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## BAFFERT STILL ON CLOUD NINE



Bob Baffert & Arrogate | Sarah K. Andrew

By Christie DeBernardis

It's never been a secret that Bob Baffert is one of the greats in horse racing. He further solidified that in 2015 when saddling the first Triple Crown winner in 37 years in American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile) and came back the following year with another superstar in **Arrogate** (Unbridled's Song).

After the recently retired Mastery (Candy Ride {Arg}) was injured, Baffert was without a GI Kentucky Derby starter, but still left Churchill Downs a winner after taking the GI Kentucky Oaks with **Abel Tasman** (Quality Road). The conditioner was also without a runner in last Saturday's GI Belmont S., but he ended up the day's big winner after capturing all four of the stakes he entered with the help of fellow Hall of Famer Mike Smith.

"I'm much better than I was last week," Baffert quipped when asked how he was. "Well, I mean going in, they made us the favorite. The public was right. It was one of those things where I knew we could do it, but we knew the odds were against us, especially Mike Smith. The day before I sent Mike a text and said, 'Do you think you have five wins in you because I think we are looking pretty strong for tomorrow.' He said, 'I used to.'"

Gary and Mary West's GIII Stonestreet Lexington S. runner-up **West Coast** (Flatter) kicked off the banner day for the Baffert barn with a decisive score in the Easy Goer (video). **Cont. p3**

## AN E-'MOTION'-AL HOUR

by Joe Bianca

Swept up in the all the hype surrounding Bob Baffert's incredible day and Todd Pletcher's second win of the season in a Triple Crown race Saturday at Belmont, there was another trainer who had a pretty remarkable afternoon as well, all in the span of 60 minutes.

At 5:41 p.m., Graham Motion, with only his second starter and first stakes entrant on the card, scored a 27-1 shocker with Stone Farm and Madaket Stables' **Ascend** (Candy Ride {Arg}) in the GI Woodford Reserve Manhattan S. Exactly one hour later, the British-born trainer ran a strong second in the GI Belmont S. with '**TDN Rising Star**' **Irish War Cry** (Curlin). That's \$900,000 out of a possible \$1.5 million in purse money from two horses in less time than it took most people to drive home from Big Sandy Saturday. **Cont. p5**

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WinStar Farm homebred **American Patriot** (War Front) galloped at Newmarket Thursday. The Todd Pletcher-trained Grade I winner will line up in the G1 Queen Anne S. on the first day of Royal Ascot June 20. | Emma Berry

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR: TIME TO FILL IN THE LAKE**

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Tim Wickes pens a letter to the editor praising Amie Karlsson's Belmont S. day review.

**ROMANS & LUKAS RUN ONE-TWO IN CD BABY RACES**

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Dale Romans and D. Wayne Lukas ran the show in the Churchill Downs juvenile races Thursday, finishing one-two in race two with **Free Drop Billy** (Union Rags) and **Transgress** (Into Mischief), and again in race four with **Dak Attack** (Ghostzapper) and **Sporting Chance** (Tiznow).

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**Baffert Still on Cloud Nine cont. from p1**

“Once West Coast won, I felt pretty good about [our chances for the day],” Baffert said. “It’s too early to say [where he will go next]. He could run in the [GIII] Dwyer [S. at Belmont July 8]. They will all be nominated everywhere and however they are doing that week, is how I will decide what they are going to do.”

Next up was the China Horse Club and Clearsky Farm’s Abel Tasman. Away a bit slowly, the Oaks heroine was expertly guided to the rail on the backstretch by Smith, where she pounced through to take command and held off GII Gulfstream Park Oaks winner Salty (Quality Road) to score ([video](#)).



Abel Tasman holds off Salty in the Acorn | *Christie DeBernardis*

“Abel Tasman was the one I felt the strongest about because she’s just been getting better and better and better,” Baffert remarked. “I was a little bit worried because I was backing her up to a mile, but I always thought the great ones could overcome it, and she’s a great filly. In her race, she had to work at it harder. Mark Casse sent me a text the next day and said, ‘Congratulations! What a great day, but I just wanted to tell you that I am the only trainer who made you work for one of those wins.’ Which was true.”

The California-based conditioner, who is considering Saratoga’s GI Alabama S. Aug. 19 for the filly’s next start, added, “She is a sweet, kind filly and I wanted to show the Kentucky Oaks was not a fluke. She is that good of a horse. She is a filly that by the end of the year will be able to run with those older mares.”

Three races later Baffert and Smith were back at it again, capturing the GII Woody Stephens S. with **American Anthem** (Bodemeister) ([video](#)). Failing to make it to the First Saturday in May after disappointing efforts in the GII Rebel S. and GI Santa Anita Derby, Baffert cut American Anthem back to seven furlongs for the GIII Lazo Barrera S. and was rewarded with a facile victory.



American Anthem | *Christie DeBernardis*



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“I’m not sure [where he will go next]. He can always go short,” the 64-year-old offered. “The [GI] King’s Bishop, which is called the [H. Allen] Jerkens [Memorial S.] now, is the goal. He will let me know how he is training.”

Last, but certainly not least, for the powerhouse California team was **Mor Spirit** (Eskendereya), who charged home to an impressive 6 1/4-length victory in the GI Metropolitan H. ([video](#)).

“Oh man! I’ll tell you, he’s the kind of horse that shows you more in the afternoon than he does in the mornings,” Baffert enthused. “I’ve never won the Met Mile before. I told that owner [Michael Lund Petersen] right before, ‘Man, I have to tell you, I’ve never won this race.’ It was nice to win. It was so important for that horse, especially for that horse. We were so high on him last year. He’s just changed so much. He’s a big, strong, beautiful, good-moving horse. Mike really figured the horse out.”

Mor Spirit is another Baffert runner who could make an appearance at Saratoga this summer. **Cont. p4**

**Baffert Still on Cloud Nine cont.**

“I’m going to see how he is training and decide what we are going to do with him, but the [GI] Whitney [S. Aug. 5] could be a possibility,” the Hall of Famer said. “I want to stretch him out, so that could be a good spot.”

Baffert remained humble about his clean sweep at Belmont, turning the spotlight towards his horses.

“They were all impressive,” the Arizona native commented. “I was just in awe of all four of them. It was like having all your kids just do so well. They all excelled. They were training well going in, but you never know until you put them in the gate. We had racing luck. They shipped well. It worked out. Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn’t.”

Baffert also credited Smith, who, in addition to his four stakes victories with Baffert, also captured the GI Ogden Phipps S. with two-time champion Songbird (Medaglia d’Oro). Smith and Baffert have teamed up on many top horses of the year and their recent string of successes includes the GI Pegasus World Cup and

G1 Dubai World Cup with champion Arrogate.

“Mike knows I have a lot of confidence in him,” Baffert explained. “He’s riding with a lot of confidence. The year that he is having, he has been riding some great horses, but still, he is the guy you want. He is the guy you want right now, especially in California. He can tell you a lot about a horse. Guys like him, Gary Stevens, Johnny V., they just know. When you have one of those guys, you can sleep at night. The ride is the least thing on your mind.”

He continued, “Plus, he can change it up. Certain jockeys are like quarterbacks. But with some quarterbacks, if the first guy isn’t open, they are in trouble. Mike is the kind of quarterback that if the guy isn’t open, he will find somebody else. We’ve seen it with Arrogate and we have seen it with other horses,

like Abel Tasman. The ride he rode on Songbird, too. He sat there and he had a lot of confidence in her. He hoped she had it in the end when he asked her and she did. He is in the zone. He has always been a great rider.” **Cont. p5**



Mor Spirit & Mike Smith | Sarah Andrew

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**Baffert Still on Cloud Nine cont.**

Baffert also offered updates on some of his stable's other top runners that did not make the trip to New York last weekend, including **"TDN Rising Star"** Arrogate, who breezed a half-mile in :47.60 (8/66) Monday.

"He looked good," the trainer remarked. "He worked nice and he looks beautiful. I don't want to ship right now being he has shipped so much earlier. I am going to do whatever I feel to get him to that Breeders' Cup Classic. That's the main race. Hopefully we will run him at Del Mar."

Last seen coming from well out of it after a bad break to score an unbelievable victory in the Dubai World Cup, Arrogate could possibly make his Stateside return in the GII San Diego H. July 22.

"If I feel he needs it [he will run in the San Diego]," Baffert said. "I am pointing for it right now, but we will know in a couple weeks."

Champion sprinter **Drefong** (Gio Ponti) is also on the comeback trail. The **"TDN Rising Star"** was last seen winning the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint Nov. 5.

"We are just getting him ready," Baffert offered. "He will work tomorrow. We are getting him ready for Del Mar."

The Coolmore contingent's **Cupid** (Tapit) is yet another Baffert success story. A three-time graded winner as a sophomore last term, the gray returned off an eight-month layoff to score his first win at the highest level in the 10-panel GI Gold Cup at Santa Anita ([video](#)).

"I really didn't want to run him a mile and quarter without having a race, but with a good enough horse you can get away with that," Baffert commented. "Like Arrogate, he's that kind of horse. He's doing really well."

He continued, "Right now, I'm looking at the [GII] Suburban [H. July 8] with him. I ran him [at Belmont] before and he didn't run well [finishing fifth as the favorite in the Easy Goer]. He didn't get away well and was chasing, but he is doing well now."

With his two 2016 champions nearing returns and several other runners stepping up to the plate, Baffert appears poised to have yet another incredible year.

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(L to R) Jill, Bode & Bob Baffert | *Christie DeBernardis*

**An E-'Motion'-al Hour cont. from p1**



Ascend winning the Manhattan | *David Alcosser*

"Pretty crazy," Motion said of his whirlwind hour. "First of all, the emotions of winning a Grade I when you're 27-1, it was so rewarding and so exciting, and yet, you kind of had to contain yourself, because within 45 minutes, you're running the favorite in a Classic. I haven't been in that position a great deal, when you get to run in back-to-back Grade I's, so it was a pretty exciting couple of hours."

Ascend spent the first 12 starts of his career in either maiden or allowance company before taking his first stakes shot in Laurel's yielding-turf Henry Clark S. Apr. 22. The gray was left to run last of 12 after a slow break, still had 10 horses to pass at the top of the lane, was steadied off heels with less than a furlong remaining and never switched leads. Despite those obstacles, he flew home to get up in the final strides, covering his last quarter-mile in :22.08. It was a deceptively big effort that, with confirmation from winning jockey Feargal Lynch, gave Motion belief that Ascend could take another step up in class.

"He's a horse that we've always thought was capable of something like this down the road," Motion reflected. "When he won the Henry Clark, Feargal came back and blamed himself, saying 'he won despite the ride I gave him,' so I was quite impressed with that. We talked about a race like the Manhattan where he'll get such a good break in the weight, and it just seemed like timing-wise and everything, it was a really good opportunity to take a stab."

Ascend stalked the pace from fourth under Jose Ortiz in the Manhattan and struck the lead by mid-stretch. While it briefly appeared as though he would be run down by favored Time Test (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), Motion says that due to several factors, not least of which was his vantage point for the race, he never lost faith. **Cont. p6**

### **An E-'Motion'-al Hour cont.**

"I was standing down by the winner's circle and I don't usually do that," Motion recalled. "It was very hard for me to see. I was watching on the infield screen, so perhaps that was a good thing that I couldn't really see. I was aware that he was in front and I really don't remember having any anxious moments. I guess I have a lot of confidence in this horse and in Jose. Also, as a trainer, certainly you feel less pressure when you're 27-1."

Motion was no such longshot an hour later in the Belmont, where Isabelle de Tomaso's GII Wood Memorial S. and GII Lambholm South Holy Bull S. hero Irish War Cry went postward as the public's 11-4 choice. The chestnut unexpectedly set the pace and was in control all the way to the eighth pole, but Tapwrit (Tapit), who tracked the pace from the pocket for the first mile, came calling and eventually proved best by two lengths.

"It wasn't really our plan to be on the lead—we really wanted to have the trip that the winner had," Motion relayed. "I was a little anxious when we turned down the backside and I realized that wasn't going to happen. But when they hit the half-mile pole, I thought we were going really nicely and when they turned for home, he kind of opened up on the other horses. I must say, for a minute, I was really confident that he'd get home, but it's the Belmont, it's a mile-and-a-half, it's just such a tough race to win. So many people have had tough beats in the Belmont."

Irish War Cry came out of his effort well and will be pointed to the July 30 GI Betfair.com Haskell Invitational, a race that has special significance for de Tomaso, daughter of Amory L. Haskell, for whom the race is named.

"Sometimes I'll give a horse an extra day off when they've had a hard race like that, but I put the tack on him today and he looked great," Motion said. "I was really happy with him."

The Belmont runner-up may not be the only top-class sophomore in the Motion barn. Alex G. Campbell, Jr.'s



Graham Motion with Irish War Cry | Horsephotos



No Mo Dough winning the Sir Barton Horsephotos

homebred **No Mo Dough** (Uncle Mo) stamped himself as a colt to watch in the division after capturing the May 20 Sir Barton S. at Pimlico with a dazzling turn of foot in the stretch. That win came just 14 days after an allowance victory at Churchill. The bay is being aimed for a start in either the July 28 Curlin S. or July 29 GII Jim Dandy S. at Saratoga with an eye toward the GI Travers S. Aug. 26.

"There was some thought about running him in the Belmont," Motion revealed. "I just couldn't do it. He'd run three races in a really short space of time and I just didn't think it was fair to the horse to do that. I think he deserves to have the time and point for a summer campaign."

Motion was always high on No Mo Dough, but says the horse had physical issues that prevented him from racing until his debut win Mar. 12 at Laurel.

"No Mo Dough, I thought was my best 2-year-old early on," he said. "He came up with a little chip in his ankle, which we had to do surgery on, so he ended up being off until the winter. He was one of the first 2-year-olds that came to me, so he would've been ready to run at Saratoga had things gone well. As it was, we had to give him the time."

While the races won't be an hour apart, Motion could be in line for more big successes in a short amount of time on July's final weekend with his potent one-two punch. He knows how rare these opportunities are, especially with a stable that generally specializes in turf and older runners.

"To have a horse pointing to the Jim Dandy and another pointing to the Haskell, that's pretty damn exciting," he said. "For an outfit that doesn't have 3-year-olds for the Classics every year, it's a great position to be in."

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## TIME TO DRAIN THE SWAMP FILL IN THE LAKE

By Tim Wickes

I just finished rereading Amie Karlsson's *Op/Ed* piece in the Monday *TDN* and it's a good one. Swedish by birth and upbringing, freelance journalist, lifelong racing fan, and 2016-2018 Godolphin Flying Starter, Karlsson's thoughts on her first GI Belmont S., her enthusiasm for the day, coupled with her observations on the shortcomings of the NYRA experience were spot on. Nice pick, Godolphin. That girl is here to stay. So now I want to get my two pennies worth on top of hers.



Songbird after her Phipps victory | Christie DeBernardis

First the good--Martin Panza and his posse rounded up an amazing card of racing--certain to make the top five of the last year. Future Hall of Famer **Songbird** (Medaglia d'Oro) dusted off seven months of rust, benefitted from a slick (Mike) Smith Special of a ride and brought another piece of silver home for Rick Porter's trophy case. And that was after **Abel Tasman** (Quality Road) claimed best-in-show status among sophomore fillies and just before "Was that a bird? Was that a plane?" No, that was **Disco Partner** (Disco Rico) obliterating the all-surfaces world record for six furlongs. Whoosh!

**Mor Spirit** (Eskendereya) was definitely 'Mor' horse in the GI Met Mile. Baffert won four and Smith won five. Somebody needs to divert those West-Coast planes from JFK. Oh yeah, there was a pair of Grade I turfers that the East Coast boys ruled and Pletcher reminded us that he's...Pletcher in the Belmont. Great race, great finish. The good horses ran like good horses all day and Grandma cashed a lot of show tickets. NYRA has the money, Panza knows how to spend it and sell it to horsemen coast to coast, and with a fairy dusting of drama, we have a race day for the ages.

Now the bad. Bobby Flay says the Belmont is his favorite race day of the year, but Bobby's got sweet seats. As Karlsson points out, the NYRA fan experience has holes in it like the toes of a cheap man's socks. In spite of a grandstand that's bigger than Delaware, there aren't enough big screens. Whether you're on the rail, on the apron, or in the grandstand, you're probably not hearing the lilting tones of Larry Collmus because the sound system's worse than the one in my mom's old Chevy wagon. And for the casual racegoer (80 % of the crowd) it's easier to get useful info out of Vlad Putin than out of the NYRA program.

As the Swede savant states, there was only a wisp of a mention of Songbird in all her diva-ness, less on Baffert, Smith and the other legends of the day. The millennial Karlsson found no interviews with contenders' connections, no fun stories on the horses. In short, nothing to pump the casual fan up to committed status. Amie is no different than my 20-something and early 30's kids. They want info, lots of info, short and sweet like their Jell-O shots. Think ESPN before the Super Bowl or Neil Patrick Harris on an awards show. Something for everybody and quick as a borscht belter's schtick.

Finally the ugly. First my friends Josh and Phillip stole their wives' mad money, threw on their slickest sport coats and happily tolerated the traffic into Big Sandy content in the knowledge that they could gamble the day away on their TwinSpires accounts. Not so much. Seems TwinSpires was blocked on site, hence two of the worst gamblers in the free world, choosing not to stand in line, came home with Mama's money. C'mon NYRA, make it easy for everybody to lose equally regardless of platform.

And then there's the crowd--or lack of one. Stop acting like 58,000 is a good thing. Forget that it's less than half of what they get at the first two jewels of the crown. It's less than the GI Arkansas Derby's 62,500 and way less than the Carolina Cup Steeplechase's 71,000 strong in Kershaw County, S.C., where the total population is 63,000. A Thoroughbred race day whose crowd is larger than the whole damn county, imagine that.

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**Letter to the Editor cont.**

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Thank you, Amie Karlsson. Your rabid enthusiasm and keen, thoughtful critique of your day at the races makes us think about what might and should be. Keep poking the bear.

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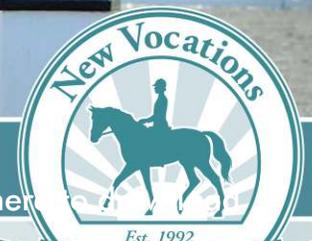
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**Sunday, Belmont Park, post time: 5:13 p.m. EDT**

**POKER S.-GIII, \$300,000, 4yo/up, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Night Prowler	Giant's Causeway	Pompa, Jr., Paul, P.	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	116
2	Projected (GB)	Showcasing (GB)	Juddmonte Farms, Inc.	Brown	Rosario	116
3	Ballagh Rocks	Stormy Atlantic	Donegal Racing	Mott	Lezcano	116
4	Bolting	War Front	Flaxman Holdings, Ltd.	Graffard	Maragh	116
5	Weekend Hideaway	Speightstown	Red and Black Stable	Serpe	Saez	124
6	Catapult	Kitten's Joy	Woodford Racing, LLC	Brown	Ortiz	120
7	Lubash	Freud	Aliyu Ben J Stables	Clement	Velazquez	120

**Breeders:** 1-Paul Pompa Jr., 2-Juddmonte Farms Ltd, 3-Turner Breeders, LLC, 4-Flaxman Holdings Limited, 5-Flying Zee Stables, 6-Breffni Farm, 7-Aliyuee Ben J Stable Inc.

**Sunday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 5:30 p.m. EDT**

**DESERT STORMER S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Invested Prospect	Abraaj	Maryanski or Maryanski or Schneider	Wright	Baze	122
2	Coniah	Harlington	James or Tammy McKenney	Morey	Desormeaux	122
3	Bellamentary	Bellamy Road	Little Red Feather Racing or RM Racing	D'Amato	Prat	122
4	Pretty N Cool	Scat Daddy	Pegram, Watson or Weitman	Baffert	Garcia	126
5	Bendable	Horse Greeley	Claiborne Farm	Mandella	Smith	122

**Breeders:** 1-Dunn Bar Ranch LLC, 2-James W. McKenney & Tammy McKenney, 3-Charles T. Matses, 4-Nancy C. Shuford, 5-Claiborne Farm



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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Bodemeister</b> <i>(2009) by Empire Maker FYR: 2014 Crops: 2 Named Foals: 213 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: (25,000) Always Dreaming</i>	4	6	2	2	1	1	71	23	\$2,260,600	\$3,388,012
2	<b>Maclean's Music</b> <i>(2008) by Distorted Humor FYR: 2014 Crops: 2 Named Foals: 127 Stands: Hill 'N' Dale Farms KY Fee: (8,500) Cloud Computing</i>	4	5	1	2	1	1	49	24	\$1,071,000	\$2,078,718
3	<b>Shackleford</b> <i>(2008) by Forestry FYR: 2014 Crops: 2 Named Foals: 173 Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY Fee: (15,000) Malagacy</i>	1	6	1	3	--	--	70	30	\$616,800	\$1,816,558
4	<b>Dialed In</b> <i>(2008) by Mineshaft FYR: 2014 Crops: 2 Named Foals: 146 Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY Fee: (15,000) Gunnevera</i>	5	8	1	2	--	1	62	21	\$444,200	\$1,555,923
5	<b>Union Rags</b> <i>(2009) by Dixie Union FYR: 2014 Crops: 2 Named Foals: 187 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: (50,000) Patch</i>	4	7	2	5	1	2	67	15	\$380,020	\$1,500,710
6	<b>The Factor</b> <i>(2008) by War Front FYR: 2014 Crops: 2 Named Foals: 178 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: (25,000) Cistron</i>	3	7	1	2	--	--	71	36	\$203,890	\$1,480,893
7	<b>Stay Thirsty</b> <i>(2008) by Bernardini FYR: 2014 Crops: 2 Named Foals: 135 Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: (10,000) Coal Front</i>	1	3	--	--	--	--	63	34	\$96,000	\$1,356,966
8	<b>Algorithms</b> <i>(2009) by Bernardini FYR: 2014 Crops: 2 Named Foals: 129 Stands: Claiborne Farm KY Fee: (7,500) Recruiting Ready</i>	2	2	--	1	--	--	58	25	\$294,940	\$1,174,179
9	<b>Gemologist</b> <i>(2009) by Tiznow FYR: 2014 Crops: 2 Named Foals: 168 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: (25,000) Aquamarine</i>	1	3	--	--	--	--	75	21	\$120,880	\$1,085,309
10	<b>Creative Cause</b> <i>(2009) by Giant's Causeway FYR: 2014 Crops: 2 Named Foals: 154 Stands: Airdrie Stud KY Fee: (15,000) Twisted Tom</i>	2	2	--	--	--	--	58	21	\$214,200	\$1,009,125
11	<b>To Honor And Serve</b> <i>(2008) by Bernardini FYR: 2014 Crops: 2 Named Foals: 149 Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: (10,000) State of Honor</i>	--	5	--	2	--	1	55	18	\$309,009	\$983,181
12	<b>Tapizar</b> <i>(2008) by Tapit FYR: 2014 Crops: 2 Named Foals: 151 Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: (15,000) Hollywood Handsome</i>	1	1	--	--	--	--	60	22	\$107,430	\$866,332
13	<b>Dominus</b> <i>(2008) by Smart Strike FYR: 2014 Crops: 2 Named Foals: 70 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: (7,500) Chanel's Legacy</i>	1	1	--	1	--	--	26	16	\$313,317	\$794,230
14	<b>Astrology</b> <i>(2008) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2014 Crops: 2 Named Foals: 126 Stands: Taylor Made Stallions KY Fee: (6,500) Clairvoyant Lady</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	56	25	\$73,620	\$744,592
15	<b>Get Stormy</b> <i>(2006) by Stormy Atlantic FYR: 2014 Crops: 2 Named Foals: 131 Stands: Crestwood Farm KY Fee: (5,000) Fifty Five</i>	1	3	1	2	--	--	55	16	\$173,600	\$556,270

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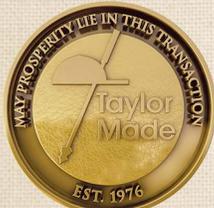


## Leading 2017 Sires of 2-Year-Olds in Training

*by cumulative average price for stallions standing in North America*

Rank	Name	FYr	Loc	2014 Fee	Ring	Sold	Avg	Median
1	War Front	F08	KY	\$150,000	2	2	\$512,500	\$512,500
2	Medaglia d'Oro	F06	KY	\$100,000	14	12	\$364,086	\$312,500
3	Tapit	F06	KY	\$150,000	15	12	\$358,750	\$215,000
4	Tiznow	F03	KY	\$75,000	18	15	\$325,700	\$75,000
5	Orb	F15	KY	\$25,000	28	23	\$294,739	\$160,000
6	Curlin	F10	KY	\$25,000	21	20	\$294,450	\$235,000
7	Smart Strike	F98	KY	\$100,000	9	8	\$276,250	\$205,000
8	Scat Daddy	F09	KY	\$30,000	37	28	\$261,944	\$160,000
9	Pioneerof the Nile	F11	KY	\$20,000	18	15	\$255,766	\$100,000
10	Bernardini	F08	KY	\$100,000	19	15	\$249,320	\$130,000
11	Ghostzapper	F07	KY	\$50,000	15	13	\$242,461	\$100,000
12	Union Rags	F14	KY	\$35,000	32	25	\$232,880	\$100,000
13	Distorted Humor	F00	KY	\$100,000	15	14	\$218,342	\$125,000
14	Arch	F00	KY	\$40,000	12	8	\$214,772	\$61,730
15	Into Mischief	F10	KY	\$20,000	56	43	\$212,104	\$190,000
16	Uncle Mo	F13	KY	\$27,500	30	21	\$210,982	\$100,000
17	Malibu Moon	F01	KY	\$95,000	20	18	\$207,527	\$137,500
18	More Than Ready	F02	KY	\$50,000	32	25	\$191,301	\$55,000
19	Lemon Drop Kid	F02	KY	\$35,000	5	3	\$182,950	\$170,000
20	Congrats	F08	KY	\$35,000	22	18	\$181,209	\$56,889
21	Candy Ride (Arg)	F06	KY	\$35,000	22	16	\$173,812	\$162,500
22	Point of Entry	F15	KY	\$25,000	15	13	\$171,425	\$100,000
23	Exchange Rate	F03	KY	\$20,000	19	11	\$170,782	\$75,000
24	Street Sense	F09	KY	\$40,000	17	12	\$170,110	\$38,500
25	Flatter	F05	KY	\$20,000	18	17	\$165,852	\$120,000

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## NEW YORK

### Thursday's Results:

**8th-BEL, \$90,000, Alw (NW3\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 6-15, 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 2:02.21, fm.**

**STREET FASHION (g, 5, Street Sense--Winter Fashion {Fr} {SW-Fr, \$121,826}, by Kendor {Fr})** finished a nose second in the Cape Henlopen S. last July at Delaware before out-nodding subsequent GI Joe Hirsch Turf Classic winner Ectot (GB) (Hurricane Run {Ire}) Aug. 6 at Saratoga. Fourth in Keeneland's GIII Sycamore S. to close his 4-year-old season Oct. 20, the dark bay was last seen running ninth in the GIII Louisville H. May 20 at Churchill. Off at 53-10 in this spot, he tracked the pace of longshot Mark My Style (Noonmark) from the rail in the second flight through splits of :25.14, :50.92 and 1:15.09. Angling away from the fence at the top of the lane, he closed resolutely to just nail the front-runner by a nose. The winner has half-brothers of 2015 and 2016 by Style Vendome (Fr). Lifetime Record: MSP, 17-4-4-3, \$217,659. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Augustin Stable; B-George Strawbridge (PA); T-H. Graham Motion.

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**6th-BEL, \$62,000, (S), Msw, 6-15, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:36.55, ft.**

**GUCCI FACTOR (g, 4, Gio Ponti--Shoo In, by Dynaformer)** was a no-factor seventh in his turf debut here one year ago before finishing second to **'TDN Rising Star'** Diversify (Bellamy Road) next out on dirt July 14 and concluding his sophomore season with a ninth-place effort in an Aug. 26 off-the-turf event at Saratoga. Bet to a nickel below 6-5 in this return, the bay broke alertly and quickly led in the clear, clicking off splits of :22.85 and :46.01. Starting to widen nearing the top of the lane, the \$150,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga buy blew the race open by the three-sixteenths pole and romped home an eye-popping 16 lengths to the good of second choice Pirate's Treasure (Gemologist). The winner has a 2-year-old half-brother by Giant's Causeway named Causeway Runner. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$49,732. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Castleton Lyons; B-Highclere (NY); T-Christophe Clement.

## EASTERN U.S.

### Thursday's Results:

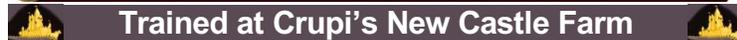
**LIGHT HEARTED S., \$50,000, DEL, 6-15, 3yo, f, 1m 70y, 1:43.12, ft.**

**1--#ELATE, 117, f, 3, Medaglia d'Oro--Cheery (SW, \$172,762), by Distorted Humor.** O/B-Claiborne Farm & Adele B. Dilschneider (KY); T-William I. Mott; J-Feargal Lynch. \$30,925. Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-1, \$110,325.

**2--Modacious, 119, f, 3, Uncle Mo--Deputie's Notebook,** by Notebook. (\$90,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP). O-Cash is King LLC & L and C Racing LLC; B-Lantern Hill Farm LLC (KY); T-John C. Servis. \$10,310.



**3--Teresa Z, 117, f, 3, Smart Strike--With Flying Colors,** by A.P. Indy. (\$635,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP). O-St. Elias Stable; B-Besilu Stables, LLC (KY); T-Anthony R. Margotta, Jr. \$5,670.



Margins: 5HF, 2, 6. Odds: 1.10, 1.00, 6.40.

Also Ran: Analyze. Scratched: Dancing Rags, Sine Wave, Tapa Tapa.

Elate, named a **'TDN Rising Star'** off of a big debut win, picked up her first stakes victory in the Light Hearted S. Wednesday at Delaware Park. Dominating by 12 1/2 lengths first out at Aqueduct Nov. 26, the homebred was second at 3-10 in the Suncoast S. Feb. 11 at Tampa and checked in third after a tough trip in the GIII Honeybee S. Mar. 11 at Oaklawn. Vanned off after finishing last in the GI Central Bank Ashland S. Apr. 8 at Keeneland, the dark bay was last seen running second at odds-on in a sloppy-track allowance/optional claimer May 5 at Churchill. Made the very slight second choice in this four-horse feature, Elate came away well from the outermost stall and traveled in last, though only about two lengths from the front, through dawdling splits of :25.16 and :50.88. The favorite, Modacious (Uncle Mo) took charge midway around the far turn, but was immediately set upon by Elate, who asserted command by the top of the lane and quickly drew clear to a convincing score.

The winner's second dam is MGSW/MGISP Yell (A.P. Indy), a half to GISW Eastern Echo (Damascus) and MGSW Roar (Forty Niner). Third dam Wild Applause (Northern Dancer) is a MGSW full-sister to MGISW Hero's Honor and a half to MGISW

Sea Hero (Polish Navy). Cheery is responsible for a yearling colt by Ghostzapper named Haunt and foaled a Blame colt earlier this season. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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**6th-DEL, \$40,375, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 6-15, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:47.96, fm.**

**GHOST HUNTER (g, 7, Ghostzapper--Hartfelt {SW}, by Kafwain),** winner of the Presque Isle Downs Mile S. last September, repeated there in an allowance Oct. 5 before closing out his 6-year-old campaign with a fourth in Woodbine's GII Autumn S. Running under the name of Cory Jensen--who was deputizing for Jamie Ness during his suspension--Apr. 22 at Laurel, the bay finished a close third at 20-1 behind subsequent GI Woodford Reserve Manhattan S. upsetter Ascend (Candy Ride {Arg}) in the Henry Clark S. and was second by a neck with a tough trip in the GIII Hanshin Cup last out May 13 at Arlington. Made the 19-10 second choice back under Ness's name here, the bay stalked the speed from fourth through splits of :24.31 and :48.89. Awaiting room on the far bend, he darted through a rail opening just inside the furlong grounds and got up to beat favored GISW Ring Weekend (Tapit) by a half-length. The winner has an unraced juvenile Awesome Again half-sister in Argentina named Awesome River and a yearling half-brother by Macho Uno. His dam was bred to Mucho Macho Man last term. Sales History: \$75,000 Ylg '11 FTKJUL; \$30,000 2yo '12 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: SW & GSP, 45-17-9-8, \$575,323. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Triple K Stables & Jagger Inc.; B-Adena Springs (KY); T-Jamie Ness.

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## FLORIDA

### Thursday's Results:

**4th-GP, \$36,000, Msw, 6-15, 3yo/up, 7 1/2fT, 1:30.50, fm.** EDITORIAL (c, 3, **War Front--Playa Maya, by Arch**), a half-brother to super-sire Uncle Mo (Indian Charlie), MGISW, \$1,506,000, got up in the waning strides to graduate second out at Gulfstream. Just missing by a head as the heavy favorite in his course-and-distance debut at Gulfstream, the bay was hammered down to 2-5 to go one better here and came away well to stalk in fourth past a :24.87 quarter. Dropping back one spot through a :49.05 half, the chalk started to get going three-

wide midway around the far turn, but pacesetter Gemologist (Gemologist) cut the corner well and still had a big cushion at the eighth pole. Editorial kept plugging away though, and he nailed the frontrunner in the shadow of the wire by a neck. The winner's dam foaled his full-sister, named Confidently, last season. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$29,160. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Mrs. John Magnier, Mr. Michael Tabor & Mr. Derrick Smith; B-Playa Maya Syndicate (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

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## KENTUCKY

### Thursday's Results:

**3rd-CD, \$52,556, Alw (NW3\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 6-15, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:51.20, gd.**

**SIR DUDLEY DIGGES (c, 4, Gio Ponti--My Pal Lana {MSW, \$465,538}, by Kris S.),** upset winner of last summer's Queen's Plate, went winless in his next five starts before annexing a local allowance/optional claimer May 6. Backed to 6-5 favoritism here, the dark bay tracked the speed of Chip Leader (Giant's Causeway) through fractions of :23.88, :48.98 and 1:13.95. Produced three-deep at the top of the lane, he hooked up with the pacesetter in the final sixteenth and got the friendly end of a head-bobbing finish to score by a nose. Sales History: \$72,000 Wlg '13 KEENOV; \$110,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$195,000 RNA 2yo '15 FTFMAR; \$130,000 2yo '15 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 16-4-5-3, \$705,149. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey; B-Bernard & Karen McCormack (ON); T-Michael J. Maker.

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**2nd-CD, \$45,977, Msw, 6-15, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:04.63, ft.**  
**+FREE DROP BILLY (c, 2, Union Rags--Trensa {GSP, \$170,470}, by Giant's Causeway)** made a bold move between horses on the turn and skipped away in the stretch to a first-out victory at Churchill. Coming in off of a swift three-furlong local gate breeze in :36 flat June 11, the \$200,000 Keeneland September buy was given a 5-1 chance and settled near the back of the pack behind a :22.33 quarter. Advancing while sandwiched between rivals in the four-path as the field bunched up nearing the straightaway, he surged to the lead at the three-sixteenths pole and quickly drew clear to a three-length tally. Transgress (Into Mischief) was second-best after having traffic trouble in the stretch. The winner is a half to Hawkbill (Kitten's Joy), Hwt. at 3 on English FH, 9 1/2-11f & G1SW-Eng, \$677,988, who is entered in the G1 Prince of Wales S. at Ascot **next Wednesday at Royal Ascot.** His dam, a half to MGSW Batique (Storm Cat) out of GISW Serape (Fappiano), has an unraced sophomore filly by Hard Spun named Hard Cloth, a yearling Curlin colt and a More Than Ready colt foaled earlier this season. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$28,020.

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**4th-CD, \$44,365, Msw, 6-15, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:04.21, ft.**  
**+DAK ATTACK (c, 2, Ghostzapper--Indian Spell {SW}, by Indian Charlie)** took all the money for this debut and beat back a stubborn pacesetter to give Albaugh Family Stable and Dale Romans a sweep of the 2-year-old races on Churchill's twilight Thursday card. Showing an identical final pair of workouts to his winning stablemate **Free Drop Billy** from two races prior, the \$625,000 Keeneland September buy broke sharply as the 1-2 chalk from the outermost of four posts and set up shop in second, two lengths off of Sporting Chance (Tiznow), through a :22.49 quarter. Cruising up to that one's flank at the five-sixteenths pole, Dak Attack took another quarter-mile to put the front-runner away, but did so in the final 100 yards, edging clear to a 1 1/4-length success. The runner-up was trained by D. Wayne Lukas, who also conditions the second-place finisher behind Free Drop Billy. The victor is the first foal out of a dam who produced a colt by Kitten's Joy last term. His second dam Proud Spell (Proud Citizen) captured the G1 Kentucky Oaks and G1 Alabama S. in 2008 on the way to champion 3-year-old filly honors. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$28,020.

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O-Albaugh Family Stable; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Dale L. Romans.

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## CENTRAL U.S.

**Wednesday Night's Results:**

**6th-PRM, \$31,000, Msw, 6-14, 2yo, f, 5f, :58.39, ft.**

**ARTSY HEARTS (f, 2, Candy Ride {Arg}--Sharp Act, by Our New Recruit)** crossed the wire first as the favorite on debut here May 14, but was disqualified one spot for drifting into a rival's path at the sixteenth pole. Off as the 7-5 second choice to make amends here, the homebred tracked the pace from third through a :22.37 quarter, traveled four-wide on the turn, sidled up to the leaders inside the eighth pole and ground out a half-length victory. Odds-on chalk Eurarookie (Euroears) was disqualified from second to third after his rider struck initial third finisher Secret Passion (Archarch) with his whip. The winner is the first foal out of a half to GSW/MGISP Candy Boy (Candy Ride {Arg}) whose subsequent produce is a yearling Animal Kingdom filly named In Her Fashion and a Bodemeister filly foaled earlier this season. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$24,625.

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### Wednesday Night's Results:

**1st-WO, C\$76,340, Msw, 6-14, 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 2:01.94, fm.**  
**LOOKIN AT BRAVO (g, 3, Lookin At Lucky--Sunset Kisses {MSW & GSP, \$332,400}, by Sky Classic)** ran an even fifth on debut over the local all-weather surface May 22 and was made a 29-10 proposition as a new gelding in this move to turf. Settling last of six behind splits of :25.49 and :49.12, the dark bay was patiently handled while saving ground on the far turn, ran through an inside opening at the top of the lane, struck the lead at the sixteenth pole and out-kicked Mick the Conqueror (Sky Conqueror) for a one-length graduation. The winner's dam is responsible for a juvenile colt by Majestic Warrior and she was bred to Twirling Candy last spring. Sales History: \$52,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$34,694. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**  
 O-Derek Chin; B-Penny & Manfred Conrad (ON); T-Kevin Attard.

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## INDUSTRY INFO

### Thoroughbred Club of America Testimonial Dinner to Honor Humphrey:

G. Watts Humphrey, Jr., has been selected as the Thoroughbred Club of America's 2017 Honor Guest for their Testimonial dinner at Keeneland Sept. 29.

"The Thoroughbred Club of America is excited to name G. Watts Humphrey Jr. as our 2017 Honor Guest," said Thoroughbred Club of America President Gray Lyster. "His lifetime accomplishments as an owner and breeder, as well as his support and love for the industry, are something to be honored and celebrated."

President of GWH Holdings, Inc., Chairman of the International Plastics Equipment Group and The Conair Group, and Director of Smithfield Trust Company, Humphrey also serves as Chairman of the Board for Churchill Downs Inc. and serves on the Executive Committee for the Keeneland Association. A longtime Thoroughbred owner and breeder, his stable is split between his daughter and son-in-law Vicki and Phil Oliver and Rusty Arnold. His top runners include Grade I winners Clear Mandate, Centre Court and Personal Diary.

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### Donna Brothers Named ThoroFan Brunch Keynote Speaker:

Donna Barton Brothers has been named the keynote speaker for the ThoroFan Annual Awards Brunch to be held at the Embassy Suites in Saratoga Aug. 12.

Bob Giordano will receive the 2017 ThoroFan Award, which is given to someone who contributes to building a fan base in racing. Giordano has helped educate fans on morning workouts through the ThoroFan Guide to Saratoga Race Course Trainer's Saddle Towels.

Acacia Courtney will emcee the brunch, which begins at 9 a.m. Click [here](#) to purchase tickets.

### Xpressbet Named Preferred Betting Site of Royal Ascot:

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*In this ongoing series, Alan Carasso takes a look ahead at US-bred and/or conceived runners entered for the upcoming weekend at the tracks on the Japan Racing Association circuit, with a focus on pedigree and/or performance in the sales ring. Here are the horses of interest for this weekend running at Tokyo and Hakodate Racecourses, including a pair of live stakes runners*

### Saturday, June 17, 2017

**8th-TOK, ¥14,250,000 (US\$129k), Alw, 3yo/up, 1300m**

**BLANC MEGERE (f, 3, Hansen--Debit or Credit, by Cat Thief)** was narrowly defeated in her first couple of tries on the dirt earlier this season, but broke through last time with a convincing victory over 1200m at Nakayama Mar. 19 ([video](#), gate 4). The most expensive of her expatriated sire's 31 juveniles to sell in 2016, the \$260K OBSAPR graduate is out of a half-sister to GSW & G1SP Alke (Grand Slam), MSW Debit My Account (Classic Account) and SW & GSP Red N'Gold (Tabasco Cat). *B-White Fox Farm (KY)*

**12th-TOK, ¥14,250,000 (US\$129k), Alw, 3yo/up, 1600m**

**LARIO (c, 4, Ice Box--Lake Como, by Salt Lake)** made seven trips to the races last year at three, winning his maiden at third asking and closing the season with a narrow victory over this course and distance Nov. 6 ([video](#), gate 3). The Kazumi Yoshida runner, a half-brother to Listed Al Bastakiya S. winner Cosmo Charlie (Stay Thirsty) and MSP Aliana (Majestic Warrior), fetched \$140K as a KEESEP yearling in 2014 and \$270K as an OBSMAR breezer in the spring of 2015. Christophe Lemaire has the call. *B-Roger S Braugh Jr (KY)*

**Sunday, June 18, 2017**

**11th-TOK, Unicorn S.-G3, ¥66,600,000 (US\$602k), 3yo, 1600m**

**RIENO TESORO (f, 3, Speightstown--Akilina, by Langfuhr)**, winner of four of her six career trips to the post, perfect in two tries on the main track and already past \$1 million in earnings, returns to the dirt here off a close runner-up effort ([video](#), gate 14) at odds of 36-1 in the G1 NHK Mile Cup (1600mT) at this venue May 7. The half-sister to SW & MGSP Governor Malibu (Malibu Moon) was a two-time listed winner in 2016, including the Oct. 13 Edelweiss Sho (1200m) ([video](#), gate 14) and the Dec. 14 Zennippon Nisai Yushun (1600m) ([video](#), gate 1). Rieno Tesoro was a \$250K purchase out of the 2015 FTSAUG sale. *B-Oak Bluff Stables LLC (NY)*

**11th-HAK, Hakodate Sprint S.-G3, ¥74,600,000 (US\$674k), 3yo/up, 1200mT**

When last seen over this track and trip, **LEVANTE LION (c, 3, Pioneer of the Nile--Ghostly Darkness, by Ghostzapper)** was running his career record to two-for-two with a track record-setting victory in the G3 Hakodate Nisai S. last July ([video](#), gate 12), covering the 1200m in 1:09.20. The \$150K KEESEP acquisition makes his third start of this preparation, having finished a creditable eighth, beaten about four lengths, in a dirt allowance at Chukyo Mar. 12. *B-Hargus & Sandra Sexton, Tom Bozarth & Silver Fern Farm LLC (KY)*

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**First-crop starters to watch: Friday, June 16**

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

**ALTERNATION** (Distorted Humor), Pin Oak Stud, \$7.5K, 80/0/0

3-CD, Msw 5 1/2f, +Hot N Sweet, 8-1

**BRETHREN** (Distorted Humor), Pleasant Acres Stallions, \$6K, 37/0/0

1-EVD, Msw 5f, Feisty Embrace, \$5K RNA OBS WIN yrl, 8-5

**CHAMP PEGASUS** (Fusaichi Pegasus), Legacy Ranch, \$3.5K, 59/1/0

4-SA, Msw 5f, +Utah Ute, 6-1

**ORB** (Malibu Moon), Claiborne Farm, \$25K, 99/1/0

6-BEL, Msw 6f, +Radiant Beauty, \$260K OBS MAR 2yo, 5-2

**RICHARD'S KID** (Lemon Drop Kid), Magali Farms, \$4.5K, 20/0/0

2-SA, Msw 5f, +Sapphire Kid, \$60K BAR OCT yrl, 4-1

**SMILING TIGER** (Hold That Tiger), Harris Farms, \$5K, 72/0/0

2-SA, Msw 5f, Spiced Perfection, \$50K BAR MAR 2yo, 7-2

2-SA, Msw 5f, +Smiling Tigress, \$20K BAR OCT yrl, 5-1

**SOLDAT** (War Front), Woodford Thoroughbreds, \$5K, 87/0/0

6-BEL, Msw 6f, +Soldat House, 15-1

**TAKE CHARGE INDY** (A.P. Indy), KOR, \$20K, 102/3/0

6-IND, Msw 5fT, +Simona, 12-1

**VIOLENCE** (Medaglia d'Oro), Hill 'N' Dale Farms, \$15K, 126/1/1

6-BEL, Msw 6f, +Puttinyouonthenews, \$60K FTS AUG yrl, 8-1

**Second-crop starters to watch: Friday, June 16**

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

**CALIMONCO** (Storm Cat), Ballena Vista Farm, \$1.5K, 48/6/0

2-SA, Msw 5f, +Pray for Corday, \$4K BAR JAN 2yo, 20-1

**DIALED IN** (Mineshaft), Darby Dan Farm, \$7.5K, 174/32/6

4-NP, \$50K R. K. (Red) Smith H., 1m, Ruffenuff, \$75K RNA OBS APR 2yo, 6-5

**EMPIRE WAY** (Empire Maker), Lovacres Ranch, \$5K, 57/6/0

2-SA, Msw 5f, +Whatyouciswhatuget, 12-1

**MISTER DO IT** (Songandaprayer), 5/1/0

4-NP, \$50K R. K. (Red) Smith H., 1m, Misty Do It, \$756 ALB MIX yrl, 8-1

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

5-IND, Msw 5 1/2f, +Uncle Gib, 15-1

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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**6th-WO, C\$83,091**, 6-14, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:45.85, ft.

**NEW SENSATION (f, 4, Old Forester--Dan's Duchess, by Domasca Dan)** Lifetime Record: 10-2-4-1, \$127,303. O-Frank D. Di Giulio, Jr.; B-Frank Di Giulio (ON); T-Robert P. Tiller. \*1/2 to Anywhere (Where's the Ring), MSW, \$319,314.

**7th-BEL, \$67,000**, (S), (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 6-15, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:34.38, fm.

**BROKEN BORDER (m, 5, Broken Vow--American Border {GSW, \$337,440}, by Boundary)** Lifetime Record: 14-3-3-0, \$151,940. O/B-Mr. Amore Stable (NY); T-Jason Servis.

**5th-DEL, \$36,125**, 6-15, (NW2L), 3yo, 6f, 1:11.39, ft.

**UPLIFTING (g, 3, Jersey Town--Encouragement, by Bertrando)** Lifetime Record: 8-2-3-2, \$86,470. O-Richard Ciavardone; B-Denali Stud (KY); T-Scott A. Lake. \*\$97,000 Ylg '15 FTKFEB; \$185,000 Ylg '15 FTSAUG; \$24,000 2yo '16 KEENOV.

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**6th-EVD, \$26,880**, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$15,000), 6-14, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:17.19, ft.

**STAND HIM UP (g, 5, Time Bandit--Taffy Davenport {SP, \$143,030}, by Miswaki)** Lifetime Record: 10-4-4-0, \$97,320. O/B-Hay Hollow Racing Stable LLC (LA); T-Howard Alonzo.

**2nd-NP, C\$19,594**, 6-14, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:19.04, my.

**SIR BRONX (g, 4, Bellamy Road--Tiz de Mayo, by Tiznow)** Lifetime Record: 13-2-3-2, \$48,661. O-Almac Racing Stable; B-Kinsman Farm & John R Murrell (FL); T-Rick Hedge. \*\$50,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**+Tin Badge**, g, 2, **The Deputy (Ire)**--Addy Annie (SP), by Posse. PRM, 6-14, (S), 5f, :57.78. B-MAMAS Thoroughbreds, LLC (IA).

**Our Frosty**, f, 3, **Half Ours**--Frosty Promise, by Frosty the Snowman. LAD, 6-14, (S), 1mT, 1:38.53. B-Clear Creek Stud LLC (LA). \*\$66,000 Ylg '15 BSCYRL. \*\*1/2 to Icy Atlantic (Stormy Atlantic), MGSW, \$993,700; and Wild Promises (Wild Event), GSW, \$699,610.

**Ohio Rose**, f, 3, **Leroidesanimaux (Brz)**--She's Behaving, by Mineshaft. BTP, 6-15, (S), 1m 70y (off turf), 1:44.92.

B-Sheltowee Farm, Patricia Pavlish, Warren Krueger, Joe Miller, et al (OH). \*\$15,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT.

**Elostorm**, f, 4, **Indygo Shiner**--Ommadon's Storm, by Ommadon. FL, 6-15, (S), 1m 70y, 1:47.00. B-Goodwin Farm (NY).

**Somesville**, c, 4, **Malibu Moon**--Quiet Harbor (GSW, \$274,670), by Silver Deputy. BEL, 6-15, (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:41.15. B-Stuart S. Janney, III LLC (KY).

**+Good Sally**, m, 5, **Henrythenavigator**--Good Time Sally, by Forestry. PID, 6-14, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.43. B-Galleria Bloodstock & Samac (KY). \*\$20,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP.

## UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track	
6/17	GI Stephen Foster H.	CD	
	GII Wise Dan S.	CD	
	GII Fleur de Lis H.	CD	
	GII Summertime Oaks	SA	
	GII Honeymoon S.	SA	
	GIII Matt Winn S.	CD	
	GIII Regret S.	CD	
	GIII Salvator Mile	MTH	
	6/18	GIII Poker H.	BEL
		GIII Pegasus S.	MTH
GIII Desert Stormer S.		SA	
6/24	GIII Chicago H.	CD	
	GIII Affirmed S.	SA	
	GIII Precisionist S.	SA	
	GIII Ohio Derby	TDN	
	6/30	GIII Bashford Manor S.	CD
		GI United Nations S.	MTH
	7/1	GII Mother Goose S.	BEL
		GII Princess Rooney S.	GP
		GII San Carlos S.	SA
		GII Wilshire S.	SA
GIII Dominion Day S.		WO	
GIII Smile Sprint H.		GP	
GIII Carry Back S.		GP	
7/2		GII Highlander S.	WO
		GII Dance Smartly S.	WO
		GII King Edward S.	WO

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## BEALE'S PATHWAY TO A NATIONAL TREASURE



Cathal Beale and INS retiree Rite Of Passage | Emma Berry

By Emma Berry

The coming weeks will see a significant changing of the guard at the Irish National Stud when John Osborne hands over his title of chief executive to Cathal Beale, who has been the farm's bloodstock manager since January.

In many ways, Beale's tenure represents the ultimate goal of the courses operated by the Irish National Stud and Godolphin Flying Start--both of which he has completed--in giving a golden opportunity to a bright young thing originally from a non-racing background. While Osborne hails from one of the most respected families in the bloodstock industry and, on taking up his role back in 2010 was following in the footsteps of his father Michael, who held the same position between 1970 and 1982, Beale readily admits that he is a relative newcomer to the industry. "I didn't grow up in racing but my father was a big racing fan and I went to college with a view to becoming a racing or sports journalist," he says brightly from the boardroom of the operation which is both commercial stud farm and tourist destination. Having sensibly cast aside thoughts of such a reckless career path, Beale augmented shifts as an in-house broadcaster for Paddy Power betting shops by spending his days off accruing some hands-on experience with Ken Bolger at Redmondstown Stud.

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## ROYAL ASCOT MEMORIES: TAKEOVER TARGET

By Trent Masenhelder

It's at this time of year that Australian jockey Jay Ford takes a moment to remember his old mate, Takeover Target (Aus) (Celtic Swing {GB}), and more specifically their victory in the 2006 G2 King's Stand S. at Royal Ascot.

Takeover Target wasn't the first Aussie to upstage the locals at the famous Royal meeting--Choisir (Aus) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) (2001) holds that honour and three others have done it since: Miss Andretti (Aus) (Ihtiram {Ire}) (2007), Scenic Blast (Aus) (Scenic {Ire}) (2009) and Black Caviar (Aus) (Bel Esprit {Aus}) (2012)--but in the eyes of many, his triumph sits behind only Peter Moody's unbeaten wonder mare Black Caviar in terms of capturing the imagination of racing fans around the globe.

Takeover Target was an injury plagued gelding that nobody wanted. He was humbly bred, a son of Celtic Swing--champion 2-year-old in Europe and a French Classic winner--out of the unraced Archregent mare Shady Stream (Aus).

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## IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

### AN E-'MOTION'-AL HOUR

Trainer Graham Motion, who has brought **Miss Temple City** (Temple City) to Royal Ascot for the third year in a row, enjoyed a stellar hour on GI Belmont S. day June 10. Joe Bianca has the details. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

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### Beale's Pathway To A National Treasure Cont. from p1

"I found I was enjoying the stud work more and more and I learned an awful lot from Ken," he recalls. "Eventually I took a leap of faith and applied for the Irish National Stud course in 2007."

It's an even bigger leap from being a student at the stud to being appointed to run it just a decade later, but the 34-year-old has packed the 10 years in between with some vital experience, not least graduating from the Flying Start course which in its 12-year existence has been the launchpad for so many up-and-coming names of the bloodstock industry worldwide. He says, "I'd heard of the Darley Flying Start--as it was then--and luckily I was accepted along with the likes of James McHale, Andy Williams and Mick Flanagan. It's a fabulous course and still is. It was a huge help to me having come from outside the circle."

Placements at leading stud farms in Kentucky and New Zealand as well as Sheikh Hamdan's breaking and pre-training facility in Dubai reinforced Beale's desire to focus on the breeding side and he joined the Smurfit family's Forenaghts Stud, run by Osborne's brother-in-law Dermot Cantillon, on completion of the Godolphin scheme.

"I was at Forenaghts for seven years and was involved on the sales side under the Tinnakill banner which grew an awful lot during in those years. Casamento and Sir Prancealot were both bred there during that time--we had some great success," he recalls. "Returning here in January when I became bloodstock manager was a sort of a homecoming. I've seen this farm as a student, as a client through Forenaghts and, as of July 1, as the CEO, so I've had a good perspective from all angles. It's very exciting and I'm looking forward to it. It's hard to believe in a way that 10 years after doing the course here I'm now in such a senior position."

It is hard not to be swayed by Beale's almost contagious enthusiasm for a role in life he clearly views as a pleasure rather than a chore. It is not mere naivety, however, more a desire to employ his quietly spoken intellect to best effect in making the most of the opportunities that have come his way. A former chairman of the YITBA (now known as the Next Generation

Committee), he is passionate in his drive to ensure other young people with a similar leaning can benefit from training courses akin to those that have shaped his career.

He says, "My being where I am is a testament to the education system that's out there, the fact that there's a pathway and that so many people in the industry are willing to help along the way. There are more and more of these courses available--the HRI internship here in Ireland now and of course the English National Stud course is going from strength to strength. The ITBA Next Generation Committee also has an apprentice scheme, so there are a lot of avenues for people to work their way through the industry that weren't there 15 or 20 years ago."

Training of course ranks highly at the Irish National Stud, which is famed for its diploma course, but it is just one element of a completely unique stud business. Running a stallion operation in what is an increasingly competitive field would be taxing enough for some, but Beale will also be called upon not only to maintain the stud's recent good sales record, which has seen it finish in the top 10 consignors' table at the Orby Sale for the last five years, but also to oversee the tourism side of the popular visitor venue. On top of his bloodstock qualifications, he has recently graduated with an MSc in management.

"The course incorporated finance, accounting, marketing, human resources, business information systems, all the sort of things that will now become useful in terms of managing the various aspects of the stud," he says. "We have two main streams that we are involved with--the

stud farm and the public utility involving tourism and education. It's that duality that makes us different to other stud farms around, though we have the same commercial realities that every other stud farm has. Ensuring as much synergy between the two is the important thing. It's a huge challenge but an exciting one."

The most obviously commercial aspect of the stud is its stallion roster, headed by the 20-year-old Invincible Spirit (Ire), with Free Eagle (Ire) the most recent recruit to the eight-strong team. Continually enhancing that line-up, particularly as Invincible Spirit heads into his twilight years, is a challenge the Irish National Stud shares with the majority of its rivals. **Cont. p3**



**Incoming Irish National Stud CEO Cathal Beale**  
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### Beale's Pathway To A National Treasure Cont.

Beale says, "Fortunately, we have a history of producing stallions. Indian Ridge and Invincible Spirit came from relatively lowly bases to become very influential stallions. You can't do that on your own and historically we've had a really strong team of syndicate members who have come in. Because of the goodwill people generally have towards this place, they have been very supportive."

He continues, "Obviously it's very competitive to acquire stallions. To get the next Invincible Spirit isn't really the goal. The goal is to try to attract stallions that people want to breed to and that will then become viable. We all know that it gets difficult with the majority of stallions to retain their commercial appeal in years three and four so success is probably measured if you can get past years four or five and still have a good chance of getting a return on your investment. We continue to work hard to source stallions in whatever way we can but it's getting harder--most of the good colts have been acquired before they even run in a Classic."

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In continuing this quest, along with myriad other challenges which will doubtless come his way during a seven-year term of office that commences on July 1, Beale is blessed by having been able to spend six months working with his predecessor, whom he acknowledges is a tough act to follow.

"John has done a phenomenal job. He's brought the place through from the days when it was struggling to a position of real strength. There are options for the person coming in now thanks to him. We're on a much more stable foothold and in a position to move forward positively, and that was no small feat," he says. "There's continuity--I understand what John was trying to achieve and we have the same board members. I've already been working here for several months so there's been a transitional phase already and we won't lose any time. Hopefully we can just move on fairly seamlessly when the handover happens."

Osborne himself points to the fact that his revered father was only two years older than Beale when he took on stewardship of the stud, while he was the "old man" when starting his term seven years ago at the age of 45. **Cont. p4**

## Flashback - Royal Ascot



**Black Caviar** winning the **2012 G1 Diamond Jubilee Stakes** from Moonlight Cloud

1. Glorious Journey (Dubawi) made a winning debut at Newmarket on Saturday for Godolphin/Charlie Appleby. How much did he cost at Tattersalls October?
2. Verbal Dexterity was named a TDN Rising Star after winning at The Curragh by 9 ½ lengths. Who sired the Jim Bolger-trained colt?
3. What Australian jockey was recently appointed as the retained rider for John Moore in Hong Kong?
4. Tepin (Bernstein) grabbed plenty of headlines by winning the 2016 G1 Queen Anne Stakes. What Frenchman was in the irons?
5. Precieuse (Tamayuz), winner of the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches last month for her owner-breeders Brendan and Anne Marie Hayes, was sold privately this week. Name her new owner.
6. Kingman (Invincible Spirit) was an impressive winner of the 2014 G1 St James's Palace Stakes. But what horse finished second that day?
7. Yeats won the G1 Ascot Gold Cup four times (from 2006 to 2009). Name the three jockeys that tasted Ascot success with him.
8. Uae King (Frankel) broke his maiden for Roger Varian/Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum at Haydock on Thursday. Name his illustrious half-brother.
9. Who is the highest Timeform rated 2-year-old in Europe so far this year (with a rating of 106p)?
10. De Bruyne Horse also features prominently in the Timeform ratings. Who sired Richard Hannon's talented juvenile?



### Beale's Pathway To A National Treasure Cont.

In 2015, the Irish National Stud reached the milestone of 100 years since its former owner Colonel William Hall Walker sold his private farm in Kildare to the British government. Since 1945, when the land was acquired by the Irish government and an act of parliament was passed to ensure its future, the business has operated under the banner of the Irish National Stud Company. As it heads forth into its next century, the continuing health of a state-owned farm in a nation which takes immense pride in its Thoroughbred heritage will doubtless be the driving force throughout Beale's tenure.

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### Royal Ascot Memories: Takeover Target Cont. from p1

Enter Joe Janiak, a taxi driver and part-time trainer, who spent more than 10 years living in a caravan. Janiak was born to Polish parents on a boat en-route to Australia. He wasn't afforded any luxuries as a child, paying for his own education after earning money by shoveling manure at local stables.

Janiah took a punt on the then 4-year-old with bad knees at a tried-horse sale in Sydney in 2003, paying A\$1,375 for him. Still to this day, it's the best money he's ever spent.

Takeover Target became a star, and the public adored him. It was a script befitting a Hollywood movie.



Takeover Target and Joe Janiak | *Racing Post*

Fondly referred to as 'Archie,' Takeover Target arrived in the UK following his third Group 1 victory in the Newmarket H. at Flemington in March of 2006. Parading with a thick winter coat and sweating up noticeably, the Australian raider eased in betting (5-1 out to 7-1).

Takeover Target raced at the front of the division that travelled down the grandstand rail. He kicked clear with 200 metres to run, but Ford (23 at the time) had to get busy, as 16-1

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shot Benbaun (Ire) (Stravinsky) burst out of the pack under Jamie Spencer to lay down a serious challenge. The Aussies weren't to be denied. **Takeover Target dug deep, displaying the trademark fighting qualities that had earned him cult hero status to see it through,** the winning margin a short head.

"It was incredible. When I first decided I wanted to be a jockey I didn't even know what or where Royal Ascot was," Ford said. "It's a very prestigious carnival and renowned throughout the world, so to go and be a part of it was pretty special. I was confident he would perform well, but there was a bit of unknown as to how he would measure up against their horses."

Following his King's Stand heroics, Takeover Target was declared the best sprinter in the world on turf by the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities with a rating of 118. He ran a brave third in the G1 Golden Jubilee S. on the final day of the carnival before finishing unplaced in the G1 July Cup at Newmarket. **Cont. p5**

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### Royal Ascot Memories: Takeover Target Cont.

He returned to England in 2007, 2008 and 2009, and although he never added to his King's Stand success, he was the runner-up in the 2007 Golden Jubilee and the 2008 King's Stand.

Remarkably, in his six starts down the Ascot straight course the bay gelding with the eye-catching white blaze never finished further back than fourth. Takeover Target retired in 2009, boasting 21 wins from 41 starts. He won eight Group 1s; six in Australia, one in Japan and one in Singapore, amassing more than A\$6 million in earnings. Ford formed a special bond with Takeover Target, partnering him to 20 wins and 10 minor placings from 39 starts. The sold-for-a-song castoff with bad knees came along just at the right time for the self-effacing jockey, opening doors for him that otherwise may have been locked shut.

"Winning the King's Stand was just one of the highlights; with him, there were so many highlights," said Ford. "He was a champion racehorse that won all over Australia and all over the world. He had a tremendous will to win. I haven't ridden a horse before or after him that's had the tenacity he had. He wouldn't always win by a big margin but he knew where the winning post was and it was very hard for a horse to get past him."

"And his longevity, too—that was amazing," Ford added. "He traveled and raced at the top level for five years. There are very few horses that can do what he did throughout his career."

Takeover Target was euthanized in 2015, aged 15, after injuring a leg in his paddock. He is remembered as one of Australia's greats of the turf, despite being the unlikeliest of them.

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### RECORD-PRICED COLT A RISING STAR

**Parabellum (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), who attracted Arqana's record price of €2.6-million when topping the sheets at the 2015 August sale, was compromised by inexperience when narrowly defeated in his Apr. 16 Chantilly debut and again at this track last time on May 19, and went some way to justifying his lofty price tag with a blistering display here. Professional from the gate and positioned in a prominent second for the most part, the 3-5 favourite eased to the front soon after turning for home and surged ever clear inside the final quarter mile to score by a highly impressive eight lengths from Mondo Bello (Fr) (Soldier Hollow {GB}). [Cont. p6](#)



**Parabellum (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), Arqana's record €2.6-million August Yearling Sale topper in 2015, wins by eight lengths and becomes a 'TDN Rising Star' | *Scoop Dyga*

### Record-Priced Colt a Rising Star Cont.

The G1 Grand Prix de Paris and G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe entry is the first scorer produced by G3 Prix de Lutece victress Pacifique (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}), herself a half to Listed Prix de la Seine winner Prudenzia (Ire) (Dansili {GB}), who in turn produced G1 Irish Oaks heroine and G1 Prix de Diane runner-up Chicquita (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}). The latter hit the headlines herself when selling for €6-million at Goffs as part of Paul Makin's 2013 dispersal and is from a family which features G1 Epsom Oaks, G1 Irish Oaks and G1 Yorkshire Oaks heroine Alexandrova (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), and G1 Cheveley Park S. victress Magical Romance (Ire) (Barathea {Ire}).

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**4th-SCD, €30,000, Mdn, 6-15, 3yo, c/g, 12fT, 2:37.42, gd.**

**PARABELLUM (IRE), c, 3, by Dubawi (Ire)**

**1st Dam: Pacifique (Ire), by Montjeu (Ire)**

**2nd Dam: Platonic (GB), by Zafonic**

**3rd Dam: Puce (GB), by Darshaan (GB)**

Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, €25,500. [Click for the Racing Post result or the free EquineLine.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

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O-Godolphin SNC; B-Ecurie Skymarc Farm & Ecurie des Monceaux (IRE); T-Andre Fabre.

### GROWING AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR ROYAL ASCOT *By Emma Berry*

Newmarket has traditionally been the host town for visiting international raiders for Royal Ascot, not least Black Caviar (Aus) (Bel Esprit {Aus}) and many of her compatriots over the years. While there are no Australian horses entered for this year's meeting, the town has nevertheless welcomed a throng of American-trained runners, including nine from Wesley Ward's team along with the WinStar homebred **American Patriot** (War Front) and a first starter at Ascot for Bill Mott, the sprinter **Long On Value** (Value Plus).

With Ward's horses stabled at the National Stud, American Patriot and Long On Value are enjoying bed and board on the other side of town in a wing at Jane Chapple-Hyam's Abington Place, which will be doing its bit to wave the Aussie flag at Ascot next week. Though trained in Newmarket, **Kaspersky (Ire)** (Footstepsinthesand {GB}), a multiple group winner in Germany and Italy and an intended runner in Tuesday's G1 Queen Anne



Michelle Payne | Emma Berry

S., is trained by Chapple-Hyam and owned by fellow Australians Ernest and Ronda Clarke, who have persuaded Michelle Payne to fly over for her first ride at the Royal meeting.

Eight years ago, Payne spent a summer in Europe but her life has changed significantly since then, largely thanks to her victory in the 2015 G1 Melbourne Cup aboard Prince Of Penzance (NZ) (Pentire {GB}).

"It's been fairly crazy," admitted Payne, who has also recently taken out her trainers licence. "The book has come out and at the end of the year work is starting on a movie about my life. I don't know who will be playing me but [Payne's brother and Prince Of Penzance's strapper] Stevie will be playing himself and he's really excited about that."

Commitments at home with the horses under her care mean that Payne is in the UK only briefly, but she will return in July to take her place on the all-female team for the Shergar Cup, which is also held at Ascot. She added, "Obviously in Australia the Melbourne Cup is our holy grail but having the opportunity to come out here to ride at Royal Ascot is incredible--it's such a prestigious meeting. Kaspersky may be 40-1 but Jane has him in great shape. He's a stallion and he'll make his presence felt." Payne continued, "I missed out on the Shergar Cup last year after I got injured so it's great to have a second chance to come back again for that. I've never ridden at Ascot but I've been watching plenty of replays of races from there, including as many previous Queen Anne S. as I can, to try to get an idea of how the race tends to be run."

Among those replays will have been the recording of the most recent Queen Anne winner Tepin (Bernstein), who got the meeting off to a great start for the American team last year and has provided inspiration for some of her countrymen.

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*"Mr [Wesley] Ward has been a fixture at Ascot for several years now and Mr [Mark] Casse bringing Tepin over last year made us start to think that it would be possible to come here and be competitive."  
-Riley Mott*

### Growing American Support for Royal Ascot Cont.

Riley Mott, in town to supervise his father's representative Long On Value, said on Thursday morning, "Mr [Wesley] Ward has been a fixture at Ascot for several years now and Mr [Mark] Casse bringing Tepin over last year made us start to think that it would be possible to come here and be competitive."

The 6-year-old Long On Value, who runs a week on Saturday in the G1 Diamond Jubilee S., was certainly competitive in his most recent overseas trip to Dubai when beaten just a nose by The Right Man (GB) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) in the G1 Al Quoz Sprint.

"It was frustrating but it was also very rewarding to take him across the world and compete with an international field," Mott commented. "The fact that he was able to compete with that quality of horse gave us the confidence to come here. He's settled in extremely well and we were very pleased with his first gallop today--so far, so good."

Alongside his temporary stablemate American Patriot, Long On Value sauntered out to Newmarket's famous Limekilns gallop--a vast expanse of turf which would almost certainly be unlike anything either horse has encountered before. Both appeared unfazed by the openness of the heath, with the Todd Pletcher-trained American Patriot cantering just less than a mile and being followed up the turf at a distance by the sprinter.

Ginny DePasquale is in town representing Pletcher, who won the GI Maker's 46 Mile at Keeneland with the 4-year-old he has brought to the UK ahead of taking two legs of the American Triple Crown with Always Dreaming (Bodemeister) and Tapwrit (Tapit).

"It's been an amazing six weeks," said DePasquale. "Obviously we're hoping for the best next week. Winning at Ascot is very prestigious for any American trainer--it's the most prestigious race meeting in the world--and it would definitely be a feather in our cap."



Long On Value and Riley Mott | Emma Berry

Wesley Ward took his team of nine for a day trip to Ascot Racecourse on Wednesday and those who fear the American trainer's prolific strike-rate at the meeting will not have been pleased to hear that Ryan Moore--deputising for the injured Frankie Dettori in a piece of work aboard **Lady Aurelia** (Scat Daddy)--was buzzing about the filly's performance on the track which last year hosted her seven-length demolition job in the G2 Queen Mary S.

"She's a true champion. She's a sweetheart to be around but when she gets to the track she puts it all in," Ward offered, confirming that Lady Aurelia would take aim at Tuesday's G1 King's Stand S. "From yesterday and everything I've seen this morning, I'm very happy. Ascot is the focal point of my year's training. In the winter I don't even go racing. I'm out at the farm all day long trying to pinpoint which horses I'll be bringing."

The unbeaten **Bound For Nowhere** (The Factor) is also pleasing Ward ahead of the G1 Commonwealth Cup, while **Happy Like A Fool** (Distorted Humor) will attempt to emulate Lady Aurelia in

the Queen Mary; **Arawak** (Uncle Mo) heads to the G2 Coventry S. and **McErin** (Trappe Shot) will be aimed at Thursday's G2 Norfolk S. Completing the juvenile runners are G3 Albany S. entrants and Scat Daddy-sired **Princess Peggy** and **Fairyland**, while **Nootka Sound** (Lonhro {Aus}) and **Elizabeth Darcy (Ire)** (Camacho {GB}) are both in the Listed Windsor Castle S. The latter, a turf winner over five furlongs in May and graduate of last year's Goffs Orby Sale, will have Luke Barry dusting off his top hat as she was bred in Limerick by his Manister House

Stud.

Two American Royal Ascot runners who managed to avoid the media glare on Thursday morning are **Miss Temple City** (Temple City), who is set to make her third appearance at the meeting, and G1 Coronation S. starter **La Coronel** (Colonel John). Trained respectively by Graham Motion and Mark Casse, they arrived together on Tuesday and are stabled more than 100 miles from Newmarket in Lambourn.

## 'HOBBS' LOOMS IN PRINCE OF WALES'S

G1 Dubai Sheema Classic winner **Jack Hobbs (GB)** (Halling) is among 17 horses left in the G1 Prince Of Wales's S. at Royal Ascot on Wednesday, June 21 following the confirmation stage. The 5-year-old has had little racing since his Classic campaign when he lifted the G1 Irish Derby, but showed he was as good as ever when striking at Meydan on Mar 25. His trainer John Gosden also has **Wings Of Desire (GB)** (Pivotal {GB}) in the 10-furlong showpiece while Godolphin, who are major shareholders in Jack Hobbs, can also call on **Hawkbill** (Kitten's Joy) and **Scottish (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}) from Charlie Appleby's stable, the Jim Bolger-trained **Moonlight Magic (GB)** (Cape Cross {Ire}) and Saeed bin Suroor's **Prize Money (GB)** (Authorized {Ire}).



Jack Hobbs | Horsephotos

G1 Coronation Cup winner **Highland Reel (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) is one of three possibles from the Aidan O'Brien battalion along with **Deauville (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) and **Johannes Vermeer (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}).

Dermot Weld is responsible for **The Grey Gatsby (Ire)** (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), who was second in 2015 when trained by Kevin Ryan. Last year's winner **My Dream Boat (Ire)** (Lord Shanakill), trained by Clive Cox, could bid to become the first dual winner since Muhtarram (Alleged) in 1994-95.

Sir Michael Stoute is double-handed with **Ulysses (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) and **Queen's Trust (GB)** (Dansili {GB}), while Roger Charlton has **Decorated Knight (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}), who took the G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup at The Curragh last month. Jean-Claude Rouget's **Mekhtaal (GB)** (Sea the Stars {Ire}) is the sole French entry following the defection of **Cloth Of Stars (Ire)** (Sea the Stars {Ire}). The remaining contenders are: the William Haggas-trained **Mutakayyef (GB)** (Sea the Stars {Ire}) and Roger Varian's **Nezwaah (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}).

The complexion of the June 21 G2 Duke of Cambridge S. changed Thursday, with last year's winner **Usherette (Ire)** (Shamardal) and Chris Wall's **Mix And Mingle (Ire)** (Exceed And

Excel {Aus}) having been supplemented. Andre Fabre's Usherette has been without a win since her success 12 months ago, but returned to something like her best last time out when beaten less than a length by Mekhtaal in the G1 Prix d'Isiphan.

Mix And Mingle has won both her starts this season, including when beating last year's G1 Coronation S. winner **Qemah (Ire)** (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), who she will meet again, in the G3 Chartwell S. at Lingfield.

"We'd been weighing up all the options, but she's in good shape, galloped well on Tuesday and I'm very happy with her," said Wall. "Crucially the weather looks set fair, which helped us make the decision. Last year I was convinced she didn't stay a mile, but she's another year older and her pedigree suggests she should have no problem staying. I'm not quite sure who'll ride her yet with Ted Durcan injured still, but we've a few irons in the fire."

As ever there is international interest, with Graham Motion bringing MGISW **Miss Temple City (Temple City)** over for a third go having finished fourth in the Coronation S. and this corresponding race for the last two years. Miss Temple City also holds an entry in Tuesday's G1 Queen Anne S.

**Furia Cruzada (Chi)** (Newfoundland), formerly with John Gosden but now trained in France by Satoshi Kobayashi, is in the mix, while the Francois Doumen-trained **Aim To Please (Fr)** (Excellent Art {GB}) along with Usherette and Qemah complete a strong French challenge.

Gosden can run impressive Epsom winner **Laugh Aloud (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), **Persuasive (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}) and new recruit **Greta G (Arg)** (Exchange Rate).

**Somehow (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), **Absolute Blast (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}), **Nezwaah (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) and **Smart Call (SAf)** (Ideal World) are also among the 20 remaining fillies and mares.

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## BHA UNVEILS MOBILE APP FOR POST-RACE TESTING

All post-race tests at Royal Ascot will be conducted using a new mobile app, the British Horseracing Authority (BHA) announced Thursday. The app will allow the BHA to collect and transmit testing data to test management databases, while minimizing the risk of errors and creating a more secure, efficient and eco-friendly process. After a two-year development process and the rolling implementation, feedback from trainers' representatives and the BHA's own sample collection team has been positive. The app--consisting of a microchip scanner and barcode reader attached to a smartphone--will be used at the Royal Meeting and all subsequent racing fixtures. It is part of a move towards digital technology and a modern approach to anti-doping strategy, with out of competition testing handled via the app in due course. **Cont. p9**

**BHA Unveils Mobile App for Post-Race Testing Cont.**

“We are committed to keeping British racing fair and clean and this modernisation of our testing technology is another step forwards on this front,” said Brant Dunshea, Director of Integrity and Regulatory operations at the BHA. “The new processes associated with this technology will be quicker and more secure, as well as enabling us to be smarter, dynamic and take a more strategic view of our constantly evolving anti-doping program.”

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(l to r) Pat Smullen, Kevin Manning & Seamie Heffernan with the 2017 Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby Trophy, which was created by County Kilkenny-based artist Ani Molineau. The Curragh launched the 2017 Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby Festival on June 14, which is slated for June 30-July 2. | Lorraine O'Sullivan

**Thursday, Leopardstown, Ireland**

**BALLYCORUS S.-G3**, €74,340, LEO, 6-15, 3yo/up, 7fT, 1:28.31, gd.

1--**FLIGHT RISK (IRE)**, 135, g, 6, by **Teofilo (Ire)**

1st Dam: Raghida (Ire) (GSP-Eng & Ire), by Nordico

2nd Dam: La Meilleure (Ire), by Lord Gayle

3rd Dam: Gradille (Ire), by Home Guard

O-Mrs J S Bolger; B-James F Hanly (Ire); T-Jim Bolger; J-Kevin Manning. €37,170. Lifetime Record: 31-3-8-1, \$218,486. \*1/2 to Marionnaud (Ire) (Spectrum {Ire}), MGSW-Ire, \$295,083; and Rock Moss (Ire) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), GSP-Ire, \$290,382. **Werk Nick Rating: C+.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Don't Touch (GB)**, 135, g, 5, Dutch Art (GB)--Expressive (GB), by Falbrav (Ire). (60,000gns Ylg '13 TAOCT). O-Nicholas Wrigley & Kevin Hart; B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB); T-Richard Fahey. €11,970.

3--**Psychedelic Funk (GB)**, 125, c, 3, **Choisir (Aus)**--Parabola (GB), by Galileo (Ire). (13,000gns Wlg '14 TATFOA; £30,000 Ylg '15 DNPRM). O-Sean Jones; B-Mrs J. Imray (GB); T-Ger Lyons. €5,670.

Margins: 2HF, 2 3/4, HF. Odds: 12.00, 2.50, 4.00.

Also Ran: Gordon Lord Byron (Ire), Firmament (GB), Marshall Jennings (Ire), Sevenleft (Ire). [Click for the Racing Post result or Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

Winning for the first time since registering a 50-1 upset in The Curragh's G3 Gladness S. over this trip in April 2015, Flight Risk cut a dash here to suggest he has improved for a recent gelding operation. Second in last year's Gladness and also in the G2 Greenlands S. again at The Curragh, the chestnut was busy last term and signed off with a 10th in the Listed Knockaire S. over this course and distance in October. Held up at the tail of the field early, the homebred was sent up the rail in the straight and rewarded Kevin Manning's daring with a renewed zeal to take command a furlong out and surge clear for an emphatic score. "They have gone a nice pace and he is very smart when everything falls right for him on the day," his rider commented. "You've got to ride him like that."

**Pedigree Notes...**

Raghida, who was quick enough to finish second in the G3 Molecomb S. and G3 Curragh S. at two, now has four black-type performers to her credit including the G3 Derrinstown Stud 1000 Guineas Trial and G3 Concorde S. winner Marionnaud. Like Thursday's Newbury maiden winner Standing Rock (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), the winner descends from La Meilleure who is responsible for the G1 Gran Criterium-winning sire Sholokhov (Ire) and two other smart types in Napper Tandy (Ire) (Spectrum {Ire}) and Affianced (Ire) (Erins Isle {Ire}). The latter, who was runner-up in the G3 Blandford S., went on to produce Soldier of Fortune (Ire) and Heliostatic (Ire) by Galileo (Ire), with the former capturing the G1 Irish Derby and G1 Coronation Cup.

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**Flight Risk** | *Racing Post*

**G3 Ballycorus S. Cont.**

Despite several tries after Flight Risk, the dam who also hails from the family of the group-winning Danelissima (Ire) (Danehill) and G1 Dewhurst S.-winning sire Intense Focus, has been unable to produce a follow-up. **Click for the free [Equineline.com](http://Equineline.com) catalogue-style pedigree.**

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**Thursday's Results:****LORD WEINSTOCK MEMORIAL EBF STALLIONS S.-Listed,**

£50,000, NBY, 6-15, 3yo, f, 10fT, 2:07.52, gd.

1--#ELAS RUBY (GB), 126, f, 3, by **Raven's Pass**

**1st Dam: Elas Diamond (GB) (SP-Eng), by Danehill Dancer (Ire)**

**2nd Dam: Ela Athena (GB), by Ezzoud (Ire)**

**3rd Dam: Crodelle (Ire), by Formidable**

(160,000gns RNA Ylg '15 TATOCT). O/B-Newsells Park Stud (GB); T-John Gosden; J-James Doyle. £28,355. Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-1, \$50,626.

2--**Ebbesbourne (Ire)**, 126, f, 3, **Teofilo (Ire)**--Ebble (GB), by Oasis Dream (GB). (19,000gns RNA Ylg '15 TAOCT). O-Mr James Wigan. £10,750.

3--**Smart Together**, 126, f, 3, **Smart Strike**--Forever Together, by Belong to Me. O-Mr George Strawbridge. £5,380.



Margins: 3 3/4, NO, HF. Odds: 9.00, 6.00, 16.00.

Also Ran: Indian Blessing (GB), Pleasant Surprise (Ire), Pattie (GB), Talaayeb (GB), Fleur Forsyte (GB).

With TDN Rising Star and G1 1000 Guineas fourth Talaayeb (GB) (Dansili {GB}) proving a major disappointment, Elas Ruby stepped forward to capture her first black-type success with authority. Taking five starts to get off the mark last term, the homebred broke through on Chelmsford's Polytrack in November and returned to be second to the promising Stoute-trained colt Adamant (Ger) (Dalakhani {Ire}) in a 10-furlong handicap at Salisbury Apr. 30. Fourth behind another from that stable in Mori (GB) (Frankel {GB}) in Goodwood's Listed Height of Fashion S. again at this trip last time May 25, the bay benefitted from a fast pace here to continue her progression. Settled behind the leading trio throughout the early stages, she was at work as Talaayeb loomed on her outer approaching the two-furlong pole but whereas that Shadwell representative wilted late on Elas Ruby was stronger the further she went and after taking control at the furlong pole stretched away.

The winner is the first foal out of the listed-placed Elas Diamond, who is a daughter of the globetrotting Ela Athena. Successful in the G3 Lancashire Oaks, she placed seven times at the top level including in two renewals of the Man o'War. Her other two black-type performers feature the G2 Doncaster Cup and G3 Henry II S. winner Pallasator (GB) (Motivator {GB}), while she has a useful 3-year-old in training with Michael Jarvis named Prosper (GB) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) who won at Ascot last month. Elas Diamond's 2015 filly by Nathaniel (Ire) is named Elasia (GB), while she also has a yearling filly by Lope de Vega (Ire) and a filly foal by Golden Horn (GB). **Click for the [Racing Post](#) result. [Video](#), sponsored by [Fasig-Tipton](#).**

**1st-NBY, £6,250, Cond**, 6-15, 2yo, 6 1/2fT, 1:23.10, gd.

+**BULLINGTON BANDIT (IRE) (c, 2, Canford Cliffs {Ire})--Spiritual Flame {GB}, by Invincible Spirit {Ire}** recovered from an early bump and raced in the second echelon through halfway in this first go. Shaken up passing the two pole, the 80-1 outsider moved into fourth entering the final eighth and kept on strongly under mainly whipless urging to score by a neck from Godolphin's €1.4-million GOFORB purchase Being There (Fr) (Dubawi {Ire}). The £16,000 TATABR breeder is the sole representative for the dual winner Spiritual Flame (GB), who in turn shares her second dam Secret Obsession (Secretariat) with G1 St James's Palace S.-winning sire and G1 Breeders' Cup Mile runner-up Excellent Art (GB) (Pivotal {GB}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,156. **Video, sponsored by [Fasig-Tipton](#).**

O-Bryan Hirst; B-Asterra Holdings Ltd (IRE); T-Jane Chapple-Hyam.

**2nd-NBY, £6,250, Cond**, 6-15, 2yo, 6 1/2fT, 1:21.29, gd.

+**EXPERT EYE (GB) (c, 2, Acclamation {GB})--Exemplify {GB}, by Dansili {GB}** tracked the leaders in third from the outset of this debut. Angled into clear runway just inside the two pole, the 6-1 chance quickened to challenge at the eighth pole and ran on well under whipless rousing to assert by 1 1/2 lengths from Mutakatif (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}). Kin to a yearling filly by Kingman (GB) and a colt foal by Dark Angel (Ire), the homebred bay is out of a winning half-sister to MG1SW European champion juvenile filly Special Duty (GB) (Hennessy). His dual stakes-winning third dam Viviana (Nureyev) produced MG1SWs Sightseek (Distant View) and Tates Creek (Rahy), and is a full-sister to the dam of G1 Prix de la Foret victress Etoile Montante (Miswaki). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,156. **Video, sponsored by [Fasig-Tipton](#).**

O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-Sir Michael Stoute.

**British Report Cont.**

**1st-NOT, £5,000, Cond, 6-15, 2yo, 6f 18yT, 1:15.36, g/f.**  
**+GREAT PROSPECTOR (IRE) (c, 2, Elzaam {Aus}--Guana {Ire}, by Dark Angel {Ire})** was patiently ridden at the back of the peloton from flagfall in this opening show. Cruising into contention on the bridle with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining, the 11-1 chance quickened to the fore entering the final eighth and kept on powerfully for mild coaxing in the latter stages to easily best Tale of Tails (Ire) (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}) by two lengths. Half-brother to a yearling colt by Bungle Inthejungle (GB), he shares his unraced granddam Guana Bay (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}) with G2 Superlative S. victor and MG1SP stablemate Birchwood (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}). Guana Bay is herself kin to four black-type performers headed by MGSW sire and G1 Prix Robert Papin third Prince Sabo (GB) (Young Generation {Ire}), and MGSW Irish highweight Milliyant (GB) (Primo Dominie {GB}), who in turn produced dual G3 Prix du Petit Couvert winner Mirza (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}). Sales history: €48,000 Wlg '15 GOFNOV; £95,000 Ylg '16 GOUKPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,126. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Mr & Mrs J D Cotton; B-Patrick Gleeson (IRE); T-Richard Fahey.

**3rd-NBY, £8,250, Mdn, 6-15, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:40.93, gd.**  
**+STANDING ROCK (IRE) (f, 3, Fastnet Rock {Aus}--Great Hope {Ire}, by Halling),** a 10-1 shot, raced a little worse than mid-division early. Making steady progress from halfway, the 50,000gns TAOCT yearling wore down Spinnaka (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) with 100 yards remaining and stayed on to score by 1 1/4 lengths. The winner is a half-sister to the MSP Reckoning (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) and Hope Cross (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}) who finished runner-up in the GIII My Charmer H., GSP-US, \$268,830. The dam, who also has a yearling colt by Exceed and Excel (Aus), is a half to two black-type performers including Chivalrous (Ire) (Danehill) who was placed in the G3 Round Tower S. and G3 Anglesey S. Under the third dam La Meilleure (Ire) (Lord Gayle) are the group 1-winning sires Sholokhov (Ire), Soldier of Fortune (Ire) and Heliostatic (Ire). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$6,806. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Rachel Hood & Mrs P Shanahan; B-P. A. Byrne (IRE); T-John Gosden.

**2nd-NOT, £5,000, Mdn, 6-15, 3yo/up, 8f 75yT, 1:44.33, g/f.**  
**ALWAHSH (IRE) (c, 3, Dubawi {Ire}--Gile Na Greine {Ire} {MG1SP-Eng, \$198,874}, by Galileo {Ire}),** who ran fourth going 10 panels at Wetherby last time May 15, was hustled from the gate to seize an immediate lead in this one. Maintaining control throughout, the 5-4 pick had all rivals at full stretch entering the final quarter mile and surged further clear under urging in the

latter stages to register a facile seven-length triumph at the expense of fellow Shadwell colourbearer Alqasar (Ire) (Bahamian Bounty {GB}). The homebred bay is the second scorer, from as many foals to race, produced by G1 Coronation S. and G1 1000 Guineas placegetter Gile Na Greine (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), and is a half-brother to the 2-year-old filly Ghanimah (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and a yearling colt by Kingman (GB). Gile Na Greine is herself a full-sister to four stakes performers headed by MGSW G1 1000 Guineas second Cuis Ghairé (Ire) and GSW G1 Moyglare Stud S. runner-up Scintillula (Ire). Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$5,636. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd (IRE); T-William Haggas.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:**

**Leeshaan (Ire), c, 2, Bated Breath (GB)--La Grande Elisa (Ire), by Ad Valorem.** HAY, 6-15, 6f 212yT, 1:29.78. B-Karis Bloodstock Ltd & Rathbarry Stud (IRE). \*£60,000 Ylg '16 GOUKPR.

IRELAND

**Thursday's Results:**

**1st-LEO, €20,650, Mdn, 6-15, 2yo, 6fT, 1:17.51, gd.**  
**+LETHAL STEPS (GB) (c, 2, Lethal Force {Ire}--Tanda Tula {Ire}, by Alhaarth {Ire}),** who attracted support into 5-2 joint-favouritism, raced towards the rear after a tardy start. Angled off the rail approaching the furlong pole, the grey inhaled the other joint market-leader Dawn Delivers (GB) (Dawn Approach {Ire}) on the line for a short-head verdict. Battle of Jericho (War Front), Ballydoyle's son of the GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup heroine and G1 English and Irish 1000 Guineas runner-up Together (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), was always towards the fore and stayed in the fight to be 1 1/2 lengths further behind in third. Winning jockey Colin Keane said, "He's a nice horse and I would have been very confident about him over seven, but was not sure about six. He's a lovely big horse and the further he goes the better." The dam, who is a half to the G2 Goldene Peitsche winner Stormont (Ire) (Marju {Ire}) from the family of the top South African sprinter Super Sheila (Aus) (Last Tycoon {Ire}), also has a colt foal by Brazen Beau (Aus). Sales history: 65,000gns Wlg '15 TATFOA; 28,000gns RNA Ylg '16 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$12,094. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-James N Murphy; B-Seaton Partnership (GB); T-Ger Lyons.



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**Irish Report Cont.**

**2nd-LEO, €18,880, Mdn, 6-15, 3yo/up, f/m, 8fT, 1:43.57, gd. PETTICOAT (GB) (f, 3, Cape Cross {Ire}--Minidress {GB} {SP-Eng}, by Street Cry {Ire}),** last seen finishing runner-up to the useful Aneen (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}) over seven furlongs at The Curragh in October, was settled in mid-division throughout the early stages. Switched outside for her effort in the straight, the 9-2 shot struck the front with a furlong remaining en route to a 2 1/4-length success from Belle Boyd (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}). "We loved her from day one last year and it took a while for her to come to hand this year, so she's surprised us a bit here as she will improve a good bit," jockey Shane Foley commented. "She's a lovely long-striding filly and another couple of furlongs will be no problem." The first foal out of the listed-placed Minidress, Petticoat is therefore a granddaughter of the G3 Musidora S. and G3 St Simon S. winner Short Skirt (GB) (Diktat {GB}) who also placed second in the G1 Yorkshire Oaks and third in the G1 Epsom Oaks. She is one of a plethora of notables out of the top producer Much Too Risky (GB) (Bustino {GB}) alongside the Japanese champion and G1 Dubai World Cup hero Victoire Pisa (Jpn), the G1 Yasuda Kinen-winning fellow sire Asakusa Den'en (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}) and the G2 Prix de Pomone scorer and MG1SP Whitewater Affair (GB) (Machiavellian). Minidress has a 2-year-old filly by Exceed and Excel (Aus) and a yearling filly by Frankel (GB). Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$14,568. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Godolphin; B-Darley (GB); T-Mick Halford.

## OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

**1.40 Toulouse, Mdn, €18,000, unraced 2yo, 7fT**

**MISSION IMPASSABLE (IRE) (Galileo {Ire}),** who debuts in the silks of Riviera Equine, is the first foal out of 2011 G1 Nunthorpe S. victress Margot Did (Ire) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) and the Jean-Claude Rouget trainee faces seven fellow firsters here.

**2.35 Sandown, Mdn, £6,000, 2yo, 7fT**

**GEORGE VILLIERS (IRE) (Dubawi {Ire})** is a 750,000gns TAOCT yearling who starts out in the colours of Princess Haya of Jordan for the John Gosden stable. A half-brother to the MG1SW Viva Pataca (GB) (Marju {Ire}) and the G1 Flower Bowl Invitational heroine Laughing (Ire) (Dansili {GB}), he meets **Sallab (Ire)** (Havana Gold {Ire}), Al Shaqab Racing's 200,000gns TAOCT graduate from the Richard Hannon yard who is related to a clutch of smart sprinters including the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen hero Muarrab (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}).

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## FRANCE

**Friday, Toulouse, post time: 3.40 p.m.****DERBY DU LANGUEDOC-Listed, €55,000, 3yo, 12fT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	1	Galikeo (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Guyon	Head
2	4	Katasena (Ire)	Azamour (Ire)	Eyquem	Rouget
3	2	Sirrin (Ire)	Sea the Stars (Ire)	Badel	Rouget
4	3	Nullemont (Ire)	Rajsaman (Fr)	C Demuro	Ferland

All carry 122 pounds bar Galikeo, 126.

**Thursday's Results:**

**1st-SCD, €44,000, Cond, 6-15, 2yo, 7fT, 1:30.95, gd.**

**LESS PIRE (FR) (c, 2, Shakespearean {Ire}--Less Crazy {Fr}, by Le Fou {Ire}),** a May 14 debut winner going 5 1/2 furlongs at Angers last time, was quickly into stride and led from the outset of this one. Scrubbed along with 500 metres remaining, the 9-10 chalk was safely clear approaching the final eighth and pushed out in the latter stages to easily account for Fastidious (Fr) (Zanzibari) by a geared-down four lengths. Full to a yearling colt named Less Nous Rever (Fr), the homebred bay is out of a winning half to GII San Juan Capistrano H. third Quinquin the King (Fr) (Take Risks {Fr}), from a family which includes GII La Prevoyante Invitational victress Yesterday's Kisses (D'Accord). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €29,680. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O/B-Gilles Le Baron & Haras de Hoguenet (FR); T-Francis-Henri Graffard.

**2nd-SCD, €35,000, Cond, 6-15, 3yo, 14fT, 3:04.83, gd.**

**DARBUZAN (FR) (c, 3, Zamindar--Darbaza {Fr}, by Verglas {Ire}),** who graduated at Lyon Parilly Apr. 14 before running second at Maisons-Laffitte last time May 24, tracked the pace in second for most of this marathon test. Looming large with 500 metres to go, the crowd's 6-4 pick led soon after passing the two pole and was ridden out thereafter to assert by 1 1/2 lengths from Dusk Falls (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}). The homebred grey is out of a half to MG1SW European champion distaffer Darjina (Fr) (Zamindar), who annexed the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches, G1 Prix du Moulin and G1 Prix d'Astarte. Kin to a 2-year-old filly by Siyouni (Fr) and a yearling colt by Iffraaj {GB}), he shares his GSP third dam Daralbayda (Ire) (Doyoun {Ire}) with last year's MG1SW European heavyweight Almanzor (Fr) (Wootton Bassett {GB}). Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, €32,650. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Princesse Zahra Aga Khan (FR); T-Mikel Delzangles.

**French Report Cont.**

**6th-SCD, €30,000, Mdn, 6-15, 3yo, f, 12fT, 2:38.03, gd.**  
**LADY MONDORE (f, 3, Medaglia d'Oro--Hystericalady {GISW-US, \$200,732}, by Distorted Humor)** ran third, behind subsequent G3 Schwarzgold-Rennen third Peace in Motion (Hat Trick {Jpn}) and G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches third Heuristique (Ire) (Shamardal), in her only prior start going one mile here Oct. 26, and was let go as the 3-1 second choice for this sophomore bow. Settled at the tail of the field until turning for home, she made smooth headway in the straight to go second with 350 metres remaining and quickened smartly under mild urging in the closing stages to comfortably account for Piquiri (Fr) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) by two lengths. The winner is the second scorer out of GI Humana Distaff victress Hystericalady (Distorted Humor), herself a daughter of G1 Gran Premio Hippodromo Chile-winning Chilean champion Sacramentada (Chi) (Northair), who in turn is out of GSW G1 Tanteo de Potrancas third Sembrada (Chi) (El Oriental {Arg}). Sacramentada is also kin to G1 Premio Francesca Baeza S. victress Senora Bonita (Chi) (Stately Form {Ire}), who produced MG1SP G2 Premio Carlos Campino winner Se Vera (Chi) (Hussonet). Lady Montdore is a half-sister to the 2-year-old filly She's Funny (Tapit), a yearling colt by Ghostzapper and a colt foal by Tapit. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, €18,150.

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O-Godolphin SNC; B-Darley (KY); T-Andre Fabre.

**5th-SCD, €33,000, Cond, 6-15, 4yo/up, 8fT, 1:43.18, gd.**  
**AUBENAS (FR) (g, 4, Siyouni {Fr}--Dexandra {Gr}, by Evippos {Gr})** Lifetime Record: 12-4-3-1, €72,100. O-Antoine Gilibert, Fabrice Chappet & Gilles Barbarin; B-Stilvi Compania Financiera SA (FR); T-Fabrice Chappet. \*€16,000 Ylg '14 OSLATE.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:**

**+Tax Exile (Ire), g, 2, Kodiak (GB)--Gutter Press (Ire), by Raise a Grand (Ire).** CRA, 6-15, 6 1/2fT, 1:12.97. B-C Marnane (IRE). \*28,000gns RNA Wlg '15 TATFOA; 26,000gns Ylg '16 TAOCT; 35,000gns 2yo '17 TATBRE.

**GERMANY****ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Wadia (Ger), f, 3, Campanologist--Walayta (Ger), by Oasis Dream (GB).** MUL, 6-15, 8fT, 1:34.25. B-Stiftung Gestut Fahrhof (GER).

**Ardashir, g, 3, Hat Trick (Jpn)--Diva Dyna, by Grand Slam.** HAS, 6-15, 8fT, 1:35.93. B-Kendall E Hansen & MD Racing LLC (FL). \*\$32,000 RNA Wlg '14 KEENOV; €70,000 Ylg '15 GOFORB; €95,000 RNA Ylg '15 BBAGO. \*\*1/2 to Strict Compliance (Into Mischief), GSW-US, \$302,600; and Tiree (Smoke Glacken), SW-US, \$247,090.

**WORLDWIDE NEWS****AEROVELOCITY OFFICIALLY RETIRED**

by Alan Carasso

Daniel Yeung Ngai's **Aerovelocity (NZ)** (Pins {Aus}--Exodus {NZ}, by Kaapstad {NZ}), who won Group 1 sprints in Hong Kong, Japan and Singapore in a single racing season in 2014-2015, has been officially retired from racing at the age of eight, according to the Hong Kong Jockey Club website.

Bred by N. E. Schick and S. J. Till, the bay was purchased by Paul O'Sullivan for NZ\$120,000 out of the 2010 NZB Premier Yearling Sale and made one victorious appearance at Awapuni in April 2012 before heading off to Hong Kong. Though it took him six Sha Tin starts before he broke through, the oft-feisty gelding capped a five-race skein with a first black-type success in May 2014 and he announced his arrival really and truly on the international stage with a tough-as-nails defeat of Peniaphobia (Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire}) in the 2014 G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint ([video](#)).

With that initial top-level success in the bag, Aerovelocity was prepared for Japan's top spring sprint, the G1 Takamatsunomiya Kinen at Chukyo Racecourse. Contested over ground listed as 'good' and much easier than was his preference, Aerovelocity looked hopelessly beaten at the 200m, but he refused to go down without a battle and surged late to score by a half-length as the 11-2 fourth favorite ([video](#)). He completed a season for the ages at Singapore's Kranji Racecourse, where he validated 3-5 favoritism with a facile 1 1/2-length defeat of top local sprinter Emperor Max (Aus) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) in the G1 Kris Flyer International Sprint S. ([video](#)) and was subsequently named Hong Kong's champion sprinter. [Cont. p14](#)



Aerovelocity landing the 2016 Hong Kong Sprint | HKJC photo

**Aerovelocidad Officially Retired Cont.**

Aerovelocidad saw the latter portion of his career curtailed by various physical issues, but he managed to conjure up one more top-class performance, outfinishing rising sprint star Lucky Bubbles (Aus) (Sebring {Aus}) for a second tally in the international sprint last December ([video](#)). He was to have his swansong in the G1 Chairman's Sprint Prize May 7, but was scratched on the eve of the race after developing lameness in his right fore.

"He just has an incredible will to win and hates getting beaten," O'Sullivan told South China *Morning Post* in May. "We've had a great ride with him and he means so much to the stable. Daniel is such a great owner and it's time to show the horse some much-deserved respect."

Ridden to all but one of his 12 career wins and in 20 of his 24 Hong Kong runs by Zac Purton, Aerovelocidad retires with a record of 25-12-4-3 and earnings of US\$5,795,684.

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ASIA

**Thursday's Result:**

**KANTO OAKS-Listed**, ¥54,400,000, Kawasaki, 6-14, 3yo, f, 2100m, 2:19.00, hvy.

1--**#QUEEN MAMBO (Jpn)**, 119, f, 3, by **Manhattan Cafe (Jpn)**

**1st Dam: Suzuka El Mambo (Jpn)**, by **Symboli Kris S**

**2nd Dam: Spring Mambo (GB)**, by **Kingmambo**

**3rd Dam: Key Flyer**, by **Nijinsky**

O-Hidaka Breeders Union; B-Grand Farm; T-Katsuhiko Sumii; J-Christophe Lemaire; ¥32,000,000. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1.

2--**Ange Desir (Jpn)**, 119, f, 3, Deep Impact (Jpn)--Tickle Pink (Jpn), by French Deputy. O-Koji Yasuhara; B-Tsuji Farm; ¥11,200,000.

3--**Step of Dance (Jpn)**, 119, f, 3, Gold Allure (Jpn)--Luca Dance (Jpn), by Hector Protector. O-Katsumi Yoshida; B-Northern Farm; ¥6,400,000.

Margins: 4, 3, 4. Odds: 0.90, 3.30, 27.50.

Also Ran: Apollo Yukki (Jpn), Up to You (Jpn), Sacre Express (Jpn), Urya Oi (Jpn), Garo (Jpn), Touch Sprint (Jpn), Primo (Jpn), In to Zone (Jpn), Star Lane (Jpn), Semi Plena (Jpn).

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**Sunday, Chantilly, France, post time: 4.05 p.m.**

**PRIX DE DIANE LONGINES-G1, €1,000,000, 3yo, f, 10 1/2fT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	14	Shutter Speed (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Dettori	Gosden	126
2	2	Normandie (Ger)	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Benoist	Brandt	126
3	3	Monroe Bay (Ire)	Makfi (GB)	Mosse	Bary	126
4	16	Haya of Fortune (Fr)	Soldier of Fortune (Ire)	Bachelot	Leenders	126
5	8	Senga	Blame	Pasquier	Bary	126
6	12	Kitesurf (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Barzalona	Fabre	126
7	10	Onthemoonagain (Fr)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Soumillon	Rouget	126
8	5	Yellow Storm (Fr)	Tiberius Caesar (Ire)	Eon	Couetil	126
9	9	Mademoiselle Marie (Fr)	Evasive (GB)	Piccone	Borgel	126
10	15	Vue Fantastique (Fr)	Motivator (GB)	Peslier	Chappet	126
11	11	Rhododendron (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Moore	A O'Brien	126
12	7	Panthelia (Fr)	Gentlewave (Ire)	Eyquem	Sogorb	126
13	13	Turf Laurel (Ire)	Footstepsinthesand (GB)	C Demuro	Kobayashi	126
14	1	Festive (Fr)	Literato (Fr)	Auge	Saint-Martin	126
15	4	Terrakova (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Guyon	Head	126
16	6	Sistercharlie (Ire)	Myboycharlie (Ire)	Boudot	Pantall	126

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