* Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

**GET STORMY** (Stormy Atlantic), Crestwood Farm, \$5K, 142/20/1  
3-PID, Alw 1m, Boomin Goose, \$3K FTK OCT yrl, 6-1

**QUITE A HANDFUL** (Mutakddim), Holden Farm, \$600, 23/1/0  
6-IND, \$100K Swiftly Sired Fillies S., 6f, Handfuls Baby Girl, 15-1  
5-IND, Msw 5fT, Le'max, 30-1

**REWARD THE CAT** (Good Reward), 5/0/0  
7-TDN, Msw 5 1/2f, Mi Laurens's Pride, 10-1

**SANGAREE** (Awesome Again), R Star Stallions, \$1.5K, 29/2/0  
7-IND, \$100K Sagamore Sired S., 6f, Sung, RNA PSP RIN 2yo, 8-1

**SHACKLEFORD** (Forestry), Darby Dan Farm, \$20K, 208/34/2  
6-TDN, Alw 6f, Sprinkle Time, \$130K RNA EAS MAY 2yo, 5-2

**WHAT NOW** (Distorted Humor), R Star Stallions, 11/2/0  
4-IND, Alw 5 1/2f, Red Hot Rumor, 30-1

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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**7th-PRX, \$62,250, (NW3X)/Opt.** Clm (\$40,000), 5-23, 4yo/up,  
6 1/2f, 1:16.84, ft.

**RED RAZZO (g, 5, Toccet--High Iron Lass, by Include)** Lifetime  
Record: 30-7-7-8, \$377,302. O-Frank R. Bottiglia; B-Roger  
Cettina (PA); T-Alberto Plaza.

**7th-IND, \$45,000, (S), 5-23, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.20, ft.**

**BUCCHERO (h, 5, Kantharos--Meetmeontime, by General  
Meeting)** Lifetime Record: MSW, 17-7-4-1, \$423,441.

O-Ironhorse Racing Stable LLC; B-Southern Chase Farm, Inc. &  
Karen Dodd (IN); T-Tim Glyshaw. \*\$43,000 2yo '14 OBSOPN.

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**3rd-IND, \$36,000, (S), 5-23, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04.67, ft.**

**UNBRIDLE FIONA (g, 5, Unbridled America--Sister Fiona {GSW,  
\$142,997}, by Defrere)** Lifetime Record: 15-6-2-2, \$67,582.

O-Southwest Racing Stables; B-Dennis W Behrmann (IN);  
T-Genaro Garcia.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Tizkat Kodiak, f, 3, Kodiak Kowboy--Tizcat Clax, by Tiznow.** IND,  
5-23, (S), 6f, 1:11.61. B-Harley Frey (IN).

**Good as They Get, g, 4, Rosberg--What R the Odds (MSW,  
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## WELD STILL PUSHING THE BOUNDARIES



Dermot Weld and stable jockey Pat Smullen after winning last year's Derby with Harzand | [racingfotos.com](http://racingfotos.com)

by Daithi Harvey

Dermot Weld has never been a man intimidated by international borders. In fact, long before he ever plundered a top level overseas race, a much younger Weld, fresh out of vet school, was broadening his own horizons working on the backstretches of racecourses in both Australia and the U.S. Fast forward almost 50 years and the master of Rosewell House is still as razor-sharp as ever; he added another feather to his already well-plumed cap when **Zhukova (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) gained an all-important Grade I win in the Man O'War S. at Belmont recently. It was a master-class in race planning with the 5-year-old mare, who achieved a rare feat in emulating her own Group 1-winning dam Nighttime (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). Although racing in the colours of Chantal Regalado-Gonzalez, the Weld family connection with Zhukova runs deep, something that made the Belmont win extra special.

"It was great, given my late mother bred Zhukova and also the fact we still have the dam who is hopefully in foal to Dubawi," he says. "We also have two half-sisters; a yearling by Zoffany and Sleeping Beauty, who was a stakes performer for us and who has a Declaration Of War 2-year-old in training in America, so she is a nice young mare to have."

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## CUMMINGS NAMED GODOLPHIN TRAINER

James Cummings was on Tuesday officially announced as the new Head Trainer for Godolphin in Australia, ending weeks of speculation that the 29-year-old would take the reins after the sudden resignation of John O'Shea last month. Cummings will begin the position on July 8, taking over from interim head trainer Darren Beadman, who will return to his former role as assistant trainer. "It is truly an honor to be asked to join the Godolphin team as the Head Trainer in Australia and I am very grateful to His Highness Sheikh Mohammed for the opportunity," said Cummings. "I am confident in my experience and I definitely have the enthusiasm to build on the incredible success that has already been achieved by Godolphin in Australia. I have been very fortunate in my career so far to have learnt my trade from some of the best in the business and I will be forever grateful to the fantastic and loyal owners that have supported me in my career so far, in particular Eduardo Cojuanco Jr and Dato Tan Chin Nam." **Cont. p16**

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## Weld Still Pushing The Boundaries Cont. from p1

Weld adds, "The grand-dam Caumshinaun is still with us too, she was a great race-mare, so we have a lot of the family. Nighttime is obviously very special to us though; she won a Classic in my mother's colours and she was actually Galileo's first Classic winner."

Weld has further big plans for Zhukova and in particular he has an eye on one of the few major contests that has eluded him in his stellar career to date. "I would like to target the Arc with Zhukova as her end of season objective," he said. "Before that we will probably take in the [G1] Yorkshire Oaks on the way."

If the International Pattern was a subject on Mastermind, Weld would surely score a perfect 10, and the Man O'War in particular was a race he had long wished to add to his resume. "It's a very prestigious race and I believe Zhukova is the first filly to win it since 1978," he said. "I also remember reading about Secretariat and how his jockey Ron

Turcotte always maintained that Secretariat's most impressive performance was winning the Man O'War, so it is a race that always fascinated me."

Weld was one of the first European trainers keen to exploit the

fact that American Grade I turf races were easier won a couple of decades ago; back then it wasn't inconceivable that a European Group 3 horse could make a major impact at the top level in the U.S.

"I think it's much more competitive now on turf in America than it used to be," he ventures. "Turf racing is becoming a lot more popular, there is a lot more turf racing and rightly so. Winchester (Theatrical {Ire}) was an example: he was a good Group 3

horse in Ireland and he won the GI Secretariat S. at Arlington for me. That's much tougher to do now because turf racing is being better recognised in America and also more high- class dirt horses are transferring to run on grass." **Cont. p3**



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**Weld Still Pushing The Boundaries Cont.**

Although Weld can lay claim to winning American Derbys and an American Oaks, among other U.S. Grade I victories on both coasts of the continent, there is no doubt the American feat he is most proud of is being the only European-based trainer to win a leg of the Triple Crown. That was achieved when Go And Go (Ire) (Be My Guest) stormed home in the GI Belmont S. under Mick Kinane in 1990, but it was a year previously when that plan was hatched, with weather conditions playing a significant part. After the Moyglare Stud-owned colt broke his maiden on the turf at Galway in 1989, Weld sent him Stateside for the then GI Laurel Futurity in Maryland. Heavy rain beforehand led to the race being switched from turf to the dirt and though apprehensive about the surface switch Weld decided to take his chance. He recalls, "Obviously we travelled with the intention of running on turf but what could we do, we were there so we took our chance. Go And Go had an American pedigree on his dam's side and he was a really versatile horse. Thankfully it worked out and Go And Go became the first European-trained juvenile to win a Grade I race on dirt in America--and the fact that he handled the surface so well gave us the confidence to target one of the Triple Crown races the following season."

Before that though, Weld was to engage the services of DHL to transport the colt to Florida via Belmont to take in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile at Gulfstream, where he ran well to finish fifth, again on the dirt. The following year the GI Kentucky Derby is the obvious first major target for a horse of that class but events transpired against the trainer in his bid to get Go And Go to Churchill Downs, one of the few regrets Weld carries with him to this day.

"We had a wet spring that year and our horses were a little bit behind but also quarantine procedures for Churchill Downs back then were very difficult," he reflects. "I still regret not trying harder to get him to the Kentucky Derby because I think he would have won it, but in the end we decided to wait the extra month."

Go And Go again showed great versatility, winning his prep race in Ireland on grass over a mile before running the seventh-fastest Belmont S. with that year's Kentucky Derby winner Unbridled back in third. "The Belmont was a bit special," Weld recalled. "I had spent summers working for racetrack vets in New York and I watched my first Belmont from the backstretch many moons ago. I guess that win really gave us the confidence to target further major overseas races."

Weld was soon scouring the pattern book and learned that the Hong Kong Jockey Club was to stage its inaugural International Meeting in 1991. He wanted to be there. Back then, only two races were open to international participation and Weld had a candidate for each. **Cont. p4**

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## Weld Still Pushing The Boundaries Cont.

It proved another inspired voyage as Additional Risk (Ire) (Ahonoora {GB}) took home the Hong Kong Invitational Bowl and Prudent Manner (GB) (Catch The Blues) finished second in the Invitation Cup. Weld was really beginning to set the bar for international success, but in truth he was only warming up as over the next few years he would transform the landscape of international racing.

"Everybody said it couldn't be done, most people in Europe thought it was just a bridge too far." Weld of course is talking about his ambitious G1 Melbourne Cup bid with Vintage Crop (GB) (Rousillon) in 1993. This seed of ambition was germinated almost half a century ago when Weld spent time in Australia working with the renowned vet Percy Sykes while also utilising his time wisely by riding track-work for Tommy Smith in the mornings.

"From that time it was always an ambition of mine to bring a horse back to win the Melbourne Cup and I firmly believe Vintage Crop would have won it in 1992 except we couldn't get him there." Those naysayers talking about a bridge too far had a point, as Weld explains, "He was entered in the 1992 race but the quarantine facilities weren't appropriate and it would have been impossible. There was only one quarantine facility where all the mares and stallions went to but there were no training facilities available. In fairness to David Burke, who was the chairman of Flemington at the time, when he saw Vintage Crop entered he made contact with us and he promised to implement the necessary facilities for the following year."

So a year later Vintage Crop, fresh from his G1 Irish St Leger win, and Lord Huntingdon's Drum Taps (Dixieland Band), became the first horses from Europe to be sent to contest Australia's most iconic race. Given no chance by the Australian media, Vintage Crop belied his 28-1 odds to win and, having achieved the 'unachievable,' Weld set about finding his next Cup horse, though not before returning twice more with Vintage Crop, who finished seventh in 1994 and third a year later.

The Irishman's quest to unearth another horse for the great staying contest actually yielded two, and in 2002 he returned to Melbourne with a pair of live chances for the great race. By now Australian pundits had cottoned on to the fact that Weld was a man to take ultra seriously when he dispatched a horse abroad and that was confirmed when Media Puzzle (Theatrical {Ire}) landed the G3 Geelong Cup two weeks before the main event. Despite that success, Media Puzzle was only second favourite, behind his stablemate and travelling companion Vinnie Roe (Ire) (Definite Article {GB}), who at that stage had won two of his four Irish St Legers. In another brilliant training feat Media Puzzle came out on top under Damien Oliver with Vinnie Roe a gallant fourth under top weight.

"It was one of the most enjoyable sights of my training career watching Media Puzzle and Vinnie Roe turning into the straight in the Melbourne Cup battling for the lead and knowing nothing was likely to catch them," Weld remembers. "Vinnie Roe was

the best horse I brought who didn't win a Melbourne Cup; he returned two years later and was second to Makybe Diva (GB) (Desert King {Ire}), giving her five pounds and I thought on the day he was a shade unlucky not to beat her."

He continues, "Every year the trip got easier, people don't realise how more straightforward it has become compared to what we had to do in the early days. It was a long, long flight when Vintage Crop won it."

When the Weld horse lorry set off for Epsom last year with subsequent G1 Derby hero Harzand (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) safely ensconced, one could be forgiven for thinking that this short hop across the Irish Sea would be plain sailing, yet it turned out to be one journey that Weld will never forget. It was well documented that Harzand spread a plate on the way to Epsom and his participation in the Derby was up in the air for much of the build up to the race.

"That episode added a lot of suspense to the race for sure. It was touch and go

whether he would make the race and it was only in the final moments that we were happy he was okay to take his chance. It all worked out though and that was a proud day, and equally so when Harzand went on to win a third Irish Derby for me later that month at The Curragh," says the trainer. [Cont. p5](#)



**Vintage Crop after winning the 1993 Melbourne Cup**

*Bronwen Healy*

## Weld Still Pushing The Boundaries Cont.

So where next? There aren't many racing nations left on Weld's to-do list but he still feels he has some unfinished business. "We've won Group 1 races on four continents and I've been looking towards South Africa for many years but with the quarantine facilities and African Horse Sickness it hasn't been practical. I have ridden a winner in South Africa, in Pietermaritzburg, so I suppose I have laid down some sort of a marker there."

An accomplished amateur, Weld also rode winners in America, France and Britain having notched his first winner in the saddle at age 15 aboard a horse called Ticonderoga at Galway. A lifetime of achievements have followed and he celebrated his 4,000th winner as a trainer at Naas last year.

"When I started out we were really only racing twice, maybe three times a week, so I think it's a reasonable achievement," he says. When pressed about a possible bid for 5,000 winners Weld stresses that he is keener to focus on quality over

quantity. "I am in the process of reducing numbers to focus more on quality; we have had fewer runners this year because we have slightly fewer horses. Around 100 horses is a nice number to have and my emphasis going forward will be on quality."

This aim should be eminently achievable when his client base of owners includes the likes of Moyglare Stud, the Aga Khan, Juddmonte, Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum, Calumet Farm and Newtown Anner Stud. Moyglare

Stud is celebrating its 45th year of sponsoring the G1 Moyglare Stud S. and Weld believes they have been owners at Rosewell House for 40 of those years. [Cont. p6](#)



Weld's 2002 Melbourne Cup winner Media Puzzle | Bronwen Healy



Go and Go wins the 1990 Belmont S. with Mick Kinane in the irons. | Horsephotos



### Weld Still Pushing The Boundaries Cont.

"It was wonderful to train for Mr Haefner and now I'm equally appreciative to train for Eva-Maria [Bucher Haefner]. I've trained for Sheikh Hamdan for 28 years and Juddmonte have been on board for 10 or 11 years and I've been fortunate enough to train some wonderful horses for all of them over the years," he notes. That same longevity has extended to his stable jockeys with Weld employing only two senior jockeys in the last 30 years: Michael Kinane and Pat Smullen. "A lot of work goes into training horses, owners are kind enough to send me these horses to train, many who they have bred themselves following a lot of thought and effort. I think it is so important then to be able to call on the best jockey to complete the final link in the chain." He continues, "When I think of some of the rides both Michael and Pat have given my horses over the years, one of Michael's that sticks out is Brief Truce when they won the [G1] St James's Palace S. at Royal Ascot in 1992. He was the outsider in a race that featured Arazi and Rodrigo De Triano and Michael got him up to win a short head; it was some ride. Pat won a [G1] 2000 Guineas for me on Refuse To Bend and he was brilliant that day. Also when I think of his ride on Dress To Thrill in the [GI] Matriarch S. in 2002 on his first ride in California, that was outstanding."

With the retirement last season of multiple Group 1 winners Harzand and Fascinating Rock (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) Weld recognises it will be difficult to add to his Group 1 haul this year but is more than hopeful that he has a number of future stars coming through the ranks. "The last three years were exceptional so I knew we would suffer in the early part of this year at least, but my strength with the current team lies in later in the season. I don't believe in rushing horses, so hopefully we will have some nice 2-year-olds coming on stream towards the end of the season."

Moyglare Stud's sale-topping 3-year-old filly **Tocco D'Amore (Ire)** (Raven's Pass) was tagged a 'TDN Rising Star' when she made a sparkling debut at Naas in early April, and she is another to look forward to in the latter part of the season after her current short break back at the stud. Another interesting addition to the team is **The Grey Gatsby (Ire)** (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), whom he hopes to run in about three weeks' time. Weld is constantly seeking to add value to his horses, in particular the fillies he trains for owner-breeders. Calumet Farm's **Sea Swift (Ire)** (High Chaparral {Ire}) was second in a listed race at Gowran Park last month and upon perusal of the European pattern book, the trainer has decided a suitable stakes-winning opportunity has presented itself this week in Baden-Baden. Having won a similar race at Dortmund last autumn, Weld knows exactly what is required to be successful and it appears certain that this pioneer of international travel won't be putting his passport away any time soon.

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### EMINENT TAKES EPSOM IN HIS STRIDE

by Tom Peacock

Given Epsom's Breakfast With the Stars event is a gentle opportunity for G1 Investec Derby contenders to be familiarised with the track's formidable cambers, it was certainly taken by one colt in particular. **Eminent (Ire)** (Frankel {GB}) was the most pleasing to the eye of four Classic prospects working in pairs over about a mile.

The G3 Craven S. winner, later sixth in the G1 2000 Guineas, was given the full raceday experience by trainer Martyn Meade including an overnight stay, and the Fine Equinity company was on-hand to provide reams of data for the team to process. Under Jim Crowley, Eminent seemed to finish full of running after pulling past his companion, recent Windsor handicap winner **Solo Hunter (GB)** (Sleeping Indian {GB}).



**Eminent** | *Racing Post*

"I was absolutely thrilled, he did exactly what I wanted him to do, it just could not have been better," said Meade. "He hasn't actually been away from Newmarket his entire life, so it was important for him to get used to a new environment, although he'll travel on the day to the Derby, and to act around a very unusual track."

He added, "The Guineas didn't really work out well, it just wasn't for us, maybe it came a bit soon, but we're on track now and I think this is his distance."

The avuncular Meade, also a successful breeder and businessman, will be saddling his first Derby runner at the age of 69.

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### Eminent Takes Epsom in His Stride Cont.

"In a way you savour the moment but at the same time you also want to get on with it and get it over with," he said. "It's a wonderful privilege."

The morning, open to both media and members of the public, is a rare occasion in Britain to see horses being fine-tuned in full view. John Gosden used it two years ago to prepare Anthony Oppenheimer's Golden Horn (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}) for Derby glory and will hope it works again for the same owner's **Cracksman (GB)** (Frankel {GB}).

Frankie Dettori, who slipped quickly into a dapper jacket for an appearance on daytime televisual wallpaper 'Loose Women,' had drilled Cracksman around Tattenham Corner, but he and companion **Pealer (Ger)** (Campanologist) had eased right down by the line.

Cracksman was pulled out of last week's G2 Dante S. on account of the soft ground, having beaten that day's winner Permian (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) in the Investec Derby Trial.

"We always pull up in the dip because you don't want a fresh horse particularly pulling up down a hill," said Gosden. "He's run well round here, got pocketed and picked up a nice horse who was race-fit and streetwise, he's come on a lot."

"It's a very open, competitive race," Gosden continued. "Golden Horn was a very, very strong, legitimate favourite. We like this horse a lot, but he's a different type altogether, he's out of a nice mare [Rhadegunda {GB}] that was tough, she comes from a lovely family, there's the stamina on the dam's side, he has a long stride on him. A mile-and-a-half is right up his alley."

Godolphin looks to have a strong challenge this year, but time could be running out for **'TDN Rising Star' Best Of Days (GB)** (Azamour {Ire}). He has not raced since taking the G2 Royal Lodge S. last September and, his stretch with **Kidmenever (Ire)** (Baltic King {GB}) looked adequate rather than spectacular.



Best of Days | *Racing Post*

"We have 12 days to the Derby, he'll need every one of them," said trainer Hugo Palmer, who was nonetheless pleased. "He worked with a 70-rated horse at Chelmsford on Thursday and a 104-rated horse this morning and found it much easier today. We had a little bit of a setback [back injury] with him three months ago, that's why he's not run in a trial. While the Derby is the Derby, there are a lot of other nice races for him."

A number of other connections were interviewed and Godolphin's chief executive John Ferguson sounded particularly keen on Permian, who is expected to be supplemented and currently represents Sheikh Mohammed's second-eldest son.

"He has improved so much, I think he's a horse with a really really big chance," Ferguson said. "He's by Teofilo (Ire) out of Tessa Reef (Ire), that's the family of Miesque, that's a world-class family, and he's put up a couple of superb performances."

Lingfield Trial winner **Best Solution (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}) and **'Rising Star' Benbatl (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) bring solid form to the table. However, another Dubawi in the shape of fellow **'Rising Star' Dubai Thunder (GB)** caused even more raised eyebrows when demolishing a Newbury maiden last Friday.

"He has always shown to be a talented horse and has the pedigree to get the job done," said Ferguson. "It's a big ask from an experience point of view but Saeed [Bin Suroor, trainer] knows the horse better than I do."

Aidan O'Brien explained that he could field seven runners but shed little individual light on them. It is not "a foregone conclusion by any means" yet "very possible" that Ryan Moore will ride current ante-post favourite and **'TDN Rising Star' Cliffs Of Moher (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}). For the Oaks he will focus upon G1 1000 Guineas runner-up **Rhododendron (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) and **Alluringly** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}). **Seventh Heaven (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) is out of the G1 Coronation Cup and not back until the autumn.

The only contender for the fillies' Classic to be seen on the Downs was Cliveden Stud's Listed Pretty Polly S. scorer **Horseplay (GB)** (Cape Cross {Ire}). She showed up well under Oisin Murphy against a stablemate who is certainly no slouch, Coronation Cup entry **Elbereth (GB)** (Mount Nelson {GB}). Trainer Andrew Balding is one-for-one in the Oaks after striking in his first season with a licence with Casual Look (Red Ransom) in 2003.

Kenny McPeck will make history when **Daddys Lil Darling** (Scat Daddy) becomes the first American-trained filly to start in the Oaks. Although the G1 Ashland S. and G1 Kentucky Oaks runner-up's flight was delayed, McPeck is already picking up new experiences including a taste of bubble and squeak, the vegetarian breakfast option.



## Eminent Takes Epsom in His Stride Cont.

"Kind of like hash browns, actually," was the verdict.

McPeck will stable Daddys Lil Darling locally with trainer Jim Boyle and is adjusting her programme now.

"She needs to see the scenery, she'll get a chance to settle in and hopefully shows well," he said. "Olivier Peslier is going to come and get on her, it looks like Friday, and I encourage anyone that would like to see her Friday and Saturday, we'll be out here."

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## THUNDER SNOW SET FOR IRISH GUINEAS

Godolphin's **Thunder Snow (Ire)** (Helmet {Aus}), who was pulled up in the opening furlong of the GI Kentucky Derby on May 6 after throwing a bucking display just strides out of the gate, is set to make his first public appearance since in Saturday's G1 Tattersalls Irish 2000 Guineas at The Curragh. The Saeed bin Suroor trainee is one of nine entries remaining in Ireland's first Classic of the year and is set to face 2-year-old champion and G1 QIPCO 2000 Guineas winner **Churchill (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}). Churchill's trainer Aidan O'Brien has also left **Lancaster Bomber** (War Front), **Orderofthegarter (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), **Pipes of Peace (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), **Spirit of Valor** (War Front) and **War Decree** (War Front) engaged. Another live contender is the Mick Halford-trained **Irishcorrespondent (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}), who is unbeaten in two starts including a 4 1/2-length conditions score at The Curragh on May 14.

"He's done everything right, he was very impressive in his maiden and stepped up on that the last day," Halford told *At The Races*. "Obviously there's more required here, but I think he's entitled to take his chance. Churchill obviously sets the standard, but he's well and I'm looking forward to him."



Thunder Snow winning the G1 Criterium International | Scoop Dyga

O'Brien's G1 Qipco 1000 Guineas one-two **Winter (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) and **Rhododendron (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) head the 13 remaining entries for Sunday's G1 Tattersalls Irish 1000 Guineas.

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## SEVENTH HEAVEN SUFFERS SETBACK

**Seventh Heaven (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) is unlikely to run until the autumn after suffering a setback. The Aidan O'Brien-trained filly had been among the leading lights for the G1 Investec Coronation Cup at Epsom next week following her five-length stroll in the G2 Jockey Club S. at Newmarket earlier this month. However, she has been ruled out of that race, with O'Brien expecting her to be sidelined for a lengthy period. Last year's G1 King George and GI Breeders' Cup Turf hero **Highland Reel (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) and his brother **Idaho (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), who was third in the 2016 G1 Derby, are instead likely to run in the Coronation Cup.

O'Brien said, "Seventh Heaven had a little bit of a setback, so she probably won't be back out until the autumn. We are thinking that the brothers might go there [Highland Reel and Idaho]."

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## 26 STAND THEIR GROUND FOR DERBY

Britain's richest race, the £1.5-million G1 Investec Derby, sees 26 horses stand their ground after Tuesday's latest scratching stage. Aidan O'Brien has nine engaged for the Coolmore triumvirate in the 2400-metre contest, including G1 QIPCO 2000 Guineas winner **Churchill (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) who is favoured at 3-1 with Unibet, while Listed Dee S. hero **Cliffs Of Moher (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) is second choice at 7-2. Some of his other charges include G3 Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial victor **Douglas Macarthur (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) and G3 Chester Vase scorer **Venice Beach (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}).

The six-time Derby winning trainer's son Joseph O'Brien has G3 Ballysax S. winner **Rekindling (GB)** (High Chaparral {Ire}), while trainer John Gosden has a quartet entered, among them the unbeaten **Cracksman (GB)** (Frankel {GB}). Andre Fabre, the last French-based trainer to win the Derby with Pour Moi (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}), is represented by G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud winner and **'TDN Rising Star' Waldgeist (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}).

Godolphin currently has six remaining, among them G2 Dante S. runner-up and **'TDN Rising Star' Benbatl (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), G2 Royal Lodge S. hero **Best Of Days (GB)** (Azamour {Ire}) and GI Criterium International and G2 UAE Derby winner **Thunder Snow (Ire)** (Helmet {Aus}).

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## 26 Stand Their Ground for Derby Cont.

Next Monday, May 29 is the next acceptance stage for the Derby, with a fee of £85,000 required for supplemental entries. **Permian (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}), a winner of the G2 Dante S., is expected to join the Derby field from the Mark Johnston barn.

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## 'AURELIA' WORKS FOR ROYAL ASCOT

Wesley Ward trainee **Lady Aurelia** (Scat Daddy), a champion in England and France in 2016 and a winner of the G2 Queen Mary S. at the Royal Meeting, turned in her second work at Keeneland in advance of an intended start in Royal Ascot's G1 King Stand S. on June 20. The Stonestreet Stables, George Bolton and Peter Leidel silksbearer clocked five furlongs in 1:02.20 (1/2) **working in partnership** with June 23 G1 Commonwealth Cup hopeful **Bound for Nowhere** (The Factor), who went in 1:02.60 (2/2).

"She had a really, really nice breeze--very excited," Ward said about the **'TDN Rising Star'**. "We're just trying to go as easy as possible every work into the race. She already has the speed, the win, the fitness and the confidence. Just looking to keep her--until the day we leave on [June 6]--nice and steady. She's doing everything beautiful."

Lady Aurelia, who also captured the G1 Darley Prix Morny last year and the Listed Giant's Causeway S. at Keeneland Apr. 15, would have two more works before traveling to England.

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Lady Aurelia | Horsephotos

## Tuesday, Saint-Cloud, France

**PRIX CORRIDA-G2**, €130,000, SCD, 5-23, 4yo/up, f/m, 10 1/2ft, 2:16.69, gd.

1--**#@ARMANDE (IRE)**, 123, f, 4, by Sea the Stars (Ire)

1st Dam: **Alpine Snow (Ire)** (SW & GSP-Fr), by Verglas (Ire)

2nd Dam: **Altruiste**, by Diesis (GB)

3rd Dam: **Allegretta (GB)**, by Lombard (Ger)

O-Baron Edouard de Rothschild & Lady Chryss O'Reilly; B-Petra Bloodstock Agency Ltd & Ecurie de Meautry (IRE); T-Andre Fabre; J-Pierre-Charles Boudot. €74,100. Lifetime Record: 10-2-4-2, €152,600. **Werk Nick Rating: F. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**That Which Is Not**, 123, f, 4, **Elusive Quality**--Shiva (Jpn), by Hector Protector). O-Flaxman Stables Ireland Ltd; B-Flaxman Holdings Ltd (KY); T-Francis-Henri Graffard. €28,600.



3--**Haggle (GB)**, 123, f, 4, Pivotal (GB)--Barter (GB), by Daylami (Ire). (125,000gns 3yo '16 TATMAR). O-Mme Rebecca Hillen; B-Fittocks Stud (GB); T-Henri-Francois Devin. €13,650.

Margins: 3, 3/4, 2. Odds: 2.50, 6.10, 9.50.

Also Ran: Rosental (GB), Saimaa (Ire), Left Hand (GB), Redcold (Fr), Glade (GB). **Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

Prior to this race, Armande had just the one win on her record and that came here on debut last April, but she had long promised to deliver in a decent prize and she duly delivered with authority here. One of the leading outsiders for last year's G1 Prix de Diane following her eye-catching effort when third after a troubled trip in the G3 Prix de Royaumont at Chantilly in June, the bay's fortunes dived further in that Classic when badly hampered and losing her regular rider Pierre-Charles Boudot. Brought back steadily by Andre Fabre for an autumn campaign, she was second on her reintroduction in a 12-furlong conditions event at Compiègne in early October before finishing fourth in the G3 Prix de Flore over this course and distance later that month and third in the Listed Prix Belle de Nuit over another two furlongs again here in November.

Beaten a neck by That Which Is Not again over this track and trip in the Listed Prix Zarkava on Apr. 2, the homebred was ahead of that rival next time but still came up short when runner-up to The Black Princess (Fr) (Iffraaj {GB}) in the G3 Prix Allez France over 10 furlongs at Chantilly on Apr. 30. Always in an ideal position racing in mid-pack against the rail, she was handed a perfect split at the top of the straight and was sent clear from there. With That Which Is Not held up for her run for precious seconds and last year's G1 Prix Vermeille heroine Left Hand (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) failing to make any impact under her seven-pound penalty, it was all Armande in the closing stages as she stayed on strongly for the breakthrough success. **Cont. p10**



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## G2 Prix Corrida Cont.

"She's a lovely filly, but she got hurt last year in the Diane and it took her a while to get her confidence back," owner-breeder Eduoard de Rothschild commented. "This year, she has improved with every start and fully deserved to win such a race. All being well, we'll be back here over a mile-and-a-half for the [July 2 G1] Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud."

## Pedigree Notes...

Alpine Snow, who was the winner of the Listed Prix Urban Sea and was third in the G3 Prix Fille de l'Air, is a half-sister to the smart stayer Terrubi (Ire) (Dalakhani {Ire}) who won the G2 Prix Maurice de Nieuil and was runner-up in the G3 Prix de Barbeville. Their dam, the unraced Altruiste (Diesis {GB}), is a half-sister to the great Urban Sea (Miswaki), whose multiple accomplishments on the track and in the paddocks include producing Sea the Stars, who of course is Armande's sire. Her remarkable dynasty is always at the fore and in recent weeks the filly Alluringly (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) and Franz Schubert (GB) (Dansili {GB}) have shown Classic potential, not to mention the sudden rise in profile as a sire of another of her descendants, the G1 Prix Jacques le Marois and G1 Prix Jean Prat-winning Tamayuz (GB). Alpine Snow's 2-year-old colt is by Invincible Spirit (Ire) and he is named Rapture's Delight (GB). [Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

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## Tuesday, Saint-Cloud, France

**PRIX CLEOPATRE-G3**, €80,000, SCD, 5-23, 3yo, f, 10 1/2ft, 2:16.32, gd.

1--#**@TERRAKOVA (IRE)**, 123, f, 3, by **Galileo (Ire)**

1st Dam: Goldikova (Ire) (Ch. Older Horse-Eur, Ch. Older Mare-Eur, 2x Ch. Grass Mare-US, MG1SW-Eng & Fr, MGISW-US, \$7,176,551), by Anabaa

2nd Dam: Born Gold, by Blushing Groom (Fr)

3rd Dam: Riviere d'Or, by Lyphard

'**TDN Rising Star**' O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (IRE); T-Freddy Head; J-Maxime Guyon. €40,000. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €53,500. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#) **Werk Nick Rating: A+++.** \*Triple Plus\*.

2--**Panthelia (Fr)**, 123, f, 3, Gentlewave (Ire)--Panthesilea (Fr), by Kendor (Fr). O-Guy Pariente; B-Guy Pariente Holding (FR); T-Philippe Sogorb. €16,000.

3--**Penny Lane (Ger)**, 123, f, 3, Lord of England (Ger)--Peace Time (Ger), by Surumu (Ger). (€40,000 Ylg '15 BBAGS). O-Ecurie de Montlahuc; B-Gestut Etzean (GER); T-Francis-Henri Graffard. €12,000.

Margins: 3/4, 1, HF. Odds: 1.70, 23.00, 7.20.

Also Ran: Rythmique (Ire), Mademoiselle Marie (Fr), Pink Paint (Fr), Terre (Fr), Limited Edition (Fr). [Click for the Racing Post result.](#) **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

Earning 'TDN Rising Star' status with a convincing 3 1/2-length winning debut over nine furlongs on Chantilly's Polytrack in November, Terrakova returned to justify that tag and hint at the bigger things that could come naturally as a daughter of the famed Goldikova. Settled in a stalking third early by Maxime Guyon as Treve's sister Terre (Fr) (Motivator {GB}) took up the mantle of pace-setting duties, the bay was delivered between that tiring rival and Penny Lane to lead passing the furlong pole before asserting for a straightforward and comfortable verdict over Panthelia. [Cont. p11](#)



Terrakova (Galileo-Goldikova) | Scoop Dyga



### G3 Prix Cleopatre Cont.

Terrakova has a weight of responsibility on her shoulders as the second foal out of the world-renowned Goldikova, but she is already not far off the equivalent level of her dam, who by this point in her career had finished second in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulisches. The Wertheimers's ground-breaking mare was third in the G1 Prix de Diane on her next start and that is where her daughter heads now according to Freddy Head, who also finished second in that Classic in 2011 with Goldikova's half-sister by Galileo, Galikova (Fr), who won this race en route. "The winter has been long and cold and it took a long time for her to come around," he explained. "At one stage, I thought she might come back earlier for a mile race but at that stage she had not yet reached her best condition so I decided to wait for this race. Being by Galileo, I thought she would stay and she stayed very well today. She got bumped early in the race and Maxime had to rush her a little to get a position. Sometimes those incidents cause them to race a little bit too keenly, but she relaxed perfectly well. When he asked her for an effort in the straight, she produced a nice turn of foot and ran on nicely to the line. I feel there is more improvement to come and of course she will now go for the Prix de Diane [at Chantilly on June 18]."

### Pedigree Notes...

Goldikova's considerable achievements are staggering, with three renewals of the GI Breeders' Cup Mile her particular masterpiece in an enviable body of work over four seasons racing at the highest level. As mentioned, her half-sister Galikova went on to capture a race of that status in the G1 Prix Vermeille six years ago, while Goldikova's full-brother Anodin (Ire) took the G3 Prix Paul de Moussac and was placed on five occasions at the top including when a length second to his compatriot Karakontie (Jpn) (Bernstein) in the 2014 edition of the Breeders' Cup Mile. He now stands at Haras du Quesnay. Along with Galikova, the second dam Born Gold also provided a Prix Cleopatre winner in 2000 via the Criquette Head-trained Gold Round (Ire) (Caerleon). Her 3-year-old in this stable, Gold Luck (Fr) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), won the G3 Prix Vanteaux last month while another of her half-siblings Born Something (Ire) (Caerleon) is the dam of the exciting Jessie Harrington-trained 3-year-old colt Red Label (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}). Goldikova's 2015 foal by Galileo unfortunately died, but she has been followed by a yearling filly by Intello (Ger) named Goldika (Ire) and a filly foal who is a full-sister to this winner. **Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

### Tuesday, Saint-Cloud, France

**PRIX DU LYS-G3**, €80,000, SCD, 5-23, 3yo, 12fT, 2:35.74, gd.

1--**#@CALLED TO THE BAR (IRE)**, 128, g, 3, by Henrythenavigator

**1st Dam: Perfect Hedge (GB) (GSW & G1SP-Fr, SW-Ire, \$194,037), by Unfuwain**

**2nd Dam: Via Salaria (Ire), by Arzai**

**3rd Dam: Alexandrie, by Val de l'Orne (Fr)**

O/B-Fair Salinia Ltd (IRE); T-Pia Brandt; J-Mickael Barzalona. €40,000. Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0, €64,500. \*1/2 to Stand My Ground (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}), MSP-Fr & SP-Eng, \$137,719; and Defrost My Heart (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), SP-Fr, \$134,020. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

**Werk Nick Rating: B.**

2--**Ice Breeze (GB)**, 128, c, 3, **Nayef**--Winter Silence (GB), by Dansili (GB). O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-Pascal Bary. €16,000.

3--**Shakeel (Fr)**, 128, c, 3, Dalakhani (Ire)--Shamiyra (Fr), by Medicean (GB). O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (FR); T-Alain de Royer-Dupre. €12,000.

Margins: 2, 1, 1HF. Odds: 6.00, 4.50, 2.00.

Also Ran: Falcon Wings (GB), Merikha (GB), Walsingham (Ger).

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Runner-up to 'TDN Rising Star' and subsequent G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud winner Waldgeist (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) on debut over a mile at Chantilly in September, Called To the Bar was again in that position on his return at that trip at Fontainebleau on Mar. 30 before registering an easy win stepped up to 10 furlongs back at Chantilly 20 days ago. Allowed to bowl to the front after the early shuffling, the bay was able to enjoy a relatively easy lead and, despite drifting right as he turned up the pressure in the straight, was always keeping Shakeel and Ice Breeze at bay. "As a 2-year-old, he used to tie up a lot so we had no other choice than to geld him but we always thought he was a nice horse," trainer Pia's husband Joaquim Brandt said. "He has showed that this year and if all goes well, he will return in the [G2 Prix Hocquart [at Chantilly on June 18]."

### Pedigree Notes...

The dam Perfect Hedge, who captured the G3 Prix Penelope and was third in the G1 Prix Saint-Alary and G2 Prix Niel, was also responsible for the useful Stand My Ground and Defrost My Heart. Her half-brother I'm Your Man (Fr) (Cape Cross {Ire}) annexed the G1 Star Epsom S. and was placed in the G1 Mackinnon S. and G1 Chipping Norton S., with their dam being a half to the G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud-winning sire Poliglote (GB) and G2 Prix de Malleret scorer and G1 Epsom Oaks third Animatrice (Alleged). **Cont. p12**



Called To The Bar and connections | Scoop Dyga

### G3 Prix du Lys Cont.

Her descendants include the G3 Atalanta S. winner Ladys First (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}), while her other half-siblings feature the sires King Alex (GB) and Alexius (Ire), the G2 Ribblesdale S. runner-up Star Begonia (GB) (Sadler's Wells), who in turn is the dam of the G2 King Edward VII S.-winning sire Five Dynasties, and also the dam of the dual GI Eddie Read H. winner Special Ring (Nureyev). Perfect Hedge also has a yearling colt by Invincible Spirit (Ire). **Click for the [free Equineline.com](http://free.Equineline.com) catalogue-style pedigree.**

BRITAIN



### Tuesday's Results:

**4th-NC, £5,500, Mdn, 5-23, 3yo, 10f 42y (AWT), 2:11.28, st. MASTER SINGER (c, 3, **Giant's Causeway**--Ring of Music {GB}, by Sadler's Wells),** third over 11 furlongs at Newbury on his 3-year-old debut on Apr. 22, raced behind the leading quartet under cover throughout the early stages. Moving to the front without turning a hair passing the three-furlong pole, the 8-15 favourite sauntered clear from there and was eased well before the line to record a 16-length success. The winner is a half-brother to Campanologist (Kingmambo), winner of the G1 Deutschland-Preis, G1 Rheinland-Pokal, G1 Preis von Europa, G1 Gran Premio Jockey Club, G2 King Edward VII S. and G2 Dubai City of Gold, MG1SW-Ger, G1SW-Itly, MGSW-Eng, GSW-UAE, G1SP-Ire & GSP-Tur, \$1,691,040. Unfortunately, he died before his first crop hit the track last year and they include the useful Langtang (Ger) and Incampo (Fr). The unraced Ring of Music, who has the 2-year-old filly Gloria Song by Malibu Moon and a yearling colt by that sire, is also the second dam of the G2 Matriarch S. winner Well Rounded (Aus) (Reset {Aus}), the G3 Umzimkhulu S. winner and G1 Golden Horseshoe runner-up One

Fine Day (SAf) (Trippi) and the listed-placed Isobel Baillie (GB) (Lomitas {GB}). She in turn has produced Isabella Sings (Eskendereya), who captured the GII Mrs. Revere S. and three other graded-stakes races, and also Alaura Michele (Arch) who won two stakes contests and was third in the GIII Dr. James Penny Memorial H. The second dam is the multiple champion Glorious Song (Halo), dam of the outstanding mid-to-late-nineties Stoute stable luminary Singspiel (Ire) who earned Group and Grade 1 laurels in Britain, Canada, Japan and Dubai, where he won the second running of the World Cup. Like his GII Bel Air H.-winning half-brother Rahy, he also made his presence felt at stud. Other descendants of Glorious Song include the G1 Prix Vermeille heroine Mezzo Soprano (Darshaan {GB}) and G1 NHK Mile Cup-winning sire Danon Chantilly (Jpn). Glorious Song is a half-sister to the champion and sire Devil's Bag and leading sire Saint Ballado. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$6,122. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Teneri Farms Inc.; B-Teneri Farm Inc & Bernardo Alvarez Calderon (KY); T-John Gosden.



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### Monday Night's Result:

**6th-LEI, £7,000, Mdn, 5-22, 3yo, 7fT, 1:26.81, sf. TO DIBBA (GB) (c, 3, **Dubawi** {Ire}--Rose Diamond {Ire} {GSP-Eng}, by Daylami {Ire}),** runner-up to the subsequent G3 Greenham S. runner-up and G1 2000 Guineas fifth Dream Castle (GB) (Frankel {GB}) over seven furlongs at Doncaster on Apr. 2, was always in the front rank. Taking control before the two-furlong pole, the 4-5 market-leader asserted to score by 2 1/2 lengths from Loujain (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}). **Cont. p13**



## 6th-LEI Cont.

The first foal of To Dibba's dam, the G3 Prestige S. runner-up Rose Diamond, turned out to be the GIII Robert G. Dick Memorial S. winner Real Smart (Smart Strike), GSW-US, \$188,917. The second and third dams are the G1 Haydock Sprint Cup heroine Tante Rose (Ire) (Barathea {Ire}) and the G1 Cheveley Park S. runner-up and G1 Irish 1000 Guineas third My Branch (GB) (Distant Relative {Ire}). The latter's descendants include last year's G2 Hardwicke S. third Almodovar (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}) and the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains and G1 Prix de la Foret hero Make Believe (GB) (Makfi {GB}) and GI Gamely S. and GI Yellow Ribbon S. winner Dubawi Heights (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}). Next up from Rose Diamond is a 2-year-old full-brother to the winner named Prince Eiji (GB), with a yearling filly by Dansili (GB) also in the wings. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$7,111. O-Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Darley (GB); T-Roger Varian.

## ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Holdenhurst (GB)**, g, 2, **Hellvelyn (GB)**--Michelle Shift (GB), by Night Shift. BRG, 5-23, 5f 215yT, 1:11.46. B-Southill Stud (GB). \*1,000gns Wlg '15 TATFOA; €11,000 Ylg '16 TIRSEP.

**Green Power (GB)**, c, 2, **Kheleyf**--Hakuraa (Ire), by Elnadim. NOT, 5-23, 6f 18yT, 1:16.33. B-Crossfields Bloodstock Ltd (GB). \*4,500gns RNA Wlg '15 TATFOA; £7,000 Ylg '16 GOYHIT.

**Envoy (GB)**, g, 3, **Delegator (GB)**--La Gessa (GB), by Largesse (GB). NOT, 5-23, 8f 75yT, 1:48.10. B-Henry and Mrs Rosemary Moszkowicz (GB). \*£17,000 RNA Ylg '15 DNPRM.

**Mabs Cross (GB)**, f, 3, **Dutch Art (GB)**--Miss Meggy (GB) (SW-Eng), by Pivotal (GB). NC, 5-23, 5f (AWT), 1:01.52. B-Highfield Farm LLP (GB). \*£3,000 Ylg '15 DONNOV. \*\*1/2 to Charlie Em (GB) (Kheleyf), GSW-US & SP-Ger, \$180,932.

## PAIR REACH SIX-FIGURES AT GOFFS SALE

A pair of geldings that made £100,000 apiece shared top billing at Tuesday's Goffs UK Spring Store sale. The first through the ring was a gelded son of Fame and Glory (GB) (**lot 105**) from Liss House Stud. He was purchased by Gordon Elliott. He was followed shortly thereafter by **lot 120**, a gelding by Diamond Boy (Fr) consigned by RH Bloodstock and purchased by Mouse Morris. A gelded son of Jeremy **lot 51** had held top spot in the early part of the day when Kieran McManus went to £95,000 for the Oak Tree Farm offering. In all, 209 lots were sold on the day for £5,951,500, at an average of £28,476 and a median of £23,000. A further 450 lots will be offered on Wednesday as part of the Goffs UK Spring Horses-in-Training and Point-to-Point Sale.

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## FRANCE



## Tuesday's Results:

**PRIX DE PONTARME-Listed**, €55,000, SCD, 5-23, 3yo, 8ft, 1:44.80, gd.

1--**#TRAIS FLUORS (GB)**, 126, c, 3, by **Dansili (GB)**

1st Dam: **Trois Lunes (Fr)** (GSW-Fr), by **Manduro (Ger)**

2nd Dam: **Trip to the Moon (GB)**, by **Fasliyev**

3rd Dam: **Sparkling Isle (GB)**, by **Inchinor (GB)**

O/B-Haras de Saint Pair (GB); T-Andre Fabre; J-Vincent Cheminaud. €27,500. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, €54,000.

2--**D'bai (Ire)**, 130, c, 3, **Dubawi (Ire)**--Savannah Belle (GB), by Green Desert. O-Godolphin. €11,000.

3--**Ratiocination (Ire)**, 126, c, 3, **Excelebration (Ire)**--Denebola, by Storm Cat. 'TDN Rising Star' O-Flaxman Stables Ireland Ltd. €8,750.

Margins: 1HF, 3/4, 2HF. Odds: 4.50, 4.50, 0.80.

Also Ran: Veranda (Fr).

Trais Fluors lined up for this black-type bow coming off wins going 7 1/2 furlongs at Maisons-Laffitte Oct. 7 and over a mile at Compiègne on seasonal return last time Apr. 24, and maintained his perfect record with a smooth score. Employing a watching brief positioned last of the four runners until nudged along soon after turning for home, he quickened smartly to challenge entering the final eighth and kept on powerfully under minimal coaxing in the closing stages to claim a career high with ease from the pacesetter D'bai and TDN Rising Star Ratiocination. "He's a nice-looking horse, who won well producing a nice turn of foot and will return in the [June 17 G3] Prix Paul de Moussac [at Chantilly]," revealed trainer Andre Fabre.



Trais Fluors | Scoop Dyga

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### Listed Prix de Pontarme Cont.

Trais Fluors is the sole representative of G3 Prix Vanteaux victress Trois Lunes (Fr) (Manduro {Ger}), who is the only black-type performer produced by stakes-winning G3 Grosse Hessen Meile-Pokal runner-up Trip to the Moon (GB) (Fasliyev), herself a granddaughter of MGSP Listed Prix de la Seine winner Brillante (Fr) (Green Dancer), who in turn is a half-sister to the sires Run and Deliver, Bellypha (Ire) and Bellman (Fr). **Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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**2nd-ANG, €24,000, Cond, 5-24, 2yo, 6fT, 1:13.08, g/s.**  
**DIFFERENT LEAGUE (FR) (f, 2, Dabirsim {Fr})--Danseuse Corse {Ire}, by Danehill Dancer {Ire}),** who became the second winner for her Haras du Grandcamp-based freshman sire (by Hat Trick {Jpn}) when breaking through going five panels at Lyon-Parilly on debut last time May 11, was reined back to race behind all five rivals after the break in this one. Shaken up to reduce arrears off the home turn, the 3-5 chalk powered into second approaching the final furlong and kept on strongly in the closing stages to overhaul Big Words (Ger) (Whipper) en route to a comfortable two-length score. She shares her second dam Corse (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}) with G3 Mariano Procopio runner-up Energia Galileo (Brz) (Agnes Gold {Jpn}) and her full-brother Energia Impact (Brz), who hit the board in the G3 Jose Buarque de Macedo. Corse is herself a winning half-sister to G2 Gimcrack S.-winning sire and G1 Middle Park S. second Carrowkeel (Ire) (Waajib {Ire}). Sales history: €80,000 Wlg '15 ARQDEC; £14,000 RNA Ylg '16 GOUKPR. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €23,000. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**  
 O-Mme Theresa Marnane; B-Lotfi Kohli (FR); T-Matthieu Palussiere.



Dabirsim during his racing days | *Racing Post*

**5th-TLU, €30,000, Cond, 5-22, 3yo, 12fT, 2:33.45, g/f.**  
**FAUGUERNON (FR) (c, 3, Martaline {GB})--I'm Right, by Rahy)**  
 Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, €31,800. O-Gerard Augustin-Normand; B-Gilles & Aliette Forien (FR); T-Christophe Ferland. \*€85,000 Ylg '15 ARAUG.

**4th-ANG, €30,000, Cond, 5-23, 3yo, 8fT, 1:37.24, g/s.**  
**GRIS D'ARGENT (FR) (c, 3, Silver Frost {Ire})--Belle Lagune {GB}, by Barathea {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 9-3-4-0, €55,820. O/B-Mme Axelle Negre de Watrigant (FR); T-Damien de Watrigant. \*1/2 to Baie d'Honneur (Fr) (Baroud d'Honneur {Fr}), SW-Fr, \$137,257.

**6th-SCD, €28,000, Cond, 5-23, 4yo/up, 10 1/2fT, 2:17.61, gd.**  
**THANK YOU BYE BYE (FR) (m, 5, Zanzibari--Puritanical {Ire}, by Desert King {Ire})** Lifetime Record: SW & GSP-Fr, 27-6-2-5, €164,900. O-Bruno Bertin; B-Mlle Laetitia Casciani (FR); T-Jean-Pierre Gauvin. \*€22,000 Ylg '13 AROCT.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Houpeville (GB), f, 3, Mayson (GB)--Broadway Hit (GB), by Sadler's Wells. TLU, 5-22, 10fT, 2:04.40. B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (GB). \*30,000gns Ylg '15 TAOCT.**

## OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

**2.05 Maisons-Laffitte, Cond, €35,000, 3yo, c/g, 10fT**  
**VOLFANGO (IRE) (Dutch Art {GB})** is back over the course and distance at which he earned 'TDN Rising Star' status earlier this month. Haras de Saint Pair's homebred half-brother to last year's G1 Prix du Moulin and G2 Prix du Muguet hero Vadamos (Fr) (Monsun {Ger}) represents the Freddy Head stable and is met by Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Thani's **Aim True (Ire) (Galileo {Ire})**, an Andre Fabre-trained half-brother to GSW The Bogberry (Hawk Wing) who scored over nine furlongs on Chantilly's Polytrack in November.

**7.10 Kempton, Cond, £7,100, 2yo, f, 6f (AWT)**  
**SCANDALEUSE (War Front)** is a half-sister to the GII Santa Anita S. winner Hoop of Colour (Distorted Humor) who debuts for the Niarchos Family and Sir Michael Stoute. Out of the 2011 GI Spinster S. heroine Aruna (Mr. Greeley), the newcomer encounters 10 rivals on this Polytrack bow.

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## IRELAND

**Tuesday's Results:**

**2nd-GOW, €17,700, Cond, 5-23, 3yo/up, f, 9f 100yT, 2:06.93, y/s.**  
**DABULENA (IRE) (f, 3, Siyouni {Fr}--Dabista {Ire}, by Highest Honor {Fr})**, who took a 10-furlong maiden at The Curragh nine days previously, took a tow in second early. Committed at the top of the straight, the 10-11 favourite stayed on to score by 1 1/4 lengths from Elizabeth Browning (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). The dam, who is a half to the G3 Ballysax S. runner-up Dabiroun (Ire) (Desert Prince {Ire}), hails from the family of the champion and leading sire Darshaan (GB) and G1 Prix Vermeille winner Darara (Ire) (Top Ville {Ire}), who produced the high-class trio of Rewilding (GB) (Tiger Hill {Ire}), River Dancer (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) and Dar Re Mi (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}). Dabista has a 2-year-old colt by Redoute's Choice (Aus) named Dabiyr (Ire) and a yearling colt by Charm Spirit (Ire) to follow. Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0, \$24,027. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-H.H. Aga Khan; B-His Highness the Aga Khan's Studs S.C. (IRE); T-Dermot Weld.

**1st-GOW, €17,700, Mdn, 5-23, 3yo/up, f/m, 9f 100yT, 2:06.41, y/s.**

**MODERN APPROACH (IRE) (f, 3, New Approach {Ire}--Janey Muddles {Ire}, by Lawman {Fr})**, runner-up over an extended 11 furlongs at Limerick on Apr. 30, quickly grabbed the early lead. Hounded by Lovemenot (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) from the quarter pole, the 9-1 shot was professional whereas that rival was green, and that proved decisive as she battled to prevail by a short head. Modern Approach is the first foal out of Janey Muddles, who was just short of listed class for this stable and who has a 2-year-old filly by Intense Focus named Awesometank (GB) and a yearling filly by Mastercraftsman (Ire). The G3 Sweet Solera S. runner-up Slip Dance (Ire) (Celtic Swing {GB}) is the second dam and she is a half to the sires Misu Bond (Ire) and Air Chief Marshal (Ire) and G1 Irish 2000 Guineas runner-up Foxtrot Romeo (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$13,933. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Mrs June Judd & Mrs J S Bolger; B-J. S. Bolger & John Corcoran (IRE); T-Jim Bolger.



Pat Downes, Pat Smullen, Aline Giraud and Dermot Weld celebrate with Dabulena (Siyouni) at Gowran Park | Pat Healy



**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Bigwood (Ire)**, g, 3, **Requinto (Ire)**--Talkin Kate (Ire), by Talkin Man. GOW, 5-23, 7fT, 1:30.72. B-Peadar Kelly (IRE). \*€13,000 RNA Ylg '15 TIRSEP.

## SWEDEN

**Tuesday's Results:**

**PRAMMS MEMORIAL**-Listed, SKr1,200,000, JGR, 5-23, 4yo/up, 8f 143y, 1:47.70, gd.

1--**BROWNIE (FR)**, 130, h, 5, **Sunday Break (Jpn)**--**Tropical Mark (GB) (SP-Fr)**, by Mark of Esteem (Ire). (€32,000 Ylg '13 ARQOCT; €80,000 2yo '14 ARQMAY). O-Lone Kaj-Nielsen; B-Sylviane Jeffroy (FR); T-Bent Olsen; J-Oliver Wilson. SKr700,000. Lifetime Record: MGSW-Nor, 18-8-2-4, SKr1,384,173. \*Full to Danza Cavallo (Fr), SW-Fr & GISP-US, \$343,202; and 1/2 to Trip To Rhodos(Fr) (Rail Link {GB}), 2x Hwt. Older Horse-Ity at 14f+, 2x Ch. Older Horse-Cze, 3x Ch. Stayer-Cze, MSW-Ger & Ity, MGSP-Fr, \$244,459.

2--**Silver Ocean**, 130, g, 9, Silver Train--Endless Sea, by Mt. Livermore. (\$60,000 Wlg '08 KEENOV; \$37,000 RNA Ylg '09 KEESEP; £26,000 2yo '10 GFS2YO; 23,000gns HRA '10 TAAUT; 120,000gns HRA '11 TAAUT). O-Autoindustri (Sverige) AB. SKr250,000.

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3--**Gunvald**, 130, c, 4, Proud Citizen--Perfeck Connect, by Yonaguska. (\$11,000 RNA Ylg '14 FTKFEB; \$20,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP). O-Hastgruppen i Lund AB. SKr130,000.

Margins: 4, 1 1/4, 6. Odds: 2.70, 6.40, 5.20.

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Also Ran: Mrs Loreen (Swe), Hurricane Red (Ire), Appelina (Den), Tap For Me (Arg), Supersta (GB).

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**LANWADES STUD JAGERSRO SPRINT**-Listed, SKr400,000, JGR, 5-23, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.60, gd.

1--**#SPYKES BAY**, 132, g, 8, **Speightstown**--**She's a Rich Girl**, by Affirmed. (\$60,000 Ylg '10 KEESEP; 70,000gns 2yo '11 TATBRE; 11,000gns 4yo '13 TAJUL). O-Lars Malm, Susanne Tengquist & Paul Tengquist; B-Brylynn Farm Inc (FL); T-Vanja Sandrup; J-Martin Rodriguez. SKr200,000. Lifetime Record: SP-Ger, 60-16-11-9, SKr1,610,612. \*1/2 to Riff (Per) (Go to the Sun), GSP-Per.

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**USBRED**

2--**Breakdancer (Fr)**, 132, g, 4, Tale of Ekati--Fancy Clancy, by Rahy. (25,000gns 2yo '15 TATBRE). O-Inger & Lennart Linell. SKr100,000.

3--**No Comment (Den)**, 130, c, 4, Naaqoos (GB)--Vytinna (Fr), by Victory Note. O-Lone Kaj-Nielsen. SKr48,000.

Margins: HF, 1 1/4, HD. Odds: 7.65, 6.60, 40.00.

Also Ran: Hakam, Only Bacan (Chi), Over The Ocean, Captain America (Swe), Ikc Dragon Heart, Free Zone (GB), Freemanip (Arg), Beat Baby (Ire).

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## WORLDWIDE NEWS

### Cummings Named Godolphin Trainer Cont. from p1

Cummings has already delivered on the promise of his own pedigree in his short career as a trainer. The grandson of Australia's legendary trainer Bart Cummings has worked at his grandfather's former headquarters, Leilani Lodge at Randwick, for about a decade, spending four years as a foreman before taking out his trainer's license in 2013. He trained in partnership with Bart Cummings until his grandfather's death in August of 2015, at which time he took over the running of Leilani Lodge. Cummings has trained 108 winners on his own, including the dual Group 1 winner Prized Icon (Aus) (More Than Ready). Cummings also trained the dual Group 1 winner Hallowed Crown (Aus) (Street Sense) in partnership with his grandfather. Godolphin bought into the horse during his racing career and he is now a shuttle stallion for the operation.

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James Cummings | Godolphin



### Cummings Named Godolphin Trainer Cont.

"James is a great fit for Godolphin and his appointment is an exciting new chapter in the Godolphin story in Australia," said Henry Plumptre, Godolphin Managing Director in Australia. "In a short space of time James has established himself as one of the most talented trainers in Australia and he has all the attributes to take us in the direction we want to go as a racing team both on and off the track."

It is uncertain what will happen with Leilani Lodge, which has been occupied by the Cummings family since Bart took over there in the early 1970s, but trainer Anthony Cummings, Bart's son and James's father, expressed his desire to keep it in the family, telling *Racenet.com.au*, "As I understand it the club has spoken to a couple of people about the stables but exactly what happens I don't think anyone knows as yet. My name's in the mix so we just have to wait and see. That really depends on owners' support what happens there."

Of his son's new role, Cummings added, "To make that sort of impact on the scene in such a short time, in what is probably one of the most competitive training arenas anywhere in the world, speaks very well of him. I think it's good. It always gives you that sense of pride when your kids do well."

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### TURANGGA FARM TO DISPERSE

Inglis will conduct an unreserved dispersal of the stock of the Ramsey family's Turangga Farm on July 23 at White Park in Scone. The sale will comprise 52 mares, 28 weanlings and three race fillies.

The Ramsey family has owned Turangga Farm since 2003 and has bred Hong Kong champion Able Friend (Aus) (Shamardal) as well as Group 1 winners Headway, Sky Cuddle and Mr Murphy.

"It is a great honour for Inglis to be entrusted with Turangga's dispersal," Inglis's National Bloodstock Director Jonathan D'Arcy said. "Stuart and John [Ramsey] have consistently sold their best yearlings with us for many years and we have enjoyed a long and successful relationship."

John Ramsey, Stuart's son, together with his wife Erin will establish their own property and build a breaking in, training and breeding operation.

Stuart Ramsey said, "There is no greater thrill than the success of breeding and racing Thoroughbreds, which I have done for over 30 years and I am sure these horses will give their new owners terrific rewards. The industry is in such a strong position, I feel it is a good time for John and Erin to establish their new business and they do so with my full support. I will retain a few fillies I currently have in work and will breed the empty mares this season with a view to selling them in foal next year, so you are certainly not getting rid of me from the industry just yet."

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### JRHA SELECT SALE CATALOGUE ONLINE

The **catalogue index** for the Japan Racing Horse Association's Select Sale July 10 and 11 is online, with the catalogue itself to be posted on May 27 and printed versions mailed by June 5. Both sessions include a typical strong representation by the country's leading sires and the progeny of some of the best-bred mares in the world. The July 10 yearling session includes 24 progeny of Japan's peerless champion sire Deep Impact (Jpn), including a colt out of Irish Classic winner and Grade I winner Samitar (GB) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}); a full-sister to G1 Dubai Turf winner Real Steel (Jpn); sons of Grade I/Group 1 winners Champagne d'Oro (Medaglia d'Oro) and Listen (Ire) (Sadler's Wells); and a colt out of European champion sprinter Fleeting Spirit (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}).

Heart's Cry (Jpn), another leading sire, is responsible for the 'TDN Rising Star' and recent U.S. stakes winner Yoshida (Jpn), who was purchased out of this sale, and his yearlings catalogued include a half-brother to Classic and multiple Grade I winner Palace Malice (Curlin) and a colt out of GI Garden City H. winner Gaviola (Cozzene). Triple Crown winner and Horse of the Year Orfevre (Jpn)'s lots include a filly out of GI Prioress S. winner Franny Freud (Freud) and a filly out of multiple Grade I winner Weemissfrankie (Sunriver), while champion sprinter Lord Kanaloa will have a daughter of Eclipse champion Stardom Bound (Tapit) and a son of New Zealand champion King's Rose (NZ) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) go through the ring.

Standouts on paper for the foal session include Deep Impact colts out of Grade/Group 1 winners Condo Commando (Tiz Wonderful), Elusive Wave (Ire) (Elusive City), Contested (Ghostzapper), and Sky Diva (Sky Mesa); a full-sister to dual Japanese Horse of the Year Gentildonna (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) and a Deep Impact filly out of multiple Grade I winner Zazu (Tapit); a filly from the first crop of Golden Horn (GB) out of the multiple group-placed Pearl Of Africa (Ire) (Jeremy); an Orfevre half-brother to Palace Malice; a Lord Kanaloa colt out of Australian champion Shamrock (NZ) (O'Reilly {NZ}); and a full-brother to Horse of the Year Kitan Black (Jpn) (Black Tide {Jpn}).

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Date	Race	Track
May 28	Tokyo Yushun (Derby)	Tokyo
June 4	Yasuda Kinen	Tokyo
June 25	Takarazuka Kinen	Hanshin
Oct. 1	Sprinters' S.	Nakayama
Oct. 15	Shuka Sho	Kyoto