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BIG FINISH TO GOLD CUP THRILLER

A celebratory James Doyle aboard Big Orange | *racingfotos.com*

Surprisingly making his first attempt at Royal Ascot's showpiece G1 Gold Cup, popular journeyman **Big Orange (GB)** (Duke of Marmalade {Ire}) slugged out a pulsating finish with reigning champion **Order of St George (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) to gain a career high in Thursday's feature event. The gelded bay, who was last seen annexing Sandown's G3 Henry II S. four weeks earlier, adopted his customary frontrunning role--racing in his now familiar cheekpieces--passing the judge first time in this marathon contest and remained in situ thereafter. Seeing off all rivals and poaching a decisive advantage when stoked up approaching the final quarter mile, the 5-1 chance appeared vulnerable quarry as Ryan Moore loomed large on the 5-6 favourite at the eighth pole, but he dug deep to find abundant reserves and staved off that rival in belligerent fashion to cling on by a sliver. The pair were six lengths clear of last year's G1 St Leger hero **Harbour Law (GB)** (Lawman {Fr}) as they hit the line almost in unison. "He's as tough as they get and it was great to get the call up, but I can't take any credit for this," claimed rider James Doyle, who was drafted in as a late replacement for the injured Frankie Dettori. "I have to thank Frankie, he's a star and phoned me a couple of nights ago, not to give me orders but just to talk about the horse. We spoke for about 20 minutes and he was spot on."

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TIPPERARY ON TOP ON DAY TO REMEMBER

By Emma Berry

As is the tradition at Royal Ascot, the post-race picnics have lasted long into the night this week and guests at Wednesday's traditional Irish gathering had plenty of reason to celebrate. For two small breeding partnerships in Tipperary, Tuesday's results were particularly special. The opening race, the G1 Queen Anne S., went to **Ribchester (Ire)** (Iffraaj {GB}), bred by Mike O'Brien and Andrew Thompson, and 35 minutes later it was the turn of their neighbour Jim Mulcahy, who bred G2 Coventry S. winner **Rajasinghe (Ire)** (Choisir {Aus}) in partnership with his son Geoff.

"It's difficult to believe--it was really amazing," said Mulcahy senior, a veterinary surgeon from Kilshane. "We came to Ascot hoping that he might run into a place and he surpassed all our expectations. The congratulations we've had from every Tom, Dick and Harry--my phone has nearly blown up. We drank a few bottles of Pimm's and then we drank a few more after that. It won't wear off for a while."

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Thursday, Royal Ascot, Britain

GOLD CUP-G1, £400,000, ASC, 6-22, 4yo/up, 19f 210yT, 4:22.40, g/f.

1--**&BIG ORANGE (GB), 128, g, 6, by Duke of Marmalade (Ire)**
1st Dam: Miss Brown To You (Ire), by Fasliyev
2nd Dam: Almaaseh (Ire), by Dancing Brave
3rd Dam: Al Bahathri, by Blushing Groom (Fr)
O-W J & T C O Gredley; B-Stetchworth & Middle Park Studs (GB); T-Michael Bell; J-James Doyle. £226,840. Lifetime Record: GSP-Aus & UAE, 24-9-2-2, $1,605,813. **Werk Nick Rating: A+**. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree**.

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2--**Order of St George (Ire)**, 128, h, 5, Galileo (Ire)--Another Storm, by Gone West. ($550,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP). O-Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier & Lloyd Williams; B-Paget Bloodstock (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien. £86,000.

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3--**Harbour Law (GB)**, 126, c, 4, Lawman (Fr)--Abunai (GB), by Pivotal (GB). (24,000gns RNA Ylg '14 TATYEA; £30,000 2yo '15 GOFLON). O-Mrs Jackie Cornwell; B-Hascombe & Valiant Studs (GB); T-Laura Mongan. £43,040.

Margins: NO, 6, HF. Odds: 5.00, 0.80, 33.00.

Also Ran: She Is No Lady (GB), Torcedor (Ire), Sheikhzayedroad (GB), Sweet Selection (GB), Prince of Arran (GB), Nearly Caught (Ire), Endless Time (Ire), Harrison (GB), Quest For More (Ire), Trip To Paris (Ire), Simple Verse (Ire). **Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton**.

Doyle added, "He told me, whatever I do, not to interfere with him as he knows what speed to go. I left him do his own thing and I was just a passenger really. I had Frankie's voice in my head all the way round and the rest is history."

Big Orange is something of a creature of habit and successfully defended his 2015 wins in last year's G2 Princess of Wales's S. and G2 Goodwood Cup. He was a creditable 10th of 24 in his second stab at Flemington's G1 Melbourne Cup on Nov. 1, backing up a fifth there the previous year, and closed last term with a third in the Nov. 12 G2 Zipping Classic, at Australia's Sandown, and an 11th in Sha Tin's Dec. 11 G1 Hong Kong Vase. Returning this year to run fourth in Meydan's Mar. 25 G1 Dubai Gold Cup, he resumed European plunders with a wide-margin

Big Orange holds off Order of St George in a thrilling finish to the G1 Gold Cup. | *racingfotos.com*

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score in the G3 Henry II S. at his native Sandown, providing Frankie Dettori with a record sixth renewal of the latter contest, last time out. "He's just an absolute superstar," said trainer Michael Bell after registering a seventh Royal triumph. "He gives his all, he's got a heart as big as himself and I can't praise his attitude enough. He wants to race and he's a colossal racehorse. On fast ground in the middle of the summer, he's a monster. We knew we would probably have to do the donkey work, but we were happy to do that as you can't check his stride. He's got an enormous stride pattern and you've got to let him use it. I was very happy throughout the race and I thought James was in total charge of the situation. Then, in the closing stages, I was praying for the winning post, saying, 'Inshallah, please God', any religious thing I could think of to make the winning post come, and it did. It's the feature race of the meeting, an epic race taking on a very good horse [Order of St George] in a proper horse race, and I can't tell you the pride I have got in Big Orange. Enormous pride and great satisfaction for the team at home. I'm so pleased for them, for the horse, for the owners, for me, for everybody."

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Part-owner Bill Gredley was just as effusive in his praise and added, "He has been working well and is thriving and all credit must go to Michael Bell, who has done a fantastic job on him. His staff deserve a lot of credit, they are really good guys and have done a lot of work on him. We are here to take the applause, but there are people behind the scenes who deserve to take the applause. Frankie gave James some good advice, but he is not a horse who seems that bothered now and just gets on with everything. It is always nice to win and when he has gone that pace over two-and-a-half miles up front it takes a lot of getting, but he is very difficult to get past. This is alongside User Friendly's [Epsom Oaks, Irish Oaks, Yorkshire Oaks and St Leger] victories I suppose. She was a good horse and let's hope they keep coming."

Aidan O'Brien was seeking to extend his winning record of seven in the contest, but it was not to be in a renewal for the ages. "Order of St George ran a very good race," he said, "I am not sure yet where he will go next, we'll see how he is before making any plans." **Cont. p4**

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Laura Mongan contravened the Royal Enclosure's strict dress code as Harbour Law produced another sterling effort and admitted, "I threw my hat off." She continued, "We knew he was entitled to be here and he ran a cracking race. He didn't have a great start to the year, but has come here 100% and is a very nice horse. He is so exciting and there is a lot more to come from him. I don't know whether we will go to Goodwood or not [for the Aug. 1 G1 Goodwood Cup], but we will have a chat with [jockey] Jim [Crowley] and the owners and see what works out. You can see that he has had a run. The ground wasn't really his and it was far enough for him. The right two horses were in front of us and he has done us proud. I am happy with this and will enjoy it for now."

Pedigree Notes...

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

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Aidan O'Brien congratulates Michael Bell after Big Orange held off Order of St George in the Gold Cup | *racingfotos.com*

SHE WEARS THE CROWN

'TDN Rising Star' **Coronet (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) looked to have a big day in her, as she had valid excuses on her last two starts and she duly delivered with a late show in a barnstorming edition of the G2 Ribblesdale S. at Royal Ascot on Thursday. One of a past legion of runners to be all at sea on Epsom's terrain when fifth in the June 2 G1 Oaks, the 9-1 shot was back on an even keel at this venue settled towards the rear early by Olivier Peslier. With **The Sky Is Blazing (Ire)** (Sea the Stars {Ire}) drawing them into an early chase as she set off in isolation, the Denford Stud homebred had it all unravel in front of her and delivered her surge with unerring timing to head the 2-1 favourite **Mori (GB)** (Frankel {GB}) in the final strides for a neck success. "The strong pace was a big help for me," Peslier said. "John [Gosden] said Coronet would finish well, he said to be careful because she takes some time to change gear, but she's finished like a French horse." Cont. p5

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RIBBLESDALE S.-G2, £215,000, ASC, 6-22, 3yo, f, 11f 211yT, 2:32.06, g/f.

1--**@CORONET (GB), 126, f, 3, by Dubawi (Ire)**
1st Dam: Approach (GB) (SW & GSP-Eng, GSP-US, $187,940), by Darshaan (GB)
2nd Dam: Last Second (Ire), by Alzao
3rd Dam: Alruccaba (Ire), by Crystal Palace (Fr)
'TDN Rising Star' O/B-Denford Stud Ltd (GB); T-John Gosden; J-Olivier Peslier. £121,927. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Fr, 5-3-0-1, $245,225. *1/2 to Midas Touch (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), Hwt. 3yo-Ire at 14f+, GSW & G1SP-Ire, G1SP-Eng & AUs, $799,196; and Streetcar to Stars (GB) (Sea the Stars {Ire}), GSP-Ire. **Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree**.

2--**Mori (GB)**, 126, f, 3, Frankel (GB)--Midday (GB), by Oasis Dream (GB). O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-Sir Michael Stoute. £46,225.

3--**Hertford Dancer (GB)**, 126, f, 3, Foxwedge (Aus)--Tebee (GB), by Selkirk. O-5 Hertford Street Racing Club; B-Highclere Stud (GB); T-John Gosden. £23,134.

Margins: NK, 1, 1HF. Odds: 9.00, 2.00, 16.00.

Also Ran: Rich Legacy (Ire), Apphia (Ire), Alluringly, Coconut Creme (GB), The Sky Is Blazing (Ire), Serenada (GB), Gracious Diana (GB), Astronomy's Choice (GB), Naughty Or Nice (Ire).

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Earning '**TDN Rising Star**' status on debut over an extended mile at Leicester in September, Coronet justified that tag when capturing a renewal of the 10-furlong Zetland S. at Newmarket with recently re-established listed status the following month. As the following months would show, the grey achieved something notable there with the second, third and fourth being the G3 Sandown Classic Trial winner Cunco (Ire) (Frankel {GB}), G2 Dante S. scorer Permian (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) and Wings of Eagles (Fr) (Pour Moi {Ire}) who needs no introduction as the latest hero of the G1 Epsom Derby. Unsuited by testing ground when a staying-on third on her comeback in the G1 Prix Saint-Alary at Deauville on May 14, she was never able to put up a meaningful challenge in the Oaks and had been spared a hard race in the process with her Epsom jockey Andrea Atzeni coaxing her home.

Hemmed on the rail from the outset with more behind than in front, Coronet was helped by the antics of the runaway The Sky Is Blazing as the main protagonists were forced to reel her in with the Juddmonte homebred Mori providing a target in front of her. Squeezed out as she started her run passing the quarter pole, she was taken around rivals and after a brief delay was steaming again to rob Mori's trainer Sir Michael Stoute of a record-breaking 76th Royal winner in the shade of the post.

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John Gosden was impressed with the renewal, in which no prisoners were taken. "I've never seen a pace like that for a mile-and-a-half race," he said. "The boys said the track was riding better today because obviously they watered last night, five millilitres, then we got the cloud cover which held the moisture in. Coronet is a lovely filly. I thought the third filly had got it won; she's a very game filly and was ridden well. It was a great run and I'm delighted with her. I told Olivier that this filly would come strong--I thought Mori was going to win and then Olivier came and grabbed it. She's a tough filly. She loved the uphill at Epsom but not downhill. It was a proper, true Ribblesdale--I think it was still a high-class race."

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Sir Michael Stoute said of the runner-up, "She has run a great race. She has just been beaten by a more experienced filly who was able to get the better of her, but we are delighted with the run. She needs about this trip for now. We brought her up to a mile-and-a-half thinking that she would get the trip and she did."

Pedigree Notes...

Coronet's dam is the Listed Lord Weinstock Memorial S. winner and G3 May Hill S. runner-up Approach, who went on to finish second in the GII Galaxy S. for the Graham Motion stable. Her most notable half-brother Midas Touch captured the G2 Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial S., was runner-up in both the G1 Irish Derby and G1 St Leger and also managed a third in the G1 Underwood S. in Australia, while another, Streetcar to Stars (GB) (Sea the Stars {Ire}), was third in the G3 Ballyroan S. The second dam is the G2 Nassau S. and G2 Sun Chariot S. winner and G1 Coronation S. runner-up Last Second, responsible for the G1

Coronet takes the Ribblesdale | *Racing Post*

Poule d'Essai des Poulains and GI Shadwell Turf S.-winning sire Aussie Rules and also the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac fourth Intrigued (GB) (Darshaan {GB}). The latter went on to produce this stable's Listed Cocked Hat S. winner and G1 St Leger third Michelangelo (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), one of many Classic performers from this prestigious Kirsten Rausing dynasty of Alborada (GB) (Alzao), Albanova (GB) (Alzao), Allegretto (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Yesterday (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) and Quarter Moon (Ire) (Sadler's Wells). Approach also has a 2-year-old colt by New Approach (Ire) named Photographer (GB) and a yearling filly by Australia (GB) named Fly The Flag (GB). **Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree**.

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THE DADDY

Amazingly for a Ballydoyle juvenile ridden by Ryan Moore, **Sioux Nation** (Scat Daddy) was allowed to drift to 14-1 for Thursday's G2 Norfolk S. but he turned that logic on its head to provide his late sire with another major success at the Royal meeting. Settled last of the quartet racing on the far side opposite the remainder, who were led by **McErin** (Trappe Shot), the imposing bay whose starting price was determined partly by

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his seemingly disadvantageous low draw and latest effort when sixth of seven in the Listed Marble Hill S. on testing ground at The Curragh on May 27 made his move approaching the final furlong. Taking over from that small pack's leader **Frozen Angel (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}) passing the furlong marker, he asserted while drifting left late on and hit the line a half-length ahead of the 13-2 joint-favourite **Santry (Ire)** (Harbour Watch {Ire}), who surged clear of McErin's group. "I would have been better off on the other side, as there were more horses and I would have got more of a lead but this horse would have won on either side," Moore said. "Luckily, we had speed where we were and we were kind of always ahead. I wouldn't read too much into the track or the draw--this is a very good colt. When you see how big he is, he needed his first run and then the ground has gone against him."

Thursday, Royal Ascot, Britain

NORFOLK S.-G2, £100,000, ASC, 6-22, 2yo, 5fT, 1:00.88, g/f.

1--**#@SIOUX NATION, 127, c, 2, by Scat Daddy**
1st Dam: Dream the Blues (Ire), by Oasis Dream (GB)
2nd Dam: Catch the Blues (Ire), by Bluebird
3rd Dam: Dear Lorraine (Fr), by Nonoalco
O-Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith & Susan Magnier; B-Fethard Bloodstock (KY); T-Aidan O'Brien; T-Ryan Moore. £56,710. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, $89,189. **Werk Nick Rating: First SW from this cross. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

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2--**Santry (Ire)**, 127, c, 2, Harbour Watch (Ire)--Babylonian (GB), by Shamardal. (€24,000 Ylg '16 GOFSPT). O-Ray Flegg, John Bousfield & Steve Ryan; B-Peter Molony (IRE); T-Declan Carroll. £21,500.

3--**Cardsharp (GB)**, 127, c, 2, Lonhro (Aus)--Pure Illusion (Ire), by Danehill. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Godolphin (GB); T-Mark Johnston. £10,760.

Margins: HF, 1HF, 3/4. Odds: 14.00, 6.50, 8.00.

Also Ran: Frozen Angel (Ire), It Dont Come Easy (Ire), True Blue Moon (Ire), McErin, Koditime (Ire), Consequences (Ire), Havana Grey (GB), Billy Dylan (Ire), Nine Below Zero (GB), Pilkington (GB), Viscount Loftus (Ire), Gift In Time (Ire), New Empire (GB), Poorauldjosephine (GB). Scratched: Rock of Estonia (Ire). **Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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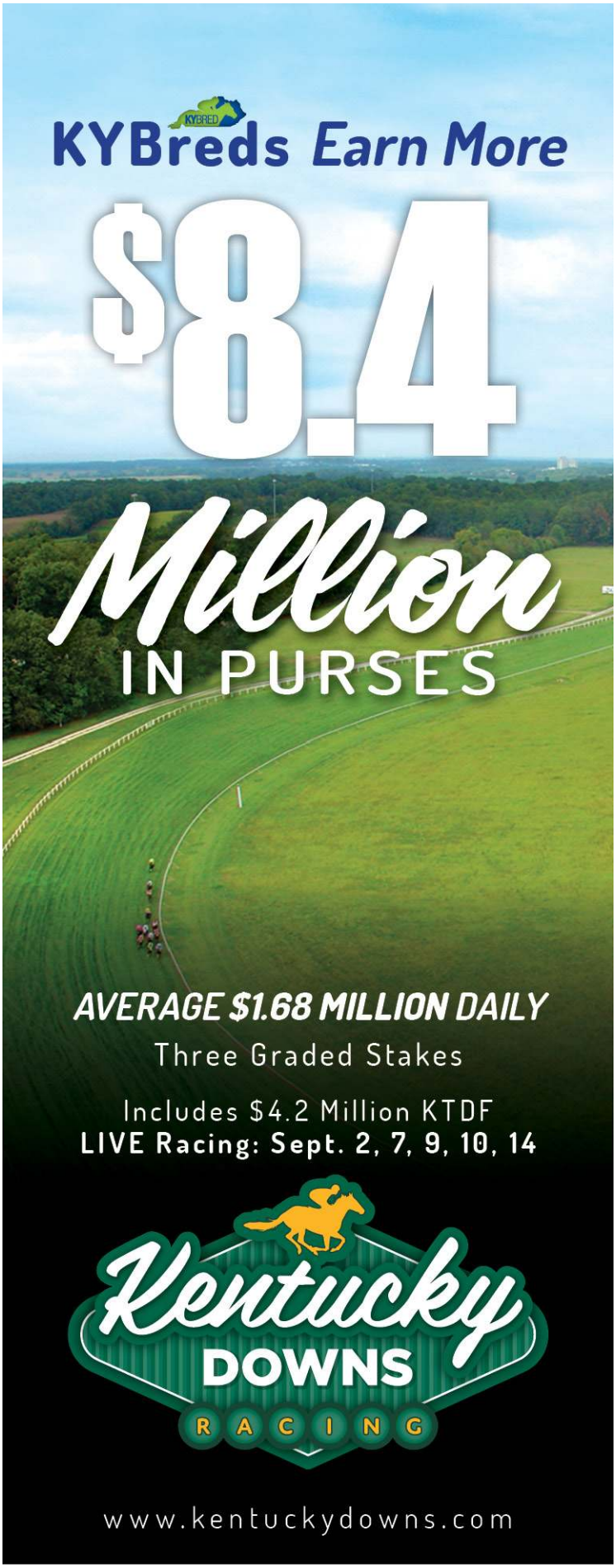

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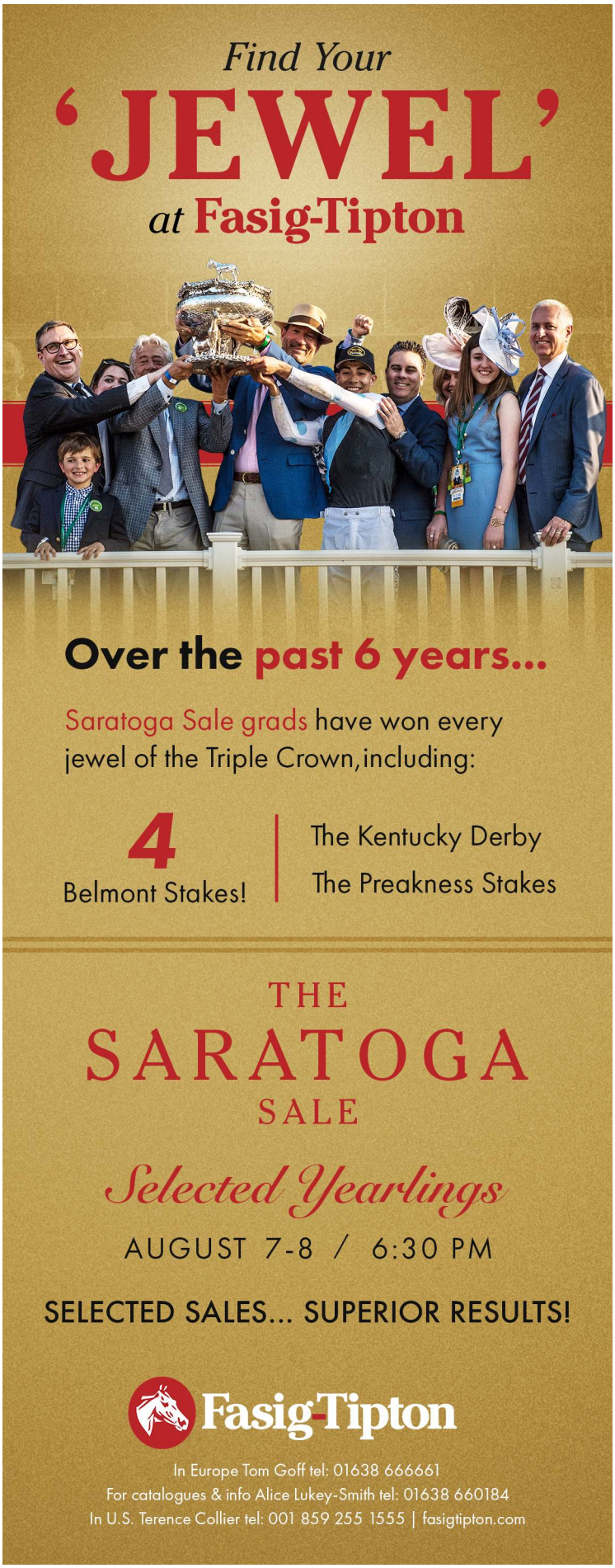
Sioux Nation started out over this trip with a debut third on a yielding surface at Naas on Apr. 9 before running second to Brother Bear (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) in a 6 1/2-furlong Leopardstown maiden on May 7. Sent to Cork 12 days later to open his account in emphatic fashion over six furlongs, he beat only one rival in the Marble Hill at a rain-afflicted Curragh during Guineas weekend but gained Ryan Moore's admiration in the process. His size and stride and the drop back to five furlongs on this rapid summer surface brought out the quality that his rider felt despite the unfavourable underfoot conditions last time and he delivered a first Ballydoyle juvenile winner at the Royal meeting in 2017 and another for his much-missed sire after Lady Aurelia, Caravaggio, No Nay Never and Acapulco. "Ryan loved him the last day at The Curragh and said he was pure raw pace. He's a big powerful, fast horse so we were looking forward to this," Aidan O'Brien commented. "He's a speed horse and a sound surface is always best for them. Ryan wanted cover on him and did a marvellous job to get it in a group with just three others. He's a massive horse and to be doing this at this time of his career is incredible, really. He's a horse everyone at home loved from the first time he worked. Scat Daddy was a really great stallion and put pace into them. He was about pure speed and he's a massive loss."

"Luckily, we had speed where we were and we were kind of always ahead. I wouldn't read too much into the track or the draw--this is a very good colt."
Ryan Moore

Sioux Nation after winning the Norfolk | *Racing Post*



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Santry was the clear winner of his group and reigning champion jockey Jim Crowley was clearly upset with the way the race panned out. “If the other horse had been my side, we’d have won,” he declared. “My horse just gets to the front and thinks he’s done enough. He always had everything beat on the stand’s side, unfortunately he had nothing to battle with. He’s a very good horse and he handled the ground well.” Santry’s trainer Declan Carroll added, “He will go further, I will have a chat with Jim and we’ll see how he comes out of this race. He’s a nice horse, I am proud of him. We are just a bit unlucky.” Charlie Johnston, son of trainer Mark Johnston, said of Cardsharp, “He ran a super race. After he got beat here on his second start we thought he’d definitely want six furlongs, but after he then showed so much speed when he won at Beverley we decided to reroute and drop back to five. He can run over five or six and there are plenty options going forward. He’s a fun 2-year-old for the summer, that’s for sure.”

Pedigree Notes...

Sioux Nation is the second foal out of Dream the Blues, successful on her only start at Redcar in 2011 for the Kevin Ryan stable. She is a daughter of the highweight sprinter Catch the Blues (Ire) (Bluebird), successful in the G3 Ballyogan S. and third in the G1 Haydock Sprint Cup and who is also a half to the dam of the G1 Prix Morny third and Spanish champion 2-year-old colt Vladimir (Ire) (Kheleyf) and the G3 Prix de Cabourg scorer My Catch (Ire) (Camacho {GB}). Her 2016 colt is a full-brother to Sioux Nation, while she has a colt foal by Declaration of War. **Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

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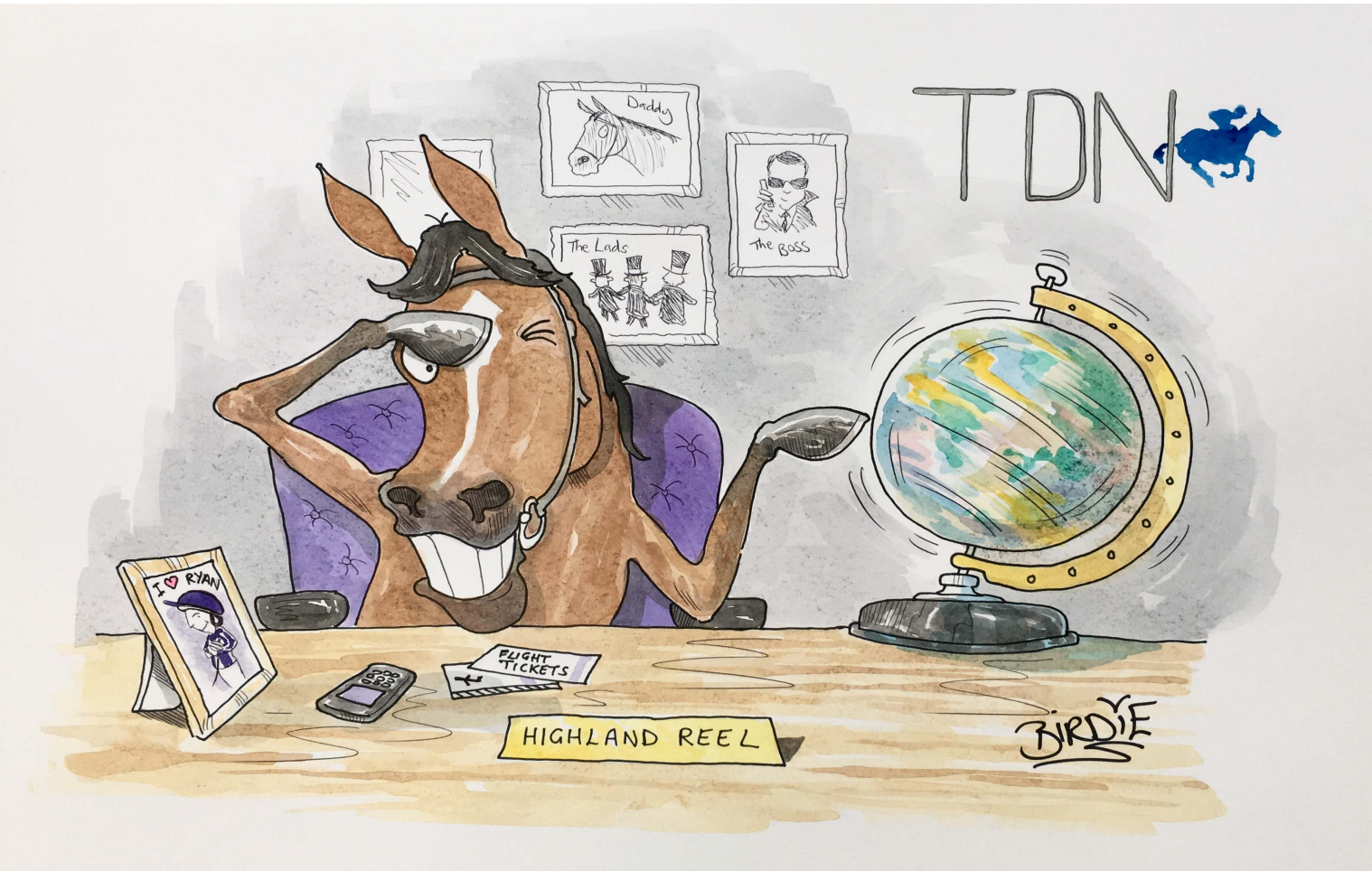
THE HEAT OF BATL

‘TDN Rising Star’ **Benbatl (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), who was runner-up to the race-hardened Permian (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) in last month’s G2 Dante S. at York before staying on well to run fifth in the G1 Epsom Derby, added further lustre to Godolphin’s resurgence with a thrilling victory in Thursday’s G3 Hampton Court S. at Royal Ascot. Britain’s heatwave may have subsided somewhat for this Ladies Day, but temperatures remained high as the homebred bay at last delivered on the impression provided by his on Apr. 2 debut score over seven furlongs at Doncaster. Away sharply and allowed to find a rhythm in a handy fifth as **Taj Mahal (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) set a solid tempo at the head of affairs, the 9-2 chance--who raced without the hood



Where next for the globe trotting Highland Reel (6x Group 1 winner)?

he sported first time at Epsom--was wound up to take closer order off the home turn. He was stoked up further to claim an advantage approaching the final eighth and would not be denied under an Oisin Murphy drive as the ominous threats of **Orderofthegarter (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) and **Mirage Dancer (GB)** (Frankel {GB}) were unceremoniously doused in the dying embers of this stellar renewal. At the line, he had a half-length and 3/4 of a length to spare over those rivals. "I don't celebrate very often, but that one meant the world to me," explained Murphy after claiming his first Royal winner. "Saeed bin Suroor has been very good to me and to reward him with a Royal Ascot winner is fantastic. We took the hood off him today, he arrived here in top order and won that with a bit in hand."

Thursday, Royal Ascot, Britain

HAMPTON COURT S.-G3, £90,000, ASC, 6-22, 3yo, 9f 212yT, 2:05.40, g/f.

1--**#@BENBATL (GB), 126, c, 3, by Dubawi (Ire)**
1st Dam: Nahrain (GB) (Hwt. 3yo Filly-Eng at 9.5-11f, G1SW-Fr, GISW-US, SW-Eng & GSP-Ire, $1,041,961), by Selkirk
2nd Dam: Bahr (GB), by Generous (Ire)
3rd Dam: Lady of the Sea (GB), by Mill Reef
'TDN Rising Star' O-Godolphin; B-Darley (GB); T-Saeed bin Suroor; J-Oisin Murphy. £51,039. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, $185,129. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree**. **Werk Nick Rating: D+**.

2--**Orderofthegarter (Ire)**, 126, c, 3, Galileo (Ire)--Kitty Kiernan (GB), by Pivotal (GB). O-Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier, & Michael Tabor; B-Barronstown Stud (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien. £19,350.

3--**Mirage Dancer (GB)**, 126, c, 3, Frankel (GB)--Heat Haze (GB), by Green Desert. O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-Sir Michael Stoute. £9,684.

Margins: HF, 3/4, 3/4. Odds: 4.50, 3.30, 7.00.

Also Ran: Taj Mahal (Ire), Irishcorrespondent (Ire), Speedo Boy (Fr), Mucho Applause (Ire), Tamleek, Kings Gift (Ire), Grey Britain (GB), Rodaini, Bay of Poets (Ire), Savile Row (Fr). Scratched: Gold Spinner (Ire), Jake's Hill (GB), Larchmont Lad (Ire). **Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton**.

Reflecting on an upturn in recent fortunes, winning trainer Saeed bin Suroor commented, "When he won the first time [at Doncaster], we thought that he was the right horse for the big races. He finished fifth in the Derby and ran well, but he came from too far back and finished strong so we thought that a mile-and-a-quarter would be better for him. Sheikh Mohammed made the decision to run him in today's race and Benbatl is obviously improving all the time. Today's trip was brilliant for him, he was in a nice position and kicked really well. He was very backward last year, I looked after him in the winter and then, early in the season, he showed some class. It is brilliant to win at Royal Ascot as these races are hard to win, but finally we found the right horse to win." Looking ahead, the trainer continued, "We will keep options open and we might take him to York for the [July 29 G2] York S. or the [Aug. 23 G2] Great Voltigeur S., or we could go for the [Aug. 5 G3] Gordon S. at Goodwood. We might then give him a break before the [Oct. 21 G1] Champion S. [back here] at Ascot. I like him, he is a very honest horse and could be anything for the future." Complimenting the talents of rider Oison Murphy, bin Suroor added, "Oisin is a jockey for the future. He is doing really well and has always done a good job for us in Dubai and here. We are going to use him even more in the future."

Aidan O'Brien was delighted with the performance of runner-up Orderofthegarter, who was returning off a fifth in Deauville's May 14 G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains and a sixth in Chantilly's June 4 G1 Prix du Jockey Club, and said, "He has no bother with a mile-and-a-quarter and I am delighted with his run." Ryan Moore was equally succinct and added, "He ran a very good race and the winner is a good horse. The right horses came to the fore."

Mirage Dancer, who was a promising fourth behind subsequent G1 Epsom Derby runner-up Cliffs of Moher (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the May 12 Listed Dee S. at Chester, was unable to provide Sir Michael Stoute with a record-breaking 76th Royal winner having threatened to do so soon after turning for home here. However, Stoute was concentrating on what lies ahead and said, "It was very pleasing and he's a progressive horse who is improving with each race. He's got a great frame that he's got to fill, he has a good mind and is a good athlete and I think he's got a good future."

Benbatl | *Racing Post*

Pedigree Notes...

Benbatl is the first black-type scorer out of G1 Prix de l'Opera and GI Flower Bowl Invitational-winning British highweight Nahrain (GB) (Selkirk), who was also second in the GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf, and is herself a half-sister to the dual stakes winner Baharah (Elusive Quality). Their dam Bahr (GB) (Generous {Ire}) earned her stripes here in the G2 Ribblesdale S. and in York's G3 Musidora S., as well as hitting the board in the G1 Epsom Oaks, G1 Irish Oaks and GI Flower Bowl Invitational. Benbatl shares his third dam, Lady of the Sea (GB) (Mill Reef), with G1 Toorak H. victor Our Rokkii (NZ) (Roc de Cambes {NZ}) and the antipodean connection is enhanced by fourth dam La Mer (NZ) (Copenhagen II {GB}), a multiple champion and G1SW New Zealand Horse of the Year. The winner is kin to the 2-year-old colt Ta Allak (GB) (New Approach {Ire}), a yearling colt by Dansili {GB}) and a filly foal, like himself, by Dubawi (Ire).

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It wasn't the first time that Rajasinghe's dam, Bunditten (Ire) (Soviet Star), had led to the Mulcahy family approaching Royal Ascot full of hope as her daughter Kurland (Ire) (Kheleyf) ran fourth in the G2 Queen Mary S. two years ago for trainer Martyn Meade, and she is one seven winners from the 15-year-old mare.

"I bought the mare from Seamus Burns five years ago and she has produced a foal for me every year ever since. Seamus was the first congratulate me. A couple of agents have been around asking if I still have the mare but there's no way she'll leave my place, she's been so good to me," Mulcahy said of the great grand-daughter of Gwen Murless's homebred 1,000 Guineas winner of 1968, Caergwrle (GB) (Crepello {GB}). "Speed is the key with the family and the mare needs a bit of size, which is why I went to Markaz this year, and Bunditten has a Born To Sea yearling and an Ivawood foal on the ground," he added.

Geoff Mulcahy, who runs Mulcahy Equine, a breaking and pre-training facility in Lexington, is a silent partner in the two mares at his father's farm just a couple of miles down the road from where Mike O'Brien, a key member of the Bansha House Stables breeze-up team, bred Ribchester.

"My son wasn't with us at Ascot but he's been on the phone to me," Mulcahy said. "It was a great day for our neighbourhood. I'm very close to Bansha and Mike and I are great friends--that's even more important than breeding group winners."

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(l to r) Eoin Kelly, Caitrin O'Rourke, John Hennessy and Jim Mulcahy
Emma Berry

OSBORNE GIVEN PERMANENT ROLE

Joe Osborne, who was named interim chief executive of Godolphin upon the resignation of John Ferguson earlier this month, will take up that position in a permanent capacity. Osborne, who has been a key member of Godolphin's Irish team since 1994 and was most recently managing director there, has also been involved in the development of Godolphin and Darley in France, America, Australia and Japan. He said, "It is an honour to be entrusted with this role and I look forward to working with our global team to achieve racing and breeding success for Sheikh Mohammed and his family."

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Joe Osborne (left) with Godolphin Ireland's Jimmy Hyland and Gerry Duffy | *Racing Post*

COLD SPELL

She may have a bizarre name for such a week of undisturbed sun, but on all known form Susan Magnier's **Winter (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) should be freezing out her rivals in Friday's G1 Coronation S. at Royal Ascot. A replication of her defeat of stablemate Rhododendron (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in Newmarket's G1 1000 Guineas May 7 and easy follow-up in the Irish equivalent at The Curragh three weeks later would be sufficient to come out on top here, but there is a feeling that she could be improving. "David [Wachman] always thought the world of her last year and obviously we were delighted with her first start back at Leopardstown and her progress since," trainer Aidan O'Brien said. "I think she's versatile regards the ground. It was nice, quick ground at Newmarket and slow at The Curragh, but she seemed fine on both and we are very happy with her."

Winter and connections | *Racing Post*

French-trained fillies have won three of the last six editions of this race that seems to favour their schedule, and White Birch Farm's **Precieuse (Ire)** (Tamayuz {GB}) appears the most likely of all opponents to cause an upset. Peter Brant's purchase is unexposed at this trip, which she was tackling for the first time when taking the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches on Deauville's straight track on May 13. That performance, impressive as it was, came on very soft ground and the overall early form indications are mixed. Although the subsequent G1 Prix de Diane heroine Senga (Blame) took part, she did run under her level on the testing going in that mile Classic and the third Heuristique (Ire) (Shamardal) was last of five next time in the G2 Prix de Sandringham. Adding ballast to the race's standard are the subsequent displays of the sixth **Roly Poly** (War Front), who was beaten only 3/4 of a length further by Winter when runner-up and ahead of **Hydrangea (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) in the Irish 1000 Guineas, and the fifth Rain Goddess (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), who went so close to winning Wednesday's Listed Sandringham S. under top weight at this meeting. Olivier Peslier rides Precieuse and said, "She is well and won well in the French Guineas. That was a big surprise, as it was her first time over a mile after five runs over six furlongs, but she relaxed well and got the distance well. Now she has to confirm she gets the distance on a tough track like Ascot."

Abdullah Saeed Al Naboodah's **Dabyah (Ire)** (Sepoy {Aus}) missed the Pouliches, but she is a solid type who may be able to improve on her third in the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac at Chantilly in October and return success in the Apr. 22 G3 Fred Darling S. at Newbury. "She got a bit of a temperature, which meant she missed the trip to France and after that John Gosden said we'd head straight to the Coronation S.," explained the owner's racing manager Bruce Raymond. "She's going back up to a mile, but she should stay. She's obviously got to step up, but she's been working well and John's horses are in good form so we're hopeful." Mark Casse was in the winner's enclosure last year with Tepin (Bernstein) and is back with **La Coronel** (Colonel John), who bids to continue the recent trend of the American turf horses bridging the gap to the Europeans on their turf. On the basis of her dynamic wins in Keeneland's GIII Appalachian S. on Apr. 13 and the GIII Edgewood S. at Churchill Downs on May 5, John Oxley's bay deserves to be in this company.

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ART FORM

When Royal Ascot comes around, Aidan O'Brien's team Ballydoyle are there with unflinching determination and whatever they do down there in Co. Tipperary, it just continues to pay dividends on the grand stages. On Friday, the collective attention is turned towards **Caravaggio** (Scat Daddy) as he bids to live up to his favourite's billing in a hot renewal of the G1 Commonwealth Cup. This initiative took a long time to come to fruition and in its absence last year's G1 Phoenix S. and G2 Coventry S. winner would have gone to Deauville for the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains with no other race open available until the July Cup. Had this race existed from the 1980s, it would have given the likes of Green Desert, Ajdal, Stravinsky and Mozart (Ire), among others, an alternative to stretching their stamina to breaking point in the mile Classics. O'Brien refused to go in that direction and Caravaggio's return success in the G3 Lacken S. at Naas on May 21 provided ample justification for his stance. "We always thought he was a brilliantly fast horse and we just did not risk losing that brilliance by trying to extend him over too far, even though he never showed us that he wouldn't get further than sprint distances," the master of Ballydoyle explained. "It's a great race to have now. When you have a brilliantly fast 2-year-old, it gives you an option. We were very happy with him at Naas and everything has gone smooth since. He's a very classy horse with a good temperament. He's very relaxed. It's a competitive race and we are looking forward to our horse running."

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Commonwealth Cup cont.

Clive Cox's confidence was boosted on Wednesday by the slick performance of Heartache (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}) in the Queen Mary and he has never made any secret of his regard for **Harry Angel (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}). Last year's G2 Mill Reef S. winner was 1 1/2-lengths second to **Blue Point (Ire)** (Shamardal) trying to give him four pounds in the G3 Pavilion S. over this course and distance on May 3, where Wednesday's G3 Jersey S. third Mubtasim (Ire) (Arcano {Ire}) and the re-opposing **Tis Marvellous (GB)** (Harbour Watch {Ire}) and **Yalta (Ire)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) were further behind. Next time, the world were able to see what his stable had when Harry Angel demolished a smart field including Mubtasim again in the G2 Sandy Lane S. at Haydock and Godolphin's renowned purchasing power was exercised again. "Despite his lack of experience, I am upbeat about his chances," Cox commented. "He is really growing in confidence. I'm thrilled with the feeling he is giving us since he broke the track record in the Sandy Lane S. at Haydock on his last start. I honestly think Harry Angel is very good. I've always had a lot of confidence in his ability and he's still not the finished article. He's shown a lot of greenness in his behaviour in the stalls. But I think we've got a serious performer."

Caravaggio winning the Keeneland Phoenix | *Racing Post*

'TDN Rising Star' Blue Point, who captured the G2 Gimcrack S. and finished runner-up in the G1 Middle Park S. also over this trip last term, could yet have more to offer and he needs to keep up with the fast-progressing Harry Angel. Charlie Appleby is hoping he can confirm the Pavilion form on level terms and said, "We have been very happy with Blue Point since he won the Pavilion S. and have been looking forward to this race. His preparation has been great and he has conditions to suit. He holds the track record and it should be a good burn-up."

Wesley Ward's 3-year-olds have a 100% record so far at the meeting and his unbeaten **Bound For Nowhere** (The Factor) is impossible to rule out. Successful by six lengths over six furlongs at Turfway Park on Jan. 26 and by 4 1/4 lengths over 5 1/2 furlongs at Keeneland on Apr. 20, he lacks the conditioning of the European favourites but his trainer is bullish. "He's immensely talented," he said. "He's a big colt, so I gave him plenty of time. I paid quite a bit for him, so I wanted to do everything right. I matched him with Lady Aurelia prior to her race this year and he was a bit unseasoned, having had just one run at a small track. She was much better in every way. He ran shortly after she did and, after the experience of that race, he started to prove to me that he was a very valid foe in every work. In one of the works, he was better. Having seen the talent he has, I think he has a big chance."

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G1 COMMONWEALTH CUP TIMEFORM RATINGS

Horse	Sire	Trainer	Rating
Caravaggio	Scat Daddy	Aidan O'Brien	139p
Harry Angel (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Clive Cox	138
Blue Point (Ire)	Shamardal	Charlie Appleby	129
Bound For Nowhere	The Factor	Wesley Ward	128p
Tis Marvellous (GB)	Harbour Watch (Ire)	Clive Cox	127
Yalta (Ire)	Exceed And Excel	Mark Johnston	121
Intelligence Cross	War Front	Aidan O'Brien	120
Visionary (Ire)	Dream Ahead	Robert Cowell	118
Legendary Lunch (Ire)	Dragon Pulse (Ire)	Richard Hannon	115
Straight Right (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	Christophe Ferland	113
Victory Angel (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Roger Varian	112
Mr Scarlet (GB)	Dandy Man (Ire)	Sheila Lavery	107

BRIDGING THE GAP

Sir Michael Stoute is just two off the record of nine successes in Royal Ascot's G2 King Edward VII S. set by John Porter and few will be surprised if the Freemason Lodge guru creeps closer with Sir Evelyn de Rothschild's **Crystal Ocean (GB)** (Sea the Stars {Ire}) on Friday. Labelled a 'TDN Rising Star' after his maiden success at Nottingham on Apr. 22, the homebred half-brother to the stable's 2013 King Edward winner Hillstar (GB) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) was third behind **Permian (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}) in the G2 Dante S. over an extended 10-furlong trip at York on May 18 and sidestepped Epsom for this contest.

Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum's Permian was disappointing when only 10th in the June 3 G1 Epsom Derby, but he would not be the first or the last to bounce back from an unplaced effort in the blue riband to lift this prize. Ironically, the last two to do so were a pair of Stoute's haul in Papal Bull (GB) and Across the Stars (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}), with both mimicking Permian's 10th placing at Epsom.

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King Edward VII S. cont.

Aidan O'Brien still has only one winner of this race on his record and his representative **Sir John Lavery (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) failed to make Epsom after finishing a disappointing 16 lengths behind **Best Solution (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}) and **Glencadam Glory (GB)** (Nathaniel {Ire}) when sixth as the 11-8 favourite for the May 13 Listed Lingfield Derby Trial. He is held in high regard and is sure to attract support despite that inauspicious showing, but he has a lot to find on the formbook with the Dante and Derby horses and also 'TDN Rising Star' **Best of Days (GB)** (Azamour {Ire}). Not seen since beating Ballydoyle's subsequently-exposed The Anvil (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in Newmarket's G2 Royal Lodge S. in September, he would represent a notable training achievement from Hugo Palmer if successful on his seasonal bow. "Best of Days had a setback in the spring, which is why he didn't make the Derby," he explained. "I thought that we would miss that race by a couple of weeks and I have been really, really pleased with his work. He seems to be improving all of the time and I am excited about running him over a mile-and-a-half. My only slight misgiving is that we are going into a Group 2 at Royal Ascot on his seasonal reappearance, which is not an easy thing to do."

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A STUDY IN PROGRESS

Upped to Group 2 from listed status and reduced from two miles, the Queen's Vase at Royal Ascot has undergone more of a slight shift than a metamorphosis which is evidenced by the overall quality of the line-up. With the class acts going to the King Edward VII, the way is open for some slow-burners including Abdulla Al Mansoori's **Time To Study (Fr)** (Motivator {GB}), who represents the Mark Johnston yard which is one short of the record of eight winners held by Sir Henry Cecil. He defied topweight in Musselburgh's Edinburgh Cup H. over this distance last time on June 3 and will be a tough nut to crack. Aidan O'Brien won this in its former guise five times and **Belgravia (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) gets the Ryan Moore treatment and first-time blinkers after finishing fourth as favourite for Navan's Listed Yeats S. over 13 furlongs last time on May 20. His compatriot **Haripour (Ire)** (Shamardal), a half-brother to last year's G1 English and Irish Derby hero Harzand (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}), raced on the same card and came alive in that headgear when winning by 5 1/2 lengths over the same distance. John Gosden excels with staying 3-year-olds and Bjorn Nielsen's **Stradivarius (Ire)** (Sea the Stars {Ire}) looks typical of those he has worked wonders with in the past following his six-length maiden win over 10 furlongs at Beverley on Apr. 19 and second under topweight over 12 furlongs at Chester on May 10.

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Time To Study | *Racing Post*

ALPHA FEMALE

No race at Royal Ascot is a given, but there is always a weight of expectation when you bring an unbeaten record after clear-cut wins to the hallowed Berkshire fixture and Friday's G3 Albany S. looks set up for 'TDN Rising Star' **Alpha Centauri (Ire)** (Mastercraftsman {Ire}). Having slammed Ballydoyle's **Actress (Ire)** (Declaration of War) by 2 1/2 lengths on debut over this trip at Naas on May 1, the Niarchos Family's homebred made the margin five lengths over the same rival in the Listed Coolmore Stud Irish EBF Fillies' Sprint S. over that course and distance 20 days later. Jockey Colm O'Donoghue commented, "She's been pretty good and stepped forward from her maiden win in good style. Jessie [Harrington] was very happy leading up to her in the listed race, she's a big, scopey filly and very powerful, I was trying to keep a lid on her as long as I could. I think she'll stay further, she settled and travels nicely. She's very laid-back and I don't think the occasion will bother her, but we wouldn't want it too firm as she's a big filly." **Cont. p15**

Alpha Centauri | *Racing Post*

Albany S. cont.

As is now the custom, Wesley Ward is represented by Susan Magnier's **Fairyland** (Scat Daddy) who performed with the usual ballistics of one of the stable's Ascot-bound juvenile over 4 1/2 furlongs on the dirt at Keeneland on Apr. 7. "I think she's got a really big chance," Ward said. "She's a big filly with a long stride, as opposed to Happy Like a Fool. When you look at them you can tell Fairyland will go further." She is joined by the May 25 Belmont scorer **Princess Peggy** (Scat Daddy), who is fit to run despite being involved in a bizarre incident on Wednesday when hit by a cyclist and suffering superficial abrasions as she was led across the street outside the track back to the stable yard. "This is a filly that just keeps improving," her trainer said. "Early on I didn't think she was one for Ascot, but she ran and won and from the race she's really improved. Ryan [Moore] rode her in work and I asked him if he felt she was worthy to run in the Albany and when he got off he said 'absolutely'. Fast ground and six furlongs will suit her."

Aidan O'Brien saddles the full-sister to Churchill (Ire), **Clemmie (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), who like her full-sibling was a highly encouraging third on debut over this trip at The Curragh on May 27, where stablemate **Snowflakes (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), a full-sister to Winter (Ire), was 13th of 15. Qatar Racing's **Natural (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}) could be the chief British hope after her debut win at Doncaster on June 3 and trainer Richard Hannon said, "She was very professional at Doncaster on her first start. She is very talented and is there to run a big race. She has improved from her first run and I would be very surprised if she wasn't right there at the end. We have always really liked her." Similarly, Roger Varian holds Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum's May 27 Goodwood scorer **Madeline (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}) in high regard and he commented, "Madeline pulled clear with a filly who had previously shown useful form on her second start at Goodwood and she ran well here on debut," her trainer said. "She wants quick ground, she seems to be drawn the right side and she continues to improve--she lines up with a live chance."

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Thursday's Results:

5th-ASC, £120,000, Hcp, 6-22, 3yo, c/g, 8fT, 1:40.59, g/f.
BLESS HIM (IRE) (c, 3, Sea the Stars {Ire}--Happy Land {Ire}, by Refuse To Bend {Ire}), a 65,000gns TATFOA weanling and 100,000gns TATOCT yearling who sold for €600,000 as a ARQMAY breezer, had opened his account over this trip at Chelmsford at the start of April before finishing third in a handicap at Doncaster on May 6 and fifth in a first-time hood at Goodwood three weeks later. Very little went right for him on the latter occasion and trainer David Simcock remained at a loss as to why he was unable to get a tune from the talented bay, who started this ultra-competitive Britannia H. at 25-1 drawn far side as Sioux Nation (Scat Daddy) had been earlier in the afternoon. Anchored in a detached last of that group with Jamie Spencer in confident mood as he had been 24 hours earlier on Con Te Partiro (Scat Daddy) in the Sandringham, Bless Him was full of energy as he was urged forward passing the two-furlong pole. Denying Ronald R (Ire) (Nathaniel {Ire}) a gap there, the eventual winner had first run and stayed on strongly to secure a half-length success from that rival. The Gosden-trained Tricorn (Ire) (Helmet {Aus}) was 1 1/2 lengths back in third, four lengths clear of the rest.

Bless him wins the Britannia H. | *Racing Post*

"He did everything right, but got there plenty soon enough," the winning rider said. "The gap was there and two went for it, but mine was quickest and got it. A straight track and the hood helped him. David said if I could, to isolate him and get him to relax and get him breathing and to see where I was after that. He is a horse who has always trained lovely at home, but has been aggressive in small-runner fields. When I moved on him, he was very explosive because he went through a tight gap. It's great for the Simcocks--they have worked hard with the horse--and Sheikh Fahad's team at the stud because the horse wasn't very well last year and had a long time off. "

Simcock added, "They went a good pace and it suited him. He quickened very well and he's probably idled a bit in front. He has annoyed me and been frustrating, as he shows so much ability at home and will end up being a very good horse I'm sure. He just hasn't shown it on the track before today and even when he won he still did it the wrong way round. He was good today and

his biggest attribute is he does have a turn of foot. Every good horse has to have that." Bless Him is out of a half to the G3 Prix de Seine-et-Oise and G3 Benazet-Rennen-winning sire Dyhim Diamond (Ire), who was runner-up in this meeting's G2 Cork and Orrery S. before its metamorphosis into the Diamond Jubilee. She is also a half to the G2 German 1000 Guineas heroine Dakhla Oasis (Ire) (Night Shift) and the GI Hollywood Starlet S. heroine and G2 Prix Robert Papin runner-up Creaking Board (GB) (Night Shift), who went on to produce the GIII Saranac H.-winning sire Crowd Pleaser (A.P. Indy). Happy Land's yearling filly is by Kodiac (GB). Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, $103,729. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton**.
O-Qatar Racing Limited; B-Knocklong House Stud (IRE); T-David Simcock.

6th-ASC, £90,000, Hcp, 6-22, 3yo, 11f 211yT, 2:31.68, g/f. **ATTY PERSSE (IRE) (c, 3, Frankel {GB}--Dorcas Lane {GB} {SW & MGSP-Eng, GSP-Fr, $120,205}, by Norse Dancer {Ire})** posted a Sept. 16 debut success for breeder Bjorn Nielsen at Sandown, doubling up in the Godolphin silks back there on seasonal return Apr. 18, and lined up for this King George V H. coming off a May 26 second at Haydock. Cutting across from the outside gate to stalk the pace in second after a sharp getaway, the 7-1 chance seized control approaching the two pole and was driven clear in the closing stages to stop the clock three lengths in advance of fellow Godolphin colourbearer First Nation (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), becoming a first Royal Ascot winner for his sire (by Galileo {Ire}).

"They went very quick and you had to think whether he would have the petrol left to keep going, but he had lots left," said winning trainer Roger Charlton. "Stamina is a strong thing with this horse and he stayed on really well. He ran well at Haydock last time, but they quickened from the front that day and he never really got there. They didn't go much of a pace that day and what we have seen today is a horse that stays a mile-and-a-half really well. It was a good effort today and where we go next, we will see. I had Frankel's first stakes winner [Fair Eva in last year's G3 Princess Margaret S.] and now I have had his first Royal Ascot winner. He is very easy to train and, for a little horse, he has a very long stride. You have to have trust and faith in people and [jockey] Kieran [Shoemark] is a good rider." Atty Persse is the lone representative for the stakes-winning G2 Ribblesdale S. and G2 Lancashire Oaks placegetter Dorcas Lane (GB) (Norse Dancer {Ire}), who is out of a half-sister to G1 1000 Guineas heroine Harayir (Gulch) and to the dual stakes-placed dam of G1 Jebel Hatta scorer Tryster (Ire) (Shamardal). His fourth dam is G1 Irish Oaks-winning Irish champion distaffer Give Thanks (GB) (Relko {GB}), whose leading performer is G2 Falmouth S. victress and G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches third Alshakr (GB) (Bahri). Sales history: 200,000gns RNA Wlg '14 TATFOA; 160,000gns RNA Ylg '15 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 4-3-1-0, $99,069. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton**.
O-Godolphin; B-Bjorn Nielsen (IRE); T-Roger Charlton.

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Atty Persse after winning the King George V H. | *Racing Post*

2nd-LIN, £5,000, Cond, 6-22, 2yo, 6f 1y (AWT), 1:14.12, st. **+TUNES OF GLORY (GB) (c, 2, Lope de Vega {Ire}--Bay Tree {Ire} {SW & GSP-Eng}, by Daylami {Ire})**, sent off at 12-1, was soon in front. Joined by Carricklane (GB) (Zoffany {Ire}) a furlong out, the homebred gave extra to assert in game fashion and win by a head. Capping a memorable day for her owner-breeders after the G2 Ribblesdale S. win of Coronet (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), the winner is the last known foal out of the smart Bay Tree, who captured the Listed Sweet Solera S. at two and was third in the G3 Musidora S. She is a daughter of the Wafic Said runner My Branch (GB) (Distant Relative {Ire}), who was a dual listed scorer who placed in the G1 Cheveley Park S., G1 Irish 1000 Guineas and was fourth in the G1 1000 Guineas. Her best progeny was the G1 Haydock Sprint Cup, G3 Dubai Duty Free S. and G3 Summer S. winner Tante Rose (Ire) (Barathea {Ire}), while another of her daughters to gain black-type, Melodramatic (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), later produced the G2 Hardwicke S. third Almodovar (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}). The most significant of My Branch's daughters from a breeding point of view turned out to be Rosie's Posy (Ire) (Suave Dancer), who was responsible for the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains hero Make Believe (GB) (Makfi {GB}) and also Dubawi Heights (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), who won the GI Gamely S., GI Yellow Ribbon S. and was second in the GI Beverly D. S. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $4,100. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton**.
O/B-Denford Stud Ltd. (GB); T-Sir Mark Prescott.

5th-CHD, £12,500, Mdn, 6-22, 3/4yo, f, 10f (AWT), 2:12.15, st. **DISTANT (f, 3, First Defence--Ventoux {GB}, by Galileo {Ire})**, a May 31 debut fifth going 12 panels at Kempton last time, raced along the fence in third for most of this second go. Angling out to deliver her bid off the home turn, the 4-6 favourite came under a forceful drive approaching the final eighth and kept on strongly for continued urging to deny Lewinsky (Ire) (Famous Name {GB}) by a neck. Juddmonte's homebred, half-sister to the hitherto unraced 2-year-old colt Warning Strike (Speightstown) and a colt foal by Into Mischief, is out of a winning half-sister to G1 1000 Guineas and G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches-winning European champion juvenile filly Special Duty (GB) (Hennessy), from a family which includes MGISW distaffers Sightseek (Distant View) and Tates Creek (Rahy). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $10,247. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton**.
O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Inc (KY); T-Roger Charlton.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Mr Wagyu (Ire), c, 2, **Choisir (Aus)--**Lake Louise (Ire), by Haatef. RIP, 6-22, 6fT, 1:12.80. B-Danny O'Sullivan (IRE). *€16,000 Wlg '15 GOFNOV; £26,000 Ylg '16 GOUKPR.

Amazing Alice (GB), f, 2, **Sayif (Ire)**--Dot Hill (GB), by Refuse to Bend (Ire). CHD, 6-22, 6f (AWT), 1:13.90. B-Home Farm (GB). *20,000gns Ylg '16 TAOCT.

Don Valentino (Ire), g, 3, **Dandy Man (Ire)**--My Funny Valentine (Ire) (MSW-Ity, $238,446), by Mukaddamah. RIP, 6-21, 6fT, 1:11.05. B-Ann & Joe Hallinan (IRE). *€18,000 Wlg '14 GOFNOV; €40,000 Ylg '15 TISEP.

Summerghand (Ire), c, 3, **Lope de Vega (Ire)**--Kate The Great (GB), by Xaar (GB). CHD, 6-21, 6f (AWT), 1:14.03. B-Airlie Stud (IRE). *250,000gns Ylg '15 TATOCT. **1/2 to Eastern Impact (Ire) (Bahamian Bounty {GB}), GSW & G1SP-Eng, GSP-Ire, $408,552; and Miss Katie Mae (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), SW-US & GSP-Ire, $127,139.

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Thursday's Results:

2nd-LEO, €17,500, Mdn, 6-22, 2yo, 8fT, 1:46.65, g/f. **+THEOBALD (IRE) (c, 2, Teofilo {Ire}--Sanaara, by Anabaa)** was positioned in a prominent second from the outset of this debut. Niggled along rounding the home turn, the 11-10 favourite came under increased pressure in the straight and was ridden clear in the latter stages to assert by 2 1/2 lengths from Berkeley Square (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). "He's a potentially smart colt and will come on a nice bit for the run," said trainer Jim Bolger. "He can now go back to seven furlongs with that run under his belt. It's been a nine-year wait as I bought the dam as a yearling and his sire [Teofilo] can be relied on any time." The homebred chestnut is the first scorer produced by an unraced half-sister to two black-type performers headed by G3 Manuel J Guiraldes victress Plainswoman (Arg) (Zensational). His third dam is four-time Grade I winner Dispute (Danzig), herself a full-sister to dual Grade I-winning sire Adjudicating. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $12,041. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton**.
O-Mrs J S Bolger; B/T-Jim Bolger (IRE).

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Red Persian (Ire), g, 2, **Haatef**--Wajaha (Ire), by Haafhd (GB). LEO, 6-22, 7fT, 1:33.39. B-Longrove Stud (IRE). *€5,000 Ylg '16 GOFSPT.

Xenobia (Ire), f, 3, **Falco**--Acago (GSW-Fr & GSP-US, $165,794), by Royal Academy. LEO, 6-22, 8fT, 1:45.59. B-Paget Bloodstock (IRE). *€14,000 Wlg '14 GOFNOV.

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Thursday's Results:

PRIX LA SORELLINA - TATTERSALLS-Listed, €55,000, LTS, 6-22, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:39.06, gd.

1--**#DALLAS AFFAIR (GB), 128, f, 3, Soldier Hollow (GB)**
1st Dam: Daytona (Ger) (MSW & GSP-Ger, SW-Fr & SP-Ity, $106,600), by Lando (Ger)
2nd Dam: Daytona Beach (Ger), by Konigsstuhl (Ger)
3rd Dam: Domestica (Ger), by Kaiseradler (Ger)
(€120,000 Ylg '15 BBAGS). O-George Strawbridge; B-Gestut Haus Ittlingen (GB); T-Freddy Head; J-Aurelien Lemaitre. €27,500. Lifetime Record: 7-3-2-0, €77,300.

2--**Garance (Fr)**, 128, f, 3, Teofilo (Ire)--Germance, by Silver Hawk. O-Riviera Equine SARL & Haras d'Etreham. €11,000.

3--**Westit (GB)**, 128, f, 3, Tapit--West Ocean, by Elusive Quality. O-Wertheimer & Frere. €8,750.

Margins: 2HF, 1HF, 1HF. Odds: 1.50, 2.40, 18.00.
Also Ran: Maytime (Fr), Niedziela (Ire), Denitza (Fr), Golden State, Fuenteesteis (Fr), Elegante Bere (Fr), Honeymoon Trip (Fr). Scratched: Spanish Fly (Ire).

Dallas Affair broke through going one mile at Fontainebleau in her fourth start on Mar. 30 before running second over the same trip at Clairefontaine on Apr. 24, and went postward for this black-type bow returning off a June 1 handicap score, upped to nine panels, back at Fontainebleau last time. Breaking well to race in an initial second before settling off the pace in third, she

was rowed along in early stretch to challenge at the quarter-mile marker and stretched clear under mild urging once taking over soon after to comfortably register a career high.

Dallas Affair is a half-sister to G3 Hamburger Stutenpreis victress Daytona Bay (GB) (Motivator {GB}) and the 2-year-old colt Dumas (Ger) (Pivotal {GB}). Her dam is three-time stakes winner and G3 Grosser Stutenpreis von Bremen runner-up Daytona (Ger) (Lando {Ger}), who in turn is a full-sister to G1 Deutschland-Preis hero Donaldson (Ger) and to the dam of GSW German highweight juvenile filly and G1 Preis der Diana runner-up Diamond Dove (Ger) (Dr Fong). **Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Lotus Cafe (Fr), g, 3, **Siyouni (Fr)**--Licorne Bleue, by War Chant. LTS, 6-22, 12fT, 2:38.50. B-Haras de Beauvoir (FR). *€140,000 Ylg '15 ARAUG.

OBSERVATIONS

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4.55 Chantilly, Cond, €35,000, 3yo, 8fT

Godolphin's homebred **FRANZ SCHUBERT (GB) (Dansili {GB})** is out of Listed Swettenham Stud Fillies' Trial S. winner Measured Tempo (Sadler's Wells), herself a half-sister to 2001 G1 Prix du Jockey Club hero Anabaa Blue (GB) (Anabaa), and the Andre Fabre representative lines up off a third in April's G3 Prix La Force and a second in last month's Listed Prix Matchem. His six rivals are headed by Rebecca Hillen's **Enthrall (Bernardini)**, who is out of stakes-winning GI Alcibiades S. third Devotee (Elusive Quality), from the Henri-Francois Devin stable; and Carla Giral's **Rebellito (Fr) (Montmartre {Fr})**, a Joel Boisnard trainee who is out of a half-sister to MG1SW speedster Marchand d'Or (Fr) (Marchand de Sable).

6.55 Newmarket, Cond, £7,000, 2yo, 6fT

TRIBAL QUEST (War Front) cost Godolphin $575,000 at Keeneland September and is a son of the GIII Doubledogdare S. winner and GI Las Virgenes S. runner-up Haka (Dynaformer) from the family of American Chance. He has a decent form standard to aim at in Saeed Manana's **Invincible Army (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire})**, a James Tate-trained son of the G1 Falmouth S. winner Rajeem (GB) (Diktat {GB}) who was second to 'TDN Rising Star' Masar (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}), a stablemate of Tribal Quest, at Goodwood last month.

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'TIME' ANCHORS TIARA

In Her Time (Aus) (Time Thief {Aus}), a winner of the G2 Breeders Classic at Randwick Feb. 4 and the 1300-metre G2 Millie Fox S. switched to Rosehill a fortnight later, was tabbed the $3.20 morning line pick for the 1350m A$500,000 G1 Sky Bet Tattersalls Tiara. Stepped up to Group 1 company Mar. 11, the Ben Smith trainee ran with credit to take fifth in the G1 Coolmore Classic there and she filled the same spot in the G1 Doomben 10,000 to Redzel (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}) over this course May 13. Just touched off by Impending (Aus) (Lonhro {Aus}) when second in the G1 Stradbroke H. locally on June 10, In Her Time drew stall 16 in Saturday's oversubscribed field.

Trainer Bjorn Baker fires two shots at the final Group 1 of the Australian season in G3 Nivison S. heroine **Egyptian Symbol (Aus)** (Stratum {Aus}) and Listed Helen Coughlan victress **Bonny O'Reilly (NZ)** (O'Reilly {NZ}). Runner-up to In Her Time in the Breeders Classic in February, the $10.00 chance Egyptian Symbol found only **Eckstein (Aus)** (I Am Invincible {Ire}) too good two starts later in the G3 Glenlogan Park S. May 27, before running seventh in the aforementioned Stradbroke. Bonny O'Reilly completed the trifecta in the G2 Dane Ripper S. over course and distance in the wake of **Prompt Response (Aus)** (Beneteau {Aus}) and fifth emergency **My True Love (Aus)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) June 10.

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FELL SWOOP TAKES INGLIS EVEREST SLOT

Two-time G1 TJ Smith S. placegetter **Fell Swoop (Aus)** (Not A Single Doubt {Aus}) has been named as the Inglis slot representative for the inaugural A$10-million The Everest, which will be the world's richest-ever turf race when contested at Randwick on Oct. 14. The 5-year-old, trained by Matt Dale, is five times Group 1 placed, his other near misses at the top level coming in the Oakleigh Plate, the Darley Classic and the Manikato S.

"We opened up expressions of interest for the Inglis slot back in March and received significant feedback from prospective owners, so this certainly wasn't an easy decision," said Inglis's Managing Director Mark Webster. "In Fell Swoop we believe we have a genuine winning chance trained by one of Australia's best young trainers in Matt Dale and a horse who is proven as a legitimate Group 1 performer. To have finished in the minor placings in the last two editions of the G1 TJ Smith S. at Randwick behind Chautauqua--as well as a further three Group 1 placings throughout his career to date--Fell Swoop is undoubtedly one of the best-credentialed runners in the race. I know Matt will present the horse in outstanding order on the day and we wish him and the connections all the very best."

Dale added, "It's a very exciting concept and it's unbelievable to be a part of it in year one with a horse like Fell Swoop," the trainer said. "We're privileged to join forces with Inglis to secure an Everest slot in the inaugural running of the race."

"The horse spelled really well in Queensland and has now entered pre-training at Aquagait," he continued. "He'll come back into the stables in a couple of weeks and then it's all systems go toward The Everest."

The Everest is modeled after The Stronach Group's G1 Pegasus World Cup concept. The 12 starting spots in the race were sold for A$600,000 apiece, with the slot holders free to partner, lease or sell their slot on their own terms.

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Date	Race
June 20	G2 Coventry S.
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July 13	G2 July S.
July 14	G2 Duchess Of Cambridge S.
July 15	G2 Superlative S.
July 29	G3 Princess Margaret Juddmonte S.
Aug. 1	G2 Vintage S.
Aug. 2	G3 Molecomb S.
Aug. 3	G2 Richmond S.
Aug. 12	G3 Sweet Solera S.
Aug. 23	G3 Acomb S.
Aug. 24	G2 Lowther S.
Aug. 25	G1 Nunthorpe S.*
Aug. 26	G2 Gimcrack S.
	G3 Prestige S.
Sept. 2	G3 Solario S.
Sept. 7	G3 Fillies' S.
Sept. 9	G3 Sirenia S.
Sept. 14	G2 May Hill S.
Sept. 15	G2 Flying Childers S.
Sept. 16	G2 Champagne S.
Sept. 23	G3 Firth Of Clyde S.
	G2 Mill Reef S.
Sept. 28	G3 Somerville S.
Sept. 29	G2 Rockfel Fillies' S.
Sept. 30	G1 Middle Park S.
	G1 Cheveley Park S.
	G2 Royal Lodge S.
Oct. 13	G3 Oh So Sharp S.
	G3 Cornwallis S.
	G1 Fillies' Mile
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Team Lady Aurelia celebrate at Royal Ascot | *Horsephotos*

Following Contributer (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire})'s win in the 2014 Listed Wolferton H. at Royal Ascot, Barbara Banke and Peter Leidel were curious to see what their friend and winning owner George Bolton's overseas racing experience was like.

"I said, 'Well, the Wolferton H. isn't Curlin winning the Preakness, but winning the Wolferton H., presented *by* the Ascot Racing Authority, was about as fun a day you can have in racing," Bolton commented. "There's nothing quite like it."

George Bolton | *Horsephotos*

That said, the trio decided to send trainer Wesley Ward a horse for the first time together in the spring of 2016, a $350,000 Keeneland September Yearling (ring video) graduate by Scat Daddy. If she could win her career debut at the Keeneland Spring meeting, they had hopes, "one-to-five percent" to be exact, of perhaps competing in a race such as the G2 Queen Mary at Royal Ascot a couple of months later.

It's pretty safe to say that this filly has exceeded their expectations.

After earning her '**TDN Rising Star**' badge at first asking in Lexington and airing by seven lengths in the Queen Mary for juvenile fillies over soft ground last year, **Lady Aurelia** (Scat Daddy) was back in the spotlight earlier this week, adding Tuesday's G1 King's Stand S. at the Royal Meeting in spectacular fashion in near course-record time against a loaded field of older male sprinters.

"The last furlong was as impressive as it gets," Bolton, Chief Investment Officer, Portfolio Manager of WestEnd Capital Management, said. "It was a great day and I'm so proud that we represented America well and I'm so proud of her being maybe the best horse that I have ever owned. And that includes [two-time Horse of the Year] Curlin, [MGISW] The Factor and [champion] My Miss Aurelia. She's definitely in the same breath."

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With jockey Johnny Velazquez subbing for the injured Frankie Dettori in the King's Stand, Lady Aurelia, the 7-2 second-favorite, was always traveling smartly towards the stand's side and blitzed home in the final furlong, reporting home three lengths to the good over last year's winner Profitable (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). The final time for five furlongs was a scorching :57.45.

Lady Aurelia & her winning connections at Royal Ascot | *Horsephotos*

Lady Aurelia winning the King's Stand | *Horsephotos*

"We got on our viewing stand, which was my third time in a row [following wins by Contributer in 2014 and Lady Aurelia in 2016]," Bolton said. "You could imagine that little platform when we got down to that last furlong--I don't think anybody's feet were touching the ground!"

Barbara Banke | *Coady*

He continued, "We've been brought to spectacular places in the world because of horseracing--Dubai, Australia, etc.--and I would say the British offering at Royal Ascot is the most fabulous raceday offered. When The Queen arrived and we had two minutes of silence (for the recent terror attacks and fatal high-rise fire in England), you wanted to cry... The countries that put up the best festivals are going to have the best racing. The United States has a wonderful series with the Derby, Preakness and Belmont, and an absolute blowout success story with the Breeders' Cup, and I view Royal Ascot as a very able competitor."

Lady Aurelia, named after Bolton's mother, was bred in Kentucky by Banke's Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings. Her dam D' Wildcat Speed, a $1-million 2005 Keeneland November purchase by Stonestreet, was a Horse of the Year in Puerto Rico and also a graded winner on these shores at Gulfstream Park. D' Wildcat Speed produced a Munnings filly this year.

"John Moynihan buys my horses, and obviously Barbara's too, and we also hooked up with Peter," Bolton replied when asked how the partnership came together to acquire Lady Aurelia. "Barbara stayed in and everyone went in for one-third. It's a great way for us to get a horse that we know was raised beautifully, and I repeat, raised *beautifully*, at Stonestreet."

Lady Aurelia also captured last term's G1 Darley Prix Morny in France and was reported to have slightly bled when concluding her juvenile campaign with a third-place finish in Newmarket's G1 Cheveley Park S., her lone blemish in six trips to the post. The bay showed a bit of a new dimension in her curtain raiser this year, coming from off the pace to post a devastating win over older fillies and mares in Keeneland's Giant's Causeway S. in April.

"She was always precocious and she was always beautifully made--we'll call her a middle weight," Bolton said. "She wasn't the biggest horse, but she was the tightest put-together horse. And once she started speeding up once a week at the beautiful Stonestreet Ocala operation, she was just showing natural speed that was just very competitive with the other 96 yearlings on the farm."

Lady Aurelia's future engagements include the G1 Coolmore Nunthorpe S. at York Aug. 25 and the GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint at Del Mar in the fall. But for now, Bolton and company are still celebrating their prized filly's latest accomplishment.

"I have spoken to Peter and Barbara three times already today," Bolton said. "When you go to the winner's circle and Prince William and (Duchess) Kate are there to hand you the trophy--that may have been the most surreal handshake that I've ever had."

Bolton concluded with a laugh, "When you catch George Bolton speechless, that's a major moment!"

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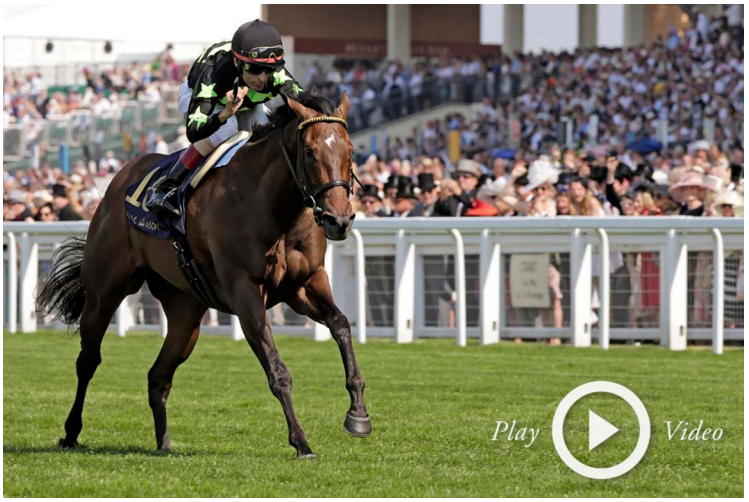

Click above to watch Lady Aurelia run off with Tuesday's G1 King's Stand S. at Royal Ascot. | *Horsephotos*

GROUP ENTRIES

Friday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 4.20 p.m.

CORONATION S.-G1, £430,000, 3yo, f, 7f 213yT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	3	Dabyah (Ire)	Sepoy (Aus)	Crowley	Gosden	126
2	5	Hydrangea (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Beggy	A O'Brien	126
3	6	La Coronel	Colonel John	Geroux	Casse	126
4	1	Precieuse (Ire)	Tamayuz (GB)	Peslier	Chappet	126
5	2	Roly Poly	War Front	Heffernan	A O'Brien	126
6	4	Tomyris (GB)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Atzeni	Varian	126
7	7	Winter (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Moore	A O'Brien	126

Friday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 3.40 p.m.

COMMONWEALTH CUP-G1, £400,000, 3yo, 6fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	10	Blue Point (Ire)	Shamardal	Buick	Appleby	129
2	3	Bound For Nowhere	The Factor	Flores	Ward	129
3	5	Caravaggio	Scat Daddy	Moore	A O'Brien	129
4	7	Harry Angel (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Kirby	Cox	129
5	1	Intelligence Cross	War Front	Heffernan	A O'Brien	129
6	12	Legendary Lunch (Ire)	Dragon Pulse (Ire)	Marquand	Hannon	129
7	9	Mr Scarlet (GB)	Dandy Man (Ire)	Smullen	Lavery	129
8	8	Straight Right (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	Peslier	Ferland	129
9	4	Tis Marvellous (GB)	Harbour Watch (Ire)	Mosse	Cox	129
10	11	Victory Angel (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	de Sousa	Varian	129
11	2	Visionary (Ire)	Dream Ahead	Spencer	Cowell	129
12	6	Yalta (Ire)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Doyle	Johnston	129

Friday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 3.05 p.m.

KING EDWARD VII S.-G2, £225,000, 3yo, c/g, 11f 211yT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	8	Best of Days (GB)	Azamour (Ire)	Doyle	Palmer	126
2	12	Best Solution (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Cosgrave	bin Suroor	126
3	6	Call To Mind (GB)	Galileo (Ire)	Crowley	Haggas	126
4	7	Crystal Ocean (GB)	Sea the Stars (Ire)	Atzeni	Stoute	126
5	1	Frankuus (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	de Sousa	Johnston	126
6	2	Glencadam Glory (GB)	Nathaniel (Ire)	Tart	Gosden	126
7	4	Intern (Ire)	Rip Van Winkle (Ire)	Smullen	Beckett	126
8	5	Khalidi (GB)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Peslier	Gosden	126
9	11	Permian (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Kirby	Johnston	126
10	3	Raheen House (Ire)	Sea the Stars (Ire)	Spencer	Meehan	126
11	9	Salouen (Ire)	Canford Cliffs (Ire)	Berry	Kirk	126
12	13	Sir John Lavery (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Moore	A O'Brien	126
13	10	Wolf Country (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Buick	Appleby	126

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Friday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 5.00 p.m.

QUEEN'S VASE-G2, £161,250, 3yo, 13f 211yT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	8	Alqamar (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Doyle	Appleby	126
2	7	Belgravia (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Moore	A O'Brien	126
3	3	Count Octave (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Murphy	Balding	126
4	5	Desert Skyline (Ire)	Tamayuz (GB)	Berry	Elsworth	126
5	1	Face the Facts (Ire)	Nathaniel (Ire)	Kirby	Gosden	126
6	6	Fierce Impact (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Spencer	Simcock	126
7	10	Haripour (Ire)	Shamardal	Smullen	Weld	126
8	12	Mister Manduro (Fr)	Manduro (Ger)	Crowley	Johnston	126
9	13	Night of Glory (GB)	Sea the Stars (Ire)	Foley	O'Callaghan	126
10	11	Secret Advisor (Fr)	Dubawi (Ire)	Buick	Appleby	126
11	9	Stradivarius (Ire)	Sea the Stars (Ire)	Atzeni	Gosden	126
12	2	Time To Study (Fr)	Motivator (GB)	de Sousa	Johnston	126
13	4	Wisconsin (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Heffernan	A O'Brien	126

Friday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 2.30 p.m.

ALBANY S.-G3, £80,000, 2yo, f, 6fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	16	Actress (Ire)	Declaration of War	Lordan	A O'Brien	126
2	1	Alpha Centauri (Ire)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	O'Donoghue	Harrington	126
3	17	Armum (Ire)	Society Rock (Ire)	Costello	E Dunlop	126
4	4	Black Sails (GB)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Keane	Lyons	126
5	2	Clemmie (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Moore	A O'Brien	126
6	13	Different League (Fr)	Dabirsim (Fr)	Hamelin	Palussiere	126
7	6	Electric Landlady (Ire)	Red Jazz	Queally	Coakley	126
8	15	Ertiyad (GB)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Cosgrave	Haggas	126
9	14	Fairyland	Scat Daddy	D O'Brien	Ward	126
10	19	Jo's Girl (Ire)	Zebedee (GB)	T Murphy	Osborne	126
11	21	Madeline (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Atzeni	Varian	126
12	12	Miss Bar Beach (Ire)	Choisir (Aus)	G Lee	Dalgleish	126
13	18	Mistress of Venice (GB)	Bated Breath (GB)	Crowley	Given	126
14	10	Natural (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	O Murphy	Hannon	126
15	3	Princess Peggy	Scat Daddy	Flores	Ward	126
16	5	Snowflakes (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Heffernan	A O'Brien	126
17	11	Starlight Mystery (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	de Sousa	Johnston	126
18	8	Summer Shamal (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Peslier	Graffard	126
19	20	Take Me With You	Scat Daddy	Mosse	Noseda	126
20	7	Time For Wine (Ire)	Equiano (Fr)	Egan	Evans	126
21	9	Whitefountainfairy (Ire)	Casamento (Ire)	Foley	Harrington	126

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Saturday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 4.20 p.m.

DIAMOND JUBILEE S.-G1, £600,000, 4yo/up, 6fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	11	Aclaim (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Spencer	Meade	129
2	6	Comicas	Distorted Humor	Buick	Appleby	129
3	7	Finsbury Square (Ire)	Siyouni (Fr)	Peslier	Chappet	129
4	17	Growl (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Hanagan	Fahey	129
5	8	Kachy (GB)	Kyllachy (GB)	Kingscote	Dascombe	129
6	10	Librisa Breeze (GB)	Mount Nelson (GB)	Winston	Ivory	129
7	15	Limato (Ire)	Tagula (Ire)	Moore	Candy	129
8	14	Long On Value	Value Plus	Rosario	Mott	129
9	18	Magical Memory (Ire)	Zebedee (GB)	Doyle	C Hills	129
10	19	Mobsta (Ire)	Bushranger (Ire)	Smullen	Channon	129
11	9	Suedois (Fr)	Le Havre (Ire)	Tudhope	O'Meara	129
12	12	Tasleet (GB)	Showcasing (GB)	Crowley	Haggas	129
13	2	The Right Man (GB)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Bertras	Guillemin	129
14	3	The Tin Man (GB)	Equiano (Fr)	Queally	Fanshawe	129
15	1	Tupi (Ire)	Tamayuz (GB)	Levey	Hannon	129
16	4	Windfast (Ire)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	de Sousa	Meehan	129
17	16	Al Jazi (Ire)	Canford Cliffs (Ire)	Benoist	Rohaut	126
18	5	Dancing Star (GB)	Aqlaam (GB)	Probert	Balding	126
19	13	Kassia (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	G Lee	Channon	126

Saturday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 3.40 p.m.

HARDWICKE S.-G2, £225,000, 4yo/up, 11f 211yT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	9	Across the Stars (Ire)	Sea the Stars (Ire)	Peslier	Stoute	127
2	5	Arthenus (GB)	Dutch Art (GB)	Queally	Fanshawe	127
3	14	Barsanti (Ire)	Champs Elysees (GB)	Atzeni	Varian	127
4	12	Chemical Charge (Ire)	Sea the Stars (Ire)	Murphy	Beckett	127
5	6	Dal Harraild (GB)	Champs Elysees (GB)	Cosgrave	Haggas	127
6	4	Dartmouth (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Moore	Stoute	127
7	7	Idaho (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Heffernan	A O'Brien	127
8	1	Muntahaa (Ire)	Dansili (GB)	Crowley	Gosden	127
9	10	My Dream Boat (Ire)	Lord Shanakill	Kirby	Cox	127
10	11	Prize Money (GB)	Authorized (Ire)	Smullen	bin Suroor	127
11	13	Second Step (Ire)	Dalakhani (Ire)	Spencer	Charlton	127
12	8	Stellar Mass (Ire)	Sea the Stars (Ire)	Manning	Bolger	127
13	3	Western Hymn (GB)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Doyle	Gosden	127
14	2	Wings of Desire (GB)	Pivotal (GB)	Buick	Gosden	127

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Saturday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 2.30 p.m.

CHESHAM S.-Listed, £80,000, 2yo, 7fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	16	Abandon Ship (Ire)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Kirby	Cole	129
2	1	Bartholomeu Dias (GB)	Mount Nelson (GB)	Crowley	C Hills	129
3	3	Bustam (Ire)	Worthadd (Ire)	Benoist	Quinn	129
4	7	Gold Town (GB)	Street Cry (Ire)	Doyle	Appleby	129
5	15	Hey Gaman (GB)	New Approach (Ire)	Atzeni	Tate	129
6	10	Highlight Reel (Ire)	Big Bad Bob (Ire)	Spencer	Bell	129
7	11	Learn By Heart (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Tudhope	Haggas	129
8	4	Masar (Ire)	New Approach (Ire)	Buick	Appleby	129
9	14	Match Maker (Ire)	Declaration of War	Heffernan	Crisford	129
10	12	Optimum Time (Ire)	Manduro (Ger)	Bishop	Johnson Houghton	129
11	8	We Are The World (GB)	Sir Percy (GB)	Murphy	Watson	129
12	13	Westerland (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Smullen	Gosden	129
13	9	Di Fede (Ire)	Shamardal	Kingscote	Beckett	124
14	5	Elysium Dream (GB)	Champs Elysees (GB)	Levey	Hannon	124
15	2	Nyaleti (Ire)	Arch	Egan	Johnston	124
16	6	September (Ire)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Moore	A O'Brien	124

Saturday, Royal Ascot, Britain, post time: 3.05 p.m.

WOLFERTON H.-Listed, £80,000, 4yo/up, 9f 212yT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	11	Scarlet Dragon (GB)	Sir Percy (GB)	Marquand	Johnson Houghton	133
2	14	Ayrad (Ire)	Dalakhani (Ire)	Moore	Charlton	133
3	16	Elbereth (GB)	Mount Nelson (GB)	Murphy	Balding	131
4	13	Central Square (Ire)	Azamour (Ire)	Atzeni	Varian	131
5	6	Muntazah (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Probert	Burrows	129
6	3	Khairaat (Ire)	Shamardal	Crowley	Stoute	128
7	10	Kidmenever (Ire)	Baltic King (GB)	Buick	Appleby	128
8	2	Maverick Wave	Elusive Quality	Doyle	Gosden	126
9	5	Snoano (GB)	Nayef	Allan	Easterby	126
10	8	Allez Henri (Ire)	Footstepsinthesand (GB)	Lemaitre	Prod'homme	126
11	4	Restorer (GB)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Dwyer	Muir	126
12	15	Mythical Madness (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Tudhope	O'Meara	125
13	1	Dragon Mall	Blame	Gordon	Simcock	125
14	12	Tumbaga	E Dubai	de Sousa	bin Suroor	124
15	7	Majeed (GB)	Mount Nelson (GB)	Spencer	Simcock	124
16	9	Pacify (GB)	Paco Boy (Ire)	Smullen	Beckett	124

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Saturday, Doomben, Australia, post time: 3:57 p.m. (1:57 a.m. EST)

SKY RACING TATTERSALLS TIARA-G1, A$500,000 *(US$377,484/£298,138/€338,447)*, 3yo/up, f/m, 1350mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	1	Madotti (Aus)	Falvelon (Aus)	Dunn	Fradd	125
2	9	Danish Twist (Aus)	Dane Shadow (Aus)	Lees	Jennings	125
3	16	In Her Time (Aus)	Time Thief (Aus)	Smith	Parr	125
4	20	Egyptian Symbol (Aus)	Stratum (Aus)	Baker	Clark	125
5	6	Tycoon Tara (Aus)	Written Tycoon (Aus)	P/P Snowden	McEvoy	125
6	21	French Emotion (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Waller	Bowman	125
7	15	Miss Cover Girl (Aus)	Monashee Mountain	Schweida	Browne	125
8	7	Miss Gunpowder (Aus)	Pendragon (NZ)	D/B Hayes & Dabernig	Nolen	125
9	5	Sold For Song (Aus)	Collate (Aus)	Kemp	Orman	125
10	17	Bonny O'Reilly (NZ)	O'Reilly (NZ)	Baker	Collett	125
11	13	Bidii Babe (Aus)	Not A Single Doubt (Aus)	Heathcote	Byrne	125
12	12	Nancy (Aus)	Big Brown	P/P Snowden	Lloyd	125
13	2	Kinshachi (Aus)	Commands (Aus)	Beadman	Cahill	125
14	8	Prompt Response (Aus)	Beneteau (Aus)	Waterhouse & Bott	Berry	122
15	14	Eckstein (Aus)	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Goldman	Brown	122
16	10	Rare Occurrence (Aus)	Star Witness (Aus)	Kendrick	Brooker	122
Emergencies:						
17e	18	Maternal (Aus)	Street Cry (Ire)	Beadman	No Rider	125
18e	4	Savoureux (Aus)	Nadeem (Aus)	Lees	Cassidy	125
19e	3	Girl Sunday (Aus)	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Ryan	No Rider	125
20e	11	All Over Bosanova (Aus)	Court Command (Aus)	Eggleston	No Rider	122
21e	19	My True Love (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Waterhouse & Bott	No Rider	122

Sunday, Hanshin, Japan, post time: 3:40 p.m.

TAKARAZUKA KINEN-G1, ¥286,000,000 *(£2,028,132/€2,303,617/US$2,569,103)*, 3yo/up, 2200mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Mikki Rocket (Jpn)	King Kamehameha (Jpn)	Otonashi	Wada	128
2	Gold Actor (Jpn)	Screen Hero (Jpn)	Nakagawa	Yokoyama	128
3	Spirits Minoru (Jpn)	Deep Sky (Jpn)	Honda	Miyuki	128
4	Clarity City (Jpn)	King Kamehameha (Jpn)	Uehara	Matsuyama	128
5	Cheval Grand (Jpn)	Heart's Cry (Jpn)	Tomomichi	Fukunaga	128
6	Sciacchetra (Jpn)	Manhattan Cafe (Jpn)	Sumii	Lemaire	128
7	Rainbow Line (Jpn)	Stay Gold (Jpn)	Asami	Iwata	128
8	Mikki Queen (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Ikee	Hamanaka	123
9	Hit the Target (Jpn)	King Kamehameha (Jpn)	Kato	Kawada	128
10	Kitasan Black (Jpn)	Black Tide (Jpn)	Shimizu	Take	128
11	Satono Crown (Jpn)	Marju (Ire)	Hori	Demuro	128

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Sunday, Monterrico, Peru, post time: 4:55 p.m.

GRAN PREMIO PAMPLONA-G1, P$116,000 *(£28,021/€31,831/US$35,498)*, 3yo/up, f/m, 2000mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Rayito de Luna (Per)	Privately Held	Villaroel	Rojas	134
2	Reina del Nilo (Per)	Privately Held	Olivarii	Fernandez	128
3	Maggie Lee (Per)	Spin Master	Vazquez	Trujillo	134
4	Green Wave (Arg)	Equal Stripes (Arg)	Traverii	Herrera	134
5	Birdie Gold	Birdstone	Villaroel	Talaverano	120
6	Princesa Cata (Per)	Riviera Cocktail	Villaroel	Tolentino	134
7	Marivais (Per)	Yazamaan (GB)	Filipuzzi	Chuan	128
8	La Candy (Per)	Flanders Fields	Villaroel	Quispe	134
9a	Chicuela (Per)	Yazamaan (GB)	Villaroel	Reyes	134
10a	Smart Choice (Arg)	Grand Reward	Villaroel	Herrera	128
11	Soy Realidad (Chi)	Ivan Denisovich (Ire)	Banda	Enriquez	128
12	Princess Winner (Per)	Tomcito	Rodriguez	Arenas	128
13	Tequila Blue (Per)	Riviera Cocktail	Pianez	Ludena	128

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 1:45 p.m.

PREMIER PLATE H.-G3, HK$3,000,000 *(£303,734/€345,011/A$510,053/US$384,663)*, 3yo/up, 1800mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Romantic Touch (Aus)	Northern Meteor (Aus)	A Cruz	Whyte	130
2	Horse of Fortune (SAf)	Stronghold (GB)	Millard	Murray	130
3	Pakistan Star (Ger)	Shamardal	A Cruz	Moreira	133
4	Eastern Express (Ire)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Size	Schofield	120
5	Harbour Master	Mizzen Mast	Moore	Clipperton	126
6	Anticipation (Ire)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	A Cruz	Teetan	113

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 1:45 p.m.

PREMIER CUP H.-G3, HK$3,000,000 *(£303,734/€345,011/A$510,053/US$384,663)*, 3yo/up, 1400mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Jolly Banner (Aus)	Lonhro (Aus)	Yiu	Leung	113
2	New Asia Sunrise (Aus)	Written Tycoon (Aus)	Tsui	Wong	113
3	Winner's Way (Aus)	Starcraft (NZ)	A Cruz	Purton	120
4	Dashing Fellow (Aus)	Duporth (Aus)	Moore	Clipperton	122
5	Sun Jewellery (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Size	Rispoli	125
6	Adventurer (Aus)	Nicconi (Aus)	Tsui	Lai	113
7	Magic Legend (Aus)	Red Element (Aus)	Moore	Whyte	118
8	Thewizardofoz (Aus)	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Size	Moreira	133

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HORSES SAVING VETS, VETS SAVING HORSES

Sgt. Matt Ryba with retired Thoroughbred Crafty Star at the Bergen Equestrian Center | *Man O'War Project photo*

By Bill Finley

The goals of the Man O' War project, which is spearheaded by horse owner and philanthropist Earle Mack, may seem almost too big, too much to reasonably hope for. Not only does Mack want to make major progress when it comes to dealing with the epidemic that is veterans returning from combat with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), he wants to use horses as the mechanism to do so. And if the Man O' War project can prove unequivocally that equine assisted therapy (EAT) is a valuable tool for combating PTSD, there should be a great demand for horses to work with the veterans, including off-the-track Thoroughbreds. That has the potential to save the lives of hundreds of race horses who might otherwise be sent to slaughter.

"We are extremely optimistic at this time that an initiative like the Man O' War project will work," Mack said. "Our hopes and prayers are with victims of PTSD who have served our country with gallantry. We owe them more respect and better treatment. And this will save the lives of lot of Thoroughbreds that ordinarily would be mistreated or slaughtered. We are hoping for a major breakthrough in both areas."

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SCAT DADDY STARRING AT ROYAL ASCOT

by Bill Oppenheim

After the first race at Royal Ascot Thursday, the five-furlong G2 Norfolk S. for 2-year-olds, Coolmore Ashford's late great Scat Daddy had already chalked up three winners in the first 13 races--one a day, so far. Two were for 3-year-old fillies for trainer Wesley Ward: **Lady Aurelia**, whose second 5-furlong Royal Ascot win came in the G1 King's Stand on Tuesday; followed by Wednesday's last-race winner **Con Te Partiro** in the Listed Sandringham H. at a mile. In Thursday's opener, **Sioux Nation**, trained by a certain Aidan O'Brien, became Scat Daddy's fourth Royal Ascot 5-furlong 2-year-old Group winner, his fifth 2-year-old Group winner total, and marked the seventh win for Scat Daddy at Royal Ascot in five years. Five have been trained by Wesley Ward, two by O'Brien. In 2013, **No Nay Never**, from Scat Daddy's third crop, won the Norfolk. Two years later, **Acapulco** won the G2 Queen Mary S. Last year Scat Daddy scored a 2-year-old double as **Caravaggio** won the G2 Coventry S. at six furlongs and Lady Aurelia became Scat Daddy's second successive Queen Mary winner. **Cont. p6**

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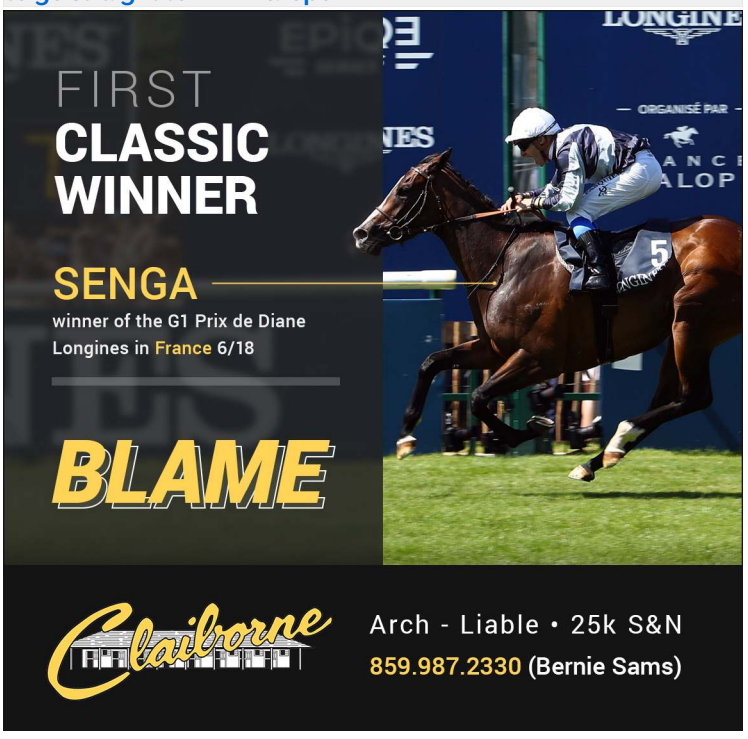
BIG FINISH TO GOLD CUP THRILLER

Big Orange holds off Order of St George to win the G1 Gold Cup at Royal Ascot gate-to-wire under James Doyle. **Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Europe.**



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Girls just wanna have fun at Ascot. *Fashion and fascinators were all the rage Thursday at Royal Ascot's Ladies Day.* | *Horsephotos*

LETTER FROM ASCOT: CASE OF PRINCESS PEGGY 7

Princess Peggy (Scat Daddy) suffered the strangest of strange injuries Wednesday. Find out more in Dave Johnson's Ascot blog.

HALF-DOZEN BC QUALIFIERS IN NYRA FALL STAKES RR

Officials at the New York Racing Association announced the stakes schedule for the fall, featuring six Breeders' Cup "Win and You're In" races.

TODAY'S GRADED STAKES

EST	Race	Click for	TV
9:30a	**Albany S.-G3**, ASC	----------	NBCSN
10:05a	**King Edward VII S.-G2**, ASC	----------	NBCSN
10:40a	**Commonwealth Cup-G1**, ASC	----------	NBCSN
11:20a	**Coronation Cup-G1**, ASC	----------	NBCSN
12:00p	**Queen's Vase-G2**, ASC	----------	NBCSN

Horses Saving Vets, Vets Saving Horses cont. from p1

It may not be too good to be true. Mack will tell you that, and his team is starting to compile data to prove just that. But he knew his word, his beliefs and a bunch of anecdotal information or data coming from small-time, poorly funded projects were not nearly enough to create what he wants--for EAT to not only become a widely accepted treatment for PTSD, but for it to be recognized as one of the most effective treatments there is. To do that, he needed to create the definitive study, and that is what the Man O'War project is.

Dr. Prudence Fisher and Dr. Yuval Neria with a horse at the Bergen Equestrian Center | *Man O' War Project photo*

Why do people believe that working with horses is an effective treatment for people suffering from a variety of mental disorders, PTSD among them? Because people tell us so. What has always been missing from the equation is science and data, science and data that will, hopefully, prove beyond all doubt that EAT is a very effective tool to fight PTSD and will create a best-practices manual for all others to follow. Once you have that, doors should start opening, to the Veteran's Administration, the Department of Defense and other agencies and groups that can put their resources to work to create nationwide EAT programs that have the potential to change the lives of thousands of veterans.

Mack sought out the foremost experts in the field, members of the Psychiatry Department at Columbia University Medical Center, including some of the most respected people in the area of PTSD study. The Man O' War project is led by Yuval Neria, Columbia's director of the Trauma and PTSD Program; and Dr. Prudence Fisher, a research scientist and a professor of clinical psychiatric social work.

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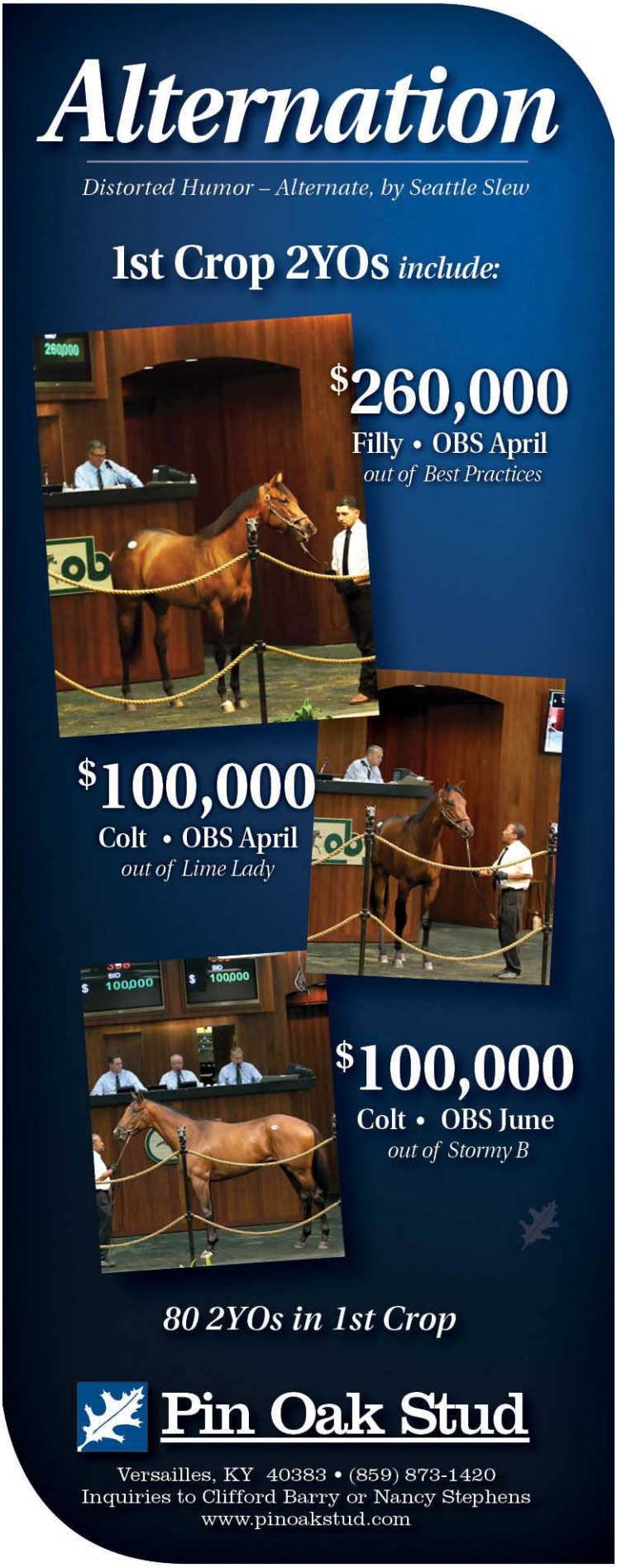

Horses Saving Vets, Vets Saving Horses cont.

Neria and Fisher are overseeing a study that includes several stages and is about halfway complete. Once a week, veterans diagnosed with PTSD come to the Bergen Equestrian Center in Leonia, New Jersey, and spend 90 minutes interacting with horses, grooming them, petting them, lifting their feet or simply trying to befriend them and gain their trust. No riding is involved. The sessions for each group last eight weeks and then a new group is brought in. The project will not conclude until 50 to 60 veterans have come through the program. After that, Neria and Fisher will publish their work, including comprehensive data.

Neria has been reluctant to speak about his initial findings, but Mack said Neria told himself and the Man O' War Board that the results so far have been "amazing."

Fisher has already seen significant changes in many of the patients who have come through the program. One of the most notable examples was a patient that who could not go outside without assistance. By the end of his eight weeks that was no longer an issue.

"He could do things he could not do before," Fisher said. "He could deal with crowds. He described a situation where he had a problem going out of his house and always had to have someone go with him and now he doesn't. He gave an example, that he was able to go into Penn Station by himself, and that's a place that is really crowded. It was a really big change and he felt empowered. He said generally his anxiety level when outside was about an 8 on a 10-point scale and now it is a 0 to a 2. He was having problems sleeping and now he is sleeping fine.

Sgt. Matt Ryba, USMC (ret.) in Afghanistan | *Man O' War project*

"He's not waking up in middle of the night and he stopped having nightmares."

According to the Veteran's Administration, 11 to 20 out of every 100 returning veterans from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan suffer from PTSD. It also estimates that 30% of Vietnam veterans have had PTSD in their lifetimes. There are four types of PTSD symptoms listed by the VA. They are: reliving the traumatic event; avoiding situations that remind you of the event; negative changes in beliefs and feelings; feeling keyed up. Estimates are that between 5,000 and 8,000 veterans a year commit suicide due to PTSD.

"I have lost friends to suicide as a result of their traumatic experiences and not being able to reintegrate back into society," said Marine Corps veteran Matthew Ryba, who served in both Afghanistan and Iraq. "I can't even tell you how many guys I know who suffer from PTSD. I have very positive expectations for the Man O'War program."

Ryba grew so committed to helping his fellow vets that he went back to school after his tours were over and received a Bachelor's degree in psychology at Fordham University. He is currently the project administrator for Columbia's Lighthouse Project, which deals with suicide prevention and PTSD in veterans, and also a part of the Man O'War team.

Mack is himself an Army veteran, though he never saw active duty. He had a prior experience dealing with behavioral and emotional issues when he was the Chairman of the New York Council on the Arts and initiated a program that brought music and art studies to inner city schools in New York and Buffalo.

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Horses Saving Vets, Vets Saving Horses cont.

He said he was amazed by the progress under-achieving or at-risk students achieved in all areas when introduced to the arts. Mastering an instrument or creating a painting helped give them the confidence they had been lacking. That led him to believe that unconventional treatments could also help PTSD veterans and he was already well aware of the work people had been doing with horses to help those with other afflictions, like autism, and the work small organizations had already been doing with PTSD suffering veterans.

But he understood that the missing link was the type of credible study that could provide the science and data necessary to take EAT-PTSD programs to the next level. He reached out to a friend who worked in the childhood psychology department at Columbia and that led to the formation of the Man O'War project. The Earle Mack Foundation has donated $1.2 million to get the program off the ground.

The project was a perfect fit for Mack, who is deeply concerned about the problems of PTSD among veterans and has had a life-long love affair with horses. It can be hard to explain why, but there's little doubt that interacting with horses can change someone's very soul.

Earle Mack | *Horsephotos*

"Horses are somewhat social because they are herd animals; they like to be around something else," Fisher said. "They are reactive, they are hyper-vigilant. They react and because they are big you notice their reaction. It's sort of a sensual thing, how they smell, their size. If you're around cows you don't get the same reaction. With horses, it's almost magical in certain ways."

More traditional treatments for PTSD include medications, cognitive therapy and something called exposure therapy, where the patient is asked to relive the trauma and focus on it. Fisher says that while many are effective, there is a need for more options.

"No treatment works for everybody," she said. "One of the treatments that is most frequently used is exposure therapy, where they focus very much on the trauma. That's really a hard therapy for people and a lot of people drop out because they can't do it. It's hard for a lot of people to tolerate, so there is room and a need for other things."

The team at the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance is paying close attention to the Man O'War project and has great hopes for what it can do for retired race horses. Though virtually any breed can be used in such a therapy program, Thoroughbreds are part of the Man O'War project and have traditionally done well with EAT programs. TAA Operations Consultant Stacie Clark Rogers is like Mack in that she's not afraid to think big. If the use of treatment for veterans suffering from PTSD catches on and spreads, that could provide ample opportunities for racetrack retirees.

"I am a big believer in the use of Thoroughbreds in equine assisted therapy programs," she said. "I have seen it work in a lot of places. It excites me to find new lives for these horses outside of the traditional, showing and eventing, and those other occupations we've found for Thoroughbreds in the past. The Thoroughbred has a sensitivity that no other breed has. It has had to put up with a lot of stuff from us in racing. It is a willing partner. We believe at the TAA that therapy programs are important. It's not a new concept. The Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation has been using its prisoner program for therapy and that has the lowest recidivism rate of any prison program there is. So it's not surprising that we've seen it work with autistic kids, with and now this new, much-needed study with Earle Mack's Man O'War project.

"Earle is an amazing man and he is passionate about Thoroughbreds and he is passionate about veterans and finding this connection. He's one of those guys who gets things done. I think this is going to be another example of that coming true."

Postscript: Though Mack has donated $1.2 million to the Man O'War project, more money is needed to bring the study across the finish line. To learn more or to contribute, you can reach out to Anne Poulson at 202-285-1172 or adwpoulson@aol.com... Fisher, Neria and Mack will take part in a seminar during the Equesticon conference in Saratoga on Aug. 14. They will be part of a seminar entitle "Aftercare Pathways."

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From the desk of...

BILL OPPENHEIM

At the end of 2016, Scat Daddy had a 5.68 European A Runner Index. Our mid-year APEX ratings will be out in a couple of weeks, and with three Royal Ascot winners already this year, that index is liable to be somewhere around 8.00.

The odds board suggests he's not done yet. Caravaggio, now unbeaten in five races, is odds-on for Friday's G1 Commonwealth Cup facing two salty Godolphin 3-year-old sprinters, Blue Point (Shamardal) and Harry Angel (Dark Angel). Before that, Scat Daddy has no fewer than three runners in Friday's opener, the G3 Albany S. at six furlongs for 2-year-old fillies: Ward trainees **Fairyland** (second favorite) and **Princess Peggy**, and the Jeremy Noseda-trained **Take Me With You**, an $800,000 Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream 2-year-old this March.

Lady Aurelia | *Racing Post photo*

Scat Daddy was from the first crop by Johannesburg, who himself went seven-for-seven as a 2-year-old in 2001, winning three Group 1 races in Europe before doing an Arazi to win the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile on the dirt at Belmont Park. Scat Daddy, who is himself inbred 3x2 to Mr. Prospector, looked like he was kicking his sire off the right way by winning the GI Champagne as a 2-year-old and the GII Fountain of Youth and GI Florida Derby at three in 2007. But he finished only 18th of 20 in the GI Kentucky Derby in which the first three finishers were Street Sense, Hard Spun, and Curlin, and never ran again. Scat Daddy retired to Ashford for the 2008 season for a $30,000 stud fee, but between the world financial crisis and not being a first-crop stallion any more, by 2011 he was standing for $10,000, with second- and third-crop named foal numbers of just 62 and 53, respectively.

But his first-crop yearlings had made enough of an impression, in conjunction with his cheap $10,000 stud fee, that his 2012 crop included 119 named foals. He narrowly edged Hard Spun as leading freshman sire in North America in 2011, and by 2013 his stud fee was back up to $30,000. Meanwhile he had also been shuttling to Chile, and between No Nay Never and basically rewriting the Chilean record book when his first foals were 3-year-olds in the 2013-14 Southern Hemisphere season, his stud fee was set at $35,000 for 2015, and The Jockey Club lists him with 159 foals of 2016.

Scat Daddy | *Coolmore Photo*

After Acapulco became his second Royal Ascot 2-year-old winner, he finished 2015 with 21 Black-Type Winners, nine of them Graded/Group SW. He had been announced as standing for $100,000 for 2016, and Coolmore looked set to send him some of their seriously good Galileo mares, but fate intervened like it sometimes does, and Scat Daddy succumbed to a heart attack at the age of just 11 in December 2015. So there was no 2016 season, and Scat Daddy's final crop are yearlings of 2017.

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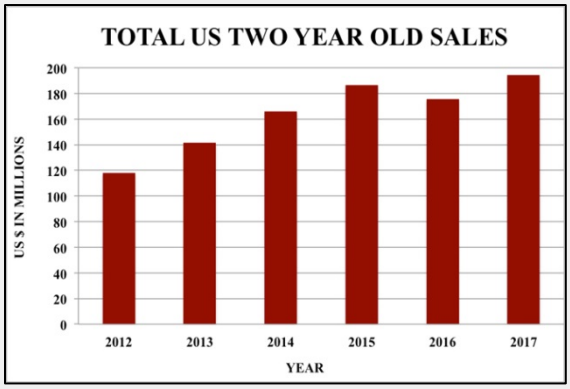
WEEKLY SALES TICKER

by Bill Oppenheim

“OBS June had over 400 fewer catalogued, and almost 200 fewer sold, than in their 2016 edition, resulting in a drop in gross of $3.2-million. However that was more than offset by a combined $14-million gain in their March and April sales. So OBS’s three-sale 2-year-old series grossed $132-million, a 9% gain from 2016. Those three sales accounted for 68% of the 2017 North American 2-Year-Old in Training sales gross, down just a tick from 69% for OBS in 2016. Overall the US 2-year-old market was up by $18.5-million, about 10.5%, from 2016, while the average jumped by 21%, to $98,525. When compared to the stronger 2015 US 2-year-old market, the gross was up by a more modest 4%, with the average up by 13%, with about 170 fewer sold.**”**

OBS JUNE 2YO SALE

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2017	823	522	424	36.6%	81.2%	51.5%	$ 15,216,900	$ 35,889
2016	1226	818	621	33.3%	75.9%	50.7%	$ 18,427,900	$ 29,675
2015	1116	793	596	28.9%	75.2%	53.4%	$ 23,608,500	$ 39,612
2014	1181	890	716	24.6%	80.4%	60.6%	$ 22,709,500	$ 31,717
2013	748	565	426	24.5%	75.4%	57.0%	$ 14,424,100	$ 33,859
2012	680	529	421	22.2%	79.6%	61.9%	$ 10,563,100	$ 25,090



TOTAL US 2YO SALES AS OF JUNE 23, 2017

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2017	3771	2474	1971	34.4%	79.7%	52.3%	$194,193,700	$98,525
2016	4182	2891	2163	30.9%	74.8%	51.7%	$175,656,500	$81,210
2015	3983	2827	2143	29.0%	75.8%	53.8%	$186,595,800	$87,072
2014	3955	2916	2273	26.3%	77.9%	57.5%	$165,788,200	$72,938
2013	3276	2426	1928	25.9%	79.5%	58.9%	$141,608,050	$73,448
2012	3368	2518	1969	25.2%	78.2%	58.5%	$117,812,100	$59,833

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley

Bill Oppenheim cont.

He topped the American yearling sales when the Scat Daddy half-brother to Beholder and Into Mischief bred by Fred and Nancy Mitchell's Clarkland Farm sold to M.V. Magnier last September for $3 million. There's no telling what his yearlings might bring this year, but there are sure to be some very good returns on his $35,000 stud fee in 2015.

An opening-day treble, including Group 1 one-mile winners **Ribchester (Ire)** (Iffraaj {GB}) and **Barney Roy (GB)** (Excelebration {Ire}, first crop) and Windsor Castle S. winner **Sound And Silence (GB)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), sire also of Excelebration), plus yesterday's double of G3 Hampton Court S. winner **Benbatl (GB)** (one of two consecutive winners by Godolphin's top sire, Dubawi {Ire}) and King George V H. winner **Atty Persse (Ire)** (Frankel {GB}) puts Godolphin at the top of the owners' list with five winners with two days to go. They've also had six placings, plus there have been placings for family members, including Princess Haya and Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed, Sheikh Mohammed's son. Coolmore has won just two going into Friday's racing, but they have hit the crossbar with five further seconds and two thirds. Qatar's Al Shaqab had **Qemah (Ire)** (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), the winner of the G2 Duke of Cambridge, while Sheikh Fahad's Qatar Racing had Brittania H. winner **Bless Him** (Sea The Stars {Ire}) yesterday.

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LETTER FROM ASCOT: THE CASE OF PRINCESS PEGGY *by Dave Johnson*

Having grown up in Missouri and worked at tracks in Illinois, I have known hooligans who bragged about pushing cows over in fields. I hope they were just bragging.

But I have never heard anyone talk about pushing a racehorse over, with their hands or anything else. Sleeping or wide awake.

The "scene of the crime" is important in this case. For that I ask those of you who remember in Saratoga the spot on Union Avenue where horses cross from the Oklahoma training barns over the road to the main Saratoga track.

It always looked dangerous to me, but I never did hear of a horse being hit or pushed.

Well, here at Ascot racecourse outside London on Wednesday morning a star filly from Wesley Ward's list of invaders, **Princess Peggy** (Scat Daddy), was knocked over by a man on a bicycle!

You can't make this up.

Racing Post photo

The very good news is that the filly was tended to quickly, and the vets gave her a thumbs up--just a few superficial abrasions. Which means she will probably run on Friday in the six-furlong G3 Albany S., where she is 8-1, if she passes the vet.

That means Ward will have another chance to add to his two winners for this meeting, and nine Royal victories overall.

Another unusual thing happened at the racecourse Wednesday. A woman gave birth in Ascot Car Park #1. She deserves a trophy, too.

Speaking of trophies, Thursday's feature, the signature race of the meet, the G1 Ascot Gold Cup, has the tiniest trophy.

Maybe that is because it is real gold, and the owner gets to keep it. **Big Orange (GB)** (Duke of Marmalade {Ire}), trained by Michael Bell and ridden by James Doyle won the 20-furlong marathon by a nose.

Big sport, small country. Long race, small margin. Big race, small trophy. Go figure.

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Abe Lincoln (Discreet Cat)	Royal Hunt Cup H.	15th
Alluringly (Fastnet Rock {Aus})	G2 Ribblesdale S.	6th
American Patriot (War Front)	G1 Queen Anne S.	11th
Aqabah (Exchange Rate)	G2 Coventry S.	5th
Arawak (Uncle Mo)	G2 Coventry S.	12th
Capezzano (Bernardini)	Brittania S. H.	18th
Cheval Blanche (Stay Thirsty)	Sandringham H.-Listed	10th
Con Te Partiro (Scat Daddy)	Sandringham H.-Listed	WON
Declarationofpeace (War Front)	Windsor Castle S.-Listed	22nd
Galizzi (Dansili {GB})	Ascot S. H.	18th
Greta G (Arg) (Exchange Rate)	G2 Duke of Cambridge	9th
Happy Like a Fool (Distorted Humor)	G2 Queen Mary S.	2nd
Homesman (War Front)	King George V S. H.	5th
Lady Aurelia (Scat Daddy)	G1 King's Stand S.	WON
Lancaster Bomber (War Front)	G1 St James's Palace S.	2nd
Leader's Legacy (War Front)	Brittania S. H.	7th
Leshlaa (Street Cry {Ire})	Brittania S. H.	5th
Master Singer (Giant's Causeway)	King George V S. H.	11th
McErin (Trappe Shot)	G2 Norfolk S.	7th
Miss Temple City (Temple City)	G1 Queen Anne S.	13th
Missy Mischief (Into Mischief)	G2 Queen Mary S.	9th
Murillo (Scat Daddy)	G2 Coventry S.	3rd
Nootka Sound (Lonhro {Aus})	Windsor Castle S.-Listed	17th
Rodaini (Exchange Rate)	G3 Hampton Court S.	11th
Sioux Nation (Scat Daddy)	G2 Norfolk S.	WON
Spirit of Valor (War Front)	G3 Jersey S.	2nd
Tamleek (Hard Spun)	G3 Hampton Court S.	8th
Tartini (Giant's Causeway)	King George V S. H.	16th
Thomas Cranmer (Hard Spun)	Brittania S. H.	25th
Top Score (GB) (Hard Spun)	G3 Jersey S.	19th
U S Navy Flag (War Front)	G2 Coventry S.	14th
Whitecliffsofdover (War Front)	G3 Jersey S.	15th

OMISSION: In Thursday's story regarding the restructuring of the commission structure at Keeneland, we failed to credit the *Blood-Horse* for having first reported the news.

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BREEDERS' CUP QUALIFIERS HEADLINE NYRA AUTUMN SCHEDULE

Belmont Park | *Sarah K. Andrew*

The New York Racing Association's autumn schedule will feature six Breeders' Cup "Win and You're In" qualifying races held over two weekends at Belmont Park, as well as the GI Cigar Mile H. at Aqueduct Dec. 2, it was announced Thursday. The Belmont Fall Championship season will feature a total of 42 stakes worth more than $10.1 million during the meet, which runs from Sept. 8 through Oct. 29.

A pair of "Win and You're In" races will anchor the stakes-filled Sept. 30 card in the GI Joe Hirsch Turf Classic and the GI Vosburgh S. The following weekend, the Oct. 7 GI Jockey Club Gold Cup and the GI Champagne S. and the Oct. 8 GI Flower Bowl S. and GI Frizette S. round out the Breeders' Cup qualifying events.

Racing shifts to Aqueduct Nov. 3 for their fall meet, which is anchored by the Cigar Mile on a card that features three other graded stakes. Typically contested on the Saturday following Thanksgiving, the Cigar Mile will be run one weekend later--presumably allowing it to attract more horses who have competed in the Breeders' Cup in the first weekend in November. Also added to Aqueduct's fall schedule are a pair of $125,000 stakes events at six furlongs on the turf--a course and distance that has not been used in previous years.

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NEW YORK

Thursday's Results:

8th-BEL, $80,000, Alw (NW2$X)/Opt. Clm ($62,500), 6-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 7fT, 1:21.99, fm.

LADY ALEXANDRA (f, 3, More Than Ready--Lophorina {GB}, by King's Best) graduated in a local off-the-turfer at first asking and was sixth in the off-the-turf Wait a While S. Dec. 10 at Gulfstream before running third when finally getting grass in the Jan. 7 Ginger Brew S. Annexing an allowance here May 3, the $300,000 OBS March buy was last seen running seventh as the favorite in the course-and-distance Soaring Softly S. May 20. Off as the 43-10 second choice in this spot, the dark bay tracked the pace from the rail in fourth through a :23.29 quarter. Slipping through at the fence soon after turning for home, she kicked clear by the sixteenth pole and held safe from late-charging favorite Miss Katie Mae (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) by a half-length. The winner's second dam was well-traveled G1SW Flagbird (Nureyev). Lophorina is responsible for a juvenile Animal Kingdom filly named Pink Pigeon who sold for $130,000 as a KEESEP yearling, and she dropped a Candy Ride (Arg) filly Feb. 3. Sales History: $150,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: SP, 6-3-0-1, $150,250. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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4th-BEL, $62,000, (S), Msw, 6-22, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:04.59, ft.

+PURE SILVER (f, 2, Mission Impazible--Jehan {SW, $302,683}, by Forest Wildcat) flashed good speed and finished up well to graduate at first asking for the Todd Pletcher barn at Belmont. Showing seven breezes at Palm Beach Downs, capped off by a half-mile gate spin in :50 2/5 (2/10) June 12, the $125,000 OBS March buy was given a 3-1 chance and broke alertly to make the point through a :22.43 quarter. Edging away from her longshot pace pursuer nearing the straightaway, she was challenged to her inside by Puffery (Flatter) turning for home, made it a bit tight on that foe twice, but kept on strongly to score by 1 1/2 lengths. An inquiry and objection were lodged regarding Pure

Silver coming in on the runner-up, but no change was made. The winner has a yearling full-brother and a half-sister by Graydar foaled Apr. 6. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $37,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
O-Twin Creeks Racing Stables, LLC; B-Twin Creeks Farm (NY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

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1st-BEL, $62,000, (S), Msw, 6-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:34.84, fm.
SWEET AUGUST LADY (f, 3, City Zip--Indy Summer, by A.P. Indy) took some play to be 7-4 before finishing a distant third debuting in a local off-the-turf spot May 26 and was made the second choice at 2-1 getting on grass here. Covered up near the rear of the field through splits of :23.40 and :47.27, the $250,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga buy awaited room on the turn, tipped into the four path at the three-sixteenths pole and outkicked well-bet firster Way Smart (Tizway) to score by a half-length. The victress's dam, a half to MGISW Hollywood Story (Wild Rush), is responsible for a juvenile Midnight Lute filly named Midnight Summer and a yearling full-brother to the winner. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $43,400. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
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EASTERN U.S.

Thursday's Results:
1st-PEN, $33,300, (S), Msw, 6-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.49, fm.
INVERNESS (f, 3, Giant's Causeway--Fareena {SW, $154,488}, by Point Given) was a distant third in a state-bred event on the local dirt May 18 and was overlooked at 87-10 getting on grass here. Stalking from third at the rail through a :48.81 half-mile split, the dark bay tipped into the clear three-deep at the top of the lane and swept to the lead before holding sway from the challenge of Love for Scarlett (Not For Love) by a half-length. The victress's dam has a juvenile filly by Jump Start named High Sierra and foaled a colt by the same sire named Commodore Barry before returning to him once more. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $23,643. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
O-KMSN Stable; B-Spirit Lake Enterprises (PA); T-Jonathan E. Sheppard.

FLORIDA

Thursday's Results:
7th-GP, $36,000, Msw, 6-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:36.43, fm.
GABRIELLESTOBLAME (f, 3, Blame--Seeking Gabrielle, by Forestry), a half-sister to 2016 GI Kentucky Derby hero Nyquist (Uncle Mo), Ch. 2yo Colt & MGISW, $5,189,200, showed late interest to be fifth in her debut on the Tampa turf Feb. 11 and was made a 26-5 proposition in this spot. Away sharply before being wrangled back to run to run fourth behind a :24.68 quarter, the $330,000 Keeneland September buy was boxed in on the far turn, but found a seam in the two path at the five-sixteenths pole and took charge into the stretch before holding off the late bid of firster Magical Sky (Sky Mesa) by a half-length. The victress has a yearling half-brother by Flatter and a half-sister by War Front born Apr. 4. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $21,800. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
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HINKLE FARMS BRED, RAISED AND SOLD

KENTUCKY

Thursday's Results:
6th-CD, $55,300, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($75,000), 6-22, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:16.65, sy.
MINNIE BLIP (f, 3, Algorithms--Zero Interest, by Kafwain) graduated powerfully in her career bow Mar. 23 at Fair Grounds before dueling on the lead and finishing fourth at this track, trip and class May 5. Let go at 8-1 in here, the homebred was quickly away from the rail and dictated terms through splits of :22.76 and :45.87. Ridden quietly into the stretch, the dark bay was shaken up at the three-sixteenths pole and responded to kick clear, coming home a convincing 3 3/4-length victress. Champagne Problems (Ghostzapper) was second-best. Minnie Blip is a half to Blip n' Th Bye (Tale of Ekati), GSP, $165,600. Her dam is responsible for a yearling filly by Fed Biz and a Carpe Diem colt foaled Apr. 14. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, $61,130. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
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Bred & Raised at WOODLINE FARM (BEAU LANE)

3rd-CD, $45,420, Msw, 6-22, 2yo, 5f, :58.15, ft.
+BAFFIN (c, 2, Justin Phillip--Beautiful Stranger {SW, $105,518}, by Foxhound) took all the money and ran to his backing with an impressive debut victory at Churchill. Tipping his hand with a half-mile gate breeze in :47 3/5 (3/59) June 3 at Keeneland, the $170,000 OBS April buy was hammered to even-money and broke with the vanguard to set the pace through a :22.23 quarter. Inching away at the three-sixteenths pole, the dark bay slammed the door by the furlong grounds and coasted home 4 3/4 lengths to the good. Call a Cop (Into Mischief) won a photo for the place over second choice Wyatt's Town (Speightstown). The winner, the third for his freshman sire (by First Samurai), is a half to Reata's Quik Punch (Two Punch), MSW, $203,716. Third dam Fancy Naskra (Naskra) was a GISW as a juvenile and a full-sister to MGISW Rose's Cantina. Beautiful Stranger has a yearling colt by Flat Out and foaled a Fed Biz colt Feb. 26. Sales History: $60,000 Wlg '15 KEENOV; $95,000 Ylg '16 OBSAUG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $28,020. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
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CALIFORNIA

Racing Community Mourns Loss of Ivan Puhich:

Ivan Puhich, referred to by many as 'Big Ivan' dating back to his early days at Longacres Race Course near Seattle, passed away Monday at the age of 89.

Born Dec. 22, 1927 in St. Helena, California, and raised in Renton, Washington, Puhich followed in the footsteps of his older brothers Nick and Stan, selling newspapers, mucking stalls and walking hots at the track. A member of the Marine Corps in World War II, Puhich saw combat in the South Pacific and later in China. Upon conclusion of the war and his return to San Diego, he asked for and was granted permission by his commanding officer to take leave so that he could attend the 1948 Kentucky Derby.

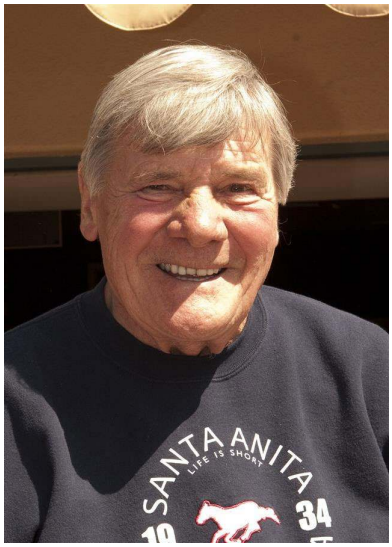
"I'll never forget it," Puhich said in an interview 23 years ago at Hollywood Park. "I hitchhiked back there, in uniform, and got in free. Calumet (Farm) ran one-two with Citation and Coal Town."

Puhich was a member of the starting gate team at Tijuana's Agua Caliente for a time in the early 1960s, but he eventually made his greatest impression as a jockey's agent for riders such as William Mahorney, Marco Castaneda, Tyler Baze--whom he guided to an Eclipse Award as leading apprentice in 2000--and, in the twilight of his career, Mario Gutierrez, with whom he teamed to win the 2012 GI Kentucky Derby aboard I'll Have Another.

A devoted fan of the San Francisco 49ers, Puhich regularly attended games at both Kezar Stadium and Candlestick Park. His all-time favorite "Niner," Joe Montana, guided the 49ers to four NFL championships.

"The greatest quarterback of all-time," Puhich would readily testify on behalf of the irrepressible Montana.

Puhich is survived by his daughter, Robin Freeman, and three grandchildren, Jeanie Freeman, Kevin Freeman and Brad Puhich. Ivan is also survived by extended family that includes a nephew, trainer Michael Puhich.



Ivan Puhich (1927-2017) | *Benoit*

A celebration of life for Ivan Puhich will be held on a yet to be determined date during the upcoming Del Mar race meeting, which begins July 19.

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U.S.-BRED/SIRED RUNNERS IN JAPAN

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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 newcomer by a stallion who has had a remarkable week at Royal Ascot:

Sunday, June 25, 2017
3rd-TOK, ¥9,550,000 (US$86k), Maiden, 3yo, 1600m
SATONO GREEN (c, 3, Forestry--Above Heaven, by Mr. Greeley) came to life in his latest, completing a U.S.-bred quinella behind the impressive Soleil de Paris (Lemon Drop Kid) over this course and distance May 27 (video, gate 14). **Cont. p4**

Notable US-Bred Runners in Japan cont.

The latter, some seven lengths clear that day, returned to double his win tally at Tokyo June 17. Owned by Hajime Satomi, whose Satono Crown (Jpn) (Marju {Ire}) runs in the G1 Takarazuka Kinen at Hanshin later Sunday, the bay is a maternal grandson of GISW Lady Joanne (Orientate), a half-sister to Classic winner Shackleford (Forestry), MGSWs Baghdaria (Royal Academy) and Afleeting Lady (Afleet Alex) and SW & GSP Stephanoatsee (A.P. Indy). Satono Green was purchased by Satomi for ¥24.8 million (about US$223k) at the 2016 Chiba Thoroughbred Sale. *B-Chiyoda Farm (KY)*

5th-HAK, ¥13,400,000 (US$120k), Newcomers, 1200mT

Scat Daddy has had a Royal Ascot for the ages in England and **DERMA KISEKI (f, 2, --Tashawak {Ire}, by Night Shift)** will face five boys and three fellow fillies in her career unveiling. A daughter of Sheikh Hamdan's 2002 G2 Falmouth S. victrix Tashawak who was a half-sister to 1999 G2 Ribblesdale S. winner Fairy Queen (Ire) (Fairy King) and to SW & G1SP Acropolis (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), the March foal was hammered down to Shadai Farm for $225K at last year's Keeneland September sale from the Paramount Sales draft.
B-Freddie Bloodstock (KY) --Alan Carasso

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First-crop starters to watch: Friday, June 23

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

DATA LINK (War Front), Claiborne Farm, $7.5K, 99/1/0
4-CD, Msw 5f, +High Tech, $62K KEE SEP yrl, 12-1
4-CD, Msw 5f, +Data Star, $6K FTK OCT yrl, 30-1
DOUBLE IRISH (Tapit), Mcdowell Farm, $1K, 9/0/0
3-IND, Msw 5f, +Clarista, 4-1
4-CD, Msw 5f, +Dutch Treat, 8-1
GOLD RANGER (Montbrook), 2/0/0
7-LS, Msw 5f, +Andrews Speedracer, 20-1
HEAVY BREATHING (Giant's Causeway), Dutchess Views Farm, $2.5K, 21/0/0
8-MTH, Msw 4 1/2f, +Breath of Dawn, 15-1
JIMMY CREED (Distorted Humor), Spendthrift Farm, $12.5K, 92/2/0
6-SA, Msw 5f, +Spectator, 6-1
JUSTIN PHILLIP (First Samurai), Castleton Lyons, $12.5K, 71/3/0
4-CD, Msw 5f, +Unprovoked, $28K KEE SEP yrl, 30-1
MORNING LINE (Tiznow), Lane's End Farm, $10K, 70/1/0
5-BEL, Msw 5 1/2f, +Morning Breez, $65K SAR AUG yrl, 15-1
6-SA, Msw 5f, Mondaymorningblues, $70K KEE SEP yrl, 3-1
O'PRADO AGAIN (El Prado {Ire}), CAN, $5K, 13/0/0
3-CBY, Msw 5f, +Minny O'Prado, 6-1
ORB (Malibu Moon), Claiborne Farm, $25K, 99/1/0
8-MTH, Msw 4 1/2f, On the Hassle, $140K RNA OBS MAR 2yo, 5-2
OVERANALYZE (Dixie Union), WinStar Farm, $10K, 113/3/0
4-CD, Msw 5f, Mauk's Tuff, $115K RNA OBS APR 2yo, 15-1
PASSION FOR GOLD (Medaglia d'Oro), $5K, 20/0/0
3-IND, Msw 5f, +She Might Tell, $20K OBS OCT wnl, 5-1
PAYNTER (Awesome Again), WinStar Farm, $25K, 95/0/0
8-MTH, Msw 4 1/2f, +Dark Artist, $30K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1
POWER BROKER (Pulpit), Hill 'N' Dale Farms, $10K, 55/2/0
5-BEL, Msw 5 1/2f, +Bad Guy, $10K OBS AUG yrl, 8-1
6-SA, Msw 5f, +Cute Knows Cute, $2K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1
RATTLESNAKE BRIDGE (Tapit), Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds, LLC, $7.5K, 45/0/0
2-TDN, Msw 5 1/2f, +Thersasnakenmyboot, $17K RNA OBS MAR 2yo, 6-1
SHANGHAI BOBBY (Harlan's Holiday), Ashford Stud, $20K, 114/1/0
5-BEL, Msw 5 1/2f, Mr. Pete, 4-1
4-CD, Msw 5f, Touchdown Trojans, $100K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1
VIOLENCE (Medaglia d'Oro), Hill 'N' Dale Farms, $15K, 126/2/1
5-BEL, Msw 5 1/2f, +Can'tweallgetalong, $40K OBS APR 2yo, 10-1
6-SA, Msw 5f, +Fracas, $190K OBS APR 2yo, 5-2
6-SA, Msw 5f, +Mis Viola, $50K OBS MAR 2yo, 10-1

Second-crop starters to watch: Friday, June 23

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

DIALED IN (Mineshaft), Darby Dan Farm, $7.5K, 174/34/6
3-IND, Msw 5f, +Dial Nineoneone, $20K OBS APR 2yo, 6-5
DOMINUS (Smart Strike), Spendthrift Farm, $6.5K, 85/21/2
4-CD, Msw 5f, +Special Vintage, $45K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 6-1
FEARLESS EAGLE (Invisible Ink), TX, $500, 15/1/0
7-LS, Msw 5f, +Fearless Alex, 20-1
GET STORMY (Stormy Atlantic), Crestwood Farm, $5K, 142/22/1
2-TDN, Msw 5 1/2f, +Whisperycrown, $2K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1
HANSEN (Tapit), Korean Racing Authority, $12.5K, 129/37/3
6-AP, Msw 6f, +Rock Can Tour, 10-1
LAW ENFORCEMENT (Posse), MN, $2.5K, 21/1/0
3-CBY, Msw 5f, +Water Patrol, 5-1
MISSION IMPAZIBLE (Unbridled's Song), Sequel Stallions New York, $7.5K, 121/12/1
5-BEL, Msw 5 1/2f, +Collective Effort, $72K OBS APR 2yo, 4-1
REWARD THE CAT (Good Reward), 5/0/0
2-TDN, Msw 5 1/2f, +Jericho Jet, 7-2
SPORTING (Lion Heart), 12/0/0
3-FMT, Msw 4f, +Sports Minister, 12-1
THE FACTOR (War Front), Lane's End Farm, $15K, 218/47/5
8-MTH, Msw 4 1/2f, +Dawn Lightning, $50K OBS APR 2yo, 8-1
4-CD, Msw 5f, +Lil Vie, $95K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1
TO HONOR AND SERVE (Bernardini), Gainesway Farm, $20K, 172/32/1
4-CD, Msw 5f, +Ashy Taty, $32K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 15-1
UNION RAGS (Dixie Union), Lane's End Farm, $35K, 221/34/5
8-MTH, Msw 4 1/2f, +Hot Dixie Dame, $30K OBS APR 2yo, 5-1

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**6th-BEL, $64,000,** (S), 6-22, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:08.37, fm.
WHATSTOTALKABOUT (c, 4, Freud--American Border {GSW, $337,440}, by Boundary) Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-1, $108,748. O/B-Mr. Amore Stable (NY); T-Jason Servis.

6th-WO, C$62,120, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($56,528), 6-21, 3yo, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16.26, ft.
BET ON MIKE (c, 3, Biondetti--Slew's Quality, by Elusive Quality) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, $45,152. O-Iron Horse Performance & David Waque; B-Best A Luck Farm LLC (FL); T-Roger L. Attfield. *$30,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR.

4th-CD, $49,908, 6-22, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5f (off turf), :57.75, ft.
JOHNNY OBVIOUS (g, 3, Wildcat Heir--Lanzada's Sonata, by Lord Carson) Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-0, $80,481. O-Southern Springs Stables; B-Brent & Crystal Fernung (FL); T-Ron Moquett. *$32,000 RNA 2yo '16 OBSAPR.

2nd-GP, $44,000, (C)/Opt. Clm ($62,500), 6-22, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:34.62, fm.
SPRING UP (g, 7, Spring At Last--Orma Giusta {Brz} {GSW-Brz}, by Royal Academy) Lifetime Record: GISP, 22-9-1-2, $284,822. O-Gary Barber; B-Haras Santa Maria de Araras S.A. (FL); T-Mark E. Casse. *$14,000 Ylg '11 OBSAUG. **1/2 to Some in Tieme (Brz) (Shirocco {Ger}), Ch. 3yo Colt & MG1SW-Brz & GSW-US, $414,299.

7th-DEL, $39,900, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($25,000), 6-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.36, ft.
TRICKY ZIPPY (m, 5, City Zip--Honky Tonk Trick, by Phone Trick) Lifetime Record: SW, 17-6-3-3, $319,815. O-Newman Racing; B-Donald Newman (NY); T-Thomas Morley. *1/2 to Eye Luv Lulu (Pollard's Vision), MSP, $557,316.
Graduate of Donna Freyer's Custom Care Equine LLC

4th-GP, $37,000, (S), Opt. Clm ($16,000), 6-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 7 1/2fT, 1:30.13, fm.
AQUEMINI (f, 3, Wildcat Heir--Cry Hallelujah, by Street Cry {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 9-3-4-2, $104,940. O-Bell Racing, LLC; B-Brent & Crystal Fernung & Eugene P. Cahalan (FL); T-Ralph E. Nicks. *$65,000 2yo '16 OBSMAR.

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4th-PEN, $31,329, 6-21, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5fT, :56.42, fm.
SWEET LIAM (g, 4, Sidney's Candy--Lawanda, by Pioneering) Lifetime Record: 20-3-3-3, $65,546. O-D A S L Stable LLC; B-Martha Buckner (KY); T-Demelza McMahon. *$25,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; $15,000 2yo '15 EASMAY.
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6th-PID, $27,920, (S), 6-21, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m (AWT), 1:38.35, ft.
DIVINED (g, 7, Rimrod--Tepee Tot, by Waquoit) Lifetime Record: 18-3-2-0, $43,413. O/T-Jonathan E. Sheppard; B-William L. Pape & Jonathan E. Sheppard (PA).

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7th-BTP, $25,200, (S), Opt. Clm ($12,500), 6-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.64, ft.
ALI BLUE (f, 3, Bluegrass Cat--All About Allison, by City Zip)
Lifetime Record: SP, 15-3-6-3, $110,910. O-Duncan Lloyd & Blazing Meadows Farm LLC; B-Duncan Lloyd (OH); T-T Hamm.

1st-MNR, $19,872, 6-21, (NW4LX), 3yo/up, 7 1/2fT, 1:31.76, yl.
BRIGHT BLUE (g, 5, Midnight Lute--Lady Gallapiat, by Gallapiat)
Lifetime Record: 14-4-2-3, $42,923. O-Team Work Horseman Corp.; B-Virginia Jago Elder & Stoneview Farm, Inc. (TX); T-Sergio Vega. *$200,000 Ylg '13 FTKJUL. **1/2 to Lady Giacomo (Giacomo), SW, $108,411.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
P. Sue, f, 2, **Talent Search**--Precisely Sue (SP), by Precise End. PID, 6-22, 4 1/2f (AWT), :52.57. B-Glenn E. Brok LLC (PA).
Real Quality, g, 3, **Divine Park**--Elusive Sugar, by Elusive Quality. NP, 6-21, 1m, 1:38.42. B-Brereton C. Jones (KY). *$3,500 Wlg '14 KEENOV; C$12,000 Ylg '15 ALBMIX. **1/2 to Sugar Buzz (Include), SW, $107,879.
Jupiter Rising, g, 3, **Exchange Rate**--Scented Garden, by Red Ransom. BEL, 6-22, (S), (C), 7fT, 1:21.90. B-Stonewall Farm (NY). *1/2 to Nedjma (Royal Academy), MSP, $180,343.
Picot, g, 3, **Half Ours**--Go Honey, by Housebuster. LAD, 6-21, 7 1/2fT, 1:30.73. B-Bill Langford & John Duvieilh (LA).
Hazey Cat, f, 3, **Silver Haze**--Anna's Storm Cat, by Prize Cat. FMT, 6-22, (S), 4f, :47.65. B-Steven T. Cook (OK).
Expecting, f, 4, **Rimrod**--Confined, by Mojave Moon. PEN, 6-22, (S), 1 1/16mT, 1:43.04. B-Jonathan Sheppard (PA).

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