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NEW VERSION OF FEDERAL OVERSIGHT LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

Congressmen Andy Barr and Paul Tonko are leading the call for federal intervention for the racing industry | *Horsephotos*

From edited press releases--Congressman Andy Barr (R-KY) and Congressman Paul Tonko (D-NY), the co-chairmen of the Congressional Horse Caucus, introduced H.R. 2651, the Horseracing Integrity Act of 2017, at a May 25 press conference.

The legislation, an updated version of the Thoroughbred Horseracing Integrity Act of 2015 that never came up for a federal vote, would establish an authority to create and implement a national uniform medication program with input from the horse industry.

A copy of the legislation can be viewed here.

The authority would be governed by a board composed of the chief executive officer of the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), six individuals from the USADA board, and six individuals selected by USADA who have demonstrated expertise in a variety of horse racing areas.

"With growing momentum and support, the time has come for uniform medication rules in American horse racing," Barr said. "Uniform rules will ensure the integrity and competitiveness of American horse racing and lay the groundwork for the future success of this great American sport."

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THE MAN YOU'LL NEVER KNOW, BUT SHOULD *By Christie DeBernardis*

Everyone in the horse industry, racing or otherwise, can name that one person who started it all for them. The person who let them pet their pony, or sat them on a horse for the first time, or gave them their initial racetrack experience. For me, that person was a man named Winston Trim.

My father met Winston 32 years ago when he went horseback riding at the Trim family ranch while on vacation in St. Lucia, an Eastern Caribbean island located in between Martinique, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Barbados. At the time Winston was just 18 and my father was 36, but they bonded immediately.

After watching Winston gallop down the beach, standing up on his horse's back with no saddle, my father insisted Winston come back to New York with him. He recognized his talent and wanted to "manage" him. **Cont. p4**

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An unusually marked, mostly white colt from the last crop of California Chrome's sire Lucky Pulpit was foaled on May 19 at Stone Bridge Farm in New York. | John Norton

SONGBIRD BOUND FOR THE BIG APPLE 6

While Cloud Computing (Maclean's Music) assured there would be no Triple Crown attempt on the line in the GI Belmont S. June 10, the program will still be a must-see afternoon of racing and was enhanced Thursday by the announcement that Songbird (Medaglia d'Oro) would ship in for the GI Ogden Phipps S.

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A RISING STAR WITH A 'BULLET' RR

A strong runner-up on his Keeneland debut last month, Winchell Thoroughbreds and Willis Horton's Copper Bullet (More Than Ready) sprinted home to become a new TDN Rising Star at Churchill.

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Barr-Tonko Legislation cont.

Some of key elements of the bill include:

• A prohibition on the administration of any drug within 24 hours of a race.
• The expansion of jurisdiction to all breeds of racehorses, not just Thoroughbreds.
• Compared to the 2015 version, it strips out references to the Interstate Horse Racing Act of 1978 as they pertained to using simulcasting privileges as a cudgel for compliance.
• Anti-doping controls to be moved under the purview of the Federal Trade Commission.
• Funding to initially come from "loans and donations," but states will pay for oversight once the program is up and running.
• Language in the bill specifically prohibits the raising of pari-mutuel betting takeouts to cover a state's share.

According to a press release from Barr's office, the legislation is supported by a growing coalition of individuals and organizations representing a broad spectrum of interests across the horse industry, including the Water Hay Oats Alliance, the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association, The Jockey Club, and Keeneland Association.

The bill received a major boost last month when it was also endorsed by Frank Stronach, founder and honorary chairman of The Stronach Group, which operates a conglomerate of United States racetracks and is an industry supplier of pari-mutuel wagering technologies.

Stronach made his commitment contingent on the inclusion of the race-day medication ban. That clause, known as the "Stronach Amendment," has been added to the new bill.

"As a racetrack owner, I realize we have to make changes to get the horse racing industry on a sound and healthy foundation," Stronach said. "At the same time, I realize that small breeders and small racehorse owners are the backbone of our industry, and I will do everything I can to ensure they have the opportunity to earn a reasonable living and fulfill their dreams."

The Coalition for Horse Racing Integrity (CHRI) issued a press release on Thursday in support of the Horseracing Integrity Act of 2017.

"Representatives Barr and Tonko deeply appreciate the scope and economic impact of horse racing, not only in their home states but across the country, and they should be commended for their devotion to an ongoing legislative effort that will help ensure the future of our horse racing," said Shawn Smeallie, executive director of CHRI.

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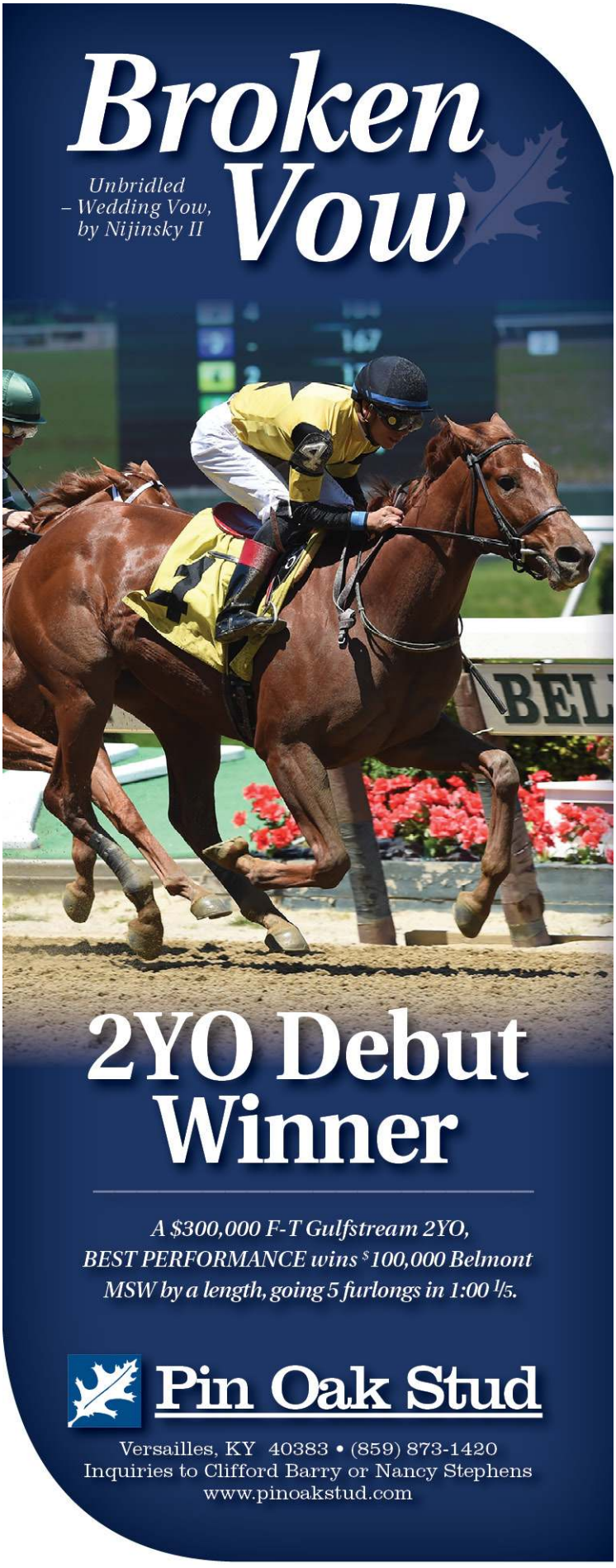

Barr-Tonko cont.

"Both of them, along with their respective staff members, have worked closely with a broad range of equine industry stakeholders to revise the original bill they introduced in July 2015 [and] we are grateful for their diligence."

Specific elements of the bill's drug oversight program include:

- A uniform set of anti-doping and medication control rules.
- Lists of permitted and prohibited substances (which may include, without limitation, drugs, medications, naturally occurring substances, and synthetically occurring substances) and methods.
- A prohibition upon the administration of any prohibited or otherwise permitted substance to a covered horse within 24 hours of its next racing start, which shall be effective not later than January 1, 2019.
- A process for sample collection.
- Programs for in-competition and out-of-competition testing (including no-advance-notice testing and mandatory reporting of each horse's location for testing).
- Testing procedures, standards, and protocols for both in-competition and out-of-competition testing.
- Laboratory standards for accreditation and testing requirements, procedures, and protocols.
- The undertaking of investigations at racetrack and non-racetrack facilities related to anti-doping and medication control rule violations.
- Procedures for investigating, charging, and adjudicating violations and for the enforcement of sanctions for violations.
- A schedule of sanctions for violations.
- Disciplinary hearings, which may include binding arbitration, sanctions and research.
- Management of violation results and programs relating to anti-doping and medication control research and education.

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The Man You'll Never Know cont. from p1

(L to R) Winston Trim, his mom Donita Trim & Teo Ah Khing | *China Horse Club*

A few weeks later Winston called and said he had arrived in Brooklyn and the rest, as they say, is history. My father got Winston, who had grown up around horses, a job galloping for his longtime friend and veteran trainer Robert Barbara at Belmont Park.

Winston and my father became the best of friends, brothers really, which made him an uncle to me. It was Winston who first got me involved with horses by introducing my father to a Thoroughbred/Quarter Horse cross named Thunderbolt, who my father decided to buy after the horse ran him into a tree and broke his thumb.

The spirited chestnut only increased the bond between the two friends, taking them on the ride of their lives...literally. Little did Winston know at the time that by putting that horse in my father's life, he would chart the entire course of my life.

Winston riding Thunderbolt

My father brought me to the barn from the time I was old enough to hold up my own head, and the horse most thought was crazy, was a saint when I was on his back. Winston helped my father nurture my love of horses, and eventually racing. It is because of his influence on both my father and myself, that I'm now an accomplished equestrian with a wonderful chestnut horse of my own and a career as a turf writer. **Cont. p5**

Unfortunately, Winston's life was cut tragically short Mar. 26 when he was killed in a motorcycle accident just months after his 50th birthday. He leaves behind three children, a loving family and friends who will never be quite the same without him.

I'm sharing this story in the *TDN* because Winston's influence and significance extends far beyond my own personal experience. His impact will soon be felt in the international racing community thanks to Teo Ah Khing and the China Horse Club.

One of the first things Winston said to my father when they met on that fateful day 32 years ago, was that St. Lucia needed horse racing and he was going to figure out how to bring it to the country. If you knew Winston, you knew he was a man that was truly larger than life and when he set his mind to something, he would not stop until he made it happen.

Winston Trim | *China Horse Club*

Winston did not have any higher education or fancy accolades, but he had spent his life studying horses, was a hard worker and the most determined man I had ever known. It took him three decades, but he found a man who was equally innovative and was not afraid to dream as big as he did. That man was Teo Ah Khing.

Winston reached out to Teo and explained to him why St. Lucia was the perfect place for a racetrack. Teo not only agreed, but found plenty of other aspects of the island nation that would make it attractive for both the Chinese and the international racing community. And with that, the Pearl of the Caribbean was born.

The project, which will be located on 700 acres in the mostly undeveloped southern end of the island known as Vieux Fort, became much bigger than even Winston originally imagined. The racetrack will include top-of-the-line dirt and turf courses, state-of-the-art barns, a quarantine facility, veterinary clinic, lush paddocks and an elaborate grandstand.

In addition to the track, the project will also include luxury resorts, waterfront villas, restaurants, a casino, shopping, a marina for cruise ships and much more.

In addition to developing a relatively untouched portion of the island, the Pearl of the Caribbean project will also provide a major boost to St. Lucia's economy and make a big impact on the very high unemployment rate, which is exceptionally prominent in the 25 to 45 age range. That was a major part of Winston's vision, helping his people and his beloved country.

A groundbreaking ceremony was held at the site of the racetrack in November and thanks to Winston, and the tenacity and determination he passed on to me, I was one of three reporters on the invite list, which included His Royal Highness Prince Harry of Wales, as well as several international racing dignitaries.

As a member of the racing industry, I was in awe of the magnitude of the project being described to me and the painstaking attention to detail taken to ensure its future success on a global scale. But, as the niece of the man who started it all, I was in awe of my uncle. Watching him work that weekend, hustling back and forth between government officials, the China Horse Club team, family and friends, as his lifelong dream became a reality, I could not have been more proud.

Sadly, most people in racing will never know the name Winston Trim. I can only hope that some of the people who will walk through the gates of St. Lucia's first racetrack will have stumbled upon this piece and realize the track's significance because it will be much more than just a racing venue.

The Pearl of the Caribbean will be a new future for an island of kind, hard working people, But, more than that, it will be the culmination of 30 years of one man's endless determination, hard work, patience, creativity and passion. It will be the legacy of Winston Trim, a man who was not afraid to dream big and never let anyone discourage him. **Cont. p6**

Teo Ah Khing & Winston Trim celebrate at the Pearl of the Carribean groundbreaking ceremony | *China Horse Club*

The Man You'll Never Know cont.

If things remain on schedule, St. Lucia will host its first official horse race at the end of this year and I'll be there standing at the finish line. When that first horse crosses the wire, I'll look up, smile and remember the man who made it possible.

The man who is the reason I stood at the finish line when American Pharoah became the first Triple Crown winner in 37 years and when Arrogate shattered his first record in the Travers. The man who is the reason I am able to put my foot in the stirrup every morning and clear my head with a good ride. The man who introduced me to the animal and the sport that became my passion, career and life.

I hope after reading this, some of you--especially anyone that ends up standing beside me at that racetrack--will remember Winston Trim too, and more importantly, will be inspired to pursue your own dreams no matter how big.

Keep on riding, Winston. Because of you, I know I will.

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SONGBIRD HEADED TO BELMONT FOR OGDEN PHIPPS

Songbird | *Sarah Andrew*

Fox Hill Farm's **'TDN Rising Star'** and two-time champion **Songbird** (Medaglia d'Oro), last seen suffering her first career defeat when a painful second in the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff at Santa Anita Nov. 4, is on target to make her 2017 debut in the GI Ogden Phipps S. on the GI Belmont S. undercard June 10.

Songbird, winner of last summer's GI Coaching Club American Oaks S. and GI Alabama S. at Saratoga, has posted four workouts at Hall of Fame trainer Jerry Hollendorfer's Santa Anita base, most recently covering six furlongs in 1:13.80 (2/16) May 25.

"She went very well and galloped out well, so we're very pleased," Hollendorfer said. "Mike Smith was up and he's very happy with the way she's coming along. She's bigger than last year, she's put on weight, looks good. She's been training the same, she doesn't act any different that way. We're looking to try to have a good campaign with her."

Added Smith, who has ridden Songbird in all 12 of her races: "She looks good, seems happy, and is hitting the ground good. Everything's great. She's fit, and she's still got another work to go, so that's even better."

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WEISBORD & CROW LAUNCH ELITE SALES

BSW Bloodstock's Bradley Weisbord and Liz Crow have partnered to launch Elite Sales, a new racehorse sales business specializing in selling horses in training and broodmare prospects coming off the racetrack at public auction.

"Public auction is the natural extension of the management services we currently provide our clients, including acquisitions, racehorse management and private sales, said Weisbord. "We plan to do things differently, providing in-depth analytical data to best display form, talent and the individual themselves to maximize value in the marketplace. I'm confident both buyers and sellers will benefit."

Brad Weisbord
Fasig-Tipton photo

Elite Sales will offer consignments at the July and November horses-in-training sales. They will accept outside clients as well as representing their existing ones, such as Sol Kumin and Bobby Flay.

"Our passion and focus in this industry is racing," Crow said. "We spend countless hours analyzing racing prospects in our daily work, and helping our clients buy and sell prospects privately. We feel this experience will be well served in the public marketplace."

Jackson Buchanon, who graduates from the Godolphin Flying Start program in July, will come on board full time for Elite Sales and BSW Bloodstock as client relations manager. Fellow 2017 DFS grad Conrad Bandoroff will join Elite Sales on a part-time basis as sales manager.

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EPICHARIS BEGINS QUARANTINE PROCESS FOR BELMONT

Epicharis | *Dubai Racing Club/Andrew Watkins*

Carrot Farm's G2 UAE Derby runner-up **Epicharis (Jpn)** (Gold Allure {Jpn}), currently being aimed at the GI Belmont S. June 10, emerged from his Wednesday breeze in good order and entered isolation Thursday in Japan, according to trainer Kiyoshi Hagiwara.

He was moved on Thursday to the quarantine barn at the JRA Miho Training Center to begin his weeklong isolation in Japan before shipping to North America. Epicharis is scheduled to arrive at Belmont Park June 1, a roughly 24-hour trip from Miho, located in the Ibaraki Prefecture.

On Wednesday, Epicharis worked five furlongs over the uphill woodchip course in 1:05.2 under assistant trainer Masaaki Minamida at the Miho Training Center.

"I am pleased with his work," Hagiwara said. "He looks fine and he moved sharply. He has been doing well. Considering the long trip to Belmont via Anchorage and Chicago, I will give him one more timed work in Japan at the same course on Sunday and the last one will be at Belmont on Tuesday or Wednesday the week of the race."

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CHRB VOTES IN OOC RULE FOR DEL MAR BREEDERS' CUP *By T.D. Thornton*

The Del Mar Thoroughbred Club now has the power to write race conditions that bar from the Nov. 3 and 4 Breeders' Cup any horse that tests positive for prohibited substances in out-of-competition (OOC) testing conducted by the Breeders' Cup within six months of the championship series.

That action came about by a 6-0 vote at the May 25 California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) meeting, during which there was no public, pre-vote discussion of the issue among commissioners.

The measure seemingly establishes a back-dated rule, because the six-month period prior to the Breeders' Cup already started on May 3.

Although the topic of the new rule going into effect after the six-month time window has already opened did not come up during the meeting itself, Thursday's CHRB meeting packet contained an analysis section that noted an "emergency version" of Rule 1581 ("Racing Secretary to Establish Conditions") can allow for exclusion from races based on medication or substance usage provided certain conditions are met.

Namely, both the acknowledged horsemen's association and the CHRB must approve of the rule, and the protocol of any non-CHRB drug testing that is to be used must clearly be spelled out and approved by the board in advance. Both conditions were met by the inclusion of a letter of approval from the Thoroughbred Owners of California and a full explanation of the Breeders' Cup OOC protocol within the meting packet, both of which can be viewed here.

Craig Fravel, the chief executive officer and president of the Breeders' Cup, was the lone racing official to testify on the topic prior to the vote. In making his case for the need for OOC testing that goes above and beyond similar rules that the CHRB is in the process of developing itself, Fravel referred obliquely to "an issue related to a steroid administration and positive in the championships which I will not go into because I believe that's the subject of an enforcement action." **Cont. p8**

Craig Fravel | *Breeders' Cup photo*

Although he didn't say so, Fravel was in all likelihood referring to the 2016 disqualification of Masochistic (Sought After), who ran second in the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint at Santa Anita Park, but was subsequently disqualified after testing positive for the prohibited anabolic steroid stanozolol.

"The incident brought to light the fact that California has in place a steroid rule that allows the administration of a steroid with the filing of a confidential [disclosure], and subsequently the only violation takes place if and when a horse tests positive during a race," Fravel said. "You know, I'll be frank. I was personally surprised because most of us, I think, five or six years ago believed that we had virtually eliminated steroid administration from racing or training in general. And the fact that the rules in many states were written a little bit differently on that subject came to light, and it became imperative that we address that issue, particularly for the championships."

Fravel said Breeders' Cup officials recently met with CHRB staffers and modeled an OOC testing program for the championships at Del Mar that aligns with existing Association of Racing Commissioners International and Racing Medication & Testing Consortium rules.

"The rules that we drafted are essentially the same as the OOC model rules that are now pending [in California]," Fravel said. "We felt that it was imperative to get these in place well in advance of the championships--first of all to give the horsemen notice that the rules will be in effect, and secondly, we were not highly confident that the model rule as proposed by the CHRB would be in effect by the time of the championships.

"We're really trying to move the clock forward here and be proactive on this," Fravel continued. "I should add it's particularly important in the case of the Breeders' Cup. We are a truly international championship. We have horses coming from all over the world, from South America, from France, from Great Britain and Ireland, and in order to attract those horses to race against American horses, they have to have the confidence they're not racing against horses that have an advantage over them in terms of training. And certainly if you're able to administer an anabolic agent or blood doping agent in this country in advance of a championship in a six-month period, I think the general consensus is that there's an advantage to that training regimen."

Commissioner Alex Solis, who is also a jockey at CHRB-licensed tracks, offered the only post-vote comment on the new protocol, which applies only to the Breeders' Cup races at Del Mar.

"I'm glad you guys are doing this. Especially [with] racing going so global nowadays," Solis said. "All these things are so important because we see more horses going back to Europe now, so the closer we get to their rules, it's going to help us all." @thorntontd

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Op / ED by Dean Towers

DON'T MESS WITH HANDICAPPING CONTESTS

Giving players--especially newer customers--a chance at winning money is something racing sorely needs for engagement and long-term growth.

As I am sure you've heard, handicapping contests have been in the news lately. Because I'm a horseplayer and not Matlock, I'm not going to dip my toe into the legal wranglings regarding them. But I would like to share an opinion on why I think these contests supply racing with something vitally important for its long-term prospects in the gambling market.

The daily fantasy sports space has been growing, and in 2016 revenues topped $3.2 billion. Just this year, Draft Kings--one of the industry stalwarts--has been publishing some very interesting data on its website: distribution of winnings, aggregate user statistics and beginner user statistics.

	1 Month		3 Months		6 Months	
% of all DK users	Entry Fees	Winnings	Entry Fees	Winnings	Entry Fees	Winnings
Top 1%	27%	43%	28%	42%	30%	44%
Top 5%	30%	48%	31%	45%	32%	47%
Top 10%	31%	49%	31%	46%	33%	47%
Top 25%	31%	49%	31%	46%	33%	48%
Top 50%	32%	50%	32%	47%	34%	48%

What the overall data shows is that these type of contests tend to spread the wealth around. About one third of the entry fees from the top 50% of customers results in about half the winnings.

For beginners, the numbers are stark, but not quite as bad as we may envision in a game such as this. Over the last 30 days, 11% of newbies showed a profit, 27% broke about even, and 62% lost money.

	Last 7 Days	Last 30 Days
Net Winners	15%	11%
Break Even	17%	27%
Net Losers	67%	62%

At the end of this user statistics page, we see what Draft Kings is doing to encourage these newbies to become longer-term customers. They link to contests for beginners, offer them leagues with other beginners, and link to their "DFS University" where they can learn and get better.

They aren't spending this time, effort and money altruistically. They make little money on cheap contests for newbies and it's a drag on revenue, if anything. Draft Kings is doing so because cultivating and creating a marketplace where new users have a chance to win (and current users can win enough to approach break even) is vitally important for the health of their game.

This concept is not just theoretical. **Cont. p9**

Dean Towers cont.

Just last month, Suhonen and Saastamoinen of the University of Finland published a study called, "How Do Prior Gains and Losses Affect Subsequent Risk Taking? New Evidence from Individual-Level Horse Race Bets." They discovered the following:

"We find evidence for (i) the 'house money effect' as bettors take riskier wagers after gains and mostly spend the money they have won; (ii) risk aversion after prior losses, which we label a 'playing safe effect'; and (iii) a preference for breakeven."

In terms of the gambler, what this means is pretty straightforward: When we win we spend the money we win, chasing more winnings. When we lose we are still confident we can win, but we crave risk averse games to wade back into the betting pool, and we are always striving for break even.

In North American horse racing, the pari-mutuel model alone is a whole different animal, and it does not allow the tenets of the Finnish study to be adhered to. If you are in a slump and want a low-risk contest to play (to stay engaged in the product), you don't find much of it. What you are bombarded with are the enticing allures of hard-to-hit pools--jackpot bets (some with 60% takeout), Pick 5's, Pick 6's, superfectas, or the flashing "Bet the Super High 5 now" message flying across your screen. These are all bankroll killers.

Think about it for a second. At Draft Kings, with contest play, almost four in 10 new users the last 30 days (playing more than 50 contests!) have either won money or broken even. How many brand new horseplayers out of 100 can you say that about?

It wasn't always like this, of course. When racing was much more popular with bettors than it currently is--like in the 1970's--most races had only win wagering, there was one double, two or three races with exacta wagering, and perhaps a 10th race trifecta. It was a whole lot easier, as the above study notes, to churn your winnings, or seek out a way to climb back into profitability through low-risk bets.

I am not here to say racing should go back to the 1970's. High-risk bets (winning a lot while betting a little) are a huge part of the betting sport, and customers vote with their wallets. However, I will submit that the current pari-mutuel system does not take advantage of what some bettors crave to stay engaged in betting the sport.

That's where contests come in and why we see so many who enjoy them; many who are saying the exact same thing--things like, "I can't come close to making money in the pools, and I stopped betting racing, but I can be near break even in contests. Now I wager a little in the pools again, too." Or, "A few friends and I get together and play a contest and have a blast. It beats playing poker, or doing the yard work on a Saturday afternoon."

At the Asian Racing Conference back in 2008, the Vice President of Wagering at the Hong Kong Jockey Club presented his findings on a study they completed about customer retention. He said, paraphrasing, "Once we lose a horse racing customer, he or she is almost impossible to entice back, which is why we need to keep them engaged at all costs."

The pari-mutuel system is not delivering what a vital customer subset needs to stay a customer. Contests help deliver this, and in my view racing needs to look at them from a completely different perspective. It's not about a theoretical smidgen of revenue that's lost to them in the short term that matters. It's what they accomplish in the long–term that's most important.

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LA QUEBRADA REDUCTION A SUCCESS

by Alan Carasso

Sales-topping Dolce Vita | *antoniobullrich.com*

On a considerable tract of land just about an hour due west of Buenos Aires, Argentina, sits the Ceriani family's Haras La Quebrada, home to stallions and mares, past and present, that have helped shape the country's Thoroughbred breed. Some of South America's most prominent and important breeders turned up at the farm earlier this week with the unique opportunity to buy into some of the stud's families, as Hernan III and his sister Maria Ines Ceriani, have taken the decision to significantly downsize the operation. And by all accounts, the event was a tremendous success.

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La Quebrada Reduction cont.

"It was a different type of sale with a different feel, as it was the restructuring of one of the most important farms of the last 40 years," commented Antonio Bullrich, whose company conducted the auction. "I am not only happy that it was a successful sale, but also for the Ceriani family, who are still going to produce a huge number of champions. They certainly know how to do it."

Over the course of two days of selling May 23 and 24, each of 202 mares was sold without reserve. Trainer Alberto Gaitan was the winning bidder on the sale's top offerings, hip 34, the 6-year-old Dolce Diva (Arg) (Luhuk), at Ar$1.9 million (US$118,750). The chestnut mare, offered in foal to former U.S. multiple graded winner Endorsement (Distorted Humor), won two of her three career trips to the post, including a Group 2, and is a half-sister to GSP Il Dolce (Arg) (Luhuk). Dolce Diva's second dam Sweet Halo (Arg) (Southern Halo) produced MGSW & G1SP Sweetly (Arg) (Luhuk).

Endorsement was also the covering stallion for hip 8, the second mare to fetch a final bid in excess of US$100,000. The dam of G1SW Arte Pop (Arg) (Mutakddim), Arteba is kin to SW & G1SP De Troy (Arg) (Southern Halo), while SW & GSP second dam Aquarelle (Arg) (Logical {Arg}) is responsible for La Galerie (Arg) (Southern Halo), champion 2-year-old filly and a Group 1 winner at home and multiple Grade II-placed in the U.S. for Cobra Farm and Robert Clay. Arteba was purchased by Dr. Alejandro Miserocchi's Haras Santa Ines. The latter is perhaps best known as the breeder of 2006 U.S. Horse of the Year and GI Breeders' Cup Classic winner Invasor (Arg) (Candy Stripes), also victorious in the G1 Dubai World Cup.

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Top Three Mares

Hip	Name	Covering Stallion	Price (US$)
34	**Dolce Diva (Arg)**	**Endorsement**	**118,750**
	(6, Luhuk--Sweet Shine {Arg}, by Indygo Shiner)		
	Purchased by Alfredo Gaitan		
8	**Arteba (Arg)**	**Endorsement**	**112,500**
	(13, Southern Halo--Art Deco {Arg}, by Lookinforthebigone)		
	Purchased by Haras Santa Ines		
174	**Starry Miss (Arg)**	**Winning Prize (Arg)**	**78,125**
	(7, Southern Halo--Star Brown {Arg}, by Luhuk)		
	Purchased by Haras Firmamento		

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Thursday, San Isidro, Argentina
GRAN PREMIO 25 DE MAYO-G1, AR$1,700,000, 5-25, San Isidro, 3y/up, 2400mT, 2:38.64, gd.

1--**ORDAK DAN (ARG), 134, h, 8, by Hidden Truth**
1st Dam: Duna Ter (Arg), by Sir Chester (Arg)
2nd Dam: Fantasia Cach (Arg), by Cacheton (Arg)
3rd Dam: Fan Track (Arg), by Trabuco (Arg)
O-Stud Misterio; B-Haras Caryjuan (Arg); T-J C Etchechoury Jr.; J-Eduardo Ortega Pavon. Lifetime Record: 26-7-5-1. *1/2 to Dunin Int (Arg) (Gradepoint), GSP-Arg. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: C.**

2--**Don Archi (Arg)**, 125, c, 3, Archipenko--Dona Leal (Arg), by Sunray Spirit. O/B-Haras Futuro (Arg); T-Alfredo Gaitan Dassie.

3--**Sixties Song (Arg)**, 125, c, 3, Sixties Icon (GB)--Blissful Song, by Unbridled's Song. O-Stud Sta. Elena; B-Haras Firmamento (Arg); T-Alfredo Gaitan Dassie.

Margins: 3, NK, 4. Odds: 12.95, 13.55, 1.20.
Also Ran: Thabor (Arg), Dulce Sam (Arg), Stivers (Arg), Must Go On (Arg), Arreco Run (Arg), El Margot (Arg), Full Throttle (Brz), Harlan's Blue (Arg), Frances Net (Arg). **Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. VIDEO.**

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Thursday, San Isidro, Argentina
GRAN PREMIO DE POTRANCAS-G1, AR$850,000, 5-25, San Isidro, 2yo, f, 1600mT, 1:42.84, gd.

1--**&SAMBA INC (ARG), 121, f, 2, by Include**
1st Dam: Stormy Sacra (Arg), by Bernstein
2nd Dam: South Sagrada (Brz), by Southern Halo
3rd Dam: Sangradora (Arg), by Pepenador
O-Stud M. de G.r; B-Haras La Biznaga (Arg); T-Jose A. Lofiego. J-Mario Fernandez. Lifetime Record: 4-3-1-0.
Werk Nick Rating: A+++ *Triple Plus*. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--**Rockanrolera Inc (Arg)**, 121, f, 2, Include--Stormy Rousing (Arg), by Bernstein. O/B-Haras La Biznaga (Arg); T-Roberto Bullrich.

3--**Sa Talaia (Arg)**, 121, f, 2, Equal Stripes (Arg)--Sambullida (Arg), by Sunday Spirit; O-Stud Carmel; B-Haras Abolengo (Arg); T-Enrique Martin Ferro.

Margins: 7, 2HF, 3. Odds: 0.50, 8.30, 5.25.
Also Ran: Star Austral (Arg), La Alambrada (Arg), Accionadora (Arg), Gambler Girl (Arg). **Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. VIDEO.**

Thursday, San Isidro, Argentina
GRAN PREMIO GRAN CRITERIUM--G1, AR$850,000, 5-25, San Isidro, 2yo, c, 1600mT, 1:42.54, gd.

1--**#@&GRITO DE AMOR (ARG), 121, c, 2, by Emperor Jones**
1st Dam: Gritela (Arg), by Contested Bid
2nd Dam: Mans Fly (Arg), by Mantecon (Arg)
3rd Dam: Hebes (Arg), by Luxemburgo (Arg)
O-Stud Patero; B-Haras El Chichino (Arg); T-Juan J. Benitez. J-Geronimo Garcia. Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0. **Werk Nick Rating: D. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Puerto Real (Arg)**, 121, c, 2, Pure Prize—Posera (Arg), by Orpen. O-Stud Triunvirato; B-Haras Carampangue (Arg); T-Roberto Bullrich.

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

Margins: HF, 2, 3/4. Odds: 19.20, 1.90, 10.35.
Also Ran: Logrado (Arg), Frost Fire (Arg), El Impoluto (Arg), Ilusion Star (Arg), Indio Araucano (Arg), Single Prince (Arg), El Jarana (Arg), Quiet Brazilian (Arg). **Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. VIDEO.**

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Saturday, Monmouth Park, post time: 4:52 p.m. EDT

RED BANK S.-GIII, $100,000, 3yo/up, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Weekend Express	Any Given Saturday	Sea Gull Capital	Hills	Ferrer	116
2	All Included	Include	Wertheimer and Frere	Pletcher	Castro	123
3	Synchrony	Tapit	Pin Oak Stable	Stidham	Murrill	116
4	Can'thelpbelieving (Ire)	Duke of Marmalade (Ire)	Albert Frassetto	Motion	Gallardo	116
5	Rose Brier	Mizzen Mast	Panic Stable LLC	Hartman	Lopez	116
6	Call First	A.P. Indy	Outta Control Racing Stables	Perri	Ferrer	116
7	Marengo Road	Quality Road	Harry C. & Tom O. Meyerhoff LLC	Trombetta	Pimentel	116
8	Irish Strait	English Channel	Isabelle de Tomaso	Motion	Bocachica	116
9	Special Envoy	Stroll	Mr. & Mrs. Bertram R. Firestone	Delacour	Bravo	116
10	Schoolofhardrocks	Rock Hard Ten	Quiet Winter Farm	Thompson	-	116
11	Encryption	Exchange Rate	Stoneway Farm	Breen	-	116
12	Adirondack King	Lawyer Ron	MarchFore Thoroughbreds	Servis	Juarez	116
13	Just Call Kenny	Jump Start	ABL Stable, Bassone, Cahill & Donnelly	McBurney	Lopez	116

Breeders: 1-Seagull Associates, LLC, 2-Wertheimer Et Frere, 3-Pin Oak Stud, LLC, 4-G. Kelly, Milltownmore & Pinnacle B/S, 5-William M. Backer, 6-Stonerside Stable, 7-Haymarket Farm LLC, 8-Isabelle H. de Tomaso, 9-Mr. & Mrs. Bertram R. Firestone, 10-Mrs. Jerry Amerman, 11-Greenwood Lodge Farm, 12-Stonewall Farm Stallions, 13-Althea Richards

Sunday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 7:00 p.m. EDT

CHARLES WHITTINGHAM S.-GII, $200,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Liam the Charmer	Smart Strike	Mr. & Mrs. W. K. Warren, Jr.	McCarthy	Espinoza	122
2	Ashleyluvssugar	Game Plan	S. Alesia, Bran Jam Stable or Ciaglia Racing, LLC	Eurton	Stevens	124
3	Itsinthepost (Fr)	American Post (GB)	Red Baron's Barn, LLC	Mullins	Baze	126
4	Prince of Arabia	Mineshaft	DP Racing	Cassidy	Gonzalez	122
5	Syntax (Ire)	Haatef	Matthew Schera	D'Amato	Bejarano	122
6	Up With the Birds	Stormy Atlantic	Agave Racing Stable or Sam-Son Farm	D'Amato	Prat	124
7	Frank Conversation	Quality Road	Reddam Racing, LLC	O'Neill	Gutierrez	124
8	Patentar (Fr)	Teofilo (Ire)	Al Homaizi or Al Sagar	Callaghan	Pedroza	122
9	A Red Tie Day	Indygo Shiner	Bloom Racing Stable, LLC	Baltas	Nakatani	122
10	Texas Ryano	Curlin	Warren B. Williamson	Gaines	Talamo	124

Breeders: 1-Ron McAnally & Deborah McAnally, 2-Estate of Alesia, BranJam Stables &Ciaglia Racing, LLC, 3-Julien Leaunes, 4-Eileen H. Hartis, 5-Ringfort Stud, 6-Sam-Son Farm, 7-Marc Keller, 8-Peter Dane Player, 9-Dapple Bloodstock &Gryphon Investments LLC, 10-Williamson Racing, LLC

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Sunday, Woodbine, post time: 4:52 p.m. EDT

MARINE S.-GIII, C$125,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m (AWT)

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Montu	Dialed In	Joseph Deegan, Alfred Pais & James Shenouda	Doyle	Moran	121
2	Conquest Lemonraid	Lemon Drop Kid	Gary Barber	Casse	Husbands	117
3	Megagray	Langfuhr	Gustav Schickedanz	Keogh	Campbell	117
4	Souper Tapit	Tapit	Live Oak Plantation	Casse	Geroux	117
5	Malibu Secret	Malibu Moon	Sam-Son Farm	Pierce	Da Silva	117
6	Channel Maker	English Channel	Joey Gee Thoroughbreds, Wachtel Stable and Gary Barber	Mott	Hernandez	117
7	Minister's Strike	English Channel	Debby M. Oxley	Casse	Boulanger	119

Breeders: 1-Ladyswell Bloodstock LLC, 2-Anderson Farms Ont. Inc., 3-Gustav Schickedanz, 4-Live Oak Stud, 5-Sam-Son Farm, 6-Tall Oaks Farm, 7-Debby Oxley

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2012 Crop Year Report By Earnings

for stallions standing in North America through Wednesday, May 24

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	**Tapit**	11	26	6	16	1	6	108	74	$3,522,800	$13,312,737
	(2001) by Pulpit FYR: 2006 Named Foals: 127 ($300,000)									*Frosted*	
2	**Curlin**	8	15	4	11	3	5	76	60	$2,637,245	$11,902,049
	(2004) by Smart Strike FYR: 2010 Named Foals: 100 ($150,000)									*Keen Ice*	
3	**Pioneerof the Nile**	2	6	1	5	1	2	47	40	$8,650,300	$11,428,624
	(2006) by Empire Maker FYR: 2011 Named Foals: 63 ($110,000)									*American Pharoah*	
4	**Candy Ride (Arg)**	12	20	5	9	--	3	105	81	$662,006	$9,450,069
	(1999) by Ride the Rails FYR: 2006 Named Foals: 143 ($60,000)									*Eagle*	
5	**Munnings**	10	16	5	6	1	3	83	70	$2,354,454	$9,243,573
	(2006) by Speightstown FYR: 2012 Named Foals: 100 ($25,000)									*I'm a Chatterbox*	
6	**Giant's Causeway**	7	15	4	9	2	3	114	72	$1,692,126	$8,944,416
	(1997) by Storm Cat FYR: 2002 Named Foals: 142 ($75,000)									*Take Charge Brandi*	
7	**Malibu Moon**	7	14	2	8	--	4	108	75	$1,370,960	$8,622,364
	(1997) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2001 Named Foals: 144 ($75,000)									*Stanford*	
8	**Ghostzapper**	7	8	5	5	3	3	62	51	$3,719,311	$8,617,099
	(2000) by Awesome Again FYR: 2007 Named Foals: 84 ($75,000)									*Shaman Ghost*	
9	**City Zip**	10	17	5	7	1	4	97	75	$1,184,394	$8,466,822
	(1998) by Carson City FYR: 2003 Named Foals: 109 ($50,000)									*Finest City*	
10	**Quality Road**	5	14	4	8	2	3	92	73	$844,311	$8,388,031
	(2006) by Elusive Quality FYR: 2012 Named Foals: 107 ($35,000)									*Hootenanny*	
11	**Scat Daddy**	11	22	3	6	1	3	99	73	$1,069,655	$8,288,563
	(2004) by Johannesburg FYR: 2009 Named Foals: 119									*Celestine*	
12	**Medaglia d'Oro**	15	19	6	14	1	5	88	54	$994,900	$8,277,758
	(1999) by El Prado (Ire) FYR: 2006 Named Foals: 120 ($150,000)									*Sentiero Italia*	
13	**Bernardini**	7	13	6	9	2	5	90	49	$2,063,000	$8,004,334
	(2003) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2008 Named Foals: 115 ($100,000)									*Cavorting*	
14	**Congrats**	4	13	1	6	--	1	114	84	$520,291	$7,556,156
	(2000) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2008 Named Foals: 150 ($20,000)									*Top Decile*	
15	**Super Saver**	8	14	6	8	3	4	91	68	$1,496,250	$7,380,550
	(2007) by Maria's Mon FYR: 2012 Named Foals: 114 ($50,000)									*Runhappy*	

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1	Orb	F15	KY	$25,000	24	19	$345,368	$315,000
2	Point of Entry	F15	KY	$25,000	13	11	$201,048	$110,000
3	Animal Kingdom	F15	KY	$35,000	21	16	$149,005	$100,000
4	Violence	F15	KY	$15,000	45	40	$139,531	$100,000
5	Justin Phillip	F15	KY	$12,500	14	11	$109,363	$57,000
6	Freedom Child	F15	MD	$3,500	2	2	$107,500	$107,500
7	Jimmy Creed	F15	KY	$12,500	21	17	$100,439	$60,000
8	Flat Out	F15	KY	$10,000	25	19	$98,368	$80,000
9	Morning Line	F15	KY	$10,000	18	13	$95,807	$70,000
10	I Want Revenge	F15	KY	$10,000	3	3	$95,666	$27,000
11	Paynter	F15	KY	$25,000	27	23	$94,978	$50,000
12	Forty Tales	F15	NY	$6,500	5	2	$89,000	$89,000
13	Shanghai Bobby	F15	KY	$20,000	38	29	$84,213	$55,000
14	Overanalyze	F15	KY	$10,000	21	16	$80,312	$47,500
15	Alternation	F15	KY	$7,500	12	8	$78,785	$59,640
16	Data Link	F15	KY	$7,500	20	15	$75,646	$80,000
17	Graydar	F15	KY	$15,000	23	22	$63,713	$35,000
18	Soldat	F15	FL	$5,000	18	15	$60,300	$40,000
19	Fort Larned	F15	KY	$15,000	5	5	$59,300	$35,000
20	Prospective	F15	FL	$5,000	18	15	$54,466	$50,000
21	Corfu	F15	FL	$3,500	3	3	$48,833	$13,000
22	Take Charge Indy	F15	KY	$20,000	23	16	$48,312	$45,000
23	Denman (Aus)	F15	KY	$15,000	1	1	$47,495	$47,495
24	New Year's Day	F15	KY	$12,500	6	6	$47,000	$41,000
25	Turbo Compressor	F15	FL	$3,500	2	2	$46,000	$46,000

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'BULLET' PROVES 'MORE THAN READY' IN 'RISING STAR' PERFORMANCE

Copper Bullet | *Coady*

Copper Bullet was hammered down to 3-2 favoritism for this second go and ran to the money with an ultra-impressive performance to become the second "**TDN Rising Star**" of the day. Away alertly, the $200,000 KEESEP buy seized the early advantage and appeared well within himself as he clocked an opening quarter in :22.47. Lengthening his massive stride further at the top of the stretch, the bay cruised home to an effortless eight-length victory under a motionless Florent Geroux. Sky Promise (Sky Mesa) was the runner-up.

Copper Bullet checked in a respectable second in his career bow at Keeneland Apr. 26, a race in which Sky Promise finished five lengths behind him in third. His dam Allegory (Unbridled's Song), a Joseph Allen homebred, sold to breeder Dell Ridge Farm for $200,000 carrying her first foal by Smart Strike at the 2013 Keeneland November sale and the resulting foal is a now 3-year-old colt named Irish Prospector. A daughter of MSW and MGSP Louve Royale (Ire) (Peintre Celebre), Allegory also has a yearling colt by Verrazano and was bred back to Lemon Drop Kid. Copper Bullet also traces his lineage back to French Highweights Loup Sauvage and Loup Solitaire.

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1st-CD, $42,817, Msw, 5-25, 2yo, 5f, :57.56, ft.
COPPER BULLET (c, 2, More Than Ready--Allegory, by Unbridled's Song) Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, $37,800. **Click for the Equibase.com chart, free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
O-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC & Willis Horton Racing LLC; B-Dell Ridge Farm, LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

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'CHROMA' EARNS RISING STAR FOR SIZZLING DEBUT

Saudi Chroma was the first starter for new owner Amr Zedan's Zedan Racing Stables and she gave the Saudi businessman a great introduction to the Sport of Kings with a dominant debut victory at Santa Anita Thursday to become the lastest "**TDN Rising Star.**" Floating up to 5-2 from 8-5 morning-line favoritism, the chestnut shot out of the gate to dictate terms early, clocking an opening quarter in a swift :2256. Bowling along on a clear lead, the California-bred sped away in the stretch under a hand ride from Victor Espinoza to score a dazzling 3 3/4-length victory. Show It N Moe It (Grace Upon Grace) completed the exacta.

A $42,000 Barretts October yearling, Saudi Chroma summoned $360,000 from bloodstock agent Dennis O'Neill after breezing in a bullet :9 4/5 at the recent Barretts March sale, making her the most expensive progeny sold from the late Lucky Pulpit. Zedan also owns a minority share of Lucky Pulpit's most famous offspring, reigning Horse of the Year California Chrome. Saudi Chroma, who has a yearling half-sister by Lakerville, hails from the family of GI Breeders' Cup Classic hero Concern and GISW Fara's Team.

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NEW TDN RISING STAR

2nd-SA, $67,650, Msw, 5-25, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f, :52.08, ft.
+SAUDI CHROMA (f, 2, Lucky Pulpit--Nine to Five Lady, by Mr. Greeley) Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $42,120. *$14,000 RNA Ylg '16 NCAAUG. Click for the Equibase.com chart, free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O-Zedan Racing Stables; B-Cole Ranch (CA); T-Doug F. O'Neill.

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Thursday's Results:

1st-BEL, $92,500, Msw, 5-25, 2yo, f, 5f (off turf), 1:00.25, sy. **+PRINCESS PEGGY (f, 2, Scat Daddy--Peggy Jane {SP, $102,050}, by Kafwain)**, sent off at 3-1 in this off-the-turf debut, pressed stablemate Girl's Night (Dunkirk) from second through a swift opening quarter in :22.31. Ranging up two wide in the lane, the bay swept past her stablemate in the final furlong and splashed clear to a 5 1/4-length victory. The winner is the first foal out of Peggy Jane, who produced a Super Saver colt in 2016 and an Into Mischief filly earlier this term. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $50,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Stonestreet Stables LLC; B-Grace Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Wesley Ward.

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Privman, McNamara Earn Top Honors in Hirsch Writing Contest:

Daily Racing Form national correspondent Jay Privman and Ed McNamara of New York *Newsday* earned top honors in the New York Racing Association (NYRA)'s eighth annual Joe Hirsch Memorial Writing Contest, recognizing the best print and Internet coverage of the 2016 Belmont S.

Privman was recognized for his post-race article entitled "Creator beats Destin by a nose in Belmont Stakes" which focused on the resurgent Steve Asmussen, who saddled his first winner of the race in the form of Creator (Tapit) and was to be inducted into racing's hall of fame a few months later.

McNamara was recognized for his piece entitled "Addressing Gettysburg and Belmont Stakes conspiracy theories," a story which focused on the decision to transfer Gettysburg (Pioneerof the Nile) to Asmussen from trainer Todd Pletcher and his role in the Belmont as rabbit for Creator and Exaggerator (Curlin), whose breeding rights had been secured by WinStar.

Privman and McNamara, each a previous winner of the Hirsch Contest, will receive their awards Wednesday, June 7 at Rockefeller Center during the official post position draw for this year's Belmont S.

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Thursday's Results:

8th-PIM, $39,900, Alw, 5-25, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:44.78, my.

ZINGER (c, 3, The Factor--Chit Chatter {MSP, $120,945}, by Lost Soldier), a half-brother to fellow Fletcher and Carolyn Gray homebred and three-time Grade I winner I'm a Chatterbox (Munnings, MGISW, $2,354,454), notched his second career win over three rivals here. Allowed to meet the starter after the race was rained off the grass, the gray was sent postward as the 5-2 second choice and secured an ideal spot tracking a pair of sparring pacesetters through fractions of :23.69 and :47.39. Zinger turned up the heat with a three-wide move on the far turn, poked his head in front coming off the bend and found more in the final furlong to score by 5 1/4 lengths over American Road (Quality Road). The homebred graduated at fourth asking over the Fair Grounds turf Jan. 12 and was a respectable fourth in the Feb. 4 Keith Gee Memorial S. He hit the board in two optional claimers in New Orleans before traveling north, where he recently closed fast to complete the exacta in a grassy allowance test at Laurel Apr. 14. The winner has a juvenile half-sister by Flat Out named Beehive Hairdo and a weanling half-brother by Amerian Pharoah. Sales History: $285,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 9-2-4-1, $85,910. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Fletcher & Carolyn Gray (KY); T-J. Larry Jones.

5th-PIM, $40,000, Msw, 5-25, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f, :53.44, my. **SAMMY BE COOL (f, 2, Cool Coal Man--Samantha G, by Macho Uno)** checked in sixth when unveiled over a fast track at Laurel Apr. 29 and was second last time in the slop over this course and distance when dropped in for a $20,000 tag May 11. Quickest away from the stalls, the 7-1 shot maintained a comfortable advantage on the field through an opening quarter in :22.65 and spurted further clear in the lane to graduate by three lengths. Romia (Wilko), sent off at 13-1 after finishing fourth behind Sammy Be Cool last time out, completed the exacta. The winner has a yearling half-sister names J P's Rose (J P's Gusto). Sales history: $3,700 Ylg '16 OBSAUG. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $29,270. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Christopher W. Melton; B-Anthony Calascibetta (FL); T-Anthony Farrior.

INDUSTRY INFO

NYRA to Partner with FOX Sports Prime Ticket & FOX Sports San Diego:

The New York Racing Association, FOX Sports Prime Ticket and FOX Sports San Diego have reached an agreement to broadcast "Saratoga Live" throughout the 2017 meet. Prime ticket will air all 40 scheduled shows, while San Diego will air 30 episodes.

"Fox Sports Prime Ticket and Fox Sports San Diego have long served as the Southern California home of Thoroughbred racing," said Tony Allevato, President of NYRA Bets and Executive Producer for NYRA TV. "That's why NYRA is so pleased to partner with them to greatly expand the reach of NYRA's acclaimed live shows, and provide fans with daily coverage of the best racing in the country from historic Saratoga Race Course."

Prime Ticket will also air seven shows from the Belmont meet, starting with live coverage of the GIII Pennine Ridge S. June 3. San Diego will air three editions of "Belmont Park Live", starting June 24.

"We are very excited to deliver NYRA programming to horse racing fans across the Southern California market," said Henry Ford, senior vice president and general manager, Prime Ticket, FOX Sports San Diego and FOX Sports West. "Both 'Saratoga Live' and 'Belmont Park Live' will be fantastic complements to our professional sports coverage this summer."

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BRETHREN (Distorted Humor), Pleasant Acres Stallions, $6K, 37/0/0
4-GP, Msw 5fT, Minaj, 12-1
DATA LINK (War Front), Claiborne Farm, $7.5K, 99/1/0
2-SA, Msw 4 1/2f, +Derby Ride, $1K BAR OCT yrl, 20-1
JUSTIN PHILLIP (First Samurai), Castleton Lyons, $12.5K, 71/0/0
1-BEL, Msw 5fT, Badaboom, $24K RNA EAS MAY 2yo, 15-1
POWER BROKER (Pulpit), Hill 'N' Dale Farms, $10K, 55/1/0
4-GP, Msw 5fT, +Puputov, $6K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1
VIOLENCE (Medaglia d'Oro), Hill 'N' Dale Farms, $15K, 126/1/1
2-SA, Msw 4 1/2f, +For Him, $30K BAR MAR 2yo, 6-1

Second-crop starters to watch: Friday, May 26

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

ALGORITHMS (Bernardini), Claiborne Farm, $7.5K, 155/29/2
5-PIM, Msw 4 1/2f, +He Hate Me, $90K FTK JUL yrl, 5-2
5-PRM, Msw 1m, Free and Proud, $2K KEE NOV wnl, 6-5
BODEMEISTER (Empire Maker), WinStar Farm, $30K, 262/29/4
2-SA, Msw 4 1/2f, +Pepe Tono, $85K KEE SEP yrl, 15-1
BULLET TRAIN (GB) (Sadler's Wells), Crestwood Farm, $7.5K, 89/6/1
5-PRM, Msw 1m, Traintopalazzo, $20K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1
COUNTRY DAY (Speightstown), Crestwood Farm, $5K, 60/4/0
5-IND, Msw 6f, +Pickmeupasixpack, 15-1
CREATIVE CAUSE (Giant's Causeway), Airdrie Stud, $15K, 174/32/3
2-SA, Msw 4 1/2f, +Cause for Pardon, $17K RNA KEE JAN yrl, 15-1
4-GP, Msw 5fT, Lounge Act, $65K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 4-1
DIALED IN (Mineshaft), Darby Dan Farm, $7.5K, 174/29/5
3-NP, $50K Chariot Chaser H., 6f, Ruffenuff, $75K RNA OBS APR 2yo, 1-5
2-CD, Msw 5f, American Alphabet, $8K KEE SEP yrl, 5-1
8-TDN, Msw 6f, Landline, $2K RNA FTK OCT yrl, 3-1
4-TDN, Msw 1m, King's Reckoning, $42K RNA OBS APR 2yo, 6-1
HANSEN (Tapit), KOR, $12.5K, 129/34/3
8-BEL, Alw 7fT, Platinum Spark, $70K KEE SEP yrl, 5-1
8-BEL, Alw 7fT, Ellie's Honor, $110K OBS APR 2yo, 10-1
2-CBY, Msw 7 1/2fT, Maria, $18K KEE JAN yrl, 4-1
JERSEY TOWN (Speightstown), Darby Dan Farm, $10K, 90/11/0
4-TDN, Msw 1m, Norestforthewicked, 7-2
MACLEAN'S MUSIC (Distorted Humor), Hill 'N' Dale Farms, $6.5K, 149/30/5
2-CD, Msw 5f, Classy Music, $165K KEE SEP yrl, 2-1
2-CD, Msw 5f, +Woman of Love, $9K KEE SEP yrl, 20-1
5-IND, Msw 6f, Vreeland, $50K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 4-1
MISTER DO IT (Songandaprayer), 5/1/0
3-NP, $50K Chariot Chaser H., 6f, Misty Do It, $756 ALB MIX yrl, 12-1
MUSKETIER (GER) (Acatenango {Ger}), Calumet Farm, Pvt., 26/2/0
5-PIM, Msw 4 1/2f, Pachi the Grey, $5K CAN SEP yrl, 15-1
SANGAREE (Awesome Again), R Star Stallions, $1.5K, 29/2/0
5-IND, Msw 6f, I B Starke County, 30-1
SHACKLEFORD (Forestry), Darby Dan Farm, $20K, 208/34/2
4-CD, Msw 6f, Ford'spowerstroke, $22K OKC YRL yrl, 20-1
SKIPSHOT (Skip Away), Considine Farm, $2.5K, 29/6/1
4-GP, Msw 5fT, +Karenina, 15-1
4-GP, Msw 5fT, Arabella Bella, 8-1
THE FACTOR (War Front), Lane's End Farm, $15K, 218/40/5
1-BEL, Msw 5fT, +Morrison, $90K OBS MAR 2yo, 5-1
5-PRM, Msw 1m, Sizzle Factor, $90K OBS MAR 2yo, 6-1

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-BEL, $80,000, (NW2$X)/Opt. Clm ($62,500), 5-25, 3yo/up, f/m, 6fT, 1:10.71, yl.

SEEKING PARADISE (m, 5, Blame--Eden's Storm, by Stormy Atlantic) Lifetime Record: 20-3-6-3, $176,118. O-Double Infinity Ranch; B-Helen T. Andrews & Twin Hopes Farm (KY); T-Joe Sharp. *$95,000 Wlg '12 FTKNOV; $77,000 Ylg '13 FTKJUL; $42,000 RNA 3yo '15 KEENOV.

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1st-SA, $56,345,(NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($40,000), 5-25, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/4mT, 2:02.24, fm.

SPACE CADET (f, 4, U S Ranger--Royal Sky, by Royal Academy) Lifetime Record: 11-3-1-2, $80,850. O-BHMFR, LLC; B-Anita Nesser (KY); T-Richard Baltas.

6th-PIM, $45,585, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($20,000-$25,000), 5-25, 3yo/up, 5f (off turf), :57.47, my.

WHILE YE MAY (g, 4, Pioneerof the Nile--Academy Brass {SP}, by Royal Academy) Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-0, $88,977. O-PTK, LLC; B-Candy Meadows, LLC (KY); T-Jason McCutchen. *$45,000 RNA Ylg '14 KEESEP; $100,000 2yo '15 EASMAY.

3rd-PID, $28,120, 5-24, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m (AWT), 1:37.25, ft.

SEUSS (g, 5, Tale of the Cat--Sweet Monarch {MSW & MGSP, $223,827}, by Wavering Monarch) Lifetime Record: 18-7-1-2, $106,320. O-Louis J. Ulman; B-Grousemont Farm (KY); T-Dale Capuano. *$145,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP; $300,000 2yo '14 OBSMAR.

7th-EVD, $26,080, 5-24, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:18.09, ft.

HEY HEY MISS SUE (f, 4, Due Date--Lucky Sparkles, by Phone Trick) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, $49,180. O/B-Charles G. Breaux (LA); T-Jonah Fuselier.

8th-EVD, $24,360, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($12,500), 5-24, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39.71, ft.

WHAT A REWARD (f, 4, Warrior's Reward--Sankobasi, by Pulpit) Lifetime Record: 12-4-1-2, $65,290. O-Tracy Hersman; B-Flying H Stables (KY); T-Benard Chatters. *$100,000 Ylg '14 FTKOCT.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Beautiful Nite Sky, f, 3, Astrology--Bella Silver, by Silver Deputy. BEL, 5-25, (S), (C), 6f (off turf), 1:15.30. B-Louis P Ferrari (NY). *$23,000 RNA Ylg '15 FTKOCT; $25,000 2yo '16 EASMAY.

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Leah's Dream, f, 3, Astrology--Officer Leah, by Officer. BEL, 5-25, (S), (C), 6f (off turf), 1:11.98. B-Galen Ho'o (NY).

Killybegs Captain, c, 3, Mizzen Mast--Al Maha, by Holy Bull. BEL, 5-25, (C), 6f, 1:12.20. B-H. Allen Poindexter (KY). *$20,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; $75,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR

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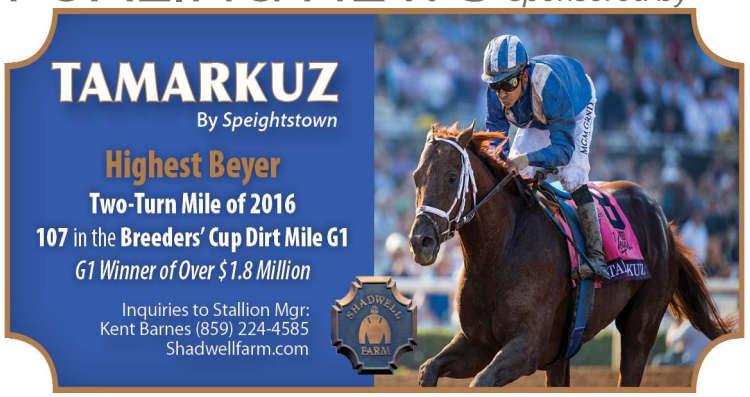

BRATTOTHECORE, 17, Katahaula County--Sweet Leader, by Mr. Leader

Foal born Apr. 4, a filly by Distorted Humor.

Will be bred back to Tiznow.

Owned by Denny Andrews & Taylor Brothers Properties, LLC/

Boarded at Taylor Made.

Accomplishments: MSW of $322,567. Dam of City Style (City Zip), SW-US, MG1SP-UAE, $3,973,735.

SMOKIN AGAIN, 9, Smoke Glacken--Broad Hint, by Broad Brush

Foal born Apr. 4, a filly by Mark Valeski.

Owned by Woodford Thoroughbreds.

Boarded at Woodford Thoroughbreds.

Accomplishments: SW & GSP, $157,920.

FROZEN TREAT, 14, Dynaformer--Pedicure, by Mr. Prospector

Foal born Apr. 5, a filly by Bernardini.

Will be bred back to Nyquist.

Owned by DJ Stable LLC.

Boarded at Taylor Made.

Accomplishments: Dam of Catrageous (Tale of the Cat), SW; Ketel Twist (Dixie Union), GSP, $192,477.

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GORESBRIDGE CLOSES BREEZE-UP SEASON

The Goresbridge sales grounds | *Racing Post*

By Daithi Harvey

A sun-drenched Gowran Park Racecourse was the scene on Thursday as 213 juveniles breezed in front of a large international audience in advance of the auction at neighbouring Goresbridge on Friday. Last year was a record-breaker for the sale as turnover hit a high of €5.2-million and featured a €270,000 sale topper, the highest in the sale's history. This year the catalogue has been condensed slightly, back to 236 from 255 last year, with 24 withdrawals at the time of writing. If trade at the earlier European breeze up sales this season is any indicator, then business should be brisk.

Goresbridge boss Martin Donohoe is hopeful of building on the impressive gains made in recent years and commented, "It looks a good catalogue and we are hoping for the best. Plenty of the right faces seem to be here and given the way trade has been at Doncaster, Tattersalls and Arqana you would have to be optimistic. We have reduced the catalogue slightly since last year just to try and tighten up and to increase the quality so hopefully that will pay off."

Unfortunately among those withdrawn include lot 91 a well-related Lope De Vega (Ire) colt from Baroda & Colbinstown and lot 59, the solitary offering by Medaglia d'Oro.

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FASTNET FILLY TOPS NATIONAL OPENER

The top of the market during the opening session of the Magic Millions National Weanling Sale on the Gold Coast on Thursday was dominated by leading sires, with champion sire Fastnet Rock (Aus) responsible for two of the top five, including the A$525,000 session-topping filly, and champion sire-elect Snitzel (Aus) siring another two of the top five.

The first day's trade resulted in figures that nearly mirrored those returned on the same day last year. With 64 more horses offered this year, 194 were sold for A$10,535,500, compared to 152 sold for A$8,303,000 last year. The clearance rate was down slightly to 79% from 84%, while the median was unchanged at A$30,000 and the average was down just a half-percent at A$54,307. "It's been a very good start to the sale," said Magic Millions Managing Director Vin Cox. "It was a very even, balanced market. You wouldn't say it's been an overheated market and it hasn't been a disappointing market on the other side as well."

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NEW VERSION OF FEDERAL OVERSIGHT LEGISLATION INTRODUCED The Horseracing Integrity Act of 2017 was introduced Thursday at a press conference by Congressmen Andy Barr (R-KY) and Paul Tonko (D-NY). **Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.**

Goresbridge Closes Strong Breeze-Up Season cont. from p1

However, there is still ample quality on offer and one consignor hoping for similar success to last year will be the Ardglas Stables team of Ambrose O'Mullane and Mary Reynolds. The pair sold a filly by Spirit One (Fr) for €66,000 at Goresbridge last year having bought her for €4,000 at Arqana as a yearling. They returned to France last autumn and reinvested in a colt by Broken Vow (Unbridled) that cost €31,000. Offered on Friday as lot 33, the colt is out of the speedy G2 Robert Papin winner New Girlfriend (Ire) (Diesis), who has already bred the six-time winning stakes performer Diaz (Ire) (Azamour {Ire}) from just the one runner.

"The dam was very fast and she has already bred a good horse. This is a big colt that covers a huge amount of ground," said O'Mullane. Ardglas also offer the only lot by Style Vendome (Fr) (Anabaa), whose progeny have been in demand at breeze-up sales this season. Lot 52, a grey filly from the family of Clodovil (Ire) (Danehill), was also the subject of a favourable mention from O'Mullane. "We're very happy with the Style Vendome filly. She breezed well and is also qualified for French Premiums so we hope that will help her stand out. Her sire has made a great start so we are very hopeful."

From a draft of four to sell, the Ardglas team also consign a filly by Camacho (GB) (Danehill) lot 136, and O'Mullane feels this half-sister to five-time winner Beach Bar (Ire) (Azamour {Ire}) could offer a potential purchaser a quick return on investment.

"She clocked a very fast time, she is very precocious and is pretty much ready to go," he said. "Goresbridge has been good to us in the past and we hope that will continue tomorrow."

The vending machine that is Tally-Ho Stud will offer a horse every 10 lots up until lot 210, among them several by their resident stallion Kodiac (GB) (Danehill) who also happens to be one of the 'go-to' stallions at any breeze-up sale. Tally-Ho sold the stakes winner Terror (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) to Qatar Racing for €75,000 at Goresbridge in 2014 and return today with her full-brother catalogued as lot 50. Tally-Ho had the misfortune to lose Society Rock (Ire) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}) around this time last year and the O'Callaghan family's stud offers one of the best-bred colts in the book by him. Lot 110 is a half-brother to G2 Queen Mary S. winner Elletelle (Ire) (Elnadim), who in turn has bred GI Secretariat S. and G1 Cox Plate winner Adelaide (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}).

An innovative feature of last year's sale was a facility implemented by Goresbridge and Irish Thoroughbred Marketing to beam the sale live into the owners and trainers room at Kranji Racecourse in Singapore, where bids could be accepted over the internet. It resulted in five lots being purchased by Singapore-based owners and such was the success of the venture that it has been extended this year to include Macau.

"So far there has been a winner and runner-up from last year's batch that went to Singapore and due to positive feedback we decided to extend the reach to Macau this year," explained Irish Thoroughbred Marketing's Jeremy Greene. "Irish horses have a good strike rate in Singapore and hopefully this will help increase their popularity further."

Selling kicks off in the Goresbridge sales complex at 10:30 a.m. and recordings of all the breezes are available on its website.

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2013	JUST THE JUDGE	Lawman	Charles Hills
2012	SAMITAR	Rock Of Gibraltar	Mick Channon
2011	MISTY FOR ME	Galileo	Aidan O'Brien
2010	BETHRAH	Marju	Dermot Weld
2009	AGAIN	Danehill Dancer	David Wachman
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LYNCHES CHASING BREEZE-UP SUCCESS

By Aisling Crowe

Goresbridge is the setting for Europe's final breeze-up sale of the spring on Friday, and for leading National Hunt jockey Andrew Lynch and his wife Riona, travelling head girl for National Hunt trainer Noel Meade, future flat stars are what matters. Pinhooking yearlings to 2-year-olds is a relatively new venture for the couple that began last year.

"Myself and Riona bought a Foxwedge (Aus) filly at the yearling sales in 2015 and sold her at the Guineas Breeze-Up last year," Lynch explained. "We paid €15,000 for her and had a nice touch with her, selling her for 60,000gns. That got us into it a bit more and we said we would buy a few more yearlings."

One of those turned out to be a colt from the first crop by Tally Ho Stud's much-lamented late sire Society Rock (Ire), although colts weren't supposed to be on the shopping list.

"I was told that the best way to get going is to buy a filly with a page as she will hold her value as such," he said. "When we had the success with her last year, a couple of other people approached us about getting involved in yearlings and I explained to the people getting in with me that they might be better off buying a filly."

Jumps jockey and breeze-up consignor Andrew Lynch | *Racing Post*

Lynch didn't heed the sage words at Tattersalls Ireland's September Yearling Sale in 2016 when he came across the Society Rock colt. A half-brother to two winners from two runners so far produced by his dam Box Of Frogs (Ire) (One Cool Cat), the April foal hails from the family of G2 Lowther S. winner Soar (GB) (Danzero {Aus}).

It was just as well that the Lynches went with their instincts for their own purchase, as the colt turned more than their heads when breezing on the Rowley Mile at the Craven meeting before selling for 130,000gns to Dwayne Woods. Quite the return on the €17,000 the couple paid for him eight months previously.

Lynches cont.

"He was a really athletic colt and I liked him a lot," Lynch said. "We were taking a chance on him but lucky for us he sold well. We had been keeping an eye on Society Rock's early runners and luckily they were going well so it helped."

The Lynches consign under the name of their Kilbrew Stables in County Meath and have entered two horses for Goresbridge, including another by Foxwedge.

"The Foxwedge colt is by a sire we had our first success with last year," Lynch comments on the horse who sells at Goresbridge as lot 11. "We bought this colt for handy enough money and we liked him. He is a different type of horse from that filly and he goes well so hopefully he will sell well."

The colt is the first foal of Lascaux (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), who is out of the listed-winning mare Tora Bora (GB) (Grand Lodge). He was a €1,200 short yearling at Goffs February last year when bought by Coisdeel Bloodstock and later RNA'd for £1,300 at Goffs UK's Autumn Yearling Sale.

That colt will be followed 21 horses later by the other offering from Kilbrew Stables, a daughter of Acclamation (GB) (lot 32) with the black-type pedigree Lynches advisor said was a pre-requisite.

"The filly is by a good sire and has a good page," Lynch explained. "She is a nice filly and moves nicely."

Kilbrew signed for the filly for €14,000 at Goffs's Sportsmans Sale last year and scratched her from the Tattersalls Guineas Sale earlier this month.

Her dam is an unraced Cape Cross (Ire) half-sister to G2 Middle Park S. winner Amadeus Wolf (GB) (Mozart {Ire}) and she has produced one winner from one foal to race.

Gowran's track, the pastoral setting for today's breezes with its cambers, quirks and opportunities, is well-known to Lynch. The horse he won Cheltenham's Arkle and Champion Chases with, Sizing Europe (Ire) (Mandalus {GB}), returned annually to Kilkenny as the blackberries ripened in the hedges around the track and usually announced his health with victory in Gowran's champion chase.

Despite his familiarity and knowledge, Lynch was not in the saddle of his colt and filly during Thursday's breeze show. Riding Champion Chasers is one thing; galloping 2-year-old breezers quite another.

"Rory Cleary normally rides them for us and Mick Hussey too," he explained. "They know the time of day, besides I'm probably a bit too heavy for it."

A broken arm stubbornly took its time to heal, forcing Lynch to miss seven months of the recently concluded National Hunt season. Having the yearlings to tend to made enduring the frustrations of injury more bearable. **Cont. p4**

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"Having the horses gave me something to do while I was out injured and it definitely made it easier for me," Lynch said. "The injury dragged on too long but now, touch wood, everything is fine. Without the yearlings to work with, I would probably have gone mad, sitting at home watching all the winners I could have ridden, but because I was busy it kept my mind occupied."

Kilbrew Stables is also home to some point to pointers, with Lynch not only breaking and pre-training young horses but running them between the flags too. It is a natural fit for a man who has won a score of Grade 1 races at National Hunt racing's biggest, brightest festivals. What is more surprising is how much he has become absorbed by the process of choosing, preparing and selling 2-year-olds for the flat. The business of pedigree research, of watching sires, of working with fast young horses and preparing them to gallop for a couple of furlongs is one which enthuses Lynch.

"I'm definitely getting a kick out of it, I found I just enjoyed doing it," he said. "I like looking at the different pedigrees, it's a huge change from National Hunt racing but it's really enjoyable. I suppose the time is so much shorter than with young jumpers, you're not waiting as long for them to do something. They are running within a year from the time you buy them as yearlings."

A venture that began with a single horse last year could lead them down a new road in the future.

"Both of us really enjoy it and I'm sure that down the line we could expand the operation, but it is all about getting results," Lynch noted. "If we keep getting good results then maybe people will send us more horses or ask us to buy horses for them. It's definitely something I can see us developing."

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ALMANZOR NEARING RETURN

Almanzor (Fr) (Wootton Bassett {GB}), last year's Cartier champion 3-year-old colt, is expected to make his seasonal debut next month. Royal Ascot, however, looks likely to be off the table, with the dark bay likely to get a softer introduction in the G3 Prix la Coupe at Chantilly on June 17.

Almanzor winning the Champion S. | *Racing Post*

Sylvain Vidal, racing manager for owner Ecurie Antonio Caro, said, "[Trainer] Jean-Claude [Rouget] said he is doing very well at the moment. The plan at the moment is to run in the Prix la Coupe at Chantilly on June 17 but I don't think he'll be going to Ascot; it will come too soon. Later in the year the plan is to step him up to 12 furlongs and aim him at the [G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe]." **Cont. p6**

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Almanzor, who has won his last five straight including the G1 Prix du Jockey Club, G1 Qipco Irish Champion S. and G1 Qipco Champion S., was involved in a scare earlier in the year when Rouget's Pau stable in which he resided was the subject of an Equine Herpesvirus outbreak. Two of the 57 horses in the barn died but Almanzor came through with only a fever.

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SO MI DAR STRAIGHT TO ROYAL ASCOT

Lord Lloyd-Webber's accomplished but lightly raced 4-year-old filly **So Mi Dar (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) was once again scratched from her intended seasonal debut on Thursday when she was removed from Sandown's G3 Brigadier Gerard S. due to a "problem with her muscle enzymes," said Simon Marsh, racing manager for Lloyd-Webber. So Mi Dar, a daughter of three-time Group 1 winner Dar Re Mi (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}), was originally slated to start out in last week's G2 Middleton S. before being scratched due to the soft ground. She will now be re-routed straight to Royal Ascot, where she holds entries in the G2 Duke of Cambridge S. and the G1 Prince of Wales's S.

"It's nothing too serious and not a long-term problem at all," said Marsh of the reason for Thursday's scratching. "It's very annoying as we're desperate to get a run into her. She's in very good form and has been working very well, she just needs to run but there's nothing you can do."

"Hopefully we will go to Royal Ascot now," he added. "She's in a couple of races there and there's been no decision on which race she will run in yet."

So Mi Dar has won four of five, including last year's G3 Musidora S. She was third, beaten a half-length, when last seen in the G1 Prix de l'Opera Longines last October.

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MIRAGE DANCER OUT OF DERBY

Juddmonte homebred **Mirage Dancer (GB)** (Frankel {GB}) has been removed from consideration for next Saturday's G1 Investec Derby. The son of dual Grade I winner Heat Haze (GB) (Green Desert) won his lone start at two and was fourth in the Listed Dee S. on May 12 while doing his best work late.

"He is fine and it is not that he has been working badly, but going into the Derby you want all the right bells to be ringing," explained Khalid Abdullah's Racing Manager Teddy Grimthorpe. "He is still a work in progress and we still hope he will be top-class. I think with a horse like this, you have just got to give them a little bit of space to grow up and mature."

"It is not impossible he will go to the King Edward VII at Royal Ascot," Grimthorpe added.

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FLYING START CLASS ANNOUNCED

Godolphin Flying Start has announced its latest intake of trainees that will comprise its 2017 - 2019 programme. The group is made up of 12 individuals from six countries as follows: Philip Antonacci (USA), Alison Brassil (Ireland), Amy Buckley (Ireland), Katelyn Butler (Australia), Liam Elvidge (Ireland), Thomas Harris (UK), Ian Hickey (Ireland), Mackenzie Kirker-Head (USA), William McNeile (UK), Chloe Pitts (UK), Charlotte Rinckenback (France) and Naomi Tukker (Netherlands).

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Thursday, Sandown, Britain

MATCHBOOK VIP HENRY II S.-G3, £65,000, SAN, 5-25, 4yo/up, 16f 50yT, 3:32.67, g/f.

1--**BIG ORANGE (GB), 128, g, 6, by Duke of Marmalade (Ire)**
1st Dam: Miss Brown To You (Ire), by Fasliyev
2nd Dam: Almaaseh (Ire), by Dancing Brave
3rd Dam: Al Bahathri, by Blushing Groom (Fr)
O-W J & T C O Gredley; B-Stetchworth & Middle Park Studs (GB); T-Michael Bell; J-Frankie Dettori. £36,862. Lifetime Record: GSP-UAE & Aus, 23-8-2-2, $1,318,339. **Werk Nick Rating: A+**. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree**.

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2--**Higher Power (GB)**, 128, g, 5, Rip Van Winkle (Ire)--Lady Stardust (GB), by Spinning World. (32,000gns RNA 2yo '14 TATHIT). O/B-Mrs Martin Armstrong (GB); T-James Fanshawe. £13,975.

3--**She Is No Lady (GB)**, 125, m, 5, Lope de Vega (Ire)--Capestar (Ire), by Cape Cross (Ire). O/B-Derek & Judith Newell (GB); T-Ralph Beckett. £6,994.

Margins: 5, 2, 5. Odds: 0.80, 7.00, 8.50.

Also Ran: Vent de Force (GB), Berghain (Ire), Elidor (GB), Quest For More (Ire).

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Big Orange, who successfully defended his 2015 crowns in last year's G2 Princess of Wales's S. and G2 Goodwood Cup, was not disgraced when 10th of 24 in his second stab at Flemington's G1 Melbourne Cup on Nov. 1, and closed 2016 with a third in the Nov. 12 G2 Zipping Classic--while still Down Under--and an 11th in Sha Tin's Dec. 11 G1 Hong Kong Vase. Coming back this term to run fourth in Meydan's Mar. 25 G1 Dubai Gold Cup, he maintained his high level of European form with a decisive score in this marathon test. Adopting a customary pacesetting role from the outset, he enjoyed a cosy lead until stoked up approaching the three-furlong marker and stayed on resolutely under continued urging inside the final quarter mile to provide jockey Frankie Dettori with a record sixth renewal.

"I've ridden him a couple of times and I'm getting to know him now," said Dettori. "We went an even gallop throughout, I picked it up at the top of the straight and I knew it would take a good one to get past me. He's as brave as a lion. I told [trainer] Michael [Bell] if he runs like that in the [June 22 G1] Gold Cup [at Royal Ascot] he'd be in the first three. He'd be racing against better horses, but on that performance he's entitled to be in the Gold Cup. He stays, he likes fast ground and it's very rare you get a wet Royal Ascot. He's been around a while, he wears his heart on his sleeve and that's what racegoers want to see."

Reflecting on the performance after undertaking a globetrotting tour, trainer Michael Bell added, "It's nice to give him a confidence booster as he has had some hard races in the last six months around the world. It is nice to come back here and have the race won a long way out. Hopefully that has teed him up for a good year, the Ascot Gold Cup will be next and let's just hope we get the hot weather. We declared him in the Gold Cup last year, but we took him out because of the rain. He needs summer ground to be at his best, so let's hope for fast ground. He is such a good mover and is an enormous horse with an enormous stride that covers a lot of ground. He has not got that same stride pattern on soft ground."

Frankie Dettori salutes aboard Big Orange | *Racing Post*

Pedigree Notes...

Big Orange, kin to the 2-year-old filly India (GB) (Poet's Voice {GB}), is the sole black-type performer out of a winning half-sister to MG1SW Hong Kong Horse of the Year Military Attack (Ire) (Oratorio {Ire}), MGSW Irish highweight sprinter and sire Almaty (Ire) (Dancing Dissident), and to Listed Severals S. second Salee (Ire) (Caerleon). His dam Miss Brown To You is also a half to the dam of the highly popular Red Cadeaux (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}), who annexed G1 Hong Kong Vase and G2 Yorkshire Cup, and ran second in the G1 Dubai World Cup and G1 Melbourne Cup, the latter race on three occasions. The winner's third dam is G1 Irish 1000 Guineas victress and G1 1000 Guineas runner-up Al Bahathri (Blushing Groom {Fr}), whose family also includes G1 Dubai Duty Free and G1 Premio Vittorio di Capua-winning multiple highweight Gladiatorus (Silic {Fr}). **Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree**.

Thursday, Sandown, Britain

MATCHBOOK BRIGADIER GERARD S.-G3, £65,000, SAN, 5-25, 4yo/up, 9f 209yT, 2:07.10, g/f.

1--**#@AUTOCRATIC (GB), 126, c, 4, by Dubawi (Ire)**
1st Dam: Canda (MSP-Fr), by Storm Cat
2nd Dam: East of the Moon, by Private Account
3rd Dam: Miesque, by Nureyev
O/B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB); T-Sir Michael Stoute; J-Ryan Moore. £36,862. Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-0, $102,125. *1/2 to Evasive (GB) (Elusive Quality), GSW-Eng. **Werk Nick Rating: B+**. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree**.

2--**Algometer (GB)**, 129, c, 4, Archipenko--Albanova (GB), by Alzao. (140,000gns Ylg '14 TATOCT). O/B-Kirsten Rausing (GB); T-David Simcock. £13,975.

3--**Steel of Madrid (Ire)**, 129, c, 4, Lope de Vega (Ire)--Bibury (GB), by Royal Applause (GB). (120,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT). O-Michael Pescod; B-Jeddah Bloodstock (IRE); T-Richard Hannon. £6,994.

Margins: 1 1/4, 1, 1HF. Odds: 8.00, 4.00, 4.00.

Also Ran: Mondialiste (Ire), Red Verdon, Chain of Daisies (GB), Baydar (GB). Scratched: So Mi Dar (GB). **Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton**.

With So Mi Dar (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) missing again, this renewal lost some lustre and it was up to an improver in Autocratic to benefit from a real opportunity at this level. His career has been crafted by the master of patience Sir Michael Stoute, who unsurprisingly holds the record of nine successes in this race, which often acts as a stepping stone for progressive older types like Stagecraft (GB), Opera House (GB), Pilsudski (Ire) and Notnowcato (GB). Taking four starts to break his maiden but doing so over this course and distance on similarly fast ground last June, the bay was kept to handicap company for the remainder of his 3-year-old season and followed a second in a Newmarket handicap at the July meeting with a disappointing 11th at Newbury in September. Bouncing back with a success at York in October, he had shown little when sixth of seven on his return in the G3 Earl of Sefton S. over nine furlongs on Newmarket's Rowley Mile on Apr. 19.

Held up in fifth early by Ryan Moore as Chain of Daisies (GB) (Rail Link {GB}) set the pace, Autocratic was muscled out of a pocket inside the final quarter mile as the Earl of Sefton winner Steel of Madrid threatened up ahead. Reeling in that rival once into the clear, the homebred asserted from 150 yards out as Algometer stayed on strongly on his outer. "He is an impressive-looking horse and we have always had confidence in him, especially Sir Michael Stoute," said Cheveley Park Stud's racing manager Chris Richardson. "Things just didn't go his way last term, but tonight looked an impressive performance and it was a great ride by Ryan Moore. He is a big, burly horse so he would have needed his first run. To be honest, I would have been happy if he had finished in the first three. As a yearling he dislocated his shoulder, as normally we offer all our colts at the sales. He came back and spent time out recovering from the injury. It is great to see a performance like that and it makes him rather exciting now. We were taking it step by step after he disappointed last time."

Pedigree Notes...

Autocratic is a half-brother to the same stable's G3 Horris Hill S.-winning sire Evasive (GB), who was also sixth in the G1 2000 Guineas and fourth in the G1 St James's Palace S. and is doing well from his Haras de Grandcamp base. He hails from the same Niarchos family as Sunday's Listed Coolmore Stud Sprint S. winner Alpha Centauri (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), with his second dam being the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches, G1 Prix de Diane and G1 Prix Jacques le Marois heroine East of the Moon who also threw the G3 Prix d'Arenberg scorer Moon Driver (Mr. Prospector). Canda also has a 2-year-old full-brother to the winner. **Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree**.

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Thursday, Baden-Baden, Germany

39TH BADENER MEILE (POWERED BY DVS DEUTSCHER)-G2, €70,000, BDB, 5-25, 3yo/up, 8fT, 1:36.38, gd.

1--**PALACE PRINCE (GER), 128, h, 5, by Areion (Ger)**
1st Dam: Palace Princess (Ger), by Tiger Hill (Ire)
2nd Dam: Pasca (Ger), by Lagunas (GB)
3rd Dam: Palmas (Ger), by Neckar (Ger)
O/B-Gestut Hony-Hof (GER); T-Jean-Pierre Carvalho; J-Filip Minarik. €40,000. Lifetime Record: SW-Fr & G1SP-Ger, 18-5-2-1, €284,350. **Werk Nick Rating: D+**. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree**.

2--**Degas (Ger)**, 128, c, 4, Exceed and Excel (Aus)--Diatribe (GB), by Tertullian. (€100,000 Ylg '14 BBAGS). O/B-Gestut Rottgen (GER); T-Markus Klug. €15,500.

3--**Wonnemond (Ger)**, 128, g, 4, Areion (Ger)--Windaja (Ger), by Surako (Ger). (€9,000 Ylg '14 BBAGO). O-Stall Frohnbach; B-Klaus-Henning Schmoock (GER); T-Sascha Smrczek. €8,000.

Margins: 1, HD, 3/4. Odds: 6.50, 5.80, 1.30.

Also Ran: Diplomat (Ger), A Raving Beauty (Ger), El Loco (Ger).

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Runner-up in the G1 Deutsches Derby two years ago, Palace Prince completed his metamorphosis to pattern-race miler here with a third success at this level. Those wins came over 10 furlongs in the G3 Grosser Preis der Sparkasse Krefeld in August 2015 and the G3 Baden-Wurttemberg-Trophy in October, but after two fifth placings at that distance in the G3 Prix Exbury at Saint-Cloud on Mar. 19 and G2 Prix d'Harcourt at Chantilly on Apr. 9, Jean-Pierre Carvalho opted to bring him back in trip. Fourth in the Listed Fruhjars-Meile at Cologne on May 7, the bay was sent up to race in second early and took early command in the straight. Chased hard by Degas to the line, he held that rival at bay as Wonnemond also closed in.

Pedigree Notes...

The dam, Palace Princess, is a half-sister to the group-winning Big Shuffle sires Peppershot (Ger) and Peppercorn (Ger) and their highweight full-brother Pepperstorm (Ger). From the family of the G2 Preis der Diana (German Oaks) heroine Padang (Ger) (Ile de Bourbon), she has a 2-year-old filly by Jukebox Jury (Ire) named Princess Zoe (Ger) and a yearling filly by Areion (Ger) to come. **Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree**.

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NEW TDN RISING STAR

1st-GOO, £10,000, Cond, 5-25, 2yo, 6fT, 1:11.32, gd.

+MASAR (IRE), c, 2, by New Approach (Ire)
1st Dam: Khawlah (Ire) (Hwt. 3yo-UAE at 7-9 1/2f, MGSW-UAE & GSP-Eng, $1,366,175), by Cape Cross (Ire)
2nd Dam: Villarrica, by Selkirk
3rd Dam: Melikah (Ire), by Lammtarra

The second foal and first to race out of the G2 UAE Derby heroine Khawlah, Masar was sent off the 5-2 favourite but William Buick was in no hurry and allowed him to languish in rear early. Needing a run passing the quarter pole, the homebred found a gap between rivals in time to collar Invincible Army (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), a son of the G1 Falmouth S. scorer Rajeem (GB) (Diktat {GB}), in the final yards and register a cosy short-head success. Assistant trainer James Ferguson said, "He did it the right way, as he learnt a lot during the race. As you can see by his breeding and the way he won, he wants further. William Buick said he was very happy with him. To be honest, with a horse like that, you would look at Royal Ascot. He is qualified to run in the [Listed] Chesham [S. June 24] and if we are going to send him there, that would be the one to go for. We do like him and I think he has got a lot of class." **Cont. p10**

New 'TDN Rising Star' Masar | *racingfotos.com*

Masar cont.

Khawlah proved herself a class act in Dubai, winning the G3 UAE Oaks with such ease she was allowed to take on the colts in the Derby and duly headed off the talented pair of Master of Hounds (Kingmambo) and Mahbooba (Aus) (Galileo {Ire}). Very disappointing on turf thereafter, her first foal arrived in 2014 but the filly Tomouh (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) has yet to make an appearance, while she has a yearling colt by Shamardal. Her half-brother Vancouverite (GB) (Dansili {GB}) proved another smart performer in these silks, winning the G2 Prix Guillaume d'Ornano and finishing runner-up in the G1 Jebel Hatta and they are out of the Listed Pretty Polly S. scorer Melikah who was placed in both the G1 English and Irish Oaks. Out of Urban Sea (Miswaki), she is the dam of three significant runners in the royal blue in recent times in Masterstroke (Monsun {Ger}), successful in the G2 Grand Prix de Deauville and third in the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, the G2 Lonsdale Cup third Hidden Gold (Ire) (Shamardal) and Moonlight Magic (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}) who captured the G3 Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial and was third in the G2 Prix Daniel Wildenstein. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $8,392. **Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Charlie Appleby.

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Friday, Goodwood, post time: 3.45 p.m.

EBF STALLIONS COCKED HAT S.-Listed, £40,000, 3yo, c/g, 11f 44yT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	3	Khalidi (GB)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Dettori	Gosden
2	1	Fierce Impact (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Murphy	Simcock
3	4	Monarchs Glen (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Tart	Gosden
4	5	Raheen House (Ire)	Sea the Stars (Ire)	Spencer	Meehan
5	2	Shymkent (GB)	Pivotal (GB)	Bentley	O'Meara
6	6	The Grand Visir (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Cosgrave	Haggas

All carry 126 pounds bar Khalidi, 129.

Thursday's Results:

MARKEL HEIGHT OF FASHION S.-Listed, £40,000, GOO, 5-25, 3yo, f, 9f 197yT, 2:06.40, gd.

1--**#MORI (GB), 126, f, 3, by Frankel (GB)**
1st Dam: Midday (GB) (Hwt. Older Mare-Eng at 9 1/2-11f & 11-14f, MG1SW-Eng, G1W-US & Fr, MG1SP-Ire, $3,438,502), by Oasis Dream (GB)
2nd Dam: Midsummer (GB), by Kingmambo
3rd Dam: Modena, by Roberto
O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-Sir Michael Stoute; J-Ryan Moore. £23,680. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, $37,389. *1/2 to Midterm (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), GSW-Eng & GSP-Fr, $117,202.

2--**Coconut Creme (GB)**, 126, f, 3, Cape Cross (Ire)--Soft Centre (GB), by Zafonic. O-Normandie Stud Ltd. £8,956.

3--**Indian Blessing (GB)**, 126, f, 3, Sepoy (Aus)--Alpen Glen (GB), by Halling. (€95,000 Ylg '15 ARAUG; €170,000 2yo '16 ARQMAY). O-Mr P K Siu. £4,476.

Margins: 1 3/4, NK, HF. Odds: 1.85, 7.00, 16.00.

Also Ran: Elas Ruby (GB), Gakku (GB), Falcon Cliffs (Ire), Icespire (GB). **Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

Following an encouraging debut fifth behind Gracious Diana (GB) (Foxwedge {Aus}) over 10 furlongs at Newbury on Apr. 21 with a maiden win at that trip at Ascot on May 12, Mori took another step up the ladder at this track at which her dam excelled when winning three renewals of the G1 Nassau S. Taking a tow from Coconut Creme early, the bay began to assert her superiority over that rival passing the quarter pole and stayed on to book a ticket to Royal Ascot. "She is bred to win at Goodwood, as her father won two Sussex S. and her mother won three Nassaus," Juddmonte's racing manager Teddy Grimthorpe commented. "If we were ever to breed a winner for Goodwood, this is the one. When she won at Ascot, she was doing her best work in the last furlong and really today it was pretty much the same thing. I think all being well we will head to Royal Ascot for the [G2] Ribblesdale [S. on June 22] and take it from there. On that, you'd be pretty confident she'd have no problems getting a mile and a half. She was green first time out at Newbury, and it was a learning curve at Ascot, but she was quite professional today. She was really well balanced and relaxed."

Mori (Frankel–Midday) | *Racing Post*

Mori cont.

Midday was one of the late Sir Henry Cecil's great stories during the late section of his training career, as although she was overshadowed by Frankel's incredible run of barnstorming successes during her last season in 2011 she was a consistent siphon of Group 1 glory. Alongside her three Nassaus, she also took the G1 Yorkshire Oaks, G1 Prix Vermeille and GI Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf and it is interesting that her first two foals have won black-type. Days after her G3 Sandown Classic Trial-winning half-brother Midterm proved a touch disappointing in the G3 Aston Park S., Mori smoothed out that bump in the road for her dam here. As Midday's half-brother Midsummer Sun (GB) (Monsun {Ger}) stayed at least a mile and a half and her more speedily-bred half-sister Hot Snap (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) was third in the Nassau herself, there is every chance that Mori will stay at least 12 furlongs with the most recent evidence of the Frankels being that they are seeing out middle distances well. This is also the family of the G1 Epsom Oaks heroine Reams of Verse (Nureyev). Midday's 2-year-old colt and yearling filly are also by Frankel with the former named Midi (GB), while her foal is a full to Midterm.

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MATCHBOOK TRADERS CONFERENCE HERON S.-Listed, £37,000, SAN, 5-25, 3yo, 8fT, 1:42.61, g/f.

1--**#KHAFOO SHEMEMI (IRE), 126, c, 3, by Dark Angel (Ire)**
1st Dam: Appleblossom Pearl (Ire), by Peintre Celebre
2nd Dam: Sharakawa (Ire), by Darshaan (GB)
3rd Dam: Sharaya, by Youth
(€70,000 Wlg '14 GOFNOV; 80,000gns Ylg '15 TAOCT). O-Saeed Suhail; B-Mrs M McWey (IRE); T-Richard Hannon; J-Ryan Moore. £20,983. Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-1, $52,121.

2--**Escobar (Ire)**, 126, c, 3, Famous Name (GB)--Saying Grace (Ire), by Brief Truce. (€105,000 Wlg '14 GOFNOV; €280,000 Ylg '15 GOFORB). O-Carmichael Jennings. £7,955.

3--**Zainhom**, 126, c, 3, Street Cry (Ire)--Kaseema, by Storm Cat. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum. £3,981.

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Margins: NK, 2 1/4, 3/4. Odds: 5.00, 5.50, 0.80.
Also Ran: Law and Order (Ire), Rodaini, Baileys Showgirl (Fr).
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Fourth on his first try at this level at two in the Listed Doncaster S. over six furlongs in October, Khafoo Shememi returned to beat the useful Executive Force (GB) (Sepoy {Aus}) convincingly in a mile conditions event on Kempton's Polytrack on Apr. 15 before finishing fifth as the topweight in a seven-furlong handicap at Ascot on May 12. Taken straight to the lead by Ryan Moore, he shrugged off challengers inside the final quarter mile and despite being joined by Escobar near the line dug out a bit extra to prevail. The dam, who also has a 2-year-old filly by Canford Cliffs (Ire), is a half to the MGSP Rabi (Ire) (Alzao) descended from the G1 Prix Vermeille heroine Sharaya.

FIRST STAKES WINNER FOR SIRE

BETTER ODDS WITH MATCHBOOK NATIONAL S.-Listed, £26,000, SAN, 5-25, 2yo, 5f 10yT, :59.93, g/f.

1--**#HAVANA GREY (GB), 129, c, 2, by Havana Gold (Ire)**
1st Dam: Blanc de Chine (Ire), by Dark Angel (Ire)
2nd Dam: Nullarbor (GB), by Green Desert
3rd Dam: Bloudan, by Damascus
(42,000gns Wlg '15 TATFOA; €70,000 Ylg '16 ARAUG). O-Global Racing Club & Mrs E Burke; B-Mickley Stud & Lady Lonsdale (GB); T-Karl Burke; J-P J McDonald. £14,745. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, $24,562.

2--**Frozen Angel (Ire)**, 129, c, 2, Dark Angel (Ire)--Cut No Ice (Ire), by Verglas (Ire). (£165,000 Ylg '16 GOUKPR). O-Cleverley, Dance, Mound, Owen. £5,590.

3--**Haddaf (Ire)**, 129, c, 2, Dawn Approach (Ire)--Deveron, by Cozzene. (85,000gns Ylg '16 TATOCT). O-Saif Ali. £2,798.

Margins: 1, NK, 1HF. Odds: 5.00, 1.75, 10.00.
Also Ran: Sound and Silence (GB), Chagatai (Ire).

Havana Grey | *Racing Post*

Havana Grey, who was an Apr. 22 debut second going five panels at Nottingham, broke through over the same trip at Ayr last time and continued on the upgrade with a career high in this black-type bow. Making full use of his rail draw to assert for the lead after a mainly level break, he held sway throughout and kept on strongly under late urging to comfortably hold the late bids of Frozen Angel and Haddaf.

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Havana Grey cont.

"He's progressing nicely, which a lot of Karl [Burke]'s horses do, and I think he will improve again," said winning rider P J McDonald. "I'd love to think it's [Royal] Ascot next, but that's up to Karl and the owners. It would be hard not to go to there with him, whether that be at five or six furlongs. Before today I'd have thought six, but now I'm not so sure. He showed plenty of early boot there."

Havana Grey, full-brother to a yearling colt, is the first stakes scorer for his Tweenhills Stud-based freshman sire (by Teofilo {Ire}) and was produced by a winning half-sister to G3 Molecomb S. runner-up Fast Act (Ire) (Fast Company {Ire}). He hails from a family which includes G1 Irish 1000 Guineas victress and G1 1000 Guineas runner-up Al Bahathri (Blushing Groom {Fr}), herself the dam of five black-type performers headed by G1 2000 Guineas-winning sire Haafhd (GB) (Alhaarth {Ire}) and G1 Coronation S. runner-up Hasbah (Ire) (Kris {GB}). **Click for the Racing Post result**. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton**.

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1st-CAB, £4,500, Cond, 5-25, 2yo, f, 5fT, :58.54, g/f.
TIME TRAIL (GB) (f, 2, Swiss Spirit {GB}--Starbeck {Ire} {SP-Eng}, by Spectrum {Ire}), sent off the 7-4 favourite to defy a four-pound penalty for her debut win at Beverley on May 1, soon had the lead. Pressed late on by Lady Anjorica (Ire) (Camacho {GB}), the £38,000 GOUKPR yearling was in front when the photo was taken and had a head to spare. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $7,128. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton**.
O-Mr M. J. K. Dods; B-Mr Kevin Daniel Crabb (GB); T-Michael Dods.

2nd-CAB, £4,500, Cond, 5-25, 2yo, f, 5fT, :57.91, g/f.
+REBEL ASSAULT (IRE) (f, 2, Excelebration {Ire}--Naomh Geileis, by Grand Slam) was alert from the break and quickly held the advantage. Stretching clear from the two-furlong pole, the 5-2 favourite hit the line strong with an eight-length margin over Magic Applause (Ire) (Zebedee {GB}). The winner is a half-sister to the listed-placed Assault On Rome (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) out of a relative of the G1 Eclipse S., G1 Irish Champion S. and G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere-winning sire Oratorio (Ire). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $3,776. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton**.
O-Mrs Christine E Budden & Partners; B-Christine E. Budden & Partners (IRE); T-M Johnston.

3rd-CHD, £12,500, Mdn, 5-25, 3yo/up, 8f (AWT), 1:39.24, st.
ARCHETYPE (FR) (c, 3, Le Havre {Ire}--Angel Rose {Ire}, by Definite Article {GB}), an Apr. 22 debut fourth going one mile on the Newbury lawn last time, was a shade keen trapped wide and found a handy slot under cover in third after the initial strides of this synthetic bow. Shoved along rounding the home turn, the 9-2 chance came under a drive inside the two pole and was all out in the closing stages to deny Cool Team (Ire) (Tamayuz {GB}) by a short head on the line. The €60,000 ARQMAY breezer is a half-brother to G3 Sweet Solera S. placegetter Kay Es Jay (Fr) (Xaar {GB}) and a yearling filly by Rajsaman (Fr), from a family which includes MGSW sire and G1 Prix Lupin runner-up Arokar (Fr) (Akarad {Fr}). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $10,983. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton**.
O-Highclere Thoroughbred Racing (Wordsworth); B-Ecurie du Grand Chene (FR); T-Simon Crisford.

6th-GOO, £7,000, Mdn, 5-25, 3yo, f, 9f 197yT, 2:08.94, gd.
(DH) APPHIA (IRE) (f, 3, High Chaparral {Ire}--Mixed Blessing {GB} {GSW-Eng}, by Lujain) Sales history: 100,000gns Ylg '15 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, $8,358. O-The Mixed Blessing Partnership; B-Lynch Bages, Camas Park & Brittas House (IRE); T-Hugo Palmer.
(DH) HADEEQA (IRE) (f, 3, Cape Cross {Ire}--Khulood {GSW-Eng}, by Storm Cat) Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, $6,174. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Estate Company Limited (IRE); T-Simon Crisford. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton**.

Apphia, who was a short-head second to the subsequent G3 Musidora S. third Serenada (GB) (Azamour {Ire}) on debut over 10 furlongs at Sandown on Apr. 28, stalked the pace closely as Hadeeqa, who was last seen finishing eighth after a troubled trip in a mile maiden at Newmarket on Apr. 19, waited towards the rear. After Apphia was committed with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining, Hadeeqa was delivered wide and they hit the line in unison. Both are by talented dams, with Apphia's being the G3 Princess Margaret S. scorer Mixed Blessing whose son Century (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) was twice group-placed in Australia as Our Century, Hwt. 3yo-Ire at 14f+, MGSP-Aus & SP-Eng, $167,684. She has a yearling colt by No Nay Never. Khulood was successful in the G3 Nell Gwyn S. and Listed Oh So Sharp S. over seven furlongs and is a daughter of the prolific producer Elle Seule (Exclusive Native) also responsible for Elnadim and Mehthaaf (Nureyev) descending from Fall Aspen. Her best so far is Adool (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}), winner of the Listed Hurry Harriet S. who was also third in the G3 Meld S., while she has a 2-year-old colt also by Teofilo named Mutaabeq (Ire) and a yearling colt by Cape Cross (Ire).

4th-CHD, £12,500, Hcp, 5-25, 3yo, 10f (AWT), 2:06.97, st.
MELTING DEW (GB) (c, 3, Cacique {Ire}--Winter Sunrise {GB}, by Pivotal {GB}) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, $14,692. O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-Sir Michael Stoute.
*1/2 to Winsili (GB) (Dansili {GB}), G1SW-Eng, $229,599.

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2.55 Haydock, Cond, £7,100, 2yo, 6fT
Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum's **MUTAKATIF (IRE) (Acclamation {GB})**, a Charles Hills trainee, is a full-brother to 2011 G2 Richmond S. winner and Tweenhills Stud-based sire Harbour Watch (Ire), and a half to dual South African Grade 1 victress Europa Point (Ire) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}). Rivals to the €600,000 GOFORB yearling include The Queen's fellow firster **Learn by Heart (GB) (Frankel {GB})**, representing the William Haggas stable, who is kin to the 2015 G3 Acomb S. scorer Recorder (GB) (Galileo {Ire}).

6.00 Leopardstown, Mdn, €17,500, 2yo, 7fT
ROSTROPOVICH (IRE) (Frankel {GB}) is one of a trio of high-profile Ballydoyle newcomers to appear in the race the stable won with subsequent Group 1 winners Alfred Nobel (Ire) and War Command and last year with the G2 Vintage S. scorer War Decree (War Front). The 1.1-million gns TATOCT half-brother to the operation's G1 Phoenix S.-winning sire Zoffany (Ire) is joined by **Berkeley Square (Ire) (Galileo {Ire})**, a son of their G1 1000 Guineas heroine Homecoming Queen (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) and **Coat of Arms (Ire) (Galileo {Ire})**, a full-brother to last year's G1 Irish and Yorkshire Oaks winner Seventh Heaven (Ire) and half to the G1 Middle Park S. hero Crusade (Mr. Greeley).

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HIGHFLYER STRONG AT GOFFS UK CLOSER

Highflyer Bloodstock was prominent on the second and final day of the Goffs UK Spring Horses-in-Training and Point-to-Point sale on Thursday, springing for both lots to make six figures. The session was topped by lot 704, the 5-year-old gelding **Indian Hawk (Ire)** (Westerner {GB}) that Highflyer purchased for £110,000. Indian Hawk is a point to pointer that was placed on debut and won since the catalogue was published.

Next on Highflyer's list was **The Bottom Bar (Ire)** (Stowaway {GB}) (lot 692), another 5-year-old gelding picked up for £100,000. The Bottom Bar beat just one home on debut last October but finished second in a National Hunt open flat race at Market Rasen since the catalogue was published.

Over the two days, 327 lots were sold for £6,233,200, at an average of £19,062 and a median of £10,000.

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SEAMUS/ROSEMARY McGRATH MEMORIAL SAVAL BEG S.-Listed, €50,000, 4yo/up, 14fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	1	Order of St George (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Moore	A O'Brien
2	2	Twilight Payment (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Manning	Bolger
3	5	Carbon Dating (Ire)	The Carbon Unit	Hayes	Shanahan
4	3	Motherland (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	D O'Brien	J O'Brien
5	4	Stars Over The Sea	Sea the Stars (Ire)	Lordan	de Bromhead

All carry 131 pounds bar Order of St George, 138, & Twilight Payment, 134.

Order of St George makes his way back to Royal Ascot for the G1 Gold Cup in the race he used as a warm-up 12 months ago. Second on his return in the G3 Vintage Crop S. at Navan on Apr. 23, the bay is re-opposed by that race's third **Twilight Payment**, while the unexposed **Motherland** gets seven pounds from the Ballydoyle star and showed enough when winning a Galway handicap by 17 lengths in July to suggest he could take a hand.

Thursday's Results:
1st-TIP, €15,000, Mdn, 5-25, 2yo, 5fT, 1:00.16, g/f.
MURILLO (c, 2, Scat Daddy--Mostaqeleh {GSP-Fr}, by Rahy), a $500,000 KEENOV foal, was last of six on debut in a Curragh maiden on May 13 and raced behind the leading trio early. Taking on the market-leader Wolfofbaggotstreet (Ire) (Equiano {Fr}) approaching the final furlong, the 7-4 second favourite got the better of that rival with 150 yards remaining en route to an authoritative three-length success. "I thought he was a danger to my horse [U S Navy Flag, who was third] going to The Curragh the last day, but they ran green and Ana [O'Brien] said he ran better than where he finished," jockey Seamie Heffernan told *Irish-racing.com*. "I didn't have to give him a belt--he was another one I didn't have to give a belt to. He is a big scopey lad and I'd say he'll be heading to Ascot. He showed us a little bit at home and to be honest he ran so bad at The Curragh, it just wasn't his run but he did it well today." The dam was runner-up in the G2 Prix de Sandringham for the John Dunlop stable and is a half-sister to the G3 Greenham S.-winning sire Muqbil and also to the dam of the G3 Fred Darling S. scorer Muthabara (Ire) (Red Ransom). Also from the family of the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. and G1 St. James's Palace S. hero Bahri and fellow sire Bahhare, she has already produced Nawwaar (Distorted Humor), MSW-UAE, $329,197, and Raagheb (Street Cry {Ire}), MSP-US, $206,699. After Murillo, she has a colt foal by The Factor. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $10,367. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton**.
O-Derrick Smith & Mrs John Magnier & Michael Tabor; B-Lynch Bages LTD (KY); T-Aidan O'Brien.

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3rd-TIP, €14,500, Mdn, 5-25, 3yo, 12f 110yT, 2:42.78, g/f. **WISCONSIN (JPN) (c, 3, Deep Impact {Jpn}--Peeping Fawn {Hwt. 3yo Filly-Ire at 11-13f, Hwt. 3yo Filly-Ire at 9 1/2-10 1/2f, MG1SW-Eng & Ire, $1,387,274}, by Danehill)**, runner-up over 10 furlongs on debut 12 days previously at The Curragh, tracked the clear leader in second. Driven to lead with two furlongs remaining, the 4-9 favourite was ultimately the comfortable winner by 3/4 of a length from Steel Prince (Ire) (Nathaniel {Ire}), a half-brother to the GI Canadian International heroine Sarah Lynx (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}). "He stays very well and learned plenty from his first run. He keeps galloping and is very genuine," jockey Ana O'Brien told *Irish-racing.com*. "He got a lovely lead, we went a nice gallop and I think he'll progress and even stay further in time. I know he has an entry in Ascot. Whether he goes there or not or even has a run in between, I don't know. We'll see what happens." The dam rattled off four straight Group 1 wins following her narrow defeat by Light Shift (Kingmambo) in the 2007 G1 Epsom Oaks, including in the Irish equivalent. Her second foal was the G2 Coventry S. third Sir John Hawkins (Henrythenavigator), while she has a 2-year-old full-sister to this winner named September (Ire) and a yearling colt by Australia (GB). Her dam Maryinsky (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) was second in the G1 Fillies' Mile and also produced the G1 Criterium International-winning sire Thewayyouare and the unbeaten 3-year-old filly Crimson Rock (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), a $1-million Keeneland September graduate. This is the dynasty of the GI Kentucky Oaks heroine Blush with Pride (Blushing Groom {Fr}), whose descendants include Better than Honour (Deputy Minister) and her Rags To Riches, Casino Drive and Jazil. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, $12,725. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton**. O-Derrick Smith & Mrs John Magnier & Michael Tabor; T-Aidan O'Brien.

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Thursday's Results:

COUPE DE TROIS ANS-Listed, €55,000, LYN, 5-25, 3yo, 12fT, 2:31.86, gd.

1--**#GALIPAD (GB), 126, c, 3, by Galileo (Ire)**
1st Dam: Never Green (Ire) (SW-Fr), by Halling
2nd Dam: Brooklyn's Dance (Fr), by Shirley Heights (GB)
3rd Dam: Vallee Dansante, by Lyphard
O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (GB); T-Andre Fabre; J-Maxime Guyon. €27,500. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, €44,850.

2--**Parker's Way (Ire)**, 126, c, 3, Pivotal (GB)--Irish Flower (Ire), by Zieten. (80,000gns RNA Ylg '15 TAOCT). O-Adolf Schneider. €11,000.

3--**Tres Belle (Ire)**, 123, f, 3, Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)--Mirabile Dictu (Ire), by King's Best. O-Trevor C Stewart. €8,750.

Margins: 1 1/4, SNK, 1 1/4. Odds: 3.70, 7.40, 3.70.
Also Ran: Somewhere In Time (Fr), One One One (Fr), Sanabad (Fr).

Galipad, who was an Oct. 14 first-up fifth going one mile at Maisons-Laffitte in his sole juvenile start, broke through when upped to 10 1/2 furlongs at Argentan in his Apr. 5 sophomore bow and lined up here coming back off a close-up fourth, again tackling 10 1/2 panels, in Chantilly's Apr. 5 G3 Prix Noailles. The homebred bay was positioned third behind the clear leader One One One (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}) for most of this test. Coming under pressure to close off the home turn, he arrived on the front end with 350 metres remaining and was ridden out in the closing stages to assert superiority for a career high.

Galipad becomes the first black-type winner out of Listed Prix Occitanie victress Never Green (Ire) (Halling), who is a daughter of G3 Prix Cleopatre winner Brooklyn's Dance (Fr) (Shirley Heights {GB}), who in turn produced seven black-type performers headed by G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe heroine Solemia (Ire) (Poliglote {GB}), MGSW G1 Prix du Jockey Club runner-up Prospect Park (GB) (Sadler's Wells) and G2 Prix Greffulhe-winning G1 Grand Prix de Paris second Prospect Wells (Fr) (Sadler's Wells). Brooklyn's Dance is also the third dam of MG1SW European highweight The Gurkha (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and MG1SW French highweight Silasol (Ire) (Monsun {Ger}). **Click for the Racing Post result**. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton**.

7th-LYN, €22,000, Mdn, 5-25, 3yo, f, 11fT, 2:20.44, gd. **STRATHSPEY (GB) (f, 3, New Approach {Ire}--Perfect Note {GB}, by Shamardal)**, who hit the board going 10 furlongs at Maisons-Laffitte on debut last time on May 6, recovered from a slumbering start to track the pace in fifth for most of this one. Nudged along rounding the home turn, the 21-10 chalk came under increased pressure to challenge with 300 metres remaining and was driven out from there to prevail by a neck from Piquiri (Fr) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}). The homebred bay is the second scorer out of Perfect Note (GB) (Shamardal) following her full-sister and three-time stakes placegetter Romance Story (Ire). She is also kin to the 2-year-old filly Demisharp (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) and a yearling colt by Teofilo (Ire). Perfect Note is herself a winning daughter of G1 Prix Vermeille-winning British highweight Mezzo Soprano (Darshaan {GB}), who also produced G3 Prix du Lys victor Claremont (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), and is from a family which also includes sires Singspiel (Ire), Rahy, Rakeen and Campanologist. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, €15,200. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton**.
O-Godolphin SNC; B-Darley (GB); T-Andre Fabre.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Berdibek (Fr), g, 3, **Dark Angel (Ire)**--Beraviyna (Ire), by Zamindar. LYN, 5-25, 11fT, 2:20.30. B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (FR).

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Thursday's Results:

PREIS DER BADEN-BADENER HOTELLERIE & GASTRONOMIE-Listed, €25,000, BDB, 5-25, 4yo/up, f/m, 11fT, 2:13.51, gd.

1--**SARANDIA (GER), 128, f, 4, Dansili (GB)--Salontasche (Ger), by Dashing Blade (GB)**. O/B-Stiftung Gestut Fahrhof; T-Peter Schiergen; J-Andrasch Starke. €14,000. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Ger, 10-4-1-0, €140,300. *1/2 to Saphir (Ger) (Black Sam Bellamy {Ire}), GSW-Ger; Saint Pellerin (Ger) (Konigstiger {Ger}), SW & GSP-Fr, $300,836; and Salontanzerin (Ger) (Black Sam Bellamy {Ire}), SP-Fr & Ger.

2--**Fosun (Ger)**, 125, f, 4, Soldier Hollow (GB)--Flamingo Sky, by Silver Hawk. (€70,000 Ylg '14 BBAGS) O-Horst Pudwill. €6,500.

3--**Erica (Ger)**, 125, f, 4, Mamool (Ire)--Ericarrow (Ire), by Bollin Eric (GB). (€20,000 RNA Ylg '14 BBAGO). O-Frau Gabriele Inge Gaul. €3,000.

Margins: 2HF, HD, 1. Odds: 2.50, 7.80, 18.00. **Click for the Racing Post result**.

GROSSER PREIS DER SPARKASSE DORTMUND-Listed, €25,000, DOR, 5-25, 4yo/up, f/m, 8fT, 1:36.71, gd.

1--**#PRINCESS GIBRALTAR (FR), 125, f, 4, Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)–Princess Sofia (UAE), by Pennekamp**. (€200,000 Ylg '14 ARAUG). O-Mme Stella Thayer, Leverett S Miller & Mme Linda Miller; B-Jean-Francois Gribomont (FR); T-Nicolas Clement; J-Sebastien Maillot. €14,000. Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 8-3-0-1, €54,100. *Full to Prince Gibraltar (Fr), G1SW-Fr & Ger, GSP-Eng, $1,006,673.

2--**Partyday (Ire)**, 125, f, 4, Footstepsinthesand (GB)--Jolie Clara (Fr), by Kahyasi (Ire). (€11,500 Wlg '13 GOFNOV; €13,000 Ylg '14 TISEP). O-Stall PartyDay.cz. €6,500.

3--**Flemish Duchesse (Fr)**, 128, f, 4, Duke of Marmalade (Ire)--Fabiana (GB), by Ashkalani (Ire). O-Stall Molenhof. €3,000.

Margins: 1 3/4, NK, 3/4. Odds: 2.20, 6.80, 17.40.

4th-DOR, €5,100, Mdn, 5-25, 3yo, 1750mT, 1:51.12, gd.

+KING'S ADVICE (GB) (c, 3, Frankel {GB}--Queen's Logic {Ire} {Ch. 2-y-o Filly-Eng, Hwt. 2yo Filly-Eng, G1SW-Eng, $288,129}, by Grand Lodge), sent off the 7-10 favourite, was keen early anchored in fifth by Eduardo Pedroza. Shaken up to challenge wide in the straight, the homebred chestnut engaged overdrive to come from an unpromising position and cut down Marillion (Ger) (Lawman {Fr}) in the final strides and prevail by a neck. It was case of what might have been with regards to the unbeaten Queen's Logic, who was injured after her 3-year-old bow in the G3 Fred Darling S. and before she could prove herself in the 1000 Guineas. Her juvenile career was a stellar one, winning the G1 Cheveley Park S., G2 Lowther S. and G3 Queen Mary S., which was a surprising display of precocity given that she emanated from a family of middle-distance performers headlined by her multiple Group 1-winning half-brother Dylan Thomas (Ire). Alongside that Arc hero later emerged the runaway G1 1000 Guineas heroine Homecoming Queen (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) and the G1 Epsom Oaks runner-up Remember When (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), who later produced the G2 Kilboy Estate S. winner and G1 Nassau S. second Wedding Vow (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and her full-brother Beacon Rock (Ire), who captured the G3 Gallinule S. and was runner-up in the G2 King Edward VII S. Queen's Logic's Lady of the Desert (Rahy) was almost as talented as her dam, collecting the G2 Diadem S. after emulating her with success in the G2 Lowther S. and she was also placed in the G1 Haydock Sprint Cup, G1 Cheveley Park S. and G1 Prix de l'Abbaye de Longchamp. Her daughter Queen Kindly (GB) by Frankel has gained notoriety by winning last year's G2 Lowther S. and is unexposed at sprint trips to which she now returns after a failed tilt at the Guineas. Queen's Logic's 2015 colt is by Sepoy (Aus), while she also has a yearling colt by Le Havre (Ire). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €3,000.

O-Jaber Abdullah; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-Andreas Wohler.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Astrella (Ger), f, 3, **Lawman (Fr)**--Atalia (Ger) (SW-Fr & MSP-Ger), by Sholokhov (Ire). BDB, 5-25, 8fT, 1:39.82. B-Gunter Merkel (GER).

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Cox continued, “It's a good market where people can operate and trade. Those that stuck out sold extremely well--it was a very strong market.”

The A$525,000 session-topping filly (lot 73), which returned the highest price thus far for a weanling in Australasia in 2017, was offered by Coolmore Australia and purchased by Segenhoe Stud. She is out of the Irish stakes-placed Starrystarrynight (Ire) (Sadler’s Wells), a full-sister to the stakes-winning and G1 Irish 1000 Guineas third Starbourne (Ire) who was exported to New Zealand and won there before being bred. The filly is a half-sister to the G1 Australian Oaks winner Gust Of Wind (Aus) (Darci Brahma {NZ}), and her third dam is the stakes winner and G2 Park Hill S. second Odeon (Royal and Regal).

Session-topping Fastnet Rock filly | *Katrina Partridge*

Segenhoe manager Peter O’Brien said it was both sides of the pedigree that appealed to him.

"I love Fastnet Rock," he said. "He's a champion stallion. She was my pick of the sale on type, she's a three-quarter sister to an Oaks winner and I think she was best foal I'd seen in a couple of years. We didn't want to leave without taking her home with us. She's a beautiful mover--a lovely loose action with plenty of scope."

O’Brien said it could be a couple years yet before the filly hits her best stride. "She's not really going to be a 2-year-old--that's the way she is bred--we'll be hoping she's an Oaks filly down the track,” he said.

Starrystarrynight is catalogued as lot 902 at next week’s Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale in foal to Al Maher (Aus).

Fastnet Rock and Coolmore Australia also supplied the day’s early standard-setter, the A$400,000 lot 23. John Moynihan signed the ticket under the name Palm Racing for the colt, who is a full-brother to the dual stakes winner and G1 Randwick Guineas-second El Roca (Aus).

This year’s champion sire-elect and multiple record-breaker Snitzel (Aus) provided the session’s top-priced colt late in the day when Julian Blaxland of Blue Sky Bloodstock went to A$460,000 for lot 233 from Arawata Bloodstock. The chestnut is the fourth foal out of the dual stakes winner Cariad (Aus) (Sequalo {Aus}).

"It was a little bit over what I thought we'd have to go to," Blaxland said of the price, adding, "I thought he was the colt of the sale. He's by Snitzel, who is the incumbent champion sire this season and he's broken the 2-year-old winners record. He's a lovely horse out of a stakes-winning mare. We actually purchased the mother Cariad about three weeks ago."

David Lucas, acting on behalf of the Dubai-based Phoenix Investments, picked up a trio of six-figures weanlings on Thursday headed by lot 280, a daughter of hot young sire I Am Invincible (Aus) from Amarina Farm, for A$390,000. The filly is a half-sister to South African champion 2-year-old Harry’s Son (Aus) (Haradasun {Aus}) and is also from the family of Ruby Clipper (Aus) (Rubiton {Aus}) and Seventh Rock (Aus) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}), also champions in South Africa.

Also on Lucas’s list was a filly by Snitzel for A$320,000 (lot 250) and a colt by Dissident (Aus) (lot 239) for A$300,000. Lot 239, by Horse of the Year and Newgate sire Dissident, marked the highest price of the session for a first-season sire. Dissident, a son of Golden Slipper winner Sebring (Aus), was also responsible for a A$150,000 filly.

Other first-season sires to make a good impression on opening day were Darley’s champion 3-year-old sprinter Brazen Beau (Aus) (I Am Invincible {Aus}), who had fillies sell for A$270,000 and A$160,000; and Dissident’s Newgate barnmate Deep Field (Aus) (Northern Meteor {Aus}), who had six sell for six figures headed by a A$240,000 colt. While that one was purchased by Musk Creek Farm, agent James Bester signed for three of the other six-figure Deep Fields. Deep Field’s full-brother Shooting To Win (Aus), who stands at Darley, had three weanlings make in excess of A$100,000, while Arrowfield shuttler Toronado (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}) and Coolmore’s speedy Rubick (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) each had one reach six figures.

The second and final session of the Magic Millions National Weanling Sale begins at 10 a.m. local time on Friday. Click for a video review of day one.

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SESSION TOPPERS

Magic Millions National Weanling Sale

Top Five Fillies

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (A$)
73	f	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Starrystarrynight (Ire)	525,000

B-Mr. W Chow
Consigned by Coolmore Australia
Purchased by Segenhoe Thoroughbreds Australia

280	f	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Dash On Ruby (Aus)	390,000

Consigned by Amarina Farm
Purchased by David Lucas as agent for Phoenix Investments

250	f	Snitzel (Aus)	Cinq Rouge (Aus)	320,000

B-Rydell Bloodstock Pty Ltd
Consigned by Glastonbury Farms
Purchased by David Lucas as agent for Phoenix Investments

44	f	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	She's Sirius (Aus)	180,000

Consigned by Berkeley Park Stud
Purchased by Hilldene/Peter Ford Thoroughbreds

87	f	Brazen Beau (Aus)	Super Swell (Aus)	160,000

Consigned by Amarina Farm
Purchased by Noorilim Park Thoroughbreds

Top Five Colts

233	c	Snitzel (Aus)	Cariad (Aus)	460,000

Consigned by Arawata Bloodstock
Purchased by Blue Sky Bloodstock

23	c	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Rubimill (Aus)	400,000

B-C J & K B Webber
Consigned by Coolmore Australia
Purchased by Palm Racing

239	c	Dissident (Aus)	Celtic Sea (Aus)	300,000

B-Mr. H Field
Consigned by Newgate Farm
Purchased by David Lucas as agent for Phoenix Investments

227	c	Brazen Beau (Aus)	Calvados (Aus)	270,000

B-China Horse Club Racing Pty Ltd
Consigned by Sledmere Stud
Purchased by Hilldene/Peter Ford Thoroughbreds

224	c	Deep Field (Aus)	Caesar's Princess (Aus)	240,000

Consigned by Attunga Stud
Purchased by Musk Creek Farm

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SESSION TOTALS	2017	2016
• Catalogued	290	200
• No. Offered	245	181
• No. Sold	194	152
• RNAs	51	29
• % RNAs	20.8%	16%
• No. $500K+	1	0
• High Price	A$525,000	A$400,000
• Gross	A$10,535,500	A$8,303,000
• Average (% change)	A$54,307 (-0.5%)	A$54,625
• Median (% change)	A$30,000	A$30,000

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ABLE FRIEND RETIRED

by Alan Carasso

Able Friend (Aus) (Shamardal–Ponte Piccolo {NZ}, by Volksraad {GB}), who attracted legions of fans from all corners of the globe in becoming the highest-rated horse to ever be based in Hong Kong, will be officially retired from racing this weekend and will be celebrated with a farewell ceremony at Sha Tin Racecourse Sunday, May 28.

Bred in Queensland by Ramsey Pastoral Co. Pty, Able Friend was snapped up by George Moore on behalf of the late Dr Cornel Li for A$550,000 from the Turangga Farm consignment at the 2011 Inglis Easter Yearling Sale. A Wyong maiden winner at second asking, Able Friend made rapid progress upon his arrival in Hong Kong and defeated his stablemate and fellow future Horse of the Year Designs on Rome (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) in the 2014 Hong Kong Classic Mile (video). Though racing past his optimal trip, Able Friend gutted it out in the final two legs of the series but dropped narrow decisions to his rival in the Hong Kong Classic Cup (1800m) (video) and Hong Kong Derby (2000m) (video).

"He means a lot to me because he gave me my first [domestic] Group 1 win in Hong Kong, he gave me my first international Group 1 race here," Joao Moreira, who rode Able Friend in 17 of his 24 local starts, told the HKJC's David Morgan. "I had to pick between Able Friend and Designs On Rome for the Hong Kong Classic Mile in 2014. I chose Able Friend because I thought he

had something special. He won that race, but after that, he got beaten twice by Designs On Rome. What I'm trying to say is, even if I couldn't win the Derby, even if I couldn't win the Classic Cup, I was still very confident in him because I felt like he was a very special horse, one who could win one of the international races. He didn't let me down--he was so good in the Hong Kong Mile later that year."

The chestnut, who tipped the scales at or around 1300 pounds for the bulk of his career, put together a season to remember in 2014/2015, winning the G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile in common canter (video) before adding late-season scores in the G1 Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup (1400m) (video) and the G1 Champions Mile (video), each at long odds-on quotes. Shipped to Royal Ascot for the G1 Queen Anne S., Able Friend was noticeably warm in the preliminaries and never looked at home, finishing a well-beaten sixth to Solow (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}). He finished the season on an international rating of 127, equal-third in the IFHA World's Best Racehorse Rankings. Champion miler and horse of the year that season, his domestic rating topped out at a whopping 138.

Able Friend will live out his days at his birthplace at Turangga Farm
HKJC photo

Able Friend turned in the least-likely of his 13 career wins in the 2015 Premier Bowl H. Drawn gate 14 and carrying top weight of 133 pounds against most of Hong Kong's top 1200m horses, he lingered at the back of the pack and was last into the final quarter-mile before unleashing the turn of foot that had become his trademark to best Gold-Fun (Ire) (Le Vie Dei Colori {GB}) (video). An injury scare left a decision on a title defence in the 2015 Hong Kong Mile in some doubt, but he nevertheless took his chance, only to finish third to rising star Maurice (Jpn) (Screen Hero {Jpn}).

After suffering what the HKJC website called a "right front deep digital flexor tendon injury" in January 2016, Able Friend was sent to Australia to recuperate, but, while still competitive once brought back to the races, lacked the killer instinct he once had and was winless in four starts this term. Only sixth in the Hong Kong Mile, he was third in the G1 Stewards' Cup and second in the Queen's Silver Jubilee. He suffered a recurrence of the tendon problem this past March three days ahead of a programmed start in a Class 1 handicap that read like a pattern race.

His trainer John Moore paid tribute Thursday and said: "He was the equal of any horse on the planet at his peak. He'll be known as a legend here, he's earned his place in Hong Kong folklore as that strapping, big chestnut with the electrifying turn-of-foot. The public really took to him, he had them in awe with some of the things he did. He just obliterated the best here in Hong Kong."

Winner of half his 26 career trips to the post, including nine black-type races, Able Friend amassed earnings in excess of HK$61 million (US$7.8 million).

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BART TO BOUNCE BACK IN CUP

Veteran sprinter **Black Heart Bart (Aus)** (Blackfriars {Aus}) strung together a pair of Group 1 wins in the space of two weeks in February when taking out Caulfield's CF Orr S. and Futurity S., and the 6-year-old gelding enters Saturday's G1 Darley Kingsford-Smith Cup at Eagle Farm with something to prove after throwing in a rare disappointing effort when seventh first-up in the G1 Goodwood S. last weekend. Black Heart Bart was racing with blinkers removed and off three months' rest in the Goodwood, and the blinkers go back on Saturday as he searches for his sixth Group 1 win in the space of a year. **Cont. p19**

Black Heart Bart | *Bronwen Healy*

Darley Kingsford-Smith Cup cont.

This race sees the return of the second and third-place finishers of the May 13 G1 Doomben Cup, **Counterattack (Aus)** (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) and **Derryn (Aus)** (Hinchinbrook {Aus}). Counterattack looks for his first win in more than a year while Derryn has won two of his last four for the Lindsay Park team, including the G2 Arrowfield Sprint at The Championships on Apr. 8 a week after finishing eighth in the G1 TJ Smith S.

There are just two last-out winners in this 14-horse field: **Clearly Innocent (Aus)** (Not A Single Doubt {Aus}) and **Jungle Edge (Aus)** (Dubawi {Ire}). The former returned to form when defending his title in the Listed Luskin Star S. over this trip at Scone two weeks ago, while Jungle Edge added the 1350-metre G3 BRC Sprint last weekend to his 1200-metre G3 Star Kingdom S. win at Rosehill on Mar. 25.

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'LOUVRE' TO STAND IN QUEENSLAND

G1 Stradbroke H. winner **Under The Louvre (Aus)** (Excellent Art {GB}–Barcelona Girl {Aus}, by Noverre) will enter stud at Queensland's Grandview Stud this year. He will stand for A$7,700.

"Under The Louvre is arguably the most exciting racehorse to enter stud in Queensland for many years," Grandview's Michael Grieve said. "Not only did he win the Stradbroke, but he also raced against and beat the best in Melbourne too. He was very adaptable."

Under The Louvre's trainer Robert Smerdon added, "Under The Louvre had incredible acceleration. He mixed it with the best and in the Stradbroke he faced nine Group 1 winners including Black Heart Bart. He could easily have been a multiple Group 1 winner; I thought he was a bit stiff in the Oakleigh Plate when he flew home in 33 flat, and he only missed by a lip in the Rupert Clarke. He was beaten a neck by Black Heart Bart in the Goodwood. If he can throw that explosive turn of foot, athleticism and temperament into his progeny I believe he's a very good stallion prospect."

Under The Louvre runs in Saturday's G1 Darley Kingsford-Smith Cup at Eagle Farm.

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TATTERSALLS IRISH 2000 GUINEAS-G1, €300,000, 3yo, c/f, 8fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	6	Churchill (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Moore	A O'Brien	126
2	4	Glastonbury Song (Ire)	Casamento (Ire)	Keane	Lyons	126
3	5	Irishcorrespondent (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Foley	Halford	126
4	1	Lancaster Bomber	War Front	D O'Brien	A O'Brien	126
5	3	Spirit of Valor	War Front	Heffernan	A O'Brien	126
6	2	Thunder Snow (Ire)	Helmet (Aus)	Soumillon	bin Suroor	126

Saturday, Eagle Farm, Australia, post time: 3:55 p.m.

DARLEY KINGSFORD-SMITH CUP-G1, A$700,000 ($/£/€), 3yo/up, 1300mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	4	Black Heart Bart (Aus)	Blackfriars (Aus)	Rawiller	Weir	130
2	8	Under The Louvre (Aus)	Excellent Art (GB)	Dunn	Smerdon	130
3	6	Japonisme (Aus)	Choisir (Aus)	Shinn	Waller	130
4	13	Music Magnate (NZ)	Written Tycoon (Aus)	Lloyd	Baker	130
5	7	Counterattack (Aus)	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Bosson	Waller	130
6	9	Clearly Innocent (Aus)	Not a Single Doubt (Aus)	Bowman	Lees	130
7	12	Start Wondering (NZ)	Eighth Wonder (NZ)	Parkes	E & J Rayner	130
8	14	Jungle Edge (Aus)	Dubawi (Ire)	Forrester	Bell	130
9	2	In His Stride (Aus)	Rothesay (Aus)	Browne	Lipp	130
10	10	Hopfgarten (Aus)	Mossman (Aus)	Stewart	Heathcote	130
11	5	Derryn (Aus)	Hinchinbrook (Aus)	Zahra	D & B Hayes/T Dabernig	125
12	11	Tycoon Tara (Aus)	Written Tycoon (Aus)	McEvoy	P & P Snowden	125
~~13~~	~~3~~	~~Egyptian Symbol (Aus)~~	~~Stratum (Aus)~~	~~SCR~~	~~SCR~~	~~SCR~~
14	1	Impending (Aus)	Lonhro (Aus)	Doyle	Beadman	125

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 4:00 p.m. (4:00 a.m. EST/9:00 a.m. BST/6:00 p.m. AEST)

STANDARD CHARTER CHAMPIONS AND CHATER CUP-G1, HK$10,000,000, 3yo/up, 2400mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Werther (NZ)	Tavistock (NZ)	Moore	Bowman	126
2	Basic Trilogy (NZ)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Moore	Leung	126
3	Gold Mount (GB)	Excellent Art (GB)	A Cruz	de Sousa	126
4	Helene Charisma (Fr)	Air Chief Marshal (Ire)	Moore	Whyte	126
5	Blazing Speed (GB)	Dylan Thomas (Ire)	A Cruz	Callan	126
6	Designs on Rome (Ire)	Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)	Moore	Clipperton	126
7	Eagle Way (Aus)	More Than Ready	Moore	Moreira	126

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SHA TIN VASE H.-G3, HK$3,000,000, 3yo/up, 1200mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Magic Legend (Aus)	Red Element (Aus)	Moore	Teetan	113
2	Sun Jewellery (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Size	Rispoli	120
3	Not Listenin'tome (Aus)	Dylan Thomas (Ire)	Moore	Bowman	130
4	D B Pin (NZ)	Darci Brahma (NZ)	Size	de Sousa	113
5	Fabulous One (NZ)	Elusive City	So	Leung	113
6	Thewizardofoz (Aus)	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Size	Schofield	128
7	Strathmore (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Millard	Ho	113
8	Lucky Year (Aus)	Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)	Shum	Murray	115
9	Amazing Kids (NZ)	Falkirk (NZ)	Size	Clipperton	131
10	Mr Stunning (Aus)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Size	Moreira	133

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