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Left to right, top: Stillwater Cove, Luv This Lifestyle, Hargus, Dragic, Wonder Stone; Left to right, bottom: Athens Queen, Chelsea Cloisters, Stage Left, Shang Shang Shang, Mucho Amor. | *Coady*

### The Week in Review, by Bill Finley

Wesley Ward winning 2-year-old races at the spring meet at Keeneland, which concluded Friday, is about as unusual as night coming after day. But Ward took things to a new level at the recently concluded spring meet, putting together an historic, unprecedented run.

On opening day of the meet, pigs flew. Ward went 0-for-2 in the two 2-year-old races that were run. Both went to the Bret Calhoun barn. Ward didn't lose another 2-year-old race at the meet.

Ward's run began on the third day of the meet when he captured a race with the filly **Stillwater Cove** (Quality Road). That left nine 2-year-old races remaining at the meet, and Ward won every one of them. On Thursday, he won the first of two juvenile races with **Mucho Amor** (Mucho Macho Man) and finished his streak in style. In Thursday's sixth race, the final juvenile race of the meet, he finished one-two. The win went to **Shang Shang Shang** (Shanghai Bobby). Remarkably, neither of Ward's winners on Thursday were the favorite.

During the streak, Ward did lose a 2-year-old race at Aqueduct, but won another with **What the Luck** (Lookin at Lucky) on Apr. 19 at Aqueduct. That's 11 2-year-old winners in 18 days. *Cont. p3*

## SUNDAY'S KENTUCKY DERBY REPORT

Juddmonte Farms' **Hofburg** (Tapit) completed his serious preparations for the G1 Kentucky Derby with a four-furlong breeze in company in :48.20 at Churchill Downs--the lone Derby contender to drill at the Louisville oval Sunday. Meanwhile, **Solomini** (Curlin) worked six furlongs in 1:14.60 and **Instilled Regard** (Arch) worked five furlongs in 1:00.80 at Santa Anita.

Working under exercise rider Penny Gardiner, Hofburg broke off behind workmate Villamay (Animal Kingdom), a debut winner at Tampa Bay for Juddmonte and trainer Bill Mott last month, and clicked off splits of :13.20, :24.60 and :36.20, according to Churchill Downs clockers, with gallop-out times of 1:01.20 for five-eighths and 1:14.80 for six furlongs.

*Cont. p5 (click here)*

## IN TDN EUROPE TODAY

### CHANNON HOPING FOR DREAM RESULT

Trainer Mick Channon is hoping a hot recent run will continue with a victory in the G1 1000 Guineas with Dan's Dream (GB) (Cityscape [GB]) on Sunday.

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*Catch me if you can.* Senior Senator (Domestic Dispute) and Eric Poretz (black cap) race to the wire with Joshua G. (Run Softly) and Eddie Keating in pursuit after clearing the 22nd and final fence on the four-mile course in Saturday's 122nd \$100,000 Maryland Hunt Cup in Worthington Valley, MD. Senior Senator's wire-to-wire victory was his second Maryland Hunt Cup win. [Click here](#) to read Bill Finley's 2017 story about the quirky timber star. | Lydia Williams

**ROAD TO THE MONGOL DERBY**

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*TDN International Editor Kelsey Riley checks in as she continues her preparations to participate in the arduous Mongol Derby in August.*

**BELVOIR BAY SINKS THEM IN SAN SIMEON**

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*Belvoir Bay (GB) (Equiano {Fr}) bested male rivals after setting a measured pace to capture the GIII San Simeon S. at Santa Anita Sunday afternoon.*

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**The Week in Review (cont. from p1)**

"I once won five races in a day at Woodbine, but when it comes to streaks nothing like this has ever happened to me," Ward said of the 10 straight 2-year-old wins at Keeneland. "Whenever I enter a horse, I always feel I have a chance, but you know the percentages. I usually win about 20% of the time, so I know how hard it is to win one race, let alone 10 in a row. Everything just kind of came together with the 2-year-olds. We have a lot of depth, so we really benefitted when they split some of the races and it seemed like every time we wound up in the right spot. A lot of things had to come together and they all did."

He's not even done. There will be two 2-year-old races Thursday at Belmont and Ward will run two horses in each race. He said he is high on all four.



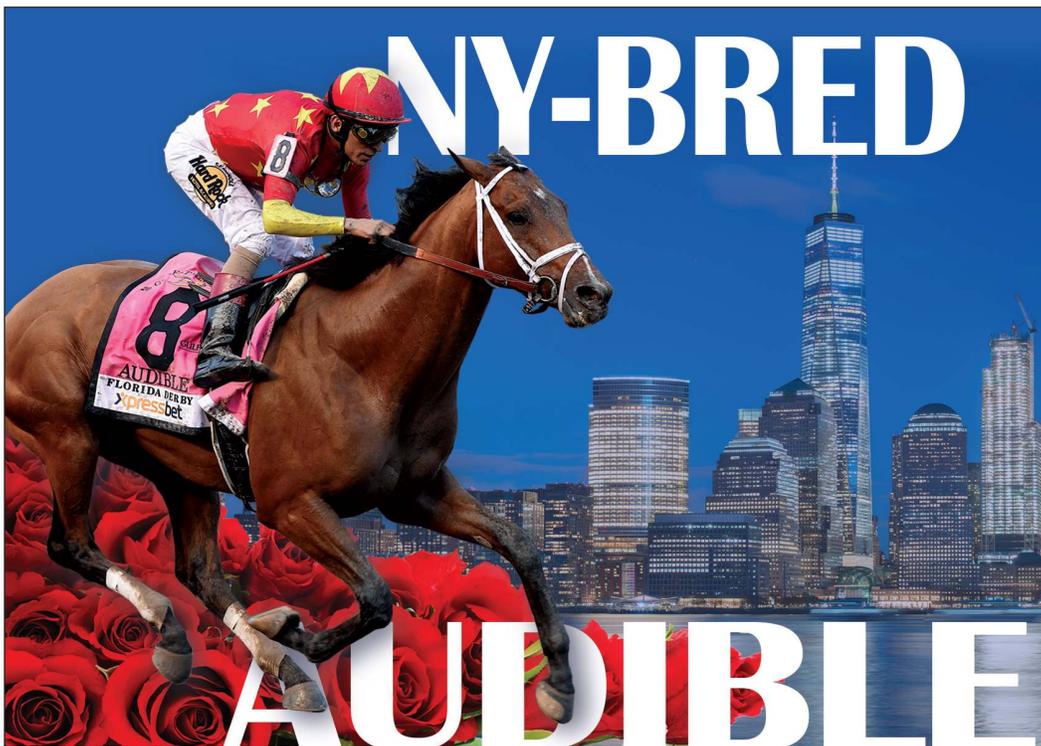
Wesley Ward | Coady photo

For the Ward juveniles who win early, Royal Ascot is often their first big target. The trainer said he is not sure which ones

he will take and won't be sure until giving them a chance to work on the grass. He said, however, he could take as many as six or seven to England. There, they will be joined by a handful of older horses, including **Lady Aurelia** (Scat Daddy). She won the G1 King's Stand S. there last year and the G2 Queen Mary S. in 2016.

**Keeneland Stats Prove Once Again That Takeout Matters**

At the 2017 Keeneland fall meet, which included large fields, great racing and only minimal weather problems, the all-sources handle was off by 8.4%. At the 2018 Keeneland spring meet, which included large fields, great racing and only minimal weather problems, the all-sources handle was up 7.24%.



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To the surprise of most everyone in the industry, Keeneland raised its takeout level for the 2017 fall meet. More often than not, takeout increases don't affect the handle, but it appears that horseplayers finally rebelled when Keeneland raised its prices last fall. Wisely, for the spring meet, Keeneland lowered the takeout rate for win, place and show bets back to their earlier levels. The bettors returned and supported the meet unlike they have in years.

All-sources wagering on Keeneland racing totaled \$157,172,604 for the 16-day spring meet, ranking just behind the record of \$158,640,591 set during the 16-day 2013 spring meet.



Keeneland photo

Keeneland experimented with a higher takeout last fall, and it didn't work. Rather than digging in its heels, management did the right thing by lowering the take out in several pool and it reaped the rewards.

Horseplayers, after losing round after round in the takeout wars, have finally won one. They showed Keeneland they were not willing to take additional punishment at the windows without fighting back and that they would react positively if management showed that their complaints were heard. Let's hope this goes down as a watershed moment in the battle over takeout, which remains egregiously high throughout the sport. Hopefully, other tracks were paying attention.

One more thing: If Keeneland did so well by lowering the takeout rates in the win, place, show and exacta pools, shouldn't they at least consider lowering the bite in the horizontal bets like the Pick 4? The rates for many of those bets remained the same as they were at the increased levels during Fall 2017. Keeneland has won back the love of the nation's players, but

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they can still do better. If the results of the just concluded spring meet mean anything, lowering the take on the horizontal bets will not only win over more fans, but also increase business.

### Advertising on Silks? Why on Earth Not?



The 2016 Kentucky Derby jockeys with silks | Coady photo

If you had been watching any of the New Orleans Pelicans playoff games last week you might have noticed that the team's uniforms included a patch for Zatarain's. Zatarain's is a food and spice company based in New Orleans. It's not just the Pelicans. This year, the uniforms of all NBA teams include a small circular patch in the upper right hand corner for a sponsor.

Yet, when Gayle Benson's **Lone Sailor** (Majestic Warrior) runs in Saturday in the GI Kentucky Derby, the owner will not be permitted to sell any advertising on her silks. So what's good for the NBA is not good for horse racing? Why?

The NBA gets it. A small, unobtrusive patch on a uniform does not cheapen anything and is a nice revenue source for a team. Horse racing does not. Not allowing some sort of advertising on silks is something that stuffy people decided on a long time ago.

It's a rule that is out of touch with the times.

Gayle Benson certainly doesn't need whatever money a patch on her silks might bring in, but that's not the point. Most owners lose money and anything the sport can do to make things easier on them financially cannot be a bad thing. Plus, racing is a sport that needs cache and it would look a whole lot cooler if it can prove it can attract companies like General Electric, Disney and Harley Davidson to align themselves with the sport. Those are among the companies that have affixed their logos to NBA uniforms.

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### Sunday's Kentucky Derby Report (cont. from p1)



Click above to view video of Garrett O'Rourke of Juddmonte Farms speaking with the TDN after Hofburg's workout Sunday

"Hofburg looked like he went off well and he joined his company a little bit early--the company was maybe going a little slow the first eighth of a mile--but he looked smooth as silk coming by me," Mott said. "Approaching the wire he looked really good, switched leads, went into the turn and galloped out well around the turn."

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Mott continued, "He has a lot of energy. That's not something we made him do, we just let him do it. We wanted him to work out pretty good around the turn and keep going and just have a steady gallop-out, which is what he did and he does that as well as anything."



Solomini | Coady photo

Back at Santa Anita, Solomini--owned by Zayat Stables and the Coolmore partners--also worked in company, with Solomini maintaining an advantage on the inside of workmate Once On Whiskey (Bodemeister). Santa Anita clockers recorded gallop-out times of 1:28.20 for seven-eighths and one mile in 1:42.80.

"He worked really well," Zayat Stables racing manager Justin Zayat said afterwards. "Bob [Baffert] told me he was happy with him and Martin [Garcia] really liked the work, which is always a good sign. The plan was to not do anything too stressful with him. Bob was just letting him stretch his legs a little bit."

Trainer Jerry Hollendorfer was similarly pleased with Instilled Regard's work.

"It was a very good move for my horse," he said. "Very good. Drayden [Van Dyke] was up and he's worked him before for me and we gave him a target to run at. He ran him down and looked good doing it."

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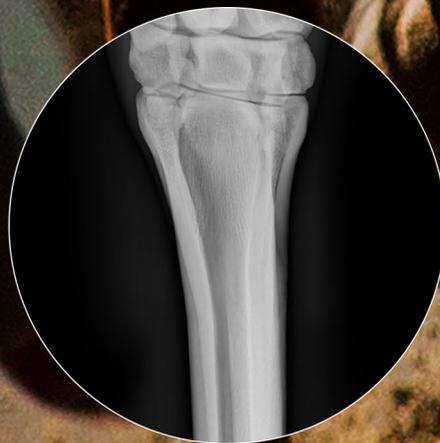
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## ROAD TO THE MONGOL DERBY: THE GURU

*TDN International Editor Kelsey Riley will be riding in the Mongol Derby in August 2018, and will be regularly blogging about her preparations and ultimately, her 1000-kilometer, 10-day ride across Outer Mongolia. Every rider chooses a charity for which they raise money as part of the process. Kelsey has chosen the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation's Second Chances Program at the Blackburn Correctional Complex in Lexington, KY. To learn more about Blackburn, [click here](#).*

"Don't worry, you won't even notice how bad you smell until you get back to the city."

That was just one of the pearls of wisdom afforded me last week by 2013 Mongol Derby veteran Shelley Bates, shortly after she informed me that my plan of three clothing changes over my 10-day, 1000-kilometre journey across the Mongolian steppe was far too many--one at most, maybe none, but a change of socks every day, she suggested. What luxury.

While in England last week for the event of the year--no, not the Craven meeting, but rather the wedding of my friends Matt and Amanda Prior--I took the opportunity to travel down to Surrey to meet the woman known simply among Derbyists as The Guru: endurance trainer Maggie Pattinson, who operates On The Hoof Distance Training and has been at the forefront of the Derby organization and crew since the event was inaugurated nine years ago. Maggie has been sending us Derbyists invaluable guides on what to wear and pack as well as how to train physically, mentally and health-wise. My training up to this point has revolved around galloping racehorses, which has undoubtedly been fantastic for strength, fitness and dealing with, ahem, strong-willed horses, but I was eager to test my stamina. Fortunately, Maggie was happy to let me saddle up her Quarter Horse cross Cheyenne and go for a ride with Shelley, who is preparing for a 100-mile ride in three weeks' time.

Our ride took us around the scenic Hankley Commons military training grounds, which has also been used for movie sets--including James Bond films "The World is Not Enough," "Die Another Day" and "Skyfall"--and around the top of the Devil's Punch Bowl, a nature area punctuated by a deep crater in the earth ([Go Pro video](#)). We went through wooded areas, down roads, along the bottoms of deep ditches and across a few flat straights. All the while, I pestered Shelley with questions pertaining to Derby survival: what is the food like? How do I manage chafing? And, most importantly, what about those wild dogs notorious for chasing Derbyists??

"Turn the horse to face them, and they will most likely back off," she said. "And if they don't, make sure you hold your feet up high enough that they can't get them."

Hold your feet up high. An ominous task for a 5' 8" rider on a 12-hand pony.

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My day with Shelley and Maggie was a fantastic opportunity to pick their brains about all things Derby and to get a gauge on my stamina in the saddle.

“How far did we go?” I asked after jumping off Cheyenne at the end of the afternoon. Surely 50 kms? 60? Hell, it could have been 100!

Shelley, cheerily: “about 20kms!”

Twenty kilometers: that’s 2% of the Derby distance. Great.

On the bright side, I bounced out of the ride in great form with no soreness, so am therefore thrilled with my fitness level just over three months’ out. My goal for the next few months will be to fit in a few 40 km rides--the Derby is made up of 25, 40 km legs, and I think going into the adventure knowing what 40 kms feels like will be an advantage mentally. They say your body can handle just about anything, it’s your mind you have to convince. Psychological training will be just as pertinent as physical over the coming months.



**Galloping John and Emma Berry's White Valiant up Bury Hill | Emma Berry**

My week in England also allowed me to spend a few mornings riding out with my good friend, trainer John Berry. The last time I had visited John it was the dead of winter, and Newmarket felt like a ghost town as we trotted the trails rarely seeing another horse and rider. This time, I got to make my debut on the Newmarket Heath during Craven week, the official opening of the flat season in racing’s Headquarters. I was surely gawking like the tourist I was at the giant strings passing all around us and the amazing views across Warren Hill--a very different sight than the flat ovals of American racetracks! ([Go Pro video](#))

On the fundraising side, donations for the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation’s Second Chances Program at the Blackburn Correctional Complex have continued to trickle in steadily. We are at nearly \$11,500 and while I’m thrilled, we still have work to do. Head on over to my [fundraising page](#) and show some love to the horses at Blackburn and a great program that supports ex-racehorses and the local community in Lexington.

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### KY DERBY MUSEUM ANNOUNCES STABLE DEDICATION IN HONOR OF PENNY CHENERY

The Kentucky Derby Museum’s new stable area will be named in honor of Penny Chenery, the late owner of GI Kentucky Derby winners Riva Ridge and Secretariat. The Helen B. “Penny” Chenery Stable will house the Museum’s resident Thoroughbred and companion animal and will be built as part of the Museum’s \$6.5-million expansion project. The announcement came during the museum’s third annual Fan Fest Day with Chenery’s daughter Kate Tweedy in attendance.

"Our family is both humbled and thrilled with the Kentucky Derby Museum naming this wonderful new barn in our mother's honor," said Tweedy. "Mom was truly in her element in any horse barn, and she would have been delighted to share her legacy with such a worthy endeavor providing enjoyment to horse lovers and sparking interest in racing for generations to come."

Construction on the stable and the rest of the museum’s

expansion will get underway in mid-May. Construction will be completed by the Breeders’ Cup, which will be held at Churchill Downs in November 2018. The Museum will remain open throughout the entire project.

The museum also opened its latest exhibit, “Winning Colors: Famous Fillies.” This year marks the 30th anniversary of Winning Colors’ Kentucky Derby win in 1988. The exhibit showcases the emergence of the 61st Kentucky Oaks as a premier race and highlights the careers of several famous fillies, including the only other two fillies to win the Derby, Regret (1915) and Genuine Risk (1980).

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Rick Buckley, a freelance photographer and native of Baltimore, will be awarded the Jerry Frutkoff Preakness Photography Award, sponsored by Nikon, Thursday, May 17 at the Alibi Breakfast at Pimlico Race Course, it was announced Sunday. The award is given annually to the best Preakness picture from the previous year.

Buckley's photo is a head-on shot of the stretch duel between winner Cloud Computing (Maclean's Music) and jockey Javier Castellano and Classic Empire (Pioneer of the Nile) and jockey Julien Leparoux.

"It is my distinct pleasure and with great honor that I accept this award named in memory of Jerry Frutkoff," Buckley said. "I was fortunate enough to know Jerry quite well for nearly a decade before his passing. He was an amazing photographer, and an even better person and an example to us all of how to treat everyone with respect and dignity. I am truly humbled and thankful to be included among the past select recipients to receive this."

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**3rd Dam: Arrangement (GB), by Floribunda (GB)**

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Belvoir Bay set a modest pace and had plenty left in reserve late to best male rivals in Sunday's feature at Santa Anita. The win marked the bay's third career graded stakes success and second consecutive stakes win over the hillside turf course.

Belvoir Bay was sent to the front following an alert break and held a narrow advantage over 2015 GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint hero Mongolian Saturday (Any Given Saturday) through a measured quarter-mile in :22.13. Crossing the main track into the homestretch with plenty in the tank, she shook off that rival and strode away to win convincingly with no real challenges in the final stages.

"She's one of my all-time favorites, said winning conditioner Peter Miller, who indicated that Belvoir Bay could make her next start in the GII Monrovia S. over the same trip May 28. "She's not very big, not very wide, but she's got a heart the size of the San Gabriel Mountains."

Winner of the GIII Torrey Pines S. going a mile on dirt as a sophomore in 2016, Belvoir Bay showed her versatility by following that effort up with a win sprinting down the hill in the Unzip Me S. that autumn. She endured a number of tough-luck defeats over the lawn in Southern California in 2017, but regained her winning form with a comfortable victory in the GIII Senator Ken Maddy S. on Breeders' Cup weekend at Del Mar last November. Seventh in the GI Matriarch S. traveling a mile to close out her 2017 campaign, she recently returned from a winter layup to capture the course-and-distance Mizdirection S. Mar. 25.

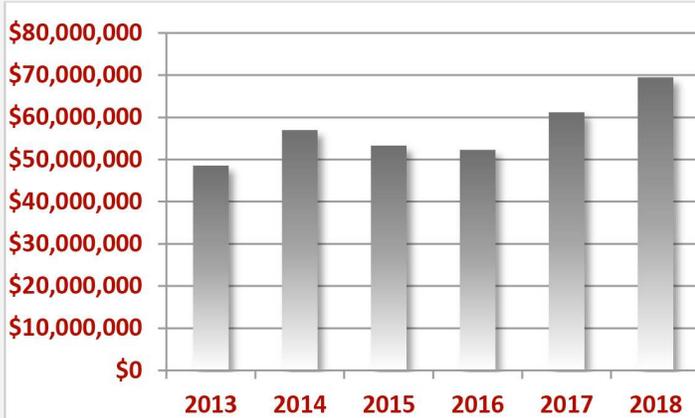
**Pedigree Notes:**

After beginning her career in her native Great Britain, Belvoir Bay was imported to the States by Team Valor and Gary Barber late in her juvenile season. The mare's dam Path of Peace (GB) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}) is a half-sister to GSW Please Sing (GB) (Royal Applause {GB}) and GSP Mountain Song (GB) (Tirol {Ire}) and Rairdancing (Ire) (Tirol {Ire}).



# WEEKLY SALES INDEX

**OBS APRIL 2YO SALE**



"The OBS April sale, which has seen astronomic growth in the last five years, has now firmly established itself as the beating heart of the 2-year-old market and last week in Ocala, that market was vibrant. For the second year in a row, the auction produced records for gross, average and median. While action at the top remained competitive, a broad, international buying bench provided activity throughout the four days of selling and a stronger middle market than we've seen in years. Several middle-market buyers were unable to fill their orders and left the sale already looking ahead to the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic and OBS June sales."

-Jessica Martini

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2018	1,220	861	709	29.4%	82.3%	58.1%	\$69,481,500	\$97,999
2017	1,208	817	678	32.4%	83.0%	56.1%	\$61,185,900	\$90,245
2016	1,216	853	660	29.9%	77.4%	54.3%	\$52,279,500	\$79,211
2015	1,203	867	674	27.9%	78.8%	56.8%	\$53,291,900	\$78,982
2014	1,206	941	770	22.0%	81.8%	63.8%	\$56,965,000	\$73,981
2013	1,195	948	802	20.7%	84.6%	67.1%	\$48,549,000	\$60,535



**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

**FURY S.**, C\$125,000, WO, 4-29, (S), 3yo, f, 7f (AWT), 1:24.17, ft.

1--**SUMMER SUNDAY, 124, f, 3, by Silent Name (Jpn)**

**1st Dam: Dancing Allstar (Ch. 2yo Filly-Can & GSW, \$517,217), by Millennium Allstar**

**2nd Dam: High On Believen, by Honor Grades**

**3rd Dam: Candles n Moonlite, by Knight in Savannah** (C\$95,000 Ylg '16 CANSEP). O-Anne & William J. Scott; B-Trinity West Stables Ltd. (ON); T-Stuart C. Simon; J-Rafael Manuel Hernandez. C\$75,000. Lifetime Record: 5-4-0-0, \$257,795. \*1/2 to Trini Brewnette (Milwaukee Brew), SW, \$202,639.

 **Registered Ontario-Bred/CTHS Grad** 

2--**Glamonation, 121, f, 3, Point of Entry--Golden Scarf, by Orientate.** (\$10,000 Ylg '16 KESEP). O-M. J. Doyle Racing Stable, Ltd.; B-Adena Springs (ON); T-Michael J. Doyle. C\$25,000.

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3--**Avie's Mineshaft, 117, f, 3, Mineshaft--Avie's Empire, by Empire Maker.** O-Ivan Dalos; B-Tall Oaks Farm (ON); T-Josie Carroll. C\$13,750.

Margins: 1 3/4, NK, 2 3/4. Odds: 1.10, 6.80, 2.60.

Also Ran: Jamaica Me Home, Queen's Fate, Luvutothemoonback.

Summer Sunday, who started her career three-for-three at this oval, bounced back from her first loss with her third stakes win in Sunday's Canada-bred Fury S. at Woodbine.

Winning off by five lengths in her debut July 15, the bay repeated in the restricted Nandi S. Aug. 6 and Muskoka S. Aug. 30. Given the winter off, she returned to chase the pace before fading to finish ninth in the GIII Beaumont S. Apr. 8 at Keeneland. Made the clear favorite back in shallower waters here, she broke on top and dictated terms through a :23.37 quarter. Losing the lead to a longshot past a :45.82 half, Summer Sunday fought back to regain command off the turn and edged clear in the stretch despite steadily drifting and ending up closer to the outside rail than the inner. The victress has a yearling half-sister by Noble Mission (GB) and her dam was bred to Tale of Ekati last term. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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**CAMPANILE S.**, \$100,000, GG, 4-29, (S), 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:38.63, fm.

1--**PULPIT RIDER, 120, f, 3, by Lucky Pulpit**

**1st Dam: Lady Railrider (MSW, \$603,041), by Ride the Rails**

**2nd Dam: Lady Evergreen, by Lord Carson**

**3rd Dam: Glorious Day, by Bargain Day**

O-Mr. & Mrs. Larry D. Williams; B-Larry D. Williams (CA); T-Mike Puype; J-Corey S. Nakatani. \$57,000. Lifetime Record: 9-4-0-1, \$260,536.

2--**Lavadia, 120, f, 3, Comic Strip--Oh the Joy, by Tribal Rule.**

O-Jill & Dr. William T. Gray; B-William T. Gray (CA); T-Quinn Howey. \$19,000.

3--**Gettin Sideways, 120, f, 3, Grazen--Striking Point, by Thunder Gulch.** O-Glyn C. Kelly & Anne MacLennan; B-Nick Alexander (CA); T-Dan L. Markle. \$12,000.

Margins: 3/4, HF, 1 3/4. Odds: 0.40, 4.50, 12.30.

Also Ran: Our Bold Princess, Inland Empire, Shylock Eddie.

Pulpit Rider, winner of the California Cup Oaks two back at Santa Anita, finished fourth in the GIII Providencia S. there Apr. 7 and was pounded down to 2-5 while back in with California-breds here. Tracking the pace from third under a snug hold behind a :25.08 quarter and :49.72 half, the homebred appeared to be languishing on the far turn, but found her best stride in the final furlong and ran down pacesetter Lavadia late despite failing to switch leads. The winner has a juvenile half-brother by Unusual Heat named Unusual Rider and a yearling full-brother. Her dam was bred to Tamarando last season. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

**LICENSE FEE S.**, \$100,000, BEL, 4-29, 4yo/up, f/m, 6ft, 1:08.29, gd.

1--**LADY ALEXANDRA, 117, f, 4, More Than Ready--Lophorina (GB), by King's Best.**

**1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** (\$150,000 Ylg '15 KESEP; \$300,000 2yo '16 OBSMAR; \$375,000 3yo '17 FTKHRA). O-Heider Family Stables LLC; B-Brookdale, Jack Swain III & Double K LLC (KY); T-H. Graham Motion; J-Jose L. Ortiz. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 8-4-0-1, \$210,750.

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2--**Stormy Victoria (Fr)**, 123, m, 6, Stormy River (Fr)--Dakota Go (GB), by Anabaa. (€26,000 Ylg '13 AR13; €110,000 3yo '15 ARARC). O-Tango Uniform Racing & The Elkstone Group LLC; B-Haras d'Etream (FR); T-Christophe Clement. \$20,000.

Recommended by **JANE BUCHANAN**

**MAB** Purchased by MAB Agency (M-A Berghgracht)

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3--**Jennifer Lynnette**, 117, m, 5, Elusive Quality--Lynnette, by Johannesburg. (\$110,000 Ylg '14 KESEP). O-Conrad Farms; B-Christine Katherine Hayden (ON); T-Mark E. Casse. \$10,000.

**Registered Ontario-Bred**

Margins: 3HF, NO, NO. Odds: 8.40, 0.95, 3.90.

Also Ran: Jc's Shooting Star, Always Thinking, Touch of Bling, Nisha. Scratched: Pretty Perfection.

Lady Alexandra, making her first start for trainer Graham Motion, got first run on heavy favorite Stormy Victoria (Fr) and ran away in the stretch to upset the License Fee S. Sunday at Belmont.

A debut victress here in October 2016, the \$300,000 OBS March buy was third in the Ginger Brew S. two starts later at Gulfstream and captured a pair of allowances over the local grass last spring for trainer Chad Brown and owners Sheep Pond Partners, Newport Stables and Head of Plains Partners. Bought by this ownership from the Fasig-Tipton Horses of Racing Age sale in July, she was last seen running eighth for Tom Proctor in the Coronation Cup S. July 31 at Saratoga.

Off as the fourth choice in this return, the bay broke well and found a good spot stalking the speed of longshot Touch of Bling (Tale of the Cat) from a joint second through a soft :22.88 quarter.

Overhauling the frontrunner in hand at the three-sixteenths pole, she scampered clear from there and won unchallenged in sharp time. Stormy Victoria, well out of it early, showed mild late interest to win a three-horse photo for the place.

The winner's second dam, G1SW Flagbird (Nureyev), is a half to Prospectors Delite (Mr. Prospector), the MGISW dam of multiple champion Mineshaft (A.P. Indy) and MGISW Tomisue's Delight (A.P. Indy). Lophorina has an unraced sophomore filly by Animal Kingdom named Pink Pigeon, a yearling Candy Ride (Arg) filly and a colt of this season by Frosted. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**



Lady Alexandra | Chelsea Durand



#### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**3rd-BEL, \$78,400, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 4-29, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38.06, ft.**

**CALEDONIA ROAD (f, 3, Quality Road--Come a Callin, by Dixie Union)**, last year's GI 14 Hands Winery Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies heroine and champion 2-year-old filly, returned to the races with a facile allowance victory Sunday at Belmont. Graduating on debut in the Saratoga slop Sept. 3, the \$140,000 Keeneland September buy ran on well to be second over track and trip in the GI Frizette S. Oct. 8 before her powerful Breeders' Cup tally. Off at 35 cents on the dollar in this sophomore bow, the bay broke decently and was soon maneuvered into the clear to stalk from third through pokey fractions of :24.29 and :48.40. Drawing alongside Total Control (Bellamy Road) at the head of the lane, the big favorite started to assert her superiority outside the eighth pole and kicked clear after belatedly switching leads to score by 3 1/2 lengths. Total Control just held for the place.

"This was good," winning trainer Ralph Nicks told the NYRA notes team. "Hopefully we got out of it what she needed. But she needed a prep. We didn't get to make the big dance in Kentucky, but we're going for the [June 9 GI] Acorn and we'll go from there. She handled this probably a little better than I expected. I thought she was about 80% today going into it and

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she's obviously going to have to step up for the Acorn, but we got a race under her now, so we can handle her a little differently than if we just had to come in off the layoff.

The victress has a juvenile half-sister by Majestic Warrior named Lady Esme and her dam foaled a colt by Blame this term. Lifetime Record: Ch. 2yo Filly & GISW, 4-3-1-0, \$1,277,800. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Zoom and Fish Stable Inc., Charlie Spiring & Newtown Anner Stud; B-Vegso Racing Stable (FL); T-Ralph E. Nicks.

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**Caledonia Road** | *Chelsea Durand*

**1st-WO, C\$68,740, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$58,538), 4-29, 3yo, 7f (AWT), 1:22.68, ft.**

**O'KRATOS (c, 3, Paddy O'Prado--Speightsy Heart, by Speightstown)** graduated at third asking here Dec. 10 and beat just one horse when chasing impressive 'TDN Rising Star' Gidu (Ire) (Frankel {GB}) in the Columbia S. last out Mar. 10 at Tampa. Made the second choice at a nickel below 3-1 in this local return, the gray traveled fourth of a tight quintet past splits of :22.66 and :45.05. Boxed in for the entirety of the turn and in early stretch, he finally angled into the clear three deep at the eighth pole and surged to edge out Cooler Mike (Giant Gizmo) by a half-length. The victor has a yearling half-sister by Warrior's Reward and his unraced dam was bred to Goldcents last season. Sales History: \$8,000 Ylg '16 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$62,650. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO,**

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O-Terdik Farms Ltd., Sharon Bonder & Walter M. Banach; B-H Steve Conboy (KY); T-Darwin D. Banach.

**1st-SA, \$58,690, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 4-29, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2fT, 1:12.63, fm.**

**WAR HEROINE (f, 3, Lonhro {Aus}--War Tigress {SW, \$171,293}, by War Chant),** a debut winner at Del Mar last November to earn 'TDN Rising Star' honors, faded to sixth behind GI Kentucky Oaks contender Midnight Bisou (Midnight Lute) after setting the pace in the Jan. 7 GII Santa Ynez S., but rebounded to take the course-and-trip Sweet Life S. Feb. 11. She set the pace before tiring to fifth when shipped east for the Mar. 3 Busher S. at Aqueduct last time out. The 2-1 second choice grabbed the early advantage and was in front through fractions of :21.47 and :43.72. She scampered clear in upper stretch and held sway late to best favored Classy Tune (Maclean's Music) by 1 1/4 lengths. War Heroine was a \$37,000 KEESSEP yearling. War Tigress was bred to Liam's Map last spring. Her colt by Curlin sold for \$550,000 at last year's Keeneland September Yearling Sale. Lifetime Record: SW, 5-3-0-0, \$120,945. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Gary Barber; B-Waymore LLC (KY); T-Peter Miller.

**10th-WO, C\$47,240, Ocl (C)/Opt. Clm (\$31,220), 4-29, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f (AWT), :57.71, ft.**

**LITTLE CHRISTY (f, 4, Silent Name {Jpn}--Quiet Request, by Petionville),** unbeaten in her two-start juvenile career at this oval back in 2016, was second in the Lady Angela S. last May and went to the sidelines after a runner-up effort over the lawn in a July 28 optional claimer. The tepid 5-2 favorite jumped out to the early lead and went wire-to-wire for a 2 1/4-length victory. Crumlin Spirit (Court Vision) was second. Quiet Request RNA'd for \$19,000 while in foal to Shackleford at the 2016 Keeneland November sale. She produced a filly by that stallion last year and was bred back to Silent Name. Lifetime Record: SP, 7-3-3-0, \$116,957. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Samotowka Stables & Kevin & Kate Cullen; B-Track West Racing Inc (ON); T-Catherine Day Phillips.

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**8th-LRL, \$44,940, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000-\$50,000), 4-29, 3yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:04.57, ft.**

**SHE'S QUIET (f, 3, Tale of the Cat--Quiet Kiss, by Quiet American)** romped home a 9 3/4-length winner of her 4 1/2-furlong debut at Charles Town Apr. 6. Sent off the 2-1 second choice, the bay filly bobbed slightly at the break, but recovered to rush up to the early lead. She turned back In Jail (Into

Mischief) entering the stretch and bound clear to win by 3 1/4 lengths. Bringyourownbottle (Stay Thirsty) got up for second and In Jail was third. Quiet Kiss produced a colt by Girolamo last year and a filly by Palace this term. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$37,680.

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O-Mark Becraft; B-Empire Equines, LLC (NY); T-Jeffrey S. Allen.



#### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**7th-WO, C\$75,400, Msw, 4-29, 3yo/up, 5f (AWT), :58.41, ft.**

**TRAPPER'S DELIGHT (g, 3, [Trappe Shot](#)--Yolie, by Menifee)**, sent off at 9-2, battled even-money favorite Colonel Canuck (Colonel John) through a quarter in :22.86 and kicked clear from that foe down the stretch to win by two lengths. Downy Boy (More Than Ready) was second, three-quarter lengths to the good of Colonel Canuck. Yolie, another Di Giulio homebred and half-sister to Canadian champion female sprinter Indian Apple Is (Indian Charlie), produced a filly by Souper Speedy last year and a colt by Giant Gizmo this year. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$34,186.

O-Frank D. Di Giulio, Jr.; B-Frank Di Giulio (ON); T-Robert P. Tiller.



**5th-BEL, \$75,000, Msw, 4-29, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:23.37, ft.**

**AJNADEEN (c, 4, [Bernardini](#)--Almoutezah, by Storm Cat)** ran fourth after a poor start debuting Jan. 20 at Aqueduct and improved one spot there Mar. 30. Let go at 3-1 in this spot, the homebred came away well and dueled for command with Orbed (Orb) through splits of :23.24 and :46.71. Briefly collared by that one at the top of the lane, the dark bay was soon back in front and drew off in the final furlong to graduate by 4 3/4 lengths. Orbed was clearly second-best, ahead of favored firster Consensus Thinking (Mineshaft). The winner's dam, a half to GISW Summer Colony (Summer Squall) who was bought for \$2.3 million as KEESEP yearling in 2006, is responsible for a juvenile colt in the United Arab Emirates by War Front and a yearling Distorted Humor colt. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$54,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Shadwell Stable; B-Shadwell Farm, LLC (KY); T-Kiaran P. McLaughlin.

**11th-WO, C\$66,600, Msw, 4-29, 3yo, f, 7f (AWT), 1:23.66, ft.**

**REAL POINT (f, 3, [Point of Entry](#)--Dusty Rose, by Cherokee Run)** showed late interest to be fourth debuting here Oct. 29 and dropped a spot stretching out to two turns Nov. 18. Made a 9-1 proposition in this return, the homebred ran in the second flight behind fractions of :23.37 and :46.14, swept to the fore just inside the eighth pole and staved off longshot Bernardinis Arrow (Bernardini) by three-quarters of a length. The victress has a juvenile half-brother by Mucho Macho Man named Fortin Hill and a yearling Archarcharch half-brother. Her dam visited El Padrino last term. Sales History: \$4,500 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$32,859. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Stronach Stables; B-Adena Springs (KY); T-Robert P. Tiller.



**7th-SA, \$56,415, Msw, 4-29, 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:17.45, ft.**

**KING CAUSE (g, 3, [Creative Cause](#)--Street Mate, by Street Cry {Ire})**, ninth in his career bow last August at Del Mar, perked up to be third off the bench here Mar. 25 and was dismissed at 23-1 in this event. Stalking the speed from the outside in fifth through a :22.07 quarter, the \$200,000 OBS April pickup advanced four wide on the turn, took command at the sixteenth marker and held sway from firster Victory Element (Pioneer of the Nile) to score by three-quarters of a length. The victor has a juvenile half-sister by Majesticperfection named Bell's the One and a yearling Summer Front half-sister. His dam returned to the latter sire last season. Sales History: \$27,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$200,000 2yo '17 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$39,225. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Kramer Racing, Nice Guys Stables & Steven Keh; B-Bret Jones (KY); T-Doug F. O'Neill.



**5th-SA, \$54,345, (S), Msw, 4-29, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04.67, ft.**

**SMILING ANGELO (r, 3, [Smiling Tiger](#)--Citizen Bernstein, by Proud Citizen)** tipped his hand for this unveiling with a five-furlong gate work in :58 4/5 (1/53) here Apr. 23 and was backed to 8-5 favoritism accordingly. Making the lead from his inside draw, the homebred showed the way through a :22.04 quarter, shook off a challenge from the second choice by the top of the lane and kicked away to a sharp 4 1/2-length success. Cayate (Sundarban) completed the exacta. The winner has a juvenile half-brother by Twice the Appeal and his dam was bred to both Govenor Charlie and Twice the Appeal last spring. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$32,400. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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**2nd-LRL, \$52,160, Msw, 4-29, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f, :54.08, ft. GALLANOR (f, 2, Redeemed--Noorissun {Ire}, by Chapel Royal),** who RNA'd for \$2,200 as an EASOCT yearling, won the Gaver Trophy at the Mar. 17 Aiken Trials. Dismissed at 15-1, the dark bay filly was shuffled back in traffic and raced greenly down the backstretch while well off the early pace. She charged up four wide into the stretch and finally found her best stride inside the final furlong to nail favored No Refunds (Buffum) by a head on the wire with Margie is Livid (Temple City) a head back in third. Breeder Ron Madden's Jellicoe Creek purchased Noorissun, in foal to Tale of Ekati, for \$10,000 at the 2014 Keeneland January sale. The 12-year-old mare produced a colt by In Summation this year. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$29,640. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O/B-Jellicoe Creek LLC (MD); T-Phil Schoenthal.



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**6th-LRL, \$44,400, Msw, 4-29, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39.55, ft. DATA DAMSEL (f, 3, Data Link--Smokin' Greida, by Smoke Glacken)** made no impact when eighth sprinting over this track on debut Feb. 9 and was let go at 10-1 here. Off a beat slowly, the bay pulled her way up to sit third behind a :24.42 quarter. Setting sail after pacesetting Parapente (K One King) passing a :48.32 half, she gradually wore that one down despite drifting out several times to prevail by a head. Sales History: \$16,000 RNA Ylg '16 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$22,800. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-John L. Kill-Kelly; B-Ellen B. Kill Kelley (KY); T-Mary E. Eppler.

**10th-GP, \$39,000, Msw, 4-29, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:18.08, ft. THE BEST CANDY (c, 3, Candy Ride {Arg}--Best Mom {MSP, \$142,124}, by Chester House),** seventh to open his account last August on the Saratoga turf, was dismissed at 28-1 in this return as all eyes were on Wooderson (Awesome Again), the debuting half-brother to Hall of Famer Rachel Alexandra (Medaglia d'Oro). Traveling in a close-up fourth past a :22.63 quarter, the bay swept past the pace players three deep midway on the far bend, kicked away past the three-sixteenths pole and held sway late from Wooderson--who dueled for the lead, dropped back on the turn and came again late--by three-quarters of a length. The winner has a juvenile half-brother by Gio Ponti named Athenae and his dam was bred to Successful Appeal last spring. Sales History: \$11,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$30,000 RNA 2yo '17 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$23,953. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Thoroughbred Champions Training Center LLC; B-Jon Marshall (PA); T-Jaime Mejia.

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### STAKES RESULTS:

**SILKY SULLIVAN S.**, \$100,900, GG, 4-29, (S), 3yo, 1mT, 1:37.33, fm.  
1--**HARDBOOT, 120, c, 3, by Lucky Pulpit--Mme. Espionage, by Cryptoclearance.**  
**1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Silver Creek Stables; B-James Mann (CA); T-Michele Dollase; J-Juan J. Hernandez. \$57,000. Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$94,665.  
2--**Impossible, 120, g, 3, Comic Strip--Joyously, by Half Term.**  
O-Dr William & Jill Gray; B-William T. Gray (CA); T-Felix Rondan. \$19,000.  
3--**Psycho Dar, 120, g, 3, Storm Wolf--Stormin Mon, by Maria's Mon.** (\$8,000 Ylg '16 BAROCT; \$13,000 RNA 2yo '17 BARMAY).  
O-Amber Sandoval; B-Liberty Road Stables (CA); T-Steven Miyadi. \$12,000.  
Margins: 1 3/4, HF, HD. Odds: 10.40, 34.20, 5.00.

### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**6th-BEL, \$70,000, (S), (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 4-29, 3yo/up, f/m, 6fT, 1:09.74, gd.**  
**FIRST APPEAL (f, 4, First Defence--Regal Approach, by Thunder Gulch)** Lifetime Record: 13-5-4-1, \$221,084. O-Louis Corrente; B-Bertram R. Firestone (NY); T-Linda Rice.  
**1st-BEL, \$66,000, (S), 4-29, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, 6fT, 1:10.55, gd.**  
**MAR VISTA MIGUEL (g, 4, Majesticperfection--Debbie's Assault {MSP}, by Belong to Me)** Lifetime Record: 14-6-1-2, \$140,748.  
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**10th-LRL, \$50,652**, 4-29, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.66, ft. **CHARITY STRIPE (f, 4, Successful Appeal--Wildcat Fan, by Forest Wildcat)** Lifetime Record: 17-4-3-3, \$98,356. O-Super C Racing Inc.; B-Donamire Farm (KY); T-Claudio A. Gonzalez.

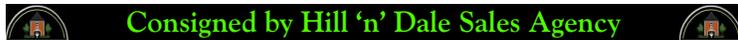
**7th-PRM, \$50,028**, (S), 4-29, (C), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.80, ft. **ITSALLABOUTYOU (g, 7, Harlington--Edey's Village, by Silver Deputy)** Lifetime Record: MSW, 47-16-4-10, \$308,209. O-Danny R. Caldwell; B-Dave McShane & Don Frazier (IA); T-Federico Villafranco.

**3rd-WO, C\$48,600**, Ocl (C)/Opt. Clm (\$31,220), 4-29, 3yo, 5f (AWT), :58.74, ft.

**WHERE'S ANTHONY (g, 3, Where's the Ring--Bold Isabella, by Bold Executive)** Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-2, \$65,415. O/B-ATA Stables, Inc. (ON); T-Scott H. Fairlie.

**7th-LRL, \$45,000**, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000-\$25,000), 4-29, 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT, 1:06.85, gd.

**MINERS QUEST (g, 7, Mineshaft--Marquise Quest, by Coronado's Quest)** Lifetime Record: 53-6-7-13, \$276,510. O-G. Russell Gourley; B-John Youngblood, Fletcher & Carolyn Gray (KY); T-Howard E. Wolfendale. \*\$135,000 Wlg '11 KEENOV; \$150,000 Ylg '12 KEESEP.



**9th-GP, \$44,900**, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 4-29, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:33.83, fm.

**TROPICAT (g, 5, Wildcat Heir--Chacana, by Forest Camp)** Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-3, \$82,360. O/B-Rustlewood Farm, Inc. (FL); T-Ralph E. Nicks.

**4th-GG, \$37,225**, (S), 4-29, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.62, fm.

**SKEETER DAVIS (m, 5, Kafwain--Rule the Storm {SP, \$282,939}, by Tribal Rule)** Lifetime Record: 14-5-2-2, \$60,995. O-Scott Herbertson; B-Nick Alexander (CA); T-Ari Herbertson.

**8th-SRP, \$24,354**, (S), 4-29, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:18.50, ft. **DOM STRAIT (g, 4, Dominique's Cat--Pin Emerald, by Emerald Jig)** Lifetime Record: 18-2-5-1, \$109,083. O-Judge Lanier Racing LLC; B-McKenna Thoroughbreds LLC (NM); T-Miguel L. Hernandez.

**3rd-LS, \$24,000**, (S), 4-29, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:13.03, ft. **SILIS (g, 3, Early Flyer--Royal Soup, by Alphabet Soup)** Lifetime Record: 13-3-1-2, \$47,979. O-Gerald & Brody Veal; B-Gerald Veal (TX); T-Jose Antonio Rodriguez-Torres.

**4th-LS, \$24,000**, 4-29, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:34.54, fm. **MARYBLUEEYES (m, 5, Pure Prize--Terribletwos, by Pine Bluff)** Lifetime Record: 31-4-8-3, \$103,845. O-M and M Racing; B-Ryan Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Karl Broberg.

**7th-LS, \$24,000**, 4-29, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:33.87, fm. **CHANNEL WON (g, 4, English Channel--Des Moines {SW, \$246,390}, by Evansville Slew)** Lifetime Record: 15-2-2-2, \$41,549. O-End Zone Athletics, Inc.; B-Blackoak Farm & Jill Lindell (IA); T-Karl Broberg.

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Eyes On Red**, c, 3, **Contemporary--Little Legend**, by Well Noted. LS, 4-29, (S), 1m, 1:41.80. B-Terry Eoff (TX).

**Gemonteer**, c, 3, **Distorted Humor--Letters in Silver**, by Silver Hawk. GP, 4-29, (C), 7 1/2fT, 1:28.94. B-Millennium Farms & Distorted Humor Syndicate (KY). \*\$11,000 Ylg '16 FTKOCT. \*\*1ST-TIME STARTER. \*\*\*1/2 to Sister Ginger (Student Council), MSW, \$336,966.

**Flat Bill**, g, 3, **Regal Ransom--Turducken**, by Maria's Mon. BEL, 4-29, (S), (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:45.49. B-T/C Stable, LLC (NY). \*\$17,000 RNA Ylg '16 SARAUG. \*\*1/2 to Uxia P. (Wilburn), Ch. Imp. 3yo Filly & Imp. Older Mare-Pan & MSW-Pan.

**Autumn Day**, g, 3, **Sought After--Woodford Princess**, by Candi's Gold. GG, 4-29, 6f (AWT), 1:10.49. B-Francis O'Leary (CA).

**Wild Lando**, c, 4, **Empire Way--Wild Baby Girl**, by Misbah. SA, 4-29, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:04.11. B-Darren Robbins (CA).

**Tanda's Joy**, f, 4, **Kitten's Joy--Tanda** (MGSW & GISP, \$358,626), by Sweetsouthernstain. SA, 4-29, (C), 1mT, 1:37.45. B-Tommy Hutton's Dream Stable, LLC (KY).

**Catch a Cab**, g, 4, **Proud Citizen--Gypsy Cab Company**, by Malibu Moon. BEL, 4-29, (S), (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:45.72. B-Big Z Thoroughbreds LLC (NY). \*\$100,000 Ylg '15 SARAUG; \$45,000 3yo '17 KEENOV. \*\*1/2 to Ole's Miss (Officer), MSW, \$202,273.

**Tell Me More**, f, 4, **Quality Road--Wild Summer**, by Unbridled's Song. SA, 4-29, (C), 1mT, 1:36.26. B-Alpha Delta Stables, LLC (KY). \*\$65,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT; \$47,000 RNA 3yo '17 FTKHRA.

**Faye Runaway**, f, 4, **Run Away and Hide--Sun Valley Wildcat**, by Margie's Wildcat. PRM, 4-29, (S), 5f, :59.17. B-Donna Roe (IA). \*\$4,500 Ylg '15 MNSAUG.

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**CONTEMPORARY**, Eyes On Red, c, 3, o/o Little Legend, by Well Noted. MSW, 4-29, Lone Star

**CREATIVE CAUSE**, King Cause, g, 3, o/o Street Mate, by Street Cry (Ire). MSW, 4-29, Santa Anita

**DATA LINK**, Data Damsel, f, 3, o/o Smokin' Greida, by Smoke Glacken. MSW, 4-29, Laurel Park

**DISTORTED HUMOR**, Gemonteer, c, 3, o/o Letters in Silver, by Silver Hawk. MCL, 4-29, Gulfstream Park

**DOMINIQUE'S CAT**, Dom Strait, g, 4, o/o Pin Emerald, by Emerald Jig. ALW, 4-29, Sunray Park

**EARLY FLYER**, Silis, g, 3, o/o Royal Soup, by Alphabet Soup. ALW, 4-29, Lone Star

**EMPIRE WAY**, Wild Lando, c, 4, o/o Wild Baby Girl, by Misbah. MSW, 4-29, Santa Anita

**ENGLISH CHANNEL**, Channel Won, g, 4, o/o Des Moines, by Evansville Slew. ALW, 4-29, Lone Star

**EQUIANO (FR)**, Belvoir Bay (GB), m, 5, o/o Path of Peace (GB), by Rock of Gibraltar (Ire). San Simeon S., 4-29, Santa Anita

**FIRST DEFENCE**, First Appeal, f, 4, o/o Regal Approach, by Thunder Gulch. AOC, 4-29, Belmont Park

**HARLINGTON**, Itsallaboutyou, g, 7, o/o Edey's Village, by Silver Deputy. ALW, 4-29, Prairie Meadows

**KAFWAIN**, Skeeter Davis, m, 5, o/o Rule the Storm, by Tribal Rule. ALW, 4-29, Golden Gate

**KITTEN'S JOY**, Tanda's Joy, f, 4, o/o Tanda, by Sweetsouthernst. MCL, 4-29, Santa Anita

**LONHRO (AUS)**, War Heroine, f, 3, o/o War Tigress, by War Chant. AOC, 4-29, Santa Anita

**LUCKY PULPIT**, Hardboot, c, 3, o/o Mme. Espionage, by Cryptoclearance. Silky Sullivan S., 4-29, Golden Gate

**LUCKY PULPIT**, Pulpit Rider, f, 3, o/o Lady Railrider, by Ride the Rails. Campanile S., 4-29, Golden Gate

**MAJESTICPERFECTION**, Mar Vista Miguel, g, 4, o/o Debbie's Assault, by Belong to Me. ALW, 4-29, Belmont Park

**MINESHAFT**, Miners Quest, g, 7, o/o Marquise Quest, by Coronado's Quest. AOC, 4-29, Laurel Park

**MORE THAN READY**, Lady Alexandra, f, 4, o/o Lophorina (GB), by King's Best. License Fee S., 4-29, Belmont Park

**PADDY O'PRADO**, O'Kratos, c, 3, o/o Speightsy Heart, by Speightstown. AOC, 4-29, Woodbine

**POINT OF ENTRY**, Real Point, f, 3, o/o Dusty Rose, by Cherokee Run. MSW, 4-29, Woodbine

**PROUD CITIZEN**, Catch a Cab, g, 4, o/o Gypsy Cab Company, by Malibu Moon. MCL, 4-29, Belmont Park

**PURE PRIZE**, Maryblueeyes, m, 5, o/o Terribletwos, by Pine Bluff. ALW, 4-29, Lone Star

**QUALITY ROAD**, Caledonia Road, f, 3, o/o Come a Callin, by Dixie Union. AOC, 4-29, Belmont Park

**QUALITY ROAD**, Tell Me More, f, 4, o/o Wild Summer, by Unbridled's Song. MCL, 4-29, Santa Anita

**REDEEMED**, Gallanor, f, 2, o/o Noorissun (Ire), by Chapel Royal. MSW, 4-29, Laurel Park

**REGAL RANSOM**, Flat Bill, g, 3, o/o Turducken, by Maria's Mon. MCL, 4-29, Belmont Park

**RUN AWAY AND HIDE**, Faye Runaway, f, 4, o/o Sun Valley Wildcat, by Margie's Wildcat. MSW, 4-29, Prairie Meadows

**SILENT NAME (JPN)**, Little Christy, f, 4, o/o Quiet Request, by Petionville. OCL, 4-29, Woodbine

**SILENT NAME (JPN)**, Summer Sunday, f, 3, o/o Dancing Allstar, by Millennium Allstar. Fury S., 4-29, Woodbine

**SMILING TIGER**, Smiling Angelo, r, 3, o/o Citizen Bernstein, by Proud Citizen. MSW, 4-29, Santa Anita

**SOUGHT AFTER**, Autumn Day, g, 3, o/o Woodford Princess, by Candi's Gold. MSW, 4-29, Golden Gate

**SUCCESSFUL APPEAL**, Charity Stripe, f, 4, o/o Wildcat Fan, by Forest Wildcat. ALW, 4-29, Laurel Park

**TALE OF THE CAT**, She's Quiet, f, 3, o/o Quiet Kiss, by Quiet American. AOC, 4-29, Laurel Park

**TRAPPE SHOT**, Trapper's Delight, g, 3, o/o Yolie, by Menifee. MSW, 4-29, Woodbine

**WHERE'S THE RING**, Where's Anthony, g, 3, o/o Bold Isabella, by Bold Executive. OCL, 4-29, Woodbine

**WILDCAT HEIR**, Tropicat, g, 5, o/o Chacana, by Forest Camp. AOC, 4-29, Gulfstream Park

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## CHANNON HOPING FOR DREAM RESULT



Rob Hornby and Mick Channon | *Racing Post photo*

By Chris McGrath

Mick Channon doesn't wait to be asked what would, to most trainers, be too fatuous a question to dignify with an answer. "I think she'll win," he declares. "I don't know what Aidan's bringing to the table. But I'm not frightened of anything I've seen up to now. She's still got to get the trip, I suppose, so there's always that question mark. But I think she'll win."

He is known for plain talking, of course. But in a world of polite equivocations, such bald confidence is far more startling than any of the salty epithets excised from this record of his conversation.

To be fair, Channon had been no less adamant when saddling Dan's Dream (GB) (Cityscape {GB}) for her recent trial at Newbury.

"Realistically, she was probably rated something like 78 which shouldn't be good enough," he says. "But I told the 2-year-old handicapper, I told everyone, going out the paddock I said: 'This'll win.' Her work has always been first-class. Last year she looked a very good filly before she went wrong. I remember arriving at Newmarket for the first meeting last year, and Angus Gold came up and said: 'What's this I hear about you having a flying machine by Cityscape?' And I said: 'Who's been talking to you then!'"

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## PAS DE PROBLEME FOR CRACKSMAN

As far as Group 1 reintroductions go, Sunday's Prix Ganay was nothing other than straightforward for Anthony Oppenheimer's G1 Champion S. hero **Cracksman (GB)** (Frankel {GB}) as he treated the ParisLongchamp crowd to an early-season treat. Positioned behind the Godolphin pacemaker **Wren's Day** (Medaglia d'Oro) by Frankie Dettori, the 3-5 favourite avoided a tactical conundrum and although it took until just before the furlong pole to properly master that surprise package, he strode away in his Frankel-esque style to win by four lengths, with last year's winner **Cloth of Stars (Ire)** (Sea the Stars {Ire}) finishing 3/4 of a length behind his little-known stablemate Wren's Day, a 24-1 shot, in third.

For John Gosden, it was mission accomplished with a welcome minimum of fuss. "That was a perfect race with a good even regular pace and they did not just quicken at the end," he said. "He quickened very nicely and it was a great race for his first start of the season."

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## IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

### THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Bill Finley recaps trainer Wesley Ward's historic run of 2-year-old successes, which included an unprecedented streak of 10 wins at the recently concluded Keeneland meeting.

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**Channon Hoping For Dream Result cont. from p1**

In his 70th year, Channon has been on the scene long enough for his confidence to deserve every respect. In fact, he has become so familiar in his second calling--this tall, hobbling figure, cheerfully grouching and cursing--that it now seems more remarkable that he should ever have been an international footballer than that he mastered so very different a walk of sporting life.

His old club, Southampton, is on the brink of relegation from the Premier League. As the four-wheel drive bounces alongside the all-weather gallop, where the next crop of fillies are cantering towards a breathtaking panorama across Oxfordshire, an owner asks him whether he'd forfeit the vividly contrasting form of his yard for the survival of the "Saints". "They can look after themselves," he grins, without hesitation.



**Mick Channon** | *Racing Post*

For Dan's Dream heads towards the Qipco 1,000 Guineas on Sunday riding a remarkable wave. The day before her trial, Channon sent out five winners: three at Bath and two, including Adorable (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) in what has often proved a significant maiden, at Newbury. The yard has not missed a beat since the opening day of the turf season, when Izzet (Ire) (Clodovil {Ire}) won the Brocklesby.

A couple of weeks beforehand, in fact, he had even won a race at the Cheltenham Festival with one of a handful of jumpers stabled at West Ilsley.

One possible reason suggests itself in the poached condition of the grass gallop alongside the car. Many trainers have been kept off the turf by a wet spring, but Channon evidently had no choice. "That was flooded, couldn't get on it for two months," he says, gesturing at the all-weather. "We've ripped this to pieces but it's come back well last two weeks."

Could that account for his flying start? "Could be a help," he shrugs. "But more likely it's the quality of the horse, I think you'll find. We've known from early on that the 2-year-olds are a far better bunch than we've had for a while. Over the years we've had some very good batches, but they are patchy and the last couple of years been pretty moderate."

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**Mick Channon on Bungle Inthejungle**

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On the numbers, 2017 was a mediocre season overall and Channon did brief "Jack and Gill"--that is to say, son and assistant Jack and agent Gill Richardson--to seek fresh impetus when they browsed the yearling sales. "I said we're going to have to try and buy some cheaper horses, and some sharper horses," he recalls. "Let's get up and running. Because our clientele, they're basically looking to have some fun--and that's what we have to try and deliver."

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Channon has always known how to ignite a precocious youngster and is enjoying the flying start at stud by one such graduate in Bungle Inthejungle (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), the Rathasker Stud rookie who has already had four winners.

"Maurice [Burns of Rathasker] is a good owner of mine and he came and saw him and he loved him," Channon recalls. "Everybody says he must have been a right little running 2-year-old. But he was a big strong brute of a horse, a monster. Wouldn't be the prettiest, but he had an engine. And a great temperament. Unfortunately he didn't train on, he put so much into his 2-year-old career. But I said he'd be champion first-season sire on winners."

Training the stock of stallions or mares who have passed through his hands gives particular pleasure to Channon, whose first ventures on the Turf were as a breeder.

"That's a full sister to Epsom Icon (GB) (Sixties Icon {GB})," he says, pointing. "Made up into a smashing filly. Epsom Icon was much lighter. And they say the foal that's come back from Ireland is a smasher. Turning out to be a real good mare. And that one is out of half-sister to Imperial Dancer (GB) (Primo Dominie {GB}). Done nothing yet but she's a lovely filly. Thirteen grand! I saw her come in and thought, 'I can't let her go.'"



**Dan's Dream** | *Racing Post*

He finds due release in his continued involvement at Norman Court Stud, which he sold to his very first owners, the Trant family. "Between us we've probably got well over 1,000 acres there to move the mares and yearlings around," Channon says. "I knew the place as a kid, growing up, and it's a smashing little stud. It's produced winners going back to Phil Bull's time. In the early days a lot of the Meon Valley horses boarded there, too."

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"The breeding has always been the fun side. That's where I came from, originally. I started off trying to breed Flat horses and ended up with winners of the Hennessy [Steeplechase] and the Schweppes [Hurdle], that's how good at it we were! And we've gone on from there."

He most certainly has, in a fashion that must prompt particular admiration in Sir Ian Botham and Gareth Edwards, whose prowess on in cricket and rugby respectively once caused them to share the back pages with Channon the footballer. Now, thanks to their involvement in the charity **profiting from the Dan's Dream fairytale**, they could be back in the headlines together.

True, Silvestre De Sousa dismounted at Newbury and immediately advised Channon that the filly might be too fast to last an eighth furlong. "But he did have a ride in the Guineas!" Channon smiles. "So I put him on the spot!"

Pending talks over the weekend, Channon was plainly convinced that the filly should be supplemented to the Guineas at today's forfeit stage. Even if De Sousa turns out to be right, regarding her stamina limitations, there would be ample time to let Dan's Dream regroup before the Commonwealth Cup.

"What she's got is cruising speed and a turn of foot," Channon says. "Even when she got knocked [leaving] the gate at Newbury, she still settled. I've always been confident she had class, she's always been push-button. This time last year I was thinking Ascot. But she pulled a muscle behind, and then it was stop-start all the way to Goodwood. So I gave up, said to the owner: 'I'm going to send her up to you now, turn her out, feed her, and send her back January 1.' But I've always thought she compared with those good fillies, a Queen's Logic (Ire) (Grand Lodge) or a Flashy Wings (GB) (Zafonic)."

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Those names remind you that Channon, for all his no-nonsense style, has always shown particular sensitivity with fillies. Yes, there have been top-class colts, too--not least the triple Arc runner-up Youmzain (Ire) (Sinndar {Ire})--and Channon said he feels that he has only done so well with fillies because they tend to be more affordable. Either way, while his last Group 1 winner was Samitar (GB) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}) in the Irish 1,000 Guineas, he feels overdue a change of luck in the Newmarket original.

"When you look back, Nahoodie (Ire) (Clodovil {GB}) should have won," he says. "She finished fifth, beaten a length and a half, and never came off the bridle. Music Show (Ire) (Noverre) won the race on her side. Flashy Wings, it went heavy, and for Lahaleeb (Ire) (Redback {GB}) it went like a road when they wanted it the other way round. And Queen's Logic had an abscess in her foot, and because I thought she had the rest of the year I said we'd wait for the Irish Guineas, there was no point taking a chance. And the annoying thing [given her subsequent premature retirement] is that I could have run her. Because she would have gone through it that day, wouldn't have bothered her once her blood was up."

"Talk about being patient, I shot myself in the foot that day. If they're good, I can be patient. If they're not, I'm the most impatient person in the world. We do have a lot of runners. We don't spare them, we run them, don't we! But it's easy to be patient if they're good."

"This run we're having, with the horses in good nick--the good thing is that a lot of the ones that have been winning are moderate horses, and to hit the jackpot with them; Well, it's always easier with good horses, isn't it? I'm not a racehorse trainer, I'm a racehorse dealer basically. That's what we are now, when you look at it realistically. All right, there's your John Gosdens and your Aidan O'Briens and a few others. But the rest of us are basically trying to make horses valuable, to move them on. The art of training is to maximise the ability the horse has got, whether that's a selling plater or a Group 1 horse. And if you pick the right races you'll probably win five in a day!"

Channon said he doubts whether there is anything self-sustaining about stable momentum, in terms of buoyant staff morale. But while he shares concern about the demographic changes that have made recruitment such an issue in the industry, he is certainly satisfied with those he has got.

"The staff have been brilliant," he says. "But it's not just my staff. People in racing in this country are unbelievable really, it's amazing how hard they work in the conditions they do. When I was a kid on Salisbury Plain, I used to be able to write my name on the ice on the inside of the window. But all the kids now come out of centrally heated homes. Go out there in the winter when there's two dead polar bears on the gallops and a penguin nicks your scarf, it's hard--and most of them are absolutely fantastic."

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"But the rewards can be great. It's very difficult to get people from the city, the way Franny Norton come out of Liverpool; and Geoff Lewis, he was a bellboy at the Savoy and they pushed him because he was a little fella. And he became a champion jockey. So it's there for you--if you want it. He went out and did his time in Epsom and made a great life for himself, and a great name for himself. Frankie Durr was the same, going back a few years. They all got off their arse. [And you see that in] the foreigners we have riding here. They're prepared to work, they don't mind the cold, and there's a few of them are bloody good; you won't believe how they improve."

One way or another, the place is buzzing right now. And, in Dan's Dream, the feelgood factor could go into overdrive. But Channon is too seasoned to be getting carried away, too familiar with the glib exaggeration of sport's fickle fortunes.

"I remember this little winger, played for Nottingham Forest," he says. "And he always used to say: 'I'm only fat when we get beat.' And the same applies when we're racing. If they're getting beat, it's the end of the world. But if they're winning..."

He raises his eyebrows expressively. A man who means what he says, and says what he means. His effing and blinding, of course, only reflects a deeper candour, an admirable honesty; but perhaps people don't always see the wood for the sheer colour of the trees. Nobody, at any rate, can say they haven't

been told.

"I think she's a good thing," he shrugs.

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**Pas De Probleme For Cracksman cont. from p1**

Gosden added, "The plan is definitely to come here for the first Sunday in October and he will run again soon, possibly in the [G1] Tattersalls Gold Cup [at The Curragh on May 27]. He's a stronger horse this year and is still growing. I'm very impressed with him. He was very good during the race and very relaxed afterwards, which was great to see. He's become a stronger, wiser horse this year and conserves his energy better--he is much cooler and Frankie rides him beautifully. Mr Oppenheimer is talking about Ascot and the [June 20 G1] Prince of Wales's. If it's genuine good-to-firm, there's no reason we don't go there. You've got the Tattersalls Gold Cup and the Prince of Wales's and they are beautifully spaced. At some point he will have a summer freshener before the Arc."

Dettori was equally impressed. "We went a nice pace, I sat second, kicked early. I thought the pacemaker was going a bit, but this horse has got another gear. He's good." Anthony Oppenheimer added, "The new Longchamp is a lovely place and we are very happy to be here. I'm always nervous watching him, but he really was very good."



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He continued, “They went quite quick, but Frankie gave him a lovely ride. It was on the faster side of good, so that was nice to see as we know he goes really well in softer ground. We think he will improve from that and hopefully we will now go to Ireland and then on to Royal Ascot. He wouldn’t run in the Prince of Wales’s if it was very firm, but other than that we will go there and we’ll definitely come back for the Arc.”

Godolphin’s two runners seemed to be the wrong way round and the operation’s Lisa-Jane Graffard could not hide her surprise at the outcome. “That was a bit of a head-scratcher,” she said. “Wren’s Day was ridden with aggression and Pierre-Charles [Boudot] thought he might win the race in the straight. The colt normally leads Talismanic and Cloth of Stars in their work, but might get a promotion now. He looks another string to our bow. We were happy with Cloth of Stars—he is probably best over 12 furlongs with a fast pace, was a bit keen and not able to make progress at a crucial stage, but we don’t want to make excuses. Cracksman was very impressive.”

**Pedigree Notes...**

Having provided Frankel’s take-off as a sire at Ascot six months ago, Cracksman could ensure the Juddmonte giant stays on an upward trajectory throughout 2018. His dam, the soft-ground loving Rhadegunda (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), was also responsible for the G3 Solario S. scorer Fantastic Moon (GB) (Dalakhani {Ire}) and her 3-year-old Military Band (GB) (New Approach {Ire}) is held in some regard by Saeed bin Suroor despite finishing unplaced in Newmarket’s Wood Ditton S. earlier this month. The third dam is the 1000 Guineas and Sussex S. heroine On the House (Be My Guest), whose descendants include the G2 Royal Lodge S. winner Leo (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) and who is related to the G1 Coronation S. winner Rebecca Sharp (GB) (Machiavellian) and these connections’ G1 Epsom Derby, G1 Eclipse S. and G1 Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe hero Golden Horn (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}).

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**Sunday, Longchamp, France**

**PRIX GANAY - PRIX DE L’INAUGURATION DE PARISLONGCHAMP-G1**, €600,000, LCP, 4-29, 4yo/up, 10 1/2ft, 2:09.44, gd.

1--**CRACKSMAN (GB)**, 128, c, 4, by **Frankel (GB)**

**1st Dam: Rhadegunda (GB) (SW-Fr)**, by **Pivotal (GB)**

**2nd Dam: St Radegund (GB)**, by **Green Desert**

**3rd Dam: On the House**, by **Be My Guest**

O-Anthony Oppenheimer; B-Hascombe & Valiant Studs (GB); T-John Gosden; J-Lanfranco Dettori. €342,840. Lifetime Record: Hwt. 3yo-Eur at 9.5-11f, G1SW-Eng & G1SP-Ire, 8-6-1-1, €1,924,970. \*1/2 to Fantastic Moon (GB) (Dalakhani {Ire}), GSW-Eng. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++ \*Triple Plus\***. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Wren’s Day**, 128, c, 4, **Medaglia d’Oro**--Season’s Greetings (Ire), by Ezzoud (Ire). O-Godolphin SNC; B-Darley (KY); T-Andre Fabre. €137,160.



3--**Cloth of Stars (Ire)**, 128, h, 5, Sea the Stars (Ire)--Strawberry Fledge, by Kingmambo. (400,000gns Ylg ‘14 TATOCT). O-Godolphin SNC; B-Peter Anastasiou (IRE); T-Andre Fabre. €68,580.

Margins: 4, 3/4, 3/4. Odds: 0.60, 24.00, 3.50. Also Ran: Rhododendron (Ire), Finche (GB), Wild Chief (Ger), Air Pilot (GB). **Click for the Racing Post result or EquineLine.com catalogue-style pedigree. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**



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**TRAINER** John Gosden




## SURF'S UP

Godolphin's **Kitesurf (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) had endured her issues of late, but was back in style on Sunday to land ParisLongchamp's G3 Prix Allez France Longines. She had beaten this race's ultimately disappointing favourite **Bebe D'Amour (Fr)** (Montmartre {Fr}) to win the G3 Prix de Royaumont over 12 furlongs at Chantilly in early June before finishing 10th in the G1 Prix de Diane over 300 metres shorter at Chantilly two weeks later. Given a break after her fifth in the 12 1/2-furlong G2 Prix de Pomone at Deauville in August, the bay was third in the G2 Prix de Royallieu over a mile and a half back at Chantilly in September before running fifth trying almost two miles in Saint-Cloud's G1 Prix Royal-Oak in October.



Kitesurf | Scoop Dyga

Held up towards the back early, the 54-10 shot was delivered to take command with 300 metres remaining and stayed on strongly to assert for a two-length verdict over the consistent **Listen In (Ire)** (Sea the Stars {Ire}). "Towards the end of last year, she started to hang in her races and was very weak in her back, so we sent her back to Newmarket for the winter and she did dressage," Godolphin's Lisa-Jane Graffard explained. "All the team have done a great job and it is a great effort." Trainer Andre Fabre added, "She might run at Royal Ascot, but there is time to run in between and that could come in the [G2] Prix Corrida [at Saint-Cloud on May 21]."

### Pedigree Notes...

Kitesurf is the first foal out of the G3 Pinnacle S. winner and G2 Lancashire Oaks runner-up Shimmering Surf, whose 3-year-old filly by Frankel (GB) named Sparkling Surf (GB) is as-yet unraced. Also responsible for a 2-year-old colt by Kingman (GB) named Surfman (GB) and a yearling filly by Golden Horn (GB), she is a daughter of the Listed Swettenham Stud Fillies Trial S. scorer Sun On the Sea (Ire) (Bering {GB}) who in turn is a half to the SW and MGSP Beau Temps (GB) (Mtoto {GB}). **Click for the free EquineLine.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

## Sunday, Longchamp, France

**PRIX ALLEZ FRANCE LONGINES-G3**, €80,000, LCP, 4-29, 4yo/up, f/m, 10fT, 2:04.94, gd.

1--**KITESURF (GB)**, 127, f, 4, by **Dubawi (Ire)**

**1st Dam: Shimmering Surf (Ire) (GSW-Eng & GSP-Fr, \$153,888), by Danehill Dancer (Ire)**

**2nd Dam: Sun On The Sea (Ire), by Bering (GB)**

**3rd Dam: Shimmer (Fr), by Green Dancer**

O-Godolphin SNC; B-P L Winkworth (GB); T-Andre Fabre; J-Mickael Barzalona. €40,000. Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-2, €148,060. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

**Werk Nick Rating: A+.**



2--**Listen In (Ire)**, 122, f, 4, Sea the Stars (Ire)--Es Que (GB), by Inchinor (GB). (310,000gns Wlg '14 TATFOA). O-George Strawbridge; B-Es Que Syndicate (IRE); T-F Head. €16,000.

3--**Son Macia (Ger)**, 122, m, 5, Soldier Hollow (GB)--Sinaada (Ger), by Zinaad (GB). (€24,000 Ylg '14 BBAGS). O-Stall elektrowelt24.de; B-Stall Sternstunde (GER); T-Andreas Suborics. €12,000.

Margins: 2, HF, SNK. Odds: 5.40, 3.50, 5.40. Also Ran: Gaining (GB), Diana Storm (Ger), Style Icon (Fr), Bebe d'Amour (Fr). **Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

## FUNNY HOW

Having shipped to Britain to capture the valuable All-Weather Marathon Championships Conditions S. at Lingfield on Mar. 30, the Wertheimers' **Funny Kid** (Lemon Drop Kid) proved equally at home back on home turf when taking Sunday's G3 Prix de Barbeville at ParisLongchamp. Previously second to Watersmeet (GB) (Dansili {GB}) and in front of the subsequent G2 Dubai City of Gold runner-up Frontiersman (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) in a Jan. 15 qualifier for that Polytrack feature at Wolverhampton, the bay--who has proven a slow-developer--was finally given his chance in pattern company and rewarded that patience and faith to suggest he can play a leading role in the country's big staying events this term.

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Settled worse than mid-division early by Maxime Guyon, the 6-1 shot was brought to bear with unerring accuracy to overhaul **Doha Dream (Fr)** (Shamardal) in the final 50 metres and earn a half-length success, with last year's G1 Prix Royal-Oak winner **Ice Breeze (GB)** (Nayef) plugging on to be the same margin behind in third. "He's going up all the time and this is another step," trainer Christophe Ferland said. "He has proven himself a quality stayer and the next logical step is to aim him at the [G2 Prix] Vicomtesse Vigier [at ParisLongchamp on May 27]." That is also where Ice Breeze is headed according to Pascal Bary. "I have to be very happy with that, as his first run back giving weight away all around and especially a lot to the winner," he said. "He finished really nicely and we will bring him back for the Vicomtesse Vigier and see where we go after that."

### Pedigree Notes...

The winner's dam Pitamakan (Danzig), who was third in the GIII Pin Oak Valley View S. for Bill Mott, has also produced the listed-placed filly Pitamore (More Than Ready). Bred to Pioneer of the Nile for 2018, she is a full-sister to the dual listed-winning and G2 Park S. third Wasseema from the family of the GII Delaware H. scorer Seattle Dawn (Grey Dawn II {Fr}). [Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

### Sunday, Longchamp, France

**PRIX DE BARBEVILLE-G3**, €80,000, LCP, 4-29, 4yo/up, 15 1/2ft, 3:21.62, gd.

1--**FUNNY KID**, 122, h, 5, by **Lemon Drop Kid**

1st Dam: Pitamakan (SW & GSP-US), by Danzig

2nd Dam: Vantive, by Mr. Prospector

3rd Dam: Embellished, by Seattle Slew

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN, 1ST GROUP WIN.** O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (KY); T-Christophe Ferland; J-Maxime Guyon. €40,000. Lifetime Record: 18-6-4-5, €259,499. \*1/2 to Pitamore (More Than Ready), SP-Fr. **Werk Nick Rating: B.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)



2--**Doha Dream (Fr)**, 126, h, 5, **Shamardal**--Crystal Reef (GB), by King's Best. O-Al Shaqab Racing; B-Ecurie Haras Bouquetot SAS (FR); T-Andre Fabre. €16,000.

3--**Ice Breeze (GB)**, 132, c, 4, **Nayef**--Winter Silence (GB), by Dansili (GB). O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-Pascal Bary. €12,000.

Margins: HF, HF, 1 1/4. Odds: 4.30, 5.70, 2.10.

Also Ran: Nardo (Fr), Line des Ongrais (Fr), Mountain Bell (GB), Against Rules (Fr), Nabunga (Fr), Mille et Mille (GB), Prestige Vendome (Fr), Trip To Rhodos (Fr). [Click for the Racing Post result.](#) [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)



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### Sunday, Dusseldorf, Germany

**HENKEL EUROPA MEILE-G3**, €55,000, DSS, 4-29, 4yo/up, 8ft, 1:35.46, gd.

1--**WONNEMOND (GER)**, 130, g, 5, by **Areion (Ger)**

1st Dam: Windaja (Ger), by Surako (Ger)

2nd Dam: Windblume (Ger), by Nebos (Ger)

3rd Dam: Windbuchse (Ger), by Le Mas Marvent (Fr)

(€9,000 Ylg '14 BBAGO). O-Stall Frohnbach; B-Klaus-Henning Schmoock (GER); T-Sascha Smrczek; J-Bayarsaikhan Ganbat. €32,000. Lifetime Record: GSW-Tur, 19-9-4-1, €490,600.

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2--**Degas (Ger)**, 126, g, 5, **Exceed and Excel (Aus)**--Diatribie (GB), by Tertullian. (€100,000 Ylg '14 BBAGS). O/B-Gestut Rottgen (GER); T-Markus Klug. €12,000.

3--**Fulminato (Ger)**, 123, g, 4, **Excelebration (Ire)**--Fulminante (Ger), by Dashing Blade (GB). (€120,000 Ylg '15 BBAGS). O-Gestut Winterhauch; B-Gestut Etzean (GER); T-Andreas Suborics. €6,000.

Margins: 3/4, 2 1/4, 1. Odds: 1.10, 9.60, 7.50.

Also Ran: Millowitsch (Ger), Cashman (Fr), Qualisaga (Fr). [Click for the Racing Post result.](#)

Wonnemond is fast establishing himself as Germany's leading miler and registered a fourth pattern-race success under a penalty here. Recording back-to-back wins in this track's G3 Fruhjahrsmeile last time on Apr. 8, the bay who also captured the G2 International Topkapi Trophy at Veliefendi in September raced towards the rear early with Bayarsaikhan Ganbat in confident mood. Challenging wide in the straight, he overhauled Degas with 150 metres remaining and stayed on best from there.

**Pedigree Notes...**

The dam Windaja hails from the family of the four-times group 1-winning champion and leading sire Windwurf (Ger). Also connected to the Group 1-winning pair Masked Marvel (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}) and Waldgeist (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), she has an as-yet unraced 3-year-old colt by Tai Chi (Ger) named Whisky Train (Ger) and a 2-year-old colt by Campanologist named Wachmann (Ger). **Click for the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).**

**Sunday, Capanelle, Italy**

**PREMIO PARIOLI SHADWELL-G3**, €154,000, CAP, 4-29, 3yo/c, 1600mT, 1:35.6, gd.

1--**WAIT FOREVER (IRE)**, 128, c, 3, by **Camelot (GB)**

1st Dam: **Mount McLeod (Ire)**,  
by **Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)**

2nd Dam: **Northern Gulch**, by **Gulch**

3rd Dam: **Northern Style**, by **Ack Ack**

**1ST GROUP WIN.** (€22,000 Ylg '16 TATIRESEP). O-Scuderia Effevi; B-Pier House Stud (Ire); T-Alduino Botti; J-Dario Vargiu. €59,500. Lifetime Record: 4-3-1-0, €105,740. **Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#). Werk Nick Rating: A++**

2--**Met Spectrum (GB)**, 128, c, 3, by **Helmet (Aus)**--Mara Spectrum (Ire), by Spectrum (Ire). O/B-Scuderia Blueberry (GB); T-Alduino Botti. €28,140.

3--**Pettifogger (Ire)**, 128, c, 3, by **Lope De Vega (Ire)**--Desert Version (GB) SP-Ity, by Green Desert. O/B-Scuderia Effevi (Ire); T-Alduino Botti. €14,280.

Margins: 0.75, 0.75, 1.75. Odds: 1.55, 1.26, 1.55 (Wait Forever & Pettifogger coupled)

Also Ran: Domagnano (Ire), Whenindoubtssmile (Ire), Maschio Italiano (GB), Sopran Roccia (Ity), Poeta Innamorato (GB), Ipompieridiviggiu (Ity), Captain Cirdan (Ire), Kabir (Ger), Sir Vales (Ire). **Click for the [Racing Post result](#) or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). [Video](#).**

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**PREMIO REGINA ELENA SHADWELL-G3**, €154,000, CAP, 4-29, 3yo/f, 1600mT, 1:36.6, gd.

1--**ACT OF WAR (ITY)**, 124, f, 3, by **Mujahid**

**1st Dam: Calma Apparente (GB)**, by **Rainbow Quest**

**2nd Dam: Hyde Hall (GB)**, by **Barathea (Ire)**

**3rd Dam: Catawba (GB)**, by **Mill Reef**

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** O-Dioscuri; B- Razza Del Velino (Ity); T-Endo Botti Galoppo; J-Antonio Fresu. €59,500. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0 €72,250. **Werk Nick Rating: B.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Sweet Gentle Kiss (Ire)**, 124, f, 3, by Henrythenavigator--Cronsa (Ger) (MGSP-Ity, \$208,832), by Martino Alonso (Ire). O-Scuderia New Age; B-Allevamento Deni (Ire); T-A Botti. €28,140.

3--**Stella Di Camelot (Ire)**, 124, f, 3, by **Camelot (GB)**--Star Force (Ity), by Blu Air Force (Ire). (€50,000 RNA Ylg '16 SGASEP). O-Antabell; B-Azienda Agricola Stefano Luciani (Ire); T-Gianluca Bietolini. €14,280.

Margins: SNK, 2, 1. Odds: 5.06, 1.04, 13.37.

Also Ran: La Base (Ire), Lapulced'acqua (Ire), Key Master (Ire), Charline Royale (Ire), Tata Pila (GB), Temple Church (Ity), Genuiram (Ity), Dancer Cross (GB), Red Impact (GB). Scratched: Lorenda (Ire). [Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#) [Video.](#)

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### MASAR PLEASING APPLEBY

Godolphin's G1 QIPCO 2000 Guineas hope **Masar (Ire)** (New Approach {Ire}) came through a routine weekend workout in good shape, with his trainer Charlie Appleby looking forward to the colt taking his chance up the Rowley Mile on Saturday. Masar's last visit to the course saw him post a stunning nine length win in the G3 Bet365 Craven S. and Appleby reports a smooth prep since then for the 3-year-old who is currently second favourite for the 2000 Guineas behind Gustav Klimt (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). "Masar came out of the Craven very well and he has pleased at home since that race," he said. "The signs are good. I'm very happy with him going into the Guineas, and I expect him to give a good account of himself," he added.

Another exciting Godolphin colt that will not take up his Guineas entry is **Ghaiyyath (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}). The €1.1-million Goffs foal purchase, a winner of the G3 Masar Godolphin Autumn S. at Newmarket last October, will instead test his potential G1 Investec Derby credentials by targeting the G2 Betfred Dante S. at York on May 17.

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### SOLILOQUY TO BE ADDED TO GUINEAS



Charlie Appleby | *Racing Post*

Godolphin plans to have at least one, and possibly two, fillies representing it in the G1 QIPCO 1000 Guineas at Newmarket on Sunday. The team has supplemented recent G3 Lanwades Stud Nell Gwyn S. winner **Soliloquy (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) for the race while the participation of stable-mate **Wild Illusion (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) hinges on weather conditions over the coming days. "I have spoken to His Highness Sheikh Mohammed and he has decided to supplement Soliloquy for the Guineas following her fine win in the G3 Nell Gwyn S.," trainer Charlie Appleby said on Sunday. "We are hopeful that Wild Illusion will also take her chance, but as we have said all along, it all depends on the ground. She does not want it too quick. The forecast is for a dry spell at Newmarket from the middle of the week so we will keep an eye on conditions." Wild Illusion was last seen belying her 25/1 odds when winning the G1 Total Prix Marcel Bousac on Arc day at Chantilly last October and if conditions aren't deemed suitable for her at the weekend a return trip to France could be on the cards. "If it is on the faster side of good, there will be discussions on whether she should run at Newmarket, or wait and travel to France for their Guineas on Sunday, May 13," Appleby added.

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### RECORD REVENUES FOR JOCKEY CLUB

The Jockey Club, in announcing its 2017 financial results on Sunday, reported a ninth successive year of revenue growth and its largest-ever contribution to prizemoney last year.

The Jockey Club, which invests all profits back into racing, brought in revenues of £201.1-million last year, up 5.2% from 2016. Increased revenues were reported in the areas of general admission, media, hospitality and commercial partnerships.

The Jockey Club generated its largest-ever operating profit before prizemoney of £44.8-million, and contributed a record £22.9-million (up 10.1%) to purses at its 15 racecourses.

This year, The Jockey Club plans to increase its contribution to prizemoney to £27.1-million, causing total prizemoney at its courses to exceed £53-million.

Simon Bazalgette, group chief executive of The Jockey Club, said, "I'm very pleased we were able to make a record financial contribution to British Racing in 2017 as a result of achieving a ninth successive year of commercial growth. Looking ahead, we are increasing prize money further in 2018 and we are continuing to invest in the experience we offer to customers and participants, whether that's recently completing Europe's largest installation of free public Wi-Fi, further enhancing facilities for racehorse owners and trainers or launching the new Britbet betting service for our racing customers this summer. We're working hard to build The Jockey Club brand to create more value to benefit British Racing, including through the record partnership revenues we're now achieving, and we're now making some good strides in terms of our efforts to engage more people across the country in our sport, which is vital for the future."

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## FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

### Monday, April 30:

#### UNITED KINGDOM

**Alhebayeb (IRE)** (Dark Angel {Ire}), Tara Stud

128 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners

17:40-WINDSOR, 5f, DARK THUNDER (IRE)

€15,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2016; £42,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2017

**Bungle Inthejungle (GB)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Rathasker Stud

95 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners

17:40-WINDSOR, 5f, KG PASSION (IRE)

€20,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2017



Leading second-crop sire Camelot sired two stakes winners on Sunday:

Italian 2000 Guineas winner Wait Forever and French Classic hope Naturally High. | *Coolmore*

## BRITAIN



## Sunday's Result:

## FIRST WINNER FOR SIRE

**1st-SAL, £17,500, Cond, 4-29, 2yo, f, 5fT, 1:06.30, hy.**  
**COTUBANAMA (GB) (f, 2, Heeraat {Ire}--Saona Island {GB}, by Bahamian Bounty {GB})**, a promising third over this trip in her Apr. 18 debut at Newmarket last time, was steadied off the pace in fifth after a slick getaway here. Making smooth progress from halfway, the 5-1 chance launched her bid entering the final eighth and was kept on well under mild urging to best Haats Off (GB) (Haatef) by 1 3/4 lengths, becoming the first winner for her freshman sire (by Dark Angel {Ire}). "We didn't know how she'd handle the heavy ground, but we knew she'd come on a lot from Newmarket," explained Mick Channon. "She jumped well, she settled lovely and finished off her race. We think she's decent, she was very professional there and we couldn't have asked for any more." Half-sister to a yearling filly by Sixties Icon (GB), the homebred bay is the lone performer for her dam Saona Island (GB) (Bahamian Bounty {GB}), herself an unraced granddaughter of Listed Rose Bowl S. victress Ivory Bride (GB) (Domynsky {GB}), who in turn is the dam of Listed Washington Singer S. victor Funfair Wane (GB) (Unfuwain) and Listed Premio Giuseppe de Montel winner Cabcharge Striker (GB) (Rambo Dancer). Sales history: 2,500gns RNA Wlg '16 TATFOA. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$16,705. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O/B/T-Mick Channon (GB).

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**2nd-WET, £7,400, Cond, 4-29, 3yo/up, f, 10fT, 2:16.53, sf.**  
**AWARD WINNING (IRE) (f, 3, Dubawi {Ire}--Hit The Sky {Ire}, by Cozzene)**, a 720,000gns TATFOA weanling, raced behind the leading trio throughout the early stages. Pursuing Sailing Home (GB) (Shamardal) in the straight, the even-money favourite--who had finished sixth after a slow start in a mile maiden at Newmarket 11 days previously--got the better of that rival passing the furlong pole and stayed on to score by 2 3/4 lengths. Hit the Sky is an unraced daughter of the G1 Prix Saint-Alary heroine Cerulean Sky (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}) and therefore a half-sister to the G2 Doncaster Cup winner and G1 St Leger runner-up Honolulu (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}). Three of her first five foals were significant runners. Royal Bench (Ire) (Whipper) took the G2 Prix Daniel Wildenstein and was runner-up in the G1 Hong Kong Mile, GSW-Fr, SW-US & G1SP-HK, \$1,081,528; Memphis Tennessee (Ire) (Hurricane Run {Ire}) captured the G3 Ormonde S. and was third in the G1 Irish Derby, GSW-Eng & G1SP-Ire,

\$374,947; and Mayhem (Ire) (Whipper) was successful in the G3 Prix Allez France, GSW-Fr, \$232,796. From the excellent family of L'Ancrese (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}), Moonstone (GB) (Dalakhani {Ire}) and the latter's recent G3 Ballysax S.-winning son Nelson (Ire) (Frankel {GB}), she has a 2-year-old filly by Invincible Spirit (Ire) named Over the Moon (Ire) and a yearling daughter of Gleneagles (Ire) named Pie In the Sky (Ire). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$6,598. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Mrs J Magnier M Tabor D Smith & M Jooste; B-Knocktoran Stud & Hit The Sky Partnership (IRE); T-John Gosden.

## CONDITIONS RESULT:

**1st-WET, £7,400, 4-29, 3yo/up, 7fT, 1:31.04, sf.**

**AIR RAID (GB) (c, 3, Raven's Pass--Siren Sound {GB}, by Singspiel {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$13,192. O-Caron & Paul Chapman; B-Meon Valley Stud (GB); T-Jedd O'Keeffe. \*€60,000 Wlg '15 GOFNOV.

## ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Billy Ray (GB), c, 3, Sixties Icon (GB)--Fiumicino (GB) (SP-Eng), by Danehill Dancer (Ire).** SAL, 4-29, 12f 5yT, 2:55.73. B-Norman Court Stud (GB). \*Full to Czabo (GB), GSW-Ire & SW-Fr, \$128,990.

## FRANCE



## Sunday's Results:

**PRIX DU PONT NEUF-Listed, €55,000, LCP, 4-29, 3yo, 8fT, 1:37.99, gd.**

**1--DEEMSTER (IRE), 126, c, 3, by Invincible Spirit (Ire)**

**1st Dam: Tribune (Fr) (SW-Fr), by Grand Slam**

**2nd Dam: Tanguista (Fr), by War Chant**

**3rd Dam: Tango Queen, by Kingmambo**

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** (€320,000 Ylg '16 ARAUG).

O-Godolphin SNC; B-Ecurie des Monceaux (IRE); T-Andre Fabre; J-Mickael Barzalona. €27,500. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, €44,960. \*1/2 to Buthela (Fr) (Acclamation {GB}), GSP-Fr.

**2--A Quiet Man (Ire), 126, g, 3, Literato (Fr)--Priceless Baby (Ire), by Peintre Celebre.** (€47,000 Ylg '16 AROCT). O-Antoine Gilibert, Fabrice Chappet & Benoit Chalmel. €11,000.

**3--Princesschope (Fr), 122, f, 3, Panis--Irish Chope (Fr), by Indian Rocket (GB).** O-Alain Chopard & Cedric Boutin. €8,250.

Margins: SHD, 3, NK. Odds: 2.50, 5.60, 6.90.

Also Ran: Contortioniste (GB), Zanzi Win (Fr), Hourtin (Fr).

Scratched: Woodmax (Ger). **Click for the Racing Post result.**

**Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

Off the mark over seven furlongs on Chantilly's Polytrack in November, Deemster switched to the turf here and showed battling qualities to open his black-type account.

Settled third initially by Mickael Barzalona, the bay gained the edge approaching the furlong pole and stuck to his guns gamely as A Quiet Man made a real fist of it. “We were hoping he’d run a good race and that was a very good result for his first run back,” Godolphin’s Lisa-Jane Graffard commented. “We have no real plans, as we will have to see how all our horses run over the next few weeks.” The winner, who was bought by Blandford Bloodstock for €320,000 at the 2016 Arqana August Sale, is the second foal out of the Listed Prix Ronde de Nuit-winning dam with her first being the G2 Prix Daniel Wildenstein runner-up Buthela (Fr) (Acclamation {GB}). A half to the Listed Prix Roland de Chambure winner and G3 Prix du Calvados third Baileys Showgirl (Fr) (Sepoy {Aus}) from the family of the multiple champion Mrs. Penny, she also has a yearling colt by Dark Angel (Ire).



Deemster | Scoop Dyga

**PRIX DE SURESNES-Listed**, €55,000, LCP, 4-29, 3yo, 10fT, 2:03.69, gd.

1--**NATURALLY HIGH (FR)**, 128, c, 3, by **Camelot (GB)**

1st Dam: **Just Little (Fr)** (GSW-Fr, \$171,077), by **Grand Slam**

2nd Dam: **Just Wood (Fr)**, by **Highest Honor (Fr)**

3rd Dam: **Just Rainbow (Fr)**, by **Rainbow Quest**

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** (€120,000 Ylg '16 ARAUG). O-Ecurie Jean-Louis Bouchard; B-Oceanic Bloodstock Inc & Mme Ariane Gravereaux (FR); T-Pascal Bary; J-Theo Bachelot. €27,500. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, €47,900. \*1/2 to Justwantacontact (Ire) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), SW-Fr & GSP-Aus, \$214,904.

2--**Not Mine (Ger)**, 128, c, 3, Dabirsim (Fr)--Next Holy (Ire), by Holy Roman Emperor (Ire). (€36,000 Wlg '15 ARQDEC; €130,000 Ylg '16 ARAUG). O-Ecurie Normandie Pur Sang. €11,000.

3--**Stable Genius (Fr)**, 128, c, 3, Siyouni (Fr)--Anjella (Ger), by Monsun (Ger). (€28,000 RNA Ylg '16 ARAUG). O-Antoine Gilibert, Hubert Guy, Haras d'Etream, Ecurie des Charmes, Meridian International SARL & Benoit Chalmel. €8,250.

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Margins: HD, 1 1/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 4.50, 15.00, 2.80.

Also Ran: Masterpiece (Fr), Solesili (GB), Mount Pelion (Ire), Assiro (GB). **Click for the [Racing Post result](#). [Video](#), sponsored by [Fasig-Tipton](#).**

Taking until his third start to get off the mark, Naturally High did so in style by six lengths over 10 furlongs at Chantilly on Apr. 3 and came forward again to win this intriguing Classic trial. Anchored last of all by Theo Bachelot, the bay was unleashed wide in the straight and overtook all rivals in just over a furlong and finally the outsider Not Mine in the dying strides. Trainer Pascal Bary is aiming high. “We really liked him last year and although he ran badly first time we kept the faith,” he explained. “He had strengthened a lot during the winter and although I was worried he was so far back in the race, he has a nice turn of foot. We’ll keep him fresh now and run him next in the [G1 Prix du] Jockey Club [at Chantilly on June 3].”

Naturally High is out of the G3 Prix Vanteaux winner Just Little, who was also third in the G3 Prix de Sandringham for the Jean-Claude Rouget stable. She has got off to a fine start as a broodmare, with her first foal turning out to be the G2 Ajax S. third Justwantacontact. Her 2-year-old filly by Siyouni (Fr) named Justfirstlady (Ire) was a €150,000 AROCT purchase by Rouget, while she also has a yearling colt by Lope de Vega (Ire).



Naturally High | Scoop Dyga

**FIRST WINNER FOR SIRE**

**5th-LLD, €18,000, Mdn, 4-29, unraced 2yo, 5 1/2fT, 1:13.63, gd. BAYLAGAN (FR) (c, 2, Toronado {Ire}--Al Waghaa {Fr}, by Muhtathir {GB})** was sharply into stride and raced prominently from flagfall in this newcomers' test. Joining the front rank at the top of the straight, the 51-10 chance came under pressure to gain a narrow advantage approaching the final furlong and kept on gamely under whipless rousing to deny Alissachope (Fr) (Kheleyf) by a short head in a bobbing finish, becoming the first winner for his Haras de Bouquetot-based freshman sire (by High Chaparral {Ire}). Kin to a yearling colt by Planteur (Ire), he is the first foal produced by Al Waghaa (Fr) (Muhtathir {GB}), who is a full-sister to the dual stakes-placed Maroon Machine (Ire), and a half-sister to the dual stakes-placed Place Vendome (Fr) (Dr Fong), who in turn is the dam of G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains-winning sire Style Vendome (Fr) (Anabaa) and stakes-winning G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains and G1 Criterium International placegetter Prestige Vendome (Fr) (Orpen). Sales history: €45,000 Ylg '17 AROCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €9,000.

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1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Al Shaqab Racing; B-Faisal bin Khalid Al Thani (FR); T-Simone Brogi.

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Baylagan is a first winner for Toronado (pictured) | Haras de Bouquetot

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Salyazi, c, 3, Elusive Quality--Saliyna (Fr), by Linamix (Fr).** CVL, 4-28, 11fT, 2:22.80. B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (KY). \*1/2 to Sayed (Stormy Atlantic), SP-Aus, \$194,926.

**Tin Rebel (Fr), f, 3, Tin Horse (Ire)--Noa Sajani (Fr), by Sagamix (Fr).** CVL, 4-28, 11fT, 2:27.48. B-Ecurie Haras de Quetieville (FR). \*1/2 to Prima Noa (Fr) (Layman), GSP-Fr.

**GERMANY****Sunday's Results:**

**HENKEL-STUTENPREIS-Listed, €25,000, DSS, 4-29, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:36.96, gd.**

1--**MALAKEH (GB), 121, f, 3, by Harbour Watch (Ire)**

**1st Dam: Marisa (Ger), by Desert Sun (GB)**

**2nd Dam: Mithl Al Hawa (GB), by Salse**

**3rd Dam: Moon Drop (GB), by Dominion (GB)**

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** (€67,000 Ylg '16 BBAGS). O-Darius Racing; B-Gestut Gorldorf (GB); T-Henk Grewe; J-Marc Lerner. €14,000. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, €18,950. \*1/2 to Smokey Storm (GB) (One Cool Cat), SW-Eng & SP-Nor, \$132,828; and Di Stefano (GB) (Bahamian Bounty {GB}), MSP-Eng.

2--**Go Rose (Ger), 126, f, 3, Soldier Hollow (GB)--Gondola (Fr), by Lando (Ger).** O-Gestut Auenquelle. €6,500.

3--**Queens Harbour (GB), 121, f, 3, Harbour Watch (Ire)--Holy Moly, by Rock of Gibraltar (Ire).** (32,000gns 2yo '17 TATHIT). O-Jaber Abdullah. €3,000.

Margins: SHD, 1, 1HF. Odds: 10.90, 9.00, 2.90.

Also Ran: Emerita (Ger), Cabarita (Ger), Harmonica (GB), Dina (Ger), Jefohl (Ger), Supergirl (Fr). **Click for Racing Post result.**

Malakeh hit the board, behind subsequent Listed Prix Finlande third Lunch Lady (GB) (Shamardal), going one mile on Chantilly's synthetic surface in her Mar. 15 unveiling and finished under one length adrift of the reopposing Jefohl (Ger) (Maxios {GB}) dropped to seven panels in her first turf start at Cologne last time on Apr. 2. Recovering from a bump at the break to stalk the pace in second after the initial strides of this stakes bow, she was rowed along to challenge in early straight and kept on resolutely under a forceful drive in the latter stages to hold the vain lunge of Go Rose for a first triumph of any kind.

Malakeh is the third stakes performer produced by Marisa (Ger) (Desert Sun {GB}) and she is a half to Listed Woodcote S. victor Smokey Storm (GB) (One Cool Cat) and the three-time stakes-placed Di Stefano (GB) (Bahamian Bounty {GB}). Marisa, who is also the dam of the 2-year-old colt Moonraker (Ger) (Sea The Moon {Ger}), is an unraced daughter of the dual stakes-placed Mithl Al Hawa (GB) (Salse), herself kin to five black-type performers including Dancing Drop (GB) (Green Desert), who placed five times at listed level and is the dam of G2 Cherry Hinton S. victress Jewel in the Sand (Ire) (Bluebird).

**1st-DSS, €5,100, Cond, 4-29, 3yo, 8 1/2fT, 1:43.84, gd.**

**GLAD ROCK (GER) (c, 3, Soldier Hollow {GB}--Gladly Beauty {Ger} {Hwt. 2yo Filly-Ger & GSP-Ger, \$158,799}, by Big Shuffle)** broke alertly and was under restraint stalking the pace in second through the early fractions of this first go.

Sent to the front on the home turn, the 107-10 chance held a commanding buffer approaching the final furlong and stayed on strongly under late urging to hit the line 2 1/4 lengths in advance of Wesenberg (Ger) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}). The homebred bay is the latest foal and eighth winner, from as many runners, produced by GSP German highweight Gladly Beauty (Ger) (Big Shuffle) and he is a half to G3 Preis des Winterfavoriten-winning German highweight Glad Lion (Ger) (Dashing Blade {GB}), fellow G3 Preis des Winterfavoriten winner Glad Tiger (Ger) (Singspiel {Ire}) and G3 Albert von Metzler-Rennen victor Glad Panther (GB) (Seattle Dancer). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €3,000.

O/B-Gestut Auenquelle (GER); T-Jens Hirschberger.

**3rd-MAN, €5,100, Mdn, 4-29, 3yo, 9 1/2fT, 2:03, gd.**

**KINGDOM OF HEAVEN (GER) (c, 3, Dabirsim {Fr}--Kolosseum {Ger}, by Samum {Ger}),** an Apr. 2 debut fourth tackling an extended nine panels at Cologne in his only prior start, was off the pace in third through halfway here. Urged closer rounding the home turn, the even-money chalk veered wide when taking over at the top of the straight and powered clear inside the final furlong to score by 10 lengths from Leevje (Ger) (Reliable Man {GB}). He is the first scorer out of Kolosseum (Ger) (Samum {Ger}), who is a full-sister to MG1SW sire and G1 Deutsches Derby-winning German highweight Kamsin (Ger) and the stakes-winning Kashmar (Ger). Kolosseum, who has also produced the 2-year-old colt Kara Ben Nemsy (Ger) (Dabirsim {Fr}) and the yearling colt Key To Success (Ger) (Dabirsim {Fr}), is also kin to another three black-type performers headed by GSW G1 Premio Lydia Tesio third Kapitale (Ger) (Dubawi {Ire}). Sales history: €50,000 RNA 2yo '17 ARQMA. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €3,300. O/B-Gestut Karlshof (GER); T-Henk Grewe.

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Well Timed (Ger), f, 3, Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)--Wells Present (Ger) (SW & GSP-Ger), by Cadeaux Genereux (GB).** DSS, 4-29, 10 1/2fT, 2:11.03. B-Stall Ullmann (GER).

## ITALY

#### Sunday's Results:

**PREMIO BOTTICELLI-Listed, €42,900, CAP, 4-29, 3yo, 2100mT, 2:08.20, gd**

1--**HENRY MOUTH (IRE), 122, c, 3, by Henrythenavigator**

**1st Dam: Cottonmouth (Ire) (GSW-ITY, \$384,318), by Noverre**

**2nd Dam: Nafzira (Ire), by Darshaan (GB)**

**3rd Dam: Nafzawa, by Green Dancer**

O-Dioscuri; B-Azienda Agricola Mariano (Ire); T-Alduino Botti; J-Dario Vargiu. €16,575. Lifetime Record: 6-4-0-2 €51,153.

\*1/2 to Dylan Mouth (Ire) (Dylan Thomas {Ire}), Hwt. 3yo-Ity at 11-14f, 2x Hwt. Older Horse-Ity at 11-14f, MG1SW-Ity, £902,864; and to Per Un Dixir (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), SW-Ity.

2--**Solvang (GB), 122, c, 3, Nathaniel (Ire)-Brazilian Style (GB), by Exit To Nowhere.** (12,000gns Ylg '16 TATOCT). O-Roberto Saggini. €7,293.

3--**Il Re Di Nessuno (Fr), 122, c, 3, Sinndar-Lady Elgar (Ire), by Sadler's Wells.** (€12,000 Ylg '16 ARQOCT). O-II Cavallo In Testa. €7,293.

Margins: 4HF, NS, 1 1/4 . Odds: 3.39, 0.46, 16.99.

**Video. Hippoweb Chart.**

**PREMIO CARLO CHIESA-Listed, €42,900, CAP, 4-29, 3yo&up, f&m, 1200mT, 1:08.1, gd.**

1--**FATALISTE (FR), 130, f, 4, Siyouni (Fr)--Minimal Chic (Ire), by King's Best.** O/B-La Nuova Sbarra; T-Endo Botti Galoppo; J-Dario Vargiu. €16,575. Lifetime Record: 7-3-3-0 €48,467.

\*1/2 to Tradinitional Chic (Ire) (Ad Valorem) SWGP-Ity.

2--**Aravian Poison (Ity), 130, m, 5, Until Sundown--Lady Poison (Ire), by Charnwood Forest (Ire).** O-S. Spinella. €7,293.

3--**Geraldine (Ger), 130, f, 4, Royal Applause (GB)--Golden Whip (Ger), by Seattle Dancer.** (7,500gns RNA 2yo '16 TATDEC; 15,000gns 3yo '17 TATFEB). O-Mark Cuschieri. €3,978.

Margins: 6, NK, 1 3/4. Odds: 3.15, 13.23, 41.98.

**Video. Hippoweb Chart.**

## SWEDEN

#### Sunday's Result:

**NORRA SKANSKA REGEMENTETS MINNESLOPNING-Listed, SKr300,000, JGR, 4-29, 4yo/up, 8f, 1:39.50, gd.**

1--**SPITZBERGEN (FR), 130, g, 4, Zoffany (Ire)--Silver Face (Fr), by Iron Mask. 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** (€100,000 Ylg '15 ARAUG). O-Stall Bright Side Of Life; B-Haras de Sainte Gauburge (FR); T-Niels Petersen; J-Carlos Lopez. SKr150,000. Lifetime Record: 11-5-0-0, SKr743,172.

2--**Red Hot Chili (Swe), 130, g, 5, Eishin Dunkirk--Delta Downs (GB), by Deputy Minister.** O-Claes Andersson Racing AB. SKr75,000.

3--**Victor Kalejs, 130, g, 4, Spring At Last--Make A Promise, by Mr. Greeley.** (\$10,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT; £10,000 2yo '16 GOFBRE). O-Teleko Racing. SKr36,000.

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Margins: SHD, HD, HF. Odds: 5.60, 12.90, 8.00.

Also Ran: Brownie (Fr), Our Last Summer (Ire), Vortex (Nor), Courage Under Fire.

## WORLDWIDE NEWS

## COOLMORE AIM FOR DIAMOND WINNER



Written By winning the Blue Diamond | Bronwen Healy

G1 Ladbrokes Blue Diamond S. winner **Written By (Aus)** (Written Tycoon {Aus}) is thriving in his current spell, according to trainer Grahame Begg. The 2-year-old tasted defeat for the first time when fourth to **Estijaab (Aus)** (Snitzel {Aus}) in the G1 Longines Golden Slipper in March and will continue his down time for another month. “He’s done very well,” Begg told *Racing.com* on Sunday. “He’s been out just on a month now after his run in the Slipper and he’s got another three to four weeks out. He’s up at Cootamundra at Twin Hills Stud, they’re looking after him a treat, and he’s getting out into the paddock in the day, and boxed and rugged at night. I’ve got a trip planned not this week but the week after to go up and visit him,” he added.

Begg has already chosen a spring target for Written By and will aim the top finishing Slipper colt at the G1 Coolmore S. at Flemington in November. The last running of the 1200m race was won by **Merchant Navy (Aus)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), subsequently the subject of a major stallion deal by the race sponsor Coolmore Stud and Begg is cognisant of the situation he finds himself in as the custodian of a future sought-after stallion prospect. “Definitely his target will be the Coolmore on Derby Day. His whole spring preparation will be tailored around that. There’s been a lot of [stud] enquiries, but nothing’s changed, nothing will come into play until after the spring.”

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## ‘STAR’ SHINES BRIGHTEST ON CHAMPIONS DAY

by Alan Carasso

A career that has featured as many stops and starts as a post-race expressway journey from Sha Tin back to Hong Kong Island reached a pinnacle Sunday afternoon for ‘**TDN Rising Star**’ **Pakistan Star (Ger)** (Shamardal), who punched through between horses entering the final 300 metres of the G1 Audemars Piguet QE II Cup and flashed home to scoop Hong Kong’s second-richest prize by three resounding lengths.

It was a coming-out party two years in the making.

From day one, when he produced a last-to-first rally to post a highly improbable debut success, Pakistan Star has always had the inherent talent necessary to scale heights such as this one. Except over and over, he’s proved his own worst enemy, dancing to the beat of his own drummer. Dating back to his under-tack breeze prior to the 2016 Hong Kong International Sale--where he fetched HK\$6 million from businessman Kerm Din--Pakistan Star made it clear he intended on doing things his own way, damn the consequences. He nearly refused to work on that occasion, and that particular quirk had raised its ugly head again and again, both in trackwork and in races, forestalling a true opportunity for him to realise his considerable talent and for his worldwide fan base to revel in it.



Pakistan Star thrills the Sha Tin faithful | HKJC photo

As recently as nine days ago, he had to trial to the satisfaction of local stewards after his rogue behaviour was on display in the Apr. 8 G2 Chairman’s Trophy. It took all of Joao Moreira’s persuasion to keep Pakistan Star running that afternoon and somehow he managed to fly home to finish fourth. In the aforementioned trial, the oft slow-starting gelding made the running beneath Tommy Berry, but got bored or otherwise disinterested and nearly pulled himself up in the stretch before finishing with renewed vigour. Both Berry and trainer Tony Cruz, who went so far as to recruit the ‘horse whisperer’ Monty Roberts to work with the horse in December, insisted all would be well in the QE II Cup. They were not wrong.

As if his playing up weren’t enough of a story line, there was even drama involving just who would be in the saddle Sunday. Silvestre de Sousa, who was in the irons for runner-up efforts in last year’s Hong Kong Derby and for this event, was originally booked, but had to back out earlier in the week.

Kerrin McEvoy was tabbed to replace de Sousa, but he was restricted from flying from Australia owing to an ear infection, and Cruz reached out to visiting jockey William Buick. Pakistan Star hopped at the break from gate one, but he was still able to ease onto the back of the pace, set ultimately by favoured stablemate **Time Warp (GB)** (Archipenko), but who was forced to do some work to clear Japanese raider **Danburite (Jpn)** (Rulership {Jpn}). Last year's G1 Satsuki Sho hero **Al Ain (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) was well spotted early, while second favourite and 2018 Derby hero **Ping Hai Star (NZ)** (Nom du Jeu {NZ}) raced last but one with only **Gold Mount (GB)** (Excellent Art {GB}) behind.

Time Warp, front-running winner of the G1 Longines Hong Kong Cup and G1 Citi Hong Kong Gold Cup over the course and distance previously, was allowed to do his thing and took them down the back and into the turn, as positions behind were unchanged, even as the field bunched up entering the final half-mile. Time Warp led on the swing for home, but Danburite ultimately proved the fly in his ointment and the chalk was one of the first beaten. Meanwhile, Buick was patient atop Pakistan Star, praying for the gap to come and hoping his charge could produce his trademark acceleration. Both happened simultaneously at the 300m, and Pakistan Star put the race to bed in the next few strides before strolling home a comfortable winner. Gold Mount weaved his way through to complete a 1-2 for the Cruz yard, while **Eagle Way (Aus)** (More Than Ready) ran with credit in third. Ping Hai Star came down the centre to be fourth.

"He's showed his class today, he was very straightforward through the race, got a beautiful run and the only thing going through my mind was if the split was going to come or not," Buick told HKJC's David Morgan. "As soon as it came, he was fast to go in there and won very well, he felt like a very fast horse."

While the May 27 G1 Champions & Chater Cup (2400m) is a logical option for Pakistan Star, Cruz may look further afield.

"I'll work out with his owner where else we might take him--Royal Ascot or something," the local legend commented. "He needs racing, he's only had four races--he's had more barrier trials!"

### **Pedigree Notes...**

Bred by Gestut Wittekindshof, Pakistan Star caught the eye of the HKJC's Mark Richards at the 2014 Arqana August Yearling Sale and plucked him out for €180,000. Despite those aforementioned antics at the HKIS breeze-up, he realised a nice profit for the Club and was turned over to Cruz. The winner's dam is a multiple stakes-winning daughter of Group 1 winner Next Gina, while third dam Night Petticoat won the 1996 G2 Preis der Diana and was responsible for highweight and 2002 G1 Deutsches Derby hero Next Desert (Ire) (Desert Style {Ire}) as

well as four other black-type earners. A Mastercraftsman (Ire) half-sister to Pakistan Star fetched €235,000 from Bertrand Le Metayer at last year's BBAG September Yearling Sale--third-highest price at the auction--and Nina Celebre foaled a filly from the first crop of Golden Horn (GB) in 2017. Pakistan Star is the 115th stakes winner, 59th group/graded winner and 19th individual top-level scorer for his sire, a son of the late Giant's Causeway. Other Group 1-winning sons of Shamardal in Hong Kong include Able Friend (Aus) and Dan Excel (Ire), each of whom won the Champions Mile.

### **Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong**

#### **AUDEMARS PIGUET QEII CUP-G1, HK\$24,000,000**

(£2,196,403/€2,525,042/A\$4,047,211/US\$3,058,828), Sha Tin, 4-29, 3yo/up, 2000mT, 2:00.21, gd.

#### **1--PAKISTAN STAR (GER), 126, g, 5, by Shamardal**

**1st Dam: Nina Celebre (Ire) (MSW-Ger, SP-Ity),**

**by Peintre Celebre**

**2nd Dam: Next Gina (Ger), by Perugino**

**3rd Dam: Night Petticoat (Ger), by Petoski (GB)**

**'TDN Rising Star' 1ST GROUP 1 WIN. 1ST GROUP WIN. 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** (€180,000 Ylg '14 ARQAug; HK\$6,000,000 HRA '16 HKIS). O-Kerm Din; B-Gestut Wittekindshof; T-Tony Cruz; J-William Buick; HK\$13,680,000. Lifetime Record: 15-4-5-0, HK\$29,956,200. **Werk Nick Rating: A+.** [Click for the eNicks report & five-cross pedigree.](#)

**2--Gold Mount (GB), 126, g, 5, Excellent Art (GB)--Dolcetto (Ire),** by Danehill Dancer (Ire). (10,000gns Ylg '14 TATOCT). O-Pan Sutong; B-Mrs L H Field; T-Tony Cruz; HK\$5,280,000.

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**3--Eagle Way (Aus), 126, g, 5, More Than Ready--Wedgewood** Eagle (Aus), by Lure. (A\$200,000 Ylg '14 INGEAS). O-Siu Pak Kwan; B-Segenhoe Thoroughbreds Australia Pty Ltd (NSW); T-John Moore; HK\$2,400,000.

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Margins: 3, 1 1/4, 1. Odds: 19-5, 33-1, 21-1.

Also Ran: Ping Hai Star (NZ), Al Ain (Jpn), Dinozzo (Ire), Danburite (Jpn), Time Warp (GB).

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## **'GENERATION' RUNS 'EM RAGGED, AGAIN**

*by Alan Carasso*

One of the surprise packages of the current racing season in Hong Kong has been **Beauty Generation (NZ)** (Road to Rock {Aus}), and the hard-knocking gelding added Sunday's G1 Champions Mile to his previous victories in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile and the G1 Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup (1400m).

In scoring by a deceptively easy one-length margin. Within the context of Time Warp's subpar performance in the QE II Cup, the former Anthony Cummings galloper has tossed his hat into the ring for local Horse of the Year honors. A bit slow to muster from gate one, Beauty Generation gradually worked his way to the front and, as has been his custom this season, galloped his rivals into the ground. He joins the likes of Good Ba Ba, Able Friend (Aus) and Maurice (Jpn) to complete the Hong Kong Mile/Champions Mile double.

"I'm not sure I'd put him in the same group as those horses, but he is a good horse and he has done everything right," trainer John Moore, now a seven-time Champions Mile winner, told HKJC's Andrew Hawkins. "If he is able to get to the front, he is a real grinder at the very highest level. What more can he do than win races? He's not brilliant like Able Friend, but he's a top horse in his own way."



Beauty Generation too strong in the Champions Mile | HKJC photo

### Pedigree Notes...

Beauty Generation is out of a half-sister to SW & MGSP Victory Trump (Aus) (Euclase {Aus}) and to SW & GSP Savage Attack (Aus) (Made of Gold). He has a 2-year-old half-brother by Echoes of Heaven (Aus) and a weanling half-sister by Tavistock (NZ). Stylish Bel was most recently covered by Tarzino (NZ).

### Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

**CHAMPIONS MILE-G1**, HK\$18,000,000 (£1,647,735/€1,894,561/A\$3,035,686/US\$2,294,091), Sha Tin, 4-29, 3yo/up, 1600mT, 1:34.31, gd.

1--**BEAUTY GENERATION (NZ)**, 126, g, 5, by **Road to Rock (Aus)**

**1st Dam: Stylish Bel (Aus)**, by **Bel Esprit (Aus)**

**2nd Dam: Stylish Victory (Aus)**, by **Durham Ranger**

**3rd Dam: Romantic Peace (Aus)**, by **Mikado (Aus)**

(NZ\$60,000 Ylg '14 NZBSEL). O-Patrick Kwok Ho Chuen;

B-Nearco Stud Ltd; T-John Moore; J-Zac Purton;

HK\$10,260,000. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Aus, 22-9-3-4,

HK\$41,930,720. \*Formerly Montaigne (NZ). **Click for the**

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2--**Western Express (Aus)**, 126, g, 5, **Encosta de Lago (Aus)**--  
Alsatia (Aus), by Marauding (NZ). (A\$80,000 Ylg '14 INGMEL).  
O-Larry Yung Chi Kin; B-F Peisah (NSW); T-John Size;  
HK\$3,960,000.

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3--**Southern Legend (Aus)**, 126, g, 5, Not a Single Doubt (Aus)--  
Donna's Appeal (Aus), by Carnegie (Ire). (A\$280,000 Ylg '14  
INGEAS). O-Boniface Ho Ka Kui; B-Corumbene Stud (NSW);  
T-Caspar Fownes; HK\$1,800,000.

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Margins: 1, 3/4, NO. Odds: 9-10, 20-1, 15-1.

Also Ran: Beauty Only (Ire), Singapore Sling (SAf), Pingwu Spark (NZ), Seasons Bloom (Aus), Blizzard (Aus). Scratched: Helene Paragon (Fr).

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## IVICTORY LEADS SIZE JUGGERNAUT IN CSP

by Alan Carasso

Humble and understated as he is, even John Size must shake his head where it comes to his stable's domination of this year's 1200-metre features at Sha Tin. Heading into Sunday's G1 Chairman's Sprint Prize, the barn had won each of the previous five group races, had filled the top three on two occasions and two of the top three on two others. That he would saddle the trifecta in Sunday's race is scarcely surprising, even if the least exposed of his entrants **Ivictory (Aus)** (Mossman {Aus}) would prove best of the lot, defeating G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint hero **Mr Stunning (Aus)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) and **Beat the Clock (Aus)** (Hinchinbrook {Aus}).

Once beaten and making the step up into Group 1 company off a record-setting Class 2 win at Happy Valley, Ivictory showed good speed here as well, but was content to take back into the box seat when William Buick rolled forward on **Blue Point (Ire)** (Shamardal) to put **Peniaphobia (Ire)** (Dandy Man {Ire}) to the sword. That eventuality would have had Zac Purton salivating, and he took full advantage, getting first run on the dueling pacesetters before staving off late bids from his more accomplished barnmates. **Fine Needle (Jpn)** (Admire Moon {Jpn}) was a gap away in fourth.

"It's a big jump actually, from a Class 2," Size told journalist Steve Moran. "I'm thrilled and relieved to see the first three favourites in the finish. Ivictory had given us all the signs. He'd won six of seven before today and his past two were emphatic including a track-record time at the Valley, but there was still the possibility it might be one run too early for him. But as it turned out he got the run of the race and showed that he was up to it."

### Pedigree Notes...

Ivictory is the 39th black-type winner, 25th graded winner and sixth Group 1 winner for his sire (by Success Express) and is out of a daughter of SW & MGSP Tyrolean, also the dam of MGSP Echo Effect (Aus) (Reset {Aus}). Inca Lagoon is responsible for the once-raced juvenile filly Ancient Aztec (Aus) (Albrecht {Aus}) and was sold for A\$6,000 in foal to Star Witness (Aus) at the 2016 Inglis Weanling and Broodmare sale in 2016. That produce, a colt, fetched A\$55,000 from Kristen Buchanan Racing at this year's Inglis Sydney Classic Yearling Sale. Inca Lagoon foaled a Reset (Aus) colt in 2017, but missed to Dissident (Aus) for the current breeding season.



Ivictory (left) makes the grade in the CSP | HKJC photo

#### Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

**CHAIRMAN'S SPRINT PRIZE-G1**, HK\$16,000,000 (£1,464,825/€1,683,955/A\$2,698,593/US\$2,039,221), Sha Tin, 4-29, 3yo/up, 1200mT, 1:08.63, gd.

1--**IVICTORY (AUS)**, 126, g, 4, by Mossman (Aus)

1st Dam: Inca Lagoon (Aus), by Hussonet

2nd Dam: Tyrolean (Aus), by Danehill

3rd Dam: Yodells (Aus), by Marscay (Aus)

**\*1ST GROUP 1 WIN. 1ST GROUP WIN. 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.**

(A\$67,500 Wlg '14 MMNWNL; A\$80,000 Ylg '15 MMGCYS).

O-Michael T H Lee & Dr Henry Chan Hin Lee; B-J Woods (NSW);

T-John Size; J-Zac Purton; HK\$9,120,000. Lifetime Record:

8-7-0-0, HK\$14,159,250. **Werk Nick Rating: C. Click for the**

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2--**Mr Stunning (Aus)**, 126, g, 5, **Exceed and Excel (Aus)**--With Fervour, by Dayjur. (A\$110,000 Wlg '13 INGGSW; NZ\$250,000 Ylg '14 NZBPPE). O-Maurice Koo Win Chong; B-; T-John Size; HK\$3,520,000.

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3--**Beat the Clock (Aus)**, 126, g, 4, Hinchinbrook (Aus)--Flion Fenena (Aus), by Lion Hunter (Aus). (A\$70,000 Ylg '15 INGMEL; NZ\$200,000 2yo '15 NZBRTR). O-Merrick Chung Wai Lik; B-Miss J Henderson (NSW); T-John Size; HK\$1,600,000.

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Margins: HF, NK, 3 1/4. Odds: 17-10, 17-5, 13-10.

Also Ran: Fine Needle (Jpn), Lucky Bubbles (Aus), Peniaphobia (Ire), Amazing Kids (NZ), Thewizardofoz (Aus), Blue Point (Ire). **Click for the HKJC.com chart, PPs and sectional timing. VIDEO.** **Click for the free EquineLine.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

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### RAINBOW GETS THERE JUST IN TIME

A field of 17 stayers lined up for the G1 Tenno Sho over two miles at Kyoto on Sunday, and it was the well-supported second favourite **Rainbow Line (Jpn)** (Stay Gold {Jpn}) who came out best in a driving finish to deny the market leader **Cheval Grand (Jpn)** (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) by a neck. Victory looked quite unlikely for the winner two furlongs from home as, having settled in the final third of the field for much of the contest, the 5-year-old still found himself with over half the field in front of him with only a quarter of a mile to go. At that stage Cheval Grand had just taken over at the head of affairs and looked the likely winner but he began to look vulnerable in the last 100 metres as **Clincher (Jpn)** (Deep Sky {Jpn}) challenged in the stands side while jockey Yasunari Iwata threaded Rainbow Line through a gap on the rails. Iwata timed it to perfection to get his mount's head in front when it mattered but worryingly for connections the winner pulled up lame post race.

"While our rivals were making early moves in the backstretch, my mount waited patiently, and I knew he had the needed late kick to reach the front before the wire. I'm worried about the horse. I just hope he'll be able to run in the next race," said Yasunari Iwata. Also anxious over Rainbow Line's well-being was the entire's trainer Hidekazu Asami who added, "It's great that he was able to win the race but I'm concerned about his condition after the race. I hope to give him the best care as possible so that he can recover for his next race."

Rainbow Line won the G3 Arlington Cup as a 3-year-old and showed he could develop into a top-class stayer when second to Satono Diamond (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in the G1 Kikuko Sho (Japanese St Leger) later that year. However, he failed to immediately deliver on that promise as he was well-beaten on his next seven starts, all in Group 1 or 2 company before finally coming good in the G2 Hanshin Daishoten at Hanshin on Mar. 18.

### Pedigree Notes...

Bred by Northern Racing, Rainbow Line is out the winning French Deputy mare Regenbogen (Jpn), whose all nine foals have reached the track. Of these, seven have won and in addition to Sunday's winner she has also produced the GSW Animate Bio (Jpn) (Zenno Rob Roy {Jpn}), who was also runner up in the G1 Shuka Sho.

Since turning her attention to breeding Animate Bio has produced the stakes-placed Pioneer Bio (Jpn) (Rulership {Jpn}), who was second in the G2 Sho Flora S., while the family also traces back to the black-type winners Ace In The Race (Jpn) (Diablo) and Sekitei Ryu O (Jpn) (Tosho Boy {Jpn}). 16-year-old Regenbogen has no recorded produce since 2015. **Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

#### Sunday, Kyoto, Japan

**TENNO SHO SPRING-G1**, ¥291,100,000 (US\$2,669,425/£1,937,813/€2,200,863), Kyoto, 4-29, 4yo/up, 3200mT, 3:16.20, fm.

1--**RAINBOW LINE (JPN)**, 128, h, 5, by Stay Gold (Jpn)

1st Dam: Regenbogen (Jpn), by French Deputy

2nd Dam: Rainbow Fast (Jpn), by Rainbow Amber (Jpn)

3rd Dam: Rainbow Rose (Jpn), by First Family

**1ST GROUP 1 WIN.** (¥50,000,000 Ylg '14 JRHAJUL) O-Masahiro Mita; B-Northern Farm; T-Hidekazu Asami; J-Yasunari Iwata; ¥153,570,000. Lifetime Record: 22-5-3-4. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating:**

**A+++ \*Triple Plus\*.**

2--**Cheval Grand (Jpn)**, 128, h, 6, Heart's Cry (Jpn)--Halwa Sweet (Jpn), by Machiavellian. O-Kazuhiro Sasaki; B-Northern Farm; ¥61,020,000.

3--**Clincher (Jpn)**, 128, c, 4, by Deep Sky (Jpn)--The Fates (Jpn), by Brian's Time. O- Koji Maeda; B- Hirayama Farm; ¥38,510,000

Margins: Neck, HF, Neck. Odds: 5.00, 2.00, 7.00.

Also Ran: Mikki Rocket (Jpn), Chestnut Coat (Jpn), Tosen Basil (Jpn), Smart Layer (Jpn), Albert (Jpn), Shiho (Jpn), Yamakatsu Raiden (Jpn), Toshin Monstera (Jpn), Satono Chronicle (Jpn), Sole Impact (Jpn), Ganko (Jpn), Ping Pong (Jpn), Curren Mirotic (Jpn), Tomiken Slava (Jpn). **Click for the JRA chart and video, for the Racing Post result.**

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