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Quip winning the Tampa Bay Derby | SV Photography

WinStar Farm, China Horse Club International and SF Racing's 'TDN Rising Star' and GII Tampa Bay Derby winner **Quip** (Distorted Humor), whose connections passed on a start in the GI Kentucky Derby, is heading to the GI Preakness S. May 19, WinStar president and CEO Elliott Walden confirmed Tuesday. The colt had previously been scheduled to make his next start in the second jewel of the Triple Crown, but uncertainty crept in after his connections won the Derby with fellow 'Rising Star' **Justify** (Scat Daddy).

"He deserves the opportunity," Walden told the Pimlico notes team. "We purposely skipped the Derby pointing for the Preakness. We looked at it at that time and asked the question, if we did win the Derby, would we still run Quip in the Preakness? We all kind of answered, 'Yes.' But I wanted to take a fresh look at it after the race and make sure."

Meanwhile, the Five Racing Thoroughbreds' champion and Derby runner-up **Good Magic** (Curlin)'s status for the Preakness remains up in the air, with trainer Chad Brown saying "I'm not sure" when asked about his plans. Brown added that there was no pressure to make a quick decision, while the Five's Bob Edwards said that he would defer to Brown's expertise.

"Chad is one of the best guys in placing horses in spots where you're going to get in the money or win," Edwards said. *Cont. p3*

WHY THE PUSH-BACK AGAINST TRAINER CONTINUING EDUCATION? *by Dan Ross*

Last month, the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) approved for public notice a proposed rule that mandates a continuing education requirement for trainers in the state looking to renew their license.

Right now, California trainers can voluntarily complete any number of available online courses. By 2020, however, they and their assistants will have to complete 12 hours of approved continuing education before their licenses are renewed, if the proposed rule is implemented.

"We talk about the art of training, but there's a science to training as well," said Rick Arthur, CHRB equine medical director, explaining a main thrust behind the new rule: to better disseminate a glut of emerging data behind racehorse health and safety. "What we're trying to do is match the art and the science to make racing safer." *Cont. p4 (click here)*

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One More Strike (Smart Strike) delivered a colt by American Pharoah on May 6. The foal was born at Dean and Teresa Benson's Wood-Mere Farm in Webster, MN for owners Suzanne Stables. "We're very pleased with the colt. He's everything we hope for; he's big, correct, and has a lot of energy." Teresa said. "One More Strike is nursing great and doing quite well." From the second crop of American Pharoah, the colt is the first ever Minnesota-bred sired by a Triple Crown winner. [Click here](#) to submit photos of your 2018 foals for consideration in the TDN. Please include sire, dam, owner, and photographer's name. | Photo courtesy of Wood-Mere Farm

REPORT: JUSTIFY SOUND, DOESN'T HAVE SCRATCHES 8

Kentucky Horse Racing Commission veterinarians said the Derby winner appears sound after reportedly dealing with a skin condition earlier in the week, adding that he is also recovering well from a bruise in his heel.

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“He wants this horse to win and he’s going to put this horse in the best position to win,” Edwards added.

Good Magic was shipped from Louisville to Brown’s barn at Belmont Park Monday and will go back to the track for training Wednesday.

Justify had a routine walk day Tuesday at Churchill Downs, which Bob Baffert assistant Jimmy Barnes said would likely be replicated Wednesday.

“Justify is going to walk one more day, I believe,” Barnes said of the Derby champ’s expected return to the track for training Thursday. “That’s what Bob said. He may change his mind and go tomorrow. But he said we’re probably going to walk four days.”

D. Wayne Lukas will have a two-pronged challenge for Justify in the Preakness with Derby sixth-place runner Bravazo (Awesome Again) and Grade I-winning ‘**Rising Star**’ Sporting Chance (Tiznow), who was fourth in Saturday’s GIII Pat Day Mile S. Both colts had a walk day Tuesday and will resume training Wednesday at Churchill Downs before vanning to Pimlico Monday. Lukas last captured the Preakness with Oxbow (Awesome Again) in 2013.

“They’re doing great,” Lukas said. “They are both bright and were out there on the grass [grazing] full of themselves. Realistically, it’s Justify’s race to lose, just that simple. He’s the

best horse. Not always [does] the best horse win in the Kentucky Derby, and this year the best horse won. To go into Baltimore and take him back on is definitely going to be a challenge. I’ll never be afraid, but I’m realistic enough to know he’ll be very difficult to beat. But you can’t mail it in. They run and things happen. We’ve been there before. I mean, Oxbow wasn’t supposed to beat those horses either, and he did.”

Other horses under consideration for the Preakness are G M B Racing’s Lone Sailor (Majestic Warrior), who was eighth in the Derby, Cash is King, D.J. Stable and LC Racing’s Diamond King (Quality Road), Winchell Thoroughbreds’ Tenfold (Curlin) and Valene Farm’s Givemeaminit (Star Guitar).

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Why the Push-Back Against Trainer Continuing Ed.? cont.

Nationally, however, the roll-out of trainer continuing education is proving particularly sluggish.

Certain professions like veterinarians, physicians, and pharmacists require their members to undergo continuing education--hardly surprising, considering the life and death nature of their work. In some states, even hairstylists and cosmetologists are required to routinely brush up on their working knowledge. But only two states currently mandate the same for trainers.

And so, when the fate of horse and human rests so squarely on the decisions trainers routinely make, why has uptake of these programs been so slow? The answer to that is essentially two-fold. There have been regulatory, financial, technical and logistical obstacles, for sure. But the other belongs to an inherent tension within the industry between age-old tradition and new-age progress.

"You're always going to have people who are resistant to it," said Andy Belfiore, executive director of the New York Thoroughbred Horseman's Association (NYTHA). Nevertheless, there are ways around this, she argued.

In New York, for example, where trainers must complete four hours of continuing education annually, **courses have been tailored** to fit their practical business needs.

"I think once people come and participate and see the information that they can garner from these seminars, they do find it useful," Belfiore said.

The History

A concerted push towards continuing trainer education has been underway since the first Welfare and Safety of the Racehorse Summit (WSS) in 2006, organized by the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation and The Jockey Club. Three years later, the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI) created a model rule, requiring at least four hours of continuing education for licensed trainers every

calendar year. Then, in 2014, the WSS announced a partnership with the North American Racing Association (NARA) to produce an online program of **"Advanced Horsemanship."**

Right now, the "Advanced Horsemanship" program links to a number of different courses which anyone, not just trainers, can register for and take. There's a module on bisphosphonates--controversial drugs used to treat degenerative bone diseases--for example, and another on the myriad risk factors behind racehorse injury.

These interactive courses work as a series of slides, and the program monitors and tracks how registered users progress with each module. Once finished, the trainer receives a confirmation email, said Cathy O'Meara, manager of industry initiative for the Jockey Club, explaining how the individual modules work.

"The email also goes to the regulator that you choose," O'Meara said.



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Very soon, the site will also link to a variety of modules put together by the team at U.C. Davis, headed by Rick Arthur and Susan Stover, professor of anatomy at that university's School of Veterinary Medicine. The courses are part of a larger series currently available on the **U.C. Davis website**.

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Looking specifically at New York, trainers can fulfill their annual quota a variety of ways: courses available through the Advanced Horsemanship program; presentations given by both state equine medical director Scott Palmer and Cornell University; as well as the seminars NYTHA conducts.

"We focus a lot of what our courses cover on the business end of training," said Belfiore about seminars, typically two to three hours long, that trainers have most positively responded to--those on Department of Labor regulations, racehorse aftercare, and workers' compensation.

"The first one we did was a full house," she said, about a three-hour-plus course on labor regulations. "Nobody left. Everybody stayed for the whole thing."

New York isn't the first state to mandate continuing education. That honor goes to Indiana, though the state repealed its rule when it came to implementation--as did South Dakota.

"I want to be very clear on one point," wrote Larry Eliason, executive secretary of the state's racing commission, in an email. "The problem with implementation was that no other state in our area passed the rule. We did not have any problem implementing the rule or conducting the training."

Colorado currently requires four-hours of continuing education annually, but trainers can waive this requirement if courses aren't available "that meet the approval of the Commission."

The Maryland horseman's group offers voluntary classes for trainers. Only, while the Washington HBPA and Emerald Downs management previously ran education seminars, they haven't for the past few years due to a lack of money and manpower. Which raises the question: why should other states follow New York's lead and make it mandatory?

In a presentation Palmer gave at the **2015 Welfare and Safety Summit**, he said that it's not only critical the industry keeps gathering data regarding racehorse and jockey health and safety, "it's also absolutely critical that we get that information into the hands of people that can use it."

That's why some of the online courses already available tackle issues central to injury prevention--like the Advanced Horsemanship module on bisphosphonates, which delves into bone remodeling, and the stresses that racehorse skeletons routinely go through.

"One thing we can't deny is that 85 to 90% of all fatal musculoskeletal injuries occur at the site of a pre-existing injury," Arthur said, adding that "the more dangerous jockey falls" tend to be on horses that suffer catastrophic injury.

"So, what we have to figure out is how to identify those horses before that happens," he said. But some trainers argue that courses should have both a theoretical and practical bent.

"I think it's a good idea to be kept abreast of things like medication reform and withdrawal times," said trainer Michael McCarthy, who believes that topics on issues like immigration and visa issues would also be of benefit.

More broadly, however, he said that it's important for the process to be transparent--that trainers are made aware of who's putting together the materials, and how the content is chosen.

Jim Cassidy, president of the California Thoroughbred Trainers, agreed that continuing education is a valuable opportunity to shine a spotlight on racehorse safety. "I think it would instill in guys just how careful they've got to be about the way they take care of the horses...not that they aren't

now. But you just cannot take any risks."

Still, if and when continuing education is mandated in California, there will be push-back, Cassidy conceded. "There always is, any time there's something new," he said, adding that "We've got so many rules and regulations to deal with as it is...you should see the paperwork that I have to do every day. It's crazy."

This view is borne out in the stats. Rick Arthur estimated that the number of trainers in California who have voluntarily undergone continuing education is in "single digits," though he said there's currently no way of monitoring the U.C. Davis course completion rate. **Cont. p6**



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Nevertheless, the HBPA ran a survey in 2013 which found 87% of responders favorable towards continued education. So, are there other reasons to explain resistance from within the industry?

A number of trainers I spoke with mentioned the dry nature of the online courses. Alicia Benben, academic coordinator at NARA, said that this issue is very much on their radar.

“That’s a problem for all educators—how do I make what I’m teaching interesting and engaging?” said Benben, who acknowledged some of the stigmas attached by trainers to continuing education.

“One of the things that people thought at first was, ‘They’re trying to teach me how to train,’” she said. “And that’s not at all

the goal. We’re just looking to provide knowledge and information that perhaps wasn’t previously known.”

Then there’s the technical and logistical obstacles faced at the regulatory level. The Advanced Horsemanship website wasn’t yet up and running when Indiana tried to implement its continuing education program, which closely resembled the ARCI’s model rule. And so, Indiana designed and ran seminars in the spring and fall for trainers to attend in person.

Through fear, however, that Indiana would scare away those trainers unable to attend the seminars—and thus, unable to fulfill their yearly requirement for licensing—the new rule was eventually abandoned, said Joe

Gorajec, former executive director of the Indiana Horse Racing Commission.

“This is one of the few rules that really needs buy-in from all the states, or almost all the states, to work,” he said.

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Continuing Education Moving Forward

But now, of course, with the Advanced Horsemanship program up and running--which it has been for about four years--the need for each state to develop their own programs and materials has been diminished, said O'Meara. "All the push back from regulators has been, 'Well, there's no central resource of information and no way of tracking whether the trainers take it,'" she said. "That's no longer the case."

And there are other ways to circumvent the problem of a patchwork set of requirements for trainers starting horses in multiple jurisdictions. New York, for example, offers a waiver to trainers who started fewer than 12 horses the prior year.

Those responsible for putting together course content all discussed the need to produce materials in Spanish, as well as the need to routinely update and refresh what's on offer. That's why the U.C. Davis crew will continue to "add about a half-hour every month," to the materials already in place, said Arthur, who mentioned future courses on biosecurity and pharmacology.

Mirroring Arthur's words, O'Meara talked about adding content to the Advanced Horsemanship website that could tackle things like small business training, human resources, and immigration.

In Belfiore's eyes, continued education could be extended to owners, too.

"Any time you can educate your stakeholders," she said, "that's going to make your business stronger."

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FROM EVERY DERBY, BILL NACK FOUND THE PERFECT STORYLINE

by Dan Liebman

From the moment Justify (Scat Daddy) crossed the finish line in the Kentucky Derby, my thoughts have been about one thing-- Bill Nack.

During my time in the editorial department at *The Blood-Horse*, whenever we didn't have a specific writer in mind for "The Final Turn" commentary in the Derby results issue, we simply turned to Bill.

It didn't matter who won, Bill would weave a fascinating tale about some connection to the winner or some angle to the running of the race.

In just 850 words, he would magnificently capture the essence of whatever picture he was trying to paint. Bill used words to create imagery.

Nack, the longtime writer for *Sports Illustrated* and regular contributor to *The Blood-Horse*, died **just three weeks prior** to the race he loved so dearly.

He and I would speak about the camaraderie among turf writers, the men and women who not only share a passion for writing but also a love for the horse.

As I have said so many times before, you can write about sports such as baseball or basketball without loving baseball or basketball players ... but it would be tough to write about horse racing without loving horses.

Bill loved many sports, but none more than horse racing, which, like for many of us, spoke to his soul at a young age and never ceased to stir him to emotion the remainder of his days. In the wake of the 2018 Derby, I wonder what Bill would have latched on to: the fact the colt was unraced at two; Bob Baffert and his place in racing history; Kenny Troutt and/or Elliott Walden of WinStar Farm...

Though the story would not have been due until sometime later on Sunday, Bill's *modus operandi* was to begin writing Saturday night and finish in the wee hours of Sunday. He never wanted to sleep on it, instead more comfortable putting his thoughts down while they were still fresh in his mind.

It always worked for Bill ... well almost always.

A number of years ago, Bill's email popped into my inbox and I began reading his piece on that year's Derby.

It was always fun to be the first one to read a story, by any writer, but especially by Bill.

But as I read the story, I kept coming back to one section that didn't seem to flow as smoothly as Bill's copy normally did. For the first time, I knew I needed to call him to discuss the passage. I was actually a bit nervous. How do you call the greatest wordsmith of our time and question his writing?

Bill and I were friends, but there is a unique relationship between an editor and a writer. It doesn't mean the editor is always right but it does mean the editor controls the process.

"Why don't you send me what you have in mind," Bill calmly said from his hotel room in Louisville.

Five minutes later my phone rang. "I like what you suggested. Changed just a few words. See how it reads now," he said.

A few months later, Bill was in Lexington, staying, as usual, as houseguest of Preston and Anita Madden. We had dinner.

"You know you improved that story," Bill said. "I appreciate that."

Well, Bill, a horse named Justify won the Derby. Unraced at two and still unbeaten. Gave his trainer five Derby wins. You would have loved this story.

And by the way, Bill Nack, just by knowing you, just by listening to your tales, just by being caught up in your enthusiasm for the game ... you improved my life.

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JUSTIFY SHOWS NO EVIDENCE OF IRRITATION, RECOVERING FROM BRUISE

China Horse Club, Head of Plains Partners LLC, Starlight Racing and WinStar Farm's GI Kentucky Derby hero **Justify** (Scat Daddy) is no longer showing signs of scratches--a skin condition trainer Bob Baffert said the undefeated colt was **dealing with as of Monday**--but appears to be recovering from bruising in his heel, according to multiple reports. As first reported by the *Louisville Courier-Journal*, Justify was examined by the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission Tuesday and found no signs of lameness. He has, however, been showing signs of improvement to treatment for the bruise in his left hind heel, according to the report.

"The horse does not have scratches," KHRC equine medical director Dr. Mary Scollay told the *Courier-Journal*. "There's no evidence of skin [disease] on either hind pastern."

Tuesday's news marks the latest development in a saga that began Sunday after the colt appeared to be sensitive in his left hind leg during a media appearance. Justify is being pointed toward a start in the second jewel of the Triple Crown, the May 19 GI Preakness S.

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DRAZIN, MONMOUTH NEARLY CERTAIN OF FAVORABLE SPORTS BETTING RULING



Dennis Drazin | Bill Denver/Equi-Photo

by Ben Massam

Monmouth Park held its annual press luncheon Wednesday, with much of the discussion centering on the prospect of **sports betting** arriving to the Jersey Shore oval in the near future. Dennis Drazin, CEO of Darby Development LLC, which operates Monmouth on behalf of the New Jersey Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, said he was extremely confident--just

short of Joe Namath's 1968 Super Bowl guarantee--that the track would win a pending decision in the Supreme Court that will allow for legalized sports betting in New Jersey.

"I'm about as positive as a lawyer can be that we're going to win this case," said Drazin, who said he can feel the anticipation of a favorable ruling rise each day on the Monmouth grounds. "People used to talk to me about racing and now they're talking to me about sports betting."

With much of the discussion centering around sports betting and its future implications, Drazin emphatically argued against the idea that sports leagues deserve an "integrity fee," which would amount to a revenue share when Monmouth begins accepting bets. According to Drazin, the leagues had ample opportunities to discuss a similar arrangement before it became apparent that they would lose the case in the Supreme Court.

"They fought us at every path," Drazin said. "And now they send lobbyists to Trenton trying to get a piece for themselves."

Drazin acknowledged that any kind of integrity fee would be impractical, but suggested that--if anything--the leagues should be prepared to compensate sports bettors for missed calls by referees.

The arrival of sports betting, according to Drazin, would have a domino effect throughout the industry in New Jersey, helping rebuild a foal crop which reached as low as 79 in 2016 and providing raises for workers who have seen their salaries stagnate in the last decade.

The next potential date for a Supreme Court opinion on the New Jersey sports betting case is May 14, although the ruling could come as late as June 25.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE CHRONICLE OF THE HORSE LAUNCHES INAUGURAL THOROUGHBRED ISSUE

by Diana Pikulski, *Thoroughbredadoption.com*

On May 7, *The Chronicle of the Horse*, launched its first "Thoroughbred Issue." The Chronicle, established in 1937, is a weekly magazine read by virtually everyone in the horse show and eventing world. It is the 'bible' of American equine lifestyle.

For those of us who always rode off-track Thoroughbreds in every discipline, we are thrilled to see them getting the recognition they deserve in real time--not only in historical and reminiscent pieces. As we at the Thoroughbred Adoption Network and many people in the Thoroughbred racing industry work to market off-track Thoroughbreds in second careers, coverage like this is invaluable. **Cont. p9**

“We enjoyed the opportunity to highlight a breed that has long been intertwined with *The Chronicle of the Horse* and its roots in field sports such as fox hunting and racing/steeplechasing,” noted Beth Rasin, president and editor of *The Chronicle*. “Thoroughbreds are now seeing a renewed enthusiasm from all kinds of sport horse enthusiasts, and we wanted to highlight some of the people responsible for that resurgence of interest as well as some of the ways in which Thoroughbreds are excelling in FEI and other popular competitive sports.”

“We also looked back at horsemen like Dennis Murphy, who rose to great achievements on the backs of Thoroughbreds,” added Rasin. “Whenever we cover a competition, we look for interesting angles, underdogs and human interest, and stories about Thoroughbreds often touch all of those highlights. We never miss the chance to report on a TB who wins a grand prix show jumping class or FEI dressage competition. In our rosters, such as the popular Kentucky Preview issue, we highlight those horses who are OTTBs and Thoroughbreds, and in all of our coverage we strive to communicate information about breeds and pedigrees.”

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There are 845 two-year-olds and seven older horses cataloged for the three-day sale, with all sessions beginning at 10:00 a.m. Hips 1-300 will sell Wednesday, June 13th; Hips 301-600 will be offered Thursday, June 14th and Hips 601-852 plus supplements will sell Friday, June 15th. Supplemental entries are being accepted until May 23rd.

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Breeders, as well as those who act as agents for breeders, who do not have an Interactive Registration account should sign up for one at registry.jockeyclub.com so that they can access their certificates of foal registration.

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HAY, OATS AND SPAGHETTI HEADS TO AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

“Hay, Oats & Spaghetti,” the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation's kickoff party for the Saratoga racing season, will celebrate its sixth anniversary in a new location, the Saratoga Automobile Museum, Monday, July 23. The Automobile Museum provides a bigger venue for the growing event that raises funds for the TRF, the world's oldest and largest and rescue and re-homing organization for former racehorses.

Tickets are \$100, and include food, beer and wine. Giuseppe and Laurie Grisio, owners of Mama Mia's and Bravo! Restaurants in Saratoga Springs will cater the event again this year.

“This event was first launched at Mama Mia's six years ago, and each year it has grown” said Hay, Oats & Spaghetti chairperson Suzie O'Cain. “Laurie and Giuseppe have always believed that the horses bring and give so much in racing and to Saratoga every summer. This event is their way of giving back to the horses who they believe deserve the best of care when their racing days are over.”

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Sunday, Cidade Jardim, Brazil

GRANDE PREMIO SAO PAULO-G1, BRZ\$196,000 (*US\$55,169*), Cidade Jardim, 5-6, 3yo/up, 2400mT, 2:25.45, fm.

1--**EUQUEMANDO (BRZ)**, 128, c, 4, by Public Purse

1st Dam: First Birth (Brz), by Stormy Atlantic

2nd Dam: Hello Again Hello, by Gone West

3rd Dam: Flag Waver, by Hoist the Flag

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

O-Haras Chello; B-Haras Anderson (Brz); T-M. Andre; J-A.L. Silva. Lifetime Record: 22-6-2-4. BRZ\$91,969. *Full to First Fighter (Brz), SW & MGSP-Brz. **Werk Nick Rating: B+**. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Fantastic Boy (Brz)**, 121, c, 3, Wild Event--Una Beleza (Brz), by Signal Tap. O-Black Opal; B-Haras Santa Maria de Araras (Brz); T-R. Solanes. BRZ\$27,590.

3--**Sammy (Brz)**, 121, c, 3, First American--Ultimate Heights (Brz), by Know Heights (Ire). O-Stud Bettina; B-TNT Stud (Brz); T-T. Haidar. ARG\$18,393.

Margins: HF, 1/4, 2. Odds: 15.70, 7.30, 11.80.

Also Ran: Future Queen (Brz), First Fighter (Brz), Fortune Danz (Brz), En Cima Do Laco (Brz), Kris Five (Brz), Desejado Outplay (Brz), Olhar Magico (Brz), Olympic Google (Brz), Link Olimpico (Brz), Fitzwilly (Brz), Justica Divina Now (Brz).

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Sunday, Cidade Jardim, Brazil

GRANDE PREMIO JOAO CECILIO FERRAZ-G1, BRZ\$76,300 (*US\$21,478*), Cidade Jardim, 5-6, 2yo, f, 1500mT, 1:29.89, fm.

1--**MAMA MIA (BRZ)**, 123, f, 2, by T. H. Approval

1st Dam: Augusta Girl (Brz) (SP-Brz), by A Good Reason (Brz)

2nd Dam: Crazy People (Brz), by Midnight Tiger

3rd Dam: Cole Slaw (Ire), by Coquelin

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

O/B-Haras Phillipson (Brz); T-A.F. Barbosa; J-R. Viana. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0. *Full to Kiss Me Now (Brz), MG1SW-Brz, G1SP-Arg. **Werk Nick Rating: A**. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Adaga Do Rei (Brz)**, 123, f, 2, **Trinniberg**--Ke Segredo (Brz), by Punk (Arg). O-Haras Do Morro e Versiani; B-Haras Ponta Pora (Brz); T-D. L. Albres.

3--**Na Balada (Brz)**, 123, f, 2, Forestry--Baila Morena (Fr), by Agnes Kamikaze (Jpn). O-Mauricio Pontarolo; B-TNT Stud (Brz); T-D. L. Albres.

Margins: SHD, 1/4, HF. Odds: 9.80, 3.20, 5.50.

Also Ran: All Red (Brz), Hembra (Brz), Hierarquia (Brz), Arrivederci (Brz), Shanghai Princess (Brz), Gana Forte (Brz).

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Sunday, Cidade Jardim, Brazil

GRANDE PREMIO JULIANO MARTINS-G1, BRZ\$75,320 (*US\$21,202*), Cidade Jardim, 5-6, 2yo, c, 1500mT, 1:28.15, fm.

1--**OLIMPICO (BRZ)**, 123, c, 2, by Jeune-Turc (Brz)

1st Dam: Incredible Melody, by Pulpit

2nd Dam: Baby Melody (Arg), by Roy

3rd Dam: Beth's Melody, by Vice Regent

1ST GROUP 1 WIN. O-Haras Moema; B-Haras Santa Camila (Brz); T-V. Fornasaro; J-N.A. Santos. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0.

Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A++.

2--**Quick Hillie (Brz)**, 123, c, 2, Quick Road (Brz)--Desejada Hillie (Brz), by Point Given. O-Stud Boa Estrela; B-Haras Cruz de Pedra (Brz); T-M. Andre.

3--**Aviao Sureno (Brz)**, 123, c, 2, First American--Notavel Surena (Brz), by Redattore (Brz). O-Neverending Stud; B-Haras Old Friends (Brz); T-T. Haidar.

Margins: 1/4, 3, NO. Odds: 3.50, 4.40, 6.80.

Also Ran: Hassan (Brz), Repeat Winner (Brz), Jet Lag (Brz), Miracle Mile (Brz).

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Saturday, Cidade Jardim, Brazil

GRANDE PREMIO OSAF-ORGANIZACION SUDAMERICANA DE FOMENTO DEL SANGUE PURA DE CORRIDA-G1, BRZ\$132,200 (*US\$37,213*), Cidade Jardim, 5-5, 3yo/up, f/m, 2000mT, 1:58.79, fm.

1--**LA VIE EN ROSE (BRZ)**, 128, f, 4, by Nedawi (GB)

1st Dam: Qualibet (Brz), by Burooj (GB)

2nd Dam: Pim Pam Pum, by Thatching (Ire)

3rd Dam: Wyndalia, by Seattle Slew

1ST GROUP 1 WIN. O-Neverending Stud; B-Stud Golconda (Brz); T-T. Haidar; J-Jeane Alves. Lifetime Record: 16-7-4-2.

*Full to Didimo (Brz), Ch. Older Horse-Brz, MG1SW-Brz, G1SP-Arg, \$538,942. **Werk Nick Rating: A++**. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Grand Amiga (Brz)**, 121, f, 3, Amigoni (Ire)--Grand Entrance (Brz), by Choctaw Ridge. O/B-Haras Cifra (Brz); T-D.L. Albres.

3--**Freeway Speed (Brz)**, 121, f, 3, Wild Event--Via Condotti, by Smart Strike. O/B-Haras Santa Maria de Araras (Brz); T-C. Oliveira.

Margins: 2 3/4, 3/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 4.90, 3.80, 2.90.

Also Ran: Nogueirinha (Brz), Famosa Carmen (Brz), Zuzu Bem (Brz), Lepate Goose (Brz), Little Querobin (Brz), Pateo do Batel (Brz), Karol King (Brz).

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Saturday, Cidade Jardim, Brazil

GRANDE PREMIO ABCPCC-ASSOCIACAO BRASILEIRA DE CRIADORES E PROPIETARIOS DO CAVALO DE CORRIDA-G1, BRZ\$126,200 (US\$35,526), Cidade Jardim, 5-5, 2yo/up, 1000mT, :54.17, fm.

1--**SCHWEINSTEIGER (BRZ), 130, c, 4, by Tiger Heart**

1st Dam: Glorious Glory (Brz), by Minstrel Glory

2nd Dam: Tappa, by Cox's Ridge

3rd Dam: Poi, by Hawaii (SAf)

1ST GROUP 1 WIN. O-Haras Rio Iguassu; B-Haras Mignon (Brz); T-A.B. Pereira; J-V. Gil. Lifetime Record: 9-5-3-0. *1/2 to Gero Dream (Brz) (Shudanz), GSW-Brz; and Olympic Glory (Brz) (Choctaw Ridge), GSP-Brz. **Werk Nick Rating: C. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Consul American (Brz), 130, h, 6, First American--Inselberg (Brz), by Yagli.** O-Stud El Gibbor; B-Stud Pousada Alegre (Brz); T-S. Macedo.

3--**Pensando Em Grana (Brz), 126, c, 3, Tiger Heart--Chocolatier (Brz), by Dodge.** O-Haras Rio Iguassu; B-Coldelaria Baptista (Brz); T-A.B. Pereira.

Margins: NO, 1 1/4, NK. Odds: 0.50, 3.70, 0.50.

Also Ran: Great Vista (Brz), Up Money (Brz), Ficante (Brz), Grecia Central (Brz).

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Aguayo (left) with Always Dreaming before his 2017 Kentucky Derby victory | Coady photo

Juan Aguayo has been a longtime foreman for Todd Pletcher. He does his best to avoid cameras and interviews but can always be found alongside Todd's best horses on their biggest day. He has meticulous attention to detail and ensures they are all perfectly turned out. He is also incredibly gentle and has a much needed calming influence on even the toughest colts. Juan is a tremendous asset to the barn and a true horseman.

--Anonymous Submission

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A Daily Roundup of Racing Articles in Non-Industry Media

Woman wins \$1.2 million on \$18 horse racing bet

A Texas woman who ponied up \$18 for a bet in the Kentucky Derby is riding high after winning a cool \$1.2 million. The lucky lady, who has been going to the Retama Park Race Track in Selma for years with her friends, said she did her homework to figure out the carefully placed wager.

Tamar Lapin, New York Post

UNSUNG HEROES

JUAN AGUAYO

Foreman, Todd Pletcher Racing Stable

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

4th-IND, \$33,000, (S), Msw, 5-8, 3, 4, /5yo, 1m, 1:40.80, ft.

WILDCARD PRADO (c, 4, Fort Prado--Top Card, by Go for Gin)

worked a best-of-nine four furlongs from the gate in :47 2/5 May 2 and was supported as the 17-10 favorite on debut.

Forced wide into the first turn, Wildcard Prado had to take some evasive action at the 6 1/2-furlong pole when Michaels

Tarnation (Sky Mesa) dumped jockey Ronald Hisby and ended up very deep entering the backstretch. Racing with just one rival

behind entering the final five-eighths of a mile, he advanced under a drive on the final turn, took command four abreast off the final corner and stretched clear to score by 7 1/4 lengths.

The winner's dam is responsible for a 2-year-old filly by Deputy Storm. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,800. **Click for the**

Equibase.com chart.

O-House Thoroughbreds & Leonard Racing Stable; B-House's Thoroughbreds (IN); T-George Leonard III.

5th-PRX, \$32,010, (S), Msw, 5-8, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:19.13, ft.

SWEET BYE AND BYE (f, 3, Sky Mesa--Twiggles, by Maria's Mon) made one trip to the races at two for trainer Tony Dutrow, finishing a good third to subsequent SW & GSP Orbolution (Orb)

going two turns over the Saratoga turf course last July. Making her first start since against these restricted foes as the 3-5 chalk in a field of four, Sweet Bye and Bye was fastest into stride and

was guided down to the inside to set an easy pace. Given her cue off the home corner, she soon put a few lengths on her rivals and was ridden out hands and heels to score by seven

lengths. Sweet Bye and Bye's dam is a half-sister to SW & GSP Abby's Angel (Touch Gold), the dam of GSW & G1SP Comicas

(Distorted Humor), and SW & GSP Cara Marie (Unbridled's Song); and a full-sister to 2010 G1 Irish Oaks runner-up Miss

Jean Brodie. Tiwggles foaled a colt by Cairo Prince in 2017 and was most recently bred to Bodemeister. Lifetime Record:

2-1-0-1, \$28,100. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Briardale Stable; B-Joseph Mark Imbesi (PA); T-Steve Klesaris.

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IN SOUTH KOREA:

Cheonjiga, g, 5, Trappe Shot--What A Girl Needs, by Dixieland Band. Seoul, 5-6, Hcp. (\$102k), 1200m. B-Nursery Place (KY). *\$85,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$14,000 2yo '15 OBSJUN.

IN FRANCE:

Flowrider, f, 3, Street Cry (Ire). See "France".

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Second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, May 9

Alternation (Distorted Humor), Pin Oak Stud, \$7,500
 143 foals of racing age/21 winners/0 black-type winners
 4-IND, Msw 1m, HOT N SWEET, 5-1

Big Band Sound (Bernstein), Gulf Coast Equine, \$2,500
 20 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
 8-EVD, Alw 5f, DE LAST DANCE, 10-1

Bind (Pulpit), Red River Farms, \$1,500
 54 foals of racing age/10 winners/1 black-type winner
 8-EVD, Alw 5f, METER, 9-5

Data Link (War Front), Claiborne Farm, \$7,500
 186 foals of racing age/20 winners/1 black-type winner
 8-TDN, Msw 6f, LAS ANA, 20-1
 \$5,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$8,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Flat Out (Flatter), Spendthrift Farm, \$10,000
 230 foals of racing age/35 winners/2 black-type winners
 4-TDN, Alw 6f, FLAT OUT SUPER, 3-1
 \$6,500 FTK OCT yrl

Rookies cont.

Holiday Promise (Harlan's Holiday), Stonewall Dominion Farm, 13 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners 4-IND, Msw 1m, BLACK NOVA, 6-1

Morning Line (Tiznow), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000 134 foals of racing age/22 winners/2 black-type winners 3-TDN, Alw 6f, MORNING LEGEND, 4-1

New Year's Day (Street Cry {Ire}), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, \$12,500 112 foals of racing age/18 winners/0 black-type winners 8-EVD, Alw 5f, GLORIOUS DAY, 8-1 \$15,000 RNA ESL YRL yrl

Shanghai Bobby (Harlan's Holiday), Ashford Stud, \$20,000 238 foals of racing age/27 winners/3 black-type winners 8-TDN, Msw 6f, CANTANKEROUS BOBBY, 20-1 \$35,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$70,000 KEE SEP yrl 8-TDN, Msw 6f, MR TO J, 6-1 \$42,000 OBS APR 2yo



ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-IND, \$32,500, Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 5-8, 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:41.83, ft.

GLADTOBEHERE (g, 4, **Super Saver**--Donnay, by Empire Maker) Lifetime Record: 15-5-2-1, \$74,458. O-Contreras Stable Inc; B-Dixiana Farms LLC (KY); T-Cipriano Contreras.

7th-WRD, \$26,400, (S), 5-8, (C), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38.86, ft.

MAKIN THE DOUGH (g, 4, **Service Stripe**--Flew Past Em, by Fast Play) Lifetime Record: MSP, 14-3-5-2, \$116,262. O-Rick S Engel; B-Rusty Roberts (OK); T-Roger F Engel. *\$5,200 Ylg '15 HEROCT.

8th-WRD, \$26,400, (S), 5-7, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.20, ft.

KISS MY BLING (f, 4, **Too Much Bling**--Kiss Me Chocolate, by Evansville Slew) Lifetime Record: 14-5-4-0, \$67,646. O-Jose Ernesto Morales; B-Joe Petalino & Gedda Quinonez (OK); T-Arnold Morales.

1st-WRD, \$23,199, 5-8, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.41, ft.

EXY XANADU (m, 5, **Euroears**--Edith Ann, by Haymarket {GB}) Lifetime Record: 15-8-2-2, \$91,110. O/T-Donald G Trett; B-Robert Albright (OK).

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Missin the Big Dog, c, 3, **Archarcharch**--Merry Princess (MSW, \$319,164), by Polish Numbers. PRX, 5-8, 6f, 1:11.98. B-Pewter Stable (PA). *1/2 to Merry's Honor (Congressionalhonor), SW, \$251,571; and Zensational Merry (Zensational), SP, \$208,638. **\$16,000 Ylg '16 EASJAN; \$27,000 Ylg '16 EASOCT.

Hold On Angel, c, 3, **Hold Me Back**--Angel's Royalty, by Mesopotamia. IND, 5-8, (S), 1m, 1:39.77. B-Walter T Bates (IN). *\$4,500 RNA Ylg '16 FTKOCT.

Czech Included, f, 3, **Include**--Trench Cat, by Thunder Gulch. WRD, 5-8, 5 1/2f, 1:05.56. B-La Bahia Stud Inc (TX). *1/2 to Durocher (Niagara Causeway), SW, \$137,923. **\$1,200 Ylg '16 TEXAUG; \$25,000 2yo '17 TEXAPR.

Regal Rocket Man, g, 3, **Regal Ransom**--Compliment Tree, by Flatter. TDN, 5-8, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:07.84. B-Rick D & Shelly L Terrell (OH). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Backstage Star, f, 3, **Star Guitar**--Jordyn's Theatrics, by Theatrical (Ire). LAD, 5-7, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06.87. B-Brittlyn Stables Inc (LA).

Tiz Hot, g, 3, **Tiz Wonderful**--Alpha Heat (SW & GSP, \$336,966), by Alphabet Soup. TDN, 5-8, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:07.20. B-Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm (OH).

Star in Charge, g, 4, **Save Big Money**--Chasing the Queen, by Posse. WRD, 5-7, 5 1/2f, 1:05.30. B-B E Howerter (KS).

Chamade, m, 5, **Flatter**--Pola's Place (SW, \$150,550), by Out of Place. IND, 5-8, 6f, 1:11.26. B-J O'Meara, C Goldberg, R Rosee (KY). *\$22,000 RNA Wlg '13 KEENOV.

My Best Shot, g, 6, **Tactical Cat**--Straitshootn Lady, by Straight Man. LAD, 5-7, 7 1/2fT, 1:32.81. B-Kathleen Einerson (OK).

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ARCHARCHARCH, Missin the Big Dog, c, 3, o/o Merry Princess, by Polish Numbers. MSW, 5-8, Parx Racing

EUROEARS, Exy Xanadu, m, 5, o/o Edith Ann, by Haymarket (GB). ALW, 5-8, Will Rogers

FLATTER, Chamade, m, 5, o/o Pola's Place, by Out of Place. MSW, 5-8, Indiana Grand Race Course

FORT PRADO, Wildcard Prado, c, 4, o/o Top Card, by Go for Gin. MSW, 5-8, Indiana Grand Race Course

HOLD ME BACK, Hold On Angel, c, 3, o/o Angel's Royalty, by Mesopotamia. MSW, 5-8, Indiana Grand

INCLUDE, Czech Included, f, 3, Include o/o Trench Cat, by Thunder Gulch. MSW, 5-8, Will Rogers

REGAL RANSOM, Regal Rocket Man, g, 3, o/o Compliment Tree, by Flatter. MSW, 5-8, Thistledown

SAVE BIG MONEY, Star in Charge, g, 4, o/o Chasing the Queen, by Posse. MSW, 5-7, Will Rogers

SERVICE STRIPE, Makin the Dough, g, 4, o/o Flew Past Em, by Fast Play. ALW, 5-8, Will Rogers

SKY MESA, Sweet Bye and Bye, f, 3, o/o Twiggles, by Maria's Mon. MSW, 5-8, Parx Racing

STAR GUITAR, Backstage Star, f, 3, o/o Jordyn's Theatrics, by Theatrical (Ire). MSW, 5-7, Louisiana Downs

SUPER SAVER, Gladtogether, g, 4, o/o Donnay, by Empire Maker. AOC, 5-8, Indiana Grand Race Course

TACTICAL CAT, My Best Shot, g, 6, o/o Straitshootn Lady, by Straight Man. MSW, 5-7, Louisiana Downs

TIZ WONDERFUL, Tiz Hot, g, 3, o/o Alpha Heat, by Alphabet Soup. MSW, 5-8, Thistledown

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DURACK BACKING BREEZE-UP BUYS



Seamus Durack's Chester hopeful Cayirli | racingfotos.com

By Chris McGrath

What a race in which to hope for a breakthrough—this white-knuckle stampede, round and round the roulette wheel of the Roodee. But if Cayirli (Fr) (Medicean {GB}) will need luck in the 188Bet Chester Cup on Friday, then his trainer has certainly earned it.

Not just because Seamus Durack's talents have, hitherto, seldom been matched by opportunity. Nor because his career as a jump jockey was effectively ended by such a dreadful fall, his femur broken in three and his hip dislocated. There are plenty of others around, after all, with similar complaints; plenty of others dismayed to see owners herd so unimaginatively round the same, few fashionable yards. But this is a horseman-reflective, acute, inquisitive-of unusual resources. And now, moreover, he has matched need with nerve.

This spring the Irishman took a step back, and recognised three things. One was that a stable as small as the one he has been operating in Upper Lambourn for the past five years could ill afford the dilution of its precious successes by such an even split between Flat and jump horses. Another was that preserving a suitable standard would reduce even the numbers he had to maybe a dozen or so. And the other was that the place to do something about the situation, and quickly, was the breeze-ups.

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NOSEDA LOSES PHOENIX HORSES; GRONKOWSKI TO CHAD BROWN

Trainer Jeremy Noseda revealed on Twitter early on Tuesday that all horses owned by **Phoenix Thoroughbreds** in his Shalfleet Stables in Newmarket had been removed. Those included the one-time GI Kentucky Derby aspirant Gronkowski (Lonhro {Aus}), who will be sent to New York-based trainer Chad Brown ahead of an expected bid for the GI Belmont S. on June 9, Phoenix's Vice President of Equine Operations Tom Ludt told *Racing Post*. Ludt also revealed that trainer Martyn Meade, who is the father-in-law of bloodstock agent Dermot Farrington, who is also involved with Phoenix, has received the €1.4-million two-for-two Walk In The Sun (Street Sense).

Trainer Ed Vaughan confirmed to the *TDN* that he had received a pair of 2-year-olds formerly under Noseda's care.

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IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

QUIP CONFIRMED FOR PREAKNESS, MAGIC ON FENCE

GI Tampa Bay Derby winner **Quip** (Distorted Humor) has been confirmed for the May 19 GI Preakness S. **Good Magic** (Curlin)'s connections are still mulling a start in the middle jewel. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

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Durack Backing Breeze-Up Buys Cont. from p1

At Ascot, Doncaster and the Craven, Durack assembled no fewer than eight new recruits to The Croft. A sluggish market has been partly blamed on a lack of trainers with orders. But Durack didn't have the orders, either. He just had belief, and bottle.

"Sometimes you have to take calculated risks," he says. "I wouldn't necessarily have anyone to move these horses onto, straightaway, but otherwise you won't have anything at all. So I suppose you have to be prepared for things to go against you as well. Which is grand, I'm not complaining, that's the nature of the game."

"We've been doing well with the type of horses we've had, but had got too static. Last year we had a few that had reached a plateau. We bought a few nice older horses at the end of the year, but had no 2-year-olds. So I just wanted to be a bit aggressive and start pushing things forward. It's hard to find clients, but I know that these horses were all well bought."

"The ground has been very loose at some of the sales, and a lot of the horses didn't handle it. People have been relying more and more on times and stride length, they're even adjusting for some vendors breezing quicker or slower than others. But I don't know if they have often come across this type of ground and the effect it can have, especially on more backward horses."

Even in a market of inflated catalogues and depressed demand, Durack still had to look for an angle. At the Craven Sale, for instance, he cut a deal for a Dutch Art (GB) (Medicean {GB}) colt bought in by Oak Tree Farm for 50,000gns. His dam is out of a half-sister to three Group/Grade 1 winners in Eagle

Mountain (GB) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}), Dank (GB)(Dansili {GB}) and Sulk (Ire) (Selkirk).

"I think he'd have made 200 grand, plus, if his X-rays had been clean," Durack said. "He breezed very fast, finished really strong, the times and data were really good and Norman [Williamson] had told me how nice he was. The X-rays of his knees weren't great, but I think a lot of horses with worse X-rays are running around as 4- and 5-year-olds. He's very sound and I'm going to crack on with him. He could be a Royal Ascot horse, I think he's tremendous value."

At the same sale Durack picked up a strapping Exceed And Excel (Aus) (Danehill) colt from a top-class Aga Khan family for 75,000gns, while the three he bought at Ascot and one at Doncaster were supplemented by a couple of unsold lots

entrusted to his care with a brief to draw out their value.

And that, despite the limited chances he has had, is demonstrably something Durack is equipped to do. Take his very first winner, Qaraaba (GB) (Shamardal), a Shadwell cast-off who had been able to win a maiden at two for John Dunlop but had then disappeared until the July Sale at Tattersalls.

"She obviously had issues," the 42-year-old recalls. "She was a massive unit, a typical Shamardal, and they said she

was hanging, she was running off the gallops, she was tying up. It was nearly a year before we ironed out her problems and got her to win."

She did so, in a Sandown handicap, off 73. By the time Peter Deal sold her to join Simon Callaghan in California, she was rated 102 and had been beaten barely a length in the Wolferton at Royal Ascot. **Cont. p3**

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Durack Backing Breeze-Up Buys Cont.

In four starts leading up to that race, she had been beaten only by a subsequent group winner running off 85.

"Unfortunately at Ascot she was drawn widest, was very keen and dropped in last," Durack says. "That didn't really suit the track, and she ended up not quite getting there. But Peter sold her very well, to Lady Bamford and Michael Tabor, and she did win a Grade III for Simon before getting injured."

Nor was that a flash in the pan. The Rectifier (Langfuhr) was a 6-year-old rated 88 when Durack restored him to form, winning four races in a year on his way up to 106. Then there was the painful case of Litigant (GB) (Sinndar {Ire}), found at Doncaster in January 2013 for just £18,500. It was 18 months since his last start for Andre Fabre, and he was reputed to have a back problem; he was "gobby," wouldn't accept the bit.

Durack discovered that the horse had a blind wolf tooth, and also fired his palate. After flying into second on his debut for the yard, Litigant won his next three races including the All-Weather Championship Marathon. Here was the horse to put his trainer on the map.

But Litigant got a leg; and, during his absence, his owner moved his horses on. (Among them was one who had joined Durack with a career record of 0-15 and a rating of 65, only to reel off three wins in a row before running fourth in the November Handicap off 88.) Litigant resurfaced for Joe Tuite and promptly won the Ebor.

Unbowed, last year Durack received a steeplechaser from Ireland palpably on the downgrade: 2 1/2 years without a win, and tailed off in blinkers on his last start. He won his second, third and fourth starts for Durack, advancing his rating from 102 to 129 in the process.

And now there is Cayirli, a roll of the dice-at €80,000 in Arqana's Autumn Sale in 2015-on an Aga Khan horse who had been plying his trade at 10 furlongs for Jean-Claude Rouget.

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Durack Backing Breeze-Up Buys Cont.

"He's out of a Montjeu mare," Durack says. "I'd looked at the videos and he was getting tapped for toe before staying on, dropped in too far a couple of times as well. I was sure one of the jump lads would be in for him, but they were going for the bigger horses; he has grown quite a bit since coming here."

Durack targeted the Ascot S., but the horse missed the cut so was chanced in the Queen Alexandra instead. Making only his fourth start for the yard, and dismissed at 40-1, he finished second of 18. Since then, Cayirli developed a problem tying up. But Durack has changed his diet and put him on a herbal mix. After a 537-day absence, the forgotten 6-year-old reappeared in the Queen's Prize at Kempton last month. He started at 50-1, was always travelling strongly, and bolted up. A perfectly reasonable 5lbs hike guarantees him a start at Chester.



Cayirli | *Racing Post*

"Faye Bramley used to ride Litigant a lot, and she says he's as good," Durack says. "What he has now, that he didn't have before, is a gear. Obviously stayers improve with time. That massive run at Ascot maybe knocked him for the rest of the year. But he's a lot stronger now."

Even the fact that few of around 450 winners Durack rode as a jockey were of elite calibre arguably represents an ideal grounding. Very often it is the journeymen, not the champion jockeys, who prove best equipped for the day-to-day problems of the horse in training. But few insiders to the sport, of any rank, have shared Durack's determination to ask each question afresh; to learn for himself, rather than as someone else's assistant. As such, perhaps the key to what sets him apart is that little, throwaway detail in Cayirli's story, about tracking down a herbal treatment.

"I've done it all methodically, really educated myself through the whole field," Durack stresses. "If I don't know something, I'll research it until I know it inside out. I've done it for myself, first hand. If I do something, it's not because I'm following somebody else but because I have seen all the effects or drawbacks of all different types of exercise. It probably took me more time that way, but it's been a really interesting learning curve."

"If you can do it by trial and error, and approach it scientifically, I think in the long run it's probably the best way to learn. I suppose it's a bit similar to the way Martin Pipe figured it out for himself. Obviously I wouldn't even remotely compare myself to him. But he just went through that process of figuring it out when he didn't have any experience."

Durack, in contrast, is a lifelong horseman. So, for all his natural modesty, he has a persuasive conviction. "My horses get a good base of fitness and strength, and then they start doing shorter, faster work," he explains. "I'm surprised how little you get away with jumpers, especially, to keep them fresh and hold their form. A lot of jump horses you see at the races get very lean and over-trained. We've had horses that looked like hat-racks before and given them a break, fed them and built them up into our regime-and then they're eating away and they're fresh."

"I can definitely train. It takes time to get a good team, the way we have now. There's no corners cut, and we try and communicate well with the owners. But it's the same as riding: you can just be tipping away and then when you get a bit of success, the whole thing can snowball."

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Noseda Loses Phoenix Horses, Gronkowski To Chad Brown Cont. from p1

Ludt told *Racing Post* those were a \$875,000 daughter of Scat Daddy bought at OBS March and last year's Arqana August top lot, a €1.55-million son of Dubawi (Ire) and the Group 1-winning Giofra (GB) (Dansili {GB}).

"The Phoenix-owned horses have left Shalfleet. I am shocked and surprised. I have received no reason or explanation for their decision," Noseda Tweeted on Tuesday.

The change comes two months after **Phoenix parted ways** with its former bloodstock and racing manager Kerri Radcliffe, Noseda's former partner. Ludt told *Racing Post*, "[Phoenix founder and CEO] Amer [Abdulaziz] has a vision and Kerri and Jeremy were integral parts of the group when it started. The group has grown a lot in a short period of time."

"We're an international group with a lot of horses in America, Europe and Australia. To a degree it's kind of like a personnel change, and our opinion was to make a change." [Cont. p5](#)



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He said, "We decided to move the horses and scatter them around with multiple trainers, rather than being concentrated with one trainer. The decision wasn't taken lightly."

"The 2-year-olds are spread out with Martyn Meade, Karl Burke, Ed Vaughan and Robert Cowell. The older horses are being spread out to the same guys. Sir Michael Stoute and Andre Fabre already train 2-year-olds for us. It's unfortunate but sometimes decisions have to be made. We felt it was a change that was necessary for Phoenix to take on the next step of its plan. We'll continue to buy, continue to race and hopefully continue to win. This does not preclude us from having horses with Jeremy again." ([Return to story p1](#))

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Study of Man | Scoop Dyga

MAN UP

Study of Man (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) registered a two-length debut score going one mile at this track in his sole juvenile start Sept. 21 and ran second to Chilean (GB) (Iffraaj {GB}) in the Apr. 8 G3 Prix La Force upped to nine panels at ParisLongchamp on sophomore return last time. The homebred bay set a moderate tempo initially and accepted a tow in second as **Assiro (GB)** (Declaration of War) took over before halfway. Looming large once into the home straight, he led soon after passing the two pole and was ridden clear in the closing stages to secure a career high in impressive fashion.

"There is no doubt he is very good, he has the attitude and temperament of a very good horse, and was truly convincing today," commented trainer Pascal Bary after registering a fourth success in the contest. "The reason for defeat last time was the lack of a previous run this year and the very heavy ground. His action is much better on faster ground and he showed that in the way he lengthened today. We'll now discuss which option to go for and will decide if we go to Epsom [for the June 2 G1 Epsom Derby] or Chantilly [for the June 3 G1 Prix du Jockey Club]."

Should Study of Man aim for Epsom, it would be likely his champion Japanese sire would have two representatives in the blue riband, with Saturday's G1 2000 Guineas winner Saxon Warrior (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) also likely headed that way.

Epsom is not on the cards for runner-up **Alounak (Fr)** (Camelot {GB}), who will point to Chantilly or Hamburg in his bid for Classic glory. "I think he put up a good performance, but there was no pace and he needs a truly run race," said trainer Jean-Pierre Carvalho. "We'll take him home, see how he comes out of this and will then decide if we come back to France [for the June 3 G1 Prix du Jockey Club at Chantilly] or stay at home and aim him at the [July 8 G1 Deutsches Derby [at Hamburg]."

Pedigree Notes...

Study of Man is one of four scorers and the leading performer out of Second Happiness (Storm Cat) and he is kin to the 2-year-old colt Tiki (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and a filly foal by Galileo (Ire). His second dam is the storied MG1SW multiple champion Miesque (Nureyev), who produced MG1SW European highweight East of the Moon (Private Account) and the sires Kingmambo (Mr. Prospector), Miesque's Son (Mr. Prospector) and Mingun (A.P. Indy). Other descendants of Miesque feature the top-level winners Rumpelstiltskin (Ire) (Danehill), Tapestry (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Karakontie (Jpn) (Bernstein), Real Steel (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) and Amanee (Aus) (Pivotal {GB}). [Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

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Tuesday, Saint-Cloud, France

PRIX GREFFULHE-G2, €130,000, SCD, 5-8, 3yo, c/f, 10 1/2fT, 2:19.29, gd.

1--**STUDY OF MAN (IRE)**, 128, c, 3, by Deep Impact (Jpn)

1st Dam: Second Happiness, by Storm Cat

2nd Dam: Miesque, by Nureyev

3rd Dam: Pasadoble, by Prove Out

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN. O/B-Flaxman Stables Ireland Ltd (IRE); T-Pascal Bary; J-Stephane Pasquier. €74,100. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, €103,600. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++ *Triple Plus***. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)



2--**Alounak (Fr)**, 128, c, 3, **Camelot (GB)**--Awe Struck (GB), by Rail Link (GB). (€110,000 Ylg '16 ARAUG). O-Darius Racing; B-East Bloodstock & SCEA des Prairies (FR); T-Jean-Pierre Carvalho. €28,600.

G2 Prix Greffulhe Cont.

3--**Alhadab (Fr)**, 128, c, 3, **Camelot (GB)**--Grace Lady (Fr), by Muhtathir (GB). (€180,000 Ylg '16 ARAUG). O-Al Shaqab Racing; B-Jean-Philippe Dubois (FR); T-Andre Fabre. €13,650. Margins: 3HF, 2HF, HF. Odds: 1.10, 3.10, 1.70. Also Ran: Assiro (GB). [Click for the Racing Post result.](#) [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

IDEAL OPPORTUNITY

Wednesday's G3 Prix Texanita at Maisons-Laffitte offers the chance for the country's 3-year-old sprinters to begin their journey towards a possible tilt at Royal Ascot's G1 Commonwealth Cup. Among them is Godolphin's unexposed **Beau Ideal (GB)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), who nosed out the re-opposing **Absolute City (Fr)** (Elusive City) in the Listed Criterium de Vitesse over five furlongs on very soft ground at Chantilly in October.



Beau Ideal & Absolute City face off again at Maisons-Laffitte on Wednesday | Scoop Dyga

The operation's Lisa-Jane Graffard commented, "Beau Ideal has done very well from two to three. But this is his seasonal comeback and he had little setback, nothing serious, in February so he is likely to need the run. He should like the ground if, as expected, it remains on the fast side."

Alistair (Fr) (Panis) was best of these to have raced in the six-furlong G3 Prix Sigy at Chantilly Apr. 13, having finished a short-neck second to Sands of Mali (Fr) (Panis) there and while the winner is not here, there is another British raider worthy of respect in the ultra-consistent all-weather specialist **Corinthia Knight (Ire)** (Society Rock {Ire}). He comes here on the back of a four-timer, with the penultimate success coming in the Listed Prix Montenica over 6 1/2 furlongs at Chantilly Mar. 15.

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WHO'S THE DADDY?

The Galileo factor is particularly prevalent at Chester's key meeting, with eight successes out of the 13 group races that he has had a representative. In the G3 Centennial Celebration - MBNA Chester Vase S., he was responsible for the first and third last year and in 2007, the one-two in 2016 and 2011 and the winner in 2013 and 2014. They included the future Classic winners Soldier of Fortune (Ire), Treasure Beach (GB), Ruler of the World (Ire) and an Epsom Derby runner-up in US Army Ranger (Ire), so it is clear that Ballydoyle mean business in this traditional trial for the blue riband. Pick of his sons this time appears to be last year's G3 Eyrefield S. scorer **Flag of Honour (Ire)**, who was a narrow third on his return behind Pharrell (Fr) (Manduro {Ger}) and Tuesday's G2 Prix Greffulhe third Alhadab (Fr) (Camelot {GB}) on his return in the G3 Prix Noailles over 10 1/2 furlongs at ParisLongchamp Apr. 15, while the seven-furlong Gowran Park maiden scorer **Family Tree (GB)** adds intrigue as a half-brother to the top sprinter Reckless Abandon (GB) (Exchange Rate) and last year's Listed Lingfield Derby Trial winner Best Approach (GB) (New Approach {Ire}).

Despite the overwhelming evidence for the Galileos, Ryan Moore has instead opted for the stable's **Hunting Horn (Ire)** (Camelot {GB}) who is a half-brother to David Livingston (Ire), one of the rare Galileos to disappoint in this when fourth as the 6-4 favourite in 2012. Hunting Horn looked unlucky to be only third in the Apr. 27 G3 Sandown Classic Trial over a mile and a quarter, where the re-opposing **Ispolini (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) was 1 1/4 lengths ahead in second.

Ispolini's trainer Charlie Appleby is keen on exposing the latter, a 1.2million gns TATOCT descendant of the magnificent Magnificent Style (Silver Hawk), to more seasoning ahead of the European Derbys.

"I was very pleased with Ispolini's seasonal debut at Sandown and he looks to have come on for that race," he said. "The step up in trip to a mile and a half will suit him and he should be competitive in the Chester Vase."

One of the hottest renewals in recent times also sees William Haggas throw his hat into the ring with Investec's Bernard Kantor's colour-bearer **Young Rascal (Fr)** (Intello {Ger}), a strong-staying five-length winner of an often-informative 11-furlong Newbury maiden Apr. 21.

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TDN Q & A

WITH CHARLIE FELLOWES

The *TDN*'s Gary King sat down with Newmarket trainer and *TDN* columnist Charlie Fellowes for a Q&A session. Fellowes has a burgeoning team at his St Gatien Cottage Stables and has Prince Of Arran entered for this Friday's Chester Cup.



Charlie Fellowes | Emma Berry

GK: What's the best thing about living and training in Newmarket?

CF: The facilities are second to none and the gallops are absolutely incredible. We have a fantastic team of groundsmen who look after everything impeccably and that takes a huge amount of stress out of the trainer's life. This winter has been one of the worst and yet my horses never missed a day's training. I also get on with a lot of the trainers in town so socially it is good. That said, there is a small part of me that craves to have my own space and turn-out paddocks, and there are only a few select yards that have that luxury.

GK: If you could train anywhere else, where would it be?

CF: If I could have any yard in the world I would chose Pegasus Stables, the home of James Fanshawe. I worked there for five years and it is the most beautiful yard around. The Fanshawes have the best of both worlds because it is right on the edge of Newmarket and has plenty of paddock space, while it also has

the benefits of all the facilities Newmarket has to offer. I spent a summer working in Chantilly when I was much younger and I loved it there. I was light enough to ride out--who would have thought it!--and there was a heatwave while I was over there. The gallops were pretty special.

GK: Who is your favourite racehorse of all time, and why?

CF: There will be a recurring theme here, I'm afraid. Society Rock (Ire) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}) is my favourite racehorse. He was the toughest colt I have ever come across. He had his issues but he was one of those horses that put 120% into every race and when things fell right, he was very, very good. This might upset a few Aussies but I am adamant that if he hadn't have reared up when the stalls opened in the Diamond Jubilee at Ascot, he would have beaten Black Caviar. He also had bundles of personality and you couldn't help but love him. I must also give a special mention to a horse I trained called Wet Sail (Henrythenavigator). He was the first decent horse I had and ran at the Breeders' Cup in 2014. He was nowhere near the level of Society Rock but to my career he was huge. He was another of those horses that had a personality that grabbed you and I adored him. He also provided me with the worst day of my career when one December morning he broke his leg galloping and I had to watch him being put down. It took me a while to get over that.

GK: Which race would you like to win above all others?

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Charlie Fellowes on Society Rock

CF: This is a hard question because I find it very hard to differentiate between all the top races globally. As a racehorse trainer I crave to be competing at the top level and whether that is a Guineas, Derby, Arc, Melbourne Cup, Breeders' Cup, etc., I'm not fussy. [Cont. p8](#)

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CF :They are all incredibly special races, with phenomenal atmospheres and occasions that we all want to be part of. I do have a special place in my heart for Royal Ascot as I think it epitomises everything that is great about British racing. I would take a win at Royal Ascot any day of the week.

GK: Do you set specific goals and targets each year? Number of winners, win percentage, etc.?

CF: My only goal is to better the year before. That will become more and more difficult but at the moment we have achieved that with both our winners and prize-money tallies.

GK: This is a very cliché question, but which three people would you most like to sit down to dinner with (inside racing)?

CF: Aidan O'Brien, Sir Michael Stoute and Willie Mullins. Three masters of a trade I hope to be good at!

GK: And outside racing?

CF: We have a programme in England called 'Would I Lie To You' that always makes me laugh. The three comedians that are on it every week are Lee Mach, Rob Brydon and David Mitchell. I think they would make very amusing dinner party guests.

GK: What are you most looking forward to for the season ahead?

CF: Personally, I am hopeful that my yard has got a big-race winner in it this year. I couldn't tell you where or when but we have some lovely horses and I am sure it is just around the corner. In a broader sense, at some point this year Cracksman (GB) (Frankel {GB}) and Enable (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}) are hopefully going to take each other on, and when that does happen it will be one of the biggest match-ups I have seen as they are two special horses.

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FIRST-SEASON SIRE WITH RUNNERS

Wednesday, May 8, 2018:

UNITED KINGDOM

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

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

13:50-CHESTER, 5f, DARK THUNDER (IRE)

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

13:50-CHESTER, 5f, FIVE AMARONES (IRE)

€36,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2016; 35,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2017 - Book 2



Coach House is seeking his first winner at Chester on Wednesday.
Racing Post

Coach House (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}), Bucklands Farm & Stud (GB)

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

13:50-CHESTER, 5f, THEGREYVTRAIN (GB)

5,000gns RNA Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2016; 3,334gns Tattersalls Ireland Ascot Sept. Yearling Sale 2017

BRITAIN



GOFFS UK SPRING HIT & P2P CATALOGUE OUT

A total of 398 horses-in-training and point-to-pointers have been **catalogued** for the May 23-24 Goffs UK Spring HIT/P2P Sale at Doncaster which follows the May 22 Goffs UK Spring Store Sale. **Cont. p9**



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Goffs UK Spring Cont.

May 23 is geared primarily toward point-to-pointers, with the Select P2P and Form Horse Session, the annual Million In Mind Dispersal and select Horses-in-Training Drafts. The second day features horses-in-training drafts.

TEMPORARY LICENCE FOR MUSSELBURGH

Musselburgh Racecourse has been granted a temporary licence by the British Horseracing Authority that expires on Oct. 16. The racecourse's previous temporary licence expired on May 5. Musselburgh's remaining 2018 flat fixtures through Oct. 16 can now go ahead as planned.

SALISBURY 7F RACES ABANDONED

Two seven-furlong races carded at Salisbury on May 17 have been abandoned, the British Horseracing Authority announced on Tuesday. The seven-furlong start at the racecourse remains unraceable. Two replacement races at other distances and another race have been added to make a seven-race card.

Wednesday, Chester, post time: 2.25 p.m.

ARKLE FINANCE CHESHIRE OAKS (FOR THE ROBERT SANGSTER MEMORIAL CUP)-Listed, £76,000, 3yo, f, 11f 75yT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	5	Award Winning (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Dettori	Gosden
2	8	Dramatically	War Front	Heffernan	A O'Brien
3	3	Forever Together (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	D O'Brien	A O'Brien
4	6	Hazarfiya (GB)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Doyle	Stoute
5	7	Here's Alice (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	McDonald	Hills
6	9	Kinaesthesia (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Murphy	Beckett
7	1	Magic Wand (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Moore	A O'Brien
8	10	Princess Yaiza (Ire)	Casamento (Ire)	Norton	Cromwell
9	2	Shaherezada (Ire)	Dutch Art (GB)	Atzeni	Varian
10	4	Shailene (Ire)	Rip Van Winkle (Ire)	Probert	Balding

All carry 126 pounds.

Despite its listed status, this is the race in which Enable (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}) first came to the fore last year and became the second Epsom Oaks winner to use it as a springboard after Light Shift (Kingmambo) in 2007. It is hard to believe now, but Alluringly (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) was even-money to beat Enable 12 months ago, but with Aidan O'Brien successful five times since 2008 it made perfect sense at the time. This year Ballydoyle, who have come to relish Chester's May meeting as a perfect education for their Epsom hopefuls, have a trio of unknown quantities with Ryan Moore on the least-proven of them in **Magic Wand**. A €1.4million half-sister to the G1 Irish Oaks heroine Chicquita (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}), she has the pedigree to leave her relatively modest maiden form behind now that firmer pressure will have been applied at Rosegreen. Interestingly, Enable's trainer John Gosden has opted to run

another Coolmore-owned filly in opposition to the Ballydoyle representatives in **Award Winning** just 10 days after her maiden win over 10 furlongs at Wetherby.

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Tuesday's Results:

1st-THI, £6,000, Cond, 5-8, 2yo, 5fT, :59.12, g/f.

FASTMAN (IRE) (c, 2, Elzaam {Aus}--Manalisa {Ire}, by Manduro {Ger}) relinquished a prominent position and chased the leaders in sixth after the early exchanges of this first go. Coming under increased pressure at halfway, the 7-1 chance joined the front rank entering the final furlong and was pushed out to score by an ultimately snug 1 1/4 lengths from Dragon Beat (Ire) (Dragon Pulse {Ire}). He is the lone winner from two runners and the latest foal produced by a half-sister to MGISP GII Honeymoon Breeders' Cup H. victress Valbenny (Ire) (Val Royal {Fr}). Sales history: €18,500 Wlg '16 GOFNOV; £25,000 Ylg '17 GOUKPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,261. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** 1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Craig Miller; B-Alan & Elaine Strain (IRE); T-David O'Meara.

2nd-THI, £9,000, Mdn, 5-8, 3yo, f, 7fT, 1:27.04, g/f.

MYSTIC MEG (GB) (f, 3, Camelot {GB}--Hypnology, by Gone West), who posted an eight-length second to the 'TDN Rising Star' display of Magic Lily (GB) (New Approach {Ire}) in her Sept. 23 debut tackling one mile at Newmarket last time, was roused from the gate to claim control after the initial strides of this seasonal bow. Turning for home with a five-length advantage, the 2-1 favourite was stoked up passing the quarter-mile pole and ridden out inside the final eighth to prevail by 1 1/2 lengths from Margie's Choice (Ger) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}). Half-sister to the 2-year-old filly Feliciano (GB) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), she is the second scorer produced by an unraced daughter of G1 1000 Guineas-winning European highweight Sleepytime (Ire) (Royal Academy), herself the dam of five stakes performers including G3 Winter Derby-winning sire Gentleman's Deal (Ire) (Danehill), G3 Superior Mile victor Hathal (Speightstown) and GSP sire Spanish Harlem (Ire) (Danehill). Sales history: 67,000gns Ylg '16 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$9,711. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Duke of Roxburghe; B-Highclere Stud & Ms Y Jacques (GB); T-Hugo Palmer.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

6th-BRG, £4,800, Cond, 5-8, 3yo/up, 7f 211yT, 1:36.14, g/f.

SHARP OPERATOR (GB) (g, 5, Medicean {GB}--Helen Sharp {GB}, by Pivotal {GB}) Lifetime Record: 18-2-1-3, \$13,198. O-Lee Brooks; B-Bumble Bloodstock & Mrs S Nicholls (GB); T-C Wallis. *23,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT.

British Report Cont.**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

Soumei (Ire), g, 3, **Epaulette (Aus)**--Zoumie (Ire), by Mark of Esteem (Ire). BRG, 5-8, 5f 60yT, 1:03.05. B-Dr Tom Purcell (IRE). *€54,000 Wlg '15 GOFNOV; 60,000gns Ylg '16 TAOCT.

Militia (GB), c, 3, **Equiano (Fr)**--Sweet As Honey (GB), by Duke of Marmalade (Ire). THI, 5-8, 5fT, :59.11. B-JNP Bloodstock Ltd (GB). *14,000gns Wlg '15 TATFOA; €45,000 Ylg '16 GOFSP; 35,000gns 2yo '17 TATHIT.

Blazing Saddles (GB), c, 3, **High Chaparral (Ire)**--Desert Sage (GB) (GSP-US, \$123,353), by Selkirk. THI, 5-8, 12f 8yT, 1:40.80. B-J H Richmond-Watson (GB).

FRANCE**Tuesday's Results:**

4th-SCD, €25,000, Mdn, 5-8, unraced 3yo, c/g, 8fT, 1:42.80, gd.

EMPERATOR (FR) (c, 3, Motivator {GB}--Equity {Fr}, by Anabaa) was just off the pace in sixth for most of this debut. Caught in a pocket in the straight, the 73-10 chance quickened through a gap to challenge entering the final furlong and kept on strongly to assert by 1 3/4 lengths from Dramatic Device (GB) (Dansili {GB}). Kin to the 2-year-old filly Euryanthe (Fr) (Muhtathir {GB}), he is the fourth scorer produced by a daughter of the three-times stakes-placed Ensorcelles Moi (Riverman), herself a half-sister to Listed Prix de l'Avre and Listed Prix Pelleas-winning sire Arabian King (Fr) (Arzai) out of G1 Prix de Diane heroine Escaline (Fr) (Arctic Tern). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €12,500. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Mme Yolande Seydoux de Clausonne, Jose Bruneau de la Salle, Fabrice Vermeulen & Mme Laetitia Louis; B-Mme Yolande Seydoux de Clausonne (FR); T-Fabrice Vermeulen.

5th-SCD, €25,000, Mdn, 5-8, unraced 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:41.06, gd.

FLOWRIDER (f, 3, Street Cry {Ire}--Wavering {Ire}, by Refuse to Bend {Ire}) tracked the leaders in fifth until improving two spots on the home turn. Coming under pressure to challenge in early straight, the 23-5 chalk dominated to go safely clear entering the final eighth and ran on strongly to comfortably best Frankel Light (Ire) (Frankel {GB}) by 2 1/2 lengths. The homebred bay is a daughter of G1 Prix Saint-Alary heroine Wavering (Ire) (Refuse to Bend {Ire}) and is thus a full-sister to G3 Prix de Flore runner-up Switching. She is also kin to a 2-year-old colt by Medaglia d'Oro and a yearling colt by War Front. Wavering, who is out of G1 Prix Saint-Alary third Summertime Legacy (GB) (Darshaan {GB}), is a half to G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud victor Mandaeen

(GB) (Manduro {Ger}) and G1 Fillies' Mile placegetter Winters Moon (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}), from a family which fetures G1 Epsom Derby-winning dual champion Golden Fleece (Nijinsky II). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €12,500. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Godolphin SNC; B-Godolphin (KY); T-Andre Fabre.

**FIRST WINNER FOR SIRE**

1st-LTS, €18,000, Mdn, 5-8, unraced 2yo, c/g, 6fT, 1:13.10, gd. HARMLESS (FR) (c, 2, Anodin {Ire}--Snowbright {GB}, by Pivotal {GB}) raced in fifth through the initial fractions, but was shuffled back to seventh on the home turn in this debut. Coming under pressure in early straight, the well-backed 19-5 chance made continued headway to challenge wide approaching the final furlong and was pushed out to score by a comfortable 3 1/2 lengths from Granacci (Fr) (Evasive {GB}), becoming the first winner for his Haras du Quesnay-based freshman sire (by Anabaa). The €35,000 ARAUG yearling is the second of two foals and the first scorer produced by an unraced daughter of the stakes-winning Snow Gretel (Ire) (Green Desert). Snow Gretel is herself a half-sister to G2 Royal Lodge S. victor and G1 2000 Guineas runner-up Snow Ridge (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}) out of stakes-winning G1 Prix Royal-Oak second Snow Princess (Ire) (Ela-Mana-Mou {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €9,000. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Wertheimer & Frere; B-Sydney Vidal (FR); T-Christophe Ferland.

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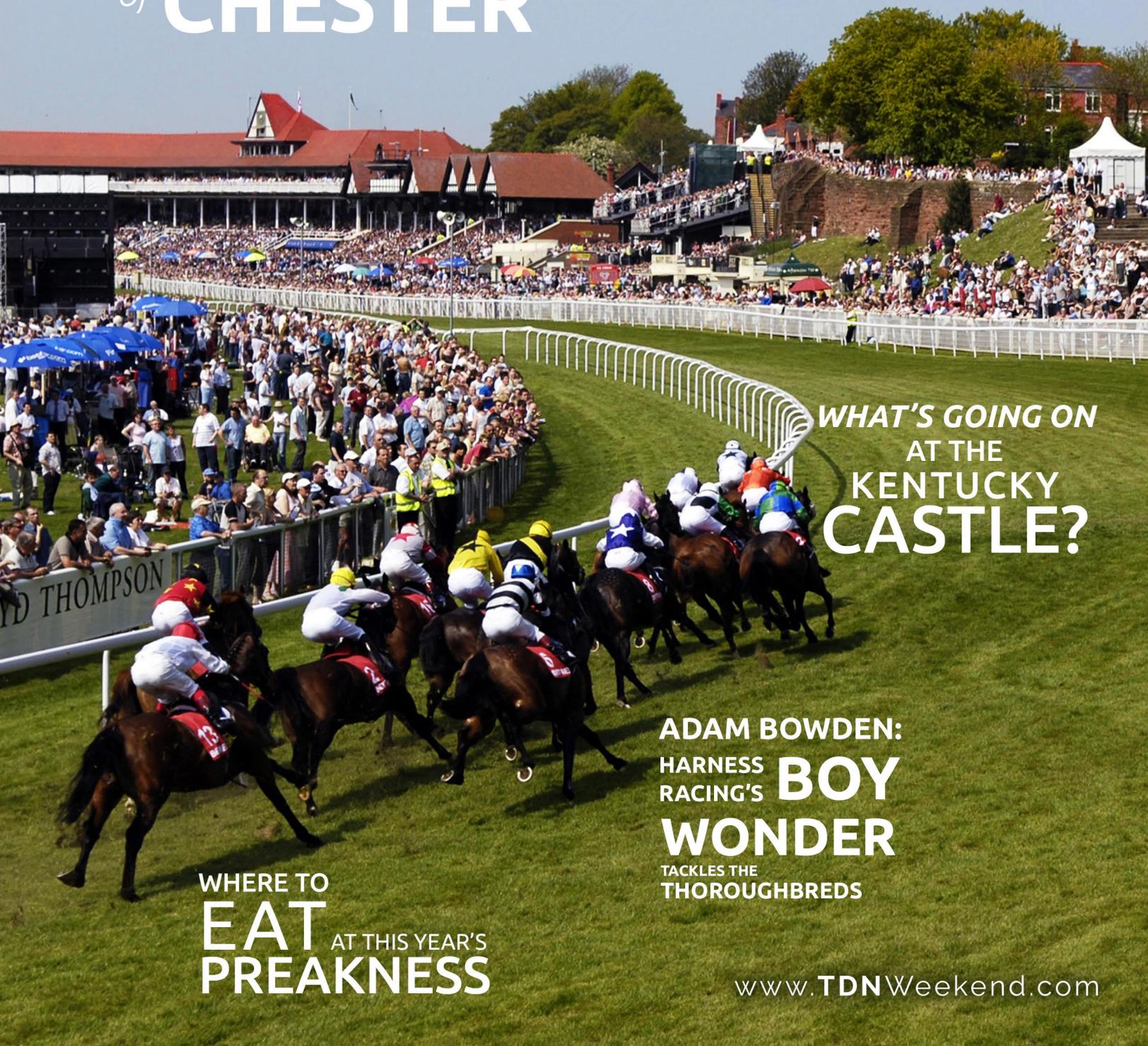


Breeders' Cup Mile runner-up Anodin celebrated his first winner at La Teste de Buch with Harmless on Tuesday. | Haras du Quesnay

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French Report Cont.**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

6th-SCD, €28,000, Cond, 5-8, 4yo, 14fT, 2:58.97, gd.

AGATHONIA (f, 4, Street Cry {Ire}--Regency Romance {GB}, by Diktat {GB}) Lifetime Record: GSP-Ger & SP-Fr, 15-2-4-2, €66,287. O-Godolphin SNC; B-Darley (KY); T-Henri-Alex Pantall.

5th-LTS, €22,000, Cond, 5-8, 3yo, 8fT, 1:41.60, gd.

SOLITARY MAN (FR) (c, 3, Elusive City--Snow Valley {Fr}, by Choisir {Aus}) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, €20,200. O-Gerard Augustin-Normand & Yves Bauer; B-Erich Schmid (FR); T-Henri-Alex Pantall. *€20,000 Ylg '16 AROCT.

6th-LTS, €21,000, Cond, 5-8, 4yo/up, 7fT, 1:25.40, gd.

KING MALPIC (FR) (g, 5, King's Best--Sablonniere {Fr}, by Verglas {Ire}) Lifetime Record: MSP-Fr, 17-8-4-3, €161,879. O-Ecurie Lafeu; B-Ecurie Skymarc Farm (FR); T-Thierry Lemer. *€6,000 Wlg '15 ARQDEC.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

North Hunter (Ire), c, 3, Makfi (GB)--North Mare (Ger), by Manduro (Ger). SSB, 5-8, 11f 55yT, 2:29.37. B-Haras de Cisai (IRE). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **€26,000 Ylg '16 AROCT.

IRELAND

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

Boho (Ire), g, 3, Big Bad Bob (Ire)--Are You Mine (Ire), by Nayef. ROS, 5-8, 10f 46yT, 2:28.30. B-Oak Hill Stud (IRE). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **30,000gns Ylg '16 TAOCT; €50,000 2yo '17 GBMBR.

ITALY

Tuesday's Result:**FIRST WINNER FOR SIRE**

1st-CAP, €14,300, Cond, 5-7, 2yo, f, 1200m (AWT), 1:12.60, gd.
SOLE MALDIVE (IRE) (f, 2, War Command--Hairicin {Ire}, by Hurricane Run {Ire}) broke a step slow in this debut but found extra when asked to charge on the outside and score comfortably over Bridge Shanasand (Ire) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}). She is the first winner from an initial crop of 112 foals by War Command (War Front), the first 2-year-old to complete the G2 Coventry S./G1 Dewhurst S. double since Mill Reef (Never

Bend) in 1970. The filly's half-sister Isole Canarie (Ire) (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}) had won the Listed Premio Repubbliche Marinare just four days before for the same connections. Owner Sebastiano Guerrieri, who trains with his wife Melania Cascione, also owned a third winner out of Hairicin (Ire) (Hurricane Run {Ire}), the five-time scorer Isole Eolie (Ire) (Intense Focus). Hairicin failed to reach a racecourse but is a half-sister to the Irish Group 3 scorer Puncher Clyinch (Ire) (Azamour {Ire}). Sales history: €16,000 yrl '17 TATIRE. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0 €5,525. **Capanelle Chart & VIDEO.**
 O-Sebastiano Guerrieri; B-Leon O'Coileain (Ire); T-Melania Cascione.

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WORLDWIDE NEWS

AQUANITA EIGHT ALL FOUND GUILTY

All eight persons charged in the Aquanita sodium bicarbonate doping scandal have been found guilty by Victoria's Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board.

The scandal, **which came to light in January**, saw five trainers and eight stable personnel all under the umbrella of the former Aquanita Racing syndicate charged with over 250 total counts of bicarb doping over a period of seven years. The trainers are **Robert Smerdon**--with 115 charges alone--Stuart Webb, Tony Vasil, Liam Birchley and Trent Pennuto. Float driver Greg Nelligan appears to have been one of the masterminds of the scheme, organizing the raceday "top ups," and his wife Denise Nelligan was ultimately the whistle blower to stewards after Nelligan was caught putting a syringe into the mouth of one of Smerdon's horses at the races last October. **Cont. p12**

Aquanita Eight All Found Guilty Cont.

Text messages retrieved from Nelligan’s phone between he and some of the named trainers referring to “top ups” also served as evidence.

"The Aquanita case represents one of the darkest and longest chapters in the history of Australian turf," RAD board chair Judge John Bowman said. "There is a litany of brazen attempts to cheat and to obtain an unfair advantage over many years by a well-organised team. This was a long-running, systematic conspiracy to try and obtain an unfair advantage in well over a hundred races over seven years."

The RAD Board will hear submissions on Thursday before revealing penalties.

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FASTNET FILLY TOPS KARAKA

Mongolian Beauty (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) (lot 371) took centre stage during the second and final day of the NZB Karaka May Sale, when selling for a sale-topping NZ\$180,000 to Andrew Williams Bloodstock. From the Curraghmore consignment, the two-time winner is out of the Irish MGSP mare Amazing Beauty (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and is a full-sister to G2 Hawke’s Bay Guineas hero Mongolian Falcon (Aus). Her third dam is champion US juvenile filly Phone Chatter (Phone Trick).

"I thought she was absolutely fantastic physically," commented Williams. "She was the one I came over for."

Overall, the sale grossed NZ\$5,333,100 for 345 (74%) sold from 526 catalogued. The average rose to NZ\$15,458 (+5.4%) and the median was NZ\$8,000 (+60%).

"There was strong demand for broodmares, particularly those in foal to freshman sires, which countered the softening of the pinhook market seen on the first day of selling," NZB’s Sales Manager Danny Rolston commented.

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NZB KARAKA MAY SALE

TUESDAY’S TOP THREE LOTS

LOT	TYPE	SIRE DAM	PRICE (NZ\$)
371	RP	Mongolian Beauty	180,000
<i>(f, 3, Fastnet Rock--Amazing Beauty {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire})</i>			
<i>Breeder: Orpendale (NSW)</i>			
<i>Consignor: Curraghmore</i>			
<i>Purchaser: Andrew Williams Bloodstock</i>			

468 BM Passion Cut (NZ) i/f to Tavistock (NZ) 150,000
(m, 6, Pins--Diamond Smile {NZ}, by Zabeel {NZ})
Breeder: Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan (NZ)
Consignor: Cambridge Stud
Purchaser: P & J Hogan Partnership

415 BM Firestefani i/f to Tavistock (NZ) 130,000
(m, 7, Stratum--Great Notice {USA}, by Nureyev {USA})
Breeder: Reavill Farm Management (NSW)
Consignor: Brighthill Farm
Purchaser: Haunui Bloodstock



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WLG CUMULATIVE	2018	2017
• Catalogued	298	296
• Number Offered	265	267
• Number Sold	202	232
• Not Sold	63	35
• Clearance Rate	77%	87%
• High Price	NZ\$170,000	NZ\$175,000
• Gross	NZ\$2,713,100	NZ\$3,752,800
• Average (% change)	NZ\$13,431 (-17%)	NZ\$16,176
• Median (% change)	NZ\$8,000 (+52%)	NZ\$5,250
B'MARE TOTALS	2018	2017
• Catalogued	146	163
• Number Offered	132	142
• Number Sold	106	109
• Not Sold	26	33
• Clearance Rate	79%	75%
• High Price	NZ\$150,000	NZ\$87,500
• Gross	NZ\$1,889,000	NZ\$1,303,300
• Average (% change)	NZ\$17,821 (+49%)	NZ\$11,957
• Median (% change)	NZ\$8,250 (+106.3%)	NZ\$4,000
CUMULATIVE	2018	2017
• Catalogued	526	488
• Number Offered	468	409
• Number Sold	345	361
• Not Sold	123	48
• Clearance Rate	74%	83%
• High Price	NZ\$180,000	NZ\$175,000
• Gross	NZ\$5,333,100	NZ\$4,295,850
• Average (% change)	NZ\$15,458 (+5.4%)	NZ\$14,670
• Median (% change)	NZ\$8,000 (+60%)	NZ\$5,000

AUSTRALIAN-BRED WINNERS

IN SOUTH KOREA:

Nascaui Taeyang (Aus), c, 3, **Uncle Mo--**Seastra (Aus), by Stratum (Aus). Seoul, 5-5, Hcp. (A\$75k), 1700m. B-Bowness Stud (NSW). *A\$18,000 Ylg '16 MMADE; A\$115,000 2yo '16 MMGC2YO.

Wednesday, Chester, Britain, post time: 3.35 p.m.

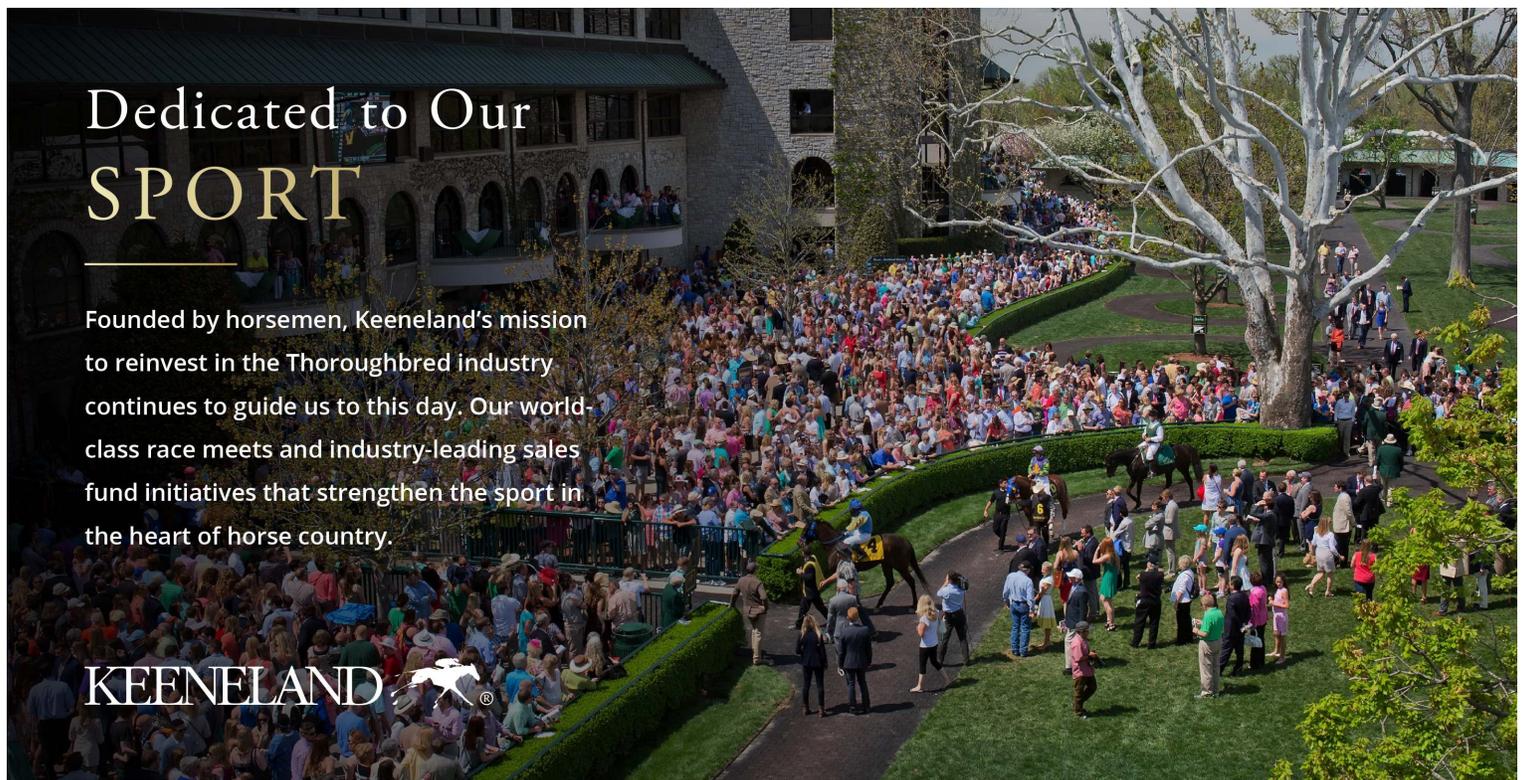
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION - MBNA CHESTER VASE S.-G3, £101,000, 3yo, 12f 63yT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	10	Dee Ex Bee (GB)	Farhh (GB)	Norton	Johnston	126
2	5	Family Tree (GB)	Galileo (Ire)	D O'Brien	A O'Brien	126
3	4	Flag of Honour (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Heffernan	A O'Brien	126
4	1	Hunting Horn (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Moore	A O'Brien	126
5	3	Ispolini (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Buick	Appleby	126
6	6	Jetstream (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Winston	Hills	126
7	8	Miles Christianus (Ire)	The Carbon Unit	Scott	R Osborne	126
8	7	Perfect Illusion (GB)	Nathaniel (Ire)	Murphy	Balding	126
9	9	Proschema (Ire)	Declaration of War	Kingscote	Dascombe	126
10	2	Young Rascal (Fr)	Intello (Ger)	Doyle	Haggas	126

Wednesday, Maisons-Laffitte, France, post time: 2.50 p.m.

PRIX TEXANITA-G3, €80,000, 3yo, 5 1/2fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	6	Rimini (Fr)	Elusive City	Auge	Ferland	128
2	8	Awaamir (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Thomas	Hammond	126
3	3	Fastidious (Fr)	Zanzibari	Speicher	Baudron	126
4	5	Beau Ideal (GB)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Barzalona	Fabre	126
5	11	Alistair (Fr)	Panis	C Demuro	Guillemin	126
6	7	Forza Capitano (Fr)	Captain Marvelous (Ire)	Boudot	Pantall	126
7	4	Corinthia Knight (Ire)	Society Rock (Ire)	Badel	Watson	126
8	2	Ken Colt (Ire)	Kendargent (Fr)	Pasquier	Chappet	126
9	10	Arecibo (Fr)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Guyon	Laffon-Parias	126
10	9	Fou Rire (Ire)	Ifraaj (GB)	Peslier	Chappet	122
11	1	Absolute City (Fr)	Elusive City	Soumillon	Gauvin	122



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Saturday, Morphettville, South Australia, Australia, post time: 4:06 p.m. (2:36 a.m. EST/7:36 a.m. GMT)

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DERBY-G1, A\$600,000 (US\$447,215/£330,217/€376,613), 3yo, 2500mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	15	Tangled (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Walker	Waller	124
2	17	Money Maher (Aus)	Al Maher (Aus)	Noske	Pearce	124
3	9	Leicester (Aus)	Wanted (Aus)	Lane	Weir	124
4	13	Civil Disobedience (NZ)	Raise The Flag (GB)	Allen	Weir	124
5	10	Main Stage (NZ)	Reliable Man (GB)	Oliver	Busuttin/Young	124
6	12	Sherrif (NZ)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Innes	James	124
7	14	Runaway (Aus)	Manhattan Rain (Aus)	Baster	Waterhouse/Bott	124
8	4	Won Won Too (NZ)	Tavistock (NZ)	Childs	D&B Hayes/Dabernig	124
9	2	Savaheat (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Yendall	Weir	124
10	5	Rezealient (Aus)	Sebring (Aus)	Kah	D&B Hayes/Dabernig	124
11	3	Silent Command (Aus)	Commands (Aus)	Cahill	Smart	124
12	7	Into Rio (NZ)	Zacinto (GB)	Thornton	Ellerton/Zahra	124
13	18	High 'n' Dry (Aus)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Mallyon	Ellerton/Zahra	124
14	20	Amerock (Aus)	Americain	Coffey	Weir	124
15	11	Nothin' Leica High (Aus)	High Chaparral (Ire)	No Rider	Griffiths	124
16	16	Box On Collins (Aus)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	No Rider	McEvoy	124
<i>Emergencies:</i>						
17	6	Tropical Lightning (Aus)	Barbados (Aus)	Pannell	Doudle	124
18	8	Delos (NZ)	Makfi (GB)	Hyeronimus	Waterhouse/Bott	124
19	1	Johnny Vinko (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Dunn	Busuttin/Young	124
20	19	Creedence (Aus)	Helmet (Aus)	No Rider	D&B Hayes/Dabernig	124

*All posts given in local time.



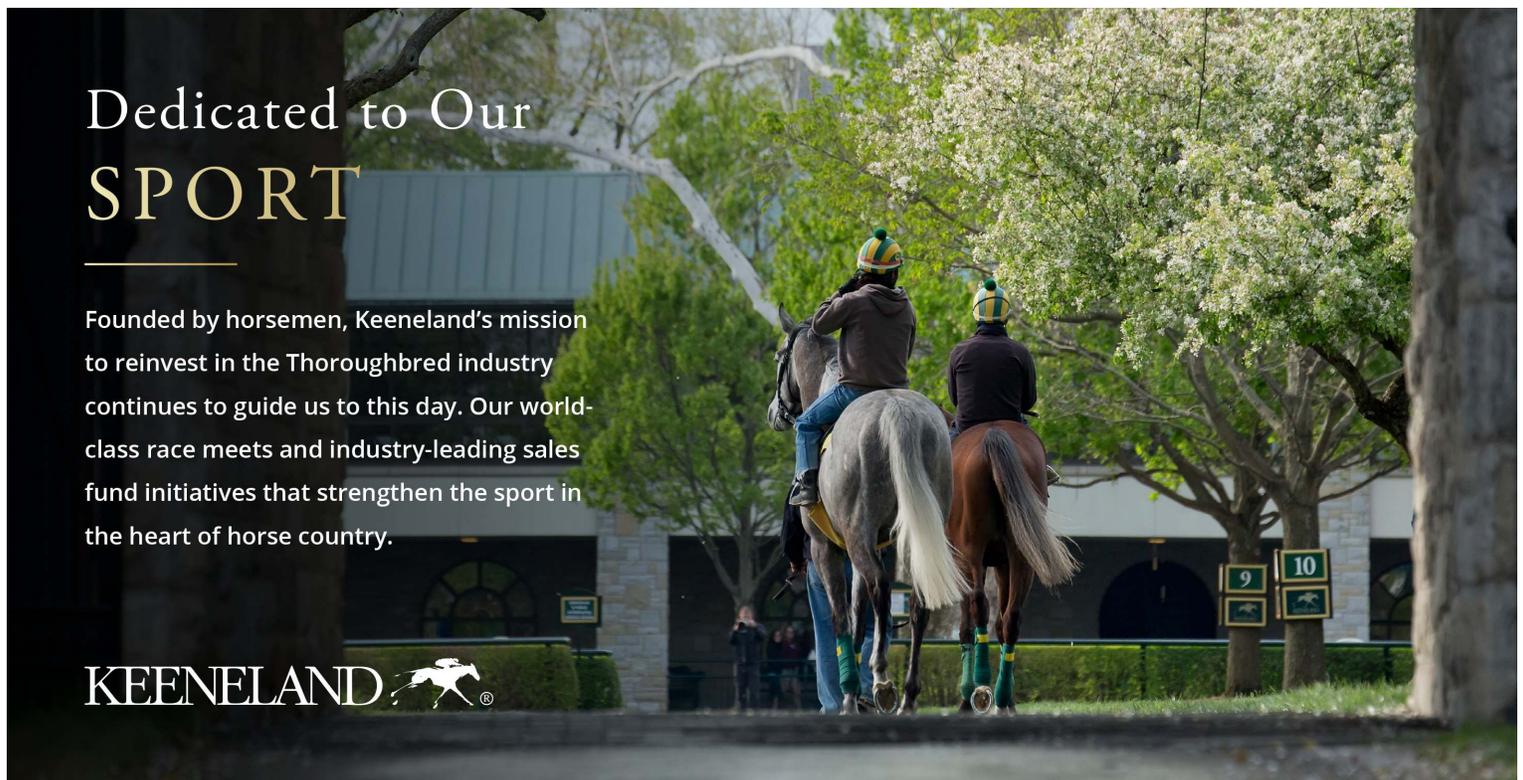
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